

INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Entry Date/Time	6/26/2025 12:30 PM (CT)	Announced: Yes
Inspection Exit Date/Time	6/26/2025 1:00 PM (CT)	Access: Granted
Regulatory Program	RCRA	
Type of Inspection	Focused Compliance Inspection (FCI)	
Facility or Site Name	Kens Vacuum Truck Service	
Facility/Site Identifier	TXR000086416	
Facility/Site Physical Address	27401 Baker Potts Rd.	
City, State, Zip Code	Harlingen, TX 78552	
County/Borough	Cameron	
Generator Status	N/A	
NAICS	484220	
Type of Operation	Ken Vacuum Truck Service (Kens) hauls grease trap waste, septic waste, and non-hazardous wastewater.	
Geographic Coordinates	26.1629, -97.7751	

Additional Persons Participating in Inspection:			
Name	Title	Organization	Email
Cameron Tanaka	Contractor	Eastern Research Group (ERG)	Cameron.Tanaka@erg.com
Lead Inspector:			
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SECTION I – INTRODUCTION**Site Entry and Purpose of the Inspection**

The Port Harlingen and surrounding facilities were selected for inspection based on a regional initiative to evaluate facilities at ports receiving or transporting Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)--regulated hazardous wastes, and/or have an International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) Annex V Certificate of Adequacy (COA) issued by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).

This report is based on information supplied by the facility representatives, inspector observations, port-related facilities, and records, including photographs taken, verbal or written statements made during or after the on-site inspection, and/or materials shown, demonstrated, or submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) during or after the on-site inspection. In addition, information gathered prior to or after the inspection from a review of EPA, State, and public records may be included in this report.

Attendees

Title/Organization	Name	Opening Conf.	Closing Conf.
Lead Inspector/ Contractor/ERG	Vince Damiano	Yes	Yes
RCRA Inspector/ Contractor/ERG	Cameron Tanaka	Yes	Yes
Owner/Kens	Stephen McKinney	Yes	Yes
Manager/Kens	Seth Pickett	Yes	Yes

Facility General Description

Tenant/Area	Inspection Date	Process Description	Area of Concern
Kens Vacuum Truck Service	6/26/25	Kens hauls grease trap waste, septic waste, and non-hazardous wastewater. The facility does not maintain a MARPOL COA.	No

SECTION II – OBSERVATIONS

Facility: Kens Vacuum Truck Service			
Section: 2.1	Date: 6/26/25, 12:30 PM	Contains AOC: No	Contains CBI: No
Lead Inspector: Vince Damiano	Attendees: Stephen McKinney (Owner) and Seth Pickett (Manager)		
Kens, located in Harlingen, TX, operates as a transporter for grease trap waste, septic waste, and non-hazardous wastewater. Kens collects the liquid waste from customers and brings it directly for disposal or recycling. Kens has two vacuum trucks used to conduct operations; one is 4,000 gallons in capacity and the other is 4,200 gallons in capacity. Mr. McKinney stated that Kens does not transport hazardous waste or used oil. The only used oil Kens may generate results from maintenance on the trucks or equipment, which is brought to a local autobody shop for recycling. Kens is registered with the EPA as a hazardous waste transporter under the EPA ID TXR000086416. After the opening conference, the inspection team did not observe any operations, as all business is conducted off-site and there was no used oil stored at this location. The inspection team did not observe any areas of concern (AOCs) at the time of the inspection. However, further EPA review may change or add to their potential AOCs. A closing conference was conducted at approximately 1:00 PM with Kens personnel.			

SECTION III – RECORDS REVIEW

No RCRA-regulated records were reviewed during this focused on-site inspection.

SECTION IV – AREAS OF CONCERN

Not Applicable

SECTION V – FOLLOW UP

Not Applicable