

EPA REGION 10 Enforcement Division

INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Entry Date/Time	07/27/2023 08:30 AM (AKT)	Announced: No
Inspection Exit Date/Time	07/27/2023 10:25 AM (AKT)	Access: Granted
Regulatory Program	RCRA	
Type of Inspection	Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI)	
Company Name	Alaska Carquest, LLC.	
Facility or Site Name	Carquest Of Anc - Pbe Ak #4318	
Facility/Site Identifier	AKR000204784	
Facility/Site Physical Address	4505 Old Seward Hwy	
City, State, Zip Code	Anchorage, AK 99503	
County/Borough	Anchorage Borough	
Generator Status	Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG)	
NAICS	44131	
Type of Operation	Automotive Paint Store	
Geographic Coordinates	61.17952, -149.8682	
Mailing Address/Secondary Address	Dan Rogers, Managing Member – Alaska Carquest, LLC. d.rogers@alaskacarquest.com 4505 Old Seward Hwy Anchorage, AK 99503	
City, State, Zip Code	Anchorage, AK 99503	
Permit Number (If Applicable)	Not Applicable	
Lead Inspector:		
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SECTION I – INTRODUCTION

Site Entry and Purpose of the Inspection

Type of inspection: Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI)

EPA Region 10 Lead Inspector, Jon Jones, arrived at the Carquest #4318 Facility (the “Site” or “Facility”), located at 4505 Old Seward Hwy, Anchorage, AK 99503, at 08:30 AM (AKT) on 07/27/2023 for an unannounced inspection. EPA Region 10 Lead Inspector presented credentials to and informed Mr. Robert Ginn that this was an EPA Region 10 inspection to determine compliance with Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

The facility was inspected to ensure compliance with standards for hazardous waste generators and universal waste management (40 C.F.R. Part 262 through 273). The inspection was conducted as part of a Core Program requirement for FY 2023.

This report is based on information supplied by Carquest #4318 Facility representatives, observations made by the EPA Region 10 inspector, and records and reports maintained by the facility and its HQ including, but not limited to: direct observations made by the EPA Region 10 Inspector(s), photographs taken by EPA Region 10 inspector(s), physical evidence collected by the EPA Region 10 inspector(s), measurements or samples taken by EPA Region 10 inspector(s), verbal or written statements made by information supplied by the facility representatives during or subsequent to the on-site Inspection, and materials, processes, data, photographs, or documents shown, demonstrated, or submitted to the EPA Region 10 inspector(s) by the facility representatives during or subsequent to the on-site Inspection. In addition, information gathered prior to or subsequent to the Inspection from a review of USEPA, State, and public records may be included in this report.

Attendees

Title/Organization	Name	Phone	Email	Opening Conf.	Closing Conf.
Lead Inspector/EPA REGION 10	Jon Jones	(907) 271-6329	Jones.Jon@epa.gov	Yes	Yes
RCRA Inspector-in-training/ADEC	Alan Pefley		alan.pefley@alaska.gov	Yes	Yes
General Manager/Carquest	Patrick O'Conner	(907) 563-3126		Yes	Yes
Warehouse /Alaska Carquest, LLC	Robert Ginn	(907) 563-3126		Yes	No
RCRA Inspector-in-training/ADEC	Vanessa Schmidt		vanessa.schmidt@alaska.gov	Yes	Yes
RCRA Inspector-in-training/ADEC	Grace Tapulgo		grace.tapulgo@alaska.gov	Yes	Yes
Managing Member/Alaska Carquest, LLC	Dan Rogers	(907) 830-1505	d.rogers@alaskacarquest.com	No	Yes

Opening Conference

After arriving at the Carquest site, we met with Mr. Robert Ginn, Warehouse Sales, and Mr. Patrick O'Conner, General Manager.

During the opening conference, we explained that the focus of the RCRA inspection was to identify types of wastes generated, points of waste generation, methods of waste management, and review relevant documents.

Only those areas in which we observed potential compliance concerns or noted other pertinent issues are discussed in Section III of this inspection report.

During the opening conference, Mr. O'Conner told us that the facility was a very small quantity generator of hazardous waste. He told us that as of last year (August 2022) they became privatized and are now Alaska Carquest.

Facility/Site Information

Number of employees	5
Length of Facility at Location	Since 1998
Operating Hours	7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Safety Training Provided to Inspector(s)?	No
What type of generator facility notified?	Small Quantity Generator (SQG)
What type of generator facility verified as?	Verified by Mr. O'Conner as a VSQG

Process Description

During the opening conference, Mr. O'Conner told us the wastes generated at the facility were generated either due to product being damaged as it enters the store through receiving, damaged on the shelf at the store, or customer returns that cannot be resold. He also stated that sometimes automotive paints/coatings that are mixed onsite don't meet customer specifications and the facility has to try and sell these automotive paints/coatings as-is. He said that if these off-specification automotive paints/coatings don't get sold, they become waste.

We were accompanied during the inspection by Mr. O'Conner. We looked at the facility's processes, hazardous waste management practices, generation points, and accumulation areas. We looked for wastes that facility representatives had not yet identified or designated as hazardous.

Building(s)

Building/Area/Sub-area	Process Description	Area of Concern
Carquest building		No
Area behind store	Storage Connex	No
Warehouse	Paint mixing and paint storage	No

SECTION II – OBSERVATIONS

During the inspection, it was determined that the facility was a VSQG accumulating waste. At the time of the inspection, the facility had an approximate accumulation of less than 500 pounds of waste. Mr. O'Conner told us that they typically dispose of their waste on an annual basis. I told Mr. O'Conner that as a VSQG, his facility had the option of managing their waste through the local household hazardous waste facility monthly, as opposed to accumulating.

SECTION III – RECORDS REVIEW

The facility is a VSQG accumulating and has no paperwork/document requirements, so no records were reviewed.

SECTION IV – AREA OF CONCERN

No areas of concern were observed during the inspection.

SECTION V – CLOSING CONFERENCE AND FOLLOW UP

Closing Conference

At the conclusion of the inspection, we conducted a closing conference that was attended by those listed in the Attendees table, in Section I of this report. We thanked everyone for their time and cooperation during the inspection and stated that we observed no areas of concern during my inspection of the facility.

During the closing conference, Mr. Dan Rogers, Managing Member of Alaska Carquest, LLC, who had joined us near the end of the inspection, indicated that he would be the facility contact to receive a copy of the inspection report and any follow-up correspondence. Mr. Rogers told us that prior to August of 2022, Advance Auto Parts owned Carquest. Mr. Rogers said that the Carquest #4318 Store was purchased by Alaska Carquest, LLC with the stipulation that hazardous waste accumulated onsite at that point was shipped off-site prior to the sale of the company.

According to Mr. Rogers, just prior to Alaska Carquest, LLC. taking ownership, Carquest #4318, under the ownership of Advance Auto Parts shipped out approximately 12,000 pounds of hazardous waste. Following the inspection, I was called by Mr. Scott Gass, EHS Manager - Advance Auto Parts, on 7/27/23 from their offices in Tennessee. During that phone call, Mr. Gass verified that same information. I asked if he had shipped this waste as an episodic generator. Mr. Gass told me that due to time constraints associated with the sale of the store, he chose not to fill out the paperwork for episodic generation.

We then explained the follow-up process that would take place once I finished the report. I explained they would receive a copy of the report as would a case officer. I told them the case officer would review the report to determine if there were any areas of concern identified during their review.

SECTION VI – SAMPLING ACTIVITIES AND ANALYTICAL RESULTS - No sampling was conducted.

SECTION VII – LIST OF APPENDICES

No photos were included in this report and no photo log is attached.

No documents associated with Alaska Carquest, LLC. were obtained during the inspection and no document log is attached.