

INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Entry Date/Time	04/15/2024 2:15 (CT)			Announced: No
Inspection Exit Date/Time	04/15/2024 3:00 (CT)			Access: Granted
Regulatory Program	RCRA			
Type of Inspection	Focused Compliance Inspection (FCI)			
Facility or Site Name	Thompson Shipping Agency			
Facility/Site Identifier	N/A			
Facility/Site Physical Address	706 Kirby St			
City, State, Zip Code	Lake Charles, LA 70601			
County/Borough	Calcasieu Parish			
Generator Status	None			
NAICS	N/A			
Type of Operation	Thompson Shipping Agency is a freight forwarding and shipping agency.			
Geographic Coordinates	30.225684, -93.211571			
Additional Persons Participating in Inspection:				
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Lead Inspector:				
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SECTION I – INTRODUCTION**Site Entry and Purpose of the Inspection**

Type of inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection (FCI)

The Port of Lake Charles and surrounding facilities were selected for inspection based on an Environmental Justice and 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 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	Phone	Email	Opening Conf.	Closing Conf.
Lead Inspector/ Contractor/ERG	Cameron Tanaka	(703) 633-1632 ext. 11632	Cameron.Tanaka@erg.com	Yes	No
RCRA Inspector/ Contractor/ERG	Anshul Paripati	(571) 535-1503	Anshul.Paripati@erg.com	Yes	Yes
Inspector/Enforcement Officer/EPA Region 6	Elizabeth Pham	(214) 665-8354	Pham.elizabeth@epa.gov	Yes	Yes
Inspector/Enforcement Officer/EPA Region 6	Sandesh Thapa	(214) 665-2265	Thapa.sandesh@epa.gov	Yes	Yes

Facility General Description

Tenant/Area	Inspection Date	Process Description	Area of Concern
Thompson Shipping Agency	04/15/24	Thompson Shipping Agency (TSA) is a freight forwarding and shipping agency. They facilitate contact between vessels and approved Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulated garbage handlers at the port. They do not have a MARPOL COA.	No

SECTION II – OBSERVATIONS – In order of inspection time.

Tenant: Thompson Shipping Agency			
Section: 2.1	Date: 04/15/24, 2:15 PM	Contains AOC: No	Contains CBI: No
Lead Inspector: Cameron Tanaka	Attendees: David Thompson (Operations Manager)		
TSA is a freight forwarding and shipping agency. They put vessels in contact with approved APHIS regulated garbage handlers at the port. They do not handle any waste themselves. Mr. Thompson indicated that Environmental Response is the only approved APHIS regulated garbage handler that they put vessels in contact with to remove their waste. They are located at a residential property and share the location with JT Cade. No apparent AOCs were observed by the inspection team the time of the inspection. A closing conference was conducted at approximately 2:50 PM with Mr. Thompson.			

SECTION III – RECORDS REVIEW

No RCRA regulated records reviewed during this focused onsite inspection.

SECTION IV – APPARENT AREAS OF CONCERN

The presentation of Area(s) of Concern does not constitute a formal compliance determination or violation. Thompson Shipping Agency did not have any Areas of Concern.

SECTION V – FOLLOW UP

Follow-Up

Any facility follow-up items are as discussed in each facility's observations in Section II. Documents or files provided by the facilities were transmitted via email and included responses to areas of concern or provision of documents requested.

Communication Log

During and after the inspection, additional information from Thompson Shipping Agency was not requested.