

INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Entry Date/Time	04/17/2024 1:10 (CT)		Announced: No	
Inspection Exit Date/Time	04/17/2024 1:54 (CT)		Access: Granted	
Regulatory Program	RCRA			
Type of Inspection	Focused Compliance Inspection (FCI)			
Facility or Site Name	ACE Marine			
Facility/Site Identifier	N/A			
Facility/Site Physical Address	150 Marine St			
City, State, Zip Code	Lake Charles, LA 70601			
County/Borough	Calcasieu Parish			
Generator Status	None			
NAICS	N/A			
Type of Operation	ACE Marine delivers supplies and offloads regulated garbage for vessels in the harbor surrounding the Port of Lake Charles.			
Geographic Coordinates	30.217564, -93.251535			
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
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Facility General Description

Tenant/Area	Inspection Date	Process Description	Area of Concern
ACE Marine	04/17/24	ACE Marine (ACE) delivers supplies, such as food and engine parts, to ships in the harbor. They operate a 60-foot barge and tugboat with a crane on it and two small vessels that they load with the supplies for delivery to the ships. They offload regulated garbage and returned engine parts (handled as scrap metal). These materials are picked up by trucks directly from the ship and taken off-site immediately. They do not have their own MARPOL certificate, as it is handled by the POLC.	No

SECTION II – OBSERVATIONS

Tenant: ACE Marine			
Section: 2.1	Date: 04/17/24, 1:10 PM	Contains AOC: No	Contains CBI: No
Lead Inspector: Cameron Tanaka	Attendees: Richard Cory Parker (Operations Manager)		
ACE Marine (ACE) is a launching company that delivers and loads supplies to ships in the harbor. ACE is a tenant of the POLC. They operate a 60-foot barge, a tugboat equipped with a crane, and two skiffs. They deliver food, engine parts, and other supplies to ships. They also offload APHIS regulated garbage and scrapped engine parts. Occasionally used batteries come with the regulated garbage. ACE hires third-party transporters, such as Nature Group, Texana Waste Services, Cameron LNG, and Marine Waste, to remove wastes directly from their ships when the ships arrive at the dock. They never store any of this waste on site. They also moor ships. ACE generates used oil from their ship and stores it on site in containers for a maximum of two months. ERS' vacuum trucks pump used oil out of these containers when the containers are full. When their batteries are used up, they immediately exchange them with their battery supplier. ERS also pumps the bilge waste out of their vessels. Mr. Parker explained that to his knowledge ACE Marine does not have a MARPOL COA or an EPA ID number. No apparent AOCs were observed by the inspection team during the time of the inspection. A closing conference was conducted at approximately 1:45 PM with Mr. Parker.			

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. ACE 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 ACE was not requested.