

INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Entry Date/Time	03/14/2023 10:35 AM (CT)	Announced: No	
Inspection Exit Date/Time	03/14/2023 03:30 PM (CT)	Access: Granted	
Weather			
Media	Water		
Statute(s)/Program(s)	Clean Water Act, NPDES, WWTP		
Type of Inspection	CEI - Compliance Evaluation Inspection		
Permittee Name	Plaquemines Parish Government		
Facility or Site Name	Braithwaite WWTP		
Facility/Site Physical Address	At The End of E. Park Blvd.		
City, State, Zip Code	Braithwaite, LA 70000		
County/Borough/Parish	Plaquemines Parish		
Facility GPS Coordinates	29.852428, -89.907845		
Mailing Address (If different)			
City, State, Zip Code			
FRS ID	110011168690		
Permit Number(s) (If Applicable)	LAG560117		
SIC and/or NAICS	4952		
Regulatory Representatives Participating in Inspection:			
Title	Name	Organization	
Operations Manager Wastewater	Bobby Ingraham	Inframark – Plaquemines Parish	
Lead Inspector:			
Kenneth Aubuchon			
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Supervisor Review:			
Roberto Bernier			
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SECTION I – INTRODUCTION**Site Entry and Inspection Objectives**

EPA Region 6 Lead Inspector, Kenneth Aubuchon, arrived at the Plaquemines Parish Government- Braithwaite WWTP (the “Site” or “Facility”), located at the End of E. Park Blvd., Braithwaite, LA 70000, at 10:35 AM (CT) on 03/14/2023 for an unannounced inspection. EPA Region 6 Lead Inspector presented credentials to Robert Morgan and other attendees and informed them that this was a EPA Region 6 inspection to determine compliance as authorized by Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 308 and implementing regulations. This report is based on information supplied by Plaquemines Parish Government- Braithwaite WWTP representatives, direct observations made by the EPA Region 6 inspector, records and reports maintained by the permittee and other information including: photographs taken by EPA Region 6 inspector(s), physical evidence collected by the EPA Region 6 inspector(s), measurements taken by EPA Region 6 inspector(s), verbal or written statements made by information supplied by Plaquemines Parish Government- Braithwaite WWTP representatives during or subsequent to the on-site Inspection, and materials, processes, data, photographs, or documents shown, demonstrated, or submitted to the EPA Region 6 inspector(s) by Plaquemines Parish Government- Braithwaite WWTP representatives during or subsequent to the on-site Inspection. In addition, information gathered prior to or subsequent to the Inspection from a review of EPA, State, and/or public records may be included in this report.

Attendees

Organization	Attendee Name	Title	Present in Opening Conf.	Present in Closing Conf.
EPA Region 6	Kenneth Aubuchon	Lead Inspector	Yes	Yes
Inframark - Plaquemines Parish	Robert Morgan	Senior Area Manager	Yes	Yes
Inframark - Plaquemines Parish	Troy Phillips	Field Services Manager	Yes	Yes
Plaquemines Parish	Neil Courts	Regional Vice President	Yes	Yes
Plaquemines Parish	Dawn Harrell	Technical Support	Yes	Yes
Plaquemines Parish	Cathy Huff	Admin Assistant III	Yes	Yes
LDEQ	Zoila Osteicoechea	Environmental Scientist	Yes	Yes

Facility/Site Description

EPA Region 6 lead inspector confirmed the following facility information:

Facility/Site Information

Responsible official	Bobby Ingraham – Lead Operator / Operations Manager Wastewater
WWTP Design Capacity & Average Daily Flow	30,000 Gallon Per Day Activated Sludge Package Plant
WWTP Approx. # of residents served	100 people / 40 homes (Recent Hurricanes Have decreased flow to Plant)

Location(s)

Location/Area/Sub-area	Description
Collection System	Service area is in Braithwaite and surrounding communities in Plaquemines Parish. Service area includes population of approximately 100 people and 40 homes.
Lift Station	Two lift stations in the collection system are pumped to a 30,000 gal per day activated sludge package plant.
Discharge	Facility discharge was clear. No solids were present and CL tablets were visible in the tablet tube.
Laboratory	Two outside labs are used. pH analyzed on-site.
Outside Laboratories	Waypoint Analytical and EASI Analytical Testing and Field Services.
EASI	Conducts: BOD; TSS; and Fecal Coliform
Waypoint Analytical	Conducts: Oil and Grease;
Treatment System	30,000 gallon per day activated sludge package plant. Influent is treated by bar screening followed by primary sedimentation, aeration, digestion, and chlorination.
Sludge Return	Airlift used for sludge return in the treatment system was not operational at the time of the inspection.

SECTION II – OBSERVATIONS

Location: Collection System		
Observation #: KA1-OB-001	Date: 03/14/2023	Weather:
Loadings and populations served by the treatment plant have decreased due to recent Hurricanes.		

Location: Discharge		
Observation #: KA1-OB-002	Date: 03/14/2023	Weather:
Facility discharge was clear. No solids were present and CL tablets were visible in the tablet tube.		
Photo(s)		
1. P3140052.JPG		

Location: Treatment System/Sludge Return		
Observation #: KA1-OB-003	Date: 03/14/2023	Weather:
At the time of the inspection, the sludge return line (airlift system) was not operational. Facility Work Order #21714.		
Photo(s)		
1. P3140050.JPG		
2. P3140051.JPG		

Location: Treatment System/Sludge Return		
Observation #: KA1-OB-004	Date: 04/19/2023	Weather:
Received e-mail on April 19, 2023, from Robert Morgan - Sr. Area Manager with pictures of completed work required for sludge return to function correctly.		
Photo(s) 1. processed-0baeca77-bce9-4c18-85b4-95590de82d67_Pgv04Mul.jpeg 2. processed-24cc9fb2-00bb-40a9-accf-47c082c8ade8_6iEWuEfA.jpeg		

SECTION III – RECORDS REVIEW

Records may not be in sequential order.

Record: Laboratory Analysis Reports		AOC: No
Ref #: KA1-RR-002	Reviewed By: Kenneth Aubuchon	Reviewed Date: 03/14/2023
Reviewed laboratory reports from outside laboratories used by facility: EASI - 2501 Lexington Ave, Kenner, Louisiana 70062 504-469-3685 Waypoint Analytical - 5041 Taravella Rd, Marrero, Louisiana 70072 504-371-8557		
Record: DMR Reports		AOC: No
Ref #: KA1-RR-001	Reviewed By: Kenneth Aubuchon	Reviewed Date: 03/14/2023
Reviewed DMRs for December 2022 thru February 2023. No issues noted at the time of the inspection.		

SECTION IV – SAMPLING ACTIVITIES AND ANALYTICAL RESULTS

No sampling was conducted.

SECTION V - AREA OF CONCERN

I observed no Area(s) of Concern at the time of the inspection.

SECTION VI – CLOSING CONFERENCE AND FOLLOW UP

Closing Conference

The EPA Region 6 Lead Inspector held a closing conference with Facility personnel at 03:30 PM (CT) on 03/14/2023 for the inspection. During the closing conference, EPA Region 6 Lead Inspector discussed the observations and Area(s) of Concern identified during the inspection. Observations and Area(s) of Concern have not yet been evaluated for a formal compliance determination.

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Discussed the sludge return in need of repair. The facility provided a work order for the repair and explained that when the repairs were completed, an email would be sent detailing repairs and sludge returns functions.

Follow Up

The following items were requested by the inspector at the time of the inspection.

Location:	Area:	Sub-area:
KA1-AF-001		
Requested e-mail with pictures of completed Work Order #21714.		

Communication Log

The following information was received by EPA Region 6 on/after exiting the Facility on 03/14/2023.

Type	Location	Point of Contact	Job Title/Organization	Description	Contains PII	Date
Email		Robert Morgan	Sr. Area Manager/Inframark - Plaquemines Parish LA	Sent pictures of completed work on the Braithwaite Package Plant	No	04/19/2023 09:58 AM (CT)

SECTION VII – LIST OF APPENDICES

1. Photo Log
2. Document Log

APPENDIX 1: PHOTO LOG



Sludge Return Line	P3140050.JPG	
03/14/2023 11:13 AM	Photographer: Kenneth AuBuchon	
Treatment System/Sludge Return	No CBI	No PII
Airlift line was not operational at the time of the inspection.		



Sludge Return Line	P3140051.JPG	
03/14/2023 11:13 AM	Photographer: Kenneth AuBuchon	
Treatment System/Sludge Return	No CBI	No PII
Airlift line was not operational at the time of the inspection.		



Discharge	P3140052.JPG	
03/14/2023 11:13 AM	Photographer: Kenneth AuBuchon	
Discharge	No CBI	No PII
Discharge was clear and tablets were visible in the tablet tube.		



Completed Work	processed-0baeca77-bce9-4c18-85b4-95590de82d67_Pgv04Mul.jpeg	
<i>[Image Capture Date]</i>	Photographer: Inframark - Plaquemines Parish	
Treatment System/Sludge Return	No CBI	No PII
Completed repairs on treatment system. Received 4/19/2023		



Completed Work	processed-24cc9fb2-00bb-40a9-accf-47c082c8ade8_6iEWuEfA.jpeg	
<i>[Image Capture Date]</i>	Photographer: Inframark - Plaquemines Parish	
Treatment System/Sludge Return	No CBI	No PII
Completed repairs on treatment system. Received 4/16/2023.		

APPENDIX 2: DOCUMENT LOG

Document Type	Document Name	Contains CBI	Contains PII	Uploaded By	Date Received
Communications	Braithwaite Packing Plant - LAG560117 Plaquemines Parish, LA.pdf	No	No	Kenneth Aubuchon	04/19/2023

Appendix 2

E-Mail Communication sent 4/19/2023

From: [Morgan Jr., Robert](#)
To: [Aubuchon, Kenneth](#)
Cc: [Harrell, Dawn](#); [Counts, Neil](#); [Phillips, Troy](#); [Huff, Cathy](#)
Subject: Braithwaite Packing Plant - LAG560117 Plaquemines Parish, LA
Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:58:55 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-q03n4iqr.png](#)

Work Complete

Robert J. Morgan Jr. | Sr. Area Manager



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