

CAA112(r) INSPECTION REPORT

Name: Central Prairie Co-op – Claflin (B) Facility	
Address: Intersection of Hwy 4 & NE 140 Ave. Claflin, KS 67525	Date of Inspection: August 24, 2022
County: Barton	Case No: 22KS0824
Phone: (620) 278-2141	RMP No: 1000076528
High Risk: No	FRS No: 1000 0002 3226
CAA Title V: No	Program Level: Program 2
Mailing Address: 225 S. Broadway, Sterling, Kansas, 67579	
Process: Central Prairie Co-op no longer handles or stores anhydrous ammonia. In the past the facility NAICS Code was 42491	

SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS

A review of the Central Prairie Co-op Claflin (CPC- Claflin) documents and facility revealed that there were no deficiencies.

INTRODUCTION

I, Lorenzo Sena, a Compliance Inspector with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region VII, inspected Central Prairie Co-op in Claflin, Kansas on August 24, 2022. Central Prairie Co-op Claflin was selected for an inspection because there appeared to be RAGAGEP issues at the facility, namely sufficient impact protection around the bulk tank.

I arranged for the inspection via phone call on August 23, 2022, with Ms. Vicky Miller, Manager of the Claflin Facility. I explained that I would be conducting the inspection to determine if the facility complies with Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), as amended in 1990. I also explained that my inspection would include the reporting provisions of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) and the release reporting provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

Ms. Miller explained that the facility no longer uses the anhydrous ammonia bulk tank in Claflin and have not used them for some time. She explained that the tank was drained in the spring of 2022.

A facility diagram showing the location of the facility and photos documenting the condition and status of the facility are included as **Appendix #1**.

PERSONS INTERVIEWED AND INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Vicky Miller Location Manager, Central Prairie Co-op Claflin

OPENING CONFERENCE

I arrived at the Central Prairie Co-op Claflin office in Claflin, KS on August 24, 2022, at 8:00am, I was met by Ms. Miller. I presented my credentials and explained the scope and purpose of the inspection.

Ms. Miller explained that facility no longer uses the anhydrous ammonia bulk tank located to the northwest of the intersection of Highway 4 and NE 140th Avenue. She said that all anhydrous ammonia for the area is handled by the Central Prairie Co-op, Bushton facility which is located about 8 miles to the east of Claflin, KS. She said that the ammonia tank was last used in the spring of 2022. I asked if the facility had any anhydrous ammonia over the threshold of 10,000 pounds (including any parked nurse tanks), she said that the facility will at times get one nurse tank (1,000 gallons or approximately 5,000 pounds) for pickup by a customer, but it isn't anywhere near the threshold.

I explained to Ms. Miller that since the facility no longer had anhydrous ammonia in amounts over the threshold listed in 40 CFR 68.130 (10,000 pounds), and since the facility will no longer use the anhydrous bulk tank at the Claflin facility, I explained that the facility is required by 40 CFR 68.190(c) to submit an RMP deregistration form. I explained that I would e-mail her a copy of the RMP de-registration form and explained that upon completion, the form should be sent to the RMP Reporting Center, in addition I requested a copy of the completed form. I e-mailed the form to the facility on August 26, 2022. She in turn e-mailed the form to Mr. Allen Shive, who is listed in the RMP as the person responsible for the implementation of the RMP requirements. On September 19, 2022, I e-mailed Ms. Miller and Mr. Shive to check on the status of the form. I received a reply from Mr. R. Brooks Benson (the Director of Safety and Compliance for Central Prairie Coop) stating that the form was submitted on Friday September 16, 2022 and sent me a copy of the completed form (see Appendix #2). In addition, I asked Mr. Benson when the last time the facility had ammonia at the Claflin facility and confirmed that the anhydrous ammonia was removed from the bulk tank in May of 2022.

40 CFR 68.190(c) requires that if a stationary source is no longer subject to this part, the owner or operator shall submit a de-registration to EPA within six months indicating that the stationary source is no longer covered. Since the de-registration form was submitted within 4 months of coverage, the facility has met this requirement.

I departed the facility at 8:17 a.m. on August 24, 2022.

This report concludes my inspection activities regarding the Central Prairie Co-op facility located in Claflin, Kansas.

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APPENDICES

- 1 - Facility Diagram and Inspection Photos
- 2 - Facility Claflin RMP De-registration form