

INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Entry Date/Time	4/23/2025 10:45 AM (CT)	Announced: No (tenants and related facilities)
Inspection Exit Date/Time	4/23/2025 11:15 AM (CT)	Access: Granted
Regulatory Program	RCRA	
Type of Inspection	Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI)	
Facility or Site Name	Environmental Safety & Health Consulting Service Inc.	
Facility/Site Identifier	LAR000037069	
Facility/Site Physical Address	1085 Bert St.	
City, State, Zip Code	Laplace, LA 70068	
County/Borough	St. John the Baptist Parish	
Generator Status	N/A	
NAICS	488510	
Type of Operation	Environmental Safety & Health Consulting Service Inc. (ES&H) conducts emergency response, industrial cleaning, transportation of waste, and environmental remediation services.	
Geographic Coordinates	30.0831, -90.51403	

Additional Persons Participating in Inspection:			
Name	Title	Organization	Email
Sandesh Thapa	Inspector	EPA REGION 6	Thapa.Sandesh@epa.gov
Joseph Watson	Contractor	Eastern Research Group (ERG)	Joe.Watson@erg.com
Lead Inspector:			
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SECTION I – INTRODUCTION**Site Entry and Purpose of the Inspection**

The Port of New Orleans and surrounding facilities were selected for inspection based on a 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 other 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 Environmental Protection Agency (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	Email	Opening Conf.	Closing Conf.
Lead Inspector/ Contractor/ERG	Vince Damiano	Vince.Damiano@erg.com	Yes	Yes
Inspector/Enforcement Officer/EPA Region 6	Sandesh Thapa	Thapa.Sandesh@epa.gov	Yes	Yes
RCRA Inspector/ Contractor/ERG	Joseph Watson	Joe.Watson@erg.com	Yes	Yes
Manager/ES&H	Bertha Baskin	Bbaskin@esandh.com	Yes	Yes
Safety/ES&H	Marlon Guilbeau	Mguilbeau@esandh.com	Yes	Yes

Facility General Description

Tenant/Area	Inspection Date	Process Description	Area of Concern
Environmental Safety & Health Consulting Service Inc.	4/23/25	ES&H conducts emergency response, industrial cleaning, transportation of waste, and environmental remediation services. The facility does not maintain a MARPOL COA.	Yes

SECTION II – OBSERVATIONS

Facility: Environmental Safety & Health Consulting Service Inc.			
Section: 2.1	Date: 4/23/25, 10:45 AM	Contains AOC: No	Contains CBI: No
Lead Inspector: Vince Damiano	Attendees: Bertha Baskin (Manager) and Marcory Guilbeau (Safety)		
ES&H, located in Laplace, LA, provides emergency environmental response and remediation services, industrial cleaning, waste transportation, and disposal. This location primarily houses the trucking division, which is responsible for transporting customers' waste to designated disposal facilities. ES&H operates five 70-barrel and four 130-barrel vacuum trucks for collecting and hauling liquid waste. The company also offers roll-off containers services. Both roll-offs and vacuum trucks are washed out before returning to the ES&H facility. While ES&H performs tank cleanings for customers, any waste generated from these activities is transported directly from the customer site to disposal and is not brought back to the ES&H facility. According to Ms. Baskin, the only waste generated at the facility is used oil from vehicle maintenance; no other waste streams are transported to or generated at this location. ES&H is registered with the EPA as a hazardous waste and used oil transporter under EPA ID LAR000037069. After the opening conference, the inspection team observed ES&H’s used oil storage area and equipment storage yard. Inside the used oil storage area, the inspection team observed 150-gallon used oil tank, a 40-gallon drip bucket, and a 10-gallon drip bucket storing used oil that were not labeled as “used oil” (see Appendix 1 – Photos 1 to 3) [AOC #1 – <i>ES&H did not clearly label containers used to store used oil with the words “Used Oil” - 40 CFR 279.45(g)(1)</i>]. The inspection team then walked through the equipment storage yard and noted no areas of concern (AOCs). The inspection team did not observe any other AOCs at the time of the inspection. However, further EPA review may change or add to their potential AOCs. A closing conference was conducted at approximately 11:15 AM with ES&H personnel. The AOCs were communicated during the closing. Following the inspection on 4/25/2025, Ms. Baskin sent a follow-up email in response to the AOCs observed during the inspection, including: • Photos of the used oil tank and containers labeled as used oil (see Appendix 2)			

SECTION III – RECORDS REVIEW

No RCRA-regulated records were reviewed during this focused onsite inspection.

SECTION IV – AREAS OF CONCERN

The presentation of Area(s) of Concern does not constitute a formal compliance determination or violation.

Facility: Environmental Safety & Health Consulting Service Inc.		
AOC #1 – ES&H did not clearly label containers used to store used oil with the words “Used Oil.”	Citation: 40 CFR 279.45(g)(1)	Section: 2.1

SECTION V – FOLLOW UP

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

Communication Log

During and after the inspection, additional information was emailed to EPA including:

1. 4/25/25 ES&H email – Ms. Baskin provided the inspection team with photos of corrections made towards AOCs observed.

SECTION VI – LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1. Photograph Log

Appendix 2. 4/25/25 Response from ES&H

APPENDIX 1. PHOTOGRAPH LOG



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Location: ES&H		
City: Laplace	County/Parish: St. John the Baptist	State: Louisiana



Photo No. 1

Photo File Name: DSCN7968

Date of Photo: 4/23/2025

Time of Photo: 1107 hrs.

Photographer: Vince Damiano

Description: View of a 150-gallon used oil storage tank in the used oil storage area that was not labeled "Used Oil."



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Photograph Log

Location: ES&H		
City: Laplace	County/Parish: St. John the Baptist	State: Louisiana



Photo No. 2

Photo File Name: DSCN7969

Date of Photo: 4/23/2025

Time of Photo: 1107 hrs.

Photographer: Vince Damiano

Description: View of a 40-gallon used oil drip bucket in the used oil storage area that was not labeled "Used Oil."



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Photograph Log

Location: ES&H		
City: Laplace	County/Parish: St. John the Baptist	State: Louisiana



Photo No. 3

Photo File Name: DSCN7970

Date of Photo: 4/23/2025

Time of Photo: 1110 hrs.

Photographer: Vince Damiano

Description: View of a 10-gallon used oil drip bucket in the used oil storage area that was not labeled "Used Oil."

APPENDIX 2.
4/25/25 RESPONSE FROM E&H

RE: Follow-up From EPA Visit on 4/23/2025

From Bertha Baskin <bbaskin@esandh.com>

Date Fri 4/25/2025 8:02 PM

To Vince Damiano <Vince.Damiano@erg.com>

Cc Joe Watson <Joe.Watson@erg.com>; Thapa, Sandesh <Thapa.Sandesh@epa.gov>; Lee Arcement <larcement@esandh.com>; Marlon Guilbeau <mguilbeau@esandh.com>; Michael Vinci <mvinci@esandh.com>

 4 attachments (10 MB)

Used Oil Tank.jpg; Used Oil Bin (1).jpg; Used Oil Bucket (shop).jpeg; Used Oil Bucket (2).jpeg;

CAUTION: Don't open links or attachments unless you recognize the sender and know they are safe.

Vince,

Attached are photos of the labeled containers. Let me know if you need any additional photos.
Thanks.

Regards,



Bertha Baskin
Sales/Trucking Coordinator

**“Safety is a full time job – don’t make it a part time practice.”
Our Goal is Always Zero Incidents!**

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From: Vince Damiano <Vince.Damiano@erg.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:45 PM
To: Bertha Baskin <bbaskin@esandh.com>
Cc: Joe Watson <Joe.Watson@erg.com>; Thapa, Sandesh <Thapa.Sandesh@epa.gov>
Subject: Follow-up From EPA Visit on 4/23/2025

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Hello Bertha,

I am following up with a list of items and notes from our inspection today. Below are initial Areas of Concern and items requested; you may follow up with pictures, write-ups, sample results, or however you see fit:

- Unlabeled used oil tank and containers

Again, thank you for taking the time out of your day to meet with us. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,
Vince



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