

INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Entry Date/Time	3/25/2025 08:42 (CT)	Announced: No
Inspection Exit Date/Time	3/25/2025 09:45 (CT)	Access: Granted
Regulatory Program	RCRA	
Type of Inspection	Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI)	
Facility or Site Name	American Pollution Control Inc. (AMPOL)	
Facility/Site Identifier	N/A	
Facility/Site Physical Address	575 Hwy 182 East	
City, State, Zip Code	Morgan City, LA 70380	
County/Borough	St. Mary	
Generator Status	Non-generator	
NAICS	562910	
Type of Operation	American Pollution Control Inc. (AMPOL) decontaminates piping removed from offshore oil and gas exploration.	
Geographic Coordinates	29.6818, -91.2785	
Additional Persons Participating in Inspection:		
Name	Title	Organization
John Penland	Inspector	EPA REGION 6
Erin Young-Dahl	Inspector	EPA REGION 6
Janosh Wolters	Contractor	Eastern Research Group (ERG)
Lead Inspector:		
Vince Damiano	Vincent Damiano	Digitally signed by Vincent Damiano Date: 2025.05.01 16:07:08 -04'00'
	ERG	Vince.Damiano@erg.com

SECTION I – INTRODUCTION**Site Entry and Purpose of the Inspection**

The Port of Morgan City 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 (see Appendix 1), 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	John Penland	Penland.John@epa.gov	Yes	Yes
Inspector/Enforcement Officer/EPA Region 6	Erin Young-Dahl	Youngdahl.Erin@epa.gov	Yes	Yes
RCRA Inspector/ Contractor/ERG	Janosh Wolters	Janosh.Wolters@erg.com	Yes	Yes
AMPOL/Manager	Casey Guidry	Cguidry@ampol.net	Yes	Yes

Facility General Description

Tenant/Area	Inspection Date	Process Description	Area of Concern
AMPOL	3/25/25	AMPOL decontaminates piping removed from offshore oil and gas exploration activities. AMPOL is land-based and does not operate under a MARPOL COA.	Yes

SECTION II – OBSERVATIONS

Facility: AMPOL			
Section: 2.1	Date: 3/25/25, 08:42 AM	Contains AOC: No	Contains CBI: No
Lead Inspector: Vince Damiano	Attendees: Casey Guidry (Manager)		
American Pollution Control, Inc. (AMPOL) is located in Morgan City, LA, and conducts decontamination of decommissioned piping and pressure vessels with trace amounts of naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM). Piping from offshore oil and gas exploration is brought to a scrapyard (MARS) and then transported to AMPOL for decontamination if it screens positive for NORM. The decontamination process includes an initial NORM level screening, loading the pipe or pressure vessel into a wash bay, pressure washing with recycled water, and retesting. If the material passes, it is considered decontaminated. If the material fails, it is washed again. Solid material collected during the process is placed in drums and disposed of as RCRA non-hazardous waste. This waste is typically sent to Sabine Environmental, R360, EcoServ, or Federal NORM Services. Decontaminated materials are returned to the customer. According to Mr. Guidry, the recycled water and filters used in the wash process are replaced about once a year. This AMPOL facility is not registered with the EPA as a hazardous waste generator. Following the opening conference, the inspection team took a visual inspection of AMPOL’s used oil storage area and a wash bay. The used oil is generated from maintenance activities at the facility, Mike’s Filter will come to the facility and pump out any used oil once enough is accumulated. At the time of the inspection, AMPOL was storing four half-full 55-gallon drums of used oil, three of which were not labeled with the words “Used Oil” (see Appendix 1 - Photos 1 and 2) [AOC #1: AMPOL <i>did not clearly label containers used to store used oil with the words “Used Oil.” – 40 CFR 279.22 (c)(1)</i>]. Upon noticing the unlabeled used oil drums, Mr. Guidry immediately labeled the drums properly (see Appendix 1 - Photos 3 to 5). The inspection team then observed an inactive wash bay. The inspection team did not observe other areas of concern (AOCs) at the time of the inspection; however, further EPA review may change or add to these potential AOCs. A closing conference was conducted at approximately 09:45 AM with Mr. Guidry. The AOCs were communicated during the closing.			

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: AMPOL		
AOC #1 – AMPOL 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

Not Applicable

SECTION VI – LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1. Photograph Log

APPENDIX 1.
PHOTOGRAPH LOG



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Location: AMPOL		
City: Morgan City	County/Parish: St. Mary	State: Louisiana



Photo No. 1

Photo File Name: DSCN718

Date of Photo: 3/25/2025

Time of Photo: 0924 hrs.

Photographer: Vince Damiano

Description: View of four half-full 55-gallon drums storing used oil in the used oil storage area. Three of which were not labeled as used oil.



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Photo No. 2

Photo File Name: DSCN719

Date of Photo: 3/25/2025

Time of Photo: 0924 hrs.

Photographer: Vince Damiano

Description: Another view of four half-full 55-gallon drums storing used oil in the used oil storage area. Three of which were not labeled as used oil.



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Photograph Log

Location: AMPOL		
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Photo No. 3

Photo File Name: DSCN720

Date of Photo: 3/25/2025

Time of Photo: 0929 hrs.

Photographer: Vince Damiano

Description: View of the "Used Oil" label Mr. Guidry applied onto a previously unlabeled 55-gallon drum during the inspection.



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Photo No. 4

Photo File Name: DSCN721

Date of Photo: 3/25/2025

Time of Photo: 0929 hrs.

Photographer: Vince Damiano

Description: View of the "Used Oil" label Mr. Guidry applied onto a previously unlabeled 55-gallon drum during the inspection.



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Location: AMPOL		
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Photo No. 5

Photo File Name: DSCN722

Date of Photo: 3/25/2025

Time of Photo: 0929 hrs.

Photographer: Vince Damiano

Description: View of the "Used Oil" label Mr. Guidry applied onto a previously unlabeled 55-gallon drum during the inspection.