

INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Entry Date/Time	09/18/2023 08:40 AM (AKT)	Announced: No
Inspection Exit Date/Time	09/18/2023 10:05 AM (AKT)	Access: Granted
Regulatory Program	RCRA	
Type of Inspection	Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI)	
Company Name	Petro Star, Inc.	
Facility or Site Name	North Pacific Fuel - Valdez	
Facility/Site Identifier	AKR000203844	
Facility/Site Physical Address	254 Fidalgo Avenue	
City, State, Zip Code	Valdez, AK 99686	
County/Borough	Valdez – Cordova Borough	
Generator Status	Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG)	
NAICS	48833	
Type of Operation	Navigational Services to Shipping	
Geographic Coordinates	61.126018, -146.354797	
Mailing Address/Secondary Address	Mr. John Anderson, Operations Manager jfanderson@petrostar.com 254 Fidalgo Avenue Valdez, AK 99686 CC: Ms. Monica Koethke, Environmental Specialist Petro Star Refinery mkoethke@petrostar.com Petro Star, Inc. 3900 C Street Suite 802 Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5966 907-339-6600	
City, State, Zip Code	Valdez, AK 99686	
Permit Number (If Applicable)	Not Applicable	
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SECTION I – INTRODUCTION

Site Entry and Purpose of the Inspection

Type of inspection: Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI)

EPA Region 10 Lead Inspector, Jon Jones, arrived at the North Pacific Fuel - Valdez Facility (the "Site" or "Facility"), located at 254 Fidalgo Avenue, Valdez, AK 99686, at 08:40 AM (AKT) on 09/18/2023 for an unannounced inspection. EPA Region 10 Lead Inspector presented credentials to and informed Mr. John Anderson, Operations Manager that this was an EPA Region 10 inspection to determine compliance with Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). This was a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) inspection. The facility was inspected to ensure compliance with standards for hazardous waste generators and universal waste management (40 C.F.R. Part 262 through 273) and used oil management (40 C.F.R. Part 279). The inspection was conducted as part of a Core Program requirement for FY 2023. This report is based on information supplied by North Pacific Fuel - Valdez Facility representatives, observations made by the EPA Region 10 inspector, and records and reports maintained by the facility, but not limited to: direct observations made by the EPA Region 10 Inspector(s), photographs taken by EPA Region 10 inspector(s), physical evidence collected by the EPA Region 10 inspector(s), measurements or samples taken by EPA Region 10 inspector(s), verbal or written statements made by information supplied by the facility representatives during or subsequent to the on-site inspection, and materials, processes, data, photographs, or documents shown, demonstrated, or submitted to the EPA Region 10 inspector(s) by the facility representatives during or subsequent to the on-site inspection. In addition, information gathered prior to or subsequent to the inspection from a review of USEPA, State, and public records may be included in this report.

Attendees

Title/Organization	Name	Phone	Email	Opening Conf.	Closing Conf.
Lead Inspector/EPA REGION 10	Jon Jones	(907) 271-6329	Jones.Jon@epa.gov	Yes	Yes
Operations Manager/North Pacific Fuel	John Anderson		jfanderson@petrostar.com	Yes	Yes
Environmental Specialist/Petro Star, Inc.	Monica Koethke	(907) 834-2143	mkoethke@petrostar.com	Yes	Yes
RCRA Inspector/ADEC	Vanessa Schmidt		vanessa.schmidt@alaska.gov	Yes	Yes

Opening Conference

The following information was obtained from Mr. Anderson during the opening meeting of the inspection. The facility is a retail and distribution center for fuel and lubricants. The facility is owned by Petro Star Inc. but was previously being leased by Crowley Marine Services, Inc. for the last 3-5 years prior to Petro Star operating the site as North Pacific Fuel. The office building at this location has been present for 3 years and the warehouses have been present for 23 years.

During the opening conference, we were joined by Ms. Monica Koethke, Environmental Specialist with Petro Star, Inc. Ms. Koethke told us she was the Environmental point-of-contact at the Petro Star Refinery which is also located in Valdez, AK.

Facility/Site Information

Number of employees	8
Length of Facility at Location	~23 years

Operating Hours	Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Safety Training Provided to Inspector(s)?	No
Size of Facility	362,000 square feet
What type of generator facility notified?	Small Quantity Generator (SQG)
What type of generator facility verified as?	Verified To be a Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) during the inspection by Ms. Monica Koethke, Environmental Specialist
Weather Conditions	Rainy

Process Description

According to Mr. Anderson, the following wastes are generated at the facility:

- Sorbents collected from trucks transporting fuel
- Used oil
- Oily rags
- Vehicle batteries (recycled)

We were accompanied during the inspection by Mr. Anderson and Ms. Koethke. We looked at the facility's processes, hazardous waste management practices, generation points, and accumulation areas. We looked for wastes that facility representatives had not yet identified or designated as hazardous.

Only those areas in which we observed areas of concern or noted other pertinent issues are discussed in this inspection report.

Building(s)

Building/Area/Sub-area	Process Description	Area of Concern
Lube Warehouse	Oily rag generation	No
Main Warehouse	Used oil generation.	No

SECTION II – OBSERVATIONS

We inspected the areas listed above and everything observed was found to be consistent with that of a VSQG.

SECTION III – RECORDS REVIEW

No records were reviewed given the VSQG status of the facility at the time of the inspection.

SECTION IV – AREA OF CONCERN

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

SECTION V – CLOSING CONFERENCE

Closing Conference

At the conclusion of the inspection, we conducted a closing conference that was attended by those listed in the Attendees table, in Section I of this report. We thanked Mr. Anderson and Ms. Koethke for their time and cooperation during the inspection. We told Mr. Anderson and Ms. Koethke that we observed no areas of concern during our inspection of the facility. We then explained the follow-up process that would take place once the report was finished. We explained they would receive a copy of the report as would a case officer.

SECTION VI – SAMPLING ACTIVITIES AND ANALYTICAL RESULTS - No sampling was conducted.

SECTION VII – LIST OF APPENDICES

No appendices are attached, as no photos were taken, and no documents were obtained during the inspection.