



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604**

DATE: JUL 25 2019

SUBJECT: CLEAN AIR ACT INSPECTION REPORT
Berea Metals & Recycling Company, Brook Park, Ohio

FROM: Eleanor Kane, Environmental Engineer
AECAB (MI/WT)

THRU: Sarah Marshall, Section Chief
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TO: File

BASIC INFORMATION

Facility Name: Berea Metals & Recycling Company

Facility Location: 5201 West 164th Street, Brook Park, Ohio

Date of Inspection: June 13, 2019

EPA Inspectors:

1. Eleanor Kane, Environmental Engineer
2. Marie St. Peter, Environmental Engineer

Other Attendees

1. Bob, Manager, Berea Metals & Recycling Company (Interviewee declined to provide his full name)

Contact Email Address: ianjames01@aol.com

Purpose of Inspection: This inspection was part of an initiative to evaluate compliance with refrigerant handling regulations for disposal of small appliances and vehicles in the Cleveland area.

Facility Type: Scrap yard

Regulations Central to Inspection: 40 C.F.R. Part 82, Subpart F

Arrival Time: 10:15AM

Departure Time: 11:00AM

Inspection Type:

- ☒ Unannounced Inspection
- ☐ Announced Inspection

OPENING CONFERENCE

- ☒ Credentials Presented
- ☐ CBI warning to facility provided

The following information was obtained verbally from the facility manager.

Berea Metals and Recycling accepts small appliances and vehicles for recycling and disposal. They do not do any recovery of refrigerant on site.

The manager claimed that they will not accept small appliances without the proper paperwork indicating that the refrigerant has been recovered, but that they do not retain any documentation for units they purchase (and they do not have any contracts in place governing refrigerant recovery). Observations at the scrap pile indicate some units are accepted that are completely intact. The manager reported they reject units with cut lines.

All vehicles which are accepted are sent whole to a different yard where the refrigerant is reportedly recovered.

TOUR INFORMATION

EPA toured the facility: Yes

Data Collected and Observations: Some refrigerators in the scrap pile appear to be completely intact (the cardboard back panel was not removed, indicating that no one accessed the refrigerant lines to recover the refrigerant).

Photos and/or Videos: were taken during the inspection.

CLOSING CONFERENCE

Compliance Assistance: We provided a thorough description of the compliance options within the applicable regulations and discussed how Berea Metal and Recycling might comply with those regulations. We offered to provide further assistance in implementing a compliant program if needed.

Concerns: Program for accepting small appliances is not complaint with regulations.

SIGNATURES

Report Author: Deanna Kane Date: 6/27/19

Section Chief: Samuel M. Williams Date: 7/25/19

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APPENDICES AND ATTACHMENTS

APPENDIX A: DIGITAL IMAGE LOG

1. Photographer Name: Marie St. Peter	2. Date of Inspection: June 13, 2019
3. Company/Facility Name: Berea Metals & Recycling Company	4. Street Address, City, State: 5201 West 164th St, Brook Park, Ohio
5. Number of Images: 5	6. Archival Record Location: C:\Users\ekane\OneDrive - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)\Cleveland Scrap Initiative\Berea

Image Number	File Name	Date and Time	Description of Image
1	IMG_0818.JPG	2019:06:13 10:17:30	Sign
2	IMG_0819.JPG	2019:06:13 10:40:03	Refrigerator
3	IMG_0820.JPG	2019:06:13 10:40:12	Refrigerator Line
4	IMG_0821.JPG	2019:06:13 10:40:29	Intact unit
5	IMG_0822.JPG	2019:06:13 10:40:52	Intact unit