

INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Entry Date/Time	04/17/2024 11:00 (CT)		Announced: No	
Inspection Exit Date/Time	04/17/2024 11:45 (CT)		Access: Granted	
Regulatory Program	RCRA			
Type of Inspection	Focused Compliance Inspection (FCI)			
Facility or Site Name	GTR Launch Service, LLC			
Facility/Site Identifier	N/A			
Facility/Site Physical Address	2259 Bayou D'Inde Pass			
City, State, Zip Code	Westlake, LA 70669			
County/Borough	Calcasieu Parish			
Generator Status	None			
NAICS	N/A			
Type of Operation	GTR is a launch facility that provides supplies for vessels on the harbor.			
Geographic Coordinates	30.212439, -93.308952			
Additional Persons Participating in Inspection:				
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Lead Inspector:				
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SECTION I – INTRODUCTION**Site Entry and Purpose of the Inspection**

Type of inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection (FCI)

The Port of Lake Charles and surrounding facilities were selected for inspection based on an Environmental Justice and 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 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 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	Phone	Email	Opening Conf.	Closing Conf.
Lead Inspector/ Contractor/ERG	Cameron Tanaka	(703) 633-1632 ext. 11632	Cameron.Tanaka@erg.com	Yes	No
RCRA Inspector/ Contractor/ERG	Anshul Paripati	(571) 535-1503	Anshul.Paripati@erg.com	Yes	Yes
Inspector/Enforcement Officer/EPA Region 6	Elizabeth Pham	(214) 665-8354	Pham.elizabeth@epa.gov	Yes	Yes
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Facility General Description

Tenant/Area	Inspection Date	Process Description	Area of Concern
GTR Launch Service, LLC	04/17/24	GTR Launch Service, LLC (GTR) is a launch facility with two small boats that provides supplies for vessels on the harbor. They generally bring food pallets out to the ships using their small boats. They also take APHIS regulated garbage and various scrap metals, such as cylinder linings, off these ships and bring them to shore. They have appointed truck companies that take these materials from GTR within 24 hours of arrival at the dock. They do not have a MARPOL COA.	No

SECTION II – OBSERVATIONS

Tenant: GTR Launch Service, LLC			
Section: 2.1	Date: 04/17/24, 11:00 AM	Contains AOC: No	Contains CBI: No
Lead Inspector: Cameron Tanaka	Attendees: Jacob Takeg (no role listed)		
GTR Launch Service, LLC (GTR) is a launching company for the shipping industry. They provide supplies including groceries to ships and bring back APHIS regulated garbage and operational waste, including oily rags, from ships using two barges. They also receive cylinder lining which is recycled as scrap metal. Appointed disposal companies such as Environmental Response Services, Triangle Waste Management, and ACCP, Inc. remove these wastes directly from GTR's barges. GTR holds these wastes on the barges for about 24 hours maximum until the disposal companies arrive to transport them off site. All maintenance for GTR is performed by a third party (Bumper to Bumper) who also removes used oil directly from the barges. GTR does not store any waste on site. Any used batteries they generate are sent back to the manufacturer immediately. If GTR generated any waste paint, Mr. Takeg indicated that he would bring it to the paint shop where the paint is sold. Mr. Takeg explained that to his knowledge GTR does not have a MARPOL COA or an EPA ID number. The inspection team did not observe any apparent AOCs at the time of the inspection. A closing conference was conducted at approximately 11:35 AM with Mr. Takeg.			

SECTION III – RECORDS REVIEW

No RCRA regulated records reviewed during this focused onsite inspection.

SECTION IV – APPARENT AREAS OF CONCERN

The presentation of Area(s) of Concern does not constitute a formal compliance determination or violation. GTR did not have any Areas of Concern.

SECTION V – FOLLOW UP

Follow-Up

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

Communication Log

During and after the inspection, additional information from GTR was not requested.