

INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date:	April 25, 2025	Inspection Announced: No
Time:	Entry: 10:15 AM EST	Exit: 11:10 AM EST
Media:	Water	
Statute (s)/Program(s):	Clean Water Act, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Industrial	
Type of inspection:	CEI - Compliance Evaluation Inspection	
Access:	Granted	
Permittee Name:	Maumee Metal Recycling	
Facility or Site Name:	Maumee Metal Recycling	
Facility/Site Physical Address:	1400 Estella Ave	
(city, state, zip code)	Fort Wayne, Indiana 46803	
County/Parish:	Allen	
Permit Number:	--	

Persons Participating in Inspection:					
Title	Name	Phone	Email	Present at Opening Conference	Present at Closing Conference
Physical Scientist, U.S. EPA	Matthew Schulte	(312) 886-2405	schulte.matthew@epa.gov	Yes	Yes
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SECTION I – INTRODUCTION

Site Entry and Inspection Objectives

Region 5 Lead Inspector, Matthew Schulte, and inspectors Tatiana Frontera and Megan Bobb arrived at Maumee Metal Recycling (the “Site” or “Facility”), located at 1400 Estella Ave., at 10:14AM on April 25, 2025, for an unannounced inspection. Inspectors presented their credentials to site Yard Manager, Omar Restrepo, and informed the Facility that this was an EPA Region 5 inspection to investigate elements of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. The inspection

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was conducted under the authority of Section 308 of the CWA. The table above identifies the attendees that participated in the inspection.

This report is based on information supplied by Facility representatives, observations made by the Region 5 inspectors, and records and reports maintained by the permittee and Region 5. These include the following: direct observations made by the Region 5 inspectors, photographs taken by Region 5 inspectors, physical evidence collected by Region 5 inspectors, measurements taken by Region 5 inspectors, verbal or written statements made or supplied by Facility representatives (the permittee) during or subsequent to the on-site inspection, and materials, processes, data, photographs, or documents shown, demonstrated, or submitted to the Region 5 inspectors by 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 U.S. EPA, State, and public records may be included in this report.

Facility/Site Description

Region 5 Lead Inspector confirmed the following Facility information:

The Facility is a scrap metal recycling yard located near the Maumee River. Materials collected onsite primarily come from the general public, but the Facility will also accept scrap from other vendors. Material is sorted into various piles around the Facility before being sold. Scrap metal is expected to remain onsite for anywhere from a few days to a few weeks.

The Facility's scrap metal storage area is surrounded by a wall made from concrete blocks, that, according to the Facility, prevent scrap from leaving the site and entering the Maumee River. Scrap metal piles are kept away from wall to prevent runoff. Facility is also located next to a railroad, but no material is transported by rail.

On April 28, 2025, IDEM issued an inspection report for the April 25, 2025, site visit. On June 27, 2025, the Facility emailed U.S. EPA and IDEM stating that items identified in IDEM's April 25, 2025, inspection report, had been addressed; however, no documentation was provided.

SECTION II – OBSERVATIONS

Observations may not be in sequential order.

Unique Identifying No.	Observation	Area of Concern?
MS-OB-001	During the site tour, Inspectors observed that the concrete wall surrounding the Facility failed to extend to the back area. In the back area, Inspectors observed a large pile of debris.	Yes
MS-OB-002	During the site tour, Inspectors observed that the concrete wall surrounding the Facility contained openings between the blocks.	Yes

Unique Identifying No.	Observation	Area of Concern?
MS-OB-003	During the site tour, Inspectors observed debris located along the concrete wall.	Yes

SECTION III - AREAS OF CONCERN

The presentation of areas of concern does not constitute a formal compliance determination or violation.

No.	
MS-OB-001	During the site tour, Inspectors observed that the concrete wall surrounding the Facility failed to extend to the back area where a large pile of debris was located. Barriers and other best management practices should be maintained to prevent any debris or stormwater from leaving site and entering navigable waters, such as the Maumee River.
MS-OB-002	During the site tour, Inspectors observed that the concrete wall surrounding the Facility contained openings between the blocks. Barriers and other best management practices should be maintained to prevent any debris or stormwater from leaving site and entering navigable waters, such as the Maumee River.
MS-RR-001	During the site tour, Inspectors observed debris located along the concrete wall. Debris should be kept away from barriers. Other best management practices should be maintained to prevent any debris or stormwater from leaving site and entering navigable waters, such as the Maumee River.

SECTION VI – CLOSING CONFERENCE AND FOLLOW UP

Closing Conference

The Lead Inspector held a closing conference with Facility personnel on April 25, 2025, for the inspection. During the closing conference, the Lead Inspector discussed the observations and Areas of Concern identified during the inspection. Observations and Areas of Concern have not yet been evaluated for a formal compliance determination.

SECTION VII – LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Photo Log [times listed on images are incorrect. Correct times for photos are in Eastern Standard Time (EST) to left of photo log.

Facility Name & Location: Maumee Metal Recycling 1400 Estella Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana		Photographer: Matthew Schulte	Camera: Olympus Tough TG-6 (S/N #BJ5B21169)
Date Photograph Was Taken: April 25, 2025			
Photo No.: 1	Time: 10:29 AM		
Direction Photo Taken: North			
Photo Description: Scrap metal loading yard			
		File: MMR_01.jpg	

Facility Name & Location: Maumee Metal Recycling 1400 Estella Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana		Photographer: Matthew Schulte	Camera: Olympus Tough TG-6 (S/N #BJ5B21169)
Date Photograph Was Taken: April 25, 2025			
Photo No.: 2	Time: 10:29 AM		
Direction Photo Taken: Northeast			
Photo Description: Concrete wall separating scrap yard from the Maumee River.			
		File: MMR_02.jpg	

Facility Name & Location: Maumee Metal Recycling 1400 Estella Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana		Photographer: Matthew Schulte	Camera: Olympus Tough TG-6 (S/N #BJ5B21169)
Date Photograph Was Taken: April 25, 2025			
Photo No.: 3	Time: 10:32 AM		
Direction Photo Taken: South			
Photo Description: Scrap metal pile.			
		File: MMR_03.jpg	

Facility Name & Location: Maumee Metal Recycling 1400 Estella Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana		Photographer: Matthew Schulte	Camera: Olympus Tough TG-6 (S/N #BJ5B21169)
Date Photograph Was Taken: April 25, 2025			
Photo No.: 4	Time: 10:32 AM		
Direction Photo Taken: West			
Photo Description: Railcar behind berm.			
		File: MMR_04.jpg	

Facility Name & Location: Maumee Metal Recycling 1400 Estella Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana		Photographer: Matthew Schulte	Camera: Olympus Tough TG-6 (S/N #BJ5B21169)
Date Photograph Was Taken: April 25, 2025		 2025/04/25 09:33	
Photo No.: 5	Time: 10:34 AM		
Direction Photo Taken: West			
Photo Description: Tire tracks from shipments. Stain stated to be from water.			
		File: MMR_05.jpg	

Facility Name & Location: Maumee Metal Recycling 1400 Estella Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana		Photographer: Matthew Schulte	Camera: Olympus Tough TG-6 (S/N #BJ5B21169)
Date Photograph Was Taken: April 25, 2025			
Photo No.: 6	Time: 10:34 AM		
Direction Photo Taken: South			
Photo Description: Concrete wall separating yard from the Maumee River.			
		File: MMR_06.jpg	

Facility Name & Location: Maumee Metal Recycling 1400 Estella Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana		Photographer: Matthew Schulte	Camera: Olympus Tough TG-6 (S/N #BJ5B21169)
Date Photograph Was Taken: April 25, 2025			
Photo No.: 7	Time: 10:34 AM		
Direction Photo Taken: Southwest			
Photo Description: Pooling water. No sheen.			
		File: MMR_07.jpg	

Facility Name & Location: Maumee Metal Recycling 1400 Estella Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana		Photographer: Matthew Schulte	Camera: Olympus Tough TG-6 (S/N #BJ5B21169)
Date Photograph Was Taken: April 25, 2025			
Photo No.: 8	Time: 10:35 AM		
Direction Photo Taken: Northwest			
Photo Description: Totes of hydraulic oil (blue). Fuel with secondary containment. Tote is empty.			
		File: MMR_08.jpg	

Facility Name & Location: Maumee Metal Recycling 1400 Estella Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana		Photographer: Matthew Schulte	Camera: Olympus Tough TG-6 (S/N #BJ5B21169)
Date Photograph Was Taken: April 25, 2025			
Photo No.: 9	Time: 10:35 AM		
Direction Photo Taken: South			
Photo Description: Fuel Basin with secondary containment.			
		File: MMR_09.jpg	

Facility Name & Location: Maumee Metal Recycling 1400 Estella Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana		Photographer: Matthew Schulte	Camera: Olympus Tough TG-6 (S/N #BJ5B21169)
Date Photograph Was Taken: April 25, 2025			
Photo No.: 10	Time: 10:35 AM		
Direction Photo Taken: East			
Photo Description: Trash bin. Holes in bottom			
		File: MMR_10.jpg	

Facility Name & Location: Maumee Metal Recycling 1400 Estella Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana		Photographer: Matthew Schulte	Camera: Olympus Tough TG-6 (S/N #BJ5B21169)
Date Photograph Was Taken: April 25, 2025			
Photo No.: 11	Time:		
Direction Photo Taken: down			
Photo Description: Trash bin. Openings at bottom of bin walls.			
		File: MMR_11.jpg	

Facility Name & Location: Maumee Metal Recycling 1400 Estella Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana		Photographer: Matthew Schulte	Camera: Olympus Tough TG-6 (S/N #BJ5B21169)
Date Photograph Was Taken: April 25, 2025			
Photo No.: 12	Time: 10:40 AM		
Direction Photo Taken: Southwest			
Photo Description: Concrete and wood and piles from owner's other properties.			
		File: MMR_12.jpg	

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Date Photograph Was Taken: April 25, 2025			
Photo No.: 13	Time: 10:40 AM		
Direction Photo Taken: East			
Photo Description: Wood piles.			
		File: MMR_13.jpg	

Facility Name & Location: Maumee Metal Recycling 1400 Estella Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana		Photographer: Matthew Schulte	Camera: Olympus Tough TG-6 (S/N #BJ5B21169)
Date Photograph Was Taken: April 25, 2025			
Photo No.: 14	Time: 10:42 AM		
Direction Photo Taken: East			
Photo Description: Wall ends and piles along edge of property.			
		File: MMR_14.jpg	

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Date Photograph Was Taken: April 25, 2025			
Photo No.: 15	Time: 10:43		
Direction Photo Taken: East			
Photo Description: Maumee River on other side of piles.			
		File: MMR_15.jpg	

Facility Name & Location: Maumee Metal Recycling 1400 Estella Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana		Photographer: Matthew Schulte	Camera: Olympus Tough TG-6 (S/N #BJ5B21169)
Date Photograph Was Taken: April 25, 2025			
Photo No.: 16	Time: 10:4		
Direction Photo Taken: North			
Photo Description: Scrap metal piles mixed with dirt to be separated.			
		File: MMR_16.jpg	

Facility Name & Location: Maumee Metal Recycling 1400 Estella Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana		Photographer: Matthew Schulte	Camera: Olympus Tough TG-6 (S/N #BJ5B21169)
Date Photograph Was Taken: April 25, 2025			
Photo No.: 17	Time: 10:47 AM		
Direction Photo Taken: Northeast			
Photo Description: Corner of concrete berm.			
		File: MMR_17.jpg	

Facility Name & Location: Maumee Metal Recycling 1400 Estella Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana		Photographer: Matthew Schulte	Camera: Olympus Tough TG-6 (S/N #BJ5B21169)
Date Photograph Was Taken: April 25, 2025			
Photo No.: 18	Time: 10:50 AM		
Direction Photo Taken: North			
Photo Description: Elevated drive path.			
		File: MMR_18.jpg	

Facility Name & Location: Maumee Metal Recycling 1400 Estella Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana		Photographer: Matthew Schulte	Camera: Olympus Tough TG-6 (S/N #BJ5B21169)
Date Photograph Was Taken: April 25, 2025			
Photo No.: 19	Time: 11:00 AM		
Direction Photo Taken: West			
Photo Description: Inlet grate. Unknown of where the drains goes.			
		File: MMR_19.jpg	

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Date Photograph Was Taken: April 25, 2025			
Photo No.: 20	Time: 11:05 AM		
Direction Photo Taken: South			
Photo Description: Driveway entrance with dirt tracking along road tot city street.			
		2025/04/25 10:04	
		File: MMR_20.jpg	