

Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division
INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	01/13/2026	
Media Program:	Pesticides	
Regulatory Program(s)	FIFRA 12(a)(1)	
Company Name:	Pinch A Penny Pool Patio Spa	
Facility Name:	Pinch A Penny Pool Patio Spa Store 280	
Facility Physical Location:	3729 League City Parkway #150	
(city, state, zip code)	League City, TX 77573	
Mailing address:	3729 League City Parkway #150	
(city, state, zip code)	League City, TX 77573	
County/Parish:	Galveston	
Facility Phone Number	(832)226-6397	
Facility Contact:	Steven Long	Store Owner
	store280@pinchapenny.com	
FRS Number:	N/A	
Identification/Permit Number:	N/A	
Media Identifier Number:	R06-2023-1014	
NAICS:	561790	
SIC:	7389	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Derek Heron	Pinch A Penny	Store Manager
Lee McMillan	EPA Region 6 – Pesticides Enforcement (6ECDST)	Lead Inspector
Kiera Hancock	EPA Region 6 – Pesticides Enforcement (6ECDST)	Inspector
EPA Lead Inspector Signature/Date	 Digitally signed by LEE MCMILLAN Date: 2026.03.20 07:14:27 -05'00'	Date
	Lee V. McMillan	
Supervisor Signature/Date	 Digitally signed by GERARDO ACOSTA Date: 2026.03.23 07:47:16 -05'00'	Date
	Gerardo Acosta	

Section I – INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

I, EPA Region 6 inspector Lee McMillan accompanied by inspector Kiera Hancock began an investigation based on a follow-up to a tip and complaint submitted to the agency. I arrived at the Pinch A Penny Pool Patio Spa Store 280 (Pinch A Penny) at 9:45 AM on January 13, 2026, for an unannounced inspection. I presented my credentials to Mr. Derek Heron and informed him that I was there to conduct an EPA inspection to determine compliance with the Federal Insecticide Fungicide Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The scope of the inspection would be to review documents and any pesticide products for evaluation of the compliance with FIFRA (40 CFR Subpart 169.3 – Inspections).

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

Pinch A Penny Pool Patio Spa Store 280 is based in League City, Texas. Pinch A Penny is America's largest franchised retail pool supply and service company. The company began in 1975. In December 2021, Pool Corporation acquired Pinch A Penny as part of the Porpoise Pool & Patio, Inc. acquisition. Store 280 has 7 employees. Pinch A Penny, LLC is based in Clearwater, Florida. The company has annual revenue of approximately \$9.74 million.

Section II - OBSERVATIONS

On January 13, 2026, I met with Mr. Derek Heron and discussed the company's business. At approximately 9:57 AM, I toured and inspected the Pinch A Penny store. During the investigation I viewed the Showroom Floor, Chlorine Room, Service Room, and Bulk Chlorine Area. I was informed that the store received its liquid chlorine solution into the outside bulk tanks about every 1-2 weeks. The store has a double valve safety system from the outside bulk tanks to the Chlorine Room where containers are filled.

Multiple photos were taken during the inspection of the facility (Appendix 1: Photograph Log). With the assistance of Mr. Heron, a sample was taken of the Liquid Chlorinating Product (EPA Reg. No. 37826-3) using one of the stores service jugs. An approximate 1-gallon sample was taken and marked with sample number 1-13-26-177910-01-01-LM. Chain of custody seals were applied for shipment (Photos 21 -25).

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

I conducted a closing conference with Mr. Heron at 10:45 AM on January 13, 2026. There were no areas of concern found during the inspection. I concluded the inspection and exited the facility at 10:47 AM.

Section IV – FOLLOW UP

The sample taken during the inspection was shipped to the EPA Laboratory in Fort Meade, MD for testing on January 13, 2026. The testing results received on March 5, 2026 indicated that the Pinch A Penny Liquid Chlorinating Product (EPA Reg. No. 37826-3) met the label active ingredient standard of 10.5% Sodium Hypochlorite. No additional concerns were found, and no additional information was requested.

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APPENDIX 1

PHOTOGRAPH LOG

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 6
Photograph Log

Photo No. 1

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas



Photo File Name: DSC_0026.JPG
Date of Photo: January 13, 2026
Time of Photo: 10:01 AM
Photographer: Kiera Hancock
Description: Store front

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Photograph Log

Photo No. 2

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas



Photo File Name: DSC_0027.JPG
Date of Photo: January 13, 2026
Time of Photo: 10:01 AM
Photographer: Kiera Hancock
Description: Store Overview of Showroom

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Photo No. 3

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas



Photo File Name: DSC_0028.JPG
Date of Photo: January 13, 2026
Time of Photo: 10:07 AM
Photographer: Kiera Hancock
Description: Store shelf of pesticide products

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Photo No. 4

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas



Photo File Name: DSC_0029.JPG
Date of Photo: January 13, 2026
Time of Photo: 10:08 AM
Photographer: Kiera Hancock
Description: Chlorine Room

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Photo No. 5

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas



Photo File Name: DSC_0030.JPG

Date of Photo: January 13, 2026

Time of Photo: 10:09 AM

Photographer: Kiera Hancock

Description: Container of liquid chlorine (EPA Reg. No. 37826-3)

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Photo No. 6

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas

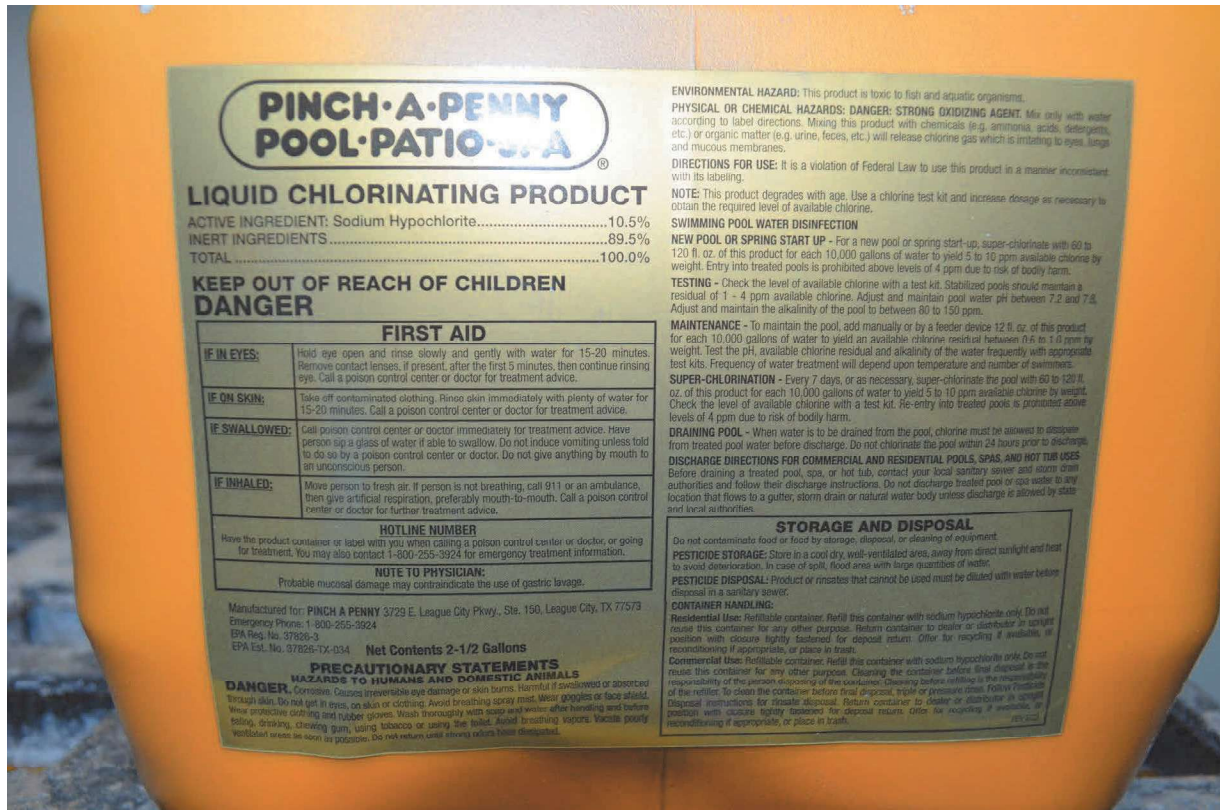


Photo File Name: DSC_0031.JPG

Date of Photo: January 13, 2026

Time of Photo: 10:09 AM

Photographer: Kiera Hancock

Description: Container of liquid chlorine label (EPA Reg. No. 37826-3)

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Photo No. 7

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas



Photo File Name: DSC_0032.JPG

Date of Photo: January 13, 2026

Time of Photo: 10:09 AM

Photographer: Kiera Hancock

Description: Container of liquid chlorine (EPA Reg. No. 37826-3)

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Photo No. 8

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas



Photo File Name: DSC_0033.JPG

Date of Photo: January 13, 2026

Time of Photo: 10:09 AM

Photographer: Kiera Hancock

Description: Container of liquid chlorine (EPA Reg. No. 37826-3)

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Photo No. 9

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas



Photo File Name: DSC_0034.JPG

Date of Photo: January 13, 2026

Time of Photo: 10:10 AM

Photographer: Kiera Hancock

Description: Container of liquid chlorine (EPA Reg. No. 37826-3)

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Photo No. 10

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas



Photo File Name: DSC_0035.JPG
Date of Photo: January 13, 2026
Time of Photo: 10:11 AM
Photographer: Kiera Hancock
Description: Service Room for equipment

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Photo No. 11

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas



Photo File Name: DSC_0036.JPG

Date of Photo: January 13, 2026

Time of Photo: 10:12 AM

Photographer: Kiera Hancock

Description: Northwest overview of Bulk Chlorine Storage Tank Area

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Photo No. 12

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas



Photo File Name: DSC_0037.JPG

Date of Photo: January 13, 2026

Time of Photo: 10:12 AM

Photographer: Kiera Hancock

Description: Bulk chlorine storage tank area – Active Tank

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Photo No. 13

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas



Photo File Name: DSC_0038.JPG

Date of Photo: January 13, 2026

Time of Photo: 10:12 AM

Photographer: Kiera Hancock

Description: Bulk chlorine storage tank area – Inactive Tank

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Photo No. 14

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas



Photo File Name: DSC_0039.JPG

Date of Photo: January 13, 2026

Time of Photo: 10:13 AM

Photographer: Kiera Hancock

Description: Bulk chlorine storage tank area. The active tank is on the right-hand side.

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Photo No. 15

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas

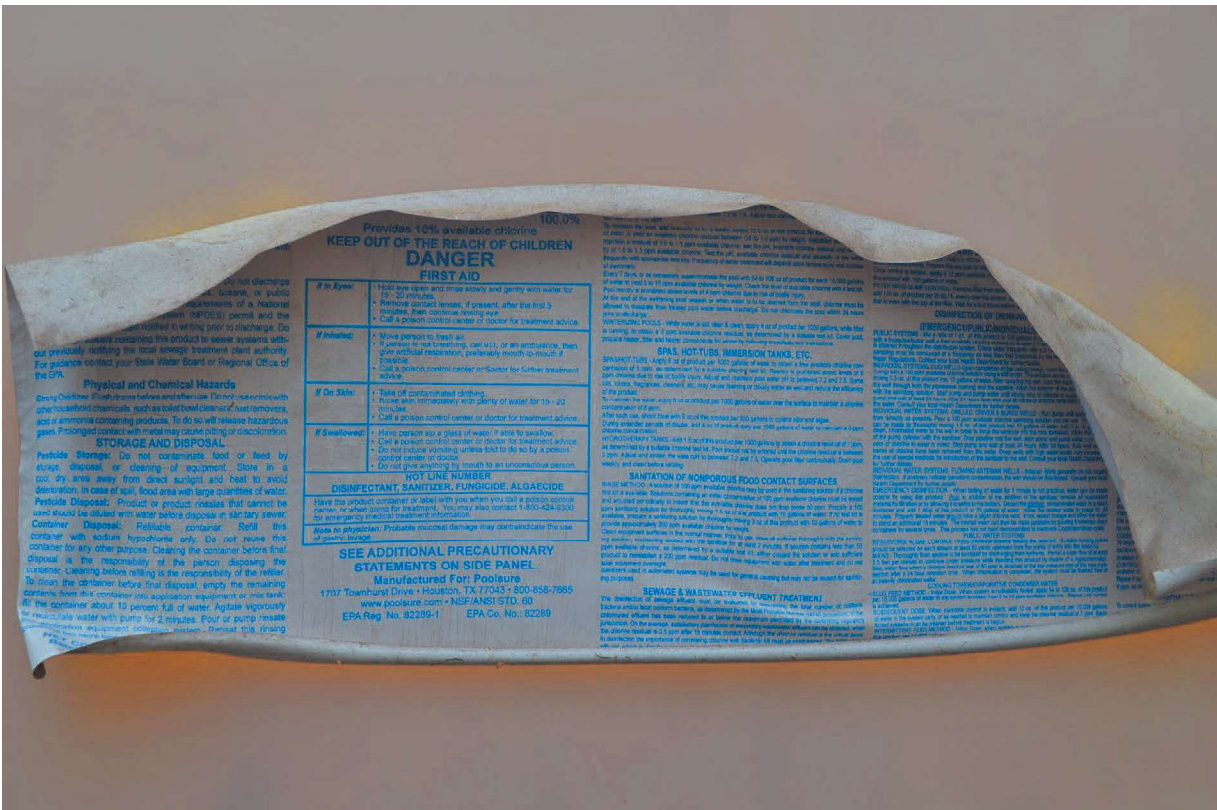


Photo File Name: DSC_0040.JPG
Date of Photo: January 13, 2026
Time of Photo: 10:14 AM
Photographer: Kiera Hancock
Description: Chlorine storage tank label – Active Tank

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Photo No. 16

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas

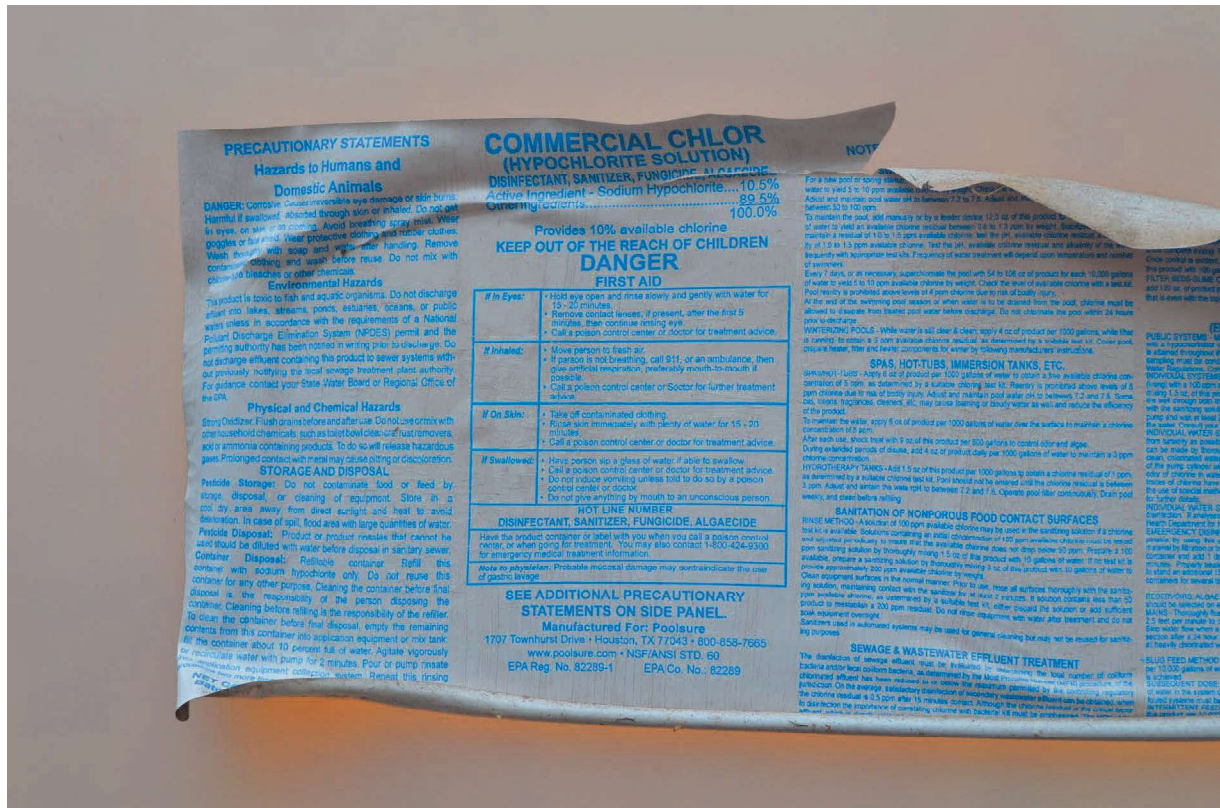


Photo File Name: DSC_0041.JPG

Date of Photo: January 13, 2026

Time of Photo: 10:15 AM

Photographer: Kiera Hancock

Description: Chlorine storage tank label – Active Tank

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Photo No. 17

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas



Photo File Name: DSC_0042.JPG

Date of Photo: January 13, 2026

Time of Photo: 10:17 AM

Photographer: Kiera Hancock

Description: Chlorine storage tank area containment – Active Tank

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Photo No. 18

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas



Photo File Name: DSC_0043.JPG
Date of Photo: January 13, 2026
Time of Photo: 10:21 AM
Photographer: Kiera Hancock
Description: Chlorine Room Pumping Station

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Photo No. 19

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas

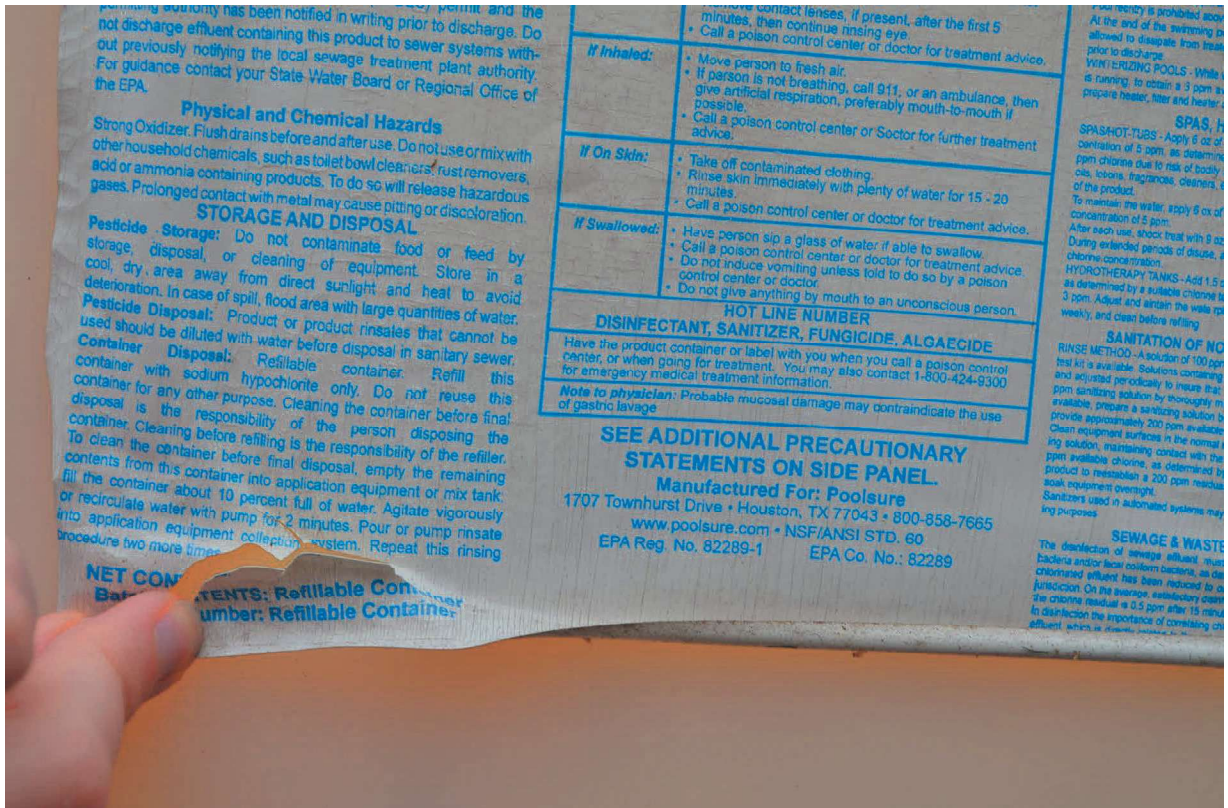


Photo File Name: DSC_0044.JPG

Date of Photo: January 13, 2026

Time of Photo: 10:23 AM

Photographer: Kiera Hancock

Description: Bulk chlorine storage tank label – Inactive Tank

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Photo No. 20

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas

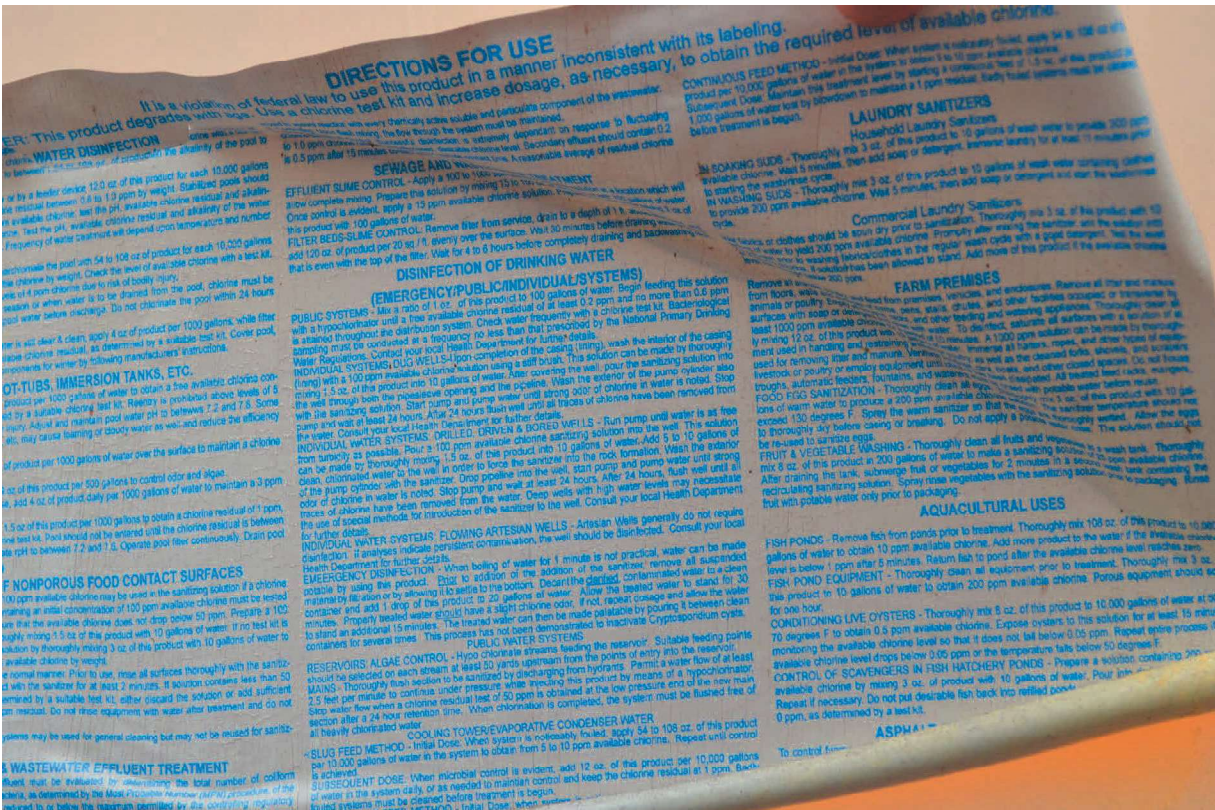


Photo File Name: DSC_0045.JPG
Date of Photo: January 13, 2026
Time of Photo: 10:23 AM
Photographer: Kiera Hancock
Description: Bulk chlorine storage tank label – Inactive Tank

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Photo No. 21

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas



Photo File Name: DSC_0046.JPG

Date of Photo: January 13, 2026

Time of Photo: 10:27 AM

Photographer: Kiera Hancock

Description: Liquid chlorine sample (1-13-26-177910-01-01LM) taken for lab testing

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Photo No. 22

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas



Photo File Name: DSC_0047.JPG

Date of Photo: January 13, 2026

Time of Photo: 10:42 AM

Photographer: Kiera Hancock

Description: Liquid chlorine sample (1-13-26-177910-01-01LM) taken for lab testing

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Photo No. 23

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas

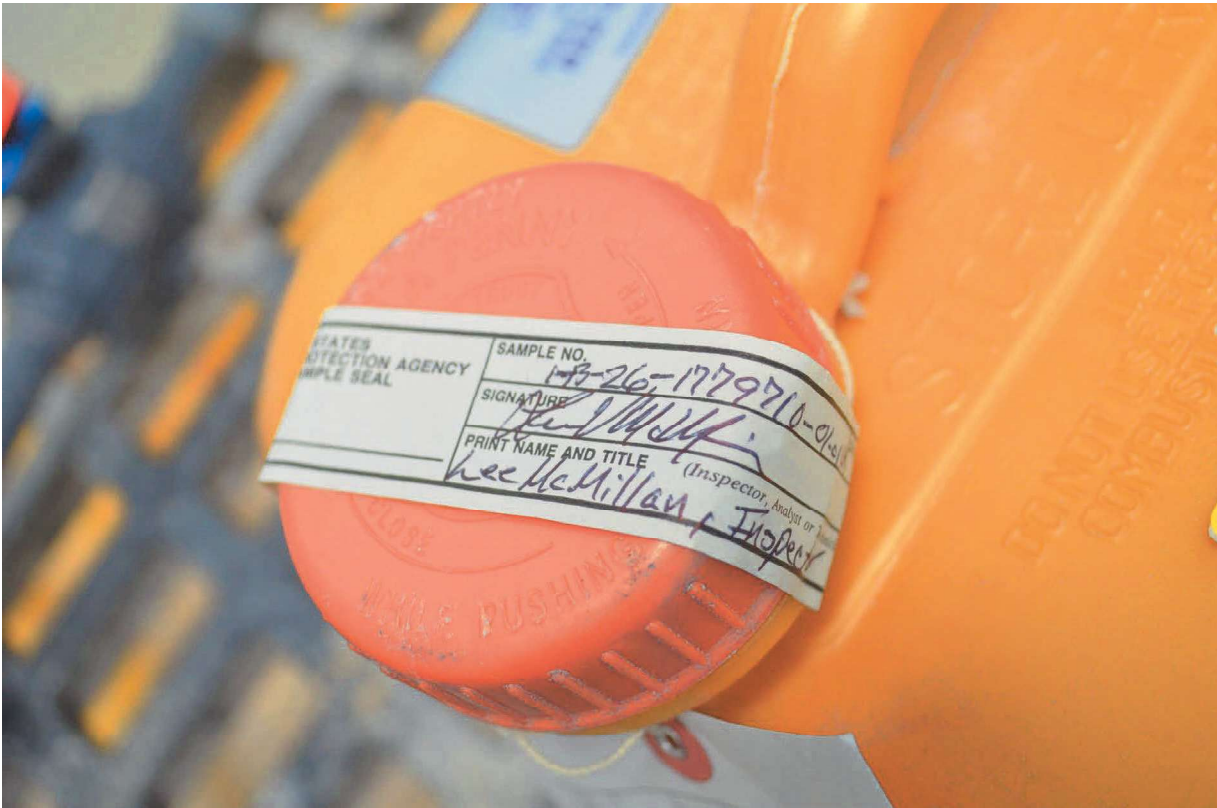


Photo File Name: DSC_0048.JPG

Date of Photo: January 13, 2026

Time of Photo: 10:43 AM

Photographer: Kiera Hancock

Description: Liquid chlorine sample (1-13-26-177910-01-01LM) taken for lab testing

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Photo No. 24

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas



Photo File Name: DSC_0049.JPG

Date of Photo: January 13, 2026

Time of Photo: 10:43 AM

Photographer: Kiera Hancock

Description: Liquid chlorine sample (1-13-26-177910-01-01LM) taken for lab testing

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Photo No. 25

Location: Pinch-A-Penny/ 3729 League City Pkwy #150		
City: League City	County/Parish: Galveston	State: Texas



Photo File Name: DSC_0050.JPG

Date of Photo: January 13, 2026

Time of Photo: 10:43 AM

Photographer: Kiera Hancock

Description: Liquid chlorine sample (1-13-26-177910-01-01LM) taken for lab testing

APPENDIX 2
NOTICE OF INSPECTION



United States
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Washington, DC 20460

Notice of Inspection

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Facility Name Pinch A Penny	Facility Address 3729 League City Pkwy #150 League City, TX 77573
Name of Facility Official Derek Heron	Title Store Manager

By my signature, I represent that I am an owner, operator or agent in charge of the facility being inspected, and attest that the EPA, Designated State or Political Subdivision Employee or Officer identified on this form presented his or her credentials prior to issuing this Notice of Inspection.

Facility Official's Signature:

Authority for Inspection

For the purpose of inspecting and obtaining samples of any pesticides or devices packaged, labeled and released for shipment, and samples of any containers or labeling for such pesticides or devices, in places where pesticides or devices are held for distribution or sale [FIFRA § 9(a) (7 U.S.C. § 136g)]; and for the purpose of inspecting and obtaining copies of those records specified in FIFRA § 8 (7 U.S.C. § 136f) and 40 C.F.R. Part 169.

Reasons for Inspections (Check applicable boxes)

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|--|---|
| ☐ Routine Inspection | Violation |
| ☒ For Cause Inspection | Suspected: FIFRA Section 12(a)(1) - Adulterated Pesticide |

Additional Information:

Name of Inspector	Lee McMillan
Signature of Inspector 	Date 1/13/20
Title Sr. Inspector	Time 9:48 A
Address EPA Region 6, 1201 Elm Street, Dallas, TX 75270-2162	

Note: The absence of a Facility Official's signature on this form does not invalidate this Notice of Inspection, or establish that consent to the inspection was not provided or that the proper procedures were not followed.

APPENDIX 3
RECEIPT FOR SAMPLES



United States
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Washington, DC 20460

Receipt for Samples

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Facility Name <i>Pinch A Penny</i>	Facility Address <i>3729 League City Pkwy #150 League City, TX 77573</i>
Name of Facility Official <i>Derek Heron</i>	Title <i>Store Manager</i>

Samples Collected (Assign sample number and describe fully (e.g., product name, size, quantity, registration, establishment, lot, batch, model and/or serial numbers, etc.)) The following samples were collected by or on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and receipt is hereby acknowledged pursuant to Section 9(a) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. §136g).

*1/13/26-177910-01-01 LM: Liquid Chlorine Sample
~ 1 gallon Reg No. 37826-3
Est No. 37826-TX-034*

1-13-26-177910-01-02 LM: 25 Photos Taken

☐ Duplicate samples requested and provided	☐ Duplicate samples not requested	Amount paid <i>\$0</i>	☐ Cash ☐ Credit Card ☒ No Charge
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Acknowledgement of Samples Collected: The undersigned acknowledges that the samples shown above were obtained from pesticides or devices that were packaged, labeled and released for shipment.

Facility Official Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Date <i>1/13/26</i>
Name of Inspector <i>Lee V. McMillan</i>	Title <i>Sr. Inspector</i>
Signature of Inspector <i>[Signature]</i>	Date <i>1/13/26</i>
Address <i>EPA Region 6, 1201 Elm St., Ste. 500, Dallas, TX 75270</i>	

APPENDIX 4
LABORATORY RESULTS

