



Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division
INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	03/27/2024	
Media Program:	Water	
Regulatory Program(s)	CWA, NPDES, CAFO	
Company Name:	Tulsa Stockyards	
Facility Name:	Tulsa Stockyards (36.1689, -95.7930)	
Facility Physical Location:	913 N 161 st E Ave.	
(city, state, zip code)	Tulsa, OK 74116	
Mailing address:	PO Box 58254	
(city, state, zip code)	Tulsa, OK 74158	
County/Parish:	Rogers	
Facility Phone Number	(918) 234-3438	
Facility Contact:	Becca Miller	Office Manager
	becca@tulsastockyards.com	
Facility Registry ID:	N/A	
Identification/Permit Number:	OKU002205	
Media Identifier Number:	N/A	
NAICS:	424520	
SIC:	5154	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Lucas Bomar	EPA/6ECAD-WA	Inspector(lead)
Becca Miller	Tulsa Stockyards	Office Manager
Ada Pfeiffer	Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry (ODAFF)	Ag Field Supervisor
EPA Lead Inspector Signature/Date		
	Lucas Bomar	Date
Supervisor Signature/Date		
	Bryant Smalley	Date

Section I – INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

EPA Region 6 inspector Lucas Bomar arrived at Tulsa Stockyards the “Site” or “Facility” located at 913 N 161st E Ave Tulsa, OK 74116 at 9:15 a.m., on March 27, 2024, for an unannounced inspection. Inspector was accompanied by Mrs. Ada Pfeiffer (Ag Field Supervisor) from ODAFF as this was a joint inspection with EPA lead. Inspector met with Ms. Becca Miller (Office Manager) at the Opening Conference. Inspector presented their credentials to Ms. Miller and informed her that this was an EPA inspection to determine the facility’s compliance status with the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) regulations as authorized by Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 308. The scope of the inspection included a compliance evaluation of the facility’s site operations and record keeping determining the designation of the facility as a CAFO. The inspectors toured the facility on foot and left government vehicle in parking lot outside the facility office.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

Tulsa Stockyards’ sale records showed that the facility had 42 sale days with at least 1,000 head of cattle housed and moved in 2023. They sell mostly beef cattle. Auctions are held Monday every week unless it is a major holiday. Animals are housed for approximately 72 hours for each sale. Animals are housed in mostly open lot pens (Appendix 1, Photos 9-10). Pens are cleaned via bobcats and are scraped every week after the sale. Lot scrapings are piled and then given away to 3rd party farmers. Mortalities are hauled off and disposed of by a 3rd party. Feed is stored in silos and hay piles (Appendix 1, Photos 2-3). The facility is bordered by a wooded lot to the north and grass fields to the east and south (Appendix 2, Photo 1). Parking lot and nearby businesses make up the western border (Appendix 2, Photo 1).

The facility has no lagoons or retention control structures. The Owner, Joe Don Eaves, said they tracked their runoff, and it makes its way to the City of Tulsa’s retention ponds.

Section II – OBSERVATIONS

Tulsa Stockyards’ 2023 sale numbers qualify the facility as a large CAFO by regulatory definition. There was no manure build up in the pens and they looked to have been scraped recently. There was a manure stockpile on the east end of the facility next to the pens (Appendix 1, Photos 4-5). The pens and manure stockpile seemed to be graded where runoff would flow into a field on the southern end of the facility. There was also a storm drain culvert on the southwest end of the facility (Appendix 1, Photos 11-12). This was well vegetated and could potentially collect runoff from the western edge of the facility. Tulsa Stockyards is well managed and organized with no areas of concern.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

There were no areas of concern.

EPA Region 6 inspector conducted a closing conference for the Tulsa Stockyards inspection at approximately 10:18 a.m. on March 27, 2024. During the closing conference, the inspector reviewed findings with Ms. Miller in person and Mr. Eaves via phone and provide the facility with compliance assistance brochures and FAQ sheets.

Section IV – FOLLOW UP

No follow up has occurred since the time of the inspection.

Section V – LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Inspection Photo Log - twelve (12) photos taken March 27, 2024

Appendix 2 - Aerial Photo Log – one (1) photo

Appendix 1

Inspection Photograph Log



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 1

Location: Tulsa Stockyards		
City: Tulsa	County: Rogers	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: DSCN0902.JPG

Date of Photo: 03/27/2024

Time of Photo: 9:40 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the west. Northern perimeter of the facility.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 2

Location: Tulsa Stockyards		
City: Tulsa	County: Rogers	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: DSCN0903.JPG

Date of Photo: 03/27/2024

Time of Photo: 9:43 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the east. Hay storage at the northeastern edge of the facility.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 3

Location: Tulsa Stockyards		
City: Tulsa	County: Rogers	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: DSCN0904.JPG

Date of Photo: 03/27/2024

Time of Photo: 9:44 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the west. Hay storage under roof.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 4

Location: Tulsa Stockyards		
City: Tulsa	County: Rogers	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: DSCN0905.JPG

Date of Photo: 03/27/2024

Time of Photo: 9:44 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the south. Manure stockpile on the eastern edge of the facility.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 5

Location: Tulsa Stockyards		
City: Tulsa	County: Rogers	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: DSCN0906.JPG

Date of Photo: 03/27/2024

Time of Photo: 9:48 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the west. Shot of open pens next to the manure stockpile.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 6

Location: Tulsa Stockyards		
City: Tulsa	County: Rogers	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: DSCN0907.JPG

Date of Photo: 03/27/2024

Time of Photo: 9:49 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the south. Eastern edge of the facility.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 7

Location: Tulsa Stockyards		
City: Tulsa	County: Rogers	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: DSCN0908.JPG

Date of Photo: 03/27/2024

Time of Photo: 9:51 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the west. Southern edge of the facility.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 8

Location: Tulsa Stockyards		
City: Tulsa	County: Rogers	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: DSCN0909.JPG

Date of Photo: 03/27/2024

Time of Photo: 9:52 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the southwest. Grass field next to the southern edge of the facility.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 9

Location: Tulsa Stockyards		
City: Tulsa	County: Rogers	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: DSCN0910.JPG

Date of Photo: 03/27/2024

Time of Photo: 10:01 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the northeast. Open lot pens.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 10

Location: Tulsa Stockyards		
City: Tulsa	County: Rogers	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: DSCN0911.JPG

Date of Photo: 03/27/2024

Time of Photo: 10:01 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the southeast. Open lot pens with grass field in background.



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Photo No. 11

Location: Tulsa Stockyards		
City: Tulsa	County: Rogers	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: DSCN0912.JPG

Date of Photo: 03/27/2024

Time of Photo: 10:06 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the east. Culvert drainage along the southwestern edge of the facility.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 12

Location: Tulsa Stockyards		
City: Tulsa	County: Rogers	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: DSCN0913.JPG

Date of Photo: 03/27/2024

Time of Photo: 10:06 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the south. Other end of the stormwater culvert depicted in Photo 11.

Appendix 2

Aerial Photograph Log

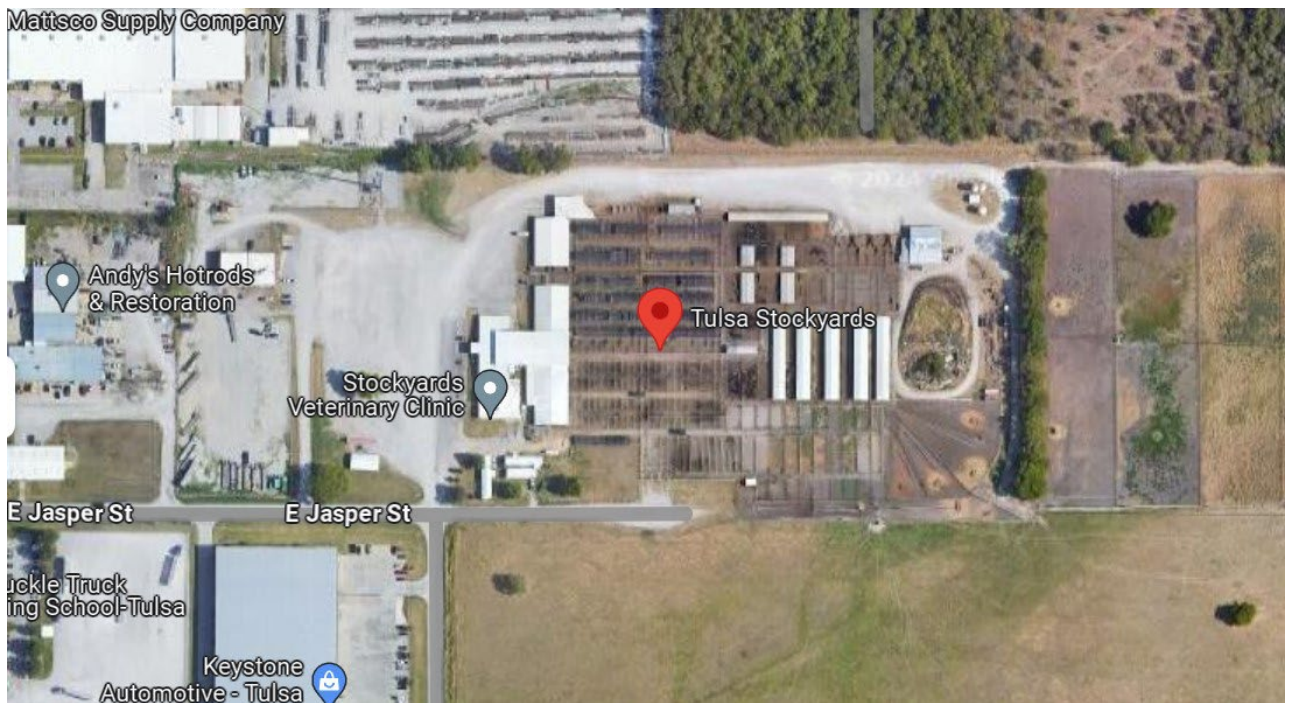


Photo 1: Aerial photograph taken from Google Maps of the Tulsa Stockyards' facility and the surrounding area.