

United States Environmental Protection Agency / Region 4

Risk Management Program Inspection Report

U.S. Foods, Inc.
Alcoa, Tennessee
July 19, 2023

1.0 Introduction

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to reduce the likelihood and severity of chemical accidents includes planning and legislative initiatives such as the National Contingency Plan, the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), and the Accidental Release Prevention requirements under Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), as amended in 1990. This report outlines an inspection of the Risk Management Program (RMP) as mandated by Section 112(r)(7) of the CAA.

The focus of this inspection was to assess the RMP for an ammonia refrigeration process at the U.S. Foods, Inc. facility located in Alcoa, Blount County, Tennessee. This facility was selected for inspection because it hasn't been inspected within the last five years under the RMP. The inspection, which was conducted on July 19, 2023, consisted of a discussion of and request for program documentation, as well as a site review of various aspects of facility operations. Personnel from the facility participated throughout the inspection. Documents were provided by email for review off-site. This report will provide a background of the facility and a listing of observations.

2.0 Background

The U.S. Foods, Inc. facility is located in Alcoa, Tennessee. This facility uses anhydrous ammonia for cold food storage. The process is regulated as program level 3. According to facility records, the facility can have a maximum of 16,500 pounds of anhydrous ammonia on site. The ammonia process at the facility is subject to the RMP requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 68 and EPCRA Section 302. The background specifics are summarized as follows in Table 1.

TABLE 1: Inspection Information Summary

Inspection Team

Lead Inspector: Jordan Noles, EPA
Inspector: Chetan Gala, EPA
Inspector-In-Training: Justin Stark, EPA
Date of Facility Visit: July 19, 2023

Facility Identification

Name: U.S. Foods, Inc.
Street Address: 269 Kings Court
City: Alcoa County: Blount State: Tennessee Zip: 37701
EPA Facility ID No: 1000 0003 7578
Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) No: N/A
Latitude: 35.778662
Longitude: -083.986702

Name, address and phone of corporate parent company:

Owner/Operator: U.S. Foods, Inc.
Mailing Address: 9399 W. Higgins Road
City: Rosemont State: Illinois Zip: 60018
Phone: (847) 720-8000

Name, title, and email of person responsible for 40 C.F.R. Part 68 implementation:

Name: Tony Shock
Title: VP of Operations
Email: tony.shock@usfoods.com

Name and title of emergency contact:

Name: Richie Holbrook
Title: Facility Manager
Day phone: (567) 208-9295
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Name: Suzanne Wingo
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Name: Sean O'Brien
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Name: Tony Shock
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Note: This is not a union facility.

Date and Program Levels of Submitted Risk Management Plan

Date of initial submission: June 14, 1999
Date of most recent submissions: March 27, 2019
Process as reported in RMP: Ammonia Refrigeration
Process: Ammonia Refrigeration
Process ID: 1000096132
Program Level as reported in RMP: 3
NAICS code: 42441 (General Line Grocery Merchant Wholesalers)

3.0 Observations

The inspection of the U.S. Foods, Inc. facility evaluated various sections of the RMP regulations (40 C.F.R. Part 68, Program Level 3) and the inspection checklist included in “Guidance for Conducting Risk Management Programs Inspections under Clean Air Act Section 112(r).” The inspection began with an opening discussion of facility operations. The discussion was followed by a tour of the facility’s ammonia refrigeration process areas. EPA inspectors then requested paperwork associated with the facility’s Risk Management Plan (RMPlan). The documents were reviewed by EPA inspectors on-site and provided for review off-site. An inspection out-brief was conducted. There are no observations to note from the site visit.

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