

EPA REGION 10 Enforcement Division

INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Entry Date/Time	07/20/2023 08:49 AM (AKT)	Announced: No	
Inspection Exit Date/Time	07/20/2023 10:47 AM (AKT)	Access: Granted	
Regulatory Program	RCRA		
Type of Inspection	Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI)		
Company Name	Walmart, Inc.		
Facility or Site Name	Walmart Supercenter #2070		
Facility/Site Identifier	AKR000004713		
Facility/Site Physical Address	3101 A Street		
City, State, Zip Code	Anchorage, AK 99503		
County/Borough	Anchorage Borough		
Generator Status	Small Quantity Generator (SQG)		
NAICS	452311		
Type of Operation	Warehouse Clubs and Supercenters		
Geographic Coordinates	61.19233, -149.88311		
Mailing Address/Secondary Address	Mr. Robert Williams, Store Manager rpwilli.s02070.us@wal-mart.com 3101 A Street Anchorage, AK 99503		
City, State, Zip Code	Anchorage, AK 99503		
Permit Number (If Applicable)	Not Applicable		
Lead Inspector:			
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SECTION I – INTRODUCTION

Site Entry and Purpose of the Inspection

Type of inspection: Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI)

EPA Region 10 Lead Inspector, Jon Jones, arrived at the Walmart Supercenter #2070 Facility (the “Site” or “Facility”), located at 3101 A Street, Anchorage, AK 99503, at 08:49 AM (AKT) on 07/20/2023 for an unannounced inspection. EPA Region 10 Lead Inspector presented credentials to and informed Courtland Brown, Front End Coach, that this was an EPA Region 10 inspection to determine compliance with Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

The facility was inspected to ensure compliance with standards for hazardous waste generators and universal waste management (40 C.F.R. Part 262 through 273). The inspection was conducted as part of a Core Program requirement for FY 2023.

This report is based on information supplied by Walmart Supercenter #2070 Facility representatives, observations made by the EPA Region 10 inspector, and records and reports maintained by the facility and its HQ including, but not limited to: direct observations made by the EPA Region 10 Inspector(s), photographs taken by EPA Region 10 inspector(s), physical evidence collected by the EPA Region 10 inspector(s), measurements or samples taken by EPA Region 10 inspector(s), verbal or written statements made by information supplied by the facility representatives during or subsequent to the on-site Inspection, and materials, processes, data, photographs, or documents shown, demonstrated, or submitted to the EPA Region 10 inspector(s) by the 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 USEPA, State, and public records may be included in this report.

Attendees

Title/Organization	Name	Phone	Email	Opening Conf.	Closing Conf.
Lead Inspector/EPA REGION 10	Jon Jones	(907) 271-6329	Jones.Jon@epa.gov	Yes	Yes
Academy Coach/Walmart, Inc.	Sandie Curney	(907) 351-0667	smc00dk.s02070@us.wal_mart.com	Yes	No
Store Manager/Walmart, Inc.	Robert Williams	(907) 854-7106	rpwilli.s02070.us@wal-mart.com	Yes	Yes
Front End Coach/Walmart, Inc.	Courtland Brown	(907) 602-0310	cab006g.s02722.us@wal-mart.com	Yes	No

Opening Conference

Shortly after arriving at Walmart Supercenter #2070, Mr. Courtland Brown, Front End Coach, and Mr. Robert Williams, Store Manager, took me to the facility breakroom where I held the opening conference.

During the opening conference, I explained that the focus of the RCRA inspection was to identify types of wastes generated, points of waste generation, methods of waste management, and review relevant documents.

Only those areas in which I observed potential compliance concerns or noted other pertinent issues are discussed in Section III of this inspection report.

Facility/Site Information

Number of employees	300+
Length of Facility at Location	Since 1994
Operating Hours	6-11 7 days a week
Safety Training Provided to Inspector(s)?	No

Size of Facility	~180,000 square feet
What type of generator facility notified?	Small Quantity Generator (SQG)
What type of generator facility verified as?	Verified SQG by Mr. Williams
Weather Conditions	Rainy

Process Description

During the opening conference, Mr. Williams told me the wastes generated at the facility were generated either due to product being damaged as it enters the store through receiving, damaged on the shelf at the store, or customer returns that cannot be resold.

I was accompanied during the inspection by Messrs. Williams, Brown, and Ms. Curney. I looked at the facility's processes, hazardous waste management practices, generation points, and accumulation areas. I looked for wastes that facility representatives had not yet identified or designated as hazardous.

The facility had shipped out hazardous waste prior to the inspection and there was only one container of hazardous waste in their CAA and no universal waste in accumulation during the inspection.

Building(s)

Building/Area/Sub-area	Process Description	Area of Concern
Walmart Supercenter		Yes
Claims	Central Accumulation Area (CAA)	Yes
Pharmacy	Generation of HWPharms	Yes

SECTION II – OBSERVATIONS

Building: Walmart Supercenter/Pharmacy			
Observation #: JJ1-OB-001	Date: 07/20/2023	Contains AOC: Yes	Contains CBI: No
Person Interviewed: Saniye Nur Zen Stevens		Title: Pharmacist/Pharm. D.	
I went to the facility's pharmacy to see how the facility was managing both their hazardous waste pharmaceuticals (HWPharms) and their potentially creditable pharmaceuticals. According to Ms. Saniye Nur Zen Stevens, Pharmacist/Pharm. D., the pharmacy's reverse distributor is Inmar. At the time of the inspection, the container of HWPharms was marked with a hazardous waste label. Written on the label were the words “Pharmaceutical Hazardous Waste” instead of “Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals.” It was dated 6/1/23. According to the facility's training records, Ms. Stevens and the rest of the pharmacy associates had received hazardous waste pharmaceutical training. The label was changed during the inspection to read "Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals."			

Photo(s)

1. [IMG-2023072009205120512519020.jpg](#)
2. [IMG-2023072009205820582120272.jpg](#)
3. [IMG-202307200921072172841430.jpg](#)
4. [IMG-2023072010442844281559717.jpg](#)

Building: Walmart Supercenter/Claims**Observation #:** JJ1-OB-002**Date:** 07/20/2023**Contains AOC:** Yes**Contains CBI:** No**Person Interviewed:** Jesse Christel Bel**Title:** Claims Associate

I went to the Claims area, in the back room of the store, to inspect the facility's central accumulation area (CAA). While there, I saw a yellow, five-gallon container that held a damaged container of waste bleach. The yellow, five-gallon container was labeled with the words "Hazardous Waste" and marked with the word "Corrosive - Alkaline" for the hazard indicator. At the time of the inspection, the container was not marked with an accumulation start date (ASD).

According to Ms. Jesse Christel Bel, Claims Associate, the waste bleach was placed into the container prior to the inspection on 7/20/2023. According to the facility's training records, Ms. Bel was current on all of her hazardous waste management training.

Mr. Williams added the ASD (7/20/2023) to the container during the inspection.

Photo(s)

1. [IMG-2023072009324032402273013.jpg](#)
2. [IMG-2023072009324732472380111.jpg](#)
3. [IMG-202307200935003501887833.jpg](#)

SECTION III – RECORDS REVIEW**Record:** Inspections**AOC:** Yes**Ref #:** JJ1-RR-001**Reviewed By:** Jon Jones**Reviewed Date:** 07/20/2023

I inspected the facility's weekly hazardous waste inspection logs from 7/20/2020 through 7/20/2023 and saw that there was no weekly hazardous waste inspections conducted for the following four weeks:

- July 19-25, 2020
- September 6-12, 2020
- September 13-19, 2020
- August 14-20, 2022

SECTION IV – AREA OF CONCERN

The presentation of Area(s) of Concern does not constitute a formal compliance determination or violation.

Building: Walmart Supercenter	Area: Pharmacy	Sub-area:
JJ1-OB-001		
Container in the Pharmacy, that held HWPharms was marked with a hazardous waste label. Written on the label were the words “Pharmaceutical Hazardous Waste” instead of “Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals.” The label was changed during the inspection to read "Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals."	Regulation:	Sections:
Building: Walmart Supercenter	Area: Claims	Sub-area:
JJ1-OB-002		
Hazardous waste accumulation container in the CAA, that held waste bleach was not marked with an ASD. Mr. Williams added the ASD (7/20/2023) to the container during the inspection.	Regulation:	Sections:

Record: Inspections		
JJ1-RR-001		
No weekly hazardous waste inspections were conducted for the following four weeks: • July 19-25, 2020 • September 6-12, 2020 • September 13-19, 2020 • August 14-20, 2022	Regulation:	Sections:

SECTION V – CLOSING CONFERENCE AND FOLLOW UP

Closing Conference

At the conclusion of the inspection, I conducted a closing conference that was attended by those listed in the Attendees table, in Section I of this report. I thanked everyone for their time and cooperation during the inspection and began a review of the areas of concern (listed in Section III – Areas of Concern) that I observed during my inspection of the facility. I then explained the follow-up process that would take place once I finished the report. I explained they would receive a copy of the report as would a case officer. I told them the case officer would review the report to determine if any of my areas of concern documented violations.

SECTION VI – SAMPLING ACTIVITIES AND ANALYTICAL RESULTS - No sampling was conducted.

SECTION VII – LIST OF APPENDICES

1. Photo Log
2. Document Log

APPENDIX 1: PHOTO LOG



[Title]			IMG-2023072009205120512519020.jpg
07/20/2023 09:20 AM (AKT)	No CBI	No PII	Photographer: Jon Jones
Walmart Supercenter/Pharmacy			61.19229718, -149.88027397
View of the HWPharms container.			



[Title]			IMG-2023072009205820582120272.jpg
07/20/2023 09:20 AM (AKT)	No CBI	No PII	Photographer: Jon Jones
Walmart Supercenter/Pharmacy			61.1922936, -149.88039035
Close-up view of the label that is marked as containing "Pharmaceutical Hazardous Waste."			



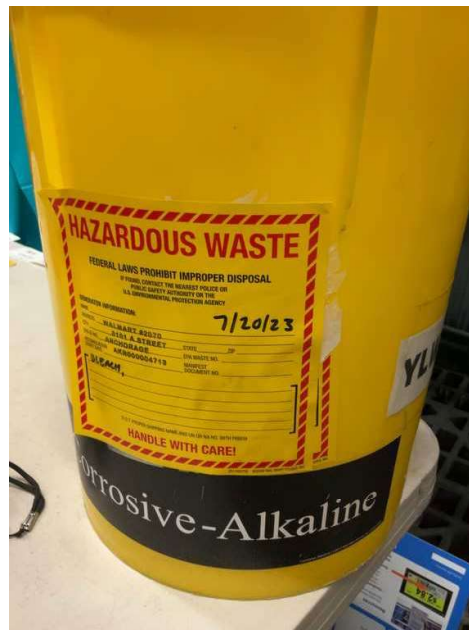
[Title]			IMG-202307200921072172841430.jpg
07/20/2023 09:21 AM (AKT)	No CBI	No PII	Photographer: Jon Jones
Walmart Supercenter/Pharmacy			61.19229294, -149.88039833
View of the top of the HWPharms container.			



[Title]			IMG-2023072009324032402273013.jpg
07/20/2023 09:32 AM (AKT)	No CBI	No PII	Photographer: Jon Jones
Walmart Supercenter/Claims			61.19222107, -149.87935265
View of the container holding waste bleach.			



[Title]			IMG-2023072009324732472380111.jpg
07/20/2023 09:32 AM (AKT)	No CBI	No PII	Photographer: Jon Jones
Walmart Supercenter/Claims			61.19221704, -149.87957757
Close-up view of the label on the waste bleach container, showing that it is not marked with an ASD.			



[Title]			IMG-202307200935003501887833.jpg
07/20/2023 09:35 AM (AKT)	No CBI	No PII	Photographer: Jon Jones
Walmart Supercenter/Claims			61.19224747, -149.87968053
View of the waste bleach container, after the ASD of 7/20/2023 was marked on the label.			



[Title]			IMG-2023072010442844281559717.jpg
07/20/2023 10:44 AM (AKT)	No CBI	No PII	Photographer: Jon Jones
Walmart Supercenter/Pharmacy			61.19231048, -149.88034144
Another view of the HWPharms container after it was labeled with the words "Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals."			

APPENDIX 2: DOCUMENT LOG

No documents were requested during the inspection.