



Florida Department of  
Environmental Protection  
Hazardous Waste Inspection Report

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**FACILITY INFORMATION:**

**Facility Name:** Tampa Electric Co - Central Operations

**On-Site Inspection Start Date:** 07/29/2014

**On-Site Inspection End Date:** 07/29/2014

**ME ID#:** 35654

**EPA ID#:** FLD981477904

**Facility Street Address:** 2200 E Sligh Ave, Tampa, Florida 33610-1334

**Contact Mailing Address:** Po Box 111, Tampa, Florida 33601

**County Name:** Hillsborough

**Contact Phone:** (813) 228-4257

**NOTIFIED AS:**

SQG (100-1000 kg/month)

Used Oil

**INSPECTION TYPE:**

Routine Inspection for Used Oil Transporter facility

Routine Inspection for SQG (100-1000 kg/month) facility

**INSPECTION PARTICIPANTS:**

**Principal Inspector:** Rebecca L. Nipper, Environmental Specialist II

**Other Participants:** Beverly Morgan, Senior Environmental Technician; Nita Ostermann, Environmental Specialist II; Jerry Adams, Senior Environmental Technician

**LATITUDE / LONGITUDE:** Lat 28° 0' 44.9314" / Long 82° 25' 58.1081"

**SIC CODE:** 4911 - Trans. & utilities - electric services

**TYPE OF OWNERSHIP:** Private

**Introduction:**

The Tampa Electric Company, Central Operations Center (COC) was inspected on July 29, 2014, to determine the facility's compliance with state and federal hazardous waste regulations. The COC is notified as a small quantity generator of hazardous waste, as well as a used oil transporter and transfer facility. The inspectors were accompanied throughout the facility by Ms. Beverly Morgan and Mr. Jerry Adams.

**Process Description:**

The COC is a clearing house for all Tampa Electric Company (TECO) equipment needing repairs, including vehicles and transformers. It also collects hazardous, non-hazardous and universal wastes from other TECO conditionally exempt small quantity generator facilities and ships them for disposal. Used oil may be transported from field locations and temporarily stored at the COC. The COC is an episodic small quantity generator of hazardous waste and maintains compliance with small quantity generator rules and regulations. Since the previous inspection, there has been little change to the facility, and more details regarding the facility may be found in previous inspection reports.

At the time of the inspection, the 180 day storage areas was empty. Hazardous waste was last shipped on a hazardous waste manifest to EQ Florida on July 24, 2104, and included on drum of waste aerosols. The COC is conducting weekly container inspections of the 180 day storage area. At the time of the inspection, the logs were up to date and contained all necessary information. In the past, the COC has managed solvent contaminated rags as a hazardous waste and manifested this waste stream to EQ Florida for disposal. At the time of the inspection, there was one 55-gallon drum labeled "Solvent Rags". The COC had not determined if they were going to be managing these rags under the new solvent contaminated wipe rule, or continue manage them as they had

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been in the past. At the time of the inspection, the drum of solvent rags had the lid resting on the drum, however it was not properly closed. The lid was properly closed during the inspection.

Near the 180 day storage area is the Universal Waste storage area. This area also includes a satellite accumulation container for waste aerosol cans. The COC has containers for the collection of capacitors, mixed batteries, photo cells and switches. Waste streams are either managed as a universal waste or being collected for recycling as applicable.

There are two 55-gallon metal drums on mobile carts for the collection of used oil. The drums were properly labeled. Used oil is tested using gas chromatography to ensure that there are no PCBs present before managing as used oil. Any used oil containing PCBs is collected separately and is sent to George Jackson Transcycle Industries in Pale City, AL.

In the paint booth there was one 55-gallon metal drum which served as the satellite accumulation container for hazardous waste paint. The drum was grounded and properly labeled. There are floor drains in the paint booth that are no longer in use and have been sealed off.

The COC maintains an Integrated Contingency Plan for the facility. Upon review the plans appeared sufficient however it was noted that the contact information for the Department needed updating. Weekly container inspection logs are being maintained and employee training has been conducted and documented. The facility maintains an active used oil transporter registration which expires on June 30, 2015, and the facility's required insurance is up to date. Hazardous waste manifests and LDRs were reviewed during the inspection and no problems were noted.

#### **New Potential Violations and Areas of Concern:**

##### **Areas of Concern**

Type:	Area Of Concern
Rule:	265.173(a)
Question Number:	2.40
Question:	Are the containers kept closed except when adding or removing wastes?
Explanation:	The drum containing solvent contaminated rags was not properly closed at the time of the inspection. (Corrected)
Corrective Action:	Complete. The drum was closed during the inspection and the COC agrees to ensure that it is kept closed except when adding or removing waste.

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#### **Conclusion:**

The COC corrected the area of concern during the inspection. The facility appeared to be in compliance following the inspection.

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**Signed:**

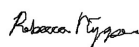
A hazardous waste compliance inspection was conducted on this date, to determine your facility's compliance with applicable portions of Chapters 403 & 376, F.S., and Chapters 62-710, 62-730, 62-737, & 62-740 Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Portions of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) 260 - 279 have been adopted by reference in the state rules under Chapters 62-730 and 62-710, F.A.C. The above noted potential items of non-compliance were identified by the inspector(s).

This is not a formal enforcement action and may not be a complete listing of all items of non-compliance discovered during the inspection.

Rebecca L. Nipper

**PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR NAME**

Environmental Specialist II

**PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR TITLE****PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR SIGNATURE**

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**ORGANIZATION**

9/25/2014

**DATE****Supervisor:** Sean McGinnis

NOTE: By signing this document, the Site Representative only acknowledges receipt of this Inspection Report and is not admitting to the accuracy of any of the items identified by the Department as "Potential Violations" or areas of concern.