



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF Environmental Protection

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October 1, 2020

Gustavo Perez, President  
Doctor Battery Inc.  
9900 NW 79<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Hialeah Gardens, FL 33016  
doctorbattery@outlook.com

Re: Doctor Battery Inc.  
Facility ID #FLR000232595  
Miami-Dade County

Dear Mr. Perez:

Department personnel conducted an inspection of the above-referenced facility on August 19, 2020. Based on the information provided during and following the inspection, the facility was determined to be in-compliance with the Department's rules and regulations. A copy of the inspection report is attached for your records.

The Department appreciates your efforts to maintain this facility in compliance with state and Federal rules. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Jared Heyns at 561-681-6616 or via e-mail at [jared.heyns@floridadep.gov](mailto:jared.heyns@floridadep.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alannah Irwin".

Alannah Irwin, Interim Environmental Manager  
Southeast District  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Enclosure: Inspection Report

cc: Alannah Irwin, Jared Heyns – FDEP SED



**Florida Department of  
Environmental Protection  
Hazardous Waste Inspection Report**

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**FACILITY INFORMATION:**

**Facility Name:** Doctor Battery Inc  
**On-Site Inspection Start Date:** 08/19/2020 **On-Site Inspection End Date:** 08/19/2020  
**ME ID#:** 135066 **EPA ID#:** FLR000232595  
**Facility Street Address:** 9900 NW 79th Ave, Miami Lakes, Florida 33016-2406  
**Contact Mailing Address:** 9900 NW 79 Avenue, Hialeah Gardens, Florida 33016  
**County Name:** Miami-Dade **Contact Phone:** (305) 887-1823

**NOTIFIED AS:**

Non-Handler, Transporter

**WASTE ACTIVITIES:**

**Generator:** Non-Handler **Transporter:** Commercial Waste

**INSPECTION TYPE:**

Routine Inspection for Hazardous Waste Transporter Facility

**INSPECTION PARTICIPANTS:**

**Principal Inspector:** Jared T Heyns, Inspector  
**Other Participants:** Adrian Burgos, Site Manager

**LATITUDE / LONGITUDE:** Lat 25° 51' 51.1092" / Long 80° 19' 33.6648"

**NAIC:** 423120 - Motor Vehicle Supplies and New Parts Merchant Wholesalers

**TYPE OF OWNERSHIP:** Private

**Introduction:**

On August 19, 2020 (08/19/2020), Jared Heyns with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) conducted a routine Compliance Evaluation Inspection at Doctor Battery, Inc. (DBI), located at 9900 NW 79th Avenue in Miami Lakes. DBI was inspected to determine the facility's compliance with the state and Federal hazardous waste regulations described in Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 260-268 and 273, adopted and incorporated by reference in Rule 62-730, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

The inspector was escorted around the facility by Adrian Burgos, Site Manager. Upon arrival at the facility the inspector presented their credentials and explained the purpose of the inspection.

DBI occupies approximately 12,000 square feet and is connected to public water and sewer. DBI has been operating at its current location since 1990 and employs 12 staff. The facility operates normal daytime hours.

**Notification History:**

DBI initially notified with the Department as a Hazardous Waste Transporter on 06/27/2019. The facility was assigned the EPA Identification (EPAID) Number FLR000232595.

**Inspection History:**

The facility has previously never been inspected by the Department.

Safety boots and a face mask were the only Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required to enter the facility.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the record review portion of the inspection was conducted via electronic document submittal in order to limit the amount of time and exposure on-site at the facility.

**Process Description:**

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DBI operates a specialized transport operation in which they pick-up spent lead-acid batteries and either re-sell them to another buyer or send them to a certified smelter for recycling. This facility does not generate hazardous waste, and they offer no other pick-up services. DBI is a State of Florida certified Secondhand Dealer and Secondary Metals Recycler (Certificate #23-8017093417-9).

The Department inspector was escorted through the facility warehouse and observed no hazardous waste on-site during the inspection. DBI maintains a separate area of the warehouse for spent lead-acid battery storage. The Department inspector observed:

- 43 spent lead-acid batteries, all of which were placed on shelves, in good condition, with no visible damage or leakage.

This area was labeled and maintained in good condition, with a spill kit and emergency information posted directly adjacent.

The facility leases three full-service trucks. Each vehicle in the fleet has an up-to-date insurance policy. Maintenance for the trucks is performed offsite by a third party. No used oil, used oil filters, or aerosol cans were observed on-site during the inspection.

Due to the niche market and specialized operation, on-site compliance assistance was offered regarding the facility re-notifying as a Universal Waste Transporter only.

### Records Review

#### Shipping/Receiving Records:

DBI maintains all incoming/outgoing shipping records for a minimum of three years, and all records were available for review at the time of the inspection. DBI uses the vehicles in their fleet to conduct pick-up operations at various locations in South Florida, then bulks the spent lead-acid batteries at its facility. Once ready to ship to the smelter and certified recycler (Gopher Resources located at 6505 Jewel Ave in Tampa, FL), DBI contracts a trucking company (ML Express) to make the delivery. Based on the record review, DBI does not operate as a hazardous waste transporter/transfer facility.

#### Liability Insurance:

The facility provided the Department a letter of insurance provided and certified by Westchester Surplus Lines Insurance Company (Policy Number G71514377002) and supports the use of provision 62-730.170(2)(a) F.A.C. for automobile liability, that includes pollution prevention liability, in the amount of \$1,000,000, expiration date 04/10/2021.

#### Contingency Plan:

The facility maintains a full contingency plan that includes emergency contact information, an evacuation map, emergency response and preparedness procedures, and emergency equipment descriptions and locations. The most recent revision occurred in 2020.

#### Training:

The facility conducts annual training to all staff. This training includes understanding and recognition of hazardous wastes and Hazardous Communication (HAZCOM) training. DBI submitted evidence that all employees received training which satisfies the requirement of 29 CFR 1910.120 (Safety in Hazmat and HAZCOM), expiring on 12/16/2020.

#### Hazardous Waste Transporter Certificate:

DBI maintains a copy of the approval, issued by DEP, to operate as a Hazardous Waste Transporter, expiration date 11/30/2021.

### PHOTO ATTACHMENTS:

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Front of facility



Spent lead-acid battery storage area



Loading area



## Conclusion:

DBI was inspected as a Hazardous Waste and Universal Waste Transporter and was found to be in-compliance at the time of the inspection.

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**1.0: Pre-Inspection Checklist**

## Requirements:

The requirements listed in this section provide an opportunity for the Department's inspector to indicate the conditions found at the time of the inspection. A "Not Ok" response to a requirement indicates either a potential violation of the corresponding rule or an area of concern that requires more attention. Both potential violations and areas of concern are discussed further at the end of this inspection report.

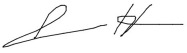
**Note: Checklist items with shaded boxes are for informational purposes only.**

Item No.	Pre-Inspection Review	Yes	No	N/A
1.1	Has the facility notified with correct status? 262.18(a)	✓		
1.2	Has the facility notified of change of status? 62-730.150(2)(b)	✓		
1.3	Did the facility conduct a waste determination on all wastes generated? 262.11	✓		

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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

Jared T Heyns	Inspector	
<b>Principal Investigator Name</b>	<b>Principal Investigator Title</b>	
	DEP	09/25/2020
<b>Principal Investigator Signature</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Date</b>
Adrian Burgos	Site Manager	
<b>Representative Name</b>	<b>Representative Title</b>	
	Doctor Battery	
	<b>Organization</b>	

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.

**Report Approvers:**

<b>Approver:</b>	Alannah B Irwin	<b>Inspection Approval Date:</b>	09/25/2020
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