



Florida Department of  
Environmental Protection  
Hazardous Waste Inspection Report

**FACILITY INFORMATION:**

**Facility Name:** Tropical Shipping & Construction Co Ltd  
**On-Site Inspection Start Date:** 01/25/2013      **On-Site Inspection End Date:** 01/25/2013  
**ME ID#:** 50031      **EPA ID#:** FLR000095737  
**Facility Street Address:** 5 E 11th St, Riviera Beach, Florida 33404-6920  
**Contact Mailing Address:** 5 E 11th St, Riviera Beach, Florida 33404-6920  
**County Name:** Palm Beach      **Contact Phone:** (561) 840-2930

**NOTIFIED AS:**

Non-Handler  
Transporter  
Used Oil

**INSPECTION TYPE:**

Routine Inspection for Transporter facility

**INSPECTION PARTICIPANTS:**

Principal Inspector: Chester H. Wendell, Inspector  
Other Participants: Harry Lux, S&E Manager

**LATITUDE / LONGITUDE:** Lat 26° 46' 16.8888" / Long 80° 3' 13.7124"

**SIC CODE:** 4449 - Trans. & utilities - water transportation of freight, nec

**TYPE OF OWNERSHIP:** Private

**Introduction:**

Tropical shipping is an ocean cargo shipping company that services the United States, and Caribbean islands. This facility is located at the Port of Palm Beach, consists of five acres, employs 500 people, utilizes city water and sewer, and has been in operation at this location for more than 40 years. The facility originally notified the Department of its status as a Small Quantity Generator (SQG) of hazardous waste on January 17, 2003. The facility then notified as a non handler and used oil transporter on November 06, 2009. This facility is also a hazardous waste transporter, and a universal waste transporter.

This inspection is a follow-up to a Compliance Assistance Site Visit (CASV) conducted 1/25/12 by Mr. Kyle Brown.

**Process Description:**

This facility has not generated or transported any wastes to date. Mr. Lux stated that the facility has registered as a transporter because an oil refinery in the Virgin Islands needed to ship its wastes. Mr. Lux stated that wastes were to be shipped to Puerto Rico, and/or Florida with an end disposal destination of Texas. To date, Puerto Rico is the only facility that has transported hazardous wastes. If wastes were to be received in Palm Beach, the wastes would only be on the loading docks for a short period of time, and would then be loaded onto another boat that was destined to Texas.

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**Conclusion:**

The facility was in compliance at the time of this inspection. The Areas Of Concern (AOCs) listed in the CASV have been addressed.

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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.

Chester H. Wendell  
PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR NAME

Inspector  
PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR TITLE

*Chester Wendell*

PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR SIGNATURE

1/25/2013  
DATE

**Supervisor:** Karen Kantor

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.