



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

FACILITY INFORMATION:

Facility Name: Synergy Recycling of Central Florida LLC

On-Site Inspection Start Date: 03/13/2015

On-Site Inspection End Date: 03/13/2015

ME ID#: 47082

EPA ID#: FLR000053611

Facility Street Address: 3800 W Lake Hamilton Dr, Winter Haven, Florida 33881-9262

Contact Mailing Address: 3800 W Lake Hamilton Dr, Winter Haven, Florida 33881-9262

County Name: Polk

Contact Phone: (863) 419-0556

NOTIFIED AS:

CESQG (<100 kg/month)

Used Oil

INSPECTION TYPE:

Complaint Inspection for Used Oil facility

INSPECTION PARTICIPANTS:

Principal Inspector: Kelly M. Honey, Environmental Specialist III

Other Participants: Leslie Pedigo, Environmental Specialist III; Jeff Englin, Facility Manager

LATITUDE / LONGITUDE: Lat 28° 4' 42.4848" / Long 81° 39' 38.0584"

SIC CODE: 4212 - Trans. & utilities - local trucking, without storage

TYPE OF OWNERSHIP: Private

Introduction:

Synergy Recycling of Central Florida, LLC, (Synergy) was inspected by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) as a result of a citizen's complaint. The complaint alleged that the facility was storing used oil in an unpermitted aboveground storage tank (AST) located outside the building, and it was about to overflow. Synergy is a permitted used oil processor which was last inspected by the Department's Hazardous Waste Section on February 27, 2015, just days before this complaint was received. Jeff Englin, General Manager, accompanied the inspectors during this complaint investigation.

Process Description:

Note that this inspection focused only on the allegations in the complaint. As indicated, the facility was inspected approximately one week prior to receiving this complaint, and a separate report for that inspection will be issued. The AST referred to in the complaint is located on the north side of the property, has a capacity of 25,000-gallons and was noted during the inspection the week before. The inspectors were told that it was empty and being moved from the now closed Synergy location in Hillsborough County to their facility in Georgia. At that time, there was no evidence to indicate otherwise.

During the complaint investigation, Mr. Englin was asked about the AST, and he again stated that it was empty and destined for Georgia. The AST was in the same location it was on 02-27-15. The inspectors examined the area beneath and around the AST, which is sitting just off the asphalt north of the main building. The ground appeared to free from staining. Additionally, it was noted that the AST is configured so that all appurtenances are on the top, and the stationary ladder that would normally be affixed to the sidewall had been removed.

Mr. Elgin was asked to confirm that it was empty. A ladder was obtained from inside the facility, and Synergy's environmental consultant, Mike Stillinger, climbed up and stuck the tank. The sound

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of the stick gauge hitting the bottom of the AST was clearly heard, and upon removal, indicated around 1-inch of used oil was present in the AST. Since the AST was used at another facility, this was not unexpected. The allegation that the AST was about to overflow was unfounded. Moreover, based on the appearance of the area immediately adjacent to and under the AST, it did not appear to be in use at all.

Conclusion:

Based on the observations made during this complaint investigation, the complaint was not substantiated.

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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.

Kelly M. Honey

PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR NAME

Environmental Specialist III

PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR TITLE**PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR SIGNATURE**

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ORGANIZATION

4/1/2015

DATE**Supervisor:** Beth Knauss

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.