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November 26, 2019

Michael Propst, President
Common Ground Environmental Incorporated
4516 Clements Road
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Re: Common Ground Environmental Incorporated
EPA ID #FLR000228791
Polk County

Dear Mr. Propst:

Department personnel conducted a routine hazardous waste compliance evaluation inspection of the above-referenced facility on November 1, 2019. Based on the information provided during the inspection, the facility was determined to be in compliance. 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 Ileana Hernandez at (813) 470-5945, or via e-mail at: ileana.hernandez@floridadep.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "SK", is placed above the typed name of the signatory.

Shannon Kennedy
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Enclosure: Inspection Report

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

FACILITY INFORMATION:

Facility Name: Common Ground Environmental Incorporated
On-Site Inspection Start Date: 11/01/2019 **On-Site Inspection End Date:** 11/01/2019
ME ID#: 131409 **EPA ID#:** FLR000228791
Facility Street Address: 4516 Clements Rd , Lakeland , Florida 33811-2823
Contact Mailing Address: 4516 Clements Rd, Lakeland, Florida 33811-2823
County Name: Polk **Contact Phone:** (863) 647-3888

NOTIFIED AS:

Non-Handler
Used Oil

INSPECTION TYPE:

Routine Inspection for Used Oil Transporter Facility

INSPECTION PARTICIPANTS:

Principal Inspector: Ileana A Hernandez, Inspector
Abigail Bridges, Environmental Specialist I; Michael Propst, President; Johnny Costine,
Other Participants: Operations Manager & Field Technician; Kathryn Costine, Office Manager

LATITUDE / LONGITUDE: Lat 27° 59' 5.5606" / Long 82° 0' 9.535"

NAIC: 562910 - Remediation Services

TYPE OF OWNERSHIP: Private

Introduction:

On November 1, 2019, Common Ground Environmental Incorporated ("CGE") was inspected by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") to determine the facility's compliance with state and federal used oil rules. This is the first inspection conducted by the Department's hazardous waste section. Mr. Michael Propst, President, and Mr. Johnny Costine, Operations Manager & Field Technician, and Ms. Kathryn Costine, Office Manager, accompanied the Department inspectors throughout the facility.

Process Description:

CGE began operating at this location in 2003 as a consulting company for environmental remediation and waste management. This location consists of one 3,000-sq.ft. single building with offices and storage/inventory. On October 17, 2018, CGE submitted its first EPA 8700-12 notification and used oil registration form to the Department to begin operating as a used oil transporter. CGE is currently registered as a used oil transporter; this registration will expire on June 30, 2020. The facility also has a current certificate of liability insurance of \$1,000,000, including pollution liability, which is set to expire on December 6, 2019. CGE employs around three individuals (two of which are trained and licensed drivers) and they work about 8 hours each day from Monday through Friday; however, work days and hours may fluctuate depending on demand.

One used oil vac truck was observed on-site and can hold up to 3,000 gallons of used oil. Mr. Propst stated that a second used oil vac truck with the same 3,000-gallon capacity is currently in the making. He also stated that nothing comes in loaded at this location; hence, the driver goes directly to a destination facility permitted to receive and process used oil after the used oil is picked up from a used oil generator. The drivers are trained to perform halogen testing using sniffers before pumping the used oil; any used oil container or tank that does not pass this test is rejected by CGE. Used oil and used oil filters are transported to Raider Environmental Services. Oily water is transported to Aqua-Clean.

At the time of the inspection, one 55-gallon used oil drum and one 55-gallon used oil filter drum were observed inside the building and were being properly managed. Used oil, used oil filter, and oily water shipment records

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were reviewed from 2018 through the date of this inspection, and were current and maintained on-site. The most recent shipment of used oil occurred on 10/29/19 when CGE transported 787 gallons of used oil to Raider Environmental Services. The Department verbally discussed record keeping requirements for used oil transporters with the facility representatives.

Conclusion:

Based on the observations made at the time of the inspection, Common Ground Environmental Incorporated was operating in compliance with state and federal used oil rules* applicable to used oil transporters.

*Please refer to 40 CFR 279 Subpart E and Chapter 62-710 of the Florida Administrative Code ("F.A.C.") for a list of applicable rules for used oil transporters under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA").

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5.0: Used Oil Generator 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.	Used Oil Container and Tank Management	Yes	No	N/A
5.1	Does the facility store used oil only in tanks, containers or permitted hazardous waste storage units? 279.22(a)	✓		
5.2	Are used oil containers/tanks in good condition? 279.22(b)(1)	✓		
5.3	Are used oil containers/tanks not leaking? 279.22(b)(2)	✓		
5.4	Are used oil containers/tanks labeled or marked clearly with the words "Used Oil"? 279.22(c)(1)	✓		
5.5	Are fill pipes used to fill underground tanks labeled or marked clearly with the words "Used Oil"? 279.22(c)(2)			✓
Item No.	Secondary Containment	Yes	No	N/A
5.6	Are containers/tanks 55-gallons or smaller that are stored inside:			
5.7	Stored on an oil-impermeable surface? 62-710.401(6)	✓		
5.8	Are containers/tanks larger than 55-gallons that are stored inside:			
5.9	Stored on an oil-impermeable surface? 62-710.401(6)			✓
5.10	Does the building provide adequate secondary containment, or are the containers/tanks double-walled, or stored within or on engineered secondary containment that has the capacity to hold 110% of the volume of the largest container/tank, or are the containers/tanks portable/wheeled and typically emptied every 24 hours? 62-710.401(6)	✓		
5.11	Are containers/tanks (regardless of size) that are stored outside:			
5.12	Closed or otherwise protected from the weather? 62-710.401(6)			✓
5.13	Double-walled or stored on an oil-impermeable surface with engineered secondary containment that has the capacity to hold 110% of the volume of the largest container within the secondary containment? 62-710.401(6)			✓
Item No.	Used Oil Releases	Yes	No	N/A
5.14	Has the generator, upon detection of a release, done all of the following, as applicable:			
5.15	stop the release? 279.22(d)(1)			✓
5.16	contain the released oil? 279.22(d)(2)			✓
5.17	clean up and manage properly the released used oil and other materials? 279.22(d)(3)			✓
5.18	if necessary, repair or replace any leaking used oil storage containers or tanks prior to returning them to service? 279.22(d)(4)			✓
5.19	Is the facility in compliance with the prohibition against discharges of used oil into soils, sewers, drainage systems, septic tanks, surface or ground waters, watercourses, or marine waters? 62-710.401(2)	✓		
5.20	Is the facility in compliance with the prohibition against using used oil for road or pavement oiling for dust control, weed abatement, or other similar uses that have the potential to release used oil into the environment? 62-710.401(5)	✓		
Item No.	Used Oil Filter Container Management	Yes	No	N/A

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5.21	Does the facility store used oil filters in containers? 62-710.850(5)(a)	✓		
5.22	Are the used oil filter containers clearly labeled "Used Oil Filters"? 62-710.850(5)(a)	✓		
5.23	Are the used oil filter containers in good condition? 62-710.850(5)(a)	✓		
5.24	Are the used oil filter containers not leaking? 62-710.850(5)(a)	✓		
5.25	Are the used oil filter containers closed or otherwise protected from weather? 62-710.850(5)(a)	✓		
5.26	Are the used oil filter containers stored on an oil-impervious surface? 62-710.850(5)(a)	✓		
Item No.	Releases from Used Oil Filter Containers	Yes	No	N/A
5.27	Has the generator, upon detection of a release, done all of the following, as applicable:			
5.28	stop the release? 62-710.850(5)(b)			✓
5.29	contain the released oil? 62-710.850(5)(b)			✓
5.30	clean up and manage properly the released oil and any subsequent oily waste? 62-710.850(5)62-710.850(5)(b)			✓
5.31	repair or replace any leaking used oil filter storage containers prior to returning them to service? 62-710.850(5)(b)4			✓
Item No.	Used Oil Mixtures	Yes	No	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/> Is the facility a VSQG that mixes hazardous waste with used oil and manages the mixture under 279? Note: VSQGs can mix both listed and characteristic wastes with used oil.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Is the facility a SQG or LQG that is mixing listed waste (except for listed waste that only is listed because it exhibits a characteristic - see question below) with used oil? [VSQGs may mix HW and used oil, but they must maintain disposal documentation per 62-730.030(3), FAC.] If so:			
5.32	Is the mixture being managed as listed hazardous waste? 279.10(b)(1)			✓
	<input type="checkbox"/> Is the facility a SQG or LQG that mixes only characteristic waste (or listed waste that only exhibits a characteristic) with used oil? [NOTE: This is also considered HW Treatment and other rules apply. However, VSQGs may mix HW and used oil, but they must maintain disposal documentation per 62-730.030(3), FAC.] If so:			
5.33	Is ignitability the only characteristic of the hazardous waste prior to mixing (or is the HW listed only for ignitability)? If so:			
5.34	Is the mixture managed as HW if it exhibits the ignitability characteristic? 279.10(b)(2)(iii)			✓
5.35	Does the hazardous waste exhibit ANY characteristic other than ignitability prior to mixing (or is the HW listed only for a characteristic other than ignitability)? If so:			
5.36	Is the mixture managed as HW if it exhibits ANY characteristic (even if the characteristic of the mixture is from the used oil, rather than from the HW)? 279.10(b)(2)(i)			✓
5.37	Does the facility generate mixtures of other materials contaminated with used oil (i.e. absorbents, rags, dirt)? If so:			
5.38	Are UO-contaminated materials that contain visible free-flowing UO managed under 279 used oil standards? 279.10(c)(3)			✓
5.39	Does the facility either manage UO-contaminated materials that do not contain visible free-flowing UO as hazardous waste have records documenting the materials are not hazardous waste? 279.10(c)(1)(ii)			✓
5.40	Are UO-contaminated materials that will be burned for energy recovery being managed as used oil under 279? (Used oil-contaminated materials should have a heating value of at least 5000 Btu/pound to be burned for energy recovery under 279, so low-Btu-value materials like contaminated soils and clay absorbents are solid waste, subject to 262 HW determinations.) 279.10(c)(3)			✓
5.41	Does the facility generate mixtures of used oil with fuel or fuel products? If so:			
5.42	Does the facility manage mixtures of UO and fuel/fuel products under 279 used oil standards?			✓

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	[Note: 279.10(d)(2) allows on-site mixing of UO with diesel fuel for use in the generator's own vehicles.] 279.10(d)(1)			
5.43	Is the facility in compliance with the prohibition against mixing or commingling used oil with solid waste that is to be disposed of in landfills or directly disposing of used oil in landfills? (Persons unknowingly disposing into a landfill used oil or used oil filters which have not been properly segregated or separated from other solid wastes by the generator are not subject to this prohibition. Oily waste, sorbents or other materials used for maintenance or clean up as a result of spills or release are not subject to this prohibition.) 62-710.401(3)	✓		
5.44	Is the facility in compliance with the prohibition against mixing or commingling used oil with hazardous substances that make it unsuitable for recycling or beneficial use? (Notwithstanding the provisions found in 40 CFR 279.10(b)(3)). 62-710.401(4)	✓		
Item No.	Space Heaters	Yes	No	N/A
5.45	Does the generator burn used oil on-site in a used oil-fired space heater? [Generators who burn off site, non household oil, or burn oil in devices not meeting the space heater exemption must comply with 40 CFR 279 - Subpart G.]			
5.46	If so, does the facility burn only used oil generated on-site or only household DIY used oil? 279.23(a)			✓
5.47	If so, does the heater have a capacity of no more than 0.5 million BTU/hr? 279.23(b)			✓
5.48	If so, are combustion gasses vented to the atmosphere? 279.23(c)			✓
Item No.	Off-site Shipments	Yes	No	N/A
5.49	Does the generator only use transporters who have received EPA Identification numbers? (Include names and numbers in report narrative) 279.24	✓		
5.50	Self transport to collection centers - Does the generator only transport their own used oil and used oil from household DIY to a used oil collection center? If so:			
5.51	Does the generator transport the used oil in a vehicle owned by the generator or an employee of the generator? 279.24(a)(1)			✓
5.52	Does the generator transport no more than 55 gallons of used oil at one time? 279.24(a)(2)			✓
5.53	Does the generator transport the used oil to a used oil collection center that is registered, licensed, permitted or recognized by a state/county/municipal government to manage used oil ? 279.24(a)(3)			✓
5.54	Self transport to aggregation points - Does the generator transport used oil that is generated at the generator's site to an aggregation point? If so:			
5.55	Does the generator transport the used oil in a vehicle owned by the generator or an employee of the generator? 279.24(b)(1)			✓
5.56	Does the generator transport no more than 55 gallons of used oil at one time? 279.24(b)(2)			✓
5.57	Does the generator transport the used oil to an aggregation point that is owned/operated by the same generator? 279.24(b)(3)			✓
5.58	Tolling Agreement - is the used oil transported and then reclaimed under a contractual agreement pursuant to which reclaimed oil is returned by the processor.re-refiner to the generator for use as a lubricant, cutting oil, or coolant? If so:			
5.59	Does the contract indicate the type and frequency of shipments? 279.24(c)(1)			✓
5.60	Does the contract indicate that the vehicle used to transport the used oil to the processing/re-refining facility is owned and operated by the used oil processor/re-refiner? 279.24(c)(2)			✓
5.61	Does the contract indicate that the reclaimed oil will be returned to the generator? 279.24(c)(3)			✓
Item No.	Marketing and Processing	Yes	No	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/> Does the generator claim that the used oil meets the specification in 40 CFR 279.11? [If so, and the oil is to be burned for energy recovery, the generator is a marketer subject to 40			

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	CFR 279 Subpart H.]			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Does the generator process used oil by filtering, oil/water separation or other methods prior to direct shipment to an off site used oil burner? [If so, the generator is also a used oil processor subject to 40 CFR 279 - Subpart F.]			

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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

Ileana A Hernandez	Environmental Specialist II	
Principal Investigator Name	Principal Investigator Title	
	FDEP-SWD	11/22/2019
Principal Investigator Signature	Organization	Date
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Abigail Bridges	Environmental Specialist I	
Inspector Name	Inspector Title	
	FDEP-SWD	
	Organization	
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Michael Propst	President	
Representative Name	Representative Title	
	Common Ground	
	Environmental Incorporated	
	Organization	
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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.		
Johnny Costine	Operations Manager & Field Technician	
Representative Name	Representative Title	
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Kathryn Costine	Office Manager	
Representative Name	Representative Title	
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Report Approvers:

Approver: Shannon Kennedy

Inspection Approval Date: 11/25/2019