



September 15, 2023

JOE SLOAN
METRO APPLIANCE
4400 HICKMAN ROAD
DES MOINES, IA 50324

RE: Appliance Demanufacturing Facility Inspection
Metro Appliance, 4400 Hickman Road, Des Moines (Polk County)
Sanitary Disposal Project Permit # 77-ADP-04-02

Dear Mr. Sloan:

Enclosed is the report completed by Brenda Smith of the Field Office #5 staff following the inspection of your facility in Des Moines.

The report should be self-explanatory. Please take note of the requirement and reminders listed near the end, and address them as soon as possible.

You may contact Mrs. Smith (515-250-4094; brenda.smith@dnr.iowa.gov) or this office with any questions or comments. Thank you for your assistance during this inspection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bill Gross'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Date: 2023.09.18 09:29:19

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Bill Gross
Environmental Specialist Senior, Field Office #5
515-238-7871

c: Sue Johnson, Land Quality Bureau, Iowa DNR (w/encl., via email)

**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
APPLIANCE DEMANUFACTURING (ADP) PERMIT INSPECTION FORM**

Permit No.: 77-ADP-04-02	County: Polk
Facility Name: Metro Appliance	Facility Address: 2905 Delaware Ave Des Moines, IA 50317
Phone Number: 515-240-3491	
Responsible Official: Joe Sloan, Owner	Mailing Address: 2905 Delaware Ave Des Moines, IA 50317
Phone Number: 515-240-3491	
Person(s) Present: 1) Tim Nutt 2) 3)	
Date of This Inspection: 9-12-2023	Date of Last Inspection: 9-12-2018

**Be advised your facility may require, due to either SIC code or onsite management practices, an NPDES General Permit #1 (Stormwater permit).*

I arrived at this facility unannounced to conduct a compliance inspection prior to permit renewal; the current permit expires November 7, 2023.

IAC 567 Chapter 118.4: Appliance Storage & Handling Prior to Demanufacturing		Yes	No	NA
Storage & Handling	118.4(1) Are appliances being stored to prevent capacitors, refrigerant lines, compressors, and components containing mercury from being damaged and allowing a release into the environment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.4(2) Are appliances being handled in a way which prevents damage, cuts, or breaks in refrigerant lines, compressors, capacitors and components containing mercury from being damaged and allowing a release into the environment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.4(3) Are less than 1,000 appliances being stored prior to demanufacturing?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.4(4) Are appliances being demanufactured in 270 days or less?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments: Metro Appliance buys, sells and repairs new and used appliances. Mr. Sloan recently suffered a heart attack and has been transitioning active care of the facility over to Tim Nutt as Mr. Sloan recovers and/or retires.

IAC 567 Chapter 118.7: Fixed Facility & Mobile Operations		Yes	No	NA
Operations	118.7(1) Is demanufacturing taking place on an impervious floor (including but not limited to concrete, ceramic tile, or metal)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.7(2) Is the point of demanufacturing located 50 feet or more from a well and any water of the state?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.7(5) Is a unique marking system (minimum of nine inches square) being applied to the appliances after demanufacturing?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments: The unique marker for Metro Appliance is "M."

IAC 567 Chapter 118.8: Training		Yes	No	NA
Training	118.8 Is at least one owner or employee completed a Department-approved training course?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.8 Is one trained person on site at all times when appliances are being demanufactured?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments: There are 3 employees who have taken the Department approved training course.

Refrigerant Recovery	IAC 567 Chapter 118.6: Permit Application Requirements		Yes	No	NA
	118.6(8)	Is a copy of the EPA Refrigerant Recovery or Recycling Device Acquisition Certification available onsite?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	608 CAA (CFR)	Is a copy of the EPA Refrigerant Reclaimer's Certification available onsite if reclamation (purification) is taking place at the facility?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	IAC 567 Chapter 118.9: Refrigerant Removal Requirements		Yes	No	NA
	118.9(2)	If refrigerant is removed at a location other than a permitted ADP facility, is there documentation that it was removed by a service or repair facility certified for the removal of refrigerant?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	118.9(3)	Is removal of refrigerant being done in an area where the temperature of the surrounding air and that of the appliance being demanufactured is 45 degrees Fahrenheit or greater?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	IAC 567 Chapter 118.13: Record Keeping & Reporting		Yes	No	NA
118.13(2)"a" & 118.13(2)"g"	Are the number and type of refrigerant containing appliances being tracked, as well as the amount of refrigerant removed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
118.13(3)"a"	Are bills of lading being kept as to where refrigerants are being shipped for disposal?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Comments: Refrigerant is kept separate and disposed of at Johnstone Supply in Des Moines.

Oil	IAC 567 Chapter 118.9: Refrigerant Removal Requirements		Yes	No	NA
	118.9(5)	If compressor oil is being removed from the refrigeration units, is it being stored in accordance with 567-119.5 (Note: AST must be large enough and on an impermeable surface to prevent spills, meet API construction standards, have absorbent material available, have a gauge to monitor liquid level, & meet Ch. 567-135 & 136 if UST)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Comments: Tim Nutt reported that compressor oil is not removed at this facility.

Ammonia Gas Refrigerant	IAC 567 Chapter 118.9: Refrigerant Removal Requirements		Yes	No	NA
	118.9(6)"a"	Is the ammonia gas being vented into water and is the resulting wastewater being properly disposed of?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	118.9(6)"e"	Is sodium chromate being properly stored in DOT-approved containers labeled with a proper EPA-approved chromium label stating "chromium" or "hazardous waste"?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	118.9(6)"g"	Does the facility have an EPA ID number (RCRA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.9(6)"h" & 118.9(6)"f"	Is asbestos insulation being removed and handled properly?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	IAC 567 Chapter 118.13: Record Keeping & Reporting		Yes	No	NA
	118.13(2)"a"(2)	Are records being kept on the number of sodium chromate-containing appliances being demanufactured	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	118.13(2)"f"	Are records being kept on the number of sodium chromate-containing appliances shipped to another demanufacturer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
118.13(3)"a" & 118.13(3)"b"	Are records being kept on the shipment of sodium chromate (name of the facility to which sodium chromate was shipped, the date of each shipment, the amount shipped and the name and address of the transporter)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Comments: No ammonia or sodium chromate containing appliances are processed at this site.

IAC 567 Chapter 118.10: Mercury-Containing Component Removal & Disposal		Yes	No	NA	
Mercury Components	118.10(1)	Are all components containing mercury being removed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.10(2)	Are mercury components being stored in containers with a proper EPA-approved label stating "Universal Waste-Mercury Containing Equipment", or Waste Mercury-Containing Equipment" in both English and the predominant language of any non-English-reading workers?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.10(3)	Is the date when the first mercury-containing component was placed in the container affixed to the container?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.10(4)	Storage of mercury is limited to one year, after which, it must be transported to an EPA-approved recycler/recovery facility. Has storage been under one year?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.10(8)	Are fluorescent tubes, lamps, bulbs, etc., being placed in a container and packaged to prevent breakage to an EPA-approved recycler?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
IAC 567 Chapter 118.13: Record Keeping & Reporting		Yes	No	NA	
Mercury Components	118.13(2)	Are records being kept on the number of mercury-containing appliances being demanufactured, number of mercury switches removed, number of fluorescent tubes removed, as well as the number of mercury thermocouples being removed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.13(3)	Are records or bills of ladings being kept on the shipment of mercury-containing components?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments: All mercury switches go to A-tec for disposal. The last shipment was in December 2022.

IAC 567 Chapter 118.11: Capacitor Removal Requirements		Yes	No	NA	
PCB Capacitors	118.11(4)"a"	Does the facility have an EPA TSCA ID number for capacitor storage (required if facility has no RCRA ID #)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.11(4)"b"	Are PCB items being stored in a manner that provides adequate protection from the elements and adequate secondary containment? <i>(Note: Storage must take place on an impervious material above the 100-year floodwater elevation)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.11(4)"c"	Is the point of demanufacturing located above the 100-year flood water elevation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.11(4)"d"	Are PCB storage containers filled to two inches of absorbent material in the bottom?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.11(4)"e"	Are PCB containers DOT-approved and labeled with a 6" by 6" yellow label stating "PCBs" as described in CFR part 761.45?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.11(4)"g"	Is the storage for non leaking small PCB capacitors that do not comply with the requirements in 118.11(4) "a" to "f" stored for less than 30 days from the date of removal and a notation places on the PCB capacitor indicating the date the item was removed from the appliance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.11(4)"f" & 118.11(4)"h"	Is the date when the first capacitor was placed in the storage container on the label? Storage of capacitors is limited to 270 days, after which they must be transported to an EPA-approved landfill or incinerator. This burial or incineration must be documented (within one year of the date on the container) and this record kept by the demanufacturer for three years from the date the PCB waste was accepted by the initial transporter.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

IAC 567 Chapter 118.13: Record Keeping & Reporting		Yes	No	NA	
PCB Capacitors	118.13(2)	Are records being kept on the number of PCB containing appliances being demanufactured, number of PCB capacitors and ballasts as well as the date the first PCB-containing item was placed in the storage drum that is in use on December 31? number of mercury thermocouples being removed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.13(3)"a" & 118.13(3)"b"	Are records being kept on the shipment of PCB components and the documentation of destruction or receipt from a regional collection center for all PCB materials shipped?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.13(3)"d"	Are records being kept documenting inspections of the PCB storage area as required by 118.11(4)"h"?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments: Mr. Nutt stated inspections of the PCB storage area had not been documented, but that future inspections will be documented every 30 days as required. All PCB's are disposed of at A-tec.

IAC 567 Chapter 118.12: Spills		Yes	No	NA	
Spills	118.12(1)	Are spill records being kept and has the facility reported spills that resulted in a hazardous condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	118.12(2)	Is a mercury spill kit on hand?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments: Mr. Nutt stated a mercury kit was purchased at Granger Supply and replaced on September 12, 2023 prior to my arrival on site.

IAC 567 Chapter 118.13. Record Keeping & Reporting		Yes	No	NA	
Reporting	118.13(2)	Are records being kept on appliances demanufactured in separate categories, as well as the number of each component, amount of refrigerant, etc?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.13(3)	Are records being kept on all hazardous waste manifest and bills of lading for shipments of refrigerant, mercury switches, PCB-containing material, and kept on site for a minimum of three years?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	118.13(3)"f"	Are copies of annual reports (containing all the record keeping requirements) that have been sent to the Department Central Office being retained for at least three years?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments: Records were on site and orderly. Last year's (2022) annual report indicated 16,423 appliances were demanufactured.

IAC 567 Chapter 118.15: Shredding of Appliances		Yes	No	NA	
Processing	118.15(1)	Has fluff from shredding been tested at least quarterly for PCBs, and TCLP for heavy metals? Have these results being sent to the department within 30 days of the end of each quarter?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	118.15(1)	Have the results from fluff testing been submitted to the department within 30 days of the end of each quarter? And are these records being kept on site for a minimum of three years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	118.15(3)	Are appliances being demanufactured before shredding or processing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	118.15(3)	If appliances are being accepted from demanufacturers for recycle/disposal, have the appliances been demanufactured in accordance with Federal regulations and state laws from which the appliances were received?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

Summary of Requirements:


- 1) Document inspections of the PCB storage area every 30 days as required by IAC118.11(4)"h"
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

Summary of Reminders:

- 1) Maintain all records on site for a minimum of three years.
- 2) Post ADP permit in a conspicuous place at the facility.
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)



AUTHENTICATION

INSPECTOR: Brenda Smith, Environmental Specialist Brenda L. Smith Digitally signed by Brenda L. Smith Date: 2023.09.15 15:55:03 -05'00'	DATE: 9-13-2023
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