

AUGUST 20, 2024

ADAMS RECYCLING
ATTN: BRIAN ADAMS
730 WEST AIRLINE HWY
WATERLOO, IA 50703

SUBJECT: Compliance Evaluation Inspection: Adams Recycling, Permit No. 07-ADP-11-20

Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed you will find a copy of my Compliance Evaluation Inspection report conducted at above mentioned facility on August 7, 2024.

You should find this report self-explanatory. All requirements are to be completed as specified in the report. You are encouraged to consider the recommendations.

Please review this report, and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 563-920-1840 or jason.gearhart@dnr.iowa.gov.

Your cooperation and time during this inspection was appreciated.

Sincerely,



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

Permit No.: 07 -ADP- 11 - 20 County: Blackhawk
 Facility Name: Adams Recycling Phone Number: 319-215-7872
 Former facility closed and is moving to 17
 Facility Address: Lafayette St City/State/Zip: Waterloo, IA 50703
 Responsible Official: Brian Adams Phone Number: 319-215-7872
 Mailing Address: 730 West Airline Hwy City/State/Zip: Waterloo, IA 50703
 Date of Inspection: 8/07/2024 Date of Last Inspection: 8/01/2022

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

Storage & Handling

IAC 567 Chapter 118.4: Appliance Storage & Handling Prior to Demanufacturing		Yes	No	NA
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
118.4(3)	Are less than 1,000 appliances being stored prior to demanufacturing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
118.4(4)	Are appliances being demanufactured in 270 days or less?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

The permitted facility located at 512 Almond Street in Waterloo has closed. Mr. Adams will be working to permit a new facility at 17 Lafayette St. in Waterloo. Until the new facility is permitted Mr. Adams was instructed not to demanufacture any appliances. Mr. Adams was also instructed to contact Sue Johnson (515-217-0872) to get this facility permitted.

Operations

IAC 567 Chapter 118.7: Fixed Facility & Mobile Operations		Yes	No	NA
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:

Mr. Adams utilizes a unique mark on each appliance that is demanufactured. The area identified at the new facility where the demanufacturing will take place has an impervious concrete floor. Again Mr. Adams was informed not to demanufacture appliances until the new facility is permitted. Work with Sue Johnson (515-217-0872) to get this facility permitted.

IAC 567 Chapter 118.8: Training		Yes	No	NA
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:

Brian Adams has been through an 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

Mr. Adams has the available equipment to recover refrigerant however, he does not remove it. Mr. Adams only accepts appliances from heating and cooling companies. These companies certify that they have properly removed the refrigerant and sign a form that Mr. Adams keeps with his records. Mr. Adams primarily removes parts off heating and air conditioning units to resell online.

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:

Compressor oil is not being removed.

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
118.9(6)"h" & 118.9(6)"i"	Is asbestos insulation being removed and handled properly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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:

This facility does not accept appliances with ammonia, sodium chromate or asbestos.

Mercury Components

IAC 567 Chapter 118.10: Mercury-Containing Component Removal & Disposal		Yes	No	NA
118.10(1)	Are all components containing mercury being removed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
118.10(3)	Is the date when the first mercury-containing component was placed in the container affixed to the container?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
118.13(3)	Are records or bills of ladings being kept on the shipment of mercury-containing components?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

Mr. Adams does not encounter mercury containing components or fluorescent tubes in the appliances he takes in. Mr. Adams has a labeled container and mercury spill kit on hand in the event he encounters mercury containing components. This new location has not been permitted yet and no demanufacturing will take place until the site is permitted. Work with Sue Johnson (515-217-0872) to get this facility permitted.

PCB Capacitors

IAC 567 Chapter 118.11: Capacitor Removal Requirements		Yes	No	NA
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 with 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
118.11(4)"j" & 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
IAC 567 Chapter 118.13: Record Keeping & Reporting		Yes	No	NA
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 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 PCB components and the documentation of destruction or receipt from a regional collection center for all PCB materials shipped?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

A labeled container is available for PCB components. Mr. Adams typically only finds Non PCB capacitors which he throws away. This facility also maintains monthly inspection logs of the PCB area as required. PCB's are not stored for more than 270 days. This new facility location is not permitted for appliance demanufacturing. Work with Sue Johnson (515-217-0872) to get this facility permitted.

Spills

IAC 567 Chapter 118.12: Spills		Yes	No	NA
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:

No spills have been reported to date. This facility does have a mercury spill kit on hand.

Reporting

IAC 567 Chapter 118.13. Record Keeping & Reporting		Yes	No	NA
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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:

You are reminded that the facility is required to maintain at least three years of records for hazardous waste, PCB/Mercury switches etc. This facility is not yet permitted. No demanufacturing of appliances will be allowed until then. Work with Sue Johnson (515-217-0872) to get this facility permitted.

Processing

IAC 567 Chapter 118.15: Shredding of Appliances		Yes	No	NA
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:

This facility does not shred appliances.


DNR APPLIANCE DEMANUFACTURING (ADP) PERMIT INSPECTION

Summary of Requirements	Compliance Date:
Work with Sue Johnson (515-217-0872) to get this facility permitted.	N/A
Do not demanufacture any appliances until the new facility is permitted.	Immediately

Jason Gearhart, Environmental Specialist

Amber Sauser, Environmental Specialist Senior

Inspector: 
Date: 8/20/2024

Reviewer: 
Date: 8/20/2024