

Town of LaPointe Board

October MRF Report

For this month of October 2024 Marty Curry has taken a leave of absence and I, Evan also known as Squirt, was asked to step in as the temporary supervisor. After another busy summer Michael Haben and I worked at cleaning up and reorganizing the MRF. The reasons for doing this was to remove anything that was blocking emergency exits and making it easier and safer for the public and staff to walk around the facility.

One big help to helping us open the floor was the approval from Republic and the Town Board to go single stream with plastic and paper. Plastic and paper bails are both difficult to sell and the labor and equipment time ends up costing the town than if we where single stream. We have started loading up one of our 40-yard compactor boxes up with plastic and paper, and once full it will be hauled to Republic transfer station. From there Republic will take it to their facility in Eagle River to sort and bale it along with all the other recyclables they receive from other customers.

Now that the main building floor has been cleared, we have started to reorganize. We have purchased two 275-gallon totes that will be used to collect fryer oil and have placed them inside the main building. The first reason for this is to keep the bears out of the fryer oil. Also, these totes will be easier and safer to load and bring to mainland where the fryer oil collection truck can easily suck out of them. 2 years ago, MIFL Inc gave us a 500-gallon oil drum and a plastic containment device and a 55-gallon barrel containment platform that we have now setup in the main building. This is a safer way for us to collect fuels and oils, and if we have a barrel fail, everything will be contained.

On Wednesday October 16th we had our DNR inspection with Bob Germer who is the Waste and Materials Management Specialist for our area. Overall, he was pleased with the facility and the grounds, and he sees that we are working and making sure things are moving and clean, but he did flag two issues. The first issue is the compost program. This program should have been approved and had DNR oversight. Bob asked that we stop this program immediately and dump all the contents into solid waste. The second issue was the collection area in the "old exchange" of hazardous waste. We need to do a better job reviewing and organizing the contents that we are taking in and disposing of it correctly. Bob is going to give us a contact with someone out of Park Falls who can help guide us better on handling some of these materials. Micheal and I have been working with Como the last couple of weeks to dispose of barrels of used antifreeze, and oil filters and the week of the 14th we hauled 10 55-gallon drums to mainland for pickup. We are still working with them on the removal of some drums of fuels as of now.

From the inspection we did learn some good information from bob on other materials that have been stockpiled. Both Styrofoam and aerosol cans are considered household waste and can be thrown into the trash. We have started to throw out some of these items that have been stockpiled, continuing our mission to clean and organize the facility.

Overall, it has been a good and productive month down at the MRF and I am pleased with the progress that has been made.

Respectfully submitted

Evan Erickson Jr

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**COMPLIANCE MONITORING
 AND EVALUATION FORM
 CASE PACKAGE**

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

FIST SEQ #: 77953

Facility Name (current) TOWN OF LA POINTE MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY			FID # 802023420	EPA ID #	Case # 77953	Complaint #
Street/Location 342 BIG BAY ROAD			Notification Status SW MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY (RECYCLE)			
City LA POINTE	Zip Code 54850-	County ASHLAND	Type of Contact FIELD		Contact Date/Time 10/16/2024 00:00	
Contact Name/Phone Number EVAN ERICKSON (715) 747-6913			Staff Assigned to Site GERMER, ROBERT		Case Close Out Date 10/28/2024	

B. FACILITY INSPECTED AS

Inspection Type
 SW MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY (RECYCLE)

C. NOTIFICATION CHANGE

Date processed SHWIMS _____, EPA Data System _____

Status Change: Field Verified Status Is _____

Name Change: Former Name _____

D. ACTIVITY TYPES

Lic/RU/RA	Staff Person	Lead Program	Activity Type
	GERMER, ROBERT	RECYCLING	WASTE HANDLER ASSESSMENT
	CARLSON, KELLY	RECYCLING	ASSIST LEAD STAFF

E. ACTIONS AND VIOLATIONS

Action Date	Action Type	Close Date	SNC	Comments
10/28/2024	NO ACTION	10/28/2024		

F. CASE CONTACTS

G. COMMENTS

CASE INSPECTION FORM(S)

ASSESSMENT GUIDE FOR ELECTRONIC WASTES, UNIVERSAL WASTE AND USED OIL HANDLERS

This form, used for facilities that provide collection or recycling services for one or more of these materials, evaluates basic material handling requirements. Responses on the form are used by the Department to identify facilities that may require separate follow-up inspections.

Section 1: Electronic Waste: Discarded household electronics: computers, computer accessories, TVs, printers,

A. Are Electronic Wastes stored on-site? If No, go to Section 2.

Y

Additional Information Resource: Managing Electronic Wastes Destined for Recycling, DNR Publication WA-1473.

B. Do you have documentation showing that electron wastes have been stored for less than one year?

Y

C. Are all e-wastes stored in a manner that protects them from weather and breakage?

E-waste stored in gaylord containers inside the MRF building.

Y

D. Are all e-wastes stored so they are secure and inaccessible to the public after hours?

Yes. E-waste is stored inside the MRF building. At the end of each working day, the MRF building is locked. Entrance and exit to the property is also gated and locked.

Y

E. Are the containers of discarded electronics labeled to identify the contents?

Y

F. Are the facility employees who handle the discarded electronics trained to prevent breakage and how to clean up any breakage that occurs?

Y

G. Are any of the electronics de-manufactured or disassembled on site?

Note: Demanufacturing or disassembly means to manually break down e-waste into individual components parts for resale or reuse, or to sort for further recycling. Some components generated by demanufacturing or disassembly are universal wastes (e.g., nickel-cadmium or lithium batteries; fluorescent or other mercury-containing lights, switches or relays.) See Section B - D.

N

H. Do you know where the electronic wastes are sent for processing or recycling? If yes, list the recycler/s:

E-waste is sent to Green Lights Recycling, Blaine, MN. E-waste is transferred to Green Lights Recycling at a meet up point in Duluth MN.

Y

Section 2: Universal Waste Standards - Batteries, NR 673.02: lead-acid automotive, mercuric-oxide (button, some

A. Are spent batteries managed on-site? If No, go to Section 3.

Y

Universal Waste rules streamline the requirements for collecting and transporting hazardous waste batteries, certain pesticides, fluorescent and other hazardous waste lamps, mercury containing equipment and antifreeze.

Universal Waste Handler is: a generator of universal waste, or the owner or operator of a facility that receives universal waste from other handlers, accumulates universal waste and sends universal waste to another universal waste handler, destination facility or to a foreign destination. A Universal Waste Handler does not include a person who treats, disposes or recycles universal waste [s. NR 673.09(12)(b), Wis. Adm. Code]. Persons treating, disposing, recycling, or otherwise processing universal wastes are universal waste destination facilities and are subject to applicable hazardous waste regulations.

Additional information resource: Management of Used Batteries, UW Extension Publication SHWEC 710.MK.0002.

B. Are leaking batteries stored in containers that are closed, structurally sound and leak proof?

If accepted, leaking batteries should be stored in a thick-walled, leakproof plastic container. Floor dry, kitty litter, or something similar can be used to absorb leaked fluids. Used sorbent can be disposed as solid waste.

UN

C. Do you have documentation showing that batteries been have stored for less than one year?

Used batteries need to be recycled at least once per year. If the town is doing this, thank you! If not, please begin recycling on a yearly basis. Regular recycling of used batteries keeps materials moving to end users. This helps ensure a more steady flow of materials (lead plates in batteries, for instance) to end users rather than creating shortages or too much material at any one time.

UN

D. Are all batteries or containers of batteries labeled or marked clearly with the phrase "Universal Waste - Batteries", "Waste Batteries" or "Used Batteries?"

Some lead acid batteries were observed on the concrete floor in the building south of the MRF. To meet Universal Waste recommendations, used batteries should be stored in a thick-walled, plastic, leakproof container with label on outside to identify contents. If not labelled, the container should have the words above applied to the outside of container.

Y

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E. Do you know where the batteries are sent for processing or recycling? If yes, list recycler/s
Sent to Chicago Iron in Ashland WI. Chicago then sends out to battery recyclers.

Y

Section 3: Universal Waste Standards - Mercury Containing Devices, NR 673.04: manometers, switches,

A. Are discarded mercury containing devices managed on-site? If No, go to Section 4.

Y

Additional information resource Management of Mercury Containing Equipment, DNR Publication WA-1004.

B. Are leaking mercury containing devices stored in containers that are closed, structurally sound and leak proof?

Y

I believe the town is using a labelled, structurally sound, and leakproof container for storing all mercury-containing devices. Please correct me if I am wrong and adjust if needed.

C. Do you have documentation showing that these devices have been stored for less than one year?

Y

D. Are the devices or containers labeled or marked clearly with any of the following phrases:
Equipment: "Universal Waste — Mercury-Containing Equipment," "Waste Mercury-Containing Equipment," or "Used Mercury-Containing Equipment."

Y

Thermostats: "Universal Waste — Mercury Thermostats," "Waste Mercury Thermostats" or "Used Mercury Thermostats."

E. Do you know where the mercury containing devices sent for processing or recycling If yes, list recycler/s:

UN

In the past, the town has been managing these materials through household cleansweep (HHW) events coordinated by Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC). The town is working on setting up a program for managing these wastes, whether NWRPC or another company/organization.

Section 4: Universal Waste Standards - Lamps, NR 673.05: fluorescent, HID, mercury or sodium vapor.

A. Are discarded lamps managed on-site? If No, go to Section 5.

Y

Additional information resource: Safe Lamp and Bulb Management, DNR Publication WA-195.

B. Are lamps stored in containers that are closed, structurally sound, adequate to prevent breakage and compatible with the contents of the lamps?

N

Lamps were observed not being stored as above. Some lamps were being stored loose and other lamps were stored in containers too small for the size of the lamp.

C. Do you have documentation showing that lamps been stored for less than one year?

UN

If the town is keeping this type of documentation for lamps, thank you. If not, please begin keeping this documentation. This provides proof of recycling and serves to show that lamps are leaving the facility for recycling following the frequency (at least once per year).

D. Are all containers labeled or marked clearly with the phrase "Universal Waste — Lamps", "Waste Lamps" or "Used Lamps"?

UN

To comply with the Universal Waste recommendations for storing used lamps, containers must be labelled as above. Containers for lamps were observed in the building south of the MRF, but I could not safely get to the containers to see. (The town is currently addressing materials being stored in this building).

E. Are lamps intentionally broken or crushed?

N

F. Do you know where the lamps are sent for processing or recycling? If yes, list recycler/s:

UN

Please make sure used lamps are recycled through the services of a legitimate company.

Section 5: Universal Waste Standards - Antifreeze, used engine coolant, propylene or ethylene glycol.

A. Is used antifreeze managed on-site? If No, go to Section 6.

Y

Used antifreeze must be managed under the NR 679 used oil requirements.

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Section 5: Universal Waste Standards - Antifreeze, used engine coolant, propylene or ethylene glycol.

B. Is the antifreeze stored in containers that are closed, structurally sound and leak proof?

As a reminder, the container for used antifreeze must be closed when not in use. Just like the closure requirement for managing used motor oil.

Y

C. Are containers labeled or marked with words containing "Used Oil"?

The town is changing the collection system used for storing used antifreeze. A new container will be used rather than the system used in the past. The words "Used oil" should be applied to the outside of the container to identify the contents. Following a change in the hazardous waste regulations, used antifreeze is now stored and managed as used oil, thus the name change.

Y

D. Do you know where the antifreeze is sent for recycling? If yes, list recycler/s:

Como Oil accepts and recycles.

Y

Section 6: Used Oil, NR 679 subch C.

A. Is used oil managed on-site? If No, go to Section 7.

If the facility operates a used oil collection center, they may accept used oil from household do-it-yourselfers and farmers or companies who self-transport no more than 55 gallons of used oil at any time. Additional information resource: Used Oil Management, DNR Publication WA-233

Y

B. Are the containers and above-ground tanks labeled with the words "Used Oil"?

A new container from Como Oil is going to be used for storing used oil.

Y

C. Are the containers or tanks in good condition and not leaking?

Y

D. Are spills cleaned up promptly, and released used oil and other materials managed properly?

Y

E. Do you know where the used oil is sent for processing or recycling? If yes, list recycler/s:

Como Oil

Y

Section 7: Miscellaneous Information

F. Are there any additional comments or concerns about management practices for the above wastes at this facility? If Yes, describe.

Please read email this document is attached to.

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CASE PHOTOS

Photo # 108268 Photo 1 of 11

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Photo Direction INSIDE

Photographer GERMER, ROBERT

Photo Description

Used 1# propane cylinders

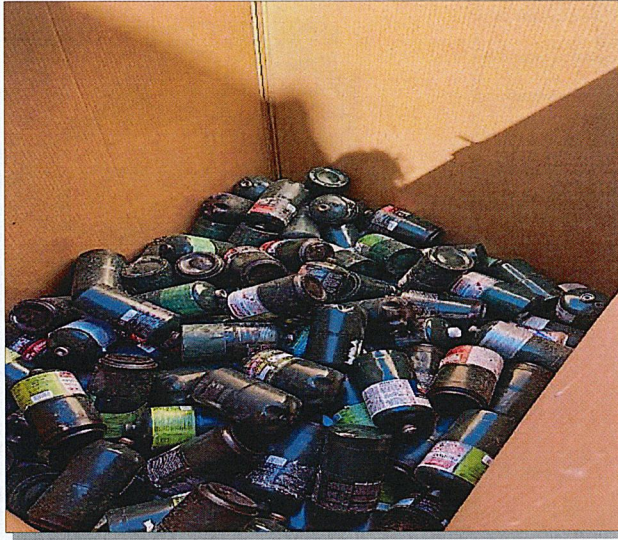


Photo # 108269 Photo 2 of 11

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Photo Description

Building south of MRF. Assorted household waste and other materials collected at facility.

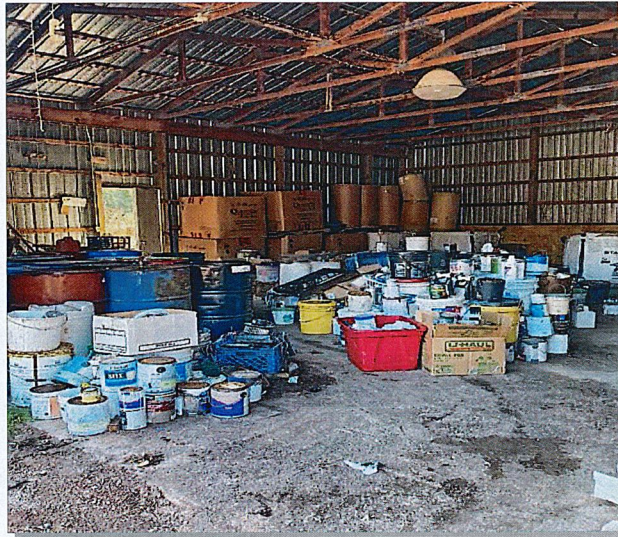


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Photo Description

Another view inside storage building



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Photo Description

Barrels inside storage building.



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Photo Description

Fire extinguishers and containers of unknown contents.



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Photo Description

Used lamps and ballasts.



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Photo Description

Vehicle batteries foreground. Black plastic container back right for storing batteries.



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Photo Description

Another view from inside storage building.



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Photo Description

Inside storage building.



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Photo Description

spill on concrete floor inside storage building.



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Photo Direction INSIDE

Photographer GERMER, ROBERT

Photo Description

Barrel containing free used oil, used oil in containers, and other materials in the used oil.

