

Trip Report

Site Name and Location: DRT America 400 Gov Treutlen Dr, Rincon GA 31326

Complaint Number: CTS #

County: Effingham

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Date of Investigation: 2/18/2025

Date of Report: 2/26/2025

Background:

Facility has Title V permit with Air Protection Branch and Industrial Storm Water Permit with Watershed Protection Branch. There have been numerous documented complaints within CTS for the past 3-4 years, citing chemical odor emitting from area.

The EPD-Air Protection Branch conducted the most recent conducted compliance inspection in November 202, and ambient grab samples were collected from 2023-2024 by the Coastal District. The grab samples were analyzed by GA EPD Lab, and results are summarized in a spreadsheet. The Coastal District completed a stormwater inspection in September 2023.

Observations:

A site visit was conducted on February 18th, 2025 to observe the truck loading operations and to evaluate possible run-off from the industrial process areas into nearby wooded areas.

EPD representatives walked the DRT facility property, specifically focused on recent questions regarding the stormwater procedures. Mr. John Myers and Mr. Keith from DRT America accompanied us on the tour.

There are four loading and unloading areas for trucks on site. The loading and unloading is done by piping material or wastewater from closed containers (trucks or the onsite containers). These loading areas are sloped away from the property boundary to prevent run-off from accidental spills. This containment area is piped to flow any material that is spilled into the containment basin. Stormwater from the process area is collected in a concrete basin, and this wastewater is pumped into a pH adjustment container and then is pumped into trucks to be disposed of at a permitted treatment plant.

Stormwater that accumulated outside of the loading areas are sloped to flow into a primary holding pond for stormwater. The facility is required to sample from the stormwater holding pond discharge point according to the Industrial General Permit, if there is a discharge event. The pond is discharged to the Ebenezer Creek.

If a material/waste spill occurs, there is diatomaceous earth on site that is used for residual cleanup. The used diatomaceous earth is then removed from site and taken to a permitted solid waste receiver.

Facility operators engage in daily walk throughs of the facility which are electronically documented. Quarterly stormwater inspections are documented electronically and paper. Any issues found during inspections are documented, and maintenance steps are followed through the facility electronic platform.

Conclusions:

While on site, EPD representatives found no violations occurring. Facility documentation was reviewed. The facility is found to be in compliance at the time of the visit.

Photographs:

