

### **Trip Report**

**Site Name and Location:** DRT America, 400 Gov Treulten Dr, Rincon GA  
**Neighborhoods:** Cobbleton, Raindance, Shadowbrook

**County:** Effingham

**Trip By:** Heather Lowery

**Date of Investigation:** 4/30/2025

**Date of Report:** 5/2/2025

#### **Background:**

Facility has Synthetic Minor 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 2023, 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 of the facility was conducted on April 30th due to multiple calls of odor that morning. An EPD representative first arrived to Cobbleton neighborhood on Ebenezer Rd at 10:07 AM. No odor was detected at this time. Temperature was 75 F and 5mph winds from SW to NE. The representative arrived at Shadowbrook neighborhood at 10:16AM with no odor detected. The representative smelled wood debris smoke on White Mulberry Ct. After driving through the entirety of the neighborhood, the representative did not detect any other odors and drove out of Shadowbrook at 10:37 AM. The representative parked at the entrance of Raindance with windows down. No odor was detected. At 11:06, a Heniff tanker truck that transports CST drove on Ebenezer Rd, leaving the facility area towards the round about at Long Branch Rd and Old Augusta. No odor was detected. There continued to be no odor until the representative left the neighborhood at 11:27 AM.

The representative arrived at the DRT entrance at 11:35 AM and met with Mr. John Myers on site. The facility was operating at the time of the site visit. There were no odors present. The representative reviewed wastewater truck manifests. Wastewater is currently being transported to Archroma at 788 Chert Quarry Rd in Martin, South Carolina. Times of loading varies throughout the day with as early as 2:00 AM and late as 11:00 PM. CST truck manifests will be requested digitally.

The representative walked the fence line of DRT America after the manifest review. There was an employee safety emergency so there was not a walk through of the facility.

The representative left the DRT site at 12:45 PM, with no odor detected. The representative parked again at the Raindance neighborhood entrance with windows down. At 1:10 PM, a Heniff tanker truck leaving the facility area passed on Ebenezer Rd and a slight pine odor was detected. The odor dissipated within 2-4 minutes. At 1:25 PM, a Heniff tanker truck coming from the round about and heading towards the facility area drove past and a pine odor was detected. No VOCs readings were shown on the air monitoring device. The odor dissipated within 3 minutes.

The representative left the neighborhood entrance at 1:30 PM and drove toward Hwy 21, detecting no odor.