

Department of Environmental Protection		GENERAL INSPECTION REPORT		Bureau of Land Recycling and Waste Management	
Type of Inspection Incident Site Visit	WM Identification Number PAD000000554	Entry Time/Date April 1, 2025		Inspection ID 3950826	
Facility/Incident Name and Location SPS Technologies LLC				Municipality Abington Twp.	
301 Highland Ave. Jenkintown, PA 19046				County Montgomery	
Name, Address of Responsible Official Ken Sorensen			Title Sr. Global EHS Director of Airframe /Structurals		
			Telephone 425-495-9870		Interviewed Yes ☒ No ☐

On April 1, 2025, Betsie Drust, Solid Waste Supervisor, and I (James Converse), Environment Protection Specialist with the Pa. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), conducted a site visit of SPS Technologies (SPS), located in Jenkintown, Abington Township, Montgomery County. Ken Sorensen, Sr. Global EHS Director of Airframe /Structurals, served as guide during the inspection. Jack Huey, SPS EHS Specialist, accompanied the inspection.

The site visit was conducted to observe the storage conditions of the waste materials and debris generated by a fire that occurred at SPS on February 17, 2025. The visit covered the outer perimeter of the building, waste-water treatment plant (WWTP), retention pond, tank farm, and the areas where wastes were being staged for transport off-site.

DEP inspectors met with Mr. Sorensen upon arrival and were updated on the status of the building and cleanup. The plating line was still inaccessible, but approximately 80% of the plating vats were believed to be intact. The vats located in the southwest corner of the main building, closer to the wall, had been destroyed in the fire. The wastewater treatment plant was in operation and two (2) batches had been processed since the WWTP resumed operations on February 27, 2025, with another two (2) batches ready to be processed the next day, April 2. All wastewater is to be analyzed prior to being discharged. If the silver content, due to runoff from the plating line, is too high the wastewater would be containerized and transported off-site for disposal.

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Person Interviewed Name Ken Sorensen	Signature of Person Interviewed To be emailed	Title Sr. Global EHS Director of Airframe /Structurals	Telephone 425-495-9870

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Mr. Sorensen stated that there were eleven (11) frack tanks on-site, with four (4) scheduled to be removed by the end of the week or early the next week, for treatment. Most of the waste in storage prior to the incident in the central accumulation area (CAA), near the main entrance of the building, had been removed for disposal. Materials from flammable cabinets throughout the facility are in the process of being consolidated in the CAA. Arcwood Environmental Services, formerly Heritage Environmental Services, is handling the lab packing of those wastes. The oil from the 12,000 gallon in-ground storage tank had been pumped into a frack tank. The oil tank was part of the Central Oil System, which cleaned and recirculated lube oil for the facility's equipment. The large propane tank on the southwest side of the building is also to be emptied and removed. Any bulk wastes are handled by either Univar Solutions or Environmental Services, Inc. All waste materials are scheduled to be transported off-site for disposal by May 16, 2025.

The DEP inspectors were informed by Mr. Sorensen that the building would undergo complete demolition, and that a demo plan would be submitted to DEP by Monday, April 7, 2025. Demolition debris is to be analyzed for hazardous constituents and inspected for asbestos, which would be disposed of accordingly.

Limited plant operations are planned to be resumed at a site in Langhorne, Pa., with any processes which involve the generation of hazardous wastes being contracted out. The inspectors informed him that a RCRA Notification of Subtitle C Activity Form 8700-12 should be submitted to DEP for the new site if hazardous waste is generated.

The equipment recovered during the demolition is being decontaminated in the more stable, intact areas of the building, using wipes and Simple Green, before being staged in an on-site tent prior to being transported off-site for reuse or storage. Any recovered documents are also decontaminated on-site.

Mr. Sorensen stated that the neighborhood cleanup of fire debris is near completion, as there has not been any such activity for the past four or five days. A letter had been sent out to local residents, and there had been no requests for further cleanup. This waste will be properly characterized and placed in the appropriate containers prior to being sent off-site for disposal.

The DEP inspectors observed that roll-off waste containers and portable tanks being staged in the parking area located on the southwest side of the building were properly labeled and provided with secondary containment. The roll-offs, which contained demolition debris and contaminated PPE and sorbent boom, were either sealed or lined and tarped. The tarp of one of the roll-offs had partially collapsed due to rainwater accumulation. The portable tanks held soil and gravel taken from remediation activities around the

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outfall. No spills or leaks were observed. The inspectors also observed totes, some of which contained unused hydrochloric acid for use in the WWTP, that are being sent off site for disposal as hazardous wastes, and others containing nonhazardous well water.

Sorbent booms and pads remained deployed around the property bordering the adjacent waterways, and along the outfall to Tookany Creek, where a swale with large rocks had been reconstructed. The slopes and embankment near the outfall were stabilized with matting held down with wooden stakes. Sorbent sweep was deployed in the retention pond, which was pumped down in anticipation of the heavy rain event to occur later in the day, and in the effluent water holding pond of the WWTP. Some minor sheening was observed on the surface of the retention pond.

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