


Department of Environmental Protection		GENERAL INSPECTION REPORT		Bureau of Land Recycling and Waste Management	
Type of Inspection <b>Incident Site Visit</b>	WM Identification Number <b>PAD000000554</b>	Entry Time/Date <b>March 5, 2025</b>	Inspection ID <b>3929920</b>		
Facility/Incident Name and Location <b>SPS Technologies LLC</b>			Municipality <b>Abington Twp.</b>		
<b>301 Highland Ave. Jenkintown, PA 19046</b>			County <b>Montgomery</b>		
Name, Address of Responsible Official <b>Ken Sorensen</b>		Title <b>Sr. Global EHS Director of Airframe /Structurals</b>			
		Telephone <b>425-495-9870</b>	Interviewed Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

On March 5, 2025, Betsie Drust, Solid Waste Supervisor, and I (James Converse), Environment Protection Specialist with the Pa. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), conducted an incident site visit of SPS Technologies, located in Jenkintown, Abington Township, Montgomery County. Ken Sorensen, Sr. Global EHS Director of Airframe /Structurals, served as guide during the inspection. Paul Jardel, Water Quality Specialist with the DEP Southeast Regional Office (SERO), Jack Huey, SPS EHS Specialist, and other SPS personnel, accompanied the inspection.

The site visit was conducted in order to observe the conditions pertaining to the storage of the waste materials and debris generated by a fire that occurred at the SPS Jenkintown facility 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.

Upon arriving the DEP inspectors met with Mr. Sorensen, who informed them that Lewis Environmental, US Environmental, Inc, and Univar Solutions, which had provided raw materials for SPS, were on scene. He then stated that much of the wastes which had initially been removed from the site consisted of raw materials recovered from the raw materials storage building, located behind the main building. The waste-water treatment chemicals removed from storage building were stored outside the WWTP to help bring the

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

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plant back into operation. The materials of concern removed from the storage building were those which were cyanide based and were handled as wastes and transported off-site for disposal, along with hazardous contaminated water. Non-hazardous blast grit and coolants were also sent for disposal. Most of these materials and wastes had been placed in tarped roll-off containers, or totes.

The DEP inspectors observed that the roll-off waste containers being staged in the parking area located on the southwest side of the building were properly labeled and provided with secondary containment. Roll-offs were either sealed or lined and tarped. No spills or leaks were observed.


Mr. Sorensen stated that chemicals still remained in the vats of the plating line towards the rear of the building, and that there were containers of waste in the central accumulation area (CAA) located near the front entrance. The section of the building where the plating lines are located was badly damaged, but the roof over the plating lines was still intact. The removal of the plating chemicals from the vats is pending approval that entry is safe into that section of the building. Secondary containment is in place for the plating line area; any overflow would be directed to the WWTP. He then stated that the CAA was not impacted. Wastes stored there prior to the incident have been and will continue to be removed. The removal of hazardous waste was prioritized, and the remaining waste is mostly residual.

The presence of asbestos-containing materials present in the building was discussed with Mr. Sorenson. Following previous abatement efforts, the only asbestos in the building should have been limited to insulation in high-temperature equipment, and office tiles, which were not impacted by the fire.

Fire debris continues to be removed from the surrounding neighborhoods. This waste will be properly characterized and placed in the appropriate containers prior to being sent off-site for disposal.

Sorbent booms and pads had been deployed around the various entrances and loading bays of the building as well as around the property bordering the adjacent waterways. 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. Some minor sheening was observed on the surface of the pond.

The operational future of the site is still unknown. Should SPS relocate operations to another site, notification of hazardous waste generation activities at that site should be provided through the submission of a RCRA Subtitle C Activities Identification Form 8700-12 to the DEP Central Office in Harrisburg, and a site-specific EPA identification number obtained prior to transporting wastes off-site for disposal.

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