



Compliance History 2017-2022

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10 May 2022

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: Undetermined, Agency May Still be Determining

14 April 2022

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: Undetermined, Agency May Still be Determining

09 March 2022

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: Undetermined, Agency May Still be Determining

08 February 2022

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: Undetermined, Agency May Still be Determining

20 January 2022

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: Undetermined, Agency May Still be Determining

20 December 2021

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: Undetermined, Agency May Still be Determining

23 November 2021

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: Undetermined, Agency May Still be Determining

01 November 2021

Type of Inspection: Operation & Maintenance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: No Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found

12 October 2021

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: Undetermined, Agency May Still be Determining

22 September 2021

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: Undetermined, Agency May Still be Determining

11 August 2021

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: Undetermined, Agency May Still be Determining

15 July 2021

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: Undetermined, Agency May Still be Determining

14 June 2021

Type of Inspection: Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) On-Site
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: Undetermined, Agency May Still be Determining

9 June 2021

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: No Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found

12 May 2021

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: No Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found

13 April 2021

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: No Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found

16 March 2021

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: No Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found

23 February 2021

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: No Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found

22 January 2021

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: No Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found

17 December 2020

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: No Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found

20 November 2020

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: No Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found

27 October 2020

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: No Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found

08 September 2020

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: No Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found

25 August 2020

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: No Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found

22 July 2020

Type of Inspection: Compliance Evaluation Inspection On-Site
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: Undetermined, Agency May Still be Determining

01 July 2020

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: No Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found

18 June 2020

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: No Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found

19 May 2020

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: No Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found

28 April 2020

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: No Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found

16 March 2020

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: No Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found

28 February 2020

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: No Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found

27 January 2020

Type of Inspection: Follow-Up Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: Undetermined, Agency May Still be Determining

22 January 2020

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: Undetermined, Agency May Still be Determining

30 December 2019

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: Undetermined, Agency May Still be Determining

05 December 2019

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: The following violation was observed:

1. Failure to comply with LDR storage prohibition and manifest discrepancy procedures. USEI received four extra containers of hazardous waste but failed to document the manifest discrepancy, failed to contact the generator, and failed to submit the required report to the IDEQ. The containers were not noted in inventory, and as a result, were stored over the one-year storage deadline.

An initial penalty of \$3,199 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

2. Failure to comply with container storage area inspection requirements. USEI was storing waste at the Containment Building and conducting a weekly inspection of the area rather than the required daily inspection. No penalty was assessed.

13 November 2019

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: The following violation was observed:

1. Failure to comply with LDR storage prohibition. Thirty-eight containers of hazardous waste were stored over the one-year deadline.

An initial penalty of \$3,800 was assessed on July 30, 2021. This penalty includes other self-reported instances of non-compliance following the November 17, 2018 Incident. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

4 November 2019

Type: IDEQ issued an NOV regarding financial assurance.

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: The following violations were noted:

#1-3: Failure to Provide Adequate Financial Assurance for Facility Closure and Post-Closure Care – Insurance Assignment Clause

#4-6: Failure to Provide Adequate Financial Assurance for Facility Closure and Post-Closure Care – Automatic Renewal of Insurance Policy

#7: Failure to Provide Adequate Financial Assurance for Liability Coverage – Aggregate Coverage for Accidental Occurrences

#8: Failure to Provide Adequate Financial Assurance for Liability Coverage – Insurance Policy Cancellation Language

Violations #4-6 were dropped by IDEQ. \$22,800 civil penalty paid 07/22/2020.

Return to Compliance 07/29/2020.

23 October 2019

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: No Violations of Compliance Issues were Found

18 September 2019

Type of Inspection: Operation & Maintenance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: No Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found

05 September 2019

Type of Inspection: Compliance Evaluation Inspection On-Site

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: No Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found

19 & 20 August 2019

Type of Inspection: Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) On-Site

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: The following violations were observed:

1. Failure to maintain adequate aisle space at Pad 5.

An initial penalty of \$1,200 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

2. Failure to maintain secondary containment. Curbing at Pad 4 was identified as cracked during the inspection.

An initial penalty of \$2,600 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

3. Failure to keep containers closed. Four roll-off mixing bins at CSA #1 were observed partially open.

An initial penalty of \$3,800 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

4. Failure to post “No Smoking” signage. USEI failed to post “No Smoking” signage at the entrance to the active yard area.

An initial penalty of \$199 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

5. Failure to maintain eyewash station at container storage area pad 4.

An initial penalty of \$3,800 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

01 August 2019

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: The following observation was observed:

1. Failure to maintain secondary containment. The coating on the top of secondary containment curbing at Pad 5 was compromised.

An initial penalty of \$1,200 was assessed on July 30, 2021. This penalty also reflects the finding from the July 15, 2019 inspection. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

15 July 2019

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: The following violation was observed:

1. Failure to maintain secondary containment. The coating on the top of secondary containment curbing at Pad 5 was compromised.

An initial penalty of \$1,200 was assessed on July 30, 2021. This penalty also reflects the finding from the August 1, 2019 inspection. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

18 June 2019

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: The following violations were observed:

1. Failure to label one pallet of shrink-wrapped hazardous waste boxes stored at Pad 5.

An initial penalty of \$2,000 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the

IDEQ to resolve the violation.

2. Failure to maintain container integrity. A leaking 250-gallon tote was observed at Pad 5. An initial penalty of \$2,600 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

05 June 2019

Type of Inspection: Case Development Inspection (CDI)

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: The CDI was conducted following the November 17, 2018 Incident. USEI received the results from the CDI Report on July 30, 2021. The results of the report were included in the July 30, 2021 NOV.

30 May 2019

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: The following observation was observed:

1. Failure to maintain container integrity. A fiber container at the Outdoor Stabilization Facility had become compromised due to precipitation.

An initial penalty of \$2,600 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

2. Failure to keep containers closed. The lid on a one cubic-yard container of hazardous waste was not secured.

An initial penalty of \$1,600 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

29 April 2019

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: The following violation was observed:

1. Failure to keep containers closed. The lid on a 1-gallon container of hazardous waste was not secured.

An initial penalty of \$2,000 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

11 March 2019

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: The following violations were observed:

1. Failure to comply with container stacking requirements. Containers at Pad 4 were stacked more than three high.

An initial penalty of \$1,600 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

2. Failure to comply with container stacking requirements. Containers at Pad 4 were stacked more than two high.

An initial penalty of \$1,600 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

3. Failure to comply with container stacking requirements. Containers at Pad 5 were stacked more than two high.

An initial penalty of \$1,600 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

4. Failure to comply with container stacking requirements. Containers at Pad 5 were stacked more than two high.

An initial penalty of \$1,600 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

5. Failure to comply with container stacking requirements. Containers at Pad 4 were stacked more than two high.

An initial penalty of \$1,200 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

14 February 2019

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: No violations or compliance issues were found.

05 February 2019

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: The following violations were observed:

1. Failure to maintain container integrity. A leaking 55-gallon container of hazardous waste was observed at Pad 7.

An initial penalty of \$2,600 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

2. Failure to keep containers closed. Two roll-off mixing bins at the Outdoor Stabilization Facility containing hazardous waste were uncovered. The bins had been in use during the November 17, 2018 Incident.

An initial penalty of \$3,800 was assessed. This penalty also reflects the finding from the December 20, 2018 monthly inspection. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

3. Failure to keep containers closed. The lid on a 5-gallon container of hazardous waste was not secured.

An initial penalty of \$1,600 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

4. Failure to comply with container stacking requirements. A grouping of hazardous waste containers was observed stacked three-pallets high at Pad 4.

An initial penalty of \$1,600 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

15 January 2019

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: The following violation was observed:

1. Failure to keep containers closed. The lid on an 85-gallon overpack container at Pad 5 was not secured.

An initial penalty of \$1,600 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

20 December 2018

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: The following violations were observed:

1. Failure to remove accumulated precipitation from secondary containment systems in a timely manner. Precipitation was not removed within 48-hours at the Outdoor Stabilization Facility.

An initial penalty of \$3,800 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

2. Failure to remove accumulated precipitation from secondary containment systems in a timely manner. Precipitation was not removed within 48-hours at Pad 7.

An initial penalty of \$3,800 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

3. Failure to maintain container integrity. A fiber box at CSA #1 was observed to have a hole punctured in it at the time of inspection.

An initial penalty of \$2,600 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

4. Failure to maintain container integrity. A one-yard cubic supersack container at CSA #1 had staining on the outside and adjacent soil.

An initial penalty of \$2,600 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

5. Failure to keep containers closed. Two roll-off mixing bins at the Outdoor Stabilization Facility containing hazardous waste were uncovered. The bins had been in use during the November 17, 2018 Incident.

An initial penalty of \$3,800 was assessed. This penalty also reflects the finding from the February 5, 2019 monthly inspection. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

26 November 2018

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: The following violation was observed:

1. Failure to comply with Large Quantity Generator 90-day accumulation time limit. USEI failed to move four containers of hazardous waste to a permitted storage area within the 90-day timeframe.

An initial penalty of \$2,000 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

17 November 2018

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results:

1. Failure to minimize the possibility of a fire, explosion, or release.

An initial penalty of \$10,000 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

2. Failure to control site access during an emergency.

An initial penalty of \$3,199 was assessed on July 30, 2021. USEI is currently working with the IDEQ to resolve the violation.

14 November 2018

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: No violations or compliance issues were found.

09 October 2018

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: No violations or compliance issues were found.

24 September 2018

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: No violations or compliance issues were found.

13 August 2018

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: No violations or compliance issues were found.

18 July 2018

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: IDEQ noted two boxes at Pad 7 that appeared to be leaking. Upon further inspection of the containers it was noted the boxes did not contain free liquids and may have been stained in transit to USEI. No further action required.

14 June 2018

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: The following apparent violation was observed:

1. USEI failed to maintain the interior coating on the secondary containment walls of Tank 1-4.

Corrective Action:

1. USEI personnel patched the interior coating.

Warning Letter Issued 07/31/2018. The inspection results were reported along with the April 03, 2018 and May 17, 2018 monthly and April 24-25, 2018 CEI results.

Return to Compliance: 08/24/2018

17 May 2018

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: The following apparent violation was observed:

1. The aisle space at Pad 7 was noted to be inadequate.

Corrective Action:

1. The issue was immediately resolved by USEI personnel.

Warning Letter Issued 07/31/2018. The inspection results were reported along with the April 03, 2018 monthly and April 24-25, 2018 CEI results.

Return to Compliance: 08/24/2018

24-25 April 2018

Type of Inspection: Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI)

Regulatory Agency: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) & Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ)

Results: The following apparent violations were noted by the IDEQ in the July 31, 2018 Warning Letter:

1. Failure to dispose of hazardous waste within the regulatory time frame. Self-reported by USEI in the 2017 Fourth Quarter Discrepancy Report.
2. Failure to maintain correct aisle space. Observed during the April 03, 2018 and May 17, 2018 monthly focused compliance inspections.
3. Failure to maintain a secondary containment system. Self-reported by USEI in the 2017 Fourth Quarter Discrepancy Report.
4. Failure to manage a leaking hazardous waste container. Observed during the April 24-25, 2018 CEI.
5. Failure to submit an unmanifested waste report. Observed during the April 24-25, 2018 CEI.
6. Failure to maintain a secondary containment system. Observed during the June 14, 2018 monthly focused compliance inspection.

Corrective Action:

1. The issue is resolved by the implementation of USEI's updated electronic waste tracking platform, EQAI.
2. Aisle space immediately corrected during the monthly focused compliance inspections.
3. Training performed with USEI staff on the removal of liquids from sumps within the required timeframes.
4. Container integrity remedied, and leaking material cleaned up at the time of the CEI.
5. Required unmanifested report submitted on April 30, 2018.
6. USEI personnel patched the interior coating of the secondary containment.

Warning Letter Issued 07/31/2018. The warning letter summarized violations noted during the CEI and the April 03, May 17, and June 14, 2018 monthly focused compliance inspections.

Return to Compliance: 08/24/2018

03 April 2018

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

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Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: Apparent Violations or Compliance Issues Were Found. The aisle space at Pad 7 was noted to be inadequate.

Corrective Action:

1. The issue was immediately resolved by USEI personnel.

Warning Letter Issued 07/31/2018. The inspection results were reported along with the May 17, 2018 and June 14, 2018 monthly and April 24-25, 2018 CEI results.

Return to Compliance: 08/24/2018

08 March 2018

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: No violations or compliance issues were found.

14 February 2018

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: No violations or compliance issues were found.

10 January 2018

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: No violations or compliance issues were found.

07 December 2017

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: No violations or compliance issues were found.

15 November 2017

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: No violations or compliance issues were found.

31 October 2017

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: No violations or compliance issues were found.

31 October 2017

Type of Inspection: Operation & Maintenance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Results: No violations or compliance issues were found.

13 September 2017

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection

Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: No violations or compliance issues were found.

22 August 2017

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: No violations or compliance issues were found.

3 July 2017

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: No violations or compliance issues were found.

20 June 2017

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: No violations or compliance issues were found.

8 May 2017

Type of Inspection: Focused Compliance Inspection
Regulatory Agency: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Results: No violations or compliance issues were found.
