Dear Sir or Madam:

The product being sent in our oil sample container is new or used lubricating oil. **It is not hazardous, flammable, or toxic.**

The average flashpoint of used engine oil is 380°F or higher. Used transmission fluid or lube oil has an average flashpoint of 340°F or higher. USPS regulations specify:

For flashpoint above 200º F (93º C):

General

- The material is not regulated as a hazardous material. Therefore, it is permitted in domestic mail via air or surface transportation without restriction when properly packaged to prevent leakage during transport.

Primary Receptacle

- Each primary receptacle must be sturdy and have a secure method of closure.
- Multiple primary receptacles may be enclosed within a single mailpiece.

Absorbent and Cushioning Material

- Enough absorbent and cushioning material must surround the primary receptacle to prevent breakage and absorb all potential leakage.

Outer Packaging

- Strong outer packaging that is capable of firmly and securely holding the primary receptacle and cushioning material is required.

Marking

- A complete return address and delivery address must be used.

This regulation can be accessed here:
https://pe.usps.com/text/pub52/pub52apxc_011.htm#ep999910

Our oil analysis kit consists of an outer, tear-proof polyethylene mailer, two HDPE plastic bottles with lined screw-on caps to prevent leakage, absorbent material, and a resealable plastic bag. The white bottle and absorbent material should be placed in the zip-lock bag. The oil must be packaged as we have specified to meet USPS regulations. Should the package leak, the clean-up procedure (as specified by MSDE Safety sheets for virgin and used oil) is to simply contain the spill and wash contaminated areas with soap and water.

If you have any questions, please contact the USPS Manager of Customer Services at 260/427-7316 or Blackstone Laboratories at 260/744-2380.

Sincerely,

Kristin Huff
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