

DEQ Talking Points
Air and Waste Management Association Meeting
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SCRAP TIRE PROGRAM

- In July of 2002, a legislative bill was passed which amended Part 169, Scrap Tires, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. Changes were made to: the definitions contained in Part 169, scrap tire hauler registration exemptions, bonding provisions, manifest requirements, grant provisions, and the penalty provisions.
- Through these amendments, incentives have been incorporated to encourage owners of collection sites to remain in compliance. For example, an owner of a collection site who has complied with the site requirements for at least one year is exempt from the requirement to obtain a performance bond.
- Amendments to the Motor Vehicle Code, Section 806, 1949 PA 300, were tie-barred to the amendments of Part 169. The Motor Vehicle Code was amended to extend the sunset for the Scrap Tire Program funding to December 31, 2007, and increase the title certificate fee, from \$.50 to \$1.50, which will be used for funding the Scrap Tire Regulatory Fund. This increase is expected to generate revenue of \$3-4.5 million per year. A portion of this money, up to \$500,000 per year, will be used to support the development of increased markets for scrap tire material other than tire-derived fuel usage and the remainder will be used for scrap tire cleanup grants and program support.
- It is estimated that in 1991 more than 30 million scrap tires were stockpiled (tire dumps) and more than 7.5 million additional scrap tires were being generated each year.
- Since 1991, the MDEQ has funded more than \$7 million in grants to remove more than 5.88 million scrap tires from over 1,000 Michigan scrap tire sites.
- The Fiscal Year 2002 Grant Program provided for \$600,000 that funded nine grants to clean up 480,000 additional scrap tires.
- For Fiscal Year 2003, at least \$600,000 will be available for clean up grants. The deadline for the grant process distributing these funds was February 10, 2003. With

additional appropriations, up to \$2 million may be available for market development and clean up grants this year.

- More than 9 million scrap tires have been removed from the Michigan landscape through grant funded cleanups and compliance/enforcement efforts. The estimated stockpile of scrap tires is now approximately 24-25 million.
- The cleanup of these public- and privately-owned properties has restored the economic value to more than 1,000 sites across the state.
- Michigan's current scrap tire market capacity has grown to more than 19 million scrap tires annually, allowing for accelerated cleanup of stockpiled scrap tires. The majority of this capacity, approximately 16 million scrap tire annually, is for tire derived fuel. The development of additional markets and uses for scrap tires will further accelerate the cleanup of stockpiled scrap tires.
- For additional information, please check the DEQ's website at www.michigan.gov/deq. Click on "waste" and then on "scrap tires." You will find grant information, registration forms, copies of Part 169, lists of registered scrap tire haulers and collection sites, District tire staff contacts, and other useful information.
- You may also contact Rhonda Oyer Zimmerman, Chief of the Solid Waste Management Unit, at 517-373-4750, for additional information.