

Report on Utilization of Revenues of the Scrap Tire Regulatory Fund (Fund) for Fiscal Year 2015

In accordance with Section 16911(1) of Part 169, Scrap Tires, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is required to report annually to the Legislature on the utilization of revenues of the Fund. The Michigan Scrap Tire Program is a nationally-recognized effort that combines cleanup and market development grants working in concert with effective compliance and enforcement. Since the program was first appropriated funding in 1993, more than \$26 million has been provided through grants to remove and properly dispose of nearly 30 million passenger tire equivalents.

Cleanup Grants

A recap of the 2015 cleanup grant accomplishments includes 49 grants awarded totaling \$345,635, which had positive effects for nearly 50 communities. The average grant awarded was over \$7,000 in 2015, providing for the cleanup of over 320,000 tires resulting in:

- Reduction or elimination of the threat of mosquito-borne illnesses.
- Reduction in the threat to public health and the environmental.
- Continuing cleanup of legacy tire piles from abandoned dump sites.

Market Development Grants

With the weakening of markets, such as tire-derived fuel, the market development grants have been very valuable in expanding scrap tire markets through funding directed towards equipment, research and development, or community paving projects that utilized rubber-modified asphalt. A recap of the 2015 market development grants' accomplishments includes 21 projects totaling \$2,251,319, which includes 15 paving projects at an average of \$66,967 awarded; 4 equipment purchases of \$293,750 awarded; and 2 university-led research and development projects at an average of \$316,000 awarded.

In addition to the \$2,596,954 that was expended for Scrap Tire Grants (\$345,635 for Scrap Tire Cleanup Grants and \$2,251,319 for Scrap Tire Market Development Grants), \$1,358,849 was expended for the administration and operations of the Regulatory Program. If you need further information, please contact Jack Schinderle, Director, Waste Management and Radiological Protection Division at 517-284-6852 or schinderlej@michigan.gov; or you may contact me at 517-284-6700.