

Report on Utilization of Revenues of the Scrap Tire Regulatory Fund for Fiscal Year 2016

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 Scrap Tire Regulatory Fund (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 \$28.5 million has been provided through grants to remove and properly dispose of approximately 32 million passenger tire equivalents.

Cleanup Grants

A recap of the 2016 cleanup grants' accomplishments includes 52 grants awarded totaling \$587,050, which positively impacted over 60 communities. Average grants were over \$11,000 in 2016, providing for the cleanup of over 360,000 tires resulting in:

- Reduction or elimination of the threat of mosquito-borne illnesses.
- Reduction in the threat to public health and the environment.
- 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 utilize rubber-modified asphalt. A recap of the 2016 market development grants' accomplishments includes 12 projects totaling \$2.9 million, which includes 9 paving projects at an average of \$211,330 awarded; 1 equipment purchase at \$263,308 awarded; and 2 university-led research and development projects at an average of \$373,117 awarded.

In addition to the \$2,490,457 that was expended for Scrap Tire Grants (\$455,570 for Scrap Tire Cleanup Grants and \$2,034,887 for Scrap Tire Market Development Grants), \$1,411,120 was expended for the administration and operations of the Regulatory Program.

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