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SUBJECT: Report on Utilization of Revenues of the Scrap Tire Regulatory Fund for Fiscal
Year 2022

In accordance with Section 16911(1) of Part 169, Scrap Tires, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, following is the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) report on the utilization of revenues of the Scrap Tire Regulatory Fund (Fund) for fiscal year 2022. The Michigan Scrap Tire Program (Program) is a nationally recognized effort that combines grants that fund cleanup and market development and work in concert with effective compliance and enforcement. Since the Program was first appropriated funding in 1993, more than \$41 million has been provided through grants to remove and properly dispose of approximately 38 million passenger tire equivalents.

Cleanup Grants (CGs)

A recap of the 2022 CGs' accomplishments includes 91 grants awarded (90 new grants and 1 amended grant) totaling \$679,402, which has positively impacted 69 counties. The cleanups that occurred provided targeted removal of nearly 400,000 passenger tire equivalents, resulting in:

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

Market Development Grants (MDGs)

With the weakening of markets, such as the tire-derived fuel market, the MDGs have been a valuable tool in expanding scrap tire markets by directing funds toward equipment, research, and development, and/or county/community paving projects that utilize rubber-modified asphalt and chip seal technologies. A recap of the MDGs' accomplishments includes twelve market development projects awarded during 2022, totaling \$2,822,148; these projects included scrap tire collection infrastructure and road construction utilizing rubber modified chip seal, rubber modified asphalt, and rubber modified concrete, with projects impacting twelve Michigan counties.

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In addition to the \$4,114,999 that was expended or reimbursed during 2022 for scrap tire grants (\$688,710 for CGs and \$3,426,289 for MDGs), a total of \$1,628,687 was expended for the administration and operations of the Program supported by ten full-time equivalent staff. These staff activities include 352 site inspections; 216 facility registrations reviewed and processed; technical assistance; compliance and enforcement activities; and engagement with industry partners at a state, regional, and national level.

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