



Nonrule Policy Document

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Title: Important Notice Regarding Whole Waste Tire Disposal Ban

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Brief Description or Subject Matter: The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), has determined how a tire may be altered so it is no longer a whole tire and thus not subject to the disposal ban.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING WHOLE WASTE TIRE DISPOSAL BAN

Indiana Code 13-20-14 states that "A whole waste tire may not be disposed of at a solid waste landfill after July 1, 1995." The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), has determined how a tire may be altered so it is no longer a whole tire and thus not subject to the disposal ban.

The following is IDEM's policy outlining the acceptable types of tire alterations:

- 1) Cutting out the two sidewalls with the tread loop intact resulting in three (3) pieces; or
- 2) Shearing the tire across the center bead into four (4) roughly equal pieces or quarters.

Nothing in this notice should be construed to require a landfill to accept a tire which has been altered by one of these two methods. A disposal facility may have policies requiring additional processing or may refuse to accept any waste tire material. It is also noted that solid core or foam filled whole tires are considered exempt from the whole tire disposal ban. For details, please request a copy of the Office of Land Quality guidance policy for land disposal of solid core tires and tires that have been altered by fire.

In addition, anyone who operates a business collecting or processing waste tires from tire retailers or other sources of waste tires is to obtain a waste tire management registration from IDEM to help insure responsible recycling or disposal of waste tires. If you have any questions about this notice or the waste tire transporter or processor and storage registration program, please contact the IDEM Office of Land Quality at 317/232-0066. If you need confidential technical assistance please call Hani Sharaya of the Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance at 317/232-8174.