

SUMMARY

Waste Tire Task Force Meeting

Henry Horton State Park

October 1&2 2009

On October 1- 2, 2009 the Waste Tire Task Force, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) staff including the Division of Solid Waste Management, and interested stakeholders met at Henry Horton State Park, in Chapel Hill, TN.

Waste Tire Task Force [members](#) included county mayors, solid waste directors and solid waste professionals across the state.

TDEC Commissioner Jim Fyke opened the meeting with cordial welcome and introductory remarks to the Waste Tire Task Force and stakeholders. Commissioner Fyke charged the Waste Tire Task Force with reviewing the existing Waste Tire Program in an effort to make recommendations for changes/improvements. He stated that stakeholders would need to carry forward any legislative initiatives resulting from the task force meetings.

Deputy Commissioner Paul Sloan also welcomed the Waste Tire Task Force and stakeholders. He explained that the formation of the task force resulted from a meeting in Jackson, TN with county mayors and solid waste directors regarding issues they were experiencing in managing local waste tire programs. He stated that recommendations for improvements to the existing program would be considered as well as working with stakeholders to implement long range changes.

The next segment of the meeting included the following [presentations](#) by staff, county mayors, solid waste professionals, and stakeholders to give the Waste Tire Task Force members the varying perspectives of tire programs and issues across the State. Presentations may be found at:

[Waste Tires Regulatory Requirements](#) – Louis Bordenave, SWM, Problem Waste Manager

[Waste Tire Grant Procedures](#) – Ron White, SWM, Grant Program Manager

TN Tire Pre Disposal Fees – David Gerregano, TN Dept of Revenue

Haywood County's Perspective –Clinton Neal, Solid Waste Director

Hamilton County's Perspective –Alan Knowles, Solid Waste Director

Multi- County Tire Hub – April Johnson, Washington County, Waste Tire Program Manager

[Rubber Manufacturers Association](#) - Michael Blumenthal

[MTR, Inc.](#) – Tom Carter, President

TN Tire Dealers and Retreaders Association – Steve Heath, Representative

Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry - Wayne Scharber

Tim Bent - Bridgestone Americas, Inc.

Following the presentations Don McCain, meeting facilitator with Performance Advantage Group, discussed the goals of the meeting. The Waste Tire Task Force members are:

1. To work together to find solutions to known tire problems.
2. To review the Waste Tire Program and make recommendations for changes that improve efficiency and ensure the intent of the Solid Waste Management Act is met.

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The Waste Tire Task Force members then introduced themselves and stated their individual goals for tire issues in the State. Common themes included:

- Support changes in legislation
- Learn and apply simple, cost effective solutions to tire issues
- Cut costs in administering local tire programs
- Identify better end uses for waste tires
- Reach solutions for short and long term goals
- Reduce illegal dumping

Mr. McCain then explained the process that the Waste Tire Task Force would follow in working through the various tire issues that had been previously identified.

The task force will split up in to small working groups that have been identified for the issues.

Each group will focus discussion on different issues and prioritize their top three issues.

Each group will generate solutions to the priority issues and present the best solution(s) to the full Waste Tire Task Force for discussion.

The five work group subject areas were:

- Money/Financial – [Work Group A](#) and [Work Group A¹](#)
- Receiving and Disposal of Tires – [Work Group B](#)
- Paperwork, Reporting, and Manifesting - [Work Group C](#)
- [Private Sector Markets Work Group \(Stakeholders\)](#)

The afternoon was spent in break out group discussions. Each group identified their top priority issues and prepared presentations summarizing solutions and/or alternatives. When finished, presentations were made to the full Waste Tire Task Force for discussion and comments.

Group presentation resulted in recurring themes such as fee changes, expanding the program to include all tires, tiered payment system based on weight and size, hauler and processor registration/permitting, economies of scale, creating statewide tire hubs, use of technology, electronic manifesting, "real time" online access to Department of Revenue tire pre-disposal fee collections, and a shift from public to private sector collection.

After much discussion regarding the various proposed changes, the Waste Tire Task Force agreed that an additional meeting would be needed. TDEC staff was asked to create two proposals that include the task force recommendations. The proposals would consist of: 1. Improvements to the Existing Waste Tire Grant Program and 2. Private Sector Collection. These proposals will be reviewed and discussed in greater detail by the task force at the next meeting in November.

The meeting was adjourned. Members and stakeholders will be notified of the date and place of the November meeting.