

WASTE TIRE HAULER AUTHORIZATION

Background

Act 111, signed into law on July 10, 2002, amends Act 190 of 1996, the Waste Tire Recycling Act, and contains provisions for the establishment of a Waste Tire Hauler Program (WTHP). The WTHP requires owners of waste transportation vehicles that transport tires to a processing or disposal facility in the commonwealth to obtain written authorization from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Act 190 prohibits municipal or residual processing or disposal facilities from accepting waste tires from haulers that do not have a valid authorization. It also provides DEP with the authority to deny or revoke waste tire hauler authorizations and establishes fees.

Definitions

- Energy recovery - The use of whole or processed waste tires to supplement the combustion of fossil fuels or the combustion of whole or processed waste tires in a resource recovery facility.
- Waste tire - A tire that will no longer be used for the purpose for which it was originally intended. The term includes a tire that has been discarded by an owner or user even though the tire may have some remaining useful life.
- Waste tire hauler - Any person that transports whole used or waste tires in the state for business-related purposes. This term does not include persons who haul their own waste tires in the course of routine tire replacement.

Exclusions

Disposal of whole waste tires is prohibited at landfills.

WTHP Authorization Process

Waste tire haulers must submit an application on a form provided by DEP to transport waste tires. The application must include the number of trucks for which authorizations are requested along with an authorization fee of \$50. A written authorization card will be provided for each truck.

Authorization Requirements

It is unlawful for a waste tire hauler to transport waste tires without obtaining an authorization from DEP.

Nontransferable

Authorization for a waste tire hauler is not transferable.

Compliance

DEP has the authority to deny, suspend, or revoke authorizations where the agency finds that the transporter has failed or continues to fail to comply with applicable laws and regulations. DEP may revoke or suspend an authorization for failure to maintain complete and accurate records of waste tires transported, alteration of record-keeping documents, failure to comply with Act 111, the Waste Tire Recycling Act, or Act 97, the Solid Waste Management Act.

Record Keeping

Waste tire haulers must maintain a record of waste tires transported weekly. The records must be on an annual report form available online and include authorization number, number of waste tires transported and the company where the waste tires were delivered and disposed. This report will be submitted annually as part of the renewal packet. The records must be maintained for five years and provided to DEP personnel upon request.

Miscellaneous

Forms and instructions can be downloaded from DEP's Environmental Print Shop, www.dep.state.pa.us.

For more information, visit www.dep.state.pa.us, keyword: tires.