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March 20, 2007

**RE: WASHINGTON COUNTY
TIRE - GENERAL**

Bernard Dick
Dick's Tire Center
37967 County Road 2 East
Woodsfield, Ohio 43793

Dear Mr. Dick:

On March 15, 2007, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency drove by your service station on State Route 78, east of Woodsfield, Ohio. Several hundred scrap tires were observed stacked along a hillside on the western side of the property.

Improper storage of scrap tires poses several potential problems for the local residents, environment, and the emergency crews in the area. Scrap tires provide an optimal breeding ground for mosquitoes. Mosquitoes identified at tire piles in Ohio can carry St. Louis Encephalitis, La Crosse Encephalitis, Yellow Fever, Dengue Fever and West Nile Virus. These scrap tires need to be stored in a manner so that mosquito breeding is inhibited:

Scrap tire fires are a source of air pollution and can cause respiratory problems for those that breathe the smoke. Tire fires are also difficult for emergency crews to extinguish.

These scarp tires must either be stored inside to eliminate the accumulation of rain water or treated to inhibit the breeding of mosquitoes. Please provide documentation with regard to who is picking up these scrap tires for disposal. Ohio law require that anyone removing scrap tires for disposal must take the tires to either a licensed or registered scrap tire collection, recovery or disposal facility. Receipts from these facilities need to be on file at your facility to provide proof of proper disposal. Also, anyone transporting more than ten (10) scrap tires must be registered with Ohio EPA as a Scrap Tire Transporter.

Please respond to this correspondence within 14 days of receipt. Your response should include details of your actions taken to properly dispose or recycle the current waste on your property. Also, please find enclosed copies of photos that were taken the day of my visit.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at this office. You can reach me either by mail or by calling me at (740) 380-5443.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Specialist II
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