

**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor
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February 9, 2011

**RE: WASHINGTON COUNTY
TIRE - GEN**

Mr. Vernon Skinner
Skinner Firestone
P.O. Box 428
Beverly, OH 45714

Dear Mr. Skinner:

On February 8, 2011, Pete Thompson and I conducted a follow-up investigation of a complaint regarding open dumping of scrap tires at property owned by your father, William Skinner. The property is located on County Road 4 east of Waterford. An initial investigation of the complaint was conducted in November 2010.

Based on my findings at the time of the initial investigation, I contacted William concerning the clean-up and removal of scrap tires open dumped in a small ravine on the north side of the road.

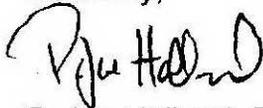
He indicated that the Ohio EPA had previously been involved with the site and had indicated that the scrap tires did not need to be removed. In reviewing the files in this office, I can find no documentation related to this site.

My observations at the time of this follow-up investigation found that many scrap tires remained at the site. After viewing the property, I stopped at your place of business to discuss the issue. During our discussion, you acknowledged that some tires had been removed from the site, but that there were tires remaining that still needed to be removed. You indicated that as soon as the weather permitted, you would take measures to remove the scrap tires from the ravine and most likely have Dave Campbell collect and transport the tires for proper disposal. Pursuant to our conversation, you also agreed to contact me prior to the removal action.

I appreciate you taking the time to discuss the issue and your efforts towards removal of all scrap tires at the site. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future regarding the commencement of removal activity.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at 740-380-5439.

Sincerely,



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