



*Legislative Efforts Aimed at
Reducing Waste Tires Piles
Along the U.S. – Mexico Border
Region*

BLC Efforts

- Topic of tires has been ongoing issue of interest among legislators of the border states
- Concern over health and safety as a result of tire piles along the border, as well as nuisance tire piles have on border communities;
- Legislators adopted recommendations and continue to seek legislative solutions aimed at better managing waste tires

Adopted Recommendations

- Promote the development of harmonized set of management or regulatory frameworks on the quantification, collection, proper hauling, importation/exportation, disposal and possible end uses of used and waste tires;
- Increase cost of inappropriate disposal of tires such as illegal dumping or illegal stock-piling through greater enforcement and stiffer penalties;

Adopted Recommendations (cont)

- Encourage proper disposal through incentives;
- Encourage better understanding of problem and unique dynamics of transboundary used/waste tires;
- Promote tire recycling and expansion of markets for effective end uses;
- Development of short term and long term strategies

Actions

- California Legislation - SB 772 (2005)
- Aimed at enhancing ability to establish goals for waste tires along the CA – Baja CA border;
- Established training programs to assist Mexican tire haulers meet CA requirements;
- Development of waste tire abatement plans;
- Tracking flow of waste tire across the border;
- Coordination with businesses to apply environmental / control requirements

Actions

- Nuevo Leon Legislation 2005
- Amendment to state's environmental law to address management and disposal of waste tires. Among other things, it calls for registration of companies that haul waste tires and their proper disposal.

Actions

- Continued input with Border 2012 process;
- Communication and input with Border Governors Conference Environment Work Table;
- Solicitation of ongoing status reports and presentations from SEMARNAT / US EPA regarding progress of Border 2012 Program

New Developments

- Joint BLC – Environment Work Table Mtg.
March 18-20 in San Francisco , CA
- Aimed at enhancing executive – legislative collaboration on the issue of waste tires
- Goal is to identify concrete, state driven actions and specific follow-up between individual legislators and the secretaries of the environment of the border states

New Developments

- BLC is looking into partnerships with Universities to identify research opportunities on environmental issues;
- Specifically, BLC interested in these partnerships to enhance legislative research capacity to produce regulatory frameworks to address waste tires;

New Developments

- Tamaulipas Adopted Legislation (2009)
- Amendment to Sustainable Development Code of the State of Tamaulipas
- Waste tires shall be deposited in established sites for their final disposition;
- Prohibits dumping of used/waste tires in open or abandoned areas;
- In conjunction with the State's Ministry of Economic Development and Employment, to conduct actions for the marketing of final uses;

New Developments – Tamaulipas Law

- Persons involved in the productive chain of the tire industry, such as producers, importers, exporters, distributors and consumers, shall participate in programs of the state's environmental agency;
- The state's Environmental Agency, in coordination with municipalities and private sector, will promote the development of infrastructure for the management and final disposal of waste tires





Thank You

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