

## **Ohio EPA orders removal of 80,000 scrap tires from site**

Dec. 30 -- The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has ordered a Clyde, Ohio, property owner to remove some 80,000 scrap tires from a commercial site.

Linda Nichols, who owns the property occupied by B&K Auto Service, has until April 3 to dispose of the tires. A July 2006 Ohio EPA inspection cited the property for several violations, including open dumping of solid waste, failing to store scrap tires properly, failing to maintain fire lanes between tire piles and failing to register as a solid waste or scrap tire facility.

Follow-up inspections by the Ohio EPA and the Sandusky County, Ohio, Health Department in 2008 found similar violations, as well as additional ones concerning mosquito control. Nichols also must stop accepting scrap tires, establish mosquito control measures and properly store the tires until she removes them.

If she fails to remove the scrap tires, the Ohio EPA will hire a contractor to do so and require Nichols to reimburse the agency for the cost.

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