

Study says recycled tire crumb is safe in artificial turf

April 6 -- A new study looking at the impact, effectiveness and safety of recycled tire crumb in artificial turf has been released by The Corporation for Manufacturing Excellence (Manex) and the Laboratory for Manufacturing and Sustainability at the University of California, Berkeley.

The study concludes recycled tire crumb is a safe and cost-effective material for use in artificial turf and may have benefits over grass surfaces in some instances.

"Prior studies have been limited in scope, often assessing artificial turf and crumb rubber in and of themselves rather than in comparison to their real-world substitutes. Instead of focusing entirely on the potential hazards, these materials should be compared against the popular alternative, such as natural turf, for a balanced perspective," said Jonathan Lee, vice president at Manex.

To obtain a copy of the full report, e-mail turfstudy@manexconsulting.com.

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