

Colorado's 2015 Waste Tire Conference



Kansas Waste Tire Program
Then, Now, Possible Future

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Short History

- **Seeds of a waste tire law planted in 1988**
 - **Special Committee on Energy and Natural Resources**
 - **(KDHE) Kansas Solid Waste Advisory Task Force**
- **SB 310 waste tire bill introduced in 1989**
 - **Interim study**
- **SB 310 becomes law in 1990**

Short History

- **Only gave authority to write regulations and begin collecting \$.50/new tire sold fee (no authority to spend money)**
- **1992 implementing regulations completed**
 - **Authority for grants (mainly to fund pile cleanup)**
 - **Authority to hire staff**
 - **Defined permits required**
 - **Standards for waste tire sites**
 - **Tire collector standards**
- **1993 First full year of permit, compliance and grant programs**

FINAL

EDITION
50 Cents

The Wichita Eagle

FRIDAY

November 22, 1991

vision

A fire ...



Dave Williams/The Wichita Eagle

... in the round

Clouds of dark smoke from a fire at a tire salvage yard at Pawnee and West were visible throughout much of Wichita on Thursday as firefighters, above, hosed down bulldozers that were spreading the tires so they would burn themselves out. The cause of the fire, which started Wednesday night, right, is not known. Officials said the fire was much easier to fight than an earlier fire at the same business. In 1986, tire-salvage businesses were required to install fire-breaks; have a hard-surfaced road, allowing firefighters to stretch 150 feet of hose; and limit piles of tires to 50 feet by 75 feet.



Craig Hecker/Correspondent


Kansas
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and Environment

Short History

1996 law changes

- **Waste tire fee fund \$.50 to \$.25 after July 1, 2001**
- **Creates enforcement grant program**
- **Counties to report any known tire piles**
- **No Abatement by KDHE after 2001**
- **Counties responsible for abatement of any waste tire accumulations after July 1, 2001.**

Short History

- **Cleanup program**
 - **Ended in 2001**
 - **88% of Kansas Counties participated**
 - **More than \$3.4 million was awarded**
 - **More than 5.2 million tires processed**
 - **Clean up of the “Million Tire Pile” in Wichita**
 - **A model enforcement program developed**

Short History

- **Grants**
 - **Equipment Grants**
 - **Purchased equipment to be used to process tires for TDP**
 - **No program still operating that received the grants**
 - **Materials Grants**
 - **Purchase TDP for public entities such as schools, parks, and playgrounds**
 - **Expanded to include private schools**

Short History

Grant Round	Number of Grants Awarded	Total Amount Awarded
SFY 2008	29	\$408,307.52
SFY 2009	61	\$682,941.95
SFY 2010	48	\$499,894.00
SFY 2010 Part B	36	\$374,456.44
SFY 2011	24	\$344,264.44
SFY 2012	47	\$376,021.34
SFY 2013**	no grants awarded - funds used for tire cleanup	\$0.00
SFY 2014	32	\$513,452.99
SFY 2015	32	\$403,621.18
TOTALS:	309	\$3,602,959.86

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Present

- **Permits**
 - **Transporter – 37**
 - **Processors – 17**
 - **Collection Center – 1**
 - **Mobile Tire Processors – 7**
 - **Waste Tire Monofills – 20**
- **Grants**
 - **32 for \$403,621**
 - **Split start date due to slow approval process**
- **Orphan Tire Cleanup**

Present

- **Compliance and Enforcement**
 - **One staff dedicated to inspecting all tire dealers**
 - **Checks generation and disposal records**
 - **Issues NONC if not in compliance**
 - **Tracks down illegal operators**
 - **Enforcement cases strive for compliance but will use AO if necessary**
- **Program outreach**
 - **Currently none**
- **TDF – Currently none**

Possible Future

- **Have been asked about discontinuing grants**
 - **Plan for meeting with tire dealers association to discuss options**
- **Have been asked to lower fee**
- **Outreach and education will be very limited**
 - **Might look at education program to stimulate reuse options**
 - **Partner with tire dealers association to promote recycling options**
- **Hope to renew TDF if fuel price changes**

Questions

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