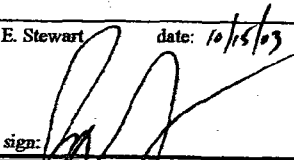


**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**  
**Emergency Response Incident Report**

*Lot 119*

Incident #: <b>03-21-0263 (a)</b>		County: <b>St. Lucie</b>	Latitude: N <b>27°17'17"</b>	Date of Incident: <b>ongoing</b>	Time of Incident: <b>ongoing</b>
			Longitude: W <b>080°28'54"</b>	( <input type="checkbox"/> unknown)	( <input type="checkbox"/> unknown)
BER Employee Receiving Report: <b>Barry E. Stewart</b>		BER Response: <input type="checkbox"/> none <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> on-scene <input type="checkbox"/> phone only <input type="checkbox"/> referral <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> follow-up		Date reported to BER: <b>9/16/03</b>	Time: <b>1100</b>
Incident Reported By: <input type="checkbox"/> via SWP <b>Jim Palmer</b>		Affiliation or address: <b>Allied Universal Corporation</b>		Phone Number (area code, ext.): <b>305-888-2623 ext9675</b>	
Location of Incident: (include water body name, if applicable) <b>9675 Rangeline Road</b>			Nearest City/Town: <b>Port St. Lucie</b>		
Threat to US Navigable Waters? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> confirmed <input type="checkbox"/> potential. Describe threat:					
Special Management Area affected: <b>N/A</b>					
Incident Description:  tire fire		Mode:  facility	Media Affected:  soil surface water	Response Actions per NCP: inspection  <input type="checkbox"/> referral:  <input type="checkbox"/> contractor hired by: name: phone #: DEP contract#	
Responsible Party (RP): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RP assumed responsibility. <input type="checkbox"/> RP unknown. <b>Florida Tire Recycling</b>		Contact Person / Agent: <b>Jack Wilson</b>		Phone #: <b>772-465-0477</b>	
Responsible Party's Address: <b>9675 Rangeline Road, Port St. Lucie, FL</b>		Vehicle-vessel name / type / tag# / reg.# <b>n/a</b>			
DOB: <b>unk</b>		Insurance Company: <b>n/a</b>			
DL#: <b>unk</b>		policy# <b>n/a</b> phone: <b>n/a</b>			
Owner (or 2 <sup>ND</sup> RP): <input type="checkbox"/> same as RP <input type="checkbox"/> public right-of-way <b>n/a</b>		Contact Person / Agent: <b>n/a</b>		Phone #: <b>n/a</b>	
Owner's Address: <b>n/a</b>		Vehicle-vessel name / type / tag# / reg.# <b>n/a</b>			
DOB: <b>n/a</b>		Insurance Company: <b>n/a</b>			
DL#: <b>n/a</b>		policy# <b>n/a</b> phone: <b>n/a</b>			
MATERIAL: <b>Tires</b>	<b>EXHIBIT</b> tabbles <b>230</b>	Category Code: <b>25</b>	Potential Amount: <b>n/a</b>	Amount Released: <b>n/a</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> gal. <input type="checkbox"/> lb. <input type="checkbox"/> unknown <input type="checkbox"/> gal. <input type="checkbox"/> lb. <input type="checkbox"/> unknown <input type="checkbox"/> gal. <input type="checkbox"/> lb. <input type="checkbox"/> unknown <input type="checkbox"/> gal. <input type="checkbox"/> lb. <input type="checkbox"/> unknown <input type="checkbox"/> gal. <input type="checkbox"/> lb. <input type="checkbox"/> unknown
Amt. Determined by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OSC's estimate <input type="checkbox"/> RP est. <input type="checkbox"/>		Coastal Category: (Landward COLREG Line) (Seaward COLREG Line)			
Agencies Notified: <input type="checkbox"/> SWP <input type="checkbox"/> local EM <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> BEI notified		<input type="checkbox"/> Minor < 1000 gallons <10,000 gallons	
Agencies Responded: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FD <input type="checkbox"/> PD/SO <input type="checkbox"/> FHP <input type="checkbox"/> USCG		n/a		<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate 1000 to 10,000 gallons 10,000 to 100,000 gal.	
<input type="checkbox"/> local program <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FDEP-WPB solid waste				<input type="checkbox"/> Major > 10,000 gallons > 100,000 gallons	
FOSC Notified: <input type="checkbox"/> NRC Report #		Name / Rank of FOSC Notified:		date:	
<input type="checkbox"/> USCG MSO - <input type="checkbox"/> EPA		n/a		time:	
FOSC Response: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no					
Narrative: At the request of management from Allied Universal BER responded to a continuing tire fire in St. Lucie County at Florida Tire Recycling. BER spoke to Mr. Jim Palmer and Todd Tucker and was informed that numerous fires had been burning adjacent to their facility for the past 16 days. Per Allied the fires were not being extinguished by only kept under control by a small number of SLCFD personnel. Allied's main concern was that their personnel were being exposed to smoke and the chemical rail cars that were part of their operation were dangerously close to the fire location. BER SOSC Stewart arrived onsite at approximately 1605 and met with Todd Tucker (Southern Regional Manager) and Ron Zeigler (Branch Manager). Both Mr. Tucker and Mr. Zeigler expressed concern about the fire still burning after 16 days and the fact that the water quality in their canal was affected to a greater extent every day. (Mr. Tucker had collected water samples to show the declining quality of water) Before touring the site SLCDF Chief Carter entered and spoke to Mr. Tucker and Zeigler and relayed to Allied that there's "nothing we can really do" about putting out the fire. After research there are only 3 methods of putting it out; let it burn, use large quantities of water, which we don't have or Cover it with dirt. BER was taken on a tour of the site and observed the following: SLCFR had one ladder truck which was pumping water from a nozzle mounted on the elevated ladder, on site which was extended over an Allied Universal Rail Car containing Sulfur Dioxide, a second hose and nozzle (uncharged) was located on top of an adjacent rail car containing caustics.					
BER / State On-Scene Coordinator: <b>Barry E. Stewart</b>		date: <b>10/15/03</b>		Federal On-Scene Coordinator: "The above actions were properly taken and coordinated in accordance with the National Contingency Plan (NCP, 40 CFR 300)."	
hours spent: <b>5</b>				date:	
ID# <b>M98</b> fax # <b>954-958-5580</b>				fax #:	
print name: <b>Barry E. Stewart</b>		sign: 		print name:	
				sign:	

BER Response Information

Incident #: 03-21-0263

BER On-Scene Coordinator: <b>Barry E. Stewart</b>	Arrival date: <b>9/16/03</b> Arrival time: <b>1605</b>	(Photo or sketch)
Enforcement action taken / pending: <input type="checkbox"/> criminal <input type="checkbox"/> civil		
Lead agency: <input type="checkbox"/> BEI <input type="checkbox"/> EPA <input type="checkbox"/> S.O. <input type="checkbox"/> PD <input type="checkbox"/> FHP <input type="checkbox"/> DEP program: <input type="checkbox"/>		
Enforcement against: <input type="checkbox"/> RP <input type="checkbox"/>		
Describe offense(s): <i>n/a</i>		

**ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND EXPENSES INCURRED DURING INVESTIGATION**

Description and cost of other equipment used/lost/damaged, or other non-specified expenses incurred:

**N/A**

Name of All Personnel Involved (include yourself): <b>Barry E. Stewart</b>	Hours Involved: <b>5</b>	Name of All Personnel Involved:	Hours Involved:
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Total vehicle miles: <b>197</b>	Total Photographic Costs (film, etc.): <b>\$ 0.00</b>	Total phone costs (incl. cell.): <b>\$ 5.00</b>	Total clerical hours: <b>4</b>	Total Per Diem costs: <b>\$</b>
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**Narrative:** (expand on areas that need more details; include any information not covered, deemed necessary; use continuation form if necessary):  
 BER was escorted to a platform above the rail car and observed approximately 6 separate piles of tires that were smoldering or had active fires visibly burning. During the time BER spent on site it was observed that run off water was exiting Florida Tire Recycling's Facility and running into Allied's canal which extends to Rangeline Road towards the front of their property.

A total of two firefighting personnel were observed at the location of the fire. The fire fighting water was being directed towards only one tire pile, while the remaining piles, either reflashd or grew in size. The fire(s) at this time were less than 100 feet from loaded rail cars on Allied's Property. The fire was being accessed only from Allied Universal property only. No access was being made from Florida Tire Recycling's property due to poor road conditions and damage to SLCFD's tires. During the tour Mr. Tucker also expressed concern about Homeland Security issues. SLCFD was entering and exiting their facility at will which led to the security issue, as their gates had to remain open. Mr. Tucker asked the county to provide a Sheriff Deputy but the County declined. When departing the facility BER SOSC Stewart noticed that FDEP Solid Waste representatives were on site earlier this day. Mr. Tucker informed BER that they had visited the site earlier but did not ask for assistance from him and did not question Allied about the problems occurring onsite. BER SOSC Stewart directed Mr. Tucker to call at any time he thought conditions warranted.

9/17/03 BER made contact with TBER, which in turn made additional contact/calls to the Assistant State Fire Marshall, Eric Miller, and the Division of Forestry to inquire about additional assistance if necessary. Mr. Terry Stilman of the EPA was also briefed on this incident.

9/18/03 BER was contacted by Mr. Tucker from Allied Universal at approximately 1030 hrs. Mr. Tucker relayed that runoff water was still entering his property and that one of SLCFR Chiefs had informed him that FDEP-Solid Waste had told Florida tire recycling that they need to ensure that run off water was contained on site. BER then spoke to Joe Lurix-FDEP Solid Waste about the issue and Mr. Lurix ordered FDEP SOSC Stewart to contact SLCFR and let them know of the situation along with providing all documentation of the site visit BER performed. Mr. Lurix also relayed that upon his inspection of the site (prior to BER's inspection) he saw no signs of runoff water entering Allied's property. BER relayed to Mr. Lurix, that upon BER entering the site, Allied's management relayed that info to BER immediately and that it had been occurring for quite some time. (Allied had emailed and spoke to John Harris FDEP-Haz Waste on Sept. 5. 2003, see attached). BER left message for Chief Bushman (SLCFR) about the runoff waters per Mr. Lurix's request.

9/18/03 1446 BER was contacted by Mr. Tucker from Allied Universal and informed that Bill Forrest from Solid Waste had arrived onsite and was sampling run off waters.

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9/18/03 1600 BER spoke to Chief Bushman from SLCFD about the progress at the Florida Tire Recycling (FTR) site. Chief Bushman relayed to BER that FTR was told on numerous occasions that they needed to prevent runoff water from leaving their site; arrangements were being made to borrow heavy equipment from the county landfill for moving the tires. Chief Bushman also relayed that FTR had brought in numerous truckloads of coquina rock to provide another access road for the FD to access the fire from FTR's property.

9/21/03 BER arrived at approximately 1700 and spoke to Mr. Wilson from FTR. Mr. Wilson gave BER a tour of the property and informed BER that Terry Gray (Tire Fire Consultant/Expert hired by FDEP SE District) had been on site on 9/20/03 and met with SLCFR. Both Mr. Gray and SLCFR were to return the morning of 9/22/03. FTR had brought in loads of rock to construct roads near the tire piles so that SLCFR would access the area. The construction was observed to be approximately 80% complete. BER observed that fires were much less significant than when previously toured. While BER was on site SLCFR arrived on site to inspect the fires. BER was informed that SLCFR was touring the site approximately once per shift. Mr. Wilson also informed BER that a security person had been hired to oversee the site and would be on site shortly. BER departed the site at approximately 1750. BER case closed due to fires being well under control and an expert hired by FDEP SE District to oversee operations until they have been returned to normal at the facility.

Print Supervisor's name: <b>Terry L. Edwards</b>		ID# F25	Supervisor's Signature: <i>Terry L. Edwards</i>		Date: 10/16/03
BER Employee Closing Case: <b>Terry L. Edwards</b> <i>9/2/03</i>		ID# F 25	Title: Environmental Manager	Date: 10/13/03	NRDA Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> yes (attach) <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

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original: TBER. cc:

**Photographic Documentation Log**

**Incident Name:** Florida Tire Recycling Fire **BER Case Number:** 03-2I-0263

**Location:** 9675 Rangeline Road, Port St. Lucie, FL

**Camera:** Digital

**Photograph #:** 1  
**Date:** 9/21/03  
**Time:** 1715  
**Taken By:** B. Stewart



**Description:** View of Tire Fires

**Photograph 1**

**Photograph #:** 2  
**Date:** 9/21/03  
**Time:** 1730  
**Taken By:** B. Stewart



**Description:** View of tire piles and new access road. View facing Allied Universal Property

**Photograph 2**

**Photograph #:** 3  
**Date:** 9/21/03  
**Time:** 1735  
**Taken By:** B. Stewart



**Description:** View of Smoldering Tire piles

**Photograph 3**

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**Incident #: SWP030901 - 6028**

SWP 416 on 09/01 at 01:26 AM

Last Modified: 09/22 at 05:32 PM

County: St. Lucie

## Tires On Fire

### Incident Details

Incident Type:	General
Incident Status:	Open
Incident Severity:	Level 1
	1 - Report of a situation that could adversely impact a jurisdiction. No impacts reported, no field response necessary, continue monitoring situation. No assistance requested. ** See Note
Incident Occurred Date/Time:	09/01/2003 01:00 AM EDT
Caller:	Lt Pauly
Caller Address:	
Callback #:	772-465-5770 Time of Call: 09/01/2003 01:26 AM EDT
Caller Represents:	St Lucie FD

### Comments

Caller reports a fire at a tire recycling facilities stockpile in Port St Lucie. Caller states that this occurs e the fire will continue for several days. No structures at risk. No other information available.

UPDATE: 09-14-2003/0823: Per Lt. Pauly: This fire has been burning on and off again since the 1st. Th this time. The FD has received numerous complaints about the smoke/smell coming from the fire. No as No further info received at this time. SWP/413 contacted DEP/Stewart in reference to this incident. <41

UPDATE 9-16-03/ 1100: Per Mike DeLorenzo and Skip Dagger: They received a complaint from the bu to the fire that the FD was not doing as much as they could to put out the fire. The FD had told the busin place earth on the fire, but have not done so. They have also had to move the railcars which contained cl located next to the fire. It is also causing health problems at the business next door for the employees. M the issue with DEP and will see if it can be resolved. (410)

UPDATE 09-22-03 1721 - Received NRC fax #700415 stating that a large amount of tire smoke has been unknown amount of fire fighting water reached surface water. Responsible party is Florida Tire Recyclin 772-465-0477. Reported to the NRC by Barry Stewart (FDEP/BER). No other information was available

UPDATE: 09-30-03/1344: Per Lt. Pauly: The fire is going again even though the county is receiving abu time. SWP/413 will notify DEP with update. <413>

### Incident Location

On Scene Contact:	
On-Scene Phone #:	

□D3;15= (No Responses);13= (Response);14= (% Responses)

Facility Name:	Florida Tire Recycling
Facility Address:	9675 Rangeline Rd
Facility City:	Port St Lucie

Number Injured:	
Number of Fatalities:	
Number Missing:	
Evacuations/Shelters:	
Damage:	
File Attachment:	

**Stewart, Barry**

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**From:** Forrest, William  
**Sent:** Friday, September 19, 2003 7:53 AM  
**To:** Lurix, Joe; Powell, Tim; Harris, John; Edwards, Terry L.; Lee, Greg; Stewart, Barry; Clark, Jan Rae  
**Cc:** Wierzbicki, Paul; Tedder, Richard  
**Subject:** Fl,orida Tire Recycling Site/Sampling Visit of 09 18 2003

I arrived at FTR at roughly 1320, 18 Sept. My first observation was made at the outflow point of Florida Tire's stormwater structure. This point is located on a canal that runs parallel to SR 609 (609 runs North South). A slight trickle o water was seen coming from the structure.. While waiting for Terry Davis of the PSL office, I was approached by an employee of Allied Chemical. I explained to this individual that I was there to assist in taking water samples of the canal and any water flowing off FTR into this canal. He showed me where water from a drainage ditch surrounding Allied was flowing into the canal. He stated that there was water flowing off FTR property into the drainage ditch. At this point we were joined by the manager of the Allied Chemical facility. When asked if I and my fellow DEP employee could have access to the property, he stated that that was not a problem, we just had to sign in.

Terry Davis from PSL arrived at roughly 1400. We were shown the point where water from FTR is flowing into the drainage ditch surrounding Allied. It was decided we would take samples of water entering the ditch and the point where water was leaving the ditch and going into the canal along SR 609. It is good to note that the FD was drafting water from the canal for use in fighting the FTR fire. This water was being pulled from a point north of the ditch outflow on the other side of the access drive for Allied. A slick was apparent in the canal where the water entered a culvert under the access drive. Water flow in the canal was to the north due to the FD withdrawing water for firefighting.

Based on water samples, it appears that most of the suspended solids entering the drainage ditch at FTR are precipitating out during the transit to the discharge point. Terry and I could see the diffeemces in the samples. Water flow in the ditch was relatively slow. We did not take any flow measurements as we were primarily interested in water quality.

I have uploaded pictures taken yesterday (9/18) to the waste drive in the Pictures folder FTR subfolder...

Bill Forrest  
Environmental Specialist  
Southeast District Office  
SC 226-6725  
(561)681-6725  
400 N. Congress AVE Suite 200  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

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**Stewart, Barry**

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**From:** Lurix, Joe  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2003 11:22 AM  
**To:** Stewart, Barry; Edwards, Terry L.  
**Cc:** Forrest, William; Wierzbicki, Paul  
**Subject:** FTR

Barry

I got your voice message and you to document down what you seen. I'm assuming you wrote a report and took pictures. We need that also. I left a voice message on your cell phone. I need to talk with one of you ASAP.

thanks

Joe Lurix  
Engineer IV  
Solid Waste  
Southeast District Office  
SC 226-6668  
561/681-6668

note address change beginning March 28, 2003>  
DEP - Southeast District  
400 N congress, Ste. 200  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401



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**Stewart, Barry**

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**From:** Lurix, Joe  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2003 1:17 PM  
**To:** Stewart, Barry  
**Cc:** Edwards, Terry L.; Wierzbicki, Paul  
**Subject:** FTR

Barry

Per our telephone conversation today, I am requesting that you send us a written field report from the Tuesday PM site visit when you were at the FTR/Allied along with your phone logs advising SLCFD today about the discharges you observed offsite at Allied from Tuesday.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Joe Lurix  
Engineer IV  
Solid Waste  
Southeast District Office  
SC 226-6668  
561/681-6668

note address change beginning March 28, 2003>  
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400 N congress, Ste. 200  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

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**Stewart, Barry**

**From:** Lurix, Joe  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2003 2:15 PM  
**To:** Stewart, Barry  
**Cc:** Edwards, Terry L.; Lee, Greg  
**Subject:** RE: Contamination of surface water due to fire at Florida Recycling Facility in Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County

thanks for the letter, but this not address what you seen or said to the SLCFD on Tuesday PM or today as requested.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Stewart, Barry  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2003 1:25 PM  
**To:** Lurix, Joe  
**Cc:** Edwards, Terry L.; Lee, Greg  
**Subject:** FW: Contamination of surface water due to fire at Florida Recycling Facility in Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County

Joe,  
You may want to speak to John Harris about Florida Tire Recycling, please see attached letter dated Sept. 5, 2003

Barry E. Stewart  
Emergency Response Specialist

Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Emergency Response  
Division of Law Enforcement

3000 NE 30th Place  
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fax 954-958-5580

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Todd Tucker [mailto:ToddT@AlliedUniversal.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2003 11:41 AM  
**To:** Stewart, Barry  
**Subject:** FW: Contamination of surface water due to fire at Florida Recycling Facility in Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Prakash Lodha [mailto:PLodha@AlliedUniversal.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 05, 2003 11:09 AM  
**To:** John.Harris@dep.state.fl.us; Kathy.Winston@dep.state.fl.us;  
Jim.Harmon@dep.state.fl.us  
**Cc:** 'Charley Wight'; 'Jim Palmer'; 'Ron Zeigler'; 'Todd Tucker'  
**Subject:** Contamination of surface water due to fire at Florida Recycling

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Facility in Fort Pierce-St. Lucie County

September 5, 2003

Mr. John Harris  
Supervisor, Waste Cleanup Section  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection-Southeast District  
400 N. Congress Avenue  
West Palm Beach, FL

Dear Mr. Harris:

It was pleasure talking with you this morning. Since Ms. Kathy Winston of your department is unavailable for some time, per her instructions, Allied contacted you.

Background:

Allied Universal Corporation has a water treatment chemicals manufacturing facility at Fort Pierce. The address of the facility:

Allied Universal Corporation  
9501 Rangeline Road  
Fort Pierce, FL 34987

Phone : 772-464-6195, Fax : 772-462-0716

Contact persons at the plant : Ron Zeigler-Branch Manager, Todd Tucker - Southern Regional Manager

The facility covers approx. 20 acres. There are drainage canals on all four sides of the facility. A tire recycling facility (Florida Tire Recycling) adjoins on south and east side of the property.

Incident:

On August 31, 2003, a fire broke out at Florida Recycling facility. The fire was extensive and was put out the next day fire department by dozing it with copious quantity of water. Since the fire incident, Allied personnel have observed free floating organic layer on the water in the canals. Suspended floating organic matter has been observed in the canal. Allied has collected a few samples of canal water. Allied has a 10,000 gallon AST at the facility.

If you need any more information, please contact the undersigned or Mr. Todd Tucker.

Sincerely,  
Allied Universal Corporation

Prakash S. Lodha, P.E.  
Corporate Engineer

Phone : (305) 888-2623 ext. 123 Fax: (305) 885-4671

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Incident Report # 700415

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

\*Report taken by: CIV CREWS at 15:50 on 22-SEP-03  
Incident Type: FIXED  
Incident Cause: UNKNOWN  
Affected Area: SURFACE WATER  
The incident occurred on 01-SEP-03 at 01:30 local time.  
Affected Medium: WATER ATMOSPHERE

REPORTING PARTY

Name: BARRY STEWART  
Organization: DEP  
Address: 3000 NORTHEAST 30TH PL  
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33326

PRIMARY Phone: (954)9585575  
Type of Organization: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: JACK WILSON  
Organization: FLORIDA TIRE RECYCLING  
Address: 9675 RANGELINE RD  
PORT AT. LUCIE, FL

PRIMARY Phone: (772)4650477  
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

INCIDENT LOCATION

9675 RANGELINE RD County: ST. LUCIE  
City: PORT AT. LUCIE State: FL

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: NCC Official Material Name: NO CHRIS CODE  
Also Known As: FIRE FIGHTING WATER  
Qty Released: 0 UNKNOWN AMOUNT Qty in Water: 0 UNKNOWN AMOUNT  
CHRIS Code: NCC Official Material Name: NO CHRIS CODE  
Also Known As: FUMES / SMOKE FROM A TIRE FIRE  
Qty Released: 0 UNKNOWN AMOUNT

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

DUE TO AN UNKNOWN CAUSE SEVERAL PILES OF TIRES IN A TIRE RECYCLING  
FACILITY HAVE CAUGHT FIRE RELEASING LARGE AMOUNTS OF TIRE SMOKE.  
SOME FIRE FIGHTING WATER HAS ALSO REACHED SURFACE WATER.

INCIDENT DETAILS

Building ID:  
Type of Fixed Object: OTHER  
Power Generating Facility: NO  
Generating Capacity:  
Type of Fuel:  
NPDES:  
NPDES Compliance: UNKNOWN

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---WATER INFORMATION---

Body of Water: SURFACE WATER  
Tributary of:  
Nearest River Mile Marker:  
Water Supply Contaminated: UNKNOWN

DAMAGES

Fire Involved: YES Fire Extinguished: NO  
INJURIES: Hospitalized: Empl/Crew: Passenger:  
FATALITIES: Empl/Crew: Passenger: Occupant:  
EVACUATIONS: Who Evacuated: Radius/Area:  
Damages:

Closure Type Description of Closure Hours Direction of  
Closed Closure  
Air: N  
Road: N Major N  
Waterway: N Artery:  
Track: N

Media Interest: NONE Community Impact due to Material: NO

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

CONTROLLED THE FIRE  
Release Secured: YES  
Release Rate:  
Estimated Release Duration:

WEATHER

Weather: UNKNOWN, :F

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal:  
State/Local: DEP / EPA  
State/Local On Scene:  
State Agency Number: 03-21-0263

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

U.S. EPA IV (404)5628700  
EPA IV FOR FLORIDA ATTN: T STILMAN  
22-SEP-03 16:01  
NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER HQ (202)2672100  
DOI FOR REGION 4 ATTN: MR. HOGUE (404)3314524  
22-SEP-03 16:01  
FL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (850)4139911  
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NONE

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POLREP #1 - Emergency Response - FINAL POLREP  
Florida Tire Recycling Fire  
9675 Rangeline Road  
Port St. Lucie, St. Lucie County, Florida

DATE: 24-SEP-03

To: Regional Response Center, 4WD-ERRB

NRC #: 700415

Response Authority : CERCLA

State Notification: 09/01/2003

Start Date: 09/01/2003

I. BACKGROUND

On 01-SEP-03, DEP was notified of a tire fire at the Florida Tire Recycling facility. St. Lucie County Fire Haz-Mat and DEP-BER responded. During the next two weeks, St. Lucie County attempted to extinguish the fire. Due to the position of the tire pile on fire, application of fire fighting water was hampered. To effectively extinguish the fire, heavy equipment was needed to allow for greater access to the fire, and to separate the burning tire pile. During this period, the owner of the facility was unable to supply equipment to aid in the fire fighting operations. Between 01-SEP-03 and 17-SEP-03, St. Lucie County Fire applied water onto the burning tire pile from a neighboring facility. Of primary concern was the protection of chlorine rail cars used at a neighboring facility.

II. SITUATION

On 15-SEP-03, DEP requested the Florida Division of Forestry supply personnel and equipment to assist with fire fighting operations. On 17-SEP-03, EPA was notified. EPA assistance was offered. DEP requested EPA allow the Division of Forestry an opportunity to provide the needed assistance. A 22-SEP-03 deadline was set.

On 21-SEP-03, OSC Stilman arrived on-scene to review fire fighting operations. During that same day, the facility owner arrived on-scene with heavy equipment to assist with fire fighting operations. By 22-SEP-03, the majority of the fire was extinguished.

III. FUTURE ACTIONS

DEP to monitor an adjacent stream for impacts due to fire fighting operations. Florida Tire Recycling has had a history of tire fires at this location. DEP-BER to continue to monitor the Site. No further action by ERRB is anticipated at this time.

Terry Stilman, On-Scene Coordinator  
EPA Region 4  
Atlanta, Georgia



# Firefighters to leave site where tires have burned for weeks

The state says the tire recycler has committed no violations.

By Derek Simonson  
staff writer

**PORT ST. LUCIE** — The scene of a tire fire burning for nearly four weeks could be turned back over to the company Monday, according to a fire official.

Firefighters will continue to stay at Florida Tire Recycling on Range Line Road through the weekend, though they will remove some equipment, said Battalion Chief Carlos Duran, a St. Lucie County Fire District spokesman.

They will conduct a final evaluation Monday to decide whether the fire is contained enough to be turned over to the company, Duran said.

"A good portion of what's burning is... metal," Duran said. "It's the metal within the pile. That's going to continue to burn." Some of the material will likely smolder for days, he said.



A fire burns at Florida Tire Recycling on Range Line Road in Port St. Lucie. The fire started Sept. 1 and raged through Sept. 14.

The county recently issued an excavator with a 500-gallon water tank, both of which helped quickly break up the piles of burning tires and debris, Duran said.

The fire ignited early on Sept. 1 and raged through Sept. 14.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, wrote the letter to the company. In the mid-1990s, said Willie Pua, a DEP spokesman, he visited the site last weekend and passed along his recommendations to fire officials, Duran said.

"It was determined that operationally we were doing everything that could be done," Duran said. "There were no changes to what we've been doing."

DEP has been monitoring the site and will continue to do so, Pua said. So far, the company has been doing everything correctly, and the DEP has not noticed any violations, he said.

Company officials could not be reached for comment.

"We will continue to monitor the conditions and, if need be, we'll bring personnel and equipment back," Duran said. "After this weekend, it'll be material that has been smoldering, but it shouldn't flare up again."

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## Fire fire timeline

1986: Site was recycling company by John and Susan Wilson.

1993: Department of Environmental Protection sued company, claiming it stored too many tires.

January 1994: A judge orders the company to trim its tire supply and make other improvements.

May 2001: DEP cites company for not complying with state regulations; company resolves all complaints.

October 2002: Firefighters respond to two fires at the business.

December 2002: Fire board passes a resolution requiring companies responsible in hazardous waste disasters to reimburse some costs of cleanup.

Sept. 1: 500-foot-long pile of tires catches fire.

Sept. 2: Firefighters turn scope over to company. They continue to monitor and return periodically to the site during the next week.

Sept. 14: Three piles of tires catch fire in a "suspicious" manner. The fire is now about 800 feet long.

Sept. 20: A DEP consultant visits the site to offer advice. The county loans equipment to the fire district to help battle the fire.

Sept. 28: Fire, now extinguished, is expected to be turned over to company.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
Emergency Response Incident Report

*Lucie*

Incident #: <b>0263</b> <del>03-21-0250</del>	County: <b>St. Lucie</b>	Latitude: N Longitude: W	Date of Incident: <b>9/1/03</b> ( <input type="checkbox"/> unknown)	Time of Incident: <b>01:30</b> ( <input type="checkbox"/> unknown)	
BER Employee Receiving Report: <b>Richard Daniels</b>	BER Response: <input type="checkbox"/> phone only <input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> referral <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> on-scene <input type="checkbox"/> follow-up	Date reported to BER: <b>9/1/03</b>			Time: <b>01:45</b>
Incident Reported By: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> via SWP <b>LT Pauly</b>	Affiliation or address: <b>St Lucie FD</b>	Phone Number (area code, ext.): <b>772-465-5770</b>			
Location of Incident: (include water body name, if applicable) <b>9675 Rangeline Road</b>		Nearest City/Town: <b>Port St Lucie</b>			
Threat to US Navigable Waters? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> confirmed <input type="checkbox"/> potential. Describe threat: Special Management Area affected: <b>N/A</b>					
Incident Description:  unknown cause	Mode:	Media Affected:  soil	Response Actions per NCP:  <input type="checkbox"/> contractor hired by: name: phone #: DEP contract# <input type="checkbox"/> referral:		
Responsible Party (RP): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RP assumed responsibility. <input type="checkbox"/> RP unknown. <b>Florida Tire Recycling</b> Responsible Party's Address: <b>9675 Rangline RD, Port St Lucie</b> DOB: DL#:		Contact Person / Agent : <b>Jack Wilson</b> Vehicle-vessel name / type / tag# / reg.#  Insurance Company: policy# phone:	Phone #s: <b>772-485-0477</b>		
Owner (or 2 <sup>ND</sup> RP): <input type="checkbox"/> same as RP <input type="checkbox"/> public right-of-way <b>N/A</b> Owner's Address: <b>N/A</b> DOB: DL#:		Contact Person / Agent : <b>N/A</b> Vehicle-vessel name / type / tag# / reg.# <b>N/A</b> Insurance Company: policy# phone:	Phone #s: <b>N/A</b>		
MATERIAL: <b>tires</b>	<b>EXHIBIT</b> tabbies <b>231</b>	Category Code: <b>25</b>	Potential Amount: <b>20-40 acres</b> of tires	Amount Released: <b>300,000 ft3</b>	
Amt. Determined by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OSC's estimate <input type="checkbox"/> RP est. <input type="checkbox"/>		Coastal Category: (Landward COLREG Line) (Seaward COLREG Line)			
Agencies Notified: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWP <input type="checkbox"/> local EM <input type="checkbox"/> BEI notified		<input type="checkbox"/> Minor < 1000 gallons < 10,000 gallons <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate 1000 to 10,000 gallons 10,000 to 100,000 gal. <input type="checkbox"/> Major > 10,000 gallons > 100,000 gallons			
Agencies Responded: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FD <input type="checkbox"/> PD/SO <input type="checkbox"/> FHP <input type="checkbox"/> USCG <input type="checkbox"/> local program <input type="checkbox"/>		FOSC Notified: <input type="checkbox"/> NRC Report# <input type="checkbox"/> USCG MSO - <input type="checkbox"/> EPA			
FOSC Notified: <input type="checkbox"/> NRC Report# <input type="checkbox"/> USCG MSO - <input type="checkbox"/> EPA		Name / Rank of FOSC Notified: date: time:		FOSC Response: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	
<b>Narrative:</b> BER was contacted by the SWP regarding a tire fire in St Lucie County. BER contacted LT Pauly St Lucie County FD and offered state assistance. LT Pauly requested bulldozer if possible to separate the tires that were not burning. ERS Rich Daniels contacted SWS and asked if Bulldozers were available. Mike Morris contacted ERS Daniels at approximately 06:30 and said that if contracted he could deliver two dozers later that day. BER contacted Lt Pauly who then indicated that the equipment would no longer be needed. ERS Daniels arrived on scene at approximately 09:00 and discussed the situation with the ST Lucie County FD. At that time the decision was to allow the fire to burn out, a process that would take several days. St Lucie FD did not have water readily available and their response vehicles had flat tires from driving through metal bands that were mixed in with the shredded tires on site. The only source of water was a large retention pond at the facility by ST Lucie FD was unable to get there vehicles to the pond. The State Forestry Service had response vehicles better suited for the terrain and pumps en route. BER inspected the fire and observed a large pile of tires approximately 300 feet long and twenty to thirty feet high burning. A large front loader was busy separating the pile of burning tires from the rest of the facility. At approximately 10:30 the pile had been separated. Florida Tire recycling will be providing pumps to assist putting out the remains of the fire. BER will refer the case to the DEP Solid Waste Section for follow up. BER case closed.					
BER / State On-Scene Coordinator: hours spent: <b>6</b> ID# M90 fax # 954-958-5580		Federal On-Scene Coordinator: "The above actions were properly taken and coordinated in accordance with the National Contingency Plan (NCP, 40 CFR 300)." date: time: print name: sign:			
print name: <b>Richard Daniels</b> sign: <i>Richard Daniels</i>		print name: sign:			

**BER Response Information**

Incident #: **03-2I-0250**

BER On-Scene Coordinator: <b>Richard A. Daniels</b> Arrival date: <b>9/1/03</b> Arrival time: <b>09:30</b>	(Photo or sketch) 
Enforcement action taken / pending: <input type="checkbox"/> criminal <input type="checkbox"/> civil.  Lead agency: <input type="checkbox"/> BEI <input type="checkbox"/> EPA <input type="checkbox"/> S.O. <input type="checkbox"/> PD <input type="checkbox"/> FHP <input type="checkbox"/> DEP program: <input type="checkbox"/>  Enforcement against: <input type="checkbox"/> RP <input type="checkbox"/>  Describe offense(s):	

**ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND EXPENSES INCURRED DURING INVESTIGATION**

Description and cost of other equipment used/lost/damaged, or other non-specified expenses incurred:

N/A

Name of All Personnel Involved (include yourself): <b>Richard A. Daniels</b>	Hours Involved:	Name of All Personnel Involved:	Hours Involved:
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Total vehicle miles: <b>170</b>	Total Photographic Costs (film, etc.): <b>\$ 5.00</b>	Total phone costs (incl. cell.): <b>\$ 5.00</b>	Total clerical hours: <b>1</b>	Total Per Diem costs: <b>\$</b>
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**Narrative:** (expand on areas that need more details, include any information not covered, deemed necessary, use continuation form if necessary):

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Print Supervisor's name: <b>Terry L. Edwards</b>	ID# <b>F25</b>	Supervisor's Signature:	Date:
BER Employee Closing Case: <b>Terry L. Edwards</b>	ID# <b>F 25</b>	Title: <b>Environmental Manager</b>	Date:
		NRDA Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> yes (attach) <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	

## Photographic Documentation Log

**Incident Name:** Florida Tire Recycling

**BER Case Number:** 03-2I-0250

**Location:** 9675 Rangeline RD

**Photograph #:** 1

**Date:** 9/01/03

**Time:** 09:45

**Taken By:** Richard Daniels



**Description:**

A large row of tires over 200 feet long is slowly burning. Local Fire officials expected the fire to burn for several days.

**Photograph 1**

**Photograph #:** 2

**Date:** 9/01/02

**Time:** 10:15

**Taken By:** Richard Daniels



**Description:**

St Lucie FD attempts to slow the spread of the fire while a front loader attempted to separate the piles. St Lucie FD used portable pumps to draw water from a nearby lake. Fire trucks were unable to get to the lake to pump the water.

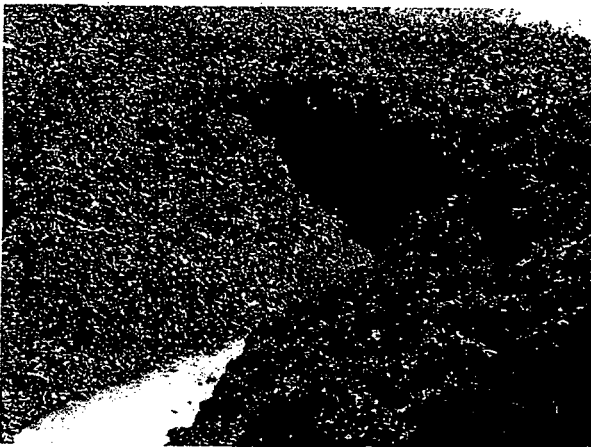
**Photograph 2**

**Photograph #:** 3

**Date:** 9/01/03

**Time:** 10:30

**Taken By:** Richard Daniels



**Description:**

A front loader managed to separate the piles before the fire reached the location. The fire was 20 feet from this location when the trench was completed.

**Photograph 3**

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**Incident #: SWP030901 - 6028**

SWP 416 on 09/01 at 01:26 AM

Last Modified: 09/01 at 01:32 AM

County: St. Lucie

**Tires On Fire**

**Incident Details**

Incident Type:	General
Incident Status:	Closed
Incident Severity:	Level 1
	1 - Report of a situation that could adversely impact a jurisdiction. No impacts reported, no field response necessary, continue monitoring situation. No assistance requested. ** See Note
Incident Occurred Date/Time:	09/01/2003 01:00 AM EDT
Caller:	Lt Pauly
Caller Address:	
Callback #:	772-465-5770 Time of Call: 09/01/2003 01:26 AM EDT
Caller Represents:	St Lucie FD

**Comments**

Caller reports a fire at a tire recycling facilities stockpile in Port St Lucie. Caller states that this occurs every 3 months and the fire will continue for several days. No structures at risk. No other information available.

**Incident Location**

On Scene Contact:	
On-Scene Phone #:	
Facility Name:	Florida Tire Recycling
Facility Address:	9675 Rangeline Rd
Facility City:	Port St Lucie

Number Injured:	
Number of Fatalities:	
Number Missing:	
Evacuations/Shelters:	
Damage:	
File Attachment:	