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February 12, 2003

Mr. Joe Lurix, Engineer  
Solid Waste Section  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Southeast District  
P.O. Box 15425  
West Palm Beach, FL 33416

Re: Florida Tire Recycling, Inc.  
Port St. Lucie, FL

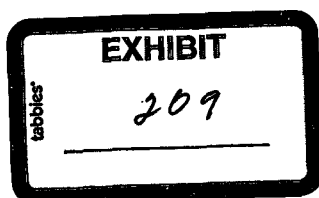
Dear Sir,

Florida Tire Recycling has completed an Emergency Preparedness Manual, which I have reviewed, and has submitted copies of it to the St. Lucie County Fire District fire marshal as well as to the nearest fire station. Additionally, I have inspected Florida Tire Recycling's facility in Port St. Lucie, Florida to determine compliance with the relevant sections of NFPA 231D published by the National Fire Protection Association. I found Florida Tire Recycling, Inc. in compliance with all relevant sections of NFPA 231D.

The only whole tires at the site are those that have recently arrived and are waiting processing. Note however that there are two cells of whole tires which are larger than 1200 x 20 in size and thus, I am advised are exempt for FDEP regulation.

There are several cells of shredded material that are configured so as to meet fire control regulations. The area around these cells has been scraped to bare earth so as to minimize the potential for fire to migrate from cell to cell by igniting loose tire shreds lying on the ground. The distance between the storage cells has been maintained at no less than fifty feet. The east/west roadway through the center of the property has also been scraped.

The roadway along the southern and southwestern property lines as well as the west/west roadway through the center of the property is readily accessible to fire fighting equipment. As noted above, fire lanes are maintained between the storage cells.



Florida Tire Recycling has installed a "dry hydrant" at the suggestion of the St. Lucie County Fire District. The purpose of the dry hydrant is to provide a universal connection for fire trucks to be able to connect to for the purpose of obtaining water from the large pond on site.

The company has purchased and placed in inventory a large quantity of F-500 suppressant agent, which is represented by the manufacturer to be formulated specifically for control of fires involving waste tires. Manuals and a training video on F-500 have been provided to the St. Lucie County Fire District.

To close, please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LJN", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Lt. Lowell J. Nance

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CC: Florida Tire Recycling, Inc.