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Re: Report on Fire Event

Dear Mr. Lurix,

On Sunday, October 13, 2002, at about 4:30 pm a fire ignited in a pile of shredded tire chips stored in a cell in the far west end of our property. Wind gusts carried burning embers to a pile of construction sized tires stored in a second cell on the southwest corner of the property. Florida Tire Recycling's fire battalion was activated as the first line of defense until the St Lucie County fire department arrived. The department had the blaze under control by late evening and remained on-site through late Monday dealing with hot spots. We have aided the department by deploying two front-end loaders, a bulldozer and a hydraulic excavator to break the cells apart and spread the material so any hot spots can be quenched. Two high-pressure pumps were brought on site to deal with any additional hot spots that may be found after the department left.

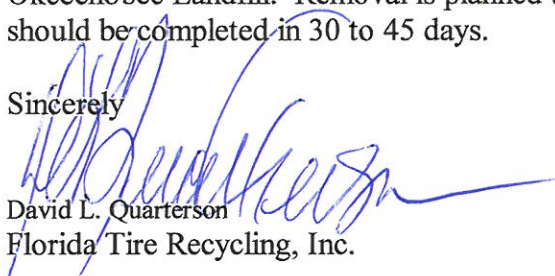
The St. Lucie County fire marshal's office has begun a preliminary investigation to determine whether arson was involved. There were no Florida Tire Recycling employees or contractors anywhere near the area when the second fire began. There were no injuries and, inasmuch as the fire was about 350 yards from the nearest structure, there was never any danger to any buildings or equipment.

The two cells are bounded on three sides by the access road and on the fourth side by the drainage swale leading to the dry retention area (and thence to the settlement pond.) The weir draining the pond was closed so there was no chance of runoff from going off site. Mr. Terry Stilman, the federal on-scene coordinator for the USEPA monitored the

situation and advised that it appeared runoff would not be an issue and that air quality was not adversely impacted. Indarjit Jagnarine and William Forrest from your office visited the facility today and to review the situation. They inspected the retention pond and its drainage system. They were able to collect photographic evidence that no runoff had left the property.

The equipment necessary to facilitate the clean up is on site. Arrangements are being made to load, transport and dispose of the residue. It will probably be taken to the Okeechobee Landfill. Removal is planned to begin the week of October 20, 2002 and should be completed in 30 to 45 days.

Sincerely



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