



**Florida Department of  
Environmental Protection  
Inspection Checklist**

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**FACILITY INFORMATION:**

**Facility Name:** FOREVER RECYCLING LLC  
**On-Site Inspection Start Date:** 08/17/2016  
**On-Site Inspection End Date:** 08/17/2016  
**WACS No.:** 101313  
**Facility Street Address:** 857 BELLE GLADE RD 2  
**City:** PAHOKEE  
**County Name:** PALM BEACH  
**Zip:** 33476

**INSPECTION PARTICIPANTS:**

(Include ALL Landfill and Department Personnel with Corresponding Titles)

**Principal Inspector:** Jorge R Patino, Inspector  
**Other Participants:** Kajal Bhavsar, E-III; John booth, Investigator; Emilio G. Perez, Owner; Emilio Perez, Owner's Father

**INSPECTION TYPE:**

Follow-up Operation Inspection for WPF - Waste Tire Processing Facility

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE INSPECTION CHECK LIST:**

This Cover Page to the Inspection Checklist may include any or all of the following attachments as appropriate.

- 1.0 - SECTION 1.0 - FILE REVIEW
- 9.0 - SECTION 9.0 - WASTE TIRE FACILITIES

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**1.0 - SECTION 1.0 - FILE REVIEW**

## Requirements:

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Item No.	FILE REVIEW (Pre- or Post-Inspection, as appropriate.)	Ok	Not Ok	Unk	N/A
1.1	For landfills and C&D disposal facilities, does the facility have a current plan for the method and sequence of filling wastes? 62-701.500(2)(f) for landfills; 62-701.730(7)(a) for C&D debris sites				✓
1.2	For landfills, are the following records being reported to the Department?(Check any that are Not OK) <input type="checkbox"/> Waste reports (annually) 62-701.500(4) <input type="checkbox"/> Annual estimate of remaining life 62-701.500(13)(c)				✓
1.3	Is gas monitoring being performed as required by the permit? 62-701.500(9), 62-701.530(2)				✓
1.4	Are the results of the gas sampling reported to the Department quarterly? 62-701.530(2)(c)				✓
1.5	Is water quality sampling and testing performed according to standard procedures and at the required frequencies? 62-701.510(2) for landfills; 62-701.730(8) and 62-701.730(10) for C&D debris sites; 62-713.400(3) for stationary soil treatment facilities.				✓
1.6	Do the results of the water quality testing suggest there may be adverse impacts to water quality from the operation of the solid waste facility? 62-701.510(3) and (4); 62-701.730(4)(c) and (10) for C&D debris sites; 62-713.400(3) for stationary soil treatment facilities.				✓
1.7	For closed landfills and C&D disposal facilities with final elevations higher than 20 feet above grade, has a final survey report verifying the final elevations and contours of the facility been submitted to the Department? 62-701.600(6)(b), 62-701.730(9)(e)				✓
1.8	Is financial assurance adequate? 62-701.630 for landfills; 62-701.710(7)(a) and 62-701.710(1)(d)1. for waste processing facilities; 62-701.730(11)(a) for C&D debris facilities; 62-713.600(6)(a) for stationary soil treatment facilities; 62-711.500(3) for waste tire facilities. NOTE: The Solid Waste Financial Coordinator in Tallahassee can assist with this information.	✓			
1.9	Are cost estimates current and adjusted every year? 62-701.630(4) for landfills; 62-701.710(7)(a) and 62-701.710(1)(d)1. for waste processing facilities; 62-701.730(11)(a) for C&D debris facilities; 62-713.600(6)(b) and 62-713.600(6)(c) for stationary soil treatment facilities; 62-711.500(3) for waste tire facilities.	✓			
1.10	For C&D debris disposal and disposal with recycling facilities, is an Annual Report submitted to the Department for the disposal operation by February 1st of each year? 62-701.730(12)				✓
1.11	For C&D recycling facilities with no disposal, is an Annual Report for the recycling facility submitted to the Department by February 1st of each year? 62-701.710(8)(b)				✓
1.12	For compost facilities, has the compost product been sampled and analyzed every 20,000 tons or every 3 months (whichever is sooner)? 62-709.530(1)				✓
1.13	For compost facilities, has the annual report been submitted by June 1st? 62-709.530(3)				✓

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**9.0 - SECTION 9.0 - WASTE TIRE FACILITIES**

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Item No.	SOLID WASTE PROHIBITIONS (unless "grandfathered" in, see 62-701.300(18))	Ok	Not Ok	Unk	N/A
9.1.1	Unauthorized storage, processing, or disposal of solid waste except as authorized at a permitted solid waste management facility or other exempt facility? 62-701.300(1)(a)	✓			
9.1.2	Unauthorized disposal or storage prohibited, except yard trash, within 500 feet of a potable water well? 62-701.300(2)(b)	✓			
9.2	Unauthorized storage or disposal of yard trash prohibited within the minimum setbacks of (Check any that are Not OK) 62-701.300(12) <input type="checkbox"/> 100 feet from potable water wells (except on-site)? <input type="checkbox"/> 50 feet from water bodies?	✓			
9.3	Unauthorized disposal or storage prohibited in any natural or artificial body of water including ground water and wetlands? (Does not apply to standing water after a storm event) 62-701.300(2)(d)	✓			
9.4	Unauthorized disposal or storage prohibited, except yard trash, within 200 feet of any natural or artificial body of water, including wetlands without permanent leachate controls, except impoundments or conveyances which are part of an on-site, permitted stormwater management system or on-site water bodies with no off-site discharge? 62-701.300(2)(e)	✓			
9.5	Unauthorized open burning of solid waste prohibited except in accordance with Department requirements? 62-701.300(3)	✓			
Item No.	WASTE TIRE FACILITY - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR STORAGE	Ok	Not Ok	Unk	N/A
9.6	If the facility accepts tires from the public, is a sign posted at the facility entrance stating operating hours, cost of disposal and site rules? 62-711.540(1)(a)	✓			
9.7	Are operations involving the use of open flames conducted no closer than 25 feet of a waste tire pile? 62-711.540(1)(b)	✓			
9.8	If the facility accepts tires from the public, is an attendant always present on site when the site is open for business? 62-711.540(1)(c)	✓			
9.9	Are fire protection services assured through notification to local fire protection authorities? 62-711.540(1)(d)	✓			
9.10	Is an annual fire safety survey conducted? 62-711.540(1)(d)	✓			
9.11	Is a copy of the annual fire safety report made part of the next quarterly report? 62-711.540(1)(d)	✓			
9.12	Does the facility have an Emergency Preparedness Manual (EPM) on-site? 62-711.540(1)(e)	✓			
9.13	Does the EPM contain the following information? (Check all that are Not OK) <input type="checkbox"/> Contact names and numbers 62-711.540(1)(e)1 <input type="checkbox"/> List of emergency response equipment and locations on-site 62-711.540(1)(e)2 <input type="checkbox"/> Procedures to be followed in the event of a fire 62-711.540(1)(e)3	✓			
9.14	Is the operator at the facility maintaining records of the quantity of waste tires received at the site, stored at the site, and shipped from the site? 62-711.540(1)(g) and 62-711.400(5)		✓		
9.15	If the operator of the site is not the owner of the property, has written authorization been obtained from the property owner to operate the facility? 62-711.540(1)(h)	✓			
9.16	Is adequate communications equipment available at the site? 62-711.540(1)(i)	✓			

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9.17	Is the owner or operator providing for control of mosquitoes and rodents so as to protect the public health and welfare? 62-711.540(1)(j)	✓			
Item No.	WASTE TIRE FACILITY - STORAGE INDOORS	Ok	Not Ok	Unk	N/A
9.18	Are waste tire piles more than 50 feet in width? 62-711.540(2)(a)				✓
9.19	Are waste tire piles along a wall more than 25 feet in width? 62-711.540(2)(a)				✓
9.20	Are widths of main aisles between piles less than 8 feet? 62-711.540(2)(b)				✓
9.21	Is there less than 3 feet of clearance between the top of storage to sprinkler detectors or roof structures? 62-711.540(2)(c)				✓
9.22	Is there less than 3 feet of clearance between waste tire piles and unit heaters, etc.? 62-711.540(2)(d)				✓
9.23	If waste tires are stored up to 15 feet high, do walls between adjacent warehouse areas and between manufacturing and warehouse areas have at least a four-hour fire rating? 62-711.540(2)(e)				✓
9.24	If waste tires are stored over 15 feet high, do walls between manufacturing and warehouse areas have a fire rating of not less than six hours and do steel columns have one-hour fireproofing? If the top of storage exceeds 20 feet in height, do columns and their connections with other structural members have two-hour fireproofing? 62-711.540(2)(f)				✓
9.25	Is the access controlled through the use of doors, fences, gates, natural barriers or other means? 62-711.540(2)(h)				✓
Item No.	WASTE TIRE FACILITY - STORAGE OUTDOORS	Ok	Not Ok	Unk	N/A
9.26	Is the waste tire site operated within 200 feet from a body of water? 62-711.540(3)(a)	✓			
9.27	Does the waste tire pile have a width less than 50 feet? 62-711.540(3)(b)	✓			
9.28	Does the waste tire pile have an area less than 10,000 sq. ft? 62-711.540(3)(b)	✓			
9.29	Does the waste tire pile have a height less than 15 feet? 62-711.540(3)(b)	✓			
9.30	Is there a 50 feet wide fire lane around the perimeter of the waste tire pile? 62-711.540(3)(c)	✓			
9.31	Is there unobstructed access to the fire lane? 62-711.540(3)(c)	✓			
9.32	Is the access controlled through the use of doors, fences, gates, natural barriers or other means? 62-711.540(3)(d)	✓			
9.33	Is the site kept free of grass, underbrush, and other potentially flammable vegetation? 62-711.540(3)(f)	✓			
9.34	Is the site bermed or given other adequate protection to prevent liquid runoff from entering water bodies? 62-711.540(3)(e)	✓			
9.35	Are residuals contained on-site and disposed of in a permitted solid waste management facility or properly recycled? 62-711.540(5)	✓			
9.36	Does the waste tire site qualify for the exceptions to the technical and operational standards as allowed by rule? 62-711.540(6)				✓
Item No.	WASTE TIRE FACILITY - COLLECTION CENTER	Ok	Not Ok	Unk	N/A
9.37	Are no more than 1,500 tires at the collection center at any one time? 62-711.550(1)(a)				✓
9.38	Are all waste tires, which are not used tires, removed from site yearly for recycling, processing, or disposal? 62-711.550(1)(b)				✓

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**Pre-existing Violations:**

Rule: 62-711.400(5), 62-711.540(1)(g)

Question Number: 9.14

Explanation: Records reviewed during the inspection the facility currently has 18,016 tires onsite. However based on observations and field estimates, there appeared to be approximately 45,000 tires stored onsite including baled tires.

Corrective Action: Compliance assistance will be offered to the facility with deadlines for compliance.

**Comments:**

Response received on 7-15-16 stating facility will cease to receive additional tires until it achieves compliance, providing written correspondence from Wheelabrator stating the plant is down due to motor failure and cannot receive tires temporarily, and providing copy of mosquito service agreement. No response received to question about potential records discrepancy. This area of concern cannot be resolved at this time. Will monitor facility.

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Based on observation made on 8/17/16, this violation is still ongoing, although the facility has made progress by transporting most of the north loose waste tire pile to Wheelabrator. Receipts are attached to the 8/17/16 inspection report. A consent agreement is being considered as the facility will need additional time to transport all tires required to comply with the permit requirement.

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**COMMENTS:**

I, Kajal Bhavsar, and Jorge Patino performed a follow-up inspection at the Forever recycling facility on 08/17/2016 from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. along with John Booth, an Investigator from FWC Division of Law Enforcement. Upon arrival, we were greeted by Mr. Emilio G. Perez, owner of the Forever Recycling. He and his father (Emilio Perez) accompanied us during inspection onsite. Mr. Emilio G. indicated that Wheelabrator has started to receive some of their tires intermittently after shutdown for repairs and maintenance. We checked all the outdoor waste tire storage and compared with previous inspection records. The facility has stopped receiving tires and started transporting loose waste tires so, large North pile was almost gone leaving some loose tires (see attached pile map). We also checked receipts from Wheelabrator for waste tire quantity and date of transfer and verified records (Copy received by the department). We advised the owner to submit copies of all future tire disposal receipts until the department notifies him otherwise. He indicated that they may consider applying for a permit modification to increase the tire limit. The area of concern related to exceeding the permitted limit of 3500 tires is still pending and a consent agreement is being considered as the facility will need additional time to transport all tires required to comply with the permit requirement. (Please refer to the areas of concern described in the report, pictures and other supporting documents for additional details):

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Baled tire pile



Baled tire piles 1, 2, 3



Baled tire pile near to fence



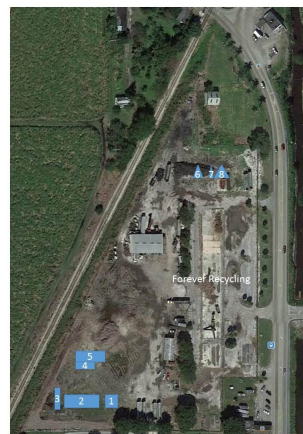
Pile 3 view from fence



small Piles 6,7,8 for loose tires



Pile map



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**Signed:**

Jorge R Patino  
**PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR NAME**

Inspector  
**PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR TITLE**

J.R.P.  
**PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR SIGNATURE**

DEP  
**ORGANIZATION** 08/26/2016  
**DATE**

Kajal Bhavsar  
**INSPECTOR NAME**

E-III  
**INSPECTOR TITLE**

NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED  
**INSPECTOR SIGNATURE**

FDOH  
**ORGANIZATION**

John booth  
**INSPECTOR NAME**

Investigator  
**INSPECTOR TITLE**

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FWC Division of Law Enforcement  
**ORGANIZATION**

Emilio G. Perez  
**REPRESENTATIVE NAME**

Owner  
**REPRESENTATIVE TITLE**

NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED  
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Forever Recycling  
**ORGANIZATION**

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Emilio Perez  
**REPRESENTATIVE NAME**

Owner's Father  
**REPRESENTATIVE TITLE**

NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED  
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**Report Approvers:**

**Approver:** Jorge R Patino

**Inspection Approval Date:** 08/26/2016