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Clifton McFadden, Manager  
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Re: Empire Tire  
SW Facility ID #95062  
Orange County

Dear Mr. McFadden:

Department personnel conducted an inspection of the above-referenced facility on February 6, 2020. Based on the information provided during and following the inspection, the facility was determined to be in compliance with the Department's rules and regulations. A copy of the inspection report is attached for your records, and any non-compliance items which may have been identified at the time of the inspection have been corrected.

The Department appreciates your efforts to maintain this facility in compliance with state and federal rules. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Amada Fernandez at 407-897-4159 or via e-mail at [Amada.M.Fernandez@FloridaDEP.gov](mailto:Amada.M.Fernandez@FloridaDEP.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jill Farris", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Jill Farris, Manager  
Central District  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Enclosure: Inspection Report

cc: Amada Fernandez, FDEP



**Florida Department of  
Environmental Protection  
Inspection Checklist**

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**FACILITY INFORMATION:**

**Facility Name:** EMPIRE TIRE INC  
**On-site Inspection Start Date:** 02/06/2020  
**On-site Inspection End Date:** 02/06/2020  
**WACS No.:** 95062  
**Facility Street Address:** 550 MISSION RD  
**City:** Orlando  
**County Name:** ORANGE  
**Zip:** 32808

**INSPECTION PARTICIPANTS:**

(Include ALL Landfill and Department Personnel with Corresponding Titles)

Principal Inspector: Amada M Fernandez, Inspector

Other Participants: Gloria-Jean DePradine, Environmental Consultant; Richard Oconnor, Dispatcher;

**INSPECTION TYPE:**

Routine Operation Inspection for WPF - Waste Tire Processing Facility

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE INSPECTION CHECKLIST:**

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

**Note: Checklist items with shaded boxes are for informational purposes only.**

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:**

The requirements listed in this section provide an opportunity for the Department's inspector to indicate the conditions found at the time of the inspection. A "Not Ok" response to a requirement indicates either a potential violation of the corresponding rule or an area of concern that requires more attention. Both potential violations and areas of concern are discussed further at the end of this inspection report.

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****Requirements:**

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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)	✓			
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)	✓			

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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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**Current Violations:**

Rule: 62-711.540(3)(c)

Question Number: 9.30

Explanation: Tires stored along the fence on the north side of the property do not have a 50-foot wide fire lane around the perimeter of the outdoor waste tire pile.

Corrective Action: On February 28, 2020, Cliff McFadden submitted photos demonstrating that the north side of the property had been completely cleared of waste tires.

**Attachments:**

North side cleared of waste tires



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**COMMENTS:**

Waste tire processing facility is operating under Permit Number 02897891-WT, issued 3/15/19 and expires 3/14/2024.

Processing involves storage and sorting of whole waste tires, tire chips and residuals. All storage and operations are performed outdoors and under cover. On-site permitted waste tire storage capacity is 825 tons and includes 200 tons of whole waste tires, 500 tons of processed tire chips, 125 tons of residuals, and used tires for resale (5% of daily collection).

Item 1.8 - Financial assurance is adequate according to an email from Susan Eldredge dated 1/31/20.

Item 1.9 - 2019 closure cost estimate was received 2/14/19. 2020 closure cost estimate must be submitted by 4/6/20 with any documentation of the increase by 6/6/20.

Item 9.10 - An annual fire safety survey dated 2/22/19 was available for review on-site. The 2020 fire safety survey should be conducted and should be made part of the 1st quarter 2020 waste tire report.

According to the 4th quarter 2019 waste tire quarterly report, the facility had an ending inventory below the permitted on-site storage capacity. Outdoor waste tire piles had an area less than 10,000 square feet and a height less than 15 feet. The outdoor storage pile along the south end of the property was well maintained with an adequate fire perimeter lane and internal fire lane. While this pile is comprised mostly of large tires, DEP recommends that smaller passenger tires are removed from the pile and processed in an effort to reduce on-site storage.

The small outdoor storage area at the north end of the property did not have an adequate fire perimeter lane at the time of the inspection. On February 28, 2020 Cliff McFadden submitted photos of corrective action.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

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Residuals



North side needs fire lane



Fire perimeter lane - south side



Fire perimeter lane - SW side



Working whole tires pile



Processed pile



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**Signed:**

Amada M Fernandez

Inspector

**PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR NAME****PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR TITLE**

DEP

02/10/2020

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Gloria-Jean DePradine

Environmental Consultant

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Richard Oconnor

Dispatcher

**REPRESENTATIVE NAME****REPRESENTATIVE TITLE**

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Empire Tire Inc

**REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE****ORGANIZATION**

NOTE: By signing this document, the Site Representative only acknowledges receipt of this Inspection Report and is not admitting to the accuracy of any of the items identified by the Department as "Not Ok" or areas of concern.

**Report Approvers:**

Approver: Jill M. Farris

Inspection Approval Date: 03/06/2020