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June 8, 2022

Ali Belfakir, Owner
US 27 Tires, LLC
29612 US Highway 27
Lake Hamilton, FL 33838
Us27tires@gmail.com

Re: US 27 Tires
Facility ID: 101295
Polk County

Dear Mr. Belfakir:

Department personnel conducted a compliance inspection of the above-referenced facility on May 16, 2022. Based on the information provided during the inspection, the facility was determined to be in compliance. However, please be aware of the area of concern identified in the inspection report and correct within the stated timeframe. A copy of the inspection report is attached for your records.

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 Taylor Mandalou at (813) 470-5966, or via e-mail at: Taylor.Mandalou@FloridaDEP.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hannah Westervelt".

Hannah Westervelt
Environmental Manager
Compliance Assurance Program
Southwest District
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Enclosures: Inspection Report

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**Florida Department of
Environmental Protection
Inspection Checklist**

FACILITY INFORMATION:

Facility Name: US 27 TIRES, LLC
On-site Inspection Start Date: 05/16/2022
On-site Inspection End Date: 05/16/2022
WACS No.: 101295
Facility Street Address: 29612 HWY 27
City: DUNDEE
County Name: POLK
Zip: 33838

INSPECTION PARTICIPANTS:

(Include ALL Landfill and Department Personnel with Corresponding Titles)

Principal Inspector: Taylor Mandalou, Inspector

Other Participants: Emily Stitt, Inspector; Ali Belfakir, Owner;

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:**

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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**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 Areas of Concern:

Rule: 62-711.540(2)(b)

Question Number: 9.20

Explanation: During the inspection, Department staff observed a tire pile that had aisles less than eight feet wide (on the site plan, this pile is on the west/center of the building, labelled 10'W x 10'H x 27'L).

Corrective Action: Please ensure the width of main aisles between tire piles is not less than eight feet wide. Please send photographic documentation of the 8 foot aisles to the department within 15 days of the date listed on the attached Cover Letter.

Attachments:

Pile on the left side of photo



Pile on left, Aisle less than 8ft



Pile on left, Aisle less than 8ft



Pile on right side of photo



COMMENTS:

During the inspection, the owner had an old version of their permit on site. The most recent permit was emailed to them on 6/2/2022.

Item No. 1.8: Please work with the Solid Waste Financial Coordinator to assess the facility's compliance with the funding mechanism requirements of Rule 62-701.630, F.A.C.

Item No. 9.11: The most recent annual fire safety survey for the Waste Tire Processing Facility was completed on 2/22/2022, but was not included in the 1st Quarter 2022 Waste Tire Processing Report. Please ensure this survey is included in the 2nd Quarter 2022 Waste Tire Processing Report. Please ensure that future annual fire safety surveys are submitted with their respective Quarterly Waste Tire Processing Reports.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Inside middle bay door



Between tire rack and half wall



West air compressor area



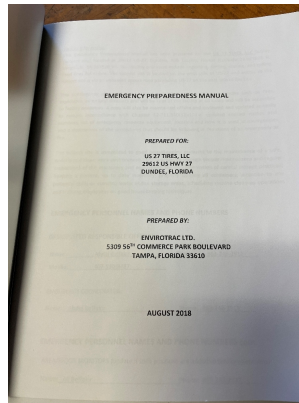
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Mounting and balancing area



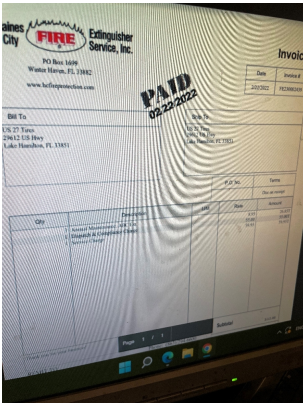
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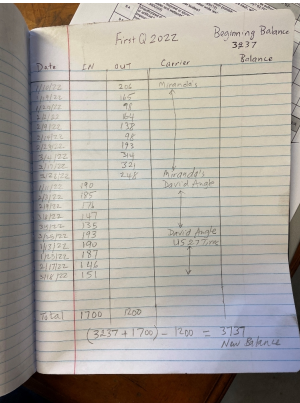
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Fire safety survey



Waste tire quantity records



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Signed:

Taylor Mandalou

Inspector

PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR NAME**PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR TITLE**

DEP

06/02/2022

PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR SIGNATURE**ORGANIZATION****DATE**

Emily Stitt

Inspector

INSPECTOR NAME**INSPECTOR TITLE**

NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED

DEP

INSPECTOR SIGNATURE**ORGANIZATION**

Ali Belfakir

Owner

REPRESENTATIVE NAME**REPRESENTATIVE TITLE**

NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED

US 27 Tires, LLC

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:** Hannah Westervelt**Inspection Approval Date:** 06/06/2022