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Kirby Tire Dump Cleanup Complete;
Event Will Highlight Success of Ohio EPA's Scrap Tire Program

Ohio EPA invites reporters for a close-up view of the completed cleanup at the Kirby Tire dump near Sycamore. On Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at 10 a.m., Ohio EPA Director Chris Korleski will talk about the nine-year cleanup effort at the site and the accomplishments of Ohio's scrap tire program since it began cleanups more than a decade ago.

Ohio EPA staff will be available to talk about Kirby and other scrap tire sites in Ohio. The Agency will provide a digital media kit with fact sheets and numerous photos taken before and during the Kirby cleanup as contractors removed more than 25 million scrap tires from the site from July 1999 to March 2008.

Ohio EPA has spent more than \$13 million to remove the surface tires, almost \$11 million to remove the buried tire fire residuals, plus more than \$7 million to treat surface water contaminated when it contacted the tires buried in the fire. Funding for this and other cleanups comes from a \$1 fee collected on new tires sold in Ohio.

The site is located at 3137 Route 231, Sycamore, Ohio. From the Columbus and Toledo areas, take U.S. 23 to Upper Sandusky, then U.S. 30 east to Route 231. Go north on Route 231. From the Cleveland area, take Interstate 71 south to U.S. 30 west, then north on Route 231. The site is on the right, just south of the Route 103 intersection.

NOTE: No restroom facilities are available at the site. Wear sturdy shoes.

RSVP is requested by April 14 to Dina Pierce at dina.pierce@epa.state.oh.us.

Online Media Kit is available at www.epa.state.oh.us/pic/media/kirby_media2008.html

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