

**BEFORE THE  
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

In the Matter Of:

Vernon McGeary and Daisy Johnson : Director's Final Findings  
511 Skidmore Hollow Road : and Orders  
Lucasville, Ohio 45648 :

Respondents

**I. JURISDICTION**

These Director's Final Findings and Orders ("Orders") are issued to Vernon McGeary and Daisy Johnson (collectively, the "Respondents") pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("Ohio EPA") under Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") sections 3734.13 and 3734.85.

**II. PARTIES BOUND**

These Orders shall apply to and be binding upon Respondents, and their heirs and successors in interest liable under Ohio law. No change in ownership of the Property (as hereinafter defined) shall in any way alter Respondents' obligations under these Orders.

**III. DEFINITIONS**

Unless otherwise stated, all terms used in these Orders shall have the same meaning as used in ORC Chapter 3734. and the rules promulgated thereunder.

**IV. FINDINGS**

The Director of Ohio EPA has determined the following findings:

1. Respondents are the owners of a 67.003 acre parcel of land that was identified in the records of the Pike County Recorder's Office as parcel number 04009500000. The parcel is located at 511 Skidmore Hollow Road, Lucasville, Pike County, Ohio (the "Property").
2. Respondents are "persons" as that term is defined in ORC Section 3734.01(G) and Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 3745-27-01(P)(3).
3. There are currently an estimated 20,000-25,000 scrap tires illegally disposed of on the Property.

4. The Property is neither licensed nor permitted as a scrap tire facility nor a solid waste disposal facility in accordance with ORC Chapter 3734. and OAC Chapter 3745-27.
5. OAC Rule 3745-27-01(S)(6) defines "scrap tire" as "a type of solid waste and means any unwanted or discarded tire, regardless of size, that has been removed from its original use."
6. Scrap tires are included in the definition of "solid waste" under OAC Rule 3745-27-01(S)(24).
7. The open dumping of scrap tires is a violation of ORC Section 3734.03 and OAC Rule 3745-27-05(C) (effective July 29, 1976) which respectively state that "[n]o person shall dispose of solid wastes by open burning or open dumping" and "[n]o person shall conduct, permit, or allow open dumping."
8. OAC Rule 3745-27-05(C) was amended on August 15, 2003 and currently states:  

"No person shall conduct, permit or allow open dumping. In the event that open dumping . . . has occurred at a property, the person(s) responsible for the open dumping, the owner of the property, or the person(s) who allow or allowed open dumping to occur, shall promptly remove and dispose or otherwise manage the solid waste in accordance with Chapter 3734. of the Revised Code, and shall submit verification that the solid waste has been properly managed."
9. OAC Rule 3745-27-01(O)(4)(b) defines "open dumping" as " the final deposition of scrap tires on or into the ground at any place other than a scrap tire collection, storage, monofill, monocell, or recovery facility licensed under section 3734.81 of the Revised Code, or at a site or in a manner not specifically identified in division (C)(2), (C)(3), (C)(4), (C)(5), (C)(7), or (C)(10) of section 3734.85 of the Revised Code, or at any licensed solid waste facility if the deposition is not in accordance with Chapters 3745-27 and 3745-37 of the Administrative Code."
10. OAC Rule 3745-27-60(B) provides that storage of scrap tires in any amount outside or inside a building shall be deemed a nuisance, a hazard to public health or safety, or a fire hazard unless the tires are stored in accordance with the standards set forth within OAC Rules 3745-27-60(B)(1) through (8).
11. Scrap tires, if not properly managed, may become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are a common disease vector for St. Louis encephalitis, La Crosse encephalitis, Yellow Fever, West Nile Virus and Dengue Fever.

12. On February 19, 2004, the Pike County General Health District ("PCGHD") issued an order to Respondent McGeary to clean up all open dumped scrap tires from his property by March 17, 2004.
  13. On September 3, 2004, Ohio EPA conducted an inspection of the Property, and, in correspondence dated September 14, 2004, cited Respondent McGeary in violation of ORC Section 3734.03 and OAC Rules 3745-27-05(C), 3745-27-60(B)(1), 3745-27-60(B)(6)(d), (e), and (f) for open dumping of scrap tires, for not maintaining the scrap tires so that water does not collect in them, and for not maintaining fire lanes. Ohio EPA observed that approximately 20,000-25,000 scrap tires were dumped on the Property.
  14. On November 18, 2004, the PCGHD issued an order to Respondents to clean up the open dumped scrap tires from their property by November 30, 2004.
  15. On December 10, 2004, January 6, 2005, March 30, 2005, June 21, 2005, and August 26, 2005, Ohio EPA and PCGHD conducted inspections of the Property and, in correspondence dated December 14, 2004, January 25, 2005, May 10, 2005, July 5, 2005, and August 30, 2005, Ohio EPA cited Respondents in violation of ORC Section 3734.03 and OAC Rules 3745-27-05(C), 3745-27-60(B)(1), 3745-27-60(B)(6)(d), (e), and (f) for open dumping of scrap tires, for not maintaining the scrap tires so that water does not collect in them, and for not maintaining fire lanes. In separate correspondence dated January 24, 2005 and March 31, 2005, PCGHD cited Respondents in violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-05(C) and ORC Section 3734.03 for open dumping of scrap tires.
  16. To date, approximately 20,000-25,000 scrap tires still are open dumped at the Property.
  17. Given the facts that 150 people live within one mile of the Property, and a State highway that averages approximately 1,430 cars/day is within two miles of the Property, the Director has determined that the accumulation of scrap tires on Respondent's Property constitutes a danger to the public health or safety or to the environment.
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18. ORC Section 3734.85 provides that, "[i]f the director determines that an accumulation of scrap tires constitutes a danger to the public health or safety or to the environment, he shall issue an order under section 3734.13 of the Revised Code to the person responsible for the accumulation of scrap tires directing that person, within one hundred twenty days after the issuance of the order, to remove the accumulation of scrap tires from the premises on which it is located and transport the tires to a scrap tire storage, monocell, monofill, or recovery facility licensed under section 3734.81 of the Revised Code, to such a facility in another state operating in compliance with the laws of the state in which it is located, or to any other solid waste disposal facility in another state that is operating in compliance

with the laws of that state. If the person responsible for causing the accumulation of scrap tires is a person different from the owner of the land on which the accumulation is located, the director may issue such an order to the landowner.”

## **V. ORDERS**

Respondents shall achieve compliance with ORC Chapter 3734. and the rules promulgated thereunder according to the following compliance schedule:

1. Upon the effective date of these Orders, Respondents shall implement mosquito control measures at the Property in accordance with the provisions of OAC Rule 3745-27-60(B)(8). Respondents shall provide copies of the mosquito control records required by OAC Rule 3745-27-60(B)(9), to Ohio EPA within ten (10) days after each application of the registered pesticide, larvicide, or adulticide.
2. Not later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of these Orders, Respondents shall establish storage piles and fire lanes at the Property in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-60(B)(1) through (6).
3. Not later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the effective date of these Orders, Respondents shall remove or cause the removal of all scrap tires from the Property including, but not limited to, scrap tires dumped onto the ground and/or buried scrap tires, and shall arrange for their transportation, by a registered scrap tire transporter:
  - a. to a scrap tire storage, monofill, monocell, or recovery facility which is operating in accordance with ORC Chapter 3734. and the rules adopted thereunder; or
  - b. to a scrap tire storage, monofill, monocell, or recovery facility in another state operating in compliance with the laws of that state; or
  - c. to any other solid waste disposal facility in another state that is operating in accordance with the laws of that state and that is authorized to accept scrap tires for disposal.
4. Respondents shall obtain receipts from the registered transporter and the authorized scrap tire facility or solid waste disposal facility indicating weight, volume or number of scrap tires transported and shall forward such documentation to Ohio EPA within seven (7) days after completion of Order No. 3 above.
5. Respondents shall continue to comply with Order Nos. 1 and 2 above until such time as all scrap tires have been removed from the Property in accordance with Order No. 3 above.

## **VI. TERMINATION**

Respondents' obligations under these Orders shall terminate when Respondents certify in writing and demonstrate to the satisfaction of Ohio EPA that Respondents have performed all obligations under these Orders and the Chief of Ohio EPA's Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management acknowledges, in writing, the termination of these Orders. If Ohio EPA does not agree that all obligations have been performed, then Ohio EPA will notify Respondents of the obligations that have not been performed, in which case Respondents shall have an opportunity to address any such deficiencies and seek termination as described above.

The certification shall contain the following attestation from Respondents: "We certify that the information contained in or accompanying this certification is true, accurate and complete."

This certification shall be submitted by Respondents to Ohio EPA and shall be signed by Respondents.

## **VII. OTHER CLAIMS**

Nothing in these Orders shall constitute or be construed as a release from any claim, cause of action or demand in law or equity against any person, firm, partnership or corporation, not a party to these Orders, for any liability arising from, or related to, the Property.

## **VIII. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS**

All actions required to be taken pursuant to these Orders shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations. These Orders do not waive or compromise the applicability and enforcement of any other statutes or regulations applicable to Respondents or the Property.

## **IX. NOTICE**

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All documents required to be submitted by Respondents pursuant to these Orders shall be addressed to:

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Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Southeast District Office  
Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management  
Attn: Unit Supervisor, DSIWM  
2195 Front Street  
Logan, Ohio 43138

and

Pike County General Health District  
Attn: Environmental Health Director  
229 Valleyview Drive  
Waverly, Ohio 45690

or to such persons and addresses as may hereafter be otherwise specified in writing by Ohio EPA.

#### **X. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent Ohio EPA from seeking legal or equitable relief to enforce the terms of these Orders or from taking other administrative, legal or equitable action as deemed appropriate and necessary, including seeking penalties against Respondents for noncompliance with these Orders and/or for the violations described herein. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent Ohio EPA from exercising its lawful authority to require Respondents to perform additional activities pursuant to ORC Chapter 3734. or any other applicable law in the future. Nothing herein shall restrict the right of Respondents to raise any administrative, legal or equitable claim or defense with respect to such further actions which Ohio EPA may seek to require of Respondents. Nothing in these Orders shall be construed to limit the authority of Ohio EPA to seek relief for violations not addressed in these Orders.

#### **XI. EFFECTIVE DATE**

The effective date of the Orders is the date these Orders are entered into the Ohio EPA Director's Journal.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

**Ohio Environmental Protection Agency**

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Joseph P. Koncelik, Director

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