



Mike DeWine, Governor
Jon Husted, Lt. Governor
Laurie A. Stevenson, Director

April 23, 2020

Re:
General Correspondence
Scrap Tires

Subject: Transportation of Scrap Tires during Ohio's State of Emergency

Dear Scrap Tire Transporter:

Ohio EPA is temporarily unable to issue 2020 scrap tire transporter registration certificates due to Agency staff working remotely and away from the resources necessary to issue the registrations. However, on March 27, 2020, House Bill 197 was enacted, and it extends all existing licenses or registrations that are set to expire during the state of emergency declared by Governor DeWine on March 9, 2020. Under the law, these licenses or registrations will remain valid until the earlier of either:

- 90 days after the date on which the state of emergency ends, or
- December 1, 2020, unless the license is revoked, suspended, or otherwise subject to discipline or limitation before then for reasons unrelated to licensee having failed to take any action required to renew the application during the state of emergency.

This means that existing scrap tire transporters who possess a valid 2019 registration, and have applied for a 2020 registration by the January 31, 2020 deadline, may temporarily continue to haul scrap tires under the authority of the 2019 registration until Ohio EPA is able to issue the 2020 registrations. During this time, a scrap tire transporter must continue to maintain a valid 2019 registration, along with a copy of this letter, in the cab of each hauling vehicle in case a transporter is pulled over by law enforcement, and at the business location(s) on file.

Exceptions to this temporary provision:

- The registration extension does not apply to existing scrap tire transporters that do not have appropriate financial assurance established. Their current 2019 registrations will expire on April 30, 2020, and their 2020 registration applications will not be approved and issued until the financial assurance deficiencies are addressed. Ohio EPA has been reaching out regularly to those transporters with inadequate financial assurance via phone and e-mail.
- The registration extension does not apply to scrap tire transporters that have not applied for a 2020 registration. Their registrations will expire on April 30, 2020.
- This provision does not apply to NEW scrap tire transporter registrations, only existing 2019 registrations eligible for renewal. Anyone who wants to obtain a new registration must still apply for and receive a valid registration prior to hauling scrap tires. At this time, we are unsure when a new registration will be able to be issued.

Reminder:

Scrap tire registration certificates may not be "loaned" to anyone. They may only be used by the business entity that applied for and received the original certificates.

Ohio EPA will continue to keep scrap tire transporters updated as we learn more in the weeks ahead.

If you have questions, please contact Kevin Shoemaker at kevin.shoemaker@epa.ohio.gov or at (614) 326-9241.

Sincerely,



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