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RE: Tire Processing Facility Inspection
Liberty Tire Recycling, 1914 E. Euclid, Des Moines, IA
Sanitary Disposal Project Permit #77-WTM-01-96P-PRT

Dear Mr. Maust:

On July 6, 2026, I conducted a visit to Liberty Tire following a report that stormwater flooding had occurred on July 3, 2026, resulting in crumb rubber discharging from the facility in stormwater runoff. The purpose of the visit was primarily to inspect the stream that runs along the south and west side of the facility for the presence of crumb rubber. During the visit, I met with Mr. Ted Daley and Jose Ruesga onsite, and spoke with you by phone.

The following was observed, discussed, and documented with photos:



- A large rainfall event occurred on July 2, 2026, and July 3, 2026, likely resulting in over 6 inches of rain impacting this site. Videos provided by Mr. Ruesga showed stormwater running off the property at the driveway entrance that clearly contained crumb rubber.
- Large piles of crumb rubber were visible in the stream east of the driveway. Additionally, small amounts of crumb rubber were observed along the stream where it goes underground on the northwest corner of Euclid Avenue and Delaware Avenue.
- I instructed you and Mr. Daley that the crumb rubber would need to be removed from the stream. Mr. Daley had already taken steps to outfit employees to enter the stream to remove the crumb rubber. I recommended you contact an environmental clean-up company to complete the work to ensure proper removal of the debris.
- Mr. Ruesga had also contacted the City of Des Moines, and two city employees were on site at this time walking the stream documenting the presence of crumb rubber. I advised Mr. Daley and Mr. Ruesga that if the crumb rubber reached the City's stormwater basin along I-235, they would need to coordinate with the City for any clean-up activities at that location.
- Mr. Ruesga also stated that the storm water pump that was located at the southwest corner of your facility was no longer present. I inquired if the silt fence that had been missing in this same corner during my March 2026 inspection had been replaced, and neither Mr. Daley or Mr. Ruesga could confirm.

At this time, comply with the following directives:

1. Immediately remove crumb rubber that has been deposited in the stream.
2. Replace the storm water pump that was located at the south west corner of the facility.
3. Ensure both storm water pumps are present and functioning, with filter bags in place, to discharge any stormwater from this site as required by your permit.
4. Ensure that the silt fence is in place and functional along the south and east perimeter as required by your permit.

A follow up inspection will be conducted in the near future to determine compliance. You may contact me (malia.schepers@dnr.iowa.gov, 515-250-1097) or this office with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,
Malia Schepers
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