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## 1.0 Introduction

This document defines the roles of the Department of Environment and Conservation, the Government Service Centre and the MMSB regarding requests by individuals/companies to transfer OTR tires and tire material to waste disposal sites.

## 2.0 Legislation

Applicable legislation:

*Environmental Protection Act*

*Waste Management Regulations, 2003*

*Ministerial Delegation of Authority Re 23.1(b) Waste Management Regulations*

## 3.0 Application

This document provides working definitions for tires, off the road tires, etc. For legal interpretation the reader should consult the Waste Management Regulations under the Environmental Protection Act.

## 4.0 Definitions/Abbreviations

Definitions/abbreviations used in this document:

Approval	Approval means approval as issued by the GSC
DOEC	Department of Environment and Conservation
GSC	Government Service Centre, Department of Government Services
MMSB	Multi-Materials Stewardship Board
Operator	A person that owns, or is responsible for, or has the charge, management or control of the operation of a waste disposal site. A person includes a council, firm, committee or franchise holder.
OTR Tires and Tire Material	OTR tires are tires not included under the Used Tire Recycling Program of the Waste Management Regulations and these tires are not considered to be highway tires. Such tires may be from: motorized yard equipment, farm machinery and farm implements not used on the highway, construction or mining equipment, devices used on fixed rails, aircraft, industrial equipment (forklift, skid steer), portions of tires (split, shredded, chipped, or otherwise processed tires or parts of tires), burned or partially burned tires, and blasting mats. These tires are not included in the recycling program due to their composition, size and subsequent lack of material handling and recycling options.

**Waste Disposal Site** A site designated for handling, storage, processing, treatment, and/or disposal of waste for which a certificate of approval has been issued under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act

## 5.0 Background

At present, there is no provision for collection of a fee (i.e. levy) for OTR tires and tire material; recycling is currently not an option.

## 6.0 Policy

The person/company wishing to dispose of OTR tires and /or tire material will make a request to the MMSB. Upon receiving a referral from the MMSB, approval will be given by GSC under section 23.1(b) of the *Waste Management Regulations*.

The responsibilities of the GSC in this matter are as follows:

- Only upon referral from the MMSB, to approve disposal as in section 23.1(b) of the *Waste Management Regulations*. This will be done on a case by case basis.
- To facilitate the disposal of approved OTR tires and tire material. This facilitation may include: providing advice and appropriate information regarding specific approvals, and communication with waste disposal site operators.

The following conditions will be incorporated into all relevant waste disposal site approvals.

- The disposal of scrap tires, classified as highway tires under the Used Tire Recycling Program of the Waste Management Regulations, is not permitted. These tires consist of passenger, light truck, and truck tires, with a rim diameter of 24.5 inches or less. Disposal of these tires is not permitted at any waste disposal site in the province.
- The disposal of OTR tires and waste tire material generated outside the area served by this site is not permitted.
- The Site Operator is required to accept for disposal all OTR tires and waste tire material generated within the area served by the site.
- OTR tires shall only be accepted for disposal with approval from GSC.
- A person/company requesting to dispose of OTR tires without approval from GSC should be directed to the MMSB (Glenda Melvin 753-0955).
- The following definition should be included in Certificates of Approval for landfill operators:  
Off the Road (OTR) Tires and Tire Material – OTR tires are tires not included under the Used Tire Recycling Program of the Waste Management Regulations and these

tires are not considered to be highway tires. Such tires may be from: motorized yard equipment, farm machinery and farm implements not used on the highway, construction or mining equipment, devices used on fixed rails, aircraft, industrial equipment (forklift, skid steer), portions of tires (split, shredded, chipped, or otherwise processed tires or parts of tires), burned or partially burned tires, and blasting mats. These tires are not included in the recycling program due to their composition, size and subsequent lack of material handling and recycling options.

For further clarification, contact the DOEC, Pollution Prevention Division.