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**I AM WRITING TO YOU IN REFERENCE TO THE SCRAP TIRES THAT ARE VERY LARGE PART OF ILLEGAL DUMPING. IT HAS BEEN A PROBLEM FOR AS LONG AS ANYONE CAN REMEMBER. WHY ARE PEOPLE DUMPING OLD TIRES ILLEGALLY?**

POSSIBLE REASON NUMBER 1; NOT ENOUGH FACILITIES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF OLD TIRES. THERE ARE LANDFILLS, BUT YOU ARE LIMITED BY THE NUMBER OF TIRES THAT YOU CAN DISPOSE OF PER HOUSEHOLD ON A YEARLY BASIS. SOME CITIES, SUCH AS MCALLEN AND PHARR, DO HAVE A RECYCLING CENTER THAT WILL TAKE TIRES, BUT AGAIN THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF TIRES THAT YOU CAN DISPOSE OF AND THE ADDED RESTRICTION THAT ONLY THE RESIDENTS OF THOSE CITIES CAN DISPOSE OF TIRES AT THEIR FACILITIES. THERE MAY BE ONE OR TWO OTHER PLACES THAT YOU CAN DISPOSE OF TIRES IN LARGE QUANTITIES, BUT THEY ARE AWARE THAT THEY ARE THE ONLY ONES AROUND AND THEIR PRICES ARE VERY HIGH. ALL STRONG DETERRENTS FOR THE LEGAL DISPOSAL OF SCRAP TIRES.

POSSIBLE REASON NUMBER 2; (MOST LIKELY THE BIGGEST PROBLEM), TIRE SHOPS DISPOSING OF THEIR TIRES ILLEGALLY, DUMPING THEM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AT LOCATIONS LIKE BACK ROADS, CANALS, CITY, STATE AND PRIVATE PROPERTY. TIRE SHOP OWNERS COULD LEGALLY DISPOSE OF THESE TIRES AT THE LANDFILLS IF THEY CUT THE TIRES INTO QUARTERS FIRST, BUT YOU HAVE TO HAVE EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT TO CUT THE TIRES, HIRE SOMEONE TO RUN THE EQUIPMENT AND THEN OF COURSE THEY HAVE TO MAINTAIN THIS EQUIPMENT, AND THEN THEY STILL HAVE TO PAY A DUMPING FEE AT THE DUMP. WHEN A TIRE SHOP SELLS A TIRE TO A CONSUMER THEY NORMALLY CHARGE A FEE BETWEEN \$2.00-\$8.00 PER TIRE TO DISPOSE OF THE OLD TIRE THAT THEY HAVE REMOVED FROM THE CONSUMER'S VEHICLE. OF COURSE THIS FEE SHOULD BE APPLIED TOWARDS THE LEGAL DISPOSAL OF THE TIRE, UNFORTUNATELY, INSTEAD OF USING IT FOR THE LEGAL DISPOSAL OF THAT TIRE, MANY ARE POCKETING THE MONEY AND "ILLEGALLY DUMPING" THE TIRES. THIS IS VERY STRONG MOTIVATION, MONEY TALKS; THEY ARE WILLING TO

POSSIBLE REASON NUMBER 3 FOR THE ILLEGAL DUMPING IS THAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS NOT AWARE THAT THERE IS A PLACE FOR THEM TO DISPOSE OF THOSE TIRES LEGALLY THAT IS AFFORDABLE AND A MUCH BETTER ALTERNATIVE. I WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TELL YOU ABOUT A FACILITY SUCH AS THAT.

SANTA ANITA RECLAMATION PROJECT, LLC. THIS SCRAP TIRE FACILITY HAS RECENTLY OPENED IT'S DOORS IN LINN, TEXAS (LESS THAN 20 MILES NORTH OF EDINBURG).

IT IS A PRIVATELY, LOCALLY OWNED FACILITY. IT HAS TAKEN 3 YEARS TO PREPARE AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS BUT WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE TEXAS COMMISSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, IT IS NOW OPEN AND MORE THAN PREPARED TO HANDLE THE LEGAL DISPOSAL OF ALL OF THE SCRAP TIRES IN THE VALLEY AND BEYOND.

THIS IS A STATE CERTIFIED FACILITY WHERE ANYONE CAN DISPOSE OF THEIR TIRES LEGALLY AND AFFORDABLY, NO LIMITS ON QUANTITIES, NO RESTRICTONS AS TO WHERE THE TIRES COME FROM, WHOLE TIRES TIRE PIECES WITH OR WITHOUT WHEELS.

OF COURSE A VERY EFFECTIVE WAY TO PREVENT ALL ILLEGAL TIRE DUMPING IS TO HAVE POLICE PATROLING EVERY BACK ROAD AND CANAL ON A REGULAR BASIS AND IMPOSING MAXIMUM ALLOWED FINES MAYBE EVEN IMPRISONMENT FOR REPEAT VIOLATIONS, MAKE EXAMPLES OF A FEW PEOPLE. BUT WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH POLICE TO COVER ALL THE BACK ROADS, CANALS AND DITCHES. I BELIEVE THAT IN ADDITION TO POLICE INTERVENTION INFORMING, EDUCATING THE PUBLIC CAN HAVE A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON THE REDUCTION OF ILLEGAL TIRE DUMPING.

I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO CONSIDER PLACING A NOTICE ON YOUR WEBSITE TO INFORM THE PUBLIC THAT THERE IS A PLACE TO LEGALLY DISPOSE OF THEIR SCRAP TIRES. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.



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