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July 3, 2024

VIA E-MAIL

Mr. David R. Murray
1550 Old Porter Road
Porter, Indiana 46304

Dear Mr. Murray:

Re: **Inspection Summary Letter**
Tires on Residential Property
1550 Old Porter Road
Tempo/Complaint #112219
Porter, Porter County

On June 20, 2024, a representative of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Land Quality, conducted an inspection of the waste tires located at the above-referenced property, at 1550 Old Porter Road in Porter, Indiana. This inspection was conducted pursuant to IC 13-14-2-2. For your information, and in accordance with IC 13-14-5, a summary of the inspection is provided below:

Type of Inspection:	Complaint
Results of Inspection:	No violations were observed (see attached inspection report).

Please direct any questions regarding this letter to Ms. Cheryl Wiseman, 219-781-8557 or cwiseman@idem.in.gov.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark A. Amick

Enclosure

Inspection Report

cc: Porter County Health Department, carrie.gschwind@porterco.org
Porter County Recycling & Waste Reduction District, kbarron@portercountyrecycling.org

**REPORT OF OPEN DUMP INSPECTION**

State Form 42033 (r2/2-00)

Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Solid Waste Compliance Section
Office of Land Quality
100 North Senate Avenue, Room N-1101
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251

Inspector Name: Cheryl Wiseman

Inspector Phone: 219-781-8557

Inspection Date: 6/20/2024

Time In: 11:30 am

Time Out: 12:00 pm

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of registration or Tempo (RM): Tempo/Complaint #112219	Location: 1550 Old Porter Road, Porter, IN 46304	County: Porter
INX #: 000068715, AI #134130	Parcel ID #: 64-06-03-126-006.000- 026	Parcel Acreage: Unknown

PROPERTY OWNER(S)

Name(s) of property owner(s) and/or Company: Mr. David R. Murray	
Address (number, city, state, and zip code): 1550 Old Porter Road, Porter, IN 46304	
Email Address: Unknown	Telephone #: Unknown

RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)

Name(s) of property owner(s) and/or Company: Ms. Maureen Murray	
Address (number, city, state, and zip code): Same as above	
Email Address: Unknown	Telephone #: Unknown

ACREAGE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 020	Less Than ¼ Acre	<input type="checkbox"/> 021	Between ¼ Acre & 1 Acre	<input type="checkbox"/> 022	Greater than 1 Acre
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SOLID WASTE OBSERVED

<input type="checkbox"/> 001	Tires	<input type="checkbox"/> 002	PCB's	<input type="checkbox"/> 003	Household Waste
<input type="checkbox"/> 004	Asbestos	<input type="checkbox"/> 006	Construction/Demolition Waste	<input type="checkbox"/> 007	Bulky Waste
<input type="checkbox"/> 008	Other Waste				

ACTIVE CONDITIONS

<input type="checkbox"/> 015	Strong Odor	<input type="checkbox"/> 016	Waste Paper Dated Post Last Inspection	<input type="checkbox"/> 017	Vectors
<input type="checkbox"/> 018	Putrescible Waste	<input type="checkbox"/> 019	Other Evidence of Recent Dumping		

PARAMETERS OBSERVED

<input type="checkbox"/> 009	Evidence of Burning	<input type="checkbox"/> 010	Waste in Water/Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> 011	Waste in Suspected Floodway
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 012	Residence within 600 feet of Waste	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 013	Access Unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> 014	Permission Given to Dump

GENERAL INFORMATION

<input type="checkbox"/> 023	Pictures Taken	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 038	Initial Inspection	<input type="checkbox"/> 039	Follow-Up Inspection
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REFERRALS

<input type="checkbox"/> 027	Air Management	<input type="checkbox"/> 028	Emergency Response	<input type="checkbox"/> 029	Water management
<input type="checkbox"/> 030	Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> 031	Hazardous Waste	<input type="checkbox"/> 032	Dept. of Natural Resources
<input type="checkbox"/> 034	Co. Health Dept./Solid Waste Mgmt District				

COMPLIANCE ACTION NEEDED

<input type="checkbox"/> 024	Remove waste to approved solid waste management facility	<input type="checkbox"/> 025	As specified below	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 026	No Action Needed (In Compliance)
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Comments: An inspection was performed on June 20, 2024, in response to an anonymous complaint (#112219) alleging the open dumping of waste tires on the private residential property located at 1550 Old Porter Road, in Porter, Indiana. According to the Porter County GIS webpage, the property is listed as parcel #64-06-03-126-006.000-026, and as being owned by David R. Murray.

On June 20, 2024, this inspector drove to the residential property at 1550 Old Porter Road and met Ms. Maureen Murray. I observed approximately 50 waste tires in the front yard of the property. Some of the tires were neatly arranged in lines on the lawn, while others were neatly stacked in the driveway, near the garage. According to Ms. Murray, she collects the waste tires and turns them into planters, which she sells at local craft fairs. Ms. Murray drills holes through the bottom and sides of the planters to allow for drainage and paints them. I walked among the tires in the yard and observed them to be in fairly good shape. The tires contained holes in the bottom and sides and were painted in bright colors.

I noted no trash or litter in the yard or in the tires and I noted no vectors and no odors. I noted no solid waste violations with the items and areas I inspected today.

Confidential Information

In accordance with 329 IAC 6.1 (<http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/T03290/A00061.PDF>) a person submitting information to the department for which confidential treatment is requested shall make a written claim of confidentiality at the time of submittal of the information. A person may request confidential treatment of information at the time the information is acquired through the actions of the department, such as inspections. The written claim for confidential treatment may be broad, but must be sufficiently clear to allow for accurate identification of the information claimed to be confidential. In accordance with 329 IAC 6.1-4-1(d), supporting information must be submitted to the commissioner within five (5) working days from the time the information claimed as confidential is acquired by the department. A person submitting a claim of confidentiality shall designate and segregate the information and the supporting information to which the claim applies in a manner that is sufficiently clear to allow the department to identify all confidential claim materials. Confidential information may include (but is not limited to) written or printed material, maps, charts, photographs, or samples (see definition of information at 329 IAC 6.1-2-8). The undersigned Owner/Representative has alleged information acquired during this inspection **does** **does not** (check one) contain confidential information. A check in the “does” box is not a written claim for confidential treatment of information acquired during this inspection.

Notice of Oral Report

In accordance with IC 13-14-5 an oral report of the inspection was provided to the undersigned Owner/Agent at the conclusion of the inspection. The oral report includes any specific matters discovered during the inspection that the IDEM representative believes may be a violation of a law or of a permit issued by the department. The report does not include matters not evident to the IDEM representative or any fact that indicates an intentional, a knowing, or a reckless violation.

Received by: Needs to be mailed to Mr. David R. Murray with Summary Letter to 1550 Old Porter Road, Porter IN 46304, and emailed to the Porter County Health Department, and the Porter County Recycling & Waste Reduction District

E-mail Address: carrie.gschwind@porterco.org and kbarron@portercountyrecycling.org

Date Emailed by Inspector: Click here to enter a date.

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