# Tire Enforcement: Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality and Greenwood Waste Tire Site Enter into Agreed Consent Order



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The Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality ("MCEQ") and Delta Streets Ministries Inc. ("Delta") entered into an October 23rd Agreed Consent Order ("ACO") addressing an alleged abandonment of waste tires. See Order NO. 7794 26.

The ACO provides that an ongoing investigation by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ") confirmed the abandonment of an estimated 31,000 waste tires on properties owned by Delta in Greenwood, Mississippi.

The abandoned waste tires are stated to encompass four adjacent properties. MDEQ personnel are stated to have determined that the waste tires were abandoned on the subject properties by the previous property owner.

Delta is stated to be aware that the waste tire stockpile may create a nuisance and a public health and safety problem and has made efforts to have the tires removed. MDEQ received a request from Delta for assistance with removal of the waste tires stockpiled on-site.

In order to fully remediate the sites and remove the waste tires situated on the subject property MCEQ and Delta agree to the following:

- Pursuant to the Mississippi Code, Delta agrees to permit the abatement of the unauthorized waste tire stockpile located on the subject properties by allowing an MDEQ contractor to enter the premises and remove and transport the waste tires for proper disposal.
- MDEQ agrees to have a selected waste tire abatement contractor remove, transport, and properly dispose of the waste tires as per the terms of the contract between MDEQ and the contractor and the applicable laws and regulations of the State of Mississippi.
- Delta confirms that it is the lawful owner of the subject properties addressed in this ACO and agrees to provide the employees of MDEQ and the selected waste tire abatement contractor access to and use of the properties during normal business hours and at any other times which are mutually acceptable to all parties.
- Delta agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, MCEQ, the MDEQ and all of their employees, officers, and contractors from and against any and all claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost including attorney's fees or expenses. arising out of, or incident to, the abatement of the waste tire stockpile herein described.

A copy of the ACO can be found here.