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Article Part 4. Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act

Section 2-11-401 - Short Title

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As used in the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act:

1. "Automotive dismantler and parts recycler" means the same as defined in Section 591.2 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

2. "Commission" means the Oklahoma Tax Commission;

3. "Crumb rubber" means fine particles of vulcanized rubber resulting from mechanical or cryogenic size reduction of used tires;

4. "Department" means the Department of Environmental Quality;

5. "Erosion control project" means a project involving the utilization of used tires for erosion control, bank stabilization or other conservation project;

6. "Fund" means the Used Tire Recycling Indemnity Fund;

7. "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle of a type defined in Section 1-135 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

8. "Motor-driven cycle" means a motor vehicle of a type defined in Section 1-136 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

9. "Motorized bicycle" means a motor vehicle of a type defined in Section 1-136.1 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

10. "Motor vehicle" means the same as defined in Section 1-134 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

11. "Priority cleanup list" means a list, created and maintained by the Department, of:

   a. unpermitted dumps which did not exist when the owner took possession of the property where the tires are located, and were created without the consent of or benefit to the owner of the property, and

   b. such other tire dumps designated by the Department pursuant to Section 2-11-401.6 of this title;

12. "Tire" means any solid or air-filled covering for motor vehicle wheels;

13. "Tire dealer" means any person engaged in the business of selling new and used tires to final consumers, not for resale;

14. "Tire-derived fuel facility" or "TDF facility" means a facility that uses processed tires or whole used tires for energy or fuel recovery;
15. "Used tire recycling facility" means any place which is permitted as a solid waste disposal site, in accordance with the Oklahoma Solid Waste Management Act, at which used tires are processed;

16. "Used tire processing" means altering the form of whole used tires by shredding, chipping, or other method approved by the Department, except baling; and

17. "Used tire" means an unprocessed whole tire or tire part that can no longer be used for its original intended purpose but can be beneficially reused as approved by the Department. Any used tire collected in accordance with the requirements of the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act is not considered to be discarded. A tire that can be used, reused or legally modified to be reused for its original intended purpose shall not be a used tire.

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A. 1. Except as otherwise provided by this section, the following assessments shall be made for tires for use on motor vehicles:

   a. at the time any tire:

      (1) with a rim diameter of less than or equal to nineteen and one-half (19 1/2) inches is sold by a tire dealer, there shall be assessed a used tire recycling fee of Two Dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per tire,

      (2) with a rim diameter greater than nineteen and one-half (19 1/2) inches is sold by a tire dealer, there shall be assessed a used tire recycling fee of Three Dollars and fifty cents ($3.50) per tire, and

      (3) is sold by a tire dealer for use on a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or motorized bicycle, there shall be assessed a used tire recycling fee of One Dollar ($1.00) per tire,

   b. at any time a motor vehicle with a tire rim diameter of less than or equal to nineteen and one-half (19 1/2) inches is first registered in this state, there shall be assessed a used tire recycling fee of Two Dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per tire, except as otherwise provided by subparagraph d of this paragraph,

   c. at any time a motor vehicle with a tire rim diameter of greater than nineteen and one-half (19 1/2) inches is first registered in this state, there shall be assessed a used tire recycling fee of Three Dollars and fifty cents ($3.50) per tire, except as otherwise provided by subparagraph d of this paragraph, and

   d. at any time a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or motorized bicycle is first registered in this state, there shall be assessed a used tire recycling fee of One Dollar ($1.00) per tire.

2. Motor vehicles registered pursuant to Section 1120 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be exempt from the provisions of this subsection.

3. No fee shall be assessed by a tire dealer for used tires or retreaded tires for which the tire dealer can document that the recycling fee has been previously paid.

4. All-terrain vehicles and off-road motorcycles registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 1132 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.

B. 1. Except as otherwise provided by this section, beginning July 1, 2010, tires used on implements of husbandry and agricultural equipment that are not more than fourteen (14) inches wide and forty-four (44) inches in diameter shall be assessed a used tire recycling fee of five cents ($0.05) per pound of the weight of the tire, with a minimum fee of Two Dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per tire. Beginning July 1, 2013, tires used on implements of husbandry and agricultural equipment that are any size shall be assessed a used tire recycling fee of five cents ($0.05) per pound of the weight of the tire, with a minimum fee of Two Dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per tire.
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2. The Department shall maintain a list of agricultural tire weights for tires subject to the assessment and make that list available to tire dealers upon request.

3. No fee shall be assessed by a tire dealer if the customer retains the used agricultural tire for use on a farm or ranch.

4. A tire dealer may pay the assessed fee for any used agricultural tire in current inventory and include that tire in the used tire recycling program.

C. 1. The tire dealer and motor license agent shall remit such fee to the Oklahoma Tax Commission in the same manner as provided by Section 1365 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

2. Except as otherwise provided by this section, the tire dealer shall remit to the Tax Commission ninety-seven and three-quarters percent (97.75%) of the fee due pursuant to this section at the time of filing any report as required by the Tax Commission.

3. Motor license agents shall remit all but One Dollar ($1.00) of the fee assessed on each vehicle registered.

4. Failure to remit the fee at the time of filing the returns shall cause the fee to become delinquent. If the fee becomes delinquent the tire dealer or motor license agent forfeits any claim to the discount authorized by this section and shall remit to the Tax Commission one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of the fee due plus any penalty due.

D. If the fee imposed or levied by subsection A of this section, or any part of such amount, is not paid before the fee becomes delinquent, there shall be collected on the total delinquent fee interest at the rate of one and one-quarter percent (1 1/4%) per month from the date of the delinquency until paid.

E. If any fee due under subsection A of this section, or any part thereof, is not paid within fifteen (15) days after the fee becomes delinquent, a penalty of ten percent (10%) on the total amount of fee due and delinquent shall be added and paid.

F. All penalties or interest imposed by this section shall be recoverable by the Tax Commission as a part of the fee imposed and all penalties and interest shall be apportioned the same as the fee on which the penalties or interest are collected.

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A. There is hereby created within the Oklahoma Tax Commission the "Used Tire Recycling Indemnity Fund". The Indemnity Fund shall be administered by the Oklahoma Tax Commission pursuant to the provisions of Section 2-11-401.4 of this title.

B. The Indemnity Fund shall consist of:

1. All monies received by the Commission as proceeds from the assessment imposed pursuant to Section 2-11-401.2 of this title;

2. Interest attributable to investment of money in the Indemnity Fund; and

3. Money received by the Commission in the form of gifts, grants, reimbursements, or from any other source intended to be used for the purposes specified by or collected pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act.

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A. Compensation to used tire facilities and tire-derived fuel or TDF facilities pursuant to this section shall be limited to facilities located in Oklahoma. Compensation for used tire activities pursuant to this section shall be limited to used tires from Oklahoma. A used tire recycling facility or tire-derived fuel or TDF facility may transport and deliver used tires collected from Oklahoma to an out-of-state used tire recycling facility or TDF facility but shall not be eligible for compensation from the Used Tire Recycling Indemnity Fund for those used tires. To be eligible, applicants for compensation shall be in compliance with the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act.

B. The monies accruing annually to the Used Tire Recycling Indemnity Fund shall be allocated first to the Department of Environmental Quality Revolving Fund, to be used for implementing applicable requirements related to the control of mobile and area sources of air emissions, for monitoring and modeling the impacts on Oklahoma of air pollution from other states, and for implementing and enforcing other applicable air pollution control requirements. The amount of money allocated for this purpose shall be twenty-eight percent (28%) of the funds produced by the two-dollar-and-fifty-cent per tire fee assessed pursuant to division (1) of subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 2-11-401.2 of this title and subparagraph b of paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 2-11-401.2 of this title. After this allocation is deducted, the balance of the monies shall be allocated as follows:

1. Two and one-fourth percent (2.25%) to the Oklahoma Tax Commission and five and three-fourths percent (5.75%) to the Department of Environmental Quality for the purpose of administering the requirements of the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act; and

2. An amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) per audit to the State Auditor and Inspector for the purpose of conducting audits of the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Program pursuant to Section 2-11-401.6 of this title.

C. After the allocations under subsection B of this section are made, the balance of monies in the Fund shall be available for compensation pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act as follows:

1. Compensation to used tire facilities for used tire processing, at the rate of Fifty-four Dollars ($54.00) per ton of processed tire material. For compensation the following conditions shall apply:

   a. facilities that process used tires by altering the form of the used tires but do not produce crumb rubber shall not receive compensation until the facility documents the sale and movement of the processed used tire material off-site to a third party,

   b. facilities shall report and certify used tire processing activity in terms of weight. The facility shall by sworn affidavit provide to the Department sufficient information to verify that the facility has processed used tires and sold processed used tires for actual recycling or reuse in accordance with the purposes of the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act, and
c. To be eligible for compensation, a facility shall not have accumulated more processed material than the amount for which the facility has provided financial assurance under its solid waste permit or the amount accumulated from three (3) years of operation, whichever is less.

2. a. Compensation to used tire recycling facilities or TDF facilities at the rate of Fifty-three Dollars ($53.00) per ton of whole used tires for the collection and transportation of used tires from Oklahoma tire dealers, automotive dismantlers and parts recyclers, solid waste landfill sites, and dumps certified by the Department priority cleanup list, and delivering the tires to a used tire recycling facility or TDF facility. The collection and transportation of used tires shall be provided by the used tire recycling facility or TDF facility at no additional cost to the tire dealer or automotive dismantler and parts recycler or to the Fund. The used tire recycling facility or TDF facility shall collect from any location at which there are at least three hundred used tires.

b. Compensation under this paragraph shall not be payable until the used tires have been actually processed according to the solid waste permit for the facility or actually used for energy or fuel recovery. A TDF facility that collects and transports whole used tires shall be eligible for compensation under this paragraph only for those whole used tires consumed by that facility.

c. No tire dealer shall charge any customer any additional fee for the management, recycling, or disposal of any used tire upon which the used tire recycling fee has been remitted to the Tax Commission. For customers who choose not to leave a used tire upon which the used tire recycling fee has been remitted to the Tax Commission, the tire dealer shall issue a receipt which entitles the customer to deliver the used tire to the dealer at a later date.

d. To be eligible for compensation pursuant to this paragraph, the used tire recycling facility or TDF facility shall:

(1) demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that the facility is regularly engaged in the collection, transportation and delivery of used tires to a used tire recycling facility or to a TDF facility, on a statewide basis, and from each county of the state,

(2) provide documentation to the Department, signed by a dealer at the time of collection, which certifies remittance of appropriate fees to the Oklahoma Tax Commission as a participating tire dealer pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act, and

(3) annually demonstrate that at least three to six percent (3-6%) of the tires were collected from tire dumps or landfills on the Department priority cleanup list or community-wide cleanup events approved by the Department. The Department is authorized to determine periodically the applicable percentage within the specified range set forth in this division based on the number of tires remaining in illegal dumps and available funding.

e. In lieu of proof of remitted tire recycling fees, the used tire recycling facility or TDF facility shall accept proof of purchase of a salvage vehicle registered in Oklahoma by an automotive dismantler and parts recycler, licensed pursuant to the Automotive Dismantlers and Parts Recycler Act, for the collection and transportation of up to five used tires per salvage vehicle purchased on or after January 1, 1996.

f. Beginning July 1, 2010, a used tire recycling facility or TDF facility shall be required to collect and transport tires used on implements of husbandry and agricultural equipment that are not more than fourteen (14) inches wide and forty-four (44) inches in diameter. Beginning July 1, 2013, a used tire recycling facility or TDF facility shall be required to collect and transport tires used on implements of husbandry and agricultural equipment that are any size;

3. a. Compensation to a person, corporation or other legal entity who has obtained a permit or other authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers or a local Conservation District to provide services for erosion control projects. Compensation shall be at the rate of Two Dollars and eighty cents ($2.80) per tire for used tires having a tire rim diameter of greater than seventeen and one-half (17 1/2) inches, and eighty cents ($0.80) per tire for tires having a rim diameter less than or equal to seventeen and one-half (17 1/2) inches.

b. Reimbursement under this paragraph shall be subject to the following:

(1) the applicant for reimbursement collects or provides for the collection and utilization of used tires in an erosion control project in Oklahoma in accordance with a written plan approved by the United States Army Corps of Engineers or by a local Conservation District,
(2) the used tires are collected and transported to the site of the erosion control project,

(3) the site landowner agrees to plant trees or other suitable vegetation in accordance with a planting plan developed in conjunction with the Division of Forestry of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry,

(4) the applicant reports and certifies the number of used tires utilized. The applicant shall by sworn affidavit provide to the Department sufficient information to verify that the applicant has utilized the tires in accordance with the purposes of the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act;

(5) the applicant annually demonstrates that at least three to six percent (3-6%) of the tires utilized by the applicant for which compensation is requested were collected from tire dumps or landfills on the Department priority cleanup list or community-wide cleanup events approved by the Department. The Department is authorized to determine periodically the applicable percentage within the specified range as set forth in this division based on the number of tires remaining in illegal dumps and available funding,

(6) the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Department that the applicant is regularly engaged in the collection, transportation and delivery to erosion control projects of used tires, on a statewide basis, and from each county of the state, at no additional cost to the tire dealer or automotive dismantler and parts recycler or to the Fund, and

(7) the applicant provides documentation to the Department, signed by a dealer at the time of collection, which certifies remittance of appropriate fees to the Oklahoma Tax Commission as a participating tire dealer pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act.

c. In lieu of proof of remitted tire recycling fees, the applicant shall accept proof of purchase of a salvage vehicle registered in Oklahoma by an automotive dismantler and parts recycler, licensed pursuant to the Automotive Dismantlers and Parts Recycler Act, for the collection and transportation of up to five used tires per salvage vehicle purchased on or after January 1, 1986.

d. Compensation pursuant to this paragraph shall be payable only for the tires collected and utilized in accordance with the purposes of the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act and as authorized by the Department. During the course of the erosion control project, the Department may determine the amount of and authorize partial compensation, as tires are utilized in accordance with the written plan.

e. Any entity deemed eligible for reimbursement under the provisions of this paragraph shall be liable for the erosion control project for a period of five (5) years. During the five-year period, if additional cleanup or remediation of an erosion control project is required due to failure or negligence on the part of the original contractor, the original contractor shall be responsible for cleanup costs and shall not be eligible for any additional compensation from the Fund for costs related to that erosion control project;

4. a. Compensation to a unit of local or county government that submits to the Department for approval a plan for the use of baled used tires in an engineering project. Compensation shall be at the rate of fifty cents ($0.50) per tire.

b. The plan shall be approved by the Department before construction of the project begins.

c. Any unit of local or county government baling used tires shall not accumulate more than fifty used tire bales prior to beginning construction of an approved project.

d. Used tires baled pursuant to this paragraph cannot be obtained from tire manufacturers, retailers, wholesalers, retreaders, or automotive dismantlers and parts recyclers.

e. Any unit of local or county government authorized to receive reimbursement for the use of baled used tires in an engineering project shall report and certify whole used tires by number. The governmental unit shall by sworn affidavit provide sufficient information to the Department to verify that the unit has utilized the tires in accordance with the purposes of the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act; and

5. If the Fund contains insufficient funds in any month to satisfy the eligible reimbursements under this subsection, the Department shall determine the apportionment of payments to be made among the qualified
applicants under this subsection according to the percentage of used tires processed, collected and transported, or utilized.

D. 1. After the allocations under subsections B and C of this section are made, any remaining monies in the Fund shall be available for TDF facilities and used tire recycling facilities that produce crumb rubber for compensation at the rate of Twenty-nine Dollars ($29.00) per ton of processed or used tires utilized for energy or fuel recovery or the production of crumb rubber.

2. The production of crumb rubber shall be considered a compensable event separate from and in addition to any compensation for used tire processing under subsection C of this section.

3. TDF facilities and used tire recycling facilities authorized to receive reimbursement under this subsection shall report and certify tire material used by weight.

4. The facilities shall by sworn affidavit provide to the Department sufficient information to verify that the facility has used the tires in accordance with the purposes of the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act.

5. If the Fund contains insufficient funds in any month to satisfy the eligible reimbursements under this subsection, the Department shall determine the apportionment of payments to be made among the qualified applicants according to the percentage of used tires intended for energy or fuel recovery or the production of crumb rubber.

E. 1. After the allocations under subsections B, C and D of this section are made, any remaining monies in the Fund shall be available for capital investment reimbursement to used tire facilities and TDF facilities for the purchase of equipment necessary to utilize used tires. Only equipment purchased on or after January 1, 1995, shall be eligible. The facilities are eligible for compensation at a rate of Twenty Dollars ($20.00) per ton of used tires used. Total reimbursement shall not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the capital investment in eligible equipment. The facilities may apply for compensation monthly to the Department of Environmental Quality and shall supply any information required by the Department.

2. If the Fund contains insufficient funds in any month to satisfy the eligible reimbursements under this subsection, the Department shall determine the apportionment of payments to be made among the qualified applicants.

F. After the allocations under subsections B, C, D and E of this section are made, any remaining monies in the Fund shall be disbursed as additional compensation to used tire recycling facilities or TDF facilities for the remediation of dumps certified by the Department and delivering the tires to a used tire recycling facility or a TDF facility. The Department shall determine additional compensation made to qualified applicants under this subsection based on cleanup feasibility of the dump. By July 1, 2012, the Board shall promulgate rules establishing unit costs for compensation based on the remediation feasibility of the tire dumps. The Department may solicit bids for the remediation of tire dumps if no used tire recycling facilities or TDF facilities agree to remediate a priority tire dump authorized by the Department or if the Department determines the qualified applicant has not remediated the tires in the tire dump to meet reference conditions of comparable property in the immediate area.

G. Used tire recycling facilities, TDF facilities, or persons, corporations or other legal entities authorized by the provisions of the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act to receive reimbursement shall demonstrate that the facilities or legal entities have successfully complied with the requirements of the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act through the filing of appropriate applications, reports, and other documentation that may be required by the Tax Commission and the Department.

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To the extent that monies accruing to the Used Tire Recycling Indemnity Fund exceed the monies needed for the purposes previously specified in the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act, the Department of Environmental Quality may be reimbursed from the remaining funds for necessary costs associated with remediation of sites at which used tires or other wastes incidental to the used tires present a threat to human health or the environment, or for projects to increase market demand for products made from Oklahoma used tires. The Solid Waste Management Advisory Council shall recommend and the Environmental Quality Board shall adopt rules governing the types of market development projects that may qualify for reimbursement. To the extent possible, the rules shall favor and the Department shall prioritize projects with the greatest potential to benefit schools, communities and local governments. Upon its receipt of documentation from the Department showing expenditures relating to the remediation of such sites or market development projects, the Tax Commission shall reimburse the Department for its documented expenditures.

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A. 1. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall promulgate rules to carry out the provisions of the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act which pertain to the remittance of fees and to the payment of monies accruing to the Used Tire Recycling Indemnity Fund.

2. Upon receipt of any referral from the Department of Environmental Quality, as set out in paragraph 7 of subsection B of this section, it shall be the duty of the Tax Commission to promptly undertake proceedings in accordance with the recommendations of the Department. The Tax Commission shall timely report the results of the proceedings to the Department.

3. On a monthly basis, the Tax Commission shall provide to the Department a report of the fees remitted by each tire dealer and motor license agent pursuant to Section 2-11-401.2 of this title.

B. 1. The Department of Environmental Quality shall prescribe forms, containing documentation as required by the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act, to be used by a used tire recycling facility, TDF facility, or person, corporation or other legal entity authorized to receive reimbursement.

2. On at least a monthly basis, the Department shall evaluate and process applications and shall report to the Tax Commission compliance and allocation information necessary for the Tax Commission to issue payment of monies from the fund.

3. The Department shall make periodic inspections of applicants for compensation to ensure compliance with the provisions of Section 2-11-401.4 of this title. The Department shall submit a summary of the results of those inspections in an annual report to the office of the State Auditor and Inspector.

4. The Environmental Quality Board shall promulgate rules for the permitting of used tire recycling facilities under the Oklahoma Solid Waste Management Act and for the certification of any entity to receive compensation under the provisions of the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act.

5. The Department shall file a report with the Legislature and the Governor detailing the administration of the Oklahoma Used Tire Recycling Act and its effectiveness in bringing about the cleanup of existing used tire dumps and in preventing the development of new dumps. The first report shall be filed by no later than December 31, 1992. Subsequent reports shall be filed every three (3) years thereafter.

6. In developing the priority cleanup list, the Department shall prioritize those dumps where the landowner was a victim of illegal dumping. Any other tire dump may be placed on the priority cleanup list in cases where the administrative enforcement process has been exhausted, and in such case, the Department may provide for the cleanup of the dump pursuant to Section 2-11-401.7 of this title.
7. The Department shall make periodic inspections of tire dealers and motor license agents throughout this state to ensure compliance with the provisions of Section 2-11-401.2 of this title. Upon a finding of any failure to properly remit the appropriate fee to the Tax Commission, the Department shall give written notice to the alleged violator and may commence administrative enforcement proceedings or civil proceedings in conformance with the provisions of Sections 2-3-502 and 2-3-504 of this title. If the Department determines that the fee has not been paid and there is no reasonable cause for the nonpayment, the Department may assess a penalty of double the amount that should have been remitted, to be added to the delinquent fee. If the Department determines any tire dealer or motor license agent has demonstrated a flagrant or repeated disregard of the provisions of Section 2-11-401.2 of this title, it shall refer such determination to the Tax Commission.

C. 1. By August 1, 1994, and every even year thereafter, the State Auditor and Inspector shall perform or shall contract with an auditor or auditing company to perform an independent audit, as defined in paragraph 4 of subsection B of Section 212 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, of the books, records, files and other such documents of the Tax Commission and the Department pertaining to the administration of the Fund. The audit shall include, but shall not be limited to, a review of agency and claimant compliance with state statutes regarding the Fund, internal control procedures, adequacy of claim process expenditures from and debits of the Fund regarding reimbursements, administration, personnel, operating and other expenses charged by the Tax Commission and Department, and the duties performed in detail by agency personnel and Fund personnel for which payment is made from the Fund. In addition the audit shall include recommendations for improving claim processing, equipment needed for claim processing, internal control or structure for administering the Fund, and such other areas deemed necessary by the State Auditor and Inspector.

2. The cost of the audit shall be borne by the Fund, pursuant to the limits and provisions of Section 2-11-401.4 of this title.

3. Copies of the audit shall be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Chairs of the Appropriations Committee of both the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate.

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A. Except as otherwise provided by this section, it shall be unlawful for any person to:

1. Own or operate a site used for the storage, collection or disposal of more than fifty used tires except at a site or facility permitted or approved by the Department of Environmental Quality to accept used tires. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to tire manufacturers, retailers, wholesalers and retreaders who store two thousand five hundred or fewer used tires at their place of business or designated off-premises storage site;

2. Dispose of used tires at any site or facility other than a site or facility for which a permit has been issued, or which has been otherwise authorized by the Department;

3. Knowingly transport or knowingly allow used tires under the control or in the possession of the person to be transported to an unpermitted or unapproved site or facility; or

4. Remove more than ten used tires from the possession of the dealer unless the dealer provides a manifest form, approved by the Department, which documents the removal and approved disposition or sale of the tires. Dealers, haulers, and used tire recycling facilities shall keep copies of manifests available for inspection for five (5) years.

B. The provisions of subsection A of this section shall not apply to the use of used tires for agricultural purposes as recognized by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry.

C. The provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of subsection A of this section shall not be construed to prevent an individual from disposing of used tires previously used by the individual as vehicle or equipment tires if the disposal is upon property owned by the individual and the disposal does not create a nuisance or pose a hazard to the public health or environment.

D. The provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of subsection A of this section shall not be construed to prevent a used tire recycling facility or tire-derived fuel or TDF facility from transporting and delivering used tires to an out-of-state used tire recycling facility or TDF facility.

E. 1. Except as otherwise ordered by the court, if the administrative enforcement process for a violation of an order issued by the Department for remediation, corrective action or cleanup of an illegal tire dump has been exhausted, the Department or a representative of the Department, upon notice to the landowner and an opportunity for the landowner to be heard on the issue, may enter the property to clean up the tire dump.

2. The Department may initiate a court action to recover the actual cost of cleanup, attorney fees, court costs, and all other monies expended in connection with the cleanup.

3. The Department shall deposit any excess funds recovered through such action into the Used Tire Recycling Indemnity Fund.
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