

# Waste tires: Proposed modifications to WAC 173-350-350 and the addition of WAC 173-350- 355

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# Units of weight made consistent

- All weight units will be in tons instead of pounds.
  - For example, The regulatory threshold for waste tire storage found in WAC 173-350-350(1)(a), sixteen thousand pounds of tires will be converted to eight tons of tires.
  - This keeps units consistent provides clarity to the language.
  - This is a language change, but not a substantive change.



# Inclusion of indoor waste tire storage under regulation

- Indoor storage of more than 8 tons of waste tires would be regulated as waste tire storage facilities under WAC 173-350-350. Indoor storage applies to enclosed buildings and structures, but not in mobile containers used for transport.



# Inclusion of indoor waste tire storage under regulation (continued)

- This proposed modification includes language for design standards of indoor storage based on fire code.
  - (reference: International Fire Code 2012 section 903.2.9.2 , section 3206.1 , and section 3409.1)
- This is a substantive change. The current rule only regulates outdoor storage of tires. The proposed modification incorporates the regulation of indoor storage under this rule as well.



# Inclusion of indoor waste tire storage under regulation (continued)

- Rational for this proposed modification includes:
  - Waste tires can present an environmental, public health and safety liability even when stored inside.
  - The need for proper financial assurance.
    - Waste tires typically have a low to negative market value and thus present a financial liability wherever they are stored.
    - Financial liability brings the need for financial assurance.



# Inclusion of indoor waste tire storage under regulation (continued)

- Rational continued:
  - Level playing field
    - The regulatory inclusion of indoor waste tire storage could mean more of a level playing field among all waste tire storage facilities (indoor and outdoor).
    - A level playing field is important since the waste tire industry runs on a very narrow profit margin.



# Design standards if outdoor storage modified to accommodate current fire code

- Outdoor waste tire storage design standards will be updated to reflect an update in fire code.
  - (reference: International Fire Code 2012 Section 3405.1 to 3405.7)



# Design standards if outdoor storage modified to accommodate current fire code (continued)

- This is a substantive change. Since the updated fire code is more stringent for waste tire storage than previously, the design standards are also more stringent.
  - However, since design standards are based on fire code, the local fire marshal should enforce these same standards independent of this rule.



# Changes in language to reflect transfer authority of licensing

- The Department of Revenue Business Licensing Services has taken over the role of issuing licenses to waste tire carriers and storage facilities from the Department of Licensing.
  - The pertinent portions of the waste tire storage and transportation sections will be updated to reflect this change.



# Changes in language to reflect transfer authority of licensing (continued)

- The fees for waste tire storage licenses, waste tire carrier licenses, waste tire carrier cab cards, and the refundable amounts thereof will be referenced generically instead of actual dollar amounts as written in the current rule.
  - Rational: The Department of Revenue revises their own fee schedule periodically.
- These are primarily logistical changes as opposed to significant substantive changes.



# General cleanup of language to ease interpretation/implementation.

- Various parts of this section will be cleaned up to provide more clarity for ease of reading and interpretation.
  - Waste tire storage has remained in section 350, while waste tire transportation has been moved into an entirely new section 355.
  - Operating standards have been revised to fit a new standardized language format that will be consistent with several other sections throughout the rule.
- These are primarily language changes rather than substantive changes.



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