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# Scrap Tire NEWS

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## European Tire Recycling And Recovery Rates Climb

*Next Step: Industry Standards*

In 2008, more than 95 percent of Europe's end of life tires (ELT) entered recycling and recovery routes. For nearly 15 years, the volumes of end of life tires benefitting from ecological treatment have steadily increased reaching more than 57 percent in 2008 with an average yearly increase of 4 percent, according to the latest recovery rate figures released by the European Tire & Rubber Manufacturers Association (ETRMA).

During this same period the disposal of scrapped tires in landfills decreased from more than 60 percent in 1994 to about 5 percent today.

According to tire industry analysts, these results show the effectiveness  
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## California Environmental Office Verifies Safety of Synthetic Turf

*California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment Review Verifies Safety of Synthetic Turf*

Representing the latest convincing data on the safety of synthetic turf, the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), the California Environmental Protection Agency, released a report last month which indicated there is a negligible human health risk from inhaling the air above synthetic turf.

The report dated July 2009 is the first part of a study mandated by legislation - SB1277 passed in 2008 which required the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) in concert with OEHHA and the Department of Health to conduct a study that "compares the effects of synthetic turf and natural turf on the environment and the public health." In total, the study will cost \$200,000 and will be paid for through the Tire Recycling Management Fund. It is expected to be completed and posted on the Board's website by September 1, 2010.

For the first phase of the study, OEHHA searched the available literature related to the safety of new generation artificial turf fields, those which contained crumb rubber infill. They analyzed whether these fields emitted levels of chemicals or

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## New York Statewide Tire Pile Cleanup Near Completion

*Abatement Plan Also Uncovers Unreported Stockpiles*

Five years after New York launched an aggressive statewide tire pile cleanup plan more than 26.5 million tires have been removed and 102 sites completely remediated, including twelve of the state's largest tire dumps, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Pete Grannis said in recent announcements. Many of the remaining sites, though not completely cleaned up, have seen significant progress.

Grannis said that twelve of the seventeen largest dumps have been completely cleared of tires. At the largest accumulation of stockpiled tires, the Fortino site in Oswego County, all of the estimated 11.4 million waste tires have been removed. Most of the tires, from this site and others cleaned up in the program, were chipped up for use in landfill and highway construction applications.

The last of the 5 million tires at the state's second largest tire dump, Mohawk Tire in Waterford, Saratoga County, were among those most recently removed under the state's cleanup program.

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