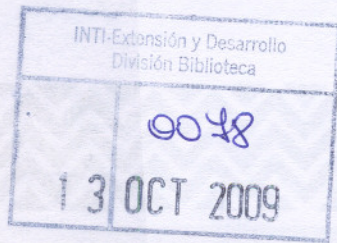


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## Beck Tire Named Star Supplier

Lockheed Martin has presented Beck Tire International with its prestigious STAR Supplier Award for its exemplary performance and contribution to the success of Lockheed Martin's mission.

Lockheed Martin's STAR Supplier Award is only presented to suppliers who meet rigorous performance criteria. First established in 1999, this award is an effort to quantitatively measure supplier quality and to create a group of preferred suppliers. Lockheed Martin has 17,000 subcontractors in their world operations. Each year the company presents six STAR supplier awards.

To receive this honor and join the elite group of STAR Suppliers, Beck Tire International provided superior support to Lockheed Martin as part of the Aircraft

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## CIWMB Falls Victim To California Budget

When the California State Legislature passed a budget plan last month to close the state's \$26 billion deficit it eliminated the state's waste management agency in the process. The California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)-an independent board of six members-which has run the state's waste management programs - including the \$40 million annual tire program - for nearly 20 years is being replaced by the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery. The new department is one of several that will operate under the Natural Resources Agency.

CIWMB oversees hundreds of employees who regulate landfills and recycling programs. Governor Schwarzenegger, who has long wanted to disband the Board has projected that eliminating the board's five members will save up to \$3 million annually, but critics say it doesn't help California's immediate budget problems because the board is funded through fees, not general taxes.

The executive officer of the new department will be known as the Director of Resources, Recycling and Recovery, will be appointed by the Governor and be subject to confirmation by the State Senate. According to amendments to AB 181, the Director will have the

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## ADEM Completes First Large Scrap Tire Site Cleanup

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) has announced the completion of the cleanup of Alabama's largest known unauthorized scrap tire disposal site. The removal of the scrap tires and tire materials from a site in Attalla began in August 2006 with the support of ADEM and the Alabama Scrap Tire Commission.

The work was performed by C.W. Owens Enterprises of Southside and occurred at the former Four Star Tire Wholesale Brokerage site near downtown Attalla. The contractor removed more than 82 million pounds of scrap tire materials, the equivalent of more than 4 million passenger tires, from the site. This project marks the first cleanup of a large-scale unauthorized scrap tire disposal site funded from the Alabama Scrap Tire Fund, ADEM said in its press release. The Alabama Scrap Tire Fund is supported by a \$1-per-tire fee that has been collected on each replacement tire sold in Alabama since passage of the Act in 2003.

Attalla was selected to be the first site for cleanup based on a statewide prioritization process that utilized specific site ranking factors including the estimated volume of scrap tires, the sites location and potential human health and environmental threats. ADEM also pre-qualified contractors to assure they had the appropriate experience, proper equipment, and sufficient financial resources for large-scale cleanup. In addition,

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CIWMB programs launched new uses for tire derived materials like the use of tire chips to reduce vibration on lightweight rails.

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