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## CIWMB Gone

On January 1, 2010, the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) will cease to exist and will be replaced by the new Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (DRRR). In addition to the CIWMB's programs, the new Department will also include the responsibilities of the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act, which is currently under the Department of Conservation.

Rather than a six-member Board, the new Department will be administered by a Director appointed by the Governor. All of the CIWMB staff and programs will continue intact, as will the staff and programs resulting from the bottle bill.

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## RPA Reports Asphalt Rubber Progress

*More state use of rubberized asphalt surfaces among advances in 2009. Breakthrough seen for 2010.*

The Rubber Pavements Association (RPA), Tempe, Arizona recently discussed a number of activities launched in 2009 and reported current activities set for 2010 designed to encourage greater use of asphalt rubber products.

"The year 2010 looks to be a year for breakthrough, with more asphalt rubber usage worldwide and in many places where it has not been used before," RPA Executive Director Doug Carlson said. He encouraged RPA members as well as anyone involved in producing and marketing high quality, cost-effective asphalt pavements containing recycled tire rubber to cast a vision for expanding the use of asphalt rubber.



Among the 2009 successes for asphalt-rubber, the RPA has advanced standard specifications at ASTM and internationally and worked in partnership to improve agency specifications in many U.S. markets. A great example, Carlson said, is the *D 7564 The Standard Practice for the Construction of an A-R Cape Seal*. "This was the result of a four-year effort with specification rewrite committees and subcommittees," he said.

New market launches involving the use of asphalt rubber pavement occurred in several states in 2009, Carlson said. Massachusetts, Colorado, Puerto Rico (see story p.5) and

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## Regupol America To Expand Pennsylvania Operations

Recycled rubber flooring manufacturer Regupol America L.L.C. has purchased 10 acres of land adjacent to the 15 acres it already owns in the Lebanon Valley Industrial Park, Lebanon, PA. Regupol bought the land in the last half of 2009 to prepare for an expansion of its manufacturing facility in Lebanon, according to company President George Soukas. The company is developing plans and confirming dates for the expansion, and plans to break ground in the first half of 2010, he said.

Regupol, a subsidiary of the German firm BSW, manufactures sports and fitness surfaces, artificial turf and sound absorption flooring materials from recycled rubber. The company which has had operations in Lebanon since April 2008, was recently chosen for a local renovation project at Franklin & Marshall College, based in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The project, referred to as "Mayser Locker Room Renovation," was made possible through financial support from its alumni, parents and friends.

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*Regupol America will increase its manufacturing capacity in 2010.*

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