

# Scrap Tire NEWS

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## RPA Honors Leaders

The Rubber Pavements Association (RPA) honored its immediate past president Dr. Barry Takallou for accomplishments during his term including establishment of the RPA Ambassador Program.

Others honored at RPA's 2011 Membership Meeting in San Antonio, TX last month were the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Navajo Nation recognized with an award for the large spray-applied project they successfully completed in northeast Arizona and northwest New Mexico.

Brett Bartstow of Golden By-Products received an honorary title for his diligent efforts in researching the asphalt rubber industry as someone new to the technology. Donna Carlson was given an RPA "Lifetime Achievement Award" for her many contributions over the years to a grateful asphalt rubber industry.

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## EPA Decision Preserves Scrap Tire Markets

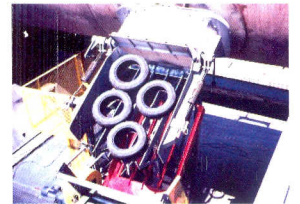
*Scrap tires okay for fuel use. Ruling validates the economic and environmental viability of the tire recycling industry*

It was a long time coming but last month's U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ruling to continue to allow scrap tires to be used as fuel is a landmark decision for the tire recycling industry.

Its announcement drew a collective round of surprise, relief and cautious optimism from tire recyclers, state scrap tire program managers and the many industry trade groups that lobbied EPA to deliver a rule that would preserve scrap tire markets.

All had feared that scrap tires might be defined as solid waste making them subject to more stringent and cost-prohibitive combustion requirements. At stake was a well-established tire derived fuel market that currently consumes more than 50 percent of the scrap tires generated annually in the U.S.

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EPA's ruling allows scrap tires to continue to be used as fuel by cement kilns, pulp and paper mills and electric utilities.

## Environmental Benefits Run Deep On Synthetic Turf

*Numerous eco-friendly benefits of artificial grass help users reduce their carbon footprint*

While millions of people, businesses, schools and homeowners use synthetic turf for landscape and play, one of its major beneficiaries is the environment. As of 2011, the estimated total amount of synthetic turf installed in North America annually conserves more than three billion gallons of water, significantly reduces smog emissions and eliminates close to a billion pounds of harmful fertilizers and pesticides. The industry has also recycled more than 105 million used tires.

"Synthetic turf has made a very positive impact on the environment," Rick Doyle, President of the Synthetic Turf Council said. "The synthetic turf industry continues to innovate to enhance synthetic turf's numerous eco-friendly benefits that empower users to reduce their carbon footprint."

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Trees, shrubs and flower beds pair well with synthetic turf