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EPA Sets Schedule For Boiler Standards

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will release a new proposal for air toxic standards for industrial boilers and waste incinerators by this October, with final standards ready by April 2012, the agency said in a filing with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

The EPA announced in May that it was seeking additional public comment on the final rules issued last February, and issued a stay postponing the effective dates of the standards until the reconsideration was complete.

Businesses and communities sent the EPA more than 4,800 comments after the proposed boiler and incinerator rules were issued in April 2010.

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Virginia Demonstrates Rubberized Asphalt In Quiet Pavement Program

Legislation Directs VDOT to Conduct Pilot Projects Using 'Quiet-Pavement' Materials

Virginia highways could be a bit quieter after Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) repaves the driving surfaces of certain high-speed roads. Earlier this year, the Virginia General Assembly passed and Governor Bob McDonnell signed HB 2001 calling for VDOT to develop "quiet pavement technology" for use when sound mitigation is needed. The legislation directs the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to construct several demonstration projects to further study "quiet-pavement" technologies.

VDOT's research arm, the Virginia Center for Transportation (VCTIR) will monitor the projects to determine how well the new pavements perform over two winters in Virginia.

Delegate Jim LeMunyon (R-Fairfax) sponsored HB 2001, which amends the 2009 Virginia law requiring VDOT to consider using pavement materials that reduce tire noise when resurfacing appropriate roads.

A Quiet Pavement Task Force consisting of public and private engineers and Del. LeMunyon has been formed to develop the demonstration projects and guide the research.

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OTS Releases First Ever Full-Year Annual Report

Ontario Tire Stewardship's (OTS) first full-year Annual Report released last month shows scrap tire diversion in the province has far exceeded the early objectives put forth by OTS.

The report posits that with a diversion rate of 96 percent for Passenger/ Light Truck Tires, 115 percent for Medium Truck Tires, and 150 percent for Off-Road Tires it's clear that OTS-registered stakeholders are busy recycling a high volume of used tires.

Processors recycled approximately 66 percent of Ontario scrap tires into a range of crumb rubber grades and feedstock. These were used in various applications such as infill for sports fields, landscaping and in the manufacture of finished goods like automotive components and patio tiles. Ontario-based Recycled Product Manufacturers (RPM) have grown their consumption of Ontario crumb rubber by shifting sourcing to Ontario-based Processors—adding capacity to existing production while innovating and developing new products.

According to the report, OTS is on solid financial ground. Stewards have been continuing to report and remit on a consistent basis, providing the financial foundation for the program to deliver exceptional results. While certain sectors have suffered from tough

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