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MDEQ Awards Waste Tire Grant to Pine Belt

(Jackson, Miss.) --The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has awarded the Pine Belt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority a \$160,783 waste tire grant to continue the local waste tire collection program for small quantity generators of waste tires for Covington, Jones, and Perry Counties as well as the Cities of Hattiesburg, Laurel, and Petal.

Funding for waste tire grants is provided by a waste tire account funded from a fee charged on the wholesale sale of every new motor vehicle tire sold in Mississippi. This fee provides the funds to ensure and encourage the proper management and disposal of waste tires.

Information about this grant program and other solid waste initiatives and programs is available at www.deq.state.ms.us/solidwaste.

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