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MDEQ Awards Two Grants to Tunica County

(Jackson, Miss.) --The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has awarded Tunica County a solid waste assistance grant of \$11,171 that will be used by the county for clean up of illegal dumps. MDEQ also awarded the county a \$25,000 waste tire grant to continue the local waste tire collection program for small quantity generators of waste tires.

Cities and counties may apply for Solid Waste Assistance Grants through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. These grants are used by local communities for programs to prevent and clean up unauthorized dumps; to aid in hiring local solid waste enforcement officers; for public education efforts on solid waste disposal and recycling; and to establish programs for the collection of white goods, bulky wastes and recyclables.

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 these grant programs and other solid waste initiatives is available at www.deq.state.ms.us/solidwaste.

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