



ARKANSAS
Department of Environmental Quality

June 19, 2013

Mr. Dan Cohee
President of
Citizens for Clean Water

Re: DAMCO tire site, Baxter County

Mr. Cohee:

I am writing in response to your email dated June 5. First, thank you for your email. ADEQ shares your concerns about the site and is reviewing the options available that will possibly bring the site back into compliance. It is my understanding that you met Mr. Ben Jones, the chief of the Solid Waste Management Division, at the last Ozark Mountain Solid Waste Management District ("the District") board meeting. As Mr. Jones stated, the state does not have funds available to address the issues raised in your email. Nor is the Department aware of any federal funds available to address the issues.

ADEQ is working with the District to determine a plausible path towards compliance. The Department is currently reviewing an estimate on the cost of extending the DAMCO project provided to the District to determine if the appropriate measures were applied. It is possible that the project will not be as costly as stated in the District board meeting you recently attended. Also, the District is setting a meeting with the heir of Mr. Kenton Treat, the former property owner. The purpose of this meeting is to determine what assistance the new property owners can offer in addressing the tires at the site. ADEQ plans to attend this meeting.

ADEQ has not ruled out any of the options available to it, including filing a lawsuit against the District and the land owner. However, the Department would prefer that the District and the land owner use their resources to address the issues at the DAMCO site instead of litigating. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr. Jones at (501) 682-0600. Thank you for your time and your interest in the environment. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa Marks".

Teresa Marks
Director