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Subject: Eco-Vista Boat Fire

Good afternoon! Attached please find information regarding the boat fire at Eco-Vista last week and the question about the tire that was pictured near the boat.

Thank you!

Jodi

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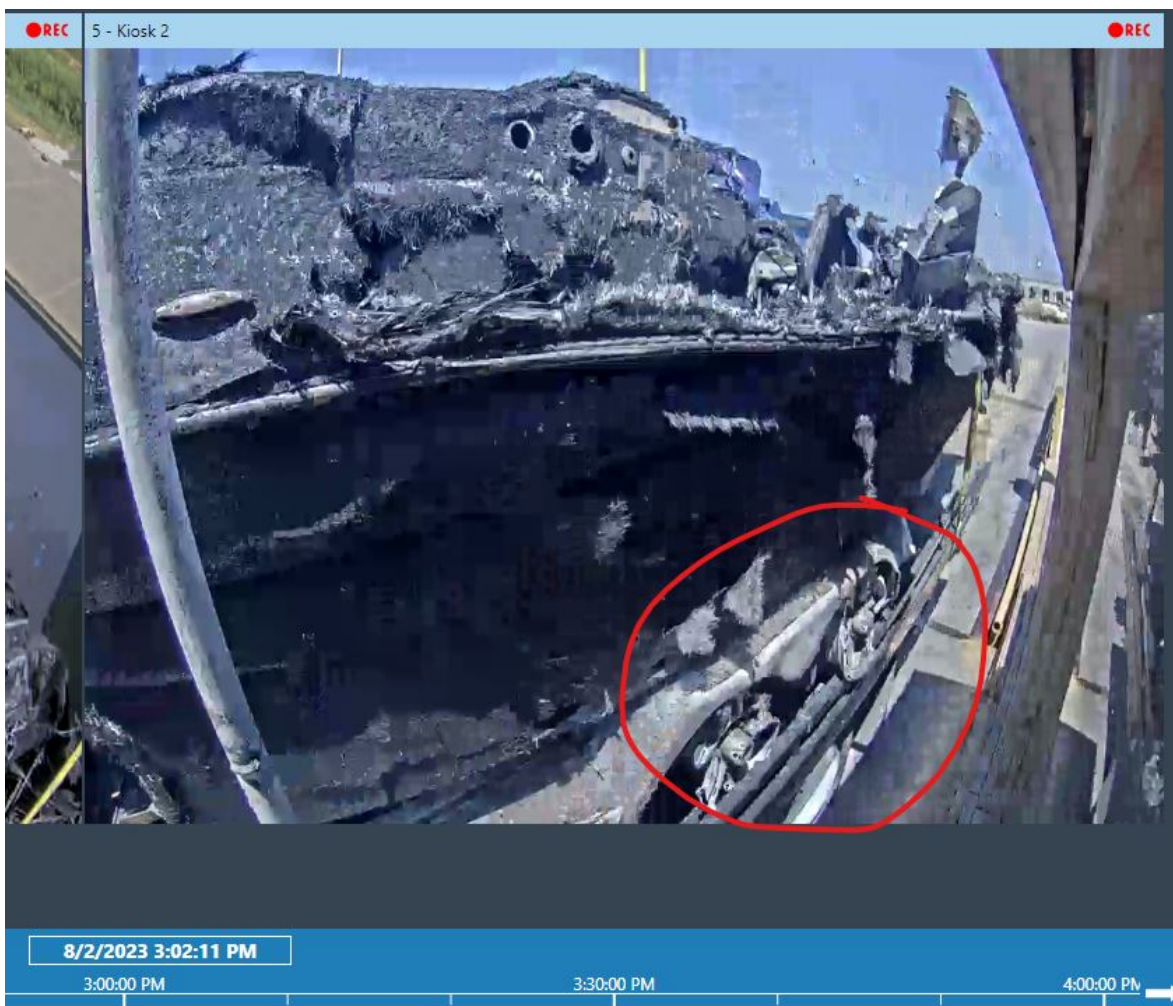
August 9, 2023

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
Attention: Mr. Heath Cobb, Solid Waste Management Division
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317

Re: Eco-Vista Landfill
AFIN 72-00144
Boat Fire Incident 8.2.23

Dear Mr. Cobb:

A previously burned personal boat and trailer were brought to the Eco-Vista Landfill by Roadside Services Towing of Rogers/Springdale on August 2, 2023 around 3:11 p.m. Photographs of the burned boat and trailer taken from Eco-Vista's scalehouse cameras follow:



Driver's side

4 - Inbound Exit

REC

5 - Kiosk 2



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2 (All) ←
Driver's side

2:30:00 PM

3:00:00 PM



Passenger's side

According to landfill personnel, there were no whole tires attached to the boat or its trailer, there was only a burned, partial tire fragment (see Passenger's side photo). The customer was asked if the boat/trailer contained unauthorized material, and the customer responded there were no free liquids, batteries or tires contained in the load.



The burned boat and trailer were taken to the Class 4 Landfill, where they ignited upon being removed from the tow company trailer near the Class 4 working face. According to the landfill manager, the Class 4 operator stated he saw liquid discharge from the boat as it was flipped off the tow company trailer and the fire started immediately. The fire was extinguished by landfill personnel within 10 minutes. The boat/trailer was promptly segregated from other material near the Class 4 working face until landfill personnel were confident there was no danger of reignition, at which point the boat/trailer were taken to the Class 1 landfill for disposal. The partial tire segment (circled in red, above) remained with the boat/trailer as it was not a whole tire.

According to the Eco-Vista Hazardous and Unauthorized Waste Exclusion Plan ("Plan") prepared by FTN Associates (July 2021), Section 2.5.5 Waste Tires: Source separation of waste tires will be handled in accordance with Chapter 14 of APCEC Regulation No. 36. At no time will waste tires be disposed of in the Class 1 landfill without being quartered, shredded, split around the circumference, or baled. Because the remnants of the burned tire were split, disposal was allowed.



The tire in the photo on page 3 inside the green rectangle and to the left of the burned boat/trailer came from a completely different waste load. That tire was placed to the side of the working face by landfill personnel so it could be taken to the waste tire trailer at the end of the day. In other words, Eco-Vista ensured that whole tire was not disposed of in the landfill.

Whole tires are prohibited from disposal at the landfill, but Eco-Vista equipment operators have found them in Class 1 and Class 4 customer loads and, when that occurs, the whole tires are placed to the side of the working face and then deposited in a trailer Eco-Vista rents from the Boston Mountain Solid Waste Management District (BMSWMD) Tire Program (see above photo) for proper handling by the District. Eco-Vista last shipped a trailer load of tires to BMSWMD approximately three weeks ago.

We greatly appreciate your time and attention in this matter. Should you have questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 479-699-1475.

Sincerely,
Eco-Vista, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jodi Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jodi Reynolds
Environmental Protection Manager – Arkansas