

**455D.11A Financial assurance — waste tire collection or processing sites.**

1. A person owning or operating a waste tire collection or processing site shall provide a financial assurance instrument to the department prior to the initial approval of a permit or prior to the renewal of a permit for an existing or expanding facility. The financial assurance instrument shall be used to provide for closure of the waste tire collection or processing facility.

2. The financial assurance instrument shall meet all requirements adopted by rule by the commission, and shall not be canceled, revoked, disbursed, released, or allowed to terminate without the approval of the department.

3. Financial assurance instruments may include instruments such as cash or surety bond, a letter of credit in a form prescribed by the department, a secured trust fund, a corporate guarantee, or a combination of such instruments and guarantees sufficient to satisfy the requirements of subsection 5. The department may request an annual audit, which shall remain confidential, to be performed by a third party.

4. If the owner or operator of a waste tire collection or processing site chooses to provide financial assurance in the form of a surety bond, the bond shall be executed by a surety company authorized to do business in this state. The bond shall be continuous in nature until canceled by the surety. A surety shall provide at least ninety days' notice in writing to the owner or operator and to the department indicating the surety's intent to cancel the bond and the effective date of the cancellation. The surety bond shall be for the benefit of the citizens of this state and shall be conditioned upon compliance with this section. The surety's liability under this subsection is limited to the amount of the bond or the amount of the damages or moneys due, whichever is less. However, this subsection does not limit the amount of damages recoverable from an owner or operator to the amount of the surety bond. The bond shall be made in a form prescribed by the commissioner of insurance and written by a company authorized by the commissioner of insurance to do business in this state. If a surety bond is canceled which has been provided as financial assurance under this subsection, the owner or operator of the waste tire collection or processing site shall demonstrate to the department within thirty days of the cancellation, a means of continued compliance with the financial assurance requirements of this section. If a means of continued compliance is not demonstrated within the thirty-day period, the department shall suspend the permit for the site, and the owner or operator shall perform proper closure of the site within thirty days. If the owner or operator does not properly close the site within the time period allowed, the department shall file a claim with the surety company, prior to the effective date of cancellation of the bond, to collect the amount of the bond for use in performing proper closure. A person who fails to provide for proper closure, notwithstanding collection by the department of the amount of the bond, is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

5. Financial assurance shall be provided in the amounts as follows:

a. For a waste tire collection or processing site, the financial assurance instrument for a waste tire collection site shall provide coverage in an amount which is equivalent to thirty-five cents per passenger tire equivalent collected by the site prior to July 1, 1998. The financial assurance instrument for a waste tire processing site shall provide coverage in an amount which is equivalent to thirty-five cents per passenger tire equivalent collected for processing by the site which is above the three-day processing supply of tires for the site as determined by the department. This paragraph shall take effect July 1, 1999.

b. For a waste tire collection or processing site, the financial assurance instrument for a waste tire collection site shall provide coverage in an amount which is equivalent to eighty-five cents per passenger tire equivalent collected by the site on or after July 1, 1998, and the financial assurance instrument for a waste tire processing site shall provide coverage in an amount which is equivalent to eighty-five cents per passenger tire equivalent collected for processing by the site which is above the three-day processing supply of tires for the site as determined by the department.

6. The financial assurance instrument shall not be assigned for the benefit of creditors with the exception of the state, and shall not be used to pay any final judgment against a permit holder arising out of the ownership or operation of the site. The commission shall

adopt rules to establish conditions under which the department may gain access to the financial assurance instrument.

7. The requirement for financial assurance shall not apply to waste tire collection or processing sites operated by a city or county, or operated in conjunction with a sanitary landfill.

8. All requirements for financial assurance provided for in this section shall become effective July 1, 1998.

92 Acts, ch 1218, §4; 94 Acts, ch 1023, §56; 97 Acts, ch 53, §1, 2; 98 Acts, ch 1180, §1, 2  
Referred to in §455D.11C, 455D.22, 455D.25