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Chairmen, Regional Solid Waste Management Boards
Directors, Regional Solid Waste Management Districts
Directors, Tire Accountability Program
Arkansas Association of Counties

The Arkansas General Assembly passed the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Program (Act 317 of 2017) creating a different method of collecting fees and reimbursing used tire recycling and disposal costs. As a result of this legislation, Rule 36 was developed and became effective in August 2018.

All surplus funds collected under the previous program (Act 749 of 1992 and Rule 14) were distributed to the approved Used Tire Programs created under Rule 36.

Any surplus has now been depleted, and the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will make quarterly disbursements from the fund each quarter from all available moneys collected and available for disbursement in that quarter, in accordance with A.C.A. §8-9-405 (e)(1).

If there are insufficient funds available in a quarter to make reimbursement for all submitted requests, the Division will calculate the total available funding and allocate the moneys based on a pro rata share of each used tire program’s reimbursement request compared to total moneys available, in accordance with A.C.A. §8-9-405 (e)(2).

For the quarter ending June 30, 2022, the available funding for distribution is $1,364,369.12, and total reimbursement requests are $2,005,491.27. The amount available is 68.0316% of the total requests. Consequently, each approved used tire program will receive 68.0316% of their original request.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

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