



TCEQ Scrap Tire Webinar

February 9, 2023

The TCEQ Scrap Tire program held a webinar on critical scrap tire management issues on February 9, 2023. Presentations covered helpful scrap tire management guidance documents, scrap tire projects funded through the Regional Solid Waste Grants Program, Local Enforcement Options for Scrap Tire Management, and an update on the Texas State University study, "Scrap Tires in the Lower Rio Grande Valley: Searching for Alternatives to Landfilling".

The webinar was a success with 130 attendees. 21 attendees participated in a survey following the webinar, with the following results:

- 4.95/5 average rating of the webinar
- Attendees included county, city, and state employees, registered scrap tire handlers, educators, and citizens
- 50% of those who participated in the survey requested the TCEQ scrap tire program provide more educational materials, guidance documents, and webinars. The other 50% requested increased inspections and enforcement or specific data.
- The survey results emphasized a strong desire to grow existing scrap tire markets including rubber modified asphalt, tire derived fuel, crumb rubber, and molded and extruded products.

The Scrap Tire Program plans to host the next Scrap Tire Webinar in FY 24, and additional future workshops covering information related to registration and reporting requirements, local scrap tire ordinances and approaches, and successful scrap tire projects.

The TCEQ Scrap Tire Program's *Five-Year Plan for Scrap Tire Management in Texas* details goals for the program, including to develop and coordinate partnerships to facilitate communication with other TCEQ programs, scrap tire handlers, and state and local agencies. In line with that goal, the TCEQ Scrap Tire Program began hosting annual webinars in 2020.

If you know someone that would like to attend future scrap tire workshops, please have them email their request to join-tires@listserv.tceq.state.tx.us.