



Successful Use of NMED RAID Scrap Tire Grant Funds in Socorro County

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Planning

Planning helped Socorro County:

- ▶ understand the enormity of the problem in our County;
- ▶ identify what equipment we lacked;
- ▶ recognize what resources we did have available;
- ▶ be ready when the RAID grant cycle opened.

Our Solution: *“Illegal Tire Abatement, Remediation & Prevention Plan”*.



Introduction – What’s the Problem?

- ▶ Scrap and waste tires
 - Pose a serious health and safety threat;
 - Are an environmental problem
 - Are an aesthetic blemish in our open lands
 - Create breeding grounds for rodents and mosquitoes
- ▶ The tire piles had existed in the northern portion of the County for nearly 20 years
- ▶ Their existence leads to the growth and creation of new piles.
- ▶ The problem is not going away



Objectives – What's the Goal?

Our primary objectives were:

- ▶ Abatement
- ▶ Remediation
- ▶ Prevention
- ▶ Recycling



Abatement

- ▶ **Administrative Structure**
 - Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance
 - Remediation Staff
 - Joint Agency Participation
- ▶ **Identification of Illegal Stockpiles**
 - Community Members, Media
 - Commissioners, Road Crews, Solid Waste Drivers, Appraisers from the Assessor's Office, Rural Addressing
- ▶ **Enforcement**
- ▶ **Financial Impact & Requirements**



Remediation

- ▶ Removal of Tires
 - Land Access Agreements
 - Inmate Labor
 - Contracted Work

- ▶ Alternate Uses for Tires

- ▶ Financial Impact & Requirements
 - Project Costs
 - Landfill and disposal fees



Prevention

- ▶ Enact New Ordinances or Modify Old Ordinances
 - BOCC passed the “Tire Import Ordinance” following the first grant cycle.

- ▶ Enforcement
 - Commissioners have begun declaring health hazards at sites.

- ▶ Education
 - Media, Signage & Brochures



Recycling

- ▶ Recycling Equipment
- ▶ Recycling Locations
- ▶ Recycling Projects
 - Use at Transfer Stations
 - Permitted Tire Bale Projects



Summary

With proper planning and resources such as NMED's RAID grants and agency partnerships,

- ▶ Abatement
- ▶ Remediation
- ▶ Prevention and
- ▶ Management are possible.



Questions?



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