



## Wisconsin State Legislature

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Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager  
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East Wing, State Capitol  
Department of Justice

Attorney General Lautenschlager,

We are writing in regards to recent conversations regarding the environmental clean-up plans involving the Department of Natural Resources and Tom Springer, owner of Watertown Tire Recyclers in the aftermath of the fire at that facility.

It is our belief that the clean-up efforts surrounding the tire fire must be undertaken with the utmost attention focused on both the safety of the environment and community interests. Complete removal and disposal of the contamination at the site would be the strongest and safest method of addressing these concerns.

It will increase the safety of the surrounding environment and the value of the property to have the mounds removed. We encourage you to include this requirement in any settlement related to the Watertown tire fire. It is important that this stipulation be in addition to any settlement for reimbursement of the local fire departments for their efforts in fighting the fire. The local governments involved should not face any additional costs or reduced reimbursement as a result of the clean-up required at the site.

Sincerely

Senator Scott Fitzgerald  
39<sup>th</sup> senate District

Representative Jo el Kleefisch  
38<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

Cc: Governor Jim Doyle  
Secretary Scott Hassett, DNR