

Site Visit Report  
Watertown Tire  
November 17, 2005  
by Barb Palecek  
present: B. Palecek; later, Tom Springer

In the east side parking area and the north area sit approximately seven empty long-haul trailers. To the east, the two Roasters and a few empty gondolas appear to remain. Three trailers near the office and one near mid-drive are full. Mr. Springer later said the orange one was slated for Auburndale.

Location of the soil piles has not changed.

There was much transferring activity on the west side. Most of the trailers were empty or mostly empty. A few fulls are parked, and these are ready to go. Some are partially full with specific tire types. There does not appear to be a buildup. The two Texas trailers are gone from previous spots; it looks like one was replaced for re-fill. Several long-hauls left during the course of Palecek's visit.

Mr. Springer came to the site and said his daughter at the house had seen Palecek walking around and didn't know who it was. He asked that Palecek let him know just before she arrives on site because he said he has had trespassers on the property. Palecek said she was going to call him before she left the premises anyway, but she agreed to his concern and would call him immediately when she arrived on site in the future.

Mr. Springer said he was working with the Chicago fuel plant which is up and running finally (the opening had been delayed for approximately two months). According to Mr. Springer, many tires went there in the past two weeks and this will become a regular run, because of the lower cost and proximity. However, some specialized tire types may continue to go to GreenMan MN and GreenMan IA and also to the Texas contract, Broxton, and still a few to Auburndale.

The operation looks good, and movement appears to be fairly regular with no undue build-up. There appears to be more of a physical organization evident than during the last visit, possibly because of the concrete pad is now being used more extensively for ready trailers and possibly because of the opening of the Chicago plant, necessitating better staging.

Rich and Provimi roads were checked for tire chips. The roads and shoulders looked very good, but one chip was found. Surfaces within the site were observed to be relatively clean, which would follow because of new gravel in places and because chip-haul-out has not occurred for months; thus vehicle tires are not tracking debris onto the road.