



# Watertown Fire Department

OFFICE of FIRE CHIEF

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May 5, 2005

Mr. Tom Springer  
W7932 Provimi Road  
Watertown, WI 53098

Dear Mr. Springer,

Today I drove to your business in response to two recent complaints I received regarding the storage of your shredded tire material.

This letter is to inform you that you are not in compliance with my requests regarding the storage of your shredded tire material as outlined in my letters of November 2, 2004 and March 28, 2005.

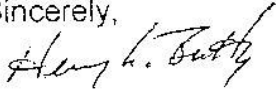
The shredded tire material on the west side of your business was supposed to be contained in an open three walled concrete block structure with the following dimensions walls not to exceed eight, (8), feet high, one hundred, (100), feet long, and sixty-five, (65), feet wide located at least fifty, (50), feet away from the western wall of your main building and at least fifty, (50), feet from the southern wall of the existing pole building.

The shredded tire material is within twenty feet of the west wall of your main building and approximately 30 feet high. This single pile alone creates an extreme fire hazard that is unacceptable.

If this pile were to catch fire, the Watertown Fire Department is not equipped or staffed to be able to control such a fire. Further the nearest fire hydrant is over two miles from the location. We would not be able to protect the surrounding structures from fire spread. The best we could do is save any people who may be in the path of the fire and let it burn itself out over a period of several weeks to months. This is completely unacceptable.

I am sending copies of this letter and the previous two letters referenced above to the Township Chairperson so that they clearly understand my position and that they may take whatever action they deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry L. Butts".

Henry L. Butts  
Fire Chief  
Watertown Fire Department

cc: John David, Mayor City of Watertown  
Neale Jones, Chairperson Town of Sheilds