

August 1, 2005

Secretary Scott Hassett
Department of Natural Resources
101 South Webster Street, AD/5
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Dear Secretary Hassett,

I am writing to reiterate the regards to recent communications between your department, Senator Fitzgerald's Office and Tom Springer, owner of Watertown Tire Recyclers in the aftermath of the fire at that facility.

While the letter from Waste Team Supervisor Gene Mitchell to Mr. Springer states that Mr. Springer is not allowed to accept or store additional tires at his Watertown facility, it is unclear whether or not tires Mr. Springer accepts for immediate shipment to another recycling facility located in Auburndale are allowed to be placed or processed for shipment at the Watertown facility (item #6 in Mr. Mitchell's letter to Mr. Springer).

I am asking for clarification of this item and an explanation as to whether or not the terms outlined in Mr. Mitchell's letter would allow new tires to be placed on the premises of Watertown Tire Recyclers.

I believe it is imperative that Watertown Tire Recyclers not have any additional tires located on their premises for any length of time until the cleanup process and investigations are completed, and local governments are allowed to discuss possible zoning changes that might affect the future of this facility.

Thank you for attention to the this question and for your and your staff's continued assistance as we work to resolve this situation.

Sincerely,

Joel Kleefisch
State Representative

cc: Amber Meyer-Smith, DNR
Gene Mitchell, DNR