

# PA Recycled Rubber Products Maker Evicted

Township officials in Bensalem, PA evicted recycled rubber products manufacturer National Sales & Supply Inc. from its facility in Bensalem last month for alleged environmental violations, according to an attorney representing the Township of Bensalem.

In May, officials in Bensalem Township, PA had filed a complaint against National Sales alleging that the company emitted salt-laden vapor from its 120,000-sq.-ft. facility in Marshall Lane in Bensalem, killing trees and contaminating nearby Neshaminy Creek. According to the complaint, the Bensalem Township fire marshal advised National Sales to cease operations in January 2011. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) also sent National Sales a notice of violation in May 2011 citing salt residue on vegetation near the plant.

The notice gave National Sales 15 days to file an abatement plan. According to local reports, no connection between the salt residue and the company's rubber recycling operation has been established. National Sales company officials said at the time of the complaint that the charges were false and that the township wanted to redevelop the Marshall Lane area for residential use.

The law firm representing National Sales, said the complaint against the company is now moot because its landlord evicted the company from Marshall Lane. ♦

# CA Bill Supporting Rubberized Asphalt Advances

The California Senate Appropriations Committee has approved a bill reinstating the Rubberized Asphalt Concrete (RAC) Use Grant Program for local governments. AB 525, which reinstates the RAC Use Grant program, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee 6-3 on Aug. 25. Terry Leveille, legislative representative for the California Tire Dealers Association called the decision "surprising" saying "it was well known that the Department of Finance had opposed the appropriation." Leveille commented on the decision in the Aug. 26 edition of his California Tire Report.

The bill requires the California Department of Resources Recovery and Recycling (CalRecycle) to award grants to local governments to support the use of rubberized asphalt concrete and tire-derived aggregate. CalRecycle would be responsible for providing at least 16 percent of the sum for market development grants, and also for publicizing information about rubberized asphalt projects.

If passed, AB 525 would sunset Jan. 1, 2016. ♦

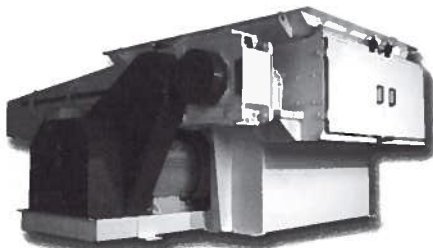
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