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## **Ohio EPA Orders Tires Removed from Columbiana County Property**

Citing a danger to public health and the environment, Ohio EPA Director Chris Korleski has ordered two Minerva area property owners to remove approximately 4,000 scrap tires from their property located at 9415 Hanson Road in West Township.

Steven and Kathy Hein have until the end of August to remove and properly dispose of the tires. Until the illegal dump is cleaned up, the Heins need to minimize health and safety concerns by reducing the size of tire storage piles, establishing fire lanes and spraying for mosquitoes.

Should the Heins fail to remove and dispose of the tires, Ohio EPA can arrange for a thorough cleanup and seek reimbursement from them.

Unlicensed scrap tire sites pose a substantial fire threat and can serve as a breeding ground for disease-carrying mosquitoes. Anyone with information on tire dumping should contact the local health department or Ohio EPA at 1-877-372-2621.

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Director's Final Findings and Orders Regarding the Hein Tire Site:  
[www.epa.ohio.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=iOMUszX6GuY%3d&tabid=4614](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=iOMUszX6GuY%3d&tabid=4614)

Ohio EPA's Scrap Tire Management Program:  
[www.epa.ohio.gov/dsiwm/pages/tirepro.aspx](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsiwm/pages/tirepro.aspx)

Ohio EPA online:  
[www.epa.ohio.gov](http://www.epa.ohio.gov)