



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR

May 1, 2018

Mr. Mark Elam
Chairman
South Carolina Board of Health and Environmental Control
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Chairman Elam,

I ask that the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) take expedited action to direct the necessary grant funding from the Solid Waste Tire Fund to Berkeley County for the purpose of offsetting the cost incurred for the cleanup and removal of tires from the abandoned Viva Recycling site in Moncks Corner.

Recent media reports and DHEC analysis indicate that anywhere between 600,000 and 800,000 tires have been abandoned at the site in recent years. These abandoned tires pose a serious environmental and public health risk to the residents of Berkeley County. The sheer magnitude of environmental damage and hazard to air quality created by these giant tire piles catching fire – might very well devastate the pristine ecosystem of the South Carolina low country for generations to come.

I am confident that Berkeley County officials are ready to take quick action to begin the cleanup and removal process for the Viva site in Moncks Corner, once they receive grant award confirmation from the Solid Waste Tire Fund administered by DHEC.

If I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Henry McMaster".

Henry McMaster

cc: SC DHEC Board
Mr. David Wilson, Director DHEC
Mr. Bill Peagler, Berkeley County Supervisor