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Dear Mr. Rothe:

Thank you for your letter of December 2, 2002 regarding ITGI's plans for developing a tire-based recycling business.

Your letter contains three specific questions, which are answered below. First, Walter Kovalick's phone number at EPA is 703-603-7185. Tom Sullivan's phone number at the Small Business Administration is 202-314-2061.

You also asked if EPA has a complete list of all the tire piles in the United States. As states have primary responsibility for municipal solid waste, including tires, it is the states that would have that information, and many do. You may be interested to know that, according to a survey developed by the Scrap Tire Management Council, an industry trade group, that the states of Texas, New York, Colorado, Michigan, Alabama, and Ohio have the largest numbers of tires in stockpiles. You may want to contact these states first, to get further information on how many scrap tire piles there are, their locations, and how big they are. Phone numbers for tire experts in these states can be found in the enclosed EPA document, State Scrap Tire Programs: A Quick Reference Guide. You can also find a list of the contacts, as well as a listing of the number of tires stockpiled in each state, through the Scrap Tire Management Council, at www.rma.org, or by calling Michael Blumenthal at 202-682-4882, at that organization.

I appreciate your interest in this matter and I hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

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