Mr. Don Dimock  
Dimock Farms, LLC  
510 State Route 22B  
Peru, New York 12972

Dear Mr. Dimock:

Re: Beneficial Use Determination 1124-0-00  1137-0-00  
Use of Waste Tires for Agricultural Bunker Silos

Dear Mr. Dimock,

Department staff has reviewed your beneficial use determination (BUD) petition concerning the use of waste tires as part of a bunker silo. We recognize that covering corn silage, haylage, or other agricultural feeds with plastic film or other cover material that is anchored by waste tires is a useful and common practice on farms in New York State and elsewhere.

Therefore, the Department has determined that the use of waste tires for bunker silos on agricultural operations is a legitimate beneficial use pursuant to 6 NYCRR 360-1.15(d). This determination applies to any farm in New York State. The BUD is subject to the following conditions:

1. This BUD applies when the waste tires are received at the farm. The amount of waste tires received cannot exceed the amount needed for bunker silos. Any waste tires that are not used for bunker silos for a period of more than 18 months must be removed from the farm.

2. Procedures (such as drilling holes in the waste tires), must be in place to minimize standing water and insect breeding during storage and use of the waste tires.

3. Waste tires stored at the farm, when not in use on the bunker silos, must be stored away from combustible materials and from potential ignition sources. Procedures and means to extinguish fires must be in place at all times.

4. The burial of waste tires is prohibited.

5. The burning of waste tires is prohibited.
6. No routine reporting to the Department is required. Any correspondence related to this BUD, should be sent to:

Sally Rowland, Ph.D., P.E.
NYSDEC
Division of Materials Management
Bureau of Waste Reduction & Recycling
Albany, NY 12233-7253

7. The Department reserves the right to rescind or modify this BUD at any time, if it finds pursuant to 6 NYCRR 360-1.15(d)(4), that any matter serving as the basis for this BUD is incorrect or no longer valid, or the Department finds there has been a violation of the conditions of this BUD. All administrative protocols in 6 NYCRR Parts 622 and 624 will be followed.

8. This determination does not exempt the farm from other local, state or federal requirements.

If you have any questions on this, please contact me at sally.rowland@dec.ny.gov or (518) 402-8706.

Sincerely,

Sally Rowland, Ph.D., P.E.
Organic Recycling and Beneficial Use