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SHORT TITLE: Information Regarding October 1, 2009 Landfill Ban on Plastics, Wooden Pallets, and Used Motor Oil Filters

BACKGROUND: Effective October 1, 2009 all North Carolinians must begin to recycle plastic bottles, wooden pallets and used motor oil filters. While Pender County has offered co-mingled recycling at 10 of the 12 convenience sites for many years, it will now become mandatory for the residents to use these to dispose of these regulated waste streams.

Pender Solid Waste has been preparing for this change as follows;

- Secured (through Waste Industries) a market for the recyclables at ECVC – Jacksonville – cost is $45/ton tipping fee
- Posters and handouts being provided for all convenience sites
- Pender County in-house recycling program being implemented
- Pender County School recycling program to be implemented
- Working with Waste Industries who will manage the recyclables from the collection points to ECVC

Beverly Eaves Perdue, Governor

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THREE NEW LANDFILL BANS ADDED TO CURRENT STATE LIST

Motor Oil Filters, Plastic Bottles and Wooden Pallets Face Landfill Disposal Ban as of October 2009

RALEIGH – State environmental officials encourage North Carolina residents to do their part to keep motor oil filters, wooden pallets and plastic bottles out of landfills. Effective Oct. 1, 2009, these items are banned from solid waste disposal in North Carolina.

This disposal ban on oil filters, pallets and plastic bottles recognizes that the recovery of these materials will contribute to the state's environmental and economic development goals. North Carolina is home to a wide range of companies that collect, process and recycle the banned materials back into a wide range of products.

"We encourage North Carolinians to help these disposal bans succeed by expanding and starting new recycling efforts," said Dee Freeman, secretary of the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources. "Recycling is a proven job creator in North Carolina and if we do our best to recycle the newly banned materials, we will not only grow businesses in the state, but also protect disposal capacity, recover valuable resources, save energy and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

To help ensure the success of the disposal bans, DENR is strongly recommending that all generators of oil filters, plastic bottles and wooden pallets take steps to initiate recycling efforts. The Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance has posted information on how to start a recycling program for the banned materials at: http://p2pays.org/BannedMaterials/index.asp. Additional assistance is available from the DPPEA at (919) 715-6500.

Enforcement of the disposal bans will chiefly be applied at disposal facilities such as landfills and transfer stations by the N.C. Division of Waste Management. It is unlikely that enforcement will take place at individual businesses or other generating facilities. Depending on the type of violator and the severity of the violation, the Division of Waste Management may, at its discretion, assess a range of administrative and/or civil penalties for violation of the disposal bans. The law does allow for accidental or occasional disposal of small amounts of banned materials. Starting a recycling program for the banned materials is the simplest and easiest way to ensure compliance.

The disposal bans will also reinforce DENR's "2 Million Tons by 2012" goal, announced in 2008. 2 Million Tons by 2012 challenges local governments to improve the performance of their recycling programs to achieve an annual recovery rate of two million tons of recycling.

Oil filters, pallets and plastic bottles join a list of previously banned materials and other items (computer equipment and televisions) with disposal ban dates approaching on Jan. 1, 2011. The full list of banned materials can be found in the North Carolina General Statutes at http://www.p2pays.org/ref/38/37984.pdf.

For more information on banned items, please contact DPPEA at (919) 715-6500 or (800) 763-0136. You can also visit the Web site at www.p2pays.org.

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