The Tire Accountability Program (Act 317)

Act 317 of 2017 requires Arkansas to have a used tire program for recyclable tires, waste tires, and used tires culled for resale. The program must be accountable, effective, and efficient.

**Primary goal of the Program:** Recycle or put to beneficial use as many tires as possible.

**Common Questions:**

- **What has been involved in the drafting process of the new Regulation No. 36?**
  - General overview;
  - Purpose;
  - legislative intent;
  - authority;
  - Applicability of the law;
  - Definitions;
  - E-manifest system;
  - Business Plans;
  - Rim Removal Fees/Disbursements; and
  - Administrative procedures for Tire Generators

- **How did ADEQ expand on the legislation (Act 317) that was passed?**
  The Emergency regulation provided the specifics on:
  - How fees are collected on the sale of new and used tires;
  - How the e-manifest system will be used; and
  - How ADEQ will disburse the funds collected under this new program.

- **What does ADEQ see as the biggest challenges?**
  - Act 317 dictates certain program elements go into effect on January 1, 2018. There has been a need to develop an emergency regulation to cover those elements that go into effect on January 1, 2018, and then follow-up with a comprehensive Regulation No. 36 that covers the entire intent of Act 317.

- **What does ADEQ see as the biggest benefits?**
  - Enhanced program to ensure proper management of used tires;
  - Measures defined on abatement of waste-tire sites;
  - Equalizes the fee-collection system by implementing a “rim fee,” which allows for a flat-fee collection on all tires removed from a rim ($3 for new; $1 for used);
  - Implements accountability measures through an electronic-manifest system that will streamline reimbursement and distribution of funds to the solid-waste management districts;
  - Provides incentives for processing and marketing used tires by providing mileage reimbursement for used-tire transportation cost and encourages the districts to recycle as opposed to using landfill disposal operations; and
Requires a business-plan program that will provide accountability and assist the districts in identifying current program costs and evaluate alternative, sustainable program.