



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

Date: Mar 26, 2026

Mr. Guoren Xu, CEO  
Eco Rubber, Inc.  
4120 Presidential Parkway, Suite 100  
Atlanta, GA 30340

**SUBJECT: Application for Scrap Tire Processor Permit  
Eco Rubber, Inc.  
1043 Commerce Drive  
Treutlen County, Soperton, Georgia 30457  
GEOS Submittal ID No. 973693**

**Jeffrey W. Cown, Director**

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**Land Protection Branch**  
4244 International Parkway  
Suite 104  
Atlanta, Georgia 30354  
404-362-2537

Dear Mr. Xu:

Your application for a Scrap Tire Processing Permit has been reviewed and approved. Your Permit is attached and includes your permit No. 140-001-STP, and the conditions of the permit. Compliance with the provisions of the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act and Rules for Solid Waste Management, as amended, is expected.

Please note that condition number twelve (12) of this permit states, “**The owner or operator of the scrap tire processing facility shall submit a quarterly report to the Division. The quarterly report shall be submitted on the 30th day of April, July, October and January. The report must be complete and must be submitted electronically using the Georgia EPD On-line System (GEOS).**”

For more information on submitting reports online, please visit <http://epd.georgia.gov/geos/>.

All manifests shall be maintained at the facility for a minimum of three (3) years. All records required by the conditions of this Permit shall be made available to EPD for inspection during normal business hours.

The issuance of this Permit does not relieve the Permittee of any obligation or responsibility for complying with the provisions of any other laws or regulations of any Federal, Local, or State authority. Nor does the issuance of this Permit grant the Permittee any license to operate in any other capacity besides that which is stated within the aforementioned Rules.

This Scrap Tire Processing Permit is now in effect; however, under Georgia law it is subject to appeal for a period of thirty (30) days following its issuance.

If you have any questions regarding the permit, please contact Sarah Knapp at (470) 524-0632.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lena Sassone".

Lena Sassone  
Program Manager  
Recovered Materials and Abatement Program

PERMIT NO.: 140-001-STP  
ISSUANCE DATE: Mar 26, 2026



# GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
**LAND PROTECTION BRANCH**  
Scrap Tire Processor Permit

Facility Name: **Eco Rubber, Inc.**

Facility Address: **1043 Commerce Drive  
Soperton, Georgia 30457**

In accordance with the provisions of the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act, and the Rules promulgated pursuant thereto, this permit is issued for the operation listed above.

All statements and supporting data submitted to the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) have been evaluated, considered and relied upon in the issuance of this permit. These documents have been assembled into an Operation Plan for the facility.

This permit to operate is conditioned upon **Eco Rubber, Inc.** complying with the provisions of the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act, the Rules of Solid Waste Management (391-3-4-.19), adherence to the approved Operation Plan, and attached conditions of operation, which are hereby made a part of this permit.

This permit is now in effect; however, under Georgia law it is subject to appeal for 30 days following issuance and is subject to modification or revocation on evidence of noncompliance with any of the provisions of the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act or any of the rules promulgated pursuant thereto, or with any representation made in the abovementioned application or the statements and supporting data entered therein or attached thereto, or with any condition of this permit.



*Jeffrey W. Cown*

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Jeffrey W. Cown, Director  
Environmental Protection Division

Date: Mar 26, 2026

Permit No: **140-001-STP**

Issued to: **Eco Rubber, Inc.**  
**1043 Commerce Drive**  
**Soperton, Georgia 30457**

**Conditions of the Scrap Tire Processing Permit (Page 1 of 2)**

1. This permit is valid for the location listed above and is not transferable to any other location.
2. The Operation Plan submitted by the Permittee and approved by the Division on March 5, 2026, is hereby made a part of this permit, and the facility shall be constructed and operated in accordance with the approved Operation Plan. Conditions of this permit supersede any provisions of the Operation Plan which may conflict.
3. Any proposed modification to the facility and/or operations shall not be implemented until approved by the Division. The facility owner or operator shall arrange for an additional fire safety survey as part of any modification request that would increase the amount of scrap tires in storage.
4. The operator of the facility shall keep the most recent copy of the approved Operation Plan that is readily available to personnel responsible for the daily operation and compliance of the facility. The emergency response procedures of the Operation Plan shall be updated at least annually or upon changes in operations at the facility.
5. Access to the facility shall be controlled using fences, gates or other means of security. An approach and access road to the facility will be maintained passable for any motor vehicle at all times.
6. The facility is permitted to accept only the types of tires specified in the approved Operation Plan.
7. The facility is permitted to store up to the total amount of scrap tires and tire products in the areas designated in accordance with the approved Operation Plan.
8. Any residuals from scrap tire processing shall be managed to be contained on-site and shall be controlled and disposed of in a permitted solid waste handling facility or be properly recycled.
9. Prior to beginning scrap tire processing, the Division must be provided with written certification by a professional engineer licensed to practice in Georgia that the facility has been constructed in accordance with the approved permit.
10. An attendant shall be present when the facility is open for business if the facility receives scrap tires from persons other than the operator of the facility.
11. The facility shall install and maintain adequate control measures to prevent discharge of pollutants from tire storage areas into waters of the State or the United States.
12. The owner or operator of the scrap tire processing facility shall submit a quarterly report to the Division. The quarterly report shall be submitted on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, July, October and January. The report must be complete and may be submitted electronically using the Georgia EPD On-line System (GEOS).
13. The owner or operator of the facility shall retain the required records for three years and make such records available for inspection by the Division.
14. The owner shall operate the facility in accordance with all other applicable Local, State and Federal rules, regulations and ordinances at all times.

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15. The permittee shall implement closure procedures in the approved Operation Plan if the facility closes. All scrap tires will be processed or properly removed from the facility to a permitted point of final disposition within 30 days of closure. All products will be removed from the facility within 45 days. Manifests will be retained in the facility records if final disposition is to a permitted solid waste handling facility or scrap tire processing or sorting facility.
16. The facility shall not accept any scrap tires for processing if it has reached its permitted storage limit listed in the approved Operation Plan. At least 75 percent of both the scrap and processed tires that are accumulated by the facility each calendar quarter, and 75 percent by weight or volume of all scrap tires previously received and not recycled, reused or properly disposed during the preceding calendar quarter shall be processed and removed from the facility for disposal or recycling from the facility during the quarter or disposed of in a solid waste handling facility approved to accept scrap tires.
17. Operations involving the use of open flames shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a scrap tire stockpile, processed tire stockpile or processing equipment.
18. In the event of fire, the owner or operator shall immediately take all necessary steps to control and extinguish the fire and control any resulting runoff (i.e. water, oil or other fluid residue).
19. The run-off resulting from fires or fire suppression actions shall be prevented by berms or other detention structures approved by the Division from entering drains and waters of the state. Material(s) used in berm construction must be non-combustible, non-flammable and prevent run-off.
20. A 50-foot-wide fire lane must be maintained around the perimeter of all tire product and residual storage areas, except for noncombustible materials. The fire lane shall be kept free of debris, vehicles, trailers, weeds, grass and other potentially combustible material.
21. Communication equipment shall be maintained at the facility to ensure that the facility attendant or operator can contact local emergency response authorities in the event of a fire. The facility will notify the Division within 24 hours in the event of a fire requiring a response by the local fire jurisdiction. The 24-hour Emergency Response phone number is (800) 241-4113.
22. Solid waste handling operations (scrap tire processor operations) shall not be conducted in any wetlands, as defined by the United States Corps of Engineers, unless evidence is provided to the Director, by the applicant, that use of such wetlands has been permitted or otherwise authorized under all other applicable state and federal laws and rules. A statement certifying that the facility has been designed so that implementation of the plans will not impact wetlands delineated and shown in the Operation Plan shall be submitted. This statement shall be signed and stamped by the professional engineer responsible for the Operation Plan for the subject site and shall be submitted with the construction certification as-built drawing per item 9. of this permit. Wetland areas shall be delineated on the Operation Plan as-built drawing.