

Tire Wear Particles in Waterways: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Report



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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) announced issuance of a report titled:

Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Opportunities to Address Tire Wear Particles in Waterways (April 2023) (“Report”)

The *Report* describes tire wear particles as a significant category of microplastics found in United States waterways.

EPA held roundtable discussions in Spring of 2022 with stakeholders to discuss:

- Nature of the problem
- How to effectively address the problem

The stakeholders are stated to have discussed a set of questions:

... aimed at understanding the barriers to and opportunities for managing tire wear particles in waterways.

Questions addressed by the stakeholders included:

- Where are the barriers to managing tire wear particles in roadways and waterways?
- What specific opportunities could improve awareness and management of the problem?
- What information, data, or tools could help your organization better address this issue?
- What specific roles or products should EPA initiate to address tire wear particle issues?

The *Report* summarizes the roundtable discussions. It also includes a primer on tire wear particle pollution and references the various challenges and opportunities.

A copy of the *Report* can be downloaded [here](#).