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Hi Kirk,

The EPA won't be putting out a press release on this. In fact, they weren't forthcoming with details while I was reporting this story. However, I was able to get the agency to acknowledge that at the end of last year, they pulled out of the Scrap Tire Workgroup, a multi-agency and industry group that works to promote markets for recycled tires. The EPA also ended all other efforts to assist industry groups and states in increasing demand for recycled tires. I think the EPA was hoping to quietly stop promoting the use of the material.

Hope this helps,

Melody

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**From:** Kirk W Souza [kirk@souzafamily.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2015 11:12 AM

**To:** Gutierrez, Melody

**Subject:** EPA ends support of turf additive

Hi Melody,

A friend of mine directed me to your [article](#) regarding crumb rubber. We advocate that people use more caution with crumb rubber, especially with children.

Was there an EPA press release regarding this? Your article is the only one i can find making the claim that the "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has terminated its longtime campaign to promote the use of recycled tires on artificial turf fields and playgrounds". I am hoping this is true - just looking to get confirmation. Anything that you can share would be great. Thanks!

-Kirk Souza

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