

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 451 of 1994

324.16909a Investigation or inspection; warrantless search; seizure of vehicle or equipment; costs.

Sec. 16909a.

(1) The department may enter at reasonable hours a tire retail establishment, vehicle owned or operated by a scrap tire hauler for the transport of scrap tires, or collection site or other place where scrap tires are or have been present, and may inspect the location or other place for the purposes of enforcing or administering this part. An investigation or inspection under this part shall comply with the United States constitution and the state constitution of 1963.

(2) If the department or a law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that a person is violating this part, the department or a law enforcement officer may search without a warrant a vehicle or other transportation-related equipment that is possessed, used, or operated by that person.

(3) A vehicle, or other transportation-related equipment used in a criminal violation of this part is subject to seizure by a law enforcement officer and forfeiture in the same manner as provided in chapter 47 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.4701 to 600.4709.

(4) The court may award court costs and other expenses of litigation including attorney fees to a party who successfully brings an action for a violation of this section.

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