

# **ENVIRONMENTAL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE**

## **BMP No. 335**

### **Used Power Poles and Railroad Ties**

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#### **WHAT IS A USED RAILROAD TIE?**

A used railroad tie is a worn/degraded transverse support to which rails are fastened to.

#### **WHAT IS A USED POWER POLE?**

A used power pole is a vertical construction consisting of treated wood that supports power transmission cables/lines, or telephone lines that is no longer usable.

#### **WHAT DO I DO WHEN I HAVE USED TIES OR POWER POLES FOR DISPOSAL?**

- All used railroad ties should be transported to and unloaded in the designated area at the Environmental Yard.
  - Contact Environmental Services for guidance on where the designated areas are.
- For large cleanup projects requiring disposal of ties or pole debris, contact Environmental Services for guidance.

#### **WHAT DO I DO WHEN I USE TIES OR POWER POLES IN MY LAYDOWN AREAS?**

- Keep used ties or poles stacked neatly when not in use.
- If the used ties or used poles become unusable, follow the guidelines above for proper disposal.

#### **EMPLOYEE TRAINING**

All personnel shall receive training or at the least have access to this BMP when dealing with used railroad ties and used power poles on Morenci property.

This training will be provided by your Supervisor and/or Team Environmental Coordinator.

#### **QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP?**

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