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# IFCA Illinois PRC Education Efforts



# Not the First Time for IFCA

- IFCA conducted minibulk collections from 2002 – 2009;
- Have collected over 8,000 tanks
- Took 2010 off due to confusion over pending PCC regulations

# Education Efforts on PCC

- USEPA presented at IFCA convention in 2009
- IDA presented at IFCA convention in 2010 and 2011
- IFCA invited to many dealer meetings
- Preparing No Nonsense Compliance Brochure

# Feedback from Retailers

- Concerned about farmers breaking seals; **expect very little cooperation from farmers**
- Concerned about the cost of cleaning tanks (estimated \$25 per tank) taking into account employee costs and rinsate management costs

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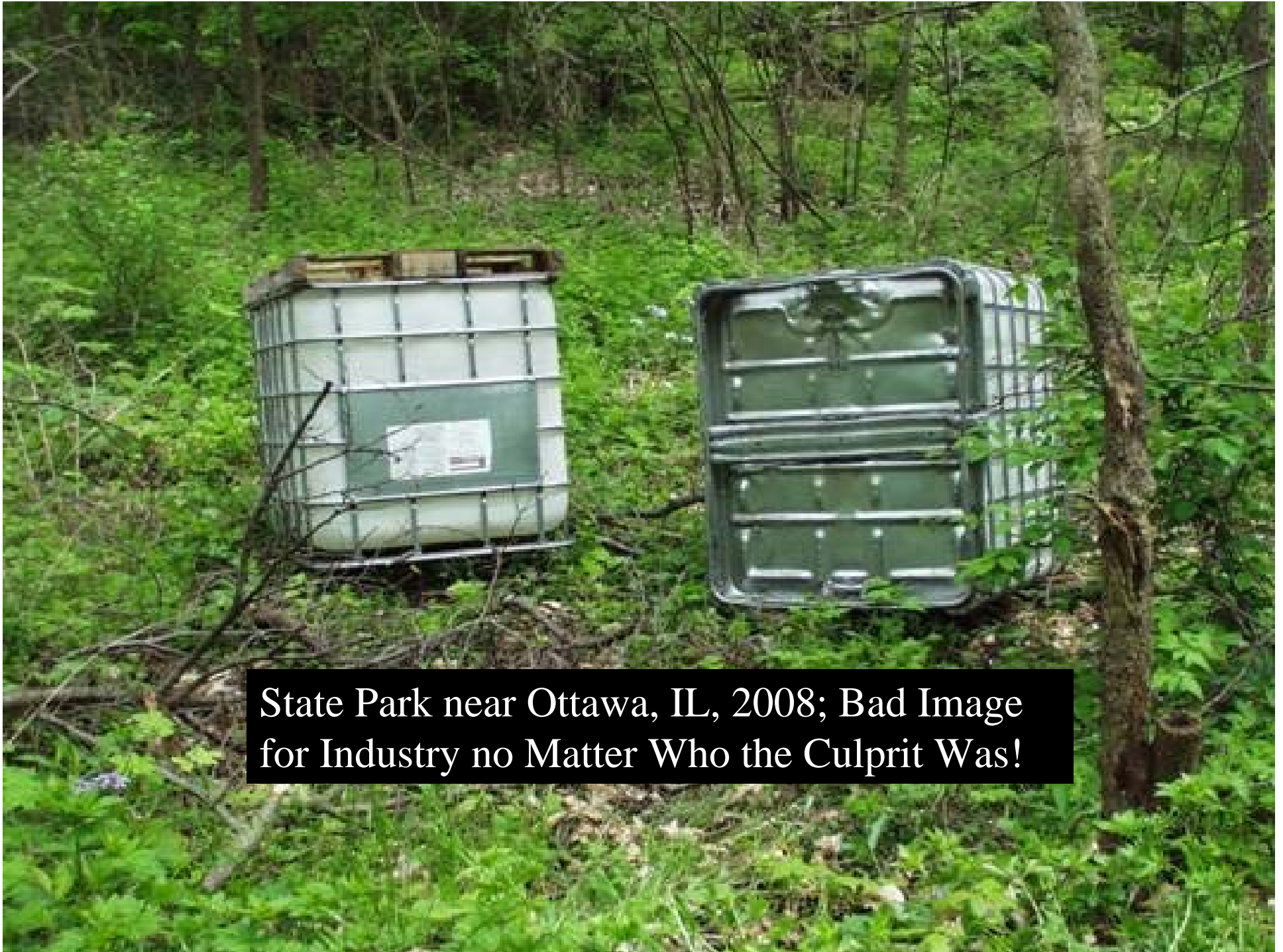
- Those with heavy “to the farm” business looking at non-refillables as being most cost effective
- No serious plans we can see for recycling other than IFCA program

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- Not sure how to manage this during the peak busy season
- Some relief seen if they understand and segregate “service containers”
- Some distributors assessing fee if seal gets broken. **Who pays it?**

# Reality

- Don't believe farmers will recycle tanks
- See an opportunity for low service providers
- Hope to not see old containers where they don't belong.



**State Park near Ottawa, IL, 2008; Bad Image for Industry no Matter Who the Culprit Was!**