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Thank you again for your cooperation during the solid waste service investigation. At this time, the staff investigation to determine if Prieto Landscaping LLC (Prieto) violated RCW 81.77.040, advertising for the transportation solid waste without a certificate, is closed with the following determination:

Based on the information provided by you, the Company, and staff's research, staff has determined that your Company was in violation of RCW 81.77.040. Prieto provided drop-box services to home builder for the transportation of waste to a solid waste facility. The Company was provided technical assistance regarding the solid waste rules for Washington state. The Company has modified their business practice to provide construction clean-up services to the home builder. The Company now has staff clean-up construction sites and remove all debris from builder site. Prieto staff loads all boxes, then transports to a solid waste facility for disposal of their construction clean-up jobs. The Company applied for, and received, a common carrier permit as of October 11, 2023. The Company understands that if they provide solid waste collection and transportation services in the state of Washington, they are subject to a $1,000 penalty for each action.

Staff encourages the Company to continue to make all necessary corrections for future compliance. As the Company did receive technical assistance, future violations may result in enforcement action, including monetary penalties. Staff considers a number of factors when recommending penalties, including whether past technical assistance was provided and subsequently followed.

If you have any follow-up questions, you may contact me.

Thank you,

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