

August 9, 2000

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(August 21, 2000)**

**NOTICE OF STAKEHOLDERS WORKSHOP
(9:30 a.m., Friday, August 25, 2000)**

Re: Docket No. TG-990161
Solid Waste Rulemaking: 480-70 WAC

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

Enclosed for your review is a copy of Staff Discussion Draft # 3, relating to amendment of solid waste and medical waste rules. This is only a draft. We hope that this document will help focus your concerns and encourage stakeholder comments on specific draft proposals.

Also attached is a copy of the draft compliance plan that will be used to implement rules if they are adopted. This draft is provided at the request of stakeholders who asked questions about enforcement and compliance policies during prior stakeholder meetings.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will conduct a workshop.

Who: Solid waste collection stakeholders
What: Meeting to work on draft rules
When: Friday, August 25, 2000, beginning promptly at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 Evergreen Park Dr. SW, Room 108
Olympia, WA

Please call 360-664-1160 if you need directions.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: The Commission also seeks your written input on what changes would improve the draft rules. Written comments received by the Commission by August 21, 2000, will be summarized and provided to the persons attending the workshop.

You may submit comments:

By telephone at: 360-664-1254
By fax at: 360-586-1150
By e-mail to: canderso@wutc.wa.gov
By mail to: W.U.T.C., P O Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250
Delivered to: 1300 South Evergreen Park Dr. S.W., Olympia, WA
In person at the meeting listed above.

Comments are more useful if they are specific. They should identify proposed rule language with which the commentor agrees or disagrees. Reasons should be provided for recommending for or against proposed rule language. If you disagree with proposed language, we ask that you provide suggested alternate language. If you believe that staff's proposed language does not agree with statute and/or other rules, please provide a citation to the specific statute and/or rule. Likewise, alternate language proposals should, if possible, cite to any statute, rule, policy, etc., which provides a basis for that alternate language.

Staff will use comments received to prepare the next draft of the rules relating to transportation of solid waste. If Staff decides to recommend a rule change, the solid waste draft rules will be presented to the Commission at a future open meeting. If the Commissioners agree that the draft rules should be formally considered as proposed rules, then the draft will be published in the "State Register" as the proposed amended solid waste rules. Following publication in the "State Register," there will be another comment period before there is a final adoption hearing before the Commission. Interested parties may also appear at the adoption hearing and present comments at that time.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Cathie Anderson, rulemaking team leader, at 360-664-1254, or by e-mail at canderso@wutc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary

Enclosures