

I am writing you to give me opinion of the proposed change to wac 480-60-035.

A little something about myself, I am 55 year old 37 year career railroader hiring on and working the majority of my years in Everett at Delta and Bayside yards. Right now I have been working the last three years in Delta Yard.

Now I don't really care how much of what kind of rock will fit through what kind of screen, all I know and what my body tells me is that the difference between the material on the east end of Delta Yard (smaller compacted material) and the west end of Delta Yard (larger non compacted material) is night and day.

I can work my shift on the east end of Delta all day with almost no aches and pains, but put me on the west end of Delta and twenty to thirty minutes later my body starts to tell me it doesn't like it. My ankles, my shins, my, knees, my hips, and especially my back start to hurt. Now if this sounds like an exaggeration I assure you it is not.

In closing all I have to say is in my opinion as a fairly experienced switchman with quite a bit of time on the job, that smaller compacted material would not only benefit me, but all the people that follow me in the future. Thank You Jerry L. Johnson