

## **Low-Level Radioactive Waste Companies**

### WAC

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**WAC 480-92-016 Waiver.** ~~(1) The commission may grant a waiver of any rule in this chapter when doing so is consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation, and sound public policy, and is not inconsistent with applicable statutes.~~

~~(2) To request a rule waiver, a site operator must file a written request with the commission identifying the rule for which a waiver is sought, and giving a full explanation of the reason for requesting the waiver.~~

**Exemptions from rules in chapter 480-92 WAC.** The commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in this chapter in the same manner and consistent with the standards and according to the procedures set forth in WAC 480-07-110 (Exceptions from and modifications to the rules in this chapter; special rules).

**WAC 480-92-021 Definitions.** The definitions contained in chapter 81.108 RCW and RCW 81.04.010 are incorporated by reference in this section. To the extent that any of the definitions in this chapter differ from statutory definitions, the statutory definitions shall control.

**"Affiliated interest"** means a person or corporation as defined in RCW 81.16.010.

**"Commission"** means the Washington utilities and transportation commission.

**"Control"** means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a company, whether through the ownership of voting shares, by contract, or otherwise.

**"Effective rate"** means the highest permissible rate, for the disposal of low-level radioactive waste, calculated as the lowest contract rate plus an administrative fee, if applicable, determined pursuant to RCW 81.108.040.

**"Extraordinary volume"** means volumes of low-level radioactive waste delivered to a site caused by nonrecurring events, outside normal operations of a generator, that are in excess of twenty thousand cubic feet or twenty percent of the preceding year's total volume at such site, whichever is less.

**"Extraordinary volume adjustment"** means a mechanism that allocates the potential rate reduction benefits of an extraordinary volume among all generators and the generator responsible for such extraordinary volume as described in RCW 81.108.070.

**"Generator"** means a person, partnership, association, corporation, or any other entity that, as a part of its activities, produces low-level radioactive waste.

**"Inflation adjustment"** means a mechanism that adjusts the maximum disposal rate by a percentage equal to the change in price levels in the preceding period, as measured by a common, verifiable price index as determined in RCW 81.108.040.

**"Low-level radioactive waste"** means waste material that contains radioactive nuclides emitting primarily beta or gamma radiation, or both, in concentrations or quantities that exceed applicable federal or state standards for unrestricted release. Low-level waste does not include waste containing more than ten nanocuries of transuranic contaminants per gram of material, nor spent reactor fuel, nor material classified as either high-level waste or waste which is unsuited for disposal by near-surface burial under any applicable federal regulations nor naturally occurring or accelerator produced radioactive material.

**"Maximum disposal rate"** the maximum disposal is the rate a site operator may charge generators as provided in RCW 81.108.050.

**"Site"** means a location, structure, or property used or to be used for the storage, treatment, or disposal of low-level radioactive waste for compensation within the state of Washington.

**"Site operator"** means a low-level radioactive waste site operating company, which includes every corporation, company, association, joint stock association, partnership, and person, their lessees, trustees, or receivers appointed by any court whatsoever, owning, operating, controlling, or managing a low-level radioactive waste disposal site or sites located within the state of Washington.

**"Subsidiary"** means any company in which the low-level waste company owns directly or indirectly five percent or more of the voting securities, unless the low-level waste company demonstrates it does not have control.

**"Volume adjustment"** means a mechanism that adjusts the maximum disposal rate in response to material changes in volumes of waste deposited at the site during the preceding period so as to provide a level of total revenues sufficient to recover the costs to operate and maintain the site.

**WAC 480-92-050 Reporting requirements—Annual report.** An annual report is an end-of-the-year summary of financial and operational activity that each site operator is required to file with the commission.

(1) Each year the commission provides an annual report form and instructions to each site operator at its address of record. Failure to receive the form does not relieve a company of its obligation to complete and file its annual report. A site operator that does not receive an annual report form must contact the commission to request a copy of the form.

(2) A site operator must file a complete, accurate annual report showing all requested information by May 1 of the succeeding year. Information provided on the annual report must agree with source documents maintained at site operator offices. The commission will distribute an annual report form to site operators each year. The site operator must complete the form, file it with the commission, and pay regulatory fees for the preceding calendar year by May 1.

A site operator may request in writing prior to May 1, an extension of time to file its annual report, stating the reasons for the request and the extension date. The commission will not grant extensions for payment of regulatory fees.

**WAC 480-92-055 Reporting requirements—Special reports. (1) Affiliated interests—Contracts or arrangements.** Prior to the effective date of any contract or arrangement described in RCW 81.16.020, each site operator must file a verified copy or a verified summary, if unwritten, of contracts or arrangements with any affiliated interest. Prior to the effective date of any modification or amendment, the site operator must file verified copies of the modifications or amendments to the contracts or arrangements. If the contract or arrangement is unwritten, the site operator must file a verified summary of any modification or amendment. The commission may institute an investigation and disapprove the contract or arrangement if the commission finds the site operator has failed to prove that it is reasonable and consistent with the public interest.

**(2) Transferring cash or assuming obligations.**

(a) At least five business days, as defined in WAC 480-07-120 (Office hours), before a site operator or the subsidiary of a site operator transfers cash to any of its affiliated interests or subsidiaries or assumes an obligation or liability of any of its affiliated interests or any of its subsidiaries, the company must report to the commission an estimate of the amount to be transferred and the terms of the transaction when the transaction will exceed thresholds, which are based on the prior calendar year gross operating revenue, as described in (i) or (ii).

(i) The company must report if the cumulative transactions to a subsidiary or affiliated interest for the prior twelve months exceed a threshold of five percent.

(ii) When the threshold in (i) has been reached, the company must report each subsequent transaction exceeding a threshold of one percent for the prior twelve-month period.

(b) The reporting requirement in this section does not include payments for:

(i) Federal and state taxes;

(ii) Goods, services, or commodities;

(iii) Transactions, attributed to the regulated entity, previously approved or ordered by the commission, other regulatory agencies, or the court;

(iv) Dividends to the extent the level of such dividends over a twelve-month period do not exceed the larger of:

(A) Net income during such period; or

(B) The average level of dividends over the preceding three years; or

(v) Sweep or cash management accounts used to transfer funds to or from a subsidiary or affiliate as part of the customary and routine cash management functions between or among the site operator and its subsidiary or affiliate.

**(3) Affiliated interest and subsidiary transactions report.**

(a) By June 1 of each year, each site operator must file a report summarizing all transactions that occurred between the site operator and its affiliated interests, and the site operator and its subsidiaries, during the period January 1 through December 31 of the preceding year. The information required in this subsection must be for total company and for total state of Washington. The report must include a corporate organization chart of the company and its affiliated interests and subsidiaries.

(b) When total transactions with an affiliated interest or a subsidiary are less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the reporting period, the site operator must provide the name of the affiliated interest or subsidiary participating in the transactions and the total dollar amounts of the transactions. When total transactions with an affiliated interest or subsidiary equal or exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the reporting period, the site operator must provide:

(i) A balance sheet and income statement for such affiliated interest;

(ii) A description of the products or services provided to or from the company and each such affiliated interest or subsidiary;

(iii) A description of the pricing basis or costing method, and procedures for allocating costs for such products or services, and the amount and accounts charged during the year;

(iv) A description of the terms of any loans between the company and each such affiliated interest or subsidiary and a listing of the year-end loan amounts and maximum loan amounts outstanding during the year;

(v) A description of the terms and total amount of any obligation or liability assumed by the company for each such affiliated interest or subsidiary;

(vi) A description of the activities of each such affiliated interest or subsidiary with which the company has transactions; and

(vii) A list of all common officers and directors between the low-level waste company and each such affiliated interest or subsidiary, along with their titles in each organization.