

## STATE OF WASHINGTON

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## NOTICE OF WORKSHOP (Set for 9:30 a.m. on February 27, 2020)

RE: Notice of Workshop to Discuss Applicability of WAC 480-70-201 and CFR 49 § 391.45 to Commission Regulated Solid Waste Collection Company Drivers and Vehicles

Docket TG-191050

## TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On July 10, 2019, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a penalty assessment against Waste Management of Washington, Inc. (Company) for 477 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-70-201, Vehicle and Driver Safety Requirements, and 49 CFR § 391.45, using a driver not medically examined and certified, in Docket TG-190495. The Company responded to the penalty assessment on July 25, 2019, contesting 253 of the violations and requesting mitigation of the penalty. After briefing by the parties, the Commission denied the Company's contest and upheld the violations on August 28, 2019 in Order 01. On September 9, 2019, the Company petitioned for administrative review of Order 01.

On November 14, 2019, the Commission issued Final Order 03 in docket TG-190495. Final Order 03 directed Commission staff (Staff) to engage with regulated solid waste collection companies and the Washington State Patrol about the regulation of drivers and vehicles used to transport empty solid waste containers to and from customers, and to file a report with Staff's findings and recommendations no later than May 14, 2020.

The Commission will hold a workshop on February 27, 2020, beginning at 9:30 am, in the Richard Hemstad Room, 621 Woodland Square Loop S.E., Lacey, Washington. All interested persons are invited to attend. The workshop is an opportunity for stakeholders to address the following questions:

• Does your company operate commercial motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 to 26,000 lbs.?

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• Does your company use those commercial motor vehicles to solely deliver empty solid waste containers to and from customers (exclude drop-boxes)?

- Does your company require the drivers of those commercial motor vehicles to be medically certified by a medical examiner who is listed on the National Registry of Medical Examiners?
- Does your company oppose or support requiring drivers of those commercial motor vehicles to be medically certified by a medical examiner listed on the National Registry of Medical Examiners?
- How many drivers do you estimate operate those commercial vehicles to deliver solid waste containers to and from customers?
- What is the financial impact to your company to require drivers of commercial motor vehicles to be medically certified by a medical examiner who is listed on the National Registry of Medical Examiners?

The Commission prefers and recommends that interested persons participate in-person to share ideas in a workshop setting. However, if this imposes a hardship, interested persons may participate in the workshop via the Commission's teleconference line at (360) 407-3810. You will need to type in the conference identification number: 9524028.

If you have questions regarding this workshop, you may contact Mathew Perkinson, Assistant Director of Transportation Safety, via email at mathew.perkinson@utc.wa.gov or by phone at (360) 701-1601. For those attending in person, please RSVP to Patrick Remfrey via email at patrick.remfrey@utc.wa.gov to assist Staff in managing meeting logistics.

Following the workshop, Staff will summarize and consolidate technical information pertaining to the topic of discussion and file a report containing Staff's findings and recommendations regarding the best way to regulate the transportation of empty solid waste containers to and from customers in commercial motor vehicles.

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