

## Fassburg, Blair

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**From:** Fassburg, Blair  
**Sent:** Monday, February 7, 2022 4:59 PM  
**To:** McPherson, Kathryn (UTC)  
**Subject:** RE: Illegal hauling of OCC Rejects

Hi Kathryn,

I hope you had a nice weekend and was happy to hear for your sake that you didn't have to rush over to Wallula. I was just following up to find out if you were able to connect with Mr. Thorne to coordinate a visit to the PCA site. If not, I was advised that I may be able to forward some photos of the area where OCC rejects are stored and the loading process that may help.

Thanks,

### Blair I. Fassburg

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**Subject:** RE: Illegal hauling of OCC Rejects

I just followed up with facilities. The manager is out of town. I have requested his schedule and a day to coordinate a site visit. Your patience on this is appreciated. I hope to get out there next week.

Sincerely,

Kathryn McPherson  
Investigator, Solid Waste Enforcement  
(360) 522-6121

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Thank you for forwarding this to me. The facility manager whose name I was provided is Kurt Thorne. His email address is: [KurtThorne@packagingcorp.com](mailto:KurtThorne@packagingcorp.com)

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Based on information discussed by phone, I provided the following information:

Thank you for speaking with me in detail about your business. I am including the link to apply for your common carrier permit. Based on our discussion, your company is exempt from requiring a solid waste certificate. The service of transporting waste is incidental to the cleanup and collection onsite of the industrial waste.

[WAC 480-70-011](#) (1) (g) The operations of private carriers who, in their own vehicles, transport solid waste purely as an incidental adjunct to some other established private business owned or operated by them in good faith.

By definition of [WAC 480.70.041](#), your company does transport waste: Solid waste or solid wastes means all putrescible and nonputrescible solid and semisolid wastes including, but not limited to:

- Garbage;
- Rubbish;
- Refuse;
- Swill;
- Ashes;
- **Industrial wastes;**
- Sewage sludge;
- Demolition and construction wastes;
- Abandoned vehicles or parts of abandoned vehicles; and
- Source-separated recyclable materials collected from single and multifamily residences.

Your company would be classified as a common carrier.

[RCW 81.77.010](#) (1) "Common carrier" means any person who collects and transports solid waste for disposal by motor vehicle for compensation, whether over regular or irregular routes, or by regular or irregular schedules;

Common carriers are required to have a permit based on [RCW 81.80.075](#) (1) (1) A common carrier, contract carrier, or temporary carrier shall not operate for the transportation of property for compensation in this state without first obtaining from the commission a permit for such operation.

Link for [Common Carrier Application](#). The application can be filed online at <https://efiling.utc.wa.gov/Form>.

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Great. I will plan to call today at 2:00. What is the best number at which to reach you?

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Good day Mr. Fassburg.

I am available all afternoon today after 1 p.m. Just let me know what is convenient for you. If not today, I am available late morning Thursday 9 a.m. – noon.

Sincerely,

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Ms. McPherson,

I don't recall if we've had a chance to visit before, but I work with Dave Wiley at Williams Kastner and we represent Basin Disposal, Inc. There is an ongoing situation in Walla Walla involving an unlicensed hauler collecting and transporting OCC Rejects. I was hoping to visit with you about the situation today or at your earliest convenience. Is there a time today or tomorrow when you would be available to discuss?

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