



Solid Waste Enforcement and Legislative Updates

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Agenda

Background
Governing Laws and Rules
Solid Waste Enforcement
Legislative and Policy



UTC Background

- UTC is required to supervise and regulate about 60 solid waste collection companies
- One Investigator for solid waste investigations and solid waste enforcement
 - Primary emphasis on non-permitted solid waste operators
- Working on hiring a second investigator in the program.



Governing Laws, Rules, and Policies

- RCW 81.77
- WAC 480-70-216
- Commission Enforcement Policy Docket A-1 20061



Solid Waste Enforcement

- Establish relationships with city and county solid waste and health directors
- Department of Ecology
- Increase public safety
- Reduce non-permitted operators



Safety and Destination Checks

- Solid waste companies must comply with federal safety requirements and undergo routine safety inspections
- CVSA certified investigators perform vehicle inspection roadside or at transfer stations
- Certain safety violations warrant administrative penalty
- Companies taking corrective action are typically awarded mitigation or suspension

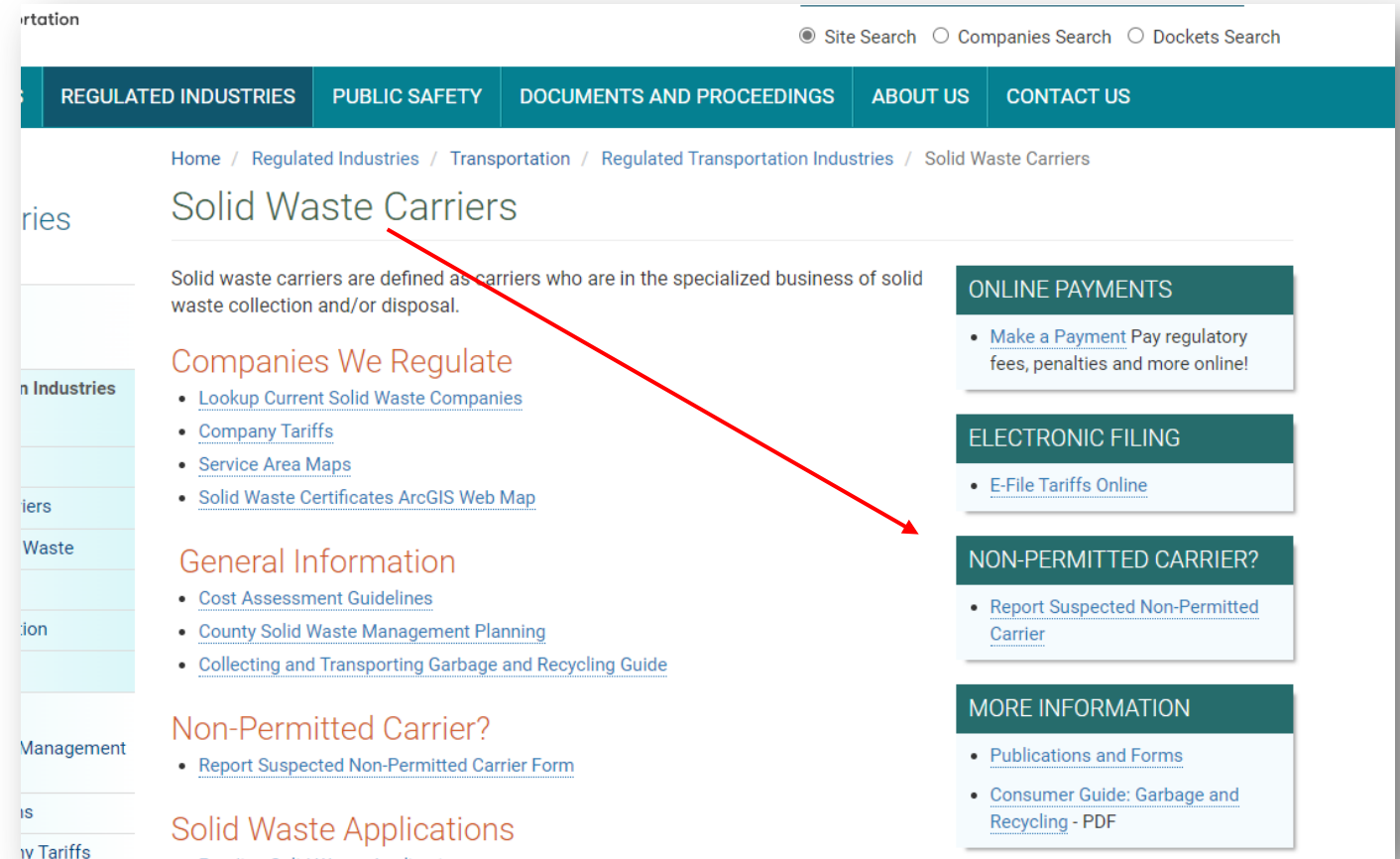


Investigation Process and Focus

- Reviews allegations and technical assistance
 - Company can apply for authority (subject to protest)
 - Cease operating
- Continued operating
 - Staff investigation report
 - Formal hearing and Classification
 - Penalties

Investigation Process and Focus

- Leads generated by companies, county facilities, state agencies, and advertising
- Report Complaints online at www.utc.wa.gov
- Complaints ReportIllegalHauler@utc.wa.gov





Reporting

- There is no state law requiring solid waste collection companies report critical motor carrier transportation incidents to UTC
- News media, the public, or reviewed during a routine safety investigation
- Notify Jason Sharp and Mathew Perkinson of reportable accidents involving a fatality.
- Other examples?



Violations

- If violation of law or rule occurs, UTC considers a variety of enforcement actions
 - Technical assistance and education, encourage voluntary compliance
 - Subpoena, complaint, and penalty



Performance Measures

- Implemented performance measures
 - Minimum of four technical assistance letters each month
 - Create back-up and cross training to minimize impact of transition



Performance Measures

- Prior twelve-month period
 - 57 cases
 - 36 non-permitted compliance letters
 - 8 docketed cases
 - 23 violations
 - Created cross training program



State and City Partners

- Increased communications
- Joint investigations
- Data sharing
- Participate in local SWAC meetings



Legislative and Policy Updates

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Questions





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