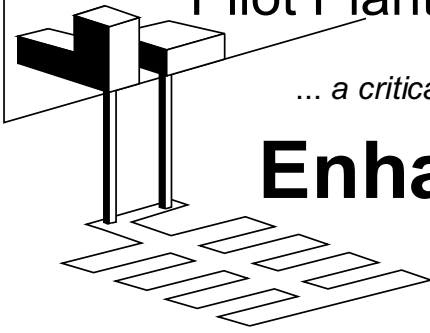


Waste Isolation

Pilot Plant



... a critical step toward solving the nation's nuclear waste disposal problem

Enhanced Driver Requirements for WIPP Shipments

Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), Driver Hiring Qualifications and Requirements

WIPP drivers must meet very stringent requirements. To be hired, drivers:

Shall meet or exceed licensing, training, and physical qualification for set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): "Qualifications of Drivers" 49 CFR 391; and the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 and subsequent amendments

Must have logged a minimum of 325,000 miles in semi-tractor trailer combination within the last five years or 100,000 per year in two of the last five years

Must have at least two years of uninterrupted semi-tractor trailer commercial driving experience during the last five years

Shall not have repeated chargeable incidents, repeated convicted moving violations, or a single DWI or DUI in their private vehicles

Shall not have received a chargeable incident or be convicted of a moving violation in a commercial motor vehicle within the past five years

Shall have not been convicted of a felony

Shall be a U.S. citizen

Must pass a background check

Must have a current commercial operator's driver's license and possess the proper endorsements, including: General Knowledge; combination vehicle, Class A; tank vehicle/hazardous material (endorsement X) or hazardous material endorsement H; cannot have intrastate restriction "K"

Once hired, a driver shall not be allowed to continue to transport waste under this contract under any of the following conditions:

Conviction of a moving violation in a commercial motor vehicle

Unauthorized second deviation from route

Third failure to make mandatory DOE/CMR shipment notifications

Chargeable accident in a commercial vehicle

Second constant surveillance violations

Maintaining repeated inadequate or deliberately fraudulent driver logs or other records

Conviction of a felony

Drug/Alcohol screening violation
Conviction of a DWI or DUI in a motor vehicle

Driver Training:

Drivers are also instructed in defensive, adverse weather, road hazards, and mountain driving. These skills are used daily. Once hired, WIPP drivers are subject to stringent penalties if they don't follow WIPP-specific procedures.

Once hired and before being allowed to drive, **drivers must take and pass these training requirements:**

- Radiation worker
- Dosimetry
- Public affairs/media
- Command and control
- First responder
- TRANSCOM
- Radio communications
- TRUPACT-II recovery
- Safe parking
- Adverse weather protocols
- Highway route controlled radioactive materials
- Decision driver training
- TRUPACT-II tie-downs and recovery
- Use of radiation detection instruments
- Specific TRUPACT-II inspections
- Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) Inspector Training
- Enhanced North American CVSA inspector training
- Constant surveillance
- Transuranic material shipment routing
- General driver training for hazardous & radioactive material shipments
- WIPP site General Employee training



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