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

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

- 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

For more information: [http://www.wipp.ws](http://www.wipp.ws) or call 1-800-336-WIPP

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