

**Do you backhaul batteries, fluorescent bulbs, or used oil, or backhaul e-wastes that get shipped to Washington? *Great!* Have you and your team been trained and tested in accordance with DOT regulations?**



No? Then this bulletin is for you. The Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.) **requires that ALL hazmat employees are trained and tested in a certain manner.**

All of the above wastes are defined as hazardous materials known as HAZMAT. They are a special group of hazardous materials called Universal wastes, but they are still HAZMAT. E-wastes are actually universal wastes in the State of Washington where many of us send these materials to be recycled. So you can treat them as hazmat to be safe.

### **But I'm a Tribal or City Employee!**

Doesn't matter. Tribes and Cities are included in this law. Backhauling HAZMAT is transporting HAZMAT.



### **Am I a HAZMAT Employee?**

You and anyone else in your tribe/city that drives the ATV/truck to transport hazmat to the airstrip, loads, unloads, or handles hazmat, packages or labels hazmat has to undergo this specific training.



### **What is the training?**

There are 5 components, but only 4 of which you need if your hazmat backhaul is like most communities. They all revolve around the safety of you, your team, your community, AND the safety of the transporter and end-recycler. There is also a component of security particularly around ports and airstrips. Its not likely we'll have any security threats in our small communities, but like most laws this one was made for the entire United States.



### **How Do I get Training?**

A golden opportunity is coming up! **DOT will train at ATCEM on Friday, Oct 28.** By attending **you can fulfill some of the required training!** But you must register in advance. We tell you how at the end of the bulletin. **How can you fulfill the rest of the requirements** that require you to know safety specifics for Alaska village backhaul? **See the training calendar** at the end of this

bulletin. How can you learn best practices and how to overcome challenges in operating your backhaul program? Our training calendar provides a **sneak peak at some new 2017 backhaul training offerings.**



### **But Wait! There's More!**

If you act fast you can **get two super trainings for the price of one!!** The ATCEM Backhaul Training is paired with brand new way to help you budget for your Solid Waste Program. The DOT Training is from 8am – 2pm, and the Budget training is 2pm – 5pm on Oct 28th. **Leave the day feeling tired but happy.** You'll complete some training requirements **AND you'll come back home with a Solid Waste Program budget to slap right into a solid waste management grant proposal** or a Council/Community Presentation to raise fees.



### **Why do I want to attend a Budget Training?**

You will really have something super valuable for your job and your community. *And* we are designing this training to be fun so we can keep everyone awake on a Friday afternoon. Everyone that comes will get a new booklet made especially for Alaska Tribes-- **with advice and tips from Alaska Tribes and real budget numbers from Alaska Tribal solid waste programs.** We will walk everyone through how to make a budget from start to finish. **You will have a polished formal budget at the end of the training!** Bring your GAP workplan or a printout from the bookkeeper about your solid waste expenses that you know. The budget that you walk away with will be more accurate. But even if you have no clue about your solid waste expenses, you will walk away with a solid budget to use! **This booklet has a new easy way to estimate costs** that you are unsure of.



### **But Why Do I Want a Budget?**

Your solid waste staff, equipment, landfill, recycling shed, and any other infrastructure form a public utility that provides a very valuable service to its customers. If you are reading this, **you are a waste utility manager or planner.**

Without knowing how much it costs to provide your utility service, you will likely run into trouble. You may end up with not enough money to pay the operator and waste collectors. Like too many of our villages, that will eventually lead to an open, spreading dump site, full of



horrible risks for your community and subsistence. **Without a budget, your utility might be a public health catastrophe waiting to happen**

**instead of a shining service that represents community values.**

Even though our Tribal cultures vary throughout the State, we have several values in common with each other: **thriftiness; disposal practices that respect the Tribe, Council, children, and Elders; responsibility for the land and its animals; and subsistence treated as the way of life it is.**

*Why have a budget?* The berries on the left are the picture worth a thousand words.

### Dates of upcoming DOT HAZMAT Backhaul Regulations and Program Budget Trainings

Date	Location	Training	Contact
October 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 Hilton Hotel, Fireweed Room  8am – 5 pm	Anchorage	<b>DOT HAZMAT (8am – 2pm) and New Budget training (2 pm - 5 pm) at ATCEM</b> <a href="http://www.atcemak.com/home/training/">http://www.atcemak.com/home/training/</a>  <b>You must register first at <a href="http://www.atcemak.com">www.atcemak.com</a> , then you will be prompted to sign up for the training. Even though they are meant to go together, <b>you must sign up for both trainings.</b></b>	Contact the ATCEM committee <a href="mailto:atcem@anthc.org">atcem@anthc.org</a>
Early Spring, 2017	Anchorage	<b>DOT Hazmat Training</b> offered through our RACEJT program. See <a href="http://www.zendergroup.org/racejt.html">http://www.zendergroup.org/racejt.html</a> for more information. If you intend to hire any new staff for backhaul this year – you can get them 5 weeks of free training! Call us to find out how.	Contact Zender Environmental: April McCoy at 717-4754, or email <a href="mailto:areed@zendergroup.org">areed@zendergroup.org</a>
Summer 2017 (two dates)	Anchorage	<b>1 day Backhaul Program Training &amp; 1 day Budgets</b> through our USDA funded Solid Waste Trainings. <a href="http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html">http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html</a>	Contact April McCoy at 717-4754, or email <a href="mailto:areed@zendergroup.org">areed@zendergroup.org</a>

A number of organizations have offered different levels of backhaul training and assistance. You can contact them below to see whether they have any backhaul training for this year.

**AVCP:** Ben Bavilet [bbalivet@avcp.org](mailto:bbalivet@avcp.org)

**Kawerak:** Anahma Shannon [backhaul@kawerak.org](mailto:backhaul@kawerak.org)

**Tanana Chiefs Conference:** Contact Trisha Bower ADEC to find out about backhaul Trainings with TCC or others in the Interior and Northwest Arctic regions.  
[Trisha.bower@alaska.gov](mailto:Trisha.bower@alaska.gov)

**Total Reclaim:** Reilly Kozinski  
[AKOutreach@TotalReclaim.com](mailto:AKOutreach@TotalReclaim.com)

**Yukon Inter Tribal Watershed Council:** Katherine Brower [kbrower@yritwc.org](mailto:kbrower@yritwc.org)

### Need backhaul or budgeting help?



If you need help planning and preparing for backhaul or budgeting, call or email Zender Environmental. **We can provide free assistance.** 907 277 2111 [ssebalo@zendergroup.org](mailto:ssebalo@zendergroup.org) .

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