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To : Dumping Licensees

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proper Carrying of Inert Construction Waste from Construction Sites to
Public Fill Reception Facilities (PFRFs) for Disposal during Wet Season**

At the approach of wet and typhoon seasons, more wet soil and construction waste in liquid form may be generated from construction sites, and parts of these materials may also take more time for their sorting and treatment before they can be disposed of at PFRFs in accordance with the waste acceptance criteria. Hence, you may encounter more pressing needs to transport wet soil and/or liquid load during this period.

In this regard, I am writing to solicit the co-operation of you and your vehicle drivers during the wet season in proactively taking precautionary measures and paying special attention to loading conditions of your vehicles with a view to preventing wet soil being dropped from or slurry being leaked/spilled out of vehicles onto public roads, which may constitute a safety hazard to other road users and pollute the environment, streets and/or public places. The spilled waste may also cause the vehicle body to deteriorate and accelerate the deterioration of the roads.

From past experience, if appropriate precautionary measures are properly adopted (including close communication with the contractors' staff at construction sites), most of the leakage/spillage incidents during transportation can be prevented or their adverse impacts can be reduced. Some measures are:

1. Wet soil should be treated to make it suitable for transportation to disposal by drying out, mixing with dry materials or other methods. The moisture content and mobility of wet soil should be reduced to a level for suitable types of vehicles to carry. Please note that owing to various reasons, the actual moisture content of the construction waste being loaded onto a carrying vehicle is not readily available for ascertainment. The vehicle drivers should communicate closely with the contractor's staff to prevent materials which are unsuitable or with high moisture content from being loaded onto their vehicle.
2. Construction waste in liquid form should not be transported in open topped vehicles

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or skips (such as dump trucks). Liquid loads should be carried by sealed containers of tankers and the like. Please note that inert construction waste to be disposed of by public works contracts will not be in liquid form.

3. If dump trucks are used for transportation of wet soil (not high moisture content), it is essential to ensure proper leak-proof arrangements for the tailgate of the truck bed. Additionally, overfilling of vehicles should be prevented; steady driving speeds should be maintained; and unnecessary braking and sudden moving of vehicles during trips should be avoided.
4. No overloading or speeding.
5. The material being carried by vehicles should be well covered.

If wet soil is found being dropped from or slurry being leaked/spilled out of the vehicle onto public roads, the licensee may have violated the condition(s) of his dumping licence. At the same time, the billing account-holder for disposal of construction waste (e.g. the contractor) may have breached the condition(s) of his account. Those relevant persons may also be held liable for offences under the Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisances Regulation, the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations, etc.

I am also copying this letter to the members of the Public Fill Liaison Meeting, requesting them to appeal to their respective members to assist and facilitate dumping licensees and their vehicle drivers during the wet season in proper transportation of inert construction waste to PFRFs for disposal.

Should you have queries on the above, please contact the undersigned or our Mr Peter Y T Ip (at 2762 5609).

Yours faithfully,



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Motor Transport Workers General Union)
Hong Kong Waste Disposal Industry Association) – by email
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Contractor's Authorised Signatory Association)
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