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Dear Tony

I refer to your email to SafeWork NSW on 18 April 2017 which followed a meeting with SafeWork NSW representatives to discuss a number of operational and training issues relating to the *Code of Practice – Work Near Overhead Power Lines 2006* (the Code).

The training framework that is described in Appendix 4 of the Code is intended for ‘*accredited persons*’ that are required to carry out work inside the approach distance shown in Table 1 of the Code. In line with our previous advice provided to your Association (dated 10 November 2008) it is confirmed that waste collection drivers operating front and rear loaders should not ordinarily undertake activities inside the Table 1 approach distances therefore they would fall into the category of ‘*ordinary persons*’, as defined in the Code.

In view of the operational limitations it is agreed that drivers would therefore not ordinarily require training to the high level described in Appendix 4 of the Code. However, drivers and operators need to be aware of these approach distances and be competent so as not to enter the ‘*accredited persons*’ zone as defined in the Code.

Given that no formal training is mandated for waste collection drivers when working near overhead power lines, SafeWork NSW commends the initiative shown by the Waste Contractors & Recyclers Association of NSW in facilitating industry specific training such as the delivery of the National Unit of Competency “*CPPWMT3063A: Apply Safe Operational Practices When Vehicles Work Near Overhead Wires*” and promoting work health & safety standards in the waste industry.

Please contact me if you should require any further information.

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Yours faithfully

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