In general, landfill site users are eager to get in and out of the area as quickly as possible, and if not controlled, serious accidents can occur. Remember, the landfill has an ever-changing landscape and a complex traffic situation. Thus, garbage trucks and landfill equipment should have a strict set of operational guidelines to keep them from interfering with human movement.

If you need help in creating or updating operational guidelines, you can begin by turning to your employees. Your employees can be a good source of information because they work in the environment every day. Also, if you’re looking to improve one aspect of your operational guidelines in particular, try to find an employee that has little or no experience in that area. Remember the old saying, two heads are better than one; imagine if you had more than two heads working together, the possibilities are endless. Employees are going to come up with good and bad solutions, but either way, it will help open your mind to all the possibilities and eventually get you thinking in the right direction. This process also encourages good team-building practices and makes your employees feel included and heard within your organization.

I recently found some good training videos that bring a little humor into the picture. You can view the videos online for free before purchasing. They might not be for everyone, but are worth looking into.

http://solidwastetraining.com  Meet Mr. Doofus: Landfill Customer Safety Takes a Team! This is one the whole crew will enjoy!

Also, below is a good article to read at waste360.com.

http://www.waste360.com/mag/waste_art_science_safety