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Waste Management CEO Vows Territory-Wide Crackdown on Illegal Dumping, Promises Cameras, Fencing, and Court Action

Speaking before the PSC, WMA CEO Hannibal “Mike” Ware said the authority will increase enforcement, install cameras and fencing, and pursue \$1,000 fines in court as it responds to worsening illegal dumping at sites like Mon Bijou and Concordia West.

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During Tuesday's meeting of the Public Services Commission, recently appointed chief executive officer of the Waste Management Authority Hannibal “Mike” Ware vowed to crack down on illegal dumping across the territory.

The issue came up as a side discussion during Mr. Ware's update on WMA's activities to PSC commissioners. Raymond Williams noted that several bin sites, specifically Mon Bijou and Concordia West, are "horrible" when it comes to the illicit dumping of waste, including oil and vehicle tires. He asked Mr. Ware what could be done on Waste Management's end to address the problem.

The WMA CEO noted that three new convenience centers were about to open, which "should alleviate much of those issues." While the community awaits these new centers, however, Mr. Ware said that there would be "temporary fencing erected, cameras placed, and enforcement presence that is greater than you have seen in the past" in areas where problematic dumping is taking place.

"The level of illegal dumping in the territory is insane," Mr. Ware acknowledged, noting, "I have authorized the hire of an additional two" enforcement officers. "I could barely afford that, to be quite honest, but the enforcement presence will be up."

Mr. Ware reminded the public that there is a hefty penalty for illegal dumping. "You get a \$1000 fine, and we go to court over it," he noted.