



Petroleum Transportation & Storage Association

REGULATORY ALERT

September 14, 2005

U.S. DOT EXTENDS DRIVER HOURS OF SERVICE WAIVER

ISSUE: The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Eastern Service Center has waived federal CDL driver's hours of service regulations for interstate transporters of gasoline, diesel and jet fuel, propane, natural gas/CNG and ethanol. No other petroleum products are covered by the exemption. The waiver also extends to driver qualification and vehicle maintenance requirements.

STATES COVERED BY THE WAIVER – Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia. Drivers traveling to and from any of these states delivering the petroleum products listed above are also exempt for any part of the trip occurring outside the effected states.

WAIVER PERIOD: The HOS waiver period extends from 1:00 PM Eastern Standard Time, August 31, 2005 to 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time October 5, 2005.

COMPLIANCE: In order to qualify for the waiver, drivers must carry a copy of the waiver extension issued by the U.S. DOT FMCSA Eastern Service Center in the cab of the vehicle. A copy of the waiver is attached.

WARNING: The waiver **does not** exempt petroleum transporters from the FMCSA drug and alcohol, financial responsibility, commercial driver's license or applicable size and weight regulations.

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