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Temporary Reduction of Hazardous Materials Registration Fees

Since 1992, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has conducted a National registration program for persons who offer for transportation or transport certain hazardous materials in intrastate, interstate, or foreign commerce, under the mandate in 49 U.S.C. 5108. The purposes of the registration program are to gather information about the transportation of hazardous materials and fund the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grants program that supports hazardous materials emergency response planning and training activities by State, territorial, tribal, and local governments.

Approximately 3.2 million firefighters, emergency medical technicians, law enforcement officers, and other responders comprise the nation's emergency response community. Since 1992 over 800,000 emergency responders have been trained, in part, using funds from the HMEP Grants Program.

New changes to the registration fee policy went into effect February 14, 2000, adopting a two-tiered fee schedule. As a result, PHMSA has collected more than \$21 million in each registration year since 2000. These collections have created an unexpended balance in the HMEP Fund because the current annual grants program obligations are limited to the \$14.3 million designated by Congress. Therefore, effective March 3, 2003, PHMSA will temporarily lower the registration fee for six registration years. In addition, not-for-profit organizations, regardless of size, will pay the same fee as a small business. This reflects SBA's replacement of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code system with the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Temporary changes to the Registration Program, effective March 3, 2003:

Registration years 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006*:

Each person who does not meet the criteria of a small business (13 CFR 121) will pay an annual fee of \$300; small businesses will pay an annual fee of \$150; and not-for-profit organizations, regardless of size, will pay the same fee as a small business (\$150).

Registration years 2006-2007, 2007-2008, and 2008-2009:

Each person who does not meet the criteria of a small business (13 CFR 121) will pay an annual fee of \$1000; small businesses will pay an annual fee of \$275; and not-for-profit organizations, regardless of size, will pay the same fee as a small business (\$275).

*The HMR allows a person to register for up to three years in one registration statement. Refunds will be provided for registrations paid in advance for those years at the higher fee levels.

Registration Deadline:

You must register before July 1 or before engaging in any of the activities requiring registration, whichever is later. Both Federal and State authorities have the ability to enforce the registration requirement. Penalties may be assessed up to \$32,500. If you have not registered in the past, or skipped a year, you may still register and pay the fee for that period without penalty.

Who Must Register:

A person who transports or causes to be transported in foreign, interstate, or intrastate commerce, one or more of the following categories of hazardous materials must file a registration statement with PHMSA and pay an annual registration fee:

Quantity of a hazardous material that requires placarding; or

Shipment of a hazardous material in a bulk packaging, container, or tank with a capacity equal to or greater than 3,500 gallons for liquids or gases or more than 468 cubic feet for solids. This applies without regard to the quantity contained therein.

NOTE: Some relief applies to farmers engaged in activities which directly support their farming operations. Refer to 49 CFR 107.601.

How to Register:

If you have previously registered with DOT, you should be receiving a copy of the registration form for the new registration year (July 1 to June 30). Registration forms and additional information may be obtained from:

U.S. Department of Transportation
Hazardous Materials Registration Program
400 Seventh St., SW, PHH-62
Washington, DC 20590

Phone: (617) 494-2545
(202) 366-4109
(800) 467-4922
Fax: (202) 366-7435
E-Mail: Register@dot.gov
Register on-line: <http://hazmat.dot.gov/regs/register/register.htm>

Expedited Registration: (800) 942-6990 (Additional processing fee of \$50 applies.)

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