North American Standard Level VI Inspection Program Update: Ensuring Safe Transportation of Radioactive Material

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Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance

- A non-profit 501(c)(3) trade association
  - 70 Members, 450 Associate Members
  - Began at industry’s urging in 1982 with several western States and Canadian provinces
- Why was it initiated?
  - Safety was a concern ------- deregulation
  - Need for uniformity and reciprocity in regulation, standards, and enforcement
- How does it work?
  - Support from public and private sectors critical
  - All CMV disciplines at the table and involved in setting and maintaining the standards
  - Focused agenda, clear expectations and results
  - Open the doors from the get-go
  - Processes and procedures for input and output are explicit and inclusive
Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance

• An organization of federal, state and provincial government agencies and industry representatives from the United States, Canada, and Mexico dedicated to improvement of commercial vehicle safety

• Core Activities
  – Roadside CMV Inspector Certification program
  – The North American Standard (NAS) Inspection Procedures
  – North American Standard (NAS) Out of Service Criteria
  – NAS Training Program
  – CVSA Decal Program
  – Level VI Inspection Program
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Technical Committees

– Associate Advisory (Industry)
– Driver/ Traffic Enforcement
– Hazardous Materials
– Information Systems
– Passenger Carrier
– Program Initiatives
– Size and Weight
– Training
– Vehicle
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Programs

- North American Inspector’s Challenge (NAIC)
- Driver Excellence Award
- Operation Safe Driver
- Road Check
- Teens & Trucks
- Operation Airbrake
- North American Standard Inspection
- COHMED
- Level VI
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Executive Committee
International Officers

• President, Vice President, Sec. Treasurer

1 Local P.D. President

3 Past Presidents

5 Region Presidents

• Region 1 North East
• Region 2 South
• Region 3 Midwest
• Region 4 West
• Region 5 Canada

Associate Advisory – Industry (non voting)

FMCSA, PHMSA, TSA, Transport Canada, SCT

Non voting
Transportation Reauthorization (Hazmat)

- The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) Supports:
  - Restoring funding to the Hazardous Materials Cooperative Research Program.
  - Requiring access (including electronic access) for enforcement and government purposes, at no charge, to materials, such as technical standards developed by non-governmental organizations, incorporated by reference into regulation.

- CVSA Opposes:
  - Language prohibiting or limiting a state's authority to conduct en route inspections of Level VI shipments.
  - Language eliminating 49 USC § 5125(h), the ban on preempting non-federal enforcement standards.
CVSA Level VI Program Year in Review CY 2014

- 6 certification classes held
  - Boise, ID
  - Sacramento, CA
  - Springfield, IL
  - Albany, NY
  - Forsythe, GA
  - Anthony, NM
  - Austin, TX

Annual Train the Trainer – Scottsdale, AZ
One Industry Awareness – Carlsbad, NM
Total Trained in CY 2014

- 129 Officers (125 certified)
- 11 drivers (not certified)
- 1 mechanic (not certified)
- 1 private industry (not certified)
- 2 US DOE staff (not certified)
- 1 State EMA staff (not certified)
CVSA Level VI Program Year in Review CY 2014

• To date 148 Certification classes
  – 2526 attendees

• Currently 919 certified Level VI inspectors in 43 states, Puerto Rico, and FMCSA
CVSA Level VI Program Year in Review CY 2014

CY 2015 Level VI Classes Scheduled

- 8 hr. Refresher during COHMED Conference Long Beach, CA
- Train the Trainer Albuquerque, NM February 24-26
- Richmond, VA - March 23 – 26
- Orlando, FL - April 27 – 29
- Lansing, MI - May 19 – 22
- Springfield, IL - June 15 – 18
- Austin, TX - October 19 – 20
- Sacramento, CA - November 2 - 5
CVSA Level VI Program Year in Review CY 2014

National Instructors

– Carlisle Smith - CVSA
– Tom Fuller – New York State Police
– Rion Stann - Pennsylvania State Police
– Reggie Bunner – West Virginia Public Service Commission
– Rob Rohr - Ohio Public Utilities Commission
– Adam Roha – California Highway Patrol
– Tony Anderson – Idaho State Police
– J. R. Leuis – FMCSA
– Kelly Horn – Illinois Emergency Management Agency
Level VI Training

- National instructors are volunteer and certified Level VI inspectors
- Annual review of training curriculum
- Inspector maintains certification with 8 hours of refresher training every 2 years
Level VI Training

- Train the trainer: State representatives trained to conduct their own refresher courses to meet certification requirements.
- State Train the Trainers must attend the Train the Trainer class every 2 years to maintain their certification.
Annual Train the Trainer Course

- February 25-27 2015 Albuquerque, NM
- Includes 8 hour version of U.S. DOE MERRTT
- Students must instruct preselected module
- Emphasis on hands-on work projects
- Level VI proficiency quiz
Level VI Inspection Data
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- Level VI Inspection data available on FMCSA’s Analysis & Information Online website.
- Options to view national data and state by state data.
- To access:
  - Go to “Roadside Inspections”
  - Select “Level VI Inspection” or “Level VI Violation” from menu on left
Level VI Inspection Results

- Reports on Level VI inspection results are published regularly. All reports are available on the CVSA website:
  1. Go to CVSA homepage, www.cvsa.org
  2. Select “Programs” at top of page
  3. Select “North American Standard Level VI Inspection Program” link
  4. Select “CVSA/WIPP Updates & Reports” link
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CVSA Level VI Inspection Program
Peer Review: State Differences, Lessons Learned, Best Practices, and Recommendations

- *Updates from State Visits in 2011*
  - October 2013
  - New update expected April 2015
Level VI Program Peer Reviews

- Purpose is to identify and share best practices
- Peer Review Activities
  - Teams selected from CVSA Level VI Program Committee, Council of State Governments Northeast and Midwest, SSEB, and WGA
  - 8 states visited: South Carolina, Tennessee, Illinois, Colorado, New Mexico (twice), Washington, Michigan, Idaho
Level VI Peer Reviews

– Initial report published in January 2007 (available on CVSA website)
– Completed Colorado in November 2014
– Conducting Illinois this week.

Level VI Inspection Program Meetings

- Meets twice a year
  - CVSA Spring Workshop
  - CVSA Annual Conference
- Todd Armstrong, Illinois State Police—Chair
- Rion Stann, Pennsylvania State Police—Vice Chair
- Justin Dumouchel, Cassidy’s Transfer and Storage LTD—Secretary
- Vote on major changes to Level VI Inspection and Out-of-Service Criteria
- Focus on WIPP and HRCQ shipments in U.S.
QUESTIONS?

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