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TO: All companies Responding to 24 Hour Railroad Emergencies

From: Jesse Wallace  
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Re: **24 Hour Railroad Emergencies**

In an effort to make it possible to meet the demands of railroad emergencies, it is necessary to establish guidelines to allow 24-hour movement for equipment responding to these emergencies. All movement of loads responding to these emergencies will need to have axle configurations that pass H-15 design bridges. For any load over 100,000 lbs. gross, a routing authorization will be required as soon as practical. This office prefers use of the Internet method since it is available 24/7. When ordering, put in the route comments "**Emergency Move**".

When reordering annual permits for 24-hour emergency movement, the following is required:

1. Must have letters from the railroad services identifying companies applying for emergency assistance. (**24-hour movement will only be allowed for the specified carriers**).
2. Companies must submit drawings that conform to the H-15 bridge design requirements in advance of permit issuance.
3. Must specify 24-hour movement request on the application.

24-hour emergency moves are only allowed to a specific destination and companies responding to an emergency must wait until the next day that legal movement is allowed to return.

The following is the proper procedure for emergency movement after business hours:

**This office requires the following information**

- Company name and contact phone number, not the switchboard
- Contact name and phone number of railroad representative
- Address of the final destination, or closest intersection and milepost of the emergency derailment
- Requested route from the point of origin to the final destination
- All axle configurations responding to railroad emergencies must pass H-15 bridge design

Please use this contact information for railroad emergencies (start with 1 and continue down the list until the vehicle enforcement office is contacted):

1. Joshua Matthews - (334)850-5336
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