Memorandum

To: SAFER Users
From: FMCSA Technical Support Project Manager
Date: September 30, 2004
Subject: Release of SAFER Version 4.6

The following changes will be implemented in FMCSA Safety and Fitness Electronic Records system (SAFER) Version 4.6 effective October 1, 2004.

1. Enhancement (CR24) – This version of SAFER will significantly improve the performance of XML T0022 transaction. This CR was first implemented in the April release where the processing time was reduced by four times for transaction T0022. More performance tuning has been implemented in this release to lower the processing to within a 30 minute timeframe.

2. Enhancement (CR51) –This version of SAFER will introduce a new transaction T0022D. This will allow the CVISN/PRISM states to remove unwanted T0022 transaction data uploaded in previous submissions. Only the authoritative source will be allowed to remove the data from SAFER database using T0022D upon validating the ownership of the data.

3. Enhancement (CR96) – This version of SAFER will include a change in the SAFER web service to include a user specifiable style sheet argument.

4. Enhancement (CR110) –This version of SAFER will implement a purge routine to remove vehicle registration records when their registration expiration dates are older than two years.

5. Enhancement (CR112) –This version of SAFER will include new set of allowed values for the POST CRASH violation field of the Inspection Report.

6. Enhancement (CR119) –This version of SAFER has modified the existing Inspection Purge procedure so that the retention time for Inspection Reports would double from 90 days to 180 days.

7. Enhancement (CR127) – In order to simplify the operation process and improve the efficiency of L&I loading, this version of SAFER has automated the L&I daily update to SAFER.

8. Defect (CR135) – This version of SAFER will correct an error in XML input log generation when the key values are not provided from the input files.

9. Defect (CR136) – This version of SAFER will correct the errors in XML services to handle the Oracle SQL error and to properly close the database session whenever an exception occurs.

The following changes will be made to the SAFER web site. The details of the upcoming web site changes can be found in the press release (following the list of enhancements):

1. Enhancement (CR54) – This version of SAFER will include the re-design of the SAFER web site and a new URL. The new URL will be: http://safer.fmcsa.dot.gov.

2. Enhancement (CR68) –This enhancement will provide carrier safety and census data from MCMIS to SAFER on a daily basis instead of weekly. Inspection and Violation counts for each Company will be updated on a weekly basis. SAFESTAT scores will be updated on a monthly basis.

3. Enhancement (CR72) –This enhancement will provide automated subscription processing of Company Safety Profiles to facilitate management of the load on the MCMIS report server and the MCMIS database server, as well as the management of the subscription requests.

PRESS RELEASE
FMCSA Unveils New Layout for the SAFER Web Site

On October 1, 2004, users will notice a new look on the SAFER web site. The site will be redesigned to be more user-friendly and more consistent with the other Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) web applications. **The old URL www.safersys.org will be replaced with http://safer.fmcsa.dot.gov.** When users connect to the old URL they will be redirected to the new site.

The new SAFER web page will contain specific categories so users will no longer have to flip though several drop down menus to find what they are looking for.

The SAFER web site will have the following new features.
- The Carrier Snapshot (a record of a company's identification and safety information) will be called a **Company Snapshot** since data can be obtained on other companies registered in the FMCSA, Motor Carrier Management Information System. The Company Snapshot now includes additional review information, including the date and type of

review conducted. The Company Snapshot will also display a new search tool at the top of each company record to allow users to go from one company snapshot record to another.

A new message will be provided for companies that are inactive or that cannot be found in MCMIS.

The updates on a company's basic, Census data (name, address, vehicle and driver) will occur daily; a companies safety data will be updated weekly (Crash, Inspection and Review data).

- There will be a link to the new DataQs system. The DataQs system is an electronic means for filing concerns about Federal and State data released to the public by the FMCSA. Through this system, data concerns are automatically forwarded to the appropriate office for resolution. The system also allows filers to monitor the status of each filing.

- The new system will have a link directly to the Companies Ordered to Cease Operation (OCO) page, which can be used to search current Out of Service (OOS) orders and OCO orders against a particular company.

- The Carrier Safety Profile (CSP) will be changed to **Company Safety Profiles** (CSP). Users will be able to order company profile subscriptions online. The subscriptions will be automated allowing customers to set up their own subscription and pay for it all at once with a credit card. The option to order single company safety profiles will also be available to our users.

Future changes (This change is scheduled for late October)
- **There will be a link to the new FMCSA streamlined registration/update and payment process. The new registration process will feature the ability for the user to answer specific questions before registering with the FMCSA. After the questions are completed the system will direct the users to the specific applications needed to register with FMCSA to receive a USDOT number (MCS-150 & 150A) or to register for a motor carrier (MC) (operating authority) (OP-1 etc.).**

    Within the new registration site companies will be linked to the new PAY.GOV (Department of Treasury) feature for payment of registration fees.

    There will also be a link to the PAY.GOV feature for companies to pay Civil fines.

If you have any questions regarding this release, please contact FMCSA Technical Support at (617) 494-3003, FMCTechSup@volpe.dot.gov or http://fmcsa-ts.dot.gov