



Memorandum

U.S. Department of
Transportation

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation
Office of Inspector General

Subject: INFORMATION: Notification of Audit
of Motor Carrier Safety Program
Project No. 04M3002M000

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Reply to
Attn. of: JA-40

To: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator

The Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 (MCSIA) requires the Office of Inspector General (OIG) to periodically audit the Department's Motor Carrier Safety Program. The MCSIA directs the Department to reduce large truck crashes through increased reviews of motor carriers and stronger enforcement measures against violators of the motor carrier safety regulations. The MCSIA also requires the Department to implement the OIG's recommendations from its April 26, 1999 audit report, Motor Carrier Safety Program, Report Number TR-1999-091; to initiate safety audits for new entrant motor carriers; and to complete numerous rulemakings associated with the motor carrier industry and the Commercial Driver's License program.

Our audit objectives will be to assess the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) progress in: (1) implementing the OIG's recommendations from the April 1999 audit report, (2) implementing the MCSIA requirements on new entrant motor carriers, and (3) issuing rulemakings required by the MCSIA.

We will conduct the audit at FMCSA Headquarters and selected Division offices, and other organizations to be determined. We plan to begin this audit in November 2003 and will arrange an entrance conference through your audit liaison. The audit will be conducted by our staff in Washington, D.C. and Fort Worth, Texas. Joe Comé is the Program Director and Kerry Barras is the Project Manager for this audit. If you have questions or require additional information, please contact me at (202) 493-0331 or Joe Comé at (202) 366-0377.

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cc: National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator