

## WHAT IS OUR ROLE AT DOT?

Part of the immediate Office of the Secretary, ODAPC's role is to...

- Help implement the Secretary's drug & alcohol policies.
- Publish, implement and provide authoritative interpretations of 49 CFR Part 40.
- Coordinate DOT drug & alcohol policies with the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy and other federal agencies.
- Provide international assistance to countries developing similar regulations.
- Harmonize drug & alcohol testing regulations with Canada & Mexico in accordance with the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).
- Ensure consistency for drug & alcohol testing regulations and reporting within DOT agencies and the US Coast Guard.
- Provide technical assistance to DOT agencies and anyone affected by 49 CFR Part 40.
- Help create prevention opportunities for employers and employees.
- Hold public interest exclusion hearings for serious non-compliance by service agents.



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## Office of Drug & Alcohol Policy & Compliance

### Fact Sheet

On the world's  
largest drug &  
alcohol workplace  
testing program

## WHAT IS OUR MISSION?



To ensure the safety & security of the traveling public; reduce the demand for illicit drugs; deter the use of illicit drugs & the misuse of alcohol in the transportation industry; and create prevention & treatment opportunities for transportation employers & employees.

## WHY IS THERE AN ODAPC?

In the late 1980's, ODAPC was established to advise the Secretary & DOT Agencies on drug enforcement and drug testing issues. As a result of the 1991 Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act, ODAPC's role was expanded, and today, employers in aviation, trucking, railroad, transit, pipeline and maritime industries are covered by ODAPC regulations. These regulations govern drug & alcohol testing for pre-employment, on-the-job-performance, post-accident and job re-entry after failing a test.

## HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE COVERED BY DOT REGS?

Roughly 12.1 million people performing safety-sensitive transportation jobs are covered by DOT drug & alcohol regulations.

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## WHAT REGS DO YOU PUBLISH?

In conjunction with the Office of the General Counsel, ODAPC publishes, implements and provides authoritative interpretations of 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 40.

## AREA OF REGULATION

Each of the following federal regulations has a unique role in regulating workplace drug & alcohol testing of safety-sensitive employees. Here is a quick overview:

- Through 49 CFR Part 40, ODAPC regulates how drug & alcohol tests are conducted and what procedures are used.
- DOT Agencies (e.g. FRA, FMCSA, FTA, FAA, PHMSA) regulate specific transportation industries. They determine who is tested and when. They also enforce compliance of all DOT drug & alcohol regulations. (This also includes maritime efforts with the U.S. Coast Guard).
- US Department of Health & Human Services' guidelines certify labs and establish threshold detection levels and scientific testing procedures.



## AGENCIES REGULATING SPECIFIC INDUSTRY TESTING

- FAA Federal Aviation Administration  
14 CFR Part 121, App. I & J  
14 CFR Part 135
- FMCSA Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  
49 CFR Part 382
- FRA Federal Railroad Administration  
49 CFR Part 219
- FTA Federal Transit Administration  
49 CFR Part 655
- PHMSA Pipeline & Hazardous Material Safety Administration  
49 CFR Part 199
- USCG United States Coast Guard  
46 CFR Part 4, 16

