



WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways

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October 30, 2012

MEMORANDUM

**TO: JIMMY GIANATO, DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
ALL AFFECTED AGENCIES
AND SHIPPERS/CARRIERS**

**FROM: PAUL A. MATTOX, JR., P. E.
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION/
COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS**

**SUBJECT: WAIVER TO CARRIERS RESPONDING TO
SEVERE STORMS ON OCTOBER 29, 2012**

Due to recent severe weather impacts in the State of West Virginia from Hurricane Sandy on October 29, 2012, debris removal, electrical power restoration and fuel distribution operations are being carried out.

As a result, the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways has authorized a temporary waiver of the normal weight and width restrictions, for the purpose of ensuring that fuel distribution and emergency supplies (food, medical, water, and ice) can continue in a timely manner. This waiver is effective beginning at 4:00 PM on October 30, 2012 through 12:00 NOON on November 30, 2012. This waiver also allows operations on all State and Federal holidays during the month of November 2012. It pertains only to power restoration, emergency supplies and fuel distribution (petroleum, diesel and gasoline) operations that continue in the areas impacted by the October 29, 2012 severe weather.

<u>TRUCK MAX TYPE</u>	<u>G.V.W.</u>	<u>SINGLE AXLE</u>	<u>TANDEM AXLE</u>	<u>3 AXLE GROUP</u>	<u>4 AXLE GROUP</u>
3 Axles	60,000	24K	44K	-----	-----
4 Axles	70,000	24K	44K	54.5K	-----
5 Axles	90,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K
6+Axles*	100,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K

*With a minimum 51 feet overall axle spacing.

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Loads are restricted to a maximum of 12 feet wide provided they follow the hauling permit regulations and safety guidelines as published on the West Virginia Hauling Permit website at http://www.transportation.wv.gov/highways/maintenance/hauling_permits/Pages/default.aspx. This waiver does not allow trucks to exceed the posted weight of any load restricted bridges in West Virginia. This applies to Interstates and APD, *only*.

This information is for immediate dissemination to preclude inadvertent ticketing or detention. Multi-agency support and cooperation are appreciated. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Wayne Kessinger, our Permits Supervisor, at (304) 558-9483.

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**cc: AC, CC, CA, OM, All DE/DM's, All Maintenance Engineers,
WVPSC Enforcement, WV Parkways Authority, FHWA(T. Smith)**