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Ref. No.: 05-0301

Dear Mr. Tufaro:

This responds to your November 16, 2005 letter regarding requirements under the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180) for routing of hazardous materials on bridges and through tunnels. Specifically, you requested current information regarding routing of hazardous materials across certain "Texas-Mexico" commercial toll bridge crossings.

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is the agency in the Department of Transportation responsible for promulgation of regulations governing the transportation of hazardous materials in commerce. The HMR apply to any person, including a department, agency, or instrumentality, that transports or causes to be transported or shipped hazardous materials in interstate, intrastate, and foreign commerce, by all modes of transportation (i.e., highway, rail, air, and vessel).

The Department's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is responsible for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR), Parts 200-399, addressing maintenance and use of motor carrier vehicles, including driving and parking rules and routing of non-radioactive hazardous materials (NRHM). Federal standards for establishing, maintaining, or enforcing specific NRHM routing designations over which NRHM may or may not be transported is found in 49 CFR 397.71.

Except for radioactive materials, neither the HMR nor the FMCSR preclude States or other jurisdictions from determining appropriate routes for NRHM, such as on bridges or



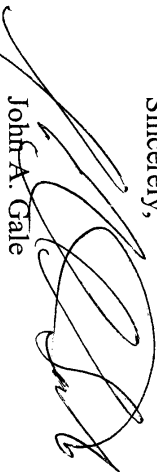
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through tunnels. You should contact the State(s) you are interested in to determine whether or not NRHM may pass over its bridges and through its tunnels.

I hope this satisfies your inquiry. If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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John A. Gale
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Dear Mr. Mazzullo:

The PC*Miller division of our company, ALK Technologies, produces navigation software for the freight motor carrier industry and a few of our products include a hazardous materials routing feature.

We are currently in the process of reviewing the hazardous materials policies on bridges and tunnels nationwide in support of our upcoming 2006 product releases.

Can you please provide the current policy regarding the transportation of hazardous materials across the following Texas-Mexico commercial toll bridge crossings?

Colombia Solidarity Bridge	Presidio Bridge
Del Rio-Ciudad Acuna International Bridge	Roma-Ciudad Miguel Aleman Bridge
Eagle Pass Bridge 2	Starr-Camargo Bridge
Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios	Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates
Good Neighbor Bridge	World Trade Bridge
McAllen-Hidalgo International Bridge	Ysleta-Zaragoza Bridge
Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge	

In particular, what are the hazmat restrictions, prohibitions, permit, and escort policies for these structures?

Please see the following link for some background information regarding our PC*Miller HazMat software solution: <http://www.alk.com/pcmltler/hazmat.asp>

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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