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November 7, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Affected Agencies and Shippers/Carriers

SUBJECT: Waiver for Carriers Transporting FEMA housing units to New Jersey and New York due to Hurricane Sandy

FEMA has a total of 2,000 temporary housing units to be transported from Alabama to New Jersey and New York for the displaced residents. This waiver will grant the transporting of these housing units through the State of Virginia provided that each load is clearly identified by the applicable FEMA placard and each carrier complies with the following:

Height not to exceed 14'2"
Width not to exceed 14'0"
Length not to exceed 100'0"

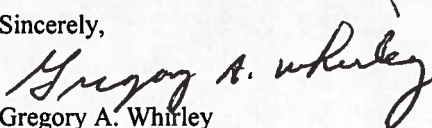
Travel is granted on I-81 north from the Tennessee Line to the West Virginia line. Additionally, alternative routing can be found on I-85n-I-95s-I-295n-exit 43-95n-95/495 to the Maryland Line or I-95n-I-295n-exit 43-I-95n-I-95/495 to the Maryland Line.

Each carrier is exempted from the rear escort requirement, the requirement to stop at Virginia weigh stations, and is hereby granted 24/7 travel. However, each carrier must still have the necessary "oversized load" signage properly displayed and comply with other safety guidelines as published in the Virginia Hauling Permit Manual. Finally, due to the nature of this emergency convoys will be granted provided the traffic does not back up beyond 30 minutes. This waiver is effective beginning 12 noon on November 7, 2012 until November 30, 2012.

This waiver includes an exemption in coordination with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management which activates the FMCSA Section 390.23 Relief of Regulations including hours of service. This waiver does not allow trucks to exceed the posted weight of any load restricted bridge or structure in Virginia.

This information is for immediate dissemination to preclude inadvertent ticketing or detention. Multi-agency support and cooperation are appreciated. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Perry Cogburn at (804) 786-2848 or Mr. Wayne Davis at (804) 972-5106.

Sincerely,


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