



SAFETY MONDAY

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CSA Update

In December 2010, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) implemented its Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) program. CSA is a performance-based safety enforcement program directed at motor carriers, including solid waste and recycling drivers.

Over the past two years, FMCSA has received input on CSA from NSWMA, trucking associations and others and tracked compliance trends. In response, FMCSA has implemented several important changes to CSA:

Vehicle Maintenance: Cargo/load securement violations will be incorporated under the Vehicle Maintenance BASIC.

HazMat: The Cargo-related BASIC will be renamed the “HM Compliance BASIC” and focus on hazardous materials transportation safety and compliance issues.

Speeding: Violations of 1-5 mph over the speed limit will be removed from CSA scoring.

Hours of Service: The Fatigued Driving BASIC will be renamed the “Hours-of-Service Compliance BASIC” and FMCSA will give equal weight to paper and electronic logbook violations.

For many solid waste companies, the Vehicle Maintenance and Crash BASIC’s are primary sources of potential FMCSA enforcement activity. FMCSA is evaluating how to address crash risk issues in CSA. NSWMA members are urged to review regularly their Crash BASIC data in the DataQ’s on the FMCSA website and make sure FMCSA is aware when listed accidents were not the fault of their driver. FMCSA is often willing to reduce the severity weighting for not-at-fault accidents.

More CSA info is at: <http://csa.fmcsa.dot.gov/default.aspx>

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