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To: NTTC Member Carriers

From: George F. Mead, Director of Member Services & Regulatory Affairs

Subject: Tank Truck Safety Contest for Year 2011

***PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE CHANGES IN THE CONTEST THIS YEAR***

You are invited and encouraged to submit your safety contest information for the year 2011. The information that is developed in this contest is very important as we represent the tank truck industry and support our contention that the tank truck sector is the safest in the trucking industry. Please submit the information requested even if you do not anticipate winning an award this year.

The contest form remains mostly unchanged from last year. Similar to last year we are asking for your “type of haul” information. Please indicate on the entry form the best of three descriptions of the type operations you conduct— 1. Local; 2. Long haul; 3. Mixed:

1. Local Operations: 75% or more of miles reported are from trips between pickup and delivery of *200 miles or less*.
2. Long Haul Operations: 75% or more of miles reported are from trips between pickup and delivery of *200 miles or more*.
3. Mixed Operations: Carrier conducts both local and long haul operations and miles reported *do not exceed 75%* in either category.

This year we have added a section on member participation in the annual and fall regional meetings of our Tank Truck Safety & Security Council.

**Procedural Guidance:** As instituted in January, 2010, the contest will be conducted in two stages. The first stage will involve Recordable Accident Frequency based on recordable accidents per million miles. You need complete only the enclosed two pages at this stage. The first page will be used in the Competitive Contest portion. Winners by category of the Competitive Contest portion will be contacted to provide additional information to compete for the Outstanding Performance Trophy. The second page will be used for the Personnel Safety Contest.

Please Note: If you were to win your category, NTTC will provide you with pdf file (that you can print, fill out and complete) of the entire contest entry form **and** a template of the entire contest entry form that you can type directly onto and save as a completed document; both entry formats are acceptable.

Please return these pages by ***February 13<sup>th</sup>*** to be considered for the Competitive Contest.

Once we have established the mileage category winners, they will receive the entire contest entry form, as in years past. The entire form must be completed to be considered for the Outstanding Performance Trophy.

The winning forms in each mileage category will be sent to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party retired Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration official who will check recordable accidents and mileage listed against SafeStat and other available DOT information. A similar review will be conducted in the Canadian carrier category.

**GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE FORM**

PLEASE use miles as reported to IFTA (International Fuel Tax Agreement). Contest category winners may be asked to verify miles.

REMINDER: ALL RECORDABLE ACCIDENTS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER CHARGEABLE OR NON-CHARGEABLE, MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE CONTEST FORM.

PLEASE READ THIS PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE ATTACHED SAFETY CONTEST FORM.

1. *Please include all North American miles and all accidents in North America that meet the Department of Transportation's definition of "accident" in 49CFR 390.5. That definition is included in this letter. (U.S.-based carriers must include all miles and accidents from Canada, and Canada-based carriers must include all miles and accidents that occur in the U.S.) At this time, it is not necessary to include miles and accidents from Mexico.*
2. *You must include all accidents for any category of drivers whose miles are included in your total miles, including owner-operators.*
3. *For the personnel safety contest, use the formula (see contest form) to determine total hours worked by different categories of workers. Please report the hours for any drivers who are included on your OSHA Form 300. If you do not report for a category of drivers to OSHA, do not include those drivers' hours.*
4. *Carriers will be assigned to mileage categories as follows:*
  - 1) *A separate category may include any carrier that operates over 100 million miles during the contest year.*
  - 2) *The remaining carriers will be ranked by miles operated and divided into groups with an equivalent number of carriers in each group.*

For International category competitors, the "DOT Accidents" on page 1 include ANY accident as described below. All other information on the form is applicable to non-U.S. entrants.

Printed below are the DOT definition of an accident and the accident register requirements.

390.5 "Accident" means . . . an occurrence involving a commercial motor vehicle operating on a highway in interstate or intrastate commerce that results in:

- (i) A fatality;
- (ii) Bodily injury to a person who, as a result of the injury, immediately receives medical treatment away from the scene of the accident; or,
- (iii) One or more motor vehicles incurring disabling damage as a result of the accident, requiring the motor vehicle(s) to be transported away from the scene by a tow truck or other motor vehicle.

*(Please note: The above definition does not take into account "fault" or "chargeability." Any accident meeting the above definition must be included on the accident register and included on the NTTC Contest form.)*

PLEASE NOTE: CONTEST forms must be signed verifying accuracy by the executive in charge of safety and by the carrier CEO.