



Texas DOT Removing Nighttime Truck Speed Limit Signs

The Texas Department of Transportation has started work to remove the 65-mile per hour speed limit and all truck speed limit signs on Lubbock District roadways.

On September 1, House Bill 1353 took effect and eliminated the 65-mile per hour nighttime speed limit and all truck speed limits on Texas roadways.

Lubbock District Engineer stated, "This should be a relatively fast moving operation and we anticipate that it will take approximately four weeks to remove all the signs in our district."

Hose Bill 1353 has also al-

lowed TX DOT to create 75-mile per hour speed limit on any state highway found to be reasonable and safe through a speed study. The complete evaluation of the state highway system and posting of all new 75-mile per hour speed limits should be complete by early 2013.

Work crews began the sign removal in the districts northern counties and will continue to work their way south. Motorists are asked to drive with caution through the work zones and to be on the lookout for workers.

For more information visit:

<http://truckinginfo.com/news/news-print.asp>



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Upcoming Deadlines

- 2012 UCR must be filed by December 31st for all motor carriers, private carriers, brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies that conduct interstate operations.
- 2011 IFTA decals expire on December 31st. All IFTA accounts are given a grace period until February 28th to display the new credentials.
- 2011 New Mexico Weight Distance Tax Permits must be renewed by December 31st. You must be current with your quarterly reports and taxes to renew..
- 20th series New York Highway Use Tax permits that were issued 2009-2011 will expire this year. You must be current with your quarterly reports and taxes to renew.
- 2011-2012 IRS Form 2290 is now available and must be filed with the IRS by November 30th.
- Oregon permit holders must file their reports by the last day of each month.

For assistance with any of these permits please call 405-701-4173 or visit our website at www.dotprocessagents.com. Representatives are standing by to answer your questions and process your orders.



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**Time to
renew UCR's
for 2012.
Last day is
December 31,
2011**





Diesel Jumps a Dime to \$3.987 a Gallon



Diesel jumped a dime to its highest level in almost six months— a national average price of \$3.987 a gallon, according to the Department of Energy.

Meanwhile, Gasoline rose for the first time in four weeks, gaining 1.2 cents to \$3.436 a gallon, Department of Energy said.

The diesel hike- its biggest since a 10.2 cent leap on April 11, left trucking's main fuel at its highest level since May 23.

The Diesel average now

tops \$4 a gallon in two of five Department of Energy regions, the West Coast and Rocky Mountains, while it also tops that level in the East Coast's New England and Mid-Atlantic sub-regions.

California, which DOE breaks out separately but is included in the West Coast figures, posted the highest diesel price, at \$4.27 per gallon.

Oil prices which are the main driver of end fuel prices, have jumped on the past

three weeks, from the mid \$80's per barrel in mid-October to the high \$90's this month.

Each week DOE surveys about 350 diesel filling stations to compile a national snapshot average price.

For more information on this topic visit:

www.ttnews.com

Love's Travel Stops Opened 9 Truck Tire Care Centers in Oct.

Love's plans to add 50 truck tire care centers to current locations as part of their 2011 planned capital expenditures of \$230 million. All new Love's locations will be built with a Love's Truck Tire Care Center onsite.

The nine new tire care center locations are in

- Richmond, KY
- Oak Creek, WS
- DeMotte, IN
- Skippers, VA

- Richmond Hill, GA
- Perrysburg, OH
- Ottawa, KS
- Benson, AZ
- Grayson, KY

The Truck Tire Centers offer alignments, rotations, changes, and more.

The centers are strategically located across the country to meet the needs of professional commercial drivers and keep them safe on the road.



Truckstop Product Sales Up 10%

Total product purchases by truckstops nationwide served by McLane Corp. increased 10 % during the 2011 3rd quarter compared with a year earlier, led mainly by an increase in automotive products and hot dispensed beverage sales, according to the McLane-NATSO index.

The index is designed to illustrate market trends within the truckstop and travel plaza industry.

Hot dispensed beverages, including coffee and teas, increased 28% compared with a year earlier. The increase was driven largely by rapidly escalating coffee bean prices, which spiked 44% between the third

quarter of 2010 and 2011.

Total merchandise purchases include the range of convenience store items sold at a truckstop, excluding cigarettes, divided into nine other categories including candy, snacks, non-alcoholic packaged beverages, automotive products, commissary, food service, other dairy and deli products, and hot and cold dispensed beverages. McLane tracks its weekly wholesale sales for more than 900 truckstop locations nationwide. The complete index report is free to all NATSO members.

For more information:

www.truckinginfo.com



HOS Deadline Pushed Back a Month

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration announced on October 28 that that the new hours of service rule, due to have been published that day, will be pushed back at least a month.

The agency stated that, "FMCSA will continue to work toward publishing a final rule as quickly as possible." The parties to the settlement agreement will file their next status report with

the Court on November 28, 2011.

For more details visit:
www.truckinginfo.com



Maps of Bridges in Need of Repair

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) released maps of bridges in need of repair across the United States. These are all structurally deficient bridges on the National Highway System.

For copies of these maps you may access them at www.BTS.gov



Website Offers Environmental Compliance Resources

American Trucking Associations and the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences announced a new online compliance resource that offers useful information on environmental regulations affecting fleets.

The website, known as the Transportation Environmental Resource Center (TERC), includes overviews of regulations, compliance tips, best practices, and links to other useful resources that can help fleets

in securing answers to their environmental compliance questions both at the state and federal levels.

Currently the site only addresses the trucking sector but will expand in 2012 to cover other transportation modes such as air, water, and rail. Funding for the new site is provided through grants from the EPA.

The site is located at:
www.tercenter.com

Data Shows Truck Safety Progress

The latest truck safety data are in, and they show continued improvement. The number of large trucks involved in fatal crashes dropped 31% between 2007 and 2009, from 4,633 to 3,215, said the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in a new report.

The data comes from the "2009 Large Truck and Bus Crash Facts", published by the agency last month.

The number of large trucks in fatal crashes per 100 million vehicle miles dropped

26%, while the corresponding rate for automobiles fell 17%.

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FMCSA Spanish Home Page:

<http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/spanish>

Mexico-Based Motor Carrier Home Page:

http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/spanish/mc_spanish.html

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