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Ms. Anne S. Ferro, Administrator
 Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
 United States Department of Transportation
 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
 Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Ms. Ferro:

Subject: Changes to Non-Radioactive Hazardous Materials Routing Designations for Wayne County, Michigan

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has completed a review of the existing Non-Radioactive Hazardous Materials (NRHM) routes in Wayne County, Michigan, pursuant to a formal request to modify the current restrictions received in November 2008. MDOT, as the designated routing agency for Michigan pursuant to 49 CFR Part 397, has determined that the restrictions currently in place shall be changed as detailed in the following table.

| Name of Existing Route | Current Restrictions | Restrictions Effective April 2, 2014 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ambassador Bridge [Detroit] from Porter Street to Canada [Windsor] | Classes 1, 3, 7 and 8. | Restrict Classes 1, 3, 6.2*, 7* and 8. |
| Windsor Tunnel [Detroit] from Jefferson Avenue to Canada [Windsor] | Classes 1, 3, 7 and 8. | Restrict all* classes. Prohibit all placarded vehicles. |
| M-10 [Lodge Freeway] from Howard Street to Woodward Avenue [under Cobo Hall (approximately 1 mile)] | Classes 1 and 3. | Restrict all* classes. Prohibit all placarded vehicles. |
| M-10 [Lodge Freeway] from 8 Mile Road (South) to Wyoming Road | Classes 1 and 3. | Restrict Classes 1, 2, 3, 5, 6* and 8. |

*Class 6.2 (Infectious Substance) or Class 7 (Radioactive Materials) may have other regulations that apply.

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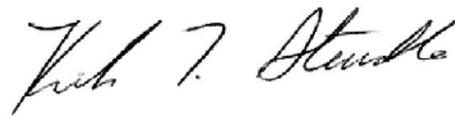
The enclosed Frequently Asked Questions document provides additional information and detail regarding the process by which MDOT evaluated the risk of NRHM transport on the four routes in Wayne County. These four routes existed at the time of the federal regulatory changes enacted by the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act of 1994, as amended in 2002. MDOT commissioned a study focused on the four routes, reviewed the findings highlighted in the study, conferred with industry experts and other stakeholders regarding the findings, developed a synopsis report with proposed recommendations, sought public input and comments on proposed changes, considered public comments, and determined the new restrictions enhance overall public safety and are in the best interest of the State of Michigan, more specifically Wayne County.

MDOT is hereby transmitting the routing designations effective April 2, 2014, to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) for publication in the National Hazardous Materials Route Registry. As of April 2, 2014, all NRHM cargo carriers conducting business in Wayne County will be required to operate in accordance with the updated routing designations. The restrictions also apply to all NRHM truck shipments traversing these routes. MDOT provided at least 60 days notice, in writing, of the final decision/proposed restrictions to the officials responsible for highway routing in Wayne County, Michigan. A copy of the notification is enclosed.

We appreciate your assistance in listing the NRHM route designations in the FMCSA National Hazardous Material Route Registry and subsequently publishing them in the Federal Register.

If you have any questions, please contact either me or Eileen M. Phifer, Administrator, Safety and Security Administration, by telephone (517-373-1898) or e-mail (phifere@michigan.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk T. Steudle". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Kirk T. Steudle
Director

Enclosures