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Reminder: Sign Up Today for I-81 Fuels Tax Compliance Seminars

Don't forget to sign up to attend one of the upcoming fuels tax seminars. There is no charge to attend, but you must register. Please sign up today while space is still available.

Among the topics covered will be:

- What areas will be subject to the new taxes?
- How to Register with DMV
- Required Forms
- Who can I contact for questions specific to my company?
- Allowances
- Fuel in Inventory
- What are the new truck registration fees?
- When will increased statewide diesel taxes become effective?

The seminars are as follows:

Monday, June 10th, 2:00 pm
SW VA Higher Education Center
1 Partnership Circle
Abingdon, VA 24210

Tuesday, June 11th, 8:30 am
Blue Ridge Hotel & Conference Center
2801 Hershberger Rd.
Roanoke, VA 24017

Tuesday, June 11th, 2:30 pm
Hotel Madison, Shenandoah Valley Conf. Center
710 S. Main St.
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Wednesday, June 12th, 8:30 am
Hilton Garden Inn Winchester
120 Wingate Drive
Winchester, VA 22601

There is no charge to attend these seminars, but attendance is limited to the first 100 registrations per location. To guarantee your attendance, email elizabeth@vpcma.com with names of those attending and location.

Save The Date

VPCMA 71st Annual Meeting
September 21-24, 2019
[Nemacolin Woodlands Resort](#)
Farmington, PA

Registration will open in July.

Use of Legalized Marijuana or CBD Oil Strictly Prohibited Under U.S. DOT Drug Testing Regulations

From PMAA

The U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) recently clarified the agency's drug and alcohol policy concerning the legalized use under state laws of CBD oil and marijuana by CDL drivers. The policy is important to petroleum marketers because it addresses how the legalized use of CBD oil and marijuana for medical and recreation purposes under state law is treated under U.S. DOT drug testing requirements for CDL drivers (49 CFR Part 40).

Both CBD oil and marijuana contain THC, a banned Schedule 1 substance under U.S DOT regulations. CBD oil derived from hemp contains 0.3% concentration of THC. THC concentrations in marijuana may range from anywhere between 5% and 30%. The U.S. DOT drug testing regulations do not authorize the use of Schedule I drugs for any reason.

Therefore, a medical review officer (MRO) conducting driver drug tests will not issue a negative test result simply because the THC detected in a driver's urine specimen was from the legalized recreational use of CBD oil or marijuana. In addition, an MRO will not issue a negative drug test based upon information that a physician recommended that the employee use medical marijuana where states have passed medical marijuana initiatives. Instead, THC from these (or any other) source will result in a positive test for the driver.

What Do U.S. DOT Regulations Require?

- Use of THC is forbidden for a regulated driver, no matter the source. As a result, medical and recreational marijuana and CBD oils, even if legal under state law, are banned under federal law.
- Since THC is banned under DOT drug testing regulations, a medical review officer (MRO) must not take the medicinal use of a CBD oil into consideration when determining a drug test result.
- A positive drug test result requires the motor carrier to remove the driver from safety-sensitive functions until specific steps in the DOT return-to-duty process are successfully completed. After a positive test, the driver must:
 1. Be evaluated by a substance abuse professional,
 2. Complete prescribed drug rehabilitation treatment, and
 3. Have negative results for follow-up testing.

Communicate Cautions to CDL Drivers

A driver's career may be in jeopardy if a drug screen comes back positive. To avoid any misunderstandings surrounding the use of CBD oils and legalized medical or recreation use of marijuana, employers should communicate the following to CDL drivers:

- Trace amounts of THC from CBD oils or marijuana may show up in a DOT urine specimen for many days after use,
- MROs will not accept CBD oil or marijuana as a valid medical explanation for a positive DOT drug test, and
- Enforcement authorities may consider CBD oil in a commercial vehicle as possession. Officers are unable to determine the concentration of THC in the oil, and there has been no official guidance for them to follow.

Nationwide DOT Roadside Inspection

Blitz Scheduled for June 4-6

From PMAA

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) Roadcheck 2019 nationwide roadside inspection blitz will take place June 4-6. Over the 72-hour period, commercial motor vehicle inspectors in jurisdictions throughout the country will conduct roadside inspections on commercial motor vehicles and drivers. Although roadside inspections will be thorough and cover many driver and vehicle compliance requirements, special emphasis this year will be on steering and suspension systems.

[Click here](#) to read the full PMAA Regulatory Report.