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SEASONAL LOAD LIMIT NOTIFICATION

Date: April 21, 2010

Subject: ENDING DATE of SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS for the NORTH-CENTRAL FROST ZONE, STARTING DATES FOR FULL-SUMMER OVERWEIGHT PERMITS

POSTING UPDATE

The ENDING DATE of Spring Load Restrictions for the NORTH-CENTRAL FROST ZONE, will be on Monday, April 26, 2010 at 12:01 am.

Spring Load Restrictions have already ended in the SOUTH, SOUTHEAST, METRO, and CENTRAL FROST ZONES.

Spring Load Restrictions will remain in place for the NORTH FROST ZONE.

Full-Summer Overweight Permits will be available in the SOUTH, SOUTHEAST, and METRO FROST ZONES beginning April 26, 2010. Full-Summer Overweight Permits will be available in the CENTRAL FROST ZONE beginning May 3, 2010.

Spring Load Restrictions dates and the six frost zones in Minnesota are listed on the Mn/DOT Office of Materials' web site at www.dot.state.mn.us/materials. Click on "Seasonal Load Limits," then click on "Spring Load Restrictions (SLR)." This website will contain the most up-to-date information on Spring Load Restrictions.

MIDDLE-RANGE and FULL-SUMMER OVERWEIGHT PERMITS

No overweight permits are issued during the Spring Load Restriction period. Middle-range overweight permits are available within each frost zone starting when Spring Load Restrictions are lifted. Full-summer overweight permits are available within each frost zone starting two to three weeks after Spring Load Restrictions are lifted. The use of middle-range and full-summer overweight permits end when the Winter Load Increases are removed the following year.

For questions about legal weight/size trucking call:

Minnesota Department of Public Safety
State Patrol - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
(651) 405-6171 (select Option 3, Option 3)

For questions about over legal weight/size "heavy haul" trucking call:
Minnesota Department of Transportation
Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations - Oversize/Weight Permits
(651) 296-6000

The ending dates for Spring Load Restrictions are based on how weather is affecting roadway strength. These dates are established by monitoring roadway strength as weather conditions change. Therefore, the ending dates for Spring Load Restrictions are variable.

All changes are made with a minimum three-day notice.

For the most current information, please go to Mn/DOT's automated message center for their 24-hour taped message at 1-800-723-6543 for the USA and Canada, and locally at 651-366-5400 for the Minneapolis/St Paul area. This information is also published on the Mn/DOT Seasonal Load Limits website: www.dot.state.mn.us/materials.