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Mr. OBERSTAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Hazardous Material Transportation Safety Act of 2009”.

6       (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Amendments to title 49, United States Code.
- Sec. 3. General definitions.

TITLE I—STRENGTHENING EMERGENCY RESPONSE  
CAPABILITIES AND INFORMATION

- Sec. 101. Minimum standards for emergency response information services.
- Sec. 102. Training for emergency responders.
- Sec. 103. Assessment of volunteer firefighter training capabilities.
- Sec. 104. National hazardous materials fusion center.
- Sec. 105. Paperless hazard communications pilot program.

TITLE II—STRENGTHENING HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SAFETY

- Sec. 201. Transportation of lithium cells and batteries on board aircraft.
- Sec. 202. Requirements relating to external product piping on cargo tanks transporting flammable liquid.
- Sec. 203. Improving data collection, analysis, and reporting.

TITLE III—STRENGTHENING ENFORCEMENT

- Sec. 301. Hazardous material enforcement training program.
- Sec. 302. Inspections and investigations.
- Sec. 303. Civil penalties.
- Sec. 304. Additional resources.

TITLE IV—MISCELLANEOUS

- Sec. 401. Special permits, approvals, and exclusions.
- Sec. 402. Uniform hazardous material State registration and permit program.
- Sec. 403. Regular reporting on use of fees.
- Sec. 404. Implementation of the hazardous material safety permit program.
- Sec. 405. Authorization of appropriations.

**1 SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 49, UNITED STATES CODE.**

2       Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in  
3 this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms  
4 of an amendment to, or a repeal of, a section or other  
5 provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to  
6 a section or other provision of title 49, United States  
7 Code.

**8 SEC. 3. GENERAL DEFINITIONS.**

9       In this Act, the following definitions apply:

1 (1) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”  
2 means the Department of Transportation.

3 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
4 the Secretary of Transportation.

5 **TITLE I—STRENGTHENING**  
6 **EMERGENCY RESPONSE CA-**  
7 **PABILITIES AND INFORMA-**  
8 **TION**

9 **SEC. 101. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR EMERGENCY RE-**  
10 **SPONSE INFORMATION SERVICES.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 24 months after  
12 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall pre-  
13 scribe, by regulation, minimum standards for persons who  
14 provide hazardous material transportation emergency re-  
15 sponse information services required or governed by regu-  
16 lations prescribed under chapter 51 of title 49, United  
17 States Code.

18 (b) AUTHORITY.—Section 5103(b)(1)(A) is amend-  
19 ed—

20 (1) in clause (vi) by striking “or” after the  
21 semicolon;

22 (2) by redesignating clause (vii) as clause (viii);

23 (3) in clause (viii), as so redesignated, by strik-  
24 ing “through (vi)” and inserting “through (vii)”;  
25 and

1 (4) by inserting after clause (vi) the following:

2 “(vii) provides hazardous material  
3 transportation emergency response infor-  
4 mation services required or governed by  
5 regulations prescribed under this chapter;  
6 or”.

7 **SEC. 102. TRAINING FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS.**

8 (a) OPERATIONS LEVEL TRAINING.—Section 5116 is  
9 amended—

10 (1) in subsection (b)(1) by adding at the end  
11 the following: “To the extent that a grant is used to  
12 train emergency responders, the State or Indian  
13 tribe shall certify, in writing, to the Secretary that  
14 the emergency responders who receive training under  
15 the grant, at a minimum, will have the ability to  
16 protect nearby persons, property, and the environ-  
17 ment from the effects of accidents or incidents in-  
18 volving the transportation of hazardous material in  
19 accordance with existing regulations or National  
20 Fire Protection Association Standard 472.”;

21 (2) in subsection (i)(4) by striking “2 percent”  
22 and inserting “4 percent”;

23 (3) in subsection (j)—

24 (A) by redesignating paragraph (5) as  
25 paragraph (7); and

1 (B) by inserting after paragraph (4) the  
2 following:

3 “(5) The Secretary may make a grant to an or-  
4 ganization under this subsection only if the organi-  
5 zation ensures that emergency responders who re-  
6 ceive training under the grant, at a minimum, will  
7 have the ability to protect nearby persons, property,  
8 and the environment from the effects of accidents or  
9 incidents involving the transportation of hazardous  
10 material in accordance with existing regulations or  
11 National Fire Protection Association Standard 472.

12 “(6) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (3),  
13 to the extent determined appropriate by the Sec-  
14 retary, a grant made by the Secretary to an organi-  
15 zation under this subsection to conduct hazardous  
16 material response training programs may be used to  
17 train individuals with statutory responsibility to re-  
18 spond to accidents and incidents involving hazardous  
19 material.”; and

20 (4) in subsection (k)—

21 (A) by striking “The Secretary shall sub-  
22 mit annually” and inserting “Not later than  
23 March 1, 2010, and every 2 years thereafter,  
24 the Secretary shall submit”; and

1 (B) by striking the second sentence and in-  
2 serting the following: “The report shall identify  
3 the ultimate recipients of such grants and in-  
4 clude—

5 “(1) a detailed accounting and description of  
6 each grant expenditure by each grant recipient, in-  
7 cluding the amount of and purpose for each expendi-  
8 ture;

9 “(2) the number of persons trained under the  
10 grant program by training level;

11 “(3) an evaluation of the efficacy of such train-  
12 ing; and

13 “(4) any recommendations the Secretary may  
14 have for improving such grant programs.”.

15 (b) TRAINING CURRICULUM.—Section 5115 is  
16 amended in each of subsections (b)(1)(B), (b)(2), and (c)  
17 by striking “basic”.

18 **SEC. 103. ASSESSMENT OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER**

19 **TRAINING CAPABILITIES.**

20 (a) ASSESSMENT.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may conduct  
22 an assessment of the existing training capabilities of,  
23 and delivery methods available for the preparedness  
24 and training of, volunteer fire services personnel to

1 safely respond to accidents and incidents involving  
2 the transportation of hazardous material.

3 (2) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the as-  
4 sessment, the Secretary may collaborate with the na-  
5 tional hazardous materials fusion center established  
6 under section 5128 of title 49, United States Code,  
7 (as added by section 104 of this Act) and organiza-  
8 tions representing volunteer fire services personnel.

9 (b) PILOT PROGRAM.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Upon completion of the as-  
11 sessment, the Secretary may carry out a volunteer  
12 firefighter hazardous material training pilot program  
13 based on the results of the assessment.

14 (2) ACTIVITIES.—Under the pilot program, the  
15 Secretary, in order to assist volunteer fire services  
16 personnel in safely responding to accidents and inci-  
17 dents involving the transportation of hazardous ma-  
18 terial, may—

19 (A) develop innovative measures for deliv-  
20 ering training;

21 (B) determine authorized training pro-  
22 grams that are eligible for reimbursement from  
23 the Secretary;

24 (C) provide assistance to volunteer fire  
25 services personnel to enable the acquisition of

1 training materials and supplies and to support  
2 preparedness training and exercises; and

3 (D) coordinate with Federal, State, and  
4 local agencies to foster the exchange of fire-re-  
5 lated training information and resources.

6 (c) REPORT.—Upon completion of the assessment  
7 and, if applicable, the pilot program, the Secretary shall  
8 transmit to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-  
9 structure of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
10 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the  
11 Senate a report on the results of the assessment and pilot  
12 program, including any recommendations for strength-  
13 ening training for volunteer firefighters to safely respond  
14 to accidents and incidents involving the transportation of  
15 hazardous material.

16 **SEC. 104. NATIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FUSION CEN-**  
17 **TER.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 51 is amended by redes-  
19 ignating section 5128 as section 5129 and by inserting  
20 after section 5127 the following:

21 **“§ 5128. National hazardous materials fusion center**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish  
23 and maintain a national hazardous materials fusion center  
24 to serve as a data and information network for emergency  
25 response providers, Federal, State, and local government

1 agencies, and for-profit and nonprofit organizations that  
2 are engaged in hazardous material response.

3 “(b) DUTIES.—The center shall—

4 “(1) enhance emergency response provider com-  
5 munication and safety with respect to accidents and  
6 incidents involving the transportation of hazardous  
7 material;

8 “(2) improve decisionmaking for the prevention  
9 and mitigation of such accidents and incidents;

10 “(3) establish and operate regional incident sur-  
11 vey teams to—

12 “(A) determine lessons learned from emer-  
13 gency response providers involved in such acci-  
14 dents or incidents;

15 “(B) develop best practices for responding  
16 to such accidents or incidents; and

17 “(C) improve curricula and training mate-  
18 rials for emergency response providers in re-  
19 sponding to such accidents and incidents; and

20 “(4) collect and analyze data from the re-  
21 sponses to accidents and incidents involving the  
22 transportation of hazardous material in order to un-  
23 derstand accident and incident trends and patterns  
24 and develop recommendations for performance meas-  
25 ures for the safe response to hazardous material ac-

1       cidents and incidents, including the safety of emer-  
2       gency response providers and the public.

3       “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following  
4 definitions apply:

5           “(1) EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROVIDER.—The  
6 term ‘emergency response provider’ includes Federal,  
7 State, and local governmental and nongovernmental  
8 emergency public safety, fire, law enforcement,  
9 emergency response, emergency medical (including  
10 hospital emergency facilities), and related personnel,  
11 agencies, and authorities.

12           “(2) REGIONAL INCIDENT SURVEY TEAM.—The  
13 term ‘regional incident survey team’ means a team  
14 that is established by the national hazardous mate-  
15 rials fusion center and that is composed of persons  
16 who are skilled by reason of education, training, or  
17 experience in responding to hazardous material acci-  
18 dents and incidents.

19       “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
20 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
21 \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2011, 2012, 2013, and  
22 2014.”.

23       (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such  
24 chapter is amended by striking the item relating to section

1 5128 and inserting after the item relating to section 5127  
2 the following:

“5128. National hazardous materials fusion center.  
“5129. Authorization of appropriations.”.

3 **SEC. 105. PAPERLESS HAZARD COMMUNICATIONS PILOT**  
4 **PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may conduct 3  
6 pilot projects, at least 1 of which shall be in a rural area,  
7 to evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of using  
8 paperless hazard communications systems.

9 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting the pilot  
10 projects, the Secretary—

11 (1) may not waive the requirements of section  
12 5110 of title 49, United States Code; and

13 (2) shall consult with organizations rep-  
14 resenting—

15 (A) fire services personnel;

16 (B) law enforcement and other appropriate  
17 enforcement personnel;

18 (C) other emergency response providers;

19 (D) persons who offer hazardous material  
20 for transportation;

21 (E) persons who transport hazardous ma-  
22 terial by air, highway, rail, and water; and

1 (F) employees of persons who transport or  
2 offer for transportation hazardous material by  
3 air, highway, rail, and water.

4 (c) REPORTS.—

5 (1) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than 3 years  
6 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
7 retary shall—

8 (A) prepare an interim report on the re-  
9 sults of the pilot projects carried out under this  
10 section, including—

11 (i) a detailed description of the pilot  
12 projects;

13 (ii) an evaluation of each pilot project,  
14 including an evaluation of the performance  
15 of each paperless hazard communications  
16 system in such project;

17 (iii) an assessment of the safety and  
18 security impact of using paperless hazard  
19 communications systems, including any im-  
20 pact on the public, emergency response,  
21 law enforcement, and the conduct of in-  
22 spections and investigations; and

23 (iv) a recommendation on whether  
24 paperless hazard communications systems  
25 should be incorporated into the Federal

1 hazardous material transportation safety  
2 program under chapter 51 of title 49,  
3 United States Code, on a permanent basis;  
4 and

5 (B) transmit such interim report to the or-  
6 ganizations consulted under subsection (b)(2)  
7 and request that such organizations provide  
8 written comments in response to the interim re-  
9 port within 60 days.

10 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 120 days  
11 after transmitting the interim report to the organi-  
12 zations consulted under subsection (b)(2), the Sec-  
13 retary shall transmit to the Committee on Transpor-  
14 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Represent-  
15 atives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
16 and Transportation of the Senate a final report on  
17 the results of the pilot projects carried out under  
18 this section, including the matter described in para-  
19 graph (1)(A) and any written comments received  
20 pursuant to paragraph (1)(B).

21 (d) PAPERLESS HAZARD COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM  
22 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “paperless hazard  
23 communications system” means the use of advanced com-  
24 munications methods, such as wireless communications  
25 devices, to convey hazard information between all parties

1 in the transportation chain, including emergency respond-  
2 ers and law enforcement personnel.

3           **TITLE II—STRENGTHENING**  
4           **HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SAFETY**

5           **SEC. 201. TRANSPORTATION OF LITHIUM CELLS AND BAT-**  
6                                   **TERIES ON BOARD AIRCRAFT.**

7           (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 51 is amended by insert-  
8 ing after section 5110 the following:

9           **“§ 5111. Transportation of lithium cells and batteries**  
10                                   **on board aircraft**

11           “(a) REVISIONS TO CURRENT REGULATIONS.—Not  
12 later than 24 months after the date of enactment of the  
13 Hazardous Material Transportation Safety Act of 2009,  
14 the Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Mate-  
15 rials Safety Administration, in coordination with the Ad-  
16 ministrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, shall  
17 issue regulations in accordance with this section to provide  
18 for the safe transportation of lithium cells and batteries  
19 on board aircraft.

20           “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out subsection  
21 (a), the Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Ma-  
22 terials Safety Administration, at a minimum, shall—

23                           “(1) require packages containing lithium cells  
24                           and batteries to be identified as hazardous material  
25                           in a manner that clearly conveys the properties, haz-

1 ards, and dangers of such cells and batteries on such  
2 packages and in shipping documents;

3 “(2) establish requirements for testing and re-  
4 testing lithium cells and batteries that, at a min-  
5 imum, are equivalent to the United Nations testing  
6 regime;

7 “(3) provide for an appropriate marking or  
8 other measure that indicates that lithium cells and  
9 batteries are in compliance with the requirements es-  
10 tablished under paragraph (2);

11 “(4) adopt a watt-hours requirement in lieu of  
12 equivalent lithium content to provide a more easily  
13 understood measure of the hazard posed by lithium-  
14 ion cells and batteries;

15 “(5) establish appropriate packaging perform-  
16 ance requirements, including outer packaging per-  
17 formance requirements, for lithium cells and bat-  
18 teries to minimize risk during transportation on  
19 board aircraft, including the prevention of short-  
20 circuiting, overheating, initiation of fires, and fire  
21 propagation;

22 “(6) establish limits on the number of packages  
23 containing lithium cells and batteries that may be  
24 transported in a unit load device, pallet, or container  
25 on board an aircraft based on the watt-hour rating

1 of the total number of lithium cells and batteries in  
2 a package;

3 “(7) limit the stowage of lithium cells and bat-  
4 teries to crew accessible locations on aircraft, unless  
5 such cells and batteries are transported in a fire-re-  
6 sistant container or the aircraft contains a fire sup-  
7 pression system capable of extinguishing or control-  
8 ling a fire involving a lithium cell or battery; and

9 “(8) require reporting of all accidents and inci-  
10 dents involving lithium cells and batteries that occur  
11 on board an aircraft or during loading or unloading  
12 operations or storage incidental to movement and re-  
13 quire retention of the failed cells and batteries for  
14 evaluation purposes.

15 “(c) BATTERIES SHIPPED FOR PERSONAL USE.—  
16 The Administrator, in coordination with the Administrator  
17 of the Federal Aviation Administration, shall except from  
18 the regulations established under subsection (a) small  
19 quantities of lithium cells or batteries that are shipped on  
20 board aircraft for the personal use of the receiver of the  
21 shipment.

22 “(d) REVIEW OF EXEMPTIONS.—The Administrator  
23 of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Adminis-  
24 tration, in coordination with the Administrator of the Fed-  
25 eral Aviation Administration, shall review all special per-

1 mits and approvals issued by the Administrator that allow  
2 holders of and parties to such special permits and approv-  
3 als to deviate from requirements for the transportation of  
4 lithium cells or batteries on board aircraft to determine  
5 if such special permits and approvals should be terminated  
6 or modified to reflect regulations established pursuant to  
7 this section.

8 “(e) TRANSPORTATION OF DEFECTIVE OR DAMAGED  
9 BATTERIES.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the  
11 Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Adminis-  
12 tration, in coordination with the Administrator of  
13 the Federal Aviation Administration, shall prohibit  
14 the transportation on board aircraft of lithium cells  
15 and batteries identified by the manufacturer or a  
16 Federal Government entity as being defective for  
17 safety reasons or damaged and that have the poten-  
18 tial of producing heat or fire or short-circuiting on  
19 board aircraft. The Administrator of the Pipeline  
20 and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration  
21 shall establish appropriate safety measures for  
22 transporting (other than on board aircraft) such de-  
23 fective or damaged lithium cells and batteries.

24 “(2) RECALLS.—When such lithium cells or  
25 batteries are recalled for safety reasons, the Admin-

1       istrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials  
2       Safety Administration, in consultation with the Con-  
3       sumer Product Safety Commission, shall establish a  
4       mechanism for appropriate notification to the manu-  
5       facturer and consumers that these items are prohib-  
6       ited from being transported on board aircraft.

7       “(f) SIMPLIFICATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF RE-  
8       QUIREMENTS.—

9               “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the  
10       Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Adminis-  
11       tration, in coordination with the Administrator of  
12       the Federal Aviation Administration, shall consoli-  
13       date and simplify for clarity, ease of understanding,  
14       and use the regulations of the Department of Trans-  
15       portation governing requirements for the transpor-  
16       tation of lithium cells and batteries on board air-  
17       craft.

18               “(2) EDUCATION.—The Administrator of the  
19       Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Adminis-  
20       tration, in coordination with the Administrator of  
21       the Federal Aviation Administration, shall review  
22       and modify, as necessary, the existing program to  
23       educate and provide guidance to the air traveling  
24       public, including flight crews, about how to safely  
25       carry authorized lithium cells or batteries or elec-

1       tronic devices containing such cells or batteries on  
2       board an aircraft and shall establish a process to pe-  
3       riodically measure the effectiveness of efforts to edu-  
4       cate the air traveling public, including flight crews.

5       “(g) NONPREEMPTION OF CERTAIN REGULA-  
6 TIONS.—

7               “(1) PRIMARY LITHIUM BATTERIES.—The Sec-  
8       retary shall continue in effect the prohibition on the  
9       transportation of primary lithium batteries and cells  
10      on board passenger-carrying aircraft, unless the Sec-  
11     retary issues, through publication in the Federal  
12     Register, a determination that such prohibition must  
13     be modified or withdrawn.

14              “(2) PASSENGER EXCEPTION.—Notwith-  
15     standing paragraph (1), the exceptions provided for  
16     passengers, crew members, and air operators in sec-  
17     tion 175.10 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations,  
18     shall remain in effect unless the Secretary issues,  
19     through publication in the Federal Register, a deter-  
20     mination that the regulation in such section must be  
21     modified or withdrawn for safety reasons.

22       “(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23              “(1) BATTERY.—The term ‘battery’ means 1 or  
24     more cells that are electrically connected by perma-

1       nent means and includes the case, terminals, and  
2       markings.

3               “(2) CELL.—The term ‘cell’ means a single en-  
4       cased electrochemical unit (1 positive and 1 negative  
5       electrode) that exhibits a voltage differential across  
6       its 2 terminals.

7               “(3) LITHIUM CELL OR BATTERY.—The term  
8       ‘lithium cell or battery’ means a primary lithium cell  
9       or battery or a lithium-ion cell or battery.

10              “(4) LITHIUM-ION CELL OR BATTERY.—The  
11       term ‘lithium-ion cell or battery’ means a recharge-  
12       able electrochemical cell or battery in which the posi-  
13       tive and negative electrodes are both intercalation  
14       compounds constructed with no metallic lithium in  
15       either electrode. A lithium polymer cell or battery  
16       that uses lithium-ion chemistries shall be considered  
17       to be a lithium-ion cell or battery.

18              “(5) PRIMARY LITHIUM CELL OR BATTERY.—  
19       The term ‘primary lithium cell or battery’ means a  
20       lithium metal cell or battery that is not designed to  
21       be electrically charged or recharged.”.

22       (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
23       ter 51 is amended by inserting after the item relating to  
24       section 5110 the following:

“Sec. 5111. Transportation of lithium cells and batteries on board aircraft.”.

1 **SEC. 202. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO EXTERNAL PROD-**  
2 **UCT PIPING ON CARGO TANKS TRANS-**  
3 **PORTING FLAMMABLE LIQUID.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 51 is amended by insert-  
5 ing after section 5117 the following:

6 **“§5118. Requirements relating to external product**  
7 **pip ing on cargo tanks transporting flam-**  
8 **mable liquid**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

10 “(1) PROHIBITION FOR NEW CARGO TANK  
11 MOTOR VEHICLES.—Subject to subsection (b), the  
12 Secretary shall prohibit the transportation of a Class  
13 3 flammable liquid in the external product piping of  
14 a cargo tank motor vehicle manufactured on or after  
15 the 2-year period beginning on the date of enact-  
16 ment of the Hazardous Material Transportation  
17 Safety Act of 2009.

18 “(2) PROHIBITION FOR EXISTING CARGO TANK  
19 MOTOR VEHICLES.—Subject to subsection (b), no  
20 person may offer for transportation or transport a  
21 Class 3 flammable liquid in the external product pip-  
22 ing of a cargo tank motor vehicle on or after Decem-  
23 ber 31, 2020.

24 “(b) LIMITATION ON APPLICABILITY.—Subsection  
25 (a) does not apply—

1           “(1) to a cargo tank motor vehicle designed and  
2           constructed with engine, body, and cargo tank per-  
3           manently mounted on the same chassis with product  
4           piping protected from impact by another motor vehi-  
5           cle by the structural components of the cargo tank  
6           motor vehicle, such as damage protection guards,  
7           framing members, or wheel assemblies; or

8           “(2) to a minimal amount, as determined by  
9           the Secretary by regulation, of hazardous material  
10          residue that remains in the external product piping  
11          after the piping is drained.

12          “(c) ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.—

13                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall issue  
14                 guidance to motor carrier safety enforcement per-  
15                 sonnel on how to conduct inspections of cargo tank  
16                 motor vehicles in a manner that ensures safety. The  
17                 guidance shall prohibit such enforcement personnel  
18                 from opening valves of external product piping dur-  
19                 ing inspections or conducting any other activity that  
20                 could cause the release of hazardous material at the  
21                 inspection site.

22                 “(2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the guid-  
23                 ance under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall con-  
24                 sult with a nonprofit organization comprised of Fed-

1 eral, State, and local motor carrier safety enforce-  
2 ment personnel.

3 “(d) WORKER SAFETY.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary and the Sec-  
5 retary of Labor shall each review and update, as ap-  
6 propriate, existing standards of the Secretary to en-  
7 sure that personnel who conduct any activities pur-  
8 suant to this section, including welding, are ade-  
9 quately protected.

10 “(2) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the review  
11 and update under paragraph (1), the Secretary and  
12 the Secretary of Labor shall each consult, as appro-  
13 priate, with a nonprofit organization representing  
14 employees of cargo tank motor vehicle operators and  
15 a nonprofit organization representing cargo tank  
16 motor vehicle owners and operators.

17 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 “(1) CARGO TANK MOTOR VEHICLE.—The term  
19 ‘cargo tank motor vehicle’ has the meaning given  
20 such term in part 171 of title 49, Code of Federal  
21 Regulations, as in effect on the date of enactment of  
22 the Hazardous Material Transportation Safety Act  
23 of 2009.

24 “(2) CLASS 3 FLAMMABLE LIQUID.—The term  
25 ‘Class 3 flammable liquid’ has the meaning given

1 such term in section 173.120(a) of title 49, Code of  
2 Federal Regulations, as in effect on the date of en-  
3 actment of the Hazardous Material Transportation  
4 Safety Act of 2009.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
6 ter 51 is amended by inserting after the item relating to  
7 section 5117 the following:

“5118. Requirements relating to external product piping on cargo tanks trans-  
porting flammable liquid.”.

8 **SEC. 203. IMPROVING DATA COLLECTION, ANALYSIS, AND**  
9 **REPORTING.**

10 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP.—Not  
11 later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
12 the Secretary shall establish a working group for the pur-  
13 pose of improving the collection, analysis, reporting, and  
14 use of data related to accidents and incidents involving  
15 the transportation of hazardous material.

16 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The working group shall consist  
17 of the following:

18 (1) At least 1 representative of each of the fol-  
19 lowing agencies, to be appointed by the head of the  
20 agency:

21 (A) The Federal Aviation Administration.

22 (B) The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Ad-  
23 ministration.

24 (C) The Federal Railroad Administration.

1 (D) The Coast Guard.

2 (E) The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials  
3 Safety Administration.

4 (2) Such other officers or employees of the De-  
5 partment as the Secretary may appoint.

6 (c) DUTIES.—The working group shall—

7 (1) review the Pipeline and Hazardous Mate-  
8 rials Safety Administration’s methods for collecting,  
9 analyzing, and reporting accidents and incidents in-  
10 volving the transportation of hazardous material, in-  
11 cluding the adequacy of—

12 (A) information requested on the accident  
13 and incident reporting forms required to be  
14 submitted to the Administration;

15 (B) methods used by the Administration to  
16 verify that the information provided on such  
17 forms is accurate and complete;

18 (C) resources of the Administration related  
19 to data collection, analysis, and reporting, in-  
20 cluding staff and information technology; and

21 (D) the database used by the Administra-  
22 tion for recording and reporting such accidents  
23 and incidents, including the ability of users to  
24 adequately search the database and find infor-  
25 mation;

1           (2) make recommendations to the Administra-  
2           tion for improving the collection, analysis, reporting,  
3           and use of such data; and

4           (3) such other duties as the Secretary deter-  
5           mines are appropriate.

6           (d) DEVELOPMENT OF ACTION PLAN.—Not later  
7           than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, tak-  
8           ing into consideration the recommendations made by the  
9           working group, the Secretary shall develop an action plan  
10          and timeline for improving the collection, analysis, report-  
11          ing, and use of data by the Administration, including re-  
12          vising the database of the Administration, as appropriate.

13          (e) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 15  
14          days after the date of development of the action plan and  
15          timeline under subsection (d), the Secretary shall submit  
16          the action plan and timeline to the Committee on Trans-  
17          portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-  
18          tives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
19          Transportation of the Senate.

20           **TITLE III—STRENGTHENING**  
21           **ENFORCEMENT**

22           **SEC. 301. HAZARDOUS MATERIAL ENFORCEMENT TRAIN-**  
23           **ING PROGRAM.**

24           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a  
25          hazardous material enforcement training program—

1           (1) to develop uniform performance standards  
2           for training hazardous material inspectors and inves-  
3           tigators;

4           (2) to train hazardous material inspectors and  
5           investigators on how to collect, analyze, and publish  
6           findings from inspections and investigations of acci-  
7           dents or incidents involving the transportation of  
8           hazardous material; and

9           (3) to train hazardous material inspectors and  
10          investigators on how to identify noncompliance with  
11          regulations issued under chapter 51 of title 49,  
12          United States Code, and take appropriate enforce-  
13          ment action.

14          (b) STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES.—Under the pro-  
15          gram, the Secretary may develop—

16               (1) guidelines for hazardous material inspector  
17               and investigator qualifications;

18               (2) best practices and standards for hazardous  
19               material inspector and investigator training pro-  
20               grams; and

21               (3) standard protocols to coordinate investiga-  
22               tion efforts among Federal, State, and local jurisdic-  
23               tions on accidents or incidents involving the trans-  
24               portation of hazardous material.

1 (c) AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary may make the  
2 standards, protocols, and findings of the program de-  
3 scribed in this section available to Federal, State, and  
4 local hazardous material safety enforcement personnel.

5 **SEC. 302. INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS.**

6 (a) NOTICE OF ENFORCEMENT MEASURES.—Section  
7 5121(c)(1) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (E) by striking “and” at  
9 the end;

10 (2) in subparagraph (F) by striking the period  
11 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(G) shall provide to the affected offeror,  
14 carrier, packaging manufacturer or tester, or  
15 other person responsible for the package rea-  
16 sonable notice of any findings made and actions  
17 being taken as a result of a finding of non-  
18 compliance.”.

19 (b) REGULATIONS.—Section 5121(e) is amended by  
20 adding at the end the following:

21 “(3) MATTERS TO BE ADDRESSED.—In issuing  
22 the regulations to carry out subsections (c) and (d),  
23 the Secretary shall address, at a minimum, the fol-  
24 lowing:

1           “(A) Safe and expeditious resumption of  
2           transportation of perishable hazardous material,  
3           including radiopharmaceuticals and other med-  
4           ical products, that may require timely delivery  
5           due to life-threatening situations.

6           “(B) Appropriate training and equipment  
7           for inspectors.

8           “(C) The proper closure of packaging in  
9           accordance with the hazardous material regula-  
10          tions.”.

11          (c) GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Sec-  
12          tion 5121(g)(1) is amended by striking “security” and in-  
13          serting “safety and security”.

14          (d) AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS.—  
15          Section 5121 is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
16          lowing:

17          “(i) ACCIDENT OR INCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS.—

18                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A designated officer, em-  
19                 ployee, or agent of the Secretary may investigate an  
20                 accident or incident involving the transportation of  
21                 hazardous material.

22                 “(2) AUTHORITIES IN CONDUCTING INVESTIGA-  
23                 TIONS.—In conducting an investigation of an acci-  
24                 dent or incident involving the transportation of haz-

1       ardous material, a designated officer, employee, or  
2       agent of the Secretary may—

3               “(A) enter property;

4               “(B) subpoena witnesses;

5               “(C) require the production of records, ex-  
6       hibits, and other evidence;

7               “(D) administer oaths; and

8               “(E) take testimony.

9               “(3) COORDINATION WITH STATE INVESTIGA-  
10       TIONS.—If an accident or incident involving the  
11       transportation of hazardous material is investigated  
12       by the State in which such accident or incident oc-  
13       curred, the Secretary, to the extent practicable, shall  
14       coordinate any investigation conducted by the Sec-  
15       retary with respect to such accident or incident with  
16       the State’s investigation.

17               “(4) AUTHORITY OF NATIONAL TRANSPOR-  
18       TATION SAFETY BOARD.—Pursuant to chapter 11,  
19       the National Transportation Safety Board retains  
20       authority to lead the investigation into an accident  
21       or incident involving the transportation of hazardous  
22       material. The Secretary shall use the Secretary’s au-  
23       thority under this paragraph to support any inves-  
24       tigation the Board undertakes.

1           “(5) REPORTS.—When the Secretary deter-  
2 mines it to be in the public interest, the Secretary  
3 shall make available to the public the results of an  
4 investigation conducted by the Secretary with re-  
5 spect to an accident or incident involving the trans-  
6 portation of hazardous material, including a state-  
7 ment of the cause of the accident or incident and  
8 such recommendations as the Secretary considers  
9 appropriate.”.

10 **SEC. 303. CIVIL PENALTIES.**

11           Section 5123 is amended by adding at the end the  
12 following:

13           “(h) PENALTY FOR OBSTRUCTION OF INSPECTIONS  
14 AND INVESTIGATIONS.—The Secretary may impose a pen-  
15 alty on a person who obstructs or prevents the Secretary  
16 from carrying out inspections or investigations under sec-  
17 tion 5121(c) or 5121(i).

18           “(i) PROHIBITION ON HAZARDOUS MATERIAL OPER-  
19 ATIONS AFTER NONPAYMENT OF PENALTIES.—

20           “(1) IN GENERAL.—A person subject to the ju-  
21 risdiction of the Secretary under this chapter for  
22 whom a civil penalty is assessed under this chapter  
23 and who does not pay such penalty or fails to ar-  
24 range and abide by an acceptable payment plan for  
25 such civil penalty may not conduct any activity regu-

1       lated under this chapter beginning on the 91st day  
2       after the date specified by order of the Secretary for  
3       payment of such penalty.

4               “(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not  
5       apply to any person who is unable to pay a civil pen-  
6       alty because such person is a debtor in a case under  
7       chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code.

8               “(3) RULEMAKING REQUIRED.—Not later than  
9       24 months after the date of the enactment of this  
10       subsection, the Secretary, after providing notice and  
11       an opportunity for public comment, shall issue regu-  
12       lations setting forth procedures to require a person  
13       who is delinquent in paying civil penalties to cease  
14       any activity regulated under this chapter until pay-  
15       ment has been made or an acceptable payment plan  
16       has been arranged. The regulation shall ensure that  
17       the person is notified in writing and given an oppor-  
18       tunity to respond before the person is required to  
19       cease the activity.”.

20   **SEC. 304. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES.**

21       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall increase the  
22       personnel of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety  
23       Administration by a total of 84 full-time employees to  
24       carry out the hazardous material safety program and the  
25       administration of that program, of which—

1           (1) 24 employees shall be added in fiscal year  
2           2010;

3           (2) 40 employees shall be added in fiscal year  
4           2011; and

5           (3) 20 employees shall be added in fiscal year  
6           2012.

7           (b) FUNCTIONS.—In increasing the number of em-  
8           ployees pursuant to subsection (a), the Secretary shall  
9           focus on hiring employees to—

10           (1) conduct data collection, analysis, and re-  
11           porting;

12           (2) develop, implement, and update information  
13           technology utilized by the Pipeline and Hazardous  
14           Materials Safety Administration;

15           (3) implement the requirements of section 5117  
16           of title 49, United States Code;

17           (4) conduct routine inspections and audits of  
18           persons who transport, cause to be transported, or  
19           offer for transportation hazardous material;

20           (5) support hazardous material enforcement ac-  
21           tivities of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials  
22           Safety Administration, including training of haz-  
23           ardous material enforcement personnel; and



1           “(B) consistent with the public interest  
2           and this chapter, if a required safety level does  
3           not exist.

4           “(2) FINDINGS REQUIRED.—

5           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Prior to issuing, re-  
6           newing, or modifying a special permit or grant-  
7           ing party status to a special permit, the Sec-  
8           retary shall determine that the person is fit,  
9           willing, and able to conduct the activity author-  
10          ized by such permit in a manner that achieves  
11          the level of safety required under paragraph  
12          (1).

13          “(B) CONSIDERATIONS.—In making the  
14          determination under subparagraph (A), the  
15          Secretary shall consider the person’s safety his-  
16          tory (including prior compliance history), acci-  
17          dent and incident history, and any other infor-  
18          mation the Secretary considers appropriate to  
19          make such a determination.

20          “(3) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—A special permit  
21          issued under this section shall be effective for an ini-  
22          tial period of not more than 2 years and may be re-  
23          newed by the Secretary upon application for succes-  
24          sive periods of not more than 4 years each or, in the

1 case of a special permit relating to section 5112, for  
2 an additional period of not more than 2 years.

3 “(b) APPLICATIONS.—

4 “(1) REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION.—When ap-  
5 plying for a special permit or renewal or modifica-  
6 tion of a special permit or requesting party status  
7 to a special permit under this section, the Secretary  
8 shall require the person to submit an application  
9 that contains, at a minimum, a detailed description  
10 of the person’s request, a listing of the person’s fa-  
11 cilities and addresses where the special permit will  
12 be utilized, a safety analysis prescribed by the Sec-  
13 retary that justifies the special permit, documenta-  
14 tion to support the safety analysis, and, if applica-  
15 ble, verification of registration as required by section  
16 5108.

17 “(2) PUBLIC NOTICE.—The Secretary shall  
18 publish in the Federal Register notice that an appli-  
19 cation for a special permit has been filed and shall  
20 provide the public an opportunity to inspect and  
21 comment on the application.

22 “(3) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—This subsection does  
23 not require the release of information protected by  
24 law from public disclosure.

1           “(c) COORDINATION WITH MODAL CONTACT OFFI-  
2           CIALS.—

3                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—In evaluating applications  
4           under subsection (b) and making the findings and  
5           determinations under subsections (a), (e), and (h),  
6           the Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous  
7           Materials Safety Administration shall consult and  
8           coordinate with the modal contact official responsible  
9           for the mode of transportation that will be utilized  
10          under a special permit or approval prior to issuing,  
11          modifying, or renewing the special permit, granting  
12          party status to the special permit, or issuing or re-  
13          newing the approval.

14                   “(2) DISPUTE RESOLUTION.—The Secretary  
15          shall develop a procedure for resolving a dispute be-  
16          tween the Administrator and a modal contact official  
17          to ensure that any concern raised by such official is  
18          appropriately addressed and resolved.

19                   “(3) MODAL CONTACT OFFICIAL DEFINED.—In  
20          this section, the term ‘modal contact official’  
21          means—

22                           “(A) the Administrator of the Federal  
23                           Aviation Administration;

24                           “(B) the Administrator of the Federal  
25                           Motor Carrier Safety Administration;

1                   “(C) the Administrator of the Federal  
2                   Railroad Administration; or

3                   “(D) the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

4                   “(d) APPLICATIONS TO BE DEALT WITH PROMPT-  
5                   LY.—The Secretary shall issue, modify, renew, or grant  
6                   party status to a special permit for which a request was  
7                   filed in accordance with this section, or deny such  
8                   issuance, modification, renewal, or grant, on or before the  
9                   last day of the 180-day period beginning on the first day  
10                  of the month following the date of the filing of such re-  
11                  quest, or the Secretary shall publish a statement in the  
12                  Federal Register of the reason why the Secretary’s deci-  
13                  sion on the special permit is delayed, along with an esti-  
14                  mate of the additional time necessary before the decision  
15                  is made.

16                  “(e) EMERGENCY PROCESSING OF SPECIAL PER-  
17                  MITS.—

18                  “(1) FINDINGS REQUIRED.—The Secretary may  
19                  grant a request for emergency processing of a spe-  
20                  cial permit only if the Secretary finds—

21                         “(A) it is necessary for immediate national  
22                         security purposes;

23                         “(B) that processing on a routine basis  
24                         under this section would result in significant in-  
25                         jury to persons or property; or

1           “(C) it is necessary to prevent significant  
2           economic loss that could not be prevented if the  
3           application were processed on a routine basis.

4           “(2) WAIVER OF FITNESS TEST.—The Sec-  
5           retary may waive the requirement under subsection  
6           (a)(2) for a request for which the Secretary makes  
7           a finding under paragraph (1)(A) or (1)(B).

8           “(3) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 90 days  
9           after the date of issuance of a special permit under  
10          this subsection, the Secretary shall publish in the  
11          Federal Register a notice of issuance with a state-  
12          ment of the basis for the finding of emergency and  
13          the scope and duration of the special permit.

14          “(4) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—A special permit  
15          issued under this subsection shall be effective for a  
16          period of not to exceed 30 days.

17          “(f) EXCLUSIONS.—

18                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ex-  
19                 clude, in any part, from this chapter and regulations  
20                 prescribed under this chapter—

21                         “(A) a public vessel (as defined in section  
22                         2101 of title 46);

23                         “(B) a vessel exempted under section 3702  
24                         of title 46 or from chapter 37 of title 46; and

1           “(C) a vessel to the extent it is regulated  
2           under the Ports and Waterways Safety Act of  
3           1972 (33 U.S.C. 1221 et seq.).

4           “(2) FIREARMS.—This chapter and regulations  
5           prescribed under this chapter do not prohibit—

6           “(A) or regulate transportation of a fire-  
7           arm (as defined in section 232 of title 18), or  
8           ammunition for a firearm, by an individual for  
9           personal use; or

10           “(B) transportation of a firearm or ammu-  
11           nition in commerce.

12           “(g) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—Unless the Sec-  
13           retary decides that an emergency exists, a special permit  
14           or renewal granted under this section is the only way a  
15           person subject to this chapter may be granted a variance  
16           from this chapter.

17           “(h) APPROVALS.—

18           “(1) FINDINGS REQUIRED.—

19           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Prior to issuing an  
20           approval or granting renewal of an approval  
21           pursuant to part 107 of title 49, Code of Fed-  
22           eral Regulations, the Secretary shall determine  
23           that the person is fit, willing, and able to con-  
24           duct the activity authorized by the approval in

1 a manner that achieves the level of safety re-  
2 quired under subsection (a)(1).

3 “(B) CONSIDERATIONS.—In making the  
4 determination under subparagraph (A), the  
5 Secretary shall consider the person’s safety his-  
6 tory (including prior compliance history), acci-  
7 dent and incident history, and any other infor-  
8 mation the Secretary considers appropriate to  
9 make such a determination.

10 “(2) PUBLIC NOTICE.—The Secretary shall  
11 publish in the Federal Register notice that an appli-  
12 cation for an approval or renewal of an approval has  
13 been filed and shall give the public an opportunity  
14 to inspect and comment on the application prior to  
15 issuance.

16 “(3) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—This subsection does  
17 not require the release of information protected by  
18 law from public disclosure.

19 “(i) NONCOMPLIANCE.—The Secretary shall imme-  
20 diately modify, suspend, or terminate a special permit or  
21 approval if the Secretary finds that the person who was  
22 granted such special permit or approval has violated such  
23 special permit or approval or the regulations issued under  
24 this chapter in a manner demonstrating that the person

1 is not fit to conduct the activity authorized by the special  
2 permit or approval.

3 “(j) PROCEDURES.—Not later than 120 days after  
4 the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary  
5 shall—

6 “(1) develop and implement written standard  
7 operating procedures to support administration of  
8 the special permit and approval programs;

9 “(2) update such procedures periodically; and

10 “(3) make such procedures available to the pub-  
11 lic on the Department of Transportation’s Internet  
12 Web site.

13 “(k) FEES.—

14 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary shall es-  
15 tablish a reasonable fee for processing applications  
16 for, and ensuring compliance with the terms of, spe-  
17 cial permits and approvals.

18 “(2) LIMITATION ON COLLECTION.—No fee  
19 may be collected under this subsection unless the ex-  
20 penditure of the fee to pay the costs of activities and  
21 services for which the fee is imposed is provided for  
22 in advance in an appropriations Act.

23 “(3) FEES CREDITED AS OFFSETTING COLLEC-  
24 TIONS.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sec-  
2           tion 3302 of title 31, any fee authorized to be  
3           collected under this subsection shall—

4                   “(i) be credited as offsetting collec-  
5                   tions to the account that finances the ac-  
6                   tivities and services for which the fee is im-  
7                   posed;

8                   “(ii) be available for expenditure only  
9                   to pay the costs of activities and services  
10                  for which the fee is imposed; and

11                  “(iii) remain available until expended.

12           “(4) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 12 months  
13           after the date of enactment of this subsection, the  
14           Secretary, after providing notice and an opportunity  
15           for public comment, shall issue regulations to imple-  
16           ment this subsection.”.

17           (b) RULEMAKING REQUIRED.—Not later than 6  
18           months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
19           retary shall complete all actions necessary to adopt a regu-  
20           lation to define the term “public interest” for the purposes  
21           of section 5117(a)(1)(B) of title 49, United States Code.

22           (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
23           ter 51 is amended by striking the item relating to section  
24           5117 and inserting the following:

“5117. Special permits, approvals, and exclusions.”.

1 **SEC. 402. UNIFORM HAZARDOUS MATERIAL STATE REG-**  
2 **ISTRATION AND PERMIT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) UNIFORM FORMS AND PROCEDURES.—Section  
4 5119 is amended to read as follows:

5 **“§ 5119. Uniform hazardous material State registra-**  
6 **tion and permit program**

7 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND CONDUCT.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-  
9 lish and carry out a program to develop uniform  
10 forms and procedures for States to register, and  
11 issue permits to, persons who transport, or cause to  
12 be transported, hazardous material by motor vehicle  
13 in accordance with this chapter and the regulations  
14 issued to carry out this chapter.

15 “(2) CONSIDERATION OF EXISTING STATE ALLI-  
16 ANCE PROGRAM.—In establishing the program under  
17 this subsection, the Secretary shall consider the pro-  
18 gram of uniform forms and procedures for reg-  
19 istering and issuing permits to persons who trans-  
20 port, or cause to be transported, hazardous material  
21 by motor vehicle developed by the alliance of States  
22 known as the ‘Alliance for Uniform Hazmat Trans-  
23 portation Procedures’.

24 “(b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 6 years after  
25 the date of enactment of the Hazardous Material Trans-

1 portation Safety Act of 2009, the Secretary shall issue  
2 regulations to carry out this section.

3 “(c) FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND  
4 SUPPORT.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide  
6 planning and transition assistance to States in order  
7 to encourage State adoption of the program estab-  
8 lished by the Secretary under this section.

9 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Assistance awarded to a  
10 State under this subsection may be used only to as-  
11 sist the State in transitioning the existing registra-  
12 tion and permitting programs of the State to the  
13 program established under this section.

14 “(d) RELATED EXPENSES.—For purposes of section  
15 5125(f)(1), expenses related to transporting hazardous  
16 material may include costs incurred in implementing and  
17 administering the program established by the Secretary  
18 under this section, including costs of establishing or modi-  
19 fying forms, procedures, and systems.

20 “(e) TRANSITION OF STATE PROGRAMS.—Beginning  
21 on the effective date of the regulations issued to carry out  
22 this section, a State may enforce registration and permit-  
23 ting requirements for motor carriers that transport haz-  
24 ardous material in commerce only in accordance with the  
25 program established by the Secretary under this section.

1       “(f) **LIMITATION.**—Nothing in this section or the reg-  
2 ulations issued by the Secretary to carry out this section  
3 shall limit the amount of a fee a State may impose or  
4 collect for registering and issuing permits to persons who  
5 transport, or cause to be transported, hazardous material  
6 by motor vehicle.

7       “(g) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Of the  
8 amounts made available by section 31104(i) of title 49,  
9 United States Code, a total of \$1,000,000 shall be avail-  
10 able to carry out subsection (b).”.

11       (b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The analysis for chap-  
12 ter 51 is amended by striking the item relating to section  
13 5119 and inserting the following:

“5119. Uniform hazardous material State registration and permit program.”.

14 **SEC. 403. REGULAR REPORTING ON USE OF FEES.**

15       Section 5125(f)(2) is amended by striking “, upon  
16 the Secretary’s request,” and inserting “biennially”.

17 **SEC. 404. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HAZARDOUS MATE-**  
18 **RIAL SAFETY PERMIT PROGRAM.**

19       (a) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date  
20 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall  
21 conduct a study, and transmit to the Committee on Trans-  
22 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-  
23 tives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
24 Transportation of the Senate a report, on the implementa-

1 tion of the hazardous material safety permit program  
2 under section 5109 of title 49, United States Code.

3 (b) MATTERS TO BE REVIEWED.—In conducting the  
4 study, the Comptroller General shall review, at a min-  
5 imum—

6 (1) the list of hazardous materials requiring a  
7 safety permit;

8 (2) the number of permits that have been  
9 issued, denied, revoked, or suspended since inception  
10 of the program and the number of commercial motor  
11 carriers that have never had a permit denied, re-  
12 voked, or suspended since inception of the program;

13 (3) the reasons for such denials, revocations, or  
14 suspensions;

15 (4) the criteria used by the Federal Motor Car-  
16 rier Safety Administration to determine whether a  
17 hazardous material safety permit issued by a State  
18 is equivalent to the Federal permit; and

19 (5) the Secretary's actions to improve the per-  
20 mit application process.

21 (c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The Comptroller General  
22 shall include in the report any recommendations the  
23 Comptroller General has for improving the hazardous ma-  
24 terial safety permit program.

1 (d) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section 5109(b)(1) is  
2 amended by striking “a class A or B explosive” and insert-  
3 ing “a Division 1.1, 1.2, or 1.3 explosive”.

4 **SEC. 405. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 Section 5129 (as redesignated by section 104 of this  
6 Act) is amended to read as follows:

7 **“§ 5129. Authorization of appropriations**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to carry out this chap-  
9 ter (except sections 5107(e), 5108(g)(2), 5113, 5115,  
10 5116, and 5119), the following amounts are authorized  
11 to be appropriated to the Secretary:

12 “(1) For fiscal year 2010, \$39,800,000.

13 “(2) For fiscal year 2011, \$51,296,000.

14 “(3) For fiscal year 2012, \$58,641,920.

15 “(4) For fiscal year 2013, \$61,414,758.

16 “(5) For fiscal year 2014, \$62,643,054.

17 “(b) HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PRE-  
18 PAREDNESS FUND.—There shall be available to the Sec-  
19 retary, from the account established pursuant to section  
20 5116(i), for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014 the  
21 following:

22 “(1) To carry out section 5115, \$198,000.

23 “(2) To carry out sections 5116(a) and  
24 5116(b), \$21,800,000, except that no less than

1       \$13,650,000 shall be available to carry out section  
2       5116(b).

3           “(3) To carry out section 5116(f), \$150,000.

4           “(4) To publish and distribute the Emergency  
5       Response Guidebook under section 5116(i)(3),  
6       \$625,000.

7           “(5) To carry out section 5116(j), \$1,000,000.

8       “(c) HAZMAT TRAINING GRANTS.—There shall be  
9       available to the Secretary, from the account established  
10      pursuant to section 5116(i), to carry out section 5107(e)  
11      \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

12      “(d) CREDITS TO APPROPRIATIONS.—The Secretary  
13      may credit to any appropriation to carry out this chapter  
14      an amount received from a State, Indian tribe, or other  
15      public authority or private entity for expenses the Sec-  
16      retary incurs in providing training to the State, authority,  
17      or entity.

18      “(e) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts made  
19      available by or under this section shall remain available  
20      until expended.”.

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