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TO: All Enforcement Agencies

SUBJECT: The Hazardous Materials Endorsement

On March 2, 2010, changes were made to the NYSPIN DMV Driver Response to provide the hazmat endorsement status and expiration information for any driver who has a hazmat endorsement. When the hazmat endorsement is present but there is no hazmat status/expiration date, the driver is not qualified to transport hazmat. If the status and endorsement fields are present, the status could contain one of the following values:

- Qualified (indicates the driver is qualified to transport hazmat, dependent upon the expiration date of the hazmat endorsement)
- Disqualified (indicates the driver is not qualified to transport hazmat)
- Expired (indicates the driver is not qualified to transport hazmat)

The driver's license record will always reflect the actual status of the hazmat endorsement. Therefore, to determine whether a driver has a valid hazmat endorsement, the driver's license record should always be checked. This is important because there are situations where the commercial driver license (CDL) document will not reflect the actual status of the hazmat endorsement. For example, the CDL document may indicate the hazmat endorsement has expired when, in fact, it is valid because an extension was issued. Similarly, the CDL document may indicate the hazmat endorsement is valid when, in fact, it is not due to a disqualification.

If you have any questions, please call the NYS DMV Hazardous Materials Unit at (518) 408-2997 between 8:00AM and 4:15PM Monday through Friday.

Please share this information with appropriate staff, including all road patrol enforcement. Thank you.

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