

Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

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FMCSA Proposed Regulations Regarding Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

As DATIA reported, the FMCSA announced a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to establish the Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse), a database under the Agency's administration that will contain controlled substances (drug) and alcohol test result information for the holders of commercial driver's licenses (CDLs). At that time, the notice had not yet been officially published, and a due date for comments was unavailable. The notice was published in the Federal Register yesterday, and the official due date for comments is April 21, 2014.

[View the full Federal Register.](#)

Source: <http://datia.org>

CVSA 2013 Stats

During CVSA's two annual commercial vehicle enforcement events held in 2013—including the unannounced Brake Check day in May and the seven-day Brake Safety Week recently completed in September—federal, state, provincial and local commercial vehicle safety inspectors found the lowest percentage of vehicles with brake violations sufficient to warrant out-of-service orders in over 15 years.

Source: Lisa Clayton, Director of Communications and Marketing CVSA



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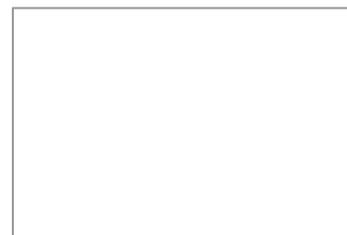
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An End of the Year Look Back at 2013

By Lenny Thompson and David Hurstell

Looking back over all the events from 2013, compliance reviews, focused reviews, emails, phone calls and conversations with FMCSA enforcement personnel, we have identified several matters that we consider vitally important:

- 1) Please do not ever purge any of your DOT/FMCSA files that we assist you in maintaining. In an abundance of caution please reach out to us via a phone call or email before ever purging any files.
- 2) The chief violation companies have incurred is in the category of hours of service. TCS USA will do all we can to train someone of your choice to properly read logs and offer online training.
- 3) Make an concerted effort to conduct the random drug and alcohol testing on your drivers quarterly, this will alleviate trying to complete last minute testing at the end of the year.
- 4) By email, keep us up to date on hired and terminated drivers, this will help us tremendously.
- 5) Do not ever hesitate to contact TCS USA when you are not sure about something. We may not have the answer right away but one of the benefits of being our client is the plethora of resources we can draw from.



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