



Trucking

BACKGROUND

The cement and concrete industry relies on heavy trucks to bring our product to market. The ready mixed concrete industry alone operates nearly 80,000 concrete mixer trucks. An array of heavy trucks – including mixer trucks, dump trucks, cement haulers and pumbers – are used to transport the raw ingredients to the plant, the mixed product to the job site, and to place the concrete.

MINIMUM TRUCK INSURANCE

Federal law requires motor carriers to carry a minimum of \$750,000 in liability coverage. Despite this minimum covering more than 99% of crashes, H.R. 2 increased the minimum liability coverage to \$2 million. While the average crash incurs only \$18,000 in damages, premiums for \$2 million in liability coverage could double premiums – having a negative impact on the small, family businesses that make up the vast majority of the concrete industry. As material suppliers these added costs will be passed along to the actual infrastructure projects themselves. NACA members oppose this arbitrary and unnecessary increase in minimum liability insurance.

HOURS OF SERVICE RULES

Hours of Service (HOS) are rules governing the working hours of drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMV). HOS are established by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and intended to safeguard the public from accidents caused by driver fatigue.

FMCSA's 2020 Hours of Service Rule

NACA members supported FMCSA's 2020 Hours of Service (HOS) rule, which became effective in September 2020. The rule included several provisions that provided added flexibility to the cement and concrete industry, including increasing the driving window for short-haul drivers operating within the 100 air-mile logging exemption from 12 hours to 14 hours; increasing the exemption radius from 100 air-miles to 150 air-miles; and mandating that the 30 hour break be taken after eight hours of driving rather than eight hours of on-duty time. NACA members opposed provisions in H.R. 2 that postponed this rule.

Construction Industry Hours of Service Exemption

While various NACA members have been granted or have applied for exemptions from HOS regulations, NACA members have joined a broad coalition of construction industry groups to advocate for an exemption from HOS rules for drivers of construction materials operating within a 150-air mile radius.

ASKS

- Oppose arbitrary increase in minimum truck insurance in surface reauthorization or infrastructure legislation
- Oppose efforts to roll back FMCSA's 2020 HOS rule
- Support an HOS exemption for construction industry

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