

Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials, Subcommittee on Highway Transport

State Report

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Permits Issued Prior Year: 69,606

Permits Issued Year To Date: 49,617

Number of Staff Issuing Permits: 7

Does your State offer
Online Requests: Yes No

If yes what percentage
Of permits does your
System issue without
Your review? 35%

New Legislation:

ACT 15 - Legislation updating ACT 377 with modifications to the original bill that regulates Implements of Husbandry and Agricultural Commercial Motor Vehicles.

Permitting System Updates: (Please include money or time saving changes)
Lane Closure System integration with our Bently permit systems.

Procedural Changes:

Innovative or Special Initiatives:

The Permits Section was transferred out of the Department of Motor Vehicles and moved into the engineering area known as the Division of Transportation System Development.

WisDOT established two high level freight advisory groups to provide interaction between the industry and the state.

New/Unique Communication Efforts: (Describe any outreach to your carrier population)

After the passage of ACT 377 Wisdot, the Farm Bureau and the University of Wisconsin Extension conducted over 200 outreach sessions in Town Hall meetings. The purpose of these meetings was to educate the public on the changes brought about by ACT 377.

Special Challenges Affecting Permit Operations:

Creating the new Implements of Husbandry / Ag CMV permit application and the permit itself.

Uniformity Pursuits:

Wind Tower harmonization with Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin regarding wind tower movement through these states.

Areas of Concern:

Unknown number of potential Implements of Husbandry permit applications just prior to harvest time.

Successes:

The speed of the implementation of the Implements of Husbandry permit process. Wind Tower route mitigation on primary corridors has nearly eliminated the need for state patrol escorts.

Other:

The WisDOT Secretary of Transportation has sent a letter to the Federal Highway Bureau in support of increasing the GVW to 91,000lbs for vehicle combinations that have 6 or more axles.