

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

## State Report

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Permits Issued Prior Year: 68,275

Permits Issued Year To Date: 4488 as of 1/25/16

Number of Staff Issuing Permits: 6

Does your State offer

Online Requests:

Yes

No

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

35%

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### New Legislation:

Assembly Bill 451 – as amended, permits the driver of a large vehicle or combination of vehicles to deviate from the lane in which they are driving to safely approach and drive through a roundabout. The bill additionally requires the driver of a small vehicle to yield the right-of-way to any large vehicle or combination of vehicles when they are approaching or driving through a roundabout at approximately the same time or close enough to potentially create a collision. If two large vehicles or combination of vehicles approach a roundabout at the same time, the vehicle on the right must yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the left. It is Act 139.

Act 137 - Trans rule 348.105 - effective 5/5/2016- a new single trip permit is being created for transporting radioactive materials in Wisconsin. The radiological permit will have a flat fee \$1,800.00 and includes State Patrol escort costs in the cost of the permit. If the radioactive material is over legal dimension additional fees for an OSOW permit will be charged to the carrier.

Mobile Home permit - a new single trip permit is now available for the movement of overweight factory-built homes that are not less than 16 feet in width, may be issued by WisDOT and local highway officials.

Milk hauling - The Federal Fast Act has deemed liquid milk as a non-divisible commodity and the result is that milk haulers can now haul milk over legal weight limits. WisDOT has issued 3 single trip and 5 multi-trip permits.

Permitting System Updates: (Please include money or time saving changes)  
Superload Restriction Manager Integration (SLRMI) will go to production spring of 2016. SLRMI is an automated XML feed of construction restrictions from the Wisconsin Lane Closure System to Superload Restriction Manager. We are anticipating a 70% reduction in the number of restrictions being entered manually. Currently all construction restrictions are manually entered daily by 1 FTE. The automated SLRMI can run hourly 24/7. This will improve the accuracy of permits issued through our permitting system.

#### Procedural Changes:

Permit validity - . Currently, in Wisconsin, single trip permits for oversize overweight loads are valid for 14 days and permits may be issued 7 days in advance. Effective 4/1/2016 our single trip permits can be ordered 5 days in advance of the effective date and will be valid for 5 days from the effective date of the permit. A reduction in the length of validity will increase the accuracy of construction and maintenance restriction data at the time a permit is issued.

#### Innovative or Special Initiatives:

New/Unique Communication Efforts: (Describe any outreach to your carrier population)  
WisDOT has scheduled 4 OSOW Subcommittee meetings for 2016. These meetings are comprised of WisDOT employees and carriers that are our permit "frequent flyers". These meetings are designed to create an open dialog between the OSOW freight industry and WisDOT to address the interests of our customers and receive feedback on what WisDOT can do to assist you and your business. These meetings are open to anyone that wants to attend.

#### Special Challenges Affecting Permit Operations:

##### Uniformity Pursuits:

Monthly wind tower monthly teleconference`s with our neighboring states, the carriers, and the suppliers ensure that all parties are informed of the shipping schedules, planned construction on the wind tower corridors to ensure safe movement of these loads.

##### Areas of Concern:

##### Successes:

WisDOT has spent 2.3 million dollars on route mitigation for freight and wind tower movements. The result of this action has removed State Patrol escorts for wind tower travel on designated wind tower corridors.

##### Other:

