



Meeting with DOT Transition Team

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The Truck Manufacturers Association represents worldwide manufacturers of commercial motor vehicles with greater than 10,000 lbs. GVWR. These manufacturers produce vehicles that are highly customized to perform a tremendous variety of functions essential to the U.S. economy. TMA has worked cooperatively with government and other stakeholders to help the nation achieve its goals of safe, clean and efficient on-highway goods movement. By 2010, commercial truck and engine manufacturers will have reduced diesel emissions over 98% in the last two decades, while continually improving fuel efficiency.

COLLABORATION

TMA represents a progressive industry that is committed to cooperate with DOT and its agencies. Over the years, it has been proven that regulatory oversight best achieves the nation's goals when stakeholders engage early to collaboratively develop innovative programs based on sound science and data.

FUEL EFFICIENCY

Per the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, DOT shall determine in a rulemaking proceeding how to implement a commercial vehicle fuel efficiency improvement program. This program must be based on thorough scientific studies by the National Academy of Sciences and DOT. With our partners at the Engine Manufacturers Association, TMA is proud to be an integral part of this effort to improve the fuel efficiency of on-highway goods movement. We believe that DOT must:

- Develop appropriate measurement metrics that avoid unintended consequences
- Establish practicable test procedures and methodologies to assess fuel efficiency
- Focus on the entire goods movement system to maximize improvements
- Coordinate constructively with EPA and DOE

SAFETY

TMA has a long history of sharing data and working proactively with DOT to achieve the optimal regulatory outcomes. For example, based in part on data provided by TMA, the upcoming stopping distance rule will maximize safety benefits while minimizing the potential for vehicle instability during braking.

TMA members have extensive expertise and a strong desire to work with DOT on emerging safety technologies, such as: (i) electronic stability control, (ii) collision warning, (iii) lane departure warning, (iv) tire pressure monitoring; and, (v) event data recording.