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Hearings Set on Hours of Service Rule

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) will hold three public listening sessions to take on revisions to its hours-of- service (HOS) rule governing property-carrying commercial motor vehicle drivers.

The agency's HOS rule is contentious, and has been the focal point of litigation between the government and public safety advocates for years. Under a settlement agreement, safety advocates' petition for judicial review of the current regulation will not be acted upon pending publication by FMCSA of a proposed new HOS rule.

The agreement calls for submission of a draft proposed rule to the Office of Management and Budget within nine months of the Oct. 26, 2009 settlement agreement and publication of a final rule within 21 months. The listening sessions are designed to inform the agency as it prepares a new proposal.

The sessions will be held Jan. 19 at the Doubletree Hotel Crystal City National Airport, Arlington, VA; Jan. 22, Hyatt Regency DFW, DFW Airport (Dallas), TX; and Jan 25, Doubletree Hotel, El Segundo (Los Angeles), CA.

In the notice, which appears in today's *Federal Register*, FMCSA suggested several questions that commenters could address at the sessions. Although not all- inclusive, those questions included whether or not mandatory short rest periods during the work day would improve driver alertness, how long such rest periods should be, when during the work day would rest periods provide the greatest benefit, and how many hours a day and a week would be safe and healthy for a truck driver to work

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Ronald Gray- NSSGA 2009 State Executive of the Year

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Jan. 11— Ronald H. Gray, executive director of the Kentucky Crushed Stone Association, Frankfort, Ky., has been named NSSGA's 2009 State Aggregates Association Executive of the Year.

Each year, NSSGA recognizes one of its state counterparts for exemplary partnership service to the aggregates industry. The award recognizes the significant beneficial input of the state association's work and leadership as an ally at the national level.

"The Kentucky Crushed Stone Association is a strong partner of NSSGA. We are impressed by Ron's advocacy of transportation reauthorization through attending fly-ins and personally visiting members of Congress, as well as encouraging the participation of so many KCSA members," said NSSGA President and CEO Joy Wilson in making the announcement. "We value all he is doing in the state of Kentucky, as well as nationally, by contributing meaningful insights from Kentucky aggregates producers to the development of industry positions on federal policy. This recognition is NSSGA's way of displaying how highly we respect the work of our state counterparts, and of reaffirming that we can achieve much more for the aggregates industry and the American public by working together than by working alone."

Some examples of Gray's leadership include:

- KCSA's Board of Directors adopted NSSGA's Safety Pledge and obtained signatures from virtually all of the aggregates companies in Kentucky;
- KCSA supported NSSGA's efforts to secure significant changes to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's visible air emissions dust rule, New Source Performance Standards, by obtaining the state's Environmental Protection Division's support; and
- KCSA, working with the Kentucky legislature, was able to obtain \$150,000 in funding to equip two underground mine rescue teams at the Central Kentucky Mine Rescue Association.

Gray has led KCSA since January 2005. KCSA represents its members at the state and local levels, initiating actions in workforce recruitment, contributing to 25 scholarships in 2009, creating an accreditation program for technicians in sampling and testing, supporting teacher workshops and strengthening community relations through the donation of 25,000 tons of aggregates to Habitat for Humanity.

The award is being presented at NSSGA's 2010 Annual Convention Honor Awards Ceremony in Cincinnati, Ohio on Feb. 15.

Based near the nation's capital, NSSGA is the world's largest mining association by product volume. Its member companies represent more than 90 percent of the crushed stone and 70 percent of the sand and gravel produced annually in the U.S. and approximately 118,000 working men and women in the aggregates industry. During 2008, a total of about 2.34 billion metric tons of crushed stone, sand and gravel, valued at \$19.4 billion, were produced and sold in the United States. Please visit <http://www.nssga.org/>.

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Save the Date

Southeast Central Kentucky Mine Rescue Contest

Dates: May 18-20, 2010

Location: Maysville, Kentucky

Contact: greg.black@carmeusena.com or Sammy Linville at sammylinville@yahoo.com

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KENTUCKY CRUSHED STONE ASSOCIATION'S PARTNERSHIP

WITH KENTUCKY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IN FOURTH YEAR

Frankfort, KY (January 25, 2010) - The Kentucky Crushed Stone Association (KCSA) announced today that producers within their association will donate over eight-thousand (8,000) tons of aggregates to Kentucky Habitat for Humanity (KYHFH) to assist the organization in providing safe, decent and affordable homes to Kentucky citizens in need. This donation has a monetary value of approximately \$70,000.

In December 2009, the KCSA board voted unanimously to continue their partnership with Kentucky's division of Habitat for Humanity for 2010. This will be the fourth year for KCSA and Kentucky Habitat for Humanity partnership.

"Kentucky Habitat for Humanity is a great organization and I am very proud of the membership of the Kentucky Crushed Association for their continued support of this partnership," said Kentucky Crushed Stone Association Chairman Kevin Holloway of Quality Stone & Ready Mix, Inc.

Kentucky Habitat for Humanity, Inc. state support organization is a non-profit organization that has been assisting Habitat affiliates throughout the Commonwealth in providing safe, decent and affordable housing to low-income working Kentucky families since 1993. Kentucky Habitat affiliates across the state have built over 1,600 homes, provided housing for more than 6,000 working Kentucky families and individuals and invested over \$88 million in affordable housing throughout the Commonwealth.

"Helping a family own a home is a wonderful gift. We are glad to have a great partner like Kentucky Habitat for Humanity to make those gifts real to the people who need it most.," said Ron Gray, executive director of KCSA.

"Without partners such as KCSA, Habitat for Humanity affiliates in KY could not begin to accomplish our mission of providing decent and affordable homes for God's people in need. The KCSA is an invaluable partner and all of our staff, volunteers and partner families are so very appreciative and thankful for the KCSA's dedication and support of our mission. Because of you and your members, more low income Kentuckians are realizing their dream of homeownership and providing for their families a safe, decent and affordable home," said Mary Shearer, executive director of Habitat for Humanity

KCSA is based in Frankfort, Kentucky and is comprised of over 100 members throughout the state. One-third of the members are stone, sand or gravel producers. The other two-thirds are associate members who furnish and supply equipment such as trucks and loaders; services such as banking and insurance; and supplies such as fuel, tires and explosives that are used within the industry. The non-profit organization promotes quality within the aggregates industry throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky, while supporting its members with insurance programs, including health, life, disability, and workers' compensation.

For more information on the KCSA, visit www.kycsa.org,

For more information on Kentucky Habitat for Humanity, visit www.kyhfh.org.

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When fewer people have more responsibilities, education and training are more important than ever. There is only one place where you'll find courses covering virtually every aspect of the aggregates industry. And that place is the AGG1 Academy.

At the December 3rd Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted unanimously to support AGG1 and the AGG1 Academy. **Instead of holding our annual KCSA/MSHA Safety Seminars in 2010 we are encouraging all members to support AGG1 by sending your employees to a Safety class at the AGG1 Academy.** Spend the money you would normally spend on our Safety Seminars on AGG1 Academy classes. Make your operations safer by training your employees and supporting the industry at the same time.

In addition, several KCSA members are also members of the Kentucky Associated General Contractors Self Insurance Fund (KY AGC/SIF) and subject to two hours of safety training annually to remain a member of the fund. For those members, taking two Safety classes at AGG1 Academy will complete your safety requirement for 2010.

And of course, don't forget to register your attendees for the Trade Show. For just \$30 they can see over 400 manufacturers and service providers to the aggregates industry.

Educate your employees, Improve your business, and Support the aggregates industry by attending. You can register on KCSA's web page, www.kycsa.org.

Education Overview



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Tuesday, February 16 - Thursday, February 18

The AGG1 Academy offers a variety of valuable topics to aggregate producers, their suppliers and, often, their customers. Expert speakers and panelists present these courses and case studies on operations and management topics that are timely and relevant to the aggregates industry and, by extension, the paving and construction industries.

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Meeting Information

2010 KHI Winter Convention

El Conquistador, Puerto Rico
January 29- February 5, 2010

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