DYED FUEL

- Montana State law currently allows for the use of dyed fuel used in SM equipment, but does not address the federal highway tax.
- SM equipment operators are encouraged to contact both the State of Montana & the Federal IRS for regulations pertaining to use of dyed fuel in your equipment.

Report Fuel Tax Evasion:
1.888.383.5529 (1.888.FUEL LAW)

1st offense
up to $1,000.00

2nd offense
up to $5,000.00

This brochure is provided to help the owner or driver understand how safety laws & regulations may apply when operating SM stickered vehicles on State roadways.

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OWNERS & OPERATORS OF SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT

- Do you or your employees drive a vehicle with a SM sticker?
- Did you know Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations & Laws could apply to these vehicles?
- Over Sized & Over Weight Rules also apply to these vehicles!
SM vehicles considered as off-road construction equipment are NOT regulated by FMCSR safety regulations & may be operated with a regular Class D driver’s license.

Examples: motor scrapers, backhoes, motor graders, compactors, tractors, trenchers, bulldozers & railroad track maintenance cranes.

- Important information for you the driver or owner of these vehicle(s) to understand, the sticker or registration on a vehicle does not determine how a vehicle is regulated.

- Safety regulations & laws are in place to help protect the traveling public based on the size of the vehicle, design & if the vehicle is in commerce.

- Regardless of how a vehicle is registered, vehicles meeting the definition of a commercial motor vehicle as defined in Montana Code Annotated 61-1-101 & 61-10-154 must be operated in compliance of safety regulations & laws including displaying a DOT number, while operating on Montana’s roadways.

- This also means if these vehicles have a GVWR or GCWR over 26,001 pounds a CDL is required to operate the vehicle on Montana roadways per State law MCA 61-5-102.

- If oversize &/or overweight, permits are required for the operation of SM equipment when on public highways.

- SM registrations expire December 31. A grace period is allowed until February 15 only if displaying the previous years’ registration sticker.

Vehicles that might qualify for SM registration, however due to their design & use are required to follow FMCSR safety regulations.

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Log Loader

Mobile Crane