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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Companies Applying for Annual Emergency Tow Permits

FROM: Jesse Wallace *JW*  
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RE: Annual Emergency Tow Permit Requirements

An Annual Emergency Tow Permit is available for issuance, to provide continuous 24/7 movement for tow trucks, whose weight and/or dimensions do not exceed the following limits:

- Maximum Weight – 160,000 pounds
- Maximum Width – 12'
- Maximum Height – 14'6"
- Maximum Length – 135'

An Annual Emergency Tow Permit is valid for Class 7 and 8 tow trucks only. It is permitted only for the clearance of roadways, and/or to facilitate safety, up to 50 miles from point of origin, except, that a truck tractor-semitrailer or truck tractor-bobtail combination, may exceed 50 miles.

An Authorized Route Map will be used to determine if the tow truck plus it's load is acceptable to pass a structure on its preferred route, as indicated by the color-coded legend on the map. Any colored marking on the map indicates an impassable structure. The maps are available on our website under "ALPASS Resources". There are two maps that will be utilized, depending on what the tow truck is hauling (straight truck or 18-wheeler). The Authorized Route Map must be kept in the cab of the hauling truck at all times.

Annual Emergency Tow Permits are valid for one year.

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