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Improvise, Adapt, Overcome

By Danny Dructor

Just recently, I had the privilege to work alongside Hancock Natural Resource Management Group, Thomas Johnson Logging, and John Deere to organize and implement a tour that involved taking participants from the Federal Timber Purchasers Committee to an active logging site. The purpose was to showcase the latest technology that is being utilized in equipment operating in marginal ground, while first thinning a 12 year-old loblolly pine plantation.

The tour offered an opportunity to introduce US Forest Service employees from around the country to the in-the-cab technology that many operations are utilizing today to assist them with their efficiencies and productivity, recognizing that by planning timber harvests on US Forest Service land utilizing some of these same technologies as private industry, it could assist them in becoming more productive and efficient as well in both their sales preparation and sales administration.

Just prior to and during the tour, several issues occurred that had me fo-

cusing on what the challenges really are in the real world of forest management and timber harvesting, including an abundant amount of rainfall causing the contractor to move from the original tour site, a lack of cell phone service which made the "live" demonstration of the technology unusable, and finally ground conditions in a first thinning that were less than desirable due to the recent rainfall with more on its way.



What dawned on me by the time I was asked to summarize the tour two days later was the Marine Corps phrase, "Improvise, Adapt, Overcome." That is what professional timber harvesters must do on almost a daily basis, and land managers such as the US Forest Service should be ready and willing to do the same. When things don't go as planned we can either shut down, or we can choose to

Improvise. The best made plans for managing and harvesting a stand of timber can come to a screeching halt

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just as soon as an insect or disease infestation attacks the stand, weather events such as tornadoes, excessive rainfall, straight line winds or hurricanes impact the area, and even loss of markets that were within a reasonable hauling distance to the tract of timber suddenly disappear. Sometimes we are given a warning of impending issues, but more often than not, we are exposed to these threats oftentimes while operating in an area. The best way forward is to have a contingency plan for those times when you will need to rapidly adjust your original plan and be prepared to implement it. Most importantly, be flexible.

Adapt. While the best laid plans can take an unexpected turn, you should be willing to adapt to ensure your productivity and income does not. We should all be willing to take our contingency plan and adapt it to the ever changing environment around us. There are oftentimes no black and white solutions, but experience and knowledge and a good dose of common sense can lead to changes in an operation that result in the same- if not better- outputs.

Overcome. When we are challenged, we should face it head-on and work through it. Having a plan and a contingency plan are great, but the willingness to implement those plans completes that process of overcoming those obstacles that have tried to get in our way.

If the US Forest Service is going to be able to provide the management and harvesting levels that our National Forests desperately need to restore forest

health, then they should train their employees to be willing to improvise, adapt and overcome, just like the Marines. Handbooks and manuals are great guidance documents, but the on-the-ground managers of our nation's forests must have the option of being flexible and stepping out of their comfort zone in order to be able to provide more operating days in a calendar year with different harvesting systems that can be deployed **without fear of retribution for making a mistake.**

Our Nation's forests are renewable, and even if we have a small area where we made the wrong decision before correcting, those stands will still come back and be able to produce timber, provide wildlife habitat, and all of the other things that we manage our forests for including water quality and recreational opportunities. The American Loggers Council will continue to seek to improve the sustainable management and timber harvesting of all of our nations forests, regardless of ownership, and we will continue to share your knowledge with those who have not had the privilege of planning and operating a sustainable timber harvesting operation. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

The American Loggers Council is an 501(c)(6) not for profit trade association representing professional timber harvesters throughout the United States. For more information please contact the American Loggers Council at 409-625-0206, or americanlogger@aol.com, or visit our website at www.amloggers.com.



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Your Voice for South Carolina Timber Harvesting

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21st SCTPA ANNUAL MEETING

SCTPA is excited about our 21st Annual Meeting to be held February 7– 9, 2020 at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, 3200 South Ocean Boulevard, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Our theme will be very simple... *Challenging Roads to the Future!* Loggers and the timber harvesting industry will continue to face new and different challenges into the future.

Friday's schedule will be a board of directors meeting at 1 p.m. and members and guests are welcome to attend, afternoon registration and evening welcome reception with food and entertainment. Friday's Welcome Reception entertainment will feature the No Holds Barred Band-DJ-KJ Mix. *PLUS... there will be an Elvis Presley impersonator doing a show.*

Saturday general session speakers will be: Travis Wheeler, Attorney, Nexsen Pruet, LLC to discuss Anti-Trust Laws and Seriousness of the Laws. We all hear the term anti-trust...but do we really know what it means. David Cook, SCDOT State Maintenance Director will address the SCDOT Encroachment Standards requirements to cross state owned road right-of-way and address what is required by SCDOT for temporary logging road driveways. Pete Stewart, Forest2Market will address SC forestry and forest products market conditions now and into the future.

Saturday's luncheon will feature SC Secretary of Transportation Christy Hall talking about how SCDOT is improving SC's road safety, road conditions and bridges and what progress has been made and what infrastructure priorities are for the future. Rick Quagliaroli, Forestry Insurance Company of the Southeast will provide an update on the General Liability and Auto Liability Captive Insurance Company Forestry Insurance Company of the Southeast.

Saturday's association business session will feature the association's 2019 financials, Board of Directors elections, any bylaws changes, awards and presentations. We'll also have our prize drawings for the Honda Pioneer 700 Side By Side ATV, Honda Generator and free stay at DoubleTree by Hilton Resort Myrtle Beach Oceanfront. Saturday afternoon the TOP Up-

date session will be conducted to attain the SFI TOP Trained status for the July 1, 2019 / June 30, 2020 period. Saturday evening is free to enjoy Myrtle Beach.

We'll have the gospel group Port City Quartet for our Sunday Prayer Breakfast to bless us with their Southern Gospel music and faithful testimony.

Our Silent Auction will be available with a variety of nice items for bidding. Please donate an item. The prize drawings and silent auction help the association financially.

Exhibitors will be inside the conference center with their products and services. Outside exhibits of equipment, trucks, etc. will be in the parking lots.

And of course there will be plenty of door prizes. We'll draw a winner for a nice rifle or shotgun at Saturday's luncheon.

Discounted Carolina Opry tickets for the Saturday evening show February 8th are available for \$ 34 each and can be ordered with your meeting registration. Tickets will be available at the meeting registration table. *That's a \$ 15.40 per ticket savings versus regular price.*

Contact the Hilton World Wide Reservations directly to make your room reservations. **SCTPA's Group Code is... TMP.** Call Hilton World Wide Reservations at 1-855-778-1190. Be sure to specify *DoubleTree Resort By Hilton Hotel Myrtle Beach Oceanfront* when making reservations. Book online at <http://group.doubletree.com/timberproducers>. SCTPA room block cut off is January 20, 2020. After January 20, 2020, standard room rates apply.

Our meeting is a casual family atmosphere. We encourage everyone to bring your family and employees. Dress is business casual. We ask attire suited for a business meeting is worn.

Go ahead and plan to join us February 7 – 9 for our 21st Annual Membership Meeting. Brenda and I look forward to seeing you in Myrtle Beach.

Yours truly,

Crad

Crad Jaynes
President



2020 SCTPA Annual Meeting

SCTPA 2020 Annual Meeting will be February 7 – 9, 2020 at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, 3200 South Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Reservations are to be made directly with **Hilton World Wide Reservations** by calling **1-855-778-1190**. The SCTPA Annual Meeting Reference Group Code is...**TMP**.

Provide **Group Code TMP** when making room reservations. Be sure to specify *DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel Myrtle Beach Oceanfront* when making room reservations.

Reservations can be made online by using this booking link. Be sure to use the entire URL for it to work properly.

Booking link: <http://group.doubletree.com/timberproducers>

Hotel: DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel Myrtle Beach Oceanfront

Group Name: Timber Producers

SCTPA room block rates cut off is January 20, 2020. After January 20, 2020, regular room rates will apply. SCTPA has no flexibility with this cut off. Hilton reservation cancellation policy applies.

There is no reservation form for your use. Make room reservations direct with Hilton.

2020 SCTPA Annual Meeting

DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront Room Rates

SCTPA Room Block Code - TPM

Room Type	Single Rate	Double Rate
Deluxe Room - 2 Queen Beds	\$ 92	\$ 92
Deluxe Room - 1 Queen Bed	\$ 92	\$ 92
King Suites	\$ 162	\$ 162

Please Note: All rooms are subject to applicable state and local taxes and resort fee plus any other applicable fees charged by the DoubleTree Resort per guest room per night. Hilton policies and fees apply for room reservations as well as room cancellations. SCTPA has no control on these charged fees.



2020 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

TO: Members of the South Carolina Timber Producers Association, Inc.

WHEN: Noon, Saturday, February 8, 2020

WHERE: DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront
3200 South Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Be it known to all members, this is the official call to the Annual Membership Business Meeting of the South Carolina Timber Producers Association, Inc. to be conducted at the above specified time and location.

At the Association Business Session, members will:

- ✦ Be provided the Association Annual Financial Report.
- ✦ Be presented bylaws amendment recommendations for approval and adoption.
- ✦ Elect Board of Directors.

As a member, you should plan to attend the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting. This is a member privilege and wonderful opportunity to get involved in your Association.

You can participate in the decision making process through interaction with the Board of Directors and fellow members. Your vote is needed for the adoption of Bylaws recommendations, if Bylaws changes are needed, and Board of Directors elections.

Your active participation in your association is important plus the sharing of your ideas will help shape the association's future and the timber harvesting industry in South Carolina.

Take advantage of this opportunity to play an active role in SCTPA. Make plans to join your peers **February 7 – 9, 2020 at Myrtle Beach's DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront for your Annual Membership Meeting.**

Annual meeting registration and information packages will be mailed to all categories of active members. Sponsor and Exhibitor packages will be mailed separately to prospective annual meeting sponsors and exhibitors.

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21st SCTPA Annual Membership Meeting

MEETING AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 1:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting... Members & Guests Welcome
3:00 p.m. Registration Desk... Open Until 8:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception... Food, Music & Dancing with a DJ!

Conference Center
Osprey Room Live Oaks Bldg.
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3rd Floor

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 6:30 a.m. Member & Guests Breakfast
6:45 a.m. Registration Desk Opens
8:00 a.m. General Session
Welcome, Invocation, Antitrust Statement & Announcements
8:15 a.m. Speaker: Travis Wheeler, Attorney, Nexsen Pruet, LLC, Columbia
Anti-Trust - Do You Understand the Law & Seriousness of the Law
8:30 a.m. Ladies Breakfast
9:20 a.m. Speaker: David Cook, SC Dept. of Transportation, Columbia
SCDOT Encroachment Requirements & Logging Road Entrances
10:20 a.m. Speaker: Pete Stewart, Forest2Market, Charlotte
Market Conditions Now and Into the Future
11:15 a.m. Morning Break to visit exhibits & auction
11:50 a.m. Luncheon Break
12:00 p.m. Membership Luncheon & Business Meeting
12:45 p.m. Chairman's Welcome, Board of Directors Introductions & Announcements
Speakers: Christy Hall, SC Secretary of Transportation, SCDOT
Rick Quagliaroli, Forestry Insurance Company of the Southeast
Business Session: President's Report, Financial Report, Bylaws Report, Board Elections,
Awards & Special Presentations, Door Prizes & Prize Drawings
2:50 p.m. Afternoon Break
3:00 p.m. Workshop: SFI Trained TOP DVD Module for SFI Training For
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5:00 p.m. Adjourn
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Special Guest: *Port City Quartet - Gospel Music Group*
10:05 a.m. Silent Auction Announcements & Final Comments
10:30 a.m. Adjourn Meeting

Conference Center

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SILENT AUCTION BIDDING HOURS - CONFERENCE CENTER

Friday, 5:00 – 9:30 p.m. Saturday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.

EXHIBITOR HOURS - CONFERENCE CENTER

Friday, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Saturday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR 2020 ANNUAL MEETING!

2020 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

February 7 - 9, 2020

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Active Member Employee Spouse	_____ @	\$ 95 = _____.	_____ @	\$ 105 = _____.
SATURDAY, FEB. 8 ONLY	_____ @	\$ 185 = _____.	_____ @	\$ 200 = _____.
Non-Member	_____ @	\$ 235 = _____.	_____ @	\$ 250 = _____.
Non-Member Spouse	_____ @	\$ 100 = _____.	_____ @	\$ 115 = _____.
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Discounted Carolina Opry Tickets <small>Saturday Evening Show, FEB. 8, 7 p.m. Tickets Are Non-Refundable Save \$ 15.40 Per Ticket</small>	_____ @	\$ 34 Per Person = \$ _____.		
TOTAL \$ DUE & PAID \$ _____.				
<small>* Please Refer to Member & Active Member Employee Descriptions Below *</small>				

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SCTPA Annual Meeting Cancellation Policy: Full refund if written cancellation received by January 1, 2020.
 50% refund if written cancellation request received by January 10, 2019. NO REFUND after January 10, 2020.

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2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS NEEDED

Two Board of Directors Seats will need to be elected at our February 8, 2020 Annual Membership Meeting at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, Myrtle Beach, SC.

The board terms for Seat 4 served by Billy Walker, Walker & Walker Logging, LLC, Laurens, and Seat 5 served by Donnie Lambert, Leo Lambert Logging, Inc., Georgetown will expire December 31, 2019.

Board member elections will be conducted during the Member Business Session of the Membership Meeting convening at noon on Saturday, February 8, 2020.

Board members serve four-year terms. Board responsibilities are to establish policies, direct legislative advocacy, guide programs and efforts to improve and benefit the timber harvesting industry, oversee association fiscal responsibilities and charge association staff to fulfill the association's duties and daily functions.

Board members are responsible for attending board meetings and local district meetings. Plus, promote professional timber harvesting in SC, seek SCTPA members, represent the association at events where needed and promote the association. One board meeting is conducted at the annual meeting with bimonthly meetings held in Columbia beginning at the end of February or early March.

Any member solely and directly engaged in the logging business and in good standing with paid dues as of December 31, 2019, may be nominated for any of the upcoming seats regardless if current board member has indicated running for re-election. Any member regardless of location is eligible for nomination. Logger members are encouraged to enter your name or the name of another logger member as an eligible candidate.

To enter your name for nomination or to nominate someone else, please contact the Nominations Committee or SCTPA office no later than January 17, 2020.

Thanks for your assistance in this important association process.

Nominations Committee

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AMERICAN LOGGERS COUNCIL (ALC) PROGRAM DETAILS



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- ALC members must be in good standing for at least 90 days prior to taking retail delivery.
- ALC members must take retail delivery between **January 1, 2019** and **December 31, 2019**.
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\$240M investment will extend production life of York County paper mill

Published: December 16, 2019

By Ken Elkins – Senior Staff Writer, Charlotte Business Journal

A large paper-making plant southeast of Rock Hill is getting a breath of new life with the infusion of \$240 million from its new West Coast owner.

New-Indy Containerboard will extend the production life of a 63-year-old operation in York County by as much as another 40 years, executives say. The facility, which at last count employed about 430 workers, will convert to the production of containerboard used to make cardboard boxes. Founded as Bowater, the operation is located in Catawba.

New-Indy officials first appeared at a York County Council meeting on Nov. 18 with a request for incentives under the project code name of Origami. New-Indy was granted incentives that would cut its county taxes by 60% to \$8.8 million a year as it completed the purchase of the Catawba plant for \$433 million from Resolute Forest Products (NYSE: RFP). That property tax savings would last for 40 years, according to the agreement signed with York County.

Rick Hartman, New-Indy COO, told The Herald in Rock Hill that the tax incentive was key to saving the jobs at the plant. "It'll breathe new life into the mill, which was really headed on a downward spiral," Hartman told the newspaper. "It'll cement the future of the mill and it will actually provide and preserve jobs."

The \$240 million cost for converting the plant to containerboard production was included in New-Indy's \$433 million purchase price of the plant.

Hartman and other officials of New-Indy couldn't be reached for comment on this story.

The facility dates to 1957 in Catawba, which is located about 35 miles south of Charlotte. The plant operated for decades as a pulp and newsprint-making unit of Bowater Inc. and, later, AbitibiBowater. Montreal-based AbitibiBowater changed its

name to Resolute Forest Products Inc. (NYSE: RFP) in 2012.

The York County facility has been one of the county's largest employers. In the 1980s, the plant reached its peak in employment at 1,400.

New-Indy was created in 2012 as a joint venture between the Massachusetts-based Kraft Group, a family company that also owns the New England Patriots NFL team, and Indiana-based Schwarz Partners, which owns Carolina Container, a paper plant in Hickory.

The Catawba plant will add a new capability to New-Indy, which currently uses all-recycled fiber at its paper mills. The converted machines in York County will allow New-Indy the capability of mixing virgin pulp and paper with recycled fiber for customers.



New-Indy, which is based in Ontario, California, says that process also will allow the Catawba mill to continue to use wood from local suppliers to support its operation.

The process of converting the Catawba mill to containerboard from its current coated paper operation should take about 10 months, Hartman told The Herald.

Michael Johnson, chairman of York County Council, says saving a paper manufacturing plant and retaining the jobs there is a great service by New-Indy.

"We couldn't be more pleased that New-Indy Containerboard has chosen to make such significant investment in York County," Johnson says. "We look forward to seeing the company continue to grow and thrive."

2020 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Silent Auction Item Donation

Our Silent Auction has been successful because of the participation of our Allied Supplier, Allied Supporting and Individual Members. Our 2020 Annual Membership Meeting, February 7—9, at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, Myrtle Beach, will again feature our Silent Auction. Auction proceeds are used to help financially support the association.

Would you and/or your company like to donate an item or contribute financially towards the purchase of a Silent Auction item? This is voluntary. Even if you are not attending the meeting, but would simply like to participate, we would certainly appreciate your contribution and involvement.

If you are interested, please return this form to the SCTPA office. Or you may contact the SCTPA office at 1-800-371-2240, fax 803-957-8990 or email bcipaw@windstream.net for more information. Your company will be recognized at the meeting as a Silent Auction Donor.

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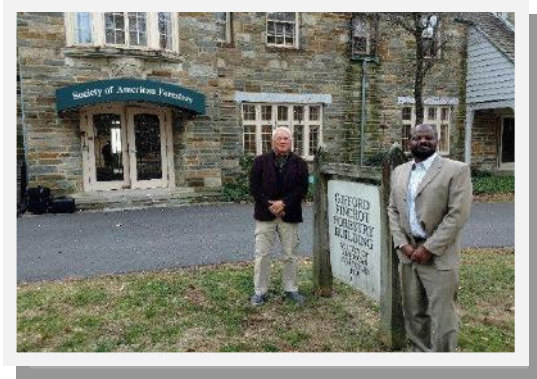
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Kodama Elected 2020 Vice President November 14, 2019



Henry "Gene" Kodama, of Summerville, South Carolina, has been elected vice president of SAF for 2020. An SAF Certified Forester, Kodama retired in 2018 as the South Carolina state forester and is currently president of LLCs founded in 2006 to provide property and forestry services, and owner of Walnut Bluff, an American Tree Farm. Following his service as vice president, Kodama will serve as president in 2021, and as immediate past president in 2022.

In addition, four individuals have been elected to three-year terms on the SAF Board: Mark Buckbee of Roseburg, Ore., District 2; Tara Bal, CF, of Houghton, Michigan, District 5; Anne Jewell, CF, of Mechanicsville, Virginia, District 8; and William "Buddy" Stalnaker, CF, of Nacogdoches, Texas, District 11.

The member referendum to add a young professional representative to the SAF Board of Directors passed. This new non-voting board position will begin in 2021.

The four candidates elected to the board will serve three-year terms beginning January 1, 2020.

They will sit on the SAF Board of Directors with representatives from seven other SAF voting districts, the vice president, president, and the chief executive officer.

SAF's Board of Directors provides leadership and direction to SAF to ensure the achievement of its mission to advance the science, technology, education, and practice of forestry. Included among the Board's duties are reviewing annual and long-range budget projections; serving as a communications link among the members of their voting district; reviewing SAF national office programs as they relate to the mission, representing SAF to the public, and evaluating the CEO's performance.

SCTPA Comments: SCTPA congratulates our friend Gene Kodama for being elected to SAF Vice President. Gene is a long-time friend of our association and a highly respected professional in the forestry industries.



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FMCSA Doubles Random Drug-Testing Percentage for 2020



December 27, 2019 • by Deborah Lockridge, Heavy Duty Trucking (HDT)

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is doubling the minimum annual percentage rate for random controlled substance testing for commercial motor vehicle drivers, from 25% to 50% percent, effective Jan. 1, in response to rising positive drug-testing rates.

In a Dec. 27 Federal Register Notice, the agency explained that the 2018 FMCSA Drug and Alcohol Testing Survey showed the positive rate for controlled substances random testing increased to 1%. DOT regulations require FMCSA to increase the random-testing rate when the data for any calendar year shows a reported positive of 1% or more.

For 2016 and 2017, the positive rate was estimated to be 0.7% and 0.8%, respectively.

The minimum drug-testing rate was 50% from the start of the DOT testing program in 1995 until 2015. FMCSA reduced it to 25% starting Jan. 1, 2016, based on two consecutive years of testing data (2013-2014) that showed a positive rate of less than 1%.

The minimum annual percentage rate for random alcohol testing will remain at 10%.

Industry Impact of Drug-Testing Change

FMCSA estimates there are 3.2 million CDL holders operating in interstate commerce and 1 million CDL holders operating in intrastate commerce. That means that the minimum number of random drug tests performed will increase from 1.05 million at the previous 25% rate to approximately 2.1 million in calendar year 2020. The agency estimates it will cost the trucking industry an estimated \$50 million to \$70 million to conduct the additional tests.

Calling the move "a financial hit to the industry that no one was expecting," Dave Osiecki, president

and CEO of Scopelitis Transportation Consulting, told HDT that although this drug testing data was collected in the first quarter of 2019, "until now, there has been no indication from FMCSA about the increase in positive tests that has led to random testing rate change."

He noted that this random testing rate increase is likely to have a small productivity impact as well, because the process of taking the driver off the road and directing him/her to a testing site takes up time that would otherwise be productive working time.

More importantly, Osiecki added, "it's disappointing to learn that more drivers are testing positive for drugs," Osiecki added. "This is a clear safety concern. Perhaps this is a result of greater marijuana use due to changing state laws?"

Is Drug Use Higher in Trucking Than Data Indicates?

In fact, some in the trucking industry are concerned that the actual number of drivers using prohibited substances is higher than the official drug-testing program indicates. Last summer, the Alliance for Driver Safety & Security, commonly known as the Trucking Alliance, released the results of a study comparing hair-testing results to the FMCSA's mandated urine-testing results, which is said showed "compelling evidence that thousands of habitual drug users are skirting a system designed to prohibit drug use in transportation." That study, the Alliance said, found that urinalysis missed 9 out of 10 illicit drug users in pre-employment testing.

When asked for the association's response to this latest news, Lane Kidd, managing director of the Alliance, called it "clear evidence that a higher percentage of employed truck drivers are masking their drug use on the front end when applying for a job.

"Public policy makers can do much more to keep drug users out of commercial trucks," Kidd told HDT. "For instance, we know that hair testing is more effective at identifying illicit drug use, before they get a truck driving job."

Another problem, Kidd said, is that no clear statistics are available to know how many drug-impaired truck drivers are involved in serious accidents, "because post-accident drug testing protocols are not effectively enforced."



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Process:

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Dealer is responsible for ensuring all conditions of this program and Association memberships are met. TIA's will not be approved if any condition or Association memberships are not in accordance with this program.

For questions, please contact WST.DASH@Daimler.com

Thank You Message from SCTPA

By Crad Jaynes, SCTPA President



On behalf of our board of directors and myself, we thank everyone for your support in 2019 as a member and as a partner. Having support from the timber harvesting, wood supply, timber trucking segments as well as our other partners such as the Forestry Association of SC and SC Forestry Commission and others assist this association to carry on and meet our mission to represent and service our segment of SC's wood supply chain. It is an honor to be able to represent the hard working men and women and businesses that are the backbone of the wood supply chain.

The industry continues to evolve as witnessed in 2019 with changing markets, wood receiving mills changing wood usage volumes with mill shut downs and mill product process changes and seeing the challenges of the wood supply side ever changing. But one thing is certain, the timber harvesting, wood supply and timber trucking segments are resilient and can and will adapt to meet the challenges lying ahead.

The new year of 2020 will bring about further challenges both economically and operationally. But our segment has always been able to take the challenges head on and change and adapt to make the businesses in our segment of the wood supply chain work forward to success. Will there be changes in 2020? Yes there will be.

But historically looking back on my 43 year career being involved in this industry, there has always been the different challenges and changes in the forest products industry and wood supply segment. It will take innovative business thinking and doing the due diligence to make our industry's segment be successful.

I have the utmost confidence in our segment's resilience and ability to adapt, change and meet the challenges that may be before us. Loggers, wood suppliers and timber truckers are the heart and soul of the wood supply chain. And the great folks of our industry will meet the challenges and persevere into and throughout the new year of 2020.

Again, thanks to everyone for the support of SCTPA. This association will continue to move forward to represent our loggers, wood suppliers and timber truckers and other members in the best interest of our industry for the betterment of our industry's segment.

SCDMV Reminder for 2020 on IFTA and IRP accounts

By Rick Todd, SC Trucking Association, January 2, 2020



State DMVs returned from their Fall national peer meetings (AAMVA), got word from IRP and IFTA of concerns over base-state administrative inconsistencies and were told to tighten up.

So here is SCDMV's response:

- Beginning January 1, 2020, all IRP and IFTA accounts must be opened and maintained by the title holder (owner) of the vehicle and both accounts must be in the same base jurisdiction (state). This includes owner-operators and leases – both long and short.

South Carolina is your base jurisdiction, if **all** of the following are true:

- You have qualified motor vehicles based and registered in SC.
- You maintain the operational control and records for qualified motor vehicles in SC or can make those records available in SC.
- You have qualified motor vehicles which actually travel on SC highways.
- You operate in **at least one** other International Fuel Tax Agreement jurisdiction.



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J. Richards "Rick" Todd
President & CEO
South Carolina Trucking Association
Columbia, SC

PAPER TO CAPTURE A QUARTER OF INDIA MARKET HELD BY SINGLE-USE PLASTICS BY 2025

By: The Working Forest Staff, December 18, 2019,
The Working Forest, Canadian National Newspaper
for the Forestry & Forest Products Industries

NEW DELHI, The New Indian Express – With single-use plastics on their way out, a total ban on the environmentally hazardous material may well see paper packaging making a swift comeback, a report released at the Paperex 2019 conference says.

Organized by paper major Hyve India, the event saw industry executives agree that paper offers a sustainable option and can capture a fourth of the Rs 80,000 crore single-use plastics market by 2025 in case of a total ban on the latter

Packaging accounts for a third of India's plastic consumption and 70 percent of plastic packaging is turned into waste in a very short span. Uncollected plastic waste poses a huge threat to species on land and in water and single-use plastic bags and styrofoam containers can take up to 1,000 years to decompose, the study noted. In contrast, paper is eco-friendly green product and bio-degradable, it said, adding that the

paper industry plants more trees than it harvests, and primary raw materials are 100 percent renewable.

According to the report from the industry, India generated 26,000 tonnes per day of plastic waste in 2017-18, of which only 60 percent was recycled. The rest ended up as litter on roads, in landfills or streams. However, about a third of new paper comes from recycled paper and an equivalent amount from waste such as sawdust and scrap from lumber mills, the Paperex study said.

SCTPA Comments: *There is an on-going movement abroad and here in the U.S. to ban and/or limit the use of plastic bags, plastic packing materials and other single-use plastic products. Right here in Lexington County, SC there are discussions among town and county councils about banning plastic bags. Plastic has its place, but from a purely environmental standpoint, plastic bags in particular dot the landscape. Sure, plastic products may be re-cycled and that's good. But in thinking about this, the true environmentally friendly product is paper. Paper comes from a sustainable and renewable natural resource and that is wood fiber, trees. Paper can be recycled too for other uses. So from a selfish position, it would be good for the forestry and forest products industries for more paper to be made from sustainable and renewable forests and used as the choice alternative to single-use plastic.*

Congressman Mike Gallagher Champions Safe Routes Act

In early November, Congressman Mike Gallagher of Wisconsin visited Algoma Lumber to see firsthand how regulations are impacting our industry, particularly when it comes to logging trucks. Adam Pallex of Algoma Lumber took the Congressman on ride in a log truck to demonstrate the burdensome weight restrictions for log trucks on the interstate highway system.

By forcing logging trucks to use state and local roads to reach their destinations, the Congressman experienced first-hand how trucks are forced to encounter school zones, cross walks, intersections, and sharp curves, all of which heighten the risk these trucks pose getting from point A to point B. As Congressman Gallagher observed, they passed four schools just driving through Green Bay, WI.

Earlier this year, Congressman Gallagher introduced the Safe Routes Act of 2019, a top ALC priority, which would allow logging trucks that meet specific state requirements to travel up to 150 miles on the federal interstate. This would reduce accidents involving logging trucks on local roads, decrease the emissions these trucks put into our environment, and ensure log haulers can take the safest, most efficient route.

The ALC thanks Congressman Gallagher for his leadership and support for the Safe Routes Act of 2019. Please support him by urging your own members of Congress to support this bill.



Loggers Seek Parity with Agriculture on Trade, Tariff Policies

For Immediate Release-
December 9, 2019
Contact: Daniel Dructor-
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The American Loggers Council (ALC) and its member state logging associations delivered letters to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Sonny Perdue, asking the administration to include unrefined forest products as an agricultural commodity. ALC and its members say aligning timber and agriculture would enable impacted loggers to receive relief as the industry continues to be impacted by retaliatory tariffs.

"The West Virginia forest products industry has been, and continues to be, concerned that federal support for our products is not being treated equally with agricultural products," wrote Curt Hassler and William Robinson, representing the West Virginia Loggers Council. "While the agricultural sectors have been the primary beneficiaries of tariff relief, we believe it is time for forest products to be included in tariff relief policies. We stand ready to support policy initiatives that ensure all sectors of the forest products industry, including timberland owners, loggers, and mills, are no longer overlooked as a needed, valued, and sustainable industry in our national economy."

The logging associations noted that unrefined forest products, such as wood fiber and logs, are among the most widely exported commodities to foreign countries. Retaliatory tariffs have had severe impacts on certain sectors of the forest products industry, resulting in the closure of businesses and the loss of jobs.

"Even though the '2018 US Agriculture Exports to China' chart ranks forest products as the number two largest industry, the USDA does not list hardwoods on their website as an exported commodity," wrote Tommy Carroll, Executive Director of the

Southeastern Wood Products Association. "As hardwood and other mills adapt to tariffs in their own operations, logging companies are feeling the impact in their operations as well. In addition, many forest landowners who have significant investment in their timberlands are experiencing a lack of demand and lower prices for standing timber."

The associations also noted that like agricultural commodities, unrefined forest products are also perishable commodities that are sensitive to trade and tariff policies.

"Trade or exporting wood products is vital to Oregon's forest sector economy," wrote Rex Storm, Interim Executive Vice President of Associated Oregon Loggers. "During recent trade debates we've come to realize the lack of federal government support for forest commodity consideration. Timber products are a perishable commodity susceptible to decay, insects, disease and fire- a perishable commodity that is 40 or more years to grow as a crop. Forest products are not treated equitably with agriculture."

The associations thank Secretary Perdue and the Trump Administration for its efforts to support the forest products industry on various issues. Aligning timber and agriculture on trade policies would enable logging businesses to weather the impacts of retaliatory tariffs as the administration seeks to resolve trade disputes.

"The timber industry helped build the United States economy as well as agriculture," wrote David Livingston, Executive Director of the Mississippi Loggers Association. "We need to make them one in the same, for the only difference between agriculture and tree farming is the length of the crop rotation."

The American Loggers Council is an 501(c)(6) not for profit trade association representing professional timber harvesters throughout the United States. For more information please contact the American Loggers Council at 409-625-0206, or americanlogger@aol.com, or visit our website at www.amloggers.com



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November 29, 2019

The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Secretary, U. S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue,

On behalf of our board of directors and members, I am writing to request your assistance on the important economic matter of recognizing the timber industry and specifically the professional timber harvesters as agricultural producers harvesting a sustainable and renewable timber crop with timber and timber products being traded in the global marketplace including in particular China.

SC Timber Producers Association represents and services SC's professional timber harvesters and wood suppliers and is a charter member of the American loggers Council, the national voice for America's professional loggers.

South Carolina's forestry, timber harvesting and forest products industries contribute \$ 21.2 billion to our state's economy and has an employment impact of 98,306 jobs. Timber is SC's Number One cash crop. The forestry and forest products sectors have the highest payroll in our state's manufacturing segment. SC is blessed with over 12 million forestland acres which 80% is privately owned. Forest products, including logs, are the Number One commodity exported from the Port of Charleston, SC.

SC's timber harvesting segment produces pulpwood, logs and wood chip for deliveries to pulp and paper mills, wood pellet manufacturers, sawmills and secondary wood products users. Wood is used to produce renewable energy at manufacturing mills and renewable energy producing facilities for sale on the grid. Wood and wood By-products go into over 5,000 products used daily by Americans that enhance our quality of life.

The trade and exporting of wood and forest products has a long history of being an integral part of our U.S. economy. The export issues occurring now, particularly the tariffs, have impacted the timber producing industries not only in SC, but nationwide.

There is a lack of federal support for timber and wood products to be recognized as a perishable commodity like conventional agricultural crops. Timber "IS" an agricultural crop susceptible to disease, fire and insects. Timber is SC's Number One agricultural cash crop.

There is a true lack of understanding about the timber industry being recognized as an agricultural commodity, particularly for hardwood timber products. The U.S. Department of Agriculture does not list hardwoods on their website and an exported commodity. The 2018 U.S. Agricultural Exports Chart to China ranked Forest products as the number two largest industry.

The tariffs for exporting hardwood timber products to China have impacted hardwood sales and placed the hardwood industry for logs and wood products in jeopardy. Here in SC, several hardwood mills and log exporters have had to slow and even curtail operations. Loggers are losing and have already lost hardwood timber markets for log deliveries. Forest landowners are also impacted now as their timberland investments are declining in value. Local rural economies are impacted as employment is reduced and dollars are being taken out of the economy stream.

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There must be more emphasis placed on this issue by the federal government. Language needs to be crafted for a federal rule to be legislated. The timber industry, loggers forestland owners and mills, cannot be left out in the cold anymore. It is time to bring this tariff and recognition issue to an end for the sake of SC's and our nation's forestry industries.

Our association will work with our partners in agriculture and legislative positions in state and at the federal level as well as partnering with the American Loggers Council to assist in enacting a reasonable and workable resolution to this pressing and important economic matter.

If this association may be of assistance to the U.S.D.A, please contact our association. Thank you for your time and effort to resolve this issue.

Kindest regards,

Crad

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TEAM SAFE TRUCKING LAUNCHES PSA TO IMPROVE THE INTERACTION BETWEEN THE GENERAL DRIVING PUBLIC AND LOG TRUCKS

Team Safe Trucking (TST) is excited to announce the release of their new Public Service Announcement. This PSA will be broadcast across the United States pointed specifically at the general driving public in order to improve their interactions with log trucks, and other heavy rigs on the road. Working together with the Virginia Loggers Association to produce this timely PSA, TST hopes to have an impact on how people drive around log trucks by sharing valuable steps they can take to improve their level of safe interactions with them.

The filming of the PSA took place in Virginia under the development, planning and direction of Ron Jenkins the Executive Director of the Virginia Loggers Association, along with Vance Wright, the President of the Virginia Loggers Association and Owner of Charles Wright Logging. Everyone involved with the shoot worked hard to get this very important message across within a precise amount of time.

The TST Public Service Announcement's message is a simple one, log trucks require a cushion of space around them to operate safely. The general public needs to be informed that large trucks hauling cargo can require up to a football field's length of distance to stop. Cutting out quickly in front of a truck hauling thousands of pounds of cargo can immediately create an unsafe situation for the motorist, and for the Forestry Transportation professional.

Joe Conrad, Assistant Professor of Forest Operations at the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia had this to say about accidents involving tractor trailers, "Research shows that in accidents involving heavy trucks and passenger vehicles, drivers of passenger vehicles are at fault far more often than drivers of heavy trucks. Public education is critical to highway safety." Through this PSA, Team Safe Trucking hopes to raise the general public's awareness that they play an important role in improving the safety around tractor trailers, and can help to reduce the number of accidents involving trucks each year. By utilizing the safety tips shared in this PSA, motorists can play a part in creating a safer environment for log haulers to deliver the forest products that consumers enjoy every day.

Formed in 2015, TEAM Safe Trucking (TST) is a broad-based, non-profit volunteer group seeking to elevate the standard and performance of the American forest industry's log trucking sector, which organizers believe is the most serious issue confronting the wood fiber supply chain.

Team Safe Trucking will be making this PSA available to all Educational Sponsors of Team Safe Trucking, as well as all logger associations across the United States. Logging organizations can help by contacting their state television stations to ask them to air Team Safe Trucking's PSA by placing it in their PSA rotation list. Educational Sponsors will receive the PSA via email. If your organization is not a TST Educational Sponsor please reach out to Miranda Gowell at 207-841-0250, or email her at miranda.gowell@teamsafetrucking.com

SCTPA Comment: SCTPA is a proud Educational Sponsor of Team Safe Trucking. Team Safe Trucking continues to provide training modules for truck owners and drivers to improve our log trucking segment for safe, qualified drivers and log trucking businesses.

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SC Timber Producers Association is proud to announce a New Member Benefit Program. SCTPA has partnered with Michelin and B. F. Goodrich (BFG) to offer ACTIVE dues paid members the opportunity to save money on tires through this program.

SCTPA President Crad Jaynes said, "SCTPA is pleased and proud to partner with Michelin North America to offer this valuable and cost saving opportunity for our members. Our members are always our first priority and when our association can provide a cost saving program like this, it is a "win" for everyone. I appreciate Michelin partnering with us in this program."

This program is available to ALL active dues paid members in all SCTPA member categories. Program is effective as June 1, 2019. Members are able to visit any local Michelin dealer. Program requires an application be completed and the use of a credit or debit card.

Member Process for SCTPA Michelin & BFG Tire Program

- 1) Contact SCTPA to receive active member number, membership period and member status (logger, wood dealer, etc.).
- 2) Must be an Active Dues Paid SCTPA Member.
- 3) Interested SCTPA members should reach out to your local Michelin Tire Dealer.
- 4) Complete the application and forward it to Jalisa Byas (Jalisa.byas@michelin.com) or Steve Wilt (Steve.wilt@michelin.com). Jalisa is the SC Representative and Steve is the Territory Manager. Application available from SCTPA. Write your SCTPA member number and member period on the application at the top left under Michelin logo. Example: SCTPA ##### / 01-01-19/20. Sign and send both the Application and Conditions of Sale pages.
- 5) Either Jalisa and/or Steve will verify active membership with SCTPA's Crad Jaynes.
- 6) Once application is verified, it will be sent to Michelin for approval.
- 7) Michelin will provide the customer with a Bill To and Ship To Number. At that time, the member will have to Register their account at **Michelinb2b.com** and upload the member's Credit or Debit Card.
- 8) Program available to ALL members registered as active dues paid SCTPA members.
- 9) Program available for Michelin and B.F. Goodrich tires. Tires available are Truck, Light Truck, Passenger Car & Agricultural, Industrial & Off Road Tires & Retreads.
- 10) Once a member is registered on **Michelinb2b.com**, member will have access to all their purchase reports and tire pricing.
- 11) Members can go to any Michelin dealer to purchase tires.
- 12) Tires cannot be ordered online or shipped to the customer. Must go through a Michelin dealer.

SCTPA is pleased to offer our members this tire discount program on the high quality tire products offered by Michelin Tire and B. F. Goodrich Tire. Should a member have any questions, feel free to contact SCTPA.

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#TIMBERUNITY

We Need to Change the Narrative

By Mike Pihl

This month, Time Magazine named sixteen-year old Greta Thunberg its “Person of the Year” for her activism on climate change. Oregon Governor Kate Brown regularly props herself up with children in the background for photo ops while arguing for policies like Cap & Trade.

The politics of peddling kids to move a social agenda is nothing new. What’s shocking however, is how angry, profane, and uninformed these child protestors are. They’re being spun into a frenzy over climate change by their teachers, politicians, parents, and special interests who benefit from having kids carry a message that the planet is doomed.

These child protestors attend protests decked out in shoes, clothes, and backpacks made from fossil fuels. They tweet their outrage with an iPhone, shipped to the United States and produced with materials dug out of the earth in third-world countries under some of the most atrocious human rights conditions imaginable. “Is plastic worth our future?” reads the sign of a protestor wearing plastic sunglasses and holding up a vinyl banner. Here at home, plastic single-serve food wrappers and empty water bottles and cardboard signs lay littered on the steps of the Capitol or at Pioneer Square after their protests.

When an eight-year old kid in his Nike tennis shoes is screaming we should “F” off if we don’t stop polluting, it makes it very difficult for environmentalists to be heard. We’re distracted by the audacity of kids, who should be allowed to be kids instead of political props, being used in such a manner. Yet media outlets like Time Magazine give huge megaphones to those who peddle children for political agendas.

If these children and the people directing them are worried we’re all going extinct, they should first consider what life will be like when farmers stop farming, loggers stop producing materials to build homes, boats no longer pull fish from the ocean to put on the table, and trucks stop shipping their Amazon.com orders. The people we represent in Timber Unity are on the front lines of extinction, not because of climate change, but because of public policies that make it harder for those of us in the natural resource industries to make, grow, build and truck goods to the market. And we’re not alone.

Since our rally at the Oregon Capitol in June, we’ve been stunned to see similar truck and tractor protests

join in around the globe. Farmers, loggers and truckers joined forces to protest extreme climate policies in Germany and the Netherlands. They stood up against government price-fixing on logs in Canada and beef in Ireland; and they’re saying no to increased taxes and tolls in India. In California, truckers protested AB5 (Assembly Bill 5) which would force owner-operators into an employee status, killing their small trucking businesses.

These stories aren’t making the mainstream media but they’re happening. Working class people who for too long have ignored politics, or didn’t bother voting in that last election, are fed up. Most Americans are unaware that if all natural resource workers stopped work for just three days, every grocery store in this country would have empty shelves. How’d that for a crisis?

We need to change the narrative. People who work the land know best how to steward the land because without it, we, and our children following in our footsteps, will be out of a job. We provide the most critical services to our communities. We must remind our neighbors the food on their plates and the roof over their heads came from our farms, oceans and forests. We have to be engaged in politics. We will win some fights and lose others, but we have to be engaged. A sixteen-year old with no experience in life or work cannot be the voice that controls the narrative of what’s best for the environment when what she and other children are shouting will put workers across the globe out of a job based on hysterical “facts” to support the agendas of extremists.

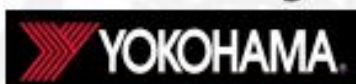
If you haven’t done so, mark your calendars for February 6, 2020 when Timber Unity leads a convoy protest on the Oregon Capitol to fight back against laws that will put thousands of workers out of a job. And if you come, bring your children. Politicians should see the real jeopardy we’re in isn’t about climate change, but for what happens if farming, fishing, logging and trucking is no longer a future for the kids would otherwise grow up to provide necessities for the people of America. Someone has to be their voice.

Mike Pihl is owner of Mike Pihl Logging and President of #TimberUnity Association.

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...BREAKING NEWS...

After months of hard work, we have launched our new website. Members will now have access to their SLC invoices 24/7 with a member login! Amongst the new features are the "find the nearest station" to my location feature, an approved national tires and parts dealers with location info, fill out an application on-line and other features that will assist in the improved communication with our members. The SLC's founding "Cost-Cutting Mission" continues!



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Top 5 CDL Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse FAQs



November 6, 2019 • by Kathy Close, Transportation Editor, J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc.

The CDL Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse is on track to launch Jan. 6, 2020.

Despite the three-year lead time of the final rule, common questions continue to surface on how it will all play out. The following are the top five questions received by J. J. Keller, subject-matter experts on the clearinghouse:

1. Who Is Subject to the Requirements?

Motor carriers and CDL drivers who are subject to 49 CFR Part 382 are subject to the clearinghouse rule. Also, medical review officers (MROs) and substance abuse professionals (SAPs) are called upon to submit information on commercial drivers who have violated testing rules under Part 382.

Motor carriers must report the following events (occurring on or after Jan. 6, 2020) to the clearinghouse:

- Alcohol testing violations, including an alcohol concentration of 0.04 blood alcohol content (BAC) or higher and refusals to test.
- Certain drug-testing scenarios where the employer makes the refusal to test determination.
- Actual knowledge of a driver's drug or alcohol use through observation, driver admission, previous employers, or a DUI while operating a commercial motor vehicle.
- Specific milestones in the SAP program, including:
- A negative drug and/or alcohol return-to-duty test.
- Successful completion of all follow-up tests.

3. What Do Service Agents Report?

MROs must report the following events (occurring on or after Jan. 6, 2020) to the database:

- Drug test violations, including verified positive, adulterated, or substituted drug test results.
- A refusal to test that is the result of a shy bladder (an inadequate quantity of urine) without a

valid medical explanation.

SAPs must provide information on the following events (occurring on or after Jan. 6, 2020) including:

- Successful completion of the DOT return-to-duty process (evaluation and treatment).
- Eligibility for return-to-duty testing.

4. When Are Queries Requested?

Clearinghouse queries must be performed on anyone seeking or currently holding a position to operate a vehicle requiring a CDL (safety-sensitive position).

When a driver is hired or transferring into a safety-sensitive position, the motor carrier or its designated consortium/third-party administrator (C/TAP) must request a pre-employment query of the database. Also, the motor carrier or its designated C/TAP must perform an annual query on current safety-sensitive positions.

The pre-employment query is a full query. A full query discloses detailed information. It alerts motor carriers to drug and alcohol violations and completed steps in the return-to-duty process.

The annual report is a limited query. A limited query checks for the presence of DOT drug and alcohol testing history in the clearinghouse for a CDL driver. If an annual limited query shows that information exists, the motor carrier must perform a full query to learn specifics.

A motor carrier may have a policy to automatically request a full query for the annual investigation rather than a limited query. When a driver fails to provide consent to a limited or full query, he or she is unable to perform a safety-sensitive function for the motor carrier.

5. Do All CDL Drivers Need a Clearinghouse Account?

Only drivers who must consent to a full query are required to have a clearinghouse account. A full query is required of drivers who:

- Are applying for or transferring into a safety-sensitive position under Part 382.
- Are subject to a full query as the result of the results of a limited annual query.
- Have employers requiring full queries for annual investigations.

Driver consent for a full query must be performed in the portal via his or her personal clearinghouse account. A limited query consent is performed outside of the portal by the motor carrier.



Mark Your Calendar

January 2020

1 Happy New Year!!

February 2020

7 SCTPA Annual Meeting Board of Directors Meeting, 1 p.m., Osprey Room,
DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, Myrtle Beach
7 – 9 SCTPA 2020 Annual Meeting, DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach
Oceanfront, Myrtle Beach
14 Happy Valentine's Day!!

District meeting dates may be changed. Meeting notices will be mailed prior to scheduled meeting. Meeting dates will be posted on SCTPA website ... www.scloggers.com.

Members & Non-Members are encouraged to attend our district meetings to know what the issues are affecting the industry.

Need SFI Trained DVD Class or other training?

SCTPA can provide the New DVD Training Module for SFI Trained status. SCTPA is an approved DVD training class facilitator and will be scheduling classes during the year. Other training programs are available for safety, driver training, equipment lockout & tagout, hazardous materials spill control on logging sites and forestry aesthetics.

Truck Driver Training Workshops will be scheduled. Watch the Mark Your Calendar section of this newsletter for dates. Notices for SCTPA workshops & events will be forwarded.

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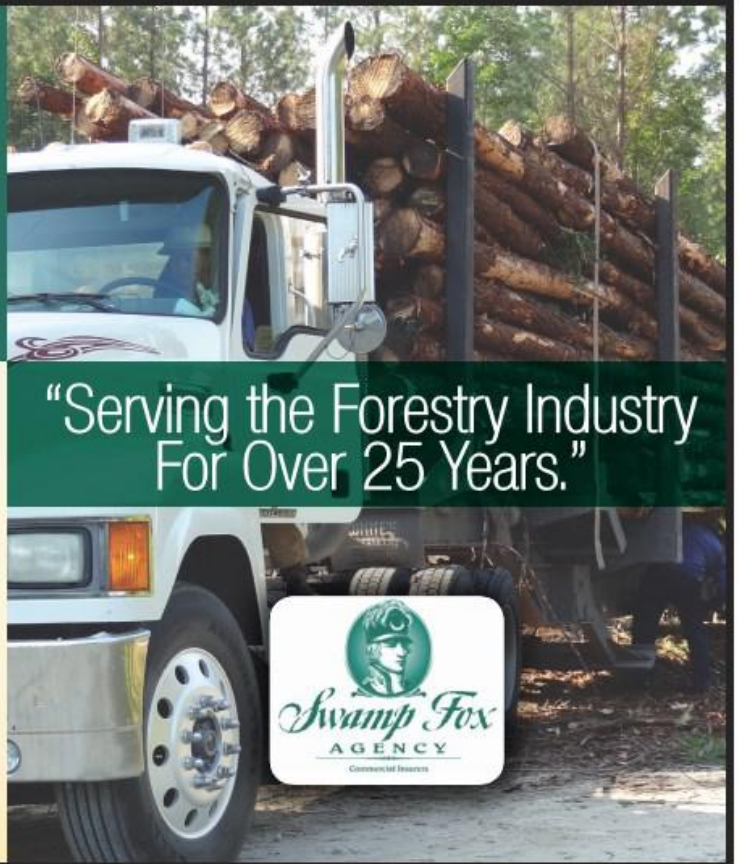
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