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Re: Fact Sheet – Movement of Utility Vehicle in Alabama  
Responding to Emergency Declarations

Dear Sir:

During a disaster or emergency, the Governor is often asked to waive *oversize/overweight* restrictions for commercial vehicles to facilitate the rapid deployment of utility fleets. However, most commercial vehicles used by utility companies do not require *oversize/overweight* permits.

ALDOT understands the importance of time management and resource allocation during an emergency event and wants to help keep the efforts focused on areas that are critical during these instances.

Therefore, attached is a "Fact Sheet" ALDOT has prepared in order to provide information for Commercial Utility Vehicle movements through the State of Alabama when responding to emergencies.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tracy Fletcher".

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## Fact Sheet Movement of Utility Vehicles In and Through Alabama Responding to Emergency Declarations

- I. **For the Fewer than 1% of Utility Vehicles that may be oversize or overweight**
  - A. Contact ALDOT's Permit Office (Jesse Wallace, 24-Hr Number: 334-315-3919, Permit Office 800-499-2782)
  - B. ALDOT will quickly route vehicles through the state to avoid locations that might otherwise delay their travels, such as:
    1. Posted bridges
    2. Lane width restrictions
    3. Construction Zones
    4. Vertical clearance restrictions
    5. Etc.
- II. Utility Fleet Vehicles that are neither oversize nor overweight do not require ALDOT permits, therefore, waivers for weight and size are not needed.
- III. ALDOT Permit Office will waive permit fees for utility vehicles that are providing direct assistance to an emergency event.
- IV. Utility Commercial Vehicles are normally registered in the state for which they are operated. Vehicle registration issues need to be addressed with the **Department of Revenue**.
- V. ALDOT has only one weigh station on I-20 Westbound at the Georgia-Alabama line. Utility Vehicles initially responding to provide direct assistance to an emergency event will not have to go through the weigh station. The time frame for this is determined by the Governor. This information will be communicated with onsite ALEA and weigh station personnel for each emergency event.
- VI. Through coordination efforts between ALDOT and ALEA, the mobile weight enforcement teams should not be a source of delay for vehicles responding to emergency event. In addition, ALEA commonly does not look for registration violations on vehicles that are responding to emergency events.
- VII. **Holiday Restrictions**
  - A. Defined: No permitted oversize or overweight vehicles are allowed to be moved during the holiday restrictions due to an increase volume of traffic on ALDOT Highways.
  - B. The exception to ALDOT's "Holiday Restrictions" are for when responding to Emergency events.
  - C. <https://www.dot.state.al.us/maweb/Oversize&OverweightPermitInformation.html>
    1. Under Permitting Oversize/Overweight Loads Section
      - a) Click on "2020 Holiday Restriction"
      - b) **Note: This list may be updated from year to year**