



Self-Certification

- Local deliveries
- School buses
- Emergency vehicles
- Government agencies and their contractors
- Utilities and their contractors
- Land owners

Local Determination

- "At-risk" industries using UOG bonded roads
- Hauling activity not likely to damage the road (based on roadway's structure)

An Evolving Challenge

The advent and rapid growth of hauling associated with the Unconventional Oil and Gas (UOG) industry in Pennsylvania between 2008 and 2012, principally related to the development of Marcellus and Utica Shale, has caused a 68 percent increase (about 4,600 miles) in the number of posted routes to the point where approximately one-fourth of state routes are weight restricted. Typically, haulers exceeding posted weight limits are required to bond posted routes they use, making them and not the taxpayer financially responsible for the excess maintenance costs on these older secondary and rural routes that cannot structurally support hauling. As a result, some local businesses and haulers who have traditionally operated on these routes without restriction have been required to bond the routes and share financial responsibility for excess maintenance with UOG haulers.

In February, Governor Tom Corbett signed into law Act 13 of 2012 that required PennDOT to provide Letters of Local Determination (LoLD) to identify certain vehicles, routes and uses as local in nature.

Updates to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) Posted and Bonded Roads Program that were published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on **May 12, 2012**, will make it possible for haulers associated with economically distressed industries (at-risk) and local businesses to obtain relief from certain bonding requirements.

Who Qualifies for a Letter of Local Determination?

Self-Certification (does not require a LoLD): Based on existing regulations, vehicles with destinations along posted routes or whose destinations cannot be reached without traveling posted routes may qualify as local traffic and do not have to bond these routes. Vehicles that do not have to bond include emergency vehicles, school buses, and others traveling to or from residences, commercial establishments or farms along the posted roadway. In addition, vehicles associated with governmental agencies and utilities (or their contractors working for the Posting Authority) engaged in construction or maintenance activities may also self-certify. Be sure to have a bill of lading, shipping order or similar documentation on-board to verify your destination if requested by law enforcement.

At-Risk Industry Sectors LoLD: The U.S. Census Bureau registers all companies with a North American Industry Sector code (NAICS) based on their primary business activity. The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry has identified a list of At-Risk Industry Sectors experiencing a 20 percent decline of employment since 2002. Hauling activity related to an at-risk industry sector is eligible for a LoLD **only for routes bonded by a UOG company**. A company can investigate which NAICS code most closely applies to their primary business activity at the following link <http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics> or provide PennDOT an employer identification number for verification. A hauler may apply for and receive both an at-risk and a de minimis LoLD.

De minimis (not likely to cause damage) LoLD: Eligibility for de minimis LoLD will be based upon the anticipated number of loads you expect to haul and the structural sufficiency of the roadway. If the route is sufficient, then you may be authorized for up to 10 loads per day.

Contact the appropriate PennDOT District:

District 1

814-678-7085
Crawford, Erie, Forest,
Mercer, Warren and
Venango counties

District 2

814-765-0400
Cameron, Clearfield, Centre,
Clinton, Elk, Juniata, McKean,
Mifflin and Potter counties

District 3

570-368-8686
Bradford, Columbia, Lycoming,
Montour, Northumberland,
Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga and
Union counties

District 4

570-963-4061
Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike,
Susquehanna, Wayne and
Wyoming counties

District 5

610-871-4100
Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe,
Northampton and Schuylkill
counties

District 6

610-205-6700
Bucks, Chester, Delaware,
Montgomery and Philadelphia
counties

District 8

717-787-6653
Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin,
Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon,
Perry and York counties

District 9

814-696-7250
Bedford, Blair, Cambria,
Fulton, Huntingdon and
Somerset counties

District 10

724-357-2800
Armstrong, Butler, Clarion,
Indiana and Jefferson counties

District 11

412-429-5000
Allegheny, Beaver and
Lawrence counties

District 12

724-439-7315
Fayette, Greene, Washington
and Westmoreland counties

Central Office

717-787-6899

Letter of Local Determination Application and Issuance

Applications for a LoLD may be obtained online at: www.papostedroads.pa.gov or in person from any PennDOT District Office. Applications received that are incomplete will be returned with an explanation of what additional information is needed. Returned applications must be completed and resubmitted within 15 calendar days. PennDOT will review completed applications and respond within 20 calendar days. All posted weight hauling permits must be closed out in accordance with the hauler's Excess Maintenance Agreement prior to issuance of a LoLD.

Previously-issued local determination letters will be honored through the date specified on the Amendment Letter mailed to those with active notices. PennDOT encourages haulers to apply for a LoLD three weeks prior to the expiration date stated in the Amendment Letter.

Limitations

PennDOT-issued LoLDs do not apply to municipal routes. Also the effective period of a LoLD will not exceed 12 months. Once issued, a copy of the LoLD must be carried with a bill of lading, shipping order or similar document showing destination.

Hauling on approved routes under the LoLD will be prohibited between Feb. 15 and April 15 during spring thaw conditions, unless a modification is specifically requested by the hauler and approved by PennDOT. PennDOT may require additional restrictions due to roadway conditions, severe weather or emergencies.

At all times, the vehicle must carry:

- Letter of Local Determination
- Proof of Destination
- Proof of Ownership/
Rental or Lease Agreement

Revocation

PennDOT may revoke a LoLD if it determines the over-posted-weight vehicle or hauling is likely to cause, or has caused, damage. When a route is no longer bonded by a UOG company, then the hauler must be re-evaluated for a new LoLD. If the hauler does not qualify for a LoLD, then the hauler will be required to bond the roadway to continue hauling operations.

For more information visit:

www.papostedroads.pa.gov