



Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance



Promoting Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety and Security



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THE CVSA LEVEL VI DECAL

A CVSA Level VI decal will be issued only to a vehicle and/or vehicle combination that is “defect free” of the North American Standard Level VI Inspection for Transuranic Waste and Highway Route Controlled Quantities (HRCQ) of Radioactive Material at the point of origin.



In addition, a regular or standard CVSA decal will also be applied in accordance with CVSA policy if one is missing or not valid. Unlike the regular or standard CVSA decal, the CVSA Level VI decal will be for the entire vehicle and/or vehicle combination.

INTERPRETING THE INFORMATION

The CVSA Level VI decal will be hole-punched with the correct year, month and day the North American Standard Level VI Inspection was completed and will be valid for a single trip.

REMOVAL OF THE CVSA LEVEL VI DECAL

Any vehicle and/or vehicle combination in violation of the *North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria for Transuranic Waste and Highway Route Controlled Quantities (HRCQ) of Radioactive Material* will be placed out of service and the CVSA Level VI decal will be removed. Once in compliance and re-inspected, a new CVSA Level VI decal will be applied. The CVSA Level VI decal is not valid after the shipment for which it was issued is completed. If there is an equipment change while en route, the vehicle and/or vehicle combination will be re-inspected and a new CVSA Level VI decal applied. Any expired, regular or standard CVSA decal, and any CVSA Level VI decal will be removed before a new CVSA Level VI decal is affixed. In addition, it is the driver’s responsibility to remove the Level VI decal at the conclusion of the trip.

LOCATION OF THE CVSA LEVEL VI DECAL

If at the point of origin a vehicle and/or vehicle combination passes a “defect free” inspection, the CVSA Level VI decal should be placed on the passenger side edge of the windshield near the top so that the bottom edge of the decal is not more than 6” from the top of the windshield. It must be out of the sweep of the wiper and not be affixed where it would interfere with the driver’s view. Refer to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, 49 CFR §393.60 (e) (1) & (2) for windshield decal placement restrictions.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC OUTREACH MATERIAL

The publications listed here are produced by CVSA under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy to provide additional information on the North American Standard Level VI Inspection Program: *The North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria for Transuranic Waste and Highway Route Controlled Quantities (HRCQ) Radioactive Material* (published annually effective April 1); annual reports; the quarterly RAD Inspection News section in the *Guardian*; and *Understanding the North American Standard Level VI Inspection Program for Transuranic Waste and Highway Route Controlled Quantities (HRCQ) of Radioactive Material* brochure. CVSA’s web site www.cvsa.org also provides additional information on the North American Standard Inspection Program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SAFETY ALLIANCE, OR TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE NORTH AMERICAN STANDARD LEVEL VI INSPECTION PROGRAM, CONTACT US AT:

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*Understanding the
NORTH AMERICAN STANDARD
LEVEL VI INSPECTION PROGRAM
for Transuranic Waste and Highway Route Controlled
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THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SAFETY ALLIANCE AND ITS MISSION

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) is a not-for-profit organization, established to promote an environment free of commercial vehicle accidents and incidents. Its mission is to promote commercial motor vehicle safety and security by providing leadership to enforcement, industry and policy makers. This is accomplished by establishing effective transportation safety standards for motor carriers, drivers, vehicles and inspectors through compliance, education, training and enforcement programs.

THE NORTH AMERICAN STANDARD INSPECTION PROGRAM

CVSA developed the North American Standard Inspection Program to focus on commercial vehicle roadside inspection efforts on vehicle and driver safety requirements most often associated with commercial motor vehicle crashes. This program is designed to improve commercial motor vehicle safety and promote uniformity in compliance and enforcement, while minimizing duplication efforts and unnecessary operating delays for the motor carrier industry.



THE NORTH AMERICAN STANDARD LEVEL VI INSPECTION PROGRAM

In 1986, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and CVSA entered into a cooperative agreement to develop a higher level of inspection procedures, out-of-service conditions and/or criteria, an inspection decal and a training and certification program for inspectors to conduct inspections on shipments of transuranic waste and highway route controlled quantities of radioactive material.

CVSA developed the North American Standard Level VI Inspection Program for Transuranic Waste and Highway Route Controlled Quantities (HRCQ) of Radioactive Material. This inspection program for select radiological shipments includes inspection procedures, enhancements to the North American Standard Level I Inspection, radiological surveys, CVSA Level VI decal requirements and the *North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria for Transuranic Waste and Highway Route Controlled Quantities (HRCQ) of Radioactive Material*.

As of January 1, 2005, all vehicles and carriers transporting HRCQ radioactive material are regulated by the U.S. Department of Transportation. All HRCQ radioactive material must pass the North American Standard Level VI Inspection, prior to the shipment being allowed to travel in the U.S. All HRCQ radioactive material shipments entering into the U.S. must also pass the North American Standard Level VI Inspection either at the shipments point of origin or when the shipment enters the U.S.

Select radiological shipments include HRCQ radioactive material as defined by Title 49 CFR Section 173.403. And, because only a small fraction of transuranics are HRCQ, DOE has decided to include its transuranic waste shipments in the North American Standard Level VI Inspection Program.



CVSA-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL CONDUCT NORTH AMERICAN STANDARD LEVEL VI INSPECTIONS

North American Standard Level VI Inspections are conducted by CVSA-certified, highly trained state, provincial and federal law enforcement personnel. This inspection will be performed free of charge. Currently, there is no self-certifying inspection program for motor carriers.

NORTH AMERICAN STANDARD LEVEL VI INSPECTOR TRAINING

To conduct North American Standard Level VI Inspections for Transuranic Waste and Highway Route Controlled Quantities (HRCQ) of Radioactive Material, an inspector will hold a Certificate of Proficiency to conduct North American Standard Level I and North American Standard Hazardous Material/Transportation of Dangerous Goods inspections and complete the CVSA-approved North American Standard Level VI Inspection Program for Transuranic Waste and Highway Route Controlled Quantities (HRCQ) of Radioactive Material, including the actual vehicle inspection and radiological surveys.

To maintain certification to conduct North American Standard Level VI Inspections, an inspector must demonstrate proficiency by performing eight inspections on Transuranic Waste and Highway Route Controlled Quantities (HRCQ) of Radioactive Material and/or successfully complete the North American Standard Level VI Inspection Program In-Service/Refresher course every 24 months.

In the event an inspector does not complete one of the above requirements, their certification will be suspended. To become re-certified, the inspector must attend and successfully complete the entire CVSA-approved North American Standard Level VI Inspection Program for Transuranic Waste and Highway Route Controlled Quantities (HRCQ) of Radioactive Material Inspector Training Course.

THE RAM SUBCOMMITTEE

The Radioactive Materials (RAM) Subcommittee reports to the CVSA Hazardous Materials/Transportation of Dangerous Goods Committee during all regularly scheduled Annual Conferences, Workshops and meetings throughout the year. This Subcommittee is comprised of representatives from various state, provincial and federal governments dedicated to the continued success and improvement of the North American Standard Level VI Inspection Program.