

The road building industry in New Brunswick as represented by the Road Builders' Association of New Brunswick Inc. is requesting that all independent/individual truck owners and operators in the province be required to carry WHSCC coverage.

Road building contractors who work on NB Department of Transportation contracts are required to operate under two conflicting policies:

1. On contracts valued at over \$250,000 the contractor must show that the company has an audited safety program in place. This current contract value limit will drop to \$100,000 on April 1st 2008. The prescribed audited safety program requires that the contractors' employees complete a comprehensive training program. The training program is prescribed by the NB Construction Safety Assn. and is supported by the industry as a means to lessen the likelihood of a personal injury to the employees.

2. The road building contractor in turn is required to hire a minimum 80% of independent trucks to haul construction material on the NBDoT contract jobsite. At present, the contractor will cover the truck operator under the company WHSCC program. However the problem arises that these truck operators are not part of the contractors' regular employed staff and so have not received the benefit of the company safety training program. This lack safety training makes the truck operator susceptible to jobsite injury and therefore an increased liability to the contractor's WHSCC coverage.

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