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MoDOT Allows Overweight Loads of Debris from the Joplin Area to Continue Through December 31, 2011

JEFFERSON CITY – In an effort to aid in the removal of debris from the Joplin area following the May 22 tornado, private and for-hire motor carriers may carry up to 10 percent more than their licensed weight on Missouri highways. However, the heavier loads are not allowed to use interstate routes.

Overweight permits will not be required. All other traffic and motor carrier regulations that normally apply remain in place. This waiver has been in effect since May 28, 2011 and will continue through December 31, 2011. While the waiver is in effect, participating motor carriers are limited to:

- A loaded, gross weight no greater than ten percent (10%) above the gross licensed weight of the commercial motor vehicle;
- When crossing a bridge, the driver must restrict the vehicle speed to no more than thirty miles per hour (30 mph) and must center the truck between two lanes of the bridge. The truck driver must yield to oncoming traffic.
- Travel on highways other than Missouri interstate highways – **NO TRAVEL IS ALLOWED ON MISSOURI INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS.**

All travelers are advised to visit the MoDOT Traveler Information Map at www.modot.org for up-to-date road closure information.

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