

**(12) Procedures for Emergency Movements.**

(A) Railroad derailments and other civil or natural disasters may create the necessity for an emergency movement by oversize/overweight vehicles. The Missouri Department of Transportation shall also issue emergency utility response permits for the transporting of utility wires or cables, poles, and equipment needed for repair work immediately following a disaster where utility service has been disrupted; except for and excluding movements under section (15).

(B) Emergency movements into or within the state may be allowed day or night, seven (7) days a week by permit or verbal approval from either the motor carrier compliance supervisor or other designated motor carrier services representative.

(C) Following verbal approval, an official permit covering each emergency movement must be obtained on the first working day immediately following the move.

(D) Verbal authority for an emergency movement may be granted only after confirmation that an emergency exists by an authorized representative of the permittee who shall be required to furnish information on conditions at the location of the emergency and the name of the company to perform the emergency service.

(E) The Missouri Department of Transportation representative granting authority for an emergency movement will advise the Missouri State Highway Patrol that the move is authorized and furnish information on the vehicle involved, such as make and license of hauling units, axle weights, load dimensions, location, routes of travel, and the estimated time of the movement. The restriction prohibiting travel in tourist areas, during curfew hours, at night, and on holidays or holiday weekend periods will be waived for the initial response to the emergency site.

(F) Permits for return trips will be issued during regular working hours only and each unit must comply with the permit regulations' limitations for weight and dimensions.

(G) Emergency movements are not exempt and will not be waived of the requirement to stop at weigh stations.

(H) Violations are not in the interest of public safety and any misrepresentation in the application, verbal request for a permit, or violation of the terms of the verbal authority for movement may result in denial of future authorizations being granted for an emergency move.

(I) Escort vehicles shall travel approximately three hundred feet (300') in front on two- (2-) lane pavement or approximately three hundred feet (300') in rear on dual lane or multi-lane undivided pavement. Escort vehicles shall use clearance lights in lieu of flags and reflectorized oversize or overwide load signs are required for travel at night or when visibility is less than five hundred feet (500'). Escort vehicles will not be allowed to convoy movements.

(J) In addition to the special provisions contained herein, the permittee shall use clearance lights in lieu of flags at the extreme edges of an overwidth load and reflectorized oversize or overwide load signs mounted on the front and rear of the vehicle and load when visibility is less than five hundred feet (500') and shall observe all other Missouri oversize and overweight permit regulations.

(K) The permittee shall be responsible for any damage to the roadway surface, shoulders, bridge structures, or other highway facilities resulting from operations authorized pursuant to this section.