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### **PHMSA Proposes Enforcement Action against Fireworks Company**

The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) today announced a \$94,750 proposed civil penalty against Garrett's Worldwide Enterprises, LLC of Eudora, Kan., following a PHMSA investigation that uncovered a number of alleged violations by the company, including shipping unapproved and forbidden explosives and using an invalid DOT approval number.

"Safety is our top priority and companies cannot ignore federal requirements that protect U.S. citizens," said PHMSA Administrator Cynthia Quarterman.

Based on field inspection findings by PHMSA, Garrett's appears not to meet the overall safety requirements established for U.S. hazardous materials shippers. A suspension is recommended on all of the company's previously issued approvals, as well as all approval requests currently under PHMSA consideration.

Garrett's has until Aug. 30 to respond to the proposed enforcement actions for their alleged unsafe activities.

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