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Ref. No. 98-0380

Dear Mr. Bingham:

This is in response to your letter of December 18, 1998, requesting clarification of whether government vehicles transporting hazardous materials are subject to the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180).

Shipments of hazardous materials transported by a government entity in vehicles operated by government personnel for noncommercial purposes are not subject to the HMR (including placarding). However, if the purpose is commercial or if the government entity offers hazardous material for transportation to commercial carriers, then the HMR apply.

I hope this satisfies your request:

Sincerely,

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U.S. Department of Transportation
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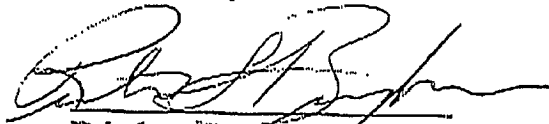
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Dear Mr. Mazzulo

We are requesting clarification of whether shipments of hazardous materials transported by government entity in vehicles operated by government personnel for noncommercial purposes are subject to the Hazardous Material Regulations(HMR;49 CFR parts 171-180 including placarding).

Your reply is greatly appreciated:

Sincerely,



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