



**Attention! Department of Transportation Regulated Organizations**

Did you know, that effective *October 1, 2010* the United States Department of Transportation is amending certain drug testing procedures relating to laboratory testing of urine specimens? The new rule will affect all commercial drivers subject to Department of Transportation drug testing.

Some of the changes to drug testing include:

- Employers must now test for MDMA, more commonly known as Ecstasy.
- The initial cutoff level for *cocaine* has been lowered from 300 ng/ml to 150 ng/ml.
- The initial cutoff level for *amphetamines* has been lowered from 1000 ng/ml to 500 ng/ml.
- Initial testing for the heroin marker, 6-acetylmorphine ("6-AM") is now required.

The changes listed above will create consistency between the drug testing rules of the Department of Transportation and those of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Department of Transportation recommends all affected employers review their drug testing programs to ensure compliance. Lucky for you! East Coast Risk Management can help! Please contact Cara Mia Londino, Human Resources Manager for assistance in developing your Drug and & Alcohol Testing Policy that is fully compliant with Department of Transportation regulations.

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