



REGULATORY REDUCTION PROGRAM & PROPOSED REGULATORY AMENDMENTS

Rules and Regulations Governing the Transportation of Hazardous Materials
Through Bridge-Tunnel Facilities (24VAC30-61)

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Periodic Regulatory Review/Regulatory Reduction Program

- In July, to fulfill regulatory periodic review requirements and to further regulatory reduction and streamlining efforts, the CTB approved the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) for the following regulation:
 - Rules and Regulations Governing the Transportation of Hazardous Materials Through Bridge-Tunnel Facilities (24VAC30-61)
- VDOT filed the NOIRA and it was published in the Virginia Register in August for a 30-day public comment period – no comments were received.
- Filing the Proposed stage is the next step of the regulatory process.

Background – Transportation of Hazardous Materials Through Bridge-Tunnel Facilities

Rules and Regulations Governing the Transportation of Hazardous Materials Through Bridge-Tunnel Facilities

- This regulation establishes the rules by which transporters of hazardous materials are governed while traveling through state owned bridge-tunnel facilities.
- The earliest CTB policy (now repealed and archived) regarding rules and regulations on this topic dates to 1987. Adopted as regulation in its current form in 1995.
- Last periodic review was in 2020. No substantive amendments have been made since 1995 while minor technical amendments were made in 2011.

Proposed Amendments – Transportation of Hazardous Materials Through Bridge-Tunnel Facilities

Summary of Amendments

- Remove redundant or obsolete language, add clarity, and streamline the text.
- Bring the regulation into alignment with the relevant sections of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Next Steps

- **If amendments are approved by the CTB, VDOT staff will file the proposed regulation on Town Hall.***
- **The amendments will then go through executive branch review, after which they will be published in the Virginia Register for the public to review.**
- **Public comment will be received for 60 days.**
- **Proposed Regulations may be adopted as Final Regulations with or without further amendments or not at all.**

*** Text of proposed amendments and proposed Town Hall documentation is included in CTB package.**

