



GENERAL INFORMATION



WIND ENERGY 2011

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JOB PERMITS Issued for up to 60 days.

This permit type allows same type of non-divisible objects and configuration over one designated route. Must be used by the same permit user, with same vehicle, similar size and weights, with identical restrictions from/to one job site. Overweight Job Permits are Calculated "Damage Assessment Fee" X number of moves + \$36.00 fee

Previous Permit # Renewals

If you would like more information about this process, please call one of the wind contacts listed above.

Incomplete Applications

Avoid delay! Applications missing information will not be processed. Please review your applications prior to submitting by FAX, Email or Web. See Route Survey Criteria below regarding complete applications.

Route Survey Criteria

Generally, whenever a loaded vehicle is over 15'6" high, over 16'0" wide, or extremely long, MnDOT will require that a qualified escort or company employee pre-survey the requested route by physically driving the route.



The permittee must ensure that low-hanging wires, cables, lights or signage will not be damaged. A pre-survey cannot be made more than 14 days before the move is to begin. Information is to be provided on a MnDOT Special Hauling Route Survey form, signed and dated, and is required before the permit application will be processed.

The Special Hauling Route Survey form can be downloaded from our web site. Minimum clearance required: 1'0" on each side of vehicle/load; 1'0" under load clearance; 6 inches under trailer/semi-trailer clearance; and 6 inch clearance under overhead obstacles.

We require the **6-digit** MnDOT application number on each route survey form to match it to the correct permit application.

Escorting

Convoing of permit loads is not allowed in Minnesota.

Escorts can only perform escort duties during movement and may not "multi-task" with any duty that removes them from their primary role.

Generally, **Escort Vehicles** will be required when:

- Loads exceed 14'6" wide up to 16'0" wide - one rear escort on divided roadways; front and rear escort on non-divided roadways.
- Loads exceed 16'0" wide - front and rear escort.
- Loads longer than 95'0" and up to 110'0" – one rear escort.
- Loads exceed 110'0" long – front and rear escort.
- For night travel, front and rear escort required for loads over 10'0" wide and/or over 95'0" long.

AT NIGHT, a lead and rear escort is required over 10'0" feet wide or combination length over 95 feet long for loads that do not have the proper LED light package. For more information, please contact the Minnesota Commercial Vehicle Enforcement section directly at 651-405-6196

An escort vehicle may be a passenger car, van, SUV or pickup truck in proper operating condition. The vehicle's driver must be at least 18 years of age with a current, valid driver's license. Whenever a loaded vehicle crosses centerline and will encroach into oncoming traffic a lead Peace Officer escort is required.

An **LPA** (Licensed Protective Agent) escort is basically a civilian escort but with the added statutory authority to control or direct traffic as required. A LPA escort vehicle is not an authorized emergency vehicle and cannot display red lights or force oncoming traffic to yield. An LPA escort must be certified as an LPA under MN Statute 326.338.

In general, single pivot point loads without hydraulic or electric rear steer axles with an overall vehicle length that exceeds 120' 0" requires, at minimum, one civilian and one LPA escort. Loads with two & three pivot points generally require one civilian and one LPA escort for loads exceeding 130'L through 150'L.

Specialized Blade Trailers equipped with hydraulic or electric rear steer axles and exceeds an overall vehicle length of 130'0" will require, at minimum, one civilian and one LPA.

For more information regarding ESCORT requirements in Minnesota, visit http://www.dot.state.mn.us/cvo/oversize/Escort_Vehicles.pdf

OVERSIZE LOAD

Frequently Asked Questions



Question:

Who is responsible for routing my load?

Answer:

It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide the routing and route surveys to the Permit Office for consideration.

Question:

Does Minnesota conduct pre-approvals or route planning for carriers?

Answer:

No, but will offer suggestions from previous routings. If requesting route planning help, requestors are required to submit a Wind Energy application.

Question:

What qualifies as rear steerable trailer or dolly?

Answer:

A semi trailer or dolly is considered rear steerable when hydraulic rams are used to force the axles into a controlled steering.

