

## FMCSA Gives Public Web Access to Trucking Industry Penalty and Safety Ratings Decisions in Searchable Web Site

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Yesterday, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) debuted a new page on its federal agency web site that gives the American public ready access, at no cost, to FMCSA orders and decisions in its trucking industry civil penalty and safety rating cases.

Along with the decisions themselves, FMCSA provides background information and FAQs (frequently asked questions) to help its readers researching what FMCSA has been doing here, and the procedures and bases for its legal decisions.

It's all about making the federal agency's oversight of the American trucking company and the American truck driver more transparent – so everyone can better understand the hows and whys of FMCSA's compliance and enforcement process.

Today, anyone who wants to do so can search the FMCSA website and <u>read the full text</u> <u>documents of instances covering 2009 to date</u>, where motor carrier companies had contested the initial penalties assessed by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, or where the company has challenged an assessed FMCSA violation.

For example, you can download the <u>March 2011 Arbitration Order involving Robillard Trucking Inc.</u> from the new database here.

The new resource is located on the web as part of the FMCSA website, where there is already lots of information to review, such as the section entitled "A&I Online – Motor Carrier Analysis." There's lots to be found there, and it's worth your while to surf the new addition for a bit.

For example, you can <u>check the overall state safety rating of all 50 states</u>, or zero in on your particular state, say <u>Illinois</u> or <u>Indiana</u>. Have a particular truck or carrier you're concerned about? <u>You can check them out too.</u>

*Great resource – the FMCSA website. Good to know about, good to have.*