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Delivering Updates to Your Desktop about the FMCSA Portal

A Word from the COMPASS Team

Welcome to the first issue of the *FMCSA Portal E-zine for Enforcement*. As the FMCSA Portal matures and more users come on board, we see a growing need to communicate technical, user-oriented updates quickly. For example, if we have implemented an update that fixes a problem, we want you to know about it as soon as possible. We think it is important to tell you about known issues that we are working to resolve. We also want to share tips that will help you use the Portal more effectively. We know you're busy so we won't take up a lot of your time. Each issue of this e-zine (shorthand for "electronic magazine") will be brief, practical, and published on an "as needed" basis when we have important new developments to share. We hope you find it useful.

Functionality Update

- Enforcement users could previously submit challenges to their safety data via DataQs through the Portal, but were unable to view the data challenges assigned to their state or organization. Effective immediately, Enforcement users can view the data challenges assigned to their state or organization via the Portal.

In the Works

We are working now on the following issues and will let you know once they have been resolved.

- When accessing MCMIS through the Portal, you may have problems with inactivating company records or getting passenger lists to make assignments. These issues are caused by compatibility errors between existing systems and COMPASS. The IT Development Division hopes to fix all of these errors in a few weeks. In the meantime, a good workaround is to access MCMIS directly.
- We are currently updating one of the assignment prioritization lists for Reviews ("Hot List") to align with recent FMCSA enforcement policy changes. Once updated, the "Hot List" will be renamed "High Priority" and will address the latest SafeStat requirements.
- The existing systems team is now working to disable the assignment functionality in MCMIS.

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Tips

- There is a problem with running a carrier profile when accessing MCMIS via the Portal. Until the compatibility fix is implemented, try requesting profiles under the reports menu option in the Portal. It is a little slower, but it works.

Feedback

We hope this e-zine will create more dialogue with the Enforcement community. To send your feedback or request additional information, contact the COMPASS team at compass@dot.gov. For technical support, contact FMCSA Technical Support at 617.494.3003.

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