

# **Motor Carrier Attachment 13:**

The Grower's Company CRs

Oxnard, California

**HWY15MH006** 

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION US DOT# Legal: THE GROWERS COMPANY INC 718118 Operating (DBA): Federal Tax ID: 8 (EIN) Review Type: Non-ratable Review - Drug & Alcohol Scope: Principal Office **Location of Review/Audit:** Company facility in the U. S. **Territory:** Operation Types **Interstate Intrastate** N/A **Business:** Corporation Carrier: Non-HM N/A **Gross Revenue:** for year ending: 12/31/2011 Shipper: N/A Cargo Tank: N/A **Company Physical Address:** SOMERTON, AZ 85350 **Contact Name:** Phone numbers: (1) E-Mail Address: Company Mailing Address: SOMERTON, AZ 85350-3170 Carrier Classification **Exempt for Hire** Private Property Private Passenger, Business Cargo Classification

Machinery, Large Objects Farm Supply

Fresh Produce

**Passengers** 

Does carrier transport placardable quantities of HM?

15

Intra

131

0

Is an HM Permit required?

No N/A

**Driver Information** 

>= 100 Miles:

Inter < 100 Miles: 0

Average trip leased drivers/month: 0

**Total Drivers: 146** CDL Drivers: 146

Equipment

Owned Term Leased Trip Leased **Owned Term Leased Trip Leased** Truck 8 0 Truck Tractor 3 0 0 0 66 Trailer 38 Motor Coach 0

Power units used in the U.S.:77

Percentage of time used in the U.S.: 100





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Part A

Questions about this report or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety or Hazardous Materials regulations may be addressed to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration at:

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This report will be used to assess your safety compliance.

Person(s) Interviewed

Name: Title: President

Name: Title: Asst Controller



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#### Part B Violations

1 FEDERAL	Primary: 392.2	Discovered	Checked	Drivers/V In Violation	ehicles Checked
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#### Description

Operating a commercial motor vehicle not in accordance with the laws, ordinances, and regulations of the jurisdiction in which it is being operated - Other.

#### **Example**

The FMCSA and State partners have identified violations across multiple inspections at the roadside over the previous 24 months that are reflected in the Other BASIC of the Carrier Safety Measurement System, including:

11-21-11 Report # CA000502138

Safety Fitness Rating Information:

**Total Miles Operated** 823,147 0

**Recordable Accidents** 

OOS Vehicle (CR): 0

Number of Vehicle Inspected (CR): 0

OOS Vehicle (MCMIS): 0

Number of Vehicles Inspected (MCMIS): 0

Your proposed safety rating is :

This Review is not Rated.



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#### Part B Requirements and/or Recommendations

1. DRIVER FITNESS BASIC PROCESS BREAKDOWN: Monitoring and Tracking

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROCESS BREAKDOWN

The Growers Company Inc #718118 had (3) drivers cited during roadside inspections for violations of: unqualified drivers, drivers not in possession of a medical certificate & ELP during the last (24) months. Carrier cited for 392.2 The FMCSA and State partners have identified violations across multiple inspections at the roadside over the previous 24 months that are reflected in the Carrier Safety Measurement System, including:11-21-11 Antonio Valencia: (CA) AB46199 Report # CA000502138

Cited for 391.11: Unqualified driver. For Drivers with Red Flag violations.

#### BASIC SPECIFIC RECOMMENDED REMEDIES

Implement Safety Improvement Practices: The following are recommended practices related to Monitoring and Tracking Processes.

- · Implement an effective process for monitoring and documenting all drivers' job functions, training, qualifications, renewal dates, disclosed medical conditions, and operational restrictions, including those of drivers on a waiver program or with impairments that may be satisfied by a Skill Performance Evaluation certificate, to ensure that assignments are covered by qualified drivers.
- · Review and retain each driver's Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) at least annually to ensure compliance with company policies, federal regulations, and state and local laws and ordinances related to driver fitness. If a driver seems to have numerous violations, the MVR should be reviewed more often. Random MVR checks in addition to annual checks are also effective. File the MVR in each driver's driver qualification file after review.
- · Maintain each driver's investigation history file in a secure location with limited and controlled access for as long as the driver is employed and for three years thereafter.
- Maintain roadside inspection reports, moving violation records, training records, the Commercial Driver's License (CDL), the dispatch schedule, bills of lading, and the medical report to help evaluate the performance of all staff involved in qualifying drivers (dispatchers and managers) and the effectiveness of the policies and procedures.
- · Implement a system for keeping accurate records of employee driver-fitness training needs, such as entry-level and HAZMAT training, and completed training, via software, a checklist in the driver's file, and/or another appropriate method.
- · Evaluate personnel who are monitoring driver-fitness performance by making sure they are reviewing driver-assignment and qualification files; applying the performance standards fairly, consistently, and equitably; and documenting the evaluations.
- Regularly evaluate the company's driver-fitness-related inspection results via the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) website at http://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/SMS. Assess violations for process breakdowns and how to remedy them. Use data to help implement an effective process beyond self-reporting to monitor, document, and evaluate compliance with driver-fitness regulations and company policies.
- · When monitoring and tracking any driver-fitness-related issue, always assess whether it is individual or represents a systemic breakdown in one of the Safety Management Processes (Policies and Procedures, Roles and Responsibilities, etc.).

#### 2. For all Investigations:

·Understand Why Compliance Saves Time and Money: Compliance with FMCSRs will not only save lives, but also saves your business time and money. Tracking how much your business spends on non-compliance activities can help you understand the many benefits of compliance to your business and why safety is good

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business.

- •Document and Follow Through on Action Plans: Document and follow through on action plans to ensure the actions you are taking are creating improvement in safety management and compliance.
- ·NOTICE: A pattern and/or repeated violations of the same or related acute or critical regulations (violations of the same Part in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations) will cause the maximum penalties allowed by law to be assessed under Section 222 of the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 (MCSIA). A pattern of violations means two or more violations of acute and/or critical regulations in three or more Parts of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations discovered during any eligible investigation. Repeated violations means violation(s) of an acute regulation of the same Part of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations discovered in an investigation in the same Part of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations discovered in an investigation after two or more closed enforcement actions within a six year period.
- ·NOTICE: 49 CFR Part 391.23 requires prospective employers to, at a minimum, investigate a driver's employment information, crash record, and alcohol and controlled substances history from all employers the driver worked for within the previous 3 years.

The Pre-Employment Screening Program (PSP) is a screening tool that assists motor carriers in investigating crash history and roadside safety performance of prospective drivers. The PSP allows motor carriers to purchase 5 years of crash data and 3 years of roadside inspection data from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS). Records are available 24 hours a day via Web request. Motor carriers should visit the following website for more information: http://www.psp.fmcsa.dot.gov/Pages/default.aspx

All motor carriers and truck drivers are needed to fight against terrorism and hijacking. You could be a target. Protect yourself, your trucks, your cargo, and your facilities. Discuss with your employees/drivers the companies" which were provided and reviewed with motor carrier official



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Part C

Reason for Review: Focused CR

Planned Action: Compliance Monitoring

**Parts Reviewed Certification:** 

325 382 383 387 390 391 392 393 395 396 397 398 172 178 180 399 171 173 177

Prior Reviews Prior Prosecutions Reason not Rated: Drug & Alcohol

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**Unsat/Unfit Information** 

Is the motor carrier of passengers subject to the safety fitness procedures contained in 49 CFR part 385 subpart A, AND does it

transport passengers in a commercial motor vehicle?

Yes - Interstate

Does carrier transport placardable quantities of hazardous materials?

Unsat/Unfit rule: Not Applicable

Corporate Contact: Special Study Information:

Corporate Contact Title: President

Remarks:

Investigative Report Received by:

Name:

Title: President

Carrier: The Growers Company Inc. (USDOT # 718118)

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Part C

CDLIS (DRIVER LICENSE) CHECK

Upload Authorized: Yes No

Authorized by: Date:

Uploaded: Yes No Failure Code:

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Does carrier transport placardable quantities of HM? No Is an HM Permit required? N/A

**Driver Information** 

Inter Intra Average trip leased drivers/month: 0 < 100 Miles: 0 0 **Total Drivers: 41** >= 100 Miles: 0 41 CDL Drivers: 41

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6	0	0	Truck Tractor	7	0	0
42	0	0	Motor Coach	70	0	0
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ower units used in the U.S.:83

Percentage of time used in the U.S.: 100



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Person(s) Interviewed

Name: Title: Supervisor
Name: Title: Vice President



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#### **Part B Violations**

1 FEDERAL	Primary: 391.15(a)	Discovered	Checked	Drivers/V In Violation	ehicles Checked
		1	8	1	8

#### Description

Using a disqualified driver.

#### Example

Driver name:

Trip date: 7-21-2007

Disqualifying reason: unable to pass DL test(s) meet qualifications

2	Primary: 391.21(a)			Drivers/Vehicles	
FEDERAL	, ,	Discovered	Checked	In Violation	Checked
		4	8	4	8

#### Description

Using a driver who has not completed and furnished an employment application.

#### **Example**

Driver name: Trip date: 2-23-2007

3	Primary: 391.23(a)			<b>Drivers/Vehicles</b>	
FEDERAL		Discovered	Checked	In Violation	Checked
		8	8	8	8

#### **Description**

Failing to investigate driver's background.

#### **Example**

Driver name:

Trip date: 2-2

4	Primary: 391.25(b)			Drivers/Vehicles	
FEDERAL		Discovered	Checked	In Violation	Checked
		6	8	8	8

#### Description

Failing to review the driving record of each driver to determine whether that driver meets minimum requirements for safe driving or is disqualified to drive.

#### Example

Driver name;

Trip date:3-30-2007

5	Primary: 395.8(j)(2)			Drivers/Vehicles	
FEDERAL	, , ,	Discovered	Checked	In Violation	Checked
		3	8	3	8

#### Description

Failing to obtain from driver used for the first time or intermittently, a signed statement giving the total time on duty during the preceding 7 days and time at which last relieved from duty.

#### **Example**

Driver name:

Trip date: 5-23-2007

#### Safety Fitness Rating Information:

**Total Miles Operated** 932,714 **Recordable Accidents** 

Recordable Accidens/Million Miles 0.00

OOS Vehicle (CR): 0

Number of Vehicle Inspected (CR): 0

OOS Vehicle (MCMIS): 1

Number of Vehicles Inspected (MCMIS): 8



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# **Part B Violations**

Your proposed safety rating is :	Rating Factors		Acute	Critical	
Tour proposed safety rating is:	Factor 1:	S	0	0	
	Factor 2:	S	0	0	
SATISFACTORY	Factor 3:	S	0	0	
57(11017(0101(1	Factor 4:	S	0	0	
	Factor 5:	Ν	0	0	
	Factor 6:	S	-	-	

Corrective actions must be taken for any violations (deficiencies) identified on Part B of this report.

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- 1. Accident Countermeasures is a set of defensive strategies designed to reduce preventable accidents. The strategies and forms for implementing accident countermeasures can be found on the FMCSA website at: www.fmcsa.dot.gov/factsfigs/eta/counter.html.
- 2. Ensure that all vehicles are properly marked with your name or trade name and U.S. DOT number. If your vehicles are also periodically operating for other carriers, they must be marked with that carrier's name and U.S. DOT#.
- 3. Conduct periodic internal reviews of your driver qualification, hours of service control, maintenance, accident analysis/reporting, training, and other safety systems to ensure continued compliance with the FMCSR.
- **4.** Employers are responsible for their officers', employees', agents', consortia, and/or contractors' compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR Parts 40 and 382.
- 5. Obtain a copy of each driver's driving record and review it annually.
- 6. Drivers may not have Commercial Driver Licenses (CDLs) from more than one state. Ensure that all drivers have only one current CDL that is not under suspension or revocation. Driver CDLs must also match the correct class of vehicle driven and have applicable endorsements for double/triple trailer, passenger, tank vehicle and/or hazardous material operation.
- 7. Review the circumstances under which a CDL is required. CDL and drug testing rules apply to both interstate and intrastate commerce.
- **8.** Ensure that drivers provide a 10-year employment history on their employment application.
- **9.** Ensure that all drivers are fully and properly qualified before operating in interstate commerce. Maintain a complete file as required for each driver, documenting the qualification process.
- **10.** Do not allow drivers to drive interstate unless they have been physically re-examined each 24 months.
- 11. Drivers who are diabetics and who take insulin by injection to control their condition are not qualified to drive in interstate commerce.
- **12.** Do not allow physically unqualified drivers to drive in interstate commerce.
- 13. Laboratory must transmit aggregate statistical summary on semi-annual basis
- **14.** Maintain all required controlled substance testing records including yearly summaries, quarterly summaries, test information, test results, records of training etc., as required by 49 CFR Parts 40 and 382 of the FMCSR.
- **15.** Use only those laboratories certified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the analysis of urine specimens. For a list of certified laboratories check www.drugfreeworkplace.gov or call (301) 443-6014.
- **16.** Use of radar detectors or similar devices on commercial vehicles is illegal. Do not require or permit drivers to use them. Take appropriate disciplinary action against drivers if they are using such devices.
- 17. Do not schedule or require drivers to make trips requiring them to exceed posted speed limits in order to complete the run within the hours of service limits.

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- **18.** Require all drivers to prepare complete and accurate records of duty status for each day, and to submit them within 13 days. Maintain all duty status records on file, with all supporting documents, for at least 6 months.
- 19. Ensure that all documents supporting records of duty status (such as toll, fuel repair and other on-the-road expense receipts, as well as invoices, bills of lading, dispatch records, etc.) are kept on file for at least 6 months.
- **20.** Obtain from any driver used for the first time (or intermittently) a signed statement showing the total time on-duty during the preceding seven (7) days and the time at which the driver was last relieved from duty.
- 21. Toll receipts and other on-the-road expense receipts, invoices, bills of lading, dispatch records, and other "supporting document" must be kept on file for six (6) months. This requirement also applies to records generated by the use of owner-operators. You may keep legible photocopies in lieu of originals.
- 22. If you want some drivers to use the 100 air-mile radius exemption, make sure that the drivers meet all terms of the exemption, including being released from duty no more than 12 hours from when they report for duty. Logs must be prepared if a driver does not meet the 12 hour requirement.
- 23. Ensure that all drivers' records of duty status (logs) are accurate. Check them against "supporting documents" to verify accuracy. Prohibit falsification of logs by any driver. Review the rules on supporting documents. Take appropriate action against drivers who falsify logs.
- **24.** Establish a systematic maintenance records program for all vehicles. Maintain a complete file for each subject vehicle, recording all repair, maintenance and inspection operations performed.
- **25.** Ensure that the persons or entities that perform preventative maintenance inspections on your equipment are abiding by agreed time or mileage intervals. Ensure that records are kept of such periodic preventative maintenance inspections. Take corrective action, if schedules are not being adhered to.
- **26.** Review with your drivers periodically the procedures for doing pre-trip and post-trip inspections. Ensure that safety defects reported by drivers on their Vehicle Inspection Reports (VIR) are repaired before the vehicle is re-dispatched. Require drivers to prepare Vehicle Inspection Reports on a daily basis. Keep them on file for 90 days.
- 27. A complete Educational and Technical Assistance package entitled "A MOTOR CARRIER'S GUIDE TO IMPROVING HIGHWAY SAFETY" is available free on the FMCSA website to assist you in complying with the safety regulations. It contains many forms and documents useful for improving the safety of your operations. Check: www.fmcsa.dot.gov/factsfigs/eta/index.html.
- **28.** Ensure that all drivers subject to pre-employment, random, reasonable cause, post accident, return to duty, and/or follow-up controlled substance testing are tested as required by 49 CFR Parts 40 and 382 of the FMCSR.
- **29.** DOT drug testing rules require that employers test for marijuana, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines, and phencyclidine (PCP).
- 30. For questions about DOT numbers or biennial updates: 800-832-5660 or 703-280-4001
  - For questions about licensing, authority or MC numbers: 202-366-9805
  - For questions about insurance: 202-385-2423
  - For household goods complaints: 888-DOT-SAFT (888-368-7238)
- **31.** This review will result in a Safety Rating.





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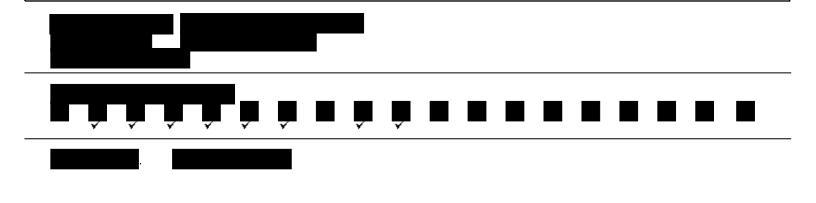
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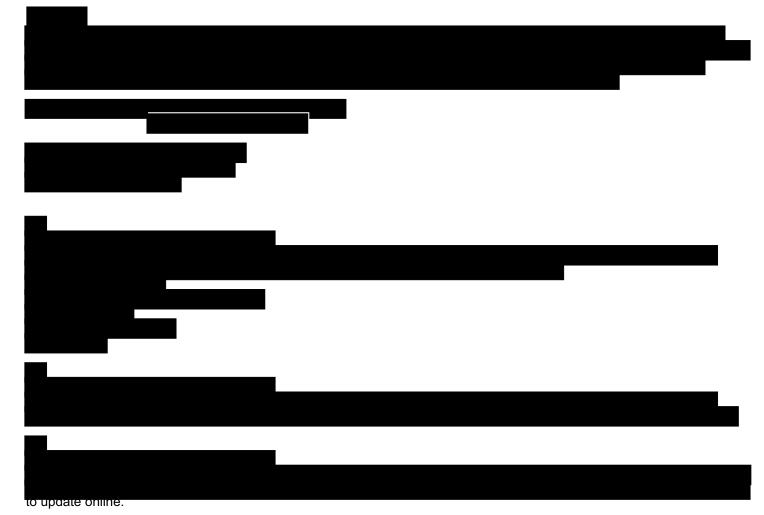
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# Part C



Corporate Contact: Corporate Contact Title: Supervisor

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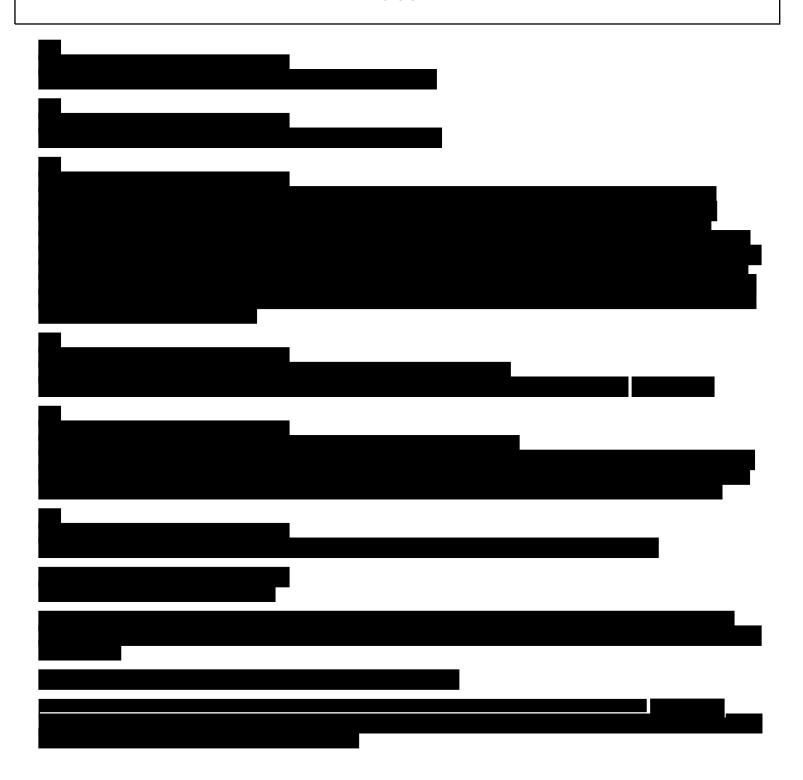




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