

## **PROPOSED RULE ON HAZMAT REGISTRATION & FEE PROGRAM**

**On May 5 PHMSA issued a proposed rule to amend the registration and fee assessment program for those who transport or offer for transportation certain categories and quantities of hazmat (see 49 CFR 107.601). PHMSA is proposing to increase the fee from \$975 to \$2,475 (plus an admin. fee) for registration year 2009-2010 and the following years. The fee for small businesses and not-for-profit organizations will remain at \$250 (plus an admin. fee). The increase is intended to fund the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grants Program at a higher budget level. The program provides financial and technical assistance to States and Indian tribes to develop, improve, and implement emergency plans, train public sector hazmat emergency response employees, determine flow patterns of hazmat, and determine the need for regional response teams.**