



# Star Talk



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## CSA 2010...What You Need To Know

### CSA 2010 fleet data holds surprises

According to [Fleet Owner Magazine](#), early analysis of data for 1,500 fleets shows that 69% would face some sort of federal intervention under the 2010 Comprehensive Safety Analysis (CSA2010) safety screening program, compared to 1.3% under the current but expiring SafeStat system. Fleets with ratings that exceed threshold levels in any of the seven BASIC categories will face "intervention" that ranges from a letter of warning from FMCSA to increased federal scrutiny of safety records even if a fleet has acceptable ratings in the other six categories.

Seven Unsafe Behavioral Areas called:

#### **BASICS—Behavior Analysis Safety Improvement Categories**

1. Unsafe Driving
2. Fatigued Driving (Hours-of-Service)
3. Driver Fitness
4. Controlled Substances/Alcohol
5. Vehicle Maintenance
6. Cargo Related
7. Crash Indicator

### A Message From Our Leadership Team

#### **New Senate Proposal would raise Weight Limits**

A proposal to increase weight limits on Interstate highways to 97,000 pounds has been introduced by a bi-partisan Senator group. It is the Safe and Efficient Transportation ACT (SETA) of 2010. There are several stipulations attached but it has momentum in both houses. How will that change the current landscape of things?



### Safety & Wellness

#### **Take a Nap!** By Mike Hensley

Studies from the Washington-based National Sleep Foundation indicate that about one-quarter of shiftworkers have had a traffic accident or close call in the past year. According to NSF, drowsiness has a number of physical side effects that can impair driving, including tunnel vision, shortened attention span and reduced reaction times. If a driver falls asleep at the wheel, no attempt at a corrective maneuver can be made, causing accidents to potentially be even more severe than they would be if the driver were awake and alert.

### What's New In Technology

#### **Trailer aerodynamic technologies that are Smartway verified other than side skirts!**

Looking for alternatives to trailer side skirts to improve fuel economy and/or meet CARB regulations? Take a look at some alternatives that are currently available. Trailer Boat Tail: Savings estimate = 1%. Needs to be used in combination with side skirts or trailer end fairing to meet CARB. Advanced Trailer End Fairing: Fuel savings estimate = 5-6%. Do they work? According to results verified by the EPA they do. Look for other products currently being tested to be on the market soon. Who says your trailers have to wear a skirt to get you 5% + fuel savings? Keep looking to Star Leasing to make sure you stay informed.

