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- 4. Micro Audit Suggestions**

Please contact GAWDA Medical Gas Consultant, Tom Badstubner for more information.

GAWDA is pleased to distribute this information to: Distributor and Supplier Key Contacts and all Compliance Manual Owners. Please carefully review this mailing and be sure the information is passed to the appropriate person within your organization. Timely Safety data is a benefit of Membership in GAWDA.





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Traffic Bulletin

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Carriers Must File Updated MCS-150 Every 2 Years

In an attempt to gather more accurate and timely information about the carriers it regulates, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) requires interstate motor carriers to file an updated Motor Carrier Identification Report (MCS-150) every two years. Some states require motor carriers to obtain a USDOT number even if they are only in intrastate commerce.

The Form MCS-150 is a single-page report that all motor carriers subject to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) must complete and submit to the FMCSA before they begin to operate in interstate commerce. Motor carriers must provide basic information, such as name, address, telephone number, cargo classifications, any types of hazardous materials carried, numbers and types of equipment (trucks, tractors, trailers, passenger vehicles) used, number of drivers, and types of operations.

FMCSA enters the MCS-150 information into the Motor Carrier Safety Information System (MCMIS) and assigns the carrier a U.S. DOT identification number. FMCSA uses the information contained in MCMIS to track motor carrier safety performance, to assess nationwide motor carrier safety trends, and to evaluate effectiveness of federal motor carrier programs.

Certain carriers of hazardous materials must obtain an FMCSA Hazardous Materials Safety Permit. Carriers qualifying for this permit file the MCS-150B "Combined Motor Carrier Identification Report and HM Permit Application" in lieu of the MCS-150. **Do not complete a MCS-150B unless you are required to do so.** Please contact me before choosing this option. I can give you more details.

The regulations for the Motor Carrier Identification Report are found in 390.19 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

You can do your every 2-year update at this website:

http://li-public.fmcsa.dot.gov/LIVIEW/PKG_REGISTRATION.prc_option



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Just check the entry **“I need to update my USDOT number registration information or file my biennial update(MCS-150).”**

You will need a USDOT number PIN to do the online update. You can get one here:
https://li-public.fmcsa.dot.gov/LIVIEW/PKG_PIN_START.PRC_INTRO

There is no charge for doing the update and you may update anytime you wish so long as it is at least every 2 years.

If you need to obtain a USDOT number then you can do it at the same website above for doing the updates and you would check the first entry **“I think I need to register with the FMCSA to get a NEW USDOT number, Operating Authority (MC/FF/MX number)”**.

Feel free to contact me on any of these items if you have questions.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q – What does PCQI mean for Food/Bev Gases?

A – PCQI means “Preventive Controls Qualified Individual”. In order to be considered a PCQI, you must have the education, training or experience to:

- Identify and manage food safety preventive controls
- Write, manage and audit the Hazard Analysis and Risk Prevention Controls (HARPC) program, if required.
- Establish and manage your Food Safety Program, consistent with the risks identified in the HARPC.

The FDA permits your PCQI to be an employee or a consultant.

We will help you to become trained as a PCQI or we can act as your PCQI.... your choice. Typically, larger GAWDA members will want their own internal PCQI.

Asterisk has four consultants who can act as PCQI for you. We have attended the FDA endorsed PCQI training and have customized the curriculum for the GAWDA distributor members in the Food/Bev Gas industry.

If you need further information about the online PCQI training this summer, just send a message to tom@asteriskllc.com.

July Medical Gas Roundtable (07/28/2017) – CGMP - Subpart F – Production and Process Controls

These GAWDA Medical Gas roundtables are excellent sources of CGMP training and the latest industry compliance news. In June we covered how to survive an FDA audit.

In July, we will cover **Subpart F – Production and Process Controls** --- SOPs, filling cylinders, equipment identification, reprocessing, etc.





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For your information, we are also conducting the following webinars in July:

- **Specialty Gas** - Making Highly Reliable Gravimetric Mixtures
- **Food Gas Roundtable** – CGMP Training – Part 117 Subpart C - Recall Plan & Preventive Control Management Components and Monitoring
 - The latest information about food gas regulations is reviewed –
 - The sample Food Gas SOPs are available for downloading during the seminar.

These and other webinars are available as a streaming recording at a time convenient to you. If you are unable to view the webinar live, just let us know and we will send you the link to the recording. If you would like to receive invitations to the training webinars, just send an email to jodie@asteriskllc.com.

Micro-audit

This section of the Medical Gas Bulletin lists small steps you can take each month to improve your medical gas management system. These steps are not designed to be a full audit, but rather small steps to sample your compliance.

For this month, simply do these items:

1. **Authorized Procedures** – Verify that your Quality Control Unit has authorized your SOPs in writing.
2. **Following SOPs** – Be sure that your cylinder filling personnel are strictly following the authorized procedures. This is easily accomplished by taking a copy of the cylinder fill procedure to the manifold and watching the operator fill the cylinders.

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