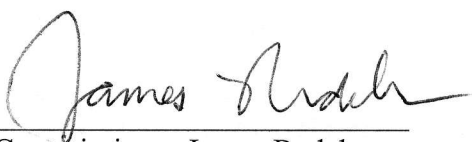


**Declaration of Emergency Condition Regarding State Highway System
Pursuant to § 13b-26(f)(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes**

Pursuant to § 13b-26(f)(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I, James Redeker, Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, hereby declare that as set forth below, an emergency condition exists which demands immediate attention to insure the safety of the traveling public. I intend to employ, in any manner, such assistance as may be required to provide safe travel or correct the emergency condition, consistent with the Emergency President Obama declared under the Stafford Act on February 10, 2013.

As the result of Blizzard Nemo, unprecedented accumulations of snow, plowed piles of snow, and the melting of such snow and its refreezing are affecting safe travel. In order to expedite the transport of salt, the divisible load limit for salt only will be increased, through February 24, 2013, as follows: (a) the gross vehicle weight (GVW) of tractor trailer combination vehicles with 5 or more axles will be increased from 80,000 pounds GVW to 100,000 pounds GVW; and (b) the GVW of 4-axle single unit vehicles (Tri-axle) will be increased to 80,000 pounds GVW; except no such vehicles shall be allowed on the parkway and except that crossing weight restrictions must still be adhered to. Additionally, at no time shall the maximum manufacturer's gross vehicle weight be exceeded.



Commissioner James Redeker

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