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## TRUCK FIELD TEST BEGINS AT TWO MTO SCALES ON 401

OSSGA has embarked on a pilot program with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) this summer that will see aggregate trucks measured up and monitored at the scales for a three-month field test.

The goal of the pilot is to field test a verified, single-test, allowable gross weight (AGW) for individual truck and truck-trailers combinations that could be used by aggregate haulers, shippers and the MTO. It is hoped that the data generated by this pilot will help provide much-needed clarity on AGW for aggregate haulers and shippers.

Thirty trucks are participating in the field test, which is taking place at the Trafalgar South (eastbound) and Bowmanville (westbound) scales on Highway 401. The trucks were measured up at the start of the program and assigned an identifying number and a white sheet (record of allowable gross weight). The number allows OSSGA and MTO to track the truck for the duration of the field test, until October 1, 2013.

Every time a truck passes over the MTO scale, an overload report will be completed and the scaled weight recorded. The collected shipping ticket and overload report information will be compiled and analyzed by OSSGA after the

test.

Stay tuned for more updates from the OSSGA Transportation Committee. We hope this program will help bring about a solution that is a win-win-win for the MTO, truckers and aggregate producers.

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