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North Dakota Weights and Measures  
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Attention: Josh Gallion

Subject: Variance Permit Request-Article 69-10-01-04.1

We are requesting a variance permit for the temporary use of a portable truck scale to be used legal for trade. CTAP is a company that offers of full range of products and services for all uses and applications in developing oil and gas plays throughout the US, specifically the Bakken Shale Formation in western North Dakota. We are proposing the use of a temporary portable truck scale to be used legal for trade until our site development can be completed at our New Town, ND facility. The estimate completion date of this would be February 2017.

The proposed temporary scale that is to be used is a 70 ft X 11 ft Rice Lake Weighing Systems ATV Series truck scale. This particular scale, S/N 665B, has an overall capacity of 200,000 lbs and a concentrated load capacity of 100,000 lbs. The use of the temporary scale is not to exceed the rated concentrate load capacity. The temporary scale is to be furnished, set up, tested, and certified by Praire Scale Systems Inc. out of Horace, North Dakota. The scale is to be set up on a solid level surface with adequate clearance for cleaning purposes. The ATV Series scale, incorporates a bulkhead on each end of the scale to allow for fill materials such as gravel to be used for the approaches. The scale is to be set up, tested, and certified to meet the tolerances of a legal for trade scale.

CTAP was recently awarded a contract to provide transload services for the Baaken Shale for a new customer. This supplier has given us a start up date for this project of August 4, 2016. We expect product to arrive at our facility on or about that date with transloading to commence immediately thereafter.

We appreciate your cooperation with our circumstances. If we are granted a variance , CTAP plans to use the temporary scale following all requirements of your department. Our hopes are to be operational with the temporary scale by August 4, 2016 with full intentions of securing the location for a more permanent fixture.

Thank You  
Terry Herbst  
VP Fleet/Operations/Safety