



## COLORADO

### State Patrol

Department of Public Safety

Hazardous Materials Section  
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#### Colorado Hazardous Materials Carriers

#### To Whom it May Concern:

Recent weather in northeastern Colorado has necessitated the closure of State Highway 71 south of Snyder north to State Highway 14 by the Colorado Department of Transportation. It is anticipated to remain closed for several more weeks so as to allow for maintenance operations to repair the damaged road. For more information related to this and other road conditions, please go to <http://www.cotrip.org/roadConditions.htm>.

Recognizing that State Highway 71 is an important hazardous materials route for the region, the Colorado State Patrol has designated a temporary, alternate route for hazardous materials carriers operating in the area. These recommendations are valid only for the period of time State Highway 71 is closed to through traffic during the prescribed maintenance operations.

Carriers hauling hazardous materials that are required to abide by the state's hazardous materials routing system pursuant to 42-20-301, et. seq. C.R.S., are permitted to operate utilizing the following temporary routing guidelines:

For carriers that normally utilize State Highway 71 for transportation of route restricted hazardous materials, State Highway 52 between I-76, north to State Highway 14 is an acceptable, temporary alternative route during the duration of the closure. It should be noted that State Highway 34 west of State Highway 71 is not a designated hazardous materials route, therefore traffic must access State Highway 71 from I-76 (Exit 80).

Traffic that normally travels northbound on State Highway 71 along the closed road segment must follow designated routing to I-76, then west to State Highway 52 (Exit 80) before continuing northbound on State Highway 52. Traffic normally traveling southbound on State Highway 71 along the closed road segment is to access State Highway 52 from State Highway 14 before continuing southbound. At Ft. Morgan, vehicles are to proceed along designated routes. If continuing on southbound State Highway 71, vehicles must proceed eastbound on I-76 to Exit 90A to rejoin the designated route.

This temporary route designation will remain in effect until State Highway 71 is reopened or until superseded by subsequent emergency route designation. If you have further questions regarding hazardous materials routing in Colorado, please contact the Colorado State Patrol Hazardous Materials Section at 303-273-1900. To find a map of all designated hazardous materials routes in Colorado, please go to <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/csp/hazmat-routing-map>.

Respectfully,

Colonel Scott Hernandez  
Chief, Colorado State Patrol

