The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) collaborated with the U.S. DOT Volpe Center to develop the new Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, an online database for reporting drug and alcohol violations and other information about CDL holders who operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs). Employers must follow specific drug and alcohol testing requirements—frequency of testing, which substances to test for, evaluation and treatment programs, reporting violations, etc.—ensuring overall safety on the road for drivers and passengers.

In the first five months, one million users completed registration in the Clearinghouse.

Between January 6 and the end of May 2020, over 20,000 drug and alcohol program violations were reported to the Clearinghouse.

HOW WILL THE CLEARINGHOUSE IMPROVE HIGHWAY SAFETY?

- Make it easier for employers to meet their preemployment investigation and reporting obligations.
- Make it more difficult for drivers to conceal their drug and alcohol program violations from current or prospective employers.
- Make it easier for FMCSA to determine employer compliance with testing, investigation, and reporting requirements.
- Provide law enforcement personnel with the ability to identify drivers with violations at the roadside.

FMCSA and Volpe continue to refine and improve the Clearinghouse through continuous monitoring of the system, resolving issues as they come up, and adding enhancements through quarterly releases.

Partnering with FMCSA’s Enforcement and Information Technology divisions to design and develop the Clearinghouse web system, including establishing requirements, designing system architecture, and designing and developing the user interface.

Crafted and implemented an outreach and education strategy.

Providing support to system users needing technical assistance with the system.

Providing Operations and Maintenance (O&M) support for the Clearinghouse.