Hours of Service Exceptions

**§395.1 Scope of the rules in this part.**

## Guidance Q&A

***Question 11:*** May specially trained drivers of specially constructed oil well servicing vehicles cumulate the 8 consecutive hours off duty required by §395.3 by combining off-duty time or sleeper-berth time at a natural gas or oil well site with off-duty time or sleeper-berth time while en route to or from the well?

***Guidance****:* These drivers may cumulate the required 8 consecutive hours off duty by combining two separate periods, each at least 2 hours long, of off-duty time or sleeper-berth time at a natural gas or oil well location with sleeper-berth time in a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) while en route to or from such a location. They may also cumulate the required 8 consecutive hours off duty by combining an off-duty period of at least 2 hours at a well site with: (1) another off-duty period at the well site that, when added to the first such period, equals at least 8 hours, or (2) a period in a sleeper-berth, either at or away from the well site, or in other sleeping accommodations at the well site, that, when added to the first off-duty period, equals at least 8 hours.

However, such drivers may not combine a period of less than 8 hours off duty *away* from a natural gas or oil well site with another period of less than 8 hours off duty *at* such well sites. The special provisions for drivers at well sites are strictly limited to those locations.

The following table indicates what types of off-site and on-site time periods may be combined.

|  | **On Site Off Duty Time** | **On Site Sleeper Berth** | **On Site Other Sleeping Accom-  modation** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Away from Site Off Duty Time |  |  |  |
| Away from Site Sleeper Berth Time | X Combination must be 8 or more hours | X Combination must be 8 or more hours | X Combination must be 8 or more hours |
| Away from Site Other Sleeping Accommodation |  |  |  |