**§383.91 – Commercial Vehicle Groups**

**Guidance Q&A**

***Question 5:*** Do tow truck operators need CDLs? If so, in what vehicle group(s)?

***Guidance:*** For CDL purposes, the tow truck and its towed vehicle are treated the same as any other powered unit towing a non-powered unit.

• If the GCWR of the tow truck is 26,001 pounds or more and the towed vehicle alone exceeds 10,000 pounds GVWR, then the driver needs a Class A CDL.

• If the GVWR of the tow truck alone is 26,001 pounds or more, and the driver either (a) drives the tow truck without a vehicle in tow, or (b) drives the tow truck with a towed vehicle of 10,000 pounds or less GVWR, then the driver needs a Class B CDL.

• A driver of a tow truck or towing configuration that does not fit either configuration description above requires a Class C CDL only if he or she tows a vehicle required to be placarded for HM on a “subsequent move,” i.e., after the initial movement of the disabled vehicle to the nearest storage or repair facility.