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As part of the IRP Plan, each member jurisdiction is subject to periodic compliance reviews referred to as a “Peer Review”. The Peer Review Program provides a medium within the IRP Plan to review each member jurisdiction’s administrative procedures and audit programs on a periodic basis for compliance with the Plan and Audit Procedures Manual. Peer reviews are conducted by a “Peer Review Committee” to ensure that jurisdictions are complying with the provisions of the IRP plan.

Ontario’s first Peer Review was held on October 12-13, 2005. Peer Review Committee members included Ken Carey, IRP Peer Review Co-ordinator, Mike Filmer from New York and Lorne Bay from Prince Edward Island.

Overall, Ontario had a very successful first Peer Review. A few areas of non-compliance were found and plans are underway to address these areas.

The areas of non-compliance included:

- Verifying leases between owner-operators and motor carriers.
- Transmitting information and funds to member jurisdictions within 30 days.
- Transmitting adjusted audit fees to member jurisdictions in the form of appendages to transmittals.
- Conducting IRP carrier audits equivalent to 3% of the number of renewed IRP fleets in 2005.
- A copy of the audit report to be maintained in the audit file.

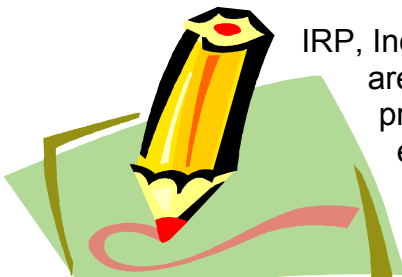
Ontario's IRP Peer Review Report will be posted shortly on the IRP, Inc. website at [http://www.aamva.org/IRP/projects/pro\\_PeerReviewResults2005.asp](http://www.aamva.org/IRP/projects/pro_PeerReviewResults2005.asp).

## **IRP Program Office back “home”**

After 4 months of construction, the IRP Program Office is back “home” in Room 034, Lower Level of Building A. Welcome home IRP Program Office!



## **IRP Plan Rewrite**



IRP, Inc., the official organization serving the 59 U.S. and Canadian jurisdictions that are members of the International Registration Plan, is undertaking a major project to rewrite, update and modernize the IRP Plan. This project is extremely important to all IRP jurisdictions and industry members. Recently, Ontario attended the Annual IRP Meeting and much of the emphasis and discussions were placed on the Plan Rewrite.

The draft IRP Plan Rewrite can be viewed at the IRP, Inc. website at [http://www.aamva.org/IRP/committees/com\\_PlanRewriteProgressPage.asp](http://www.aamva.org/IRP/committees/com_PlanRewriteProgressPage.asp).

We encourage you to review the proposed Plan Rewrite and provide feedback. Since this is such a large undertaking, the Plan Rewrite has been broken down into four sections:

1. Fees
2. Basing Requirements
3. Industry Segment, and
4. Administration and Audit

Presentations are available for each of these topics at the following website: [http://www.aamva.org/IRP/events/evt\\_2005IRPAnnualMeetingRecap.asp](http://www.aamva.org/IRP/events/evt_2005IRPAnnualMeetingRecap.asp)

This is now your opportunity to identify and discuss any areas that you may be concerned with and bring your comments forward to us. We in turn will coordinate all comments from Ontario and assure that they are brought forward to the Plan Rewrite Committee. If you have any comments or concerns regarding the proposed Plan Rewrite, please forward your comments to Jackie Zaffino at [jackie.zaffino@mto.gov.on.ca](mailto:jackie.zaffino@mto.gov.on.ca) by December 16, 2005.

## Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita Emergency Orders in the United States

Due to the unfortunate events in the southern United States, many jurisdictions have issued Emergency Orders with respect to IRP.

Below are links to the notifications in regard to emergency orders providing for the suspension of oversized/overweight permits and requirements for licensing/operating authority for vehicles aiding in restoration efforts to those jurisdictions affected by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

[http://www.aamva.org/irp/news/nws\\_HurricaneKatrinaEmergencyOrders.asp](http://www.aamva.org/irp/news/nws_HurricaneKatrinaEmergencyOrders.asp)

[http://www.aamva.org/irp/news/nws\\_HurricaneRitaEmergencyOrders.asp](http://www.aamva.org/irp/news/nws_HurricaneRitaEmergencyOrders.asp)

For more information, please visit the IRP, Inc. website at <http://www.aamva.org/IRP>.

### New to our Ministry's IRP Website



Looking for information on IRP? Need to download forms? Look no further than the Ministry's Internet site! Here you will have the latest IRP information and tools at your fingertips. Check out our website at [www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/trucks/irp](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/trucks/irp). To download IRP Forms or the IRP Carrier Manual, click on the links at the top of the web page.

The IRP Carrier Manual is now available on the Ministry's IRP Website. The IRP Carrier Manual is a useful tool for all IRP carriers, in particular, carriers that are new to the IRP Program or are interested in applying for IRP registration. Here you will find all the information you need to apply for IRP registration. The IRP Carrier Manual is also available at all IRP Offices.

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