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Dear Mr. Sawicki,

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is requesting an exemption from the weight restriction on Route 15 (Merritt Parkway/Wilbur Cross Parkway). This request is for a mobile water-quality laboratory with U.S. Government license plates. Access is needed to Route 15 between exit 63 and it's eastern end at exit 68W. The USGS maintains a streamflow gaging station on the Quinipiac River along the parkway (west of exit 64) in Wallingford. The USGS, as part of a cooperative agreement with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, collects water-quality samples at this station in Wallingford monthly. These samples need to be processed them immediately in the USGS mobile water –quality lab.

The USGS mobile water –quality lab is a 10,000 lb box truck which measures 9 feet high and 22 feet long with U.S. Government plates (I431552). Thank you for your attention in this matter. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,
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