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## **REGION 10 BULLETIN NO: 2013-24**

Subject: Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing

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This final rule is issued to revise sections of the Alcohol and Controlled Substances (D&A) Testing regulation to reflect recent amendments to the law. The final rule also includes technical corrections to the D&A testing regulation to more clearly explain existing compliance requirements, update regulatory terms, and remove repealed statutory provisions. Because this rule merely implements a statutory provision without agency interpretation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) finds that public comment is unnecessary under the circumstances.

**This final rule was effective on June 25, 2013.**

The complete Federal Register may be found at <http://transit-safety.fta.dot.gov/DrugAndAlcohol/Regulations/Regulations/49CFR655/2013-15176.pdf>.

For further regulations, rules, notices and clarifications, go to the FTA Transit Safety and Oversight (TSO) Drug and Alcohol web site at <http://transit-safety.fta.dot.gov/DrugAndAlcohol/Default.aspx>.

As an adjunct to the FTA Drug and Alcohol National Conference, a one-day seminar called “**Substance Abuse Seminar**” is designed to provide essential facts and information to facilitate employers' compliance with DOT's 49 CFR Part 40 and FTA's 49 CFR Part 655. While a high-level overview of the regulations will be discussed, this seminar will focus more on the operational side of a transit agency's functions.

Wichita, KS - July 11, 2013

Helena, MT - August 15, 2013

Wilmington, DE - October 29, 2013

Register for one of the training sessions at <http://transit-safety.fta.dot.gov/training/New/CourseDetails.aspx?csid=50>.

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