The CVSA Level VI decal will be issued only to a vehicle and/or vehicle combination that is “defect free” of the North American Standard Level VI Inspection for Transuranic Waste and Highway Route Controlled Quantities (HRCQ) of Radioactive Material at the point of origin.

In addition, a regular or standard CVSA decal will also be applied in accordance with CVSA policy if one is missing or not valid. Unlike the regular or standard CVSA decal, the CVSA Level VI decal will be for the entire vehicle and/or vehicle combination.

INTERPRETING THE INFORMATION
The CVSA Level VI decal will be hole-punched with the correct year, month and day the North American Standard Level VI Inspection was completed and will be valid for a single trip.

REMOVAL OF THE CVSA LEVEL VI DECAL
Any vehicle and/or vehicle combination in violation of the North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria for Transuranic Waste and Highway Route Controlled Quantities (HRCQ) of Radioactive Material will be placed out of service and the CVSA Level VI decal will be removed. Once in compliance and re-inspected, a new CVSA Level VI decal will be applied. The CVSA Level VI decal is not valid after the shipment for which it was issued is completed. If there is an equipment change while en route, the vehicle and/or vehicle combination will be re-inspected and a new CVSA Level VI decal applied. Any expired, regular or standard CVSA decal, and any CVSA Level VI decal will be removed before a new CVSA Level VI decal is affixed. In addition, it is the driver’s responsibility to remove the Level VI decal at the conclusion of the trip.

LOCATION OF THE CVSA LEVEL VI DECAL
If at the point of origin a vehicle and/or vehicle combination passes a “defect free” inspection, the CVSA Level VI decal should be placed on the passenger side edge of the windshield near the top so that the bottom edge of the decal is not more than 6” from the top of the windshield. It must be out of the sweep of the wiper and not be affixed where it would interfere with the driver’s view. Refer to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, 49 CFR §393.60 (c) (1) & (2) for windshield decal placement restrictions.
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In the event an inspector does not complete one of the above requirements, their certification will be suspended. To become re-certified, the inspector must attend and successfully complete the North American Standard Level VI Inspections, In-Service/Refresher course every 24 months.

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