

DataQs State Implementation Plan



Ohio

**For Compliance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Revised
Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) Grant Requirements**

Date: September 2026

Purpose

In April 2026, FMCSA announced updated requirements for State participation in the DataQs system as a condition of receiving MCSAP grant funding. To comply with those requirements, each State must submit a DataQs State Implementation Plan. The following pages contain the key elements of the plan approved by FMCSA for Ohio.

DataQs State Implementation Plan

State: Ohio

MCSAP Lead Agency: The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Initial Review Process

Roles and Responsibilities

- Persons responsible for managing DataQs for the organization
 - **Responsible Party:**
Motor Carrier Enforcement Division Chief
 - **Supervisor(s):**
Department Director
 - **Backups:**
Data Q Coordinator
 - **Interactions:**
The Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) is the lead MCSAP agency for the state of Ohio. The Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSP) is a subgrantee for the MCSAP program. As the new FMCSA guidance calls for, PUCO will begin to handle all reconsideration and final reviews of OSP as the subgrantee. The PUCO DataQ Coordinator will interact with the OSP through the assignment, monitoring and auditing of initial RDRs responses.
- Person(s) responsible for decision-making for the Initial Review process
 - **Responsible Party:**
SEE ATTACHED Data Q Roles and Escalation Table (Attachment A)
 - **Supervisor(s):**
SEE ATTACHED Data Q Roles and Escalation Table (Attachment A)
 - **Backups:**
SEE ATTACHED Data Q Roles and Escalation Table (Attachment A)
 - **Interactions:**
The OSP will handle the initial review of RDRs once they are received and assigned to them by the PUCO DataQ Coordinator.
- Person(s) consulted for additional information or evidence
 - **Responsible Party:**
FMCSA Ohio Division Office
PUCO Legal Counsel

- **Supervisor(s):**
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- **Backups:**
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- **Interactions:**
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Process Description

- Receipt of RDR
 - **Responsible Party:**
SEE ATTACHED Data Q Roles and Escalation Table (Attachment A)
SEE ATTACHED Ohio Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program DataQ Procedure
 - **Process:**
SEE ATTACHED Ohio Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program DataQ Procedure
- Review of RDR
 - **Responsible Party:**
SEE ATTACHED Data Q Roles and Escalation Table (Attachment A)
 - **Process:**
SEE ATTACHED Data Q Roles and Escalation Table (Attachment A)
SEE ATTACHED Ohio Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program DataQ Procedure
- Outcome of RDR
 - **Responsible Party:**
SEE ATTACHED Ohio Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program DataQ Procedure
 - **Process:**
SEE ATTACHED Ohio Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program DataQ Procedure
- Closure of RDR
 - **Responsible Party:**
SEE ATTACHED Data Q Roles and Escalation Table (Attachment A)
SEE ATTACHED Ohio Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program DataQ Procedure
 - **Process:**

SEE ATTACHED Data Q Roles and Escalation Table (Attachment A)
SEE ATTACHED Ohio Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program DataQ
Procedure

- **Timeliness:**

The state of Ohio will follow all FMCSA guidance on timeframes to open, review and allow for escalation of all RDRs. The DataQ coordinator will monitor compliance with FMCSA guidance on timelines of all reviewers and levels.

For more detail see:

SEE ATTACHED Data Q Roles and Escalation Table (Attachment A)

SEE ATTACHED Ohio Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program DataQ Procedure

Expected Outcomes for RDR Closures:

Closed—No Data Correction Made:

Will be determined to be appropriate if explanation and evidence provided does not prove a data inaccuracy exists

Closed—Data Correction Made:

Will be determined to be appropriate if explanation and evidence provided proves a data inaccuracy exists

Closed—Citation Results Entered:

Will be determined based on the following circumstances:

Did the submitter provide proof of claimed court outcome?

Does the proof meet the adjudicated citation process standards as defined by FMCSA DataQ policy?

Closed—Report Not Sent:

Will be classified as such only if the state of Ohio did not conduct the inspection]

Closed—Report Sent:

Will be classified once a requested report is sent to the submitter

Closed - No Requestor Response:

Will be closed automatically by the DataQ system if in fact the 14-day time from has lapsed in a request for more information

SEE ATTACHED Ohio Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program DataQ Procedure for more details.

Communication:

Reviewers and the Data Q coordinator will use the DataQ system and email as needed to effectively communicate progress and outcome as guided by the Ohio Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program DataQ Procedure

Next Steps:

Submitters can expect the following as required by federal guidance:

- Link to approved State Data Implementation Plan

- Decision -maker name and title

- List of Evidence reviewed

- Decision

- Specific reasons for decision

- Next steps or options for submitter: next consideration level and how to appeal, information on requesting a hearing in the civil forfeiture process

Reconsideration Review Process

Roles and Responsibilities

- Person(s) responsible for decision-making for the Reconsideration Review process
 - **Responsible Party:**
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 - **Supervisor(s):**
SEE ATTACHED Data Q Roles and Escalation Table (Attachment A)
 - **Backups:**
SEE ATTACHED Data Q Roles and Escalation Table (Attachment A)
 - **Interactions:**
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- Person(s) consulted for additional information or evidence
 - **Responsible Party:**
FMCSA Ohio Division
PUCO Legal Counsel
 - **Supervisor(s):**
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 - **Backups:**
<intentionally left blank>
 - **Interactions:**

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- Person(s) convening a panel or committee
 - **Responsible Party:**
N/A
 - **Supervisor(s):**
N/A
 - **Backups:**
N/A
 - **Interactions:**
N/A
 - **Panel members' titles and associations:**
N/A

Escalation Procedures:

Escalation will be based on FMCSA provided guidance (requesting reconsideration by the submitter within 30 days of closure of the initial review) as well as the state's Data Q policy document.

Process Description

- Review of RDR
 - **Responsible Party:**
SEE ATTACHED Data Q Roles and Escalation Table (Attachment A)
 - **Process:**
The DataQ Coordinator will follow the policy as well as the escalation table to ensure independence and impartiality of the reviewer

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SEE ATTACHED Ohio Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program DataQ Procedure
- Outcome of RDR
 - **Responsible Party:**
SEE ATTACHED Data Q Roles and Escalation Table (Attachment A)
 - **Process:**
SEE ATTACHED Ohio Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program DataQ Procedure
- Closure of RDR
 - **Responsible Party:**
SEE ATTACHED Data Q Roles and Escalation Table (Attachment A)

- **Process:**
SEE ATTACHED Ohio Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program DataQ Procedure
- **Timeliness:**
The state of Ohio will follow all FMCSA guidance on timeframes to open, review and allow for escalation of all RDRs. The DataQ coordinator will monitor compliance with FMCSA guidance on timelines of all reviewers and levels.

For more detail see:

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Expected Outcomes for RDR Closures:

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Will be determined to be appropriate if explanation and evidence provided does not prove a data inaccuracy exists

Closed—Data Correction Made:

Will be determined to be appropriate if explanation and evidence provided proves a data inaccuracy exists

Closed—Citation Results Entered:

Will be determined based on the following circumstances:

Did the submitter provide proof of claimed court outcome?

Does the proof meet the adjudicated citation process standards as defined by FMCSA DataQ policy?

Closed—Report Not Sent:

Will be classified as such only if the state of Ohio did not conduct the inspection

Closed—Report Sent:

Will be classified once a requested report is sent to the submitter

Closed - No Requestor Response:

Will be closed automatically by the DataQ system if in fact the 14 day time from has lapsed in a request for more information

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Communication:

Reviewers and the Data Q coordinator will use the DataQ system and email as needed to effectively communicate progress and outcome as guided by the Ohio Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program DataQ Procedure

Next Steps:

Submitters can expect the following as required by federal guidance:

- Link to approved State Data Implementation Plan

- Decision-maker name and title

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- Decision

- Specific reasons for decision

Next steps or options for submitter: next consideration level and how to appeal, information on requesting a hearing in the civil forfeiture process

Final Review Process

Roles and Responsibilities

- Person(s) responsible for decision-making for the Final Review process
 - **Responsible Party:**
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 - **Supervisor(s):**
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 - **Backups:**
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 - **Interactions:**
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- Person(s) consulted for additional information or evidence
 - **Responsible Party:**
FMCSA Ohio Division Staff, PUCO Legal Counsel
 - **Supervisor(s):**
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 - **Backups:**
<intentionally left blank>
 - **Interactions:**
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- Person(s) convening a panel or committee
 - **Responsible Party:**
N/A
 - **Supervisor(s):**
N/A
 - **Backups:**
N/A
 - **Interactions:**
N/A
 - **Panel members' titles and associations:**
N/A

Escalation Procedures:

Escalation will be based on FMCSA provided guidance (requesting reconsideration by the submitter within 30 days of closure of the initial review) as well as the state's Data Q policy document.

Process Description

- Review of RDR
 - **Responsible Party:**
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 - **Process:**
SEE ATTACHED Ohio Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program DataQ Procedure
- Outcome of RDR
 - **Responsible Party:**
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 - **Process:**
SEE ATTACHED Data Q Roles and Escalation Table (Attachment A)
SEE ATTACHED Ohio Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program DataQ Procedure
- Closure of RDR
 - **Responsible Party:**
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 - **Process:**
SEE ATTACHED Ohio Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program DataQ Procedure
- Timeliness:

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Next Steps:

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- Decisionmaker name and title

- List of Evidence reviewed

- Decision

- Specific reasons for decision

- Next steps or options for submitter: information on requesting a hearing in the civil forfeiture process if appropriate