



Fuel Tax Evasion

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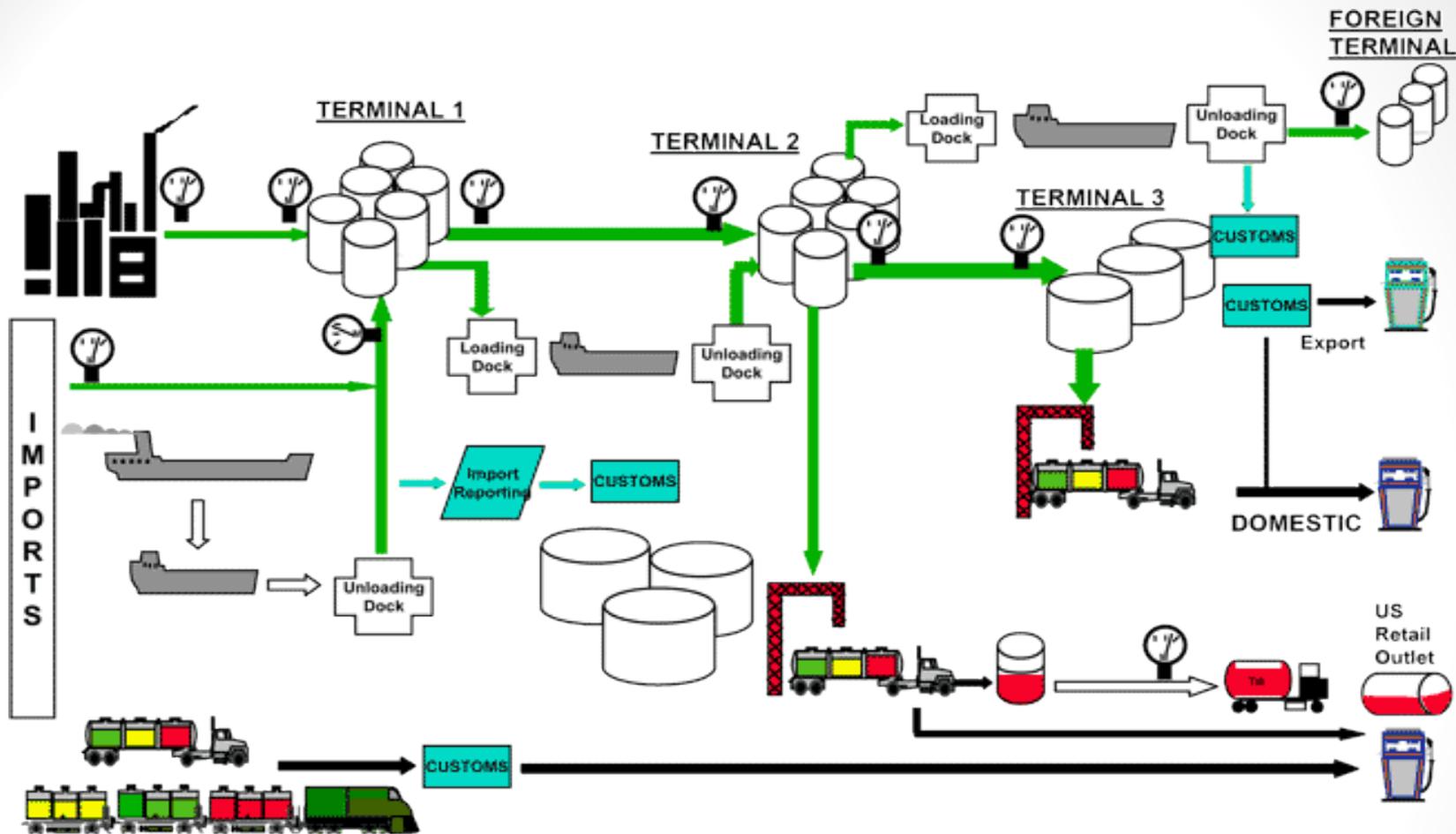
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- Fuel Taxes Collected
 - Federal – Internal Revenue Service
 - State – Various agencies
 - Revenue agencies
 - Departments of Motor Vehicles
 - Department of Safety (NH)
 - Department of Licensing (WA)



LEGEND							
	PipeLine		Loading Rack		Loading Dock		Dock
	Transport Route		Bulk Plant		Tankwagon		Consumer tank
	Meter		Retail Outlet		Reports on Impi/Exp		



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- How much evasion is there, and why should we care?
- Where is the tax collected?
- How does evasion occur?
- What can we do about it?



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Identifying potential fuel tax evasion

- Analyze monthly return data
 - Compare amounts to historical data
 - Compare imports/exports for large changes
- Communicate with other State agencies
 - Converse with enforcement, revenue, and transportation
 - Consider publications, hot-lines
- Participate in the Federation of Tax Administrator's Motor Fuel Tax Section
 - Attend meetings
 - Review materials



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Resources

- FHWA SharePoint Site

<http://our.dot.gov/office/fhwa.policy/hppi/fte/SitePages/Home.aspx>

- FHWA Public Web Site

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/motorfuel/index.htm>

- IRS Website

No evasion website exists, but the following is a link to Publication 510, which is a guide for federal fuel excise taxes.

<http://www.irs.gov/publications/p510/ch01.html>



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Intergovernmental Fuel Tax Evasion Enforcement Grants

- \$ 2 million annually for discretionary grants
- State agencies must apply through www.grants.gov
- To reimburse States for fuel tax evasion enforcement efforts
- 2015 grants

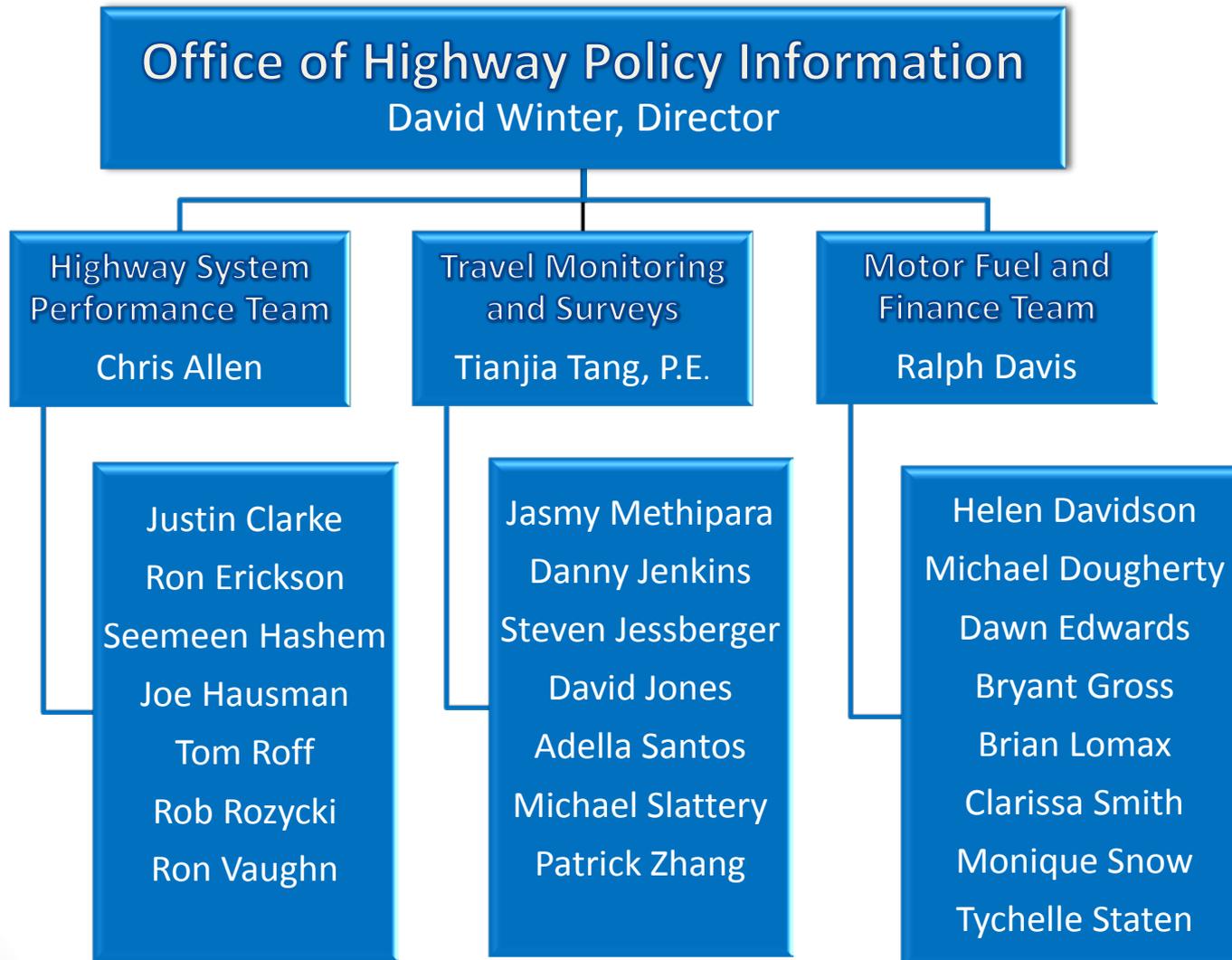


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Questions and Suggestions

- Are there things that need clarification?
- How can the HQ Office better serve the Divisions or States for the Fuel Tax Evasion programs?
- Suggestions for making everyone's jobs easier?

Office Organization Chart



Questions and Comments

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