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Joel is responsible for the management of all activities relating to the development, production and interpretation of the National Motor Freight Classification®, as well as all staff functions of the CCSB. Joel has 40 years’ experience with the NMFC®. He was hired by NMFTA in June 1977 as a Research Analyst, and has since held a number of positions of increasing responsibility, including Chief of the Interpretations Section, Chief of the Research Section, Senior Classification Specialist and Manager of Classification Development. Prior to joining NMFTA, Joel worked in the traffic department of a major mid-Atlantic department store chain. Joel holds a degree in Business and Management from the University of Maryland, where he majored in Transportation.

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