

“LETTING YOU KNOW”

The Illinois Department of Transportation is interested in maintaining close communications with industry. This newsletter highlights subjects which we believe will be of interest to you.

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IDOT/INDUSTRY WINTER TRAINING 2007

Once again, IDOT, IRTBA and AGCI will be providing joint winter training for contractors and IDOT personnel. This year the training will focus on: Approval of Borrow/Waste/Use Areas; Managing Special Waste, Removing Underground Storage Tanks, and Clean Construction and Demolition Debris Regulations; Changes in the 2007 Standard Specifications; and, Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) and Construction.

IDOT experts will conduct a series of half-day sessions for every region of the state between January 10 and March 1, 2007. Look for more information in the near future from your industry associations.

NEW REQUIREMENT FOR PAVEMENT MARKING MATERIALS

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has published a revision to the final standard 1910.1026 for the occupational exposure to hexavalent chromium. This standard covers occupational exposure to hexavalent chromium in general industry and construction. This standard substantially reduces the permissible exposure limit for hexavalent chromium. Depending upon the number of employees, the implementation compliance dates range from November 27, 2006 to May 30, 2007.

In response to the revision of the OSHA regulation and industry requests, the department has developed Special Provisions for the following pavement marking materials which had contained hexavalent chromium and/or leaded pigments and driers:

- Thermoplastic Pavement Markings (Article 1095.01)
- Epoxy Pavement Markings (Article 1095.04)
- Fast Dry Pavement Marking Paint (White and Yellow Chlorinated Rubber Type) (M Specification M-123)

The new Special Provisions will take effect January 1, 2007.

More information on the OSHA regulations on hexavalent chromium can be found at the following link:

http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/hexavalentchromium/hex_regulatory_text.html

Applicators that have residual material should review the above regulation for compliance requirements. If a materials change is deemed necessary on projects under construction, the contractor should contact the responsible district.



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**PROFILE EQUIPMENT
VERIFICATION (PEV)
PROGRAM**

The Bureau of Materials and Physical Research will be conducting the Profile Equipment Verification (PEV) program again in the spring of 2007. The PEV program was established to address changes to the Special Provision for Surface Testing of Pavements that were made effective as of the August 5, 2005 letting. These changes require any Contractor on a project using this Special Provision to verify their profile equipment through the PEV program. This also applies to equipment used by a Subcontractor on the project.

The 2007 PEV program will be held at the Rantoul Airport, with tentative scheduling for the weeks of April 16 and 23, 2007. Participants in last year's trial program will need to have their profile equipment re-verified (this is an annual program). If you or a Subcontractor have profile equipment to be verified, please contact either of the following individuals for scheduling.

NOTE: No walk-ins will be allowed.

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**SPECIAL NOTICE FOR
STEEL PLATE BEAM
GUARDRAIL**

Effective with the January 2007 letting, the Highway Standards related to steel plate beam guardrail are revised. The changes include increased rail height, deeper blockouts, changed hole punching pattern for rail elements, rail splices for Type A rail placed between posts and shorter posts. Changes to terminal sections are also adopted to accommodate these updates, including an asymmetrical transition from the three beam to w-beam in the Type 6, 6A, and 6B terminals. These changes will provide a guardrail system with an improved range of performance, and greater flexibility for design.

STAY INFORMED!

Keep in touch with your representative on the IDOT/Industry Policy Committee and IDOT/Industry Joint Co-op Committee.