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SUBJECT: Construction Sign Stand Requirements

~This memorandum supersedes the February 21, 2008, memo on this subject.~

The NCHRP 350 compliance date for Category 2 traffic control devices is now in effect. As required by the WSDOT Standard Specifications Section 1-10.2(3) *Conformance to Established Standards*, all Category 2 traffic control devices must comply with NCHRP 350 standards. Examples of Category 2 devices include sign stands and type I, II, and III barricades.

WSDOT allowed a phase-in period over the past several years to allow the opportunity for manufacturers and contractors to fully comply with the national crash test standards. That phase-in period expired on December 31, 2007.

The contractor is obligated to provide compliant devices on all WSDOT projects, and WSDOT staff members need to be able to identify those devices. The purpose of this memo is to remind our construction inspection staff of this requirement and to provide additional information in the steps WSDOT can use to verify that the devices meet the national standard.

All construction sign stands are required under the federal standards to have an identifying label (see example below) affixed to the leg of one of the sign standards. This label will display the FHWA approval letter designation beginning with the WZ-# that correlates to the FHWA approval memo of the device.



Additionally, if there is a question as to the status of a specific device, the contractor is required to provide a copy of the FHWA approval letter upon request.

Please route this information within your region as appropriate.

If you have any questions, please contact Frank Newboles at 360-705-7392 or Marty Weed at 360-705-7293.

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