



Illinois Department of Transportation

2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764

Subject:
Construction Safety

CONSTRUCTION MEMORANDUM NO. 95-63

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Public Laws 91-54 and 91-596 passed by the U.S. Congress pertain to construction and occupational safety. Both laws authorize and direct the U.S. Secretary of Labor to establish mandatory Occupational Safety and Health Standards. The laws describe responsibilities of the employer and the employee. The laws provide that the Standards are to be enforced by the U.S. Department of Labor.

The Safety Standards are lengthy and complex. In addition, they are subject to constant change by publication in the Federal Register and the enforcement of specific portions may be delayed or postponed. For all these reasons, field personnel must cooperate with the enforcing agencies to the fullest extent practicable and will be guided by the following policy:

1. State highway personnel are expected to be safety conscious and alert to reasonable safety features in their daily duties. This has always been true in the past and should continue to be our goal in the future.
2. The Contractor's responsibility to comply with the applicable safety requirements, as well as all other Federal, State, and local laws, shall be discussed at each preconstruction conference and documented in the minutes of the meeting.
3. Where there are conditions which are obvious hazards or pose an imminent danger to employee safety, the Contractor should be so notified. If the condition is not improved by the Contractor, the Resident is to report the problem to the District Engineer.
4. All actions involving worker safety taken by the Resident should be noted in the project diary.
5. All communications with the U.S. Department of Labor, the Illinois Department of Labor, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, or to other enforcement agencies should be referred to this office.

A safe and healthful work environment for all those employed on a Department-administered construction project has been and continues to be a major goal of the Department. The Department is not an enforcement agency nor are Residents responsible for the enforcement of safety rules and regulations which pertain to Contractors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. L. Hinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R" and "L".

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