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The use of galvanizing and metalizing protection systems for steel bridge elements has increased in recent years. Modeling of structures with these protection systems will be improved if using the deterioration rates for weathering steel structures instead of conventionally painted steel structures in Illinois' bridge management system. Therefore, galvanizing or metalizing protection systems for steel bridge elements has been removed from "*Protection System Non-Lead Painted Steel Elements*" and added to "*Protection System Unpainted Steel Elements*". The revisions will be incorporated in the next publication of the *Bridge Element Inspection Manual*.

Please modify all structures in your inventory having galvanized or metalized protection system elements coded using the revised elements as soon as possible to reflect this change.

The revisions to the elements are available as individual PDF files. Please update your manual with these pages. The files are available on the Illinois Department of Transportation website under the Inspection dropdown, Technical Manuals section after [clicking here](#).