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NBI Subscription Service Announcement 20200117

National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) – Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)

The purpose of this NBI Subscription Service Announcement is to provide information to NBIS Program Managers, NBIS Team Leaders and others involved in the bridge inspection program of proposed changes to the NBIS in the Federal Register.

The NPRM to update the NBIS regulation for highway bridges was officially published on November 12, 2019. The NPRM is proposing updates to the NBIS aligned with the direction from Congress when the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) was enacted and to incorporate changes and lessons learned since the last update in 2004.

The comment period for the NPRM has been extended 60 days from the original due date of January 10, 2020. The IDOT Bureau of Bridges & Structures will compile comments/feedback from IDOT staff for submittal to the FHWA. Other state agencies, local public agencies, consulting firms, and others are encouraged to direct comments/feedback to your respective State/National organizations, e.g., IACE, NACE, TOI, IML, ACEC, etc., for submittal to the FHWA.

Comments/feedback must be submitted to the FHWA by no later than March 13, 2020.

In addition, the FHWA proposes to update the Recording and Coding Guide for the Structure Inventory and Appraisal of the Nation's Bridges. The final draft version of this new document, the Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory, can be found on the docket at the link below. FHWA will also be accepting comments on this document to the NBIS Federal Register docket through March 13, 2020.

<https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=FHWA-2017-0047>

The FHWA is looking forward to hearing from stakeholders on the changes proposed in the NPRM and want to hear both positive comments and constructive suggestions to improve the details for the Final Rule.

Questions regarding this NBI Subscription Service Announcement are to be directed to the Bridge Management and Inspection Unit by telephone at 217/785-4537 or by email at

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