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NBIS METRIC 13 – LOAD RATINGS – AASHTOWARE TRAINING

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The purpose of this Circular Letter is to provide additional information regarding expected future load rating policies, and to inform you of an upcoming training opportunity targeted to those personnel performing load ratings. Circular Letter 2016-10 provided information to make bridge owners aware of changes to the procedures for assigning load ratings to structures in Illinois, and to facilitate processes for the adaptation of new load rating procedures. CL2016-10 also indicated that beginning July 1, 2017, we expect submittal of the structure plans and load rating results to the Department will be required for all new construction, rehabilitations, and other work affecting the load capacity of a structure.

We expect that all load ratings will need to be performed with AASHTOWare software, or compatible software, in order to be usable with the Illinois Transportation Automated Permit (ITAP) system and software used by the Department. Please be aware the 2016 AASHTO Rating and Design Bridge User Group (RADBUG) meeting will be held this year on August 2-3, 2016 at the Embassy Suites Chicago – Downtown, 600 N. State Street. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about AASHTOWare and get some hands-on experience at a reasonable cost, and we encourage participation. See link at [2016 AASHTO RADBUG Meeting](#).

Questions regarding this circular letter may be directed to the Local Policy and Technology Unit at (217) 785-5048 or DOT.LocalPolicy@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

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