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Reply to the Attention of:

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Dear Ms. Miller:

We have reviewed the draft document entitled: *Building Safer Highway Work Zones: Measures to Prevent Worker Injuries from Vehicles and Equipment*. The document reflects the presentations at the December 1998 workshop.

We recommend the following editorial modifications to the document:

"Public Health Summary", "What recommendations ...": Add within the paragraph beginning with OSHA, within the sentence beginning with However, "nor does it address traffic control plans or shift work."

"Traffic Control," "Flagger," add to the sentence beginning with "Assign..." "the capability to communicate." A section about policy makers should appear in the "Flaggers" section; stating that these protections should be appear in the OSHA standards. And the OSHA construction should stated that the high visibility clothing is considered PPE.

Add to the box about Parsippany: the following were involved: New Jersey State Police, International/Local Laborers' Union, the Utilities and Transportation Contractors' Association, Rutgers University, local and county police departments, the New Jersey Department of Labor Consultation Program.

In the box about Racine, WI., clarify if the law enforcement personnel will be positioned "ahead" of the work zone if a stop or arrest is warranted. Should the term be "after" the work zone? Law enforcement personnel ahead of the workzone would not be able to ticket someone who has speeded past the workzone.

In the "Training and certification," in the section beginning with "Promulgate..." At the second sentence place the word current between "The" and " MUTCD."

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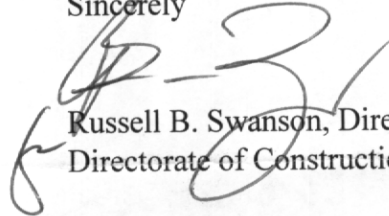
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Add to List of Acronyms: OPS, Operator protective structures, the Society of Automotive Engineers is a currently using OPS and has ceased using ROPS.

"References," in the definition of CFR, add 29 CFR 1926 "Safety and health regulations for construction."

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this document.

Sincerely



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