

107-C-220 WORKER SAFETY

(Adopted 11-20-08)

The Standard Specifications are revised as follows:

SECTION 107, BEGIN LINE 240, DELETE AND INSERT AS FOLLOWS:

(a) Employee Worker Safety

All workers within the right-of-way who are exposed either to traffic or construction equipment within the work area shall wear high visibility safety apparel in accordance with 23 CFR 634.

If a trench, 5 ft (1.5 m) or more in depth, is constructed on a project, the requirements for trench safety systems as specified in OSHA regulations 29 CFR 1926, Subpart P, shall be performed. Unless otherwise specified, trench safety systems work will not be paid for separately, but the cost thereof shall be included in the cost of the pay item covering the trench excavation work.

SECTION 107, BEGIN LINE 430, DELETE AS FOLLOWS:

Sufficient barricades, supplemented by watchers or flaggers when necessary, shall be provided continuously to protect any and all parts of the work and to promote safe and orderly movement of traffic. When a road is closed or posted for official detour but is still usable by local traffic, barricades and road closure sign assemblies, in addition to the closure barricades, required at the beginning and end of the portion of such road being detoured, shall be erected at the site of bridge removals, pipe removals, or other high hazard locations. Such barricades shall be located within 150 ft (50 m) of the removal location. These barricades shall be of the type shown on the plans, and in accordance with 801.07. Such barricades shall extend from shoulder to shoulder, or to the limit of area that is readily traversable by a motor vehicle, as directed. During non-working hours, no opening shall exist in the barricades. The road closure sign assembly shall be placed at or near the center of the roadway. If these requirements are violated, operations shall be suspended until adequate measures are taken for full compliance. ~~Flaggers or watchers shall wear a flagger's vest while directing traffic. Official law enforcement officers in uniform will not be required to wear a vest. The vest shall be furnished and be made of a durable fluorescent material, flame orange color, with two vertical reflective stripes on both the front and back. It shall be kept clean and provide maximum visibility at all times. The use of hand signaling flags will not be permitted except for emergency and single flagger situations. The "Stop"/"Slow" paddle shall be required as a primary hand signaling device to control traffic through work areas. The "Stop"/"Slow" paddle shall be in accordance with section 6E.03 of the MUTCD, except it shall be at least 24 in. (610 mm) wide.~~
