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SUBJECT: Temporary Concrete Barrier Type 1 (Temporary Traffic Barrier Type 1) use after Jan. 1, 2012

A question has come in to the Division of Construction Management regarding temporary concrete barrier (temporary traffic barrier) type 1 (spec 801.10). Section 801.10 of the Standard Specifications state “Type 1 barrier units precast prior to 2003 shall not be used after January 1, 2012.” A Contractor inquired if the old temporary concrete barrier type 1 is in place on a project before the January 1, 2012 cutoff date, can they leave it in place after the January 1, 2012 date?

The Division of Construction Management researched the question. The January 1, 2012 date became part of the specifications on September 1, 2005. Since the January 1, 2012 deadline has been known for some time, it is the opinion of the Division of Construction Management that this is a “rigid date” and all type 1 temporary concrete barrier (temporary traffic barrier) used on or after January 2, 2012 must meet the Standard Specifications in force at that time. The Department will not consider “grandfathering” any old concrete barrier.

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