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CONSTRUCTION MEMORANDUM
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TO: District Deputy Commissioners
    District Construction Directors
    District Technical Services Directors
    District Area Engineers
    District Project Management Director
    Project Management Director
    District Traffic Engineers
    District Testing Engineers
    District LPA Coordinators
    Project Engineers/Supervisors
    Field Engineers
    Office of Material Management

FROM: Gregory G. Pankow, P.E., State Construction Engineer
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SUBJECT: Storage of Flammable Materials Under Bridges

It has been brought to my attention that contractors are storing flammable materials under bridge structures during construction.

This practice cannot be allowed to continue as it puts our bridges at risk of damage and potential collapse should the flammable materials being stored under the bridges catch fire, as evidenced by the recent I-85 bridge collapse in Atlanta.

These materials include but are not limited to fuel, paint, solvents, fertilizer, pvc products, chemicals marked as flammable/inflammable, wood and timber not currently being used for falsework, etc.

If any flammable materials currently exist under bridges on construction contracts, contractors need to be informed to have them promptly removed.

If you should have any questions on this memo please contact your District’s Construction Management Field Engineer.

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