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CONSTRUCTION MEMORANDUM 17-07

TO: District Deputy Commissioners
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FROM: Gregory G. Pankow, P.E., State Construction Engineer
Division of Construction Management and District Support

SUBJECT: Storage of Flammable Materials Under Bridges

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory G. Pankow".

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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