



March 21, 2020

To: Prime Construction Contractors with Active PennDOT Construction Projects

Dear Prime Contractor:

On March 12, 2020, the Governor announced measures intended to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Pennsylvania. Subsequent to this announcement, PennDOT Districts issued your company a letter advising that PennDOT was suspending all highway construction projects throughout the state. On March 19, 2020, the Governor ordered all non-life-sustaining businesses in Pennsylvania to close their physical locations as of 8 p.m. March 19, to slow the spread of COVID-19.

The Governor's March 19, 2020 order included a Business Guidance document that established Heavy and Civil Engineering Highway Construction as a "No" in the category of "May Continue Physical Operations." On March 20, 2020, the Department of Community and Economic Development issued updated Business Guidance for Heavy and Civil Engineering Highway Construction which permits physical operations for emergency repairs to continue.

This letter provides communication regarding contractor and inspector activities related physical operations for emergency repairs on transportation construction projects. Please refer to the two attachments listed below for guidance:

- Guidelines for Maintaining Life Sustaining Operations on Construction Projects
- Self-Monitoring and Social Distancing Guidelines for Construction Projects

This letter does not apply to locally-administered construction projects.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact your respective Assistant District Executive-Construction. Additionally, if any stabilization activities remain incomplete or if new stabilization activities become necessary, contact the Assistant Construction Engineer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian G. Thompson".

Brian G. Thompson, P.E.
Director of Project Delivery

Enclosures

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