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(FHWA Approved: 1/18/06)

TO: DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS
FROM: Brian Blanchard, Director, Office of Construction
COPIES: Bob Burluson (FTBA), Don Davis (FHWA)
SUBJECT: BUY AMERICA STEEL REQUIREMENTS

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brian Blanchard".

This DCE memo is being issued as part of a commitment made to FHWA resulting from recent problems concerning the requirements of the Buy America Steel as listed in 23 CFR 635.410 and stated in the Department Specifications in section 6-12.2.

During the constructability review of the contract plans, on all Federal-Aid contracts, ensure that all steel and iron permanently incorporated into the project is capable of being manufactured in the United States.

If foreign steel is required on current, active projects then ensure that a design variance and waiver from FHWA has been obtained by the EOR.

If it is determined that a design variance and waiver has not been obtained then immediately submit a request to the Director, Office of Construction and FHWA Representative requesting a waiver of the Buy America Steel requirement.

For any Federal-Aid projects, do not allow the contractor to proceed, even at his own risk, with the installation of the foreign steel until approval has been received from FHWA.

If you have any questions, please call Tim Lattner at 850-414-4167 or suncom 994-4167.

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