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
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DME MEMORANDUM NUMBER 21-03

DATE: June 29, 2021

TO: DISTRICT MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS & ADMINISTRATORS

FROM: Rudy Powell, P.E., Director, Office of Maintenance 
COPIES: Will Watts, P.E., Chief Engineer
Peter Loughlin, AMOTIA Cindy Dunkle

SUBJECT: **Maintenance Rating Program (MRP) Handbook 2021 Concerning Spanish Needle**

Spanish Needle (*Bidens alba*) will no longer be considered Undesirable Vegetation effective July 1, 2021. This change will be incorporated in the *Maintenance Rating Program Handbook, 2021 Edition* scheduled to be released in October 2021.

Spanish Needle is a mowing species and will not be considered an allowable seed stalk, decorative flower, or naturally occurring or planted/ designated wildflower for the purposes of the MRP. Even though Spanish Needle will no longer be considered Undesirable Vegetation, the growth and spread of Spanish Needle may need to be controlled because it could create unacceptable conditions for roadside mowing, turf condition, striping, curb/ sidewalk edging, or other MRP characteristics. Management strategies and practices to control Spanish Needle shall be described in each District's Vegetation Management Plan.

Please contact Jon Heller if there are any questions.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 17, 2021

TO: Cindy Dunkle, Jeff Pouliotte, Fred Noble, Kristin Tadlock

FROM: Rudy Powell, Director, Office of Maintenance



COPIES: Will Watts, Chief Engineer

SUBJECT: **DELEGATION OF SIGNATURE AUTHORITY**

The following list establishes the priority for signature authority during my absence from the office. This authorization includes all documents requiring the signature of the Director, Office of Maintenance with the exception of human resources and purchasing requests.

1. Cindy Dunkle, State Maintenance Engineer
2. Fred Noble, State NPDES Administrator
3. Jeff Pouliotte, State Structures Maintenance Engineer
4. Kristin Tadlock, Roadway Maintenance Engineer

Documents concerning human resources and purchasing requests shall be forwarded to the Chief Engineer for processing.

This memo supersedes any previous authorization and shall remain in effect until rescinded by me.

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