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Khoa Nguyen  
Director, Office of Technical Services  
Federal Highway Administration  
3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400  
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Re: State Specifications Office  
Section: **108**  
Proposed Specification: **1080201 Monitor Existing Structures.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Supplemental Specification.

The changes are proposed by Juan Castellanos to clarify the language.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to [dan.hurtado@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:dan.hurtado@dot.state.fl.us).

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 414-4130.

Sincerely,

Signature on File

Dan Hurtado, P.E.  
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

**MONITOR EXISTING STRUCTURES****(REV 119-94-18)**

SUBARTICLE 108-2.1.3 is deleted and the following substituted:

**108-2.1.3 Roadway Compaction Operations:** When performing embankment and asphalt compaction, inspect and document the condition of the following existing structures, and survey and monitor for settlement the following existing structures:

1. as shown in the Plans.
2. within 75 feet of vibratory compaction (in any vibratory mode)

operations.

**108-2.1.4 Inspection and Documentation Requirements:** Inspect and document the condition of the existing structures and all existing cracks with descriptions and pictures using a qualified Specialty Engineer. ~~Submit~~Prepare two reports, signed and sealed by the Specialty Engineer, documenting the condition of the structures. ~~Submit~~ one report before beginning the construction operations that may affect the existing structures such as but not limited to foundation construction, excavations, vibratory compaction, dewatering and retaining wall construction. ~~and~~Submit the a second report documenting the condition of the structures after the construction operations are complete. ~~after completing such construction operations.~~ Include in the reports the Specialty Engineer's assessment of any damage present, and in the event of damage, the Specialty Engineer's assessment of whether the observed damage is the result of the construction operations. Submit both reports to the Engineer. Inspecting and documenting the condition of bridges, sign, signal, lighting and ITS structures owned by the Department is not required except when shown in the Contract Documents.

The Department will make the necessary arrangements to provide right-of-way entry to the existing structures.

**108-2.1.5 Settlement Surveying and Monitoring Requirements:** Obtain the Engineer's approval for the number and location of monitoring points. Survey and monitor the settlement of structures, providing +/-0.005 foot accuracy, recording elevations to 0.001 foot:

1. before beginning construction
2. daily, during the driving of any casings, piling, or sheeting,
3. daily, during compaction
4. daily, during foundation drilling
5. weekly, for two weeks after stopping pile driving
6. during excavation
7. during blasting
8. or, as directed by the Engineer

Upon either detecting movement of 0.0105 feet or damage to the structure, immediately stop the construction operations affecting the structure, backfill any open excavations, notify the Engineer and submit a corrective action plan for acceptance by the Engineer. Submit settlement monitoring records to the Engineer on a weekly basis.

**108-2.2 Vibration Monitoring:** When shown in the Contract Documents, employ a qualified Specialty Engineer to provide a system which will continuously monitor and record ground vibration levels ~~at~~near the structures shown in the Plans during the operation of any equipment causing vibrations or during blasting operations. Provide vibration monitoring equipment capable of detecting velocities of 0.01 inches per second or less. Obtain the

Engineer's approval of the number and locations of the monitoring points and install the system per the Specialty Engineer's recommendations. Submit the vibration records to the Engineer within 24 hours of performing the monitoring activity. ~~Provide vibration monitoring equipment capable of detecting velocities of 0.01 inches per second or less. Obtain the Engineer's approval of the number and locations of the monitoring points.~~

Upon either detecting vibration levels reaching 0.5 inches per second or damage to the structure, immediately stop the source of vibrations, backfill any open excavations, notify the Engineer and submit a corrective action plan for acceptance by the Engineer.

**108-2.3 Groundwater Monitoring:** When shown in the Contract Documents, install a piezometer at the right-of-way line and near any existing structure that may be affected by dewatering operations, or as directed by the Engineer. Monitor the piezometer and record the groundwater elevation level each day that dewatering activities are performed and for one week after activities have ceased, or on a schedule approved by the Engineer. Notify the Engineer of any groundwater lowering near the structure of 12 inches or more.

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