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DATE: May 18, 1995
TO: All Division Engineers
FROM: N. S. Cauthen *N. S. Cauthen*
Construction Engineer
RE: NBIS Bridge Inspections of Bridges Under Construction

All portions of bridges that are constructed under a "Staged" or "Phased" sequence of construction must be inspected in accordance with the requirements of the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) prior to the placement of traffic on the bridge.

"Phased" or "Staged" construction is often utilized to allow the completion of a portion of a bridge to carry traffic while the construction of the remainder of the bridge is being completed. This allows the uninterrupted flow of traffic by keeping an old adjacent bridge structure (that is being replaced) open to traffic during the construction of the first portion of the bridge.

The first "Phase" or "Stage" of the bridge construction must be inspected, as is done at the completion of bridge construction projects, prior to the shifting of traffic to that newly completed portion of the bridge.

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