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October 4, 2007

William G. Dressel, Jr., Executive Director
New Jersey State League of Municipalities
222 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Re: Inventory and Inspection of County/Municipally Owned Culverts

Dear Mr. Dressel:

During the August 29, 2007 County Engineer's meeting with Commissioner Kolluri, in response to guidance from Governor Corzine, the Department committed to coordinating and funding the inventory and inspection of all County and Municipally owned culverts between 5' and 20' long. The Department feels this action is warranted in order to assure that a complete inventory exists and that we are aware of any structural or safety conditions that warrant attention.

To fulfill this commitment, the Department intends to hire consulting engineers to perform the inventory and inspections of the County and Municipal owned culverts. The consultant projects will group the County and Municipal culverts into contracts for each County although there may be multiple contracts for the larger Counties. The program will be similar to what is done for the larger County and Municipal bridge inspection projects.

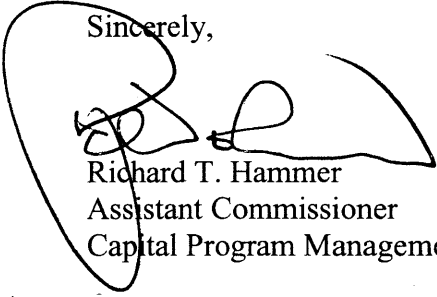
Our initial thoughts on the implementation of the program identified a need to develop lists of the culverts within each County. To that end, we request that you ask your members to develop lists of the culverts located within their Municipalities and forward them to their respective County Engineers for compilation. The lists should indicate the name of the roadway carried by the culvert, name of the stream (or other feature) below the culvert, and the name (and distance from, if known) of the nearest intersecting roadway. Also, basic information on each culvert would be helpful if known (such as structure number, length, type, Lat-Long, etc.) In order to avoid duplication, culverts located on Municipal borders should be indicated.

To assure that the implementation of this program is not delayed, it is requested that these culvert lists be forwarded within six weeks of the date of this letter.

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In closing, we thank you for your anticipated cooperation with this request. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact James Lane, Manager of Structural Evaluation at (609) 530-3572.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Hammer', enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

Richard T. Hammer
Assistant Commissioner
Capital Program Management