



TO:

BRIDGE OWNER EMAIL ADDRESS:

**SUBJECT: NATIONAL BRIDGE INSPECTION STANDARDS (NBIS) -
Non-SCDOT Owned Bridge Critical Finding Reminder Memorandum, Action Required**

Asset ID Number:

Dear _____ :

As part of the South Carolina Bridge Inspection Program, SCDOT Bridge Maintenance performs the inspection and load ratings of all county and municipality-owned bridges that have a clear span of 20 feet or greater in accordance with NBIS. These bridges are scheduled to be inspected every two years unless a shorter duration is recommended.

SCDOT or a consultant working for SCDOT previously inspected the above subject bridge on _____ and on _____ provided a letter notifying you of a Critical Finding.

We are informing you that no action to resolve the deficiency has been taken place since we reported this critical finding in the last 15 days. Please inform this office with regards to the corrective action that has taken place as soon as possible. Also, please return the Critical Finding Verification Form attached with action taken.

Please be advised that a Critical Finding may affect the structural integrity of the bridge or may pose a potentially unsafe hazard for vehicular or pedestrian traffic. This type of repair shall be completed as soon as possible. Once again, a Critical Finding requires immediate corrective action. If necessary, temporary remediation of critical findings should be implemented immediately and may include full closure, partial closure, weight restriction, temporary shoring, etc.

South Carolina is federally required to apply the NBIS to all structures defined as highway bridges located on all public roads. Bridge inspection requirements are codified into federal law by 23 CFR 650. While the SCDOT performs inspections on all public bridges; the repair, rehabilitation or reconstruction of any bridges is the owner/custodian's responsibility.

The SCDOT Bridge Maintenance Office (BMO) in Columbia is responsible for informing the South Carolina Division of Federal Highway Administration of all Critical Findings (and resolutions) found on public bridges in the state.

The Critical Findings Form (Attachment 5.5) can be returned via mail or email to the District Bridge Engineer (DBE). Questions regarding the bridge inspection may be directed to the DBE.

DBE Contact:

SCDOT is pleased to assist you in this matter of bridge safety to protect the citizens of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

cc: DBE, DBIS, SCDOT BMO, Bridge File

