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Dear Bridge Owner:

This is a reminder of the March 3, 2008 letter regarding excessive gravel/soil on bridges.

The technical Advisory from the Federal Highway Administration regarding the gusset plates that form joints on steel truss bridges was included in the earlier letter. This Technical advisory was issued as a result of the failure of the I-35W Bridge in Minnesota. The Nebraska Gusset Plate Advisory Plan of Action was also included. The plan of action outlines what the Bridge Office is doing, and requiring of others, to comply with the advisory.

In regard to item 2-b of the plan of action, we had enclosed a list of bridges in your jurisdiction that have accumulated excessive amounts of gravel on their decks.

If you have any bridges with up to three inches of gravel on the deck, the bridge deck must be cleared of gravel or the Bridge Office may order the bridge closed until the excess gravel is removed.

In some cases, where the bridge has an extreme amount of gravel (over 3 inches), the bridge must be closed and the gravel removed before reopening the bridge.

If the bridge is a truss, then all dead load must be removed. If the additional dead load cannot be removed, then the gusset plates must be inspected, measured and the data sent to the NDOR for load rating the bridge.

The deadline for notifying the bridge office of your actions was June 15, 2008. However, we have received information from only 14 counties as of July 2, 2008. We have extended the deadline until July 25, 2008. Those who have not yet sent in the information need to submit this information or risk having the listed bridges closed.

Contact Steve Andersen at 402-479-4705 if you have any questions. Submit your information to the Bridge Office in care of Steve Andersen.

Sincerely,

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Interim Bridge Engineer

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