DATE: April 6, 1993

TO: District Engineers
    District Field Engineers
    District Construction Engineers
    Resident/Project Engineers

FROM: Gerald D. Dobie
      Engineer of Construction

SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION INSTRUCTIONAL MEMORANDUM 1993-12
         Warning Lights on Construction Sign

On several occasions, project engineers have allowed the contractor to locate the flasher warning lights on
construction warning signs below the midpoint of vertical dimension on signs; the logic being that putting the
lights at the lower level will make it more convenient for the contractor to service them.

However, we believe placing warning lights at this lower height diminishes the effectiveness of these lights as
attention-getting devices for the sign legend; and, in addition, the practice does not conform with the typical
signing guides incorporated in the project proposal.

Therefore, I am requesting all project engineers to conform with the typical signing guides and insist the
contractor place the flasher warning lights at or above the midpoint of vertical dimension of sign face.

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