ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:
- This Engineering Instruction (EI) is effective beginning with projects submitted for the letting of May 3, 2007.
- This EI supersedes EI 01-024 and Engineering Bulletin 06-012.
- The contents of this EI will be incorporated into a future update of the Environmental Procedures Manual (EPM).

PURPOSE:
The purpose of this EI is to issue Design guidance concerning recent amendments to 12 NYCRR Part 56 and approval of a new Blanket Variance 14 (BV 14) covering bridge and highway asbestos abatement work.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:
- 12 NYCRR 56 requires that only New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) certified asbestos project designers employed by NYSDOL licensed handling firms may design asbestos abatement projects. Project selection of specifications transmitted in EI 06-027 is required to be made by recommendation from NYSDOL certified asbestos project designer(s) employed by either the Department or other NYSDOL licensed handling firm.
- All Maintenance and Protection of Traffic devices outside the regulated asbestos work area required by any regulatory variance including Site Specific Variances (SSV), Applicable Variances (AV) or Blanket Variances (BV) shall be paid for separately. Other regulated asbestos work area delineation materials (i.e., construction fence, visual barrier, etc.) required by any SSV, AV or BV shall be included in the bid price for the associated asbestos pay item.
- BVs associated with identified payment items in the contract documents shall be listed in the SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO BIDDERS (CONR9).
- BV 14 was approved on June 14, 2006 for use by the Department, the NYS Thruway Authority, the NYS Canal Corporation and County highway departments. This variance was developed as a replacement for BV 12. It covers removal of non-friable, exterior asbestos containing materials associated with bridge rehabilitation/demolition and utility work within a highway right of way. It also incorporates more specific provisions for removal of asbestos-containing coatings on structural steel during bridge demolition/rehabilitation and bridge painting. BV 14 is provided as Appendix 1.3.H.13 in the Air Quality Chapter of the EPM located at www.dot.state.ny.us/eab/epm/1-3-h-13.pdf.
BACKGROUND:
An amended version of 12 NYCRR Part 56 was promulgated on January 11, 2006, and became formally effective on September 5, 2006. Based on this regulatory amendment, revisions to Standard Specifications Section 210 were developed and transmitted with EI 06-027.

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