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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Luzerne County
8th Street Bridge
SR 1021 SEC 370
Removal of fallen truss bridge from Susquehanna River
ES# 111006f

HONORABLE PHYLLIS MUNDY
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Dear Ms. Mundy:

This letter is in response to your letter dated October 24, 2011, regarding the urgency to remove the old 8th Street truss bridge that fell into the Susquehanna River on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

Please be advised that this work was to be completed by late summer, however, heavy rain and high water prohibited the contractor from repositioning the current causeway to its new location. The following is a timeline of events that took place this past week:

Saturday, October 22, 2011 - PENNDOT and the contractor (Nyleve Bridge Corp) visually inspect the new 8th Street Bridge structure for damage. No visible damage to the new bridge was noticed.

Monday, October 24, 2011 - PENNDOT Engineers meet on site with the contractor and request an expedited plan to immediately remove the truss from the river.

Tuesday, October 25, 2011 - Expedited plan received from contractor. Because time is of the essence, the contractor's plan includes "flipping" the causeway in the river from the north side of the channel to the south side of the channel. Also, the contractor plans to raise the elevation of the causeway. This will allow the removal process to continue up to a river level of 8 feet. The Department notified DEP via conference call of the expedited removal plan. PENNDOT directs its contractor to proceed with the plan.

Wednesday, October 26, 2011 - The Department's Contractor (Nyleve Bridge Corp) begins to reposition the causeway from the south side of the river to the north side of the river. PENNDOT conducts an internal meeting to investigate the possible cause of the collapse.

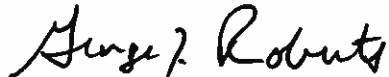
Thursday, October 25, 2011 - Work continues on repositioning the causeway. The repositioning is expected to be completed on Monday, October 31, 2011. PENNDOT officially notifies DEP in a letter of the expedited removal plan.

Wednesday, November 2, 2011 - Removal of the truss is expected to begin.

As indicated by this past week events, the Department of Transportation and its contractor's share your deep concern for your constituents of the Wyoming Valley and will work with great urgency until the fallen truss, pier and causeway is removed from the Susquehanna River.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our Construction Services Engineer, Carmen J. DiPietro, P.E. at 570-963-4013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George J. Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

George J. Roberts, P.E.
DISTRICT EXECUTIVE