



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** HBRRP Closed Bridge Report

Date: November 16, 2001

From: **Original Signed By Raymond McCormick**
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Reply to HIBT-30
Attn of:

To: Directors of Field Services
Division Administrators
Federal Lands Highway Division Engineers

In our efforts to continually improve the quality of data in the National Bridge Inventory (NBI) and the overall effectiveness of the program we have developed a list of bridges, which have been closed for 5 consecutive years (years evaluated were 1997 through 2001). Section 144 of Title 23 USC states that HBRRP program funds are to be used only to replace or to rehabilitate bridges, which are significantly important and are unsafe. The closure of these bridges for so many consecutive years with no corrective action taken may indicate that the bridge is not significant and should be removed from the NBI.

The attached excel spreadsheet contains the listing for all States. Please refer to the section that refers to your State. Nationwide, the NBI data shows that there are only 1,562 bridges that have been closed for 5 consecutive years.

Prior to the next National Bridge Inventory submittal in April of 2002, we are requesting each Division and/or State to review these bridges, determine their disposition, and take action accordingly. Those bridges that will not be reopened should be removed from the National Bridge Inventory. Please contact Raymond McCormick at (202) 366-4675, or Ann Shemaka at (202) 366-1575 if there are questions or if further assistance is required.

Attachment