

# National Association of County Engineers

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## **NACE UPDATE**

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### **Final Rule on Sign Retroreflectivity Issued**

The Final Rule for maintained sign retroreflectivity was published in the Federal Register on December 21, 2007. The text of the Final Rule is attached. The FHWA Visibility web site will be modified to provide the text of the rule, the changes to the MUTCD text, a brochure that explains the changes, and other related items. Go to [www.fhwa.dot.gov/retro](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/retro) to go directly to that site. Additionally the FHWA advises that a 4-page brochure is in the process of being printed. In January, NACE will get copies and the LTAP clearinghouse will be receiving several thousand copies for distribution to their offices.

### **NPA to MUTCD Published: Comments due July 31, 2008**

A Notice of Proposed Amendments (NPA) to the MUTCD has been published in the January 2nd Federal Register for public review and comment. The NPA contains comprehensive revisions that are proposed for incorporation into the next edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). A seven month period is being provided for comments to the docket, which will close on July 31, 2008. The proposed MUTCD text, figures, and tables are also available for public review and comment.

The Federal Highway Administration has more information online:

<http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/>

The Federal Register notice also has more information, including information on how to file comments, [http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fedreg/a080102c.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a080102c.html)

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### **Reminder: CONEXPO-CON/AGG 2008 being held from March 11-15, 2008, in Las Vegas, USA: Visit the NACE Booth located at L-3543 in the Central Lobby**

[www.conexpoconagg.com](http://www.conexpoconagg.com)

CONEXPO-CON/AGG, the largest international trade show in 2008 for the construction industries. CONEXPO-CON/AGG and the co-located IFPE 2008 will be held March 11-15, 2008 at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, USA. The shows will be the international gathering place in 2008 for the construction and motion control industries. One registration allows access to the exhibits of both shows, and advance registration saves money off the on-site fee.

Register online at [www.conexpoconagg.com](http://www.conexpoconagg.com) or [www.ifpe.com](http://www.ifpe.com) , or via fax or mail. Advance registration closes February 8, 2008. Full information on the show is available online, and attendees can also request a registration brochure with details and registration forms. Downloadable registration forms on the show websites will be available in several languages besides English, including Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. Advance registration also saves money for attendees taking advantage of

CONEXPO-CON/AGG 2008 education programming. Single tickets will be available as well as four-ticket and 12-ticket value packs. IFPE 2008 will also offer extensive education. The IFPE Technical Conference is \$75 pre-show and at-show, and includes a CD-ROM of the proceedings. The new IFPE Innovations and Solutions Showcase sessions are no charge to all registered IFPE and CONEXPO-CON/AGG attendees.

For fax and mail registrations, fax numbers are +1-847-940-2386 or toll free North America (800) 521-6017, and mailing address is CONEXPO-CON/AGG 2008 & IFPE 2008 Registration Headquarters c/o Experient, 108 Wilmot Road - Suite 400, Deerfield, Illinois USA 60015-5124.

### **Beneficial Use of Industrial Materials Summit to be held from March 31 – April 3, 2008 in Denver, CO**

The 2008 Beneficial Use of Industrial Materials Summit, formerly the Byproducts Beneficial Use Summit, is designed to provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas about beneficial use between regulators, industry, and other stakeholders. The Summit has been renamed to better reflect a materials management approach for reuse and recycling, and to better align with existing and developing strategic plans for achieving the environmentally safe beneficial use of industrial materials.

This conference is an opportunity for regulators, industry, and other stakeholders to:

- Exchange ideas about beneficial use
- Learn from case studies and new research
- Learn about the status of government programs
- Get "face-time" with regulators

Come listen and participate with representatives from the private sector, reuse and recycling community, non-profit organizations, trade associations, researchers, and local, state and federal government agencies to learn about the important issues, challenges, and successes surrounding the beneficial use of industrial materials.

Complete details about the **2008 Beneficial Use of Industrial Materials Summit** are available online at [www.beneficialusesummit.com](http://www.beneficialusesummit.com) or <http://www.byproductsummit.com/2008/index.html> Please visit this site often for up-to-date information, registration details and sponsorship opportunities.

### **Mark your calendars! Road Dust Management Conference Planned November 13-14, 2008 in San Antonio TX.**

Attached is the conference brochure on road dust management to be held November 13-14, 2008, in San Antonio, Texas. NACE is a cooperating partner in holding this important conference. The conference will generate a roadmap for achieving wider, effective and environmentally sustainable, and cost-effective implementation of dust

control Best Management Practices on unsealed roads and adjacent areas. The main themes of the conference include:

- Overview of road dust management issues
- Current road dust management practices
- Identifying knowledge gaps and research needs
- Developing recommendations for future needs that will assist practitioners, industry personnel and researchers by highlighting critical ideas and areas of focus

### **National County Government Week April 6 – 12, 2008**

The theme for this year's National County Government Week, being held from April 6 – 12, 2008, is "Protecting Our Children". For more information on how you can celebrate this important week visit the National Association of Counties website at [http://www.naco.org/Template.cfm?Section=National\\_County\\_Government\\_Week&Template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=15594&MicrositeID=0](http://www.naco.org/Template.cfm?Section=National_County_Government_Week&Template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=15594&MicrositeID=0)

### **U.S. Communities Update**

U. S. Communities is a government purchasing alliance, a division of U.S. Communities Public Services Alliance, was designed in cooperation with an Advisory Board of local and state government purchasing officials and is jointly sponsored by the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO), the National Association of Counties (NACo), the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP), the National League of Cities (NLC), and the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM). U.S. Communities provides a national purchasing forum for local and state government agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education and non-profits nationwide by pooling the purchasing power of over 87,000 public agencies.

### **Contract Update: New Multifunctional Printer/ Copier Contract**

We are pleased to announce the award by the City of Los Angeles, CA of a new U.S. Communities multifunctional printer/ copier contract with Ricoh Americas Corporation. The new contract provides broad access to Ricoh's multifunction printer and copier offering encompassing both equipment and supplies. The award was competitively solicited by the City of Los Angeles as a replacement for the Miami Dade County, FL contract. This new contract will be available for use January 1, 2008.

### **Electrical Contract**

We are pleased to announce the [intent to award by Los Angeles County](#) of a new expanded U.S. Communities Electrical Supplies contract with Graybar Electric Company, Inc. The new contract provides a broader selection of products with the addition of 100 new manufacturers and a list of specialized services for public agency customers. The award was competitively solicited by The County of Los Angeles, CA as a replacement for the previous U.S. Communities contract which officially expires on January 31, 2008.

### **Telecommunications Extension**

The U.S. Communities telecommunications supply contract has been renewed by the contracting agency, County of Los Angeles, CA. for twelve months through December 31, 2008. With the renewal the County of Los Angeles has enabled Graybar to expand their offering on security and communications products and services. A copy of the

extension documents are available for viewing and download at the [Competitively Solicited Contracts](#) page.

### **Cleaning Chemicals, Supplies and Machines Contract**

We are also pleased to announce the award by Dallas County, TX of a new expanded U.S. Communities cleaning chemicals and supplies contract with Zep Sales and Service. The new contract provides broad access to Zep's cleaning chemicals and supplies offering as well as a complete line of cleaning machines. The award was competitively solicited by Dallas County as a replacement for the County of Allegheny, PA contract. This new contract will be available for use January 1, 2008. Zep will be offering an expanded GreenLink line as well as future enhancements to their online ordering system in the new janitorial supply contract. US Communities registered participants will continue to experience superior solutions from their local technical sales and service representative. [Contract and RFP documents](#) are available at U.S. Communities website for download.

For a list of all of the U.S. Communities contract offerings please go to [www.uscommunities.org](http://www.uscommunities.org).

### **Grants Available to Help Coastal Counties**

NACo in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Community-Based Restoration Program (CRP), is pleased to announce the second year of funding for the Coastal Counties Restoration Initiative (CCRI). The initiative provides financial assistance on a competitive basis to innovative, high quality county-led or supported projects. In 2008, CCRI will provide \$500,000 in grants to improve stream, river, estuarine and other important marine habitats. A priority area for CCRI is the removal of fish passage barriers in coastal streams and rivers. Grants will range from \$50,000-\$100,000, based upon need. **The deadline for applications is March 24, 2008.** For more information and to access the full RFP and application instructions, visit [www.naco.org/ccri](http://www.naco.org/ccri). For questions call 202-942-4246 or email [ccri@naco.org](mailto:ccri@naco.org).

### **Highway Administrative Engineer Position in Brookings County, SD Open**

This position is open and Brookings County is advertising. Note the following link. <http://www.brookingscountysd.gov/HR/openings.html>

### **SURFACE-AGGREGATE STABILIZATION WITH CHLORIDE MATERIALS**

[http://www.trb.org/news/blurb\\_detail.asp?id=8581](http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=8581)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service has released a report that examines the performance and cost effectiveness of roadmixing high applications of calcium and magnesium chloride that are applied in a one-time construction process.

### **EROSION CONTROL TREATMENT SELECTION GUIDE**

[http://www.trb.org/news/blurb\\_detail.asp?id=8582](http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=8582)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Forest Service has released a report that explores a strategy and examines information designed to assist professional judgment in developing cost effective erosion control treatments for conditions commonly encountered on USDA Forest Service lands. The report is posted in high-resolution and may take a few minutes to download.

### **COMPARISON OF FOOTBALL-SHAPED RUMBLE STRIPS VERSUS RECTANGULAR RUMBLE STRIPS**

[http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs\\_detail.asp?id=8573](http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=8573)

The Kansas Department of Transportation has released a report that explores a new football-shaped rumble strip versus the rectangular rumble strip. To view a copy of the report, search on "Comparison of Football Shaped Rumble Strips versus Rectangular Rumble Strips" without the quotation marks on the Kansas Research Reports Catalog page.

**THE EFFECTIVENESS OF IOWA'S AUTOMATED RED LIGHT RUNNING ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS**

[http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs\\_detail.asp?id=8579](http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=8579)

The Center for Transportation Research and Education at Iowa State University has released a report that examines automated red light running enforcement programs in Iowa and explores their effectiveness.

**EVALUATION OF GATEWAY AND LOW-COST TRAFFIC-CALMING TREATMENTS FOR MAJOR ROUTES IN SMALL RURAL COMMUNITIES**

[http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs\\_detail.asp?id=8571](http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=8571)

The Center for Transportation Research and Education at Iowa State University has released a report that explores traffic-calming treatments on the major roads through small Iowa communities using either single-measure low-cost or gateway treatments.