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SECTION 105: BRIDGE INSPECTION ACCESS

A. DESCRIPTION:

The contractor shall cooperate with and allow SCDOT personnel or their designee's access to all existing bridges within the project limits to perform periodic bridge condition evaluations. The purpose is to ensure that SCDOT complies with National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) requirements. These evaluations may include routine, underwater, fracture critical, or special inspections. The Department or their designee shall give two weeks' notice to the Contractor of planned inspections. The Contractor shall schedule construction activities to allow unimpeded access to such bridges during NBIS inspections.

The contractor shall notify the RCE four weeks prior to opening any new, widened, stage constructed, rehabilitated, or temporary bridge to traffic to allow an initial bridge condition evaluation, an inventory inspection and an inventory underwater inspection (if needed). Every effort should be made to complete the NBIS inspection prior to opening the bridge to traffic.

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