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Dear Mr. Walsh:

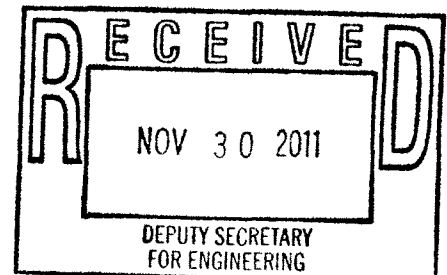
Thank you for your November 18, 2011 submittal of the SCDOT's Action Plan addressing the findings of FHWA's 2011 review of the SCDOT's Bridge Inspection Program. The Action plan satisfactorily addresses our findings, and FHWA has determined that the SCDOT's Bridge Inspection Program is in compliance or conditional compliance with each of the 23 Metrics of the National Bridge Inspection Program for 2011. A summary of our final determination is enclosed. I appreciate the dedication and hard work of all of the SCDOT employees involved in the inspection program, and look forward to working with you and your staff to fully implement the action plan to further improve SCDOT's program.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Lee
Division Administrator

Enclosure

cc: J.C. Watson, SCDOT Chief Engineer for Operations
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2011 NBIP Compliance Review Summary

<u>Metric #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Compliance Determination</u>
1.	Bridge Inspection Organization	Conditional Compliance
2.	Program Manager Qualifications	Compliance
3.	Team Leader Qualifications	Compliance
4.	Load Rating Engineer	Compliance
5.	Diver Qualifications	Compliance
6.	Routine Inspection Frequency	Conditional Compliance
7.	Extended Inspection Frequency	Compliance
8.	Underwater Inspection Frequency	Conditional Compliance
9.	Extended Underwater Frequency	Compliance
10.	Fractural Critical Frequency	Conditional Compliance
11.	Damage, Special or In-depth Inspections	Substantial Compliance
12.	Team Leader	Conditional Compliance
13.	Load Ratings	Conditional Compliance
14.	Posting or Restricting	Conditional Compliance
15.	Bridge Files	Conditional Compliance
16.	Fracture Critical Inspections	Conditional Compliance
17.	Underwater Inspections	Compliance
18.	Scour Critical	Conditional Compliance
19.	Complex Bridges	Conditional Compliance
20.	QC/QA	Conditional Compliance
21.	Critical Findings	Conditional Compliance
22.	Maintain Inventory	Conditional Compliance
23.	Update Inventory	Conditional Compliance