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## Bulletin 26.08

**SUBJECT**     **Update Load Posting Policy and Procedures**



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### Introduction

This bulletin updates and clarifies existing Bridge Inspection Program (BIP) procedures related to load posting by more clearly defining required timeframes, responsibilities, follow-up actions, and escalation steps necessary to support compliance and attain proper posting within the required 30-day limit as per 23 CFR § 650.313(I). This Bulletin supersedes Bulletin 26.05 Posting Status Changes: Data and Documentation Updates.

### Implementation

- If bridges are observed to be improperly posted or posting signs are missing, NDOT shall be notified by email or phone call by the owner or their representative within 24 hours.
  - NDOT will update the Load Posting Status (B.PS.01) and Posting Status Change Date (B.PS.02) in BrM.
    - Updates to the Posting Status and Posting Status Change date will be locked for all BrM users except NDOT Inspection Program managers.
- For bridges that are found to need new posting or posting level reduction, notifications will be sent to the bridge owner of the required posting action within 5 calendar days of the load rating review.
- NDOT will contact the bridge owner if a compliance plan has not been received within 10 calendar days.
- NDOT will escalate the issue to the NBIS Program Manager if a compliance plan has not been received within 15 calendar days after a change to posting status that requires action.
- The following steps indicate that posting updates are complete.
  - The owner has notified NDOT by email that the structure has been properly posted and provided photos of each posting sign.
  - NDOT has updated the Load Posting Status (B.PS.01) and the Posting Status Change Date (B.PS.02) in BrM.

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