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Mr. Ed Wasserman  
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Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Mr. Wasserman:

I received your letter dated October 22, 2009 requesting an assessment of the NBIS Annual Review of Region 3 bridges that are the responsibility of the Fayetteville Inspection Office.

On October 19-20, 2009, FHWA and members of your staff conducted a field review of thirteen bridges in Lincoln and Lawrence Counties; all bridges are the responsibility of the Fayetteville Inspection team. Our QA/QC review compared our assessment of the Condition and Appraisal coding items as we inspected each bridge, against those currently listed by the Fayetteville office, as well as a review of their maintenance recommendations. The results showed that the Fayetteville Inspection office did a good job of accurately coding the NBI data as well as capturing the needed maintenance for each bridge. We also reviewed the Pontis data for the State-maintained bridges and found that they also did a good job of choosing the correct elements and separating the bridge area into varying condition states.

Please contact me at 615-781-5762 or [Paul.Sharp@dot.gov](mailto:Paul.Sharp@dot.gov) if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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