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**SUBJECT:** Publication 213 Application Statement Modification

**TO:** District Executives

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This Strike-off Letter (SOL) is to inform you that a modification has been made to the Application Statement as shown in the Publication 213, Temporary Traffic Control Guidelines 06/14 edition. The Application Statement is found on the reverse side of the cover page. A new opening paragraph has been created to provide background on Pennsylvania's adoption of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). A new final paragraph has been added which lists three categories utilized in the MUTCD (Standard, Guidance and Option), and provides an explanation of each which reinforces Pennsylvania adoption of the standard statements.

Attached is a copy of the new Application Statement that should be inserted into printed copies of Publication 213.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Matthew Briggs, Manager, Work Zone and Regulations Unit, at 717.783.6268.

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# Application

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Pennsylvania has adopted the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) as published by the Federal Highway Administration with Pennsylvania specific modifications through Title 67 PA Code, Chapter 212, Official Traffic Control Devices, which provides for work-zone traffic control for all public roads in the Commonwealth.

Publication 213 applies to contractors; utilities; Federal, State, County, and Municipal governments; and others performing construction, maintenance, emergency, permit work, utility work, or any other type of work on highways or so closely adjacent to a highway that workers, equipment, or materials encroach on the roadway or interfere with the normal movement of traffic. This also includes any special event that necessitates the need for temporary traffic control. Refer to Chapter 212.402 for a complete list of types of work that are exempt from the requirements contained in this publication and the MUTCD.

The Pennsylvania Typical Application drawings mentioned hereafter will be referenced as PATA (Example: PATA 107). Standard Applications (PATA 000 series) are general in nature and meant to be a possible component of temporary traffic control zones shown in most PATA drawings (100 through 600 series). Multiple PATA drawings (100-600 series) may be combined to create a customized temporary traffic control zone, however, customized traffic control setups shall be approved by the PennDOT District Traffic Unit prior to implementation. Install traffic control devices as shown on an approved customized traffic control plan if a PATA drawing or MUTCD Typical Application drawing does not apply.

The traffic control schemes shown in this publication are normally applicable for both urban and rural areas. Since it is not practical to provide detailed guidelines for all the situations that may conceivably arise, applications are presented for only the most common situations. In limited cases, additional protection may be needed when special complexities or potential hazards prevail. The protection prescribed for each situation shall be consistent with the general provisions found in the most recent editions of Title 67 PA Code, Chapter 212, Official Traffic Control Devices and the MUTCD as issued by the Federal Highway Administration and should be based on common sense; engineering judgment; the speed and volume of traffic; the duration of the operation; the exposure to potential hazards; the physical features of the highway including horizontal alignment, vertical alignment, and the presence of intersections and driveways; and other important factors.

The MUTCD provides three categories: "Standard", "Guidance", and "Option". Any adoption of Standard statements shall be mandatory and are required in all conditions. Adoptions of Guidance statements are recommended, but not mandatory, practice in typical situations, with deviations allowed if engineering judgment or an engineering study indicates the deviation to be appropriate. All deviations shall be supported with written documentation. Option statements adopted from the MUTCD are permissive conditions and carry no requirement or recommendation.