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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONES

WE'RE SAFE ON THE ROADS AGAIN.

Every employee-owner is responsible for making sure they are protecting their work zone as well as the pedestrians and motorists that are traveling through their work zone. This includes simple activities such as unloading equipment, unloading materials, and entering a roadway from a work zone. We need to assess the situation and make sure that appropriate traffic controls are in place before starting the activity.

Every temporary traffic control zone situation is different and creating a one size fits all policy isn't always doable. The Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) is the guiding document for work zones. Each state may have developed a traffic control manual, based on the MUTCD. If there is no guidance from the owner, a traffic control plan needs to be developed for the situation by the supervisor and Safety Manager.

Safety of the traveling public and of our employee-owners is our major concern. Below is a list of some questions that must be answered to illustrate the major safety concerns:

- 01** What will be the time duration of the work?
 - A** How long are you going to be working on the roadway? Is it utility work or a longer type of job?
 - B** What type of protection is recommended for the type of work we are performing?
 - C** Are there things I can do to enhance the protection of our employee-owners?
- 02** Where is the work zone located (on the roadway, on the shoulder, or off the roadway)?
- 03** What type of roadway is involved?
- 04** What is the speed and what is the traffic volume of the roadway?
- 05** Will the traffic change while work is being performed?
- 06** Do local law enforcement agencies need to be notified?
- 07** What kind of signs do we have to have in place?
- 08** What type of channelizing devices must I have to protect the employee-owners on the roadway?
- 09** Will a flagger be required?

When road work is completed, all temporary traffic control zones should be removed such as channelizers and signs immediately to allow traffic to resume normal operations.