

# Design Standards Letter

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**Subject: Revised Form SP-14 and General Special Provisions**

## Body

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ALL DIVISION AND DISTRICT ENGINEERS

Attached is a copy Form SP-14 dated July, 1971, copies of provisions covering the following specifications 105, 108, 109, 201, 203, 609.10, and 609.20 and a revised listing of all the General Special Provisions with a brief description of changes.

The new Form SP-14 incorporates the following changes:

### Addition

1. Control of Work - provides for assumption of maintenance costs of completed fertilized, seeded, and mulched sections.
2. Prosecution and Progress - working day count stopped between December 15 and March 15 as an encouragement to work during winter months.
3. Measurement and Payment - simplifies project administration of force account work and avoids subsidizing high insurance costs which are the normal result of a poor accident record.
4. Clearing and Grubbing - revised to eliminate the implication that burning is permissible under all conditions.
5. Concrete Curb, Gutter, Paved Ditch, Surface Drain Basin, and Drain - revised to permit placement by slipform methods.
6. Integral Curb - revised to permit placement by slipform methods.
7. Construction Safety and Health Standards - Contractor cannot require employees to work under unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous conditions as determined by Federal regulations.

### Revisions

1. Roadway and Drainage Excavation, Embankment, and Compaction - revision

of June amended to eliminate the fixed price for unanticipated Class C Excavation and to substitute a ratio tied to the bid price for Class A Excavation.

The Form SP-14 carries two specifications concerning Section 712. The first listed will be included at the request of the Bridge Office and will carry a date of July, 1971. It has recently been revised incorporating the old Shop and Field Welding and Structural Low-Alloy Steel provisions. It also incorporates recent modifications for shop inspection of foreign steel. The second listed specification for Section 712 has been identified as "Field Bolting" because it pertains only to bolting practices.

The use of the General Special Provisions will begin with projects advertised for the July, 1971 Letting.

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