



# Illinois Department of Transportation

## Memorandum

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To: Regional Engineers  
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Subject: Special Provision for Steel Plate Beam Guardrail  
Manufacturing  
Date: September 28, 2018

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This special provision was developed to bring guardrail manufacturers under the National Transportation Product Evaluation Program (NTPEP) and to update some AASHTO references.

This special provision should be inserted into all contracts involving steel plate beam guardrail and guardrail terminals.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the January 18, 2019 and subsequent lettings. The Project Coordination and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory September 28, 2018.

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## **STEEL PLATE BEAM GUARDRAIL MANUFACTURING (BDE)**

Effective: January 1, 2019

Revise the first three paragraphs of Article 1006.25 of the Standard Specifications to read:

**“1006.25 Steel Plate Beam Guardrail.** Steel plate beam guardrail, including bolts, nuts, and washers, shall be according to AASHTO M 180. The guardrail shall be Class A, with a Type II galvanized coating.

Steel plates for mounting guardrail on existing culverts shall be according to AASHTO M 270 Grade 36 (M 270M Grade 250) and zinc coated according to AASHTO M 111.

The Department will accept guardrail based on the “Brand Registration and Guarantee” requirements of AASHTO M 180 and the manufacturer shall be listed as compliant through the NTPEP Program. The Department will maintain a qualified product list.”

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