Traffic Signal Work Notification

This Construction Advisory serves as a reminder that it is the contractor's responsibility to notify MDOT's Statewide Signal Shop prior to beginning any signal work. A note in the project plans states, "Contact Statewide Signal Shop (M.D.O.T.) (517) 322-3360) 2 working days prior to installation and inspection of traffic signals." Please note this requirement will change to 7 working days notification; therefore, the actual requirement for a specific project must be verified. This will allow coordination between the contractor and the Statewide Signal Shop for installation and inspection of traffic signal work.

Recent incidents with signal installations have resulted in unsatisfactory and unsafe conditions at signalized intersections, requiring immediate response and repair by MDOT signals electricians. It is in everyone's best interest to have the Statewide Signal Inspector on site during the signal work to avoid such instances and to protect the safety of the public. Any work done incorrectly will need to be corrected at the contractor's expense.

If an inspector from MDOT's Statewide Signal Shop is not on site when a contractor is performing signal work, the MDOT or consultant project inspector should stop the signal work until it is verified whether the contractor did notify the Statewide Signal Shop, as required. The MDOT or consultant project inspector can call the Statewide Signal Shop at 517-322-3360 to verify whether inspection notification requirements have been met. If this notification was not made by the contractor, work shall stop until the contractor properly notifies the Statewide Signal Shop and necessary inspection arrangements have been made.

The notification requirements should be discussed at the pre-construction meeting. Please share this information with consultants in your area.