Bridge Painting Beam Tops

This construction advisory serves as a reminder for bridge painting projects when cleaning and coating beam tops during bridge deck replacement or during joint removal and replacement. Some contractors are abrasive blast cleaning beam tops without proper containment and are not immediately cleaning up released spent materials outside the enclosure, as outlined in the hazardous waste plan and Section 715 of the 2003 Standard Specifications for Construction. This includes work for the pay items “Top Flanges and Beam Ends, Clean and Coat” and “Deck Joint, Rem”. Spent materials are required to be managed according Section 715 of the 2003 Standard Specifications for Construction.