

## WHAT

### Initial Inspection:

The first inspection of a new, replaced, or rehabilitated bridge. This inspection serves to record required bridge inventory data, establish baseline conditions, and establish the intervals for other inspection types. The initial inspection needs to be completed and approved prior to the 90 days.

## HOW TO SUBMIT

### Submit Bridge Inspection Notification Form

#### EARLY NOTIFICATION IS CRITICAL!

Submit the form when the Project is substantially complete, meaning:

- Bridge is in place
- All primary load carrying elements are installed (girders, deck, piers, etc.)
- Roadway grading or final paving does not need to be completed
- Striping, signage, lighting, and erosion control do not need to be completed

### Required Submittals

Include the following with your notification form:

- Plans
- Load Rating
- Hydraulic Report
- Scour Appraisal
- Shop Drawings
- Photos

## NOTICE

**The bridge may be required to be closed and/or road and bridge funds may be withheld if required documentation is not submitted, inventory is not updated, and the initial inspection is not completed within the 90 days.**

## WHY

### Federal Regulations (23 CFR 650)

Initial Inspection is required within 90 days of opening to traffic. This applies to any NBI length bridge publicly owned bridge and privately owned bridges that are connected to public roads on both ends.

### Inventory Requirements:

NDDOT needs to enter the bridge information into the National Bridge Inventory within 90 days of opening to traffic.

### Required Documentation:

Plans, Load Ratings, and Hydraulic Analyses must be completed and documented within 90 days of opening to traffic.

### Seasonal Challenges:

ND Inspection Season runs from April 1st – November 30th. Inspections outside of this window may be difficult to complete due to weather limitations. Delayed reporting may push inspections to the following Spring.

### Mobilization Efficiencies:

Early notification ensures inspection schedules can be optimized, minimizing mobilization (sometimes from out of state) and inspection costs.

### Liability:

Failure to comply with CFR requirements may result in increased liability for bridge owners.

## BRIDGE INSPECTION NOTIFICATION FORM

To access the form, scan or click the QR code below:

