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Subject: High-Visibility Garment Standards

This construction procedure directive reminds all construction staff of the standards for high-visibility garments required during field operations. Effective November 24, 2008, all Caltrans employees must wear garments that comply with the revised *American National Standard for High-Visibility Safety Apparel and Headwear, ANSI/ISEA 107-2004*.

To comply with ANSI 107-2004 standards, Caltrans requires that all vests meet the minimum standards of the Class 2 garment, which has a Class 2 label and a minimum 1.375-inch-width retro reflective horizontal stripe around the torso. Caltrans does not allow Class 1 garments on a project at any time, and Caltrans staff must dispose of all Class 1 garments.

Required for all Caltrans staff:

1. For daytime use, a Class 2 garment is required. Its attached label must identify the garment as Class 2 and should clearly state that it is a ANSI 107-2004 garment.
2. For nighttime use, a Class 3 or equivalent garment is required. The following options meet Class 3 requirements:
 - a. A Class 3 “sleeved” vest with the ANSI 107-2004 Class 3 label.
 - b. A newer Caltrans rain jacket with an attached ANSI 107-2004 Class 3 label.
 - c. A Class 3-equivalent garment—a Class 2 vest with the ANSI 107-2004 label worn with Class E pants.

Required for all contractors’ staff:

1. According to federal law 23CFR634, all personnel working on foot within the right-of-way of any federal-aid highway must, at a minimum, wear ANSI 107-2004 Class 2 garments at all times when exposed either to traffic (vehicles using the highway for purposes of travel) or to construction equipment within the work area.
2. For nighttime operations, the law recommends but does not require Class 3 garments for contractors. Caltrans inspectors must make sure that garments worn by the contractor’s staff comply at least with ANSI 107-2004 Class 2.

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