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April 25, 2012

Scott Thompson Sr.
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Dear Mr. Thompson,

The MSEPlusTM earth retaining system approval is suspended from the California Department of Transportation's qualified products list (QPL) of pre-approved earth retaining systems (ERS), effective the date of this memo.

As discussed during your visit to our office in January 2012, the Department has MSEPlusTM systems in various stages of contract administration. Local Agencies are in a similar situation. We will continue to work with Contractors in completing structures that are in the process of being advertised or already under contract and construction has not commenced. Project-specific Department approval will require, as a minimum:

1. Note on the shop plans indicating that no deformed wire is permitted
2. Reinforcement bend radius of 1 inch or larger, and never less than twice the wire diameter
3. Reinforcement bearing wire of the same size as the longitudinal wires
4. Shop plan sheet(s) detailing your quality control and assurance plans for the manufacture, transportation, handling and construction of all the galvanized steel elements

Project-specific Department approval of MSEPlusTM walls under contract, either completed or in construction, will require a performance evaluation and remedial recommendations stamped by a licensed engineer.

MSEPlusTM in-service walls containing D20 or D24 wire require performance evaluations and remedial recommendations by May 30, 2012, in order for the QPL suspension to be lifted. This submittal must address potential embrittlement of the connections, cracked wires behind the facing panels and be stamped by a licensed engineer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barton J. Newton for".

Barton J. Newton, P.E.
State Bridge Engineer