

**New Jersey Department of Transportation  
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY**

**QUALITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

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**Subject:** Use of Wood Posts as sign supports for signage along highways

**Process Affected:**

Scope Design Right of Way Utilities Environmental Historic Construction

**Bureaus Affected:**

All

**Procedure(s) Affected:**

Design

**Nature of Issue(s):**

It has been brought to the attention of the Division of Quality Management Services that wood posts are being installed as supports for permanent signs along roadways.

**Recommendation(s):**

In order to further clarify the Department's standards in placement of wood posts, the following shall be adhered to:

The Department only permits the use of wood posts to mount temporary construction identification signs, as depicted on Roadway Construction Detail sheets CD-617-8 and CD-617-9.

Unless specifically authorized by Quality Management or Design Services for use on a project, all permanent signs shall be mounted on either steel U-post sign supports or Breakaway sign supports as depicted on Roadway Construction Detail sheets CD-619-4 through CD-619-12. Fabrication and erection of permanent signs shall be in accordance with Standard Specifications – Section 619.

**Implementation:** Immediately

**Impact Assessment:**

Schedule Quality Cost Scope

**Cost Impact:**

N/A