



ATTENTION: TP&D, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND  
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS ENGINEERS  
**MEMORANDUM**

**SPECIAL PROVISION AND/OR SPECIFICATION CHANGE MEMORANDUM 18-09**

**TO:** District Engineers

**Date:** April 10, 2009

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**SUBJECT:** Statewide Special Provision 613-001, "High Mast Illumination Poles"

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The above-referenced special provision has been approved for statewide use. The use of this special provision is required for all projects using Item 613 "High Mast Illumination Poles," beginning with the May 2009 letting.

This provision was developed due to the Department's recent discovery that during fabrication, small cracks are occurring at the base plate to shaft welded joints of high mast illumination poles without ground sleeves. Due to the magnitude of the potential problems that this may cause, we have processed the special provision in order to make it available for use beginning with our May 2009 letting.

Please disseminate this information to your Transportation Planning & Development, Design, Construction, Maintenance, and Traffic Operations Engineers.

cc: TxDOT Specification Committee  
Ms. Janice Brown, FHWA