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You are correct that the federal agencies are responsible for inspecting, reporting and complying with all aspects of the NBIS.

We recommend as good practice that the state do obtain a copy of the updated inventory data from the federal agencies for their individual state to have a complete picture.

When we re-wrote the NBIS and they were finalized in 2004, we gave the following discussion regarding this practice:

States are no longer responsible for reporting inspection data on Federal bridges to the FHWA. Federal bridge owners report inspection data directly to the FHWA. The FHWA supplies Federal bridge inspection data to the States. For security and other purposes, the States should have an upto-date inventory of Federal bridges located within each State.

Please let me know if you still have questions.

The federal data submissions are available upon request currently. I believe we are going to develop a standard reports to aid us in the distribution of this information annually.

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Ann,

PennDOT has a few bridges in their BMS2 that are owned by a Federal agency (NPS, FWS, etc), however, their records show that the last inspections entered are from the late 1980's and early 1990's. My question - is PennDOT supposed to keep information on these bridges even though they don't own them? I thought federal lands inspected these bridges, kept their own database, and submitted the data to the FHWA every year. Should PennDOT have the latest inspections on file so that they are aware of their condition? What do other states do? PennDOT would like to clean these bridges up in their database before the next FHWA tape submittal

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