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The field should be blank.

We do not want the design load used in the field in the interim either. We have sent out guidance to our divisions about this.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any further questions.

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-----Original Message-----
From: John Kattell [mailto:jkattell@fs.fed.us]
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Ann, I am currently assisting our WO with some Bridge Program issues. Upcoming is the annual inventory data pull for bridges. I am full aware of the issues with last years data and we have figured a few things out.

One issue was our load ratings. I can attest that many of our bridges have not been load rated. That has not changed. For some reason last year, if we had not completed a load rating and fields 64 and 66 were blank, zeros were put in thus giving the bridge no capacity. At the same time fields 63 and 65, rating method, was left blank. If no load rating has been done the correct entry should be 5 - No Rating Analysis Performed.

My question is if field 63 and 65 are coded 5, what is the correct coding for field 64 and 66? Left blank? Or can zeros be in the field and not effect your reporting?

Thanks, JOHN

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