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TO: All Design, Operations, and District Personnel, and Consultants

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SUBJECT: Coordination of Bridge Inspection during Construction

EFFECTIVE: Lettings on or after September 1, 2016

The frequency of routine and post-construction bridge inspections is mandated by FHWA, and the timing for performing the inspection may occur while a project is under construction. Completion dates for bridge inspection are not adjusted for these circumstances, and failing to perform the required inspection in a timely manner can result in a loss of federal funding.

Bridge inspection is also required within 90 days of a new, reconstructed, or repaired bridge (in whole or in part) being open to traffic. This inspection period applies equally during MOT phases and when the bridge is wholly open to traffic. RSP 105-C-247 has been developed to indicate these timing requirements and identify the bridges that are due for inspection, the type of inspection required, and frequency.

Designers should complete RSP and include it in all bridge and road contracts. This includes contracts for which no bridge work is scheduled, e.g., a road project where the bridge is part of a paving exception or is an overpass structure. Where there are no bridges within the construction limits, the table should be marked "No bridges within construction limits."

The information needed to complete the table is available in the Department's Bridge Inspection Application System (BIAS). Designers may contact the appropriate INDOT Bridge Inspector below, or query BIAS to obtain the information. Instructions to query BIAS for inspection information are included as an attachment to this memo.

District	Bridge Inspector	Title	Email
Crawfordsville	Nate Pfeiffer	Bridge Inspection Area Engineer	npfeiffer@indot.IN.gov
Fort Wayne	Josh Biller	Bridge Inspection Supervisor	jbiller@indot.IN.gov
Greenfield	Jim Mickler	Bridge Inspection Supervisor	jmickler@indot.IN.gov
LaPorte	Nate Pfeiffer	Bridge Inspection Area Engineer	npfeiffer@indot.IN.gov
Seymour	Chris Everman	Bridge Inspection Supervisor	ceverman@indot.IN.gov
Vincennes	Andy Pinkstaff	Bridge Inspection Supervisor	apinkstaff@indot.IN.gov

Questions regarding BIAS should be directed to the Bridge Inspection Office at INbridgeshelp@indot.in.gov



BIAS (InspectTech)

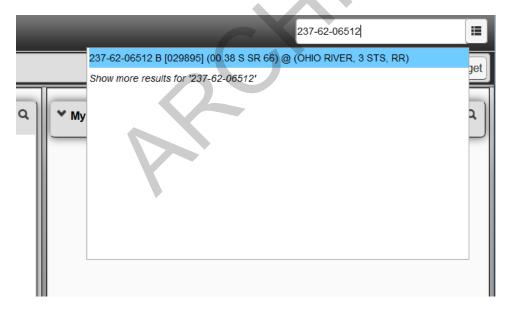
How to find the next scheduled inspection dates by structure number

1. Log into the Bridge Inspection Application System (BIAS). https://indot-it.bentley.com/login.aspx

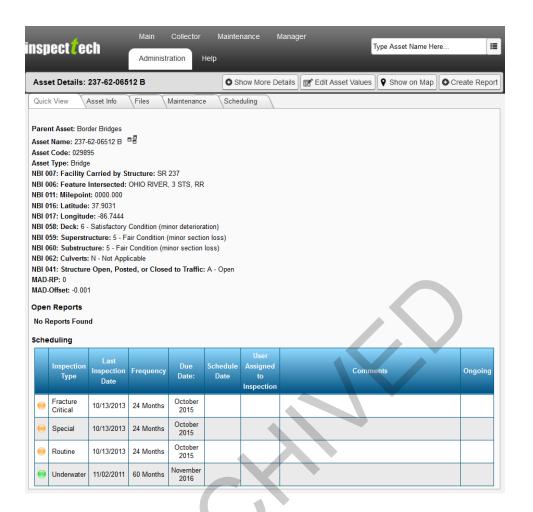
If you don't have a log on to the system contact INBridgesHelp@INDOT.in.gov



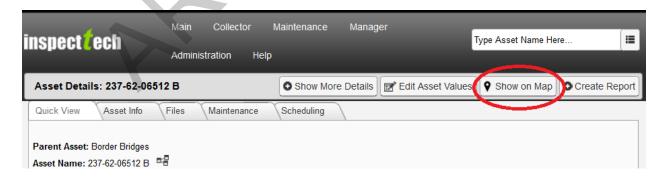
2. Enter the Structure Number or NBI number into the search window and select the appropriate value.

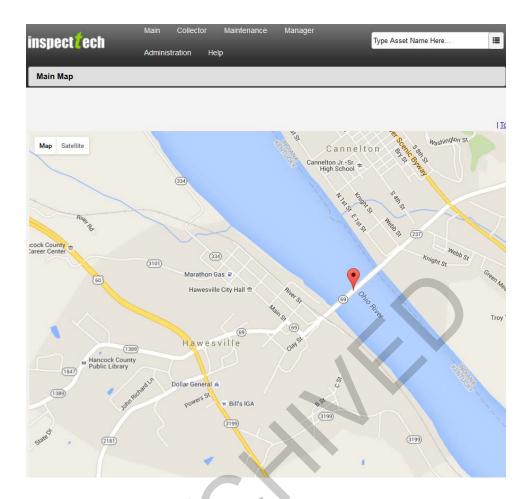


3. Then next scheduled inspections are clearly listed on the Main Page

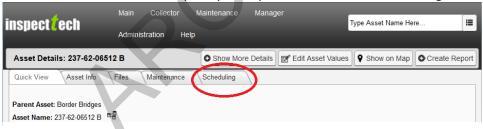


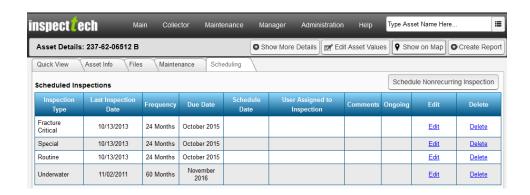
4. The bridge can also be represented on a map, to check the respective location and judge if it is within the constraints of the construction limits.





5. For more details about the frequency of inspection click on the Scheduling Tab.





The following routine, fracture critical, underwater and/or special inspections are due to be performed by the Bridge Inspection Department, or their designee, on each bridge within the construction limits of contract.

Example:

INDOT Structure Number	NBI Number	Inspection Type	Last Inspection Date	Frequency	First Scheduled Inspection	Second Scheduled Inspection
237-62-06512 B	29895	Fracture	10/13/2013	24	October	October
		Critical		Months	2015	2017
237-62-06512 B	29895	Special	10/13/2013	24	October	October
				Months	2015	2017
237-62-06512 B	29895	Routine	10/13/2013	24	October	October
				Months	2015	2017
237-62-06512 B	29895	Underwater	11/2/2011	60	November	November
				Months	2016	2021

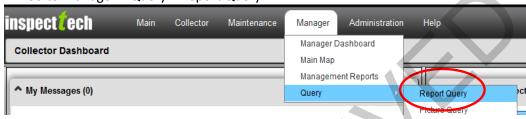
BIAS (InspectTech) Query to locate all bridges within a road section by RP

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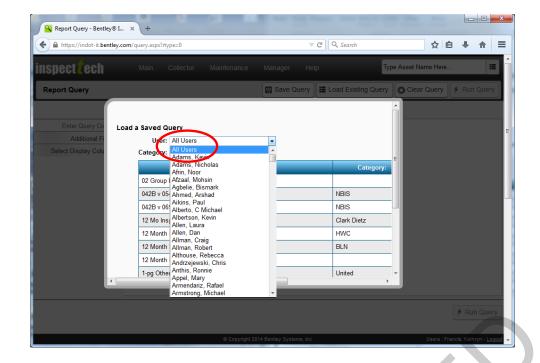
2. Go to Manager > Query > Report Query



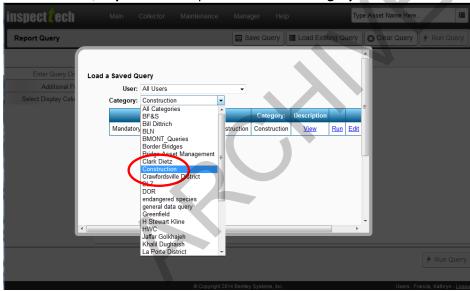
3. Select "Load Existing Query" in the upper left side of the screen



4. Load a Saved Query: Use the drop down to select User: All Users

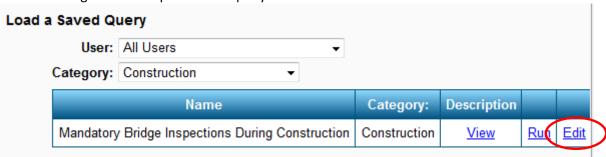


5. Load a Saved Query: Use the drop down to select Category: Construction



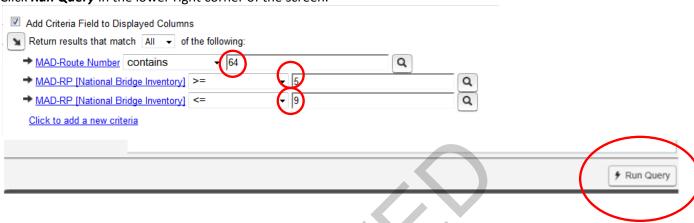
6. Load a Saved Query: Click on the "Edit" link for the query named "Mandatory Bridge Inspections During Construction"

Clicking "View" will provide the query instructions



- 7. Edit/Input the data that pertains to the project limits. "MAD" stands for Miscellaneous Asset Details.
 - MAD-Route Number *contains* _____: Enter the route number of the subject project limits. If there are multiple routes it is recommended that multiple queries be run.
 - MAD-RP greater than or equal to_____: Enter the lowest Reference Post number as it relates to the subject project limits
 - MAD-RP *less than or equal to____*: Enter the highest Reference Post number as it relates to the subject project limits.

Click **Run Query** in the lower right corner of the screen.



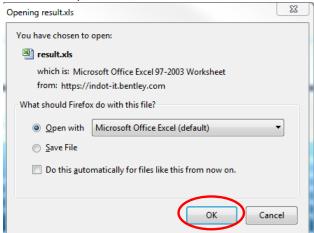
8. This Symbol will appear at the bottom of the screen as the query runs...an initial run of the query may take several minutes. Subsequent runs of the query, even with new data, will be quicker.



9. If the return list is small, the necessary data can be interpreted from here to fill in the matrix. However, it may be necessary to *Export Results to Excel* for additional data analysis to limit the list of structure further by Route Type or Offset.

How to manipulate data in Excel

- 1. Click Export Results to Excel
- 2. Click **OK** to open file in Microsoft Office Excel, or change the default to "Save File".



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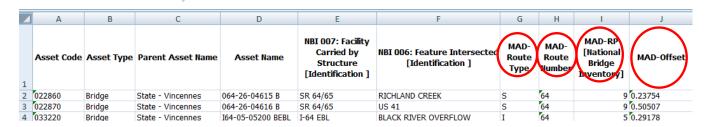
Click Yes..it is ok to open the file now.



3. Once the file is in Excel, be sure that the columns are wide enough to read all of the column headers.



4. Turn on the filter and be sure to only select the Route Type, Route Number and RP and Offset associated within the limits of the subject project.



- 5. An understanding of the data in NBI Fields 091 and 092 A, B & C are necessary for input into the matrix.
 - a. NBI 091 Routine Inspection, required for all bridges in services.
 - i. NBI 091: Designated Inspection Frequency The number of months between inspections.
 - ii. NBI 090: Inspection Date The most recent inspection date
 - b. NBI 092A: Fracture Critical Bridges, required as indicated.
 - i. **NBI 092A: Critical Features: Fracture Critical Req?** Y/N Indicates whether or not a fracture critical inspection is required.
 - ii. **NBI 092A: Critical Features: Fracture Critical Details** The number of months between inspections.
 - iii. NBI 093A: FC Inspection Date The most recent inspection date
 - c. NBI 092B: Critical Features: Underwater, required as indicated.
 - i. **NBI 092B: Critical Features: Underwater Req?** Y/N Indicates whether or not an underwater inspection is required.
 - ii. **NBI 092B: Critical Features: Underwater Inspection** The number of months between inspections.
 - iii. NBI 093B: Underwater Inspection Date The most recent inspection date
 - d. NBI 092C: Critical Features: Special Inspection, required as indicated.
 - i. **NBI 092C: Critical Features: Special Insp Req?** Y/N Indicates whether or not an underwater inspection is required.
 - ii. NBI 092C: Critical Features: Special Inspection The number of months between inspections.
 - iii. NBI 093C: Critical Feature Inspection Date: Special Inspection The most recent inspection date

For the matrix to be effective each of the inspection types must be listed in the matrix and the dates of each planned future inspection expected during the course of construction listed.