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Dear Adopt-A-Highway Volunteer/Contact Person:

I would like to thank you for your involvement in the Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway Program. It is vital to keeping our state clean, healthy and beautiful.

As always, your safety while cleaning the road is our number one priority. Recent updates to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) indicate that anyone working on or near the roadway, must be wearing a Type II graded safety vest for visibility. Effective immediately, the Department will begin using these new, neon-colored Type II vests with the Adopt-A-Highway logo on them.

To ensure all of our volunteers are in compliance, we ask that you obtain the new vests for each person participating in the cleanups from your AAH District Coordinator (listed below) before your next scheduled cleanup. Please note that the new vests are sized Medium, Large, X-Large, 2X and 3X for a better fit, and therefore it helps if you know the sizes of the other volunteers in your AAH group prior to picking up the vests. We ask that you maintain the quality of the vests by wiping with a damp cloth or cleaning them as directed on the label (Machine Wash Cold Water). Please note more than 25 washes will decrease the reflectivity of the vests. The vests will be assigned to you for your use during your regular cleanups, meaning you will not have to return them after each cleanup.

However, due to the cost associated with purchasing the new vests, we ask that you do return/exchange the vests when your group is no longer interested in participating in the program or they become, torn, excessively dirty, or otherwise unusable. In addition, if you have a neon vest that was recently used for the Clean Up Delaware Day this fall, please return it for one of the new vests with the AAH logo. If you have any old orange safety vests, please do not use them, as they are no longer in compliance.

Should you have any questions about the new vests, please feel free to contact me at (302) 760-2080 or 1-800-652-5600, or contact your AAH District Coordinator: Pam Bennett, 326-4468 in New Castle County; Pat Toulson-Simmons, 760-2424 in Kent County and Carol Calloway, 853-1308 in Sussex County. (Please note that scheduled cleanups need to be coordinated with the AAH District Coordinator approximately one week in advance.) Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tina M. Shockley
Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator

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