

Cambria County Bridge Flushing with Vacuum Trailer

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Problem/Challenge Addressed

Strike-Off Letter (SOL) 495-20-02 restricts flushing bridges over Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) stocked streams during stocking, for two weeks after stocking, and during first two weeks of trout season.



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Method/Process/Product to Resolve Challenge

In 2017, Cambria County started utilizing the vacuum Trailer to flush strip seals.

Through correspondence with the Bureau of Maintenance and Operations (BOMO) this past winter, it was decided that utilizing the vacuum trailer to flush bridges is permitted during any “no bridge flushing” timeframes that are outlined in SOL 495-20-02.



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Results/Key Takeaways

This decision allows maintenance crews to be more productive.

This process has proved to be very efficient and has reduced the time to properly flush seals.

Operation can be completed with a small crew and reduces cleanup efforts.



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