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CAN YOU SPOT A PROBLEM WITH THIS PICTURE?

Signage to warn drivers about trucks entering Virginia's highways is required for logging and other professions. So, what is the problem with this logging operation signage?

According to Virginia Department of Transportation Land Development Program Specialist, Office of Land Use, VDOT discontinued the use of "Log Trucks Entering Highways" on January 1, 2012.

VDOT uses the Virginia Work Area Protection Manual as the standard when issuing permits

authorizing the installation, maintenance and removal of temporary logging entrances. The new language adopted for all logging operational standards is as follows:

Typical Traffic Control Logging Operations (Figure TTC-63.1) NOTES

Standard: 4. **TRUCKS ENTERING HIGHWAY** (W11-V4) sign shall be used to warn of logging trucks entering roadways. **LOG TRUCKS ENTERING HIGHWAY** sign is not allowed for use.

In addition, the current VDOT Land Use Permit Regulations stipulate that failure to implement proper traffic control and construction standards mandated by the permit shall be cause for VDOT to remove the permittee from the right-of-way or revoke the permit or both.

From a practical standpoint any advance warning signage (even with incorrect wording) is better than no signage at all. Please discontinue using your signage with "Log Trucks Entering Highway" but if you do use it and are questioned by VDOT call me with the details of your conversation.

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