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Mr. Greg Brinkmeyer  
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**Request to Experiment 2-514(e) - Red/Yellow Retroreflectorized Border around R2-1  
Speed Limit Sign**

Dear Mr. Brinkmeyer:

Thank you for your March 10 letter requesting permission to experiment with a non-standard speed limit sign as part of the evaluations for TxDOT/TTI research project 0-4271, Applications for Advanced Sign Sheeting Materials. Your research project has been assigned an official Request to Experiment number of 2-514(e) - Red/Yellow Retroreflectorized Border around R2-1 Speed Limit Sign. Please refer to this number in future correspondence.

Your request has been reviewed and found to be consistent with the guidelines detailed in Section IA. 10 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Your request to experiment with red/yellow retroreflectorized borders of ASTM Type VII, VIII, or IX sheeting is approved.

We look forward to receiving notifications of implementation dates and to your semiannual progress reports and final report.

If you have questions or wish additional information, please feel free to call Mr. Fred Ranck, Safety Engineer, at 708-283-3545 at Federal Highway Administration's Resource Center at Olympia Fields, Illinois.

Sincerely yours,

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Operations

