## **Structural Condition Ratings for Bridges**

## **Code Description**

- N NOT APPLICABLE
- 9 EXCELLENT CONDITION
- 8 VERY GOOD CONDITION no problems noted.
- 7 GOOD CONDITION some minor problems.
- 6 SATISFACTORY CONDITION structural elements show some minor deterioration.
- 5 FAIR CONDITION all primary structural elements are sound but may have minor section loss, cracking, spalling, or scour.
- 4 POOR CONDITION advanced section loss, deterioration, spalling, or scour.
- 3 SERIOUS CONDITION loss of section, deterioration, spalling, or scour have seriously affected primary structural components. Local failures are possible. Fatigue cracks in steel or shear cracks in concrete may be present.
- 2 CRITICAL CONDITION advanced deterioration of primary structural elements. Fatigue cracks in steel or shear cracks in concrete may be present or scour may have removed substructure support. Unless closely monitored it may be necessary to close the bridge until corrective action is taken.
- 1 "IMMINENT" FAILURE CONDITION major deterioration or section loss present in critical structural components, or obvious vertical or horizontal movement affecting structure stability. Bridge is closed to traffic but corrective action may put bridge back in light service.
- 0 FAILED CONDITION out of service; beyond corrective action.

These condition rating guidelines are general in nature and can be applied to all bridge components and material types.