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**Mr. Dale E. Kamarata
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Dear Mr. Kamarata:

Mr. Michael Halladay's November 21, 2001 letter formally accepted your Glu-Laminated Guardrail post and offset block for use with w-beam guardrail on the National Highway System. That letter stated that the posts and blocks had cross-section dimensions of 150 mm by 200 mm (6 inches by 8 inches). Apparently, some potential users of your product have raised questions about the actual dimensions of your products because the word "nominal" was not used.

Mr. Richard Powers of my staff was informed by Dr. Dean Alberson, Associate Research Engineer at the Texas Transportation Institute, in a June 17 letter that the actual dimensions of the tested posts and blocks were 136.5 mm by 189.7 mm (5-3/8 inches by 7-15/32 inches). Therefore, posts and blocks having these minimum dimensions have been shown to meet NCHRP Report 350 evaluation criteria at Test Level 3 (TL-3). Posts and blocks with slightly larger dimensions would, of course, be equally acceptable.

Sincerely yours,

(original signed by Harry W. Taylor)

for

**Carol H. Jacoby, P.E.
Director, Office of safety design**