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Dear Licensee of AASHTOWare DARWin 3.1, Pavement Analysis and Design System:

Over the last fourteen years, transportation agencies have made a substantial investment in developing a mechanistic-empirical design guide for new and rehabilitated pavements through the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP). In December 2007, NCHRP transferred the prototype software to AASHTO to develop production ready software, including some additional enhancements and improvements, now known as DARWin-ME. DARWin-ME will be available for licensing by January 1, 2011.

As part of planning for the release of DARWin-ME, AASHTO announced its intention to sunset the older version of pavement analysis software, DARWin 3.1, by December 31, 2011. A notice to this effect was published in the last three annual AASHTOWare catalogs and presented in a workshop at the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Annual Meetings held in January 2009 and 2010. ARA, the DARWin 3.1 contractor, has also informed the private sector licensees about our intention to sunset DARWin 3.1.

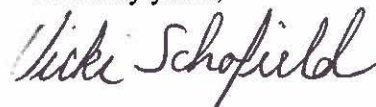
The plan and timetable for terminating support, maintenance and licensing of DARWin 3.1 will be as follows:

1. All annual license agreements covering DARWin 3.1 will expire on June 30, 2012 and the software license manager (software lock) will no longer allow user access.
2. DARWin 3.1 information will not be included in the FY 2012 AASHTOWare catalog and new annual and unlimited licenses will no longer be available effective July 1, 2012.
3. All technical support will cease on July 1, 2012, eighteen (18) months after the release of DARWin-ME.
4. Effective July 1, 2012, existing unlimited license holders may continue using the software at their own risk without technical support or maintenance.

AASHTO will retain ownership of the software, but will provide an option for AASHTO member department licensees that hold an unlimited license to have a perpetual nonexclusive and non-transferable license to keep the source code and documentation for their exclusive use. Access to the source code would be "as is" and the agency will be required to sign a source code agreement with AASHTO.

If you have any questions about this plan, please contact me at [vschofield@ashto.org](mailto:vschofield@ashto.org) or by calling 202-624-3640.

Sincerely yours,



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