REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS (1)

NOTE: This form is to be used after an inquest.

REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: Head of Service – South Wales Trunk Road Agent, Unit 12 Llandarcy House, The Courtyard, Llandarcy, Neath SA10 6EJ CORONER I am Wendy Ann James, Assistant Coroner, for the coroner area of Gwent **CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS** I make this report under paragraph 7, Schedule 5, of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013. INVESTIGATION and INQUEST On 11-02-14 I commenced an investigation into the death of JOANNA LYNDSEY GREENSMITH (d.o.b. 04-04-87). The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 19-08-14. The medical cause of death being:-1. (a) Multiple injuries **CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH** On 10-02-14 Mrs. Greensmith was driving her vehicle in a south westerly direction, along the A465 towards Abergavenny. South of the village of Llangua, she travelled through a patch of black ice and unexpectedly lost control of her vehicle. Her vehicle left the nearside carriageway and collided with a tree. Mrs. Greensmith as a result sustained fatal injuries. CORONER'S CONCERNS During the course of the inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern. In my opinion there is a risk that future deaths will occur unless action is taken. In the circumstances it is my statutory duty to report to you. The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows. -The road surface had not been treated in accordance with the guidance contained within the decision guide and treatment matrices provided in the SWTRA Adverse Weather Plan (2013/14) in accordance with WGTRMM Part 5 Adverse Weather (02/07/12) and the Route Steward had not reported any running water across the carriageway at this location.

ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you and your organisation have the power to take such action. YOUR RESPONSE You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 16-10-14. I, the coroner, may extend the period. Your response must contain details of action taken or proposed to be taken, setting out the timetable for action. Otherwise you must explain why no action is proposed. **COPIES and PUBLICATION** I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons: Edwina Hart, Minister for Economy, Science & Transport, Welsh Assembly Government, Ty Hywel, Cardiff Bay. CF99 1NA I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response. The Chief Coroner may publish either or both in a complete or redacted or summary form. He may send a copy of this report to any person who he believes may find it useful or of interest. You may make representations to me, the coroner, at the time of your response, about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner. [DATE] [SIGNED BY CORONER] 21-08-14