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PNS QPL Vendors:

Thank you for your patience! I'm sure many of you are aware of changes in management of the Pacific Northwest Snowfighters' Qualified Products List.

The PNS QPL has outgrown the Pacific Northwest region and is now being managed by the Clear Roads pooled fund for winter maintenance research (<https://clearroads.org/>). Moving forward, the QPL will be referred to as the Clear Roads QPL, or CR QPL. A committee is responsible for the day to day operations and many of the PNS states are on the committee, including representatives from the Midwest and Eastern U.S., where the services of the CR QPL are also desired. Please visit the new Clear Roads QPL site: <https://clearroads.org/qualified-product-list/>.

The committee is working to revise and document the processes that govern the management of the CR QPL. Some of these process revisions include:

- Managing products on the CR QPL with the addition of an 'Expiration Date', which for currently qualified products is December 31, 2024. More information is forthcoming.
- Revising the Chemical Products Specifications and Test Protocols document. The specifications and test methods aren't changing, but the document will be refreshed and reformatted for ease of use.
- Evaluating the CR QPL's Experimental Category in an effort to identify more appropriate product categorization.

We are hopeful that these updates to the management of the CR QPL will benefit the snow and ice community including state DOTs, cities, counties, and of course vendors. We believe the support from Clear Roads will serve us well through this transition. In the meantime, if you have questions, issues, concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the CR QPL subcommittee members. Contact information can be found on the CR website: <https://clearroads.org/qualified-product-list/>

Please also be aware that the PNS website is in the process of being reconfigured to promote the biennial snow and ice conference in the Pacific Northwest. Our next scheduled conference is the first week of June 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patti Caswell".

Patti Caswell, Chair
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