**US 85 Clean Up Week Volunteer Information – 2017**

Volunteer participation is at your own risk. The Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association and/or the North Dakota Department of Transportation are not liable for any incidents or claims of any nature which may result from or arise from this event.

Personal protective equipment, such as work gloves, closed-toed shoes, and neon-colored vests or shirts, is strongly encouraged.

**Safety Tips for volunteers picking up litter on highways**

**REMEMBER: You are working in a potentially dangerous environment - a public highway.**

* Do not attempt to compact (squeeze) trash bags to gain room for more trash. Injuries from broken or jagged objects often result from this practice.
* Fill the bag with what goes in easily and then get another bag.
* Park all vehicles well clear of the roadway and at least 10 feet from the shoulders surface.
* Do not walk across interstate highways. Use the bridges.
* Stay off rip-rap and steep slopes.

**To protect yourself and others, please do the following:**

* Whenever possible, face oncoming traffic while you work. Be prepared to move out of the way of errant vehicles.
* Discontinue work in inclement weather, especially in times of reduced visibility, wet/icy roads, during electrical storms, and during other than daylight conditions.
* Avoid overexertion. Drink plenty of water, especially on warm, humid days.

**What to wear:**

* Wear high visibility garments while within the highway right-of-way.
* Wear light-colored clothing at all times when working on the right-of-way.
* Wear heavy gloves.
* Wear substantial leather shoes or boots with ankle support. Watch for footing.
* Wear a hat and long sleeves to avoid sunburn. You may wish to use a sunscreen lotion on sunny days.

**Some things to stay away from:**

* Do not attempt to remove unknown or suspected toxic/hazardous substances. This could include meth byproducts such as containers with hoses duct taped to spouts, empty starter fluid cans, propane tanks with discolored valves, or coffee filters, or bags containing a grayish/white substance. Notify NDDOT or the police of the location of such items immediately.
* Do not enter the roadway or its shoulder areas, paved or unpaved, to pick up trash.
* Do not pick up trash in the median of interstate/multi-lane highways.
* Pick up pop bottles and similar containers only with great care. They may contain HUMAN WASTE.
* Do not pick up discarded syringes, hypodermic needles, or broken glass.