

Pennsylvania's Automated Work Zone Speed Enforcement (AWZSE) Program

US-1 RC2 Frequently Asked Questions

What happened in the US-1 RC2 Work Zone?

Following several complaints, PennDOT reviewed the AWZSE deployment and discovered the work zone speed limit was incorrectly identified as 45 MPH. The speed limit in an adjacent work zone was lowered to 45mph, but the RC2 work zone remained at 55 MPH. As a result, all violations associated with AWZSE deployments on US-1 were rescinded, including warnings and fine carrying violations.

Why was the speed limit incorrectly identified?

The speed limit in an adjacent work zone (RC1) was lowered to 45mph, but the RC2 work zone remained at 55 MPH. No work zone speed limit signing was needed for RC2 as the normal speed limit was maintained during the project. Due to the proximity of the two work zones and lack of work zone speed limit signs in RC2, the speed limit was incorrectly identified as 45 MPH. Below is an image of the work zone with each project's speed limit identified.



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Was there an equipment failure?

No, all AWZSE enforcement units worked properly during deployments. The mistake was specifically a result of using the incorrect speed limit during equipment set-up.

Was the work zone properly signed?

Yes, the signs required by law to notify motorists that work zone cameras are in effect were in place as required. This includes two advance signs, a sign at the enforcement unit, and end work zone signs.

When did this mistake occur?

This mistake was made during deployments between September 7 and December 6, 2021.

What did PennDOT do to correct this issue?

All AWZSE operations were suspended on RC1 and RC2 immediately upon finding the speed limit on RC2 had been incorrectly identified. All violations issued during the affected AWZSE deployments were rescinded. Any affected motorists who had already paid their fine were refunded.

If I was affected by this issue, how do I receive my refund?

If you were affected by this issue, you will receive a letter informing you that the violation has been rescinded. Letters will be sent to the affected motorists by mid-February. If an affected motorist has already paid their violation, they will receive a refund. For questions, please contact AWZSE customer service at 1-800-390-7151, Monday through Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

What steps is PennDOT taking to ensure this mistake does not occur in the future?

PennDOT immediately reviewed all current and previous AWZSE deployments across the state and verified that this mistake was an isolated event. Updates to the Quality Assurance Program have been made to ensure this situation does not occur again.