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## **NEW WEIGHT RESTRICTION IMPOSED FOR HIGHWAY 17 IN MONROE COUNTY**

**LITTLE ROCK (3-14)** – Beginning on March 26<sup>th</sup>, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) will enforce a new weight limit on Highway 17 near Brinkley, according to AHTD officials.

The new restriction is located on a total of 10.5 miles of Highway 17 in an area located between Brinkley and Clarendon. The weight restricted section of the highway will begin at the junction with Highway 70 and continue southward to the junction with Highway 79. The existing limit of 80,000 pounds will be dropped to 64,000 pounds.

The new limit is being imposed in order to slow the rate of deterioration of the roadway caused by trucks carrying heavier loads.

Arkansas Highway Police will strictly enforce the newly posted limit that has been established once it goes into effect.