

# Sample Scour Report

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## Agenda

- Scour Reminders
- Sample Scour Report



## Basic Scour Reminders

- Still required for bridge rehabs
- Call Hydraulics to look for previous scour calculations
- Use  $Q_{100}$  only for bridge rehabs
- If overtopping present, use flow rate just prior to road overflow



## Sample Scour Report

- Ease reporting for consultants
- Speed reviews for Hydraulics staff
- Available on Editable Documents webpage



## Sample Scour Report

### ■ Six Main Sections

- Cover page
- Introduction/Project Summary
- Hydrology
- Modeling discussion
- Scour conclusions/countermeasures
- Appendices with supporting data



## Cover Page

### ■ Basic Project Information

- Route
- Reference Post
- County
- Stream name
- Des number
- Signed & sealed



## Location Map

- Location Map should be early in report
- Cover page is acceptable location for map, if desired
- Helps reviewer get their bearings



## Introduction

- General details about the bridge
- Discussion about location
- Other scour related issues



## Project Summary

- **General discussion of project**
- **Include permit requirements**



## Project Summary

- **Very similar to Introduction**
- **Can be combined into one discussion if desired**
- **Goal is to help the reviewer become familiar with the project**



## Hydrologic Data

- Discussion of calculations, particularly if multiple methods are used.
- Continue to follow guidance in Design Manual Figure 202-3A



## Hydraulic Analysis & Modeling

- Provide source of data (i.e. existing plans, FIS, LiDAR)
- Discuss design decisions, such as the approach cross section



## Scour Conclusions

- Scour Critical if low scour elevation is below foundation
- Scour Critical if low scour elevation is within 10 ft of pile tip



## Scour Conclusions

- Not scour critical if low structure is above foundation
- Not scour critical if founded on competent rock
- If not scour critical, but piling is exposed, structural or geotechnical analysis may be needed



## Scour Countermeasures

- State required countermeasures if scour critical
- Based on Design Manual and Standard Specs
- If sufficient countermeasures are in place, no further countermeasures are needed



## Scour Countermeasures

- If structure is not scour critical, recommend no further countermeasures
- Still provide a countermeasure design, in case of future stream changes



## Scour Data Requirements

### ■ Summary Table:

- Drainage Area
- $Q_{100}$  – from hydrology study
- $Q_{100}$  Water Surface Elevation
- $Q_{100}$  Maximum Velocity
- Flowline Elevation



## Scour Data Requirements

### ■ Summary Table:

- $Q_{100}$  Contraction Scour Depth
- $Q_{100}$  Total Scour Depth
- $Q_{100}$  Low Scour Elevation
- Foundation Elevations – optional. Can include in Scour Conclusions instead.



## Scour Data Requirements

- **Q<sub>100</sub> Water Surface Elevation**
  - Taken from downstream bridge face
  - Do not need a natural/unconstricted model
  
- **Q<sub>100</sub> Maximum Velocity**
  - From HEC-RAS velocity distribution at bridge
  - Highest value from either upstream or downstream
  - Need 20+ data points across channel
  - Used to determine countermeasure size



## Scour Data Requirements

- **Q<sub>100</sub> Total Scour Depth**
  - Summation of Contraction and Pier scour
  - Ignore Abutment scour
  
- **Q<sub>100</sub> Low Scour Elevation**
  - Subtract total scour depth from flowline elevation



## Appendix A – General Info

- Pictures of bridge & site
- Existing Bridge Plans
- Include Layout Sheet and General Plan to verify data
  - Waterway Opening
  - Pile tip/footing elevations
  - Pier Width
  - Soil borings (if available)



## Appendix B – Hydrologic Data

- Calculations placed here
- Follow Design Manual Figure 202-3A for methodology preferences



## Appendix B – Hydrologic Data

- **For ease of review, suggested calculation order**
  - Drainage Area delineation
  - Curve Number calculations
  - Time of Concentration Calculations
  - TR-20 or HEC-HMS input & output



## Appendix B – Hydrologic Data

- **Supplemental Support Information**
  - StreamStats maps & output
  - Purdue Regression Equations & supporting output
  - Historic flooding information



## Appendix C – Modeling Calcs

### ■ Cross Section Map

- Location & extent of cross sections
- Cross section labels should match HEC-RAS model
- Include topographic contours
- Show ineffective flow lines



## Appendix C – Modeling Calcs

### ■ Starting Water Surface Elevation calculations

- Various methods are acceptable



## Appendix C – Modeling Calcs

- **Known water surface elevation:**
  - Clearly document source & include flood profile from FIS
  - Not based on the backwater from a receiving stream.
- **Slope-conveyance method:**
  - Include mapping or profile used to compute slope
  - Include slope computations based on the mapping



## Appendix C – Modeling Calcs

- **Slope-conveyance method calculations:**
  - Use USGS topo map and find slope based on 20 ft of fall through the bridge
  - One contour line upstream of bridge to two contour lines downstream
  - Use more detailed mapping – LiDAR from Indiana Spatial Data Portal, county or other local GIS websites
  - Provide profile used for calculation



## Appendix C – Modeling Calcs

- **Slope-conveyance method calculations:**
  - Don't use stream profile plot from existing plans
  - Usually distance is too short and local to the bridge
  - A more average slope is needed.



## Appendix C – Modeling Calcs

- **Existing condition HEC-RAS outputs**
  - All HEC-RAS data files should be included in the model
  - Plots of cross sections, and profiles not required in the report.



## Appendix C – Modeling Calcs

- **HEC- RAS scour outputs:**
  - Include full scour report
  - Highlight approach cross section, pier width, maximum velocity, & scour depths
  - Include plot of the bridge opening with the computed scour depths
  - Include low scour elevation calculation



## Summary

- **Use Q100 for bridge rehabilitations**
- **Modify flow rate for road overtopping**
- **Summary report available on INDOT website, with other editable documents**
- **Document goes into more detail**

