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TO: All Design, Operations, and District Personnel, and Consultants

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SUBJECT: In-Kind Culvert Replacement Policy

REVISES: *Indiana Design Manual Section 203-2.02(02)*

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

The Office of Hydraulics has implemented the following In-Kind Culvert Replacement Policy.

Due to site and cost considerations, small structures and culverts may be replaced in kind. Replacement in kind means that the existing structure can be replaced with a new structure having the same span and the same rise from flowline to low structure elevation. The proposed structure may not be smaller than the existing structure. Current policy requirements including sumping depth, cutoff walls, and wingwalls, continue to apply to the proposed structure.

Site Criteria. A candidate for an in-kind structure replacement will meet the following site criteria:

- a. The structure is in a rural area, as defined by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR).
- b. The existing culvert size meets or exceeds the minimum pipe size for the facility.
- c. No record of flooding complaints at the structure.
- d. No history of road overtopping at the required roadway serviceability, per INDOT Maintenance Division.
- e. No evidence of scour at the outlet, including scour holes, structure undermining, or channel degradation.
- f. No known debris problems.

Hydraulic Parameters. Hydraulic modeling will be required to consider a replacement in kind structure. The following hydraulic parameters need to be met before a structure can be replaced in kind.

- a. The existing backwater depth is less than 3 ft. See *Indiana Design Manual* Section 201-2.0 for definitions.
- b. The headwater elevation does not affect the finished floor elevation of any structures, houses, or buildings upstream of the structure.
- c. The proposed backwater depth matches or improves the existing backwater depth.
- d. If the existing outlet velocity of the structure is greater than 6.5 ft/s, the outlet velocity may not be more than 150% of the natural (tailwater) velocity of the stream.

If the existing structure meets the site criteria above, but does not meet the hydraulic parameters, the proposed structure may be upsized to meet the in-kind replacement hydraulic parameters.

If the in-kind culvert replacement policy conflicts with the existing-structure replacement policy, the least restrictive policy should be followed. If a backwater depth of 1 ft is reached before the outlet velocity meets the natural velocity comparison, the existing-structure replacement policy should be followed.

All structures should be designed for the appropriate design storm frequency. See *Indiana Design Manual* Figure 203-2C.

Revisions to Section 203-2.02(02) are attached to this memo.

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