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**TO: DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS
DISTRICT DESIGN/BUILD COORDINATORS
DISTRICT DESIGN ENGINEERS
DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGERS**

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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL REEVALUATIONS IN THE DESIGN/BUILD PROCESS

It has come to our attention that the current process used to reevaluate potential environmental impacts resulting from changes in the design of a highway project is not consistent with the design/build (D/B) process. During the course of a typical Federally-approved project, an environmental reevaluation is conducted by the District Environmental Management Office to determine if any major changes have taken place in the nature or scope of the project since the environmental document was approved. Examples of major changes include, but are not limited to: changes in typical section; shifts in roadway alignment; changes in right-of-way requirements; changes in bridge to box culvert; and changes in drainage requirements. This review typically occurs prior to Federal-aid authorization for the production phase. The same process is followed for non-federally funded projects as well.

In D/B projects the current process outlined in Part I, Chapter 11 of the Project Development and Environment Manual, is not applicable. To insure that any major design or other change in the nature or scope of a D/B project is identified so that the potential environmental impacts can be assessed (and mitigated if necessary), the following process will be instituted on all D/B projects that are beyond the Request for Proposal (RFP) stage.

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- Once the design/build contract has been awarded, the D/B team will report all proposed major changes in the design of the project to the District EMO for review to determine if, and to what extent, these changes may impact the legality of the approved environmental document and/or environmental permits.
- The District EMO will be responsible for completing the necessary reevaluation(s) in an expeditious manner and advise the D/B team of the results in writing.

Once standard language is developed and adopted in the D/B Guidelines, and the RFP, the requirement to conduct the reevaluations will be shifted from the District to the D/B team. Should you have any questions regarding the implementation of this process, please contact Win Lindeman in the Environmental Management Office at (850) 488-2914, or email him at win.lindeman@dot.state.fl.us.

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