

EXPECTED IMPLEMENTATION JULY 2019

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LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC – LAWS TO BE OBSERVED – COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND OTHER WILDLIFE REGULATIONS (BATS IN BRIDGES) (REV 12-7-18) (FA 12-11-18) (7-19)

SUBARTICLE 7-1.4.1 is expanded by the following new Subarticle:

7-1.4.1 Additional Requirements for Bats in Bridges: The Department has determined that bats occupy Bridge No(s) [REDACTED] and their associated retaining walls.

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Install bat exclusion devices on the structure prior to commencing work on the structure. At the Pre-construction conference, submit a Bat Exclusion Plan outlining entry and exit point identification, installation of exclusion devices, methodology for securing all openings half an inch or greater in size, and monitoring methodology. Provide a specialty contractor or biologist experienced in performing bat exclusions to implement the Bat Exclusion Plan. Initial installation of bat exclusion devices can only occur from August 15th through April 15th.

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Maintain all exclusion devices throughout work on the structure. Immediately repair damaged or altered exclusion devices that could allow reentry of bats. Repairs must be conducted by a qualified specialty contractor or experienced biologist. Remove the exclusion devices upon completion of construction. Notify the Engineer if bats, bat remains, or new evidence of roosting is found.

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