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

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**SUBJECT:** Geotechnical Waivers and Investigations for LPA Projects

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

This memo has been revised to clarify that the Department will not review or approve geotechnical items, but will continue to provide geotechnical guidance upon request.

The Department has updated the geotechnical process for LPA projects on locally owned, non-NHS routes. The following guidance now applies.

### LPA Project on a Locally Owned, Non-NHS Route

- For project work types that may qualify for a geotechnical waiver, the LPA will make the determination whether or not a geotechnical investigation is required. The Office of Geotechnical Services will not review or approve geotechnical requests.
- Where the LPA determines a geotechnical investigation is required, the following apply:
  - The LPA must use a prequalified Geotechnical Consultant
  - The final geotechnical report must be uploaded into ERMS.
  - The Office of Geotechnical Services will not review or approve the geotechnical report.
- Foundation Review and Geotechnical Review of Final Check Prints submissions will not be reviewed by the Department.
- The LPA may request guidance from the Office of Geotechnical Services at any time.

The geotechnical process is unchanged for an LPA project on a State route or on the NHS. Direct questions regarding the LPA geotechnical process to the Office of Geotechnical Service Manager, Athar Khan, at [atkhan@indot.in.gov](mailto:atkhan@indot.in.gov).