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Greetings,

**Effective immediately**, the use of the 2013 USFWS Interim Policy for INDOT projects is no longer applicable. If any projects have additional species aside from the Indiana bat (IB), northern long-eared bat (NLEB), or tri-colored bat (TCB), informal consultation will need to occur with USFWS to receive an effect determination for any additional species. This change will affect any projects that do not yet have an approved NEPA document, including projects where the NEPA document is currently in review with a District office or Central Office. This is expected to be a semi-temporary solution. Please work with the appropriate District Office for your project for projects that require informal consultation for additional species.

If your project can make a "No Effect" determination on any additional listed species, please work with the appropriate INDOT District Environmental team for the correct process for the environmental document.

A few other updates regarding IPaC:

- The FHWA Determination Key (D-key) for the IB, NLEB, and TCB is back online and working within IPaC. This should be used for any projects moving forward that still need to have IPaC completed. There is an updated user document available for the new D-key which should be useful in working through the key [here](https://www.fws.gov/media/users-guide-appendices-e-range-wide-programmatic-consultation-indiana-bat-and-northern-long)
- A new D-key is available for use if your project is within range of the rusty patched bumblebee. This key should be available to complete if your project is within range of this species.
- A new D-key will soon be available for all other species. This key is not yet available, but updates will be sent out once this is available for use.
- A reminder from USFWS, there is a beta version of IPaC that can be used to test

projects. If this is used, just be sure that you are not in the beta version when you are completing actual projects.

Please reach out to the appropriate District office with any questions.

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