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INDOT has developed a new procedure for the Protection of Karst Features During Project Development and Construction. This procedure replaces the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between INDOT, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) that was signed in 1993. The benefit of this format is that it can include greater detail and be readily modified based on new information or experience.

Modification Summary:

- Expanded the Indiana Karst Region to the part of the state located below the Wisconsin Glacial Limit.
- Process is linked to existing practices related to compliance with other INDOT environmental procedures and federal and state laws.
- Provides an educational component to include best management practices (BMPs), and karst geology and biology.

The procedure can be found at <https://www.in.gov/indot/2522.htm>

If you have any recommendations for questions, additions, or modifications to this procedure, please email Sandra Bowman, Manager, INDOT Ecology and Waterway Permitting Office, at [sbowman@indot.in.gov](mailto:sbowman@indot.in.gov)

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