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Subject: **New Sharon & Skowhegan**
Federal Project No's: BH-1671(900)X &
BH-1674(800)X
State PINs: 016719.00 & 016748.00
Amendment No. 2

David Bernhardt
COMMISSIONER

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

Question: In Special Provision, Section 105, General Scope of Work (Environmental Requirements) Skowhegan, the contractor is required to cut abutments into pieces and pull away from the stream. Can the Contractor use a hydraulic breaker mounted to an excavator to cut the abutments?

Response: A hydraulic breaker can be used as long as **no** construction debris enters the stream. The Department is very concerned that using a hydraulic breaker is probably **not** a feasible alternative without additional containment systems or methods. Containment systems cannot be supported from the stream because in water work is not allowed. The Contractor is reminded to refer to SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 105 General Scope of Work (Environmental Requirements) Skowhegan PIN 16748.00 Special Conditions Item 3. Item 3 states the following "**Saw cut slurry and demolition debris must not be allowed to discharge in Wesserunsett Stream.**"

Question: Bid Item 511.07 Cofferdams. Will the Contractor be required to maintain a dewatered cofferdam for the demolition of pier #2 and pier #3?

Response: Please refer to SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 105 General Scope of Work (Environmental Requirements) New Sharon PIN 16719.00 Special Conditions Item 4. Item 4 states the following "Pier demolition shall be conducted inside a cofferdam. The cofferdam does not need to be dewatered, but fish must be evacuated."

Consider this information prior to submitting your bid on May 18, 2011.

Sincerely,


For Scott Bickford
Contracts & Specifications Engineer



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