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David Bernhardt  
COMMISSIONER

December 11, 2015  
Subject: Culvert End Replacement  
State WIN: 021534.00  
Location: **Sidney, Benton**  
**Amendment No. 1**

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

Question: I would assume that to connect the new RCP to the existing CMP the Contractor would cast-in-place a "Concrete Collar". Could a detail for both the 42-inch diameter and 60-inch diameter concrete collars be provided? Is there any other acceptable methods of connecting the two types of culverts?

Response: These culverts are RCP underneath the Interstate with metal culvert ends. The metal ends shall be removed and replaced with RCP. All connections shall have pipe ties.

Question: Can the DOT allow SaniTite HP (Triple-Wall Polypropylene Pipe meeting AASHTO M330) to be utilized for the two (2) 42" Culverts and one (1) 60" Culvert that are to be replaced on this Project?

Class III RCP is currently specified under Option III; polypropylene is approved under Option III also. Your consideration of this inquiry is appreciated.

Response: These culverts are RCP underneath the Interstate with metal culvert ends. The metal ends shall be removed and replaced with RCP.

Question: In reference to Special Provision 107 (Contract Time), Note 1, which states "The contractor may commence work on or after October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016", and also in reference to the comment in the Construction Notes on page 29 which states "These are instream locations and shall have cofferdams"; is there a special permit to work outside the normal July 15 to October 01 instream work window dates?

Response: These culverts are being done by an exemption and no permit is required.

Question: In reference to the General/Construction Notes number 17 D; if the clearing of brush and trees is necessary, will the contractor need to take the Northern Long Ear Bat and it



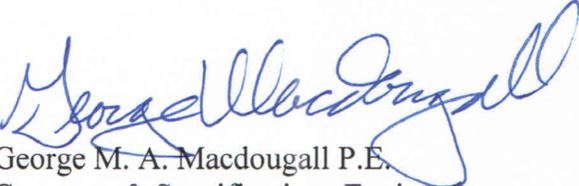
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precautions into consideration? Please clarify if the Northern Long Ear Bats are protected for this project and if clearing would need to be done prior to April 2016?

Response: The department has already reviewed the project's effects and regulations associated with Northern long-eared bats. There are no tree clearing restrictions on the project

Consider this change and information prior to submitting your bid on **December 16, 2015**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George M. A. Macdougall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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