

## PREFACE

The *NDOT Environmental Services Procedures Guide* has been developed to provide uniform environmental practices for Department and consultant personnel preparing contract plans for Department projects.

The *Guide* presents much of the information normally required for an environmental study; however, it is impossible to address every situation encountered during the project development process. Therefore, the project design team must exercise good judgment on individual projects and, frequently they must be innovative in their approach to environmental design.

This manual is updated periodically to address changes in the requirements for NDOT project environmental compliance. However, it is the responsibility of NDOT and consultant staff to be up to date with any applicable environmental laws, regulations, policy, or guidance that may be applicable at the time any environmental document is prepared and NOT to rely on this manual as the definitive source of guidance for compliance and documentation requirements.

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