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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** September 1, 2016

**TO:** Region Engineers  
Bureau Chiefs

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**SUBJECT:** Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) Type I Form

Pursuant Section 1318(d) of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), the Department has entered into agreement with the Federal Highway Administration, Alabama Division to establish procedures documenting the Categorical Exclusions (CE) established in 23 CFR 771.117(c) and (d) in order to satisfy National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. Section 1318(d) allows FHWA to enter programmatic agreements with State agencies. Through the agreement, FHWA has allowed the State to determine whether a project qualifies as a CE on FHWA's behalf.

ALDOT in cooperation with FHWA has developed two forms to document CEs, Type I (projects with no right-of-way) and II (projects with limited right-of-way). As of the date of this letter, Region and Bureau personnel will now administer the Type I Form.

The PCE Type I Form is accessible via the ALDOT intranet page at the following link:

<http://dsweb.dot.state.al.us/EnvironmentalTechnical/Pages/default.aspx>

The form and the following guidance materials are available:

- Memorandum of Understanding for Cultural Resources
- Memorandum of Agreement for Endangered Species
- Points of Contact for ETS personnel

As with the documentation of any NEPA decision, a change in the scope of the project may invalidate the NEPA approval and may cause a change in the level of documentation.

As we transfer the environmental documentation of the Type I Form to the Regions and Bureaus, FHWA will conduct reviews for compliance initially on a quarterly basis and thereafter on an annual basis. Additional training will be administered by FHWA in the coming weeks for your personnel that will perform these duties.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office for assistance or additional information if needed during and after this transition.

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