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TO: ASSISTANT CHIEF HIGHWAY ENGINEER
ALL H.Q. DIRECTORS: Prof. Services, Planning & Major Projects
ALL REGIONAL MANAGERS: Prof. Services, Planning & Operations
ALL DISTRICT HIGHWAYS MANAGERS

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF GEOTECHNICAL DATA

REFERENCE: (Manual, Specification, Standard, Circular): None

PURPOSE:

To ensure that public requests for geotechnical information obtained for Ministry works are handled in a similar manner by all employees.

GEOTECHNICAL DATA

Highway design projects generate large amounts of geometric and geotechnical data. Geotechnical data include logs of boreholes and testpits, sample test results, soils profiles, geological terrain maps and design/evaluation reports. This information, scattered throughout the Ministry in various files, is a very helpful reference source for geotechnical engineers working on new projects. However, because of the nature of the information and because of scarce staff time to search, find and copy it, the Ministry cannot accede to all requests for geotechnical data.


PROCEDURE:

Geotechnical information will only be provided to the public under the following conditions:

- (1) Factual information only will be supplied, such as summary drill logs or settlement results. Anything with more than a minimum of interpretative content will not be supplied;
- (2) The information must be used in support of a design project for a public agency such as Federal Ministries, B.C. Hydro, Regional Districts, Municipalities or School Boards. The information should be sent to the public agency, even though the request may have come from a Consultant Engineer working on any agency project. Information may also be given to a landowner upon request in exchange for legal and physical access for subsurface investigations.
- (3) Staff time must be available to search, find and copy. Depending on the size of the request and availability of material, a reasonable amount of staff time ranges from 0.5 to 3 person hours per request.

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To ensure that public requests for geotechnical information obtained for Ministry works are handled in a similar manner by all employees in accordance with the Freedom of Information Protection and Privacy Act.

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3. In the case when a third party requests information, the Ministry will also provide the landowner with a copy.

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