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MEMORANDUM

To: Chief District Engineers and Project Development Division Directors

From: Jeff Jasper, P.E., Director
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Date: July 28, 2011

RE: FONSI Expiration Dates

Consultation between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and KYTC has resulted in a minor change in the term that a FONSI is considered current and valid. Previously, A FONSI was considered valid, without reevaluation, for a period of one year from the time of document approval. FHWA has agreed that a FONSI may now be considered valid for a period of **two** years from the date of approval. FONSI reevaluations shall be similarly viewed. This term is contingent upon there having been no changes to the project or the surrounding environment that would otherwise trigger a reevaluation.

FHWA standard operating procedures have been modified as follows:

"All CE and FONSI documents will be valid for a period of two years from the last environmental approval. A reevaluation must be completed on these documents prior to R/W or Construction authorization if the two year period has expired. As with EIS/ROD documents, assessments by technical specialists should be prepared for any topical areas affected by a change in the project, its surroundings, new information or requirements, or other factors that may cause the original evaluation to no longer be valid. Additional studies and/or coordination with other agencies should be conducted as appropriate."

This change is effective immediately and is applicable to all FONSI documents, including those previously approved as well as those currently under development.

