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**QUALITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

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**Subject:** Access Control Issue

**Process Affected:**

Scope  Design  Right of Way  Utilities  Environmental  Historic  Construction

**Bureaus Affected:**

All Designers (Consultants/In-House)

**Procedure(s) Affected:**

Design

**Nature of Issue(s):**

Establishing unsignalized access to and from properties abutting state highway right of way is governed by subsection 16:47-3.5 of the NJ State Highway Access Management Code. Design requirements are also outlined in section 6-08.3, Access Control, of the NJDOT Design Manual – Roadway.

On a recent design project there was confusion as to how an access issue should be addressed due to uncertainties between the two documents.

**Recommendation(s):**

Designers should reference both the Access Code as well as the NJDOT Design Manual – Roadway when developing schemes for projects. There may be times when an access issue arises where there is uncertainty as to the type of treatment that should be applied based upon interpretation of these documents. When this occurs, the designer shall bring the issue to the attention of the Office of Access Design and the Geometric Design unit for resolution.

A Baseline Document Change Request will be prepared by the Quality Review and Development Section of the Bureau of Quality Management Services that will update Subsection 6-08.3 of the NJDOT Design Manual – Roadway to ensure that the designer also refers to the NJ State Highway Access Management Code for further information.

**Implementation: *Immediately***

**Impact Assessment:**

Schedule  Quality  Cost  Scope

**Cost Impact: N.A.**