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Subject: Cross Sections at Culverts

To: Nebraska Public Bridge Owners and Inspectors

This Bulletin clarifies the need for Cross-Sections at Culverts. The NDOT Bridge Inspection Program Manual has required agency inspection items for culverts that make hydraulic cross-sections unnecessary.

Those Items are:

- 324 Culvert Ends
- 326 Embankment Erosion
- 328 Flowline Drop at Culvert Inlet
- 329 Flowline Drop at Culvert Outlet
- 330 Silt in Barrel

The channel conditions and waterway adequacy should be evaluated during the inspection. Culverts, or structures with a structural floor do not require a Cross Section. The ends of such culverts, if submerged, shall receive an underwater probe inspection to determine streambed stability or scour hole development. Any indications of scour or channel degradation are noted with SNBI codes and inspection notes.

Attachments: none

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