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To: ALL GEOTECHNICAL MANUAL USERS (AGMU)

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Subject: Notification of Geotechnical Manual Update System

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This is to inform you that hard copies of the manual will no longer be printed out or sold out to potential users. An electronic version of the 1999 edition has been made available on the Department's website, and it can be accessed at:

http://www.dot.il.gov/bridges/geotechdocuments.html

Also please note that, early this year, the central geotechnical staff at the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research has been combined with the geotechnical staff at the Bureau of Bridges and Structures (BBS) to form a new Central Geotechnical Unit (CGU) within the latter bureau. The CGU is now responsible for all future revisions to the Geotechnical Manual. Any such revisions will be made through All Geotechnical Manual Users (AGMU) memorandums which can also be found on the link above.

Also please note that, in addition to the Geotechnical Manual, the following can be accessed and downloaded from the above geotechnical link:

- The 2005, revised Subgrade Stability Manual.
- Geotechnical Forms, such as the standard IDOT's Soil Boring Log, Rock Core Log, and many other forms.
- All AGMUs, announcing the most recent policy changes.
- Other BBS' documents, manuals and procedures.

In order to secure access to all the geotechnical information listed above, you must first complete the registration to the "Geotechnical Subscription Service" which can also be found in the link above. We will no longer notify the Manual holders by letters and, therefore, strongly encourage you to subscribe to the geotechnical web page.

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