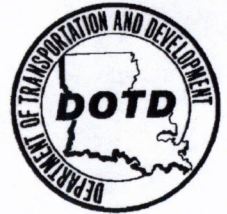


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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL CONSULTANTS  
ALL BRIDGE DESIGNERS

FROM: HOSSEIN GHARA, P.E.  
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SUBJECT: BRIDGE DESIGN TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM NO. 3 (BDTM.3)  
PUBLICATION OF "POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR BRIDGE RATING AND  
EVALUATION"

DATE: APRIL 2, 2009

Please be advised that the LADOTD Bridge Rating Unit has published the first edition of The Policies and Guidelines for Bridge Rating and Evaluation (dated March 3, 2009). The publication is on the LADOTD Bridge Design Section website under Bridge Design Manuals.

Effective April 2, 2009, all engineers tasked by LADOTD to perform bridge load-rating shall follow the instructions found in this publication.

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