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Subject: Proc 2024-2 – Changes in Condemnation Mapping

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Location & Surveys currently produces a court exhibit called the PSD map in support of the condemnation process. The initial preliminary version of this map is produced by the Location & Surveys Field Office or by a PEF firm under contract. The final map is then modified by the PDC Group in Raleigh before submission to the Attorney General's Office. This is a very costly and time-consuming procedure that is challenging given schedule and staffing constraints for all parties involved.

With the introduction of the new PARCEL program, Location & Surveys saw the possibility of modifying this process to be much easier, efficient and cost effective. In August of 2024, Location & Surveys met with representatives of both the Attorney General's Office and the Right-of-Way Unit to discuss improvements to the condemnation mapping process. It was determined that the PARCEL map could be slightly modified to meet the needs of both the Attorney General's Office and the Right-of-Way Unit. This new product will be called a CAM map (Cadastral Acquisition Map) and will save the Department both time and money as well as better integrate into electronic filings with the court system.

Location & Surveys will implement this new CAM map immediately. PDC Group staff will receive training in early September in this process with the eventual goal that these maps will be produced by the PDC Group. As we transition to this new process, the PDC Group will not be able to handle the backlog of condemnation requests, and some Location field offices will initially help with CAM map production.

Any maps currently/previously assigned to a PEF will have a completed "preliminary" map; however, this product will be converted into a CAM map using the field generated data. It is anticipated with the improvements in speed and accuracy, that all CAM maps be produced internal to Location & Surveys. The PEF Section has been instructed to not move forward with PSD assignments to PEF firms in anticipation of this change.

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Both the Right-of Way Unit and the Attorney General's Office are excited to be moving forward with this process. Location & Surveys will be implementing this new process immediately and start to utilize the CAM map for condemnations. As with any new process that changes existing procedures in as large a degree as this, there will be challenges. We do not have all the answers, but I am confident that as a Unit we can overcome any obstacles as we adopt this new process.

This policy takes effect upon receipt of this memo.

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