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**SUBJECT: Proposed Revision to Geotechnical Design Manual**

**To Section Number** 4.9

**Problem Statement:**

Current GDM Section 4.9 references the older AASHTO 1988 Manual on Subsurface Investigations for the base level of investigation.

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4.9 References

•AASHTO, 2007, LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, American Association of State Transportation

and Highway Officials, 17th Edition (with current Interims), Washington, D.C., USA.

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1804.pdf U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, 1994, Engineering Geology Field

Manual.

•References are made to various ASTM standards. The ASTM International standards located at

https://www.astm.org/ (the “ASTM Site”).

**Proposal:**

GDM Section 4.9 should be revised to reflect adoption the updated 2022 2nd edition of the AASHTO Manual on Subsurface Investigations.

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**Analysis / Research / Other Supporting Data:**

None

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**Geotechnical Engineering, Engineering Geology & HazMat Section Response:**

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