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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 1ST, 2023
To: Virginia Localities
From: Chris Swanson, P.E., Environmental Division Director 
Subject: VDOT Environmental Updated Programmatic Categorical Exclusion Form

VDOT has updated the Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) form to streamline the development of PCEs. The updated PCE includes more clear language set in a drop-down menu format for each of the determinations, and allows room to supplement findings and sources, as needed. The new version of the form which is dated (09/22/2023) can be accessed through the following [link](#).

VDOT Environmental will accept the previous version (dated 11/30/2017) of the PCE form until 8/1/2024 for any project that is currently underway. Please coordinate with the appropriate VDOT district environmental point of contact for any questions related to that timeline. The updated PCE form is required for any project that has not begun NEPA upon issuance of this memo. The use of the updated PCE form should have no fiscal or schedule impacts for new or underway projects, as the updated form provides for a more streamlined experience.

For any questions on the latest version of the PCE form, please contact your VDOT district environmental point of contact. Additional details on VDOT environmental requirements on locally administered projects can be found in Chapter 15 of the [Local Assistance Division manual](#).