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DATE: February 12, 2025

TO: Division Engineers

FROM: M. L. Sylvester, PE
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SUBJECT: **Tropical Storm Helene – Contract Construction Projects**

As you know, the State was impacted by Tropical Storm Helene on September 27, 2024. As a result, a "Federal Disaster Declaration" was issued for various counties in North Carolina. A list of federally declared counties is attached. By the definition contained in the Standard Specifications, Tropical Storm Helene is not considered an Act of God. However, I have decided that due to the widespread impacts of this storm time extensions beyond those noted in the Specifications may be granted on active construction projects in the federally declared counties. This administrative action should be handled in the following manner:

Contract Time Extensions

All contract construction projects in the federally declared counties that were active on September 27, 2024, will be extended by 21 calendar days, from September 27, 2024, through October 17, 2024. This extension applies to the overall contract time and any active intermediate contract times and applies to both Central and Division let projects. Additionally, time extensions beyond the 21 days should be provided on projects that were still not accessible beyond October 17, 2024, due to flooding. This extension should be based on the date when the contractor could reasonably access the project and resume operations. Please notify the Contractor in writing on each project of this Department initiated time extension. Any requests for time extensions related to Tropical Storm Helene beyond the time provided above or in counties not on the attached list must be submitted by the Contractor and reviewed in accordance with the Standard Specifications.

Questions regarding this memo, contract time extensions, or additional compensation should be directed to the Construction Unit, specifically Brian Skeens (828) 803-1461.

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**North Carolina Tropical Storm
Helene (DR-4827-NC)**

The counties in the declaration are:

Alexander
Alleghany
Ashe
Avery
Buncombe
Burke
Caldwell
Catawba
Clay
Cleveland
Gaston
Haywood
Henderson
Jackson
Lincoln
Macon
Madison
McDowell
Mitchell
Polk
Rutherford
Transylvania
Watauga
Wilkes
Yancey