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## BDE PROCEDURE MEMORANDUM

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**SUBJECT:** BDE Manual Revision – Appendix D

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Appendix D of the BDE Manual has been revised to provide guidance on page limit requirements for Environmental Assessments (EAs) and Environmental Impact Statements (EISs). Please see this chapter of the BDE Manual on-line to view the revisions.

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### Background

On August 19, 2019 the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) issued its Interim Policy on Page Limits for NEPA Documents and Focused Analyses which requires that EISs not exceed 150 pages in length and EAs not exceed 75 pages in length. This policy applies to all agencies within the USDOT and therefore applies to the Department. The page limit requirement may be waived for projects of unusual scope or complexity as determined by the FHWA Administrator.

To comply with this policy, Part I of Appendix D: Guidance on EA/EIS Preparation has been revised.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jack A. Elston', written over a horizontal line.

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