



Inter-office communication

to: District Bridge Design Coordinators **date:** August 15, 2007
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On July 20, 2007, the Department transitioned to AASHTO's newest design methodology, Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) for the design of new bridges and retaining walls. The Department has offered an assortment of training courses to aid in this transition, but questions, comments, clarifications and policy oversights are inevitable. The Office of Structural Engineering has developed a formal process to document and provide uniform response to all of these LRFD-related issues.

All questions and comments shall be submitted using the "LRFD Frequently Asked Questions" website at: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/se/LRFD/Q+A/Q+A.asp>

OSE Staff members have been instructed not to respond to LRFD issues when contacted directly by phone or email. Responses to all LRFD FAQ inquiries will be posted to the website in a timely manner.

The AASHTO Subcommittee on Bridges and Structures requires all questions regarding interpretation of the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications to be submitted to the state Bridge Engineer in the state the project is located. All such questions shall be submitted to the website as stated above.

Enclosed with this communication is a flowchart detailing the LRFD Frequently Asked Questions process.

Please forward this information to ODOT staff, local governments, and private consultants performing bridge design related activities for the Department.

Enclosure

Frequently Asked Questions – Process Flowchart

