

**New Jersey Department of Transportation
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY**

CAPITAL PROGRAM SUPPORT

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Subject: Misuse of Obsolete Items on Construction Projects

Process Affected:

Scope Design Right of Way Utilities Environmental Historic Construction

Bureaus Affected:

Design, Construction

Procedure(s) Affected:

Nature of Issue(s):

The misuse of "Obsolete Items" is occurring by Designers when selecting items in the AASHTOware software program, resulting in payment problems.

Recommendation(s):

As the name suggests, the "Obsolete Items" are not intended for use on Department Projects. The designers are not permitted to use them on the projects during estimating and designing. The "Obsolete Items" are listed as such in the AASHTOware software for historical and statistical purposes. If an obsolete item is chosen, payment will not be possible.

When this reminder is added to the Project Cost Estimation Manual or when the AASHTOware software is changed, this QIA will become obsolete.

Impact Assessment:

Schedule Quality Cost Scope

Cost Impact:

Yes

Implementation: Immediate