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MaineDOT anticipates receipt of the revisions to the Draft Responses to Substantive Comments by mid-week, next week.. Upon receipt and review, the document will be forwarded to the Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps will subsequently make a determination of the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA). The Final Environmental Impact Statement cannot be completed without the LEDPA determination by the Army Corps of Engineers.

MaineDOT has received the preliminary approval of the Interstate Modification Report from Federal Highway Administration. State DOTs are required to submit requests for proposed changes in access to the Interstate system to their FHWA Division Office for review and action. The approval process is a two stepped process. The preliminary approval is processed after a review that documents that the request for access to the interstate system will not compromise the integrity of the Interstate system. Final approval of modifications to the interchange cannot occur until the successful completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and subsequent Record of Decision by Federal Highway Administration.

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