

Memorandum

To: Distribution, See Below
Date: September 1, 2026
Subject: Hydraulics 2026 Manual Updates

The following chapters of the Hydraulics Manual have been updated and are available for implementation:

- Chapter 15 – Storage Facilities (Updated September 2026)

Please use the following guidelines to implement and apply the new and updated chapters:

1. Projects that are before the Plan in Hand Review milestone (PIH) will be designed and documented using the updated Storage Facilities Chapter of the Hydraulics Manual.
2. For projects that are after PIH or are in-progress design build, CM/GC, or progressive design build, the new chapter guidelines may be implemented on a case-by-case basis. Please note that:
 - Implementing the updated design criteria on post PIH projects may require design and plan changes.
 - The decision to use the updated design criteria will be made in consultation with the District Hydraulic Engineer and the design project manager.

Electronic access to the Hydraulics Manual chapters can be found at the following link:

<https://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/manuals.aspx#category-hydraulics>

Please contact Jennifer Johnson, Chad Knuth, Annette Compton, Galen Healey, Marc Wotring, or any of the District Hydraulic Engineers with questions or comments on the updated chapter.

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