

**BRIDGE DESIGN MEMORANDUM – DM0520**

**TO:** RPG Structural Design Engineers  
Structural Design Consultants

**DATE:** October 6, 2020

**RE:** Neglecting the Effect of Elastic Gains in the Design of Prestressed Concrete Girders

**Apply these updated requirements to all projects where plans have not progressed beyond final submittal with signed and sealed drawings.**

Add the following paragraph to the end of Section 15.5.3.4 of the *Bridge Design Manual*.

When designing prestressed concrete girders, do not count the effects of elastic gains when calculating prestress losses.

**Please note the changes below in your copy of the SCDOT Bridge Design Manual.**



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