Recent Updates:
5/21/2021 - Accepted RSPile (Rocscience Inc.) for determining Ultimate Vertical Static Pile Capacity.
5/3/2021 - Updated contact person and information.
11/25/2020 - Updated contact person and information.

The software and programs listed herein have been tested and accepted for use on Department projects as indicated. Unless noted otherwise, only the listed version of a program, if given, has been tested and accepted. The following content had previously been provided in Appendix J of Design Manual, Part 4.

3D AND REFINED METHODS OF ANALYSIS
Listed below are computer programs accepted for 3D or Refined Analysis to determine Load Factor Ratings (LFR) and for LRFD analysis and ratings. The acceptance of these programs is subject to the following conditions and limitations:

1. While certain software packages provide design optimization and/or code compliance checks, these aspects were not included in the review process. Acceptance has been based solely upon the review of generalized design forces (moments, shears, reactions, etc.) as calculated by the software.

2. Acceptance of a software package by the Department does not affect the responsibility of the designer for the proper application of the software and interpretation of its results. The acceptance of a software package does not constitute an endorsement, nor does it relieve the vendor or the designer from their responsibility for accurate, technically correct, and sound engineering results and services to the Department.

3. The Department's acceptance does not constitute any form of implied warranty, including warranty of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. The Commonwealth makes no warranty or representation, either expressed or implied, with respect to this software or accompanying documentation, including their quality performance, merchantability, or fitness for a particular purpose. In addition, the Commonwealth will not be liable for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, or consequential damages arising out of the use, inability to use, or any defect in the software or any accompanying documentation.
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GENERAL PURPOSE STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS

- **STAAD.Pro V8i** (Bentley Systems, Inc.)
  
  The following features have not yet proven satisfactory to the Department and shall not be used:
  
  1. The analysis of moving live loads on two- or three-dimensional structural models, load rating determination, and all design code check capabilities.
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- **LUSAS v15.0** (without Vehicle Load Optimization) (LUSAS)
  
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- **BSMStudio** (Fynite Solutions, LLC)
  
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- **SAP2000 v19.1.0** (Computers and Structures, Inc.)  
  [Accepted 5/3/2017]
  
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- **RFEM v5.13.01** (Dlubal Software, Inc.)  
  [Accepted 4/19/2018]
  
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PIER ANALYSIS

- **VBent v3.4.0** (Viathor, Inc.)

BURIED PRECAST CONCRETE PIPE DESIGN AND ANALYSIS

- **Eriksson Pipe** (Eriksson Software, Inc.)  
  [supersedes and replaces PIPECAR (FHWA)]

SEISMIC DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF GIRDER BRIDGES

- **WinSEISAB v5.1.0** (TRC Software LLC)
GEOTECHNICAL DESIGN AND ANALYSIS

Pile Hammer WEAP Analysis (refer to DM-4 Article 10.7.3.8.4aP)
▪ GRLWEAP 2010 (Pile Dynamics, Inc.)

Ultimate Vertical Static Pile Capacity (refer to FHWA Report SA-98-074, AASHTO Article 10.7.3.8.6
and DM-4 Article 10.7.3.8.6)
▪ DRIVEN v1.2 (FHWA)
▪ AllPile (CivilTech Software)
▪ RSPile (Rocscience Inc.)

Laterally Loaded Piles and Drilled Shafts (refer to DM-4 Article 10.7.3.12.2P)
▪ COM624P (Ensoft, Inc.)
▪ LPILE (Ensoft, Inc.)

Slope Stability Analysis (refer to PennDOT Pub. 293 and DM-4 Article 10.6.2.5)
▪ SLIDE v7.0 though SLIDE2 v2018 (Rocscience Inc.)

INQUIRIES AND SUBMISSIONS
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