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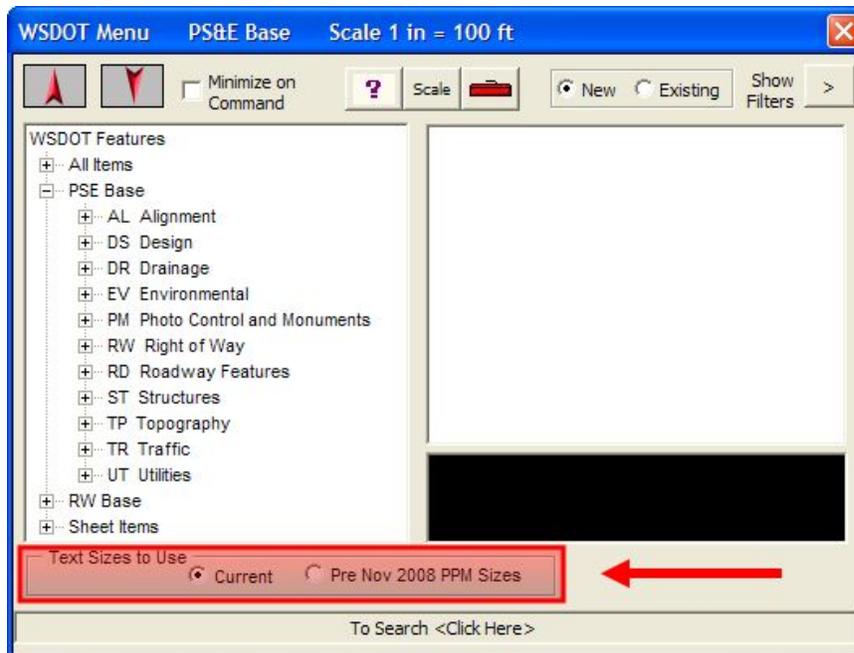
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### RESOURCE UPDATE SCHEDULED FOR 3/12/2009

– CLINT HILL

The minimum text size in the WSDOT Expanded Level environment resources will be increased to a base size of 0.07 for PS&E text related elements per the current Plans Preparation Manual. This change to PS&E specific elements will not only impact text, but also tables, and cells that include text. R/W specific elements are not impacted by this change.

In order to accommodate the schedule of projects nearing completion (within 3 months of ad), we will be adding a temporary option to override the new standard in the WSDOT Menu for MicroStation.



*“Per the current Plans Preparation Manual”*

Before making any changes in your project development, contact your Plan Reviewer to discuss the most appropriate action to take based on your project schedule needs.

Your basic options for addressing this change in your project are:

#### Do Nothing

- This option will place any new text at a minimum size of 0.07. The WSDOT Menu defaults to using the current standards.
- If you are not already using 0.07 minimum text size in your project CAD files, this option will produce mixed text and cell sizes.
- Without consulting your Plan Reviewer, unanticipated rework may result.

#### Override Current Standards

Changing the WSDOT Menu Text Size option to "*Pre Nov 2008 PPM Sizes*" will maintain the previous standard minimum text and cell sizes.

- This option should only be used for projects nearing completion and will go away in June of 2009.
- No impacts to these projects are anticipated due to this change.

#### Convert to the Current Standards

- Opting to convert existing data to current standards will require some time to make the changes. If your project is nearing completion, the time to convert should be considered by your team and Plan Reviewer.
- Be aware of customized (non-standard) text elements, dropped cells, and cells with custom text. Each of these will need to be addressed individually.
- See [instructions](#) for a technote on converting your project.

If you have any questions, please contact your regional CAE Coordinator or the HQ CAE Help Desk (360.709.8013).

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