Illinois Department of Transportation

Memorandum

To:	Regional Engineers
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Subject:	Special Provision for Hot-Mix Asphalt – Pay for Performance Using Percent Within Limits – Jobsite Sampling
Date:	January 8, 2016

This special provision was developed by the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research to provide a method of constructing Hot Mix Asphalt pavements utilizing pay adjustments based on percent within limits statistical calculations. This special provision has been revised to fit with the 2016 Standard Specifications.

This special provision should be inserted into interstate, freeway and expressway resurfacing and full-depth projects having a minimum quantity of 8000 tons (7260 metric tons) per mix. Pay for performance may be considered for smaller projects where a more accurate measure of quality is desired. This special provision should not be used on:

1. Temporary pavements, patching, or shoulders unless they are used as auxiliary lanes.
2. Applications where the mixture thickness is less than three times the nominal maximum aggregate size.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the April 22, 2016 and subsequent lettings. The Project Development and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory January 8, 2016.

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HOT MIX ASPHALT - PAY FOR PERFORMANCE USING PERCENT WITHIN LIMITS - JOBSITE SAMPLING (BDE)

Effective: November 1, 2014
Review: April 1, 2016

Description. This special provision describes the procedures used for production, placement and payment for hot-mix asphalt (HMA). This special provision shall apply to all pay items as specified in the plans. This work shall be according to the Standard Specifications except as specified herein.

Delete Articles:	406.06(b)(1), 2nd paragraph	(Temperature requirements)
	406.06(e), 3rd paragraph	(Paver speed requirements)
	406.07(b)	(Rolling)
	406.07(c)	(Density)
	1030.04, last two sentences of first paragraph	(Mix design verification)
	1030.05(a)(4, 5, 7, 8, 9, & 10)	(QC/QA Documents)
	1030.05(d)(2)a.	(Plant Tests)
	1030.05(d)(2)b.	(Dust-to-Asphalt and Moisture Content)
	1030.05(d)(2)d.	(Small Tonnage)
	1030.05(d)(2)f.	(HMA Sampling)
	1030.05(d)(3)	(Required Field Tests)
	1030.05(d)(4)	(Control Limits)
	1030.05(d)(5)	(Control Charts)
	1030.05(d)(6)	(Corrective Action for Required Plant Tests)
	1030.05(d)(7)	(Corrective Action for Field Tests (Density))
	1030.05(e)	(Quality Assurance by the Engineer)
	1030.05(f)	(Acceptance by the Engineer)
	1030.06(a), 2nd paragraph	(Before start-up...)

Definitions.

(a) Quality Control (QC): All production and construction activities by the Contractor required to achieve the required level of quality.

(b) Quality Assurance (QA): All monitoring and testing activities by the Engineer required to assess product quality, level of payment, and acceptability of the product.

(c) Percent Within Limits (PWL): The percentage of material within the quality limits for a given quality characteristic.

(d) Quality Characteristic: The characteristics that are evaluated by the Department for payment using PWL. The quality characteristics for this project are field Voids in the Mineral Aggregate (VMA), voids, and density. Field VMA will be calculated using the combined Aggregates Bulk Specific Gravity (G_{sb}) from the mix design.

(e) Quality Level Analysis (QLA): QLA is a statistical procedure for estimating the amount of product within specification limits.

(f) Sublot: A sublot for field VMA, and voids, will be 1000 tons (910 metric tons). If the quantity is less than 8000 tons (7260 metric tons), the sublot size will be adjusted to achieve a minimum of 8 tests. If the last sublot consists of less than 200 tons (180 metric tons), it will be combined with the previous sublot.

(g) Density Testing Interval: The interval for density testing will be 0.2 mile (320 m) for lift thickness equal to or less than 3 in. (75 mm) and 0.1 mile (160 m) for lift thickness greater than 3 in. (75 mm). If a density testing interval is less than 200 ft (60 m), it will be combined with the previous test interval.

(h) Lot: A lot consists of ten sublots or 30 density intervals. If seven or less sublots or 19 or less density intervals remain at the end of production of a mixture, the test results for these sublots will be combined with the previous lot for evaluation of percent within limits and pay factors. Lots for mixture testing are independent of lots for density testing.

(i) Density Test: A density test consists of a core taken at a random longitudinal and transverse offset within each density testing interval. The HMA maximum theoretical gravity (G_{mm}) will be based on the running average of four including the current day of production. Initial G_{mm} will be based on the average of the first four test results. The random transverse offset excludes the outer 1.0 ft (300 mm) from an unconfined edge. For confined edges, the random transverse offset excludes a distance from the outer edge equal to the lift thickness or a minimum of 4 in. (100 mm).

(j) Unconfined Edge Density: The outer 1.0 ft (300 mm) of an unconfined edge will be excluded from the effective pavement width used for calculating random transverse density location. The unconfined edge density will be randomly selected within each 1/2 mile (800 m) section for each unconfined edge. Longitudinal joint testing shall be located at a distance equal to the lift thickness or a minimum of 4.0 in. (100 mm), from each pavement edge.

Pre-production Meeting. The Engineer will schedule a pre-production meeting a minimum of seven calendar days prior to the start of production. The HMA QC Plan, test frequencies, random test locations, and responsibilities of all parties involved in testing and determining the PWL will be addressed. Personnel attending the meetings will include the following:

(a) Resident Engineer

(b) District Mixture Control Representative

(c) QC Manager

(d) Contractor Paving Superintendent

(e) Any consultant involved in any part of the HMA sampling or testing on this project

Quality Control (QC) by the Contractor. The Contractor's quality control plan shall include the schedule of testing for both quality characteristics and non-quality characteristics required to control the product such as asphalt binder content and mixture gradation. The schedule shall include sample location. The minimum test frequency shall not be less than outlined in the Minimum Quality Control Sampling and Testing Requirements table below.

Table 1
Minimum Quality Control Sampling and Testing Requirements

Quality Characteristic	Minimum Test Frequency	Sampling Location
Mixture Gradation	1/day	per QC Plan
Binder Content		
G_{mm}		
G_{mb}		
Density	per QC plan	per QC Plan

The Contractor shall submit QC test results to the Engineer within 48 hours of the time of sampling.

Initial Production Testing. The Contractor shall split and test the first two samples with the Department for comparison purposes. The Contractor shall complete all tests and report all results to the Engineer within two working days of sampling. The Engineer will make Department test results of the initial production testing available to the Contractor within two working days from the receipt of the samples.

Quality Assurance (QA) by the Engineer. The Engineer will test each sublot for field VMA, voids, and dust/AC ratio; and each density interval for density to determine payment for each lot. A sublot shall begin once an acceptable test-strip has been completed and the AJMF has been determined. All Department testing will be performed in a qualified laboratory by personnel who have successfully completed the Department HMA Level I training.

Voids, field VMA, and Dust/AC ratio. For each sublot, the Engineer will determine the random tonnage for the sample and the Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining the sample according to the "PFP and QCP Hot-Mix Asphalt Random Jobsite Sampling" procedure. The Engineer will not disclose the random location of the sample until after the truck containing the random tonnage has been loaded and en-route to the project.

Density. The Engineer will identify the random locations for each density testing interval. The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining the 4 in. (100 mm) diameter cores within the same day and prior to opening to traffic unless otherwise approved by the Engineer according to the "PFP and QCP Random Density Procedure". The locations will not be disclosed to the Contractor until after final rolling. The cores shall be obtained under the supervision of the Engineer. All core holes shall be filled immediately upon completion of coring. All water shall be removed from the core holes prior to filling. All core holes shall be filled with a rapid

hardening mortar or concrete which shall be mixed in a separate container prior to placement in the hole. Any depressions in the surface of the filled core holes greater than 1/4 in. (6 mm) at the time of final inspection will require removal of the fill material to the depth of the lift thickness and replacement.

Test Results. The Department's test results for the first sublot, or density testing interval, of every lot will be available to the Contractor within three working days from the time the secured sample was delivered, by the Contractor, to the Department's testing facility or a location designated by the Engineer. Test results for a completed lot will be available to the Contractor within ten working days from the time the secured sample from the last sublot or density testing interval was delivered to the Department's testing facility or a location designated by the Engineer.

The Engineer will maintain a complete record of all Department test results. Copies will be furnished upon request. The records will contain, at a minimum, the originals of all Department test results and raw data, random numbers used and resulting calculations for sampling locations, and quality level analysis calculations.

Dispute Resolution. Dispute resolution testing will only be permitted when the Contractor submits their split sample test results prior to receiving Department split sample test results and: 1) the difference between the Contractor and Department split test results exceed the precision limits shown in Table 2 below; or 2) the Department's test results are outside the acceptable limits shown in Table 4. For density disputes, the Contractor shall use the Department's running average for G_{mm} when determining compliance with the Limits of Precision.

Table 2

Test Parameter	Limits of Precision
Voids	1.0 %
VMA	1.0 %
Ratio - Dust / Asphalt Binder	0.2
Core Density	1.0 %

If dispute resolution is necessary, the Contractor shall submit a request in writing within four working days of receipt of the results of the quality index analysis for the lot. The Engineer will document receipt of the request. The Bureau of Materials and Physical Research (BMPR) laboratory will be used for dispute resolution testing.

Density cores for dispute resolution testing shall be taken at the same time as the random density core. The density core for dispute resolution testing shall be taken within 1 ft (300 mm) longitudinally of the random density core and at the same transverse offset. Density dispute resolution will replace original density test results.

If three or more consecutive mix sublots are contested, corresponding density results will be recalculated with the new G_{mm}.

Test results from the dispute resolution testing will replace voids, VMA and Dust/AC results from the original quality assurance testing. The lot pay factor for the lot under dispute resolution will be recalculated. If the recalculated lot pay factor is less than or equal to the original lot pay factor, laboratory costs listed below will be borne by the Contractor.

Table 3

Test	Cost
Mix Testing	$1000.00 / sublot
Core Density	$300.00 / core

Acceptance by the Engineer. All of the Department's tests shall be within the acceptable limits listed below:

Table 4

Acceptable Limits	
Parameter	Acceptable Range
Field VMA	-1.0 – +3.0 %[1/]
Voids	2.0 – 6.0 %
Density: IL-19.0, IL-9.5 IL-4.75, SMA	 90.0 – 98.0 % 92.0 – 98.0 %
Dust / AC Ratio	0.4 – 1.6[2/]

1/ Based on minimum required VMA from mix design

2/ Does not apply to SMA

In addition, the PWL for any quality characteristic shall be 50 percent or above for any lot. No visible pavement distress shall be present such as, but not limited to, segregation, excessive coarse aggregate fracturing or flushing.

Basis of Payment. Payment will be based on the calculation of the Composite Pay Factor for each mix according to the "PFP Quality Level Analysis" document. Payment for full depth pavement will be based on the calculation of the Full Depth Pay Factor according to the "PFP Quality Level Analysis" document.

Additional Pay Adjustments. In addition to the Composite Pay Factor for each mix, monetary deductions will be made for dust/AC ratios and unconfined edge densities as shown in Tables 5 and 6 as follows.

Table 5

Dust / AC Pay Adjustment Table [1/]	
Range	Deduct / sublot
$0.6 \leq X \leq 1.2$	$0
$0.5 \leq X < 0.6$ or $1.2 < X \leq 1.4$	$1000
$0.4 \leq X < 0.5$ or $1.4 < X \leq 1.6$	$3000
$X < 0.4$ or $X > 1.6$	Shall be removed and replaced

1/ Does not apply to SMA.

Table 6

Unconfined Edge Density Adjustment Table	
Density	Deduct / 0.5 mile (800 m)
≥ 90%	$0
89.0% to 89.9%	$1000
88.0% to 88.9%	$3000
< 88.0%	Outer 1.0 ft (300 mm) will require remedial action acceptable to the Engineer

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