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MEMORANDUM NO: 14-02

THIS MEMO HAS EXPIRED

TO: DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS

FROM: Greg Xanders, State Construction Engineer *Greg Xanders*
for

COPIES: Bob Burleson, Sharon Holmes, Jeff Caster, Ananth Prasad,
Archie Montgomery, District Maintenance Engineers

SUBJECT: ROLLED SOD NETTING – SECTION 981

The current specification, Subarticle 981-2.2, requires any rolled sod netting contained within the sod to be biodegradable within a period of three months from installation. Recent experience with the netting has shown that it is not deteriorating within the specified three months time frame. This has contributed to an undesirable safety problem.

In order to improve the biodegradable properties of the netting, we have contacted several sod contractors and netting manufacturers and requested that the Industry develop biodegradable netting that meets our specifications. Industry has responded favorably and currently, there are netting manufacturers capable of producing netting that meets our specification. Current evaluation of these nettings suggests that the netting will biodegrade within seven days.

Based upon the projected availability of biodegradable sod netting, the Project Engineer should review the certifications provided by the Contractor more closely as it relates to the requirements of Subarticle 981-2.2, for all contracts let in and after October 2002.

If you have any questions, please call Archie Montgomery at Suncom 994-4146 or 850-414-4146.

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