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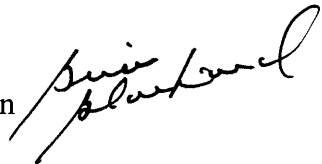
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TO: DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS

FROM: Brian Blanchard, Director, Office of Construction 

COPIES: Bob Burleson (FTBA), Don Davis (FHWA)

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF SPECIFICATION 455-12.2

This office has been made aware that the subject specification that deals with payment for stockpiled prestressed piles is not being interpreted correctly throughout the state. Some CEI offices (in-house and consultant) are allowing only payment for the producer's cost (invoice cost) as presented to the Prime Contractor and this cost is typically 50% of bid price which is much lower than the 70% allowed by 455-12.2. This may be happening because specification 9-5.5.1 states that the amount of partial payment for stockpiled materials will be determined from invoices for the material. However, specification 9-5.5.1 is a general specification which is intended to apply to all cases unless another specification specifically states otherwise, such as 455-12.2. The correct payment procedure is to allow Contractors to receive 70% of the unit price for prestressed concrete piles once the piles have been produced and stockpiled. However, before payment for stockpiled piles is processed, the Contractor must present his request for payment with appropriate documentation as required for payment of stockpiled materials.

Another specification that may cause confusion is general specification 9-5.5.2 which allows payment of up to 85% of the unit price for stockpiled precast, prestressed products which prestressed piles are; however, because 455-12.2 takes precedent over 9-5.5.2, payment for stockpiled prestressed piles must not exceed 70%.

If you have questions about this, please contact Steve Plotkin at 850-414-4155 (SC994-4155).

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