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**This Memo Has Expired**

**DCE MEMORANDUM NO. 12-10**  
*(FHWA Approved: 6/17/10)*

**TO: DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS**

**FROM:** David A. Sadler, P.E., Director, Office of Construction *for* 

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**SUBJECT: SPECIFICATIONS CHANGE FOR SECTION 981 – TURF MATERIALS**

This memo serves as approval to delete the following certification language from Section 981-1 of the Standard Specifications:

“Furnish to the Engineer, prior to incorporation onto the project, a certification from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry, stating that the seed, sod or mulch materials are free of noxious weeds.”

This certification is no longer necessary since Section 981 already specifies that all seed, sod and mulch be free of noxious weeds and exotic pest plants listed in the current Category I “List of Invasive Species” from the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council.

Additionally, Section 570-4 of the Standard Specifications requires the contractor:  
“Monitor turf areas and remove all competing vegetation, pest plants, and noxious weeds...”

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**This memo serves as a blanket approval to process the change as a no cost specification revision and shall be attached to the work order or supplemental agreement required for its processing.**

If you have further questions, please contact Larry Ritchie at 850-414-4168.

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