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DCE MEMORANDUM NO. 10-14

(FHWA Approved: 5/28/2014)

TO: DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David A. Sadler", is written over the "FROM:" line.

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SUBJECT: SOD NETTING SECTION 981

Subarticle 981-3.2 requires "Any netting contained within the sod shall be certified by the manufacturer to be degradable within three years." This netting is typically found on projects where the contractor uses rolled sod.

Degradation of sod netting currently available to contractors is dependent on several environmental factors and a definitive degradation time has not been established. Until such time that a product is developed that meets a specified degradation time, FDOT will waive this requirement.

This memo serves as blanket approval to process a \$0.00 Specification change deleting the requirement for certification of degradability.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please call Larry Ritchie at 850-414-4168.

DAS/rh