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**TO: DISTRICT MATERIALS AND RESEARCH ENGINEERS  
DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS**

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**SUBJECT: SUWANNEE AMERICAN CEMENT PLANT – BRANFORD, FL (CMT29)**

In order to prevent concrete placement delays on ongoing construction projects due to the shortage of Type IL (10) cement from the Suwannee American Cement Branford (CMT29) cement plant, concrete producers may request the Department to implement a modified concrete mix design approval process. This is only applicable for replacing the Suwannee American Cement Branford (CMT29) Type IL (10) cement with Suwannee American Cement Branford (CMT29) Type I / II (MH) cement incorporated in approved concrete mix designs assigned to current projects. The Contractor/Producer assumes all risks involved for ensuring that concrete plastic and hardened properties are in compliance with the specifications.

If the modified concrete mix design approval process is used, the following requirements must be met:

1. District Materials Office personnel will ensure the replacement concrete mix contains the same component materials and quantities as the replaced concrete mix and only cement substitution is permitted. The new concrete mix must meet the same requirements as the old concrete mix. Adjustments to component weights, due to a difference in specific gravity of the replacement cement chosen, will be permitted as long as the replacement concrete mix equals the original concrete mix regarding application and environmental conditions. All materials must be from an approved source and any adjustment of mix design components shall follow the requirements of Materials Manual, Section 9.2, Vol. II.

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2. District Materials Office personnel will review and submit the replacement mix design to the State Materials Office following the material substitution procedure found in Materials Manual, Section 9.2, Vol. II.
3. If the cement substitution request is approved, the State Materials Office will assign a new concrete mix design number.
4. Submit to the District Materials Office the 28-day compressive strength results from the first job-site placement of the new concrete mix design, for each project. District Materials Office personnel will submit the 28-day compressive strength results to the State Materials Office.

This memorandum does not waive any specification requirements and is in effect until **February 29, 2020**.

Should you have any questions please contact Jose Armenteros, State Materials Office at 352-955-6666, or Pat Carlton, State Materials Office at 352-955-6676.

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