

## SECTION 346 PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE

### 346-1 Description.

Use concrete composed of a mixture of portland cement, aggregate, water, and, where specified, admixtures, pozzolan and ground granulated blast furnace slag. Deliver the portland cement concrete to the site of placement in a freshly mixed, unhardened state.

Obtain concrete from a plant that is currently on the Department's Production Facility Listing. Producers seeking inclusion on the list shall meet the requirements of Section 105. If the concrete production facility's Quality Control (QC) Plan is suspended, the Contractor is solely responsible to obtain the services of another concrete production facility with an accepted QC Plan or await the re-acceptance of the affected concrete production facility's QC Plan prior to the placement of any further concrete on the project. There will be no changes in the Contract Time or completion dates. Bear all delay costs and other costs associated with the concrete production facility's QC Plan acceptance or re-acceptance.

### 346-2 Materials.

**346-2.1 General:** Meet the following requirements:

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Coarse Aggregate.....    | Section 901 |
| Fine Aggregate*.....     | Section 902 |
| Portland Cement.....     | Section 921 |
| Water.....               | Section 923 |
| Admixtures**.....        | Section 924 |
| Pozzolans and Slag ..... | Section 929 |

\*Use only silica sand except as provided in 902-5.2.3.

\*\*Use products listed on the Department's Approved Product List (APL).

Do not use materials containing hard lumps, crusts or frozen matter, or that is contaminated with dissimilar material in excess of that specified in the above listed Sections.

**346-2.2 Types of Cement:** Unless a specific type of cement is designated elsewhere, use Type I, Type IP, Type IS, Type II, Type II (MH) or Type III cement in all classes of concrete. Use Type II (MH) for all mass concrete elements.

Use only the types of cements designated for each environmental condition in structural concrete. A mix design for a more aggressive environment may be substituted for a lower aggressive environmental condition.

| TABLE 1                                                       |                                 |                                                |                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURES                                        |                                 |                                                |                                  |
| Component                                                     | Slightly Aggressive Environment | Moderately Aggressive Environment              | Extremely Aggressive Environment |
| Precast Superstructure and Prestressed Elements               | Type I or Type III              | Type I, Type II, Type III, Type IP, or Type IS | Type II (MH)                     |
| Cast In Place                                                 | Type I                          | Type I, Type II, Type IP, or Type IS           | Type II (MH)                     |
| BRIDGE SUBSTRUCTURE, DRAINAGE STRUCTURES AND OTHER STRUCTURES |                                 |                                                |                                  |
| All Elements                                                  | Type I or Type III              | Type I, Type II, Type                          | Type II (MH)                     |

| TABLE 1                |                                 |                                   |                                  |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURES |                                 |                                   |                                  |
| Component              | Slightly Aggressive Environment | Moderately Aggressive Environment | Extremely Aggressive Environment |
|                        |                                 | IP, or Type IS                    |                                  |

**346-2.3 Pozzolans and Slag:** Fly ash or slag materials are required in all classes of concrete. Use fly ash or slag materials as a cement replacement, on an equal weight replacement basis with the following limitations:

(1) Mass Concrete:

a. Fly Ash - Ensure that the quantity of cement replaced with fly ash is 18% to 50% by weight, except where the core temperature is expected to rise above 165°F. In that case, ensure that the percentage of fly ash is 35% to 50% by weight.

b. Slag - Ensure that the quantity of cement replaced with slag is 50% to 70% by weight. Ensure that slag is 50% to 55% of total cementitious content by weight when used in combination with silica fume, ultrafine fly ash and/or metakaolin.

c. Fly Ash and Slag - Ensure that there is at least 20% fly ash by weight and 40% portland cement by weight for mixes containing portland cement, fly ash and slag.

(2) Drilled Shaft:

a. Fly Ash - Ensure that the quantity of cement replaced with fly ash is 33% to 37% by weight.

b. Slag - Ensure that the quantity of cement replaced with slag is 58% to 62% by weight.

c. Fly Ash and Slag (Ternary Blend) - Ensure that there is 10% to 20% fly ash, 50% to 60% slag by weight, and 30% portland cement by weight for mixes containing portland cement, fly ash and slag.

(3) Precast Concrete – Ensure that the precast concrete has a maximum of 25% fly ash or a maximum of 70% slag. In extremely aggressive environments, ensure that the precast concrete has a minimum of 18% fly ash or a minimum of 50% slag.

For fly ash and slag (ternary blend), ensure that there is 10% to 20% fly ash, 50% to 60% slag by weight, and 30% portland cement by weight for mixes containing portland cement, fly ash and slag..

(4) For all other concrete uses not covered in (1), (2) and (3) above,

a. Fly Ash - Ensure that the quantity of cement replaced with fly ash is 18% to 30% by weight.

b. Slag - Ensure that the quantity of cement replaced with slag is 25% to 70% for slightly and moderately aggressive environments and 50% to 70% by weight when used in extremely aggressive environments. Ensure that slag is 50% to 55% of total cementitious content by weight when used in combination with silica fume, ultra fine fly ash and/or metakaolin.

c. Fly Ash and Slag (Ternary Blend) - Ensure that there is 10% to 20% fly ash, 50% to 60% slag by weight, and 40% portland cement by weight for mixes containing portland cement, fly ash and slag.

(5) Blended Cements:

a. Type IS - Ensure that the quantity of slag in Type IS is less than or equal to 70% by weight.

b. Type IP - Ensure that the quantity of the pozzolan in Type IP is less than or equal to 40% by weight.

(6) Highly Reactive Pozzolans: Highly reactive pozzolans are considered to be silica fume, metakaolin and ultrafine fly ash. When silica fume, metakaolin or ultrafine fly ash is used, it must be used in combination with fly ash or slag and cured in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and approved by the Engineer.

a. Silica Fume - Ensure that the quantity of cement replaced with silica fume is 3% to 9% by weight of the total cementitious material.

b. Metakaolin - Ensure that the quantity of cement replaced with metakaolin is 8% to 12% by weight of the total cementitious material.

c. Ultrafine Fly Ash - Ensure that the quantity of cement replaced with ultrafine fly ash is 8% to 12% by weight of the total cementitious material.

**346-2.4 Coarse Aggregate Gradation:** Produce all concrete using Size No. 57, 67 or 78 coarse aggregate. With the Engineer's approval, Size No. 8 or Size No. 89 may be used either alone or blended with Size No. 57, 67 or 78 coarse aggregate. The Engineer will consider requests for approval of other gradations individually. Submit sufficient statistical data to establish production quality and uniformity of the subject aggregates, and establish the quality and uniformity of the resultant concrete. Furnish aggregate gradations sized larger than nominal maximum size of 1.5 inch as two components.

For Class I and Class II, excluding Class II (Bridge Deck), the coarse and fine aggregate gradation requirements set forth in Sections 901 and 902 are not applicable and the aggregates may be blended; however, the aggregate sources must be approved by the Department. Do not blend the aggregate if the size is smaller than Size No. 78.

**346-2.5 Admixtures:** Use admixtures in accordance with the requirements of this subarticle. Chemical admixtures not covered in this subarticle may be approved by the Department. Submit statistical evidence supporting successful laboratory and field trial mixes which demonstrate improved concrete quality or handling characteristics.

Use admixtures in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended dosage rate. Dosage rates outside of this range may be used with written recommendation from the admixture producer's technical representative. Do not use admixtures or additives containing calcium chloride (either in the raw materials or introduced during the manufacturing process) in reinforced concrete.

**346-2.5.1 Water-Reducer/Water-Reducer Retardant Admixtures:** When a water-reducing admixture is used, meet the requirements of a Type A. When a water-reducing and retarding admixture is used, meet the requirements of a Type D.

**346-2.5.2 Air Entrainment Admixtures:** Use an air entraining admixture in all concrete mixes except counterweight concrete. For precast concrete products, the use of air entraining admixture is optional for Class I and Class II concrete.

**346-2.5.3 High Range Water-Reducing Admixtures:**

**346-2.5.3.1 General:** When a high range water-reducing admixture is used, meet the requirements of a Type F or Type I. When a high range water-reducing and retarding admixture is used, meet the requirements of a Type G or Type II. When silica fume or metakaolin is incorporated into a concrete mix design, use a high range water-reducing admixture Type I, II, F or G.

**346-2.5.3.2 Flowing Concrete Admixtures for Precast/Prestressed Concrete:** Use a Type I, II, F or G admixture for producing flowing concrete. If Type F or G

admixture is used, verify the distribution of aggregates in accordance with ASTM C 1610 except allow for minimal vibration for consolidating the concrete. The maximum allowable difference between the static segregation is less than or equal to 15 percent. Add the flowing concrete admixtures at the concrete production facility.

**346-2.5.4 Corrosion Inhibitor Admixture:** Use only with concrete containing Type II cement, or Type II (MH) cement, and a water-reducing retardant admixture, Type D, or High Range Water-Reducer retarder admixture, Type G, to normalize the setting time of concrete. Ensure that all admixtures are compatible with the corrosion inhibitor admixture.

**346-2.5.5 Accelerating Admixture for Precast Drainage and Incidental Concrete Products:** The use of non-chloride admixtures Type C or Type E is allowed in the manufacturing of precast concrete products.

### **346-3 Classification, Strength, Slump and Air Content.**

**346-3.1 General:** The separate classifications of concrete covered by this Section are designated as Class I, Class II, Class III, Class IV, Class V and Class VI. Strength and slump are specified in Table 2. The air content range for all classes of concrete is 1.0 to 6.0%, except for Class IV (Drilled Shaft) which is 0.0 to 6.0%.

Substitution of a higher class concrete in lieu of a lower class concrete may be allowed when the substituted concrete mixes are included as part of the QC Plan, or for precast concrete, the Precast Concrete Producer QC Plan. The substituted higher class concrete must meet or exceed the requirements of the lower class concrete and both classes must contain the same types of mix ingredients. When the compressive strength acceptance data is less than the minimum compressive strength of the higher design mix, notify the Engineer. Acceptance is based on the requirements in Table 2 for the lower class concrete.

| TABLE 2                    |                                              |                                    |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Class of Concrete          | Specified Minimum Strength<br>(28-day) (psi) | Target Slump Value (inches)<br>(c) |
| <b>STRUCTURAL CONCRETE</b> |                                              |                                    |
| I (a)                      | 3,000                                        | 3 (b)                              |
| I (Pavement)               | 3,000                                        | 2                                  |
| II (a)                     | 3,400                                        | 3 (b)                              |
| II (Bridge Deck)           | 4,500                                        | 3 (b)                              |
| III (e)                    | 5,000                                        | 3 (b)                              |
| III (Seal)                 | 3,000                                        | 8                                  |
| IV (d)(f)                  | 5,500                                        | 3 (b)                              |
| IV (Drilled Shaft)         | 4,000                                        | 8.5                                |
| V (Special) (d)(f)         | 6,000                                        | 3 (b)                              |
| V (d)(f)                   | 6,500                                        | 3 (b)                              |
| VI (d)(f)                  | 8,500                                        | 3 (b)                              |

(a) For precast three-sided culverts, box culverts, endwalls, inlets, manholes and junction boxes, the target slump value and air content will not apply. The maximum allowable slump is 6 inches, except as noted in (b). The Contractor is permitted to use concrete meeting the requirements of ASTM C 478 4,000 psi in lieu of Class I or Class II concrete for precast endwalls, inlets, manholes and junction boxes.

(b) The Engineer may allow a higher target slump when a Type F, G, I or II admixture is used, except when flowing concrete is used. The maximum target slump shall be 7 inches.

(c) For a reduction in the target slump for slip-form operations, submit a revision to the mix design to the Engineer.

(d) When the use of silica fume, ultrafine fly ash, or metakaolin is required as a pozzolan in Class IV, Class V, Class V (Special) or Class VI concrete, ensure that the concrete meets or exceeds a resistivity of 29 KOhm-cm at 28 days, when tested in accordance with FM 5-578. Submit three 4 x 8 inch cylindrical test specimens to the Engineer for resistivity testing before mix design approval. Take the resistivity test specimens from the concrete of the laboratory trial batch or from the field trial batch of at least 3 cubic yards. Verify the mix proportioning of the design mix and take representative samples of trial batch concrete for the required plastic and hardened property tests. Cure the field trial batch specimens similar to the standard laboratory curing methods. Submit the resistivity test specimens at least 7 calendar days prior to the scheduled 28 day test. The average resistivity of the three cylinders, eight readings per cylinder, is an indicator of the permeability of the concrete mix.

(e) When precast three-sided culverts, box culverts, endwalls, inlets, manholes or junction boxes require a Class III concrete, the minimum cementitious materials is 470 pounds per cubic yard. Do not apply the air content range and the maximum target slump shall be 6 inches, except as allowed in (b).

(f) Highly reactive pozzolans may be used outside the lower specified ranges to enhance strength and workability. Testing in accordance with FM 5-578 is not required.

**346-3.2 Drilled Shaft Concrete:** Notify the Engineer at least 48 hours before placing drilled shaft concrete. Obtain slump loss test results demonstrating that the drilled shaft concrete maintains a slump of at least 5 inches throughout the concrete elapsed time before drilled shaft concrete operations begin.

Obtain slump loss test results from an approved laboratory or from a field demonstration. Slump loss test results for drilled shafts requiring 30 cubic yards of concrete or less and a maximum elapsed time of five hours or less may be done in a laboratory. Obtain all other slump loss test results in the field. Technicians performing the slump test must be ACI Field Grade I qualified.

Ambient temperature conditions for placement of drilled shaft concrete for summer condition is 85° or higher, and below 85° for normal condition. Perform the slump loss test in one of the above ambient temperature conditions.

The concrete elapsed time is defined in Section 455. Obtain the Engineer's approval for use of slump loss test results including elapsed time before concrete placement begins.

Test each load of concrete for slump to ensure the slump is within the limits of 346. Initially cure acceptance cylinders for 48 hours before transporting to the laboratory.

If the elapsed time during placement exceeds the slump loss test data, provide an engineering analysis performed by a Professional Engineer, registered in the State of Florida, and knowledgeable in the area of foundations, to determine if the shaft is structurally sound and there are no voids in the drilled shaft concrete. At the direction of the Engineer, excavate the drilled shaft for inspection. Obtain approval from the Engineer before placing any additional shafts.

**346-3.3 Mass Concrete:** When mass concrete is designated in the Contract Documents, provide an analysis of the anticipated thermal developments in the mass concrete elements for all expected project temperature ranges using the selected mix design, casting procedures, and materials. Mass concrete control provisions do not apply to drilled shafts supporting sign, signal, lighting, or intelligent transportation system (ITS) structures.

Use a Specialty Engineer competent in the design and temperature control of concrete in mass elements. The Specialty Engineer shall follow the procedure outlined in Section 207 of the ACI Manual of Concrete Practice to formulate, implement, administer and monitor a temperature control plan, making adjustments as necessary to ensure compliance with the Contract Documents. The Specialty Engineer shall select the concrete design mix proportions that will generate the lowest maximum temperatures possible to ensure that a 35°F differential temperature between the concrete core and the exterior surface is not exceeded. The mass concrete maximum allowable temperature is 180°F. If either the differential temperature or the maximum allowable temperature is exceeded, the Specialty Engineer shall be available for immediate consultation.

Describe the measures and procedures intended for use to maintain a temperature differential of 35°F or less between the interior core center and exterior surface(s) of the designated mass concrete elements during curing. Submit both the mass concrete mix design and the proposed mass concrete plan to monitor and control the temperature differential to the Engineer for acceptance. Provide temperature monitoring devices to record temperature development between the interior core center and exterior surface(s) of the elements in accordance with the accepted mass concrete plan.

The Specialty Engineer, or a person designated by the Specialty Engineer, must personally inspect and approve the installation of monitoring devices and verify that the process for recording temperature readings is effective for the first placement of each size and type mass component. Submit to the Engineer for approval the qualification of all technicians employed to inspect or monitor mass concrete placements. Designate an employee(s) approved by the Specialty Engineer, as qualified to inspect monitoring device installation, to record temperature readings, to be in contact at all times with the Specialty Engineer if adjustments must be made as a result of the temperature differential or the maximum allowable temperature being exceeded, and to immediately implement adjustments to temperature control measures as directed by the Specialty Engineer. Read the monitoring devices and record the readings at intervals no greater than 6 hours. The readings will begin when the mass concrete placement is complete and continue until the maximum temperature differential and the temperature is reached and a decreasing temperature differential is confirmed as defined in the temperature control plan. Do not remove the temperature control mechanisms until the core temperature is within 50°F of the ambient temperature. Furnish a copy of all temperature readings to the Engineer. Provide determined temperature differentials, the summary sheet from the data logger, which includes the maximum temperature, the maximum temperature differential and a final report within three calendar days of completion of monitoring of each element.

Request approval of reduced monitoring of same least dimensioned mass concrete elements containing the same mix design, concrete placement temperatures (within plus 3°F), and insulation thermal resistance value. The Specialty Engineer may monitor and record the temperature for the first element only. Each subsequent element must be started within one hour of the first placement and be completed within one hour of the completion of the first element.

Each mass concrete element must be instrumented with monitoring devices in case of failure in meeting the one hour time limit.

Changes or adjustments made to the monitored element must be made to all elements. Failure to follow this will require an Engineering Analysis Report (EAR) for the elements not monitored even if the element that was monitored had a temperature differential well below the maximum allowed. The reduced monitoring option will not be allowed by the Engineer if the Contractor fails to comply with these requirements.

If the 35°F differential or the 180°F maximum allowable temperature has been exceeded, take immediate action as directed by the Specialty Engineer to retard further growth of the temperature differential. Describe methods of preventing thermal shock in the temperature control plan. Use a Specialty Engineer to revise the previously accepted plan to ensure compliance on future placements. Do not place any mass concrete until the Engineer has accepted the mass concrete plan(s). When mass concrete temperature differentials or maximum allowable temperature has been exceeded, provide all analyses and test results deemed necessary by the Engineer for determining the structural integrity and durability of the mass concrete element, to the satisfaction of the Engineer. The Department will make no compensation, either monetary or time, for the analyses or tests or any impacts upon the project.

**346-3.4 Flowing Concrete for Precast/Prestressed Concrete:** Produce flowing concrete mix with target slump of 9 inches.

Subsequent to the laboratory trial batch, perform a field demonstration of the proposed mix design by production and placement of at least three batches, 3 cubic yard minimum size each, of concrete containing flowing concrete HRWR admixture. Take representative samples from each batch and perform slump, air content, density (unit weight), and temperature tests on these samples. Cast specimens from each sample for compressive strength tests. Record the ambient air temperature during the test. Ensure that the concrete properties are within the required specification limits. The plants that are producing concrete with batch sizes of less than 3 cubic yards are required to produce and place at least a total amount of 9 cubic yards and perform the aforementioned tests on at least three randomly selected batches.

Determine the workability of the demonstration concrete batches by performing the slump tests on the samples taken at 15 minute intervals from each batch. Continue sampling and testing until the slump measures 6 inches or less. From the plot of slump versus time, determine the time for each batch when the slump is at 7.5 inches. The shortest time period determined from three consecutive batches, at 7.5 inches slump, is considered the cutoff time of the proposed concrete mix. For production concrete, ensure that the time between the batching and depositing of each load of concrete is less than the cutoff time of the mix and also does not exceed the allowable time limit specified in this Section.

Ensure that the demonstration concrete is mixed, delivered, placed, consolidated and cured in accordance with the proposed method and sequence. Produce the flowing concrete batches at slumps between 7.5 inches to 10.5 inches.

Perform inspection of the demonstration concrete during batching, delivery, placement and post placement. During placement, ensure that the concrete batches meet all plastic property requirements of the specifications and maintain their cohesive nature without excessive bleeding, segregation, or abnormal retardation.

Dispose of concrete produced for demonstration purposes at no expense to the Department. Subject to the Engineer's approval, the Contractor may incorporate this concrete

into non-reinforced concrete items and may be included for payment, provided it meets Contract requirements for slump, entrained air, and strength.

After removal of the forms, perform the post-placement inspection of the in-place concrete. Observe for any signs of honeycombs, cracks, aggregate segregation or any other surface defects and ensure that the hardened concrete is free from these deficiencies. The Engineer may require saw cutting of the mock-up products to verify the uniform distribution of the aggregates within the saw cut surfaces and around the reinforcing steel and prestressing strands. The Engineer will require saw cutting of the demonstration mock-up products for plants that are demonstrating the use of the flowing concrete for the first time. Obtain core samples from different locations of mock-up products to inspect the aggregate distribution in each sample and compare it with the aggregate distribution of other core samples. Perform surface resistivity tests on the core samples or test cylinders at 28 days.

Submit the results of the laboratory trial batch tests and field demonstration of verified test data and inspection reports to the Engineer, along with certification stating that the results of the laboratory trial batch tests and field demonstration tests indicate that the proposed concrete mix design meets the requirements of the specifications. For the proposed mix design, state the anticipated maximum time limit between the batching and when the concrete of each batch is deposited during the production.

Upon the review and verification of the laboratory trial batch, field demonstration test data, inspection reports and contractor's certification statement, the Department will approve the proposed mix design.

The Department may approve proposed flowing concrete mixes, centrally mixed at the placement site, without the production of demonstration batches, provided that the proposed mix meets the following two criteria:

(1) A previously approved flowing concrete mix of the same class has demonstrated satisfactory performance under the proposed job placing conditions with a minimum of fifteen consecutive Department acceptance tests, which met all plastic and hardened concrete test requirements.

(2) The cementitious materials and chemical admixtures, including the flowing concrete HRWR admixture, used in the proposed mix are the same materials from the same source used in the previously approved mix, (1) above.

Do not produce or place concrete until the design mixes have been approved.

### **346-4 Composition of Concrete.**

**346-4.1 Master Proportion Table:** Proportion the materials used to produce the various classes of concrete in accordance with Table 3:

| TABLE 3           |                                                                    |                                                                  |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Class of Concrete | Minimum Total Cementitious Materials Content pounds per cubic yard | Maximum Water to Cementitious Materials Ratio pounds per pounds* |
| I                 | 470                                                                | 0.53                                                             |
| I (Pavement)      | 470                                                                | 0.50                                                             |
| II                | 470                                                                | 0.53                                                             |
| II (Bridge Deck)  | 611                                                                | 0.44                                                             |

| TABLE 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                    |                                                                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Class of Concrete                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Minimum Total Cementitious Materials Content pounds per cubic yard | Maximum Water to Cementitious Materials Ratio pounds per pounds* |
| III                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 611                                                                | 0.44                                                             |
| III (Seal)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 611                                                                | 0.53                                                             |
| IV                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 658                                                                | 0.41**                                                           |
| IV (Drilled Shaft)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 658                                                                | 0.41                                                             |
| V (Special)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 752                                                                | 0.37**                                                           |
| V                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 752                                                                | 0.37**                                                           |
| VI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 752                                                                | 0.37**                                                           |
| <p>*The calculation of the water to cementitious materials ratio (w/cm) is based on the total cementitious material including cement and any supplemental cementitious materials that are used in the mix.</p> <p>**When the use of silica fume or metakaolin is required, the maximum water to cementitious material ratio will be 0.35. When the use of ultrafine fly ash is required, the maximum water to cementitious material ratio will be 0.30.</p> |                                                                    |                                                                  |

### 346-4.2 Chloride Content Limits for Concrete Construction:

**346-4.2.1 General:** Use the following maximum chloride content limits for the concrete application and/or exposure environment shown:

| TABLE 4                          |                                                |                                                           |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Application/Exposure Environment |                                                | Maximum Allowable Chloride Content, pounds per cubic yard |
| Non Reinforced Concrete          |                                                | No Test Needed                                            |
| Reinforced Concrete              | Slightly Aggressive Environment                | 0.70                                                      |
|                                  | Moderately or Extremely Aggressive Environment | 0.40                                                      |
| Prestressed Concrete             |                                                | 0.40                                                      |

**346-4.2.2 Control Level for Corrective Action:** If chloride test results exceed the limits of Table 4, suspend concrete placement immediately for every mix design represented by the failing test results, until corrective measures are made. Perform an engineering analysis to demonstrate that the material meets the intended service life of the structure on all concrete produced from the mix design failing chloride test results to the previous passing test results. Supply this information within 30 business days of the failing test results from a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Florida, and knowledgeable in the areas of corrosion and corrosion control.

### 346-5 Sampling and Testing Methods.

Perform concrete sampling and testing in accordance with the following methods:

| TABLE 5                            |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Description                        | Method     |
| Slump of Hydraulic Cement Concrete | ASTM C 143 |

| TABLE 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |             |
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| Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Method      |
| Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the Pressure Method*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | ASTM C 231  |
| Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the Volumetric Method*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | ASTM C 173  |
| Making and Curing Test Specimens in the Field**                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | ASTM C 31   |
| Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete Specimens***                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | ASTM C 39   |
| Obtaining and Testing Drilled Core and Sawed Beams of Concrete                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | ASTM C 42   |
| Initial Sampling of Concrete from Revolving Drum Truck Mixers or Agitators                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | FM 5-501    |
| Low Levels of Chloride in Concrete and Raw Materials                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | FM 5-516    |
| Density (Unit Weight), Yield and Air Content (Gravimetric) of Concrete                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | ASTM C 138  |
| Temperature of Freshly Mixed Portland Cement Concrete                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ASTM C 1064 |
| Sampling Freshly Mixed Concrete****                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | ASTM C 172  |
| Static Segregation of Self Consolidating Concrete using Column Techniques                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | ASTM C 1610 |
| Slump Flow of Self Consolidating Concrete                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | ASTM C 1611 |
| Passing Ability of Self Consolidating Concrete by J-Ring                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ASTM C 1621 |
| Concrete Resistivity as an Electrical Indicator of its Permeability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | FM 5-578    |
| <p>*The Department will use the same type of meter for Verification testing as used for QC testing. When using pressure type meters, use an aggregate correction factor determined by the concrete producer for each mix design to be tested. Record and certify test results for correction factors for each type of aggregate at the concrete production facility.</p> <p>** Provide curing facilities that have the capacity to store all QC, Verification, "hold" and Independent Verification cylinders simultaneously for the initial curing.</p> <p>***The Verification technician will use the same size cylinders as the Quality Control technician.</p> <p>**** Take the test sample from the middle portion of the batch in lieu of collecting and compositing samples from two or more portions, as described in ASTM C172.</p> |             |

## 346-6 Quality Control.

### 346-6.1 General:

Perform QC activities to ensure materials, methods, techniques, personnel, procedures and processes utilized during production meet the specified requirements. For precast/prestressed operations, ensure that the QC testing is performed by the producer.

Accept the responsibility for QC inspections on all phases of work. Ensure all materials and workmanship incorporated into the project meet the requirements of the Contract Documents.

**346-6.2 Concrete Design Mix:** Provide concrete that has been produced in accordance with a Department approved design mix, in a uniform mass free from balls and lumps.

For slump target values in excess of 6 inches or self consolidating concrete, utilize a grate over the conveyance equipment to capture any lumps or balls that may be present in the mix. The grate must cover the entire opening of the conveyance equipment and have an opening that is a maximum of 2 1/2 inches in any one direction. Remove the lumps or balls from the grate and discard them. Discharge the concrete in a manner satisfactory to the Engineer. Perform

demonstration batches to ensure complete and thorough placements in complex elements, when requested by the Engineer.

Do not place concretes of different compositions such that the plastic concretes may combine, except where the plans require concrete both with and without silica fume, ultrafine fly ash, metakaolin or calcium nitrite in a continuous placement. Produce these concretes using separate design mixes. For example, designate the mix with calcium nitrite as the original mix and the mix without calcium nitrite as the redesigned mix. Ensure that both mixes contain the same cement, fly ash or slag, coarse and fine aggregates and compatible admixtures. Submit both mixes for approval as separate mix designs, both meeting all requirements of this Section. Ensure that the redesigned mix exhibits plastic and hardened qualities which are additionally approved by the Engineer as suitable for placement with the original mix. The Engineer will approve the redesigned mix for commingling with the original mix and for a specific project application only. Alternately, place a construction joint at the location of the change in concretes.

**346-6.3 Delivery Certification:** Ensure that an electronic delivery ticket is furnished with each batch of concrete before unloading at the placement site. The delivery ticket may be proprietary software or in the form of an electronic spreadsheet, but shall be printed. Ensure that the materials and quantities incorporated into the batch of concrete are printed on the delivery ticket. Include the following information on the Delivery Ticket:

1. Arrival time at jobsite,
2. Time that concrete mix has been completely discharged,
3. Number of revolutions upon arrival at the jobsite,
4. Total gallons of water added at the jobsite,
5. Additional mixing revolutions when water is added,
6. Total number of revolutions.

Items 3 through 6 do not apply to non-agitating concrete transporting vehicles.

Ensure the batcher responsible for production of the batch of concrete signs the delivery ticket, certifying the batch of concrete was produced in accordance with the Contract Documents.

Sign the delivery ticket certifying that the design mix maximum specified water to cementitious materials ratio was not exceeded due to any jobsite adjustments to the batch of concrete, and that the batch of concrete was delivered and placed in accordance with the Contract Documents.

**346-6.4 Plastic Property Tolerances:** Do not place concrete with a slump more than plus or minus 1.5 inches from the target slump value specified in Table 2.

Reject concrete with slump or air content that does not fall within the specified tolerances and immediately notify the concrete production facility that an adjustment of the concrete mixture is required. If a load does not fall within the tolerances, test each subsequent load and the first adjusted load. If failing concrete is not rejected or adjustments are not implemented, the Engineer may reject the concrete and terminate further production until the corrections are implemented.

Do not allow concrete to remain in a transporting vehicle to reduce slump. Water may be added only upon arrival of the concrete to the jobsite and not thereafter.

## **346-7 Mixing and Delivering Concrete.**

**346-7.1 General Requirements:** Operate all concrete mixers at speeds and volumes per the manufacturer's design or recommendation as stipulated on the mixer rating plate.

**346-7.2 Transit Truck Mixing:** When water is added at the jobsite, mix the concrete 30 additional drum mixing revolutions. Do not add water after the total number of drum mixing revolutions exceeds 130, do not make additional mix adjustments. Discharge all concrete from truck mixers before total drum revolutions exceed 300. Seek approval from the Engineer prior to using a central mixer and depositing the batch into a truck mixer.

**346-7.2.1 Transit Time:** Ensure compliance with Table 6 between the initial introduction of water into the mix and completely discharging all of the concrete from the truck. Reject concrete exceeding the maximum transit time. For critical placements, the Engineer may authorize the placement of the concrete.

| TABLE 6                                                                             |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Maximum Allowable Time                                                              |                 |
| Non-Agitator Trucks                                                                 | Agitator Trucks |
| 45 minutes                                                                          | 60 minutes      |
| 75 minutes*                                                                         | 90 minutes*     |
| *When a water-reducing and retarding admixture (Type D, Type G or Type II) is used. |                 |

**346-7.2.2 Placement Time:** All the concrete in a load must be in its final placement position a maximum of 15 minutes after the transit time has expired unless a time extension is approved in advance by the Engineer.

**346-7.3 On-site Batching and Mixing:** Use a mixer of sufficient capacity to prevent delays that may be detrimental to the quality of the work. Ensure that the accuracy of batching equipment is in accordance with requirements of this Section.

**346-7.4 Concreting in Cold Weather:** Do not mix or place concrete when the air temperature is below 40°F. Protect the fresh concrete from freezing in accordance with Section 400. The requirements of concreting in cold weather are not applicable to precast concrete mixing and placement operations occurring in a temperature controlled environment.

**346-7.5 Concreting in Hot Weather:** Hot weather concreting is defined as the production, placing and curing of concrete when the concrete temperature at placing exceeds 85°F but is less than 100°F.

Unless the specified hot weather concreting measures are in effect, reject concrete exceeding 85°F at the time of placement. Regardless of special measures taken, reject concrete exceeding 100°F. Predict the concrete temperatures at placement time and implement hot weather measures to avoid production shutdown.

**346-7.6 Adding Water to Concrete at the Placement Site:** If the slump, as delivered, is outside the tolerance range, reject the load. If the slump is within the tolerance range, that load may be adjusted by adding water provided the addition of water does not exceed the water to cementitious materials ratio as defined by the mix design. After adding water, perform a slump test to confirm the concrete is within the slump tolerance range. If an adjustment is made at the concrete production facility, perform a slump test on the next load to ensure the concrete is within the slump tolerance range. Do not place concrete represented by slump test results outside of the tolerance range. Include water missing from the water storage tanks upon arrival at the project site in the jobsite water added.

**346-7.7 Sample Location:** Obtain acceptance samples from the point of final placement.

Where concrete buckets are used to discharge concrete directly to the point of final placement or into the hopper of a tremie pipe, samples will be obtained from the discharge of the bucket. When the concrete is discharged directly from the mixer into the bucket and the bucket is discharged within 20 minutes, samples may be obtained from the discharge of the mixer.

Where conveyor belts, troughs, pumps, or chutes are used to transport concrete directly to the point of final placement or into the hopper of a tremie pipe, samples will be obtained from the discharge end of the entire conveyor belt, trough, pump, or chute system.

Where concrete is placed in a drilled shaft or other element using a tremie pipe and a concrete pump, samples will be obtained from the discharge of the pump line at the location of the tremie hopper.

For all other placement methods, prior to each placement, obtain Department approval for sampling at the discharge of the mixer in lieu of sampling at the point of final placement. Submit the sampling correlation procedure to the Engineer for approval prior to the placement of the concrete. Once the comparative sampling correlation is approved by the Engineer, apply this correlation to the plastic properties tolerances for samples obtained from the discharge of mixer.

Where a concrete pump is used to deposit concrete directly into a drilled shaft which is a wet excavation without the use of a tremie, or other applications as approved by the Engineer, ensure the discharge end of the pump line remains immersed in the concrete at all times after starting concrete placement.

### **346-8 Plastic Concrete Sampling and Testing.**

QC tests include air content, temperature, slump, and preparing compressive strength cylinders for testing at later dates. In addition, calculate the water to cementitious materials ratio in accordance with FM 5-501 for compliance to the approved mix design.

Ensure that each truck has a rating plate and a valid mixer identification card issued by the Department. Ensure that the revolution counter on the mixer is working properly, and calibration of the water dispenser has been performed within the last twelve months. Reject any concrete batches that are delivered in trucks that do not have mixer identification cards. Remove the mixer identification card when a truck mixer is discovered to be in noncompliance and the mixer deficiencies cannot be repaired immediately. When the mixer identification card is removed for noncompliance, make note of the deficiency or deficiencies found, and forward the card to the District Materials and Research Engineer who has Producer QC Plan acceptance authority.

Perform plastic concrete tests on the initial delivery of each concrete design mix each day. Ensure QC technicians meeting the requirements of Section 105 are present and performing tests throughout the placement operation. Ensure one technician is present and performing tests throughout the placement operation at each placement site. If a project has multiple concrete placements at the same time, identify the technicians in the Q C Plan to ensure minimum sampling and testing frequencies are met. Ensure that the equipment used for delivery, placement and finishing meets the requirements of this Specification.

When a truck designated for QC testing arrives at the discharge site, a subsequent truck may also discharge once a representative sample has been collected from the QC truck and while awaiting the results of QC testing. Reject non-complying loads at the jobsite. Ensure that corrections are made on subsequent loads. Immediately cease concrete discharge of all trucks if the QC truck has failing test. Perform plastic properties tests on all trucks prior to the first

corrected truck and the corrected truck. When more than one truck is discharging into a pump simultaneously, only the truck designated for QC testing may discharge into the pump to obtain a representative sample of concrete from the QC truck only.

Furnish sufficient concrete of each design mix as required by the Engineer for verification testing. When the Engineer's verification test results do not compare with the QC plastic properties test results, within the limits defined by the Independent Assurance (IA) checklist comparison criteria, located in Materials Manual Chapter 5, disposition of the concrete will be at the option of the Contractor.

On concrete placements consisting of only one load of concrete, perform initial sampling and testing in accordance with this Section. The acceptance sample and plastic properties tests may be taken from the initial portion of the load.

If any of the QC plastic properties tests fail, reject the remainder of that load, and any other loads that have begun discharging, terminate the LOT and notify the Engineer. Make cylinders representing that LOT from the same sample of concrete.

Following termination of a LOT, obtain samples from a new load, and perform plastic properties tests until such time as the water to cementitious materials ratio, air content, temperature and slump comply with the Specification requirements. Initiate a new LOT once the testing indicates compliance with Specification requirements.

Suspend production when any five loads in two days of production of the same design mix are outside the specified tolerances. Increase the frequency of QC testing to one per load to bring the concrete within allowable tolerances. After production resumes, obtain the Engineer's approval before returning to the normal frequency of QC testing.

If concrete placement stops for more than 90 minutes, perform initial plastic properties testing on the next batch and continue the LOT. Cylinders cast for that LOT will represent the entire LOT.

When the Department performs Independent Verification, the Contractor may perform the same tests on the concrete at the same time. The Department will compare results based on the Independent Assurance Checklist tolerances.

### **346-9 Acceptance Sampling and Testing.**

**346-9.1 General:** Perform plastic properties tests in accordance with 346-8 and cast a set of three QC cylinders, for all structural concrete incorporated into the project. Take these acceptance samples randomly as determined by a random number generator (acceptable to the Department). The Department will independently perform verification plastic properties tests and cast a set of verification cylinders. The verification cylinders will be the same size cylinder selected by the Contractor, from a separate sample from the same load of concrete as the Contractor's QC sample.

For each set of QC cylinders verified by the Department, cast one additional cylinder from the same sample, and identify it as the QC "hold" cylinder. The Department will also cast one additional "hold" cylinder from each Verification sample. All cylinders will be clearly identified as outlined in the Sample/Lot Numbering System instructions located on the State Materials Office website. Deliver the QC samples, including the QC "hold" cylinder to the final curing facility in accordance with ASTM C 31. At this same time, the Department will deliver the Verification samples, including the Verification "hold" cylinder, to their final curing facility.

Test the QC laboratory cured samples for compressive strength at the age of 28 days, or any other specified age, in a laboratory meeting and maintaining at all times the qualification requirements listed in Section 105.

The QC testing laboratory will input the compressive strength test results into the Department's sample tracking database within 24 hours. When the QC testing laboratory cannot input the compressive strength test results into the Department's sample tracking database within 24 hours, the QC testing laboratory will notify the Verification testing laboratory within 24 hours of testing the cylinder and provide the Verification testing laboratory the compressive strength test results. Ensure the compressive strength results are input into the Department's sample tracking database within 72 hours of determining the compressive strength of the cylinders.

The Department will compare the Verification sample results with the corresponding QC sample results. In the event that one set of compressive strength data for a set of cylinders falls outside the range of the other set of cylinders, use the lower Range of Average Compressive Strength to determine the comparison criteria. Based on this comparison, the Department will determine if the Comparison Criteria as shown in Table 7 has been met. When the difference between QC and Verification is less than or equal to the Comparison Criteria, the QC data is verified. When the difference between QC and Verification data exceeds the Comparison Criteria, the data is not verified and the Engineer will initiate the resolution procedure.

| Table 7                               |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Range of Average Compressive Strength | Comparison Criteria |
| Less than 3500 psi                    | 420 psi             |
| 3,501 – 4,500 psi                     | 590 psi             |
| 4,501 – 6,500 psi                     | 910 psi             |
| 6,501 – 8,500 psi                     | 1,275 psi           |
| Greater than 8,500 psi                | 1,360 psi           |

**346-9.2 Sampling Frequency:** As a minimum, sample and test concrete of each design mix for water to cementitious materials ratio, air content, temperature, slump and compressive strength once per LOT as defined by Table 8. When a mix design is used for a different application, the LOT is defined by the application. The Engineer will randomly verify one of every four consecutive LOTs of each design mix based on a random number generator. The Department may perform Independent Verification testing to verify compliance with specification requirements. All QC activities, calculations, and inspections will be randomly confirmed by the Department.

| TABLE 8         |                                                                |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Class Concrete* | LOT Size                                                       |
| I               | one day's production                                           |
| I (Pavement)    | 2,000 square yards, or one day's production, whichever is less |

| TABLE 8                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Class Concrete*                                                                                                                                   | LOT Size                                                                                                             |
| II, II (Bridge Deck), III, IV, V (Special), V, VI                                                                                                 | 50 cubic yards, or one day's production, whichever is less                                                           |
| IV (Drilled Shaft)                                                                                                                                | 50 cubic yards, or two hours between the end of one placement and the start of the next placement, whichever is less |
| III (Seal)                                                                                                                                        | Each Seal placement                                                                                                  |
| *For any class of concrete used for roadway barrier wall, the lot size is defined as 100 cubic yards, or one day's production, whichever is less. |                                                                                                                      |

**346-9.2.1 Reduced Frequency for Acceptance Tests:** The LOT size may represent 100 cubic yards when produced at the same mix design at the same concrete production facility for the same prime contractor and subcontractor on a given Contract. Submit test results indicating the average compressive strength is greater than two standard deviations above the specified minimum strength for that class of concrete. Base calculations on a minimum of ten consecutive strength test results for a Class IV or higher; or a minimum of five consecutive strength results for a Class III or lower.

The average of the consecutive compressive strength test results, based on the class of concrete, can be established using historical data from a previous Department project. The tests from the previous Department project must be within the last 60 calendar days or may also be established by a succession of samples on the current project. Only one sample can be taken from each LOT. Test data must be from a laboratory meeting the requirements of Section 105. Obtain Department approval before beginning reduced frequency LOT's.

If at any time a strength test is not verified or the average strength of the previous ten or five consecutive samples based on the class of concrete from the same mix design and the same production facility is less than the specified minimum plus two standard deviations, return to the maximum production quantity represented by the LOT as defined in Table 8. Notify the Engineer that the maximum production rate is reinstated. In order to reinstate reduced frequency, submit a new set of strength test results.

**346-9.3 Strength Test Definition:** The strength test of a LOT is defined as the average of the compressive strengths tests of three cylinders cast from the same sample of concrete from the LOT.

#### **346-9.4 Acceptance of Concrete:**

Ensure that the hardened concrete strength test results are obtained in accordance with 346-9.3. Do not discard a cylinder strength test result based on low strength (strength below the specified minimum strength as per the provisions of this Section).

When one of the three QC cylinders from a LOT is lost, missing, damaged or destroyed, determination of compressive strength will be made by averaging the remaining two cylinders. If more than one QC cylinder from a LOT is lost, missing, damaged or destroyed, the Contractor will core the structure at no additional expense to the Department to determine the compressive strength. Acceptance of LOT may be based on verification data at the discretion of the Engineer. Obtain the approval of the Engineer to core, and of the core location prior to coring.

For each QC cylinder that is lost, missing, damaged or destroyed, payment for that LOT will be reduced by \$750.00 per 1,000 psi of the specified design strength [Example:

loss of two Class IV (Drill Shaft) QC cylinders that has no verification data will require the element to be cored and a pay reduction will be assessed  $(4,000 \text{ psi} / 1,000 \text{ psi}) \times \$750 \times 2 = \$6,000$ ]. This reduction will be in addition to any pay adjustment for low strength.

When QC compressive strength test results are not verified, the resolution procedure will be used to accept or reject the concrete. Maintain the “hold” cylinders until the verification of the compressive strength test results.

When QC test results are verified, the Engineer will accept the concrete based on QC test results. The Engineer will accept at full pay only LOTs of concrete represented by plastic property results which meet the requirements of the approved mix design and strength test results which equal or exceed the respective specified minimum strength.

**346-9.5 Resolution Procedure:** The Department may initiate an IA review of sampling and testing methods. The resolution procedure may consist of, but need not be limited to, a review of sampling and testing of fresh concrete, calculation of water to cementitious materials ratio, handling of cylinders, curing procedures and compressive strength testing. Compare the Verification sample results with the verification hold cylinders results. Compare the QC sample results with the QC hold cylinders results. Comparison results must not be greater than the comparison requirements in Table 7. Core samples of the hardened concrete may be required.

The Engineer will determine through the resolution procedure whether the QC strength test results or the verification strength test are deemed to be the most accurate, LOTs will then be considered to be verified. When the Engineer cannot determine which strength test results are the most accurate, the concrete represented by the four consecutive LOTs will be evaluated based on the QC data. The Engineer will inform the QC and the Verification lab within three calendar days of the acceptance compressive strength test to transport their “hold” cylinders to the resolution lab. The QC and Verification laboratories will transport their own hold cylinder to the resolution testing laboratory within 72 hours after the Engineer notifies the Contractor that a resolution is required. In addition, the Engineer will ensure that the QC and verification “hold” cylinders are tested within seven calendar days of the acceptance strength tests.

The resolution investigation will determine the strength test results for each of the four or less LOTs. When the QC strength test results are deemed to be the most accurate, the QC strength test results will represent the four or less consecutive LOTs and the Department will pay for the resolution testing and investigation. When the verification strength test results are deemed to be the most accurate, the Department will assess a \$1,000 pay reduction for the cost of the Resolution Investigation.

The results of the resolution procedure will be forwarded to the Contractor within five working days after completion of the investigation.

**346-9.6 Small Quantities of Concrete:** When a project has a total plan quantity of less than 50 cubic yards, that concrete will be accepted based on the satisfactory compressive strength of the QC cylinders. Provide certification to the Engineer that the concrete was batched and placed in accordance with the Contract Documents. Submit a QC Plan for the concrete placement operation in accordance with Section 105. In addition, the Engineer may conduct Independent Verification (IV) testing as identified in 346-9. Evaluate the concrete in accordance with 346-10 at the discretion of the Engineer.

### **346-10 Investigation of Low Strength Concrete for Structural Adequacy.**

**346-10.1 General:** When a concrete acceptance strength test result falls more than 500 psi below the specified minimum strength and the Department determines that an

investigation is necessary, make an investigation into the structural adequacy of the LOT of concrete represented by that acceptance strength test result at no additional expense to the Department. The Engineer may also require the Contractor to perform additional strength testing as necessary to determine structural adequacy of the concrete.

Furnish either a structural analysis performed by the Specialty Engineer to establish strength adequacy or drilled core samples as specified in 346-10.3 to determine the in-place strength of the LOT of concrete in question at no additional expense to the Department. Obtain the Engineer's approval before taking any core samples. When the concrete is deemed to have low strength, obtain and test the cores and report the data to the Engineer within 14 calendar days of the 28 day compressive strength tests. Core strength test results obtained from the structure will be accepted by both the Contractor and the Department as the in-place strength of the LOT of concrete in question. The core strength test results will be final and used in lieu of the cylinder strength test results for determination of structural adequacy and any pay adjustment. The Department will calculate the strength value to be the average of the compressive strengths of the three individual cores. This will be accepted as the actual measured value.

**346-10.2 Determination of Structural Adequacy:** If core strength test results are less than 500 psi below the specified minimum strength, consider the concrete represented by the cores structurally adequate. If the core strength test results are more than 500 psi below the specified minimum strength, the Department will consider the concrete represented by the cores structurally questionable. Submit a structural analysis performed by the Specialty Engineer. If the results of the structural analysis indicate adequate strength to serve its intended purpose with adequate durability, and is approved by the Department, the Contractor may leave the concrete in place subject to the requirements of 346-11, otherwise, remove and replace the LOT of concrete in question at no additional expense to the Department.

**346-10.3 Coring for Determination of Structural Adequacy:** Notify the Engineer 48 hours prior to taking core samples. The Engineer will select the size and location of the drilled cores so that the structure is not impaired and does not sustain permanent damage after repairing the core holes. Sample three undamaged cores taken from the same approximate location where the questionable concrete is represented by the low strength concrete test cylinders. Repair core holes after samples are taken.

**346-10.4 Core Conditioning and Testing:** Test the cores in accordance with ASTM C 42. Test the cores after obtaining the samples within seven calendar days.

### **346-11 Pay Adjustments for Low Strength Concrete.**

**346-11.1 General:** Any LOT of concrete failing to meet the specified minimum strength as defined in 346-3, 346-9, 346-10 and satisfactorily meeting all other requirements of the Contract Documents, including structural adequacy, the Engineer will individually reduce the price of each low strength LOT in accordance with this Section.

**346-11.2 Basis for Pay Adjustments:** When an acceptance strength test result falls more than 500 psi below the specified minimum strength, core samples may be obtained in accordance with ASTM C 42 from the respective LOT of concrete represented by the low acceptance strength test result for determining pay adjustments. A price adjustment will be applied to the certified invoice price the Contractor paid for the concrete or the precast product.

Do not core hardened concrete for determining pay adjustments when the 28 day acceptance cylinder strength test results are less than 500 psi below the specified minimum strength.

The results of strength tests of the drilled cores, subject to 346-11.5 and 346-11.6, will be used as the acceptance results and will be used in lieu of the cylinder strength test results for determining pay adjustments.

In precast operations, excluding prestressed, ensure that the producer submits acceptable core sample test results to the Engineer. The producer may elect to use the products in accordance with 346-11. Otherwise, replace the concrete in question at no additional cost to the Department. For prestressed concrete, core sample testing is not allowed for pay adjustment. The results of the cylinder strength tests will be used to determine material acceptance and pay adjustment.

**346-11.3 Coring for Determination of Pay Adjustments:** Obtain the cores in accordance with 346-10.3.

**346-11.4 Core Conditioning and Testing:** Test the cores in accordance with 346-10.4.

**346-11.5 Core Strength Representing Equivalent 28 Day Strength:** For cores tested no later than 42 calendar days after the concrete was cast, the Engineer will accept the core strengths obtained as representing the equivalent 28 day strength of the LOT of concrete in question. The Engineer will calculate the strength value to be the average of the compressive strengths of the three individual cores. The Engineer will accept this strength at its actual measured value.

**346-11.6 Core Strength Adjustments:** For cores tested later than 42 calendar days after the concrete was cast, the Engineer will establish the equivalency between 28 day strength and strength at ages after 42 calendar days. The Engineer will relate the strength at the actual test age to 28 day strength for the design mix represented by the cores using the following relationship:

**346-11.6.1 Portland Cement Concrete without Pozzolan or Slag:**

Equivalent 28 Day Strength,  $f'_c(28) = 1/F$  (Average Core Strength) x 100 where:

$$F = 4.4 + 39.1 (\ln x) - 3.1 (\ln x)^2 \text{ (Type I Cement)}$$

$$F = -17.8 + 46.3 (\ln x) - 3.3 (\ln x)^2 \text{ (Type II Cement)}$$

$$F = 48.5 + 19.4 (\ln x) - 1.4 (\ln x)^2 \text{ (Type III Cement)}$$

$x$  = number of days since the concrete was placed

$\ln$  = natural log

**346-11.6.2 Pozzolanic-Cement Concrete:**

Equivalent 28 day compressive strength =  $f'_c(28)$ , where:

$$f'_c(28) = 0.490 f'_c(t) e^{\left(\frac{8.31}{t}\right)^{0.276}} \text{ (Type I Cement)}$$

$$f'_c(28) = 0.730 f'_c(t) e^{\left(\frac{2.89}{t}\right)^{0.514}} \text{ (Type II Cement)}$$

$$f'_c(28) = 0.483 f'_c(t) e^{\left(\frac{5.38}{t}\right)^{0.191}} \text{ (Type III Cement)}$$

$f'_c(t)$  = Average Core Strength at time  $t$  (psi)

$t$  = time compressive strength was measured (days)

**346-11.6.3 Slag-Cement Concrete:**

Equivalent 28 day compressive strength =  $f_c(28)$ , where:

$$f_c'(28) = 0.794 f_c'(t) e^{\left(\frac{7.06}{t}\right)^{1.06}} \quad (\text{Type I Cement})$$

$$f_c'(28) = 0.730 f_c'(t) e^{\left(\frac{6.02}{t}\right)^{0.747}} \quad (\text{Type II Cement})$$

$$f_c'(28) = 0.826 f_c'(t) e^{\left(\frac{2.36}{t}\right)^{0.672}} \quad (\text{Type III Cement})$$

$f_c(t)$  = Average Core Strength at time  $t$  (psi)

$t$  = time compressive strength was measured (days)

**346-11.7 Calculating Pay Adjustments:** The Engineer will determine payment reductions for low strength concrete accepted by the Department and represented by either cylinder or core strength test results below the specified minimum strength, in accordance with the following:

Reduction in Pay is equal to the reduction in percentage of concrete cylinder strength (specified minimum strength minus actual strength divided by specified minimum strength).

For the elements that payments are based on the per foot basis, the Engineer will adjust the price reduction from cubic yards basis to per foot basis, determine the total linear feet of the elements that are affected by low strength concrete samples and apply the adjusted price reduction accordingly.

**346-12 Pay Reduction for Plastic Properties**

A rejected load in accordance with 346-6.4 is defined as the entire quantity of concrete contained within a single ready mix truck or other single delivery vehicle regardless of what percentage of the load was placed. If concrete fails a plastic properties test and is thereby a rejected load but its placement continues after completion of a plastic properties test having a failing result, payment for the concrete will be reduced.

The pay reduction for cast-in-place concrete will be twice the certified invoice price per cubic yard of the quantity of concrete in the rejected load.

The pay reduction for placing a rejected load of concrete into a precast product will be applied to that percentage of the precast product that is composed of the concrete in the rejected load. The percentage will be converted to a reduction factor which is a numerical value greater than zero but not greater than one. The precast product payment reduction will be twice the Contractor's billed price from the Producer for the precast product multiplied by the reduction factor.

If the Engineer authorizes placement of the concrete, even though plastic properties require rejection, there will be no pay reduction based on plastic properties failures; however, any other pay reductions will apply.

