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**TO: DISTRICT MATERIALS RESEARCH ENGINEERS
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SUBJECT: MODIFICATIONS TO SECTION 916 BITUMINOUS MATERIALS

In an effort to become more consistent with binder requirements nationally and to allow more flexibility on materials supply, three changes are being made to the asphalt binder specifications: elimination of the spot test and smoke point test requirements, and making the use of silicone optional instead of a requirement.

Replace articles 916-1 and 916-2 with the following attached articles.

This memorandum serves as a blanket approval to process a no-cost specification change for on-going projects, which should be attached to the Work Order or Supplemental Agreement accomplishing this task.

For any questions concerning this matter, please contact Pat Upshaw, (352) 955-2906 or Greg Sholar, (352) 955-2920 at the State Materials Office.

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916-1 Superpave PG Asphalt Binder:

916-1.1 Requirements: Superpave PG asphalt binders, identified as PG 64-22, PG 67-22, and PG 76-22, shall meet the requirements of 916-1.2, AASHTO M 320 Table 1 and the following additional requirements:

1. The mass loss AASHTO T 240 shall be a maximum of 0.5% for all grades.
2. The intermediate test temperature at 10 rad/s. for the Dynamic Shear Rheometer test AASHTO T 315 shall be 25°C for all grades.
3. An additional high temperature grade of PG 67 is added for which the high test temperature at 10 rad/sec for the Dynamic Shear Rheometer test AASHTO T 315 shall be 67°C.
4. All PG asphalt binders having a high temperature designation of PG 67 or lower shall be prepared without modification.
5. All PG asphalt binders having a high temperature designation higher than PG 67 shall be produced with a styrene-butadiene-styrene (SBS) or styrene-butadiene (SB) elastomeric polymer modifier and resultant binder shall meet all requirements of this Specification; in addition the phase angle at 76°C (AASHTO T 315) shall be a maximum of 75 degrees.
6. The maximum viscosity AASHTO T 202 shall be 2400 poises for PG 64-22 and 3600 poises for PG 67-22.

All hot mix asphalt (except hot mix asphalt containing 20% RAP or greater) shall contain Superpave PG asphalt binder grade PG 67-22 unless otherwise specified in the plans and/or Specifications for the hot mix asphalt product.

For all PG binder used in all hot mix asphalt, silicone may be added to the PG binder at the rate of 25 cm³ of silicone mixed to each 5,000 gallons of PG binder. If a dispersing fluid is used in conjunction with the silicone, the resultant mixture, containing the full 25 cm³ of silicone, shall be added in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation. The blending of the silicone with the PG binder shall be done by the supplier prior to the shipment.

All PG binder and asphalt rubber binder for Friction Course mixes and for other hot mix asphalt products containing RAP shall contain 0.5% heat stable anti-strip additive by weight of PG binder unless specifications for the hot mix asphalt product requires testing by FM 1-T 283 and the test results indicate it is not required, or the mixture contains hydrated lime. Where FM 1-T 283 indicates an anti-strip additive is required, it shall be from 0.25 to 0.75%. The anti-strip additive shall meet the requirements of 916-5. The anti-strip additive shall be introduced into the PG binder by the supplier during loading.

Where PG binder is used in mixes containing reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP), the requirements of 334-2.3.4 must also be met.

916-1.2 Qualified Products List: The Superpave PG asphalt binders supplied under this Specification shall be one of the products included on the Qualified Products List as specified in 6-1. Manufacturers seeking evaluation of their product shall submit an application in accordance with Section 6 and include a report of test results from an independent laboratory confirming the material meets the requirements of this section. Any marked variation from the original test values for a material below the established limits or evidence of inadequate quality control or field performance of a material will be considered to be sufficient evidence that the properties of the material have changed, and the material will be removed from the Qualified Products List.

For each binder grade, the supplier may be required to submit to the State Materials Office a split sample of material representative of test results submitted with the Product Evaluation Application. In addition, for modified binders, the original PG binder grade, the modifier product designation, and amount added shall be indicated on the Product Evaluation Application and in the Quality Control Program below. Suppliers shall not ship any PG binder until notified that the product is on the Qualified Products List and an approved Quality Control Program meeting the requirements of 916-1.3 has been implemented.

916-1.3 Quality Control Program: The supplier of Superpave PG asphalt binder shall at a minimum have a Quality Control Program meeting the requirements of this Specification which is based on AASHTO R 26. The Quality Control Program shall be submitted in electronic format to the State Materials Office for approval.

The requirements for the Quality Control program apply to the supply location of PG binders for the use on Florida Department of Transportation projects. The supply location of PG binder may represent refinery production, terminal distribution, blending, processing, and/or modification location. Rack blending (blending from two tank sources) will be permitted to meet the requirements for a PG asphalt binder product. Any special handling requirements such as rack blending and manufacture of polymer modified asphalt shall be described in the Quality Control program. The requirements of these Specifications for a Quality Control Program do not apply to Recycle Agents at this time.

916-1.3.1 Identification of Personnel and Supply Locations: The supplier's primary and secondary representatives responsible for Quality Control shall be identified by name, title, address, telephone, fax and e-mail address. At least one of the representatives shall be located at the supply location. The supply locations shall be identified by name, address and telephone.

916-1.3.2 Specification Compliance and Quality Control Testing: Specification Compliance Testing shall consist of complete testing of each PG binder shipped in accordance with AASHTO M 320 and 916-1.1 of these Specifications. Results of Specification Compliance Testing shall be available to the supplier within five working days of sampling. Specification Compliance Testing shall be conducted by a testing laboratory that participates at least annually in the AMRL Proficiency Sample Program for both Performance Graded Asphalt Binder and Viscosity Graded Asphalt Cement. The primary testing lab and any other labs to be used for Specification Compliance Testing shall be identified in the suppliers Quality Control Program. The results from each AMRL Proficiency Sample for each testing laboratory shall be forwarded by the supplier for each supply location in electronic format to the State Materials Office. Acceptable performance in the AMRL Proficiency Sample Program shall be a minimum of 3 for each test. A rating of less than 3 shall require identification of appropriate action on the part of the supplier and be acceptable to the State Materials Engineer.

Quality Control testing as a minimum shall consist of testing a representative sample of each PG binder shipped by the supplier in accordance with either:

- (1) AASHTO T 202 Standard Test Method for Viscosity of Asphalts by Vacuum Capillary Viscometer or
- (2) AASHTO T 315 Test Method for Determining Rheological Properties of Asphalt Binder using a Dynamic Shear Rheometer (DSR).

Results of Quality Control Testing shall be available to the supplier within five hours of sampling. A Quality Control test result outside the specification limits will require immediate sampling and testing for Specification Compliance and appropriate action taken. The Quality Control testing and location where the test will be done shall be identified in the suppliers Quality Control Program.

916-1.3.3 Frequency of Sampling and Testing: Sampling of PG binders shall be done in accordance with AASHTO T 40. Initial Specification Compliance test results shall be required for each PG binder grade for each new LOT of material which will be further subjected to Quality Control Testing in accordance with 916-1.3.2. A new LOT will occur when the material in a tank changes and the Specification Compliance Test may no longer be representative of the material in the tank. This may be due to an incoming bulk shipment of material, change in refinery run, the manufacture of a product, or a blend of material in a tank. Additional testing is as follows:

(1) Any PG binder shipped to a Department project during any one calendar month shall be tested at least once during that month for Specification Compliance in accordance with 916-1.3.2.

(2) When being shipped to Department projects, samples shall be obtained by the supplier and tested for Quality Control testing in accordance with 916-1.3.2. A single one quart representative sample of each PG binder shall be obtained and tested by the supplier each calendar week; for each rack blended PG binder, additional representative samples shall be obtained daily. Each Quality Control sample and additional daily rack blended samples shall be adequately identified and retained not less than eight weeks at the supply location. Any PG binder not shipped to Department projects is not required to be sampled or tested.

(3) Split samples of any PG binder will be provided when requested by a representative of the Department. In this situation three representative one quart samples will be obtained by the supplier under the direction of the Department. One sample will be submitted to the State Materials Office, one will be tested by the supplier for Specification Compliance and one will be tested by the supplier for Quality Control. The method of obtaining the three representative one quart samples is to obtain a single gallon sample, which is then stirred and poured into three one quart cans. When split samples are requested by the Department, the results from both parties will be made available within ten working days.

(4) For each rack blended PG binder, identify minimum daily Process Control Testing in the QC Plan.

916-1.3.4 Reporting: A monthly report by the supplier containing Specification Compliance and Quality Control Test results for each PG binder LOT shall be submitted by the supplier in electronic format using the form provided by the Department to the State Materials Office within seven days following the end of the calendar month. Test results for split samples shall also be included. Process Control Test results shall not be included. Copies of these monthly reports and supporting test reports shall be available at the supply location for a minimum of 3 years.

The report shall consist of the Specification compliance testing and Quality Control Testing of the following as applicable by these Specifications.

SUPERPAVE PG ASPHALT BINDER		
Test and Method	Conditions	Specification Minimum/Maximum Value
Original Binder		
Superpave PG Asphalt Binder Grade		Report
Qualified Products List Number		Report
Polymer Modifier Type	(PG 76-22 Only)	Report
Solubility, AASHTO T 44	in Trichloroethylene	Minimum 99.0%
Flash Point, AASHTO T 48	COC	Minimum 450°F
Rotational Viscosity, AASHTO T 316	275°F	Maximum 3 Pa-s
Absolute Viscosity, AASHTO T 202	140°F	Max. 2400 P (PG 64-22) Max. 3600 P (PG 67-22)
Dynamic Shear Rheometer, AASHTO T 315	$G^* / \sin \delta$, Test Temperature @ 10 rad/sec, °C Phase Angle, δ , (PG 76-22 Only)	Minimum 1.00 kPa Maximum 75 degrees

Rolling Thin Film Oven Test Residue (AASHTO T 240)		
Rolling Thin Film Oven, AASHTO T 240	Mass Loss%	Maximum 0.50
Dynamic Shear Rheometer, AASHTO T 315	$G' / \sin \delta$, Test Temperature @ 10 rad/sec, °C	Minimum 2.20 kPa
Pressure Aging Vessel Residue (AASHTO R 28) at 100°C		
Dynamic Shear Rheometer, AASHTO T 315	$G' \sin \delta$, 10 rad/sec. @ 25°C	Maximum 5000 kPa
Creep Stiffness, AASHTO T 313	S (Stiffness), @ 60 sec. @ -12°C	Maximum 300 Mpa
	M-value, @ 60 sec. @ -12°C	Minimum 0.300

916-1.3.5 Notification and Evaluation: In the event that a Specification Compliance test is outside specification requirements or a Quality Control test is outside limits established by the supplier as part of his Quality Control Program shipments of that product to Department projects will cease immediately and the Contractor and the State Materials Office will be notified and the product retested for Specification Compliance (resampling as appropriate). Where the retest for Specification Compliance meets all requirements, shipments of that product may resume. Where off-specification material has been shipped and the retest confirms the original test, the Contractor and State Materials Office will be informed of the steps taken to achieve specification compliance on the product shipped.

Where off-specification materials has been shipped, further shipment of that product to Department projects shall remain suspended until the cause of the problem is evaluated and corrected by the supplier to the satisfaction of the State Materials Engineer.

916-1.3.6 Certification and Verification: The supplier shall furnish certification on the bill of lading for each shipment of PG binder delivered to a Department project that includes: the quantity, the Superpave PG asphalt binder grade (including QPL number), PG binder LOT designation, the customer name, the delivery location, a statement that the binder is in conformance with 916-1 and the suppliers Quality Control Program, and the quantity of silicone and anti-strip agent addition, as applicable, including product designation (QPL number as applicable). Any special handling or temperature requirements shall be indicated on the certification and are solely the responsibility of the Contractor to follow.

The Department may sample and test PG binder from the suppliers storage tank, the delivery vehicle, and/or Contractors storage tank to verify and determine compliance with this and other specification requirements. Where these tests identify material outside specification requirements, the State Materials Engineer may require the supplier to cease shipment of that PG binder product. Further shipment of that PG binder product to Department projects may remain suspended until the cause of the problem is evaluated and corrected by the supplier as necessary to the satisfaction of the State Materials Engineer.

916-2 Recycling Agents.

916-2.1 Requirements: The asphalt recycling agent (RA) shall be an asphalt binder (PG asphalt binder) or an asphalt binder blended (as necessary) with a softening agent or flux oil, and shall meet the four Target Viscosity values of 550, 750, 1000, and 1500 poises and the following requirements:

RECYCLING AGENTS		
Test	Conditions	Recycling Agent Minimum/Maximum Value

RECYCLING AGENTS		
Test	Conditions	Recycling Agent Minimum/Maximum Value
Absolute Viscosity AASHTO T 202	140°F	Target Viscosity ± 20%
Viscosity Ratio After AASHTO T 240	<u>Visc. 140°F after RTFOT</u> Visc. 140°F before RTFOT	maximum 3
Flash Point AASHTO T 48	COC	minimum 400°F
Solubility AASHTO T 44	in Trichloroethylene	minimum 99.0%

Rack blending of recycling agents (blending from two RA tank sources) will be permitted to meet a required target viscosity value.

For all recycling agents used in all hot mix asphalt, silicone may be added to the recycling agent at the rate of 25 cm³ of silicone mixed to each 5,000 gallons of recycling agent. If a disbursing fluid is used in conjunction with the silicone, the resultant mixture, containing the full 25 cm³ of silicone, shall be added in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation. The blending of the silicone with the recycling agent shall be done by the supplier prior to the shipment.

All recycling agents for hot mix asphalt products containing RAP shall contain 0.5% heat stable anti-strip additive by weight of the recycle agent unless specifications for the hot mix asphalt product requires testing by FM 1-T 283 and the test results indicate it is not required, or the mixture contains hydrated lime. Where FM 1-T 283 indicates an anti-strip additive is required, it shall be from 0.50 to 0.75%. The anti-strip additive shall meet the requirements of 916-5. The anti-strip additive shall be introduced into the recycling agent by the supplier during loading.

Where a recycling agent is used in mixes containing reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP), the requirements of 334-2.3.4 must also be met.

916-2.2 Sampling and Reporting: Sampling of recycling agents shall be done in accordance with AASHTO T-40. Initial Specification Compliance test results shall be required for each new LOT of material. A new LOT will occur when the material in a tank changes and the Specification Compliance Test may not be representative of the material in the tank. This may be due to an incoming bulk shipment of material, change in refinery run, the manufacture of a product, or a blend of material in a tank.

A monthly report by the supplier containing Specification Compliance Test results for each RA LOT shall be submitted by the supplier in electronic format using the form provided by the Department to the State Materials Office within seven days following the end of the calendar month. Copies of these monthly reports and supporting test reports shall be available at the supply location for a minimum of three years.

916-2.3 Certification and Verification: The supplier shall furnish certification on the bill of lading for each shipment of recycling agent delivered to a Department project that includes: the quantity, the RA target viscosity, the RA LOT designation, customer name, delivery location, a statement that the RA is in conformance with 916-2, and the quantity of silicone and anti-strip agent addition, as applicable, including product designation (QPL number as applicable).

The Department may sample and test recycling agents from the suppliers storage tank, the delivery vehicle, and/or Contractors storage tank to verify and determine compliance with this and other specification requirements. Where these tests identify material outside specification requirements, the State Materials Engineer may require the supplier to cease

shipment of RA binder from that RA LOT(s). Further shipment of RA binder from that RA LOT(s) to Department projects may remain suspended until the cause of the problem is evaluated and corrected by the supplier as necessary to the satisfaction of the State Materials Engineer.