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**CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN NO. 02-17**

**MATERIALS BULLETIN NO. 12-17**

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

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**SUBJECT: CPAM 11.5 – STATE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER (SCE) APPROVAL OF  
STRAIGHTEDGE DEFICIENCIES LEFT IN PLACE WITH PAY**

Currently, **CPAM 11.5.6 Resolution** states, *“Straightedge deficiencies waived in accordance with Specification 330-9.4.5 do not require SCE approval.”* However, in order to ensure statewide consistency, this is being deleted and replaced with the following and is effective the issuance date of this bulletin:

*“Straightedge deficiencies in which the District intends to leave in place with any payment to the contractor must be submitted to the State Construction Engineer (SCE) for approval. Other straightedge deficiencies may be waived in accordance with Specification 330-9.4.5 without SCE approval.”*

Districts will still determine if it is acceptable for a straightedge deficiency to be left in place. However, for any deficiency proposed to be left in place with pay, the District shall obtain SCE approval before notifying the contractor the deficiency can be left in place with pay. In order to obtain SCE Approval, the District must provide justification as to why it was beyond the contractor’s control to pave without a deficiency.

Justification can be as simple as a pre-construction photo (Maintenance Log, Google Earth, etc.), a post-construction photo, and a brief description, while other cases may only require a post-construction photo and a brief description. Regardless, in order to obtain SCE approval to leave a deficiency in place with pay, sufficient proof indicating the situation was beyond the contractor’s control must be provided.

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Rich Hewitt at (386) 943-5305.

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