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TO: DISTRICT MATERIALS AND RESEARCH ENGINEERS
    DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS

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SUBJECT: SUWANNEE AMERICAN CEMENT PLANT (CMT40)

The Suwannee American Cement Plant in Sumterville, FL is producing a new cement identified as Type IL. Suwannee American Cement Sumterville (CMT40) has established a target of 13% replacement of clinker cement with limestone. This blended cement has been designated as Type IL (13) indicating 13% limestone has been added and is in compliance with AASHTO M240.

The Type IL cement has been tested by Suwannee American Cement Sumterville (CMT40) and verified by the State Materials Office for chemical and physical properties of the cement. The clinker used to produce the currently produced Type I/II cement will continue to be used to produce the Type IL with no other changes to the blended cement. With the approval of the Type IL cement, the Department will accept the Type IL cement as a substitute in currently approved concrete mix designs containing Type I/II cement from Suwannee American Cement Sumterville (CMT40). Any adjustment of mix design components shall follow the requirements of Materials Manual 9.2 Volume II.

The following exceptions to this bulletin will require the standard concrete mix design approval process:

1. Approved mix designs requiring Surface Resistivity Test values of 29 kOhm-cm.
2. Approved Self-Consolidating Concrete (SCC) mix designs.
3. Approved Flowing Concrete mix designs.

This memorandum does not waive any specification requirements and will be in effect until January 13, 2021.

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

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