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Khoa Nguyen
Director, Office of Technical Services
Federal Highway Administration
3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Re: State Specifications Office
Section: **121**
Proposed Specification: **1210200 Flowable Fills.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Supplemental Specification.

The changes are proposed by Jose Armenteros from the State Materials Office to clarify the specification language.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to daniel.strickland@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 414-4130.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Daniel Strickland, P.E.
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

FLOWABLE FILL
(REV 10-16-19)

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Meet the following requirements:

- Fine Aggregate⁽¹⁾.....Section 902
- Portland Cement.....Section 921
- Water.....Section 923
- Admixtures⁽²⁾.....Section 924
- Ground Tire Rubber (GTR)⁽³⁾.....Section 919
- ~~Fly Ash, Slag and other Pozzolanic~~ Supplementary Cementitious Materials
.....Section 929
- Preformed Foam.....ASTM C 869

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Submit mix designs to the Engineer for approval. The following are suggested mix guides for excavatable, non-excavatable and cellular concrete flowable fill:

	Excavatable	Non-Excavatable	Cellular Concrete
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Pozzolans or Slag <u>Supplementary Cementitious Materials</u>	None	150-600 lb/yd ³	Optional
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