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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: **462**
Proposed Specification: **4620704 Post-Tensioning.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Jacqueline Petrozzino-Roche from the Structures Design Office to modify the word “Alternately” to “Additionally to clearly state the Department’s policy. Both the flow cone test and the wet density test are required when grout filler is used to fill post-tensioning tendon ducts.

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

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(REV 11-12-20)

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b. Additionally~~Alternately~~, check grout fluidity using Wet Density method contained in Section 938. Density at discharge outlet must not be less than grout density at inlet. Continuously discharge grout until density requirements are met. Discard grout used for testing fluidity.

3. Perform fluidity test for each tendon to be grouted without modifying water-cement ratio.

4. Check temperature of grout at inlet end of grout hose hourly to verify conformance to this Section.

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