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3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400
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Re: State Specifications Office
Section: **916**
Proposed Specification: **9160203 BITUMINOUS MATERIALS.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Wayne Rilko from the State Materials Office to clarify Table 916-1 in the Standard Specification.

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 10-28-20)

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Test and Method	Conditions	Specification Minimum/Maximum Value
Superpave PG Asphalt Binder Grade		Report
APL Number		Report
Modifier (name and type)	Polymer, Ground Tire Rubber with Approved Product List (APL) number, Sulfur, PPA, REOB, and any Rejuvenating Agents	Report
Original Binder		
Solubility, AASHTO T44-14 (2018)	in Trichloroethylene	Minimum 99.0% (Not applicable for PG 76-22 (ARB))
Flash Point, AASHTO T 48-18	Cleveland Open Cup	Minimum 450ºF
Rotational Viscosity, AASHTO T 316-19	275ºF	Maximum 3 Pa·s[(a)]
Dynamic Shear Rheometer [(b)], AASHTO T 315-19	$G^*/\sin\delta$	Minimum 1.00 kPa
	Phase Angle, δ[(c)] PG 76-22 (PMA) and PG 76-22 (ARB)[(d)]	Maximum 75 degrees
Separation Test, ASTM D7173-20 and Softening Point, AASHTO T 53-09 (2018)	163±5°C 48 hours	Maximum 15°F (PG 76-22 (ARB) only)
Rolling Thin Film Oven Test Residue (AASHTO T240-13 (2017))		
Rolling Thin Film Oven, AASHTO T240-13 (2017)	Mass Change %	Maximum 1.00
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Multiple Stress Creep Recovery, %Recovery[d, e] AASHTO T 350-19	67°C (Modified binders only) 76°C (High Polymer binder only)	$\%R_{3.2} \geq 29.371\ (J_{nr,\ 3.2})^{-0.2633}$ $\%R_{3.2} \geq 90.0$
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Creep Stiffness, AASHTO T 313-19	S (Stiffness), @ 60 sec. m-value, @ 60 sec.	Maximum 300 MPa Minimum 0.300
ΔTc, ASTM D7643-16	20 hours PAV aging S (Stiffness), @ 60 sec. m-value, @ 60 sec.	$\Delta Tc \geq -5.0°C$

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