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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: 346
Proposed Specification: **3460303 Structural Portland Cement Concrete.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Richard Hewitt to extend time at which strength used for pay reduction will be measured.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks (10 business days). Comments should be sent via email daniel.strickland@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at (850) 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

STRUCTURAL PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE.**(REV 10-5-23)**

SUBARTICLE 346-3.3 is deleted and the following substituted:

346-3.3 Acceptance Requirements: The specified minimum 28-day strengths, maximum water to cementitious materials ratio (w/cm), and target slumps for each class of concrete are given in Table 346-3. For lightweight concrete, acceptance requirements also include the hardened density specified in the Contract Documents.

The calculation of the water to cementitious materials ratio (w/cm) is based on the total mass of cementitious materials including portland cement and any SCMs used in the mix.

Class of Concrete	28-day Specified Minimum Compressive Strength (f'c) (psi)	Maximum Water to Cementitious Materials Ratio (pounds per pounds)	Target Slump Value (inches)
I (Seal)	3,000	0.53	8
I (Pavement) ⁽¹⁾⁽⁵⁾	3,000	0.50	1.5 or 3
II ⁽³⁾	3,400	0.53	3 ⁽²⁾
II (Bridge Deck)	4,500	0.44	3 ⁽²⁾
III	5,000	0.44	3 ⁽²⁾
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IV (Drilled Shaft)	4,000	0.41	8.5
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Notes:
 (1) Meet the requirements of Section 350.
 (2) For increased slump concrete, flowing concrete, SCC and slip form concrete meet the requirements of 346-3.1.
 (3) For precast three-sided culverts, box culverts, endwalls, inlets, manholes and junction boxes, the target slump value and air content will not apply. The maximum allowable slump is 6 inches, except as noted in (2). The Contractor is permitted to use concrete meeting the requirements of ASTM C478 (4,000 psi) in lieu of the specified Class II concrete for precast endwalls, inlets, manholes and junction boxes.
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