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June 21, 2004

Mr. Donald Davis
Program Operations Engineer
Federal Highway Administration
545 John Knox Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Re: Office of Design, Specifications
Section 300
Proposed Specification: 3000071

Dear Mr. Davis:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of a proposed Supplemental Specification for Prime and Tack Coats for Base Courses.

This change was proposed by Robert Shepard of the State Construction Office to specify that the moisture content does not exceed the optimum moisture.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via Email to SP965DB or duane.brautigam@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call Duane F. Brautigam, State Specifications Engineer at 414-4110.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Duane F. Brautigam, P.E.
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: General Counsel
Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

**PRIME AND TACK COATS FOR BASE COURSES.
(REV 5-6-04)**

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