

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS RECEIVED

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Comments:

The use of fillers has been used by many other highway departments without any problems. If the form flutes are completely filled w/ concrete this will not only add dead load, but will increase the cost of superstructure concrete since more concrete is used. Using concrete to fill the flutes doesn't make it cost effective.

Response: It has been DOT practice since the first use of metal SIP forms to use concrete to fill the flutes. The contractors are allowed to use cellular forms instead of filling flutes if so desired. **No change.**

Ghulam Mujtaba

The last two sentence of the modification reads:

Fill the form flutes with concrete. Do not use fillers, such as sand, styrofoam, etc, to fill the form flutes.

Delete the last sentence. The first sentence " **Fill the form flutes with concrete.**" specifies only concrete. There is no need for mentioning that " **Do not use fillers, such as sand, styrofoam, etc, to fill the form flutes.**" The second sentence is redundant. I recommend the following, If there is a need for the second sentence to be part of the modifications:

The word "**etc**" should be deleted or replaced with the additional type of filler that should not be used.

Response: While I agree the second sentence is redundant, the request keeps coming in and a couple of projects have allowed fillers even though it is not DOT practice. The second sentence notifies everyone that an exception will not be granted. **No change proposed.**