

RESPONSES TO COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM INDUSTRY REVIEW

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Comments:

Please coordinate specification with pay item 110-71-1 Removal of Bridge Fender System.

Response: Missy's Comment pertaining to 110-71-1, Removal of Bridge Fender System, this item is only intended for rehabilitation/ fender repair projects and a TSP is necessary. It is my recommendation to keep Section 110 as written and to clarify the hahab. exclusion for Item 110-71-1 in the BOE Manual.

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Comments:

During removal of existing structures there maybe a need to follow NPDES guidelines to protect area from stormwater run-off, also obtain required permits.

Response: Tim's Comment pertaining to NPDES stormwater requirements and permit issues, I think these requirements are adequately covered elsewhere (Section 7, etc.). The intent of the specification change is to address the timber disposal only.

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Comments:

The format is somewhat confusing in the way the new language is being inserted. It is apparent the only major change is the addition of verbiage reflected in the proposed Subarticle 110-9.4, Disposal of Treated Wood. Why delete the entire Article 110-6 just to replicate it all over again with the small addition added in? Besides, Article 110-6 is not just a Supplemental Specification, only portions of it are, so the lead-in sentence appears in error.

The other changes reflect very minor corrections that could be incorporated and, basically, go away with the printing of the new specifications book for the January 2007 implementation. I agree they are a "nuisance" but not so much so to make any changes to them at this late date in the process. "To-mah-to" or "to-may-to"? I just hate to see more "required" reading than is absolutely necessary.

This proposed, lengthy revision could be handled with a simple addition of a "new" proposed supplemental specification, in the following manner:

110 REMOVAL OF EXISTING STRUCTURES
(REV 1-3-06)(FA __-__-__)(7-06)

SUBARTICLE 110-9 (Pages 142 and 143) is expanded by the following new Subarticle:

110-9.5 Disposal of Treated Wood: Treated wood, including that which comes.....

I believe you will find this accomplishes the same intent, yet in much simpler format. It eliminates much of the unnecessary verbiage and required reading on the contractor's part to find exactly what the change is. The less replication of existing wording, the better off everyone is with understanding and accepting the change.

Response: The decision was made to make this change this way for clarity.
