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April 10, 2012

Monica Gourdine
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Federal Highway Administration
545 John Knox Road, Suite 200
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Re: Office of Design, Specifications
Section **347**
Proposed Specification: **3470300 Portland Cement Concrete – Class NS.**

Dear Ms. Gourdine:

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

These changes were proposed by Tim Ruelke to allow for the use of structural concrete in lieu of non-structural concrete.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via Email to RD967DB or duane.brautigam@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call Duane Brautigam, Director, Office of Design at 414-4175.

Sincerely,

Duane Brautigam, P.E.
Director, Office of Design

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE – CLASS NS.**(REV ~~14-923-123~~)**

ARTICLE 347-3 (Pages 341 – 342) is deleted and the following substituted:

347-3 Production, Mixing and Delivery.

347-3.1 Concrete Production Requirements: Deliver concrete from a production facility that is certified by the National Ready-Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) or approved by the District Materials Office. The District Materials Office may inspect the concrete production facility's to verify compliance with the Specifications. Produce concrete utilizing equipment that is in good operating condition and operated in a manner to ensure a consistent product. Within two hours prior to each day's batching, ensure that the concrete production facility determines the free moisture for the coarse and fine aggregates. On concrete placements expected to exceed three hours, perform an additional moisture test approximately half way through the batching operations and adjust batch proportions accordingly.

Ensure that the calibration of the measuring devices of the concrete production facilities meets the requirements of Chapter 531 of the Florida Statutes. At least quarterly, ensure that all scales, meters and other weighing or measuring devices are checked for accuracy by a qualified representative of a scale company registered with the Bureau of Weights and Measures of the Florida Department of Agriculture. Have the accuracy of admixture measuring dispensers certified annually by the admixture supplier.

When Volumetric Mixers are used, deliver concrete in accordance with the requirements of Volumetric Mixer Manufacturers Bureau (VMMB) and ensure that the vehicle has a VMMB registered rating plate.

Substitution of structural concrete in lieu of non-structural concrete may be used if approved by the Engineer. If structural concrete is used in lieu of non-structural concrete, obtain the concrete from a production facility meeting the requirements of Section 346. Acceptance is based on the requirements of ~~this~~ Section 347.

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