



## Florida Department of Transportation

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July 1, 2013

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

Re: Office of Design, Specifications  
Section **006**  
Proposed Specification: **0060103 Control of Materials.**

Dear Ms. Gourdine:

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

These changes were proposed by Karen Byram, of the Specifications and Estimates Office, to provide consistent language addressing manufacturer and product identification between the product packaging and the QPL to assist with the verification of the QPL number and status.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to SP965DS or daniel.scheer@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 414-4130.

Sincerely,

Daniel Scheer, P.E.  
State Specifications Engineer

DS/cah

Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

**CONTROL OF MATERIALS.****(REV 5-22-13)**

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**6-1.3.1.1 Qualified Products List:** The Product Evaluation Section in the State Specifications and Estimates Office maintains the QPL. This list provides assurance to Contractors, consultants, designers, and Department personnel that specific products and materials are approved for use on Department facilities. The Department will limit the Contractor's use of products and materials that require use of QPL items to those listed on the QPL effective at the time of placement.

Manufacturers seeking to have a product evaluated for the QPL must submit a product evaluation application, available on the Department's website at the following URL:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/specificationsoffice/ProductEvaluation/QPL/SubmittalProcess.shtm> with supporting documentation as defined and detailed by the applicable Specifications and Design Standards. All required test reports must be conducted by an independent laboratory or other independent testing facility. All required drawings and calculations must be signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Florida. *The application must be signed by a legally responsible person from the producer and notarized. Producer name and material designation (product name, style number, etc.) provided on the application shall be the same as identified on product packaging and labels.*

Products that have successfully completed the Department's evaluation process are eligible for inclusion on the QPL. Manufacturer's of QPL approved products are required to resubmit the product for QPL approval when any modifications or alterations are made to an approved product. This includes, but is not limited to, design, materials, fabrication methods or operational modifications. Notification of modifications or alterations must be submitted along with supporting documents for review and approval by the Department. The Department will consider any marked variations from original test values for a product, failure to notify the Department of any modifications or alterations, or any evidence of inadequate performance of a product as sufficient evidence that the properties of the product have changed, and the Department may remove the product from the QPL.

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