

3200303 HOT MIX ASPHALT – PLANT METHODS AND EQUIPEMENT  
INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW COMMENTS

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Comments: (2-29-16)

The additional language in Section 320-6.1 indicates that it is okay to increase the percentage of RAP and sand by up to 5%. This could have a significant impact to the performance of the asphalt mixture. My understanding over the years is that it has always been acceptable to run the crushed aggregate percentages within +/- 5% of the JMF, but the RAP and sand percentages shouldn't exceed their JMF target percentages.

Response:

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Comments: (3-1-16)

The specification to establish a tolerance for sand and RAP should be expanded to 8%, 5% is too tight. In addition, any component (including virgin aggregate) needs a tolerance to allow for incoming aggregate gradation variations. The way its written now, it could be interpreted that the other mix components are not allowed any variation from the target. That is not reasonable or achievable. The key is still the final gradation of the mix and the QC folks need the flexibility to keep the mix in specification.

Response:

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Comments: (3-17-16)

320-6.1 Mixing: Do not alter by more than 5%. In Spec 334, table 334-4 shows you can vary by +/-5%. Should the 320-6.1 language say do not alter by more than +/- 5% to be consistent with the table in 334? or Is the lower side limit removed due to new specification revision?

Response:

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