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December 28, 2015

Khoa Nguyen
Director, Office of Technical Services
Federal Highway Administration
3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Re: State Specifications Office
Section **571**
Proposed Specification: **5710300 Plastic Erosion Mat.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Amy Tootle of the State Construction Office to require all construction-related documentation to be submitted by electronic means for consistency with the State Construction Office e-Construction initiative.

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

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

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Daniel Scheer, P.E.
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

PLASTIC EROSION MAT.**(REV 10-26-15)**

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Ensure that after installation there are no protrusions, projections or exposures of the plastic erosion mat. Do not compact the installed plastic erosion mat with any type of equipment employing a foot or grid.

The Engineer will reject any material having defects, tears, punctures, flaws, deterioration or other damage before, during or after installation. Remove and replace all rejected plastic erosion mat at no additional expense to the Department.

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