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Re: State Specifications Office
Section: 948
Proposed Specification: **9480200 Optional Drainage Products and Repair Systems**

Dear Mr. Holt:

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

The changes are proposed by Alexander Lewis to harmonize specific requirements for edgedrain pipe current AASHTO M252 standard.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks (10 business days). Comments should be sent via email daniel.strickland@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at (850) 414-4130.

Sincerely,

Signature on File

Daniel Strickland, P.E.
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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

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The tubing or pipe shall not be left exposed to sunlight for periods exceeding the manufacturer's recommendation.

948-2.2 Edgedrain (4 Inches to 10 Inches): The requirements for edgedrain as specified in AASHTO M 252 are modified as follows:

1. Coiling of tubing 6 inches in diameter or greater is not permitted. Tubing shall have a minimum pipe stiffness of 46 psi at 5% deflection.

948-2.23 Corrugated High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Pipe (12 Inches to 60 Inches):

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		Single Test ⁽⁵⁾ : Test temperature 176°F and applied stress of 650 psi.; 5 replicates	The average failure time must be equal to or greater than 110.0 hr
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Liner and/or Crown ⁽⁷⁾	Incubation test FM 5-574 and OIT test (ASTM D3895)	Three samples for incubation of 265 days at 176°F ⁽⁸⁾ and applied stress of 250 psi. One OIT test per each sample	Average of 3.0 minutes ⁽⁹⁾ (no values shall be less than 2.0 minutes)
Liner and/or Crown ⁽⁷⁾	MI test (ASTM D1238 at 190°C/2.16Kg)	2 replicates on the as manufactured (not incubated) pipe.	< 0.4 g/10 minutes
Liner and/or Crown ⁽⁷⁾	Incubation test FM 5-574 and MI test (ASTM D1238 at 190°C/2.16Kg)	2 replicates on the three aged sampled after incubation of 265 days at 176°F ⁽⁸⁾ and applied stress of 250 psi	MI Retained Value ⁽⁹⁾⁽¹⁰⁾ shall be greater than 80% and less than 120%.

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