

Specification Section 949

Subarticle 949-1

ORIGINATION

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COMMENTARY

Material requirement changes have been made to align with Materials Bulletin No. 24-02 Revised Procurement And Contractor's Quality Control Plan Requirements Of Specific Structural Materials For Projects Let After July 1, 2024.

INTERNAL COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

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Name: Tim Holley

Date: 6-9-26

COMMENT: Unclear here how this is editorial. Looks like the brick information is combined, but then an overarching requirement for APL listing is added. Did this go through the C-Team as per normal processes?

The origination form states that the change is due to a change in 105- could you clarify which change applies and link the two? A reference to the specific 105 change would be helpful for understanding.

The entry for the APL is labeled as "965-1.2" - was this intended for Specification 965 and errantly placed in 949?

Are all precast products now APL and no longer MAC/ Producer QC Plan items? If so, seems there are additional changes that may have been missed? 949 includes precast grade rings- would have thought those are covered under the precast producer?

RESPONSE:

I agree that these changes should have been posted on the C-Team. Changes are based on FDOT Tracking requirements for 23 CFR 635.410 Buy America. The specification changes were intended to include all the components in 949. I agree that merging the brick related sections may be confusing.

ACTION TAKEN:

I have deleted Table 949-1 Independent Laboratory Test Report and replaced the Table-1 row with Manufacturer self-certification. This change retains the 949-6 Acceptance criteria. I have deleted 949-6 and further identifies that all sections are included.

I deleted the merged section of brick requirements in 949-2 and I have reinstated the individual sections. Section Clay Brick and Shale Brick will move to 949-2 and all the subsequent sections will be renumbered.

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INDUSTRY COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

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COMMENT: 1. Recommend changing to the following "This Section covers the requirements for miscellaneous components of manholes, inlets and other structures. "

2. This change requires all products to be on the APL. Is intent to add all types of bricks onto the APL?

3. If #2 is true, will each brick and riser be required to have APL designation?

4. How will products be accepted in the field?

Conflicts with Spec 105-4.2. Drainage Products have an accepted Producer Quality Control Program. Also 105-4.2.3 and 105-4.3 - Submission required to SMO or District Materials Office, not APL.

RESPONSE:

1. Agreed
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Products will be accepted by recording the APL number in accordance with Section 6 and the Construction Project Administration Manual.
5. The Material Bulletin overrides Section 105.

ACTION TAKEN:

1. Change 949- 1 to 'This Section covers the requirements for miscellaneous components of manholes, inlets and other structures. "
2. No change
3. No change
4. No change
5. Notify Specifications and Materials to modify Section 105 to align with Materials Bulletin.

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COMMENT: As written, this revision alters the method of acceptance for precast concrete grade rings and is not editorial in nature. This should have utilized the correct specification revision process to include C-team and SME input from the SMO. The 965 copy and paste into 949 should have been revised prior to publishing. 949-1.2 The acceptance of precast concrete manholes, inlets, and other structures is covered in Section 425. Is this spec change intended to replace the Division 2 acceptance or is this a poor choice of wordsmithing?

RESPONSE:

1. This revision hasn't altered the method of acceptance. The Materials Bulletin altered the method of acceptance. This revision aligns the specifications to the bulletin modifications. The Materials Bulletin was initiated by the SMO and was reviewed and approved by the C-team and other Department groups.
2. The material APL requirements were reviewed for applicability.
3. Section 425 has also been modified and is included in this cycle of revisions.
4. Section 425 acceptance has been updated. See previous responses.

ACTION TAKEN:

No changes.

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COMMENT: The statement "This Section covers the material and fabrication requirements for manholes, inlets and other structures." was added under the General heading- As the title of the Section is currently "Miscellaneous Components for Manholes, Inlets, and Other Structures"- is the statement accurate? Is the intent to move everything into this Section for the drainage structures? Or should it read that it covers material and fabrication for miscellaneous components to add clarity?

RESPONSE:

1. Agree to change the statement in Article 1. See previous response.
2. Additional material and products may be added in the future.

ACTION TAKEN:

1. Change 949- 1 to 'This Section covers the requirements for miscellaneous components of manholes, inlets and other structures. "
2. No change.