

# Origination Form

## Specifications

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### Summary:

Clarified the Materials Section is referring to Stabilizing materials, initial production LOT requirements are removed, and independent LBR requirement for verification is now obtained from QC's split material. Certain subsections were moved around to fit the specification flow.

### Justification:

Clarification to existing earthwork specification language was requested by the districts for green technicians that is coming into the industry that could read it and understand the requirements without lead to various interpretations or cause confusion.

### Do the changes affect other types of specifications?

Neither

### List Specifications Affected:

Other Affected Documents/Offices	Contacted	Yes/No
Other Standard Plans		No
Florida Design Manual		No
Structures Manual		No
Basis of Estimates Manual		No
Approved Product List		No
Construction Office		No
Maintenance Office		No
Materials Manual		No
Traffic Engineering Manual		No

**Are changes in line with promoting and making progress on improving safety, enhancing mobility, inspiring innovation, and fostering talent; explain how?**

Yes, the changes clarify the intent of the specification to ensure quality control is met without causing any delay to construction due to multiple interpretations.

**What financial impact does the change have; project costs, pay item structure, or consultant fees?**

The change does not have any financial impact as these are most of the changes are clarification changes. With the independent LBR moved over to the split materials requirement should cause less delays for sampling and testing

**What impact does the change have on production or construction schedules?**

The changes make certain processes more efficient and straightforward which increases production and speed up construction operation.

**How does this change improve efficiency or quality?**

These clarification changes improve efficiency by removing unnecessary steps that would cause delays in construction.

**Which FDOT offices does the change impact?**

Office of Materials and Construction.

**What is the impact to districts with this change?**

The Department would need to communicate to CEI's about the shift of sampling and testing for LBR and resolution procedure

**Does the change shift risk and to who?**

The change does not shift risk.

**Provide summary and resolution of any outstanding comments from the districts or industry.**

Comments and Responses are available on the Track the Status of Revisions hyperlink located on the Specifications landing page: <https://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/Specs.shtm>

**What is the communication plan?**

Through the established specification revision process (e.g., Internal and Industry Review)

**What is the schedule for implementation?**

The Standard Specifications eBook and Workbook are effective July 1st every year.

## STABILIZING (REV 6-28-24)

ARTICLE 160-2 is deleted and the following substituted:

### 160-2 Materials.

Use only allowable material specified herein as stabilizing material. Stabilizing material may also be known as stabilizer.

**160-2.1 Commercial Material:** Commercial material used as stabilizer must meet the requirements of ~~Section~~ 914-2.1.

**160-2.2 Local Material:** Local materials as defined in 914-2.2 used as stabilizer must meet the requirement of Section 914. Submit test results to the Engineer at least 14 days prior to the stabilization operation.

**160-2.2.1 Local Stabilizing Material:** Sample and test material from each source and meet the requirements of Section 914. The Engineer will verify the Quality Control (QC) test results meet the requirements of Section 914. If the QC and Verification results do not compare, the Engineer will take one additional sample of material from the source in question and the State Materials Office (SMO) or an AASHTO accredited laboratory designated by the SMO will perform Resolution testing. If the Resolution test results satisfy the required criteria, material from that source will be verified and accepted. If the Resolution test results do not meet the required criteria, reject the material.

**160-2.2.2 Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP):** Obtain the Engineer's approval in writing for the option to use 100% RAP material. Material must be milled and stockpiled without blending or contaminating with any other material.

**160-2.2.3 Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) Blended Material:** RAP blended material is defined as material meeting the requirements of 914-1 and 914-2.2 except for the limits for organic content. If the RAP blended material meets the requirements of 914-1 and 914-2, then the blended material will be classified as local stabilizing material. Provide test results to the Engineer and obtain their approval in writing before using RAP blended material. The Engineer will verify that the QC test results meet the acceptance criteria, otherwise the Engineer will perform Resolution testing procedures specified in 160-2.2.1.

**160-2.3 Existing Base:** Obtain the Engineer's approval in writing before using existing base. When the material from an existing base is used as all, or a portion, of the stabilizing additives, no further testing is required unless directed by the Engineer.

**160-2.4 Granular Subbase Substitution:** The Engineer may allow, at no additional cost to the Department, the substitution of 6 inches of granular subbase meeting the requirements of 290-2 and 290-3, only when 12 inches of Type B stabilization requiring a Limerock Bearing Ratio (LBR) value of 40 is specified in accordance with Standard Plans, Index 120-001.

SUBARTICLE 160-3.1 is deleted and the following substituted:

### 160-3 Construction Methods.

**160-3.1 General:** Prior to the beginning of stabilizing operations, construct the area to be stabilized to an elevation such that, upon completion of stabilizing operations, the completed stabilized subgrade will conform to the lines and grades shown in the Plans. Prior to spreading

any additive stabilizing material, bring the surface of the roadbed to a plane approximately parallel to the plane of the finished graded surface shown in the Plans.

Construct mainline pavement lanes, turn lanes, ramps, parking lots, concrete box culverts, retaining wall systems, shoulder-only areas, sidewalk, and shared use path areas meeting the requirements of 120-8.1, except replace “embankment” with “subgrade”.

Isolated mixing operations and isolated compaction operations will be considered as separate LOTs. Curb pads and shoulders compacted separately shall be considered separate LOTs. Isolated compaction operations will be considered as separate LOTs. ~~Isolated compaction operations will be considered as separate LOTs.~~ For multiple phase construction, a LOT shall not extend beyond the limits of the phase.

SUBARTICLE 160-3.3 is deleted and the following substituted:

**160-3.3 Mixing:** Perform mixing using rotary tillers, a plant or other equipment meeting the approval of the Engineer. The subgrade may be mixed in one course if the equipment and method of construction provides ~~the~~ uniformity, particle size limitation, compaction and other desired results of 160-4. Thoroughly mix the area to be stabilized throughout the entire depth and width of the stabilizing limits.

Perform the mixing operations, as specified, (either in place or in a plant) regardless of whether the existing soil, or any select soils placed within the limits of the stabilized sections, have the required bearing value without the addition of stabilizing materials.

SUBARTICLE 160-3.4 is deleted and the following substituted:

**160-3.4 Mixed Material Requirements:** At the completion of the mixing, ensure the gradation of the material within the limits of the area being stabilized is such that 97% will pass a 3-1/2--inch sieve. Break down or remove from the stabilized area materials, including clay lumps or lumps made of clay-size particles (any particle size 2 microns or less), not meeting the gradation requirements. After mixing, remove any existing lumps of clay or clay-sized particles greater than one inch that do not meet the requirements of 160-3.2 or this Section from the stabilized area. The final product must meet the acceptance requirements of 160-4.

**160-3.4.1 Classification and Bearing Value:** Meet the soil utilization and bearing value requirements for the subgrade in accordance with 160-4.

**160-3.4.2 Compaction:** After completing the mixing operations and satisfying the requirements for bearing value, uniformity, and particle size, compact the materials at a moisture content permitting the specified compaction in 160-4.2.23. If the moisture content of the material is improper for attaining the specified density, either add water or allow the material to dry until reaching the proper moisture content for the specified compaction.

**160-3.4.3 Finish Grading:** Shape the completed stabilized subgrade to conform with the finished graded surface shown in the Plans. Check the subgrade using elevation stakes or other means approved by the Engineer.

**160-3.4.4 Condition of Completed Subgrade:** After completing the stabilizing and compacting operations, ensure that the subgrade is firm and substantially unyielding to the extent that it will support construction equipment and will have the bearing value required by the Plans.

Remove all soft and yielding material, and any other portions of the subgrade which will not compact readily, and replace it with suitable material so that the whole subgrade is brought to line and grade, with proper allowance for subsequent compaction.

**160-3.4.5 Maintenance of Completed Subgrade:** After completing the subgrade as specified above, maintain it free from ruts, depressions, and any damage resulting from the hauling or handling of materials, equipment, tools, etc. The Contractor is responsible for maintaining the required density until the subsequent base or pavement is in place including any repairs, replacement, etc., of curb and gutter, sidewalk, etc., which might become necessary in order to recompact the subgrade in the event of underwash or other damage occurring to the previously compacted subgrade. Perform any such recompaction at no expense to the Department. Construct and maintain ditches and drains along the completed subgrade section.

SUBARTICLE 160-4.1 is deleted and the following substituted:

#### **160-4 Acceptance Program for Mixed Materials.**

##### **160-4.1 General Requirements:**

~~160-4.1.1 Initial Equipment Comparison:~~ Meet the requirements of 120-10.1.1.

~~160-4.1.2 Initial Production LOT:~~ Meet the requirements of 120-10.1.2.

~~160-4.1.2.3 Density over 105%:~~ Meet the requirements of 120-10.1.2.3.

##### ~~160-4.2.1.4~~ **Quality Control Tests:**

##### ~~160-4.1.4.2.1~~ **Modified Proctor Maximum Density Determination:**

Collect enough material to split and create three separate samples. Determine test locations, including stations and offsets, using the Random Number generator approved by the Department. Retain the Verification and Resolution samples for the Department until the Engineer accepts the LOTs represented by the samples. Determine modified Proctor maximum density and optimum moisture content by sampling and testing the material in accordance FM 1-T 180.

~~160-4.1.4.2.2~~ **Density Testing Requirements:** Meet the requirements of 120-10.1.4.2. Determine the in-place wet density by Nuclear Density testing in accordance with FM 1-T 310. Determine the in-place moisture content for each density test in accordance with FM 1-T 310, FM 5-507 (Speedy Moisture), or ASTM D4643 (Microwave Oven), whichever is applicable. Calculate the dry density using the measured in-place wet density and moisture content.

Within the entire limits of the width and depth of the areas to be stabilized, obtain a minimum density at any location of 98% of the Modified Proctor maximum density as determined by FM 1-T 180 except for the upper areas to be grassed not to exceed 6 inches, compact these areas to a reasonably firm condition as directed by the Engineer.

~~160-4.1.4.2.3~~ **Bearing Value Requirements:** Test the stabilized subgrade sample collected in 160-4.1.4.2.1 to determine the LBR in accordance with FM 5-515. Within the entire limits of the width and depth of the areas to be stabilized, obtain the required minimum bearing value at the frequency in 160-4.7.4.1. For any area where the bearing value obtained is deficient from the value indicated in the Plans, in excess of the tolerances established herein, spread and mix additional stabilizing material in accordance with 160-3.3. Perform this reprocessing for the full width of the roadway being stabilized and longitudinally for a distance of 50 feet beyond the limits of the area in which the bearing value is deficient.

~~Determine the quantity of additional stabilizing material to be used in reprocessing.~~

### 160-4.1.42.3.1 Under-tolerances in Bearing Value

**Requirements:** The under-tolerances are allowed for the following specified Bearing Values:

Specified Bearing Value	Under-tolerance
LBR 40	5.0
LBR 35	4.0
LBR 30 (and under)	2.5

**160-4.1.42.3.2 Unsoaked LBR Requirements:** If unsoaked LBR desired, submit request for approval to the Engineer. Upon approval by the Engineer to consider the use of unsoaked LBR, randomly sample and test from three locations in the initial LOT for both soaked and unsoaked LBR in accordance with FM 5-515. Ensure all of the tests achieves the LBR value shown in the table below. Continue testing unsoaked LBR at the frequency shown in 160-4.74.1. Discontinue unsoaked LBR testing if any unsatisfactory QC LBR test result is obtained or resolution determines an unsatisfactory LBR.

The following unsoaked bearing value requirement is based on tests performed on samples obtained after completing mixing operations:

Specified Bearing Value	Unsoaked Bearing Value Required	Under-tolerance
LBR 40	LBR 43	0.0

**160-4.1.42.4 Soil Classification and Organic Content Testing:** Perform soil classification tests on the sample collected in 160-4.1.1.42, in accordance with AASHTO T88, AASHTO T89, AASHTO T90, and FM 1-T 267. The Engineer may waive the soil classification and organic content testing requirements for existing base or granular subbase materials. Classify soils in accordance with AASHTO M145 to determine compliance with soil utilization requirements as specified in Standard Plans, Index 120-001. If the stabilizing material used is 100% RAP or RAP blended material, then replace FM 1-T 267 with FM 5-563 (excluding gradation analysis). The following testing requirements must be met.

Test Method	Criteria
AASHTO M145	Soil Symbol = S
FM 1-T 267	Average of 3 Organic Content $\leq$ 2.5%
	Individual Organic Content Result $\leq$ 4.0%
AASHTO T89	Liquid Limit $\leq$ 30
AASHTO T90	Plastic Index $\leq$ 8
FM 5-563*	Asphalt Content $\leq$ 4.0%

\* Replace FM 1-T 267 with FM 5-563 (excluding gradation analysis) for 100% RAP or RAP blended material

———**160-4.31.5 Department Verification:** Meet the requirements of 120-10.31.5 except the Engineer will conduct the Verification tests in order to accept all materials and work associated with 160-4.21.4.

———**160-4.41.6 Reduced Testing Frequency:** Meet the requirements of 120-10.41.6.

———**160-4.51.7 Payment for Resolution Tests:** Meet the requirements of 120-10.51.7.

**160-4.62 Mixing Depth Requirements:** Report depth requirements in the Earthwork Records System (ERS) section of the Department's database measured to the nearest 0.25 inch. The difference between the individual measured depth thickness on the roadway and the plan target thickness must not exceed 2 inches. The difference between the LOT average (average of the three individual measured depth thickness) and the plan target thickness must not exceed 1 inch. No under-tolerance of mixing depth is allowed.

As an exception to the above mixing requirements, where the subgrade is of rock, the Engineer may waive the mixing operations (and the work of stabilizing), and the Department will not pay for stabilization for such sections of the roadway.

Meet the required Plan mixing-depths by measuring from the proposed final grade line. Determine test locations, including stations and offsets, using the Random Number generator approved by the Department. Notify the Engineer a minimum of 24 hours before checking mixing depths. Record results on Department approved forms.

———**160-4.3 Density Acceptance Criteria:**

———**160-4.3.1 General:** ~~Within the entire limits of the width and depth of the areas to be stabilized, other than as provided in 160-4.3.2, obtain a minimum density at any location of 98% of the Modified Proctor maximum density as determined by FM 1-T 180.~~

———**160-4.3.2 Exceptions to Density Requirements:** ~~The Contractor need not obtain the minimum density specified in 160-4.3.1 in the upper 6 inches of areas to be grassed under the same Contract. Compact these areas to a reasonably firm condition as directed by the Engineer.~~

———**160-4.4 Additional Requirements:**

———**160-4.74.1 Frequency:** Conduct QC sampling and testing at a minimum frequency listed in the table below. The Engineer will perform Verification sampling and tests at a minimum frequency listed in the table below.

Test Name	Quality Control	Verification	Verification for Shoulder-Only, Shared Use Path and Sidewalk Construction
Modified Proctor Maximum Density	One per two consecutive LOTs	One per eight consecutive LOTs	One per four LOTs
LBR			
Gradation, LL/PI, and Soil Classification			
Organic Content Asphalt Content*			
Density	One per LOT	One per four LOTs	One per two LOTs
Stabilizing Mixing Depth	Three per 500 feet	Witness QC	Witness QC



Table 160-4			
Test Name	Quality Control	Verification	Verification for Shoulder-Only, Shared Use Path and Sidewalk Construction
*Replace organic content with asphalt content for 100% RAP or RAP blended material only.			

**160-4.85 Verification Comparison Criteria and Resolution Procedures:** The Engineer will randomly select one of the retained split samples referenced in 160-4.2.1 except for density testing requirement of 160-4.8.3.

**160-4.85.1 Bearing Value:** The Engineer will ~~collect a sample at a location other than the location where the sample was collected in 160-4.1.4.1, and~~ test the stabilized subgrade for determination of the LBR in accordance with FM 5-515. ~~The Engineer will select test locations, including stations and offsets, using a Random Number generator, based on the LOTs under consideration.~~

**160-4.85.1.1 Unsoaked LBR:** The Engineer will sample and test the initial LOT for one soaked and one unsoaked LBR if consideration of the unsoaked LBR has been approved.

**160-4.85.1.2 Resolution Procedure:** If the Department's Verification test meets the requirements of 160-4.1.4.2.3, the Engineer will accept the corresponding LOTs. Otherwise, the Engineer will collect ~~an additional sample in the same LOT the Verification sample was obtained~~ the Resolution split sample corresponding to the Verification sample tested. SMO or an AASHTO accredited laboratory designated by SMO will perform Resolution testing on the additional sample. The material will be sampled and tested in accordance with FM 5-515.

If the resolution testing results meet the requirements of 160-4.1.4.2.3, then the Engineer will accept the LOTs in question. Otherwise reprocess the corresponding LOTs in accordance with 160-3 and retest in accordance with 160-4.1.4.2.3.

**160-4.85.2 Modified Proctor Maximum Density Determination:** ~~The Engineer will randomly select one of the retained split samples referenced in 160-4.1.4.1.~~ The Engineer will compare the Verification test results to the corresponding Quality Control (QC) test results. If the test result is within 4.5 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> of the QC test result, the LOTs will be verified. Otherwise, the Engineer will collect the Resolution split sample corresponding to the Verification sample tested. The State Materials Office or an AASHTO accredited laboratory designated by the State Materials Office will perform Resolution testing. The material will be sampled and tested in accordance with FM 1-T 180.

The Engineer will compare the Resolution Test (RT) results with the QC test results. If the RT result is within 4.5 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> of the corresponding QC test result, the Engineer will use the QC test results for material acceptance purposes for each corresponding pair of LOTs. If the RT result is not within 4.5 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> of the corresponding QC test, the Engineer will collect and test the remaining Verification split samples for the LOTs in question. Verification test results will be used for material acceptance purposes for the remaining LOTs in question.

**160-4.85.3 Density Testing:** Meet the requirement of 120-10.4.6.2

**160-4.85.4 Soil Classification:** Meet the requirements of 120-10.4.6.3 with the exception that the limits will be in accordance with 160-4.1.4.2.4.

**160-4.85.5 Organic Content:** Meet the requirements of 120-10.4.6.4 with the exception that the limits will be in accordance with 160-4.1.4.2.4.

**160-4.85.6 Asphalt Content:** If the stabilizing material used for subgrade ~~contains to stabilize is~~ 100% RAP or RAP blended material, meet the requirement of 120-10.46.4, except replace FM 1-T 267 with FM 5-563 (exclude gradation analysis) and meet the limits of 160-4.1.42.4.

**160-4.85.7 Mixing Depth:** The Engineer will witness the Contractor's mixing depth checks to ensure compliance with 160-4.26. The Engineer will select test locations, including stations and offsets, using a Random Number generator. The Department will witness the mixing depth checks.

1. If the depth checks meet the requirements of 160-4.62, the Engineer accept that 500-foot section.

2. If the depth checks confirm shallow depth, re-mix the 500-foot section to an appropriate depth and re-measure in accordance with 160-4.62. The Engineer will repeat the witness process.

3. If the depth checks confirm extra deep mixing, conduct an additional QC density test after compaction for the bottom 12 inches of the subgrade for that 500-foot section in addition to a QC density test for the top 12 inches. The additional density test must meet the requirements 160-4.2.23.

**160-4.96 Disposition of Defective Materials:** Meet the requirements of 120-10.75.