Regional Engineers

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 Special Provision for Hot-Mix Asphalt

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This special provision was developed by the Central Bureau of Materials to update the maximum theoretical specific gravity (Gmm) used in the calculation of HMA density and to allow HMA production to continue after a test strip has been constructed for all HMA Quality Management Programs (PFP, QCP, and QC/QA). It has been revised to address the updated requirements for maintaining active certification in the IDOT Quality Management Training Program, adding the technician trainee role to personnel, and to fix a table reference.

This special provision should be inserted into all HMA paving contracts.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the January 17, 2025 and subsequent lettings. The Project Coordination and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

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# Hot-Mix Asphalt (bde)

Effective: January 1, 2024

Revised: January 1, 2025

Revise the first and second paragraphs of Articles 1030.06(c)(2) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“ (2) Personnel. The Contractor shall provide a QC Manager who shall have overall responsibility and authority for quality control. This individual shall maintain active certification as a Hot-Mix Asphalt Level II technician.

In addition to the QC Manager, the Contractor shall provide sufficient personnel to perform the required visual inspections, sampling, testing, and documentation in a timely manner. Mix designs shall be developed by personnel with an active certification as a Hot-Mix Asphalt Level III technician. Technicians performing mix design testing and plant sampling/testing shall maintain active certification as a Hot-Mix Asphalt Level I technician. The Contractor may provide a technician trainee who has successfully completed the Department’s “Hot-Mix Asphalt Trainee Course” to assist in the activities completed by a Hot-Mix Asphalt Level I technician for a period of one year after the course completion date. The Contractor may also provide a Gradation Technician who has successfully completed the Department's "Gradation Technician Course" to run gradation tests only under the supervision of a Hot-Mix Asphalt Level II Technician. The Contractor shall provide a Hot-Mix Asphalt Density Tester who has successfully completed the Department's "Nuclear Density Testing” course to run all nuclear density tests on the job site.”

Revise the second paragraph of Articles 1030.07(a)(11) and 1030.08(a)(9) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“ When establishing the target density, the HMA maximum theoretical specific gravity (Gmm) will be based on the running average of four available Department test results for that project.  If less than four Gmm test results are available, an average of all available Department test results for that project will be used.  The initial Gmm will be the last available Department test result from a QMP project. If there is no available Department test result from a QMP project, the Department mix design verification test result will be used as the initial Gmm.”

Revise Article 1030.09(g)(2) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“ (2) The Contractor shall complete split verification sample tests listed in the Limits of Precision table in Article 1030.09(h)(1).”

In the Supplemental Specifications, replace the revision for the end of the third paragraph of Article 1030.09(h)(2) with the following:

“ When establishing the target density, the HMA maximum theoretical specific gravity (Gmm) will be the Department mix design verification test result.”

Revise the tenth paragraph of Article 1030.10 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“ Production is not required to stop after a test strip has been constructed.”

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