

Materials Procedures (MP) Committee Meeting

November 19, 2020

307.00.50, 401.03.50, 601.03.50: Insertion regarding Quality Control Plans

- Discussion regarding the use of “may,” “will,” and/or “shall” regarding responsibility of paying for the materials/placement of materials in the event of a failure to test (in an instance of failure to test, the districts would only be responsible for paying a contractor the cost of labor/placement of materials). This is being added, in part, to prevent deliberate non-testing.
- Jennifer (of Bizzack) asked whether this information would be in the specification. Dan told her the specification is referenced in the MP, where this information will be.
- Dan addressed a series of questions posed by Lester Wimpy of Bizzack Construction; after reviewing the questions, it seems that Mr. Wimpy may have thought that the insertion was about tests that resulted in failures, rather than a failure to test.
- Jennifer shared concern that newer contractors may not see it in the MP
- In 307.00.50, ProjectWise is listed specifically – that was kept on purpose
- Martin had previously brought up the use of the word “letter” and that it should be defined to include emails and other digital correspondence; this will be addressed later.
- **All 5 representatives (Andrew, Ted, Steve, Kim and Martin) voted to accept the insertion in the first three listed MPs.**

717.04.21: Insertion regarding Quality Control Plans

- Use of asphalt concrete/asphalt
- Correction to an equation; Dan will add in the appropriate square root symbol
- Steve Boggs asked Dave Matics’ opinion; he said progress has been made and they would continue to keep an eye on the changes made
- **All 5 representatives (Andrew, Ted, Steve, Kim and Martin) voted to accept the insertion into this MP.**

711.03.23 Mix Design for Portland Cement Concrete

- Dale Hill asked about the timeline for the changes proposed in this MP; he wondered how the extension being given to aggregate producers would be affected by the “year long” study that presumably won’t be complete until some time next year. Mr. Hill wondered if some of the results revealed poor product, would some products be pulled;

Suman Thapa said no. Suman also mentioned that any mixed design submitted before December 31, 2020 would be good for 3 years.

- Suman also said that in 2021, adding admixture will be addressed to take care of fly ash shortage.
- Dan: In light of the concerns for the timeline, even if this MP passes, he will get together with Dale (and maybe others) to further discuss.
- **All 5 representatives (Andrew, Ted, Steve, Kim and Martin) voted to accept the changes to this MP.**

700.00.56 Aggregate Source Approval Procedures

- Randy Shuman asked to pull this; it will be brought up again at a later date.

106.03.50 West Virginia Technician Inspector Certification Program Handbook

- Dan said that Martin had previously mentioned concern about inspectors using programmable calculators on the exam, but Dan mentioned that it's open-book and that wasn't a concern.
- Pat Parsons brought up a class requirement – a lab class – that was previously required. Dan said they would meet to further discuss.
- Ted brought up (p. 9) the use of “calendar year.” Dan said that was mostly to deter people from taking it multiple, multiple times a year and just guessing on accuracy. If they have to wait a calendar year, they have time to receive training that could be helpful to passing the course.
- On p. 12, the mention of “recertification”: this is to weed out people who are just using the course as practice or padding; certification runs for 3 years.

604.02.40 Inspection and Acceptance Procedures for Precast Concrete Products

- The addition to this MP states that if Self-Consolidating Concrete (SCC) is used, that inspection personnel must be certified as an ACI-SCC Testing Technician.
- Not sure about a timeframe on this approval; today's discussion was just to bring it up for comment.
- Dan said that even when/if approved, that there may be a memo released delaying its effective date.