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Monica Gourdine  
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Federal Highway Administration  
545 John Knox Road, Suite 200  
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Re: Office of Design, Specifications  
Section 400  
Proposed Specification: 4000507 Concrete Structures - General

Dear Ms. Gourdine:

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

These changes were proposed by Rodney Chamberlain to allow for the elimination of a plan note that is currently used whenever stay-in-place forms are allowed by or called for in the plans. Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via Email to ST986RP or rudy.powell@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call Rudy Powell, State Specifications Engineer at 414-4280.

Sincerely,

Rudy Powell, Jr., P.E.  
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Gregory Jones, Chief Civil Litigation  
Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

**CONCRETE STRUCTURES  
(REV 3-26-10)**

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Apply polymer sheeting to stay-in-place metal forms in accordance with the requirements in the following table. Apply polymer sheeting to all faces and edges (including sheared edges) of support angles used on bridges with Moderately and Extremely Aggressive Superstructure Environmental Classifications (as shown in the Plans). No polymer sheeting is required for beam attachment straps or clips partially embedded in concrete, and for support angles used on bridges with a Slightly Aggressive Superstructure Environmental Classification. Use polymer sheeting materials and application methods as described herein.

| <b>102-8.6 Polymer Sheeting Usage Requirements</b>    |                   |                                                                 |                                          |                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Form Type                                             |                   | Superstructure Environmental Classification (as shown in Plans) |                                          |                                          |
|                                                       |                   | Slightly Aggressive                                             | Moderately Aggressive                    | Extremely Aggressive                     |
| Non-cellular form with concrete filled flutes         |                   | No polymer sheeting required                                    | Polymer sheeting required on bottom side | Polymer sheeting required on bottom side |
| Non-cellular form with polystyrene foam filled flutes |                   | Polymer sheeting required on inside                             | Polymer sheeting required on both sides* | Polymer sheeting required on both sides* |
| Non-cellular form with Top Cover Sheet                | Top Cover Sheet   | Polymer sheeting required on bottom side                        | Polymer sheeting required on bottom side | Polymer sheeting required on bottom side |
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Prior to using stay-in-place metal forms, submit detailed plans for approval of the forming system, including method of support and attachment and method of protecting the supporting structural steel components from welding effects. Submit design calculations for the forming system, which have been signed and sealed by the Specialty Engineer. Detail stay-in-place metal forms such that they in no way infringe upon the concrete outline of the slab shown on the plans. Use stay-in-place metal forms that provide and maintain the dimensions and configuration of the original slab in regards to thickness and slope.

Do not weld stay-in-place metal form supports and connections to the structural steel components. Do not connect polymer coated angles or other hardware that support polymer coated metal forms to the beam attachment straps or clips by welding. *Electrical grounding to reinforcing steel is prohibited.*

Protect structural steel components from damage by using a shield to guard against weld splatter, weld overrun, arc strikes, or other damaging effects of the welding process. Upon completion of welding, rest the metal form support flush on the supporting steel component. Should any weld spatter, weld overrun, arc strike, or other effects of the welding process be evident or occur to the structural steel component, immediately stop in-place welding of the metal form supports for the remainder of the work. In this event, weld all metal form supports off of the structure and erect the forms after prefabrication, or use an alternate approved method of attaching the form supports. Remove improper weldment, repair the supporting steel component for any improper welding. Perform all required verification and testing at no expense to the Department and to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

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Submit all changes in design details of bridge structural members that support stay-in-place forms, showing all revisions necessary to enable the supporting components to withstand any additional weight of the forms and the weight of any extra concrete that may be required to fill the forms. Include with the design calculations a comparative analysis of the stresses in the supporting components as detailed on the Contract plans and as modified to support the forms. Use the identical method of analysis in each case, and do not allow the stresses in the modified components to exceed those of the component as detailed in the Contract plans. Include with the design the adjusted cambers for any changes in deflection over those shown on the original plans. Modify the beams to provide additional strength to compensate for the added dead loads imposed by

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For all structures utilizing structural steel supporting components, paint the vertical sides of the top flange prior to installation of the stay-in-place metal forms in accordance with Section 560.

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