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Re: State Specifications Office
Section **916**
Proposed Specification: **9160201 Bituminous Materials.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Greg Sholar of the State Materials Office (SMO) to update the language for current Department practice.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to dan.hurtado@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 414-4130.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Dan Hurtado, P.E.
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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

BITUMINOUS MATERIALS.
(REV 5-6-16)

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1. The intermediate test temperature at 10 rad/sec. for the Dynamic Shear Rheometer (DSR) test (AASHTO T 315-12) shall be 26.5°C for PG grades PG 67 and higher.
2. An additional high temperature grade of PG 67 is added for which the high test temperature at 10 rad/sec for the DSR test (AASHTO T 315-12) shall be 67°C.
3. All PG asphalt binders having a high temperature designation of PG 67 or lower shall be prepared without modification.
4. All PMA binders having a high temperature designation higher than PG 67 shall only be produced with a styrene-butadiene-styrene (SBS) or styrene-butadiene (SB) elastomeric polymer modifier and the resultant binder shall meet all requirements of this Section.
5. Polyphosphoric acid may be used as a modifier not exceeding 0.75% by weight of asphalt binder for PG 76-22 (PMA), PG 76-22 (ARB), and PG 82-22 (PMA) binders.
6. PG 76-22 (ARB) shall meet the additional requirements of 916-2.1.1.
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———Where an anti-strip additive is required, per the requirements of Sections 334 and 337, the amount shall be from 0.25% to 0.75% by weight of asphalt binder. The anti-strip additive shall meet the requirements of 916-4. The anti-strip additive shall be introduced into the PG binder by the supplier during loading.

916-2.1.1 Additional Requirements for PG 76-22 (ARB): The following additional requirements apply only to PG 76-22 (ARB):

1. The asphalt binder shall contain a minimum of 7.0% ground tire rubber (GTR) by weight of asphalt binder.

2. The GTR shall meet the requirements of Section 919.
3. Polymer modification is optional for PG 76-22 (ARB).
4. Use of excess PG 76-22 (ARB): The Contractor may use excess PG 76-22 (ARB) in other asphalt concrete mixes requiring the use of a PG 67-22 binder by blending with straight PG 67-22 binder so that the total amount of ground tire rubber in the binder is less than 2.0%. The Contractor may use excess PG 76-22 (ARB) in asphalt concrete mixtures requiring the use of a PG 52-28 or PG 58-22 by blending with the designated binder in such proportions that the total amount of ground tire rubber in the binder is less than 1.0%.

916-2.2 Compliance with Materials Manual: Producers of Superpave PG binders shall meet the requirements of Section 3.5, Volume II of the Department’s Material Manual, which may be viewed at the following URL:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/programmanagement/Implemented/URLinSpecs/Section35V2.shtm>
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916-2.3 Reporting: Specification compliance testing results shall be reported for the tests in the table below, unless noted otherwise. Quality control (QC) testing results shall be reported for original binder DSR ($G/\sin \delta$ and phase angle, as applicable).

SUPERPAVE PG ASPHALT BINDER		
Test and Method	Conditions	Specification Minimum/Maximum Value
Superpave PG Asphalt Binder Grade		Report
APL Number		Report
Modifier (name and type)	Polymer, Ground Tire Rubber with Approved Product List (APL) number, Sulfur, PPA, REOB, and any Rejuvenating Agents	Report
Original Binder		
Solubility, AASHTO T 44-14	in Trichloroethylene	Minimum 99.0% (Not applicable for PG 76-22 (ARB))
Flash Point, AASHTO T 48-06 (2015)	Cleveland Open Cup	Minimum 450°F
Rotational Viscosity, AASHTO T 316-13	275°F	Maximum 3 Pa·s ^(a)
Dynamic Shear Rheometer ^(b) , AASHTO T 315-12	$G^*/\sin \delta$	Minimum 1.00 kPa
	Phase Angle, δ ^(c) PG 76-22 (PMA) and PG 76-22 (ARB) ^(d) PG 82-22 (PMA)	Maximum 75 degrees Maximum 65 degrees

Separation Test, ASTM D 7173-14 and Softening Point, AASHTO T 53-09 (2013)	163±5°C 48 hours	Maximum 15°F (PG 76-22 (ARB) only)
Rolling Thin Film Oven Test Residue (AASHTO T 240-09)		
Rolling Thin Film Oven, AASHTO T 240-13	Mass Change %	Maximum 1.00
Multiple Stress Creep Recovery, $J_{nr, 3.2}$ AASHTO M 332-14	Grade Temperature (Unmodified binders only)	”S” = 4.50kPa ⁻¹ max
Multiple Stress Creep Recovery, $J_{nr, 3.2}$ ^(d, e, f) AASHTO M 332-14	67°C (Modified binders only)	“V” = 1.0 kPa ⁻¹ max “E” = 0.5 kPa ⁻¹ max Maximum $J_{nr, diff}$ = 75%
Multiple Stress Creep Recovery, %Recovery ^(d, e) AASHTO M 332-14	67°C (Modified binders only)	%R _{3.2} ≥ 29.37 ($J_{nr, 3.2}$) ^{-0.2633}
Pressure Aging Vessel Residue (AASHTO R 28-12)		
Dynamic Shear Rheometer, AASHTO T 315-12	$G^* \sin \delta$, 10 rad/sec.	Maximum 5000 kPa ^(f, g)
Creep Stiffness, AASHTO T 313-12	S (Stiffness), @ 60 sec. m-value, @ 60 sec.	Maximum 300 MPa Minimum 0.300
<p>(a) Binders with values higher than 3 Pa·s should be used with caution and only after consulting with the supplier as to any special handling procedures, including pumping capabilities.</p> <p>(b) Dynamic Shear Rheometer (AASHTO T 315) shall be performed on original binders for the purposes of QC testing only.</p> <p>(c) The original binder phase angle (AASHTO T 315-12) shall be performed at grade temperature.</p> <p>(d) AASHTO T 315-12 and AASHTO T 350-14 will be performed at a 2 mm gap for PG 76-22 (ARB)</p> <p>(e) All binders with a high temperature designation >67 will be tested at 67°C. PG 76-22 (PMA) and PG 76-22 (ARB) shall pass a “V” graded and PG 82-22 (PMA) shall pass an “E” grade per AASHTO M 332-14.</p> <p>(f) A maximum $J_{nr, diff}$ = 75% does not apply for any J_{nr} value ≤ 0.5 kPa⁻¹.</p> <p>(g) For all PG grades of a PG 67 or higher, perform the PAV residue testing at 26.5°C with a maximum of 5000 kPa.</p>		

SUBARTICLE 916-3.1 is deleted and the following substituted:

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916-4.2 Mix Design Verification: ~~Inclusion of a liquid anti-strip agent on the APL does not guarantee that the anti-strip will be approved for use in an asphalt mixture.~~ Particular aggregate sources may require moisture susceptibility testing per FM 1-T 283 for each mix design. Results from this testing may meet the Department's requirement of minimum tensile strength ratio of 0.80 or may indicate the need for a larger dosage rate of anti-strip agent (up to 0.75% maximum) or may require a different anti-strip agent to meet the specification requirements.

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