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Khoa Nguyen  
Director, Office of Technical Services  
Federal Highway Administration  
3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400  
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Re: State Specifications Office  
Section **006**  
Proposed Specification: **0060103 Control of Materials.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Amy Tootle of the State Construction Office to require all construction-related documentation to be submitted by electronic means for consistency with the State Construction Office e-Construction initiative.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to [daniel.scheer@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:daniel.scheer@dot.state.fl.us).

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

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Daniel Scheer, P.E.  
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

**CONTROL OF MATERIALS.**  
**(REV 10-26-15)**

ARTICLE 6-1.3 is deleted and the following substituted:

**6-1.3 Certification:**

**6-1.3.1 Manufacturer Certification:** ~~Provide~~ Submit complete certifications for materials as required. ~~Furnish~~ Submit to the Engineer for approval, manufacturer certifications for all products listed on the Approved Product List (APL) and when required by the applicable material specifications. Do not incorporate any manufactured product or material into the project without approval from the Engineer. Materials will not be considered for payment when not accompanied by a manufacturer certification. Manufacturers may obtain sample APL certification forms on the Department's website at the following URL:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/statematerialsoffice/administration/resources/library/publications/certifications/sampleforms.shtm> . Ensure that the certification is ~~provided~~ submitted on the manufacturer's letterhead and is signed by a legally responsible person from the manufacturer and notarized.

**6-1.3.1.1 Approved Product List:** The Product Evaluation Section in the State Specifications and Estimates Office maintains the APL. This list provides assurance to Contractors, consultants, designers, and Department personnel that specific products and materials are approved for use on Department facilities. The Department will limit the Contractor's use of products and materials that require use of APL items to those listed on the APL effective at the time of placement. References to the Qualified Products List (QPL) will be synonymous with the APL in all Contract Documents.

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