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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 **162**
Proposed Specification: **1620500 Prepared Soil Layer.**

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.

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

PREPARED SOIL LAYER.
(REV 10-30-15)

SUBARTICLE 162-5 is deleted and the following substituted:

162-5 Acceptance Testing.

The Engineer reserves the right to waive or reduce testing requirements for shoulder treatment projects as defined in the Design Standards, Index No. 105.

Immediately after completion of construction operations, sample and test the prepared soil layer at a testing laboratory qualified under 105-6. A LOT is defined as 0.5 shoulder miles. Take random quality control (QC) samples at a minimum of one sample per LOT of prepared surface. When the source of added material changes, the Engineer will require an additional sample. Average four sequential LOTs representing 2.0 shoulder miles to determine compliance with Section 987. Raise the organic matter content of any individual LOT with an organic matter content below 1.5% to at least 1.5%. The Engineer will take a Verification sample at a minimum frequency of one sample per 4 LOTs. If the Verification sample fails (below 1.5% for organics), but the QC sample taken in the corresponding LOT passes, the Engineer will obtain a resolution sample within the same LOT to resolve the non comparison. The Engineer reserves the right to take and test additional samples to determine specification compliance. For failing samples, take and test additional samples, as directed by the Engineer, to delineate areas that need re-treatment. Perform re-treatment at no additional cost to the Department. Perform additional testing of retreated areas, at locations directed by the Engineer, to determine specification compliance. ~~Provide copies of~~ [Submit](#) all test results to the Engineer.

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