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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 **919**  
Proposed Specification: **9190000 Ground Tire Rubber for Use in Asphalt Rubber Binder.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Donnie Bagwell of the State Materials Office (SMO) to modify the language to allow the use of ground tire rubber in flowable fill as part of the Department's effort to utilize recyclable materials.

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

**GROUND TIRE RUBBER FOR USE IN ASPHALT RUBBER BINDER.**  
**(REV 11-13-15)**

SECTION 919 is deleted and the following substituted:

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**~~FOR USE IN ASPHALT RUBBER BINDER~~**

**919-1 Description.**

This Section ~~governs~~ specifies the requirements for ground tire rubber (GTR) for use in asphalt rubber binders for use in a variety of paving applications.

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The ground tire rubber and pelletized rubber used shall be one of the products listed on the Department's Approved Product List (APL). Manufacturers seeking evaluation of their product shall submit an application in accordance with Section 6.

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