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This Memo Has Expired

**TO: DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS**  
**FROM: Brian Blanchard, Director, Office of Construction**  
**COPIES: Bob Burleson (FTBA), David Sadler**  
**SUBJECT: SOD NETTING – SECTION 981**

The current specification, Subarticle 981-3.2, requires “Any netting contained within the sod shall be certified by the manufacturer to be bio-degradable within a period of three months from installation.” This netting is typically found on projects where the contractor uses rolled sod.

Producers of the netting have been working towards a product that will degrade within the three month period required by the specification but have thus far been unable to meet that requirement. Early attempts have shown that the netting degrades too quickly resulting in a failure of the netting to perform its intended purpose of holding the sod together until placed.

Until such time that a product is developed that meets the degradation requirement outlined in the specification and perform as needed by industry, FDOT will waive this requirement.

**This memo serves as blanket approval to process a specification change and should be attached to the Work Order or Supplemental Agreement.**

If you have any questions, please contact David Sadler at 850-414-5203.

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