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TO: DISTRICT MATERIALS ENGINEERS
DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS

FROM: Thomas O. Malerk, P.E., Director, Office of Materials
Brian Blanchard, P.E., Director, Office of Construction

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SUBJECT: **Verification Testing of Manufactured Products**

Handwritten signatures of Thomas O. Malerk and Brian Blanchard, the two directors mentioned in the 'FROM' field.

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a procedure to meet the requirement of verification testing or random sampling of manufactured products.

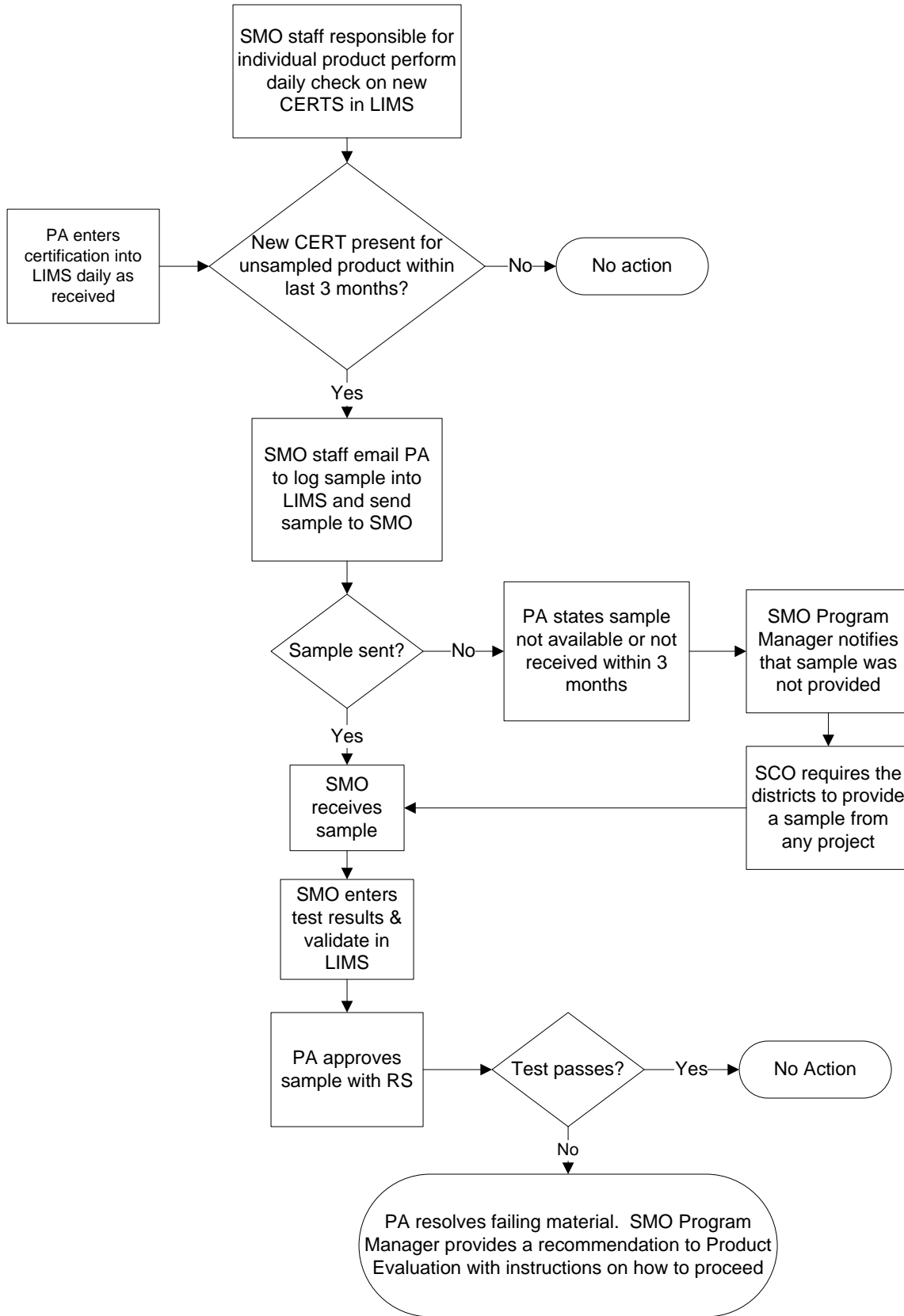
This procedure for sampling of manufactured products relies on the timely logging in of certifications into the department's database, the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS). The Project Administrator shall assure the certifications are entered into LIMS on a daily basis in accordance with the Specifications Section 105. The State Materials Office (SMO) will monitor the certifications entered into LIMS on a daily basis for the sole purpose of selecting products to be sampled for verification testing. The attached process map charts the actions required. This process will act as the random sampling procedure for manufactured products.

The SMO will contact the project administrator by e-mail to request a verification sample for products requiring laboratory testing. The project administrator will collect the sample, log it into LIMS and send the sample to the SMO. If the project administrator is not able to provide a sample, they shall notify the SMO immediately that a sample is not available. The SMO will contact the State Construction Office (SCO) when a sample is not received by the SMO after a period of 3 months or notified by the project administrator of sample not being available. The SCO will proceed to obtain a sample of the product from any project and have it sent to the SMO. Submitting district will notify remaining districts when a sample is identified for submittal to SMO.

The SMO will perform the testing on all the samples received under this process. The results will be posted in the LIMS. The SMO will provide test results and validation in LIMS. For all products passing or failing the test, the project administrator will approve with the RS approval code. For products not passing the tests, the SMO will assist the project administrator as requested. In addition, the SMO will provide a recommendation to the Product Evaluation Office for the final disposition for the products that are on the Qualified Products List which fail laboratory or field testing.

Please contact Paul Vinik, (352)955-6654 or Allen Hughes, (352)955-6651, if you have any questions.

Verification Testing of Manufactured Products



PA = Project Administrator
 SMO = State Materials Office
 SCO = State Construction Office

Cert = Certification
 LIMS = Laboratory Information Management System
 RS = Approval Code in LIMS