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Dr. Leslie McCarthy, PhD, P.E.  
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Federal Highway Administration  
545 John Knox Road, Suite 200  
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Re: Office of Design, Specifications  
Section 6  
Proposed Specification: 0060900

Dear Dr. McCarthy:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of a proposed Supplemental Specification for Control of Materials - Lab Qualification Program.

This change was proposed by Tom Malerk of the State Materials Office to rephrase the requirements for the Lab Qualification Program.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via Email to SP965DB or [duane.brautigam@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:duane.brautigam@dot.state.fl.us).

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call Duane F. Brautigam, State Specifications Engineer at 414-4110.

Sincerely,

Duane F. Brautigam, P.E.  
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: General Counsel  
Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

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**(REV 05-21-07)**

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