

1200800, Embankment Construction
Response to Comments from Industry Review

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Comment:

Suggest you change the title of 120-10.1.7 from 'Deduction for Resolution Tests' to 'Resolution Tests'. It covers the handling or payment for favorable and unfavorable results.

Response:

The title will be changed to “Payment for Resolution Tests.”

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Comment:

Text: 120-10.1.7 Deduction for Resolution Tests: When FDOT pays for Resolutions Tests, how do we pay for them? When Contractor pays for Resolution Tests, proposed spec states that cost will be deducted from appropriate Contract items. That may be difficult to do. We will be altering measured quantities. Not a good thing to do. Instead we propose that proposed spec be changed to pay for the work, as follows: 1. Contract Work Order, or. 2. Have a contingency pay item for Resolution Testing.

Response:

The language will be changed to be consistent with 334-5.1.6 by saying “costs of the Resolution Testing will be deducted from monthly estimates.”

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Comment/suggestion from Lori Wilson & Jeremy Wolcott District 5 Construction:
The contractors should have a link to where the resolution costs are derived.

Response:

The link for fiscal year 2009/2010 resolution test cost can be found as follows:

[http://www.dot.state.fl.us/statematerialsoffice/quality/programs/qualitycontrol/guidelines/contractor/resolutioncosts\(09-10\).pdf](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/statematerialsoffice/quality/programs/qualitycontrol/guidelines/contractor/resolutioncosts(09-10).pdf)

Previous years test data can be found at the following:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/statematerialsoffice/administration/resources/library/publications/index.shtm>

No changes made.

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Comments:

(1) It seems to me this change needs some clarification and possibly moved to the 120-10.4 spec under the resolution procedures portion. (2) Also it does not address which resolution procedure it is discussing. (3) If it is referencing the lab procedure then what would be the cost we would deduct from the appropriate line item if the resolution did not compare favorably with QC results. Would this be established on a case by case basis, and should that maybe be addressed in this spec. change as to how we would come up with the cost that will be deducted. (4) If it is referencing the roadway procedure of the QC technician retesting within 5 feet of the failing verification test, I believe this is incidental to placing and testing embankment on an FDOT project, and the dept. should never pay for the resolution testing.

Response:

(1) That is a good idea, but 125, 160, and 200 all reference 120-10 but replace 120-10.4 so this language needs to stay in 120-10.1.7. (2) The language in 120-10.1.7 will be changed to meet the intent that Resolution laboratory tests may be deducted. There was no intent to include field testing. (3) See response to comment from Chris Papastratis above. (4) See response to (2).
