

9190300, Ground Tire Rubber for use in Asphalt Rubber Binder
Comments from Industry Review

Jim Warren

Comment:

I am concerned about increasing the variability of this product as it may affect the consistency that the contractor is getting in a finished ARB product. If we are increasing the range of specific gravity, it is conceivable that swings from very light to very heavy specific gravity rubber will affect the viscosity and handling characteristics, including suspension properties. Based on contractor feedback and concerns, we have already asked the SMO to look into issues of varying Gmb (lab compacted specimens) when ARB is used. This spec change will certainly not help this situation. I'd like to see some lab data to the contrary before this gets approved.

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Comment:

GTR is already very difficult to handle. We are not concerned with the lowering of the SG but increasing will only lead to additional problems. Handling and storage will be adversely affected and could possibly increase the tenderness of friction courses. The SG increase would decrease the quality of the final mix, increase the problems during production (clogs, ect..), decrease the amount of useable product per tanker, and increase compaction issues and density due to “tenderness” of the mix. The increase has no positive effect to the quality of our product.
