

1050302-MM8.1 CONTRACTOR QUALITY CONTROL GENERAL REQUIREMENTS –
COMPLIANCE WITH THE MATERIALS MANUAL.
COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

Anonymous

Comments: (5-16-13)

Verification inspections by the Department and their consultants are crucial in ensuring the producers Quality Control Plans are being followed. I do not see the value of reducing these frequencies as there are almost always issues related to the inspections with the current frequencies in place. Ref. 8.1.5.3.2.5, and 8.1.11.2

Response: This revision does not reduce inspection frequency.

Inspection is required whenever facilities are producing product for FDOT projects. We cannot simply state that a full time inspector is required at each plant. Some plants do not produce for FDOT regularly and it makes no sense to provide and pay for inspection staff when FDOT products are not being manufactured.

The language proposed requires inspection whenever FDOT product is being produced or stored at a facility. The intent is that if material for an FDOT project is being fabricated or is already fabricated, then an inspector should be at the facility.

No change made.

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Comments: (5-30-13)

I thought SMO was looking to have a Verification Inspector at every prestressed plant on a daily basis when it was producing or when it had structures stored on the yard. The changes to 8.1.5.3.1, 8.1.5.3.2.1 (16), 8.1.5.3.2.5, and 8.1.11.2 don't convey this. The changes require inspection when producing or when a producer has stored product, but doesn't say how often these inspections are required. Weekly meetings are still required, but the frequency of inspections and reviews is ambiguous. Just reading the new language, I would not have thought that these changes were requiring daily inspections and reviews. Removing the language referring to a full time inspector at each plant further signifies less restrictive requirements. 8.1.5.3.1 states, "Inspection of plants located out of state is the responsibility of the DMO with Quality Control Plan acceptance authority." I think this needs to be defined and clarified. This could possibly be a definition in terms of maximum miles, eg 200 miles.

Response: Please see response to previous comment.

Additionally, there are different opinions as to responsibility of districts to inspect out of state facilities. Until these differences are resolved, a revision to this language would be premature. The thrust of this revision was to clarify whether inspection was needed in every plant.

No change made.
