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Khoa Nguyen  
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3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400  
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Re: State Specifications Office  
Section **455**  
Proposed Specification: **4550510 Structures Foundations.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Supplemental Specification.

The changes are proposed by Larry Jones of the State Structures Design Office to clarify the language by including the number of hammer blows required for instrumented set.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to [daniel.scheer@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:daniel.scheer@dot.state.fl.us).

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 414-4130.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Daniel Scheer, P.E.  
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

**STRUCTURES FOUNDATIONS.**  
**(REV 8-4-15)**

SUBARTICLE 455-5.10.4 is deleted and the following substituted:

**455-5.10.4 Set-checks and Pile Redrive:**

1. Set-checks: In the event that the Contractor has driven the pile to approximately 12 inches above cut-off without reaching the required resistance, the Engineer may require the Contractor to interrupt driving to perform a set-check. Provide an engineer's level or other suitable equipment for elevation determinations to determine accurate pile penetration during the set-checks. In the event the results of the initial set-checks are not satisfactory, the Engineer may direct additional set-checks. The Engineer may accept the pile as driven when a set-check shows that the Contractor has achieved the minimum required pile bearing and has met all other requirements of this Section.

2. Pile Redrive: Pile redrive consists of re-driving the pile after the following working day from initial driving to determine time effects, to reestablish pile capacity due to pile heave, or for other reasons determined by the Engineer. Redrive piles as directed by the Engineer.

3. Uninstrumented Set-Checks and Uninstrumented Pile Redrive: The Engineer may consider the pile to have sufficient bearing resistance when the specified set-check criteria is met through the last 10 to 20 blows of the hammer at the specified minimum stroke and the total penetration is less than six inches with less than 1/4 inches rebound per blow. When the total penetration during a set-check or redrive is greater than six inches or pile rebound exceeds 1/4 inches per blow, the Engineer may consider the pile to have sufficient bearing resistance when the specified blow count criteria is achieved in accordance with 455-5.10.1.

4. Instrumented Set-Checks and Instrumented Pile Redrive: When considered necessary by the Engineer, dynamic load tests ~~will be used~~ ing to at least 6 hammer blows will determine whether the pile bearing is sufficient. The Engineer may consider the pile to have sufficient bearing resistance when dynamic measurements demonstrate the static pile resistance ~~during when~~ at least one hammer blow exceeds the required pile resistance, and the average static pile resistance during the next five hammer blows exceeds 95% of the required pile resistance. ~~and~~ If the pile is advanced farther, the static pile resistance during all subsequent blows must ~~exceeds~~ exceeds 90% of the required pile resistance.

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SUBARTICLE 455-5.10.4 is deleted and the following substituted:

**455-5.10.4 Set-checks and Pile Redrive:**

1. Set-checks: In the event that the Contractor has driven the pile to approximately 12 inches above cut-off without reaching the required resistance, the Engineer may require the Contractor to interrupt driving to perform a set-check. Provide an engineer's level or other suitable equipment for elevation determinations to determine accurate pile penetration during the set-checks. In the event the results of the initial set-checks are not satisfactory, the Engineer may direct additional set-checks. The Engineer may accept the pile as driven when a set-check shows that the Contractor has achieved the minimum required pile bearing and has met all other requirements of this Section.

2. Pile Redrive: Pile redrive consists of re-driving the pile after the following working day from initial driving to determine time effects, to reestablish pile capacity due to pile heave, or for other reasons determined by the Engineer. Redrive piles as directed by the Engineer.

3. Uninstrumented Set-Checks and Uninstrumented Pile Redrive: The Engineer may consider the pile to have sufficient bearing resistance when the specified set-check criteria is met through the last 10 to 20 blows of the hammer at the specified minimum stroke and the total penetration is less than six inches with less than 1/4 inches rebound per blow. When the total penetration during a set-check or redrive is greater than six inches or pile rebound exceeds 1/4 inches per blow, the Engineer may consider the pile to have sufficient bearing resistance when the specified blow count criteria is achieved in accordance with 455-5.10.1.

4. Instrumented Set-Checks and Instrumented Pile Redrive: When considered necessary by the Engineer, dynamic load tests using at least 6 hammer blows will determine whether the pile bearing is sufficient. The Engineer may consider the pile to have sufficient bearing resistance when dynamic measurements demonstrate the static pile resistance when at least one hammer blow exceeds the required pile resistance and the average static pile resistance during the next five hammer blows exceeds 95% of the required pile resistance. If the pile is advanced farther, the static pile resistance during all subsequent blows must exceed 90% of the required pile resistance.