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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 455
Proposed Specification: 4551604 – Reinforcing Steel Construction and Placement-Cross-Hole Sonic Logging (CSL) Tubes

Dear Dr. McCarthy:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of a proposed Supplemental Specification for Reinforcing Steel Construction and Placement-Cross-Hole Sonic Logging (CSL) Tubes.

This change was proposed by William Nass of the District IV Office to correct erroneous information in table.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Signature on file

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

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Attachment

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

REINFORCING STEEL CONSTRUCTION AND PLACEMENT-CROSS-HOLE SONIC LOGGING (CSL) TUBES.

(REV 10-2-07)

SUBARTICLE 455-16.4 (Page 543) is deleted and the following substituted:

455-16.4 Cross-Hole Sonic Logging (CSL) Tubes: Install CSL access tubes full length in all drilled shafts from the tip of shaft to a point high enough above top of shaft to allow cross-hole-sonic-logging testing, but not less than 30 inches above the top of the drilled shaft, ground surface or water surface, whichever is higher. Equally space tubes around circumference of drilled shaft. Securely tie access tubes to the inside of the reinforcing cage and align tubes to be parallel to the vertical axis of the center of the cage. Access tubes must be Schedule 40 steel with a minimum inside diameter of 1.5 inches. Couple tubes as required with threaded couplers, such that inside of tube remains flush. Seal the bottom and top of the tubes with threaded caps. The tubes, joints and bottom caps shall be watertight. Seal the top of the tubes with lubricated, threaded caps sufficient to prevent the intrusion of foreign materials. Stiffen the cage sufficiently to prevent damage or misalignment of access tubes during the lifting and installation of the cage. Repair or replace any unserviceable tube prior to concreting. Exercise care in removing the caps from the top of the tubes after installation so as not to apply excess torque, hammering or other stress which could break the bond between the tubes and the concrete.

Provide the following number and configuration of crosshole sonic logging access tubes in each drilled shaft based on the diameter of the shaft.

Shaft Diameter	Number of Tubes Required	Configuration around the inside of Circular Reinforcing Cage
36 to 48 inches	4	90 degrees apart
Greater than 48 inches	1 tube per 12 inches of Shaft Diameter	360 degrees divided by the Number of Tubes

Insert simulated or mock probes in each cross-hole-sonic access tube prior to concreting to ensure the serviceability of the tube. Fill access tubes with clean potable water and recap prior to concreting. Repair or replace any leaking, misaligned or damaged tubes as in a manner acceptable to the Engineer prior to concreting.

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