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Monica Gourdine
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545 John Knox Road, Suite 200
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Re: Office of Design, Specifications
Section **981**
Proposed Specification: **9810302 Turf Materials.**

Dear Ms. Gourdine:

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

These changes were proposed by Larry Ritchie of the State Construction Office to remove the three month degradation requirement for sod netting.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to SP965TT or trey.tillander@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 414-4140.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

V. Y. "Trey" Tillander, III, P.E.
State Specifications Engineer

TT/dt
Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

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TURF MATERIALS.
(REV ~~11-2-53-12~~)

SUBARTICLE 981-3.2 (Pages 1116 - 1117) is deleted and the following substituted:

981-3.2 Dimensions: The sod shall be taken up in commercial-size rectangles, or rolls, preferably 12 inches by 24 inches or larger, except where 6 inch strip sodding is called for, or as rolled sod at least 12 inches in width and length consistent with the equipment and methods used to handle the rolls and place the sod. Sod shall be a minimum of 1-1/4 inches thick including a 3/4 inch thick layer of roots and topsoil. Reducing the width of rolled sod is not permitted after the sod has been taken up from the initial growing location. Any netting contained within the sod shall be certified by the manufacturer to be ~~bio-degradable within a period of three months from installation.~~ *degradable material within three years.*

Comment [Rudy1]: DCE Memo 23-07 currently waives the requirement for sod netting to bio-degrade within 3 months. The Construction Office has received feedback from the manufacturer of sod netting that the 3 month requirement is still not a sufficient amount of time for the netting to degrade and does not take into account the factors which contribute to speeding up or slowing down degradation. Coinciding with this proposed change is a proposed change to Section 570 which adds "no exposed sod netting" to the definition of established turf.

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