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Chad Thompson
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545 John Knox Road, Suite 200
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Re: State Specifications and Estimates Office
Section **455**
Proposed Specification: **4551508 Structures Foundations.**

Dear Mr. Thompson:

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

These changes were proposed by Juan Castellanos of the State Construction Office to clarify the language related to certain testing when slurry is not used in shaft excavation.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to SP965DS or 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 ~~11-25-13~~12-17-13)**

SUBARTICLE 455-15.8.3 is deleted and the following substituted:

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Take samples of the fluid in the shaft from within 1 inch of the base of the shaft and at intervals not exceeding 30 feet up the shaft, using an approved sampling tool designed to sample over a depth range of 12 inches or less. Take whatever action is necessary prior to placing the concrete to bring the fluid within the specification and reporting requirements, outlined in the tables in 455-15.8.1, except as follows:

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