

9160000 BITUMINOUS MATERIALS
COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

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If the Superpave PG asphalt binder PG 76-22 fails one or more of sample testing, what happens to the asphalt mix that was installed on FDOT project? Is there a penalty or method that FDOT plans to implement on project or Contractor even though it was the supplier not Contractor responsible for binder?

Response: This is a good question. The Contractor and binder supplier have a contractual relationship with each other. The binder supplier is responsible to the Contractor to supply binder or emulsion meeting Department specifications. Since binder and emulsion testing is complicated and expensive and Contractors do not possess the necessary testing equipment, the State Materials Office provides some testing to assure that the samples tested meet Department specifications. However; like asphalt mix, the production of a binder or emulsion can result in failing material, and it is the responsibility of the binder supplier's PC and QC testing to identify the failing material. Should asphalt mix be produced with what has been identified as failing binder, then this situation will be handled on a case-by-case basis and the action taken will depend on the severity of the failing test results, the quantity produced, and the location in the roadway. These situations will be handled like an EAR.

No change made.
