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Proposed Revisions to the Specifications

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Why does the existing language need to be changed?

Summary of the changes:

Are these changes applicable to all Department jobs? Yes No
If not, what are the restrictions?

Will these changes result in an increase or decrease in project costs? Yes No
If yes, what is the estimated change in costs?

With who have you discussed these changes?

What other offices will be impacted by these changes?

Will this revision necessitate changes to the following: BOE PPM SDG CPAM

Design Standards List Affected Index Nos.

Other manual?

Are all references to external publications current? Yes No
If not, what references need to be updated (please include changes in the redline)?

Will this revision necessitate any of the following:

Design Bulletin

Construction Bulletin

Estimates Bulletin

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 18, 2014
TO: Specification Review Distribution List
FROM: Daniel Scheer, P.E., State Specifications Engineer
SUBJECT: Proposed Specification: **3460100 Portland Cement Concrete.**

In accordance with Specification Development Procedures, we are sending you a copy of a proposed specification change.

This change was proposed by Timothy Ruelke of the State Materials Office (SMO) to revise the language for consistency with changes proposed for Section 105. The Department is revising the Contractor Quality Control (QC) Plan requirements and deleting the narrative portion of the Contractor QC Plan. This change is being made in conjunction with the implementation of the Materials Acceptance and Certification system (MAC), which is replacing the current Laboratory Information Management (LIMS) application.

Please share this proposal with others within your responsibility. Review comments are due within four weeks and should be sent to Mail Station 75 or online at <http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/SpecificationsEstimates/Development/IndustryReview.aspx> . Comments received after **December 16, 2014**, may not be considered. Your input is encouraged.

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Attachment

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE.
(REV 10-29-14)

ARTICLE 346-1 is deleted and the following substituted:

346-1 Description.

Use concrete composed of a mixture of portland cement, aggregate, water, and, where specified, admixtures, pozzolan and ground granulated blast furnace slag. Deliver the portland cement concrete to the site of placement in a freshly mixed, unhardened state.

Obtain concrete from a plant that is currently on the *Department's Production Facility Listing*. ~~list of Producers with Accepted Quality Control Programs~~. Producers seeking inclusion on the list shall meet the requirements of *Section 105-3*. If the concrete production facility's Quality Control (QC) Plan is suspended, the Contractor is solely responsible to obtain the services of another concrete production facility with an accepted ~~Quality Control~~ Plan or await the re-acceptance of the affected concrete production facility's ~~Quality Control~~ Plan prior to the placement of any further concrete on the project. There will be no changes in the contract time or completion dates. Bear all delay costs and other costs associated with the concrete production facility's ~~Quality Control~~ Plan acceptance or re-acceptance.

SUBARTICLE 346-3.1 is deleted and the following substituted:

346-3.1 General: The separate classifications of concrete covered by this Section are designated as Class I, Class II, Class III, Class IV, Class V and Class VI. Strength and slump are specified in Table 2. The air content range for all classes of concrete is 1.0 to 6.0%, except for Class IV (Drilled Shaft) which is 0.0 to 6.0%.

Substitution of a higher class concrete in lieu of a lower class concrete may be allowed when the substituted concrete mixes are included as part of the ~~QC Plan~~ *Contractor's Quality Control* Plan, or for precast concrete, the Precast Concrete Producer's ~~Quality Control~~ Plan. The substituted higher class concrete must meet or exceed the requirements of the lower class concrete and both classes must contain the same types of mix ingredients. When the compressive strength acceptance data is less than the minimum compressive strength of the higher design mix, notify the Engineer. Acceptance is based on the requirements in Table 2 for the lower class concrete.

TABLE 2		
Class of Concrete	Specified Minimum Strength (28-day) (psi)	Target Slump Value (inches) (c)
STRUCTURAL CONCRETE		
I (a)	3,000	3 (b)
I (Pavement)	3,000	2
II (a)	3,400	3 (b)
II (Bridge Deck)	4,500	3 (b)
III (e)	5,000	3 (b)
III (Seal)	3,000	8

IV (d)(f)	5,500	3 (b)
IV (Drilled Shaft)	4,000	8.5
V (Special) (d)(f)	6,000	3 (b)
V (d)(f)	6,500	3 (b)
VI (d)(f)	8,500	3 (b)

(a) For precast three-sided culverts, box culverts, endwalls, inlets, manholes and junction boxes, the target slump value and air content will not apply. The maximum allowable slump is 6 inches, except as noted in (b). The Contractor is permitted to use concrete meeting the requirements of ASTM C 478 4,000 psi in lieu of Class I or Class II concrete for precast endwalls, inlets, manholes and junction boxes.

(b) The Engineer may allow a higher target slump when a Type F, G, I or II admixture is used, except when flowing concrete is used. The maximum target slump shall be 7 inches.

(c) For a reduction in the target slump for slip-form operations, submit a revision to the mix design to the Engineer.

(d) When the use of silica fume, ultrafine fly ash, or metakaolin is required as a pozzolan in Class IV, Class V, Class V (Special) or Class VI concrete, ensure that the concrete meets or exceeds a resistivity of 29 KOhm-cm at 28 days, when tested in accordance with FM 5-578. Submit three 4 x 8 inch cylindrical test specimens to the Engineer for resistivity testing before mix design approval. Take the resistivity test specimens from the concrete of the laboratory trial batch or from the field trial batch of at least 3 cubic yards. Verify the mix proportioning of the design mix and take representative samples of trial batch concrete for the required plastic and hardened property tests. Cure the field trial batch specimens similar to the standard laboratory curing methods. Submit the resistivity test specimens at least 7 calendar days prior to the scheduled 28 day test. The average resistivity of the three cylinders, eight readings per cylinder, is an indicator of the permeability of the concrete mix.

(e) When precast three-sided culverts, box culverts, endwalls, inlets, manholes or junction boxes require a Class III concrete, the minimum cementitious materials is 470 pounds per cubic yard. Do not apply the air content range and the maximum target slump shall be 6 inches, except as allowed in (b).

(f) Highly reactive pozzolans may be used outside the lower specified ranges to enhance strength and workability. Testing in accordance with FM 5-578 is not required.

ARTICLE 346-6 is deleted and the following substituted:

346-6 *Quality Control of Quality.*

346-6.1 General: ~~Develop a Quality Control Plan (QCP) as specified in Section 105. Meet the requirements of the approved QCP and Contract Documents. Ensure the QCP includes the necessary requirements to control the quality of the concrete.~~

Perform QC activities to ensure materials, methods, techniques, personnel, procedures and processes utilized during production meet the specified requirements. For precast/prestressed operations, ensure that the QC testing is performed by the producer.

Accept the responsibility for QC inspections on all phases of work. Ensure all materials and workmanship incorporated into the project meet the requirements of the Contract Documents.

~~Ensure the QCP includes any anticipated requirements for adjusting and controlling the concrete at the placement site. Include the testing procedures that will be implemented to control the quality of the concrete and ensure that concrete placed is within the tolerance range. Also, include provisions for the addition of water to concrete delivered to the placement site at designated level areas, to ensure the allowable amount of water stated on the concrete delivery ticket is correct and the maximum water to cementitious materials ratio on the approved design mix is not exceeded. Ensure the anticipated ranges of jobsite water additions are described and the proposed methods of measuring water for concrete adjustments are included.~~

~~Failure to meet the requirements of this Specification or the QCP will automatically void the concrete portion of the QCP. To obtain QCP re-approval, implement corrective actions as approved by the Engineer. The Engineer may allow the Contractor to continue any ongoing concrete placement but the Engineer will not accept concrete for any new placement until the QCP re-approval is given by the Engineer.~~

346-6.2 Concrete Design Mix: Provide concrete that has been produced in accordance with a Department approved design mix, in a uniform mass free from balls and lumps.

For slump target values in excess of 6 inches or self consolidating concrete, utilize a grate over the conveyance equipment to capture any lumps or balls that may be present in the mix. The grate must cover the entire opening of the conveyance equipment and have an opening that is a maximum of 2 1/2 inches in any one direction. Remove the lumps or balls from the grate and discard them. Discharge the concrete in a manner satisfactory to the Engineer. Perform demonstration batches to ensure complete and thorough placements in complex elements, when requested by the Engineer.

Do not place concretes of different compositions such that the plastic concretes may combine, except where the plans require concrete both with and without silica fume, ultrafine fly ash, metakaolin or calcium nitrite in a continuous placement. Produce these concretes using separate design mixes. For example, designate the mix with calcium nitrite as the original mix and the mix without calcium nitrite as the redesigned mix. Ensure that both mixes contain the same cement, fly ash or slag, coarse and fine aggregates and compatible admixtures. Submit both mixes for approval as separate mix designs, both meeting all requirements of this Section. Ensure that the redesigned mix exhibits plastic and hardened qualities which are additionally approved by the Engineer as suitable for placement with the original mix. The Engineer will approve the redesigned mix for commingling with the original mix and for a specific project application only. Alternately, place a construction joint at the location of the change in concretes.

346-6.3 Delivery Certification: Ensure that an electronic delivery ticket is furnished with each batch of concrete before unloading at the placement site. The delivery ticket may be proprietary software or in the form of an electronic spreadsheet, but shall be printed. Ensure that the materials and quantities incorporated into the batch of concrete are printed on the delivery ticket. Include the following information on the Delivery Ticket:

- (1) Arrival time at jobsite,
- (2) Time that concrete mix has been completely discharged,
- (3) Number of revolutions upon arrival at the jobsite,
- (4) Total gallons of water added at the jobsite,

- (5) Additional mixing revolutions when water is added,
- (6) Total number of revolutions.

Items 3 through 6 do not apply to non-agitating concrete transporting vehicles.

Ensure the batcher responsible for production of the batch of concrete signs the delivery ticket, certifying the batch of concrete was produced in accordance with the Contract Documents.

Sign the delivery ticket certifying that the design mix maximum specified water to cementitious materials ratio was not exceeded due to any jobsite adjustments to the batch of concrete, and that the batch of concrete was delivered and placed in accordance with the Contract Documents.

346-6.4 Plastic Property Tolerances: Do not place concrete with a slump more than plus or minus 1.5 inches from the target slump value specified in Table 2.

Reject concrete with slump or air content that does not fall within the specified tolerances and immediately notify the concrete production facility that an adjustment of the concrete mixture is required. If a load does not fall within the tolerances, test each subsequent load and the first adjusted load. If failing concrete is not rejected or adjustments are not implemented, the Engineer may reject the concrete and terminate further production until the corrections are implemented.

Do not allow concrete to remain in a transporting vehicle to reduce slump. Water may be added only upon arrival of the concrete to the jobsite and not thereafter.

SUBARTICLE 346-7.3 is deleted and the following substituted:

346-7.3 On-site Batching and Mixing: ~~Include provisions in the QCP for the mixing at the site.~~ Use a mixer of sufficient capacity to prevent delays that may be detrimental to the quality of the work. Ensure that the accuracy of batching equipment is in accordance with requirements of this Section.

SUBARTICLE 346-7.7 is deleted and the following substituted:

346-7.7 Sample Location: Obtain acceptance samples from the point of final placement. ~~Describe in the QCP the method to sample the plastic concrete at the point of final placement.~~

Where concrete buckets are used to discharge concrete directly to the point of final placement or into the hopper of a tremie pipe, samples will be obtained from the discharge of the bucket. When the concrete is discharged directly from the mixer into the bucket and the bucket is discharged within 20 minutes, samples may be obtained from the discharge of the mixer.

Where conveyor belts, troughs, pumps, or chutes are used to transport concrete directly to the point of final placement or into the hopper of a tremie pipe, samples will be obtained from the discharge end of the entire conveyor belt, trough, pump, or chute system.

Where concrete is placed in a drilled shaft or other element using a tremie pipe and a concrete pump, samples will be obtained from the discharge of the pump line at the location of the tremie hopper.

For all other placement methods, prior to each placement, obtain Department approval for sampling at the discharge of the mixer in lieu of sampling at the point of final

placement. ~~Describe-Submit~~ the sampling correlation procedure ~~in the QCP~~ *to the Engineer for approval prior to the placement of the concrete*. Once the comparative sampling correlation is approved by the Engineer, apply this correlation to the plastic properties tolerances for samples obtained from the discharge of mixer.

Where a concrete pump is used to deposit concrete directly into a drilled shaft which is a wet excavation without the use of a tremie, or other applications as approved by the Engineer, ensure the discharge end of the pump line remains immersed in the concrete at all times after starting concrete placement.

ARTICLE 346-8 is deleted and the following substituted:

346-8 Plastic Concrete Sampling and Testing.

QC tests include air content, temperature, slump, and preparing compressive strength cylinders for testing at later dates. In addition, calculate the water to cementitious materials ratio in accordance with FM 5-501 for compliance to the approved mix design.

Ensure that each truck has a rating plate and a valid mixer identification card issued by the Department. Ensure that the revolution counter on the mixer is working properly, and calibration of the water dispenser has been performed within the last twelve months. Reject any concrete batches that are delivered in trucks that do not have mixer identification cards. Remove the mixer identification card when a truck mixer is discovered to be in noncompliance and the mixer deficiencies cannot be repaired immediately. When the mixer identification card is removed for noncompliance, make note of the deficiency or deficiencies found, and forward the card to the District Materials and Research Engineer who has Producer QC Plan acceptance authority.

Perform plastic concrete tests on the initial delivery of each concrete design mix each day. Ensure QC technicians meeting the requirements of Section 105 are present and performing tests throughout the placement operation. Ensure one technician is present and performing tests throughout the placement operation at each placement site. If a project has multiple concrete placements at the same time, identify the ~~number of~~ technicians in the ~~Quality Control~~ *QC* Plan to ensure minimum sampling and testing frequencies are met. Ensure that the equipment used for delivery, placement and finishing meets the requirements of this Specification.

When a truck designated for QC testing arrives at the discharge site, a subsequent truck may also discharge once a representative sample has been collected from the QC truck and while awaiting the results of QC testing. Reject non-complying loads at the jobsite. Ensure that corrections are made on subsequent loads. Immediately cease concrete discharge of all trucks if the QC truck has failing test. Perform plastic properties tests on all trucks prior to the first corrected truck and the corrected truck. When more than one truck is discharging into a pump simultaneously, only the truck designated for QC testing may discharge into the pump to obtain a representative sample of concrete from the QC truck only.

Furnish sufficient concrete of each design mix as required by the Engineer for verification testing. When the Engineer's verification test results do not compare with the QC plastic properties test results, within the limits defined by the Independent Assurance (IA) checklist comparison criteria, located in Materials Manual Chapter 5, disposition of the concrete will be at the option of the Contractor.

On concrete placements consisting of only one load of concrete, perform initial sampling and testing in accordance with this Section. The acceptance sample and plastic properties tests may be taken from the initial portion of the load.

If any of the QC plastic properties tests fail, reject the remainder of that load, and any other loads that have begun discharging, terminate the LOT and notify the Engineer. Make cylinders representing that LOT from the same sample of concrete.

Following termination of a LOT, obtain samples from a new load, and perform plastic properties tests until such time as the water to cementitious materials ratio, air content, temperature and slump comply with the Specification requirements. Initiate a new LOT once the testing indicates compliance with Specification requirements.

Suspend production when any five loads in two days of production of the same design mix are outside the specified tolerances. ~~Make the necessary revisions to concrete operations and~~ Increase the frequency of QC testing *to one per load in the QCP* to bring the concrete within allowable tolerances. ~~Obtain the Engineer's approval of the revisions before resuming production.~~ After production resumes, obtain the Engineer's approval before returning to the normal frequency of QC testing.

If concrete placement stops for more than 90 minutes, perform initial plastic properties testing on the next batch and continue the LOT. Cylinders cast for that LOT will represent the entire LOT.

When the Department performs Independent Verification, the Contractor may perform the same tests on the concrete at the same time. The Department will compare results based on the Independent Assurance Checklist tolerances.

~~When the Department's Independent Verification test results do not meet the requirements of this Section, the Engineer may require the Contractor to revise the QCP.~~

SUBARTICLE 346-9.2 is deleted and the following substituted:

346-9.2 Sampling Frequency:

As a minimum, sample and test concrete of each design mix for water to cementitious materials ratio, air content, temperature, slump and compressive strength once per LOT as defined by Table 8. When a mix design is used for a different application, the LOT is defined by the application. ~~When more than one concrete production facility is used for the same mix design, describe the method of sampling, testing and LOT numbering in the QC Plan.~~ The Engineer will randomly verify one of every four consecutive LOTs of each design mix based on a random number generator. The Department may perform Independent Verification testing to verify compliance with specification requirements. All QC activities, calculations, and inspections will be randomly confirmed by the Department.

TABLE 8	
Class Concrete*	LOT Size
I	one day's production
I (Pavement)	2,000 square yards, or one day's production, whichever is less

TABLE 8	
Class Concrete*	LOT Size
II, II (Bridge Deck), III, IV, V (Special), V, VI	50 cubic yards, or one day's production, whichever is less
IV (Drilled Shaft)	50 cubic yards, or two hours between the end of one placement and the start of the next placement, whichever is less
III (Seal)	Each Seal placement
*For any class of concrete used for roadway barrier wall, the lot size is defined as 100 cubic yards, or one day's production, whichever is less.	

346-9.2.1 Reduced Frequency for Acceptance Tests: The LOT size may represent 100 cubic yards when produced at the same mix design at the same concrete production facility for the same prime contractor and subcontractor on a given Contract. Submit test results indicating the average compressive strength is greater than two standard deviations above the specified minimum strength for that class of concrete. Base calculations on a minimum of ten consecutive strength test results for a Class IV or higher; or a minimum of five consecutive strength results for a Class III or lower.

The average of the consecutive compressive strength test results, based on the class of concrete, can be established using historical data from a previous Department project. The tests from the previous Department project must be within the last 60 calendar days or may also be established by a succession of samples on the current project. Only one sample can be taken from each LOT. Test data must be from a laboratory meeting the requirements of Section 105. Obtain Department approval before beginning reduced frequency LOT's.

If at any time a strength test is not verified or the average strength of the previous ten or five consecutive samples based on the class of concrete from the same mix design and the same production facility is less than the specified minimum plus two standard deviations, return to the maximum production quantity represented by the LOT as defined in Table 8. Notify the Engineer that the maximum production rate is reinstated. In order to reinstate reduced frequency, submit a new set of strength test results.

SUBARTICLE 346-9.5 is deleted and the following substituted:

346-9.5 Resolution Procedure: The Department may initiate an IA review of sampling and testing methods. The resolution procedure may consist of, but need not be limited to, a review of sampling and testing of fresh concrete, calculation of water to cementitious materials ratio, handling of cylinders, curing procedures and compressive strength testing. Compare the Verification sample results with the verification hold cylinders results. ~~Comparison results must not be greater than 14%.~~ Compare the QC sample results with the QC hold cylinders results. Comparison results must not be greater than the comparison requirements in Table 7. Core samples of the hardened concrete may be required.

The Engineer will determine through the resolution procedure whether the QC strength test results or the verification strength test are deemed to be the most accurate, LOTS will then be considered to be verified. When the Engineer cannot determine which strength test results are the most accurate, the concrete represented by the four consecutive LOTs will be

evaluated based on the QC data. The Engineer will inform the QC and the Verification lab within three calendar days of the acceptance compressive strength test to transport their “hold” cylinders to the resolution lab. The QC and Verification laboratories will transport their own hold cylinder to the resolution testing laboratory within 72 hours after the Engineer notifies the Contractor that a resolution is required. In addition, the Engineer will ensure that the QC and verification “hold” cylinders are tested within seven calendar days of the acceptance strength tests.

The resolution investigation will determine the strength test results for each of the four or less LOTs. When the QC strength test results are deemed to be the most accurate, the QC strength test results will represent the four or less consecutive LOTs and the Department will pay for the resolution testing and investigation. When the verification strength test results are deemed to be the most accurate, the Department will assess a \$1,000 pay reduction for the cost of the Resolution Investigation.

The results of the resolution procedure will be forwarded to the Contractor within five working days after completion of the investigation. ~~If the Department finds deficiencies based on the Contractor’s QCP, the Engineer may suspend that part of the QCP. When the QC plan is suspended, submit corrective actions for approval to the Engineer. The Engineer may take up to five working days to review corrective actions to the QCP. The Engineer will not allow changes to contract time or completion dates. Incur all delay costs and other costs associated with QC plan suspension and re-approval.~~

SUBARTICLE 346-9.6 is deleted and the following substituted:

346-9.6 Small Quantities of Concrete: When a project has a total plan quantity of less than 50 cubic yards, that concrete will be accepted based on the satisfactory compressive strength of the QC cylinders. Provide certification to the Engineer that the concrete was batched and placed in accordance with the Contract Documents. Submit a ~~quality control QC Pp~~ plan for the concrete placement operation in accordance with Section 105. In addition, the Engineer may conduct Independent Verification (IV) testing as identified in 346-9. Evaluate the concrete in accordance with 346-10 at the discretion of the Engineer.