

ORIGINATION FORM
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

Contact the State Specifications Office for assistance in completing this form.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 17, 2014
TO: Specification Review Distribution List
FROM: Daniel Scheer, P.E., State Specifications Engineer
SUBJECT: Proposed Specification: **5480206 Retaining Wall Systems.**

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

The changes are proposed by Ben Watson of the State Materials Office to clarify exceptions to pH to restrict pH lower than 4.5 on permanent walls and allow pH as low as 3 on some temporary walls, provided no metal is in contact with the lower pH material.

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 15, 2014**, may not be considered. Your input is encouraged.

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Attachment

RETAINING WALL SYSTEMS
(REV 10-29-14)

SUBARTICLE 548-2.6.2 is deleted and the following substituted:

548-2.6.2 Compacted Select Backfill: Meet the requirements of Sections 105 and 120 except as noted within this Section. Have the backfill material tested for every soil type for pH, resistivity, sulfate and chloride content by a Department approved independent testing laboratory prior to placement. Provide certification to the Engineer that the results have met the requirements of this Section and are signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer, registered in the State of Florida.

The pH, as determined by FM 5-550, shall not be lower than 5.0 and not higher than 9.0. Sources of select backfill material having a pH between 4.5 and 5.0 for ~~wall utilizing metallic reinforcement~~ *permanent walls* and between 3.0 and ~~5.0~~ *5.0* for *temporary* walls utilizing geosynthetic reinforcement with no metallic elements or pipes placed within the backfill, as determined by FM 5-550, may be used provided the interior face of the MSE wall panels have three inches of concrete cover over the reinforcement and the concrete used in the panels contains the following ingredients and proportions:

1. The quantity of cement replaced with Type F fly ash is 10% to 20% by weight.
2. The quantity of cement replaced with slag is 50% to 60% by weight.
3. Portland cement is 30% by weight of total cementitious material.
4. The total weight of the Type F fly ash and slag does not exceed 70% of total cementitious material.

In lieu of the mix design described above, a mix design with a fast pozzolanic material meeting the requirements of 346-2.3(6) silica fume, metakaolin and ultrafine fly ash, can be substituted. Examples of mix designs meeting this requirement are:

1. 8% silica fume plus 20% fly ash
2. 10% metakaolin plus 20% fly ash.

Provide proper curing for these materials to prevent surface cracking.

Do not place metallic pipe in backfill materials having a pH less than 5.0.

In addition, for permanent walls utilizing metallic soil reinforcement, use backfill that meets the following electro-chemical test criteria for determining corrosiveness:

Criteria	Test Method
Resistivity: > 3000 ohm -cm	FM 5-551
Soluble sulfate content: < 200 PPM	FM 5-553
Soluble chloride content < 100 PPM	FM 5-552

For constructing the retaining wall volume, do not use backfill material containing more than 2.0% by weight of organic material, as determined by FM 1-T267 and by averaging the test results for three randomly selected samples from each stratum or stockpile of a particular material. If an individual test value of the three samples exceeds 3%, the stratum or stockpile will not be suitable for constructing the retaining wall volume.

Ensure that the material is non-plastic as determined by AASHTO T90 and the liquid limit as determined by AASHTO T89 is less than 15.

For walls using soil reinforcement, use backfill that meets the following gradation limits determined in accordance with AASHTO T27 and FM 1-T011:

Sieve Size	Percent Passing
3-1/2 inches	100
3/4 inch	70-100
No. 4	30-100
No. 40	15-100
No. 100	0-65
No. 200	0-12