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Khoa Nguyen
Director, Office of Technical Services
Federal Highway Administration
3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Re: State Specifications Office
Section **346**
Proposed Specification: **3460302 Portland Cement Concrete.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Amy Tootle of the State Construction Office to require all construction-related documentation to be submitted by electronic means for consistency with the State Construction Office e-Construction initiative.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to 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

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE.
(REV 10-16-15)

SUBARTICLE 346-3.2 is deleted and the following substituted:

346-3.2 Drilled Shaft Concrete: Notify the Engineer at least 48 hours before placing drilled shaft concrete. Obtain slump loss test results demonstrating that the drilled shaft concrete maintains a slump of at least 5 inches throughout the concrete elapsed time before drilled shaft concrete operations begin.

Obtain slump loss test results from an approved laboratory or from a field demonstration. Slump loss test results for drilled shafts requiring 30 cubic yards of concrete or less and a maximum elapsed time of five hours or less may be done in a laboratory. Obtain all other slump loss test results in the field. Technicians performing the slump test must be ACI Field Grade I qualified.

Ambient temperature conditions for placement of drilled shaft concrete for summer condition is 85° or higher, and below 85° for normal condition. Perform the slump loss test in one of the above ambient temperature conditions.

The concrete elapsed time is defined in Section 455. Obtain the Engineer's approval for use of slump loss test results including elapsed time before concrete placement begins.

Test each load of concrete for slump to ensure the slump is within the limits of 346. Initially cure acceptance cylinders for 48 hours before transporting to the laboratory.

If the elapsed time during placement exceeds the slump loss test data, [provide submit](#) an engineering analysis performed by a Professional Engineer, registered in the State of Florida, and knowledgeable in the area of foundations, to determine if the shaft is structurally sound and there are no voids in the drilled shaft concrete. At the direction of the Engineer, excavate the drilled shaft for inspection. Obtain approval from the Engineer before placing any additional shafts.

SUBARTICLE 346-3.3 is deleted and the following substituted:

346-3.3 Mass Concrete: When mass concrete is designated in the Contract Documents, use a Specialty Engineer to develop and administer a Mass Concrete Control Plan (MCCP). Develop the MCCP in accordance with Section 207 of the ACI Manual of Concrete Practice to ensure concrete core temperatures for any mass concrete element do not exceed the maximum allowable core temperature of 180°F and that the temperature differential between the element core and surface do not exceed the maximum allowable temperature differential of 35°F. Submit the MCCP to the Engineer for approval at least 14 days prior to the first anticipated mass concrete placement. Ensure the MCCP includes and fully describes the following:

1. Concrete mix design proportions,
2. Casting procedures,
3. Insulating systems,
4. Type and placement of temperature measuring and recording devices,
5. Analysis of anticipated thermal developments for the various mass concrete elements for all anticipated ambient temperature ranges,

6. Names and qualifications of all designees who will inspect the installation of and record the output of temperature measuring devices, and who will implement temperature control measures directed by the Specialty Engineer,

7. Measures to prevent thermal shock, and

8. Active cooling measures (if used).

Fully comply with the approved MCCP. The Specialty Engineer or approved designee shall personally inspect and approve the installation of temperature measuring devices and verify that the process for recording temperature readings is effective for the first placement of each size and type mass component. The Specialty Engineer shall be available for immediate consultation during the monitoring period of any mass concrete element. Record temperature measuring device readings at intervals no greater than six hours, beginning at the completion of concrete placement and continuing until decreasing core temperatures and temperature differentials are confirmed in accordance with the approved MCCP. Leave temperature control mechanisms in place until the concrete core temperature is within 50°F of the ambient temperature. Within three days of the completion of temperature monitoring, ~~provide~~ submit a report to the Engineer which includes all temperature readings, temperature differentials, data logger summary sheets and the maximum core temperature and temperature differentials for each mass concrete element.

Upon successful performance of the MCCP, reduced monitoring of similar elements may be requested. Submit any such requests to the Engineer for approval at least 14 days prior to the requested date of reduced monitoring. If approved, the Specialty Engineer may monitor only the initial element of concrete elements meeting all of the following requirements:

1. All elements have the same least cross sectional dimension,

2. All elements have the same concrete mix design,

3. All elements have the same insulation R value and active cooling

measures (if used), and

4. Ambient temperatures during concrete placement for all elements is

within minus 10°F or plus 5°F of the ambient temperature during placement of the initial element.

Install temperature measuring devices for all mass concrete elements. Resume the recording of temperature monitoring device output for all elements if directed by the Engineer. The Department will make no compensation, either monetary or time, for any impacts associated with reduced monitoring of mass concrete elements.

Mass concrete control provisions are not required for drilled shafts supporting sign, signal, lighting or intelligent transportation (ITS) structures. At the Contractor's option, instrumentation and temperature measuring may be omitted for any mass concrete substructure element meeting all of the following requirements:

1. Least cross sectional dimension of six feet or less,

2. Insulation R value of at least 2.5 provided for at least 72 hours

following the completion of concrete placement,

3. The environmental classification of the concrete element is Slightly

Aggressive or Moderately Aggressive,

4. The concrete mix design meets the mass concrete proportioning

requirements of 346-2.3, and

5. The total cementitious content of the concrete mix design is 750 lb/cy or less.

If either the maximum allowable core temperature or temperature differential of any mass concrete element is exceeded, implement immediate corrective action as directed by the Specialty Engineer to remediate. The approval of the M CCP shall be revoked. Do not place any mass concrete elements until a revised M CCP has been approved by the Engineer. Submit an analysis prepared by a Specialty Engineer to the Engineer for approval which addresses the structural integrity and durability of any mass concrete element which is not cast in compliance with the approved M CCP or which exceeds the allowable core temperature or temperature differential. ~~Provide~~ Submit all analyses and test results requested by the Engineer for any noncompliant mass concrete element to the satisfaction of the Engineer. The Department will make no compensation, either monetary or time, for the analyses and tests or any impacts upon the project.

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~~ Submit certification to the Engineer that the concrete was batched and placed in accordance with the Contract Documents. Submit a QC 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.

SUBARTICLE 346-10.1 is deleted and the following substituted:

346-10.1 General: When a concrete acceptance strength test result falls more than 500 psi below the specified minimum strength, and the Department determines that an investigation is necessary, make an investigation into the structural adequacy of the LOT of concrete represented by that acceptance strength test result at no additional expense to the Department. The Engineer may also require the Contractor to perform additional strength testing as necessary to determine structural adequacy of the concrete.

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