

**THIS MEMO IS EXPIRED**

**March 21, 2000**

**MEMORANDUM NO. 10-00**

**TO: DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS  
DISTRICT MATERIALS ENGINEERS**

**FROM: Greg Xanders, State Construction Engineer  
Tom Malerk, State Materials Engineer**

**COPIES: G. Page, R. Elliott, D. Townes**

**SUBJECT: QC 2000 ASPHALT TRAINING, ASPHALT PAVING**

Some confusion exists regarding the requirement for Level I and Level II asphalt paving qualification training. Although the training/qualification procedure is in draft form, it is highly recommended that each District follow the instructions contained in the draft procedure. One District announced in a Resident's meeting that some form of grandfathering would occur for previously qualified asphalt paving Technicians. This is **not true**. Approval of the procedure is expected at the April 20 Executive Committee meeting.

At the DCE teleconference on February 14, it was suggested that asphalt training could be taught in the Districts and proficiency exams be given by District Bituminous representatives. Further study and review of the asphalt paving qualification training with the DMEs, Materials Office and training staff make this an unworkable solution. Gale Page has outlined a better solution for resolving this issue in his March 6 memo (see attached copy). As outlined in the fourth paragraph of Gale's memo, "It does appear that this course can be presented at remote locations (other than the two training centers) in order to meet the anticipated demands for both training as well as the exams." This is the same recommendation that came from the District Construction Training Engineers meeting of February 10, 2000. In fact, several classes are already scheduled out in the districts. Additional classes can be requested by the DCTE.

If a District so chooses, an employee can elect to take the Level I paving written exam and proficiency exam and skip the classroom time. Electing to take the "exams only" is not recommended by the Central Office or Materials Office. The TRT continues to recommend a Level I and Level II asphalt paving training and qualification system. The Central Construction Office supports this position.

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Attachment**

