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**PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

**ROADWAY**

**SHOULDER GRADING:**

**Description**

The work covered by this provision consists of clipping high shoulders and reconstructing the earth shoulder in accordance with *Roadway Standard Drawing Nos. 560.01 and 560.02*, from the edge of pavement to the existing shoulder point as directed by the Engineer. Seeding and mulching shall be performed in accordance with Section 1660 of the *2006 Standard Specifications* and shall be considered incidental to the work performed. This work is to be performed in locations identified by the Engineer along the median shoulders.

**Materials**

The Contractor shall make use of the existing earth material along the shoulders such that no new earth material is required and no waste material is generated.

**Measurement and Payment**

*Shoulder Grading* will be measured and paid for as the actual number of shoulder miles that have been reconstructed. Measurement will be made along the edge of each shoulder. Measurement will be made to the nearest 0.01 of a mile. Such price and payment will be full compensation for grading, seeding and mulching, and all incidentals necessary to complete construction of the shoulders.

Payment will be made under:

<b>Pay Item</b>	<b>Pay Unit</b>
Shoulder Grading	Shoulder Mile

**REMOVAL OF EXISTING CONCRETE PAVEMENT SLABS:** (7-17-07)

**Description:**

The work covered by these provisions consists of removing existing concrete pavement slabs or partial slabs in accordance with the detail in the plans at locations as directed by the Engineer. The slab removal shall be performed in a manner to minimize damage to the adjacent slabs and underlying base material.

**Materials:**

Select Material, Class IV.....Section 1016  
Fabric for Soil Stabilization, Type 4 .....Section 1056

Construction:

The extent of slab removal shall be as directed by the Engineer, but in no case shall the minimum length of partial slabs, measured parallel to the centerline be less than 10 feet. Also with a partial slab removal, a minimum length of 10 feet of the existing slab shall be retained; otherwise, the entire slab shall be removed.

The slab or partial slab to be removed shall be sawed full depth on its sides adjacent to existing slabs, including existing transverse and longitudinal joints where applicable. When necessary to prevent shoulder damage, an additional cut shall be made in the adjacent shoulder joint. The defective slab shall be removed in a minimum of three (3) sections, with the middle section removed first in a manner to minimize damage of the adjacent slabs.

All existing unitube material, existing joint material, and debris shall be removed from the existing transverse and longitudinal joints, which are exposed by the slab removal before the slab is replaced. All loose underlying base material, earth material and/or subseal grout shall be undercut to sound well compacted base. This material will be considered undercut excavation.

The Contractor shall place Soil Stabilization Fabric and Select Material, Class IV in undercut areas. Where the required compacted thickness of Select Material, Class IV is 10" or less, the material may be spread and compacted in one layer. Where the required compacted thickness is more than 10", spread the material and compact in 2 or more approximately equal layers. Compact the material to a minimum thickness of approximately 4" for any one layer. Compact select material to 92% of AASHTO T180 as modified by the Department or to the highest density that can be reasonably obtained.

The Contractor shall place 9.5" high early strength concrete pavement in areas where the slab was removed. Join the proposed concrete pavement to the existing concrete pavement in accordance with Standard Drawing No. 700.05.

The Contractor may develop and submit an alternate method of slab removal for approval by the Engineer, which satisfactorily avoids damage to the adjacent slabs and underlying base material.

Method of Measurement:

The quantity of pavement removal, full slab or partial slab, will be the actual number of square yards removed and disposed of. The quantity will be determined by actual surface measurement of pavement prior to its removal.

Basis of Payment

The quantity of pavement removal measured as provided above will be paid for at the contract unit price per square yard for "Removal of Existing Concrete Pavement Slabs."

Select Material, Class IV will be measured and paid for at the contract unit price per ton and will be the actual number of tons of select material that has been incorporated into the completed and accepted work. The material will be measured by being weighed in trucks on certified platform scales or other certified weighing devices.

Fabric for Soil Stabilization will be measured and paid for in accordance with Section 270 of the Standard Specifications.

Undercut excavation will be measured and paid for in accordance with Section 225 of the Standard Specifications.

The 9.5" Portland Cement Concrete Pavement Through Lanes (With Dowels) will be measured and paid for in accordance with Section 710 of the Standard Specifications.

This price and payment will be full compensation for all work covered by this provision for furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment, sawing, removal and satisfactory disposal of the concrete, any underlying base material and/or subseal grout as directed.

Payment will be made under:

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
Removal of the Existing Concrete Pavement Slabs	Sq. Yard
Undercut Excavation	Cubic Yard
Fabric for Soil Stabilization	Sq. Yard
Select Material, Class IV	Ton
9.5" Portland Cement Concrete Pavement Through Lanes (with Dowels)	Sq. Yard

**SEALING EXISTING PAVEMENT CRACKS (Polymer Patch):**

(5-4-07)

SPI

**Description**

The Contractor shall prepare and clean the failing concrete and place the Fibrecrete or like material that meets the specifications in the areas designated by the Engineer and in accordance with proper placement as described by the manufacturer. The Contractor will not be required to seal the existing edge joints.

The crack and spall repair material shall be Fibrecrete or like material that meets the specifications as outlined under materials requirements. The crack repair/pavement restorations shall meet the requirements of this Special Provision.

All materials shall be delivered unopened in their original containers bearing the manufacturer's label, specifying date of manufacture, batch number, trade name brand, and quantity.

Sufficient material to perform the entire crack or spall repair application shall be in storage at the site or at the Contractors facility prior to any field preparation, so that there shall be no delay in procuring the material for each days application.

Stored materials may be inspected prior to their use and shall meet the requirements of these Special Provisions at the time of use.

Any material which is rejected because of failure to meet the required tests or that has been damaged so as to cause rejections, shall be immediately replaced by the Contractor at no additional cost to the Department.

Each shipment of Fibrecrete or like material that meets the specifications shall be accompanied by Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and a Certificate of Compliance certifying that the materials conform to the requirements of these Special Provisions.

### **Materials Requirements**

All materials shall meet the specifications as approved by the Engineer prior to use.

Material Data:

Specific Gravity	1.8
Application Temperature (degrees)	350°F to 392°F
Application Thickness	400 mils plus
Curing Time	10 – 40 minutes
Shelf Life	unlimited
Flash Point	446°F

### **Construction Requirements**

The Contractor shall prepare areas by removing any loose debris using a pavement breaker, by using a mechanical planer or as directed by the Engineer. When using a planer, the surface shall be milled out to a width and depth as directed by the Engineer. The recess is then cleaned and dried using hot compressed air to thoroughly prepare the surface, removing all debris and loose material. Use a concentrated hot air jet that is a minimum of 3000°F in temperature and that has a minimum air jet force of 3000 feet per second of blasting. Fibrecrete or like material shall be immediately poured or screeded to fill the recess and overlap the edges by 2 inches. While the compound is still molten, a preheated high P.S.V. aggregate is applied and then compacted to ensure that the finished repair is flush with the surrounding surface.

When repairing pot holes from 2" deep to full depth, that are not adjacent to or spanning the edge of pavement joints or cracks, Contractor will include 1/2 - 1" washed aggregate at the rate of no more than 50% of volume as directed by the Engineer. Then complete repair as previously stated.

**Measurement and Payment**

*Sealing Existing Pavement Cracks* will be measured and paid for as the actual number of pounds of material that has satisfactorily been used to seal pavement cracks in the designated highway.

Any material that has been spilled, used in excessive overbanding, wasted, misapplied, or unsatisfactorily used in any way will be deducted in determining quantities for payment. The Engineer will determine the quantity, if any, to be deducted. The Engineer's decision on the quantity to be deducted will be final and binding. The above price and payment will be full compensation for all work required to seal the pavement cracks including but not limited to furnishing, hauling, loading and unloading, and storage of all sealant materials; cleaning and preparation of cracks to be sealed; application of sealant material in the prepared cracks; any clean-up; and any incidentals necessary to satisfactorily complete the work.

Payment will be made under:

<b>Pay Item</b>	<b>Pay Unit</b>
Sealing Existing Pavement Cracks	Pound

**TYING PROPOSED CONCRETE PAVEMENT TO EXISTING CONCRETE****PAVEMENT:**

(7-1-95)

SP7 R05 (Revised)

Tie proposed concrete pavement on this project to existing concrete pavement using existing dowels. If the existing dowels are damaged, replace them in accordance with the following provision:

- (A) Drill holes in the existing concrete pavement 1/8" greater than the diameter of the dowel bar. After drilling, blow the hole out with air and allow to dry.
- (B) Next, place the cement grout or epoxy resin in the back of the dowel hole. The placement of grout can be achieved by using a flexible tube with a long nose that places the material in the back of the dowel hole; the placement of epoxy-type materials can be achieved by using a cartridge with a long nozzle that dispenses the material to the rear of the dowel hole.
- (C) Insert the dowel into the hole with a slight twisting motion so that the material in the back of the hole is forced up and around the dowel bar to ensure a uniform coating of the anchoring material over the dowel bar.
- (D) Place a thin nylon or plastic grout retention disk of at least 1/16" thickness manufactured to slip tightly over the dowel and against the slab face to prevent the anchoring material from flowing out of the hole, and to create an effective face at the entrance of the dowel hole.

No direct payment will be made for this work as such work will be included in the contract unit price for the concrete pavement being constructed.

**ASPHALT PAVEMENTS - SUPERPAVE:**

(7-18-06) (Rev 9-19-06)

R6 R01

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 6-2, Article 600-9 Measurement and Payment

Delete the second paragraph.

Page 6-12, 609-5(C)2(c) add after (AASHTO T 209):

*or ASTM D 2041*

Page 6-13, last line on page & Page 6-14, Subarticle 609-5(C)(2)(e), delete and substitute the following:

(e) Retained Tensile Strength (TSR) - (AASHTO T 283 Modified), add subarticle (1) Option 1 before the first paragraph.

(1) Option 1

Add subarticle (2) Option 2 and the following sentence as the first sentence of the second paragraph:

(2) Option 2

Mix sampled from truck at plant with one set of specimens prepared by the Contractor and then tested jointly by QA and QC at a mutually agreed upon lab site within the first 7 calendar days after beginning production of each new mix design.

Page 6-28, 610-3(A) Mix Design-General, third sentence of the fourth paragraph:

Substitute 20% for 15%

First, second and third sentences of the fifth paragraph:

Substitute 20% for 15%

Page 6-44, 610-8, third full paragraph, replace the first sentence with the following:

Use the 30 foot minimum length mobile grade reference system or the non-contacting laser or sonar type ski *with at least four referencing stations mounted on the paver at a minimum length of 24 feet* to control the longitudinal profile when placing the initial lanes and all adjacent lanes of all layers, including resurfacing and asphalt in-lays, unless otherwise specified or approved.

Page 6-54, Article 620-4, add the following pay item:

<b>Pay Item</b>	<b>Pay Unit</b>
Asphalt Binder for Plant Mix, Grade PG 70-28	Ton

Page 6-69, Table 660-1 **Material Application Rates and Temperatures**, add the following:

Type of Coat	Grade of Asphalt	Asphalt Rate gal/yd <sup>2</sup>	Application Temperature °F	Aggregate Size	Aggregate Rate lb./sq. yd. Total
Sand Seal	CRS-2 or CRS-2P	0.22-0.30	150-175	Blotting Sand	12-15

Page 6-75, 660-9(B), add the following as sub-item (5)

(5) Sand Seal

Place the fully required amount of asphalt material in one application and immediately cover with the seal coat aggregate. Uniformly spread the fully required amount of aggregate in one application and correct all non-uniform areas prior to rolling.

Immediately after the aggregate has been uniformly spread, perform rolling.

When directed, broom excess aggregate material from the surface of the seal coat.

When the sand seal is to be constructed for temporary sealing purposes only and will not be used by traffic, other grades of asphalt material meeting the requirements of Articles 1020-6 and 1020-7 may be used in lieu of the grade of asphalt required by Table 660-1 when approved.

Page 10-41, Table 1012-1, add the following:

Mix Type	Course Aggregate Angularity <sup>(b)</sup> ASTM D5821	Fine Aggregate Angularity % Minimum AASHTO T304 Method A	Sand Equivalent % Minimum AASHTO T176	Flat & Elongated 5:1 Ratio % Maximum ASTM D4791 Section 8.4
S 9.5 D	100/100	45	50	10

Page 10-45, Replace Table 1012-2 with the following:

**TABLE 1012-2**  
**NEW SOURCE RAP GRADATION and BINDER TOLERANCES**  
 (Apply Tolerances to Mix Design Data)

Mix Type	0-20% RAP			21-25% RAP			26%+ RAP		
	Base	Inter.	Surf.	Base	Inter.	Surf.	Base	Inter.	Surf.
Sieve (mm)									
P <sub>b</sub> , %		± 0.7%			± 0.4%			± 0.3%	
1 1/2" (37.5)	±10	-	-	±7	-	-	±5	-	-
3/4" (19.0)	±10	±10	-	±7	±7	-	±5	±5	-
1/2" (12.5)	-	±10	±6	-	±7	±3	-	±5	±2
3/8" (9.5)	-	-	±8	-	-	±5	-	-	±4
No. 4 (4.75)	±10	-	±10	±7	-	±7	±5	-	±5
No. 8 (2.36)	±8	±8	±8	±5	±5	±5	±4	±4	±4
No.16 (1.18)	±8	±8	±8	±5	±5	±5	±4	±4	±4
No. 30 (0.600)	±8	±8	±8	±5	±5	±5	±4	±4	±4
No. 50 (0.300)	-	-	±8	-	-	±5	-	-	±4
No. 200 (0.075)	±4	±4	±4	±2	±2	±2	±1.5	±1.5	±1.5

**ASPHALT BINDER CONTENT OF ASPHALT PLANT MIXES:**

(I-1-02)

R6 R15

The approximate asphalt binder content of the asphalt concrete plant mixtures used on this project will be as follows:

Asphalt Concrete Base Course	Type B 25.0	4.3 %
Asphalt Concrete Intermediate Course	Type I 19.0	4.7 %
Asphalt Concrete Surface Course	Type S 4.75A	7.0 %
Asphalt Concrete Surface Course	Type SF 9.5A	6.5 %
Asphalt Concrete Surface Course	Type S 9.5	6.0 %
Asphalt Concrete Surface Course	Type S 12.5	5.5 %

The actual asphalt binder content will be established during construction by the Engineer within the limits established in the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

**PRICE ADJUSTMENT - ASPHALT BINDER FOR PLANT MIX:**

(11-21-00)

R6 R25

Price adjustments for asphalt binder for plant mix will be made in accordance with Section 620 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

The base price index for asphalt binder for plant mix is \$ **310.00** per ton.

This base price index represents an average of F.O.B. selling prices of asphalt binder at supplier's terminals on **June 1, 2007**.

**RESURFACING EXISTING BRIDGES:**

(7-1-95)

R6 R61

The Contractor's attention is directed to the fact that he will be required to resurface the bridges on this project if directed by the Engineer.

Place the surface so as to follow a grade line set by the Engineer with the minimum thickness as shown on the sketch herein or as directed by the Engineer. State Forces will make all necessary repairs to the bridge floors prior to the time that the Contractor places the proposed surfacing. Give the Engineer at least 15 days notice prior to the expected time to begin operations so that State Forces will have sufficient time to complete their work.

At all bridges that are not to be resurfaced, taper out the proposed resurfacing layer adjacent to the bridges to insure a proper tie-in with the bridge surface.

**ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE xxx (Leveling Course):**

(7-1-95)

R6 R85

Place a leveling course of *Asphalt Concrete Surface Course, Type \_\_\_* at locations shown on the sketch maps and as directed by the Engineer. The rate of this leveling course is not established but will be determined by allowing the screed to *drag* the high points of the section. It is anticipated that some map numbers will be leveled from beginning to end while others may only require a leveling course for short sections.

The Asphalt Concrete Surface Course, Type \_\_\_ (Leveling Course) shall meet the requirements of Section 610 of the *Standard Specifications* except payment will be made at the contract unit price per ton for *Asphalt Concrete Surface Course, Type \_\_\_ (Leveling Course)*.

**AGGREGATE PRODUCTION:**

(11-20-01) (Rev. 11-21-06)

R10 R05

Provide aggregate from a producer who uses the current Aggregate Quality Control/Quality Assurance Program which is in effect at the time of shipment.

No price adjustment is allowed to contractors or producers who use the program. Participation in the program does not relieve the producer of the responsibility of complying with all requirements of the *2006 Standard Specifications*. Copies of this procedure are available upon request from the Materials and Test Unit.

**CONCRETE BRICK AND BLOCK PRODUCTION:**

(11-20-01) (Rev. 11-21-06)

R10 R10

Provide concrete brick and block from a producer who uses the current Solid Concrete Masonry Brick/Unit Quality Control/Quality Assurance Program that is in effect on the date that material is received on the project.

No price adjustment is allowed to contractors or producers who use the program. Participation in the program does not relieve the producer of the responsibility of complying with all requirements of the *2006 Standard Specifications*. Copies of this procedure are available upon request from the Materials and Test Unit.

**AGGREGATES FOR ASPHALT PAVEMENTS AND SURFACE TREATMENTS**

**(Ultra-Thin):**

(7-18-06)

R10 R15

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 10-40, Subarticle 1012-1(A), add the following at the end of the last paragraph, last sentence:

or ultra-thin bonded wearing course.

Page 10-41, Table 1012-1, add the following as the last row of the Table:

<i>UBWC</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>10</i>
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Page 10-42, Subarticle 1012-1(B)(6), add as the last sentence:

The percentage loss for aggregate used in UBWC shall be no more than 35%.

**QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR ASPHALT PAVEMENTS:**

**(OGAFC, PADFC, and ULTRATHIN HMA Version)**

(3-22-07)

SPI

**Description**

Produce and construct Open Graded Asphalt Friction Course, Permeable Asphalt Drainage Course, and Ultrathin Hot Mix Asphalt Concrete Wearing Surface asphalt mixtures and pavements. All materials and work shall conform to Division 6 of the *2006 Standard Specifications* except as modified herein. Perform all applicable quality control activities in accordance with the Department's *Hot Mix Asphalt Quality Management System (HMA/QMS) Manual* unless otherwise approved.

**Description of Responsibilities****(A) Quality Control (QC)**

Provide and conduct a quality control program. A quality control program is defined as all activities, including mix design, process control inspection, plant and equipment calibration, sampling and testing, and necessary adjustments in the process that are related to production of a pavement which meets all requirements of the Specifications.

**(B) Quality Assurance (QA)**

The Department will conduct a quality assurance programs. A quality assurance program is defined as all activities, including inspection, sampling, and testing related to determining that the quality of the completed pavement conforms to specification requirements.

**Mix Design/Job Mix Formula Requirements**

All mix design and job mix formula requirements of Article 661-2 of the *2006 Standard Specifications* and the contract documents shall apply. In addition, submit Superpave gyratory compactor printouts for all specimens required to be compacted during the mix design process.

**Field Verification Of Mixture And Job Mix Formula Adjustments**

Conduct field verification of the mix at each plant within 30 calendar days prior to initial production of each mix design, when required by the Allowable Mix Adjustment Policy, and when directed as deemed necessary.

Field verification testing consists of performing a minimum of 1 test series on mix sampled and tested in accordance *Required Sampling and Testing Frequencies*. Obtain the mix verification sample and split in accordance with the Department's *HMA/QMS Manual*. Do not begin normal plant production until all field verification test results have been completed and the mix has been satisfactorily verified by the Contractor's Level II Technician. Verification is considered satisfactory when the mix meets all applicable individual test control limits as specified elsewhere in these provisions, except that the drain down test will meet the requirements as specified in Section 661 of the *2006 Standard Specifications* for the applicable mix type.

In addition to the required sampling and testing for field verification, perform all preliminary inspections and plant calibrations as shown in the *HMA/QMS Manual*.

Retain records of these calibrations and mix verification tests, including Superpave Gyratory Compactor (SGC) printouts, at the QC laboratory. In addition, furnish copies, including SGC printouts, to the Engineer for review and approval within 1 working day after beginning production of the mix.

Conduct the initial mix verification of all new mix designs with the plant set up to produce the aggregate blend and binder content in accordance with the initially approved job mix formula (JMF). If the Contractor and/or the Engineer determine from results of quality control tests conducted during mix verification that adjustments to the job mix formula are necessary to achieve specified mix properties, adjustments to the JMF may be made within tolerances permitted by specifications for the mix type being produced, subject to approval. All JMF adjustments will be approved and documented in writing by the Engineer.

Failure by the Contractor to fully comply with the above mix verification requirements will result in immediate production stoppage by the Engineer. Do not resume normal production until all mix verification sampling, testing, calibrations, and plant inspections have been performed and approved. Any mix produced that is not verified may be assessed a price reduction at the Engineer's discretion in addition to any reduction in pay due to mix and/or surface deficiencies.

### **Contractor's Quality Control System**

#### **(A) Personnel Requirements**

Obtain all certifications in accordance with the Department's QMS Asphalt Technician Certification Program as shown in the *HMA/QMS Manual*. Perform all sampling, testing, data analysis and data posting by or under the direct supervision of a certified QMS Asphalt Plant Technician.

Provide a certified Asphalt Plant Technician Level I to perform quality control operations and activities at each plant site at all times during production of material for the project. A plant operator who is a certified Asphalt Plant Technician Level I may be utilized to meet this requirement when daily production for each mix design is less than 100 tons provided the randomly scheduled increment sample is not within that tonnage. When performing in this capacity, the plant operator will be responsible for all quality control activities that are necessary and required. Absences of the Level I Technician, other than those for normal breaks and emergencies, shall be pre-approved by the appropriate QA Supervisor or his designated representative. Any extended absence of the Technician that has not been approved will result in immediate suspension of production by the Engineer. All mix produced during this absence will be accepted in accordance with Article 105-3 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

Provide and have readily available a certified Asphalt Plant Technician Level II to supervise, coordinate, and make any necessary adjustments in the mix quality control process in a timely manner. The Level II Technician may serve in a dual capacity and fulfill the Level I Technician requirements specified.

Provide a certified QMS Roadway Technician with each paving operation at all times during placement of asphalt. This person is responsible for monitoring all roadway paving operations and all quality control processes and activities, to include stopping production or implementing corrective measures when warranted.

Post in the quality control laboratory an organizational chart, including names, telephone numbers and current certification numbers of all personnel responsible for the quality control program while asphalt paving work is in progress.

#### **(B) Field Laboratory Requirements**

Furnish and maintain a Department certified laboratory at the plant site. A minimum of 320 square feet of floor space (exclusive of toilet facilities), equipment, and supplies necessary for performing Contractor quality control testing is required. Provide convenient telephone and fax machine access for QMS personnel at the plant site.

Provide testing equipment meeting the requirements of the test methods herein identified. Provide equipment that is properly calibrated and maintained. Allow all measuring and testing devices to be inspected to confirm both calibration and condition. If at any time the Engineer determines that the equipment is not operating properly or is not within the limits of dimensions or calibration described in the applicable test method, the Engineer may stop production until corrective action is taken. Maintain and have available a record of all calibration results at the laboratory.

(C) Plant Mix Quality Control

(1) General

Include in the quality control process the preliminary inspections, plant calibrations and field verification of the mix and JMF. In addition, conduct at a minimum but not limited to, the sampling, testing, and determination of all parameters outlined in these provisions using test methods and minimum frequencies as specified herein. Perform additional sampling and testing when conditions dictate. Obtain, split, and retain all scheduled samples at randomly selected locations in accordance with the Department's *HMA/QMS Manual*, except as modified below. Log all samples taken on forms provided by the Department. Provide documentation. Identify any additional quality control samples taken and tested at times other than the regularly scheduled random samples or directed samples that take the place of regularly scheduled as process control (PC) samples on the appropriate forms. Process Control test results shall not be plotted on control charts nor reported to Quality Assurance Laboratory.

Obtain minimum 25 lb. samples for PADC and Ultrathin HMA. Split and retain in accordance with procedures in the Department's *HMA/QMS Manual*. For OGAFC Types FC-1, FC-1 Modified and FC-2 Modified, obtain minimum 1500-2000 gram samples each for QC, QA, and for retained samples. OGAFC QC samples shall be tested immediately. Place QA samples and retained samples of OGAFC in lubricated gill cans and store for possible testing in accordance with the procedures established below.

Retain the untested split portion of quality control aggregate and mix samples and the tested TSR specimens for 5 calendar days at the plant site, commencing the day the samples are tested. Permission for disposal may be given by Quality Assurance personnel prior to these minimum storage periods. Retain the split portion of the Contractor's mix verification and referee mix samples until either procured by or permission for disposal is given by QA. Store all retained samples in a dry and protected location.

(2) Required Sampling and Testing Frequencies

All mix sampling, testing, data analysis and data posting shall be performed or directly supervised by a certified QMS Asphalt Plant Technician.

Maintain minimum test frequencies as established in the schedule below. Complete all tests within 24 hours of the time the sample is taken, unless specified otherwise within these provisions. Should the specified tests not be completed within the required time frame, cease production at that point until such time the tests are completed.

Should the Contractor's testing frequency fail to meet the minimum frequency requirements as specified, all mix without the specified test representation will be considered unsatisfactory. If the Engineer allows the mix to remain in place, payment will be made at 50 percent of the contract unit bid price for the mixture.

If desired, innovative equipment or techniques not addressed by these specifications to produce or monitor the production of mix may be utilized, subject to approval.

#### Quality Control Minimum Sampling and Testing Schedule

Sample and test the completed mixture from each mix design (OGAFC and Ultrathin HMA) or job mix formula (PADC) at the following minimum frequency during mix production:

<u>Accumulative Production Increment</u>	<u>Number of Samples per Increment</u>
500 tons	1

If production is discontinued or interrupted before the accumulative production increment tonnage is completed, continue the increment on the next production day(s) until the increment tonnage is completed. Obtain a random sample within the specified increment at the location determined in accordance with the Department's *HMA/QMS Manual*. Conduct quality control sampling and testing on each random sample as scheduled below. When daily production of each mix design exceeds 100 tons and a regularly scheduled test series random sample location for that mix design is not reached during that day's production, perform a test series as scheduled below. This test series does not substitute for the regularly scheduled random sample for that increment.

Perform the following test series on all regularly scheduled random samples:

Asphalt Mixture - Sampled From Truck at Plant (AASHTO T-168 Modified) (Split Sample Required)

- (a) Asphalt Binder Content, % (Contractor may select either option below)
  1. Ignition Furnace (AASHTO T 308 Modified)
  2. Other (Contractor may request and use other means of determining percent asphalt binder subject to approval by the Engineer)
- (b) Gradation on Recovered Blended Aggregate from Mix Sample (AASHTO T-30 Modified) (Graded on all sieves specified on the job mix formula.)

In addition to the above schedule, conduct the following sampling and testing as indicated:

- (a) Aggregate Stockpile Gradations (AASHTO T 27 and T 11) (Sampled from stockpiles or cold feed system as follows; split samples not required)
1. Coarse Aggregates (Approved Standard Sizes)
    - a. At beginning of production\*
    - b. Weekly thereafter\*
  2. Fine Aggregates (Stone Screenings, Natural Sands, Etc.)
    - a. At or within 1 week prior to mix verification (Gradations valid for multiple mix designs).
    - b. Weekly after mix verification \*
    - c. Anytime production is stopped due to plant mix gradation related problems.
  3. Reclaimed Asphalt Shingle Material (RAS) Binder Content and Gradation (AASHTO T 308 Modified or T 164 and AASHTO T 30 Modified) (sample from stockpiles or cold feed system at beginning of production and weekly thereafter). Have RAS approved for use in accordance with Article 1012-1 (F). (Split Sample Required)

\*In lieu of the aggregate stockpile gradations performed by QC personnel, gradation quality control data conducted by the aggregate producer, which is representative of the Contractor's current stockpiles, may be furnished.

- (b) Combined Aggregate Moisture Content (AASHTO T 255) Drum Plant Only (sampled from stockpiles or cold feed system a minimum of once daily).
- (c) Asphalt Drain Down Test Procedure, AASHTO T 305; Copy of procedure may be obtained from the M & T Asphalt Design Engineer. Mix sampled from truck at plant within the first day's production and weekly thereafter. **Note:** Drain Down Test not required for Permeable Asphalt Drainage Course.
- (d) Retained Tensile Strength (TSR) - (AASHTO T 283 Modified)  
**Note:** TSR only required for Ultrathin HMA.
1. Option 1  
 Mix sampled from truck at plant, tested, and results furnished to the Engineer within seven (7) calendar days after beginning production of each new mix design. From the split sample, QC will prepare and submit within 5 calendar days of the sample date, an additional set of specimens to the QA Lab for TSR testing (Split Sample Required).
  2. Option 2  
 Mix sampled from truck at plant with one set of specimens prepared by the Contractor and then tested jointly by QA and QC at a mutually agreed upon lab site within the first seven (7) calendar days after beginning production of each new mix design. Specimens shall be tested on either a recording test press or a test

press that maintains the peak load reading after the specimen has broken.

Additional TSR testing required prior to mix production in accordance with above procedures is required when a change is made in anti-strip additive dosage or when a new anti-strip additive source or grade is utilized, unless otherwise approved. Other TSR test(s) may be directed as deemed necessary. TSR testing not required for mix verification, but may be performed at that time.

(3) Control Charts

Maintain standardized control charts furnished by the Department at the field laboratory. For mix incorporated into the project, record test data from all regularly scheduled random samples or directed samples which replace regularly scheduled random samples, on control charts the same day the tests results are obtained. Process Control (PC) test results shall not be plotted on control charts nor reported to Quality Assurance Laboratory.

Results of quality assurance tests performed by the Engineer will be posted on the Contractor's control charts as data becomes available.

Record the following data on the standardized control charts:

(a) Aggregate Gradation Test Results:

1. 1/2" (Types P57 & FC-2 Mod. Only)
2. 3/8" (Excluding Type P57)
3. No. 4
4. No. 8
5. No. 200 Sieves

(b) Binder Content, %,  $P_b$

Both the individual test values and the moving average of the last 4 data points shall be plotted on each chart. The Contractor's test data shall be shown in black and the moving average in red. The Engineer's assurance data will be plotted in blue. Denote the warning control limits with a dash green line, the moving average control limits with a dashed blue line, and individual test limits with a dash red line.

Maintain a continuous moving average with the following exceptions. Re-establish a new moving average only when:

1. A change in the binder percentage or aggregate blend is made in the JMF, or,
2. When the Contractor elects to stop or is required to stop production after one or two moving average values, respectively, fall outside the warning limits or,
3. If failure to stop production after two consecutive moving averages exceed the warning limits occurs, but production does stop at a subsequent time, re-establish a new moving average beginning at the actual production stop point.

In addition, re-establish the moving averages for all mix properties. Moving averages will not be re-established when production stoppage occurs due to an individual test result exceeding the individual test limits and/or specifications.

All individual test results for regularly scheduled samples or directed samples which replace regularly scheduled samples are part of the plant quality control record and shall be included in moving average calculations with the following exception. When the Contractor's testing data has been proven incorrect, use the correct data as determined by the Engineer in lieu of the Contractor's data to determine the appropriate pay factor. In this case, replace the data in question and any related data proven incorrect.

(4) Control Limits

The following are established as control limits for mix production. Control limits for the warning and moving average limits are based on a moving average of the last 4 data points. Apply all control limits to data given on the job mix formula.

Mix Control Criteria	Control Limits, %		
	Warning	Moving Average	Individual Test
Asphalt Binder Content	+/-0.3	+/-0.5	+/-0.7
1/2" Sieve (Types P57 & FC-2 Mod)	+/-4.0	+/-5.0	+/-8.0
3/8" Sieve (Excluding Type P57)	+/-4.0	+/-5.0	+/-8.0
No. 4 Sieve	+/-4.0	+/-5.0	+/-8.0
No. 8 Sieve	+/-4.0	+/-5.0	+/-8.0
No. 200 Sieve	+/-1.5	+/-2.0	+/-2.5
TSR (Ultrathin Only)	N/A	N/A	15%

(5) Warning Bands

Warning bands are defined as the area between the warning limits and moving average limits

(6) Corrective Actions

All required corrective actions are based upon initial test results and shall be taken immediately upon obtaining those results. In the event situations occur which warrant more than one corrective action and/or adjustment, give precedence to the more severe of these actions. Stopping production when required takes precedence over all other corrective actions. Document all corrective actions.

Immediately cease production and immediately notify the Engineer when any of the following occur:

- (a) When an individual test result for a mix control criteria exceeds both the individual test control limits and the applicable specification design criteria, or,
- (b) When two consecutive field TSR values fail to meet the minimum specification requirement, or,
- (c) When two consecutive binder content test results exceed the individual limits.

Do not resume normal plant production until one of the following has occurred:

- (a) Option 1 - Approval has been granted by the appropriate QA Supervisor.
- (b) Option 2 - The mix in question has been satisfactorily verified. Normal production may resume based on the approval of the contractor's Level II technician, provided notification and the verification test results have been furnished to the QA Laboratory.

Failure to fully comply with one of the above provisions will result in immediate production stoppage by the Engineer. Normal production shall not then resume until a complete reverification process has been performed and approved by the Engineer.

Acceptance of all mix failing to meet the individual test control or minimum TSR requirements as described above will be determined in accordance with Article 105-3. In addition, any mix, which is deemed unacceptable, will be rejected for use in the work.

Failure to stop production when required due to an individual mix test not meeting the specified requirements shall subject all mix from the stop point tonnage to the point when the next individual test is back on or within the warning limits, or to the tonnage point when production is actually stopped, whichever occurs first, to being considered unacceptable.

Failure to stop production when required due to two consecutive TSR tests failing to meet the specification requirements will subject all mix from the stop point tonnage to the point when the next TSR test meets or exceeds the specification requirement, or to the tonnage point when production is actually stopped, whichever occurs first, to being considered unacceptable.

In either case, remove and replace this mix with materials that comply with the specifications at no additional costs to the Department, unless otherwise approved. Payment will be made for the actual quantities of materials required to replace the removed quantities, not to exceed the original amounts.

Immediately notify the Engineer when any moving average value exceeds the warning limit. If two consecutive moving average values for any one of the mix control criteria fall outside the warning limits, cease production of that mix and make adjustments. The Contractor may elect to stop production after only one moving average value falls outside the warning limits. In either case, do not determine a new moving average until the fourth test after the elective or mandatory stop in production.

Do not resume normal plant production until one of the following has occurred:

- (a) Option 1 - Approval has been granted by the appropriate QA Supervisor.
- (b) Option 2 - The mix in question has been satisfactorily verified. Normal production may resume based on the approval of the contractor's Level II technician, provided notification and the verification test results have been furnished to the QA Laboratory.

Failure to fully comply with one of the above provisions will result in immediate production stoppage by the Engineer. Normal production shall not then resume until a complete reverification process has been performed and approved by the Engineer.

If the process adjustment improves the property in question such that the moving average after four additional tests is on or within the warning limits, the Contractor may continue production with no reduction in payment.

If the adjustment does not improve the property in question such that the moving average after four additional individual tests stays in the warning bands, the mix will be considered not to be within reasonably close conformity, but reasonably acceptable. Reduced payment for the mix in question will be applied starting from the plant sample tonnage at the stop point to the sample tonnage when the moving average is on or within the warning limits in accordance with the following table.

**Payment for Mix Produced in the Warning Bands**

<b>Mix Property</b>	<b>Pay Factor Percent Bid Price for Mix**</b>
1/2" Sieve (Types P57 & FC-2 Mod. Only)	90
3/8" (Excluding Type P57)	90
No. 4	90
No. 8	90
No. 200	90
Asphalt Binder Content	85

\*\* When two or more properties are in question, only the lower pay factor will be applied to the mix unit bid price.

If the adjustment does not improve the property in question such that the moving average after four additional tests exceeds the moving average control limits, the mix will be considered not to be within reasonably close conformity with specifications. If the Engineer determines the mix is reasonably acceptable based on test data and an inspection of the completed pavement and allows it to remain in place, the mix will be accepted in accordance with Article 105-3. If the mix is determined to be unacceptable, the mix will be removed and replaced with materials that comply with the specifications. In either case, the adjustment or removal, respectively, for the mix in question will be applied starting from the plant sample tonnage at the stop point to the sample tonnage when the moving average is on or within the warning limits. In addition, any mix that is deemed unacceptable will be rejected for use in the work.

Failure to stop production and make adjustments when required due to two consecutive moving average values falling outside the warning limits will subject all mix produced from the stop point tonnage to the tonnage point when the moving average is back on or within the warning limits or to the tonnage point when production is actually stopped, whichever occurs first, to being considered unacceptable. Remove this material and replaced with materials which comply with the specifications at no additional costs to the Department, unless otherwise approved. Payment will be made for the actual quantities of materials required to replace the removed quantities, not to exceed the original amounts.

## (7) Allowable Retesting for Mix Deficiencies

The Contractor may elect to resample and retest for plant mix deficiencies when individual QC test(s) exceed one or more mix property target(s) by more than the tolerances indicated below. Perform the retesting within 10 days after initial test results are determined. Retesting shall be approved prior to being performed and in accordance with the Department's Guidelines for Retests of Plant Mix Deficiencies as shown in the *HMA/QMS Manual*. The Contractor, under the supervision of the Department's QA personnel will perform these retests. Retests for any mix deficiency other than as listed below will not be allowed unless otherwise permitted. Acceptance of the mix in question will be based on the retest data in accordance with Article 105-3.

The Department reserves the right to require the Contractor to resample and retest at any time or location as directed.

(a) % Binder Content	--	by more than +/- 1.0%
(b) 1/2" Sieve (Types P 57 & FC-2 Mod)	--	by more than +/- 9.0%
(c) 3/8" Sieve (Excluding Type P 57)	--	by more than +/- 9.0%
(d) No. 4 sieve	--	by more than +/- 9.0%
(e) No. 8 sieve	--	by more than +/- 9.0%
(f) No. 200 sieve	--	by more than +/- 3.0%
(g) TSR (Ultrathin only)	--	by more by more than -15% from Specification limit

## (8) Documentation (Records)

Document all quality control observations, records of inspection, samples taken, adjustments to the mix, and test results on a daily basis. Note the results of observations and records of inspection as they occur in a permanent field record. Record adjustment to mix production and test results on forms provided.

Identify any additional quality control samples taken and tested at times other than the regularly scheduled random samples or directed samples which take the place of regularly scheduled as process control (PC) samples on the appropriate forms. Process Control test results shall not be plotted on control charts nor reported to Quality Assurance Laboratory. Process control sample test results are for the Contractor's informational purposes only.

Make all such records available to the Engineer, upon request, at any time during project construction. Complete all QC records and forms and distribute in accordance with the most current edition of the Department's *HMA/QMS Manual*. Maintain all QC records, forms and equipment calibrations for a minimum of 3 years from their completion date. Failure to maintain QC records and forms as required, or to provide these records and forms to the Engineer upon request, may result in production and/or placement stoppage until the problem is resolved.

Falsification of test results, documentation of observations, records of inspection, adjustments to the process, discarding of samples and/or test results, or any other deliberate misrepresentation of the facts will result in the revocation of the applicable person's QMS certification. The Engineer will determine acceptability of the mix and/or pavement represented by the falsified results or documentation. If the mix and/or pavement in question is determined to be acceptable, the Engineer may allow the mix to remain in place at no pay for the mix, asphalt binder and other mix components. If the mix and/or pavement represented by the falsified results are determined not to be acceptable, remove and replace with mix that complies with the Specifications. Payment will be made for the actual quantities of materials required to replace the falsified quantities, not to exceed the original amounts.

### **Quality Assurance**

The Department's quality assurance program will be conducted by a certified QMS technician(s) and will be accomplished in the following ways:

#### **Plant Mix Quality Assurance**

- (A) By conducting assurance testing of split samples obtained by the Contractor at a frequency equal to or greater than 5% of the frequency required of the Contractor;
- (B) By periodically observing sampling and testing procedures performed by the Contractor;
- (C) By monitoring required control charts exhibiting test results of control parameters;
- (D) By directing the Contractor to take additional samples at any time and any location during production (in lieu of the next scheduled random sample for that increment);
- (E) By conducting verification sampling and testing on samples taken independently of the Contractor's quality control samples at a frequency equal to or greater than 10% of the QC sample frequency; or
- (F) By any combination of the above

The Engineer will periodically obtain quality assurance and verification samples for testing independently of the Contractor's quality control process. The Engineer will conduct assurance tests on both split QC samples taken by the Contractor and verification samples taken by the Department. These samples may be the regular quality control samples or a sample selected by the Engineer from any location in the process, or verification samples taken at random by the Department. The Engineer may select any or all split samples for assurance testing.

Results of quality assurance tests will be provided to the Contractor within 3 working days after the sample has been obtained, except for verification TSR test results which will be provided within 7 calendar days.

Limits of Precision

Differences between the Contractor's and the Department's split sample test results will be considered acceptable if within the following limits of precision:

<b>Mix Property</b>	<b>Acceptable Limits of Precision</b>
Asphalt Binder Content	±0.5 %
1/2" Sieve (Types P 57 & FC-2 Mod. Only)	±6.0 %
3/8" Sieve (Excluding Type P 57)	±5.0 %
No. 4 Sieve	±5.0 %
No. 8 Sieve	±5.0 %
No. 200 Sieve	±2.0 %
TSR (Ultrathin HMA Only)	±15.0 %

The Engineer will immediately investigate the reason for differences if any of the following occur:

- (A) QA test results of QC split sample does not meet above limits of precision, or
- (B) QA test results of QC split sample does not meet the individual test control limits or the specification requirements, or
- (C) QA verification sample test results exceed the allowable retesting tolerances.

If the potential for a pavement failure exist, the Engineer may suspend production, wholly or in part, in accordance with Article 108-7 while the investigation is in progress. The Engineer's investigation may include, but not be limited to the following:

- (A) Joint testing of any remaining split samples,
- (B) Review and observation of the QC technician's sampling and testing procedures,
- (C) Evaluation and calibration of QC testing equipment, and/or
- (D) Comparison testing of other retained quality control samples

If additional mix samples or core samples are necessary to resolve the difference, these samples will be taken as directed and tested jointly by the Contractor's quality control and Department's quality assurance personnel. If reasons for the difference cannot be determined, payment for the mix in question will be determined in accordance with Article 105-3. If the reason for the difference is determined to be an error or other discrepancy in the quality control test results, the applicable quality assurance test results or verification test results will be used to determine compliance with the applicable mix specification requirements.

The Engineer will periodically witness the sampling and testing being performed by the Contractor. If the Engineer observes that the sampling and quality control tests are not being performed in accordance with the applicable test procedures, the Engineer may stop production until corrective action is taken. The Engineer will promptly notify the Contractor of observed deficiencies, both verbally and in writing. The Engineer will document all witnessed samples and tests.

**Acceptance**

The Engineer will base final acceptance of the mix on the results of random testing made on split samples during the assurance process and validation of the Contractor's quality control process.

**Measurement and Payment**

Produce and construct all asphalt mixtures and pavements in accordance with these Specifications. There will be no direct payment for work covered by this specification. Payment at the contract unit prices for the various asphalt items will be full compensation for all work covered by these specifications.

**PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE (Alkali-Silica Reaction):**

2-20-07

R10 R16

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Article 1024-1(A), replace the 2nd paragraph with the following:

Certain combinations of cement and aggregate exhibit an adverse alkali-silica reaction. The alkalinity of any cement, expressed as sodium-oxide equivalent, shall not exceed 1.0 percent. For mix designs that contain non-reactive aggregates and cement with an alkali content less than 0.6%, straight cement or a combination of cement and fly ash, cement and ground granulated blast furnace slag or cement and microsilica may be used. The pozzolan quantity shall not exceed the amount shown in Table 1024-1. For mixes that contain cement with an alkali content between 0.6% and 1.0%, and for mixes that contain a reactive aggregate documented by the Department, regardless of the alkali content of the cement, use a pozzolan in the amount shown in Table 1024-1.

Obtain the list of reactive aggregates documented by the Department at:<http://www.ncdot.org/doh/operations/materials/pdf/quarryasrprob.pdf>

<b>Pozzolans for Use in Portland Cement Concrete</b>	
<i>Pozzolan</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Class F Fly Ash	20% by weight of required cement content, with 1.2 lbs Class F fly ash per lb of cement replaced
Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag	35%-50% by weight of required cement content with 1 lb slag per lb of cement replaced
Microsilica	4%-8% by weight of required cement content, with 1 lb microsilica per lb of cement replaced

**GLASS BEADS:**

(7-18-06)

R10 R35

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 10-223, 1087-4(C) Gradation & Roundness

Replace the second sentence of the first paragraph with the following:

*All Drop-On and Intermixed Glass Beads shall be tested in accordance with ASTM D1155.*

Delete the last paragraph.

**ENGINEERING FABRICS TABLE 1056-1:**

(7-18-06)

R10 R40

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 10-100, Table 1056-1, replace the values for Trapezoidal Tear Strength with the following:

Physical Property	ASTM Test Method	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3		Type 4
Typical Applications		Shoulder Drain	Under Riprap	Class A Temporary Silt Fence	Class B	Soil Stabilization
Trapezoidal Tear Strength	D4533	45 lb	75 lb	--	--	75 lb

**CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGNS**

(11-21-06)

R11 R11

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 11-9, Article 1120-3, Replace the 3rd sentence with the following:

Sign operator will adjust flash rate so that no more than two messages will be displayed and be legible to a driver when approaching the sign at the posted speed.

**PAVEMENT MARKING LINES MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT:**

(11-21-06)

R12 R01

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 12-14, Subarticle 1205-10, delete the first sentence of the first paragraph and replace with the following:

*Pavement Marking Lines* will be measured and paid for as the actual number of linear feet of pavement marking lines per application that has been satisfactorily placed and accepted by the Engineer.