PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS

ROADWAY

CLEARING AND GRUBBING – METHOD II:

(9-17-02) SP2 R01

Perform clearing on this project to the limits established by Method "II" shown on Standard No. 200.02 of the *2006 Roadway Standard Drawings*.

BUILDING AND UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REMOVAL:

(1-1-02) (Rev.6-21-05) SP2 R15

Building Removal

Remove the buildings and appurtenances listed below in accordance with Section 215 of the *2006 Standard Specifications* and the following:

Prior to removal of any building, comply with the notification requirements of *Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 61, Subpart M, which are applicable to asbestos. Give notification to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Epidemiology Branch and/or the appropriate county agency when the county performs enforcement of the Federal Regulation. Submit a copy of the notification to the Engineer prior to the building removal.

Perform removal and disposal of asbestos in accordance with the requirements of *Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations*; comply with all Federal, State and local regulations when performing building removal and/or asbestos removal and disposal. Any fines resulting from violations of any regulation are the sole responsibility of the Contractor and the Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Department against any assessment of such fines.

The Department has performed asbestos assessments for building items identified below. Copies of this report may be obtained through the Division Right-of-Way Agent. When asbestos is discovered after the opening of bids for the project, the Engineer may have the work performed by others or the cost of asbestos removal and disposal will be paid for in accordance with Article 104-7 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*. When a building has had or will have asbestos removed and the Contractor elects to remove the building such that it becomes a public area, the Contractor is responsible for any additional costs incurred including final air monitoring.

Underground Storage Tank Removal

Prior to removal of any Underground Storage Tank (UST), comply with the notification requirements of the *Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 280.71(a). Give notification to the appropriate regional office of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Waste Management, UST Section. Submit a copy of the notification to the Engineer prior to the removal of the underground storage tank.

Permanently close UST systems by removal and disposal in compliance with the regulations set forth in *Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 280.71 and *North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC)* Title 15A, Chapter 2, Subchapter 2N and any applicable local regulations. Assess Underground Storage Tank sites at closure for the presence of contamination as required in *NCAC* Title 15A, Chapter 2, Subchapter 2N, Section .0803 and as directed by the appropriate Regional Office of the Division of Waste Management. Remove and dispose of UST systems and contents in a safe manner in conformance with requirements of *American Petroleum Institute Bulletin 1604*, Removal and Disposal of Used Underground Petroleum Storage Tanks, Chapters 3 through 6. (Note: As an exception to these requirements, the filling of the tank with water as a means of expelling vapors from the tank as described in Section 4.2.6.1 of *American Petroleum Institute Bulletin 1604*, will not be allowed. Comply with all Federal, State and local regulations when performing UST removal and contaminated material disposal. Any fines resulting from violations of any regulation are the sole responsibility of the Contractor and the Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Department against any assessment of such fines.

Where underground storage tanks are indicated below, there will be no direct payment for the assessment or closure. When the contract does not indicate the presence of storage tanks and storage tanks are discovered after the opening of bids for the project, the Engineer may have the work performed by others or the cost of assessment, closure, and/or removal will be paid for in accordance with Article 104-7 of the *2006 Standard Specifications.*

Disposition of any contaminated material associated with underground storage tanks will be made as provided in Article 107-26 of the *2006 Standard Specifications.*

Building Removal 1
Right of Survey Station 29+40 Survey Line –L-
Parcel #7
Brick Bus Stop Shelter

EMBANKMENTS:

(5-16-06) SP2R18

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 2-22, Article 235-4(B) Embankment Formation, add the following:

(16) Do not place rock or broken pavement in embankment areas where piles or drilled shaft foundations are to be constructed. This shall include but not be limited to piles and foundations for structures, metal signal poles, overhead sign structures, and high mount lighting.

EXCAVATION OF ROCK BY USE OF EXPLOSIVES:

(1-1-02) SP2 R20

The Contractor's attention is directed to Article 107-11 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

In addition to the requirements of this Article, submit to the Engineer a written report after each blast that gives complete details of the blast procedure. Submit the blast report on forms provided by the Engineer within 24 hours after each blast.

The Engineer will, as necessary, monitor blasting operations with an engineering seismograph. In order to facilitate such work, provide to the Engineer seven days advance notice before the initial blasting is performed and 24 hours notice of subsequent blasting operations.

Cooperate with the Engineer in establishing a signal system that will allow vibrations to be effectively monitored.

The monitoring blast vibrations by the Engineer or the submission of blast reports by the Contractor in no way relieves the Contractor of his responsibilities as defined in Article 107-11 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

SHOULDER AND FILL SLOPE MATERIAL (Lump Sum Grading):

(5-21-02) SP2 R45

Description

Perform the required shoulder and slope construction for this project in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 226 of the *2006 Standard Specifications* except as follows:

Construct the top 6 inches of shoulder and fill slopes with soils capable of supporting vegetation.

Provide soil with a P.I. greater than 6 and less than 25 and with a pH ranging from 5.5 to 6.8. Remove stones and other foreign material 2 inches or larger in diameter. All soil is subject to test and acceptance or rejection by the Engineer.

Obtain material from within the project limits or approved borrow source.

Measurement and Payment

No direct payment will be made for this work, as the cost of this work will be considered to be a part of the work being paid for at the contract lump sum price for *Grading*.

BORROW EXCAVATION (In Place or Truck Measurement):

(7-1-95) SP2 R58

The borrow material used on this project will be measured for payment by in place measurement as provided in Subarticle 230-5 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*, or by truck measurement as provided in Subarticle 230-5 of the *2006 Standard Specifications,* as directed by the Engineer.

GROUT FOR HDPE PIPE LINER:

DESCRIPTION

Furnish and install grout between the 42" HDPE Pipe and the existing CS Pipe as shown in the plans.

MATERIALS

Use a grout which has a minimum compressive strength of 3,000 psi at three days and which meets the applicable requirements of Subarticle 1054-6 of the Standard Specifications.

CONSTRUCTION METHODS

Place the grout by pumping, pouring or other approved method.

MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

Grout will be measured and paid for as the number of cubic yards that is incorporated around the HDPE pipe liner. The number of cubic yards of *grout* is computed from dimensions in the plans.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	**Pay Unit**
Grout	Cubic Yard

REINFORCED CONCRETE TAPERED INLET:

(7-1-95) (Rev 7-18-06) SP3 R01

Description

Construct tapered inlets in accordance with the details in the plans, Section 310 of the *Standard Specifications*, and as directed by the Engineer.

Measurement and Payment

___" x ___" *Reinforced Concrete Pipe Tapered Inlet, Class III* will be measured and paid for as each, for the actual number that have been incorporated into the completed and accepted work. Such price and payment will be full compensation for all materials, labor, equipment, and other incidentals necessary to complete the work.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	**Pay Unit**
___" x ___" Reinforced Concrete Pipe Tapered Inlet, Class III	Each

42", HDPE PIPE LINER:

DESCRIPTION

Furnish, haul and install all pipe, fittings, couplings and other material; construct joint connections; and clean out the existing pipe for the 42" HDPE Pipe Liner inside the existing corrugated steel pipe as shown in the plans.

MATERIALS

Refer to Division 10:

High Density Polyethylene Pipe.....Article 1044-7

CONSTRUCTION METHODS

Install the pipe in accordance with Section 310 of the Standard Specifications.

MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

Pipe liner will be measured and paid for as the actual number of linear feet of pipe liner that has been incorporated into the completed and accepted work.

Measurement of pipe liner will be made by counting the number of joints used and multiplying the length of the joint to obtain the number of linear feet of pipe liner installed and accepted. Measurements of partial joints are made along the longest length of the partial joint to the nearest 0.1 of a foot.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	**Pay Unit**
42-inch High Density Polyethylene Pipe Liner.....	Linear Foot

FLOWABLE FILL:
(9-17-02) (Rev 8-21-07) SP3 R30

Description

This work consists of all work necessary to place flowable fill in accordance with these provisions, the plans, and as directed.

Materials

Provide flowable fill material in accordance with Article 340-2 of the *2006 Standard Specifications.*

Construction Methods

Discharge flowable fill material directly from the truck into the space to be filled, or by other approved methods. The mix may be placed full depth or in lifts as site conditions dictate. The Contractor shall provide a method to plug the ends of the existing pipe in order to contain the flowable fill.

Measurement and Payment

At locations where flowable fill is called for on the plans and a pay item for flowable fill is included in the contract, *flowable fill* will be measured in cubic yards and paid for as the actual number of cubic yards that have been satisfactorily placed and accepted. Such price and payment will be full compensation for all work covered by this provision including but not limited to the mix design, furnishing, hauling, placing and containing the flowable fill.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	Pay Unit
Flowable Fill	Cubic Yard

PIPE TESTING:
4-17-07 SP3R33

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 3-3, Article 300-6, add the following as a new paragraph before **(A)**:

The Department reserves the right to perform forensic testing on any installed pipe.

PIPE ALTERNATES:
(7-18-06) (Rev 4-17-07) SP3 R36

Description

The Contractor may substitute Aluminized Corrugated Steel Pipe, Type IR or HDPE Pipe, Type S or Type D up to 48 inches in diameter in lieu of concrete pipe in accordance with the following requirements.

Material

Item	Section
HDPE Pipe, Type S or D	1032-10
Aluminized Corrugated Steel Pipe, Type IR	1032-3(A)(7)

Aluminized Corrugated Steel Pipe will not be permitted in counties listed in Article 310-2 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

Construction Methods

Aluminized Corrugated Steel Pipe Culverts and HDPE Pipe Culverts shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of Section 300 of the *2006 Standard Specifications* for Method A, except that the minimum cover shall be at least 12 inches. Aluminized Corrugated Steel Pipe Culvert and HDPE Pipe Culvert will not be permitted for use under travelways, including curb and gutter.

Measurement and Payment

____ "*Aluminized Corrugated Steel Pipe Culvert* to be paid for will be the actual number of linear feet installed and accepted. Measurement will be in accordance with Section 310-6 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

_____ "*HDPE Pipe Culvert* to be paid for will be the actual number of linear feet installed and accepted. Measurement will be in accordance with Section 310-6 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	Pay Unit
___" Aluminized Corrugated Steel Pipe Culverts, ___" Thick	Linear Foot
___" HDPE Pipe Culverts	Linear Foot

AGGREGATE BASE COURSE:
12-19-06 SP5 R03

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 5-11, Article 520-5 Hauling and Placing Aggregate Base Material, 6th paragraph, replace the first sentence with the following:

Base course that is in place on November 15 shall have been covered with a subsequent layer of pavement structure or with a sand seal. Base course that has been placed between November 16 and March 15 inclusive shall be covered within 7 calendar days with a subsequent layer of pavement structure or with a sand seal.

ASPHALT PAVEMENTS - SUPERPAVE:
(7-18-06) (Rev 9-19-06) SP6 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:

Pay Item	**Pay Unit**
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^2	Application Temperature ^{o}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 [b] 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		
Sieve (mm)	**Base**	**Inter.**	**Surf.**	**Base**	**Inter.**	**Surf.**	**Base**	**Inter.**	**Surf.**
P_b, %		± 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 PAVER - MOBILE AND FIXED STRING LINE:
(10-21-03) SP6 R07

The Contractor's attention is directed to Article 610-8 of the *2006 Standard Specifications* dealing with automatically controlled screeds on the asphalt pavement spreaders.

A mobile string line consisting of a 30 to 40 foot long ski is required for the widening and resurfacing on this project. A fixed string line is required for the new pavement construction on this project.

ASPHALT BINDER CONTENT OF ASPHALT PLANT MIXES:

(11-21-00) SP6 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.*

ASPHALT PLANT MIXTURES:

(7-1-95) SP6 R20

Place asphalt concrete base course material in trench sections with asphalt pavement spreaders made for the purpose or with other equipment approved by the Engineer.

PRICE ADJUSTMENT - ASPHALT BINDER FOR PLANT MIX:

(11-21-00) SP6 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 **$339.29** per ton.

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

SLUICE GATE:

(7-1-95) SP8 R20 (Rev.)

Description

The work consists of the construction of a sluice gate on an open throat catch basin in accordance with the details in the plans, the applicable requirements of Section 838 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*, in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and as directed by the Engineer. Provide a gate that forms a watertight seal when closed.

Measurement and Payment

____" *Sluice Gate* will be measured and paid for as each for the actual number of sluice gates that have been incorporated into the completed and accepted work. Such prices and payment will be full compensation for all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to complete the work. The endwall will be measured and paid for in accordance with Article 838-4 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	Pay Unit
____" *Sluice Gate*	Each

ADJUSTMENTS OF MANHOLES:
(7-1-95) R8 R96

The Contractor's attention is directed to Section 858-3 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Make adjustments to manholes on this project by using rings or rapid set (grout, mortar or concrete) as approved by the Engineer.

CONVERT EXISTING CATCH BASIN TO JUNCTION BOX WITH MANHOLE COVER:
(1-1-02) (Rev. 7-18-06) SP8 R50

At the proper phase of construction, convert the existing catch basin at locations indicated in the plans or where directed, to junction box with manhole cover in accordance with the details in the plans and the applicable requirements of Sections 840 and 859 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

Convert Existing Catch Basin to Junction Box with Manhole Cover will be measured and paid for as each, completed and accepted. Such price and payment is considered full compensation for all equipment, materials, labor, tools, and incidentals necessary to complete each conversion satisfactorily.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	Pay Unit
Convert Existing Catch Basin to Junction Box with Manhole Cover	Each

CONVERT EXISTING DROP INLET TO JUNCTION BOX WITH MANHOLE COVER:
(1-1-02) (Rev. 7-18-06) SP8 R50

At the proper phase of construction, convert the existing drop inlet at locations indicated in the plans or where directed, to junction box with manhole cover in accordance with the details in the plans and the applicable requirements of Sections 840 and 859 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

Convert Existing Drop Inlet to Junction Box with Manhole Cover will be measured and paid for as each, completed and accepted. Such price and payment is considered full compensation for all equipment, materials, labor, tools, and incidentals necessary to complete each conversion satisfactorily.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	Pay Unit
Convert Existing Drop Inlet to Junction Box with Manhole Cover	Each

GUARDRAIL ANCHOR UNITS, TYPE 350:
(4-20-04) SP8 R65

Description

Furnish and install guardrail anchor units in accordance with the details in the plans, the applicable requirements of Section 862 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*, and at locations shown in the plans.

Materials

The Contractor may at his option, furnish any one of the guardrail anchor units.

Guardrail anchor unit (ET-2000) as manufactured by:

Trinity Industries, Inc.
2525 N. Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, Texas 75207
Telephone: 800-644-7976

The guardrail anchor unit (SKT 350) as manufactured by:

Road Systems, Inc.
3616 Old Howard County Airport
Big Spring, Texas 79720
Telephone: 915-263-2435

Prior to installation the Contractor shall submit to the Engineer:

(A) FHWA acceptance letter for each guardrail anchor unit certifying it meets the requirements of NCHRP Report 350, Test Level 3, in accordance with Section 106-2 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

(B) Certified working drawings and assembling instructions from the manufacturer for each guardrail anchor unit in accordance with Section 105-2 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

No modifications shall be made to the guardrail anchor unit without the express written permission from the manufacturer. Perform installation in accordance with the details in the plans, and details and assembling instructions furnished by the manufacturer.

Construction Methods

Guardrail end delineation is required on all approach and trailing end sections for both temporary and permanent installations. Guardrail end delineation consists of yellow reflective sheeting applied to the entire end section of the guardrail in accordance with Section 1088-3 of the *2006 Standard Specifications* and is incidental to the cost of the guardrail anchor unit.

Measurement and Payment

Measurement and payment will be made in accordance with Articles 862-6 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	Pay Unit
Guardrail Anchor Units, Type 350	Each

VINYL COATED CHAIN LINK FENCE, "FABRIC:
(1-1-02) (Rev. 7-18-06) SP8 R90

Description

Provide vinyl coated chain link fence that complies with the plans and Article 1050-6 of the *Standard Specifications.*

Materials

Provide materials that meet the requirements of Article 866-2 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Construction Methods

Construct the vinyl coated chain link fence in accordance with Article 866-3 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Measurement and Payment

Vinyl Coated Chain Link Fence, ___" Fabric will be measured and paid for in accordance with Article 866-4 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	Pay Unit
Vinyl Coated Chain Link Fence, __" Fabric	Linear Foot

TEMPORARY WOVEN WIRE FENCE:
(7-1-95) (Rev 7-18-06) SP8 R85 (Rev.)

Description

Construct a temporary 48" woven wire fence at locations directed by the Engineer. **Also install one strand of barbed wire one foot above woven wire fence.** Use only fabric and posts that have been approved by the Engineer. Provide post spacing of 12 feet. Construct the fence and maintain it with the fabric taut and securely fastened to the posts at all times.

After the fence has served its purpose and is no longer needed, as determined by the Engineer, it becomes the property of the Contractor.

Measurement and Payment

Temporary 48" Woven Wire Fence, Complete with Posts **and one strand barbed wire** will be measured and paid for as the actual number of linear feet of fence constructed and accepted, measured in place from center of end post to center of end post. Such price and payment will be full compensation for all materials, labor, fence maintenance, and incidentals necessary to satisfactorily complete the work.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	Pay Unit
Temporary **48**" Woven Wire Fence, Complete with Posts	Linear Foot

FENCE:
(3-6-06) SP8 R86

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 8-54, Subarticle 866-3(A), second sentence,

Add *existing fencing* after stumps

ERECTING FENCE ON RETAINING WALL: **7-1-95**

Description:

Erect the proposed fencing on the retaining wall at locations shown in the plans. Install sleeves in the retaining wall in accordance with details in the structure plans. After the posts have been set in the sleeves, fill the space around the posts with molten lead, sulfur, or other material approved by the Engineer.

Compensation:

No direct payment will be made for erecting the fence on the retaining wall as required above as such work will be considered incidental to the work being paid for at the contract unit prices for the various fencing items involved.

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STREET SIGNS AND MARKERS AND ROUTE MARKERS:
(7-1-95) SP9 R01

Move any existing street signs, markers, and route markers out of the construction limits of the project and install the street signs and markers and route markers so that they will be visible to the traveling public if there is sufficient right of way for these signs and markers outside of the construction limits.

Near the completion of the project and when so directed by the Engineer, move the signs and markers and install them in their proper location in regard to the finished pavement of the project.

Stockpile any signs or markers that cannot be relocated due to lack of right of way, or any signs and markers that will no longer be applicable after the construction of the project, at locations directed by the Engineer for removal by others.

The Contractor shall be responsible to the owners for any damage to any street signs and markers or route markers during the above described operations.

No direct payment will be made for relocating, reinstalling, and/or stockpiling the street signs and markers and route markers as such work shall be considered incidental to other work being paid for by the various items in the contract.

AGGREGATE PRODUCTION:
(11-20-01) SP10 R05

Provide aggregate from a producer who uses the current Aggregate Quality Control/Quality Assurance Program that 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) SP10 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.

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE (Alkali-Silica Reaction):
2-20-07 SP10 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

Table 1024-1
Pozzolans for Use in Portland Cement Concrete

Pozzolan	*Rate*
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) SP10 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) SP10 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
				Class A	Class B	
Typical Applications		Shoulder Drain	Under Riprap	Temporary Silt Fence		Soil Stabilization
Trapezoidal Tear Strength	D4533	*45* lb	*75* lb	--	--	*75* lb

PAVEMENT MARKING LINES:
(11-21-06) (Rev. 9-18-07) SP 12 R01

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 12-2, 1205-3(D) Time Limitations for Replacement, add the following at the beginning of the chart:

Facility Type	Marking Type	Replacement Deadline
Full-control-of-access multi-lane roadway (4 or more total lanes) and ramps, including Interstates	All markings including symbols	By the end of each workday's operation if the lane is opened to traffic

Page 12-14, Subarticle 1205-10, Measurement and Payment, 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.

SOIL NAIL RETAINING WALLS:

1.0 General

The work under this section consists of design, plan preparation and construction of two soil nail retaining walls to the lines and grades shown in the plans and in accordance with these specifications.

Soil nailing consists of excavating in lifts from the top down, drilling holes into the ground, placing and grouting the nail tendons in the holes, placing geocomposite drain strips and installing weep holes, applying temporary shotcrete facing, installing the nail head anchorage assembly and constructing the permanent cast-in-place concrete facing.

The term "Soil Nail" as used in this special provision is intended as a generic term and refers to a reinforcing bar grouted into a drilled hole installed in any type of ground including soil, weathered rock and hard rock.

2.0 Prequalification and Experience Requirements

Use a Soil Nail Wall Contractor prequalified by the Contractual Services Unit of the Department for drilled pier work (work code 3020).

Submit documentation that the Soil Nail Wall Contractor has successfully completed at least 3 projects in the last 3 years involving construction of permanent soil nail retaining walls totaling at least 10,000 square feet (1000 square meters) of wall face area and at least 500 permanent soil nails. Documentation should include the General Contractor and Owner's name and current contact information with descriptions of each past project.

Provide a list of the Drilling Superintendent, Drill Rig Operators and Project Manager that will be assigned to this project. Submit documentation for these personnel verifying employment with the Soil Nail Wall Contractor and a minimum of 5 years experience in soil nail wall construction with past projects of scope and complexity similar to that anticipated for this project. Documentation should include resumes, references, certifications, project lists, experience descriptions and details, etc. Perform work with the personnel submitted and accepted. If personnel changes are required during construction, suspend drilled pier construction until replacement personnel are submitted and accepted.

A professional engineer registered in the state of North Carolina employed by the soil nailing Contractor and having experience in the construction of at least 3 completed permanent soil nail retaining wall projects over the past 3 years, must supervise the work. The manufacturers' representatives cannot be used to satisfy the supervising Engineer requirements of this section.

The Contractor is advised to review all available subsurface information and conduct additional investigations, as needed, to determine subsurface conditions such as high groundwater, unstable soil, hard rock, etc. that would adversely affect the cost of construction.

Submit 5 full size copies of plans and calculations to the Engineer for review and approval and allow 40 calendar days from the date they are received until the Engineer returns them.

A pre-construction meeting is required prior to the start of the work and will be attended by representatives of the Contractor, Resident Engineer and the Geotechnical Engineering Unit. Soil nailing requires organized coordination of each of these parties. Conduct the pre-construction meeting to clarify the construction requirements, provide appropriate scheduling of the construction activities and identify contractual relationships and responsibilities. Review of all submittals should be complete prior to scheduling the pre-construction meeting.

Value engineering proposals for other wall types will not be considered.

3.0 Design Criteria and Plan Requirements

Design and construct soil nail retaining walls in accordance with the Service Load Design (SLD) procedures contained in the FHWA "Manual for Design and Construction Monitoring of Soil Nail Walls", Report No. FHWA-SA-96-069 and the Soil Nailing Field Inspectors Manual, Publication No. FHWA-SA-93-068. The required partial safety factors, allowable strength factors and minimum global stability soil factors of safety must be in accordance with the FHWA manual, unless specified otherwise. Estimated soil/rock design shear strength parameters, slope and external surcharge loads, type of wall facing and facing architectural requirements, soil nail corrosion protection requirements, known utility locations, easements and right-of-ways will be as shown on the "Layout Drawings" or specified herein. Structural design of any individual wall elements not covered in the FHWA manual will be by the service load design methods in conformance with Article 3.22 and other appropriate articles of the latest Edition of the AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges including current interim specifications.

Use the soil parameters shown on the plans for design of the wall. Design all components of the wall for 100-year design life.

Include calculations and details for the cast-in-place concrete facing in the soil nail retaining wall design. The cast-in-place concrete facing must be a minimum 8 inches (200 mm) in thickness. A minimum 6 inch (150 mm) thick by 1 foot (300 mm) wide unreinforced concrete leveling pad is required for the cast-in-place facing.

Temporary shotcrete facing is required and must be a minimum of 4 inches (100 mm) in thickness and reinforced with welded wire and #4 (#13) bars running horizontally above and below the nails and behind the bearing plates.

Geocomposite drainage mats at minimum 10 foot (3 m) centers are required.

A minimum nail inclination of 12 degrees is required. The nail holes must be a minimum of 6 inches (150 mm) and a maximum of 10 inches (250 mm) in diameter with a minimum center to center spacing of 3 feet (1 meter). A minimum clearance from end of soil nail to bottom of nail hole of 6 inches (150 mm) is required. Corrosion protection consisting of epoxy coated bars is required.

Embed the wall to the top of the leveling pad a minimum of 2 feet (600 mm) below the proposed finished bottom of wall grade.

Do not extend nails beyond the Right of Way or easement line.

The submitted plans should include but will not be limited to the following:

Elevation views showing all nail locations, proposed ground line elevations and stations, proposed leveling pad elevations and construction joint locations.

The following items are to be identified on the appropriate views:

Bottom of Wall – point where the finished grade intersects the front of the wall

Top of Wall – top of the cast-in-place face or coping (or bottom of cap if abutment wall is part of end bent or embedded in cap)

Grade Elevation – elevation where the finished grade intersects the back of the wall

Wall Height – difference between the top and bottom of wall elevation (used for pay purposes)

Design Height (H) – difference between the grade elevation and the bottom of wall elevation

Extension – difference between the wall and design height

- Plan views.
- Section views showing shotcrete and concrete reinforcement, vertical nail locations, nail inclinations, drainage details, etc.
- Details of nail head anchorage assemblies, nail holes, drainage mats, etc.
- Verification test nail locations and required design adhesion values.
- Construction sequence.

A professional engineer registered in the state of North Carolina must seal all plans and calculations.

Quality Assurance

The Contractor's superintendent must have a minimum of three years experience and the drill operators and on-site supervisors must have a minimum of one year experience installing permanent soil nails or ground anchors. Prior to starting the work, submit a list identifying the superintendent, drill rig operators and on-site supervisors assigned to the project. The list must contain a summary of each individual's experience and must be sufficiently complete for the Engineer to evaluate the individual qualifications. Consultants or manufacturer's representatives cannot be used to satisfy the requirements of this section.

All nozzlemen are required to have at least one year of continuous experience in similar shotcrete application work and must demonstrate ability to satisfactorily place the material in accordance with the recommendations of ACI 506.3R Guide to Certification of Shotcrete Nozzlemen. Evidence that the proposed nozzelman have been certified to the requirements of ACI 506.3R within the last five years is required.

Work cannot be started nor materials ordered until the Contractor's personnel qualifications have been approved by the Engineer. The Engineer may suspend the work if the Contractor substitutes non-approved personnel for approved personnel. The Contractor will be fully liable for costs resulting from the suspension of work and no adjustments in the contract time resulting from the work suspension will be allowed.

4.0 Construction Submittals

Provide the following submittals for the Engineer's review and approval. Changes or deviations from the approved submittals must be re-submitted for approval by the Engineer. The Contractor will not be allowed to begin wall construction until all submittal requirements are satisfied and found acceptable to the Engineer. No adjustments in contract time will be allowed due to incomplete submittals. Items listed below that have been included on the contractor prepared plans need not be resubmitted.

At least 30 days prior to initiating the work, submit to the Engineer:

1. Proposed schedule and detailed construction sequences.

2. Methods of excavation to the staged lifts indicated in the plans and excavation equipment types.

3. Drilling methods and equipment.

4. Nail grout mix design including:
   - Brand and type of Portland cement.
   - Source, gradation and quality of all aggregates.
   - Proportions of mix by weight.
   - Compressive strength test results (per AASHTO T106) verifying the required minimum seven day grout compressive strengths or previous test results completed within one year of the start of the work may be submitted for verification of the required compressive strength.

5. Nail grout placement procedures and equipment.

6. Soil nail testing methods and equipment including:
   - Details of the jacking frame and appurtenant bracing.
   - Details showing methods of isolating test nails during shotcrete application (i.e., methods to prevent bonding of the soil nail bar and the shotcrete).
   - Details showing methods of grouting the unbounded length of test nails after completion of testing.
   - Equipment list.

7. Identification number and certified calibration records for each load cell, test jack pressure gauge and jack master pressure gauge to be used. Calibration records must include the date tested, device identification number and the calibration test results and be certified for an accuracy of at least two percent of the applied certification loads by a qualified independent testing laboratory within 30 days prior to submittal.

8. Certified mill test results for nail bars together with properly marked samples from each heat specifying the ultimate strength, yield strength, elongation and composition.

9. Certifications of compliance for bearing plates and nuts.

10. A detailed construction dewatering plan addressing all elements necessary to divert, control and dispose of surface water.

11. Certified concrete and shotcrete mix designs including:
    - Brand and type of Portland cement used.
    - Source, gradation and quality of aggregates as specified herein.
    - Proportions of mix by weight.
    - Proposed admixture, manufacturer, dosage, technical literature if allowed.
    - Compressive strength test results verifying the 3-day and 28-day compressive strengths.

12. Certified mill tests for all reinforcing steel together with properly marked samples from each heat specifying the minimum ultimate strength, yield strength, elongation and composition.

13. Complete engineering data for the drainage geotextile and geocomposite drain strip including a 1 ft (300 mm) square sample, manufacturers' certificate of compliance and installation instructions.

14. Certifications of Compliance for weep hole drainage pipes and curing compounds (if used).

15. Specification and data for review on equipment proposed for the project including shotcreting and compressed air equipment, form work for Ashlar stone face, proposed access arrangements and capacities.

5.0 Materials

All materials must conform to the requirements of the applicable sections of the Standard Specifications for Roads and Bridges of the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the following provisions:

Centralizers	PVC pipe or tube, steel or other material not detrimental to the nail steel (wood must not be used); securely attached to the nail bar; sized to position the nail bar within 1 inch (25 mm) of the center of the drill hole; sized to allow tremie pipe insertion to the bottom of the drill hole; and sized to allow grout to freely flow up the drill hole.
Nail Grout	Neat grout is to be used with a minimum seven day compressive strength of 3000 psi (21 MPa) per AASHTO T106 and a minimum cement of nine sacks per cubic yard.
Cement	Portland Cement conforming to AASHTO M85 Type I, II or III.
Fine Aggregate	Clean, natural sand, AASHTO M6. Artificial or manufactured sand will not be accepted.
Coarse Aggregate	AASHTO M-80, Class B for quality.
Water	Potable, clean and free from substances deleterious to concrete and steel or elements that would cause staining.
Chemical Admixtures	ASTM C1141 and the following:
Accelerator	Fluid type, applied at nozzle, meeting requirements of ASTM D98, C494 Types C or E and C266.
Water-reducer and Superplastisizer	AASHTO M-194, Type A, D, F or G.
Air-Entraining Agent	AASHTO M-194.
Plasticizers	AASHTO M-194, Type A, D, F or G.
Mineral Admixtures:	
Fly Ash	AASHTO M-295, Type F or C.
Silica Fume	ASTM C1240, 90 percent minimum silicon dioxide solids content, not to exceed 12 percent by weight of cement.
Reinforcing Bars	AASHTO M-31, Grade 60 or 75 (420 or 520), deformed. See Section 1070 of the Standard Specifications .
Welded Wire	AASHTO M55/ASTM A185 or A497.

Curing Compounds	AASHTO M-148, Type ID of Type 2.
Prepackaged Concrete	ASTM C928.
Excavation Protection	AASHTO M-171 or Polyethylene film.
Solid Bar Nails	AASHTO M31, Grade 60 or 75 (420 or 520) (or Grade 150, 1035 for testing only), threaded steel bars without splices or welds. All bars must be new, straight, undamaged and epoxy coated.
Epoxy Coating	AASHTO M284. Minimum 12 mils (0.3 mm) electrostatically applied. Bend test requirements will be waived.
Bearing Plates	AASHTO M183 steel plates bearing plates must be furnished by the nail bar manufacturer.
Nuts	AASHTO M291, Grade B, hexagonal fitted with beveled washer or spherical seat to provide uniform bearing. Nuts must be furnished by the nail bar manufacture.
Washer	AASHTO M291 steel.
Joint Filler & Sealant	Section 1028 of the Standard Specifications.
Geocomposite Drain	Miradrain 6200 or Equal.
Weep Hole	ASTM 1785 Schedule 40 PVC, solid and perforated wall.
Drainage Pipe	Cell classification 12454-B or 12354-C, wall thickness SDR 35, with solvent weld or elastomeric gasket joints.
Fittings	ASTM D3034, cell classification 12454-B or 12454-C, wall thickness SDR 35, with solvent weld or elastomeric gasket joints.

6.0 Handling and Storage

Carefully handle and store all steel reinforcement items and nail steel on supports to prevent contact with the ground. Damage to the nail steel as a result of abrasion, cuts or nicks, welds and weld spatter will be cause for rejection. Grounding of welding leads to the nail steel will not be allowed. Protect nail steel from dirt, rust and other deleterious substances at all times. Corrosion or pitting of the nails will be cause for rejection. Any epoxy coated nails that are damaged or defective in a manner that adversely affects the strength or serviceability of the unit must be repaired to the satisfaction of the Engineer or rejected and removed from the site by the Contractor at no additional cost to the Department. Repair epoxy coating using an epoxy field repair kit approved by the epoxy manufacturer.

Handle encapsulated nails in a manner that does not crack or otherwise damage the grout inside the sheath.

Provide drainage geotextile and geocomposite drains in rolls wrapped with a protective covering and store in a manner that protects the fabric from mud, dust, dirt, debris and shotcrete rebound. Do not remove protective wrapping until the geotextile or drain strip is installed. Avoid extended exposure to ultra-violet light. Label each roll of geotextile or drain strip in the shipment to identify that production run.

Adequately store cement to prevent moisture degradation and partial hydration. Do not use cement that is caked or lumpy.

7.0 Dewatering and Damage Control

Localized areas of perched water may be encountered at the interface of geologic units. Contact the Engineer if groundwater problems persist at the excavation face.

Provide all labor, equipment and materials required to maintain the work area in a sufficiently dry condition such that adverse water related effects do not occur during the construction period. Provide positive control and discharge of all surface water and perched ground water, if encountered, to the extent necessary to prevent adverse conditions as determined by the Engineer.

Damage caused by failure of the construction dewatering and drainage control plan to existing structures, soils or structures included in the work will be repaired by the Contractor to the Engineer's satisfaction at no additional cost to the Department.

The Contractor will be responsible for the condition of any pipe or conduit which may be used for temporary construction dewatering and all such pipes or conduits must be maintained clean and free of sediment during construction. Upon substantial completion of the work, remove construction dewatering conduits from the site. Alternatively, construction dewatering conduits can be fully grouted (abandoned) or left in a manner that protects the structure and all adjacent facilities from migration of fines through the conduit and potential ground loss.

All dewatering and drainage control costs will be considered incidental to the cost of the soil nail retaining wall.

8.0 Excavation

A. Mass Grading

Overexcavating the original ground beyond the final wall face will not be allowed. In the event that overexcavation beyond the final wall face occurs as a result of the Contractor's operations, restore such overexcavation using a method approved by the Engineer and at no additional cost to the Department.

B. Wall Face Excavation

Excavate from the top down in a staged horizontal lift sequence as shown in the approved submittals. The excavated surface ("neat line") must be within 1 inch (25 mm) of the location shown on the approved submittals. Do not excavate the ground level in front of the wall face more than 3 feet (1 m) below the level of the row of nails to be installed in that lift. Do not excavate a lift until nail installation, reinforced shotcrete placement and nail testing for the preceding lift are complete and acceptable to the Engineer. Prior to advancing the excavation, allow shotcrete and nail grout on the preceding lift to cure for a minimum one day and three days, respectively. After a lift is excavated, clean the cut surface of all loose materials, mud, rebound and other foreign material that could prevent or reduce shotcrete bond. The excavated vertical wall face cannot be exposed for more than 24 hours for any reason.

Take all necessary measures to ensure that installed nails are not damaged during excavation. Repair or replace to the satisfaction of the Engineer and at no cost to the Department nails that are damaged or disturbed during excavation. Remove hardened nail grout protruding from the final wall excavation more than 2 inches (50 mm) in a manner that prevents fracturing the grout at the nail head. Sledge hammer removal of the grout is not allowed. The use of hand held rock chippers is acceptable provided their use does not damage or disturb the remaining grout at the nail head, the nail bar or the surrounding exposed ground.

Complete the excavation to the final wall face ("neat line") and application of the shotcrete in the same work shift unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. Extensions of the excavation face exposure period must be approved by the engineer. The Contractor must demonstrate for each material type at his own expense that the unsupported final excavation face will be stable over the proposed extension of the exposure period. Extensions to the face exposure period will be periodically reviewed and may be revoked by the Engineer at his discretion. Risk of damage to existing structures or structures included in this work will be borne by the Contractor where approval for extended face exposure period is granted by the Engineer. Where extension of the face exposure period is allowed, provide and install polyethylene sheets (properly anchored to the top and bottom of the excavation) to reduce degradation of the cut face caused by changes in soil moisture, unless otherwise approved by the Engineer.

C. Wall Discontinuities

Where the Contractor's excavation and installation methods result in a discontinuous wall along any continuous nail row, the ends of the wall at the points of discontinuity must be constructed to prevent sloughing or failure of the temporary slopes. Submit a plan for wall discontinuity construction sequencing and shoring to the Engineer for review and approval at least 30 days prior to starting work on the affected wall sections.

D. Protrusions and Voids

Remove all cobbles, boulders, rubble or debris which are encountered at the soil face during excavation and which protrude from the soil face more than 2 inches (50 mm) into the design shotcrete thickness shown on the plans. Backfill any overexcavations with shotcrete. Any shotcrete used to fill voids created by the removal of cobbles and boulders or other obstructions will be considered incidental to the shotcrete wall facing and no additional payment will be made. Generally, rocky ground such as colluvium, hard rock, fill with boulders and weathered rock will be difficult to excavate on a neat line without leaving pockets and voids. The Contractor is recommended to evaluate the subsurface conditions in order to anticipate the total volume of shotcrete needed.

E. Excavation Face Instability

Raveling or local instability of the final wall face excavation due to the presence of groundwater, problematic soil conditions, equipment vibrations or other causes must be brought to the immediate attention of the Engineer.

Temporarily stabilize unstable areas by means of buttressing the exposed face with an earth berm or other methods acceptable to the Engineer. Suspend work in unstable areas until remedial measures submitted by the Contractor and approved by the Engineer have successfully stopped facial instability.

Timber backing or lagging behind soil nail walls that is to remain in place and is greater than 1 inch (25 mm) total thickness must be pressure treated with wood preservative for soil and fresh water use in accordance with AWPB LP-22 to a minimum retention 4 pounds per cubic foot (0.06 kilonewtons per cubic meter). Use one of the following wood preservatives: Creosote, Creosote-Coal tar solution, Penta Chlorophenol, Copper Naphthenate, ammonia copper arsenate, ammoniacal, copper zinc arsenate, acid copper chromate or chromated copper arsenate.

F. Access

If temporary work benches are required to install the nails, locate these benches behind any traffic barriers placed for protection of existing traffic. Payment for temporary work benches including the placement and removal of fill and any temporary shoring required will be considered incidental to the cost of the temporary soil nail wall. Equipment and nails may hang over the existing lanes; however, implement lane

closures in accordance with the Traffic Control Plans such that equipment and nails do not hang over or into traffic.

9.0 Installation

A. Classification of Materials

No classification of drilled materials will be made except for identification purposes. Nail installation will include the removal and subsequent handling of all materials encountered in drilling the holes to the required lengths.

B. Equipment

Use drilling equipment that can drill straight and clean holes and has the size and capability to install nails as specified herein. This will include drill rigs with the capability of nail installation and grout placement through the drill casing or hollow-stem auger where drill hole stability cannot be maintained in open holes. Provide sufficient casing/auger lengths on site to maintain uninterrupted installation of soil nails. Where hard drilling conditions such as rock, cobbles, boulders or obstructions are encountered, a down-hole, pneumatic hammer drill bit may be required to advance the nail holes.

C. Drilling

Drill each nail hole at the locations and to the lengths and minimum diameters indicated in the approved submittals unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. Remove cuttings from the holes using compressed air or by mechanical auger flights. Compressed air may not be used where raveling or erodible conditions cause significant disturbance or voids to develop or where facial instability is induced. Water, drilling muds or other fluids used to assist in cutting removal will not be allowed. At final penetration depth, thoroughly clean and make ready the nail hole for examination by the Engineer before nail bar installation or placement of grout. No portion of the nail hole may be left open for more than 60 minutes prior to grouting unless otherwise approved by the Engineer.

D. Nail Hole Support

Provide positive support of the hole during drilling as required to prevent excessive groundwater infiltration or sloughing and caving of the hole prior to nail insertion and/or grouting. Where caving and sloughing occurs, no further drilling will be allowed until the Contractor selects a method which prevents ground movement. Holes must be continuously supported by casing or alternate methods approved by the Engineer. Drilling fluids such as bentonite or water will not be allowed as a means of hole support. All installation material and other costs due to casing holes will be at no additional expense to the Department.Provide casing made of steel construction and of ample strength to withstand handling and installation stresses, grout pressure,

surrounding earth and groundwater pressures. Remove casings as the grout is placed. The casing extraction may be facilitated by the use of a vibratory extractor, if required. During removal, continually align the casing with the hole.

E. Optional Nail Installation Methods

Optional nail installation methods will require the approval of the Engineer. At the Contractor's option, a thin shotcrete layer may be installed prior to drilling nail holes provided that this construction sequence has been documented and approved by the Engineer. Include in the Contractor's documentation calculations demonstrating the bearing plates are adequate to service the design loads and transfer the stress to the wall by neglecting the bearing area beneath the plate encompassed by the drill hole or block out.

F. Production Nails

No drilling or bar placement for production nails will be allowed without prior written approval by the Engineer of the proposed drilling, installation and grouting methods. Only installation methods that have been successfully verification tested will be approved for production nail installation. Methods which fail to meet the verification and proof test acceptance criteria will be rejected. Methods that differ from those used during installation of verification nails will require additional verification nails prior to approval at no additional cost to the Department.

Provide bar sizes and grades for each nail hole as indicated in the approved submittals. Fit the bar with centralizers as shown in the plans and insert into the drill hole to the required depth without difficulty and in such a manner as to prevent damage to the drill hole and corrosion protection. Where the bar cannot be completely inserted, remove the bar and clean or redrill the hole to permit unobstructed installation. Partially installed bars may not be driven or forced into the drill hole and will be rejected. When using open-hole drilling methods are being used, hole cleaning tools suitable for cleaning drill holes along their full length just prior to bar insertion and/or grouting are required.

G. Grouting

Grout the drill hole after installation of the nail bar. Grouting prior to insertion of the nail bar may be allowed provided neat grout without sand is used and the nail bar is immediately inserted through the grout to the specified design length without difficulty. Nails inserted in the grout that has taken set will be rejected and must be replaced at no additional cost to the Department. No portion of the nail hole may be left open for more than 60 minutes prior to grouting unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. Inject grout at the lowest point of each drill hole through a grouting conduit and fill the hole in one continuous operation. Gravity flow of grout into the nail hole from the excavation face will not be allowed. Cold joints in the grout placement will not be allowed, except for proof test nails. Pump the grout through a grout tremie pipe,

casing, hollow-stem auger or drill rods. Maintain the conduit delivering the grout at least 5 feet (1.5 m) below the surface of the grout as the conduit is withdrawn. Withdraw the grouting conduit at a slow and even rate as the nail hole is filled in a manner that prevents the creation of voids. A sufficient quantity of grout to fill the entire nail hole must be available in delivery trucks or grout mixing/pumping plants when the first grout is placed in each nail hole. Record the quantity of grout and the grouting pressures.

If the grouting of any nail is suspended for more than 30 minutes before grouting is complete or if the quality of the grout placement results in a nail that does not satisfy any of the requirements specified herein, then remove and dispose of the steel and grout and install fresh grout and undamaged steel at no additional cost to the Department.

1. Grout Testing

   Provide nail grout that has a minimum compressive strength of 3000 psi (21 Mpa) in seven days. Test the nail grout in accordance with AASHTO T106 at a frequency no less than every 50 cubic yards (38 cubic meters) of grout placed or once per week, which ever comes first.

2. Grouting Equipment

   Provide grouting equipment that produces a uniformly mixed grout free of lumpy and undispersed cement. A positive displacement grout pump is required. Use a pump with a pressure gauge which can measure at least twice but no more than three times the intended grout pressure and a stroke counter (for piston-type grout pumps). Grout pumps without the specified pressure gauge and piston-type grout pumps without a stroke counter may not be used. Size the grouting equipment to be able to grout the entire nail in one continuous operation. A mixer that is capable of continuously agitating the grout during usage is required.

H. Attachment of Bearing Plate and Nut

Attach the bearing plate and nut as shown in the approved submittals. Seat the plate by hand wrench tightening the nut such that uniform contact with the shotcrete is achieved while the shotcrete is still plastic and prior to its initial set. Where uniform contact between the plate and the shotcrete cannot be provided, seat the plate on a mortar pad to provide uniform support. Once the mortar pad has attained strength (minimum one day), hand tighten the nut with a wrench.

Replace bearing plates that are damaged or defective as determined by the Engineer at no additional cost to the Department.

I. Test Nail Unbonded Length

Isolation of the nail bar tendon for production proof test nails is required to prevent bonding of the shotcrete to the nail bar. Isolation through the shotcrete facing must be made in a manner which maintains the tolerances of reinforcing steel behind the bearing plate. Blockouts in the shotcrete that result in no reinforcing below the nail head will not be allowed. Details of the method of test nail isolation through the shotcrete facing and the method by which the unbonded length of production proof test nails will be maintained during testing and grouted back after testing must be submitted to the Engineer for approval.

10.0 Shotcreting

Furnish all materials, equipment, tools and labor required for placing and securing geocomposite drainage material, weep holes and reinforced shotcrete. If necessary, trim and clean the soil/rock surfaces and shotcrete cold joints prior to shotcreting.

Shotcrete must comply with the requirements of ACI 506R, "Specification for Shotcrete", except as otherwise specified. Shotcrete consists of an application of one or more layers of mortar or concrete conveyed through a hose and pneumatically projected at a high velocity against a prepared surface.

Shotcrete may be produced by either a dry-mix or a wet-mix process. The wet-mix process consists of thoroughly mixing all the ingredients except accelerating admixtures but including the mixing water, introducing the mixture into the delivery equipment and delivering it, by positive displacement, to the nozzle. The wet-mix shotcrete may then be air jetted from the nozzle at high velocity onto the surface. Dry-mix process is shotcrete without mixing water which is conveyed through the hose pneumatically and the mixing water is introduced at the nozzle.

A. Mix Design

No shotcrete admixture may be used without the Engineer's approval. Thoroughly mix at the rate specified by the manufacturer any admixtures used to entrain air, reduce water-cement ratio, retard or accelerate setting time or accelerate the development of strength. Accelerating additives must be compatible with the cement used, be non-corrosive to steel and not promote other detrimental effects such as cracking and excessive shrinkage. The maximum allowable chloride ion content of all ingredients may not exceed 0.10% when tested to AASHTO T260.

1. Aggregate

   Provide aggregate for shotcrete that meets the strength and durability requirement of AASHTO M-80 and M-43 and the following gradation requirements:

Sieve Size	% Passing by Weight
1/2 inch (13 mm)	100
3/8 inch (10 mm)	90-100
No. 4	70-85
No. 8	50-70
No. 16	35-55
No. 30	20-35
No. 50	8-20
No. 100	2-10

2. Proportioning

   Proportion and deliver shotcrete with a minimum cement content of 658 pounds per cubic yard (390 kilograms per cubic meter). Aggregate cement ratio may not be more than 4.5 by weight and water/cement ratio may not be more than 0.45. For wet-mix shotcrete the air content at delivery to the pump should be in the range of 7 to 10 percent when tested in accordance with ASTM C231.

3. Strength Requirements

   Produce a shotcrete mix capable of attaining 2000 psi (14 MPa) compressive strength in three days and 4000 psi (28 MPa) in 28 days. The average compressive strength of each set of three cores should be equal to or exceed 85 percent with no individual core less than 75 percent of the specified compressive strength.

4. Mixing and Batching

   Aggregate and cement may be batched by weight or by volume in accordance with the requirements of ASTM C91 and ASTM C685, respectively. Provide mixing equipment that is capable of thoroughly mixing the materials in sufficient quantity to maintain continuity during placement. Ready mix shotcrete must comply with AASHTO M-157. Batch, deliver and place ready mix shotcrete within 90 minutes of mixing.

B. Field Quality Control

Both preconstruction and production shotcrete test panels are required. Do not disturb test panels within the first 24 hours. Field cure the test panels under conditions similar to those anticipated for the work.

Perform field control tests in the presence of the Engineer. Provide equipment, materials and the services of one or more employees as necessary to obtain shotcrete cores for testing including construction of test panel boxes, field curing requirements and coring. The Department will perform compressive strength testing in accordance with ACI 506R. The frequency specified for test panels is approximate. The Engineer may require a greater or lesser number of panels.

Preconstruction and production test panels must be 18 x 18 inches (450 x 450 mm) and a minimum of 4 inches (100 mm) thick.

Test reports that indicate unsatisfactory compressive shotcrete properties will result in suspension of the crew responsible for the unsatisfactory specimens until they have demonstrated that they are capable of producing acceptable work or until additional specimens have been submitted, tested and proven satisfactory. Cost associated with field quality control testing including additional testing and lost production due to tests failing to meet the specifications will be borne by the Contractor.

1. Preconstruction Test Panels

   Furnish at least two preconstruction test panels for each proposed mixture being considered and for each shooting position to be encountered on the job, made by each application crew. Preconstruction test panels must be made by each application crew using the equipment, materials, mixture proportions and procedures proposed for the job prior to the commencement of work.

   Preconstruction test panels for plain shotcrete must be in accordance with ACI 506.2 and the following:

   a. Provide one preconstruction test panel with the maximum shotcrete thickness and the maximum anticipated reinforcing congestion. Cores extracted from the test panel must demonstrate adequate cover of the reinforcement and must be equal to core grade two or better in accordance with ACI 506.2.

   b. Provide one preconstruction test panel at least 4 inches (100 mm) thick without reinforcement for compressive strength testing.

   c. Slope the sides of the test panels at 45 degrees.

2. Production Test Panels

   Furnish at least one production test panel or, in lieu of production test panels, six 3 inch (75 mm) diameter cores from the shotcrete face for every 5000 square feet (460 square meters) or 50 cubic yards (38 cubic meters) of shotcrete placed, whichever is less. Construct the production test panels simultaneously with the shotcrete facing installation at times designated by the Engineer.

3. Core Testing

Cut at least six core samples from each pre-construction test panel and production test panel at the frequency specified herein. Soak cores in water for at least 40 hours in accordance with AASHTO T24. Cores should be at least 3 inches (75 mm) in diameter and have a minimum length to diameter ratio of one. When the length of a core is less than twice the diameter, apply correction factors given in ASTM C42 to obtain the compressive strength of individual cores. Test three cores at 3-days and three more cores at 28-days for compressive strength testing.

Fill core holes in the wall with patching mortar or shotcrete after cleaning and thoroughly dampening.

4. Visual Observation

A clearly defined pattern of continuous horizontal or vertical ridges or depressions at the reinforcing elements after they are covered will be considered an indication of insufficient cover of reinforcement or poor application and probable voids. In this case the application of shotcrete will be immediately suspended and the work carefully inspected by the Engineer. Implement and complete corrective measures prior to resuming the shotcrete operations.

The shotcrete procedure may be corrected by adjusting the nozzle distance and orientation perpendicular to the surface, adjusting the water content of the shotcrete mix or other means acceptable to the Engineer. If necessary, broom and roughen the shotcreted surface to ensure proper bond of subsequent layers.

C. Shotcrete Alignment Control

Provide alignment wires and/or thickness control pins to establish shotcrete thickness and maintain a plain surface. The maximum distance between the wires on any surface should be equal to the vertical nail spacing. Ensure that the alignment wires are tight, true to line and placed to allow further tightening.

D. Surface Preparation

Prior to shotcreting the "birds beak" (ungrouted zone of the nail drill hole near the face), remove all loose materials from the surface of the grout and prepare the joint in accordance with all requirements for joint construction specified herein.

Remove all loose materials and loose dried shotcrete from all receiving surfaces by methods acceptable to the Engineer. Accomplish the removal in such a manner as not to loosen, crack or shatter the surfaces to receive the shotcrete. Any surface material which, in the opinion of the Engineer, is so loosened or damaged must be removed to a sufficient depth to provide a base that is suitable to receive shotcrete. Remove material that loosens as the shotcrete is applied. Do not place shotcrete on frozen surfaces.

E. Delivery and Application

Maintain a clean, dry, oil-free supply of compressed air sufficient for providing adequate nozzle velocity for all parts of the work at all times. Use equipment that is capable of delivering the premixed material accurately, uniformly and continuously through the delivery hose. Control thicknesses, methods of support, air pressure and rate of placement of shotcrete to prevent sagging or sloughing of freshly-applied shotcrete.

Apply the shotcrete from the lower part of the area upwards to prevent accumulation of rebound on uncovered surfaces. Where shotcrete is used to complete the "birds beak" (ungrouted zone of the nail drill hole near the face), the nozzle must be positioned into the mouth of the drill hole to completely fill the void. Do not use or salvage rebound shotcrete. Remove rebound which does not fall clear of the working area. Hold the nozzle at a distance and an angle approximately perpendicular to the working face so that rebound will be minimal and compaction will be maximized. Rotate the nozzle steadily in a small circular pattern.

F. Defective Shotcrete

Repair surface defects as soon as possible after initial placement of the shotcrete. Remove all shotcrete which lacks uniformity, exhibits segregation, honeycombing or lamination or contains any voids or sand pockets and replace with fresh shotcrete to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

G. Construction Joints

Uniformly taper construction joints toward the excavation face over a minimum distance equal to the thickness of the shotcrete layer. Clean and prepare the surface of the nail grout at the face of the wall to receive shotcrete in a manner equal to all other construction joints.

H. Finish

Shotcrete finish should be either an undisturbed gun finish as applied from the nozzle or a screened finish. Remove shotcrete extending into the cast-in-place section beyond the tolerances specified.

I. Climate

Do not place shotcrete in cold weather when the ambient temperature is below 40°F (4.5°C) and the shotcrete is likely to be subjected to freezing temperatures before gaining sufficient strength to avoid damage. Maintain cold weather protection until the strength of the in-place shotcrete is greater then 750 psi (5.2 MPa). Cold weather protection may include heating under tents, blankets or other means acceptable to the

Engineer. Materials may be heated in order that the temperature of the shotcrete, when deposited, is not less than 50°F (10°C) or more than 90°F (32°C).

Suspend shotcrete application during high winds and heavy rains when in the opinion of the Engineer the quality of the application is not acceptable. Remove and replace shotcrete that is exposed to rain and washes out cement or otherwise makes the shotcrete unacceptable to the Engineer. Provide polyethylene sheeting or equivalent when adverse exposure to weathering is anticipated. Secure polyethylene film to the top and bottom of the excavation.

11.0 CIP Concrete Facing

Construction of the concrete facing must conform to the requirements of Section 420 of the Standard Specifications, unless otherwise specified herein. Form the exposed face of the concrete facing with an acceptable forming system. A properly designed form bracing system to resist the lateral concrete pressure is required to keep the finished wall in good alignment. Submit formwork and falsework system to be approved by the Engineer before the beginning of any formwork.

Cast the concrete face to produce an Ashlar Stone pattern on the final face.

The vertical face of the wall must be plumb or have a back-batter no greater than two percent (2%) for the total height of the wall. No forward leaning of the wall in any magnitude is allowed.

Deliver the concrete to the formed area by means of tremie or drop chute to prevent the formation of honeycomb. Concrete must be placed in maximum three foot (1 m) lifts and vibration may not be used to move the concrete horizontally.

Use internal vibrations only. No external vibrations are allowed. Vibrate one lift at a time and extend the vibrator to 6 to 12 inches (150 to 300 mm) into the preceding lift. After a momentary pause, withdraw the vibrator slowly, at a rate of one to two inches (25 to 50 mm) per second. Insert the vibrator at an interval of 12 to 18 inches (300 to 450 mm) and adjust the interval as necessary to insure the affected area of vibrator overlap by a sufficient amount. Maintain a constant time lag from the time of concrete placement to the time of vibration application through the entire wall.

Accomplish patching as needed with epoxy mortars or specially mixed grouts for patching. Do not use concrete from subsequent placements for patching. Patch may be recessed slightly and smearing fill material on the surrounding finished surface is not allowed. Use light sand blasting to improve the appearance of the finished surface of the wall as directed by the Engineer.

After stripping and patching, apply the finished wall surface as soon as possible with one coat of cure and seal compound. The cure and seal compound should be compatible with the form release compound.

12.0 Wall Drainage Network

The drainage network consists of installing prefabricated geocomposite drainage strips and weep hole drain pipes as shown in the approved submittals or as directed by the Engineer. Install all elements of the drainage network prior to shotcreting.

A. Geocomposite Drainage Strips

Install geocomposite drain strips as shown in the approved submittals. Place drain strips at construction joints such that the joint is aligned as close as practical along the middle of the longitudinal axis of the drain strip.

Use geocomposite drain strips at least 12 inches (300 mm) wide and secure to the cut face with the geotextile side against the ground before shotcreting. Use securing pins at least 8 inches (200 mm) long with a 1.5 inch (38 mm) diameter head on a minimum grid pattern of 24 inches (600 mm) on center. Discontinuous drain strips are not allowed. If splices are needed, overlap a minimum of 12 inches (300 mm).

When the drain strips cannot be secured tight against the excavation face, place polyethylene film over the drain edges to prevent excess shotcrete from entering the sides of the drain. Alternatively, the drains may be installed in 16 inch (400 mm) wide strips and the film omitted.

B. Weep Hole Drainage Pipes

Install weep hole drainage pipes at locations shown in the approved submittals or as directed by the Engineer. The distance between each weep hole may not be more than 10 feet (3 m). Install pipes of solid PVC pipe to direct water from the geocomposite drain strips to the outside of the facing. Connect the pipes to the drain strips by installing prefabricated drain grates in accordance with the drain strip manufacturer's recommendations. Seal the joint between the drain grate and the drain strip and the drainage pipe to prevent shotcrete intrusion. Damage of the geocomposite drainage board which, in the opinion of the Engineer, may cause interruption in flow will require installation of additional weep holes, at the Contractor's expense.

13.0 Nail Testing

Both verification and proof testing of the nails are required. Supply all material, equipment and labor to perform the tests. The Engineer will collect all required data with the assistance of the Contractor. Testing of nails may not be performed within three days of nail grout placement or shotcrete application, whichever occurs last.

Where temporary casing of the unbonded test length of test nails is provided, place the casing in a manner which precludes causing any reaction between the casing and the grouted zone of the nail and/or the stressing apparatus during nail testing.

A. Testing Equipment

Two dial or vernier gauges, a dial gauge support, jack and pressure gauge, master pressure gauge and a reaction frame are required for testing.

Use a minimum of two dial or vernier gauges capable of measuring to 0.001 inch (.025 mm) to measure the nail movement. The dial gauges should have a minimum stroke of 3 inches (75 mm). Align the dial gauges within five degrees from the axis of the nail and support the dial gauges independently of the jacking set-up and the wall. Apply the test load with a hydraulic jack and a pump.

The jack and pressure gauge must be calibrated by an independent testing laboratory as a unit. Provide a pressure gauge that is graduated in 1000 psi (700 KPa) increments or less and has a range not exceeding twice the anticipated maximum pressure during testing unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. Use the pressure gauge to measure the applied load. The minimum ram travel of the jack may not be less than 4 inches (100 mm). The jack should be capable of applying each load in less than one minute.

Independently support and center the jack over the nail so that the nail does not carry the weight of the jack. Calibrate the master pressure gauge with the test jack and pressure gauge as a unit. Monitor the loads on the nails during the verification tests with both the master pressure gauge and electric load cell. The load cell will be used to maintain constant load hold throughout the creep test. Provide recent calibration curves. Place the stressing equipment over the nail in such a manner that the jack, bearing plates, load cell and stressing anchorage are in alignment. Position the jack at the beginning of the test such that unloading and repositioning of the jack during the test is not required.

Provide a reaction frame that is sufficiently rigid and of adequate dimension such that excessive deformation of the test apparatus requiring repositioning of any components does not occur. Where the reaction frame bears directly on the shotcrete, the reaction frame must be designed to prevent fracture of the shotcrete. No part of the reaction frame may bear within 6 inches (150 mm) of the edge of the test nail blockout unless otherwise approved by the Engineer.

B. Verification Testing

Perform verification testing horizontally prior to procuring materials for or installation of production nails to verify the Contractor's installation methods, soil conditions, nail capacity and design assumptions. Verification tests must be performed within the limits of the work area. A minimum of two verification tests or one verification test for each set of assumed soil parameters, which ever is greater, are required at locations approved by the Engineer. Additional verification tests are required where ground conditions differ from those anticipated or shown on the approved submittals.

Submit details of the verification testing arrangement including the method of distributing test load pressures to the excavation surface (reaction frame), test nail bar size and grade, grouted hole diameter and reaction plate dimensioning to the Engineer for approval. All verification nail testing must be performed using the same equipment, methods and hole diameter as planned for the production nails. Changes in the drilling or installation method may require additional verification testing as determined by the Engineer at no additional cost to the Department. The nails used for the verification tests are sacrificial and may not be incorporated into the production nail schedule.

Test nails will have both bonded and unbonded lengths. Prior to testing only the bonded length of the test nail may be grouted. The unbonded length of the test nail must be at least 5 feet (1.5 m) unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. The bonded length of the test nail will be based on the bar grade and size such that the allowable bar load is not exceeded, but may not be less than 10 feet (3 m) unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. The allowable bar load during testing may not exceed 80 percent of the ultimate strength of the steel for Grade 150 (1035) bars or 90 percent of the yield strength for Grade 60 and 75 (420 and 520) bars. The minimum bond length of 10 feet (3 m) may require larger or higher grade bars than the production nails in order to achieve 200% of the design load without overstressing the bar. Provide higher capacity bars instead of shortening the bond length too less than the minimum.

The verification test bonded length L_{BV} may not exceed the test allowable bar load divided by two times the design adhesion value. Use the following equation for sizing the test nail bond length to avoid overstressing the verification nail bar:

$$L_{BV} \leq \frac{C f_y A_s}{2 A_D}$$

Where:
- L_{BV} = Maximum Verification Test Nail Bond Length (ft or m)
- f_y = Bar Yield Stress (ksi or kPa)
- A_s = Bar Area (in^2 or m^2)
- A_D = Design Adhesion (kips/ft or kN/m)
- C = 0.8 for Grade 150 (1035) Bar and 0.9 for Grade 60 and 75 (420 and 520) Bars

Determine the design load during testing by the following equation:

$$DTL = L_B \times A_D$$

Where:
- DTL = Design Test Load
- L_B = As-Built Bonded Test Length (ft or m)
- A_D = Design Adhesion (kips/ft or kN/m)

Load and unload verification test nails to twice the design test load (DTL) in accordance with the following schedule.

LOADING LOAD	HOLD TIME	UNLOADING LOAD	HOLD TIME
AL	1 minute	1.75DTL	Until Stable
0.25DTL	10 minutes	1.50DTL	Until Stable
0.50DTL	10 minutes	1.25DTL	Until Stable
0.75DTL	10 minutes	1.00DTL	Until Stable
1.00DTL	10 minutes	0.75DTL	Until Stable
1.25DTL	10 minutes	0.50DTL	Until Stable
1.50DTL	60 minutes	.25DTL	Until Stable
1.75DTL	10 minutes	AL	Until Stable
2.00DTL	10 minutes		

Hold each load increment for at least ten minutes. Monitor the verification test nail for creep at the 1.50 DTL load increment. Measure and record nail movements during the creep portion of the test at 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 30, 50 and 60 minutes. Extended creep measurements may be required as determined by the Engineer. Maintain all load increments within five percent of the intended load during the creep test using the load cell. Unload the nail in increments of 25 percent with deflection measurements recorded at each unload increment. Each unload increment may be held only for a sufficient time to allow stabilization of the movement reading.

The alignment load (AL) is the minimum load required to align the testing apparatus and may not exceed five percent of the design test load. "Zero" dial gauges after the alignment load has been applied.

C. Proof Testing

Proof testing is required on at least five percent of the production nails in each shotcrete lift to verify the Contractor's methods and the design nail capacity. The Engineer will determine the specific locations and number of these tests.

Proof test nails will have both bonded and unbonded lengths. Prior to testing only the bonded length of the test nail may be grouted. The unbonded length of the test nail must be at least 5 ft (1.5 m) unless approved otherwise by the Engineer. The bonded length of the test nail will be such that the allowable bar load is not exceeded but may not be less than 10 feet (3 m) unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. The allowable bar load may not exceed 80 percent of the ultimate steel strength for Grade 150 (1035) bars and 90 percent of the yield strength for Grade 60 and 75 (420 and 520) bars.

The proof test bonded length L_{BP} may not exceed the test allowable bar load divided by 1.5 times the design adhesion value. Use the following equation for sizing the test nail bond length to avoid overstressing the production bar:

$$L_{BP} \leq \frac{C f_y A_s}{1.5 A_D}$$

Where:
- L_{BP} = Maximum Proof Test Nail Bond Length (ft or m)
- f_y = Bar Yield Stress (ksi or kPa)
- A_s = Bar Stress Area (in^2 or m^2)
- A_D = Design Adhesion (kips/ft or kN/m)
- C = 0.8 for Grade 150 (1035) Bar and 0.9 for Grade 60 and 75 (420 and 520) Bars

Perform proof tests by incrementally loading the nail to 1.5 times the design test load. Determine the design test load by the equation shown for the verification test nails. Measure and record nail movements at each load in the same manner as for verification test nails. Monitor the load with a pressure gauge with a sensitivity and range meeting the requirements of pressure gauges used for verification test nails. Load proof test nails in accordance with the following schedule.

LOADING LOAD	HOLD TIME
AL	Until Stable
0.25DTL	Until Stable
0.50DTL	Until Stable
0.75DTL	Until Stable
1.00DTL	Until Stable
1.25DTL	Until Stable
1.50DTL	10 or 60 minutes

The alignment load (AL) should be the minimum load required to align the testing apparatus and may not exceed five percent of the design load (DTL). "Zero" dial gauges after the alignment load has been applied.

Maintain all load increments within five percent of the intended load. Depending on performance, either 10 minute or 60 minute creep tests are required at the maximum test load (1.50 DTL). The creep period will start as soon as the maximum test load is applied. Measure and record nail movements at 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 10 minutes. Where nail movement between one minute and 10 minutes exceeds 0.04 inch (1 mm), maintain the maximum test load an additional 50 minutes and record movements at 20, 30, 50 and 60 minutes.

D. Test Nail Acceptance

A test nail will be considered acceptable when:

1. For verification tests, a creep rate less than 0.08 inches (2 mm) per log cycle of time between the six and 60 minute readings is observed during creep testing and the rate is linear or decreasing throughout the creep test load hold period.

2. For proof tests: (a) a total creep less than 0.04 inches (1 mm) is observed between the one and 10 minute readings creep test or a creep rate less than 0.08 inches (2 mm) per log cycle of time is observed during the 60 minute creep test between six and 60 minute readings and; (b) the creep rate is linear or decreasing throughout the creep test load hold period.

3. The total movement at the maximum test load exceeds 80 percent of the theoretical elastic elongation of the test nail unbonded length.

4. A pullout failure does not occur at the maximum test load. Pullout failure load is defined as the load at which attempts to increase the test load simply result in continued excessive pullout movement of the test nail. Record the pullout failure load as part of the test data.

Proof test nails may be incorporated into the production nail schedule provided that (1) the unbonded test length of the nail hole has not collapsed during testing, (2) the minimum required hole diameter has been maintained and (3) the test nail length is equal to or greater than the scheduled production nail length. Complete test nails meeting these requirements by satisfactorily grouting the unbonded test length. If the unbonded test length of production proof test nails cannot be grouted subsequent to testing due to caving conditions or other reasons, replace the test nail with a similar production nail to the satisfaction of the Engineer at no additional cost to the Department.

E. Test Nail Results

1. Verification Test Nails

The Engineer will evaluate the results of each verification test. Installation methods that do not satisfy the nail testing requirements will be rejected. Where the design adhesion is not attainable by reasonable means, revise the production nail schedule. Incorporate any increases in the quantity, the lengths or the diameters of nails as required by the designer. Reasonable means will be considered to include gravity grouted nails installed as specified herein to the minimum diameter required or to a maximum diameter of 10 inches (250 mm).

2. Proof Test Nails

The Engineer may require that the Contractor replace some or all of the installed production nails between the failed proof test nail and the adjacent passing proof test nail. Abandon nails which fail in proof test and replace them with new proof test nails. Also, the Engineer may require that additional proof testing be conducted to verify that adjacent nails have sufficient load carrying capacity. Modifications may be required which include installing additional test or production nails, installing longer production nails, increasing the drill hole diameter or modifying the installation methods.

14.0 Tolerances

A. Soil Nails

Center the bars within 1 inch (25 mm) of the center of the hole. Individual nails must be positioned plus or minus 6 inches (150 mm) from the design locations shown in the approved submitals unless otherwise directed by the Engineer. Location tolerances will be considered applicable to only one nail and not accumulative over large wall areas. The nail inclination should be plus or minus two degrees of that shown in the plans. Use a magnetic angle-indicator tool to align the drill inclination prior to drilling each nail installation hole. Relocate nails which encounter unanticipated obstructions during drilling as directed by the Engineer. Replace soil nails which do not satisfy the specified tolerances due to the Contractor's installation to the Engineer's satisfaction at no additional cost to the Department.

B. Bearing Plates

The location of the bearing plate may not vary from its proposed location within the concrete facing vertical plane by more than ¾" (19 mm).

15.0 Records

Record the following information:

1. Contractor's and drill rig operator's names
2. Design and as-built, nail locations and elevations
3. Deviations from specified tolerances
4. Design and as-built, hole lengths and diameters
5. Design and as-built, bar lengths and sizes
6. Groundwater conditions

7. Caving or sloughing of excavation

8. Casing requirements

9. Drilling difficulties

10. Date and time of start and finish of drilling

11. Date, time and method grout was placed including grout pressure

12. Total daily quantity of grout placed and quantity per hole

13. Design changes

Upon completion of the work, submit a complete record of the construction activities including the information listed above to the Engineer.

16.0 Measurement and Basis Of Payment

No separate measurement for payment purposes will be made for this work. The lump sum payment will be for each soil nail retaining wall and the cast-in-place concrete face. Payment will include all costs for concrete, reinforcing steel, excavation, soil nails, labor, design and all other materials and equipment including grouting, drilling holes, testing and all tools and any other miscellaneous items necessary to complete the work.

Payment will be made under:

"Soil Nail Retaining Wall Sta 29+58.00 -L- to Sta 35+46.00 -L-.....Lump Sum