

**PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

**ROADWAY**

**CLEARING AND GRUBBING – METHOD III:**

(4-6-06) (Rev 3-18-08)

SP2 R02

Perform clearing on this project to the limits established by Method “III” shown on Standard No. 200.03 of the *2006 Roadway Standard Drawings*.

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

**Page 2-2, Article 200-3, Clearing, add the following as the 6th paragraph:**

At bridge sites, clear the entire width of the right of way beginning at a station 3 feet back of the beginning extremity of the structure and ending at a station 3 feet beyond the ending extremity of the structure.

**BURNING RESTRICTIONS:**

(7-1-95)

SP2 R05

Open burning is not permitted on any portion of the right-of-way limits established for this project. Do not burn the clearing, grubbing or demolition debris designated for disposal and generated from the project at locations within the project limits, off the project limits or at any waste or borrow sites in this county. Dispose of the clearing, grubbing and demolition debris by means other than burning, according to state or local rules and regulations.

**SEALING ABANDONED WELLS:**

Seal abandoned wells at the locations listed below in accordance with Section 205 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*:

Seal Abandoned Well No. 1
Left of Survey Station 27+60 -L-
Parcel #7

**BUILDING AND UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REMOVAL:**

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

SP2 R15 A

**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 (Item No. 1)

Parcel 014 - Center Line of Survey Station 10+90, Line -Y3-  
Security Shed

Building Removal (Item No. 2)

Parcel 040 - Left of Survey Station 54+90, Line -L-  
Shed

Building Removal (Item No. 3)

Parcel 045 - Left of Survey Station 55+65, Line -L-  
Shed

Building Removal (Item No. 4)

Parcel 066 – Right of Survey Station 31+60, Line Y7-Rev  
One Story Frame Dwelling (Abandoned)

**EMBANKMENTS:**

(5-16-06) (Rev 7-21-09)

SP2 R18

Revise the *Standard Specifications* as follows:

**Page 2-22, Article 235-3 Materials**, add the following as the second sentence of the second paragraph:

Aerate and dry material containing moisture content in excess of what is required to achieve embankment stability and specified density.

**Page 2-22, Subarticle 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.

**AGGREGATE SUBGRADE:**

(9-18-07) (Rev 3-16-10)

SP2 R35

**Description**

Construct aggregate subgrades in accordance with the contract or as directed by the Engineer. Undercut as needed in cut areas. Install fabric for soil stabilization and place Class IV Subgrade Stabilization at locations shown on the plans.

**Materials**

Refer to Division 10 of the *Standard Specifications*.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Section</b>
Select Material, Class IV	1016
Fabric for Soil Stabilization, Type 4	1056

Use Class IV Select Material for Class IV Subgrade Stabilization. If Class IV Subgrade Stabilization does not meet the requirements of Article 1010-2 of the *Standard Specifications*, the Engineer may consider the material reasonably acceptable in accordance with Article 105-3 of the *Standard Specifications*.

**Construction Methods**

When shallow undercut is required to construct aggregate subgrades, undercut 6 to 24 inches as shown on the plans or as directed by the Engineer. Perform undercut excavation in accordance with Section 225 of the *Standard Specifications*. Install fabric for soil stabilization in accordance with Article 270-3 of the *Standard Specifications*. Place Class IV Subgrade Stabilization (standard size no. ABC) by end dumping ABC on the fabric. Do not operate heavy equipment on the fabric until it is covered with Class IV Subgrade Stabilization. Compact ABC to 92% of AASHTO T180 as modified by the Department or to the highest density that can be reasonably obtained.

Maintain Class IV Subgrade Stabilization in an acceptable condition and minimize the use of heavy equipment on ABC in order to avoid damaging aggregate subgrades. Provide and maintain drainage ditches and drains as required to prevent entrapping water in aggregate subgrades.

**Measurement and Payment**

*Shallow Undercut* will be measured and paid for in cubic yards. Shallow undercut will be measured in accordance with Article 225-7 of the *Standard Specifications*. The contract unit price for *Shallow Undercut* will be full compensation for excavating, hauling and disposing of materials to construct aggregate subgrades.

*Class IV Subgrade Stabilization* will be measured and paid for in tons. *Class IV Subgrade Stabilization* will be measured by weighing material in trucks in accordance with Article 106-7 of the *Standard Specifications*. The contract unit price for *Class IV Subgrade Stabilization* will be full compensation for furnishing, hauling, handling, placing, compacting and maintaining ABC.

*Fabric for Soil Stabilization* will be measured and paid for in accordance with Article 270-4 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Payment will be made under:

<b>Pay Item</b>	<b>Pay Unit</b>
Shallow Undercut	Cubic Yard
Class IV Subgrade Stabilization	Ton

**SHOULDER AND FILL SLOPE MATERIAL:**

(5-21-02)

SP2 R45 C

**Description**

Perform the required shoulder and slope construction for this project in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 560 and Section 235 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.

**Compensation**

When the Contractor elects to obtain material from an area located beneath a proposed fill sections which does not require excavation for any reason other than to generate acceptable shoulder and fill slope material, the work of performing the excavation will be considered incidental to the item of *Borrow Excavation* or *Shoulder Borrow*. If there is no pay item for *Borrow* or *Shoulder Excavation* in the contract, this work will be considered incidental to *Unclassified Excavation*. Stockpile the excavated material in a manner to facilitate measurement by the Engineer. Fill the void created by the excavation of the shoulder and fill slope material with suitable material. Payment for material used from the stockpile will be made at the contract unit price for *Borrow Excavation* or *Shoulder Borrow*. If there is no pay item for *Borrow Excavation* or *Shoulder Borrow*, then the material will be paid for at the contract unit price for *Unclassified Excavation*. The material used to fill the void created by the excavation of the shoulder and fill slope material will be made at the contract unit price for *Unclassified Excavation*, *Borrow Excavation*, or *Shoulder Borrow*, depending on the source of the material.

Material generated from undercut excavation, unclassified excavation or clearing and grubbing operations that is placed directly on shoulders or slope areas, will not be measured separately for payment, as payment for the work requiring the excavation will be considered adequate compensation for depositing and grading the material on the shoulders or slopes.

When undercut excavation is performed at the direction of the Engineer and the material excavated is found to be suitable for use as shoulder and fill slope material, and there is no area on the project currently prepared to receive the material generated by the undercut operation, the Contractor may construct a stockpile for use as borrow at a later date. Payment for the material used from the stockpile will be made at the contract unit price for *Borrow Excavation* or *Shoulder Borrow*.

When shoulder material is obtained from borrow sources or from stockpiled material, payment for the work of shoulder construction will be made at the contract unit price per cubic yard for *Borrow Excavation* or *Shoulder Borrow* in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 230 or Section 560 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

## **GEOGRID REINFORCED SLOPES**

**(SPECIAL)**

### 1. DESCRIPTION

This work consists of furnishing and installing geogrid reinforcement for stabilizing the steepened embankment slopes in accordance with these provisions and the plans and as directed by the Engineer. Geogrid reinforcement shall be used at the locations shown on the plans. Rock Plating will be required on the face of the steepened side slopes; see plan and special provision for Rock Plating. A preconstruction conference shall be scheduled with representatives of the Contractor, Resident Engineer, and Geotechnical Engineering Unit to discuss construction details and quality control measures.

### 2. MATERIALS

#### 2.1 Geogrid

The geogrid shall be composed of polypropylene, high density polyethylene or polyester. The geogrid shall be a regular network of integrally connected elements with aperture geometry sufficient to permit significant mechanical interlock with the surrounding soil. The geogrid shall have high flexural rigidity and high tensile modulus in relation to the soil being reinforced and shall also have a high continuity of tensile strength through all of its elements. The geogrid shall be dimensionally stable and able to retain its geometry under construction stresses. The material shall have high resistance to ultraviolet degradation and to all forms of chemical and biological degradation encountered in the soil being reinforced.

The Contractor shall furnish a Type 2 Typical Certified Mill Test Report for the geogrid in accordance with Section 106-3 of the NCDOT Standard Specifications; however, the material shall be subject to inspection, test, or rejection by the Engineer at any time. The Contractor shall furnish all test reports necessary to justify  $RF_{CR}$ ,  $RF_{ID}$ , and  $RF_D$  values for geogrid, if default values are not used.

Geogrid shall provide a minimum long-term design tensile strength ( $T_a$ ) of 1000 lbs per foot at five (5) percent strain. These strength values are in the cross-machine direction (i.e., cross-roll direction).  $T_a$  is computed based on the following formula:

$$T_a = \frac{T_{ULT}}{RF_{CR} \times RF_{ID} \times RF_D}$$

#### 2.1.1 Ultimate Tensile Strength ( $T_{ULT}$ )

Ultimate tensile strength shall be determined in accordance with ASTM D 4595 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Geotextiles by the Wide-Width Strip Method or GRI:GG1 Geogrid Single Rib Tensile Strength (GRI refers to Geosynthetic Research Institute). The test procedure used for determining ultimate strength must be the same used to define  $RF_{CR}$ .

#### 2.1.2 Partial Factor of Safety for Creep Deformation, $RF_{CR}$

This value is the ratio of  $T_{ULT}$  to the creep limited strength (or creep reduced strength) at five percent strain determined in accordance with ASTM D 5262. Formulation of  $RF_{CR}$  is defined in GRI:GG3. The test results shall be extrapolated for a 75 year design life using elevated temperature testing for 10,000 hours or room temperature testing for 80,000 hours per GRI:GG4. Creep performance testing at a given temperature is limited to one order of magnitude in extrapolation. Creep testing shall have been performed on representative samples of the product and not on a single component of the geogrid. Default values for  $RF_{CR}$  will not be accepted.

#### 2.1.3 Partial Factor of Safety for Installation Damage, $RF_{ID}$

This value shall be determined from construction damage tests in accordance with GRI:GG4. The fill material and compaction methods used for testing shall be equal to or more severe than those for the proposed construction. If testing according to this criteria has not been conducted, a default  $RF_{ID}$  value of 3.0 shall be used. In no case shall  $RF_{ID}$  less than 1.1 be used.

#### 2.1.4 Partial Factor of Safety for Durability, $RF_D$

This value is the combined partial factor of safety for potential chemical and biological degradation.  $RF_D$  shall be determined from polymer specific durability testing covering the range of expected soil environments per EPA 9090 method.  $RF_D$  shall not be less than 1.1 for any case. In the absence of adequate durability testing, a default  $RF_D$  value of 2.6 shall be used.

### 2.2 Common Borrow Backfill

Common borrow backfill meeting the requirements in Section 1018 of the *Standard Specifications* is required for fill in the reinforced slope areas.

### 2.3 Filter Fabric for Drainage, Type 2

Fabric is utilized to form the front face of the slopes steeper than 1.5:1 as shown on the typical section. Fabric is also used on slopes 3:1 to 1.5:1 as shown on the typical section. The fabric shall meet the requirements found in the Rock Plating Special Provision.

### 2.4 Rip Rap, Class I

Plain rip rap will be utilized to plate the slopes. The rip rap shall consist of Class I rip rap and meet the requirements found in the Rock Plating Special Provision.

## 3. CONSTRUCTION

During all periods of shipment and storage, the geogrid shall be protected from temperatures greater than 140° F, direct sunlight, mud, wet cement, epoxy, or other materials which may alter its physical properties. At the time of installation, the geogrid shall be rejected if it has defects, tears, punctures, flaws, deterioration or damage incurred during manufacturing, transportation or storage. Any geogrid damaged during storage or installation shall be replaced by the Contractor at no additional cost to the Department.

The proper geogrid shall be placed and pulled tight at the proper location and orientation as shown on the plans and as directed by the Engineer. Correct orientation of the geogrid shall be verified by the Contractor. The geogrid shall be secured in-place to prevent movement during fill operations. The geogrid shall be secured with staples, pins, sandbags, or fill, or as directed by the Engineer. Tolerance in spacing of geogrid layers shall be within 2 inches at any place unless otherwise noted in the plans.

The first layer of geogrid shall be placed on the existing ground surface with a length as specified in the plans and with the machine direction (roll direction) parallel to the toe of slope. Subsequent layers of geogrid shall be placed horizontally as shown on the plans and as directed by the Engineer. Spacing between geogrid layers is two feet as shown on the plan typical section.

The geogrid shall be placed in continuous strips in the direction specified in the plans. No overlaps or connections shall be permitted in the machine direction of the geogrid layers. Adjacent rolls of geogrid, in the direction perpendicular to the toe of the slopes, shall be rolled out and butted up against each other (side to side). If overlaps in the geogrid are utilized in the transition areas, separate the overlapping layers with 6 inches of backfill.

Each layer of geogrid must be exposed on the face of the slope before placing filter fabric. Overbuilding of the slope face is acceptable, but excavation to expose the geogrid is required without damaging the geogrid to place the rock plating. See the Rock Plating plan and special provision for details of material and construction requirements.

Soil meeting the requirements of common borrow is required on top of each geogrid layer to the limits shown on the plans. Placement and compaction of fill shall conform to all applicable requirements of the *Standard Specifications*. The fill shall be placed, spread, and compacted in a manner that prevents the development of wrinkles or movement of the geogrid. No equipment shall be allowed to operate directly on the geogrid. A minimum fill thickness of 6 in (150 mm) is required prior to operation of any equipment or vehicle over the geogrid. Turning of vehicles shall be kept to a minimum, and sudden braking and sharp turning shall be avoided. Damaged geogrids shall be replaced at no cost to the Department.

The entire embankment should be constructed simultaneously with the geogrid reinforced slopes.

4. MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

Geogrid will be measured and paid for at the contract unit price per square yard. The quantity to be paid for will be the actual number of square yards of geogrid correctly placed in the completed embankment as shown on the plans or as directed by the Engineer. Such price and payment will be full compensation for all the work required by this provision including but not limited to: furnishing all materials, labor, equipment, and tools; placing and installing geogrid and all incidentals necessary to complete the work.

Common Borrow fill will be measured and paid for in accordance to Section 230 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Rock Plating will be measured and paid for in accordance with the Rock Plating Special Provision.

Pay Items:

Geogrid Reinforcement ..... Square Yard

**SELECT GRANULAR MATERIAL:**

(3-16-10)

SP2 R80

Revise the *Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 2-29, Delete Section 265 **SELECT GRANULAR MATERIAL** and replace it with the following:

**Description**

Furnish and place select granular material in accordance with the contract or as directed by the Engineer.

**Materials**

Refer to Division 10 of the *Standard Specifications*.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Section</b>
Select Material, Class II	1016
Select Material, Class III	1016

### **Construction Methods**

Use Class II or III Select Material over fabric for soil stabilization and only Class III Select Material for backfill in water.

Place select granular material to 3 ft above fabric and water level.

### **Measurement and Payment**

Select granular material will be paid for as *Select Granular Material* unless the material is obtained from the same source as the borrow material and the contract includes a pay item for *Borrow Excavation*. When this occurs, select granular material will be paid for as *Borrow Excavation* in accordance with Article 230-5 of the *Standard Specifications* and no payment for *Select Granular Material* will be made.

*Select Granular Material* will be measured and paid for in cubic yards. When *Undercut Excavation* is in accordance with Section 226 (Comprehensive Grading) of the *Standard Specifications* and the Engineer requires undercut to be backfilled with select granular material, the second sentence of the sixth paragraph of Article 226-3 will not apply, as payment for the backfill will be made as specified in this provision.

Select granular material will be measured by in place measurement in accordance with Article 230-5 of the *Standard Specifications* or by weighing material in trucks in accordance with Article 106-7 of the *Standard Specifications* as determined by the Engineer. When select granular material is weighed in trucks, a unit weight of 135 pcf will be used to convert the weight of select granular material to cubic yards. At the Engineer's discretion, truck measurement in accordance with Article 230-5 of the *Standard Specifications* may be used in lieu of weighing material in trucks.

The contract unit prices for *Select Granular Material* and *Borrow Excavation* as described above will be full compensation for furnishing, hauling, handling, placing, compacting and maintaining select granular material.

Payment will be made under:

<b>Pay Item</b>	<b>Pay Unit</b>
Select Granular Material	Cubic Yard

**ROCK PLATING:**

(10-20-09)

SP2 R85

**Description**

Construct rock plating in accordance with the contract. Rock plating will be required to stabilize slopes at locations shown on the plans.

**Materials**

Refer to Division 10 of the *Standard Specifications*:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Section</b>
Select Material, Class IV	1016
Plain Riprap	1042
Subsurface Drainage Materials	1044
Filter Fabric for Rock Plating, Type 2	1056

Use Class 1 or 2 Riprap for rock plating unless required otherwise on the plans.

**Construction Methods**

Construct embankments in accordance with the slopes, dimensions and elevations shown on the plans and Section 235 of the *Standard Specifications*. Compact fill slopes to the satisfaction of the Engineer using tracked equipment or other approved methods. Undercut as necessary to install rock plating on cut slope faces or embed rock plating below the ground line.

Do not leave filter fabric uncovered for more than 7 days. Lay fabric smooth and free from tension, stress, folds, wrinkles or creases. Unroll filter fabric down slopes, i.e., perpendicular to the roadway centerline. Bury fabric at or near top of slopes and embed fabric at toe of slopes as shown on the plans. Filter fabric should be continuous from the top of slope to the toe. However, if fabric length is not sufficient such as at the end of a roll, overlap fabric at least 5 ft with the upper fabric over the lower as shown on the plans. Filter fabric may be discontinuous down slopes in the direction perpendicular to the roadway centerline only once per roll width.

Overlap adjacent filter fabric along slopes at least 18" as shown on the plans. Use wire staples as needed to hold fabric in place until it is covered. Do not displace or damage filter fabric while placing riprap. When shown on the plans, install a 6" diameter perforated subdrain pipe at the toe of slope in accordance with Article 815-3 of the *Standard Specifications*. Place subdrain fine aggregate beneath, around and over pipes such that pipes are covered by at least 6" of aggregate. When shown on the plans, place 18" of Class IV Select Material (standard size no. ABC) over riprap at top of slopes. Compact ABC to 92% of AASHTO T180 as modified by the Department or to the highest density that can be reasonably obtained.

**Measurement and Payment**

*Rock Plating* will be measured and paid for in square yards. *Rock Plating* will be measured along the surface of rock plated slopes as the exposed riprap and ABC, if applicable. No payment will be made for portions of rock plating embedded below the ground line. The contract unit price bid for *Rock Plating* will be full compensation for furnishing, transporting and placing filter fabric, wire staples, riprap and ABC. The contract unit price bid for *Rock Plating* will also be full compensation for undercut excavation to install rock plating on cut slope faces or embed rock plating below the ground line.

Subsurface drainage will be measured and paid for in accordance with Section 815 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Payment will be made under:

<b>Pay Item</b>	<b>Pay Unit</b>
Rock Plating	Square Yard

**PIPE TESTING:**

4-17-07

SP3 R33

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.

**DRAINAGE PIPE:**

(7-18-06) (Rev 3-16-10)

SP3 R37

**Description**

Where shown in the plans the Contractor may use Reinforced Concrete Pipe, Aluminum Alloy Pipe, Aluminized Corrugated Steel Pipe, HDPE Pipe, or PVC pipe in accordance with the following requirements.

**Material**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Section</b>
Corrugated Aluminum Alloy Pipe	1032-2(A)
Aluminized Corrugated Steel Pipe	1032-3(A)(7)
Corrugated Polyethylene Pipe (HDPE)	1032-10
Reinforced Concrete Pipe – Class II or III	1032-9(C)
Polyvinyl-Chloride (PVC)	1032-11
Elbows	1032

Corrugated Steel Pipe will not be permitted in counties listed in the contract documents.

Only pipe with smooth inside walls will be allowed for storm drain systems. Storm drain systems are defined as pipe under curb and gutter, expressway gutter, and shoulder berm gutter that connects drainage structures and is not open ended.

**Construction Methods**

Pipe Culverts shall be installed in accordance with the contract documents.

Where allowed by the plans, use any of the several alternate pipes shown herein, but only one type of pipe and elbow will be permitted between drainage structures or for the entire length of a cross line pipe.

**Measurement and Payment**

\_\_\_" *Drainage Pipe* will be paid for as the actual number of linear feet installed and accepted. Measurement will be in accordance with the contract documents.

\_\_\_" *Drainage Pipe Elbow* will be measured and paid for in units of each.

Payment will be made under:

<b>Pay Item</b>	<b>Pay Unit</b>
___" Drainage Pipe	Linear Foot
___" Drainage Pipe Elbow	Each

**PIPE INSTALLATION AND PIPE CULVERTS:**

(1-19-10)

SP3 R40 B

Revise the *Standard Specifications* as follows:

Replace Section 300 and Section 310 with the following:

**SECTION 300  
PIPE INSTALLATION**

**300-1            DESCRIPTION**

Excavate, undercut, provide material, condition foundation, lay pipe, joint and couple pipe sections, and furnish and place all backfill material as necessary to install the various types of pipe culverts and fittings required to complete the project.

Install pipe in accordance with the detail in the plans.

Do not waste excavation unless permitted. Use suitable excavated material as backfill; or in the formation of embankments, subgrades, and shoulders; or as otherwise directed. Furnish disposal areas for the unsuitable material. The Engineer will identify excavated materials that are unsuitable.

Where traffic is to be maintained, install pipe in sections so that half the width of the roadway is available to traffic.

### **300-2 MATERIALS**

Refer to Division 10:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Section</b>
Flowable Fill	1000
Select Materials	1016
Joint Materials	1032-9(G)
Engineering Fabric	1056-1

Provide foundation conditioning material meeting the requirements of Article 1016-3 for Class V or VI as shown in the contract documents.

Provide bedding material meeting the requirements of Article 1016-3 for Class II (Type 1 only) or Class III as shown in contract documents.

Provide backfill material meeting the requirements of Article 1016-3 for Class II (Type 1 only) or Class III material as shown in the contract documents.

Do not use corrugated steel pipe in the following counties:

Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Jones, Martin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington.

### **300-3 UNLOADING AND HANDLING**

Unload and handle pipe with reasonable care. Do not roll or drag metal pipe or plates over gravel or rock during handling. Take necessary precautions to ensure the method used in lifting or placing the pipe does not induce stress fatigue in the pipe. Use a lifting device that uniformly distributes the weight of the pipe along its axis or circumference. Repair minor damage to pipe when permitted. Remove pipe from the project that is severely damaged or is rejected as being unfit for use. Undamaged portions of a joint or section may be used where partial lengths are required.

### **300-4 PREPARATION OF PIPE FOUNDATION**

Prepare the pipe foundation in accordance with the applicable method as shown in the contract documents, true to line and grade, and uniformly firm.

Camber invert grade an amount sufficient to prevent the development of sag or back slope in the flow line. The Contractor shall determine the amount of camber required and submit to the Engineer for approval.

Where material is found to be of poor supporting value or of rock and when the Engineer cannot make adjustment in the location of the pipe, undercut existing foundation material within the limits established on the plans. Backfill the undercut with foundation conditioning material, Class V or VI select material. Encapsulate the foundation conditioning material with Type 4 engineering fabric prior to placing bedding material. Overlap all transverse and longitudinal joints in the fabric at least 18 inches.

Maintain the pipe foundation in a dry condition.

### 300-5 INVERT ELEVATIONS

The proposed pipe culvert invert elevations shown on the Drainage Summary Sheets are based upon information available when the plans were prepared. If proposed invert elevations are adjusted during construction based upon actual conditions encountered, no claim for an extension of time for any reason resulting from this information will be allowed.

When a pipe culvert is to be installed in a trench and the average actual elevation of the pipe between drainage structures deviates from the average proposed elevation shown on the Drainage Summary Sheets by more than one foot a pay adjustment will be made as follows:

$$\text{Pay Adjustment (per linear foot)} = [(APE - AAE) \pm 1 \text{ foot}] (0.15 \times \text{CUP})$$

Where:

$$\text{CUP} = \text{Contract Unit Price of Pipe Culvert}$$

$$\text{AAE} = \text{Average Actual Elevation} \quad \left( \frac{\text{Actual Inlet elev.} + \text{Actual Outlet elev.}}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{APE} = \text{Average Plan Elevation} \quad \left( \frac{\text{Plan Inlet elev.} + \text{Plan Outlet elev.}}{2} \right)$$

When the actual location of a pipe culvert is changed from the location shown on the plans, the Engineer will make a pay adjustment deemed warranted based upon the relation of the pipe culvert as shown on the plans to the finished roadway and the relation of the pipe culvert as constructed to the finished roadway.

The top elevation column on the drainage summary sheet indicates the flow elevation at the top of structures intended to collect surface water.

The top elevation column on drainage structures not intended to collect surface water indicates the elevation at the top of the cover.

### 300 -6 LAYING PIPE

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

**(A) Rigid Pipe**

Concrete and welded steel pipe will be considered rigid pipe. Lay pipe on prepared foundation, bell or groove end upgrade with the spigot or tongue fully inserted. Check each joint for alignment and grade as the work proceeds.

Use flexible plastic joint material except when material of another type is specified in the contract documents. Joint material of another type may be used when permitted.

Repair lift holes in concrete pipe, if present. Thoroughly clean and soak the lift hole and completely fill the void with an approved non-shrink gout. Submit alternate details for repairing lift holes to the engineer for review and approval.

For all pipes 42 inches in diameter and larger, wrap filter fabric around all pipe joints. Use Type 2 Class B fabric. Extend fabric at least 12 inches beyond each side of the joint. Secure the filter fabric against the outside of the pipe by methods approved by the Engineer.

**(B) Flexible Pipe (Except Structural Plate Pipe)**

Corrugated steel, corrugated aluminum, corrugated polyethylene (HDPE), and polyvinylchloride (PVC) pipe will be considered flexible pipe. Place flexible pipe carefully on the prepared foundation starting at the downstream end with the inside circumferential laps pointing downstream and with the longitudinal laps at the side or quarter points.

Handle coated corrugated steel pipe with special care to avoid damage to coatings.

Join pipe sections with coupling band, fully bolted and properly sealed. Provide coupling bands for annular and helical corrugated metal pipe with circumferential and longitudinal strength sufficient to preserve the alignment, prevent separation of the sections, and prevent backfill infiltration. Match-mark all pipe 60 inches or larger in diameter at the plant for proper installation on the project.

At locations indicated in the plans, corrugated steel pipe sections shall be jointed together with rod and lug coupling bands, fully bolted. Sleeve gaskets shall be used in conjunction with rod and lug couplings and the joints properly sealed. Coupling bands shall provide circumferential and longitudinal strength sufficient to preserve the alignment, prevent separation of the sections and prevent infiltration of backfill material.

**300-7 BEDDING AND BACKFILLING**

Loosely place bedding material, in a uniform layer, a depth equal to the inside diameter of the pipe divided by 6 or 6 inches, whichever is greater. Leave bedding material directly beneath the pipe uncompacted and allow pipe seating and backfill to accomplish compaction. Excavate recesses to receive the bells where bells and spigot type pipe is used.

Place fill around the pipe in accordance with the applicable method shown on the plans in layers not to exceed 6 inches loose unless otherwise permitted. Compact to the density required by Subarticle 235-4(C). Approval of the backfill material is required prior to its use. Use select material as shown in the contract documents.

Take care during backfill and compaction operations to maintain alignment and prevent damage to the joints. Keep backfill free from stones, frozen lumps, chunks of highly plastic clay, or other objectionable material.

Grade and maintain all pipe backfill areas in such a condition that erosion or saturation will not damage the pipe foundation or backfill.

Excavatable flowable fill may be used for backfill when approved by the Engineer. When using excavatable flowable fill, ensure that the pipe is not displaced and does not float during backfill. Submit methods for supporting the pipe and material placement to the Engineer for review and approval.

Do not operate heavy equipment over any pipe until it has been properly backfilled with a minimum 3 feet of cover. Place, maintain, and finally remove the required cover that is above the proposed finished grade at no cost to the Department. Remove and replace, at no cost to the Department, pipe that becomes misaligned, shows excessive settlement, or has been otherwise damaged by the Contractor's operations.

### **300-8 INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE**

Prior to final acceptance, the Engineer will perform random video camera and or mandrel inspections to ensure proper jointing and that deformations do not exceed allowable limits. Replace pipes having cracks greater than 0.1 inches or deflections greater than 7.5 percent. Repair or replace pipes with cracks greater than 0.01 inches, exhibiting displacement across a crack, exhibiting bulges, creases, tears, spalls, or delamination. Maintain all pipe installations in a condition such that they will function continuously from the time the pipe is installed until the project is accepted.

### **300-9 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT**

#### **General**

No measurement will be made of any work covered by this section except as listed below. Removal and disposal of existing pavement is a part of the excavation for the new pipe culvert installation. Repair of the pavement will be made in accordance with Section 654.

## **Foundation Conditioning**

### **Using Local Material**

Undercut excavation is all excavation removed by undercutting below the bottom of the trench as staked. *Undercut Excavation* will be measured as the actual number of cubic yards of undercut excavation, measured in its original position and computed by the average end area method, that has been removed as called for in the contract and will be paid for at double the contract unit price for *Unclassified Excavation* as provided in Article 225-7.

Local material used for conditioning the foundation will be measured and paid for in accordance with Article 225-7 for *Unclassified Excavation* or in accordance with Article 230-5 for *Borrow Excavation* depending on the source of the material.

Local material used to replace pipe undercut excavation will be measured and paid for in accordance with Article 225-7 or Article 230-5.

### **Using Other Than Local Material**

No measurement and payment will be made for *Undercut Excavation*. The material used to replace pipe undercut excavation will be classified as foundation conditioning material.

*Foundation Conditioning Material, Minor Structures* will be measured and paid for as the actual number of tons of this material weighed in trucks on certified platform scales or other certified weighing devices.

No direct payment will be paid for undercut excavation. Payment at the contract unit price for *Foundation Conditioning Material, Minor Structures* will be full compensation for all work of pipe undercut excavation.

### **Foundation Conditioning Fabric**

*Foundation Conditioning Fabric* will be measured and paid for in square yards. The measurement will be based on the theoretical calculation using length of pipe installed and two times the standard trench width. No separate measurement will be made for overlapping fabric or the vertical fabric dimensions required to encapsulate the foundation conditioning material.

### **Bedding and Backfill - Select Material**

No measurement will be made for select bedding and backfill material required in the contract documents. The select bedding and backfill material will be included in the cost of the installed pipe.

Where unclassified excavation or borrow material meets the requirements for select bedding and backfill and is approved for use by the Engineer, no deductions will be made to these pay items to account for use in the pipe installation.

Payment will be made under:

<b>Pay Item</b>	<b>Pay Unit</b>
Foundation Conditioning Material, Minor Structures	Ton
Foundation Conditioning Fabric	Square Yard

**SECTION 310  
PIPE CULVERTS**

**310-1 DESCRIPTION**

Furnish and install drainage pipe at locations and size called for in the contract documents. The work includes construction of joints and connections to other pipes, endwalls, and drainage structures.

**310-2 MATERIALS**

Refer to Division 10:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Section</b>
Plain Concrete Pipe Culvert	1032-9(B)
Reinforced Concrete Pipe Culvert	1032-9(C)
Precast Concrete Pipe End Sections	1032-9(D)
Concrete Pipe Tees and Elbows	1032-9(E)
Corrugated Aluminum Alloy Pipe Culvert	1032-2(A)
Corrugated Aluminum Alloy Pipe Tees and Elbows	1032-2(B)
Corrugated Steel Culvert Pipe and Pipe Arch	1032-3(A)
Prefabricated Corrugated Steel Pipe End Sections	1032-3(B)
Corrugated Steel Pipe Tees and Elbows	1032-3(C)
Corrugated Steel Eccentric Reducers	1032-3(D)
HDPE Smooth Lined Corrugated Plastic Pipe	1032-10B
Polyvinylchloride (PVC) Pipe	1032-11(B)

Suppliers that provide metal pipe culverts, fittings, and all other accessories covered by this section shall meet the requirements of the Department's Brand Certification program for metal pipe culverts, and be listed on the Department's pre-approved list for suppliers of metal pipe culvert.

Do not use corrugated steel pipe in the following counties:

- Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Jones, Martin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Tyrell, and Washington.

**310-3 PIPE INSTALLATION**

Install pipe, pipe tees, and elbows in accordance with Section 300.

**310-4 SIDE DRAIN PIPE**

Side drain pipe is defined as storm drain pipe running parallel to the roadway to include pipe in medians, outside ditches, driveways, and under shoulder berm gutter along outside shoulders greater than 4 feet wide.

Where shown in the plans, side drain pipe may be class II reinforced concrete pipe, aluminized corrugated steel pipe, corrugated aluminum alloy pipe, HDPE pipe, or PVC pipe. Corrugated steel pipe is restricted in the counties listed in Article 310-2. Install side drain pipe in accordance to Section 300. Cover for side drain pipe shall be at least one foot.

**310-5 PIPE END SECTIONS**

Choose which material to use for the required end sections. Both corrugated steel and concrete pipe end sections will work on concrete pipe, corrugated steel pipe, and HDPE smooth lined corrugated plastic pipe.

**310-6 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT**

*Pipe* will be measured and paid for as the actual number of linear feet of pipe that has been incorporated into the completed and accepted work. Measurement of pipe will be made by counting the number of joints used and multiplying by the length of the joint to obtain the number of linear feet of pipe installed and accepted. Measurements of partial joints will be made along the longest length of the partial joint to the nearest 0.1 of a foot. Select bedding and backfill material will be included in the cost of the installed pipe.

*Pipe end sections, tees, elbows, and eccentric reducers* will be measured and paid for as the actual number of each of these items that have been incorporated into the completed and accepted work.

Payment will be made under:

<b>Pay Item</b>	<b>Pay Unit</b>
___ " R.C. Pipe Culverts, Class ____.	Linear Feet
___ " x ___ " x ___ " R.C. Pipe Tees, Class ____	Each
___ " R.C. Pipe Elbows, Class ____.	Each
___ " C.A.A. Pipe Culvert, ___ " Thick	Linear Feet
___ " x ___ " x ___ " C.A.A. Pipe Tees, ___ " Thick	Each
___ " C.A.A. Pipe Elbows, ___ " Thick	Each
___ " C.S. Pipe Culverts, ___ " Thick	Linear Feet
___ " x ___ " C.S. Pipe Arch Culverts, ___ " Thick	Linear Feet

__ x __ " x __ " C.S. Pipe Tees, __ " Thick	Each
__ " C.S. Pipe Elbows, __ " Thick	Each
__ " x __ " C.S. Eccentric Reducers, __ " Thick	Each
__ " HDPE Pipe	Linear Feet
__ " PVC Pipe	Linear Feet
__ " Side Drain Pipe	Linear Foot
__ " Pipe End Section	Each

**FINE GRADING SUBGRADE, SHOULDERS AND DITCHES:**

(7-21-09)

SP5 R01

Revise the *Standard Specifications* as follows:

**Page 5-1, Article 500-1 Description**, replace the first sentence with the following:

Perform the work covered by this section including but not limited to preparing, grading, shaping, manipulating moisture content, and compacting either an unstabilized or stabilized roadbed to a condition suitable for placement of base course, pavement, and shoulders.

**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 4-20-10)

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, Subarticle 609-5(C)2, Required Sampling and Testing Frequencies**, first partial paragraph at the top of the page, delete last sentence and add the following:

If the Engineer allows the mix to remain in place, payment will be made in accordance with Article 105-3.

**Page 6-12, Subarticle 609-5(C)2, QUALITY CONTROL MINIMUM SAMPLING AND TESTING SCHEDULE**

**First paragraph, delete and replace with the following.**

Sample and test the completed mixture from each mix design per plant per year at the following minimum frequency during mix production:

**Second paragraph, delete the fourth sentence, and replace with the following**

When daily production of each mix design exceeds 100 tons and a regularly scheduled full test series random sample location for that mix design does not occur during that day's production, perform at least one partial test series consisting of Items A and B in the schedule below.

**Page 6-12, Subarticle 609-5(C)2(c) Maximum Specific Gravity, add after (AASHTO T 209):**

*or ASTM D 2041*

**Page 6-13, last line and on page and Page 6-14, Subarticle 609-5(C)(2)(e) Tensile Strength Ratio (TSR), add a heading before the first paragraph as follows:**

(i) Option 1

**Insert the following immediately after the first paragraph:**

(ii) 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.

**Second paragraph, delete and replace with the following:**

Test all TSR specimens required by either option noted above on either a recording test press or a test press that maintains the peak load reading after the specimen has broken.

**Subarticle 609-5(C)(3) Control Charts, delete the second sentence of the first paragraph and replace with the following:**

For mix incorporated into the project, record full test series data from all regularly scheduled random samples or directed samples that replace regularly scheduled random samples, on control charts the same day the test results are obtained.

**Page 6-15, Subarticle 609-5(C)(3) Control Charts, first paragraph on this page, delete the last sentence and substitute the following:**

Denote the moving average control limits with a dash green line and the individual test limits with a dash red line.

**Subarticle 609-5(C)(3)(a), (b) and (c), replace (a) (b) and (c) with the following:**

- (a) A change in the binder percentage, aggregate blend, or  $G_{mm}$  is made on the JMF, or,
- (b) When the Contractor elects to stop or is required to stop production after one or two moving average values, respectively, fall outside the moving average limits as outlined in subarticle 609-5(C)6 or,
- (c) If failure to stop production after two consecutive moving averages exceed the moving average limits occurs, but production does stop at a subsequent time, re-establish a new moving average beginning at the actual production stop point.

**Subarticle 609-5(C)(4) Control Limits, replace the first paragraph and the CONTROL LIMITS Table on page 6-16 with the following.**

The following are established as control limits for mix production. Apply the individual limits to the individual test results. Control limits for the moving average limits are based on a moving average of the last 4 data points. Apply all control limits to the applicable target source.

**CONTROL LIMITS**

Mix Control Criteria	Target Source	Moving Average Limit	Individual Limit
2.36 mm Sieve	JMF	±4.0 %	±8.0 %
0.075mm Sieve	JMF	±1.5 %	±2.5 %
Binder Content	JMF	±0.3 %	±0.7 %
VTM @ $N_{des}$	JMF	±1.0 %	±2.0 %
VMA @ $N_{des}$	Min. Spec. Limit	Min Spec. Limit	-1.0%
$P_{0.075} / P_{be}$ Ratio	1.0	±0.4	±0.8
% $G_{mm}$ @ $N_{ini}$	Max. Spec. Limit	N/A	+2.0%
TSR	Min. Spec. Limit	N/A	- 15%

**Page 6-16, Subarticle 609-5(C)(5) Warning Bands, delete this subarticle in its entirety.**

**Pages 6-16 through 6-19, Subarticle 609-5(C)(6), delete the word "warning" and substitute the words "moving average".**

**Page 6-16, Subarticle 609-5(C)(6) Corrective Actions, first paragraph, first sentence, delete and replace with the following:**

Immediately notify the Engineer when moving averages exceed the moving average limits.

**Page 6-17, third full paragraph, delete and replace with the following:**

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

**Sixth full paragraph, delete the first, second, and third sentence and replace with the following:**

Immediately notify the Engineer when any moving average value exceeds the moving average limit. If two consecutive moving average values for any one of the mix control criteria fall outside the moving average limits, cease production of that mix, immediately notify the Engineer of the stoppage, and make adjustments. The Contractor may elect to stop production after only one moving average value falls outside the moving average limits.

**Page 6-18, Subarticle 609-5(C)(6) Corrective Actions second full paragraph, delete and replace with the following:**

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

**Page 6-18, delete the third and fourth full paragraphs, including the Table for Payment for Mix Produced in the Warning Bands and substitute the following:**

If the adjustment does not improve the property in question such that the moving average after four additional individual tests is outside the moving average limits, the mix will be evaluated for acceptance in accordance with Article 105-3. Reduced payment for or removal of the mix in question will be applied starting from the plant sample tonnage at the stop point to the sample tonnage when the moving average is on or within the moving average limits. In addition, any mix that is obviously unacceptable will be rejected for use in the work.

**Page 6-19, First paragraph, delete and replace with the following:**

Failure to stop production and make adjustments when required due to two consecutive moving average values falling outside the moving average limits will subject all mix

produced from the stop point tonnage to the tonnage point when the moving average is back on or within the moving average limits or to the tonnage point when production is actually stopped, whichever occurs first, to being considered unacceptable. Remove this material and replaced with materials that comply with the Specifications at no additional costs to the Department, unless otherwise approved. Payment will be made for the actual quantities of materials required to replace the removed quantities, not to exceed the original amounts.

**Page 6-20, Subarticle 609-5(D)(1) General, delete the third full paragraph, and replace with the following:**

Perform the sampling and testing at the minimum test frequencies as specified above. Should the density testing frequency fail to meet the minimum frequency as specified above, all mix without the required density test representation will be considered unsatisfactory. If the Engineer allows the mix to remain in place, payment will be made in accordance with Article 105-3.

**Page 6-22, Subarticle 609-5(D)(4) Nuclear Gauge Density Procedures, third paragraph, insert the following as the second sentence:**

Determine the Daily Standard Count in the presence of the QA Roadway Technician or QA Nuclear Gauge Technician on days when a control strip is being placed.

**Page 6-23, Subarticle 609-5(D)(5) Limited Production Procedure, delete the first paragraph including (a), (b), (c) and substitute the following:**

Proceed on limited production when, for the same mix type and on the same contract, one of the following conditions occur (except as noted in the first paragraph below).

- (a) Two consecutive failing lots, except on resurfacing\*
- (b) Three consecutive failing lots on resurfacing\*
- (c) Two consecutive failing nuclear control strips.

\* Resurfacing is defined as the first new uniform layer placed on an existing pavement.

**Page 6-25, Article 609-6 Quality Assurance, Density Quality Assurance, insert the following items after item (E):**

- (F) By retesting Quality Control core samples from control strips (either core or nuclear) at a frequency of 100% of the frequency required of the Contractor;
- (G) By observing the Contractor perform all standard counts of the Quality Control nuclear gauge prior to usage each nuclear density testing day; or
- (H) By any combination of the above

**Page 6-28, Subarticle 610-3(A) Mix Design-General, delete the fourth and fifth paragraphs and replace with the following:**

Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) or Reclaimed Asphalt Shingles (RAS) may be incorporated into asphalt plant mixes in accordance with Article 1012-1 and the following applicable requirements.

Reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) may constitute up to 50% of the total material used in recycled mixtures, except for mix Type S 12.5D, Type S 9.5D, and mixtures containing reclaimed asphalt shingle material (RAS). Reclaimed asphalt shingle (RAS) material may constitute up to 6% by weight of total mixture for any mix. When both RAP and RAS are used, do not use a combined percentage of RAS and RAP greater than 20% by weight of total mixture, unless otherwise approved. When the percent of binder contributed from RAS or a combination of RAS and RAP exceeds 20% but not more than 30% of the total binder in the completed mix, the virgin binder PG grade shall be one grade below (both high and low temperature grade) the binder grade specified in Table 610-2 for the mix type, unless otherwise approved. When the percent of binder contributed from RAS or a combination of RAS and RAP exceeds 30% of the total binder in the completed mix, the Engineer will establish and approve the virgin binder PG grade. Use approved methods to determine if any binder grade adjustments are necessary to achieve the performance grade for the specified mix type.

For Type S 12.5D and Type S 9.5D mixes, the maximum percentage of reclaimed asphalt material is limited to 20% and shall be produced using virgin asphalt binder grade PG 76-22. For all other recycled mix types, the virgin binder PG grade shall be as specified in Table 610-2A for the specified mix type.

When the percentage of RAP is greater than 20% but not more than 30% of the total mixture, use RAP meeting the requirements for processed or fractionated RAP in accordance with the requirements of Section 1012-1.

When the percentage of RAP is greater than 30% of the total mixture, use an approved stockpile of RAP in accordance with Section 1012-1(C). Use approved test methods to determine if any binder grade adjustments are necessary to achieve the performance grade for the specified mix type. The Engineer will establish and approve the virgin asphalt binder grade to be used.



**Page 6-34, Insert the following immediately after Table 610-2:**

**TABLE 610-2A  
SUPERPAVE MIX DESIGN CRITERIA**

Mix Type	Percentage of RAP in Mix		
	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
	% RAP ≤20%	20.1% ≤ %RAP ≤ 30.0%	%RAP > 30.0%
All A and B Level Mixes, I19.0C, B25.0C	PG 64 -22	PG 64 -22	TBD
S9.5C, S12.5C, I19.0D	PG 70 -22	PG 64-22	TBD
S 9.5D and S12.5D	PG 76-22	N/A	N/A

- Note: (1) Category 1 RAP has been processed to a maximum size of 2 inches.  
 (2) Category 2 RAP has been processed to a maximum size of 1 inch by either crushing and or screening to reduce variability in the gradations.  
 (3) Category 3 RAP has been processed to a maximum size of 1 inch, fractionating the RAP into 2 or more sized stockpiles

**Page 6-35, Table 610-3 delete and replace with the following:**

**TABLE 610-3  
ASPHALT PLACEMENT- MINIMUM TEMPERATURE REQUIREMENTS**

Asphalt Concrete Mix Type	Minimum Air Temperature	Minimum Surface Temperature
ACBC, Type B 25.0B, C, B 37.5C	35°F	35°F
ACIC, Type I 19.0B, C, D	35°F	35°F
ACSC, Type S 4.75A, SF 9.5A, S 9.5B	40°F	50°F*
ACSC, Type S 9.5C, S 12.5C	45°F	50°F
ACSC, Type S 9.5D, S 12.5D	50°F	50°F

\* 35°F if surface is soil or aggregate base for secondary road construction.

**Page 6-44, Article 610-8 Spreading and Finishing, 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 6-50, Article 610-13 Density Acceptance, delete the second paragraph and replace with the following:**

As an exception, when the first layer of mix is a surface course and is being placed directly on an unprimed aggregate or soil base, the layer will be included in the "Other" construction category.

**Page 6-50, Article 610-13 Density Acceptance, delete the formula and description in the middle of the page and replace with the following:**

where:

PF	=	$100 - 10(D)^{1.465}$
PF	=	Pay Factor (computed to 0.1%)
D	=	the deficiency of the lot average density, not to exceed 2.0%

**Page 6-53, Article 620-4 Measurement and Payment:**

**Sixth paragraph, delete the last sentence.**

**Seventh paragraph, delete the paragraph and replace with the following:**

The adjusted contract unit price will then be applied to the theoretical quantity of asphalt binder authorized for use in the plant mix placed during the partial payment period involved, except that where recycled plant mix is used, the adjusted unit price will be applied only to the theoretical number of tons of additional asphalt binder materials required by the job mix formula.

**Page 6-54, Article 620-4 Measurement and Payment, add the following pay item:**

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

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

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

**Page 6-75, Subarticle 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 6-76, Article 661-1 Description, add the following as the 2nd paragraph:**

Provide and conduct the quality control and required testing for acceptance of the UBWC in accordance with *Quality Management System for Asphalt Pavements (OGAFC, PADL, and Ultra-Thin HMA Version)*, included in the contract.

**Page 6-76, Article 661-2 Materials, add the following after Asphalt Binder, Grade 70-28:**

Item	Section
Asphalt Binder, Grade 76-22	1020
Reclaimed Asphalt Shingles	1012

**Page 6-78, Subarticle 661-2(E), Asphalt Binder For Plant Mix, Grade PG 70-28, rename as ASPHALT BINDER FOR PLANT MIX and add the following as the first paragraph:**

Use either PG 70-28 or PG 76-22 binder in the mix design. Where PG 76-22 is being used in the production of Ultra-thin, the grade of asphalt binder to be paid for will be PG 70-28, unless otherwise approved.

**Page 6-79, Subarticle 661-2(G), Composition of Mix, add the following as the third sentence of the first paragraph.**

The percent of asphalt binder contributed from the RAS shall not exceed 20% of the total binder in the completed mix.

**Page 6-80, Article 661-2(G) Composition of Mix, replace Table 661-4 and associated notes with the following:**

<b>Gradation Design Criteria (% Passing by Weight)</b>				
<b>Standard Sieves</b>		<b>1/2 in. Type A</b>	<b>3/8 in. Type B</b>	<b>1/4 in. Type C</b>
<b>ASTM</b>	<b>mm</b>	<b>(% Passing by Weight)</b>		
¾ inch	19.0	100		
½ inch	12.5	85 - 100	100	
3/8 inch	9.5	60 - 80	85 - 100	100
#4	4.75	28 - 38	28 - 44	40 - 55
#8	2.36	19 - 32	17 - 34	22 - 32
#16	1.18	15 - 23	13 - 23	15 - 25
#30	0.600	10 - 18	8 - 18	10 - 18
#50	0.300	8 - 13	6 - 13	8 - 13
#100	0.150	6 - 10	4 - 10	6 - 10
#200	0.075	4.0 - 7.0	3.0 - 7.0	4.0 - 7.0

	<b>1/2 in. Type A</b>	<b>3/8 in. Type B</b>	<b>1/4 in. Type C</b>
Asphalt Content, %	4.6 - 5.6	4.6 - 5.8	5.0 - 5.8
Draindown Test, AASHTO T 305	0.1% max.		
Moisture Sensitivity, AASHTO T 283*	80% min.		
Application Rate, lb/ yd <sup>2</sup>	90	70	50
Approximate Application Depth, in.	¾	5/8	1/2
Asphalt PG Grade, AASHTO M 320	PG 70-28 or PG 76-22	PG 70-28 or PG 76-22	PG 70-28 or PG 76-22

NOTE: \*Specimens for T-283 testing are to be compacted using the SUPERPAVE gyratory compactor. The mixtures shall be compacted using 100 gyrations to achieve specimens approximately 95 mm in height. Use mixture and compaction temperatures recommended by the binder supplier.

**Page 6-80, Subarticle 661-3(A) Equipment, add the following as the first paragraph:**

Use asphalt mixing plants in accordance with Article 610-5 of the *Standard Specifications*.

**Page 6-82, Subarticle 661-3(C), Application of Ultra-thin Bonded Wearing Course, delete the first paragraph and add the following as the first and second paragraphs.**

Use only one asphalt binder PG grade for the entire project, unless the Engineer gives written approval.

Do not place Ultra-thin Bonded Wearing Course between October 31 and April 1, when the pavement surface temperature is less than 50°F or on a wet pavement. In addition, when PG 76-22 binder is used in the JMF, place the wearing course only when the road pavement surface temperature is 60°F or higher and the air temperature in the shade away from artificial heat is 60°F or higher.

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

or ultra-thin bonded wearing course.

**Page 10-41, Table 1012-1**, delete the entries for OG AFC and add new entries for OG AFC and a row for UBWC with entries:

Mix Type	Coarse Aggregate Angularity <sup>(b)</sup> ASTM D5821	Fine Aggregate Angularity % Minimum AASHTO T304 Method A	Sand Equivalent % Minimum AASHTO T176	Flat & Elongated 5:1 Ratio % Maximum ASTM D4791 Section 8.4
S 9.5 D	100/100	45	50	10
OG AFC	100/100	N/A	N/A	10
UBWC	100/85	40	45	10

**Delete Note (c) under the Table 1012-1 and replace with the following:**

(c) Does not apply to Mix Types SF 9.5A and S 9.5B.

**Page 10-42, Subarticle 1012-1(B)(6)**, add as the last sentence:

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

**Page 10-43, Subarticle 1012-1(F): Reclaimed Asphalt Shingle Material (RAS)**, insert the following immediately following the first paragraph:

(1) Mix Design RAS

Incorporate RAS from stockpiles that have been tested for uniformity of gradation and binder content prior to use in an asphalt mix design.

(2) Mix Production RAS

New Source RAS is defined as acceptable material which was not included in the stockpile when samples were taken for mix design purposes. Process new source RAS so that all materials will pass a 1/2" sieve prior to introduction into the plant mixer unit.

After a stockpile of processed RAS has been sampled and mix designs made from these samples, do not add new source RAS to the original stockpile without prior field testing to insure gradation and binder uniformity. Sample and test new source RAS before blending with the existing stockpile.

Store new source RAS in a separate stockpile until the material can be sampled and tested for comparison with the original recycled mix design data. New source RAS may also be placed against the existing stockpile in a linear manner provided it is sampled for mix design conformity prior to its use in the recycled mix.

RAS contamination including but not limited to excessive dirt, debris, clean stone, concrete will not be allowed.

Field approval of new source RAS will be based on the table below and volumetric mix properties on the mix with the new source RAS included. Provided these tolerances are met, volumetric properties of the new mix will then be performed. If all volumetric mix properties meet the mix design criteria for that mix type, the new source RAS may continue to be used.

If the gradation, binder content, or any of the volumetric mix properties are not within the allowable tolerances of the table below, do not use the new source RAS unless approved by the Engineer. The Contractor may elect to either not use the stockpile, to request an adjustment to the JMF, or to redesign the mix.

**NEW SOURCE RAS GRADATION and BINDER TOLERANCES**  
(Apply Tolerances to Mix Design Data)

0-6% RAS	
$P_b$ %	$\pm 1.6\%$
Sieve Size (mm)	Tolerance
9.5	$\pm 1$
4.75	$\pm 5$
2.36	$\pm 4$
1.18	$\pm 4$
0.300	$\pm 4$
0.150	$\pm 4$
0.075	$\pm 2.0$

Page 10-43 through 10-45, Subarticle 1012-1(G), delete this in its entirety and replace with the following:

**(G) Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP)**

**(1) Mix Design RAP**

Incorporate RAP from stockpiles or other sources that have been tested for uniformity of gradation and binder content prior to use in an asphalt mix design. Use reclaimed asphalt pavement that meets all requirements specified for *one* of the following *two* classifications.

**(a) Millings**

Existing reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) that is removed from its original location by a milling process as specified in Section 607. Millings should be such that it has a uniform gradation and binder content and all materials will pass a 2" sieve prior to introduction into the plant mixer unit.

**(b) Processed RAP**

RAP that is processed in some manner (possibly by crushing and/or use of a blending method) to produce a uniform gradation and binder content in the RAP prior to use in a recycled mix. Process RAP so that all materials have a uniform gradation and binder content and will pass a 1" sieve prior to introduction into the plant mixer unit.

**(c) Fractionated RAP**

Fractionated RAP is defined as having two or more RAP stockpiles, where the RAP is divided into coarse and fine fractions. Grade RAP so that all materials will pass a 1" sieve. The coarse RAP stockpile shall only contain material retained on a 3/8" screen, unless otherwise approved. The fine RAP stockpile shall only contain material passing the 3/8" screen, unless otherwise approved. The Engineer may allow the Contractor to use an alternate to the 3/8" screen to fractionate the RAP. The maximum percentages of fractionated RAP may be comprised of coarse, fine, or the combination of both. Utilize a separate cold feed bin for each stockpile of fractionated RAP used.

**(d) Approved Stockpiled RAP**

Approved Stockpiled RAP is defined as fractionated RAP which has been isolated and tested for asphalt content, gradation, and asphalt binder characteristics with the intent to be used in mix designs with

greater than 30% RAP materials. Fractionate the RAP in accordance with Section 1012-1(G)(c). Utilize a separate cold feed bin for each approved stockpile of RAP used.

Perform extraction tests at a rate of 1 per 1000 tons of RAP, with a minimum of 5 tests per stockpile to determine the asphalt content and gradation. Separate stockpiles of RAP material by fine and coarse fractions. Erect and maintain a sign satisfactory to the Engineer on each stockpile to identify the material. Assure that no deleterious material is allowed in any stockpile. The Engineer may reject by visual inspection any stockpiles that are not kept clean, separated, and free of foreign materials.

Submit requests for RAP stockpile approval to the Engineer with the following information at the time of the request:

- (1) Approximate tons of materials in stockpile
- (2) Name or Identification number for the stockpile
- (3) Asphalt binder content and gradation test results
- (4) Asphalt characteristics of the Stockpile.

For the Stockpiled RAP to be considered for approval, the gradation and asphalt content shall be uniform. Individual test results, when compared to the target, will be accepted if within the tolerances listed below:

**APPROVED STOCKPILED RAP GRADATION and BINDER TOLERANCES**  
(Apply Tolerances to Mix Design Data)

P <sub>b</sub> %	±0.3%
Sieve Size (mm)	Percent Passing
25.0	±5%
19.0	±5%
12.5	±5%
9.5	±5%
4.75	±5%
2.36	±4%
1.18	±4%
0.300	±4%
0.150	±4%
0.075	±1.5%

Note: If more than 20% of the individual sieves are out of the gradation tolerances, or if more than 20% of the asphalt binder content test results fall outside the appropriate tolerances, the RAP shall not be used in HMA unless the RAP representing the failing tests is removed from the stockpile.

Do not add additional material to any approved RAP stockpile, unless otherwise approved by the Engineer.

Maintain at the plant site a record system for all approved RAP stockpiles. Include at a minimum the following: Stockpile identification and a sketch of all stockpile areas at the plant site; all RAP test results (including asphalt content, gradation, and asphalt binder characteristics).

**(2) Mix Production RAP**

During mix production, use RAP that meets the criteria for one of the following categories:

**(a) Mix Design RAP**

RAP contained in the mix design stockpiles as described above may be used in all applicable JMFs. These stockpiles have been pretested; however, they are subject to required QC/QA testing in accordance with Subarticle 609-5(C)(2).

**(b) New Source RAP**

New Source RAP is defined as any acceptable material that was not included in the stockpile or other source when samples were taken for mix design purposes. Process new source RAP so that all materials have a uniform gradation and binder content and will pass a 2" sieve prior to introduction into the plant mixer unit.

After a stockpile of millings, processed RAP, or fractionated RAP has been sampled and mix designs made from these samples, do not add new source RAP to the original stockpile without prior field testing to insure gradation and binder uniformity. Sample and test new source RAP before blending with the existing stockpile.

Store new source RAP in a separate stockpile until the material can be sampled and tested for comparison with the original recycled mix design data. New source RAP may also be placed against the existing stockpile in a linear manner provided it is sampled for mix design conformity prior to its use in the recycled mix.

Unprocessed RAP is asphalt material that was not milled and/or has not been processed to obtain a uniform gradation and binder content and is not representative of the RAP used during the applicable mix design. Unprocessed RAP shall not be incorporated into any JMFs

prior to processing. Different sources of unprocessed RAP may be stockpiled together provided it is generally free of contamination and will be processed prior to use in a recycled mix. RAP contamination in the form of excessive dirt, debris, clean stone, concrete, etc. will not be allowed. Incidental amounts of dirt, concrete, and clean stone may be acceptable. Unprocessed RAP may be processed and then classified as a new source RAP as described above.

Field approval of new source RAP will be based on Table 1012-2 below and volumetric mix properties on the mix with the new source RAP included. Provided the Table 1012-2 tolerances are met, volumetric properties of the new mix will then be performed. If all volumetric mix properties meet the mix design criteria for that mix type, the new source RAP may continue to be used.

If the gradation, binder content, or any of the volumetric mix properties are not within the allowable tolerances of Table 1012-2, do not use the new source RAP unless approved by the Engineer. The Contractor may elect to either not use the stockpile, to request an adjustment to the JMF, or to redesign the mix.

TABLE 1012-2									
NEW SOURCE RAP GRADATION and BINDER TOLERANCES									
(Apply Tolerances to Mix Design Data)									
Mix Type	0-20% RAP			20 <sup>+</sup> -30 % RAP			30 <sup>+</sup> % RAP		
Sieve (mm)	Base	Inter.	Surf.	Base	Inter.	Surf.	Base	Inter.	Surf.
P <sub>b</sub> %	± 0.7%			± 0.4%			± 0.3%		
25.0	±10	-	-	±7	-	-	±5	-	-
19.0	±10	±10	-	±7	±7	-	±5	±5	-
12.5	-	±10	±10	-	±7	±7	-	±5	±5
9.5	-	-	±10	-	-	±7	-	-	±5
4.75	±10	-	±10	±7	-	±7	±5	-	±5
2.36	±8	±8	±8	±5	±5	±5	±4	±4	±4
1.18	±8	±8	±8	±5	±5	±5	±4	±4	±4
0.300	±8	±8	±8	±5	±5	±5	±4	±4	±4
0.150	-	-	±8	-	-	±5	-	-	±4
0.075	±4	±4	±4	±2	±2	±2	±1.5	±1.5	±1.5

**ASPHALT PAVEMENTS - WARM MIX ASPHALT SUPERPAVE:**

(5-19-09) (Rev 10-20-09)

SP6 R02

Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA) is defined as additives or processes that allow a reduction in the temperature at which asphalt mixtures are produced and placed.

Notify the Engineer at least 2 weeks before producing the Warm Mix so the Engineer can arrange a preconstruction meeting. Discuss special testing requirements necessary for warm mix asphalt at the pre-pave meeting. Included at the pre-pave meeting the Contractor's QC manager, Paving Superintendent, and manufacturer's representative for the process or additive used for producing warm mix asphalt, the Department's Roadway Construction Engineer, Resident Engineer, State Pavement Construction, and Quality Assurance Supervisor.

Require a manufacturer's representative for the process or additive used to be present on site at the plant during the initial production and on the roadway during the laydown of the warm mix asphalt.

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

**Page 6-8, Article 609-1 Description, insert the following as the second paragraph.**

Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA) is defined as additives or processes that allow a reduction in the temperature at which asphalt mixtures are produced and placed. WMA is allowed for use at the Contractor's option when shown in the contract documents.

**Page 6-9, Article 609-4 Field Verification of Mixture and Job Mix Formula Adjustments,****Second paragraph, insert the following immediately after the first sentence.**

When producing a WMA, field verification testing will also consist of performing a Tensile Strength Ratio (TSR) testing in accordance with AASHTO T283 as Modified by the Department.

**Third paragraph, delete the third sentence and replace with the following:**

Verification is considered satisfactory for HMA when all volumetric properties except  $\%G_{mm}@N_{ini}$  are within the applicable mix design criteria, and the gradation, binder content, and  $\%G_{mm}@N_{ini}$  are within the individual limits for the mix type being produced. Verification is considered satisfactory for WMA when all volumetric properties except  $\%G_{mm}@N_{ini}$  are within the applicable mix design criteria, the TSR is equal to or above the minimum design criteria, and the gradation, binder content, and  $\%G_{mm}@N_{ini}$  are within the individual limits for the mix type being produced.

**Page 6-12, Subarticle 609-5(C)2(d) Bulk Specific Gravity of Compacted Specimens, add after (AASHTO T 312):**

When producing Warm Mix Asphalt, gyrate specimens to specified  $N_{des}$  compaction effort without reheating mix other than to desired compaction temperature. Record time needed to reheat samples (if any).

**Page 6-14, Subarticle 609-5(C)2(e) Tensile Strength Ratio, insert the following immediately after the third paragraph:**

When producing WMA, perform TSR testing at

- i. Beginning of production for each JMF
- ii. Monthly thereafter

**Page 6-27, Article 610-1 Description, insert the following as the third paragraph:**

Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA) is defined as additives or processes that allow a reduction in the temperature at which asphalt mixtures are produced and placed. Use WMA at the Contractor's option unless otherwise shown on the plans.

**Page 6-27, Article 610-2 Materials, insert the following at the end of this Article:**

Use only WMA additives or processes listed on the Department's approved list maintained by the Materials and Tests Unit.

**Page 6-31, Subarticle 610-3(B) Mix Design-Criteria, add the following as the fifth paragraph:**

When WMA is used, submit the mix design without including the WMA additive.

**Page 6-32, Subarticle 610-3(C) Job Mix Formula, Add the following as the second paragraph:**

When WMA is used, document the additive or process used and recommended rate on the JMF submittal. Verify the JMF based on plant produced mixture from the trial batch.

**Immediately following PG 76-22 335°F, add the following paragraph:**

When WMA is used, produce an asphalt mixture within the temperature range of 225°F and 275 °F.

**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 **\$504.29** per ton.

This base price index represents an average of F.O.B. selling prices of asphalt binder at supplier's terminals on **March 1, 2010**.

**FINAL SURFACE TESTING - ASPHALT PAVEMENTS (Rideability):**

(5-18-04) (Rev. 7-15-08)

SP6 R45

On portions of this project where the typical section requires two or more layers of new pavement, perform acceptance testing of the longitudinal profile of the finished pavement surface in accordance with these provisions using a North Carolina Hearne Straightedge (Model No. 1). Furnish and operate the straightedge to determine and record the longitudinal profile of the pavement on a continuous graph. Final surface testing is an integral part of the paving operation and is subject to observation and inspection by the Engineer as deemed necessary.

Push the straightedge manually over the pavement at a speed not exceeding 2 miles per hour. For all lanes, take profiles in the right wheel path approximately 3 feet from the right edge of pavement in the same direction as the paving operation, unless otherwise approved due to traffic control or safety considerations. As an exception, lanes adjacent to curb and gutter, expressway gutter, or shoulder berm gutter may be tested in the left wheel path. Make one pass of the

straightedge in each full width travel lane. The full lane width should be comparable in ride quality to the area evaluated with the Hearne Straightedge. If deviations exist at other locations across the lane width, utilize a 10 foot non-mobile straightedge or the Hearne Straightedge to evaluate which areas may require corrective action. Take profiles as soon as practical after the pavement has been rolled and compacted, but no later than 24 hours following placement of the pavement, unless otherwise authorized by the Engineer. Take profiles over the entire length of final surface travel lane pavement exclusive of -Y- line travel lanes less than or equal to 1000 feet in length, ramps less than or equal to 1000 feet in length, turn lanes less than or equal to 1000 feet in length, structures, approach slabs, paved shoulders, loops, and tapers or other irregular shaped areas of pavement, unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. Test in accordance with this provision all mainline travel lanes, full width acceleration or deceleration lanes, -Y- line travel lanes greater than 1000 feet in length, ramps, full width turn lanes greater than 1000 feet in length, and collector lanes.

At the beginning and end of each day's testing operations, and at such other times as determined by the Engineer, operate the straightedge over a calibration strip so that the Engineer can verify correct operation of the straightedge. The calibration strip shall be a 100 foot section of pavement that is reasonably level and smooth. Submit each day's calibration graphs with that day's test section graphs to the Engineer. Calibrate the straightedge in accordance with the current NCDOT procedure titled *North Carolina Hearne Straightedge - Calibration and Determination of Cumulative Straightedge Index*. Copies of this procedure may be obtained from the Department's Pavement Construction Section.

Plot the straightedge graph at a horizontal scale of approximately 25 feet per inch with the vertical scale plotted at a true scale. Record station numbers and references (bridges, approach slabs, culverts, etc.) on the graphs. Distances between references/stations must not exceed 100 feet. Have the operator record the Date, Project No., Lane Location, Wheel Path Location, Type Mix, and Operator's Name on the graph.

Upon completion of each day's testing, evaluate the graph, calculate the Cumulative Straightedge Index (CSI), and determine which lots, if any, require corrective action. Document the evaluation of each lot on a QA/QC-7 form. Submit the graphs along with the completed QA/QC-7 forms to the Engineer, within 24 hours after profiles are completed, for verification of the results. The Engineer will furnish results of their acceptance evaluation to the Contractor within 48 hours of receiving the graphs. In the event of discrepancies, the Engineer's evaluation of the graphs will prevail for acceptance purposes. The Engineer will retain all graphs and forms.

Use blanking bands of 0.2 inches, 0.3 inches, and 0.4 inches to evaluate the graph for acceptance. The 0.2 inch and 0.3 inch blanking bands are used to determine the Straightedge Index (SEI), which is a number that indicates the deviations that exceed each of the 0.2 inch and 0.3 inch bands within a 100 foot test section. The Cumulative Straightedge Index (CSI) is a number representing the total of the SEIs for one lot, which consist of not more than 25 consecutive test sections. In addition, the 0.4 inch blanking band is used to further evaluate deviations on an individual basis. The CSI will be determined by the Engineer in accordance with the current procedure titled "North Carolina Hearne Straightedge - Calibration and Determination of Cumulative Straightedge Index".

The pavement will be accepted for surface smoothness on a lot by lot basis. A test section represents pavement one travel lane wide not more than 100 feet in length. A lot will consist of 25 consecutive test sections, except that separate lots will be established for each travel lane, unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. In addition, full width acceleration or deceleration lanes, ramps, turn lanes, and collector lanes, will be evaluated as separate lots. For any lot that is less than 2500 feet in length, the applicable pay adjustment incentive will be prorated on the basis of the actual lot length. For any lot which is less than 2500 feet in length, the applicable pay adjustment disincentive will be the full amount for a lot, regardless of the lot length.

If during the evaluation of the graphs, 5 lots require corrective action, then proceed on limited production for unsatisfactory laydown in accordance with Article 610-12 of the *Standard Specifications*. Proceeding on limited production is based upon the Contractor's initial evaluation of the straightedge test results and shall begin immediately upon obtaining those results. Additionally, the Engineer may direct the Contractor to proceed on limited production in accordance with Article 610-12 due to unsatisfactory laydown or workmanship.

Limited production for unsatisfactory laydown is defined as being restricted to the production, placement, compaction, and final surface testing of a sufficient quantity of mix necessary to construct only 2500 feet of pavement at the laydown width. Once this lot is complete, the final surface testing graphs will be evaluated jointly by the Contractor and the Engineer. Remain on limited production until such time as acceptable laydown results are obtained or until three consecutive 2500 foot sections have been attempted without achieving acceptable laydown results. The Engineer will determine if normal production may resume based upon the CSI for the limited production lot and any adjustments to the equipment, placement methods, and/or personnel performing the work. Once on limited production, the Engineer may require the Contractor to evaluate the smoothness of the previous asphalt layer and take appropriate action to reduce and/or eliminate corrective measures on the final surface course. Additionally, the Contractor may be required to demonstrate acceptable laydown techniques off the project limits prior to proceeding on the project.

If the Contractor fails to achieve satisfactory laydown results after three consecutive 2500 foot sections have been attempted, cease production of that mix type until such time as the cause of the unsatisfactory laydown results can be determined.

As an exception, the Engineer may grant approval to produce a different mix design of the same mix type if the cause is related to mix problem(s) rather than laydown procedures. If production of a new mix design is allowed, proceed under the limited production procedures detailed above.

After initially proceeding under limited production, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Engineer if any additional lot on the project requires corrective action. The Engineer will determine if limited production procedures are warranted for continued production.

If the Contractor does not operate by the limited production procedures as specified above, the 5 lots, which require corrective action, will be considered unacceptable and may be subject to removal and replacement. Mix placed under the limited production procedures for unsatisfactory laydown will be evaluated for acceptance in accordance with Article 105-3.

The pay adjustment schedule for the Cumulative Straightedge Index test results per lot is as follows:

<b>Pay Adjustment Schedule for Cumulative Straightedge Index (CSI) (Obtained by adding SE Index of up to 25 consecutive 100 foot test sections)</b>				
*CSI	ACCEPTANCE CATEGORY	CORRECTIVE ACTION	PAY ADJUSTMENT	
			Before Corrective	After Corrective Action
0-0	Acceptable	None	\$300 incentive	None
1-0 or 2-0	Acceptable	None	\$100 incentive	None
3-0 or 4-0	Acceptable	None	No Adjustment	No Adjustment
1-1, 2-1, 5-0 or 6-0	Acceptable	Allowed	\$300 disincentive	\$300 disincentive
3-1, 4-1, 5-1 or 6-1	Acceptable	Allowed	\$600 disincentive	\$600 disincentive
Any other Number	Unacceptable	Required	Per CSI after Correction(s) (not to exceed 100% Pay)	

**\*Either Before or After Corrective Actions**

Correct any deviation that exceeds a 0.4 inch blanking band such that the deviation is reduced to 0.3 inches or less.

Corrective actions shall be performed at the Contractor's expense and shall be presented for evaluation and approval by the Engineer prior to proceeding. Any corrective action performed shall not reduce the integrity or durability of the pavement that is to remain in place. Corrective action for deviation repair may consist of overlaying, removing and replacing, indirect heating and rerolling. Scraping of the pavement with any blade type device will not be allowed as a corrective action. Provide overlays of the same type mix, full roadway width, and to the length and depth established by the Engineer. Tapering of the longitudinal edges of the overlay will not be allowed.

Corrective actions will not be allowed for lots having a CSI of 4-0 or better. If the CSI indicates *Allowed* corrective action, the Contractor may elect to take necessary measures to reduce the CSI in lieu of accepting the disincentive. Take corrective actions as specified if the CSI indicates *Required* corrective action. The CSI after corrective action shall meet or exceed *Acceptable* requirements.

Where corrective action is allowed or required, the test section(s) requiring corrective action will be retested, unless the Engineer directs the retesting of the of the entire lot. No disincentive will apply after corrective action if the CSI is 4-0 or better. If the retested lot after corrective action has a CSI indicating a disincentive, the appropriate disincentive will be applied.

Test sections and/or lots that are initially tested by the Contractor that indicate excessive deviations such that either a disincentive or corrective action is necessary, may be re-rolled with asphalt rollers while the mix is still warm and in a workable condition, to possibly correct the problem. In this instance, reevaluation of the test section(s) shall be completed within 24 hours of pavement placement and these test results will serve as the initial test results.

Incentive pay adjustments will be based only on the initially measured CSI, as determined by the Engineer, prior to any corrective work. Where corrective actions have been taken, payment will be based on the CSI determined after correction, not to exceed 100 percent payment.

Areas excluded from testing by the N.C. Hearne Straightedge will be tested by using a non-mobile 10-foot straightedge. Assure that the variation of the surface from the testing edge of the straightedge between any two contact points with the surface is not more than 1/8 inch. Correct deviations exceeding the allowable tolerance in accordance with the corrective actions specified above, unless the Engineer permits other corrective actions.

Furnish the North Carolina Hearne Straightedge(s) necessary to perform this work. Maintain responsibility for all costs relating to the procurement, handling, and maintenance of these devices. The Department has entered into a license agreement with a manufacturer to fabricate, sell, and distribute the N.C. Hearne Straightedge. The Department's Pavement Construction Section may be contacted for the name of the current manufacturer and the approximate price of the straightedge.

No direct payment will be made for the work covered by this section. Payment at the contract unit prices for the various items covered by those sections of the specifications directly applicable to the work constructed will be full compensation for all work covered by this section including, but not limited to, performing testing in accordance with this specification, any corrective work required as a result of this testing and any additional traffic control as may be necessary.

**MASONRY DRAINAGE STRUCTURES:**

(10-16-07)

SP8 R01

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

**Page 8-31, Article 840-4 Measurement and Payment**, add the following at the end of the second paragraph:

For that portion of *Masonry Drainage Structure* measured above a height of 10.0 feet, payment will be made at 1.3 times the contract unit price per linear foot for *Masonry Drainage Structure*.

**BORROW EXCAVATION AND SHPO DOCUMENTATION FOR BORROW/WASTE****SITES:**

(12-18-07)(4-15-08)

SP8 R02

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

**Division 2 Earthwork**

**Page 2-16, Subarticle 230-1(D)**, add the words: *The Contractor specifically waives* as the first words of the sentence.

**Page 2-17, Article 230-4(B) Contractor Furnished Sources, first paragraph, first sentence** replace with the following:

Prior to the approval of any borrow sources developed for use on any project, obtain certification from the State Historic Preservation Officer of the State Department of Cultural Resources certifying that the removal of the borrow material from the borrow sources(s) will have no effect on any known district, site building, structure, or object, architectural and/or archaeological that is included or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

**Division 8 Incidentals**

**Page 8-9, Article 802-2 General Requirements, add the following as the 1st paragraph:**

Prior to the removal of any waste from any project, obtain certification from the State Historic Preservation Officer of the State Department of Cultural Resources certifying that the deposition of the waste material to the proposed waste area will have no effect on any known district, site building, structure, or object, architectural and/or archaeological that is included or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Furnish a copy of this certification to the Engineer prior to performing any work in the proposed waste site.

**Page 8-10, Article 802-2, General Requirements, 4th paragraph, add the following as the 2nd sentence:**

The Department's borrow and waste site reclamation procedures for contracted projects is available on the NCDOT website and shall be used for all borrow and waste sites on this project.

**CONCRETE TRANSITIONAL SECTIONS FOR CATCH BASINS AND DROP INLETS:**

(1-20-09)

SP8 R03

Revise the *Standard Specifications* as follows:

**Page 8-32, Article 840-4 Measurement and Payment, delete the eighth full paragraph and replace with the following:**

No separate payment will be made for Concrete Aprons as shown in Standard Drawings 840.17, 840.18, 840.19, 840.26, 840.27 and 840.28 and will be incidental to the other work in this section.

**Page 8-38, Article 852-4, Measurement and Payment, add the following as the fourth paragraph:**

*Concrete Transitional Section for Catch Basin* will be measured and paid for in units of each.

*Concrete Transitional Section for Drop Inlet* will be measured and paid for in units of each.

Payment will be made under:

<b>Pay Item</b>	<b>Pay Unit</b>
Concrete Transitional Section for Catch Basin	Each
Concrete Transitional Section for Drop Inlet	Each

Revise the *Roadway Standard Drawings* as follows:

On page 852.04, delete the statement: \*CONCRETE APRON IS INCIDENTAL TO CONSTRUCTION OF THE DRAINAGE STRUCTURE and change \*Pay Limits for Concrete Apron for Drop Inlets in two places on the drawing to *Pay Limits for Concrete Transitional Section for Drop Inlet*.

On page 852.05, delete the statement: \*CONCRETE APRON IS INCIDENTAL TO CONSTRUCTION OF THE DRAINAGE STRUCTURE and change \*Concrete Apron for Catch Basin on the drawing to *Concrete Transitional Section for Catch Basin*.

On page 852.06, delete the statement: \*CONCRETE APRON IS INCIDENTAL TO CONSTRUCTION OF THE DRAINAGE STRUCTURE and change \*Pay Limits for Concrete Apron for Drop Inlets in two places on the drawing to *Pay Limits for Concrete Transitional Section for Drop Inlet*.

**ENDWALLS:**

(5-20-08)

SP8 R25

Revise the *Standard Specifications* as follows:

**Page 8-28, Article 838-4 Replace the 1st and 2nd paragraph with the following:**

*Endwalls* will be measured and paid for in cubic yards of concrete or brick that have been completed and accepted. This quantity will be computed from the dimensions shown on the plans or from revised authorized dimensions. Where precast concrete units have been approved and are used in lieu of cast-in-place units the quantity to be paid for will be computed the same as if cast-in-place units were used, as no reduction in pay quantity will be made due to the use of precast in lieu of cast in place endwalls.

*Reinforced Endwalls* will be measured and paid for in cubic yards of concrete or brick that have been completed and accepted. This quantity will be computed from the dimensions shown on the plans or from revised authorized dimensions. Where precast concrete units have been approved and are used in lieu of cast-in-place units the quantity to be paid for will be computed the same as if cast-in-place units were used, as no reduction in pay quantity will be made due to the use of precast in lieu of reinforced cast in place endwalls.

**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:

<b>Pay Item</b>	<b>Pay Unit</b>
Convert Existing Catch Basin 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:

<b>Pay Item</b>	<b>Pay Unit</b>
Guardrail Anchor Units, Type 350	Each

**STEEL PIPE GATE:**

Construct steel pipe gate at locations indicated in the plans in accordance with the detail in the plans and as directed by the Engineer.

Steel Pipe Gate will be measured and paid for per each for *Steel Pipe Gate, 24' Wide*. Such price and payment will be full compensation for all labor, materials, tools and incidentals necessary to satisfactorily complete the work.

**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

**SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE – UNDERDRAIN**

Six-inch perforated underdrain is as shown on Roadway Design Standard Drawing No. 815.03. should be installed along the following sections:

<u>Line</u>	<u>Station (+/-)</u>	<u>Location</u>
-L-	62+50 to 66+00	Left Side

Underdrain pipe should be installed 6 feet below subgrade or as deep as practical to allow for sufficient out-fall. Allow underdrain to function for 30 days prior to the earliest occurrences of either undercutting, proof rolling, or any embankment construction. Payment will be made under Section 815-4 of the NCDOT Standard Specifications.

**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.

**STEEL U-CHANNEL POSTS:**

(7-18-06)

SP9 R02

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

**Page 9-15 Subarticle 903-3(D)** first paragraph, last sentence, delete the last sentence and add the following:

Use posts of sufficient length to permit the appropriate sign mounting height. Spliced posts are not permitted on new construction.

**HIGH STRENGTH CONCRETE FOR DRIVEWAYS:**

(11-21-00) (7-18-06)

SP10 R01

Use high early strength concrete for all driveways shown in the plans and as directed by the Engineer. Provide high early strength concrete that meets the requirements of Article 1000-6 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

Measurement and payment will be in accordance with Section 848 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

**GALVANIZED HIGH STRENGTH BOLTS, NUTS AND WASHERS:**

(2-17-09)

SP10 R02

Revise the *Standard Specifications* as follows:

**Page 10-126, Subarticle 1072-7(F)(3)** Change the AASHTO reference to B 695 Class 55.

**Page 10-247, Table 1092-2, Steel Sign Materials,** Change High Strength Bolts, Nuts & Washers ASTM Specifications for Galvanizing to B695 Class 55.

**Page 10-259, Subarticle 1094-1(A) Breakaway or Simple Steel Beam Sign Supports,** replace the third paragraph with the following:

Fabricate high strength bolts, nuts, and washers required for breakaway supports from steel in accordance with ASTM A325 and galvanize in accordance with AASHTO B 695 Class 55.

**Page 10-261, Article 1096-2 Steel Overhead Sign Structures,** replace the last sentence with the following:

The galvanizing shall meet the requirement of AASHTO B 695 Class 55 for fasteners and of ASTM A123 for other structural steel.

**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>

<b>Table 1024-1</b>	
<b>Pozzolans for Use in Portland Cement Concrete</b>	
<i>Pozzolan</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Class F Fly Ash	20% by weight of required cement content, with 1.2 lbs Class F fly ash per lb of cement replaced
Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag	35%-50% by weight of required cement content with 1 lb slag per lb of cement replaced
Microsilica	4%-8% by weight of required cement content, with 1 lb microsilica per lb of cement replaced

**CULVERT PIPE:**

(1-19-10)

SP10 R32

Revise the *Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures* as follows:

**Page 10-67, Article 1032-1, replace (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) with the following:**

- (A) Coated corrugated metal culvert pipe and pipe arches.
- (B) Coated corrugated metal end sections, coupling band, and other accessories
- (C) Corrugated aluminum alloy structural plate pipe and pipe arches
- (D) Corrugated aluminum alloy end sections, coupling band, and other accessories
- (E) Welded steel pipe

**Page 10-69, Subarticle 1032-3(A)(5) Coating Repair, replace with the following:**

Repair shall be in accordance with Section 1076-6 of the *Standard Specifications*.

**Subarticle 1032-3(A)(7) Aluminized Pipe, replace with the following:**

Aluminized pipe shall meet all requirements herein, except that the pipe and coupling bands shall be fabricated from aluminum coated steel sheet meeting the requirements of AASHTO M274.

**Page 10-71, Article 1032-4 Coated Culvert Pipe, replace (A), (1), (2), (3), (4), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F) and (G) with the following:**

- (A) Coatings for Steel Culvert Pipe or Pipe Arch

The below coating requirements apply for steel culvert pipe, pipe arch, end sections, tees, elbows, and eccentric reducers.

- (1) Steel Culvert pipe shall have an aluminized coating, meeting the requirement of AASHTO M274

- (2) When shown on the plans or as approved by the Engineer, a polymeric coating meeting the requirements of AASHTO M246 for Type B coating may be substituted for aluminized coating.

(B) Acceptance

Acceptance of coated steel culvert pipe, and its accessories will be based on, but not limited to, visual inspections, classification requirements, check samples taken from material delivered to the project, and conformance to the annual Brand Registration.

**Page 10-73, Article 1032-5, sixth paragraph, third sentence, remove the word "spelter"**

**Page 10-74, 1032-7 Vitrified Clay Culvert Pipe, delete section in its entirety.**

**Page 10-75, Article 1032-8 Welded Steel Pipe, change title to WELDED STEEL PIPE FOR DRAINAGE**

**Subarticle 1032-9(B) Plain Concrete Culvert Pipe, delete section in its entirety.**

**Page 10-77, Article 1032-10 Corrugated Polyethylene Culvert Pipe, change title to CORRUGATED POLYETHYLENE (HDPE) CULVERT PIPE**

**Add the following: Article 1032-11 Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pipe**

Polyvinyl Chloride pipe shall conform to AASHTO M 304 or ASTM 949. When rubber gaskets are to be installed in the pipe joint, the gasket shall be the sole element relied on to maintain a tight joint. Test pipe joints at the plant hydrostatically using test methods in ASTM D 3212. Soil tight joints shall be watertight to 13.8 kPa. Watertight joints shall be watertight to 34.5 kPa unless a higher pressure rating is specified in the plans.

**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

**PRECAST DRAINAGE STRUCTURES - MACRO-SYNTHETIC FIBERS**

(7-15-08)(Rev 11-18-08)

SP10 R42

**Description**

Substitute as an option, macro-synthetic fibers in lieu of 4" x 4" W1.4 x W1.4 welded wire fabric reinforcement for selected precast concrete products in accordance with the following requirements.

**Materials**

Item	Section
Portland Cement Concrete	1077-5

- (A) Substitute macro-synthetic fibers only for steel reinforcement with an area of steel of 0.12 in<sup>2</sup>/ft or less in the following items:
  - (1) **Precast Drainage Structure** units in accordance with the requirements of *Standard Drawing 840.45*.
  - (2) **Precast Manhole 4.0' Riser Sections** in accordance with the requirements of *Standard Drawing 840.52*.

All other requirements, including reinforcement for these precast concrete items will remain the same.

- (B) **Submittal** Submit to the Department for approval by the precast producer and fiber manufacturer, independently performed test results certifying the macro-synthetic fibers and the precast concrete products meet the requirements listed herein:

**(C) Macro-Synthetic Fibers**

- (1) Manufacture from virgin polyolefins (polypropylene and polyethylene) and comply with ASTM C 1116.4.1.3.

*Fibers manufactured from materials other than polyolefins* Submit test results certifying resistance to long-term deterioration when in contact with the moisture and alkalis present in cement paste and/or the substances present in air-entraining and chemical admixtures.

- (2) Fiber length - no less than 1-1/2 inch.
- (3) Macro-synthetic fibers - aspect ratio (length divided by the equivalent diameter of the fiber) between 45 and 150.
- (4) Macro-synthetic fibers - Minimum tensile strength of 40 ksi when tested in accordance with ASTM D 3822.
- (5) Macro-synthetic fibers - minimum modulus of elasticity of 400 ksi when tested in accordance with ASTM D 3822.

**(D) Fiber Reinforced Concrete**

- (1) Approved structural fibers may be used as a replacement of steel reinforcement in allowable structures of NCDOT Standards 840.45 and 840.52. The dosage rate, in pounds of fibers per cubic yard, shall be as per recommended by the fiber manufacturer to provide a minimum average residual strength (in accordance with ASTM C 1399) of concrete of no less than that of the concrete with the steel reinforcement that is being replaced, but no less than 5 lbs. per cubic yard. Submit the recommendations of the manufacturer that correlate the toughness of steel-reinforced concrete with that of the recommended dosage rate for the fiber-reinforced concrete.
- (2) Fiber reinforced concrete - 4.5% air content,  $\pm$  1.5% tolerance.
- (3) Fiber reinforced concrete - develop a minimum compressive strength 4000 psi in 28 days.
- (4) Workability of the concrete mix - determine in accordance with ASTM C995. The flow time - not be less than 7 seconds or greater than 25 seconds.
- (5) Assure the fibers are well dispersed and prevent fiber balling during production. After introduction of all other ingredients, add the plastic concrete and mix the plastic concrete for at least 4 minutes or for 50 revolutions at standard mixing speed.

**Measurement and Payment**

No separate payment will be made for substitution of macro-fiber synthetic reinforcement for the steel reinforcing. The price bid for the precast units will be full compensation for furnishing and incorporating the macro-fiber synthetic reinforcement.

**QUALIFICATION OF WELDS AND PROCEDURES:**

(7-21-09)

SP10 R43

**Page 10-143, Subarticle 1072-20(D) Qualification of Welds and Procedures**, replace the third sentence of the first paragraph with the following:

For all prequalified field welds, submit Welding Procedure Specifications (WPS) for each joint configuration for approval at least 30 days prior to performing any welding. In lieu of this, use the WPS provided and preapproved by the Department. These preapproved WPS are available from the Materials and Tests Unit or at:

[http://www.ncdot.org/doh/operations/materials/structural/appr\\_proc.html](http://www.ncdot.org/doh/operations/materials/structural/appr_proc.html). Use non-prequalified welds only if approved by the Engineer. Submit WPS for all non-prequalified welds to the Engineer for approval. At no cost to the Department, demonstrate their adequacy in accordance with the requirements of the Bridge Welding Code.

**PAINT SAMPLING AND TESTING:**

(8-15-06)

SP10 R45

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

**Page 10-190, Article 1080-4**, Delete the first paragraph and replace with the following:

All paint will be sampled, either at the point of manufacture or at the point of destination. Inspection and sampling will be performed at the point of manufacture wherever possible. The Contractor shall not begin painting until the analysis of the paint has been performed, and the paint has been accepted.

**PORTABLE CONCRETE BARRIER:**

(2-20-07)

SP10 R50

The *2006 Standard Specifications* is revised as follows:

**Page 10-245, Article 1090-1(A) General**, add the following after the first sentence:

The requirement for approved galvanized connectors will be waived if the barrier remains the property of the Contractor.

**TEMPORARY SHORING:**

(2-20-07) (Rev. 9-25-07)

SP11 R02

**Description**

Design and construct temporary shoring in accordance with the contract. Temporary shoring includes standard shoring, temporary mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) walls and non-anchored temporary shoring. Trench boxes are not considered temporary shoring. "Standard shoring" refers to *standard temporary shoring* and *standard temporary MSE walls*. Notes on plans may restrict the use of one or both types of standard shoring. Notes on plans may also require or prohibit temporary MSE walls.

Unless noted otherwise on the plans, temporary shoring is required as shown on the plans and to maintain traffic. Temporary shoring to maintain traffic is defined as shoring necessary to provide lateral support to the side of an excavation or embankment parallel to an open travelway when a theoretical 2:1 (H:V) slope from the bottom of the excavation or embankment intersects the existing ground line closer than 5 ft from the edge of pavement of the open travelway.

This provision is not applicable to anchored temporary shoring or the installation of pipes, drop inlets and utilities unless noted otherwise on the plans. Provide all shoring submittals before beginning work.

**Materials****(A) Certifications, Storage and Handling**

Provide Type 7 Contractor's Certifications in accordance with Article 106-3 of the *Standard Specifications* for all shoring materials used with the exception of reinforcing fabrics and geogrids. Furnish Type 2 Typical Certified Mill Test Reports in accordance with Article 106-3 of the *Standard Specifications* for all seam strengths and reinforcing fabric and geogrid properties. Provide minimum average roll values (MARV) in accordance with ASTM D4759 for test reports. For testing reinforcing fabric and geogrids, a lot is defined as a single day's production.

Load, transport, unload and store shoring materials such that they are kept clean and free of damage. Identify, store and handle all geogrids and geotextile fabrics in accordance with ASTM D4873. Geogrids and fabrics with defects, flaws, deterioration or damage will be rejected. Do not leave fabrics or geogrids uncovered for more than 7 days.

**(B) Shoring Backfill**

Use shoring backfill for the construction of all temporary shoring including backfilling behind non-anchored temporary shoring and in the reinforced zone for temporary MSE walls. Unless backfilling around culverts, use shoring backfill that meets the requirements of Class II Type I, Class III, Class V or Class VI select material in accordance with Section 1016 of the *Standard Specifications* or AASHTO M145 for soil classification A-2-4 with a maximum plasticity index (PI) of 6. For backfilling around culverts, use shoring backfill as defined herein except for A-2-4 soil.

**(C) Non-anchored Temporary Shoring**

Use steel shapes, plates and piles that meet the requirements of ASTM A36 and steel sheet piles that meet the requirements of Article 1084-2 of the *Standard Specifications*. Use timber lagging with a minimum allowable bending stress of 1000 psi that meets the requirements of Article 1082-1 of the *Standard Specifications*. For standard temporary shoring, use pile sections and lengths and lagging sizes as shown on the plans.

**(D) Temporary MSE Walls**

Use welded wire reinforcement forms, facings, mesh and mats that meet the requirements of AASHTO M55 or M221. Use connector bars and wires for welded wire wall components and support struts that meet the requirements of AASHTO M32. For standard temporary MSE walls, use wire gauges, strut sizes and welded wire components as shown on the plans.

**(1) Geotextile Fabrics**

Use geotextile fabrics that meet the requirements of Article 1056-1 of the *Standard Specifications*.

**(a) Reinforcing Fabric**

The reinforcement direction (RD) is defined as the direction perpendicular to the wall face and the cross-reinforcement direction (CRD) is defined as the direction parallel to the wall face.

Use woven polyester or polypropylene fabric that meets the following properties:

Property	Test Method	Requirement (MARV)
Wide Width Tensile Strength @ Ultimate (RD)	ASTM D4595	Varies – 200 lb/in min
Wide Width Tensile Strength @ Ultimate (CRD)	ASTM D4595	100 lb/in min
Trapezoidal Tear Strength	ASTM D4533	100 lb min
CBR Puncture Strength	ASTM D6241	600 lb min
UV Resistance after 500 hrs	ASTM D4355	70 %
Apparent Opening Size (AOS), US Sieve	ASTM D4751	20 min – 70 max
Permittivity	ASTM D4491	0.20 sec <sup>-1</sup>

For standard temporary MSE walls (temporary fabric wall) use reinforcing fabric wide width tensile strengths and lengths in the RD as shown on the plans.

**(b) Retention Fabric**

Retain shoring backfill at the face of temporary MSE walls with retention fabric. Use fabric that meets the requirements of Class 3 and the UV resistance, AOS and permittivity for separation geotextile in accordance with AASHTO M288.

**(2) SierraScape Temporary Wall**

Use uniaxial (UX) geogrids composed of high-density polyethylene (HDPE) manufactured by Tensar Earth Technologies. Test geogrids in accordance with ASTM D6637. Use connection rods manufactured by Tensar Earth Technologies to transfer the load between the facings and geogrids.

For standard temporary MSE walls (SierraScape temporary wall) use geogrid types and lengths as shown on the plans.

**(3) Terratrel Temporary Wall**

Use ribbed reinforcing steel strips manufactured by The Reinforced Earth Company that meet the requirements of ASTM A572, Grade 65. Use connector rods that meet the requirements of AASHTO M31, Grade 60 and hair pin connectors that meet the requirements of ASTM A1011, Grade 50. Use bolts, nuts and washers that meet the requirements of AASHTO M164.

For standard temporary MSE walls (Terratrel temporary wall) use ribbed steel strip size and lengths, rod lengths and diameters, hairpin connectors, bolts, nuts and washers as shown on the plans.

**Embedment**

“Embedment” is defined as the depth of shoring below the bottom of the excavation or the grade in front of the shoring. For cantilever shoring, embedment is the depth of the piling below the grade in front of the shoring. For temporary MSE walls, embedment is the difference between the grade elevation in front of the wall and the elevation of the bottom of the reinforced zone.

**Portable Concrete Barriers**

Provide portable concrete barriers in accordance with the plans and if shoring is located within the clear zone as defined in the *AASHTO Roadside Design Guide*. Use NCDOT portable concrete barriers (PCBs) in accordance with Roadway Standard Drawing No. 1170.01 and Section 1170 of the *Standard Specifications*. Use Oregon Tall F-Shape Concrete Barriers in accordance with detail drawing and special provision obtained from:

<http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/wztc/DesRes/English/DesResEng.html>

The clear distance is defined as the horizontal distance from the back face of the barrier to the edge of pavement and the minimum required clear distance is shown on the traffic control plans. At the Contractor's option or if the minimum required clear distance is not available, set an unanchored PCB against the traffic side of the shoring and design shoring for traffic impact or use the "surcharge case with traffic impact" for the standard temporary shoring. An anchored PCB or Oregon barrier is required for barriers above and behind temporary MSE walls.

### **Contractor Designed Shoring**

"Contractor designed shoring" is defined as non-anchored temporary shoring or temporary MSE walls designed by the Contractor. Unless prohibited or required, Contractor designed shoring is optional. Contractor designed shoring is required when notes on plans prohibit the use of standard shoring. Non-anchored Contractor designed shoring is prohibited when notes on plans require the use of temporary MSE walls and Contractor designed temporary MSE walls are prohibited when notes on plans prohibit the use of temporary MSE walls.

Before beginning design, survey the shoring location to determine existing elevations and actual design heights. Submit design calculations and drawings including typical sections for review and acceptance showing details of the proposed design and construction sequence in accordance with Article 105-2 of the *Standard Specifications*. Have shoring designed, detailed and sealed by a Professional Engineer registered in the State of North Carolina. Submit 3 hard copies of design calculations and 10 hard copies of drawings and an electronic copy (pdf or jpeg format on CD or DVD) of both the calculations and drawings.

Design non-anchored temporary shoring in accordance with the *AASHTO Guide Design Specifications for Bridge Temporary Works* and temporary MSE walls in accordance with the *AASHTO Allowable Stress Design Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges*. Use the following soil parameters for shoring backfill in the reinforced zone.

Total Unit Weight = 120 pcf  
Friction Angle = 30 degrees  
Cohesion = 0 psf

Design temporary shoring in accordance with the in-situ assumed soil parameters shown on the plans. Design shoring for a 3-year design service life and a traffic surcharge equal to 240 psf. This surcharge is not applicable for construction traffic. If a construction surcharge will be present within a horizontal distance equal to the height of the shoring, design the shoring for the required construction surcharge. If the edge of pavement or a structure to be protected is within a horizontal distance equal to the height of the shoring, design shoring for a maximum deflection of 3". Otherwise, design shoring for a maximum deflection of 6".

For non-anchored temporary shoring, the top of shoring elevation is defined as the elevation where the grade intersects the back face of the shoring. For traffic impact, apply 2 kips/ft to the shoring 1.5 ft above the top of shoring elevation. When designing for traffic impact, extend shoring at least 32" above the top of shoring elevation. Otherwise, extend shoring at least 6" above the top of shoring elevation.

**Standard Shoring**

Unless notes on plans prohibit the use of one or both types of standard shoring, standard shoring is optional. Submit a “Standard Temporary MSE Wall Selection Form” for each standard temporary MSE wall location and a “Standard Temporary Shoring Selection Form” for up to three standard temporary shoring locations. Submit selection forms at least 14 days before beginning shoring construction. Obtain standard shoring selection forms from:

<http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/highway/geotech/formdet/standards.html>

**(A) Standard Temporary Shoring**

Determine the shoring height, traffic impact, groundwater condition and slope or surcharge case for each standard temporary shoring location. Determine the minimum required extension, embedment and sheet pile section modulus or H pile section from the plans for each location.

**(B) Standard Temporary MSE Walls**

Choose a standard temporary MSE wall from the multiple temporary MSE wall options shown in the plans. Do not use more than one option per wall location.

Step bottom of reinforced zone in increments equal to vertical reinforcement spacing for the wall option chosen. Determine the wall height and slope or surcharge case for each section of standard temporary MSE wall. With the exception of either the first or last section of wall, use horizontal section lengths in increments equal to the following for the wall option chosen.

<b>Standard Temporary MSE Wall Option</b>	<b>Increment</b>
Temporary Fabric Wall	9 ft min (varies)
Hilfiker Temporary Wall	10 ft min (varies)
SierraScape Temporary Wall	18 ft – 7 1/4 in
Retained Earth Temporary Wall	24 ft
Terratrel Temporary Wall	19 ft – 8 in

Determine the appropriate facings and/or forms and reinforcement length, spacing, strength, type, density and/or size from the plans for each wall section.

**Construction Methods**

When using an anchored PCB, anchor the barrier in accordance with Roadway Standard Drawing 1170.01 and Section 1170 of the *Standard Specifications*. Control drainage during construction in the vicinity of temporary shoring. Collect and direct run off away from temporary MSE walls, shoring and shoring backfill.

**(A) Non-anchored Temporary Shoring**

Install and interlock sheet piling or install piles as shown on the plans or accepted submittals with a tolerance of 1/2 inch per foot from vertical. Contact the Engineer if the design embedment is not achieved. If piles are placed in drilled holes, perform pile excavation to the required elevations and backfill excavations with concrete and lean sand grout.

Remove grout as necessary to install timber lagging. Install timber lagging with a minimum bearing distance of 3" on each pile flange. Backfill voids behind lagging with shoring backfill.

Perform welding in accordance with the accepted submittals and Article 1072-20 of the *Standard Specifications*.

**(1) Pile Excavation**

Excavate a hole with a diameter that will result in at least 3" of clearance around the entire pile. Use equipment of adequate capacity and capable of drilling through soil and non-soil including rock, boulders, debris, man-made objects and any other materials encountered. Blasting is not permitted to advance excavations. Blasting for core removal is permitted only when approved by the Engineer. Dispose of drilling spoils in accordance with Section 802 of the *Standard Specifications*. Drilling spoils consist of all excavated material including water removed from excavations by either pumping or drilling tools.

If unstable, caving or sloughing soils are encountered, stabilize excavations with clean watertight steel casing. Steel casings may be either sectional type or one continuous corrugated or non-corrugated piece. Provide casings of ample strength to withstand handling and driving stresses and the pressures imposed by concrete, earth or backfill. Use steel casings with an outside diameter equal to the hole size and a minimum wall thickness of 1/4 inch.

Before placing concrete, check the water inflow rate in the excavation after any pumps have been removed. If the inflow rate is less than 6" per half hour, remove any water and free fall the concrete into the excavation. Ensure that concrete flows completely around the pile. If the water inflow rate is greater than 6" per half hour, propose and obtain approval of the concrete placement procedure before placing concrete.

Center the pile in the excavation and fill the excavation with Class A concrete in accordance with Section 1000 of the *Standard Specifications* except as modified herein. Provide concrete with a slump of 6 to 8 inches. Use an approved high-range water reducer to achieve this slump. Place concrete in a continuous manner to the bottom of shoring or the elevations shown on the accepted submittals. Fill the remainder of the excavation with a lean sand grout and remove all casings.

**(B) Temporary MSE Walls**

The Engineer may require a wall preconstruction meeting to discuss the construction and inspection of the temporary MSE walls. If required, conduct the meeting with the Site Superintendent, the Resident or Bridge Maintenance Engineer, the Bridge Construction Engineer and the Geotechnical Operations Engineer before beginning wall construction.

Perform all necessary clearing and grubbing in accordance with Section 200 of the *Standard Specifications*. Excavate as necessary as shown on the plans or accepted submittals. Notify the Engineer when foundation excavation is complete. Do not place shoring backfill or first reinforcement layer until obtaining approval of the excavation depth and foundation material.

If applicable, install foundations located within the reinforced zone in accordance with the plans or accepted submittals.

Erect and maintain facings and forms as shown on the plans or accepted submittals. Stagger vertical joints of facings and forms to create a running bond when possible unless shown otherwise on the plans or accepted submittals.

Place facings and forms as near to vertical as possible with no negative batter. Construct temporary MSE walls with a vertical and horizontal tolerance of 3" when measured with a 10 ft straight edge and an overall vertical plumbness (batter) and horizontal alignment of less than 6".

Place reinforcement at locations and elevations shown on the plans or accepted submittals and in slight tension free of kinks, folds, wrinkles or creases. Repair or replace any damaged reinforcement. Contact the Engineer when existing or future structures such as foundations, pavements, pipes, inlets or utilities will interfere with reinforcement. To avoid structures, deflect, skew and modify reinforcement.

Do not splice reinforcement in the reinforcement direction (RD), i.e., parallel to the wall face. Seams are allowed in the cross-reinforcement direction (CRD). Bond or sew adjacent reinforcing fabric together or overlap fabric a minimum of 18" with seams oriented perpendicular to the wall face.

Place shoring backfill in 8 to 10 inch thick lifts and compact in accordance with Subarticle 235-4(C) of the *Standard Specifications*. Use only hand operated compaction equipment within 3 ft of the wall face. Do not damage reinforcement when placing and compacting shoring backfill. End dumping directly on the reinforcement is not permitted. Do not operate heavy equipment on reinforcement until it is covered with at least 10" of shoring backfill. Do not use sheepsfoot, grid rollers or other types of compaction equipment with feet.

Cover reinforcing and retention fabric with at least 3” of shoring backfill. Place top reinforcement layer between 4 and 24 inches below top of wall as shown on the plans or accepted submittals.

Bench temporary MSE walls into the sides of excavations where applicable. If the top of wall is within 5 ft of finished grade, remove top form or facing and incorporate the top reinforcement layer into the fill when placing fill in front of the wall. Temporary MSE walls remain in place permanently unless required otherwise.

**Measurement and Payment**

*Temporary Shoring* will be measured and paid for at the contract unit price per square foot of exposed face area at locations shown on the plans or required by the Engineer. For temporary MSE walls, the wall height will be measured as the difference between the top and bottom of wall and does not include the embedded portions of the wall or any pavement thickness above the wall. For all other temporary shoring, the shoring height will be measured as the difference between the top and bottom of shoring elevation. The bottom of shoring elevation is defined as where the grade intersects the front face of the shoring. The top of shoring elevation is defined as where the grade intersects the back face of the shoring. No payment will be made for any extension of shoring above the top of shoring or any embedment below the bottom of shoring. Such price and payment will be full compensation for furnishing all labor, tools, equipment, materials and all incidentals necessary to design and install the temporary shoring and complete the work as described in this provision.

No payment will be made for temporary shoring not shown on the plans or required by the Engineer including shoring for OSHA reasons or the Contractor’s convenience. No value engineering proposals will be accepted based solely on revising or eliminating the shoring locations shown on the plans or the estimated quantities shown in the bid item sheets as a result of actual field measurements or site conditions.

No additional payment will be made for anchoring PCBs or providing Oregon barriers in lieu of unanchored PCBs. Additional costs for anchoring PCBs or providing Oregon barriers will be considered incidental to *Temporary Shoring*.

Payment will be made under:

<b>Pay Item</b>	<b>Pay Unit</b>
Temporary Shoring	Square Foot

**TEMPORARY SOIL NAIL WALLS: (SPECIAL)**

**Description**

A soil nail is defined as a steel bar grouted in a drilled hole inclined at an angle below horizontal. A temporary soil nail wall consists of soil nails spaced at a regular pattern and connected to a reinforced shotcrete face supporting the excavation. At the Contractor’s option, use temporary

soil nail walls in lieu of temporary shoring for full cut sections. Design and construct temporary soil nail walls based on actual elevations and dimensions in accordance with the contract and accepted submittals. For this provision, "soil nail wall" refers to a temporary soil nail wall and "Soil Nail Wall Contractor" refers to the contractor installing soil nails and applying shotcrete. Use a Soil Nail Wall Contractor prequalified by the NCDOT Construction Unit for anchored retaining walls work (work code 3020).

### **Materials**

Provide Type 7 Contractor's Certifications in accordance with Article 106-3 of the *Standard Specifications* for soil nail materials and geocomposite drain strips.

#### **(A) Soil Nails**

Store steel materials on blocking a minimum of 12" (300 mm) above the ground and protect it at all times from damage; and when placing in the work make sure it is free from dirt, dust, loose mill scale, loose rust, paint, oil or other foreign materials. Damaged or bent materials will be rejected.

Use deformed steel bars meeting the requirements of AASHTO M275 or M31, Grade 60 or 75 (420 or 520). Splice bars in accordance with Article 1070-10 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Fabricate bar centralizers from schedule 40 polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe or tube, steel or other material not detrimental to steel bars (no wood). Size centralizers to position the bar within 1 inch (25 mm) of the drill hole center and allow a tremie to be inserted to the bottom of the hole. Use centralizers that do not interfere with grout placement or flow around bars.

Use grout in accordance with the contract.

Provide bearing plates meeting the requirements of ASTM A36 and hex nuts and washers in accordance with the bar manufacturer's recommendations.

#### **(B) Geocomposite Drain Strips**

Provide minimum average roll values (MARV) in accordance with ASTM D4759 for test reports. Load, transport, unload and store geocomposite drain strips such that they are kept clean and free of damage. Identify, store and handle drain strips in accordance with ASTM D4873. Drain strips with defects, flaws, deterioration or damage will be rejected. Do not leave drain strips uncovered for more than 7 days.

Use at least 12 inch (300 mm) wide prefabricated preformed geocomposite drain strips consisting of a non-woven polypropylene geotextile bonded to one side of an HDPE or polystyrene drainage core, e.g., geonet. Provide drain strips with cores meeting the following requirements.

Core Property	Test Method	Requirement (MARV)
Thickness	ASTM D1777	¼ - ½ inch (6 – 13 mm)
Compressive Strength	ASTM D1621	40 psi (276 kPa) min
Flow Rate (with a gradient of 1.0)	ASTM D4716	16 gpm (1 l/s) min*

\* per ft (m) of width tested

**(C) Shotcrete**

Use shotcrete in accordance with the contract.

**(D) Reinforcing Steel**

Use deformed steel bar reinforcement and welded wire fabric meeting the requirements of reinforcing steel in accordance with Section 1070 of the *Standard Specifications*.

**Design**

Before beginning design, survey Contractor designed shoring locations to determine existing elevations and actual design heights. Design soil nail walls in accordance with the plans and the allowable stress design method in the *FHWA Geotechnical Engineering Circular No. 7 "Soil Nail Walls"* (Publication No. FHWA-IF-03-017).

Provide portable concrete barriers in accordance with the contract for barriers for temporary mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) walls. For pavements above and behind soil nail walls, maintain a minimum clearance of 36" (900 mm) between the wall face and edge of pavement. For slopes above and behind soil nail walls, maintain a minimum clearance of 12" (300 mm) between the wall face and toe of slope.

Design soil nail walls for a 3-year design service life and a traffic surcharge equal to 240 psf (11.5 kPa). This surcharge is not applicable for construction traffic. If a construction surcharge will be present within a horizontal distance equal to the height of the wall, design the soil nail wall for the required construction surcharge.

Do not extend soil nails beyond right-of-way or easement lines. If existing or future obstructions such as foundations, guardrail posts, pavements, pipes, inlets or utilities will interfere with soil nails, maintain a minimum clearance of 6" (150 mm) between the obstruction and the nails. Use soil nails meeting the following minimum requirements.

- Vertical and horizontal spacing of 3 ft (1 m)
- Inclination of 10 degrees below horizontal
- Diameter of 4" (100 mm)

Geocomposite drain strips are required at minimum 10 ft (3 m) centers between the shotcrete and excavation face. Use a minimum shotcrete thickness of 4" (100 mm) and reinforce shotcrete with #4 (#13) whaler bars around each nail head. Two reinforcing bars (one on each side of the nail head) in both the vertical and horizontal directions for a total of 4 whaler bars per soil nail are required. Do not embed shotcrete facing below bottom of the excavation or the grade in front of the wall.

Submit soil nail wall designs including unit grout/ground bond strengths for review and acceptance in accordance with Article 105-2 of the *Standard Specifications*. Submit working drawings showing plan views, wall profiles with soil nail locations and typical sections with soil nail, drainage, shotcrete and reinforcing details. If necessary, include details on working drawings for obstructions interfering with soil nails or extending through walls. Submit design calculations for each soil nail wall section with different surcharge loads, wall geometry or material parameters. A minimum of one analysis is required for each wall section with different soil nail lengths. Submit 3 hard copies of design calculations and 10 hard copies of drawings and an electronic copy (pdf or jpeg format on CD or DVD) of both the calculations and drawings. Have soil nail walls designed, detailed and sealed by a Professional Engineer registered in North Carolina.

### **Construction Methods**

When using an anchored NCDOT portable concrete barrier (PCB), anchor the barrier in accordance with Roadway Standard Drawing 1170.01 and Section 1170 of the *Standard Specifications*. Control drainage during construction in the vicinity of soil nail walls. Collect and direct run off away from soil nail walls and areas above and behind walls.

Before starting soil nail wall construction, conduct a preconstruction meeting to discuss the construction, inspection and testing of the soil nail walls. Schedule this meeting after all soil nail wall submittals have been accepted. The Resident or Bridge Maintenance Engineer, Bridge Construction Engineer, Geotechnical Operations Engineer, Contractor and Soil Nail Wall Contractor Superintendent and Project Manager will attend this preconstruction meeting.

Notify the Engineer before blasting in the vicinity of soil nail walls. Perform blasting in accordance with the contract. Install foundations located behind soil nail walls and within a horizontal distance equal to the longest soil nail length before beginning soil nail wall construction.

Do not excavate behind soil nail walls. If overexcavation occurs, repair walls at no additional cost to the Department with a method proposed by the Contractor and accepted by the Engineer.

#### **(A) Excavation**

Construct soil nail walls from the top down by removing material in front of walls. Excavate in reasonably close conformity to the accepted submittals and in staged horizontal lifts with heights not to exceed the vertical soil nail spacing. Do not excavate more than 3 ft (1 m) below where soil nails will be installed. Remove any cobbles, boulders, rubble or debris that will protrude more than 2" (50 mm) into the required shotcrete thickness. Rocky ground such as colluvium, boulder fills and weathered rock may be difficult to excavate without leaving voids.

Install geocomposite drain strips as shown in the accepted submittals. Before shotcreting, place and secure drain strips with the geotextile side against the excavation face. Ensure that drain strips continuously contact the excavation face and allow for full flow the entire height of the wall. Discontinuous drain strips are not allowed. If splices are needed, overlap drain strips a minimum of 12" (300 mm) such that flow is not impeded.

Apply shotcrete to the excavation face within 24 hours of excavating the lift unless approved otherwise by the Engineer. The application of shotcrete may be delayed if it can be demonstrated that the delay will not adversely affect the excavation face stability. If the excavation face will be exposed for more than 24 hours, use polyethylene sheets anchored at the top and bottom of the lift to protect the face from changes in moisture content.

If the excavation face becomes unstable at any time, suspend soil nail wall construction and temporarily stabilize the face by immediately placing an earth berm against the unstable face. Soil nail wall construction may not proceed until remedial measures are proposed by the Contractor and accepted by the Engineer.

Do not excavate subsequent lifts until soil nail installation, shotcrete application, nail head assembly and soil nail testing are complete and accepted for the preceding lift. Also, do not excavate subsequent lifts until grout and shotcrete have cured at least 3 days and 1 day, respectively, for the preceding lift.

Cut off excess drain strips and expose strip ends below shotcrete facing when all excavation and shotcreting is complete.

**(B) Soil Nail Installation**

Drill and grout soil nails the same day and do not leave drill holes open overnight. Control drilling and grouting to prevent excessive ground movements, damaging structures and pavements and fracturing rock and soil formations. If ground heave or subsidence occurs, suspend soil nail wall construction and take action to minimize movement. If structures or pavements are damaged, suspend wall construction and repair structures and pavements at no additional cost to the Department with a method proposed by the Contractor and accepted by the Engineer.

**(1) Drilling**

Use drilling rigs capable of drilling through whatever materials are encountered to the dimensions and orientations required for the soil nail wall design. Drill straight and clean holes at locations shown in the accepted submittals. Stabilize drill holes with temporary casings if unstable, caving or sloughing material is anticipated or encountered. Do not use drilling fluids to stabilize drill holes or remove cuttings.

**(2) Soil Nail Bars**

Use centralizers to center steel bars in drill holes. Securely attach centralizers at maximum 8 ft (2.4 m) intervals along bars. Attach upper and lowermost centralizers 18" (450 mm) from the top and bottom of drill holes.

Before placing soil nail bars, allow the Engineer to check location, orientation and cleanliness of drill holes. Provide steel bars as shown in the accepted submittals and insert bars without difficulty or forcing insertion. Do not vibrate or drive soil nail bars. If a bar can not be completely inserted easily, remove the bar and clean or redrill the hole.

**(3) Grouting**

Remove all oil, rust inhibitors, residual drilling fluids and similar foreign materials from holding tanks/hoppers, stirring devices, pumps, lines, tremie pipes and all other equipment in contact with grout before use.

Place grout with a tremie in accordance with the contract and accepted submittals. Inject grout at the lowest point of drill holes through a tremie pipe, e.g., grout tube, casing, hollow-stem auger or drill rod, in one continuous operation. Fill drill holes progressively from the bottom to top and withdraw tremie at a slow even rate as the hole is filled to prevent voids in the grout. Extend tremie pipe into grout a minimum of 5 ft (1.5 m) at all times except when grout is initially placed in a drill hole.

Provide grout free of segregation, intrusions, contamination, structural damage or inadequate consolidation (honeycombing). Cold joints in grout are not allowed except for soil nails that are tested. Extract temporary casings as grout is placed. Monitor and record grout volumes during placement.

**(4) Nail Heads**

After shotcreting, attach nail head assemblies consisting of bearing plates and nuts as shown in the accepted submittals. Before shotcrete reaches initial set, seat plates and tighten nuts so plates contact shotcrete uniformly. If uniform contact is not possible, install nail head assemblies on a mortar pad to provide even bearing against shotcrete.

**(C) Shotcreting**

Perform shotcreting in accordance with the contract and accepted submittals. Use nozzlemen who made satisfactory preconstruction test panels.

Clean the excavation face and ungrouted zones of drill holes near the face of all loose materials, mud, rebound and other foreign material. Moisten all surfaces to receive shotcrete. Secure reinforcement to prevent movement and vibration while shotcreting.

Direct shotcrete at right angles to the excavation face except when placing shotcrete around reinforcing bars. Rotate nozzle steadily in a small circular pattern. Apply shotcrete from the bottom up. Make shotcrete surface uniform and free of sloughing or sagging.

Completely fill ungrouted zones of drill holes near the excavation face and any other voids with shotcrete. Consider subsurface conditions and resulting potential for voids when estimating shotcrete quantities. No additional payment will be made for unanticipated shotcrete quantities.

Taper construction joints to a thin edge over a minimum distance equal to the shotcrete thickness. Wet the joint surface before applying shotcrete on adjacent sections.

Repair surface defects as soon as possible after placement. 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.

**(D) Soil Nail Testing**

For this provision, “proof tests” are performed on test nails incorporated into the wall, i.e., production soil nails assuming test nails are acceptable in accordance with this provision. “Proof test nails” refer to soil nails on which proof tests are performed.

In general, proof tests on 5 percent of production soil nails with a minimum of 1 test per nail row is required. More or less soil nail testing may be required depending on the subsurface conditions encountered. The Engineer will decide the actual number and locations of proof tests.

Do not test soil nails until grout and shotcrete achieve the required 3 day compressive strength.

**(1) Testing Equipment**

Use testing equipment that includes the following.

- 2 dial gauges with rigid supports
- hydraulic jack and pressure gauge
- electronic load cell
- jacking block or reaction frame

Provide pressure gauges graduated in 100 psi (690 kPa) increments or less. Use dial gauges capable of measuring to 0.001” (0.025 mm) and accommodating the maximum anticipated movement.

Align testing equipment to ensure uniform loading. Use a jacking block or reaction frame that does not damage the shotcrete or contact the shotcrete face within 3 ft (1 m) of test nails. Align dial gauges within 5 degrees of the test nail axis. Place dial gauges opposite each other on either side of the test nail. Set up testing equipment and measuring devices such that resetting or repositioning the components before completing testing is not required. A load cell is not required for subsequent proof tests after the initial proof test if the same jack and pressure gauge are used for all proof tests.

**(2) Proof Tests**

Proof test nails have both bonded and unbonded lengths. Grout only the bonded length before testing. Minimum bonded and unbonded lengths of 10 ft (3 m) and 3 ft (1 m), respectively, are required.

Soil nail bars for production soil nails may be overstressed under higher test nail loads. Use larger or higher grade steel bars to allow for higher loads instead of shortening bond lengths to less than the minimum.

Use the following equation to determine maximum bond lengths,  $L_B$  (ft or m).

$$L_B \leq \frac{C_{RT} \times A_t \times f_y}{Q_{ALL} \times 1.5},$$

where,

$C_{RT}$  = reduction coefficient, 0.9 for Grade 60 and 75 (420 and 520) bars or 0.8 for Grade 150 (1035) bars,

$A_t$  = bar area (in<sup>2</sup> or m<sup>2</sup>),

$f_y$  = bar yield stress (ksi or kPa) and

$Q_{ALL}$  = allowable unit grout/ground bond strength (kips/ft or kN/m).

Use the following equation to determine design test loads, DTL (kips or kN).

$$DTL = L_B \times Q_{ALL}$$

Calculate DTL based on as-built bond lengths. Perform proof tests by incrementally loading test nails to failure or a maximum test load of 150 percent of DTL according to the following schedule.

Load	Hold Time
AL*	Until movement stabilizes
0.25 DTL	Until movement stabilizes
0.50 DTL	Until movement stabilizes
0.75 DTL	Until movement stabilizes
1.00 DTL	Until movement stabilizes
1.25 DTL	Until movement stabilizes
1.50 DTL	10 or 60 minutes (creep test)
AL*	1 minute

\*Alignment load (AL) is the minimum load required to align testing equipment and should not exceed 0.05 DTL.

Reset dial gauges to zero after applying alignment load. Record test nail movement at each load increment and monitor test nails for creep at the 1.50 DTL load increment. Measure and record test nail movement at 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 10 minutes. When the test nail movement between 1 minute and 10 minutes exceeds 0.04" (1 mm), maintain the maximum test load for an additional 50 minutes and record movements at 20, 30, 50 and 60 minutes. Repump jack as needed to maintain the intended load during hold times.

### (3) Test Nail Acceptance

Test nail acceptance is based on the following criteria.

1. Total creep movement is less than 0.04" (1 mm) between the 1 and 10 minute readings or less than 0.08" (2 mm) between the 6 and 60 minute readings and creep rate is linear or decreasing throughout the creep test load hold time.
2. Total test nail movement at maximum test load exceeds 80 percent of the theoretical elastic elongation of the test nail unbonded length.
3. Pullout failure does not occur at or before the 1.5 DTL load increment. Pullout failure is defined as the inability to increase the load while test nail movement continues. Record the pullout failure load as part of the test data.

Maintain stability of test nail unbonded lengths for subsequent grouting. If the test nail unbonded length of a proof test nail can not be satisfactorily grouted after testing, do not incorporate the test nail into the wall and replace the nail with another production soil nail at no additional cost to the Department.

**(4) Test Nail Results**

Submit 2 original hard copies of test nail records including load versus movement curves within 24 hours of completing each test. The Engineer will review the test records to determine if the test nail is acceptable.

If the Engineer determines a test nail is unacceptable, either perform additional proof tests on adjacent production soil nails or revise the soil nail wall design for the production soil nails represented by the unacceptable proof test nail as determined by the Engineer. Submit a revised soil nail wall design for review and acceptance and provide an acceptable proof test nail with the revised design and/or installation methods at no additional cost to the Department. If required, remove representative production soil nails and/or provide new production soil nails with the revised design and/or installation methods at no additional cost to the Department.

After completing all soil nail testing for each wall, submit electronic copies (pdf or jpg format on CD or DVD) of all corresponding test records.

**Measurement and Payment**

Temporary soil nail walls will be measured as the exposed face area. The soil nail wall height will be measured as the difference between the top and bottom of wall and does not include the embedded portions of the soil nail wall or any pavement thickness above the wall.

If the Contractor elects to use temporary soil nail walls in lieu of temporary shoring, the soil nail walls will be paid for at the contract unit price bid for *Temporary Shoring*. Such price and payment will be full compensation for design, submittals, furnishing labor, tools, equipment and materials, excavating lifts, installing soil nails and geocomposite drain strips, grouting, providing reinforcement and shotcrete including test panels and any incidentals necessary to design and construct soil nail walls in accordance with this provision.

**SHOTCRETE:****(4-15-08)****1.0 DESCRIPTION**

This special provision addresses shotcrete produced by either the dry or wet mix process used for temporary support of excavations and other applications as shown on the plans or directed by the Engineer. Provide shotcrete composed of portland cement, water, aggregate and at the Contractor's option, pozzolan. Type IP blended cement may be used in lieu of portland cement and fly ash and Type IS blended cement may be used in lieu of portland cement and ground granulated blast furnace slag. If necessary, use admixtures for shotcrete produced by the wet mix process. Proportion, mix and place shotcrete in accordance with the plans, the applicable section of the *Standard Specifications* or special provision for the application and this provision.

**2.0 MATERIALS**

Refer to Division 10 of the Standard Specifications:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Article</b>
Cement	1024-1
Water	1024-4
Fine Aggregate, 2S or 2MS	1014-1
Coarse Aggregate	1014-2
Fly Ash	1024-5
Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag	1024-6
Silica Fume	1024-7
Admixtures	1024-3

**3.0 REQUIREMENTS**

Unless required elsewhere in the contract, provide shotcrete with minimum compressive strengths as follows:

<b>Property</b>	<b>Requirement</b>
Compressive Strength @ 3 days	2000 psi (13.8 MPa)
Compressive Strength @ 28 days	4000 psi (27.6 MPa)

Submit shotcrete mix designs in terms of saturated surface dry weights on M&T Form 312U in accordance with the applicable section of the Standard Specifications or special provision for the application. If the Contractor desires to mix shotcrete by volume, contact the NCDOT Materials and Tests (M&T) Unit before submitting mix designs. Adjust mix proportions to compensate for surface moisture contained in the aggregates at the time of mixing. Use an approved testing laboratory to determine the shotcrete mix proportions. Changes in mix proportions will not be permitted unless a revised mix design submittal is accepted.

When shotcrete mix designs are submitted, the Engineer will review the mix designs and notify the Contractor as to their acceptability contingent upon compressive strength test results for cores from preconstruction test panels. Do not use mix designs for preconstruction test panels until written acceptance has been received. Acceptance of shotcrete mix designs does not relieve the Contractor of responsibility to furnish a product that meets the contract requirements.

**4.0 PRECONSTRUCTION TEST PANELS**

Before beginning construction, furnish at least 1 preconstruction test panel for each shotcrete mix design and nozzleman using the same equipment that will be used for construction. Use 3 ft by 3 ft (1 m by 1 m) forms at least 4" (100 mm) thick for test panels.

Determine air content for shotcrete produced by the wet mix process in accordance with AASHTO T152 or T196. Batch, deliver, mix and place shotcrete in accordance with Section 5.0 and the applicable section of the Standard Specifications or special provision for the application. Make preconstruction test panels in the presence of the Engineer with forms in a vertical position and from the same shooting position anticipated for construction. Do not disturb test panels within the first 24 hours and cure panels in accordance with AASHTO T23 without immersing panels.

Drill 3" (75 mm) dia. cores in accordance with AASHTO T24. Extract 6 cores from each preconstruction test panel and provide them to the Engineer. The compressive strength of the shotcrete will be considered the average compressive strength test results of 3 cylinder specimens from the same preconstruction test panel at 28 days.

## **5.0 SAMPLING AND PLACEMENT**

Use equipment capable of handling and delivering shotcrete at a steady uninterrupted flow. Use air supply systems that deliver clean, dry air free of contamination and capable of maintaining sufficient nozzle velocity at all times. Apply shotcrete with the same equipment and methods as used for the preconstruction test panels. Install approved thickness measuring gauges on 5 ft (1.5 m) centers in each direction to establish shotcrete thickness.

Do not apply shotcrete during heavy rains or runoff or high winds such that the nozzle stream separates during placement. Do not place shotcrete if surface to receive shotcrete is frozen or the air temperature measured at the location of the shotcreting operation in the shade away from artificial heat is below 40°F (4°C). Do not apply shotcrete if the shotcrete temperature is less than 50°F (10°C) or greater than 90°F (32°C). Protect shotcrete from freezing and rain until the shotcrete reaches initial set as determined by the Engineer.

Produce shotcrete of required strength, consistency, quality and uniformity with minimum rebound. Thoroughly mix materials in sufficient quantity to place continuously. Do not use rebound or previously expanded material in the mix. Apply shotcrete before the time between adding the mixing water and placement exceeds 60 minutes.

The Engineer will decide when and where to sample shotcrete and the number of samples to collect for field testing. One production test panel is required per 33 yd<sup>3</sup> (25 m<sup>3</sup>) of shotcrete applied with a minimum of 1 test panel per day. Apply shotcrete to production test panels at the same time shotcrete is applied for the application during construction. Make, cure and core production test panels in the same way as required for preconstruction test panels in accordance with Section 4.0. The compressive strength of the shotcrete will be considered the average compressive strength test results of 3 cylinder specimens from the same production test panel at 28 days.

**6.0 MISCELLANEOUS**

Comply with Articles 1000-9 through 1000-12 of the Standard Specifications to the extent applicable for shotcrete in lieu of concrete.

**ANCHORED TEMPORARY SHORING:****(SPECIAL)****Description**

Anchored temporary shoring consists of sheet piling or H piles with timber lagging anchored with ground or helical anchors. At the Contractor's option, use anchored temporary shoring in lieu of temporary shoring. Design and construct anchored temporary shoring based on actual elevations and dimensions in accordance with the contract and accepted submittals. For this provision, "anchored shoring" refers to anchored temporary shoring and "Anchored Shoring Contractor" refers to the contractor installing the anchors. Use an Anchored Shoring Contractor prequalified by the NCDOT Construction Unit for anchored retaining walls work (work code 3020).

**Materials**

Provide Type 7 Contractor's Certifications in accordance with Article 106-3 of the *Standard Specifications* for all anchored shoring materials. Store steel materials on blocking a minimum of 12" (300 mm) above the ground and protect it at all times from damage; and when placing in the work make sure it is free from dirt, dust, loose mill scale, loose rust, paint, oil or other foreign materials. Damaged, bent or twisted materials will be rejected.

Use steel shapes, plates and piles meeting the requirements of ASTM A36 and steel sheet piles meeting the requirements of Article 1084-2 of the *Standard Specifications*. Use timber lagging with a minimum allowable bending stress of 1000 psi (6.9 MPa) that meets the requirements of Article 1082-1 of the *Standard Specifications*.

**(A) Ground Anchors**

A ground anchor consists of a grouted steel bar or strands. Use high-strength steel bars meeting the requirements of AASHTO M275 or seven-wire strands meeting the requirements of ASTM A886 or Article 1070-5 of the *Standard Specifications*. Splice bars in accordance with Article 1070-10 of the *Standard Specifications*. Do not splice strands.

Fabricate centralizers from schedule 40 polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipe or tube, steel or other material not detrimental to bars or strands (no wood). Size centralizers to position the bar or strands within 1 inch (25 mm) of the drill hole center and allow a tremie to be inserted to the bottom of the hole. Use centralizers that do not interfere with grout placement or flow around bars or strands.

Use grout in accordance with the contract.

**(B) Helical Anchors**

A helical anchor consists of a lead section with a central steel shaft and at least one helix steel plate followed by extensions with only central shafts (no helixes). Use helical anchors with an ICC Evaluation Service, Inc. (ICC-ES) report. Helical anchors without an ICC-ES report may be approved at the discretion of the Engineer. Provide couplers, thread bar adapters and bolts for connecting anchors together and to piling in accordance with the anchor manufacturer's recommendations.

**(C) Anchor Heads**

Anchor heads consist of bearing plates with hex nuts and washers for bars and wedge plates and wedges for strands. Provide bearing plates meeting the requirements of ASTM A36 and hex nuts, washers, wedge plates and wedges in accordance with the anchor manufacturer's recommendations.

**(D) Shoring Backfill**

Use shoring backfill meeting the requirements of Class II Type I, Class III, Class V or Class VI Select Material in accordance with Section 1016 of the *Standard Specifications* or AASHTO M145 for soil classification A-2-4 with a maximum plasticity index (PI) of 6.

**Design**

Before beginning design, survey Contractor designed shoring locations to determine existing elevations and actual design heights. Design anchored shoring in accordance with the plans and the *FHWA Geotechnical Engineering Circular No. 4 "Ground Anchors and Anchored Systems"* (Publication No. FHWA-IF-99-015).

Provide portable concrete barriers in accordance with the contract for barriers for temporary shoring. The top of shoring elevation is defined as the elevation where the grade intersects the back face of the anchored shoring. For traffic impact, apply 2 kips/ft (29.2 kN/m) to the anchored shoring 1.5 ft (5 m) above the top of shoring elevation. When designing for traffic impact, extend anchored shoring at least 32" (800 mm) above the top of shoring elevation. Otherwise, extend anchored shoring at least 6" (150 mm) above the top of shoring elevation.

Design anchored shoring for a 3-year design service life and a traffic surcharge equal to 240 psf (11.5 kPa). This surcharge is not applicable for construction traffic. If a construction surcharge will be present within a horizontal distance equal to the height of the shoring, design the anchored shoring for the required construction surcharge.

Do not extend anchors beyond right-of-way or easement lines. Extend the unbonded length for ground anchors or the shallowest helix for helical anchors at least 5 ft (1.5 m) behind the critical failure surface. If existing or future obstructions such as foundations, guardrail posts, pavements, pipes, inlets or utilities will interfere with anchors, maintain a minimum clearance of 6" (150 mm) between the obstruction and the anchors.

Determine anchor loads for ground and helical anchors in accordance with *Geotechnical Engineering Circular No. 4*. Size anchors such that design loads do not exceed 60% of bar, strand or central shaft tensile strengths. Also, size anchors such that maximum test loads do not exceed 80% of bar, strand or central shaft tensile strengths and lock-off loads do not exceed 70% of tensile strengths.

Submit anchored shoring designs including unit grout/ground bond strengths for ground anchors and installation torque requirements for helical anchors for review and acceptance in accordance with Article 105-2 of the *Standard Specifications*. Submit working drawings showing plan views, shoring profiles with anchor locations and typical sections with anchor, piling and shoring details. If necessary, include details on working drawings for obstructions interfering with anchors or extending through shoring. Submit design calculations for each anchored shoring section with different surcharge loads, shoring geometry or material parameters. A minimum of

one analysis is required for each shoring section with different anchor lengths. Submit 3 hard copies of design calculations and 10 hard copies of drawings and an electronic copy (pdf or jpeg format on CD or DVD) of both the calculations and drawings. Have anchored shoring designed, detailed and sealed by a Professional Engineer registered in North Carolina.

### **Construction Methods**

When using an anchored NCDOT portable concrete barrier (PCB), anchor the barrier in accordance with Roadway Standard Drawing 1170.01 and Section 1170 of the *Standard Specifications*. Control drainage during construction in the vicinity of anchored shoring. Collect and direct run off away from anchored shoring and areas above and behind shoring.

Before starting anchored shoring construction, conduct a preconstruction meeting to discuss the construction, inspection and testing of the anchored shoring. Schedule this meeting after all anchored shoring submittals have been accepted. The Resident or Bridge Maintenance Engineer, Bridge Construction Engineer, Geotechnical Operations Engineer, Contractor and Anchored Shoring Contractor Superintendent and Project Manager will attend this preconstruction meeting.

Notify the Engineer before blasting in the vicinity of anchored shoring. Perform blasting in accordance with the contract. Install foundations located behind anchored shoring and within a horizontal distance equal to the longest anchor length before beginning anchored shoring construction.

Install and interlock sheet piling or install H piles as shown on the plans or accepted submittals with a tolerance of 1/2 inch per foot (42 mm per meter) from vertical. Contact the Engineer if the design embedment is not achieved. If piles are placed in drilled holes, perform pile excavation to the required elevations and backfill excavations with concrete and lean sand grout.

Remove grout as necessary to install timber lagging. Ensure at least 3" (75 mm) of contact in the horizontal direction between the lagging and pile flanges.

Backfill voids and fill sections behind lagging and piling with shoring backfill. Perform welding in accordance with the accepted submittals and Article 1072-20 of the *Standard Specifications*.

#### **(A) Pile Excavation**

Excavate a hole with a diameter that will result in at least 3" (75 mm) of clearance around the entire pile. Use equipment of adequate capacity and capable of drilling through soil and non-soil including rock, boulders, debris, man-made objects and any other materials encountered. Blasting is not permitted to advance excavations. Blasting for core removal is permitted only when approved by the Engineer. Dispose of drilling spoils in accordance with Section 802 of the *Standard Specifications*. Drilling spoils consist of all excavated material including water removed from excavations by either pumping or drilling tools.

If unstable, caving or sloughing soils are encountered, stabilize excavations with clean watertight steel casing. Steel casings may be either sectional type or one continuous corrugated or non-corrugated piece. Provide casings of ample strength to withstand handling and driving stresses and the pressures imposed by concrete, earth or backfill. Use steel casings with an outside diameter equal to the hole size and a minimum wall thickness of 1/4 inch (6 mm).

Before placing concrete, check the water inflow rate in the excavation after any pumps have been removed. If the inflow rate is less than 6" (150 mm) per half hour, remove any water and free fall the concrete into the excavation. Ensure that concrete flows completely around the pile. If the water inflow rate is greater than 6" (150 mm) per half hour, propose and obtain approval of the concrete placement procedure before placing concrete.

Center the pile in the excavation and fill the excavation with Class A Concrete in accordance with Section 1000 of the *Standard Specifications* except as modified herein. Provide concrete with a slump of 6 to 8 inches (150 to 200 mm). Use an approved high-range water reducer to achieve this slump. Place concrete in a continuous manner to the bottom of shoring or the elevations shown on the accepted submittals. Fill the remainder of the excavation with a lean sand grout and remove all casings.

**(B) Anchor Installation**

Install anchors within 3 degrees and 12" (300 mm) of the inclination and location, respectively, shown in the accepted submittals. Install ground anchors in accordance with the accepted submittals and Section 6.5 of the *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Construction Specifications* with the exception of corrosion protection requirements.

Install helical anchors in accordance with the accepted submittals and the anchor manufacturer's instructions. Measure the torque during installation and do not exceed the torsion strength rating of the helical anchors. Satisfy the minimum installation torque and length requirements before terminating anchor installation. When replacing helical anchors, embed the last helix of the replacement anchor at least 3 helix plate diameters past where the first helix of the previous anchor was located.

**(C) Anchor Testing**

Proof test all anchors in accordance with the accepted submittals and Section 6.5.5 of the *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Construction Specifications* with the exception of the acceptance criteria in Section 6.5.5.5. For this provision and these AASHTO specifications, "ground anchor" refers to a ground or helical anchor and "tendon" refers to a bar or strand for a ground anchor and a central shaft for a helical anchor.

**(D) Anchor Acceptance**

Anchor acceptance is based on the following criteria.

1. For ground and helical anchors, total movement is less than 0.04" (1 mm) between the 1 and 10 minute readings or less than 0.08" (2 mm) between the 6 and 60 minute readings.
2. For ground anchors, total movement at maximum test load exceeds 80 percent of the theoretical elastic elongation of the unbonded length.

**(E) Anchor Test Results**

Submit 2 original hard copies of anchor test records including load versus movement curves within 24 hours of completing each test. The Engineer will review the test records to determine if the anchor is acceptable.

If the Engineer determines an anchor is unacceptable, revise the anchored shoring design. Submit a revised anchored shoring design for review and acceptance and provide an acceptable anchor with the revised design and/or installation methods at no additional cost to the Department. If required, replace anchors and/or provide additional anchors with the revised design and/or installation methods at no additional cost to the Department.

After completing all anchor testing for each anchored shoring, submit electronic copies (pdf or jpg format on CD or DVD) of all corresponding test records.

**Measurement and Payment**

Anchored temporary shoring will be measured as the exposed face area and the anchored shoring height will be measured as the difference between the top and bottom of shoring elevation. The bottom of shoring elevation is defined as where the grade intersects the front face of the anchored shoring. The top of shoring elevation is defined as where the grade intersects the back face of the anchored shoring. No payment will be made for any extension of anchored shoring above the top of shoring or any embedment below the bottom of shoring.

If the Contractor elects to use anchored temporary shoring in lieu of temporary shoring, the anchored shoring will be paid for at the contract unit price bid for *Temporary Shoring*. Such price and payment will be full compensation for design, submittals, furnishing labor, tools, equipment and materials, excavating lifts, installing piling and anchors, grouting, providing timber lagging, backfill and any incidentals necessary to design and construct anchored shoring in accordance with this provision.

**CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGNS:**

(11-21-06)

SP11 R11

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

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

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

**PAVEMENT MARKING LINES:**

(11-21-06) (Rev. 9-18-07)

SP12 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.

**EXCAVATION, TRENCHING, PIPE LAYING, & BACKFILLING FOR UTILITIES:**

(2-17-09)

SP15 R01

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

**Page 15-5, Article 1505-4 Repair of Pavements, Sidewalks and Driveways, first paragraph, add at the end of the first sentence**

in accordance with Section 848.

**Page 15-6, Article 1505-6 Measurement and Payment,**

**Second paragraph,**

**Delete (5) *Repair of Sidewalks and Driveways* in its entirety.**

**Add as the eighth paragraph:**

    " Concrete Sidewalk and     " Concrete Driveways will be measured and paid for in accordance with Article 848-4.

**PERMANENT SEEDING AND MULCHING:**

(7-1-95)

SP16 R01

The Department desires that permanent seeding and mulching be established on this project as soon as practical after slopes or portions of slopes have been graded. As an incentive to obtain an early stand of vegetation on this project, the Contractor's attention is called to the following:

For all permanent seeding and mulching that is satisfactorily completed in accordance with the requirements of Section 1660, Seeding and Mulching, and within the following percentages of elapsed contract times, an additional payment will be made to the Contractor as an incentive additive. The incentive additive will be determined by multiplying the number of acres of seeding and mulching satisfactorily completed times the contract unit bid price per acre for Seeding and Mulching times the appropriate percentage additive.

<b>Percentage of Elapsed Contract Time</b>	<b>Percentage Additive</b>
0% - 30%	30%
30.01% - 50%	15%

Percentage of elapsed contract time is defined as the number of calendar days from the date of availability of the contract to the date the permanent seeding and mulching is acceptably completed divided by the total original contract time.