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**April 17, 2014**

## **MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**

**New Specification Revisions.** The CAS Bureau is proposing revisions to 9 Standard Specifications. The proposed revisions will be open for comment during the month of April, 2014.

### **SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS**

**1. 102.06 Examination of Docs**

**2. 105.03.2 QA Acceptance**

**3. 106.05 Field Lab**

MCA inquired about the Department's test trailers having a standard plug to speed up the connection process.

**4. 556 Steel Structures**

**5. 559 Piling**

**6. 562 Bridge Deck Repair**

**7. 563.03.7 Phased Construction**

**8. 701.02.8 Cover Material**

A Contractor commented about the 0-1 spec on the No. 200 sieve. The 0-1 specification as opposed to the 0-2 may require the material to be washed. The Department commented that there will likely be no more Type 2 projects than are currently specified. A Contractor commented regarding the naming of the types, it was noted that the addition of Type 3 may cause some confusion.

**9. 711.06, .07 High Strength Bolts**

### **MDT NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Wage Rates.** There was a new wage decision issued recently. Computing zone pay is much more complicated than it had been previously. The Department had been printing the zone in the contracts. This is no longer possible. Mileage and where to measure the mileage from varies and the Department doesn't have the necessary information. The Department does not have the ability to change or approve the wages at this point of the process. Neither MCA nor the Department feels they had a voice in this process. The Department would like to get the decision changed within a year. Contractors will be required to submit a form with the zone for each worker class. This form should be submitted to the Project Manager at the Pre-con.

### **MCA NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. 106.03.2(B) Aggregate Source Approval.** MCA reviewed their notes from the March meeting. The Department will likely have a 30-day timeframe to run Wear and Micro-Deval tests. The timeline will be extended if it is necessary to run the Sulfate Soundness test. Currently if samples don't pass the Micro-Deval, then the sulfate is run. The timeline would likely be 45 days if the sulfate test is necessary. The Department doesn't necessarily need to approve pits. The Department doesn't necessarily reject pits with failing results.
- 2. 2013 PMS Incentive/Deducts.** MCA asked if the plant mix incentive ties requirement were reflected in the information. No projects constructed in 2013 included the plant mix incentive ties special provision. MCA asked if the Department had computed any of the

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2013 results using the incentive ties formulas. Yes, the Department thought it had sent that information. The Department asked for specific projects and it would compare the information that way. The Department can provide information, similar to the 2013 PMS Incentive/Deduct shown, for various time periods as requested.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Revised Mix Design Submittal Sheet.** The Department has reached out to the consultant community regarding this form. All those polled were mostly okay with the idea. There is still an unanswered question regarding whether this is a cover sheet or the entire submittal. The question regards certified labs and PE stamps.

### **AD-HOC ITEMS**

- 1. PMS Design Approvals.** Contractors asked if the 30-day timeframe for this could be shortened. The department responded, no. Even with the reduced testing, not very much time was eliminated. The testing that was eliminated mostly happened concurrently with other tests. This led into a NTP discussion.
- 2. March Minutes.** MCA discussed several of the items from the March minutes and had the following comments:
  - a. Aggregate Gradation Testing.** MCA noted that the March minutes mention that the 500g sample of material passing the No. 4 sieve is always oven dried.
  - b. Pugmilling.** MCA asked about the timeframe for implementation of the notification spec. The Department stated it would likely be August. Nobody is sure how much moisture is lost in the stockpile. It is a factor of multiple conditions.
  - c. Seal and Cover.** MCA asked about another industry meeting. The Department mentioned that it wouldn't hurt anything. The Department doesn't know what to change. Asphalt suppliers presence would be a must at another industry meeting. It is likely that some issues are due to the crude changing. The Department has talked with both major suppliers and they have different opinions. The Department went to the 3% polymer spec at the request of Contractors and 1 supplier. The Department isn't sure there is an issue; if there is, nobody seems to know what it is. MCA asked about doing some trial projects with recommendations from the industry. The Department mentioned that 1 supplier has a new option but it costs extra. A Contractor mentioned that is hard to justify in the low bid system. The Department is open to ideas.
  - d. 403.03.4.** MCA mentioned that the new supplemental is different from what was sent out for comment last year. The Department stated the new spec was based on comments received. The Department will look back at its records.
  - e. Working Day.** The Department considers this issue closed. When contract time is built for projects, there is an allowance for weather. The Department mentioned that if MCA has ideas to please share them. MCA would like the Project Mangers to have some flexibility.

***The next MCA-MDT Highway Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the MDT Headquarters Building in Helena, MT.***