Asphalt Release Agents (ARA)  
Technical Committees Conference Call  
Feb. 25th, 2015

Attendees:  Kevin Palmer (ARDOT), Jim Trepanier (ILDOT), Richard Willammee (TXDOT), Jerry Peterson (TXDOT), Jeff Burton (ZEP), Brian Korschgen (AASHTO)

1. New Vice Chair – Jim Trepanier

2. Recent product/testing updates  
The NTPEP Testing Facility is current with all testing at this point. NTPEP/AASHTO is waiting for payment on two products. There have been a few applications that are pending because of issues with MSDS or Flash Point. The Committee is in agreement that the wording in the Work Plan is clear as to what is required in regard to the Flash point. Brian will include wording in next cycle announcement for clarification.

3. Globally Harmonized System (GHS)  
The ARA Committee Industry Reps have not been able to assist in this due to factors beyond their control. Jeff educated/reminded us about the system. States need to look through the GHS document that was sent out by Brian this morning to all Committee members and determine what is important. A call in March will be setup to discuss what is important. Several areas of interest are highlighted in GHS document. The NFPA/HMIS rating system(s) are still valid and not affected by the GHS (SDS) system so will stay in place in the Work plan.

4. AASHTO TP-102  
Jerry brought us up to date with the history of this TP. This standard was setup to support the Work Plan so the ARA committee could use this document instead of spelling it out in detail. TP-102 does not currently agree with the Work Plan. An AASHTO SOM Task Force (TX, IL, WI, and VT) has been formed to modify TP-102 as needed and have it ready for discussion at the annual meeting. We will reach out to Wisconsin and Vermont to see if they are also interested in joining the ARA. Barry Paye (Wisconsin) has just joined the committee.

5. Datamine 3.0  
We are looking for volunteers to help out in creating this new module. The ARA Module is now due for creation. Does GHS need to be a part of Datamine, meaning searchable, or is attaching it as a pdf acceptable? From a GHS standpoint, they could upload this in the application process. We will send out current eApp and an MSDS to help get feedback.

6. Any other business?  
Jim brought up a previous request to use a PG58-28 asphalt grade for the stripping test. IL could provide the PG 58-28 for use in testing
Texas does have access to 58-22 that is currently required in the Work Plan. This softer binder would create worst case scenario for certain testing. **How do the States feel about changing from a PG58-22 to a PG58-28?**

7. NTPEP Annual Meeting- May 17 – 21 Scottsdale, AZ
   a. ARA will be webinar week of May 4th or May 11th
   The ARA meeting will be a webinar about 1-2 weeks before the actual annual meeting in Scottsdale. This would allow many more people to attend and provide a time slot for a new committee. We will try it this year to see how it works.