NTPEP ECP Conference Call

Wednesday, February 11th at 11:00 AM (EST)

Attendees: Greta Smith (AASHTO), Keith Platte (AASHTO), Katheryn Malusky (AASHTO), Dianne Hitt (East Coast Erosion), Mike Joczae (East Coast Erosion), Joel Sprague (TRI), Stephanie Huang (AZ DOT), Tracy Stegmaier (AL DOT)

- Review of Audit worksheets- to includes private label distributors
  - Address what is going on during the audit itself
  - Create a narrative during the audit rather than a bunch of box checks
  - Provide DOTs with plant specific information that has been witnessed and verified by the auditors. This would occlude with what is reviewed during the audit.
  - Requires committee members to review the worksheets to make sure the worksheets include the information the want and need.
  - For testing, the hope (from the manufacturers) would be the audit would reduce some of the cyclical bench scale testing. Some of the index testing would be completed in between. There has not yet been a decision as to what tests would be revised when audits would be conducted.
  - AL DOT: Good idea to conduct an audit. Needs to provide actual value. If there is no way to fail, then an audit is pointless. Dropping a bench scale test, would be we fall back on large scale test results and right now large scale testing is not required. Adding traceability would be a good benefit. This audit program should not be rushed into. There is not a lot of standards to use to hold manufacturers to a minimum standard.
  - AZ DOT and AL DOT are in favor of an audit program.
  - The current work plan does not include any tests being eliminated right now.
  - AL DOT would not have a problem with doing an audit every year and then sampling (testing) every 3 years.
  - This committee needs to decide how the audits would impact large scale testing and bench scale testing. This needs to be figured out before we focus on what details need to be included in an audit.
  - Dianne Hitt is in agreement with taking this approach.
  - Keith will plan to go to the ECTC meeting the first week in April.
  - Before Katheryn sends the revised work plan out for ballot, Keith is going to reach out to each of the voting members for this TC to get their feedback on the proposed revisions to the work plan regarding SRD testing.