NTPEP Guardrail Conference Call – 11/14/13

Attendees: Katheryn Malusky (AASHTO), Brian Korschgen (AASHTO), Lori Greer (MO DOT), Randy Pace (NC DOT), Rick Carpenito (MASS DOT), Andy Arter (Gregory Industries), Phil Shock (Gregory Industries), Danny Lane (TN DOT), Joe Kerstetter (TN DOT), Sam Frederick (NC DOT)

- Lori Greer’s changes
  - Replace reference of AASHTO M298 with ASTM B695
  - Remove reference F568M due to it being withdrawn
  - Keep test report and data for 7 years

- Randy’s Changes
  - 1.3 Add clarification that this TC is an audit program
  - This program will include anchor units, wooden posts, and recycled offset blocks, and weathering steel (material audit not design audit)
  - 6.1.17.4 Use the word compliant instead of approved

- Industry is on board with NTPEP audit program, wants states to accept NTPEP audit results to save time and money

- ISO Certification won’t fully suffice according to work plan; R18 has slightly different requirements and NTPEP audits focus on different areas compared to ISO

- Split Sample testing will be required
  - Testing performed at guardrail facility (or second party facility?) and NTPEP Designated laboratory

- Guardrail will be included in the audit program

- Guardrail work plan ballet goes out to NTPEP voting members on November 18

- Guardrail audit program will function similar to current NTPEP audit programs
  - Notify NTPEP voting members and manufacturers 1 month before scheduled audit
  - Audit results posted on NTPEP website (Data Mine)

- Brian K. is working on draft for NTPEP Guardrail audit worksheets
  - Should be available for review in the next several weeks

- Hope to start NTPEP Guardrail audits in 2014