Welcome.

No objections to minutes of May 15, 2018 Conference Call.

Discussed format of new GoTo Webinar.

Attendees:  John Schuler (VDOT), Rodrigo Herrera (FLDOT), Vince Glick (AASHTO), Sam Allen (TRI), Tony Allen (WSDOT), RYAN BERG (Ryan R. Berg & Associates, Inc.), Michael Bernardi (Syteen), Jason Booth (Willacoochee), Douglas Brown (Tensar), Sophie Brown (ODOT), Thomas Burnett (NYDOT), Fred Chuck (Huesker), Jim Collin (Collin Group), Kelli Davis (DDD Erosion), Keith Gardner (GMA), Shannon Golden (ALDOT), Keith Harris (Hanes Companies), Scott Hidden (NCDOT), Scott Hughes (ILDOT), Jessica Kivijarvi (IFAI), Teri Krock (Tencate), Ian La Cour (MDOT), Derek Lee (MADOT), Mark Lindemann (NEDOT), John Lostumbo (Tencate), Jarrett Nelson (TRI), Michelle Price (US Fabrics), Daniel Selander (Thrace-Ling), Scott Sommers (Scott Summers), Marshall Sossamon (Propex), Joel Sprague (TRI), David Andrews (Propex), Jonathan Curry (IFAI), Chad Fraley (ADS), Sachin Mandavkar (Macciferri)

Action Items from the May 15, 2018 Conference Call:

- Revise GTX Work Plan on 5 codes per facility. (John-Aug)
  - No action yet.

- Revise REGEO Work Plan: (Rodrigo – Aug)
  - To include language on geostrips.
  - To accurately state how payment is made. (Complete for 2019 Submission Cycle Work Plan – Vince)
    - No action yet.

- Continue discussion on tagging of grids. (Rodrigo – Aug)
  - Revising the work plan to allow durable tags in lieu of direct-on-geogrid printing for satisfaction of the requirements of Section 8.2.2 of the REGEO Work Plan, and to define tag frequency to be at beginning and at the ends of the roll while still allowing the option for printing (Rodrigo).
    - No action yet.

- Have a recording for Industry on how to use DataMine, how to register annually, etc. (John/Rodrigo/NTPEP/Industry - Aug)
  - Based on the feedback, a webinar may be held for international manufacturers
    - Have recording; can post this anytime. We did not discuss webinar for int’l manufacturers; please send suggestions/ideas to Vince/John.

- Subgrade Improvement Task Force to report on progress in future. (Scott)
  - Update discussion below.
DataMine: (Vince -Aug)
  • Remove composite table in DataMine?
    (a) Approved to remove the composite tables and have all supplier tables carry
        over and trickle down for reference
    (i) Assess the financial feasibility of implementation within DataMine (Vince
        – Aug)
  • Vince discussed with iEngineering, this would be a major change, will talk to
    NTPEP Steering Committee about it in Sep. Design document of row based
    table of all connected product values to present by the end of August for TC
    leadership review. Coordination with iENGINEERING (database contractor) has
    determined it as the lowest cost route to fulfill the implementation.
  • UV product test notes – heavier weight are applicable and weaves are
determined? – Implement the question into the eApp and a filter in the Find
Parameters going forward (Vince - Aug)
    • Implementing the question “Lowest weight fabric within the product line?” for
the eApp?” Answers will include “Yes” or “No”. Filterable in the Find Parameters
based on those answers.
  • Circular woven removed as a category in DataMine? (Complete - Vince)
    o Discuss changing overseas audit notification to 60 days vice 30. Escalating the inquiry
for Steering Committee Review (Vince – Aug)
      • Pushed to September when Steering Committee will consider it.
    o Have TRI include comments in Timeline in DataMine that even though the status says
“In Test”, a more detailed description of what exactly TRI is in the process of doing for
that specific product is included. (TRI/Vince – Aug)
      • For those products TRI releases prior to UV data availability, TRI includes a
notation during release to provide awareness. 90% of issue is waiting on
completion of 6-week UV testing. Need for this will be dropped.

New Business:
  • Missing MARV data issue (Michelle Price, U.S. Fabrics)
    o Ensure data submitted conforms to GTX Work Plan – MARVs where MARVs are
required, minimum or typical values where those are required. No data will be
deleted by end of month per letters that went to manufacturers. It was advised to
cite the work plan for guidelines regarding the return of values.
  • Revise GTX Work Plan for paving fabrics to follow M288 – discontinue UV testing? (John)
    o Will change Work Plan to discontinue UV testing for paving fabrics. [DataMine
will have to have check box or system to know which submitted fabrics are paving
fabrics.]
    o Related point that came up, some states want manufacturers to have MARVs on
high-strength geotextiles, which would be wide width not grab tensile. These
would essentially be the 1A fabrics. GTX Work Plan should be changed to
include these.
• Should MARVs be proprietary states-only view in DataMine? (John/Vince/Industry)
  o **MARVs should be public on DataMine, so will remain that way. Manufacturer claimed MARVs are what should be published on DataMine, however, not actual calculated MARVs (if man’f wants to claim a more conservative MARV).**

• Revisions to GTX Work Plan:
  o In the 2017 Work Plan under Terminology Section 3.2 LOT was defined and in the 2018 Work Plan the LOT definition was removed. It’s stated in Section 8.2.5.3 but is recommend it remain part of Terminology. "Lot: The amount of geotextile produced per style type under the same standard operating conditions during a specified period of time not to exceed 12 consecutive months.”

  o The Audit Work Plan SP01-17 Section 7.2.5 does not state the same sampling requirement as in the 2018 GTX Work Plan. Do the GTX Work Plan sampling instructions take precedence over the SP01-17 or are revisions needed to align the two Work Plans?

  o Paragraph 10.2.4 on sampling of rolls by auditors, change statement to add "All NTPEP compliant inventory is subject to random sampling, but in no case shall the available inventory be less than” prior to “Further, at least 6 rolls from this production…”

  o **Lot definition will be put back in Terminology section, no changes to NTPEP standard audit plan needed, paragraph 10.2.4 to be rewritten, see below as suggested by man’f after meeting and please comment on this with minutes.**

  10 2.4 The sample shall be rolled for shipment to the AASHTO NTPEP designated testing facility. It shall be placed inside, or around, a rigid core during shipment. The package shall be wrapped with a protective cover. If sample rolling is not possible, at the discretion of the manufacturer, the samples may be loosely boxed for shipment to preserve sample integrity. It is imperative that the product obtained for cyclic qualification/ re-qualification testing represents actual current production of the product. Thus, to the end, A full roll list and a lot summary for the production lot from which the auditor selects a sample shall be furnished to the auditor.

  - The **All current inventory is made available to the auditor for sampling from which to pick a sample roll** must be from a production, or production(s), of at least 10 rolls manufactured within the 12 months immediately previous to the date of the audit. Further, at least a minimum of 6 rolls manufactured in the past 12 months must be available for sampling. 6 rolls from this production, or productions, representing various times during the production(s), shall be retained and made available for sampling. The auditor will select one roll at random. A full roll list and a lot summary for the production lot from which the auditor selects a sample shall be furnished to the auditor.

• SSG Task Force Update (Scott)
  o **See attached slide.**

  **Rodrigo informed the committee that he is stepping down as committee vice chair, but will remain on the committee. John thanked him for his work as vice-chair running the REGEO side of the program.**

• Next Conference Call – **Wednesday November 7, 2018, 1:00 – 2:30 PM EST**

**ACTION ITEMS:**
- Revise GTX Work Plan on 5 codes per facility and Lot definition and auditor sampling language per above; remove UV testing for paving fabrics; add Class 1A geosynthetics testing to GTX Work Plan (John-Sep)
  - Revise REGEO Work Plan: (Scott – Sep)
    - To include language on geostrips.
    - To accurately state how payment is made. (Complete for 2019 Submission Cycle Work Plan – Vince)
    - To allow durable tags in lieu of direct-on-geogrid printing for satisfaction of the requirements of Section 8.2.2 of the REGEO Work Plan, and to define tag frequency to be at beginning and at the ends of the roll while still allowing the option for printing (Scott).
- Have a recording for Industry on how to use DataMine, how to register annually, etc. (John/Rodrigo/NTPEP/Industry - Aug)
  - All, send comments to John/Vince on how to implement.
  - Continue to look into removing composite table in DataMine (Vince-Sep)
  - Continue to look at UV changes in DataMine (Vince-Sep)
  - Overseas audit timeframe of notice change going to Steering Committee (Vince-Sep)
  - SSG Task Force to continue its work. (Scott)