NTPEP Polymer Concrete Overlays Technical Committee: Quarterly Conference Call Minutes
Tuesday October 20, 2015 11am-12pm

Participants: Joe Kerstetter (TN DOT), Michelle Owens (AL DOT), Dave Meggers (KS DOT), Patrick Galarza (NY DOT), Danny Lane (TN DOT), MK Kang (WisDOT), Mike Stenko (TRANSPO Industries, Inc.), Maribel Wong (AASHTO)

Work Plan Changes (Joe and Danny)

• Tennessee will be conducting tests in 2016 and they have already selected test sites: 2 bridges, ramp, all in same road in rural area close to current NTPEP site.
• Moving testing/installation to June, with a submission cycle of January-May. Specific dates to be nailed down after work plan is balloted and approved.
• TN is hoping the proposed changes simplify tests and makes program more accessible to manufacturers.
• Bond test will be conducted in field, not lab.
• Hoping that the changes replace some of the tests that are not relevant to high friction surfaces from the PP 79 standards.
• The revised work plan will allow states to refer to work plan specs to populate their QPLs.
• Q: if approved, will the new test reports be consistent with previously tested characteristics even though some may no longer be required/tested?
  • A: still figuring out how old data will be presented, but we’re hoping for a smooth continuance between what is no longer tested and previously collected data. Previous data may be available in different section of datamine, or in different file formats altogether – TBD, our interests are to keep consistent reports.
• Kentucky is close to wrapping up testing for 2012-2015 submissions.
• Q: will there be a recertification requirement, and if so what will be the frequency? A: that has not been changed in the revised work plan, but is something we would like to revisit – TBD. Currently products must be resubmitted every 5 years after 3rd year data (8yrs turn around) but we’re looking to revise this.
• Mike – specimen and lab temperature is a critical factor resulting in skewed results if temperature is off by a few degrees.
• Paul Vinik has volunteered for FL to take over epoxy tests.
• Deadline for receiving Work Plan changes due to Kathy Malusky on 11/2, ballot opens on 11/9, 12/21 Kathy to send feedback to TC chairs and vice-chairs, 1/9 NTPEP executive committee meeting.
• Q: what is the history of existing work plan, why the revisions? A: original work plan drafted a decade ago, and there have been some recent changes including the Kentucky no longer being able to conduct testing for us, so TN will be handling it from now on.
• **Action Item: States please review proposed work plan and closely review the tests to make sure your state is able to conduct these tests, provide comments, questions, or concerns by Tuesday 10/27 to Joe Kerstetter** (Joseph.Kerstetter@tn.gov)

QC/QA Audits (Maribel and Joe)

• Paul has begun working on this
• Schedule a call with Joe, Danny, Paul, and Brandi

Next Conference Call
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