AASHTO NTPEP Reinforcing Steel Quarterly Conference Call

AGENDA

August 13, 2015

Thursday 10AM – 11AM (EST)

Attendees:

Sarc. (Liaison AASHTO); Kenny Anderson (Indiana); Ed Hughes (AASHTO); Eric Mattson (Nucor-Seattle); John Braswell (Nucor-Conn.); David Meggers (KSDOT); Scott Hughes (ILDOT); Temple Short (SCDOT); Merrill Zwanka (SCDOT); Daniele Klienhans (CRSI)

1. **Status of Testing Plain Rebar** – After thorough review of A615 and A706, reduction of area does not apply nor does wt./ft. Worksheets for comparison sampling and testing have been revised to show – “Variation In Diameter” – *Ed Hughes discussed how the revised spreadsheet works.* It now keys off the type (P-plain, D-deformed) of bar tested. Results of the “Variation In Diameter” will be shown (those performed by the Manufacturer and the NTPEP Designated Lab) in the testing spreadsheet.

2. **Status of Unannounced Audits** - the following item will be clarified in the NTPEP Audit Programs, beginning in January 2016: *Follow-up on noted deficiencies found during on-site audit may be handled as an unannounced surveillance audit if a deficiency is found within a NTPEP compliant facility. This audit may be performed by a DOT representative.* – *This item was discussed at the SOM as well. Changes will appear in SP01.*
   a. Sarc. to discuss how this information gets to industry

3. **Sample Selection for Audits** – Samples will be as discussed previously and fully implemented in 2016 (Manufacturers will have the ability to set aside samples for NTPEP testing). *Letter to Manufacturers going out at the beginning of the year with instructions on how this works. Information to also be included in the Audit Announcement Letter.*

4. **NTPEP Comparison Sample Testing (when failures are found)** – Discussion
   a. NTPEP works with their lab to verify failures. Resampling may take place if warranted. All results from the testing will be posted in DataMine.
   b. Some Manufacturers would like the failed test specimens returned for analysis purposes. ILDOT cannot store failed samples. Not test specimens will be returned.
   c. NTPEP Designated Labs perform verification of all failures. ILDOT equipment is re-verified every time a failure is found.

5. **Industry Issues** – Discussion
   - ASTM changes that will affect the program need to be brought back to the Committee for discussion and implementation.
   - Upsizing wires in WWR needs to be addressed so DOTs know what they are actually getting/testing.
   - AASHTO draft of equivalent A1064 spec is under review. This needs to address “upsizing” & “rate of loading”.
6. Open Discussion:

1. Get your comments to current Work Plan to Sarc. By: **first week of September**
2. *Next Call to finish draft of Work Plan changes: Wednesday - OCTOBER 7th***