SSM Conf Call Minutes-August 30, 2012 (3 PM)

Attendees: Katheryn Malusky (AASHTO), Paul Vinik (FL DOT), Chris Gaudette (Oracel/Reflexite), Dave Iverson (MN DOT), Claudia (Oracal USA), Paul Sullivan (AZ DOT), Rami (AZ DOT), Jeff (AZ DOT), Henry Lacinak (AASHTO), Matt Hills (Avery Dennison), Jim Swisher (VA DOT), James Hu (Nippon Carbide), Toby Reynolds (NH DOT), Julie Lamberson (MO DOT),

1. Data Mine Issues:
   a. Product Name vs Product Number
      - There are two fields in DM – Product Name and Product Number.
      - If there is no specific product name, MFR’s can enter number in both fields. They should at a minimum enter number in Number field.
   b. Testing and data entry schedule-due dates.
      - These dates are in the work plan.
      - The 1 year, 2 year, and 3 year data is being reviewed and will be released to manufacturers by Oct. 1st
      - Test labs must enter their data by August 1st so the lead state can review this data.
   c. Bulk Release – States need to have bulk release feature to release to VDOT.
   d. Other concerns from Industry?
      - A few fields were missing in DM 2.0 that were in DM 1.0. Will these fields be included?
      - Display of measurement angle label (0.2/-4 and 0.2/+30) needs to be in heading of retro data table.
      - Industry is working on an excel spreadsheet feature to export data.
      - “Back” button feature to be improved.
      - Automatic data release to public after 30 days of no action by MFRs. This to be set up by Oct 1st. This feature is tied to each product.
   e. Concerns from AZ DOT:
      - System is slow and takes a long time
      - Copy and paste function does not work. They can’t copy and paste “None” within the data tables. Discussion followed and it was clarified that this copy feature has to be done from an outside spreadsheet and pasted into DM.

2. AASHTO M 268 update- Henry Lacinak.
   a. Henry emailed a summary of the changes in M268 to each person taking part in the conference call. These changes will be sent out for ballot this fall. The new standard will be in the 2013 AASHTO Materials book.

3. Industry Representatives.
   Official reps are Matt Hills (Avery Dennison) and Chris Gaudette (Orafol). Alternates are Mike Zachar (3M) and Claudia Andreani (Oracal).
4. Industry Concerns:
   a. Industry requests the Round Robin data to be released to them. Swisher will get
      advisement from NTPEP on data release policy.
   b. Contingency plan if state can’t test- still unresolved. Plan needs to be put in Work Plan.
   c. Staggering the submittals throughout the year- Swisher advised this would be difficult.
   d. Accreditation of labs- this will need to be worked on with industry. Matt has AASHTO
      contact on accrediting labs. NIST or other 3rd party lab (Calcoast, etc.) to be considered.
      NIST not available this year. C. Miller on special assignment.

5. Work Plan on NTPEP site – needs revision date. Jim to send to Kathy for uploading on site.

6. Retention of LADOTD raw sheeting samples (5,7,10 yrs). Limited space. Industry to discuss and
   advise TC.

7. Sheeting ID Task Group – Full task group not present in CC. To get task group together.

8. Roll-up Sign testing- No update from Jason (he was not present in CC).


10. Round Robin Testing – Plans to send out for yearly testing. Need to analyze past data.
    Does NTPEP want to send to 3rd party lab?


12. Extended weathering data (for FHWA Min. Retro program).
    MNDOT wants to address later when J. McGraw is available.
    Matt presented some info in Indianapolis. There is some additional data that is going to come
    out in 2013 from TRB.

13. Efficiency of testing – Swisher proposed the eliminate LADOTD color on raw sheeting. This
    would reduce LADOTD’s testing to physical testing on sheeting only.
    Industry to discuss and provide recommendation. Nippon Carbide rep. James Hu was in
    agreement to eliminate color testing on raw sheeting by LADOTD.

Meeting was completed at 4:10 PM.