

National Transportation Product Evaluation Program

Concrete Admixture Technical Committee

May 1, 2008
Madison, Wisconsin

1) Call to Order / Introduction

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm with introduction of those in attendance. There were 18 attendees with 4 being manufacturers.

2) Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

3) New Business

The subject of IR scan availability was raised. IR scans will be made available by request to interested member states only. IR software would probably be required to utilize the spectral files directly (.spa). Printed copies of the spectra could be scanned and sent as (.pdf) files if the first option is not available.

Samples for the fall testing cycle must have paperwork submitted by August 15, 2008.

QC/QA Plan – Although no proficiency sample program exists for admixtures, MN/DOT is AMRL/CCRL accredited and all lab balances are calibrated annually.

The retesting cycle was discussed. A five-year recertification was proposed, but several state representatives felt that was too long. One state representative said they require annual recertification but that could potentially lead to an excessive number of samples in the program at one time. A compromise of three years for retesting was determined to be agreeable.

Name changes for products in the program were discussed. Section 3.3 in the work plan allows for name changes provided documentation certifying that no changes in formulation or composition have occurred.

Some states have expressed an interest in having manufacturing data ranges published in the report for comparison purposes. It would be helpful to the testing state as well to save time and duplication of effort.

Several states would like to see chloride testing performed on admixtures. It would likely increase the number of states utilizing NTPEP data for admixture approval.

There are several problems, which complicate this testing, but we will look into the possibility of providing this testing rather than just publishing manufacturers data.

Phill Graham of BASF asked if there were any other states present that were considering using the NTPEP program for admixture approval. NC and KY would like to, especially if we could implement chloride testing.

Sampling is currently handled by allowing manufacturers to send in samples directly. We will begin looking into having sampling performed by member states. Shipping will still remain the responsibility of the manufacturer.

4) Work plan

The work plan will be revised to reflect the addition of chloride testing; 3-year recertification, and manufacturing data ranges will be published in the final report.

Meeting Attendees

Randy Pace	NC
Rick Blackburn	Axim
Kenny Anderson	IN
Doug Gayne	MA
Merrill Zwanka	SC
Jim McGraw	MN
Greg Hainsworth	DE
Joseph Putherickal	IA
Dave Iverson	MN, Vice-Chairman
Curt Niehaus	KS
Ross Mills	KY
David Kotzer	CO
Phill Graham	BASF, Industry Representative
Brian Lewis	Euclid Chemical
Andrew Fulkerson	Euclid Chemical
Jason Van Havel	NV
Oak Metcalfe	MT
Todd Bennett	MO, Chairman

