The Key AC Emphasis Areas for the Future

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Key Points of FHWA Recycling Policy

- Recycled materials should get first consideration in overall materials selection.
- Recycling can offer engineering, economic and environmental benefits.
- Engineering and environmental properties are important.
- Life Cycle Cost benefits assessment is warranted.
- Restrictions prohibiting recycled material that are without technical basis should be removed.
Barriers & Challenges

- AASHTO Specifications
- Recognized as beneficial not waste
- Suppliers and users – full agreement
- Research needs addressed
- Case Studies
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- Do an analysis of the current market and practices to determine appropriate level of FHWA activities in pavement recycling.
  - Where are the issues?
  - Construction processing, Workability, durability,
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- Re-emphasize FHWA recycling policy
  - Develop “Pavement Recycling Notebook”
  - Support and tools for Divisions, RC and State DOT’s
    - Point out economic & engineering reasons for recycling (materials & technology)
    - Emphasize need to increase recycling and assist DOT to establish goals and provide technical support
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- What work being done
  - A RAP Technical Working Group has been established.
  - This group includes government, industry and academia.
  - They will be used to guide the many activities to be accomplished.
  - pavement evaluation
Rutting
Fatigue Cracking
Low Temperature Cracking
Moisture Damage
The RAP materials has to be evaluated to determine how best to maximize its use.

- Guidelines and Recommendations will be developed and made available.
Mix design
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- Work with NAPA on development of updated design recommendations to maximize RAP use.
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- Determination of long term performance Characteristics
  - Fatigue Properties
  - Low Temp Cracking
  - Quality Characteristics

- HMA Performance Tester
How do we best handle these materials?
Mix Plant Operations
Do we need crushing and screening of RAP?
Drum Plant

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- Significant work is planned for the future.
  - Many of the questions about RAP should have answers.
Quality Assurance Program

- Acceptance Program
  - State’s Verification Testing
  - Inspection
  - May use Contractor test results
  - Dispute resolution
- Qualified Technicians
- Accredited / Qualified Labs
- Independent Assurance Program
- Materials Certification
33 States using Contractor Test Results in the Acceptance Decision
Where We Are Now …

- Not enough State Verification Testing
- Not enough State personnel
- Reluctance to spend money on construction engineering – not even for consultants
- Ineffective validation procedures
- Increasing volume of projects/workload
Resources

- FHWA-RD-02-095  
  “Optimal Procedures for Quality Assurance Specifications”

- FHWA-HRT-04-046  
  “Evaluation of Procedures for Quality Assurance Specifications”

(Burati, Weed, Hughes, Hill)
Resources

- NHI Course 134042: Materials Control and Acceptance - Quality Assurance
- FHWA Basic PWL Workshop
- SPECRISK software (mid 2007)
- NHI Course 134059: Quality Assurance Specification Development and Validation Course (end 2008)
- 2003-2005 Summary Report
Evolution...

QA Specs

Performance Specs

Design Build
Warrant Maintain
Where We Are Going …

Long Term

- Domestic Scan of other industries
- Move toward Quality Management Systems by all contractors and suppliers
  - Beyond ISO 9000 – sector specific requirement
    - Aerospace – AS9100
    - Automotive – ISO/TS16949
- Quality Based Selection and Procurement
- Design Build Warrant Maintain
Design Build Warrant Maintain - The Final QA?

- Long Term Warranty
  - Performance based contract
  - Guarantees product integrity
  - Contractor responsible for repair of defects or replacement

- Warranty Period
  - Pre specified for repair defects

- Present Warranty workshops to states.
… and beyond!

- Cannot continue on same path of regulate and enforce
- Cannot continue to police contractors trying to catch them in the act
  - System needed to match contractor’s priorities in-line with agency’s
  - Quality and long term performance
Intelligent Compaction

GPS antenna

GPS reference station (Trimble)

BW 174 Asphalt Manager equipped with BCM05 and GPS
What is intelligent compaction?

- Automatic adjustable compaction equipment
- Usage of Continuous Compaction Control, CCC
- Selection of the most suitable equipment
GPS / positioning with reference station
At the mix plant are there other processes that can be part of a QA program?
In line viscometer for verification of binder
QA of the Future

- The QA will all be tied to Internet.
  - Direct download of info to the owner.
  - Posting of data immediately to all parties.
  - Faster review and resolution of discrepancies.