Administering Changes to the Special Provisions for Superpave Hot Mix Asphalt

This Construction Advisory serves as notification of the recently approved versions of frequently used special provisions (FUSP) 03SP504(C), Superpave Hot Mix Asphalt Percent Within Limits (PWL), and 03SP501(F), Superpave HMA Mixtures. Furthermore, it provides uniform guidance on the administration of the specifications. The following describes the recent chronology of the approved versions of FUSP 03SP504(C) and FUSP 03SP501(F) by letting date, along with the appropriate use and administration of the various versions of the specification.

September 2007 Letting
03SP504(C) – September 11, 2006, version.
03SP501(F) – October 2, 2006, version.

If the contractor and project engineer agree, incorporate the October 17, 2007, version of FUSP 03SP504(C), and the October 6, 2007, version of FUSP 03SP501(F) where practical. Incorporate these FUSPs together. Document the change by a work order with no cost to MDOT, no credit to the contractor, and no extension of time to the project. Attach the work order to the contract modification.

If the contractor and the project engineer choose not to incorporate the most current versions of the FUSPs, the acceptance requirements outlined in CA 2007-07, FHWA Conditional Approval of Percent Within Limit (PWL) Frequently Used Special Provision 03 FUSP 504(c), remain applicable.

October 2007 Letting
03SP504(C) – September 28, 2007, version. The major changes are revised pay formulas, and the addition of the asphalt binder content as pay parameter.
03SP501(F) – September 28, 2007, version. The major changes include the addition of Low Volume Superpave (LVSP) mixtype.

If the contractor and the project engineer agree, incorporate the October 17, 2007, version of FUSP 03SP504(C), and the October 6, 2007,