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## TESTING MEMORANDUM 17-02

SUBJECT: General Clarifications Regarding HMA Production and Acceptance.

TO: District Testing Staff  
District Construction Staff  
Certified HMA Producers

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It is apparent that the multitude of recent implemented changes has created an equal amount of confusion. It is the attempt of this letter to capture and answer the common questions regarding the [400-R-641 recurring special provision](#), updated [Indiana Test Methods](#), and updated [INDOT Directives](#).

### **Recurring Special Provision 400-R-641:**

RSP 400-R-641 is effective for contracts let on or after 10/1/16. Any contract let after 10/1/16 will have 400-R-641 in the contract information book. Any contract with 400-R-641, let between 10/1/16 and 3/31/17 shall also include the updated Provision in [construction memo 17-06](#).

One aspect of RSP 400-R-641 that might not be apparent is related to the substitution of higher category ESAL for lower ESAL category mixes. This option is no longer allowed for contracts let on or after 10/1/16. It is important to note that this option was removed for 401 mix *as well as* 402 mix.

Other aspects of interest include:

- Mix designs should be submitted using the updated “2017 DMF coversheet”, version 17.3
- There are no JMF adjustments
- There are changes in the method of how appeals are handled.

### **Indiana Test Method and INDOT Directive Updates:**

ITMs and Directives are effective as of their revision date, for all contracts. The only exceptions to this are ITM 583 and Directive 303, which were separated out before and after 10/1/16 because of the vastly different requirements regarding the specs.

- Directive 302 was recently updated regarding PG binder verification sampling. This is effective immediately as of 3/10/17 for all contracts.
- ITM 802 now requires that a 5<sup>th</sup> plate sample be taken behind the paver. This applies to all contracts as of 4/26/16.



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## **“Carry-Over Contracts”:**

There are a minority of “carry-over” contracts that are under the 2016 Standard Specifications, not RSP 400-R-641, but are paving in 2017. In the case of these “carry-over” contracts, a few things need to be kept in mind.

- Mix Designs should be submitted using the “2016 DMF coversheet”, Version 16.3
- Acceptance testing needs to follow the “old” Directive 303, namely 2 hr conditioning.
- 2016 acceptance workbooks must be used for PWL, VA, OG or SMA acceptance.
- A contractor may voluntarily ask to utilize RSP 400-R-641 for a “carry-over” contract. Contractors might ask for this option in order to eliminate having mixes under the different specifications. The RSP would need to be added as a no-cost change order.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Nathan Awwad at 317-610-7251x292, or [nawwad@indot.in.gov](mailto:nawwad@indot.in.gov).