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SUBJECT: PENNDOT Approved Concrete Field Testing Technician Recertification

TO: All District Executives

FROM: Tucker Ferguson, P.E., Director/s/
Bureau of Construction and Materials

The Bureau of Construction and Materials has decided to modify and update the process to become a PENNDOT Certified Concrete Field Testing Technician. Pub. 536, Concrete Technician Certification Program, will be created to document the process and its requirements as well as to provide a baseline for future updates and changes. Since establishing this updated process will require time to develop and implement, the deadline for currently approved PENNDOT Certified Concrete Field Technicians will be extended (1) calendar year from the expiration date in 2005 or 2006 shown on their PENNDOT Certified Concrete Field Testing Technician wallet cards.

By copy of this letter, all companies and technicians included on the Pennsylvania Concrete Promotion Council's mailing lists will be notified of the extended certification period. Current ACI and PENNDOT wallet cards should be retained until technicians are recertified or until after the (1) year extension of their certification period.

In addition, the need to have currently uncertified individuals approved for the 2006 Construction Season will be managed using the Technician-in-Training provision of the Department's new process. Individuals requiring initial certification should apply to the District Materials Engineer (DME), in the specific District they will be working in, for approval as a Technician-in Training. The applicant must satisfactorily demonstrate their ability to perform concrete field sampling and testing to the DME or someone from their staff. Details for the required sampling and testing procedures will be available from the DME prior to an individual's evaluation.

This certification will be good for (1) year and allow the technician-in-training to work on PENNDOT projects for the 2006 Construction Season only. These individuals will have to follow the new requirements set forth in Pub. 536, Concrete Technician Certification Program, to obtain their permanent certification as approved PENNDOT Concrete Field Testing Technicians.

Any questions on this matter can be directed to William J. Miller, P.E. at 717-787-3141 or Stephen J. Grassetti, P.E. at 717-783-9759.

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