



ATTENTION: TP&D, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS ENGINEERS

SPECIAL PROVISION AND/OR SPECIFICATION CHANGE MEMORANDUM 05-15

MEMO

Date: June 30, 2015

To: District Engineers

From: John F. Obr, P.E.
Construction Division Director

Subject: Statewide Special Provision 300-009 (14),
"Asphalt, Oils, and Emulsions"

The above-referenced special provision has been approved for statewide use and is required for all projects beginning with the August 2015 letting.

This special provision provides for the Department to be informed of all additives and modifiers, and limits the use of polyphosphoric acid and re-refined engine oil bottoms.

Please disseminate this information to your Transportation Planning & Development, Design, Construction, Maintenance, and Traffic Operations Engineers.

CC: TxDOT Specification Committee
Federal Highway Administration
The Associated General Contractors of Texas

Special Provision to Item 300 Asphalts, Oils, and Emulsions



Item 300, "Asphalts, Oils, and Emulsions," of the Standard Specifications is amended with respect to the clauses cited below. No other clauses or requirements of this Item are waived or changed.

Article 300.2., "Materials." The first paragraph is voided and replaced by the following.

Provide asphalt materials that meet the stated requirements when tested in accordance with the referenced Department, AASHTO, and ASTM test methods. Use asphalt containing recycled materials only if the recycled components meet the requirements of Article 6.9, "Recycled Materials." Provide asphalt materials that the Department has preapproved for use in accordance with Tex-545-C, "Asphalt Binder Quality Program."

Inform the Department of all additives or modifiers included in the asphalt binder as part of the facility quality plan, as required by Tex-545-C, "Asphalt Binder Quality Program," and provide that information to Department personnel. The Department reserves the right to prohibit the use of any asphalt additive or modifier.

Section 300.2.10. "Performance-Graded Binders," is supplemented by the following:

Limit the use of polyphosphoric acid to no more than 0.5% by weight of the asphalt binder.

Limit the use of re-refined engine oil bottoms to no more than 5.0% by weight of the asphalt binder.