

AASHTO NTPEP Reinforcing Steel Quarterly Conference Call

AGENDA

August 13, 2015

Thursday 10AM – 11AM (EST)

Attendees:

Sarc. (Liaison AASHTO); Kenny Anderson (Indiana); Ed Hughes (AASHTO); Eric Mattson (Nucor-Seattle); John Braswell (Nucor-Conn.); David Meggers (KSDOT); Scott Hughes (ILDOT); Temple Short (SCDOT); Merrill Zwanka (SCDOT); Daniele Klienlhans (CRSI)

1. **Status of Testing Plain Rebar** – After thorough review of A615 and A706, reduction of area does not apply nor does wt./ft. Worksheets for comparison sampling and testing have been revised to show – “Variation In Diameter” – *Ed Hughes discussed how the revised spreadsheet works. It now keys off the type (P-plain, D-deformed) of bar tested. Results of the “Variation In Diameter” will be shown (those performed by the Manufacturer and the NTPEP Designated Lab) in the testing spreadsheet.*
2. **Status of Unannounced Audits** - the following item will be clarified in the NTPEP Audit Programs, beginning in January 2016: *Follow-up on noted deficiencies found during on-site audit may be handled as an unannounced surveillance audit if a deficiency is found within a NTPEP compliant facility. This audit may be performed by a DOT representative. – This item was discussion at the SOM as well. Changes will appear in SP01.*
 - a. *Sarc. to discuss how this information gets to industry*
3. **Sample Selection for Audits** – Samples will be as discussed previously and fully implemented in 2016 (Manufacturers will have the ability to set aside samples for NTPEP testing). *Letter to Manufacturers going out at the beginning of the year with instructions on how this works. Information to also be included in the Audit Announcement Letter.*
4. **NTPEP Comparison Sample Testing (when failures are found)** – Discussion
 - a. NTPEP works with their lab to verify failures. Resampling may take place if warranted. All results from the testing will be posted in DataMine.
 - b. Some Manufacturers would like the failed test specimens returned for analysis purposes. ILDOT cannot store failed samples. Not test specimens will be returned.
 - c. NTPEP Designated Labs perform verification of all failures. ILDOT equipment is re-verified every time a failure is found.
5. **Industry Issues** – Discussion
 - ASTM changes that will affect the program need to be brought back to the Committee for discussion and implementation.
 - Upsizing wires in WWR needs to be addressed so DOTs know what they are actually getting/testing.
 - AASHTO draft of equivalent A1064 spec is under review. This needs to address “upsizing” & “rate of loading”.

6. Open Discussion:

1. Get your comments to current Work Plan to Sarc. By: **first week of September**
2. *Next Call to finish draft of Work Plan changes: **Wednesday - OCTOBER 7th***