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SUBJECT: Thermoplastic Sampling and Testing

This memorandum provides the expectations for District Section Engineers and District Materials Engineers with regards to thermoplastic materials for the upcoming construction season. Based on the current version of Kentucky Specification Section 837, Kentucky Method 64-268 and the Materials Field Sampling Manual, Section 507, inspectors are advised to send one (1) bag of thermoplastic material to the Division of Materials for testing a minimum of 10 working days prior to the thermoplastic being used on the project. Samples that represent material to be placed on 2019 or earlier contracts will be tested for informational purposes. However, if the material will also be used on 2020 contracts, all applicable Kentucky Methods, standard specifications, supplemental specifications, project questions and answers, as well as any applicable deductions will apply.

In addition, the Division of Materials will test each batch of material once for approval. If the material is approved, it can be used on all contracts in Kentucky for calendar year 2020. In order for the material to meet the sampling and testing requirements of other contracts, it will be necessary to contact the Division of Materials to transfer approved batches to any additional contract(s). A list of approved batches and their associated contracts may be found on the Cabinet's Intranet SharePoint site at the following address: <https://business.kytc.ky.gov/work/Materials-Collaboration/>. If you have any questions regarding the above expectations or how the SharePoint site will be utilized, please contact the Division of Materials.

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