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1 INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to provide assurance that the materials incorporated into the construction projects are in conformance with the contract specifications. This program should be updated every five years or more frequent if there are changes of the testing frequencies or to the tests themselves. To accomplish this purpose, the following terms and definitions will be used:

1.1 DEFINITION OF TERMS

- Acceptance Testing (AT) - Sampling and testing, or inspection, to determine the degree of compliance with contract requirements.
- ICDPW - Imperial County Department of Public Works
- Independent Assurance Program (IAP) - Verification that AT is being performed correctly by qualified testers and laboratories.
- Quality Assurance Program (QAP) - A sampling and testing program that will provide assurance that the materials and workmanship incorporated into the construction project are in conformance with the contract specifications. The main elements of a QAP are the AT, and IAP.
- Source Inspection - AT of manufactured and prefabricated materials at locations other than the job site, generally at the manufactured location.



2 MATERIALS LABORATORY

ICDPW will use a private consultant materials laboratory to perform AT on Federal-aid and other designated projects. The materials laboratory shall be under the responsible management of a California registered Engineer with experience in sampling, inspection and testing of construction materials. The Engineer shall certify the results of all tests performed by laboratory personnel under the Engineer's supervision. The materials laboratory shall contain certified test equipment capable of performing the tests conforming to the provisions of this QAP.

The materials laboratory used shall provide documentation that the laboratory complies with the following procedures:

1. Correlation Testing Program — The materials laboratory shall be a participant in one or more of the following testing programs:
 - a. AASHTO Materials Reference Laboratory (AMRL)
 - b. Cement and Concrete Reference Laboratory (CCRL)
 - c. Caltrans' Reference Samples Program (RSP)
2. Certification of Personnel —
 - Local agencies and consultant Acceptance samplers and testers must obtain "Affidavit of Proficiency and Training certificates from a non-Caltrans organization such as the "National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies" (NICET).
 - The District Materials Engineer shall review/approve Acceptance samplers and testers' affidavit of proficiency and training certificates. A copy of these certificate is to be on file in the District Materials Laboratory, the Resident Engineer's project files, and Caltrans Statewide IA Database (SIAD).
 - Acceptance sampler and testers must also be certified by one or more of the following and receive Certificate of Proficiency:
 - a. Nationally recognized organizations such as the American Concrete Institute (ACI), American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), etc.



- b. Caltrans Independent Assurance Program.
 - c. Caltrans Joint Training and Certification Program (JTCP)
- All samplers and testers, including project, laboratory, and consultant personnel, must possess a current certificate of proficiency for the tests performed. A copy of the certificate must be in the project files. It is important that samplers as well as testers are certified to ensure the integrity of the sample and that the sample was taken at the right time, from the right location, using the correct method, and is properly labeled. The Joint Training and Certification Program (JTCP) was established by Caltrans, local agencies, and industry to make the certification process more efficient and to obtain consistent, reliable quality testing. The JTCP offers training and certification in hot mix asphalt, soils and aggregates, and Portland cement concrete. For CTMs not covered by the JTCP, Caltrans will still provide certification. When test methods not covered by the JTCP or Caltrans are used, certifications must be obtained from other acceptable organizations such as ACI, or the agency/testing consultant may need to hire a second lab to perform IA. The process for qualifying sampling and testing personnel should be detailed in the local agency's Independent Assurance Program of the QAP. IA sampling and testing is not to be used for determining quality and acceptability of material incorporated into the job. Such tests are used only for the purpose of determining the reliability of testing personnel.
3. Laboratory and Testing Equipment - The materials laboratory shall only use laboratory and testing equipment that is in good working order. All such equipment shall be calibrated at least once each year. All testing equipment must be calibrated by impartial means using devices of accuracy traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology. A decal shall be firmly affixed to each piece of equipment showing the date of the last calibration. All testing equipment calibration decals shall be checked as part of the IAP.

2.1 ACCEPTANCE TESTING (AT)

AT will be performed by a materials laboratory certified to perform the required tests. The tests results will be used to ensure that all materials incorporated into the project are in compliance with the contract specifications.



Testing methods will be in accordance with the CT Methods or a national recognized standard (i.e., AASHTO, ASTM, etc.) as specified in the contract specifications.

Sample locations and frequencies may be in accordance with the contract specifications. If not so specified in the contract specifications, samples shall be taken at the locations and frequencies as shown in Exhibit 1 (Appendix D, "Acceptance Sampling and Testing Frequencies" of the QAP Manual).

2.2 INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PROGRAM (IAP)

The IAP consists of activities that are unbiased and are an independent evaluation of all the sampling and testing procedures used in the acceptance program. The requirements are defined in Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Part 637 (23 CFR 637).

FHWA requires that:

- a. Testing equipment be evaluated by using calibration checks and successful participation in one or more proficiency sample programs.
- b. Testing personnel be evaluated by successful participation in a certification program (e.g. Caltrans, JTCP, ACI, AASHTO) and one or more corroboration sample programs.

The objective of the IAP is to provide a mechanism for formally recognizing the competency of a testing laboratory to perform specific tests on construction materials. It is a program available to materials laboratories including private laboratories, local agency laboratories, and Caltrans laboratories.

Participation in this program is required for those laboratories and samplers and testers providing acceptance test results on National Highway System (NHS), State Highway System (SHS), and other federal-aid projects on local streets and roads. The main components of IA Program are:

- Laboratory accreditation: Verifying that equipment used for acceptance testing is properly calibrated and in good working condition.



- Testers Qualification: Proficiency assessment of acceptance samplers and testers.
- Dispute resolution: Suspension, revocation, appeals, and reinstatement of acceptance samplers and testers certificate of proficiency.

IAP shall be provided by personnel from Caltrans, or consultant's certified materials laboratory. When project specifications call for California Test Methods to be used for Acceptance Testing and Sampling, the IAP must be provided by Caltrans personnel. Caltrans provides IA services to the local agency's (or their consultants') laboratory and acceptance samplers and testers when the local agency is also administering a project on the NHS or State Highway System at the same time.

Responsibilities of the RE During project construction, the RE must verify that the IA program is being executed by performing the following tasks:

- Obtaining Certifications of all Sampling and Testing Personnel
- Obtaining Accreditation Reports of all AT laboratories
- Verifying testing equipment is calibrated.

2.3 REPORTING ACCEPTANCE TESTING RESULTS

The following are time periods for reporting material test results to the Resident Engineer:

1. When the aggregate is sampled at material plants, test results for Sieve Analysis, Sand Equivalent and Cleanness Value should be submitted to the Resident Engineer within 24 hours after sampling.
2. When materials are sampled at the job site, test results for compaction and maximum density should be submitted to the Resident Engineer within 24 hours after sampling.
3. When soils and aggregates are sampled at the job site:



- a. Test results for Sieve Analysis, Sand Equivalent and Cleanness Value should be submitted to the Resident Engineer within 72 hours after sampling.
 - b. Test results for "R" Value and asphalt concrete extraction should be submitted to the Resident Engineer within 96 hours after sampling.
4. When sampling products such as Portland Cement Concrete (PCC), cement-treated base (CTB), hot mix asphalt (HMA), and other such materials; the time of such sampling shall be varied with respect to the time of the day insofar as possible, in order to avoid a predictable sampling routine. The reporting of AT results, if not performed by the Resident Engineer's staff, shall be done on an expedited basis such as by email or telephone.



3 TESTING OF MANUFACTURED MATERIALS

During the Design phase of the project, the Project Engineer may submit a “Source Inspection Request,” see Exhibit 2 (Exhibit 16-V of the LAPM), to ICDPW, consultant, or Caltrans for inspection and testing of manufactured and prefabricated materials by their materials laboratory. A list of materials that can be typically accepted on the basis of certificates of compliance during construction is found in Exhibit 3 (Appendix F - “Construction Materials Accepted by a Certificate of Compliance” of the QAP Manual). All certificates of compliance shall conform to the requirements of the contract specifications, for examples see Exhibit 4 (Appendix J — “Example of a Vendor’s Certificate of Compliance” of the QAP Manual Appendix J of the QAP Manual).

The local agency determines which materials will be source inspected. For a list of manufactured or prefabricated materials that are commonly source inspected for Caltrans projects, see Table 6-2.1, Inspection of Fabricated and Manufactured Materials of the Caltrans Construction Manual. Resources to assist in the development of a Source Inspection Program can be found on the internet at the following address:

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dotmedia/programs/engineering/documents/mets/sigla-manual.pdf>.

Source inspection is performed by the local agency or a qualified consultant. Caltrans no longer provides source inspection services for projects off the SHS. Caltrans may provide source inspection for projects on the SHS if terms are detailed in a cooperative agreement or encroachment permit.

For Federal-aid projects on the National Highway System (NHS), Caltrans will assist in certifying the materials laboratory, and the acceptance samplers and testers. For Federal-aid projects off the NHS, Caltrans may be able to assist in certifying the materials laboratory, and the acceptance samplers and testers.



4 PROJECT CERTIFICATION

Upon completion of a Federal-aid project, a "Materials Certificate" shall be completed by the Resident Engineer. ICDPW shall include a "Materials Certificate" in the Report of Expenditures submitted to the Caltrans District Director, Attention: District Local Assistance Engineer. A copy of the "Materials Certificate" shall also be included in ICDPW's construction records. The Resident Engineer in charge of the construction function for ICDPW shall sign the certificate. All materials incorporated into the work which did not conform to specifications must be explained and justified on the "Materials Certification", including changes by virtue of contract change orders. See Exhibit S (Appendix K — "Examples of Materials Certificates/Exceptions" of the QAP Manual).



5 RECORDS

All material records of samples and tests, material releases and certificates of compliance for the construction project shall be incorporated into the Resident Engineer's project file. If a Federal-aid project:

1. The files shall be organized as described in Exhibit 6 (Section 16.8 "Project Files" of the Local Assistance Procedures Manual).
2. It is recommended that the complete project file be available at a single location for inspection by Caltrans and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) personnel.
3. The project files shall be available for at least three years following the date of final project voucher.
4. The use of a "Log Summary," as shown in Exhibit 7 (Appendix H - "Example of a Log Summary Sheet" of the QAP Manual), facilitates reviews of material sampling and testing by Caltrans and FHWA, and assists the Resident Engineer in tracking the frequency of testing.

When two or more projects are being furnished identical materials simultaneously from the same plant, it is not necessary to take separate samples or perform separate tests for each project; however, copies of the test reports are to be provided for each of the projects to complete the records.



6 LIST OF REFERENCES

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Quality Assurance Program (CQAP) Manual for Use by Local Agencies, Division of Local Assistance, December 2008, latest revision January 2011

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM), Division of Local Assistance, latest revision August 2016, available on-line at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/tam/lapm.htm>

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Construction Manual, latest revision October 2013 available on-line at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/construc/constmanual/>.

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Independent Assurance Manual, Procedures for Accreditation of Laboratories and Qualification of Tester, Division of Engineering Services, Materials Engineering and Testing Services, July 2005, available on-line at http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist1/d1lab/forms/2005_IA_Manual.pdf.

EXHIBITS

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**Appendix D - “Acceptance Sampling and Testing Frequencies” of the
QAP Manual**

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Note: It may be desirable to sample and store some materials. If warranted, testing can be performed at a later date.

Portland Cement (Hydraulic Cement)

Materials to be Sampled or Tested	Sample Size	Sampling/Testing Frequency	Typical Test Methods	Description or Comments
Cement/fly ash (Sampling only)	8-lb. sample	If possible, take a least one sample per job, even if the material is accepted based on a Certificate of Compliance.	ASTM D75, C494 CT 125 AASHTO T127, M85, M295	Standard for sampling hydraulic cement or fly ash.
Cement (Testing Only)	8-lb. sample	If the product is accepted based on a Certificate of Compliance, testing is not required. If the product is not accepted using a Certificate of Compliance, test at least once per job.	ASTM C109 CT 515 AASHTO T106	If testing appears warranted, fabricate six 2-in. mortar cubes using the Portland (or hydraulic cement). Test for compressive strength.

Portland Cement Concrete (Hydraulic Cement Concrete)

Materials to be Sampled or Tested	Sample Size	Sampling/Testing Frequency	Typical Test Methods	Description or Comments
Aggregate for Hydraulic Cement Concrete (Sampling & Testing)	50-lb. sample	Take one aggregate sample for each 1000 cu. yd. of PCC/HCC concrete. Test at least one sample per job.	ASTM D75 CT 125 AASHTO M6, T2, M80	Sample aggregate from belt or hopper (random basis).
Water (Sampling & Testing)	Take a two-quart sample using a clean plastic jug (with lining) and sealed lid. Sample at the point of use.	If the water is clean with no record of chlorides or sulfates greater than 1%, no testing is required. If the water is dirty do not use it. Test only when the chloride or sulfates are suspected to be greater than 1%.	CT 405, CT 422, CT 417 AASHTO R23	If testing appears warranted, test for chlorides and sulfates.



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Portland Cement Concrete (Hydraulic Cement Concrete) – Continued

Materials to be Sampled or Tested	Sample Size	Sampling/Testing Frequency	Typical Test Methods	Description of Comments
Air Entraining Admixtures (Sampling & Testing)	Take a one-quart sample using a clean, lined can or plastic bottle, if liquid. If powder, take a 2.5 lb. sample.	If the product is accepted based on a Certificate of Compliance, testing is not required. Take one sample per job. Prior to sampling, check with Caltrans (METS) for acceptable brands and dosage rates.	ASTM C233 AASHTO M154, T157, C260	If testing appears warranted, test for sulfates and chlorides Admixtures with sulfates and chlorides greater than 1% should not be used.
Water Reducers or Set Retarders (Sampling & Testing)	If liquid, take a 1-qt. sample using a clean plastic can. If powder, take a 2.5 lb. sample.	If the product is accepted based on a Certificate of Compliance, no testing is required. If not, test once per job. Prior to using this product, please check with Caltrans (METS) for acceptable brands and dosage rates.	ASTM C494 AASHTO M194	If testing appears warranted, test for sulfates and chlorides. Admixtures with sulfates and chlorides greater than 1% should not be used.
Freshly-Mixed Concrete (Sampling)	Approx. 150lb. (or 1 cu. ft.) near mixer discharge.	When tests are required, take at least one sample for each 500 to 1000 cu. yd. of PCC/HCC.	ASTM C172, C685 CT 539 AASHTO T141, M157	This describes a method to sample freshly-mixed concrete.
Freshly-Mixed Concrete (Testing)	Approx. 150 lb/ (or 1 cu. ft.) near mixer discharge.	On projects with 500 cu. yd., or more, test at least one sample per job.	ASTM C143 AASHTO T119	This test determines the slump of the freshly-mixed concrete.
Freshly-Mixed Concrete (Testing)	Approx. 150 lb/ (or 1 cu. ft.) near mixer discharge	On projects with 500 cu. yd., or more, test at least one sample per job.	ASTM C360 CT 533	This test determines the ball penetration of the freshly-mixed concrete.
Freshly-Mixed Concrete (Testing)	Approx. 150 lb/ (or 1 cu. ft.) near mixer discharge	On projects with 500 cu. yd., or more, test at least one sample per job.	ASTM C231 CT 504 AASHTO T152	This test determines the air content of freshly-mixed concrete (pressure method).
Freshly-Mixed Concrete (Testing)	Approx. 150 lb/ (or 1 cu. ft.) near mixer discharge	On projects with 500 cu. yd., or more, test at least one sample per job.	ASTM C138 CT 518 AASHTO T121	This test determines the unit weight of freshly mixed concrete.



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Portland Cement Concrete (Hydraulic Cement Concrete) – Continued

Materials to be Sampled or Tested	Sample Size	Sampling/Testing Frequency	Typical Test Methods	Description or Comments
Freshly-Mixed Concrete (Testing)	Approx. 150 lb/ (or 1 cu. ft.) near mixer discharge	Fabricate at least two concrete cylinders per project. Test for compressive strength at least once for each 500 to 1,000 cu. yd. of structural concrete.	ASTM C39 CT 521 AASHTO T22	This test is used to fabricate 6" x 12" concrete cylinders. Compressive strengths are determined, when needed.
Freshly-Mixed Concrete (Testing)	Approximately 210 lb. of concrete are needed to fabricate three concrete beams.	One sample set for every 500 to 1,000 cu. yd. of concrete.	ASTM C78 CT 31 AASHTO T97 & T23	This test is used to determine the flexural strength of simple concrete beams in third-point loading

Soils and Aggregates

Materials to be Sampled or Tested	Sample Size	Sampling/Testing Frequency	Typical Test Methods	Description or Comments
Aggregate (Sampling)	One 50-lb. sample	Take one sample for every 500 to 1,000 tons of materials. Test at least one sample per project.	ASTM D75 CT 125 AASHTO T2	This test describes the procedures to sample aggregate from the belt or hopper (random basis).
Fine Aggregates (Testing)	One 50-lb. sample	Take one sample for every 500 to 1,000 tons of materials. Test at least one sample per project.	ASTM C128 CT 208 AASHTO T84	This test determines the apparent specific gravity of fine aggregates for bituminous mixes, cement treated bases and aggregate bases.
Fine Aggregate (Testing)	One 50-lb. sample	Take one sample for every 500 to 1,000 tons of materials. Test at least one sample per project.	ASTM C128 CT 207 AASHTO T84	This test determines the bulk specific gravity (SSD) and the absorption of material passing the No. 4 sieve.
Coarse Aggregate (Testing)	One 50-lb. sample	Take one sample for every 500 to 1,000 tons of materials. Test at least one sample per project.	CT 206	This test determines the cleanness of coarse aggregate.



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Soils and Aggregates - Continued

Materials to be Sampled or Tested	Sample Size	Sampling/Testing Frequency	Typical Test Methods	Description or Comments
Coarse Aggregate (Testing)	One 50-lb. sample	Take one sample for every 500 to 1,000 tons of materials. Test at least one sample per project.	ASTM C127 CT 227 AASHTO T85	This test determines the specific gravity and absorption of coarse aggregate (material retained on the No. 4 sieve).
Soils and Aggregates (Testing)	One 50-lb. sample	Take one sample for every 500 to 1,000 tons of materials. Test at least one sample per project.	ASTM C136 CT 202 AASHTO T27	This test determines the gradation of soils and aggregates by sieve analysis.
Soils and Aggregates (Testing)	One 50-lb. sample	Take one sample for every 500 to 1,000 tons of materials. Test at least one sample per project.	ASTM D2419 CT 217 AASHTO T176	This test determines the Sand Equivalent of soils and aggregates.
Soils and Aggregates (Testing)	One 50-lb. sample	Take one sample for every 500 to 1,000 tons of materials. Test at least one sample per project.	ASTM C117 AASHTO T11	This test determines the gradation for materials finer than the No. 200 sieve (by washing method).
Soils and Aggregates (Testing)	One 50-lb. sample	Take one sample for every 500 to 1,000 tons of materials. Test at least one sample per project.	ASTM D3744 CT 229 AASHTO T210	This test determines the Durability Index of soils and aggregates.
Soils and Aggregates (Testing)	One 50-lb. sample	Take one sample for every 500 to 1,000 tons of materials. Test at least one sample per project.	ASTM D2844 CT 301 AASHTO T190	This test determines the Resistance Value (R-) and expansion pressure of compacted materials.
Soils and Aggregates (Testing)	One random location for every 2,500 sq. ft.	Take one sample for every 500 to 1,000 tons of materials. Test at least one sample per project.	ASTM D2922 CT 231 AASHTO T238	This test determines field densities using the nuclear gage.
Soils and Aggregates (Testing)	One random location for every 2,500 sq. ft.	Take one sample for every 500 to 1,000 tons of materials. Test at least one sample per project.	ASTM D3017 CT 231 AASHTO T239	This test determines the water content using the nuclear gage.

Appendix D (continued)

Asphalt Binder

Materials to be Sampled or Tested	Sample Size	Sampling/Testing Frequency	Typical Test Methods	Description or Comments
Asphalt Binder (Sampling)	One 0.5-gal. sample placed in a clean, sealed can.	Sample once per job at the asphalt concrete plant.	CT 125 ASTM D 979 AASHTO T 168, T48	This procedure describes the proper method to sample the asphalt binder.
Asphalt Binder (Testing)	One 0.5-gal. sample placed in a clean, sealed can.	Sample once per job at the asphalt concrete plant.	ASTM D92, D117 AASHTO T 48	This test determines the flash point of the asphalt binder (by Cleveland open cup).
Asphalt Binder (Testing)	One 0.5-gal. sample placed in a clean, sealed can.	Obtain one sample at the asphalt concrete plant for each 1,000 tons of asphalt concrete placed.	ASTM D2872 & D92 CT 346 AASHTO T240 & T48	This test determines the rolling thin-film oven test (RTFO).
Asphalt Binder (Testing)	One 0.5-gal. sample placed in a clean, sealed can.	Obtain one sample at the asphalt concrete plant for each 1,000 tons of asphalt concrete placed.	ASTM D2042 AASHTO T44	This test determines the solubility of asphalt material in trichloroethylene.
Asphalt Binder (Testing)	One 0.5-gal. sample placed in a clean, sealed can.	Obtain one sample at the asphalt concrete plant for each 1,000 tons of asphalt concrete placed.	ASTM D2171 AASHTO T202	This test determines the dynamic viscosity, (absolute viscosity of asphalt @ 140 degrees F by the Vacuum Capillary Viscometer Poises).
Asphalt Binder (Testing)	One 0.5-gal. sample placed in a clean, sealed can.	Obtain one sample at the asphalt concrete plant for each 1,000 tons of asphalt concrete placed.	ASTM D5 AASHTO T49	This test determines the penetration of bituminous material @ 77 degrees F and percentage of original penetration from the residue.
Asphalt Binder (Testing)	One 0.5-gal. sample placed in a clean, sealed can.	Obtain one sample at the asphalt concrete plant for each 1,000 tons of asphalt concrete placed.	ASTM D113 AASHTO T51	This test determines the ductility of asphalt @ 77 degrees F.
Asphalt Binder (Testing)	One 0.5-gal. sample placed in a clean, sealed can.	Obtain one sample at the asphalt concrete plant for each 1,000 tons of asphalt concrete placed.	ASTM D2170 AASHTO T201	This test determines the kinematic viscosity of asphalt @275 degrees F (Centistoke).



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Asphalt Binder - Continued

Materials to be Sampled or Tested	Sample Size	Sampling/Testing Frequency	Typical Test Methods	Description or Comments
Asphalt Binder (Testing)	One 0.5-gal. sample placed in a clean, sealed can.	Obtain one sample at the asphalt concrete plant for each 1,000 tons of asphalt concrete placed.	ASTM D2171 AASHTO T202	This test determines the dynamic viscosity. (absolute viscosity of asphalt @ 140 degrees F by the Vacuum Capillary Viscometer Poises).
Asphalt Binder (Testing)	One 0.5-gal. sample placed in a clean, sealed can.	Obtain one sample at the asphalt concrete plant for each 1,000 tons of asphalt concrete placed.	ASTM D36 AASHTO T53	This test determines the softening point of asphalt.

Asphalt Emulsified

Materials to be Sampled or Tested	Sample Size	Sampling/Testing Frequency	Typical Test Methods	Description or Comments
Emulsified Asphalt (Sampling)	One 0.5-gal. sample placed in a clean, sealed can.	Obtain one sample at the asphalt concrete plant for each 1,000 tons of asphalt concrete placed.	ASTM D140, D979 CT 125 AASHTO T 40, T168	This test describes the procedure to sample the emulsified asphalt.
Emulsified Asphalt (Testing)	One 0.5-gal. sample placed in a clean, sealed can.	Obtain one sample at the asphalt concrete plant for each 1,000 tons of asphalt concrete placed.	ASTM D244 AASHTO T59	This test determines the sieve retention of emulsified asphalt.
Emulsified Asphalt (Testing)	One 0.5-gal. sample placed in a clean, sealed can.	Obtain one sample at the asphalt concrete plant for each 1,000 tons of asphalt concrete placed.	ASTM D244 AASHTO T59	This test determines the weight per gallon of emulsified asphalt.
Emulsified Asphalt (Testing)	One 0.5-gal. sample placed in a clean, sealed can.	Obtain one sample at the asphalt concrete plant for each 1,000 tons of asphalt concrete placed.	ASTM D244 AASHTO T59	This test determines the penetration of the emulsified asphalt.
Emulsified Asphalt (Testing)	One 0.5-gal. sample placed in a clean, sealed can.	Obtain one sample at the asphalt concrete plant for each 1,000 tons of asphalt concrete placed.	ASTM D244 CT 330 AASHTO T59	This test determines the residue @ 325 degrees F evaporation of emulsified asphalt.



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Asphalt Emulsified - Continued

Materials to be Sampled or Tested	Sample Size	Sampling/Testing Frequency	Typical Test Methods	Description or Comments
Emulsified Asphalt (Testing)	One 0.5-gal. sample placed in a clean, sealed can.	Obtain one sample at the asphalt concrete plant for each 1,000 tons of asphalt concrete placed.	ASTM D4402 AASHTO T201	This test determines the Brookfield viscosity.
Emulsified Asphalt (Testing)	One 0.5-gal. sample placed in a clean, sealed can.	Obtain one sample at the asphalt concrete plant for each 1,000 tons of asphalt concrete placed.	ASTM D88 AASHTO T72	This test determines the Saybolt-Furol viscosity of emulsified asphalt @ 77 degrees F (seconds).

Hot Mix Asphalt (Asphalt Concrete) – Concrete

Materials to be Sampled or Tested	Sample Size	Sampling/Testing Frequency	Typical Test Methods	Description or Comments
Asphalt Concrete (Sampling)	Obtain one 30-lb. sample each day of production	Obtain one sample at the asphalt concrete plant for each 5,000 tons of asphalt concrete placed.	ASTM D75, D140, D979 CT 125 AASHTO T 40, T168	This test describes the procedure to sample the asphalt concrete.
Asphalt Concrete (Testing)	4" x 8" cores	Take one 4" x 8" core for every 500 ft of paved roadway.	ASTM D1188, D1560, D1561, D5361 CT 304 AASHTO T246, T247	This test determines the field density of street samples.
Asphalt Concrete (Testing)	Obtain one 30-lb. sample for each day of production	Obtain one sample for every five cores taken.	ASTM D1188, D1560, D1561, D5361 CT 304 AASHTO T246, T247	This test determines the laboratory density and relative compaction of asphalt concrete.
Asphalt Concrete (Testing)	4" x 8" cores	Obtain one sample for every five cores taken.	ASTM D2726, D1188, D5361	This test determines the specific gravity of compacted bituminous mixture dense- graded or non-absorptive.



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Hot Mix Asphalt (Asphalt Concrete) –Continued

Materials to be Sampled or Tested	Sample Size	Sampling/Testing Frequency	Typical Test Methods	Description or Comments
Asphalt Concrete (Testing)	One 30-lb sample	Obtain one sample for every 1,000 tons of asphalt concrete.	ASTM D1559 AASHTO T245	This test determines the resistance to plastic flow of prepared mixes as determined by the Marshall Method.
Asphalt Concrete (Testing)	One 30-lb sample	Obtain one sample for every 1,000 tons of asphalt concrete.	ASTM C117, D2172 (use Method B) AASHTO T164	This test determines the screen analysis of aggregates recovered from asphalt materials.
Geotextile Fabric (Placed Under the Asphalt Con- crete) (Testing)	One 12 ft. x 3 ft. sample	Obtain one sample per job.	ASTM D4632 AASHTO M288	This test determines the weight per sq. yd. and grabs strength of geotextile fabrics.
Asphalt Concrete (Testing)	Sample any test location (random basis)	Obtain one sample for every 1,000 tons of asphalt concrete.	ASTM D2950 CT 375	This test determines the nuclear field density of in-place asphalt concrete.
Asphalt Concrete (Testing)	One 10-lb sample	Obtain one sample during every day of production.	ASTM D1560, D1561 CT 366 AASHTO T246, T247	This test determines the stability value of asphalt concrete.
Slurry Seals (Sample)	One 0.5 gal. sample in a clean, dry plastic container.	Obtain one sample per truck	ASTM D979 CT 125 AASHTO T 40, T168	This test describes the procedure for sampling the slurry seal.
Aggregate for Slurry Seals (Testing)	One 30-lb. sample.	Obtain at least one sample per project from the belt or hopper or stockpile and test for Sand Equivalent	ASTM D2419 CT 217 AASHTO T176	This test determines the Sand Equivalent of aggregates.



Appendix D (continued)

Slurry Seals

Materials to be Sampled or Tested	Sample Size	Sampling/Testing Frequency	Typical Test Methods	Description or Comments
Aggregate for Slurry Seals (Testing)	One 30-lb. sample.	Obtain at least one sample per project from the belt, hopper, or stockpile and test for sieve analysis of fine sand.	ASTM C117 AASHTO T11	This test determines the sieve analysis of fine sand (gradation of materials finer than No. 200 sieve by wash grading).
Slurry Seals (Testing)	One 0.5 gal. sample in a clean, dry plastic container.	Test one sample per project and test for Abrasion.	ASTM D3910	This test determines the Wet Track Abrasion Test (2) (WTAT).

Steel

Materials to be Sampled or Tested	Sample Size	Sampling/Testing Frequency	Typical Test Methods	Description or Comments
Steel Strand (Testing)	Sample strand at various sizes.	This item may be accepted using a Certificate of Compliance. Sample and test at least two steel strands per job when a Certificate of Compliance is not used.	ASTM A370, A416, E328 AASHTO T244	This test determines the tensile strength of uncoated seven-wire stress-relieved strand for pre-stressed concrete.
Steel Rebar (Testing)	Sample rebar at various sizes.	This item may be accepted using a Certificate of Compliance. Sample and test at least two steel rebar per job when a Certificate of Compliance is not used.	ASTM A615, A370 AASHTO T244	This test determines the steel reinforcement bar tensile strength and bend capability.



EXHIBIT 2

Exhibit 16-Vof the LAP Manual

**SAMPLE COVER MEMO SOURCE
INSPECTION REQUEST FROM
LOCAL AGENCY TO
CALTRANS' DISTRICT LOCAL ASSISTANCE ENGINEER**
(Prepared By Applicant On Applicant Letterhead)

To: (DLAE name)
Caltrans' District Local Assistance Engineer
Caltrans' Local Assistance Office
(District office Address)

Date: _____

Federal-aid Project Number: _____ (if one has been assigned)

Project Description _____

Project Location: _____

Subject: (Source Inspection for Project Name, County) _____

We are requesting that Caltrans provide Source Inspection (reimbursed) services for the above mentioned project. We understand we are responsible for paying for this service provided for by the State. Listed below are the materials for which we are requesting Caltrans' Source Inspection (reimbursed) services.

Materials that will require source inspection:

Justification for request: (Based on the requirements in Section 16.14 under "Source Inspection") _____

Any question you might have about the above materials should be directed to: _____, at (phone #) _____.

Approved:

(Applicant Representative Name)

(DLAE name)
District Local Assistance Engineer

(Title)

(Date)

(Local agency, name & address)

EXHIBIT 3

Appendix F - "Construction Materials Accepted by a Certificate of Compliance" of the QAP Manual



Appendix F - Construction Materials Accepted by a Certificate of Compliance *

Soil Amendment
Fiber
Mulch
Stabilizing Emulsion
Plastic Pipe
Lime
Reinforcing Steel
Structural Timber and Lumber
Treated Timber and Lumber
Timber and Lumber
Culvert and Drainage Pipe Joints
Reinforced Concrete Pipe
Corrugated Steel Pipe and Corrugated Steel Pipe Arches
Structural Metal Plate Pipe Arches and Pipe Arches
Perforated Steel Pipe
Polyvinyl Chloride Pipe and Polyethylene Tubing
Steel Entrance Tapers, Pipe Down drains, Reducers, Coupling Bands and Slip Joints
Aluminum Pipe (Entrance Tapers, Arches, Pipe Down drains, Reducers, Coupling Bands and Slip Joints)
Metal Target Plates
Electrical Conductors
Portland Cement
Minor Concrete
Waterstop

* If Caltrans Standard Specifications May 2006 is part of contract specifications.

Note: Usually these items are inspected at the site of manufacture or fabrication and reinspected after delivery to the job site.

EXHIBIT 4

**Appendix J - Example of a Vendor's Certificate of Compliance of the
QAP Manual**



Appendix J.1 - Example of a Vendor's Certificate of Compliance

No. 583408

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
VENDOR'S CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
 MR-0543 (REV. 5/93) #GT-754 1-0020-2

PRECAST CONCRETE PRODUCTS OR SOUNDWALL

TO: BILL SYNDER

STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER
RESIDENT ENGINEER - CITY OF FLATLAND

We certify that the portland cement, chemical and mineral admixtures contained in the material described below are brands stated and comply with specifications for:

CONTRACT NUMBER:		
CEMENT BRAND <u>XYZ CEMENT CO.</u>	MILL LOCATION <u>MIDLAND, CALIFORNIA</u>	
TYPE <u>II MODIFIED</u>		
CHEMICAL ADMIXTURE		
1. BRAND <u>ABC ADMIXTURE</u>	MANUFACTURER <u>XYZ SUPPLIER</u>	
TYPE <u>WATER REDUCER</u>		
2. BRAND	MANUFACTURER	
TYPE		

CHECK BOX IF A CHEMICAL ADMIXTURE WAS NOT USED

MINERAL ADMIXTURE	
MANUFACTURER <u>POZZ. INC.</u>	CLASS <u>F</u>

CHECK BOX IF A MINERAL ADMIXTURE WAS NOT USED

DELIVERY DATE (Ready Mix) <u>7/7/07</u>	DATES OF FABRICATION (Precast)
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LIST PRODUCTS TO WHICH CERTIFICATE APPLIES. (Show size and lin. ft. of pipe, etc., delivery slip numbers for ready-mix.)

Portland Cement
Fly ash
Water Reducer

MANUFACTURER OF CONCRETE PRODUCTS <u>A.E.B. READY MIX</u>
By: AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE <u>Joe Anderson</u>



Appendix J.2 - Example of a Certificate of Compliance for Portland Cement (continued)

This is to certify that the

Portland Cement .

Supplied by ABC Cement Company complies with all requirements for Type II Portland Cement when tested in accordance with ASTM C - 494.

Local Agency Project No.
HP21L - 5055 - 111

Albert Howakowa
Quality Assurance Engineer
ABC Cement Company

Date: 07/07/07 .

EXHIBIT 5

**Appendix K – “Examples of Materials Certificates/Exceptions” of the
QAP Manual**



**Appendix K - Examples of Materials Certificates/Exceptions
 (Signed by the Resident Engineer at the Completion
 of the Project)**

Federal-aid Project No.: Project HP21L – 5055 – 111

Subject: Materials Certification

This is to certify that the results of the tests on acceptance samples indicate that the materials incorporated in the construction work and the construction operations controlled by sampling and testing were in conformity with the approved plans and specifications.

All materials exceptions to the plans and specifications on this project are noted below.

No exceptions were found to the plans and specifications on this project.

Bill Sanders
 Resident Engineer (Print Name)

Bill Sanders
 Resident Engineer (Signature)

7/7/07
 (Date)

Note: The signed original of this certificate is placed in the Resident Engineer’s project files and one copy is mailed to the DLAE and filed under “Report of Expenditures.”

See the attachment (next page)



Appendix K (continued)

Attachments: Materials Exceptions (Acceptance Testing)

Type of Test	Description of Work	Total Tests Performed On the Project	Number of Failed Tests	Action Taken
Slump Test	Concrete Sidewalk	8	1	When the measured slump exceeded the maximum limit, the entire concrete load was rejected.
Sand Equivalent	Aggregate for Structural Concrete	10	1	The tested S.E. was 70 and the contract compliance specification was 71 minimum. However, the concrete 28-day compressive strength was 4800 psi. The concrete was considered adequate and no materials deductions were taken.
Compaction	Sub grade Material	12	1	One failed test was noted. The failed area was watered and reworked. When this was completed, a retest was performed. The retest was acceptable.
Compaction	Hot Mix Asphalt	12	1	One failed area was noted. It was reworked and retested. The second test met specifications.

Bill Sanders
 Resident Engineer (Print Name)

Bill Sanders
 Resident Engineer (Signature)

July 4, 2007
 Date

EXHIBIT 6

Section 16.8 - "Project Files" of the LAP Manual

- When there is disputed work or a potential claim

The detail should be sufficient to permit review of the contractor's costs of the work in a manner similar to force account. Equipment should be identified sufficiently to enable determination of the applicable rental rates and operator's minimum wage. In some cases it may be desirable to record dates of arrival or departure of equipment, as well as idle time for breakdown or other reasons.

The narrative portion of the report should include a description of the contractor's operation and the location where the work was performed. It should also include statements made by the contractor or agency personnel, which are pertinent to the work. The report must also contain the name of the contractor or subcontractor performing the work.

When the report is used to determine compliance with the labor provisions (see Section 16.11, "Labor Compliance") of the contract, include the following additional information:

- The names or identification numbers of the contractor's personnel
- The respective classifications of the work being performed
- The number of hours worked on the date covered by the report

Reporting for labor compliance shall be done on a random spot-check basis only. The number of reports for labor compliance purposes should vary with the size and duration of the contract and the degree of compliance revealed by checking previous reports. One report per week for each operation being performed on the project should be used as an initial guide. The frequency may be reduced after a high degree of compliance has been verified.

An example of both the Resident Engineer and Assistant Resident Engineers daily report forms used by Caltrans are shown as Exhibit 16-C.

The engineers' daily reports discussed herein are required in addition to the extra work reports submitted by the contractor. For more information on the organization and use of the daily reports see the Caltrans *Construction Manual*, Chapter I, Section 1-10, and Chapter III, Section 3-00 and Section 3-01.

16.8 PROJECT FILES

An administering local agency must establish a separate record file for each federal-aid highway project. The project file shall contain all data pertinent to the work and to the requirements of the specifications. In general, project files should support: 1) adequacy of filed control, 2) conformance to contract specifications, and 3) contract payments to the contractor. The file must be complete, available at a single location, and organized and maintained in a manner that permits inspection by Caltrans and FHWA personnel during process reviews or random checks.

Generally, whenever the local agency is unable to produce requested data or information, it shall be assumed by reviewing personnel the required actions were either never performed or not properly recorded. Organized project files can minimize these negative assumptions.

DLAEs shall periodically perform process reviews and inspect, during construction, local agency project files for compliance with federal and State requirements. Organization and content of the project file is one indicator of the effective and efficient management of the project by the resident engineer. It also minimizes resources necessary for conducting process reviews.

Organization of Files

Local agency administered federal-aid highway project files shall be organized and include the following information indicated below:

PROJECT RECORD FILING SYSTEM – LOCALLY ADMINISTERED FEDERAL-AID PROJECTS

1. **Project Personnel**
2. **Correspondence**
 - a. Contractor
 - b. General
3. **Weekly record of working days (if contract time is specified).** See Sections 12.9 and 16.5 of this manual.
4. **Materials Data¹**
5. **Certificate of Proficiency – Form 03-HC-1 (Exhibit 16-D)²**
 - a. Independent Assurance Sampling and Testing – Form MR-0102 (Exhibit 16-E)³
 - b. Report of Witness Tests – Form MR-0103 (Exhibit 16-F)³
 - c. Project Acceptance Test Results and Initial Tests (no form available)
 - d. Project Independent Assurance Tests (no form available)³
 - e. Report of Comparison between Independent Assurance Tests (IAT) and Acceptance Tests – Form MR-0104 (Exhibit 16-G)¹
 - f. Summary of Independent Assurance Testing – Form MR-0105 (Exhibit 16-H)¹
 - g. Notice of Materials to be Used – Form HC-30 (3/81) (Exhibit 16-I)¹
 - h. Notice of Materials to be Furnished – Form MR-0608 (Old: TL-608) (Exhibit 16-J)¹
 - i. Notice of Materials to be Inspected – Form MR-0028 (Old: TL-28) (Exhibit 16-M)¹
 - j. Report of Inspection of Material – Form TL-29 (REV. 2-80) (Exhibit 16-K)¹

¹ Materials Data will vary according to the Local Agency's Quality Assurance Program (QAP). Items listed are required for the Caltrans QAP if adopted by the local agency.

² Used for NHS projects only.

³ Note that these forms are not standard and vary by agency and manufacturer.

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- k. Field Laboratory Assistant Reports
 - l. Certificates of Compliance¹
 - m. Material Testing Summary Log (as specified in Section 16.14, "Quality Assurance Program")
6. **Engineer's Daily Reports**
 - a. Resident engineer
 - b. Structure engineer
 7. **Contract Item Pay Quantity Documents**
 8. **Contract Change Orders**
 9. **Extra Work Reports**
 10. **Progress Pay Estimates and Status of Funds**
 11. **Labor Compliance and EEO records**
 12. **Contractor's Payrolls**
 13. **Final Report**
 14. **Materials Certificate**
 15. **DBE Records**

Other sections of this chapter explain the contents of the above listed file categories.

A large and complex local agency project usually requires a more detailed record-keeping system. The record-keeping system described in Caltrans Construction Manual, Section 3-01-1 is suggested for large projects. This chapter includes a standardized category system which helps the Resident Engineer and staff keep their files organized.

Availability

All contract documentation and backup records shall be available at any time for inspection by Caltrans and FHWA reviewing personnel. Use of a uniform project record-keeping system, together with diligent maintenance of the system, greatly facilitates a process review and minimizes negative findings. Good records of all construction activities clearly demonstrate to all concerned that project supervision and control were attained on the project.

EXHIBIT 7

Appendix H – “Example of a Log Summary Sheet” of the QAP Manual



Appendix H - Example of a Log Summary Sheet

Subgrade Materials

Date	CT	Station	Elevation	Test Results	Minimum Spec.	Passed or Failed	Action Taken
5/15/07	231	1+ 00 (30' L)	99.00	93	90 or greater	Passed	N/A
5/16/07	231	1+ 50 (20' R)	100.50	94	90 or greater	Passed	N/A
5/17/07	231	2+ 25 (25' R)	101.00	96	90 or greater	Passed	N/A
5/18/07	231	1+ 50 (30' L)	101.50	95	95 or greater	Passed	N/A
5/19/07	231	2+ 50 (20' L)	102.00	92 *	95 or greater	Failed	See Note 1
5/19/07	231	2+ 50 (20' L)	102.00	95	95 or greater	Passed	N/A

CT 231 = Compaction (Nuclear Gage)

* Note 1: The Contractor used a water tank to dampen the soil surface at the failed subgrade location. Using a sheep's foot compactor, he reworked the subgrade (making at least 10 passes) from Station 2+ 00 to Station 3+ 00. After approximately 30 minutes, another compaction test was taken. This time the relative compaction was 95.

Aggregates and Base Materials

Date	CT	Station	Elevation	Test Results	Minimum Spec.	Passed or Failed	Action Taken
6/20/07	202	1+ 00 (10' R)	102.50	See data sheet	See data sheet	Passed	N/A
6/20/07	202	2+ 00 (20' L)	102.50	See data sheet	See data sheet	Passed	N/A
6/22/07	217	1+ 00 (10' R)	102.50	75	25 or greater	Passed	N/A
6/22/07	217	2+ 00 (20' L)	102.50	83	25 or greater	Passed	N/A
6/20/07	227	1+ 00 (20' R)	102.50	86	71 or greater	Passed	N/A
6/20/07	227	1+ 50 (20' L)	102.50	85	71 or greater	Passed	N/A
6/24/07	231	2+ 00 (20' R)	102.50	98	95 or greater	Passed	N/A
6/24/07	231	2+ 50 (20' L)	102.50	97	95 or greater	Passed	N/A

CT 202 = Sieve Analysis, CT 217 = Sand Equivalent, CT 227 = Cleanness Value,
 CT 231 = Compaction (Nuclear Gage)



Appendix H (continued)

Hot Mix Asphalt

Date	CT	Station	Elevation	Test Results	Minimum Spec.	Passed or Failed	Action Taken
7/10/07	339	1+ 00 (10' R)	103.00	0.08 gal/ sq yd	0.05 -0.10 gal/sq yd	Passed	N/A
7/10/07	366	2+ 00 (20' L)	103.00	32	>23	Passed	N/A
7/10/07	366	1+ 00 (10' R)	103.00	41	>23	Passed	N/A
7/10/07	375	2+ 00 (20' L)	103.00	94	RC = 93 to 97	Passed	N/A
7/15/07	375	1+ 00 (20' R)	103.00	96	RC = 93 to 97	Passed	N/A
7/15/07	375	1+ 50 (20' L)	103.00	95	RC = 93 to 97	Passed	N/A

CT 339 = Distributor Spread Rate, CT 366 = Stabilometer Value
 CT 375 = In-Place Density & Relative Compaction

Portland Cement Concrete

Date	CT	Station	Elevation	Test Results	Minimum Spec.	Passed or Failed	Action Taken
9/25/07	504	10 + 50 (50' R)	102.50	6.5%	>6.0%	Passed	N/A
9/25/07	533	12 + 50 (50' R)	102.50	1.5"	<2"	Passed	N/A
9/25/07	518	11 + 50 (50' R)	102.50	151 lb/cu ft	> 145 lb/cu ft	Passed	N/A
9/25/07	521	10 + 50 (50' R)	102.50	28 day = 4200 psi	>3800 psi	Passed	N/A
9/28/07	521	11 + 50 (50' R)	102.50	28 day = 4290 psi	>3800 psi	Passed	N/A
9/30/07	521	12 + 50 (50' R)	102.50	28 day = 4160 psi	>3800 psi	Passed	N/A

CT 504 = Air Content, CT 518 = Unit Weight, CT 521 = Compressive Strength,
 CT 533 = Ball Penetration

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DIVISION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES
 MATERIALS ENGINEERING TESTING SERVICES
 INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE AND REFERENCE SAMPLE PROGRAM BRANCH
 TRANSPORTATION LABORATORY-MS 5
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 SACRAMENTO, CA 95819-4612



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 Be energy efficient!*

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The document will be reviewed for compliance to California Department of Transportation, Quality Assurance Program (QAP) Manual for Use by Local Agencies (Jan. 20, 2011 revision) and Federal Highway Administration, 23 CFR 637.

B. Document Reviewed

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	The Quality Assurance Program (QAP) of County of Imperial approved on 07/05/2021 by Veronica Atondo, Deputy Director of Public Works and by John Gay Director of Public Works.

C. Notes

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	This Document Has Been Found to Be In Compliance with Caltrans Requirements.
2	Acceptance Testing: will be done by a certified Materials Laboratory.
3	Sampling and Testing Frequency: in accordance with the contract specifications. If not specified in the contract, will be done per Exhibit 1 provided in this document (Appendix D, "Acceptance Sampling and Testing Frequencies" of the QAP Manual)
4	Independent Assurance Program: will be done by Caltrans or a consultant's certified materials laboratory .
4.1	Per section 16.14 of Local Assistance Procedure Manual, Caltrans assistant is required for IA function when using California Test Methods.
5	Caltrans District 11, Local Assistance must be notified if there is any change or deviation from this QAP.

D. Reviewer**Name & Title:** Maryam Shahbazi. / Caltrans, METS, IA - Central**E-Mail:** Maryam.shahbazi@dot.ca.gov**Phone:** 916-594-1451

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Signature

10/26/2021

Date