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Dear : Chief Engineer

As you are already aware, projects advertised after October 1, 2003 may include a Precast Concrete Quality Control Specification. This specification was developed with significant input from industry representatives. The new specification requires that ANY precast concrete contractor or precast concrete subcontractor engaged in the fabrication of:

- Precast Piles
- Precast Girders
- Precast Deck Units
- Precast MSE Panels

Successfully complete the California Department of Transportation's (Department) Precast Concrete Fabrication Qualification Audit. The audits will be performed by personnel assigned to the Office of Structural Materials. Copies of the audit form, along with procedures for requesting and completing the audit, are available from the following website: [HTTP://WWW.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/Translab/smbpubs.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/Translab/smbpubs.htm)

The Office of Structural Materials has responded to several inquiries about the specification and the audit process from precast producers around the state. I encourage precast producers to take the necessary steps to qualify themselves to produce structural precast products for the Department in accordance with the new specifications. The Office of Structural Materials has committed resources to perform the audits and to assist precast producers meet this goal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (510) 450-7765 or at [keith\\_hoffman@dot.ca.gov](mailto:keith_hoffman@dot.ca.gov) if I can be of assistance.

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