Section 39 QC/QA STG Meeting

Granite Summit Training Room, Sacramento, CA

Group Memory

November 19, 2015

Desired STG Outcome: Develop biddable/buildable HMA specifications based on good economic and engineering judgement.

Yellow highlights = Latest comments
Blue highlights = Item has been resolved
Green Highlight = Item complete but waiting on action

39-4 QUALITY CONTROL/QUALITY ASSURANCE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

39-4.01 GENERAL

Section 39-4 includes specifications for HMA produced and constructed under the Quality Control/Quality Assurance construction process.

The QC/QA construction process consists of:

1. Establishing, maintaining, and changing if needed a quality control system providing assurance the HMA complies with the specifications
2. Sampling and testing at specified intervals, or sublots, to demonstrate compliance and to control the process
3. Department sampling and testing at specified intervals to verify the testing process and HMA quality
4. Engineer using test results, statistical evaluation of verified quality control tests, and inspection to accept HMA for payment

A lot is a quantity of HMA. The Engineer designates a new lot when:

1. 20 sublots are complete
2. JMF changes
3. Production stops for more than 30 days

1. IN: If production stops for more than 30 days a new production start-up is required (should we revise this requirement?)

(Feb 25, 2015) IN: Should we revise this requirement?

(Feb 28, 2015) CT: If you stop production for longer than 30 days, a production start-up evaluation is required.

(March 17, 2015) CT/IN: change “30” to “45”. Waiting to be changed in QC/QA specs.

(August 26, 2015) CT/IN: This is for QC/QA only (need to bring this up for “Standard Specs” in Section 39 STG)

2. IN: Requirment to Run TSR and HWT at production start-up (first 750 tons)

(March 17, 2015) CT/IN: ~~change “30” to “45”~~. Waiting to be changed in QC/QA specs.

(August 26, 2015) CT/IN: TSR and HWT is not required if production start-up is within 45 days from the “hot drop” Waiting to be changed in QC/QA specs.

Each lot consists of no more than 20 sublots. A sublot is 750 tons, except a quantity of HMA paved at day's end greater than 250 tons is a sublot. If a quantity of HMA paved at day's end is less than 250 tons, you may either make this quantity a sublot or include it in the previous sublot's test results for statistical evaluation.

39-4.02 CONTRACTOR QUALITY CONTROL

39-4.02A General

Use a composite quality factor, QF_C, and individual quality factors, QF_{QCi}, to control your process and evaluate the quality control program. For quality characteristics without quality factors, use your QC plan's action limits to control your process.

Control HMA quality including:

1. Materials
2. Proportioning
3. Spreading and compacting
4. Finished roadway surface

Develop, implement, and maintain a quality control program that includes:

1. Inspection
2. Sampling
3. Testing

39-4.02B Quality Control Plan

With the JMF submittal, submit a QC plan. The QC plan must comply with the Department's *Quality Control Manual for Hot Mix Asphalt Production and Placement*. Discuss the QC plan with the Engineer during the prepaving conference.

The Engineer reviews each QC plan within 5 business days from the submittal. Do not produce HMA until the Engineer authorizes the QC plan.

The QC plan must include the name and qualifications of a QC manager. The QC manager administers the QC plan and during paving must be at the job site within 3 hours of receiving notice. The QC manager must not be any of the following on the project:

3. IN: The QC plan must include the name and qualifications of a QC manager. The QC manager administers the QC plan and during paving must be at the job site within 3 hours of receiving notice. The QC manager must not be any of the following on the project:

(Feb 25, 2015) IN: Can we have a QC Manager have a designated assistant? Let's look at having two sets of requirements for "standard" and QC/QA.

(Feb 28, 2015) CT: Is designated qualified and authorized to perform QC Manager's functions as described in the QC/QA manual?

(March 17, 2015) CT/IN: List alternate in the QC Plan. Alternate must "qualified and authorized to perform QC Manager's functions as described in the QC/QA manual".

~~(March 17, 2015) IN: One guy on the field one guy in the plant for projects greater than 2000 tons. Must follows new (to be created) current section 39's QC manual.~~

~~(April17, 2015) CT/IN: This is for the Section 39 committee.~~

(Jun 18, 2015) CT/IN: We need to make sure this item is addressed when QC/QA manual is revised. Waiting to work on QC/QA Manual

1. Foreman
2. Production or paving crewmember
3. Inspector
4. Tester

The QC plan must include action limits and details of corrective action you will take if a test result for any quality characteristic falls outside an action limit.

As work progresses, you must submit a QC plan supplement to change quality control procedures, personnel, tester qualification status, or laboratory accreditation status.

39-4.02C Quality Control Inspection, Sampling, and Testing

Sample, test, inspect, and manage HMA quality control.

Provide a roadway inspector while HMA paving activities are in progress. Provide a plant inspector during HMA production.

Inspectors must comply with the Department's *Quality Control Manual for Hot Mix Asphalt Production and Placement*.

Provide a testing laboratory and personnel for quality control testing. Provide the Engineer unrestricted access to the quality control activities. Before providing services for the project, the Engineer reviews, accredits, and qualifies the testing laboratory and personnel under the Department's Independent Assurance Program.

For HMA at production start-up and every 5,000 tons, sample and test under California Test 371. Submit the test results to the Engineer and to:

Moisture_Tests@dot.ca.gov

For HMA at production start-up and once during production, submit samples split from your HMA production sample for California Test 371 to the Engineer and the Transportation Laboratory, Attention: Moisture Test.

The Department does not use results from California Test 371 to determine specification compliance.

4. **IN: For HMA at production start-up and every 5,000 tons, sample and test under California Test 371 (AASHTO T 283) submit the test results to the Engineer and to:**

(Jun 18, 2015) CT: The Department has replaced CT 371 with AASHTO T 283 for moisture test.

(Feb 25, 2015) IN: Should TSR be removed?

(Feb 28, 2015) CT: Yes. Modify to AASHTO T 283 for spec compliance.

(Feb 28, 2015) CT: Test frequency for Hamburg and moisture should be every 10,000 tons

5. IN: We need to review 283 data to determine the need for continued use of CT 371.

(Feb 28, 2015) CT: Audrie is tracking all Superpave projects. We can look at those available test results.

(March 17, 2015): CT/IN: Continue to monitor Hamburg and T 283. Continue to collect enough data/info to make a decision.

(April 17, 2015) CT: Venkata will look at TSR and HWT data to see if there is a need for continued requirement for AASHTO T 283. Will try to report back by next meeting.

(May 27, 2015) CT: Don't have sufficient data/information to make a recommendation. Compare Hamburg versus TSR. All passed except one test where Hamburg passed and TSR failed (wet strength). Need to look at production data to verify the findings of the verification data.

(Jun 18, 2015) IN: We will wait to hear from Hamburg working group on July 1, 2015.

(July 30, 2015) Group is at an impasse due to a lack of data.

Comply with the values for the HMA quality characteristics and minimum random sampling and testing for quality control shown in the following table:

Minimum Quality Control—QC/QA Construction Process

Quality characteristic	Test method	Minimum sampling and testing frequency	HMA Type			Location of sampling	Maxi-mum report-ing time allow-ance
			A	B	RHMA-G		
Aggregate gradation[a]	California Test 202	1 per 750 tons	JMF ± tolerance [b]	JMF ± tolerance [b]	JMF ± tolerance [b]	California Test 125	24 hours
Asphalt binder content (%)	California Test 379 or 382		JMF ±0.45	JMF ±0.45	JMF ±0.50	Loose mix behind paver See California Test 125	
Percent of maximum theoretical density (%)[c,d]	QC plan		92–96	92–96	91–96	QC plan	
Aggregate moisture content at continuous mixing plants and RAP moisture content at continuous mixing plants and batch mixing plants[e]	California Test 226 or 370	2 per day during production	--	--	--	Stock-piles or cold feed belts	--
Sand equivalent (min) [f]	California Test 217	1 per 750 tons	47	42	47	California Test 125	24 hours
HMA moisture content (%,max)	California Test 226 or 370	1 per 2,500 tons but not less than 1 per paving day	1.0	1.0	1.0	Loose Mix Behind Paver See California Test 125	24 hours
Stabilometer value (min)[f,g] No. 4 and 3/8" gradings 1/2" and 3/4" gradings	California Test 366	1 per 4,000 tons or 2 per 5 business days, whichever is greater	30 37	30 35	-- 23		48 hours
Air void content (%)[f,h]	California Test 367		4 ± 2	4 ± 2	TV ± 2		

Percent of crushed particles coarse aggregate (% min.): One fractured face Two fractured faces Fine aggregate (% min) (Passing no. 4 sieve and retained on no. 8 sieve.): One fractured face	California Test 205		90 75 70	25 -- 20	-- 90 70	California Test 125	
Los Angeles Rattler (% max): Loss at 100 rev. Loss at 500 rev.	California Test 211	As design-ated in QC plan. At least once per project.	12 45	-- 50	12 40	California Test 125	48 hours
Fine aggregate angularity (% min)	California Test 234		45	45	45	California Test 125	
Flat and elongated particle (% max by weight @ 5:1)	California Test 235		Report only	Report only	Report only	California Test 125	
Voids filled with asphalt (%) [i]: No. 4 grading 3/8" grading 1/2" grading 3/4" grading	California Test 367		76.0–80.0 73.0–76.0 65.0–75.0 65.0–75.0	76.0–80.0 73.0–76.0 65.0–75.0 65.0–75.0	Report only	California Test 367	
Voids in mineral aggregate (% min.) [i]: No. 4 grading 3/8" grading 1/2" grading 3/4" grading	California Test 367		17.0 15.0 14.0 13.0	17.0 15.0 14.0 13.0	-- -- 18.0–23.0[j] 18.0–23.0[j]	California Test 367	

Dust proportion [i]: No. 4 and 3/8" gradings 1/2" and 3/4" gradings	California Test 367		0.9–2.0 0.6–1.3	0.9–2.0 0.6–1.3	Report only	California Test 367	
Smoothness	Section 39-1.12	--	12-foot straight-edge, must-grind, and PI_0	12-foot straight-edge, must-grind, and PI_0	12-foot straight-edge, must-grind, and PI_0	--	
Asphalt rubber binder viscosity @ 350 °F, centipoises	Section 39-1.02D	--	--	--	1,500–4,000	Section 39-1.02D	24 hours
CRM	Section 39-1.02D	--	--	--	Section 39-1.02D	Section 39-1.02D	48 hours

[a] Determine combined aggregate gradation containing RAP under California Test 367.
[b] The tolerances must comply with the allowable tolerances in section 39-1.02E.
[c] Required for HMA Type A, Type B, and RHMA-G if the specified paved thickness is at least 0.15 foot.
[d] Determine maximum theoretical density (California Test 309) at the frequency specified for test maximum density under California Test 375, Part 5 D.
[e] For adjusting the plant controller at the HMA plant.
[f] Report the average of 3 tests from a single split sample.
[g] California Test 304, Part 2.13.
[h] Determine the bulk specific gravity of each lab-compacted briquette under California Test 308, Method A, and theoretical maximum specific gravity under California Test 309.
[i] Report only if the adjustment for the asphalt binder content TV is less than or equal to ±0.3 percent from the OBC value submitted on a *Contractor Hot Mix Asphalt Design Data* form.
[j] Voids in mineral aggregate for RHMA-G must be within this range.

6. CT/IN: We need to replace existing QC Table with superpave Section 39 and modify as necessary.

(April 17, 2015) IN: Tony will insert current Section 39 Table for Type A and RHMA into this document

(April 20, 2015) IN: See attached testing tables for Method Standard and QC/QA process

(May 27, 2015) IN: Purpose of reviewing tables is to evaluate Superpave versus Hveem requirements.

(August 26, 2015) CT/IN: Need to revisit the Superpave table to determine if additional changes need to be made. For example, gradation, volumetrics, etc.

7. IN: Binder content specifications are lopsided

(May 27, 2015) IN: Industry will confirm PWL specification are valid for lopsided specifications (binder content).

(Jun 18, 2015) IN: Industry is concerned with tighter tolerance band (-0.3; + 0.5) impact on pay factors. Industry has concern with the unbalance factor and would like to consider +/- 0.4.

(June 18 2015) ACTION ITEM: Pete will modify HMAPay to make an "info only" version for contractors to use to analyze the effects of unbalanced tolerances on the quality factor determined for binder content. Contractors will be able to export data from an existing version of HMAPay file (being used on a contract) into the "info only" version to determine what the quality factor for binder content would have been if the project used the -0.3 and +0.5% binder tolerance.

(July 30 2015) Industry is split on issue. Some do not agree with methodology to increase binder content but will not contest issue.

8. CT: Should QC/QA apply to BWC-G and OGFC?

(Jun 18, 2015) Action Item: Industry will discuss and will get back to CT on this.

(July 30, 2015) IN: There should be pay factors on binder content and gradation to incentivize quality.

(July 30, 2015) CT: CT will get back to industry by next meeting on this.

August 26, 2015. CT: Yes, if it meets the QC/QA requirements (ie, minimum 10,000 tons continuous paving). Need to make changes to reflect this in QC/QA specs.

9. IN: OGFC cannot be sampled from the matt behind the paver

July 30, 2015) CT: CT will get back to industry by next meeting on this.
(August 26, 2015) IN: Sampling behind paver will lose binder (draindown) or will gain binder (from tack coat). Sampling behind paver will affect smoothness.
(August 26, 2015) CT: CT has always sample behind the paver.
(August 26, 2015) CT/IN: No resolution.
(Oct 22, 2015) CT/IN: No resolution
(Nov 19, 2015) IN/CT will review TRB report on HMA sampling before next meeting. Tony will send report to Kee/Pete.
(Nov 19, 2015) IN Industry request CT thoughts on eliminating smoothness requirements in sampling area.

Within the specified reporting time, submit test results including:

1. Sampling location, quantity, and time
2. Testing results
3. Supporting data and calculations

If test results for any quality characteristic are beyond the action limits in the QC plan, take corrective actions. Document the corrective actions taken in the inspection records under section 39-4.02E.

Stop production, notify the Engineer, take corrective action, and demonstrate compliance with the specifications before resuming production and placement if:

1. A lot's composite quality factor, QF_C, or an individual quality factor, QF_{QCi} for i = 3, 4, or 5, is below 0.90 determined under section 39-4.02F using quality control data
2. An individual quality factor, QF_{QCi} for i = 1 or 2, is below 0.75 using quality control data
3. Quality characteristics for which a quality factor, QF_{QCi}, is not determined has 2 consecutive quality control tests not in compliance with the specifications

10. IN: Stop production, notify the Engineer, take corrective action, and demonstrate compliance with the specifications before resuming production and placement if, How does Contractor demonstate compliance?:

(Feb 25, 2015 IN: May require hot drop or production start-up. Is this problematic?

(Feb 28, 2015) CT: What is the purpose of continuing production when materials are clearly failing?.

(March 17, 2015) ACTION ITEM: Al Ochoa and Tim Denlay to propose alternative language.

(April 17, 2015) Industry proposal: Allow 750 tons of production or hot drop to demonstrate compliance.

(April 17, 2015) ACTION ITEM: Kee will consider proposal and get back to industry by next meeting.

(May 27, 2015) CT: "Stop production, notify the Engineer, take corrective action, and demonstrate compliance with the specifications before resuming production and placement." will remain in the specs

IN: Provide a second option for the Engineer to choose.

> Engineer review documented corrective actions, Engineer determine the corrective actions are "reasonable" move to production start-up evaluation.
>
> CT, "If production start-up evaluation fails, materials is removed."

~~(May 27, 2015) Industry proposal: The Engineer reviews the documented corrective actions. The Engineer determines if the corrective actions are reasonable. The Engineer determines if the contractor moves to production start-up or resume normal production. If production fails the engineer evaluates the material and determines acceptance which may result in removal. (wordsmith?)~~

(May 27, 2015) IN: Engineer review documented corrective actions, Engineer determine the corrective actions are "reasonable" move to production start-up evaluation or resume normal production. If production start-up evaluation fails, materials is subject to removal.

(Jun 18, 2015) IN: Industry position reiterated that it should say "subject to removal" as opposed to "shall be removed". Shall be removed does not allowed for an engineering decision.

(Jun 18, 2015) ACTION ITEM: CT will discuss internally ("subject to removal" vs "shall be removed") and report back at next meeting.

(July 30, 2015) CT. CT will not consider the industry's proposed option (see IN June 18 comment above)

(July 30, 2015) Industry does not feel this is a viable solution but will agree to disagree and move on.

39-4.02D Charts and Records

Record sampling and testing results for quality control on forms provided in the *Quality Control Manual for Hot Mix Asphalt Production and Placement*, or on forms you submit with the QC plan. The QC plan must also include posting locations and submittal times for forms.

11. IN: Submit quality control test results using the Department's statistical evaluation program, HMAPay. For HMAPay, go to the Department's Construction Web site.

(Feb 25, 2015) IN: For ease of use and consistency consider specifying specific software to be provided by the contractor for use by Caltrans and Contractor. This requirement would be similar to the requirement to provide Primavera P6 software for all CT projects. Primavera is paid for as a lump sum bid item.

(March 17, 2015) ACTION ITEM: Tony to provide Primavera software language. (Done!!) Legal problem for CT? key language change from the first and second memo seems to be "or its equivalent"

(April 17, 2015) ACTION ITEM: CT will check to see if they can specify a specific HMA Pay software "or equivalent". Also, would the contractor be required to provide copy of software to CT?

(May 27, 2015) CT: Have to use “or equivalent”?

(May 27, 2015) IN: Industry will provide QC raw data in the format specified by CT to be used as HMA Pay input.

(Jun 18, 2015) CT: Software must be able to track QCqi after each test result is input

(July 30, 2015) CT/IN: Contractor can select software vendor provided data is transferable to HMA Pay. Turn item blue next meeting.

Submit quality control test results using the Department's statistical evaluation program, HMAPay. For HMAPay, go to the Department's Construction Web site.

39-4.02E Records of Inspection and Testing

During HMA production, submit a daily:

1. *HMA Construction Daily Record of Inspection*. Also make this record available at the HMA plant and job site each day.
2. *HMA Inspection and Testing Summary*. Include in the summary:
   - 2.1. QC worksheet with updated test results from the HMAPay program
   - 2.2. Test forms with the testers' signatures and QC manager's initials
   - 2.3. Inspection forms with the inspectors' signatures and QC manager's initials
   - 2.4. List and explanation of deviations from the specifications or regular practices
   - 2.5. Signed statement by the QC manager that says:

     "It is hereby certified that the information contained in this record is accurate, and that information, tests, or calculations documented herein comply with the specifications of the Contract and the standards set forth in the testing procedures. Exceptions to this certification are documented as part of this record."

Retain for inspection the records generated as part of quality control, including inspection, sampling, and testing for at least 3 years after final acceptance.

39-4.02F Statistical Evaluation

39-4.02F(1) General

Determine a lot's composite quality factor, QF_C, and the individual quality factors, QF_{QCi}. Perform statistical evaluation calculations to determine these quality factors based on quality control test results for:

1. Aggregate gradation
2. Asphalt binder content
3. Percent of maximum theoretical density

12. CT/IN: Do we want to add any other Quality Characteristics here? IRI Smoothness?

(Feb 25, 2015) Industry comment: Should gradation become an action/suspension limit item and replaced with an air voids pay item?
(Feb 28, 2015) CT comment: CT is looking at keeping #200 (if not then DP)

(April 17, 2015) ACTION ITEM: Industry will discuss gradation requirements and make proposal)

(April 17, 2015) CT/IN: Incentive/Disincentive Smoothness will be discussed in Section 39 STG.

(May 27, 2015) ACTION ITEM: CT will provide comments by next Section 39 meeting (June 25th) in SRL

(Jun 18, 2015) CT: Ct wants Payfactor on #200 and (#4?)

(Jun 18, 2015) IN: Request CT to check with CT units to see if Section 39 is allowed to have Incentives/Disincentive for pavement smoothness. Where will the smoothness Incentives/Disincentives work be done? (Section 39, Section 39 QC/QA, Smoothness subtask group, or other?)

(July 30, 2015) CT" CT may want to consider some volumetric property(s). The group will revisit this item once the 375 max temperature issues has been resolved.

The Engineer grants a waiver and you must use 1.0 as the individual quality factor for percent of maximum theoretical density, QF_{QC5}, for HMA paved in:

1. Areas where the total paved thickness is less than 0.15 foot
2. Areas where the total paved thickness is less than 0.20 foot and 3/4-inch grading is specified and used
3. Dig outs
4. Leveling courses
5. Areas where compaction or compaction measurement by conventional methods is impeded

13. IN: Should we wordsmith language to "areas where method specification for density is required"

(Feb 28, 2015) CT comment: OE opposed "ambiguous" term ie: what are these area?

(April 17, 2015) This issue is complete

39-4.02F(2) Statistical Evaluation Calculations

Use the Variability-Unknown / Standard Deviation Method to determine the percentage of a lot not in compliance with the specifications.

Determine the percentage of work not in compliance with the specification limits for each quality characteristic as follows:

1. Calculate the arithmetic mean ($\overline{X}$) of the test values

$$\overline{X} = \frac{\Sigma x}{n}$$

where:

x = individual test values
n = number of test values

2. Calculate the standard deviation

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{n\,(\Sigma x^2)-(\Sigma x)^2}{n(n-1)}}$$

where:

$\sum(x^2)$ = sum of the squares of individual test values
$(\sum x)^2$ = sum of the individual test values squared
n = number of test values

3. Calculate the upper quality index (Qu)

$$Q_u = \frac{USL - \overline{X}}{s}$$

where:

USL = TV plus the production tolerance or upper specification limit
s = standard deviation
$\overline{X}$ = arithmetic mean

4. Calculate the lower quality index (QL);

$$Q_L = \frac{\overline{X} - LSL}{s}$$

where:

LSL = TV minus production tolerance or lower specification limit
s = standard deviation
$\overline{X}$ = arithmetic mean

5. From the table, Upper Quality Index Q_U or Lower Quality Index Q_L, determine P_U ;

where:

P_U = estimated percentage of work outside the USL
P_U = 0, if USL is not specified

6. From the table, Upper Quality Index Q_U or Lower Quality Index Q_L, determine P_L;

where:

P_L = estimated percentage of work outside the LSL
P_L = 0, if LSL is not specified

7. Calculate the total estimated percentage of work outside the USL and LSL, percent defective

Percent defective = PU + PL

The P_U and P_L are determined from the following:

P_U or P_L	**Upper Quality Index Q_U or Lower Quality Index Q_L**												
	Sample Size (n)												
	5	6	7	8	9	10-11	12-14	15-17	18-22	23-29	30-42	43-66	>66
0	1.72	1.88	1.99	2.07	2.13	2.20	2.28	2.34	2.39	2.44	2.48	2.51	2.56
1	1.64	1.75	1.82	1.88	1.91	1.96	2.01	2.04	2.07	2.09	2.12	2.14	2.16
2	1.58	1.66	1.72	1.75	1.78	1.81	1.84	1.87	1.89	1.91	1.93	1.94	1.95
3	1.52	1.59	1.63	1.66	1.68	1.71	1.73	1.75	1.76	1.78	1.79	1.80	1.81
4	1.47	1.52	1.56	1.58	1.60	1.62	1.64	1.65	1.66	1.67	1.68	1.69	1.70
5	1.42	1.47	1.49	1.51	1.52	1.54	1.55	1.56	1.57	1.58	1.59	1.59	1.60
6	1.38	1.41	1.43	1.45	1.46	1.47	1.48	1.49	1.50	1.50	1.51	1.51	1.52
7	1.33	1.36	1.38	1.39	1.40	1.41	1.41	1.42	1.43	1.43	1.44	1.44	1.44
8	1.29	1.31	1.33	1.33	1.34	1.35	1.35	1.36	1.36	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.38
9	1.25	1.27	1.28	1.28	1.29	1.29	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.31	1.31	1.31	1.31
10	1.21	1.23	1.23	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.26	1.26
11	1.18	1.18	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20
12	1.14	1.14	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15
13	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11
14	1.07	1.07	1.07	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06
15	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02
16	1.00	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98
17	0.97	0.96	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94
18	0.93	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90
19	0.90	0.89	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.87
20	0.87	0.86	0.85	0.85	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83
21	0.84	0.82	0.82	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.79
22	0.81	0.79	0.79	0.78	0.78	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76
23	0.77	0.76	0.75	0.75	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73
24	0.74	0.73	0.72	0.72	0.71	0.71	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70
25	0.71	0.70	0.69	0.69	0.68	0.68	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.66
26	0.68	0.67	0.67	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.63
27	0.65	0.64	0.63	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.60
28	0.62	0.61	0.60	0.59	0.59	0.59	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.57
29	0.59	0.58	0.57	0.57	0.56	0.56	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.54
30	0.56	0.55	0.54	0.54	0.53	0.53	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52
31	0.53	0.52	0.51	0.51	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.49
32	0.50	0.49	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46
33	0.47	0.48	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43
34	0.45	0.43	0.43	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.40
35	0.42	0.40	0.40	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38
36	0.39	0.38	0.37	0.37	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36
37	0.36	0.35	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.32
38	0.33	0.32	0.32	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30
39	0.30	0.30	0.29	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28
40	0.28	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
41	0.25	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23
42	0.23	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
43	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18
44	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
45	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
46	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
47	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08
48	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
49	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

NOTES:
1. If the value of Q_U or Q_L does not correspond to a value in the table, use the next lower value.
2. If Q_U or Q_L are negative values, P_U or P_L is equal to 100 minus the table value for P_U or P_L.

39-4.02F(3) Quality Factor Determination

Determine individual quality factors, QF_{QCi}, using percent defective = $P_U + P_L$ and the following:

Quality Factors

Quality factor	Maximum allowable percent defective ($P_U + P_L$)												
	Sample size (n)												
	5	6	7	8	9	10-11	12-14	15-17	18-22	23-29	30-42	43-66	>66
1.05				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1.04			0	1	3	5	4	4	4	3	3	3	3
1.03		0	2	4	6	8	7	7	6	5	5	4	4
1.02		1	3	6	9	11	10	9	8	7	7	6	6
1.01	0	2	5	8	11	13	12	11	10	9	8	8	7
1.00	22	20	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
0.99	24	22	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	11	10	9
0.98	26	24	22	21	20	19	18	16	15	14	13	12	10
0.97	28	26	24	23	22	21	19	18	17	16	14	13	12
0.96	30	28	26	25	24	22	21	19	18	17	16	14	13
0.95	32	29	28	26	25	24	22	21	20	18	17	16	14
0.94	33	31	29	28	27	25	24	22	21	20	18	17	15
0.93	35	33	31	29	28	27	25	24	22	21	20	18	16
0.92	37	34	32	31	30	28	27	25	24	22	21	19	18
0.91	38	36	34	32	31	30	28	26	25	24	22	21	19
0.90	39	37	35	34	33	31	29	28	26	25	23	22	20
0.89	41	38	37	35	34	32	31	29	28	26	25	23	21
0.88	42	40	38	36	35	34	32	30	29	27	26	24	22
0.87	43	41	39	38	37	35	33	32	30	29	27	25	23
0.86	45	42	41	39	38	36	34	33	31	30	28	26	24
0.85	46	44	42	40	39	38	36	34	33	31	29	28	25
0.84	47	45	43	42	40	39	37	35	34	32	30	29	27
0.83	49	46	44	43	42	40	38	36	35	33	31	30	28
0.82	50	47	46	44	43	41	39	38	36	34	33	31	29
0.81	51	49	47	45	44	42	41	39	37	36	34	32	30
0.80	52	50	48	46	45	44	42	40	38	37	35	33	31
0.79	54	51	49	48	46	45	43	41	39	38	36	34	32
0.78	55	52	50	49	48	46	44	42	41	39	37	35	33
0.77	56	54	52	50	49	47	45	43	42	40	38	36	34
0.76	57	55	53	51	50	48	46	44	43	41	39	37	35
0.75	58	56	54	52	51	49	47	46	44	42	40	38	36
Reject	60	57	55	53	52	51	48	47	45	43	41	40	37
	61	58	56	55	53	52	50	48	46	44	43	41	38
	62	59	57	56	54	53	51	49	47	45	44	42	39
	63	61	58	57	55	54	52	50	48	47	45	43	40
	64	62	60	58	57	55	53	51	49	48	46	44	41
Reject values greater than those shown above													

NOTE: To obtain a quality factor if the estimated percent outside specification limits from table titled, "Upper Quality Index Q_U or Lower Quality Index Q_L," does not correspond to a value in the table, use the next larger value.

Compute the composite of single quality factors, QF_C, for a lot using:

$$QF_C = \sum_{i=1}^{5} w_i \, QF_{QC_i}$$

where:

QF_C =	the composite quality factor for the lot rounded to 2 decimal places
QF_{QCi} =	the quality factor for the individual quality characteristic
w =	the weighting factor listed in the table titled "HMA Acceptance – QC/QA Construction Process"
i =	the quality characteristic index number in the table titled "HMA Acceptance – QC/QA Construction Process"

39-4.03 QUALITY ASSURANCE

39-4.03A General

The Department assures quality by:

1. Reviewing mix designs and proposed JMF
2. Inspecting procedures
3. Conducting oversight of quality control inspection and records
4. Verification sampling and testing during production and paving

39-4.03B Verification Sampling and Testing

39-4.03B(1) General

The Department samples:

1. Aggregate to verify gradation
2. HMA to verify asphalt binder content

14. IN: May need to add language to address smoothness or other Quality Characteristics

(April 17, 2015) Smoothness will be handled in Section 39 STG.
(April 17, 2015) Group still open to looking at Pay Factor options (for QC/QA). No new ones identified to date.
(June 18, 2015) See Item(s) 6 and12 addressing smoothness and pay factors for other Quality Characteristics.

39-4.03B(2) Verification

For aggregate gradation and asphalt binder content, the ratio of verification testing frequency to the minimum quality control testing frequency is 1:5. The Department performs at least 3 verification tests per lot.

Using the t-test, the Engineer compares quality control tests results for aggregate gradation and asphalt binder content with corresponding verification test results. The Engineer uses the average and standard deviation of up to 20 sequential sublots for the comparison. The Engineer uses production start-up evaluation tests to represent the 1st sublot. If there are less than 20 sequential sublots, the Engineer uses the maximum number of sequential sublots available. The 21st sublot becomes the 1st sublot (n = 1) in the next lot.

The t-value for a group of test data is computed as follows:

$$t = \frac{\left|\overline{X}_c - \overline{X}_v\right|}{S_p\sqrt{\frac{1}{n_c} + \frac{1}{n_v}}} \quad \text{and} \quad S_p^2 = \frac{S_c^2(n_c - 1) + S_v^2(n_v - 1)}{n_c + n_v - 2}$$

where:

n_c = Number of quality control tests (2 min, 20 max).
n_v = Number of verification tests (min of 1 required).
$\overline{X}_c$ = Mean of quality control tests.
$\overline{X}_v$ = Mean of verification tests.
S_p = Pooled standard deviation (when $n_v = 1$, $S_p = S_c$).
S_c = Standard deviation of quality control tests.
S_v = Standard deviation of verification tests (when $n_v > 1$).

The comparison of quality control test results and the verification test results is at a level of significance of α = 0.025. The Engineer computes t and compares it to the following critical t-values, t_{crit}:

Critical T-Value

Degrees of freedom (n_c+n_v-2)	t_{crit} (for α = 0.025)	Degrees of freedom (n_c+n_v-2)	t_{crit} (for α = 0.025)
1	24.452	18	2.445
2	6.205	19	2.433
3	4.177	20	2.423
4	3.495	21	2.414
5	3.163	22	2.405
6	2.969	23	2.398
7	2.841	24	2.391
8	2.752	25	2.385
9	2.685	26	2.379
10	2.634	27	2.373
11	2.593	28	2.368
12	2.560	29	2.364
13	2.533	30	2.360
14	2.510	40	2.329
15	2.490	60	2.299
16	2.473	120	2.270
17	2.458	∞	2.241

If the t-value computed is less than or equal to t_{crit}, quality control test results are verified.

If the t-value computed is greater than t_{crit} and both $\overline{X}_v$ and $\overline{X}_c$ comply with acceptance specifications, the quality control tests are verified. You may continue to produce and place HMA with the following allowable differences:

1. $\left|\overline{X}_v - \overline{X}_c\right| \leq 1.0$ percent for any grading
2. $\left|\overline{X}_v - \overline{X}_c\right| \leq 0.1$ percent for asphalt binder content

If the t-value computed is greater than t_{crit} and the $\left|\overline{X}_v - \overline{X}_c\right|$ for grading and asphalt binder content are greater than the allowable differences, quality control test results are not verified and:

1. Engineer notifies you.
2. You and the Engineer must investigate why the difference exists.
3. If the reason for the difference cannot be found and corrected, the Department's test results are used for acceptance and pay.

15. IN: Should we include an option for the contractor to use the Engineers test results and pay factor rather than go into dispute resolution testing?
(April 17, 2015) Kee: The t-test is ran on the finished lot.

(July 30, 2015) CT/IN does not want to invest the time to review this thought at this time. Turn this item blue next meeting.

(August 26, 2015) CT: Specs already state to if dos not verify "the Department's test results are used for acceptance and pay."

16. CT: CT should not share its QA results until the lot is completed.

(Jun 18, 2015) IN: CT should provide Contractor QA test result in a timely mannered per FHWA Peer Review Team recommendation was (2 to 3 days).

ACTION ITEM: Tony to provide FHWA's contact and copy of FHWA Peer review Team recommendations to Kee and Pete

(July 30, 2015) IN: Industry feel question to should be re-phrased to ask: Can QA test results be shared with contractor before the lot is completed provided the QC test have been provided to engineer?

(August 26, 2015) CT/IN: Waiting for Sept 29 meeting with FHWA.

(August 26, 2015) CT: State will share core density and quality characteristics test results not used to calculate QFqc as soon as possible and not wait until the lot is completed.

(October 22, 2015) CT: Per the FHWA (Test Turnaround meeting) Caltrans should not provide results of acceptance tests until comparison lot (t-test) is complete. Caltrans should provide contractors an opportunity to conduct split sample or proficiency sample testing once or twice a month to ensure that both labs can get similar results.

(November 19, 2015) CT: CT will notify the contractor immediately when QA test results do not verify any QC test results. This language will be included in the Construction Manual.

(Nov 19, 2015) IN: This needs to be in the specifications.

Nov 19, 2015) CT If contractors agree to have more staff on the project (see item) QC inspection, testing, sampling and assisting with QA sampling CT will agree to providing the contractor a split sample from QA samples. This remains unresolved because Industry cannot agree (option vs mandatory).

39-4.04 ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

39-4.04A Testing

The Engineer samples for acceptance testing and tests for the following quality characteristics:

The Department determines the percent of maximum theoretical density from the average density of 3 density cores you take from every 750 tons of production or part thereof divided by the maximum theoretical density.

17. CT: Should we combine QC and QA test results?

(Feb 28, 2015) CT: FHWA is OK with using both QC and QA test results. FHWA require Engineer to verify QC test results first.

(July 30, 2015) CT/ IN: See item 15 above. Turn this item blue next meeting.

(August 26, 2015) CT/IN: Will not pursue this proposal at this time.

HMA Acceptance—QC/QA Construction Process

Index (i)	Quality characteristic				Weight-ing factor (w)	Test method	HMA type		
							A	B	RHMA-G
		Aggregate gradation [a]							
	Sieve	3/4"	1/2"	3/8"					
1	1/2"	X [b]	--	--	0.05	California Test 202	JMF ± Tolerance [c]		
1	3/8"	--	X	--	0.05				
1	No. 4	--	--	X	0.05				
2	No. 8	X	X	X	0.10				
3	No. 200	X	X	X	0.15				
4	Asphalt binder content (%)				0.30	California Test 379 or 382	JMF ± 0.45	JMF ± 0.45	JMF ± 0.5
5	Percent of maximum theoretical density (%) [d, e]				0.40	California Test 375	92–96	92–96	91–96
	Sand equivalent (min) [f]					California Test 217	47	42	47
	Stabilometer value (min) [f,g] No. 4 and 3/8" gradings 1/2" and 3/4" gradings					California Test 366	 30 37	 30 35	 -- 23
	Air void content (%)[f, h]					California Test 367	4 ± 2	4 ± 2	TV ± 2
	Percent of crushed particles coarse aggregate (% min) One fractured face Two fractured faces Fine aggregate (% min) (Passing No. 4 sieve and retained on No. 8 sieve.) One fractured face					California Test 205	 90 75 70	 25 -- 20	 -- 90 70
	HMA moisture content (%, max)					California Test 226 or 370	1.0	1.0	1.0
	Los Angeles Rattler (% max) Loss at 100 rev. Loss at 500 rev.					California Test 211	 12 45	 -- 50	 12 40
	Fine aggregate angularity (% min)					California Test 234	45	45	45
	Flat and elongated particle (% max by weight @ 5:1)					California Test 235	Report only	Report only	Report only

	Voids in mineral aggregate (% min) [i] No. 4 grading 3/8" grading 1/2" grading 3/4" grading		California Test 367	 17.0 15.0 14.0 13.0	 17.0 15.0 14.0 13.0	(Note j) -- -- 18.0–23.0 18.0–23.0
	Voids filled with asphalt (%) [i] No. 4 grading 3/8" grading 1/2" grading 3/4" grading		California Test 367	 76.0–80.0 73.0–76.0 65.0–75.0 65.0–75.0	 76.0–80.0 73.0–76.0 65.0–75.0 65.0–75.0	Report only
	Dust proportion [i] No. 4 and 3/8" gradings 1/2" and 3/4" gradings		California Test 367	 0.9–2.0 0.6–1.3	 0.9–2.0 0.6–1.3	Report only
	Smoothness		Section 39-1.12	12-foot straight-edge, must grind, and PI_0	12-foot straight-edge, must grind, and PI_0	12-foot straight-edge, must grind, and PI_0
	Asphalt binder		Various	Section 92	Section 92	Section 92
	Asphalt rubber binder		Various	--	--	Section 92-1.01D(2) and section 39-1.02D
	Asphalt modifier		Various	--	--	Section 39-1.02D
	CRM		Various	--	--	Section 39-1.02D

[a] The Engineer determines combined aggregate gradations containing RAP under California Test 367.
[b] "X" denotes the sieves the Engineer tests for the specified aggregate gradation.
[c] The tolerances must comply with the allowable tolerances in section 39-1.02E.
[d] The Engineer determines percent of maximum theoretical density if the specified total paved thickness is at least 0.15 foot under California Test 375 except the Engineer uses:

1. California Test 308, Method A, to determine in-place density of each density core instead of using the nuclear gauge in Part 4, "Determining In-Place Density By The Nuclear Density Device."
2. California Test 309 to determine maximum theoretical density instead of calculating test maximum density in Part 5, "Determining Test Maximum Density."

[e] The Engineer determines maximum theoretical density (California Test 309) at the frequency specified for Test Maximum Density under California Test 375, Part 5.D.
[f] The Engineer reports the average of 3 tests from a single split sample.
[g] California Test 304, Part 2.13.
[h] The Engineer determines the bulk specific gravity of each lab-compacted briquette under California Test 308, Method A, and theoretical maximum specific gravity under California Test 309.
[i] Report only if the adjustment for the asphalt binder content TV is less than or equal to ±0.3 percent from the OBC value submitted on a *Contractor Hot Mix Asphalt Design Data* form.
[j] Voids in mineral aggregate for RHMA-G must be within this range.

18. IN: Replace Acceptance testing table with superpave Section 39 and modify as necessary

~~(April 20, 2015) See attached testing tables for Method Standard and QC/QA process~~

(Aug 6, 2015) Table inserted for review

The Department determines the percent of maximum theoretical density from the average density of 3 density cores you take from every 750 tons of production or part thereof divided by the maximum theoretical density.

If the specified total paved thickness is at least 0.15 foot and any layer is less than 0.15 foot, the Department determines the percent of maximum theoretical density from density cores taken from the final layer measured the full depth of the total paved HMA thickness.

The Engineer calculates QF_{QCi} for i = 1, 2, 3, and 4 using quality control data and QF_{QCi} for i = 5 using quality assurance data,

The Engineer stops production and terminates a lot if:

1. A lot's composite quality factor, QF_C, or an individual quality factor, QF_{QCi} for i = 3, 4, or 5, is below 0.90 determined under section 39-4.02F
2. An individual quality factor, QF_{QCi} for i = 1 or 2, is below 0.75
3. Quality characteristics for which a quality factor, QF_{QCi}, is not determined has 2 consecutive acceptance or quality control test results (note to CT: add "of the same factor") not in compliance with the specifications

19. IN: Should we remove the requirement to terminate the lot for item 3 above?

(Feb 28, 2015) CT comment: No. Waiting for CT to add "of the same factor")

For any single quality characteristic for which a quality factor, QF_{QCi}, is not determined, except smoothness, if 2 consecutive acceptance test results do not comply with specifications:

1. Stop production.
2. Take corrective action.
3. Take samples and split each sample into 4 parts in the Engineer's presence. Test 1 part for compliance with the specifications and submit 3 parts to the Engineer. The Department tests 1 part for compliance with the specifications and reserves and stores 2 parts.
4. Demonstrate compliance with the specifications before resuming production and placement.

20 What if this happened on HWT is out of compliance, it is a critical item but does not have a pay factor.

(Feb 28, 2015) CT: Caltrans would treat these quality characteristics (where quality factor is not determined) exactly the same way they are treated in the "standard" Superpave Section 39. Turn Blue?

(November 19, 2015) IN: Question should be resolved when items 34 and 35 are resolved.

39-4.04B Statistical Evaluation, Determination of Quality Factors, and Acceptance

39-4.04B(1) Statistical Evaluation and Determination of Quality Factors

To determine the individual quality factor, $QF_{QCi,}$ for any quality factor i = 1 through 5 or a lot's composite quality factor, QF_C, for acceptance and payment adjustment, the Engineer uses the evaluation specifications under section 39-4.02F and the following:

1. Verified quality control test results for aggregate gradation
2. Verified quality control test results for asphalt binder content
3. Department's test results for percent of maximum theoretical density

39-4.04B(2) Lot Acceptance Based on Quality Factors

The Engineer accepts a lot based on the quality factors determined for aggregate gradation and asphalt binder content, QF_{QCi} for i = 1 through 4, using the total number of verified quality control test result values and the total percent defective ($P_U + P_L$).

The Engineer accepts a lot based on the quality factor determined for maximum theoretical density, QF_{QC5}, using the total number of test result values from cores and the total percent defective ($P_U + P_L$).

The Engineer calculates the quality factor for the lot, QF_C, which is a composite of weighted individual quality factors, QF_{QCi}, determined for each quality characteristic in the HMA Acceptance – QC/QA table in section 39-4.04A.

The Engineer accepts a lot based on quality factors if:

1. Current composite quality factor, QF_C, is 0.90 or greater
2. Each individual quality factor, QF_{QCi} for i = 3, 4, and 5, is 0.90 or greater
3. Each individual quality factor, QF_{QCi} for i = 1 and 2, is 0.75 or greater

No single quality characteristic test may represent more than 750 tons or 1 day's production, whichever is less.

39-4.04B(3) Payment Adjustment

If a lot is accepted, the Engineer adjusts payment with the following formula:

$$PA = \sum_{i=1}^{n} HMACP * wi * \left[QFQCi * (HMATT - WHMATTi) + WHMATTi\right] - \left(HMACP * HMATT\right)$$

where:

PA =	payment adjustment rounded to 2 decimal places
HMACP =	HMA Contract price
HMATT =	HMA total tons represented in the lot
$WHMATT_i$ =	total tons of waived quality characteristic HMA
QF_{QCi} =	running quality factor for the individual quality characteristic
	QF_{QCi} for i = 1 through 4 must be from verified Contractor's QC results. QF_{QC5} must be determined from the Engineer's results on density cores taken for percent of maximum theoretical density determination.
w =	weighting factor listed in the HMA acceptance table
i =	quality characteristic index number in the HMA acceptance table

If the payment adjustment is a negative value, the Engineer deducts this amount from payment. If the payment adjustment is a positive value, the Engineer adds this amount to payment.

The 21st sublot becomes the 1st sublot (n = 1) in the next lot. If the 21st sequential sublot becomes the 1st sublot, the previous 20 sequential sublots become a lot for which the Engineer determines a quality factor. The Engineer uses this quality factor to pay for the HMA in the lot. If the next lot consists of less than 8 sublots, these sublots must be added to the previous lot for quality factor determination using 21 to 27 sublots.

21. CT: Should we be using rolling 20?

(Feb 28, 2015) Caltrans comment: No rolling if QFQC is used to determine pay for the lot. Rolling if QFQC is used to "stop production and terminate the lot." Turn Blue?

(October 1, 2015) CT/IN: Will not use rolling 20 see item No. 26

22. Caltrans comment: After QC data verification should we combining QC and QA data for to determine pay factor?

Feb 25, 2015) CT: Need to check with FHWA to see if this would be acceptable. Industry needs to weigh in on this as well.

(Feb 28, 2015) Caltrans comment: According to FHWA, verification of QC data is an essential component. Payment is dictated by the agency. Agency can elect to base 100% payment on QA test. Caltrans proposed combining QC and QA test data only if the data verified. If data does not verified, Caltrans would use only QA data.

(July 30, 2015) IN/CT agree combining test results is off the table at this time Turn this item blue next meeting.

39-4.04C Dispute Resolution

For a lot, if you or the Engineer dispute any quality factor, QF_{QCi}, or verification test result, every sublot in that lot must be retested.

Referee tests must be performed under the specifications for acceptance testing.

Any quality factor, QF_{QCi}, must be determined using the referee tests.

For any quality factor, QF_{QCi}, for i = 1 through 5, dispute resolution:

1. If the difference between the quality factors for QF_{QCi} using the referee test result and the disputed test result is less than or equal to 0.01, the original test result is correct
2. If the difference between the quality factor for QF_{QCi} using the referee test result and the disputed test result is more than 0.01, the quality factor determined from the referee tests supersedes the previously determined quality factor

23. IN: We should consider adding requirements allowing the contractor to review the Engineers testing laboratory operations in an effort to resolve differences in test results at the lowest possible level.

(Feb 28, 2015) CT comment: CT recommends that CT IA personnel review Contractor/Engineer testing in the presence of Engineer/Contractor.

(March 17, 2015) IN: Industry would like access to Engineer's lab to resolve difference in test results (prior to formal dispute).

(October 22, 2015) CT will discuss internally and get back at next meeting.

(November 19, 2015) CT: This may be in the Construction Manual and in the presence of the IA

Personnel with concurrence of the DME's No video or taping allowed. Waiting for concurrence from DME's If reciprocating language is not in specifications or contractors lab we need to add language to that affect.

24. CT/IN: Section 39 QC/QA STG will look at incentives/disincentives for IRI smoothness.

(August 26, 2015) CT/IN: Create a small group to work on this. Industry and CT will provide lead person at next meeting.

(October 22, 2015) CT/IN: ~~Smoothness is one of the quality characteristics used to calculate a "stand alone" pay factor. This work will stay with the Section 39 QC/QA subtask group. The "smoothness group" will determine the acceptance/tolerance value for smoothness. CT proposed Pete Spector as lead, Industry nominate John Daley Jr.~~

(Nov 19, 2015) IN: A separate smoothness STG is being formed outside of Section 39 to develop incentive disincentive smoothness specifications for HMA and PCC.

25. CT: How to determine pay factor if there is less than 5 QA test results for the lot (in situation where verification fails and State is required to use QA test results for pay and acceptance) Premise: Contractor is not disputing the failed verification (eg. Case where Engineer has 4 QA and Contractor has 20 QC tests)

(August 26, 2015) CT: State has to obtain random samples and run additional tests to get 5 QA tests to calculate pay factors.

(August 26, 2015) CT: Use QA samples if available, if don't have to fall back to QC samples.

(August 26, 2015) IN/CT: Is this going into specs?

(October 1, 2015) CT/IN: CT will randomly select sublot sample(s) (from the remaining sublot samples) to obtain the minimum 5 samples required, run verification (*t*- test) and calculate pay factor, if needed.

(October 22, 2015) CT: CT will randomly select sublot sample(s) (from the remaining sublot samples) to obtain the minimum 5 samples required, ~~run verification (*t*- test)~~ and calculate pay factor, if needed. (November 19, 2015) Needs to be in specifications.

26. Check to see if rolling twenty in the specs. If not CT will propose it.

(October 1, 2015) CT: CT/Industry will not include this in the specifications.

27. CT: Should we add the '3 tests in one day" requirement to terminate the lot for item 3 (in 39-3.04A)?
(October 1, 2015) CT and Industry: Leave the current Section 39 language (two consecutive test or any 3 tests in one day) (non-pay factor items) but do not add requirement to terminate the lot.

(Oct 22, 2015) IN: Wants two consecutive test failure of the same characteristics or 3 failed tests in one day you do not force (Contractor's option) to terminate the lot.

(Oct 22, 2015) CT: Will look into this and report back at next meeting.

(Oct 22, 2015) IN: ~~We need to discuss what happens when HWT and air voids are out 2 consecutive times~~ Moved to item 31

(November 19, 2015) CT: Contractor should terminate Lot when any 3 tests fail in 1 day.

(November 19, 2015) Industry will discuss and get back at the next meeting.

28. IN: Need to look at "For a lot, if you or the Engineer dispute any quality factor, QF_{QCi}, or verification test result, every sublot in that lot must be retested." for the QFqci being disuted
(October 1, 2015) CT: Caltrans/Industry:

Testing of the dispute samples should be limited to the Quality Characteristic being disputed. Add to end on spec language (above) the following: for the QFqci being disputed.

All samples QC or QA samples being disputed will be tested (no picking and choosing samples)

~~Need to work on who will obtain and retain dispute samples (moved to item 32)~~

(November 19, 2015) IN/CT Need to add language to this effect.

29. CT: Need to better evaluate first few sublots for good materials for QF items before QFqc kicks in

(Oct 22, 2015) To be discussed in next meeting.
(November 19, 2015) CT: Implement 2 consecutive failures and 3 total failures in a day rule for sublots 1-4
(November 19, 2015) IN. Need to consider proposal and get back to CT at next meeting.

30. IN: No smoothness criteria for milling operation (for meeting smoothness criteria) For example, delamination during milling operation,

(October 22, 2015) CT: Is this the best group to discuss this? How about the smoothness group?

(Nov 19 2015) IN/CT: Will be handled by separate smoothness STG (Not Section 39 item). See item 24

31. IN: We need to discuss what happens to material when HWT or tensile strength are out of compliance 2 consecutive times.

(August 26, 2015) IN: What if TSR and HWT tests failed? How much material is represented by these tests?

(October 22, 2015) CT/IN: Needs clarification on how much materials it represent, and acceptance/rejections based on one test results versus two-consecutive test results and stop production. CT will discussed internally and present what CT opinion is at next meeting.

(November 19, 2015) CT: CT is proposing making an exception to the "one test shall not represent more than 750 tons in the QC/QA specifications" The exception would be applied to HWT and tensile strength test (1/10,000 tons) as currently specified under Section 39.

(November 19, 2015) IN: Industry will meet and discuss and get back to CT at the next meeting.

32. IN: Need to document who obtains and retains dispute samples

(November 19, 2015) IN: Industry will look at FHWA guidance and report back

33. CT may replace HMA Pay software with new FHWA recommended software

(November 19. 2015) CT Kee will share proposed software with Industry.

Questions 34-38: We need FHWA recommendations (Kee and Tony will firm up questions)

34. What happens to the material when a non QF material is out of compliance 1 time?

(November 19, 2015) CT: CT will discuss and get back to industry.

(November 19, 2015) IN: Material remains in place without penalty.

35. IN/CT what is the dispotion of material when two consecutive non QF tests are out of compliance?

(November 19, 2015) CT: CT The Engineer will evaluate the material to determine the acceptability of the material.

(November 19, 2015) IN: Contractor stops production and brings the material back into compliance.

36. Does the "2 consecutive test language" allow the Engineer to retest the initial test material to establish the 2nd consecutive test?

37. The specifications references "2 consecutive tests" Can there be a gap in the testing frequency? (Ex: sublot 1 and 10 are out of compliance)

38. If a gap in 2 "consecutive" test is allowed what is the disposition of the material represented by each test that is out of compliance?