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Contract No. 04-0120F4
04-SF-80-13.2 / 13.9
Self-Anchored Suspension Bridge
Letter No. 05.03.01-005384

Michael Flowers
Project Executive
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Dear Michael Flowers,

Request for Change Order (RFCO) No. 63 - Engineer Approval of Weld Repairs

The Department is in receipt of ABF-CAL-LTR-001095, dated August 25, 2009, requesting the Department to reconsider the determination made in State Letter 05.03.01-004925 regarding RFCO 63. State Letter 05.03.01-004548, "Submittal 200, Rev. 2 - Update 1 - Methods to Repair Elements that Exceed Specified Tolerances," dated July 1, 2009, was issued to clarify the language used in State Letter 05.03.01-003474, dated February 12, 2009. The contract requires that repairs that are not submitted in the Welding Quality Control Plan (WQCP) be approved in writing by the Engineer prior to the start of remedial work. Special Provision Section 8-3, "Welding," subsection "Welding Quality Control," states in part:

The Engineer shall be notified immediately in writing when welding problems, deficiencies, base metal repairs, or any other type of repairs not submitted in the WQCP are discovered and also of the proposed repair procedures to correct them. For requests to perform repairs, the Contractor shall include an engineering evaluation of the proposed repair. The engineering evaluation, at a minimum, shall include what is causing the defects, why the repairs will not degrade the material properties, and what steps are being taken to prevent similar defects from happening again in the future. The Contractor shall allow the Engineer 5 days to review these procedures. No remedial work shall begin until the repair procedures are approved in writing by the Engineer.

The Department, therefore, sees no basis for considering requests for repair approval to be Extra Work and finds no justification for issuing a Contract Change Order.

Please contact Doug Coe if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Pursell".

GARY PURSELL
Resident Engineer

cc: Rick Morrow, Doug Coe, Jason Tom
file: 05.03.01