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Subject: COVID-19 Impacts / Plant Inspections and Testing

Mr. Pourbaix,

Due to the recent COVID-19 outbreak, effective immediately, MassDOT inspectors will no longer be performing in-plant inspections and testing for Portland cement concrete (PCC) and hot mix asphalt (HMA). Contractors will be responsible for controlling the quality of materials from the plants as specified in their contracts. Contractors and their PCC and HMA suppliers shall be required to submit test results and certifications as part of their Quality Control system to ensure that all materials meet the necessary quality levels. MassDOT will continue to perform on-site Independent Assurance (I/A) acceptance inspection, sampling, and testing.

Additional guidance specific to the production of PCC and HMA is detailed in the attached document. Please distribute this information to your construction industry members.

Thank you for your continued cooperation during this unprecedented event that we are all facing.

Sincerely,

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