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Subject: Rescind CPD 03-8 (Reinforcing Steel Shortage)

Effective June 1, 2005, the Division of Construction rescinds Construction Procedure Directive (CPD) 03-8.

The Division of Construction issued CPD 03-8 on October 27, 2003 in response to an industry wide shortage of bar reinforcing steel on the West Coast. At that time, the construction industry was experiencing difficulties in meeting project work orders, particularly with the production and supply of ASTM Designation: A 706/A706M bar reinforcement. The issuance of CPD 03-8 helped minimize the impact on projects affected by the shortage. It permitted the interim substitution of ASTM Designation: A615 (Grade 60)/A 615M (Grade 420) bar reinforcement in place of A706/A706M for specifically listed elements of work.

This CPD 05-4 also rescinds blanket concurrence and contract change order approval for bar reinforcing steel substitutions, provided for in CPD 03-8. Starting June 1, 2005, the resident engineer must obtain specific concurrence from the design engineer before processing a contract change order if the availability of A706/A706M grade bar reinforcing steel becomes an issue. Transmittals to the Division of Construction contract change order desk for authorization of approval will be required for this type of change, in accordance with current policy for processing contract change orders.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this construction procedures directive, please contact Chuck Suszko, Chief, Office of Construction Engineering at (916) 227-7314.