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Subject: Hot Mix Asphalt Specifications Evaluation

The Department has recently implemented major revisions to Section 39, "Hot Mix Asphalt," of the *Standard Specifications*. When the Federal Highways Administration approved use of the new hot mix asphalt specifications, the Department agreed to perform an evaluation of these specifications for the first two years after implementation. All three construction processes: Standard, Method, and Quality Control Quality Assurance (QC/QA) are to be included in the evaluation process.

The Department's Section 39 Technical Team needs your help to accomplish this task of evaluating the hot mix asphalt specifications and to provide them with the necessary data for future improvements in the quality of hot mix asphalt. To streamline the data gathering process, spreadsheets for recording the necessary data have been created. For Standard and Method process projects, the hot mix asphalt data should be reported on the hot mix asphalt evaluation spreadsheet, "HMA Evaluation." For QC/QA process projects, the "HMA Pay Program" spreadsheet, used to report data and calculate payment adjustment, will be needed for the evaluation. The evaluation and hot mix asphalt pay spreadsheets and the "HMA—Evaluation User Guide" are available at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/constr/hma/>

Resident engineers should ensure that the populated spreadsheets for each project are emailed to:

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The Department's Section 39 Technical Team thanks you in advance for your efforts in completing this data collection task.

For additional information or assistance, please contact Kee Foo of the Office of Flexible Pavement, Materials Engineering and Testing Services, at (916) 227-7064 or Chuck Suszko, Division of Construction, at (916) 227-7314.