

INTERDEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM



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CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION MEMORANDUM NO. 4-96

TO: All Division Engineers

FROM: N. S. Cauthen
Construction Engineer

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "N. S. Cauthen".

RE: QC/QA Pay Factors for Air Voids

The recent implementation of the new Section 429 Specifications for the Improved Bituminous Concrete Base, Binder, and Wearing Surface Layers has caused a conflict with the referenced pay factors. Section 429 requires the design air voids to be 4.5% although the pay factors found in Section 410 are based on 4.0%. Section 410 should have been revised so the pay factors would be based on 4.5%.

In order to address this discrepancy on projects that contain the conflict, this office recommends that the contractor be given the choice to utilize either 4.5% or 4.0% when calculating the pay factor. The Contractor's decision must be obtained in writing prior to the work beginning, if at all possible. If the work has already begun, then an agreement still needs to be reached and adjustments, if necessary, to previous calculations should be made.

Changes are being made to the Specifications that are in conflict so that this will be resolved on projects let after the July letting.

If additional information is needed, please contact this office.

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cc: FHWA
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