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MEMORANDUM
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TO: District Directors
District Construction Engineers
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District Materials & Tests Engineers
District Area Engineers
Project Engineers/Supervisors

FROM: Dennis A. Kuchler, Chief
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Subject: Revised Special Provision for MSE Retaining Walls on Active Contracts

The Recurring Special Provision for Mechanically Stabilized Earth Retaining Walls (731-R-202) has been revised and will become effective for new contracts with MSE wall beginning with the April 2005 Letting.

The testing specification section (731.05(a)7) of the revised Special Provision shall be incorporated into all active contracts with MSE wall.

The Project Engineer/Supervisor shall process a Change Order (IC-626) for zero dollars for the Contract line item for Face Panels, Concrete to delete section 731.05(a)7 of the existing Special Provision and insert section 731.05(a)7 of the revised Special Provision. An item for Credit to the Contract shall be created to account for the cost savings realized by the Contractor as a result of the change in the Special Provision. The credit shall be $100.00 per each concrete compressive strength test cylinder that is eliminated by the change in Special Provision. The Project Engineer/Supervisor will calculate the credit based on the difference between the number of cylinders required under the existing Special Provision and the number of cylinders required under the revised Special Provision. The number of cylinders will be calculated from the date the Specification takes effect on the Contract until the end of face panel production and testing. The effective date for each contract will be the date the Change Order is approved by the Department.

The revised Special Provision is available online at http://www.in.gov/dot/div/contracts/standards/rsp/mar05/mar.htm or may be obtained from the District Testing Engineers.

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