1.0 SCOPE.

1.1 This procedure covers the requirements for a ready mixed concrete plant to become a Department Certified Ready Mixed Concrete Plant for concrete material. Certification of the ready mixed plant includes the certification of the delivery fleet of the concrete material.

1.2 All ready mixed concrete plants are required to be in accordance with the Department Standard Specifications.

1.3 This procedure may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment and may not address all of the safety problems associated with the use of the test method. The user of this ITM is responsible for establishing the appropriate safety and health practices and determining the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

2.0 TERMINOLOGY. Definitions for terms and abbreviations shall be in accordance with the Department's Standard Specifications Section 101 and the following:

2.1 Approved Lists. A compilation of lists identified in the Department Standard Specifications that require products, sources, equipment or other specified items to be approved and on a list prior to consideration for use on a Department contract.

2.2 Certified Ready Mixed Concrete Plant. A concrete plant certified by the NRMCA and in accordance with the Program.

2.3 Management Representative. Person responsible for maintaining the requirements of the Program and liaison with the Department.

2.4 NRMCA. National Ready Mixed Concrete Association

2.5 Program. ITM 406
3.0 SIGNIFICANCE AND USE. The Certified Ready Mixed Concrete Plant Program is a program whereby the production facilities of ready mixed concrete plants are inspected to verify that the facility is physically capable of furnishing good quality concrete. The delivery vehicles used to mix and/or transport the concrete to the point of placement are also a component of the certification process for the production facility. Concrete plants that are certified in accordance with this Program will require an annual inspection for the designated items in ITM 405 that are not included in the NRMCA certification program.

4.0 CERTIFICATION.

4.1 Each plant requesting to become a Certified Ready Mixed Concrete Plant shall do so in writing to the Manager, Office of Materials Management. The request shall include a copy of the Certificate of Conformance for Concrete Production Facilities issued by the NRMCA, and a copy of the most recent Plant Certification Check List for the plant.

4.2 Each ready mixed plant meeting the requirements of the Program will be certified upon verification of the required documents of 4.1.

4.3 Each Certified Ready Mixed Concrete Plant is required to submit to the Office of Materials Management a copy of the Plant Certification Check List conducted for continued certification of the NRMCA certification programs. The period of certification for the delivery vehicles is on a 14-month cycle, and the plant certification is on a 2-year cycle or if the plant is relocated to another location.

4.4 In the event of a change in ownership of the Certified Ready Mixed Concrete Plant, the certification shall expire on the date of such change. The new ownership may avoid expiration by submitting a statement to the Office of Materials Management indicating recognition of the details of the Program and verification that the plant is in accordance with the NRMCA certification program requirements.

5.0 DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.

5.1 The Department may conduct annual audits on a random basis of each Certified Ready Mixed Concrete Plant.

5.2 The Department will maintain the List of Approved Certified Ready Mixed Concrete Plants.

5.3 The removal of a plant from the Department's List of Approved Certified Ready Mixed Concrete Plants will be the responsibility of the Manager, Office of Materials Management. The Producer shall have the right to appeal the removal from the Department's List of Approved Certified Ready Mixed Concrete Plants to the Director, Construction Management Division.