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TO: District Directors

District Construction Engineers

District Materials and Tests Engineers

Area Engineers

Project Engineers/Project Engineers

FROM: Timothy D. Bertram, Chief

Contracts and Construction Division

RE: Use of Fly Ash in Concrete after October 15

The time restricting the use of Fly Ash in Portland cement concrete is fast approaching. Several requests asking for an extension to the October 15 date have already been received.

The department now has research underway relating to the use of Fly Ash during late fall construction as a part of the joint transportation research program. Until this effort is completed, the department is no longer going to extend the date that Fly Ash can be used in Portland cement concrete. If there are issues which are not the contractor's fault on a contract that has forced the contractor to pave/pour later than October 15, the department will pay the increased cost attributed to using concrete without Fly Ash.

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cc: Materials and Tests

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