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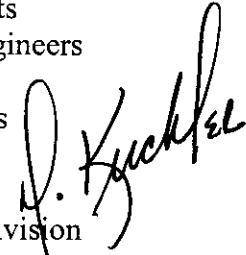
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MEMORANDUM
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TO: District Directors
District Construction Engineers
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District Materials & Tests Engineers
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FROM: Dennis A. Kuchler, Chief
Contracts and Construction Division

RE: Acceptance of Plastic Pipe and Pipe Liner Materials



It has come to the attention of this office that PVC pipe and thermoplastic pipe liner materials are being accepted on some contracts when those products are not on the Approved List of Plastic Pipe and Pipe Liner Sources. Currently there are a very limited number of sources on the approved list. Other sources have been invited to submit their product information for approval, but have not done so. The approved list can be updated on an immediate basis and the Materials & Tests Division will work with any source to get their product approved and on the list. There is no motivation for those sources to comply with our specification requirements as long as we continue to accept these unapproved materials. We ask your help in enforcing this requirement as written in the Standard Specifications and the Manual for Frequency of Sampling and Testing and Basis for Use of Materials.

Field personnel are reminded that the basis for use requirements must be satisfied before any material is incorporated in our projects. The Materials & Tests Division has accepted pipe liners by certification and may need to continue to do that until we get more sources on the list. In this circumstance, field personnel should receive approval from our Materials & Tests Division before allowing use of the liner. The Materials & Tests Division will provide any assistance needed in interpreting material requirements or rectifying errors in the specifications or approved lists. Any questions may be directed to Rick Yunker, Materials Services Manager, or Mark Miller, Chief, of the Materials & Tests Division. Thanks for your help with this concern.

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