TO: District Deputy Commissioners  
District Highway Operation Directors  
District Construction Engineers  
District Testing Engineers  
District Area Engineers  
Project Engineers/Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Lay Rates for Open Graded HMA Mixes

It has been brought to my attention that there has been some confusion among some INDOT field and asphalt industry personnel regarding the design lay rate for open graded HMA mixes shown on typical cross sections. Open graded HMA mixes, which are designated by an OG designation in the pay item description, should be shown on typical cross sections with a lay rate of 100 pounds per square yard per inch of thickness.

When open graded HMA mixes are utilized on a contract, normally the design intent is that these mixes are to be placed at half inch increments. Therefore, all typical cross sections that include open graded HMA mixes should indicate a lay rate that is a multiple of 50 pounds per square yard.

If a contract includes a typical section that includes a lay rate for an open graded HMA mixture which is not a multiple of 50 pounds per square yard, please contact the Division of Construction Management Field Engineer assigned to the district in which the contract is located.

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