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## CONSTRUCTION MEMORANDUM 11-11

TO: District Deputy Commissioners  
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District Area Engineers  
District LPA Coordinators  
Field Engineers  
Technical Services Directors  
Project Engineers/Supervisors  
Office of Materials Management

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SUBJECT: Payment for Stockpiled Dowel Bar Assemblies

The 2012 Standard Specifications Section 111.04 allows for payment for stockpiled dowel assemblies if the materials are stockpiled within the project limits or at a storage facility adjacent to the project site and if the remaining requirements of 111 are met.

Due to the large quantity of PCCP paving that is scheduled with I-69, US 31, SR 25, and other corridors currently under construction, manufacturers of dowel bar assemblies have been forced to fabricate these assemblies well in advance of the paving operation taking place. As a result, it has been necessary for Contractors to acquire the assemblies earlier and in many situations there are no locations within the project limits or storage facilities available for stockpiling adjacent to the project site. Therefore, a recurring special provision has been developed for future contracts that will allow dowel bar assemblies to be stockpiled at an approved location.

In addition, District Construction personnel should consider Contractor requests for proposed stockpiled locations at sites other than within the project limits or at storage facilities adjacent to the project regardless of whether or not the contract permits dowel bar assembly stockpiles at an approved location. In situations where the contract does not include approved stockpile location language, this Construction Memo should be attached to the change order that pays for the stockpiled dowel assemblies as authorization for allowing for an approved stockpile location.

When evaluating a Contractor request for an alternate stockpile location, District Construction personnel should consider the following:

- Is the address of the proposed stockpile location included in the request?
- Are there currently other materials for the contract or other contracts being stockpiled at the proposed location? If so, does the Contractor have ability to dedicate a specific location to the proposed dowel basket assembly stockpile that is separate from other stockpiles?
- Does the Contractor request include a contact for facilitating INDOT inspection of the stockpile location?

If the request addresses all of the above issues in a satisfactory manner, District Construction personnel should approve the location and pay for the stockpiled materials in accordance with 111.09 and 111.11.

For active contracts that do not include a special provision that includes language that allows stockpiled dowel basket assemblies at approved locations, District Construction personnel should review Contractor proposals for alternate stockpile locations in the manner described above. This Construction Memo should be attached to the change order that adds the dowel basket assembly stockpiled materials pay item to the contract to authorize stockpiling these materials at locations not authorized by 111.

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## 111-R-594 DOWEL BAR ASSEMBLY STOCKPILED MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

(Adopted 12-05-11)

The Standard Specifications are revised as follows:

SECTION 111, BEGIN LINE 40, DELETE AND INSERT AS FOLLOWS:

**111.04 Dowel Bar Assemblies**

Partial payment made under the requirements herein will be the delivered cost of the dowel bar assemblies stored within the project limits, ~~or~~ at a storage facility adjacent to the project site, *or at a location approved by the Engineer*. Basis of payment for the dowel bar assemblies shall be the paid invoices furnished by the Contractor. Prior to authorizing partial payment, verification will be obtained that the dowel bars have been tested and are acceptable.

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