

**OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
SPECIAL PROVISIONS  
FOR  
AMERICAN BURYING BEETLE (ABB)**

These Special Provisions revise, amend, and where in conflict, supersede applicable sections of the 1999 Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, English and Metric. Units of measurement are provided in the subsections in both English and Metric equivalents. The units for this project shall be those specified in the project plans.

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The Contractor shall be familiar with the ABB to insure compliance with the Endangered Species Act. If any dead or injured ABB is found on site, immediately contact the Department Biologist in Environmental Programs Division at (405) 521-2515. Care must be taken in handling dead or injured beetles in order to preserve biological material for later analysis. The finder must insure that evidence intrinsic to the specimen is not unnecessarily disturbed. Information regarding the ABB, including photographic images and life history characteristics, is available at the USFWS website at URL <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/Oklahoma/beetle1.htm>.

If the presence of ABB is confirmed by the ODOT Biologist, the Contractor will be required to cease all earthwork operations. When deemed necessary by the ODOT Biologist, the Trap and Relocate procedure for the ABB will be coordinated and accomplished by Environmental Programs Division. Typically, between ten to twenty-four calendar days will be necessary to complete a Trap and Relocate procedure. Any delays caused by the Trap and Relocate Procedures which hinder the Contractor's ability to complete the work will be considered an excusable, non-compensable delay in accordance with subsection 108.07(a) of the Standard Specifications.