

**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 2009 Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, English and Metric.

(Add the following:)

**SECTION 656
AMERICAN BURYING BEETLE (ABB)**

656.01 DESCRIPTION

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/OKESFO%20Permit%20Home.htm>

If the positive presence of ABB is confirmed by ODOT Biologist, the Contractor will be required to cease earthwork operations until the end of the ABB season which runs from May 20th, to September 20th. With the exception of the extension of contract time, no compensation will be considered for delays caused by the positive presence of ABB. Extensions of contract time will be administered in accordance with Subsection 108.07.B.(2) for calendar day contracts, and Subsection 108.07.C for complete by date projects.