

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT APPROVED LISTS

The Materials Division of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation oversees the establishment and maintenance of several lists of products, material sources, service providers etc., all of which have undergone some form of initial qualification evaluation.

Approved lists are established and maintained for:

- Determining in advance what is most likely to be acceptable for use on a job (all approved listed things have already met some sort of initial qualifications)
- Eliminating the use of unlisted things that would take too long to undergo an initial qualification evaluation once the job is at hand
- Eliminating the need to conduct mandatory job control testing of certain listed things that are non-critical to the performance of the finished roadway and/or have a high probability of acceptance
- Eliminating the requirement for suppliers to furnish certain paper certifications to the job as the mandatory proof of a product's acceptable nature
- Allowing a primary objective to use only approved listed things, documenting what approve listed things are actually used on jobs and having a use relevant, abbreviated testing program for quality monitoring

Approved list data is first entered into the Department's construction management database (SiteManager) by the Materials Division for immediate, live access and application by Department project personnel. That same data is then utilized to generate and update reports appearing in the Materials & Testing e-Guide on the Department's website. Every available effort is made to keep the website information updated for wide access to the same data.

The existence of a list in no way a blanket approval which relieves the Contractor of the responsibility of furnishing quality things, nor the Project Engineer of the responsibility for performing inspections. Each list is unique, listing requirements, expiration considerations, job control and other field acceptance methods vary. Whenever using any of these lists, read the relevant information and requirements carefully.

In the process of job functions and regardless of listed field acceptance methods, if doubt exists, job control sampling action should be taken. The doubt must be explained in detail and accompany the sampling records so that the proper testing and high priority may be assigned.

Finally, Project Engineers and Maintenance personnel should report any problems in usability or resulting premature failure since those are key factors in properly maintaining these types of lists.

