# Recycled Material Network: Connecting Consumers and Producers Phase II: Upgrades and Maintenance

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#### **Executive Summary**

An online Geographic Information System (GIS) web application that connects producers and consumers of recyclable material was developed in Phase I of this research project to assist engineers and contractors in the beneficial reuse of recycled materials in transportation projects. Phase II of this project focused on Upgrades and Maintenance of the Recycled Material Network website. The upgrades included the addition of two new layers: recycled products and approved materials, as well as a tool to check hyperlinks in the site. The Recycled Material Network website is comprised of six layers: producers/facilities, stockpiles, case studies, recycled products, approved materials, and specifications/regulations. Producers of recycled material can locate their facility and enter contact information. The producers/facilities layer is populated with over 160 facilities located and described on the site. The stockpile layer, connected to the facility layer, allows producers to add or update information about their recycled material stockpiles including material type(s), application(s), availability, and cost. The case study layer locates projects that utilized recycled materials and includes information regarding the material type, application, volume data, and any additional documentation. A total of 40 case studies are now included on the Recycled Material Network website. The new recycled products layer has over 150 transportation products the contain at least 50% recycled material content. These products are divided into categories such as barricades or signs and each product list company contact information as well as the type and percentage of recycled material used. The new approved material layer contains over 350 recycled materials that have been approved by state DOTs for use in transportation applications. These materials can be searched by approving state, material, and application. Each approved material is associated with a manufacturer and contact information. The specification layer includes both Department of Transportation (DOT) specifications and environmental regulations pertaining to the beneficial reuse of nonhazardous recycled material based on specific location, material type, and application. Additional regulations and specifications were added to the site and a total of 23 states are now represented. A methodology for a nationwide comparison of state specifications was developed and tested on three recycled material-application combinations. As potential consumers of recycled material, engineers and contractors can pinpoint the location of a construction project, search for sources and quantities of recycled material that meet project specifications, and contact material producers. The Recycled Material Network provides key information that engineers and contractors need to successfully utilize recycled materials, thereby preserving limited natural resources and benefiting the project and society as a whole. The web map is available at http://rmwm.caps.ua.edu.

#### 1.0 Introduction

#### Project Overview

The Recycled Material Network (RMN) web map is a geographic information system website that connects producers and consumers of non-hazardous recyclable material being used in transportation construction projects. The site provides engineers and contractors the opportunity to find recycled materials and allows producers to locate and describe recycled materials. The RMN is comprised of six different layers: Producers, Stockpiles, Case Studies, Recycled Products, Approved Materials, and Specifications/Regulations. The Producers layer allows producers of recycled materials to upload information about their facility including the name, type, address, contact information, and associated links. Stockpiles, which are connected to the producers layer, allows facility managers to add and edit available information about the type of material, application, quantity and cost. While only one producer may appear in a certain location, multiple stockpiles can be associated with one producer. The stock pile layer is less populated because this information is temporal and requires ongoing interaction with the site to stay current, where facility information is far less temporal. Case Studies can be uploaded to specific locations that detail the project, year, materials used, and associated links and documents. These case studies allow users to see past projects that successfully utilized recyclable materials. The Recycled Products layer lists manufactured products on the market for transportation construction projects that are made with more than 50% recycled material. This layer is sorted by category (Parking and Traffic Control, Signage, Delineator, Construction, Cones, Barricades, Channelizers, and Sound Barriers) where the user can quickly select which category is desired. The recycled material, recycled content, company, and contact information is provided as well. The Approved Materials displays data about raw recycled materials for each

state and provides users with a way to quickly and easily identify materials approved by each state, the facility where the material is produced, the source, the address, the application, the grade, the unity number, and approved products that are made from these materials if applicable. Finally, the Specifications/Regulations layer displays information from state DOT sites and environmental regulations pertaining to the beneficial reuse of non-hazardous recyclable material on the basis of specific location, material type, and application. The RMWM site can be found at rmwm.caps.ua.edu.

The goal of the Recycled Material Network web map is to promote the reuse of non-hazardous recyclable material. Through the development of a methodology to compare allowable recycled material allowance levels in specific material-application combinations, states can identify new recycling opportunities used in other states. This comparison allows states to observe how the state aligns nationally against other states as well as provide information about successful projects that used those recycled materials.

#### 2.0 Recycled Material Network Website Additions

This phase of the research focused on adding data and functionality to the RMN website. This included: Task 1 - incorporating additional data into the site, Task 2 - adding two new layers (recycled material and approved products), and Task 3 - developing a hyperlink checking tool to automatically identify broken links in the site. Details of these tasks are presented in this section.

#### Task 1: Integrate Additional Data into the Website

The original layers of the RMN website included: Producers/Facilities, Stockpiles, Case Studies, and Specifications/Regulations. Limited data were added to these layers for development, testing, and debugging purposes during Phase I of this project. As part of Phase II, each layer was evaluated and new data was uploaded. The RMN website opens with a login page for: 1) general users (no login required), 2) facility owners (login required), and 3) site administrators (login required). Once in the site, a map is displayed showing pooled fund states outlined in blue, past pooled fund states are outlined in yellow, facilities are shown in green, case studies in red, and stockpiles are gray as shown in Figure 1.

Through extensive web research the RMW now contains over 160 producers/facilities located primarily in pooled fund states, although some facilities are located in states that are not part of the pooled fund. It was determined that producers/facilities are relative stable data, meaning that location and information about recycled material producers and their facilities does not change often. Therefore, once entered in the RMN site, facility data remains current and relevant. In addition, any web link associated with a producer will be automatically opened and checked each week with the link-check tool described later in this report and developed as part of this work.

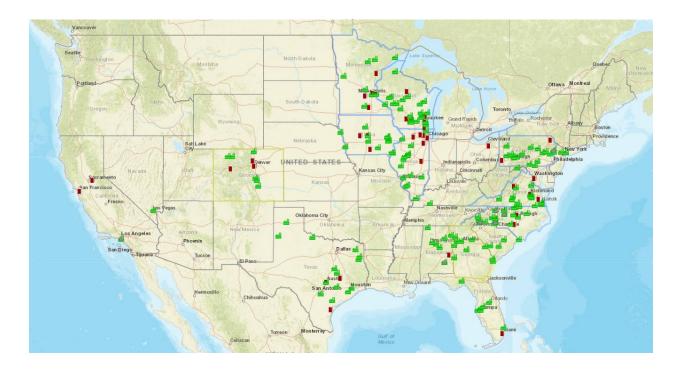


Figure 1 Recycled Material Network front screen showing attritional facilities in green and case studies in red.

While stockpiles were originally considered a key layer in the RMN, it was determined that the level of effort to input and maintain the temporal nature of stockpile information is very high. Producers and facility managers of recycled material are not interested in maintaining and sharing up-to-date stockpile information. Also, the research team found no instance were this information was available through a web service that could be connected to the RMN to automatically update stockpile information. This is a classic granularity problem that is well know in computer science. Users ask for highly granular data that makes searching and retrieving data convenient, but granularity comes at a cost. The cost of inputting and maintaining data must be compared to the end use of the data. In the case of the RMN, most users will contact a local producer and obtain current quantities and costs of stockpile data. Therefore, a solution to this situation is to simply combine the recycled material types with facilities and encourage engineers and contractors to contact the nearby facility.

The case study layer presents transportation projects that successfully utilized recycled material. Case studies are uploaded to the site through a data entry form that requires a location for the project as well as the recycled material used in the project. Additional information about the case study can include a synopsis of the project, pictures, and any other project documentation such as final reports or presentations. There are currently 40 case studies uploaded to the site which are primarily associated with pooled fund states as shown in Figure 1.

During this phase of the research project, specifications and regulations were updated for states previously in the RMN and new specifications and regulations were collected for the new pooled fund states as well as many other states. A number of states have contributed to funding this research through a Federal Highway Transportation Pooled Fund studies: Colorado and Georgia via TPH-5(270) only, and current member states Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin as part of current project TPH-5(352). Specifications and regulations for current and past pooled fund states were added, evaluated, and updated as needed. Additional specifications and regulations from states outside of the pooled fund states were collected and verified including: Alabama, California, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Nevada, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, and West Virginia. Currently, 23 state specifications and regulations are included in the RMN.

Task 2: Development of Recycled Products and Approved Materials Layers

The addition of two new tabs, Recycled Products and Approved Materials, added new functionality and substantial amounts of new data to the site. The Recycled Products are transportation products such as barricades or signs made with a minimum of 50% recycled content. The recycled products tab is shown in Figure 2. Products are described on the site, assigned a product category, the recycled material employed and percentage of recycled content

is listed along with company information including name, phone, and website. A dropdown menu, shown in Figure 3, is in the upper left of the Recycled Products tab allows users to select a product category and search only that product type. Product categories include: parking and traffic control devices, signs, delineators, construction products, cones, barricades, channelizers, and sound barriers. New products are added to the site by the site administrator, but the recycled products tab includes a feature for users to recommend new products as seen to the right of the dropdown menu shown in Figure 3.

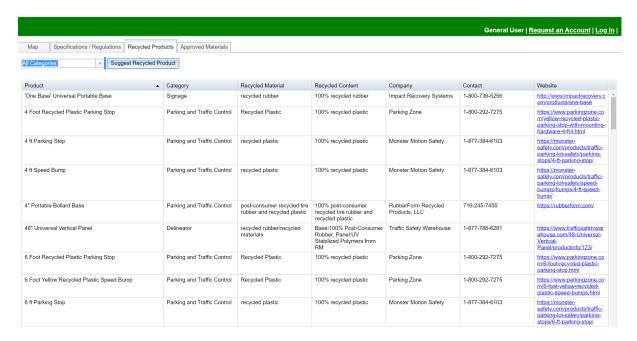
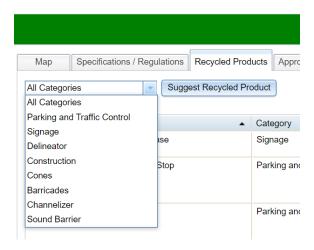


Figure 2 New Recycled Products Tab



#### Figure 3 Dropdown menu for recycled product categories

The approved materials tab, shown in Figure 4, lists materials that have been approved by a state DOT. Each material and producer can be associated with one or multiple states. The materials are described with a material name, producer, source, address, application, and key information that allows engineers and contractors to better understand a recycled material. Approved materials can be searched by state by clicking on the map and also by material category as shown in the dropdown menu in Figure 5. The new approved material layer contains over 350 recycled materials that have been approved by state DOTs for use in transportation applications. The intent of this new tab is to allow engineers and contractors working in a state quick and easy access to approved materials and also provide information from neighboring states that may be beneficial.

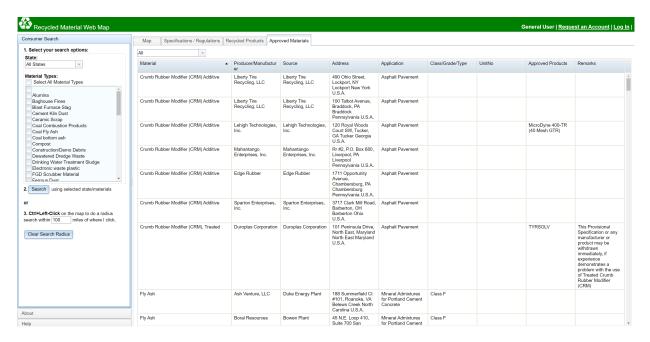


Figure 4 New Approved Material Tab

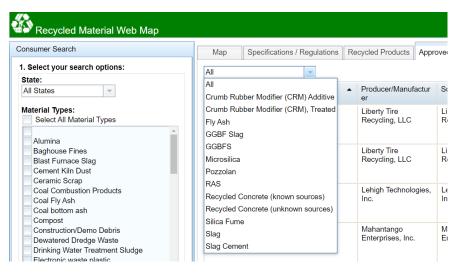


Figure 5 Dropdown menu to select DOT approved materials

#### Task 3: Hyperlink Checking Tool to Automatically Identify Broken Links

A Link-Check Tool was successfully developed and implemented in the RMN website. Screenshots of each hyperlinked web page are automatically captured and stored. When the Link-Check Tool runs, the tool checks for consistency of web pages. If the current web page matches the stored screenshot, then the tool continues on with the next link as seen in Figure 6. Adversely, when the screenshots do not match or an error appears, the Link-Check Tool returns an error message, as seen in Figure 7. Each Sunday the Link-Check Tool runs overnight and emails the results to a designated team member. A list of all the Specs/Regs that have changed or come back as a broken link, 404 error, are listed in the email for further review as seen in Figure 8.

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Figure 6 Example of properly working link checked by the Link-Check Tool

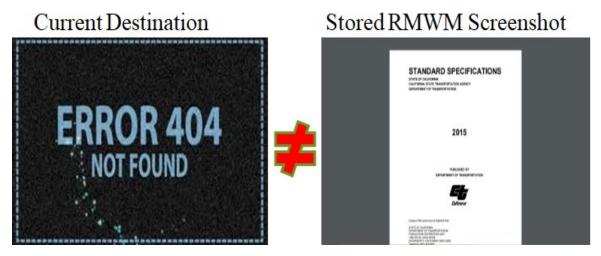


Figure 7 Example of broken link checked by the Link-Checker Tool

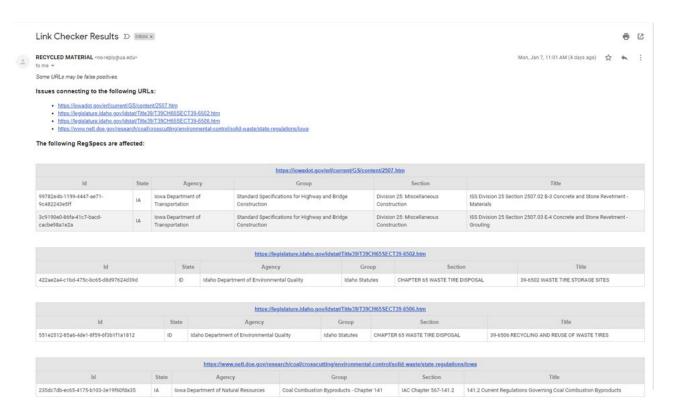


Figure 8 Example weekly email sent by the Link-Check Tool to provide feedback

#### 3.0 Recycled Material Network Maintenance and Upgrades

As part of Phase II, several changes were made to the structure and appearance of the website. Visually, changes were made including an update to the home map and a button to hide the selected data grid, as seen by the green circle in Figure 9. Clicking the "Hide Selected Tabs" button hides the data grid at the bottom of the screen which provides a larger map window.



Figure 9 Added feature to minimize 'Selected Tabs' window on Home Map

As seen in the green circle in Figure 10, new tutorial videos were added to the 'Help' tab of the site as well during this phase of work. These videos provide an overview of how to use the site and address frequently asked questions from both general and account-holding users.

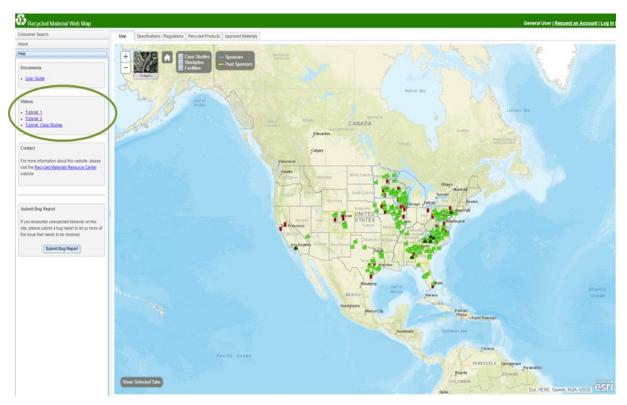


Figure 10 Updated 'Help' Tab with 3 new tutorial videos

#### 4.0 Expanding and Promoting the Recycled Material Network

Tasks 4 and 5: Expand and Promote the Recycled Material Network

In an effort to expand and promote the RMN, Producers, Stockpiles, Case Studies, and Specifications and Regulations were identified and uploaded to the site for the two new pooled fund states, Iowa and North Carolina, as well as other states that are not part of the pooled fund. During this effort it was observed that DOT specifications vary widely across state lines. Some state specifications do not allow a material to be used in a specific transportation application while other states do. Some states require a minimum amount of recycled material while other states set a maximum amount of material in the same application. To help states understand and compare specifications, with the goal of increasing the amount of recycled material used in transportation applications, a methodology to present and compare specifications was developed and tested on three material-application combinations. It should be noted that only DOT specifications were included in the evaluation of this methodology, which may leave out the permissible use of recycled material that could be covered by environmental regulations.

For the development and testing of the state comparison methodology, States Standard Specification (SS) for Road and Bridge Construction were reviewed to determine the allowable recycled material content. The allowable content of a specific recycled material in a specific application was recorded. The comparison methodology was developed and tested on three material-applications found in DOT specifications: Recycled/Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) used in hot mix, fly ash used in Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) Pavements (PCCP), and fly ash used in Structural PCC.

#### Data Collection

Data for the comparison methodology were collected through a series of steps to ensure accurate data was identified within DOT specification documents. The SS used for each state was the most recently posted version available on the respective state's Department of Transportation website. If the SS was out of date, with the previous version being posted more than six years ago, further research went into ensuring that the available SS was the most current publication. The SS was reviewed for specifications pertaining to the allowable recyclable material content allowed within hot mix asphalt, PCCP, and structural PCC.

Oftentimes, these recycled content specifications were not found within the application design section. When this occurred within the SS, the SS were searched systematically to identify the allowable recycled content. Once the relevant section was located, the allowable percentages were recorded along with a comment noting the location of the specification within the SS. All collected data for RAP and fly ash can be found in the Appendix in Table 4, Table 5, and Table 6.

The "path" within the SS to locate the hot mix asphalt, PCCP, and structural PCC section containing the relevant specification information was determined and recorded. For example, if the hot mix asphalt section referenced a 'Materials' section with information regarding RAP that referenced a table in the appendix that listed allowable RAP percentages, the "path" between these three locations in the SS was noted. The recorded information lists each section and page number. An example of this path notation is:  $211.02 \text{ pg } 137 \rightarrow 342.05.3 \text{ pg } 245 \rightarrow 451 \text{ Table 4.6 pg } 311$ . The "path" to each specification is recorded in the specification column of Table 4, Table 5, and Table 6 in the Appendix.

In addition to collecting the "path" to the allowable recycled material content, links to the relevant SS web pages were collected and stored. If more than one link was necessary, which often happened if external references were listed in the SS, all relevant links were collected and stored. A flowchart detailing steps for finding allowable content within SS is provided in Figure 11. It should be noted that in some states environmental regulations control the permissible levels of recycled material and therefore the regulations should be reviewed in a similar manner as the specifications.

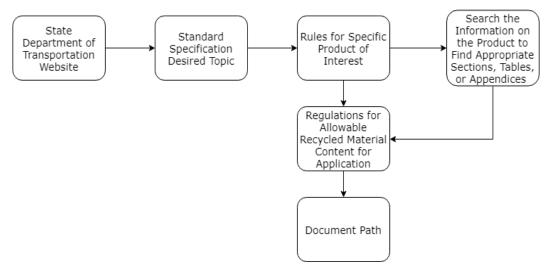


Figure 11 Flowchart for Creating a Document Path

Specification Comparison Methodology

The intent of the specification comparison methodology is to increase transparency of allowable levels of recyclable material among states. A detailed description of how states are compared is provided. The following steps present the methodology followed when assessing a states' recycled content allowability from the respective specifications.

The allowable recycled material content for each state was compiled and sorted. The collected data was analyzed for observable grouping patterns. With an end goal of grouping the states into a relatively small number of categories for comparison, distribution trends were noted

and basic mathematical averages (mean, median, mode, etc.) were calculated. States were separated into quartile groups based on an approximate division of the number of states into lower quartile, middle two quartile, and top quartile. This procedure was done for two reasons: first, presenting information in a clear and easy to understand form was essential; therefore, data was broken down into categories such as 0-15% 20-25%, and, 30-35%, and states that were slightly outside of these categories were included into the closest group. Second, these groupings also divided the allotted states into approximate quartile groups. Groupings may be slightly skewed, for example 17, 23, and 10 states in the three groups, but this variation is consistent from a logical standpoint.

Finally, a method for comparing these state specifications in a clear and concise way was established. The quartile system was selected which provide users with information on which state specifications allow more or less recycled material content. Specifications allowing less recycled material fall between the minimum and 1<sup>st</sup> quartile. The middle-state specifications fall between the 1<sup>st</sup> quartile and the 3<sup>rd</sup> quartile. State specifications allowing the most recycled material fall between the 3<sup>rd</sup> quartile and the maximum. If smaller divisions are desired, then the median or 2<sup>nd</sup> quartile can be used.

#### Results

The data set used for comparison came from state DOT specifications. For RAP and fly ash applications, data were compiled into spreadsheets and analyzed. The average, median, minimum, maximum, and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quartiles were calculated. Specifications with zero recycled material allotment were excluded from the statistical calculations. The results of the analysis are shown in Table 1.

Table 1 Comparison Statistics for Specifications

Application	Average (%)	Median (%)	Minimum (%) excluding zero	Maximum (%)	1 <sup>st</sup> Quartile	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quartile
RAP	29.5	30	1.5	65	20	30
Structural PCC	25.7	25	15	30	20	30
PCCP	25.6	25	15	35	20	30

Specifications were sorted based on the allowable percentage of recycled material and assigned a quartile. The quartile assignment for structural PCC, PCCP, and RAP are color coded and shown in Table 2. State specifications in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quartile received a score of 2, specifications in the middle quartile received a score of 1, and specifications in the 1<sup>st</sup> quartile received a score of 0. Three state specifications, Nevada, New Hampshire, and New Mexico, list a minimum required percentage of recycled material. Because these specifications require a minimum amount of recycled material, they were generally moved into the next higher quartile. The specifications with a minimum require amount of recycled material are boxed in Table 2.

Table 2 Color coded quartile assignment of a state based on the allowable recycled material content listed in DOT specifications

Structural PCC			PCCP			RAP (surface course)		
State	%	Score	State	%	Score	State	%	Score
ALASKA	35	2	TEXAS	35	2	NEBRASKA	65	2
TEXAS	35	2	WASHINGTON	35	2	DELAWARE	50	2
WASHINGTON	35	2	MINNESOTA	33	2	NEW JERSEY	50	2
ALABAMA	30	2	ALABAMA	30	2	VERMONT	50	2
COLORADO	30	2	COLORADO	30	2	GEORGIA	40	2
FLORIDA	30	2	FLORIDA	30	2	MISSOURI	40	2
ILLINOIS	30	2	ILLINOIS	30	2	WASHINGTON	40	2
KENTUCKY	30	2	KENTUCKY	30	2	NEW MEXICO (min)	35	2
LOUISIANA	30	2	LOUISIANA	30	2	MINNESOTA	35	2
MINNESOTA	30	2	MONTANA	30	2	VIRGINIA	35	2
MONTANA	30	2	NORTH CAROLINA	30	2	ARKANSAS	30	1
NORTH CAROLINA	30	2	OREGON	30	2	CONNECTICUT	30	1
OREGON	30	2	RHODE ISLAND	30	2	IDAHO	30	1
RHODE ISLAND	30	2	UTAH	30	2	ILLINOIS	30	1
UTAH	30	2	VIRGINIA	30	2	IOWA	30	1
VIRGINIA	30	2	WISCONSIN	30	2	LOUISIANA	30	1
WISCONSIN	30	2	NORTH DAKOTA	29	2	MAINE	30	1
NORTH DAKOTA	29	2	NEW HAMPSHIRE (min)	25	2	MARYLAND	30	1
NEW HAMPSHIRE (min)	25	2	NEW MEXICO (min)	25	2	MISSISSIPPI	30	1
NEW MEXICO (min)	25	2	ARIZONA	25	1	MONTANA	30	1
ARIZONA	25	1	IDAHO	25	1	NORTH CAROLINA	30	1
IDAHO	25	1	KANSAS	25	1	OREGON	30	1
KANSAS	25	1	MARYLAND	25	1	TEXAS	30	1
MARYLAND	25	1	MISSISSIPPI	25	1	ALABAMA	25	1
MISSISSIPPI	25	1	MISSOURI	25	1	ALASKA	25	1
MISSOURI	25	1	NEBRASKA	25	1	CALIFORNIA	25	1
NEBRASKA	25	1	NEW JERSEY	25	1	INDIANA	25	1
NEW JERSEY	25	1	OHIO	25	1	NORTH DAKOTA	25	1
OHIO	25	1	SOUTH DAKOTA	25	1	OKLAHOMA	25	1
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WEST VIRGINIA	0	0	WEST VIRGINIA	0	0	WYOMING	0	0

An overall score can be produced by summing the scores from each recycled material-application combination. For the three recycled material-application combinations used for testing this methodology, the score ranges from six to zero. The recycled material-application score is shown in Table 3. Data are sorted by score in descending order followed by name in alphabetical order. Although not part of the RMN website, the results of comparison methodology can also be displayed on graphs or maps as seen in Figure 12. An individual state page could be generated to provide a detailed explanation of the state specification compared to national trends.

Table 3 Overall specification and for of fly ash in structural PCC and PCCP, and the use of RAP in hot mix asphalt

	Overall		Overall
State	Score	State	Score
MINNESOTA	6	IDAHO	3
NEW MEXICO	6	INDIANA	3
VIRGINIA	6	IOWA	3
WASHINGTON	6	MARYLAND	3
ALABAMA	5	MISSISSIPPI	3
FLORIDA	5	NEVADA	3
ILLINOIS	5	NEW YORK	3
LOUISIANA	5	OHIO	3
MONTANA	5	OKLAHOMA	3
NORTH CAROLINA	5	SOUTH CAROLINA	3
NORTH DAKOTA	5	TENNESSEE	3
OREGON	5	VERMONT	3
TEXAS	5	ARIZONA	2
UTAH	5	DELAWARE	2
WISCONSIN	5	GEORGIA	2
COLORADO	4	KANSAS	2
KENTUCKY	4	SOUTH DAKOTA	2
MISSOURI	4	WYOMING	2
NEBRASKA	4	CALIFORNIA	1
NEW HAMPSHIRE	4	MAINE	1
NEW JERSEY	4	MICHIGAN	1
RHODE ISLAND	4	HAWAII	0
ALASKA	3	MASSACHUSETTS	0
ARKANSAS	3	PENNSYLVANIA	0
CONNECTICUT	3	WEST VIRGINIA	0

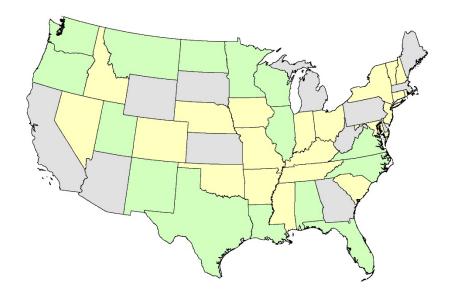


Figure 12 Map of specification comparison results

#### Data Outliers

Throughout the process of developing this methodology to compare specifications related to the use of recycled material in transportation projects, outliers and uncertain results were identified and tracked. These outliers were individually verified by a secondary researcher to ensure quality.

For future reference, contact should be made to the state DOTs to confirm accurate data collection. After verification of findings, any states with non-specified or zero allowance of recycled material in the application in question should be contacted to ensure accuracy. An email or survey should be sent to the DOT in question, requesting a confirmation of the allowances determined. If the DOT corrects the recorded findings, then data should be changed in the collection log; otherwise, the input is marked as accurate and verified.

#### 5.0 Conclusions and Future work

#### Conclusions

As a result of Phase II, new specifications and regulations, case studies, producers, and stockpiles were added to the site. Additionally, changes to the RMN website increased accessibility and user-friendly status. Tabs like the new 'Recycled Products' and 'Approved Material' populated the site with more data for users to access and utilize for transportation construction projects. A state specification comparison methodology was developed and tested with the ultimate goal of providing additional informatin to state DOTs for the purpose of promoting the use of recycled material. The increase in information will allow states to be more interactive with the site as well as increase awareness of possible uses for recyclable materials in transportation projects, and therefore, reduce the amount of waste going into landfills each year.

#### Future Work

The continued collection and analysis of state specifications for the allowable limits of recycled material will provide a valuable comparison of material and usage. This analysis can be used to inform decision makers when determining future allowable limits. While the framework for the state specification comparison methodology was developed and implemented on three material-application combinations, many more material application pairs exist that need additional research and analysis. As was noted in the development of this methodology, only state DOT specification were evaluated; therefore, future work should also include a review of environmental regulations that may include allowable recycling levels. As additional recycled material-application combinations are included in the specification comparison methodology, a more complete understanding of how specifications promote the use of recycled material will be known. In future work, this comparison could be included in the RMN website as a new layer.

In addition to the specification comparison layer, a recycled material usage layer could provide real-time information about DOT projects that used recycled materials and/or products. This tab could also provide a tracking tool for states with respect to their recycled material usage for transportation projects. A mockup of a future Usage Tab is shown in Figure 13. This mockup also displays the feature for users to submit a project to be reviewed and approved by the administrator of the site.

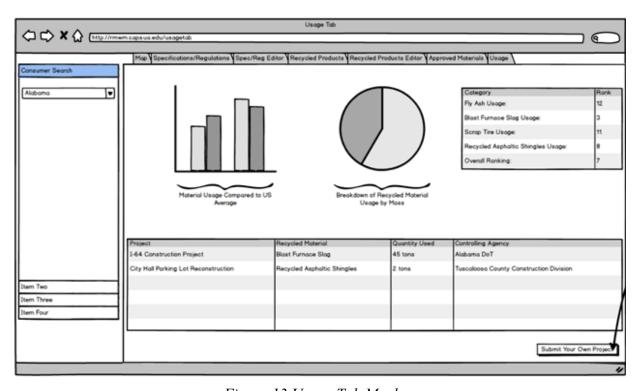


Figure 13 Usage Tab Mockup

# Appendix

# Table 4 RAP Spreadsheet

STATE	ALLOWANCE	UNIT	SPECIFICATION	LINK	Link 2	Automatic Calculations	
ALABAMA		25 % replacement by mass	410.02(e)	https://www.dot.state.al.us/conweb/	P	Automatic Calculations	
ALASKA	ClassA15/ClassB25	% replacement by mass	401-2.09	http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwddes/	d	AVERAGE (of non-zeros)	29.52564103
ARIZONA	N.S.	% replacement by mass	N.S.	https://www.azdot.gov/docs/busines:	5,	MEDIAN	30
ARKANSAS		30 % replacement by mass	416	.03 https://www.arkansashighways.com/s	st	MAXIMUM	65
CALIFORNIA		25 % replacement by mass	39-2.02B(5)	http://ppmoe.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/d	<u>c</u>	MINIMUM	1.5
COLORADO	N.S.	% replacement by mass	N.S.	https://www.codot.gov/business/des	E		
CONNECTICUT		30 % replacement by mass	M.04.02-1(a)	https://www.ct.gov/dot/lib/dot/docu	חַ		
DELAWARE		50 % replacement by mass	1014.02.4 -> 823.26	https://www.deldot.gov/Publications	1 https://deldot.gov/Publications/mar	2	
FLORIDA		20 % replacement by mass	334-2.3.1-1	https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.i	2	Chosen Based on Data	
GEORGIA		40 % binder replacement by mass	402.2 (A)-2	http://www.dot.ga.gov/PartnerSmart	Δ		
HAWAII	N.S.	% binder replacement by mass	401.02 C	http://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/file		SUGGESTED 1st %ILE	20
IDAHO		30 % binder replacement by mass	720.07-2(A)	http://apps.itd.idaho.gov/apps/manu		SUGGESTED 2nd %ILE	30
ILLINOIS		30 % binder replacement by mass	1031.06 (C)1	http://www.idot.illinois.gov/Assets/uj		SUGGESTED 3rd %ILE	30
INDIANA		25 % binder replacement by mass	401.06 pg 263	https://www.in.gov/dot/div/contracts			
IOWA		30 % binder replacement by mass	2303.02 C-6	https://iowadot.gov/erl/current/GS/c			
KANSAS	N.S.	% binder replacement by mass	602.3e	https://www.ksdot.org/Assets/wwwk	<mark>S</mark>		
KENTUCKY	N.S.	% binder replacement by mass	Section 409	https://transportation.ky.gov/Constru	<u>us</u>		
LOUISIANA		30 % binder replacement by mass	Table 502-6 pg 265	http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaD	<u>c</u>		
MAINE		30 % binder replacement by mass	703.081 Table 4 pg 7-15	https://www.maine.gov/mdot/contra	c		
MARYLAND		30 % binder replacement by mass	904.02 pg 820 -> MSMT 412 pg 3	https://www.roads.maryland.gov/oho	II https://www.roads.maryland.gov/OI	•	
MASSACHUSETTS		15 % binder replacement by mass	Table M3.4 pg 284	https://www.mass.gov/files/documer	t		
MICHIGAN	N.S.	% binder replacement by mass	pg 19	https://www.michigan.gov/document			
MINNESOTA		35 % binder replacement by mass	Table 2360-8 pg 183	http://www.dot.state.mn.us/pre-letti	<del>-</del>		
MISSISSIPPI		30 % binder replacement by mass	401.02.3.1 pg 240	http://sp.mdot.ms.gov/Construction/	9		
MISSOURI		40 % binder replacement by mass	401.2.2 pg 163	https://www.modot.org/sites/default			
MONTANA		30 % binder replacement by mass	401.02.5 pg 170	https://www.mdt.mt.gov/other/webo	-		
NEBRASKA		65 % binder replacement by mass	Table 1028.01 pg 825	https://dot.nebraska.gov/media/1034			
NEVADA		15 % binder replacement by mass	402.02.02 pg 159	https://www.nevadadot.com/home/s	<del>-</del>		
NEW HAMPSHIRE			2.10.1	https://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projecto			
NEW HAMPSHIKE NEW JERSEY		1.5 % binder replacement by mass		https://www.nn.gov/dot/org/projects https://www.state.nj.us/transportatio			
		50 % binder replacement by mass	901.10.03 pg 321				
NEW MEXICO		35 % binder replacement by mass	417.2.3 pg 206	http://dot.state.nm.us/content/dam/	-		
NEW YORK		20 % binder replacement by mass	401-2.05 pg 302 -> MM 5.16 pg 21	https://www.dot.ny.gov/main/busine			
NORTH CAROLINA		30 % binder replacement by mass	610-3 pg 616 -> Table 1012-4 pg 10-35	https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/		j.	
NORTH DAKOTA		25 % binder replacement by mass	430.03-E Page 238	https://www.dot.nd.gov/divisions/en	<u>v</u> i		
OHIO		20 % binder replacement by mass	Table 401.04-1 pg 172	http://www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/			
OKLAHOMA		25 % binder replacement by mass	Table 708:5 pg 605	http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/c_ma	ŗ		
OREGON		30 % binder replacement by mass	00744.10 (b) pg 705	https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Busin	<u>u</u>		
PENNSYLVANIA		15 % binder replacement by mass	409.2(e)2.a pg 409-6	https://www.dot.state.pa.us/public/P	<u>u</u>		
RHODE ISLAND		0 % binder replacement by mass	401.02.3(f)	http://www.dot.ri.gov/documents/do	<u>i</u> i		
SOUTH CAROLINA		20 % binder replacement by mass	401.2.2.6.5 pg 193	https://www.scdot.org/business/pdf/	2		
SOUTH DAKOTA		0 % binder replacement by mass	320.2(a) pg 125	http://www.sddot.com/business/cont	ar .		
TENNESSEE		20 % binder replacement by mass	Table 411.03-6 pg 361	https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/	t		
TEXAS		30 % binder replacement by mass	Table 2 pg 165	https://ftp.txdot.gov/pub/txdot-info/	-		
UTAH		25 % binder replacement by mass	24(C) pg 02741 13 of 18	https://www.udot.utah.gov/main/uco			
VERMONT		50 % binder replacement by mass	704.10(c) pg 7-21	https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/			
VIRGINIA		35 % binder replacement by mass	Table 11-14A pg 179	http://www.virginiadot.org/business/			
WASHINGTON				http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/publication			
	N.S.	40 % binder replacement by mass	Table 4 pg 5-19	http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/publication https://transportation.wv.gov/highwa			
WEST VIRGINIA	N.S.	% binder replacement by mass	410.4.1 pg 195				
WISCONSIN		25 % binder replacement by mass	460.2.5 pg 177	https://wisconsindot.gov/rdwy/stnds			
WYOMING	N.S.	% binder replacement by mass		http://www.dot.state.wy.us/files/live			

# Table 5 Structural PCC Spreadsheet

STATE	ALLOWANCE	UNIT	SPECIFICATION	LINK	LINK 2 if appl		
						Automatic Calculations	
ALABAMA		30 % cement replacement	section 501 pg 283	https://www.dot.state.al.us/co			
ALASKA		35 % cement replacement	Table 501-2 pg 148	http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stw		AVERAGE (of non-zeros)	25.67567568
ARIZONA		25 % cement replacement	table 1006-A pg 970	https://www.azdot.gov/docs/b		MEDIAN	25
ARKANSAS		20 % cement replacement	802.02-a pg 659	https://www.arkansashighways		MAXIMUM	30
CALIFORNIA		0 % cement replacement		http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/		MINIMUM	15
COLORADO	20C/30F	% cement replacement	601.05 pg 498	https://www.codot.gov/busines			
CONNECTICUT		20 % cement replacement	6.01.02 pg 314 -> M.03.01 -c1 pg 575	https://www.ct.gov/dot/lib/dot			
DELAWARE	N.S.	% cement replacement	610.02 pg 610-1 -> 1022.03 pg 1022-2	https://www.deldot.gov/Public			
FLORIDA		30 % cement replacement	400-2 pg 376 -> Table 2 pg 324	https://fdotwww.blob.core.win			
GEORGIA		15 % cement replacement	500.1.03 pg 471 -> 500.3.04.D.4 pg 482	http://www.dot.ga.gov/Partner		SUCCESTED 4 - AVII S	20
HAWAII	N.S.	% cement replacement		http://hidot.hawaii.gov/highwa		SUGGESTED 1st %ILE	20
IDAHO ILLINOIS	30C/25F	25 % cement replacement	502.01-1(F) pg 279 503.02(A) pg 218-> 1020.05-C-1(B,C) pg 813	http://apps.itd.idaho.gov/apps/		SUGGESTED 2nd %ILE	25 30
	30C/25F	% cement replacement		https://idot.illinois.gov/Assets/		SUGGESTED 3rd %ILE	30
INDIANA IOWA		20 % cement replacement 20 % cement replacement	702.03 pg 526 -> 901.01-B-1(A) pg 848 2403.02-B(5)	https://www.in.gov/dot/div/col https://iowadot.gov/erl/current			
KANSAS		25 % cement replacement	710.2 pg 1 -> Table 401-2 pg 400-3	https://www.ksdot.org/Assets/			
	200/205					e	
KENTUCKY	30C/20F	% cement replacement	601.03.03-2(A) pg 601-11	https://transportation.ky.gov/C			
LOUISIANA		30 % cement replacement	805.02 pg 619 -> 901.08.2-F pg 921	http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/lnsid		•	
MAINE		0 % cement replacement		https://www.maine.gov/mdot/			
MARYLAND		25 % cement replacement	520.02 pg 561 -> Table 902 B pg 801	https://www.roads.maryland.go			
MASSACHUSETTS	N.S.	% cement replacement		https://www.mass.gov/files/do			
MICHIGAN	N.S.	% cement replacement	Section 701	https://mdotjboss.state.mi.us/S			
MINNESOTA		30 % cement replacement	Section 2411.2A -> Table 2461-6	http://www.dot.state.mn.us/pr			
MISSISSIPPI		25 % cement replacement	601.02.1 pg 377 -> 804.2 -> 714.05 -> 701.02.2 pg 719	http://sp.mdot.ms.gov/Constru			
MISSOURI		25 % cement replacement	703.2 pg 400 -> 501.14.1 pg 232	https://www.modot.org/sites/d	i		
MONTANA		30 % cement replacement	552.02 pg 251 -> 551.03.2 pg 229	https://www.mdt.mt.gov/other	Γ,		
NEBRASKA		25 % cement replacement	1002.02-3 pg 775 -> 1004.02-2 pg 787	https://dot.nebraska.gov/media	a		
NEVADA	20M	% cement replacement	502.02.01 pg 219 -> 501.02.03 pg 208	https://www.nevadadot.com/h	c		
NEW HAMPSHIRE	25M	% cement replacement	520: 2.11.1.1.2	https://www.nh.gov/dot/org/p	<mark>r</mark>		
NEW JERSEY		25 % cement replacement	504.02.01 pg 231 -> 903.01 pg 429	https://www.state.nj.us/transp	c		
NEW MEXICO	25M	% cement replacement	511.2.1 pg 351 -> 509.2.7.2 Option 2 pg 326	http://dot.state.nm.us/content,	/		
NEW YORK		21 % cement replacement	555-2.01 pg 474 -> 501-2.02 pg 392 -> 701-3 pg 960	https://www.dot.ny.gov/main/l	t		
NORTH CAROLINA		30 % cement replacement	420-2 pg 4-24 -> 1000-3(I) pg 10-7	https://connect.ncdot.gov/reso	<u>u</u>		
NORTH DAKOTA		29 % cement replacement	602.03 pg 299 -> 802.01(G) pg 456	https://www.dot.nd.gov/divisio	<u> </u>		
OHIO		25 % cement replacement	511.02 pg 342 -> Table 499.03-2 pg 302	http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Div			
OKLAHOMA		20 % cement replacement	509.02 pg 346 -> Table 701:2 pg 552	http://www.okladot.state.ok.us			
OREGON		30 % cement replacement	00540.10 pg 439 -> 02001.31(B) pg 985	https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT	- r.		
PENNSYLVANIA		15 % cement replacement	1001.2 pg 1001-1 -> 704.1(C)-2 pg 704-3	https://www.dot.state.pa.us/pu			
RHODE ISLAND		30 % cement replacement	Table 2 Footnotes:2 pg 6-7	http://www.dot.ri.gov/docume			
SOUTH CAROLINA		20 % cement replacement	702.2.1 pg 538 -> 701.4.9-C pg 535	https://www.scdot.org/busines			
SOUTH DAKOTA		25 % cement replacement	460.3 Table 1*3 pg 308	http://www.sddot.com/busines			
TENNESSEE		25 % cement replacement	Table 604.03-3 pg 524	https://www.tn.gov/content/da			
TEXAS		•	529.2 pg 733 -> 421.4.2.6 pg 471	https://ftp.txdot.gov/pub/txdot			
UTAH		35 % cement replacement	03310-1.2 -> 03055-2.2-A-2(1)	https://www.udot.utah.gov/ma			
		30 % cement replacement					
VERMONT		20 % cement replacement	541.03 pg 5-161	https://outside.vermont.gov/ag			
VIRGINIA		30 % cement replacement	302.02(h) pg 327 -> 217.02(a) pg 201	http://www.virginiadot.org/bus			
WASHINGTON		35 % cement replacement	6-02.2 pg 6-4 -> 9-01.2(1)B-1 pg 9-2	https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/pul			
WEST VIRGINIA		0 % cement replacement		https://transportation.wv.gov/h			
WISCONSIN		30 % cement replacement	501.2.1 pg 193	https://wisconsindot.gov/rdwy/	_		
WYOMING		20 % cement replacement	513.4.4 pg 518	http://www.dot.state.wy.us/file			

# Table 6 PCCP Spreadsheet

STATE	ALLOWANCE	UNIT	SPECIFICATION	LINK	LINK 2 IF appl		
						Automatic Calculations	
ALABAMA		30 % cement replacement	450.02-D	https://www.dot.state.al.us/con			
ALASKA	N.S.	% cement replacement		http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwo		AVERAGE (of non-zeros)	25.63888889
ARIZONA		25 % cement replacement	Table 1006-A pg 970	https://www.azdot.gov/docs/bus		MEDIAN	25
ARKANSAS		20 % cement replacement	501.02-A pg 318	https://www.arkansashighways.c		MAXIMUM	35
CALIFORNIA	200/205	0 % cement replacement	440.04 355 - 504.05 400	http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/o		MINIMUM	15
COLORADO CONNECTICUT	20C/30F	% cement replacement	412.04 pg 355 -> 601.05 pg 498	https://www.codot.gov/business			
DELAWARE	N.S.	20 % cement replacement % cement replacement	4.01.02 pg 314 -> M.03.01-C1 pg 575 501.03.1 pg 501-2 -> 1022.03 pg 1022-2	https://www.ct.gov/dot/lib/dot/ https://www.deldot.gov/Publicat			
FLORIDA	N.J.	30 % cement replacement	350-2 pg 347 -> Table 2 pg 324	https://fdotwww.blob.core.wind			
GEORGIA		15 % cement replacement	430.2-A pg 362	http://www.dot.ga.gov/PartnerS			
HAWAII	N.S.	% cement replacement	pg 302	http://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways		SUGGESTED 1st %ILE	20
IDAHO	14.0.	25 % cement replacement	409.01-1(G) pg 226	http://apps.itd.idaho.gov/apps/n		SUGGESTED 2nd %ILE	25
ILLINOIS	30C/25F	% cement replacement	420.02(A) pg 218 -> 1020.05-C-1(B.C) pg 813	https://idot.illinois.gov/Assets/up		SUGGESTED 3rd %ILE	30
INDIANA	,	20 % cement replacement	501.03 pg 340 -> 901.01-B-1(A) pg 848	https://www.in.gov/dot/div/cont			
IOWA		20 % cement replacement	2301.02-B(6)	https://iowadot.gov/erl/current/			
KANSAS		25 % cement replacement	501.3 pg 500-4 -> Table 401-2 pg 400-3	https://www.ksdot.org/Assets/w		E	
KENTUCKY	30C/20F	% cement replacement	501.02.01 pg 501-1 -> 601.03.03-C-2(A) pg 601-11	https://transportation.ky.gov/Co			
LOUISIANA	,	30 % cement replacement	601.02 pg 308 -> 901.08.2-F pg 921	http://www.sp.dotd.la.gov/Inside		-	
MAINE		0 % cement replacement		https://www.maine.gov/mdot/co			
MARYLAND		25 % cement replacement	420.02 pg 347 -> Table 902 B pg 801	https://www.roads.maryland.gov			
MASSACHUSETTS	N.S.	% cement replacement	420.02 pg 547 4 14000 502 8 pg 501	https://www.mass.gov/files/docu			
MICHIGAN	re.g.	20 % cement replacement	Table 601-2(M) pg 299	https://mdotjboss.state.mi.us/Sp			
MINNESOTA		•					
		33 % cement replacement	Table 2301-4 pg 136	http://www.dot.state.mn.us/pre			
MISSISSIPPI		25 % cement replacement	501.02 pg 338 -> 701.02.2 pg 719	http://sp.mdot.ms.gov/Construct			
MISSOURI		25 % cement replacement	502.2 pg 235 -> 501.14.1 pg 232	https://www.modot.org/sites/de			
MONTANA		30 % cement replacement	501.02.1 pg 209 -> 551.02.1 pg 225 -> 551.03.2A-5(a) pg 229	https://www.mdt.mt.gov/other/			
NEBRASKA		25 % cement replacement	1002.02-3 pg 775 -> 1004.02-2 pg 787	https://dot.nebraska.gov/media/			
NEVADA	20M	% cement replacement	409.02.01 pg 185 -> 501.02.03 pg 208	https://www.nevadadot.com/ho			
NEW HAMPSHIRE	25M	% cement replacement	520: 2.11.1.1.2	https://www.nh.gov/dot/org/pro			
NEW JERSEY		25 % cement replacement	405.02.01 pg 172 -> 903.01 pg 429	https://www.state.nj.us/transpo			
NEW MEXICO	25M	% cement replacement	450.2 pg 235 -> 509.2.7.2 Option 2 pg 326	http://dot.state.nm.us/content/d			
NEW YORK		21 % cement replacement	502-2 pg 411 -> 501-2.02 pg 392 -> 701-03 pg 960	https://www.dot.ny.gov/main/bu			
NORTH CAROLINA		30 % cement replacement	710-2 pg 7-12 -> 1000-3(I) pg 10-7	https://connect.ncdot.gov/resou			
NORTH DAKOTA		29 % cement replacement	550.03 pg 261 -> 802.01(G) pg 456	https://www.dot.nd.gov/division			
OHIO		25 % cement replacement	452.02 pg 288 -> 451.02 pg 267 -> Table 499.03-2 pg 302	http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divis			
OKLAHOMA		20 % cement replacement	414.02 pg 232 -> Table 701:2 pg 552	http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/			
OREGON		30 % cement replacement	00756.13 pg 768 -> 02001.31(B) pg 985	https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/			
PENNSYLVANIA		15 % cement replacement	501.2 pg 501-1 -> 704.1(C)-2 pg 704-3	https://www.dot.state.pa.us/pub			
RHODE ISLAND		30 % cement replacement	501.03.1 pg 5-1 -> Table 2 Footnotes:2 pg 6-7	http://www.dot.ri.gov/document			
SOUTH CAROLINA		20 % cement replacement	501.2.1 pg 251 -> 701.4.9-C pg 535	https://www.scdot.org/business/			
SOUTH DAKOTA		25 % cement replacement	380.3A pg 194	http://www.sddot.com/business			
TENNESSEE		25 % cement replacement	Table 501.03-3 pg 397	https://www.tn.gov/content/dar			
TEXAS		35 % cement replacement	360.2.1 pg 389 -> 421.4.2.6 pg 471	https://ftp.txdot.gov/pub/txdot-i			
UTAH		30 % cement replacement	02752-1.2 -> 03055-2.2-A-2(1)	https://www.udot.utah.gov/mair			
VERMONT		0 % cement replacement	N.S.	https://outside.vermont.gov/age			
VIRGINIA			316.02(a) pg 415 -> 217.02(a) pg 201	http://www.virginiadot.org/busir			
		30 % cement replacement					
WASHINGTON		35 % cement replacement	5-05.2 pg 5-43 -> 9-01.2(1)B-1 pg 9-2	https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/publ			
WEST VIRGINIA		0 % cement replacement	445.04 445 - 504.04 455	https://transportation.wv.gov/hi	l		
WISCONSIN		30 % cement replacement	415.2.1 pg 146 -> 501.2.1 pg 193	https://wisconsindot.gov/rdwy/s			
WYOMING		25 % cement replacement	414.4.7 pg 377	http://www.dot.state.wy.us/files			