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Dear Inspector General Meyer:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has reviewed your report of investigation number 2010-330. ODOT offers the following response to the recommendations set forth in your report.

RECOMMENDATION 1: *Review and modify the core sampling policies and procedures from the moment extraction begins through the time the samples are tested to ensure the integrity of the core samples. The department should also ensure that the practices of its staff mirror the revised policies and procedures.*

RESPONSE: ODOT has reviewed and evaluated our current procedures for control of cores for acceptance of Item 446 asphalt materials. The procedures set forth in our manual are effective for identification of core samples and within the risk tolerance acceptable to ODOT. As ODOT updates and publishes a 2013 Construction Administration Manual of Procedures (MOP) we will consider opportunities for process improvements. Training on the updated MOP will reinforce the importance of compliance with these procedures to all ODOT construction personnel.

In this specific instance, the report indicates ODOT staff did not follow ODOT's written procedures for oversight of the core cutting operations. The ODOT District Office has started a due process investigation to determine what personnel actions need to be taken to hold the responsible construction staff accountable for the noncompliance.

RECOMMENDATION 2: *Require all employees to read, acknowledge, and sign the existing policies of the agency and their department. New or revised policies should also be read, acknowledged and signed.*

RESPONSE: ODOT has already notified field personnel of the requirements for compliance with the 2009 MOP for Item 446 asphalt material cores. The required process will again be reinforced with contractors during construction project progress meetings where Item 446 asphalt bid items are part of the contract.

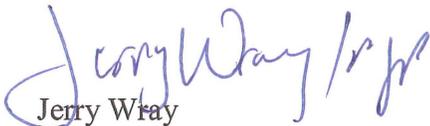
Training on the future updated 2013 MOP will reinforce the importance of compliance with these procedures to all ODOT construction personnel.

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It is my hope that in reviewing ODOT's response you will agree that we have been attentive to each of the recommendations listed within your report. We greatly value your agency's input and oversight of taxpayer dollars, and appreciate your support in working with us. Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jerry Wray /r jr". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jerry Wray
Director