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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATES INCONSISTENCIES IN SAMPLES TAKEN AT OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PAVING PROJECT
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The inspector general issued a report of investigation today finding road paving samples extracted and submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation by a paving contractor appeared to have been taken from an alternate location.

Ohio Department of Transportation officials notified the inspector general after suspicions were raised surrounding the authenticity of pavement test core samples extracted by Kokosing Materials, Inc. At the request of the inspector general, a second round of test cores was extracted in the presence of officials from both Kokosing, and the Ohio Department of Transportation. A comparison between the two groups proved the original samples were, in fact, from pavement at a different location.

Core sampling is used to grade the quality of pavement, and when tests of the samples indicate the pavement is substandard, the payment to the contractor is reduced.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2012-CA00112 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2014Investigations.aspx>

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