AASHTO re:source (formerly AMRL)

Participants in the 2019 Fine Aggregate Proficiency Sample Program,

The 2019 Fine Aggregate Proficiency Samples 203 and 204 are currently being processed and packaged for shipping. Please take note of the following dates and deadlines associated with these samples:

Shipping Date: January 31st, 2019

Immediately after the shipping date, please log in to the AASHTO re:source website to track your packages. From the "My Lab" page, click "Packages" in the left hand column of the page. Please note that the packages are not shipped simultaneously. Delivery of your packages will most likely occur on different days and may not arrive in order (Box 2 may arrive before Box 1).

Upon receipt of the samples, please open the boxes and ensure that all contents are included. If the samples are seriously damaged or missing a component, please notify us immediately and we will send replacements. If you do not, we cannot guarantee that samples will be available with enough time for testing to be completed.

The outside of the sample boxes are labeled samples 203(A) and 204(B). The bags inside the boxes are labeled only (A) or (B). The bag labeled (A) is sample 203. The bag labeled (B) is sample 204.

Datasheets, instructions, and SDSs will be available for this sample on our website beginning on **January 31st, 2019**. They can be found by using the following link:

http://www.aashtoresource.org/psp/datasheets-and-instructions

Non-Receipt Date: February 14th, 2019

If you have not received the samples by the non-receipt date or if the samples are seriously damaged, or missing a component please notify us immediately and we will send replacements.

Closing Date: March 28th, 2019

We encourage you to submit your results online, as soon as possible. This enables you to receive instant confirmation of data submitted and revise data if needed. Test results received after the closing date will not be included in the final report.

Final Report Date: April 11th, 2019

AASHTO re:source will provide a final report approximately two weeks after the closing date. Individual laboratory reports will be provided by logging on the AASHTO re:source website. Laboratories will be notified by email when the final report becomes available.

Of course, confidentiality of individual laboratory results will be maintained. However, general information regarding the round of testing, such as statistical summary tables and Youden scatter diagrams associated with the analysis of data, will be provided to the public on the AASHTO re:source website.

Testing Note

AASHTO Accredited laboratories are required to perform every test included in the AASHTO re:source Proficiency Sample Program that is also listed under each laboratory's AASHTO Accreditation. The tests that are not listed under the laboratory's accreditation may also be performed, but testing is not required, and the AASHTO Accreditation Program will not evaluate the ratings.

For each test performed please report the result of a single determination only, not the average of two or more, except in cases where an average is called for in the method or specification.

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The program is designed to obtain two independent test results, one for each numbered sample, for each test method that the laboratory chooses to perform.

To permit an estimate of single-operator precision, the same operator should conduct an individual test on both samples. It is not necessary that the same person conduct all of the tests.

Treat each sample as you would treat a typical "testing" sample. Any special handling or preparation needs will be included below or within the Sample Instructions Document.

Special Instructions / New Test Methods

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

For preparing the Materials Finer Than 75-µm Sieve by Washing (Procedure B using a wetting agent), AASHTO T11-05 or ASTM C117-17:
Remove as much material from the small bag as possible (light rinsing of the bag may be necessary). Oven dry the gradation sample, weigh it, place it in the container, add water and wetting agent, and wash it over the 75-µm (No. 200) sieve (as directed by T11/C117, Procedure B). Determine the amount of material finer than the 75-µm sieve by washing. Report the percentage finer than the 75-µm (No. 200) sieve to the nearest 0.01 percent.

Uncompacted Void Content, AASHTO T304-11 or ASTM C1252-06: Please report the calibrated volume "V" (in mL) of your cylinder as well as the average net mass of aggregate "F" of the two runs in the measure (in g) for the odd and even samples. The collected information will be used to help with the development of these test standards.

No new test methods are associated with these sample rounds.

A complete sample schedule is available online:

http://www.aashtoresource.org/psp/schedule

Please contact AASHTO re:source at psp@aashtoresource.org or call 240-436-4900 if there are questions.

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