

## **Participants in the 2018 Asphalt Mixture Solvent Extraction Sample Program,**

The 2018 Asphalt Mixture Solvent Extraction Proficiency Samples 89 and 90 are currently being processed and packaged for shipping. Please take note of the following dates and deadlines associated with these samples:

### **Shipping Date: November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Immediately after the shipping date, please log in to the AASHTO re:source website to track your packages. From the "My Laboratory Home", click "Packages" in the left hand column of the page.

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.

The outside of the sample box is labeled samples 89(A) and 90(B). The quick-release boxes inside are labeled only (A) or (B). The quick-release box labeled (A) is sample 89. The quick-release box labeled (B) is sample 90.

Datasheets, instructions, and SDSs will be available for this sample on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 online:

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

### **Non-Receipt Date: November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

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: January 10<sup>th</sup>, 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: January 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 AASHTO re:source's website.

### **Testing Note**

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. 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 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

AASHTO re:source will not provide any intermediate testing data or values for determining mineral matter.

No new test methods have been added to this sample program.

A complete sample schedule is available online:

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

Please contact AASHTO re:source at [psp@ashtoresource.org](mailto:psp@ashtoresource.org) or call 240-436-4900 if there are questions.

Sincerely,  
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