

## Participants in the 2026 Aggregate Degradation Sample Program,

The 2026 Aggregate Degradation Proficiency Samples 9 (A) and 10 (B) are currently being processed and packaged for shipping. Please take note of the following dates and deadlines associated with these samples:

### Shipping Date: January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

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).

Please be aware that the Shipping Contact on file will receive a FedEx Shipment notification email from [TrackingUpdates@FedEx.com](mailto:TrackingUpdates@FedEx.com) containing tracking information. To ensure receipt of the shipment details, kindly add [TrackingUpdates@FedEx.com](mailto:TrackingUpdates@FedEx.com) to your contact list and make sure your Shipping Contact information is up to date in our system.

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 9(A) and 10(B). The bags inside the boxes are labeled only (A) or (B). The bag labeled (A) is sample 9. The bag labeled (B) is sample 10.

Datasheets, instructions, and SDSs will be available for this sample on our website beginning on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026. They can be found by using the following link:

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

### Non-Receipt Date: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

AASHTO re:source will provide a final report approximately two weeks after the closing date. Individual laboratory reports will be provided by logging onto 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.

**New Test Method(s):**

None.

**Other Information:**

**NOTE: The following steps should be taken in handling and preparing the samples.**

1. Oven-dry the material at  $110 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $230 \pm 9^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) prior to testing.
2. Wash and dry the material in accordance with AASHTO T11/ASTM C117.
3. Separate the material into size fractions by sieving in accordance with AASHTO T27/ASTM C136 to obtain the sample masses specified in the applicable test methods or as described in these instructions. **If conducting the Coarse Aggregate Micro-Deval test (AASHTO T327/ ASTM D6928), batch this material first, then proceed with acquiring specimens for the other tests.**
4. Use the 2.36-mm (No. 8) material **from the 12-kg (26.5-lb) bag** for the Fine Aggregate Micro-Deval test (D7428).

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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