

**Conference Call for
NTPEP GEOTEXTILES &
Geosynthetic Reinforcements PROJECT PANEL
Friday, November 12, 2004 @ 11:00**

Participants:

David Suits – Chair (NY)
Tony Allen (WA)
Mike McGough (AASHTO)
Amy Hearon (AASHTO)
Oscar Mousavi – Vice Chair (AZ)

Dannette Halloran (GMA)
Peter Kemp (WI)
Rick Kreider (KS)
Greta Smith (KY)
Sam Allen (TRI)

- 1) **Performance measures discussion**
 - a) % tested started on time
 - b) % testing completed on time
 - c) % report completed on time
 - d) **Identify areas for improvement**

- 2) **NTPEP 137 Report**
 - a) **Status report on publications**
 - i) Send out revised 137 22nd edition
 - ii) Final draft for the 23rd edition by end of November
 - b) **Online reporting**
 - i) Should be unveiled before May 2005 at the annual meeting.

- 3) **DataMine**
 - a) **Status Report**
 - i) Mike will communicate with iENGINEERING to contact Oscar Mousavi for the Geotextiles DataMine module. Meeting will be held before end of November
 - ii) We need the DataMine task force to help develop the specification search as it relates to AASHTO M288 materials specification.

- 4) **Geosynthetic Reinforcement Workplan and Fee Structure Review (See attachment A)**
 - a) T. Allen - Testing costs fall in line with what manufacturers are already paying.
 - b) A review of the test reports would be completed by the manufacturer and the project panel chair.
 - c) S. Allen – ReGeo testing is performance based not index testing based.
 - d) T. Allen – Some manufacturing plants are overseas and how are we going to handle samples? Suits – Perhaps Dave Chang in Taiwan? T. Allen will contact. Suits –

Add a stipulation to the sampling requirements that the manufacturer must have a distribution plant? Based on the BuyAmerica law this has been taken care of.

- e) **S. Allen – A sampling protocol must be developed before any testing can begin.**
 - f) **Add a link to Washington Standard Practice T925 on NTPEP website.**
 - g) **AASHTO must develop a contract with the testing laboratory(s).**
 - h) **Suits – Looking at 4-6 month timeframe for testing turnaround.**
 - i) **Submittal frequency would be every six months. First deadline at the end of March and second deadline would be at the end of September.**
 - j) **A product evaluation form must be developed. (Mike)**
 - k) **Order more sampling tags for REGEO testing.**
 - l) **Everyone send a listing of manufacturers to Mike for RFP.**
- 5) M288 licensing by GMA**
- a) **Update on where we are.**
 - i) **Mike must transmit a final licensing agreement from AASHTO to GMA.**
- 6) Old Business**
- 7) New Business**
- a) **Private Label Protocol (See attachment C)**
 - i) **Dannette will discuss with her members.**
 - b) **Owens Corning TruPave (See attachment D)**
- 8) Set Date for Next Conference Call.**
- a) **Tentatively will meet in early February.**
- 9) Meeting adjourned @ 12 noon.**