

Combined State Binder Group Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2021

- I. Combined State Binder Group (12:30 pm – 1:45 pm) - CSBG Member States only
- II. Combined State Binder Group (2:00 pm – 3:30 pm) - CSBG Member States and Suppliers

Attendees: screen shots taken (32 attendees)

Start: 2:05 pm

- A. Welcome and Introductions
- B. Questions, concerns with CSBG program going forward in 2021 (document review)
- a. Solubility – frequency of running test
 - Will decrease the frequency to 3 times / year (start, mid, and late season) and allow used of ASTM D7553 which uses N-Propyl Bromide
 - b. Other?
 - On the M320 and M332 spec tables
 - the column “Base Spec” will be renamed “Spec”
 - the column “Spec w/Tol” will be deleted
 - “Tol” column will be footnoted to refer to section 6.4 for what it is used for and when
- C. Inspections- Spring reviews will be taking place by the various department representatives
- a. How things will be done this year.
 - Will do virtual visits this year, not direct visits. The inspection form will be sent (once revised) then reviewed after being completed by supplier OR filled out on a conference call with the supplier
 - QC Plans are to be sent in and will be acknowledged during virtual visits
- D. Round Robin
- a. The first round robin of 2021 has been sent out. As mentioned in the distribution email, information about the sample, the report form, and deficiency form can be found on our updated website (review of website).
 - Website has information needed and report sheet
 - b. If you are interested in providing material for a future round robin please contact Allen Gallistel at MnDOT – material is on hand for the second sample but is still open for the third sample of 2021 and the first for 2022
 - Allen will be reaching out but please contact him if you are able to supply material
 - c. If you have results that are outside of the statistical limits you will be contacted for a response to why and what will be done to correct.
 - Email will refer to the deficiency report needed to be filled out (it is on the website)
 - d. There will be 3 round robin samples: spring, summer, early fall

E. Other / open discussion

- a. Website, Allen went over the updates to the website at the beginning of the meeting
- b. Chris Brakke from IA, new Bituminous Engineer is named, Dr Ashley Buss starting May 14th
- c. Not CSBG related - Bob Rea (NE) had a question on recycling agents / “-40” binder use
 - What is -40 binder availability? How is it made?
 - Guy from Husky supplies in Canada, as low as -37 for one of their refineries then additives to get lower, some providences write spec to the -37

Adjourn: 2:43 PM