

RAP Aggregate Quality

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Reclaimed Material

We have quantity But what about

Quality?







Coarse Aggregate Quality

Test	Α	В	С	D
NaSO4 Soundness	15	15	20	25
LA Abrasion- Max loss	40	40	40	45
Max % Deleterious				
Shale	1.0	2.0	4.0	-
Clay Lumps	0.25	0.5	0.5	-
Coal & Lignite	0.25	-	-	-
Soft and Unsound	4.0	6.0	8.0	-
Other Deleterious	4.0	2.0	2.0	-
Total Deleterious	5.0	6.0	10.0	-



Illinois' Quality of RAP Study

Questions?

- How to prepare RAP for Testing?
- Which quality test to use?

Study

- 12 aggregates tested using normal tests
 - Sodium Sulfate Soundness
 - Los Angeles Abrasion
 - Illinois' Deleterious Count
 - Plus MicroDeval Testing
- AC added to aggregates
- Aged 24 hours
- Either used Ignition Oven or Extraction to remove AC
- Aggregates tested again

How to prepare RAP for testing?

- Use as is
- Use Ignition Oven Samples
- Use Extracted Samples

Use As Is

- Material cannot be oven dried
- Material would contaminate testing equipment
- AC does not allow for normal testing

Ignition Oven

- Aggregate is "damaged" during burn off
 Erroneous Results
 - Soundness Example (#12 is actual RAP)
- Illinois has aggregates that chemically change when ignited

Ignition Oven Soundness



Extracted Samples

- Little to zero breakdown of aggregates
- Can be oven dried
- No damage to equipment

Which Test to Use?

- Sodium Sulfate Soundness
- Los Angeles Abrasion
- MicroDeval

Sodium Sulfate Soundness

- Extraction does not completely remove AC from pore structure giving much lower loses
- Sodium Sulfate is expensive
- 9-day test

Extracted Soundness



Los Angeles Abrasion

- Results are comparable
- larger sample size needed

Extracted Los Angeles Abrasion



MicroDeval

- Illinois is using as diagnostic test for all qualities
- Small sample size
- Set specification 2% lower for RAP

Extracted MicroDeval



Aggregate Quality of RAP

- Quality Issue
 - Surface A or B quality
 - Binder A, B or C quality
 - Shoulders A, B, C or D quality
- Tracking quality is difficult
- Mixed piles could have multiple qualities
- Recently developed procedures for assigning aggregate quality of RAP

Aggregate Quality of RAP

- Quality determination procedures:
 - Crush/screen pile up to 5,000 tons
 - Sample Multi locations and blend
 - Extract AC off aggregate
 - Trichloroethylene
 - N-Propyl Bromide (a bit safer)
 - Send aggregate sample to Springfield for testing
 - If passes assigned "B" Quality to aggregate

RAP Aggregate Quality Micro Deval Test

Sample + with Water







Before Note sharp edges



After Rounded edges

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