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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Construction Engineers
    District Materials Engineers
    District Bridge Engineers

FROM: Charles A. Babish, P. E., State Materials Engineer

SUBJECT: Termination of the VDOT Concrete Field Class and Examination

In an effort to maximize workforce capability and streamline the Materials Certification Schools Program, VDOT recently began recognizing the WACEL Concrete I certification as an acceptable alternative to the ACI Concrete Field Level I certification VDOT currently requires. To further streamline our program while meeting our business needs of the future, VDOT is terminating the VDOT Concrete Field course and examination. Going forward, we will require ACI Concrete Field Level 1 or the WACEL Concrete I certification, and not require the VDOT Concrete Field Course and examination for individuals performing concrete testing on VDOT projects. This change in credential requirement is effective immediately.

VDOT will continue to receive and post individuals’ ACI or WACEL certification in VDOTU for inclusion on the individual’s transcript. Proof of either certification can be sent to the MCS program office at materials certification@vdot.virginia.gov.

A VDOT Materials Division Directive (MD) will be issued by my office in the coming weeks, summarizing these recent changes to our Certification program as outlined in Section 114 of the VDOT Materials Division’s Manual of Instructions. The Community College Workforce Alliance (CCWA) plans to continue honoring their testing commitments for current 2019 registrations, if desired.
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