



Warm Mix Asphalt

“The Material of Today”

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Warm Mix Asphalt

- **SCAN Definition:** Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA) is the general term used for technologies that allow producers of asphalt pavement material to lower the temperatures at which the material is mixed and placed on the road.
 - Reductions of 50 to 100 degrees Fahrenheit have been documented.



NEAUPG Definition:



Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA)



Hot Mix Asphalt at 320°F



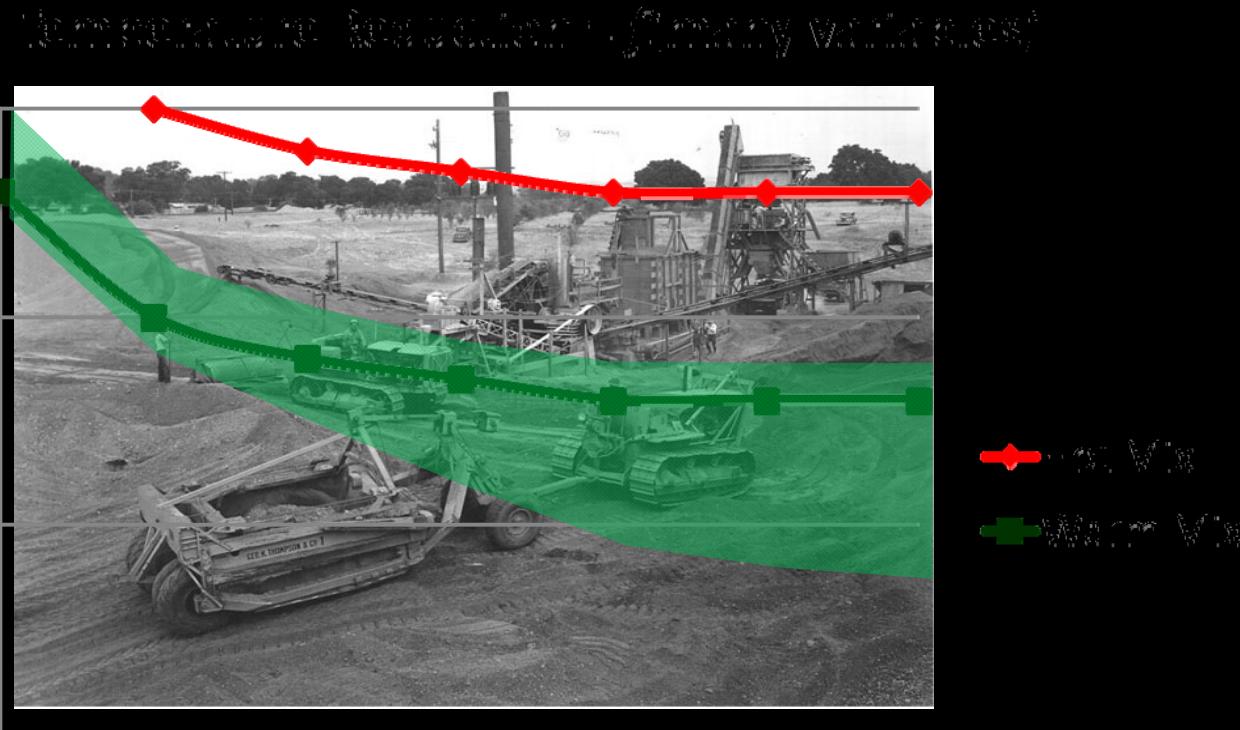
Warm Mix Asphalt at 250°F

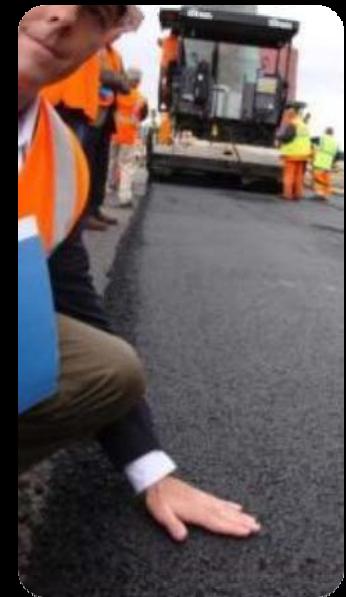


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General Concept





Brief WMA History...

- 1995 Preliminary Lab Experiments
- 1997 German Bitumen Forum
- 2000 Euroasphalt & Eurobitume Congress
- NAPA 2002 European Scan Tour
 - Germany and Norway
- NAPA 2003 Annual Convention
 - San Diego, CA
- 2004 First public demonstration in US
 - World of Asphalt – Nashville, TN
- 2005 WMA Technical Working Group Established
- 2007 AASHTO FHWA International Scan Tour
- 2008 First US International Conference on WMA
- 2010 FHWA EDC Technology Innovation...
- **2011 Second US International Conference on WMA,**
 - Oct 11-13, 2011 in St Louis, MO



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On Maintenance



Driving Factors for You...

• Improve field compaction... less variability ...
better performance!!!

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• Worker comfort ... reduced fatigue

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• Extend season and increase haul time

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• It's Green

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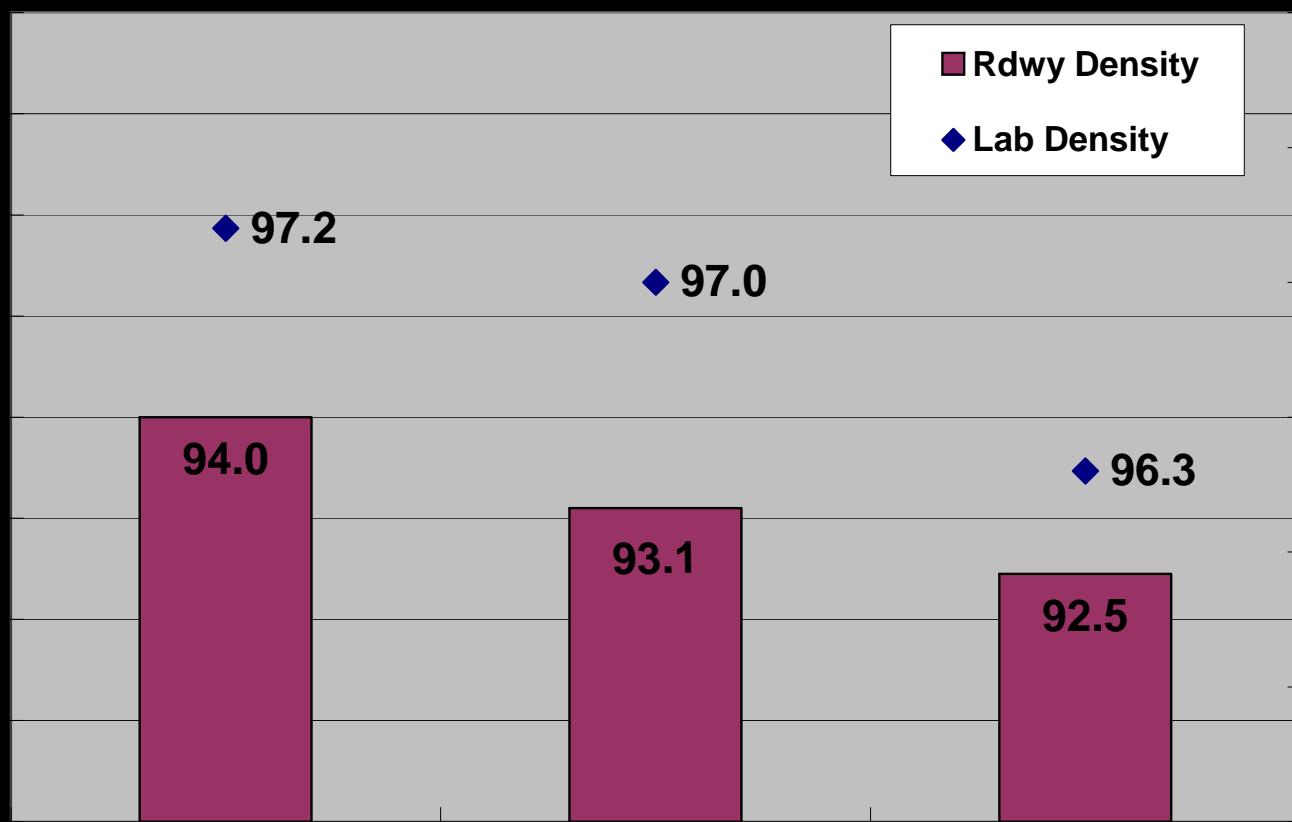
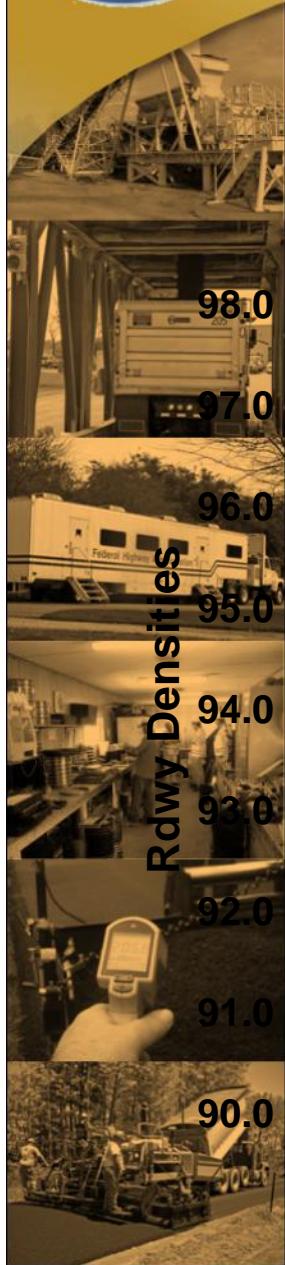


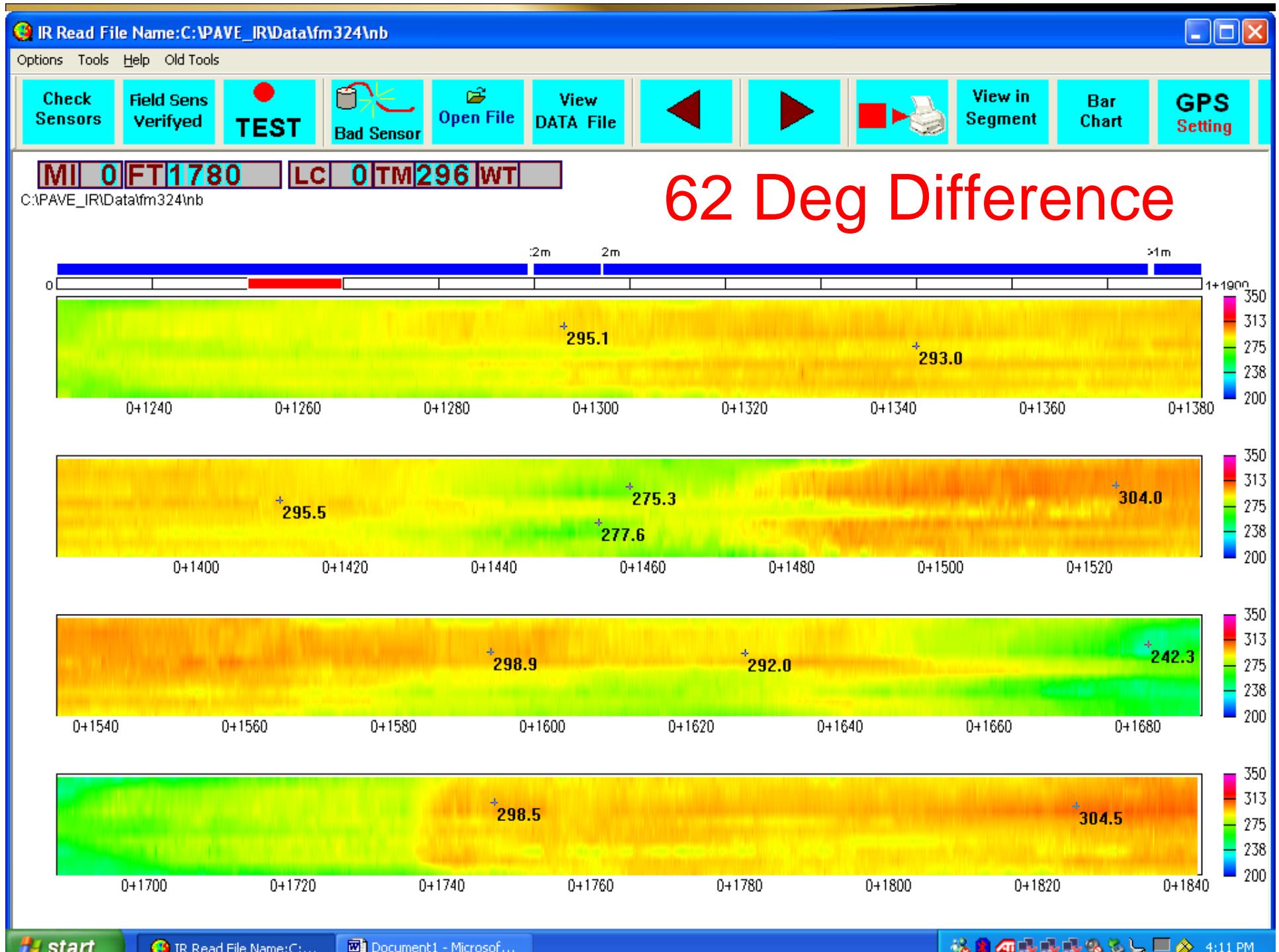
Evotherm WMA w/ 30% RAP





**Limestone
PG76-22
3000 Tons,
T mix: 240°F
 ΔT : 95°F**





Options Tools Help Old Tools

Check Sensors

Field Sens Verified

TEST

Open File

View DATA File



View in Segment

Bar Chart

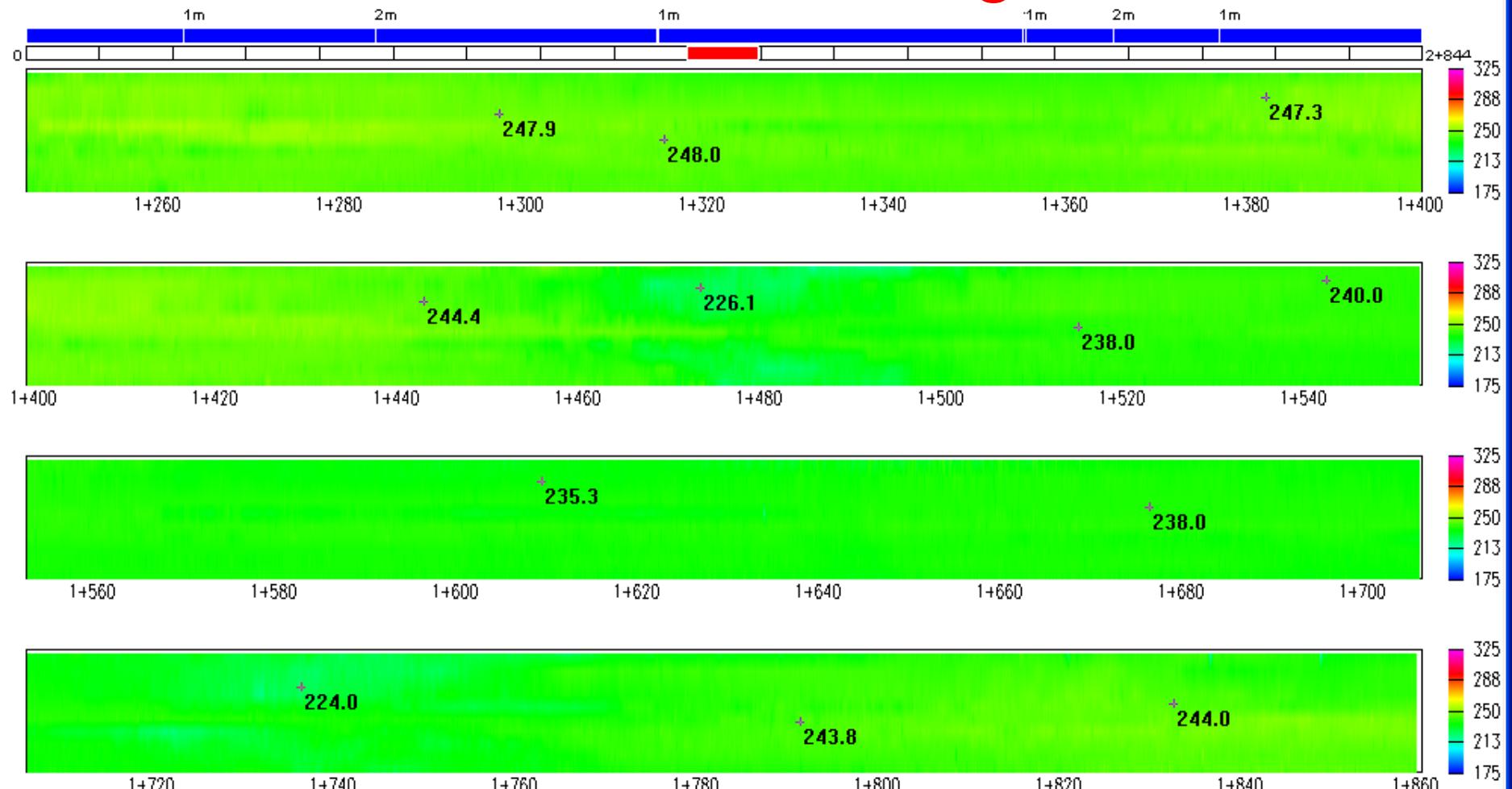
GPS Setting

MI 1 FT 833

LC 0 TM 244 WT

24 Deg Difference

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- Improve field compaction



HMA Control

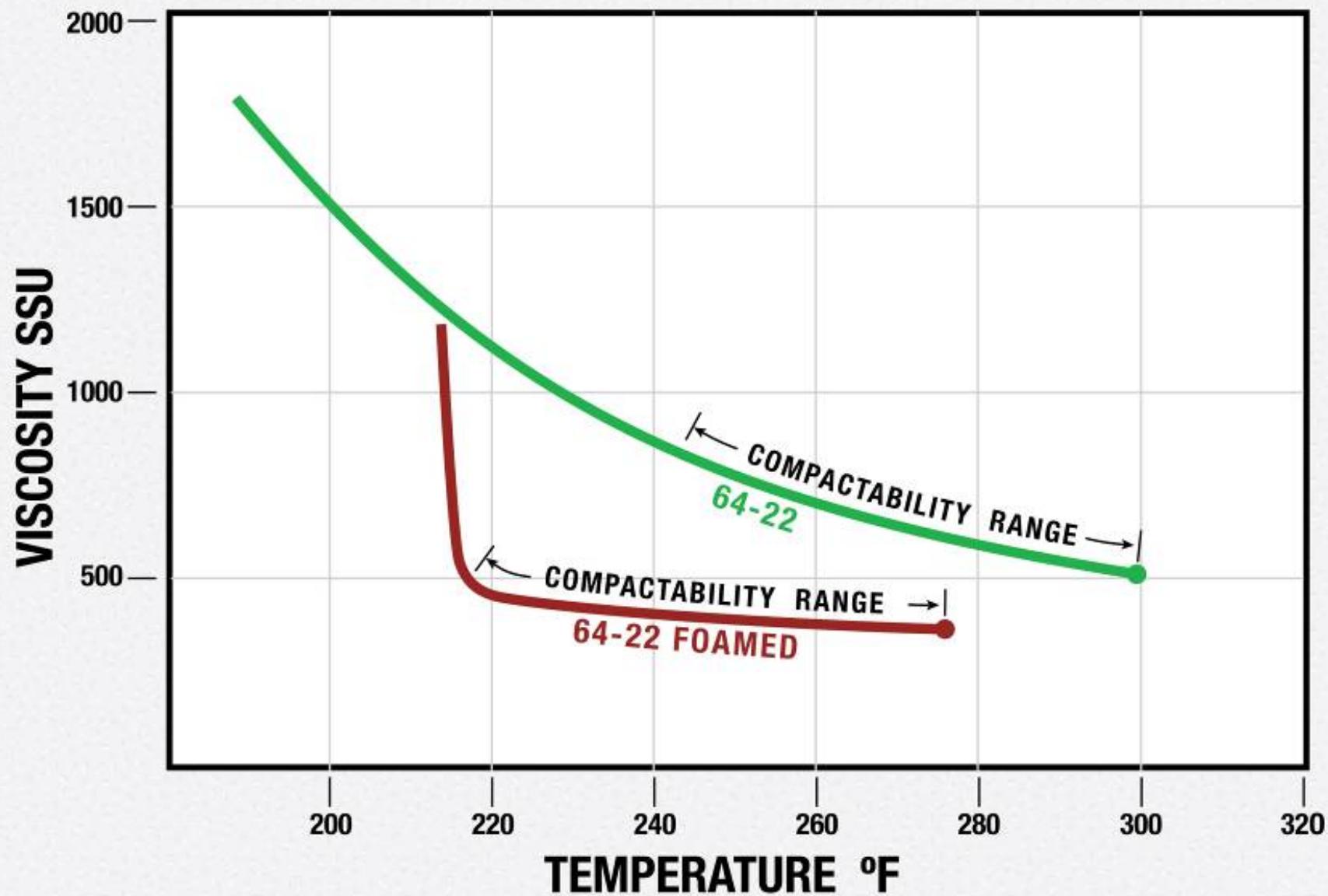


Warm Mix





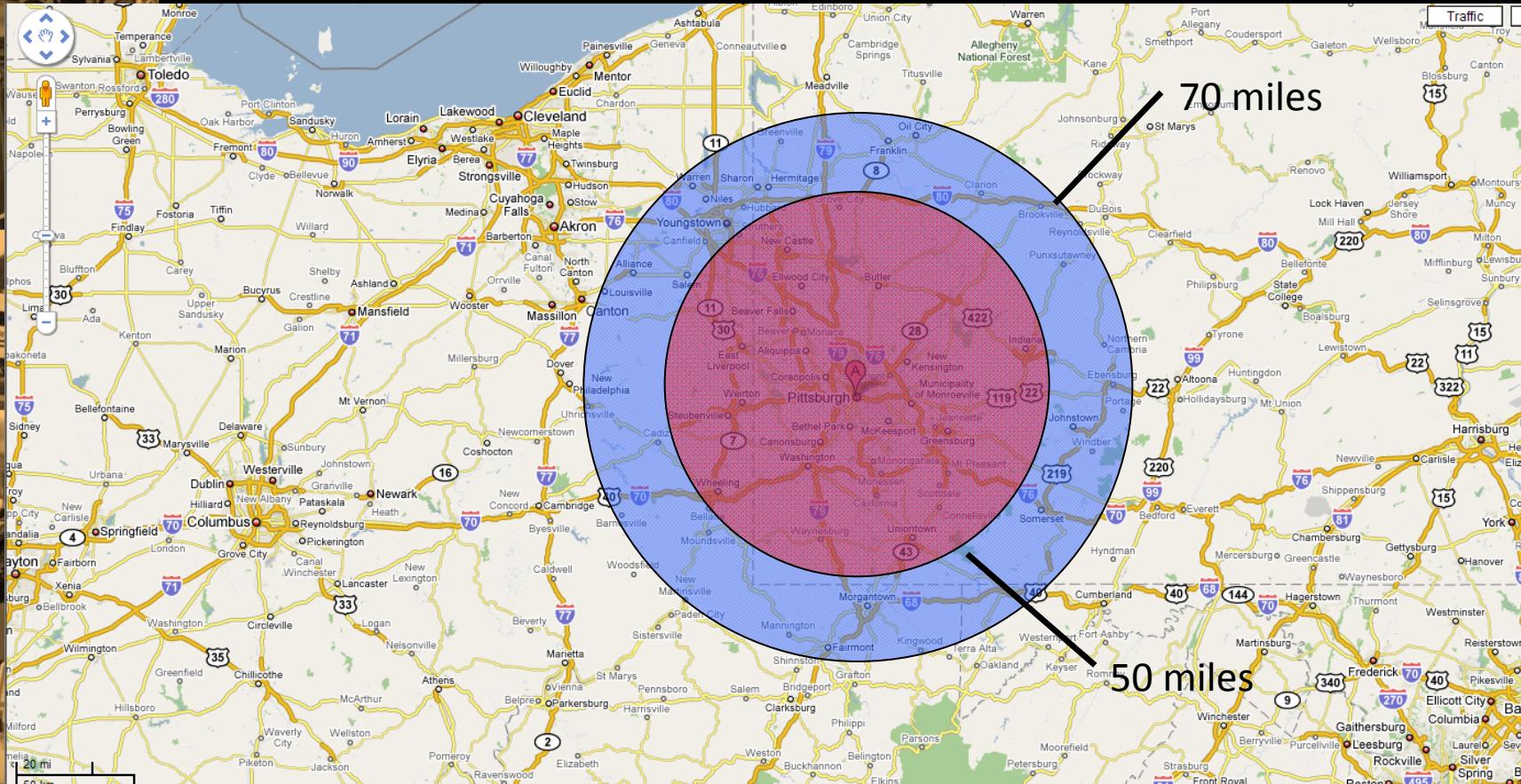
- Improve field compaction
- Worker comfort



VISCOSITY / TEMPERATURE PG 64 -22 (Approx.)

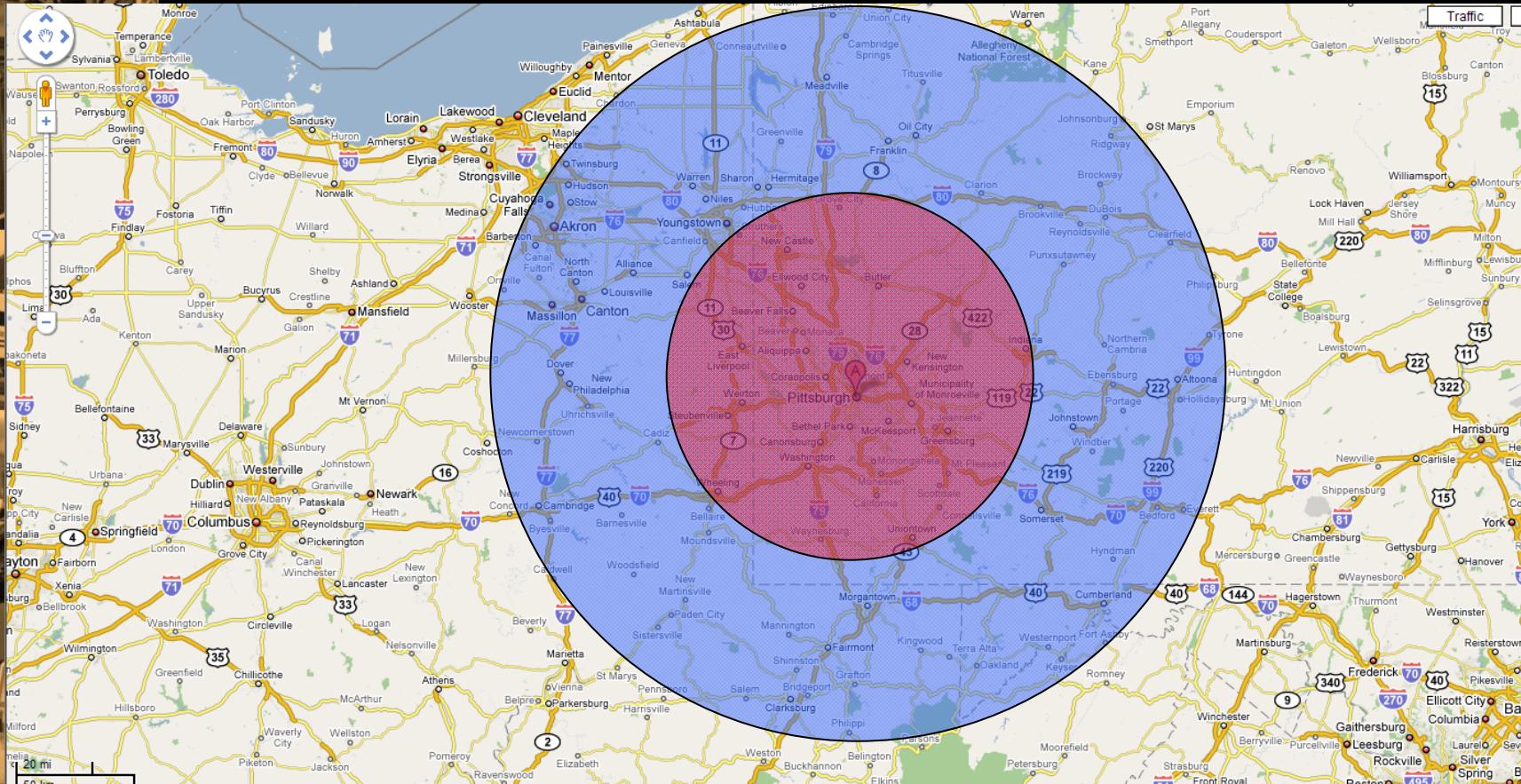


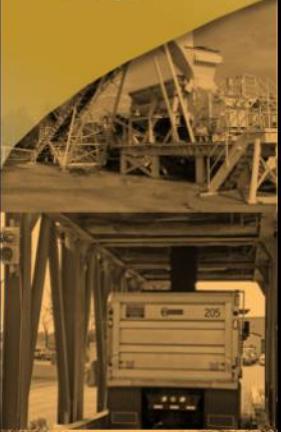
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WARM-MIX ASPHALT





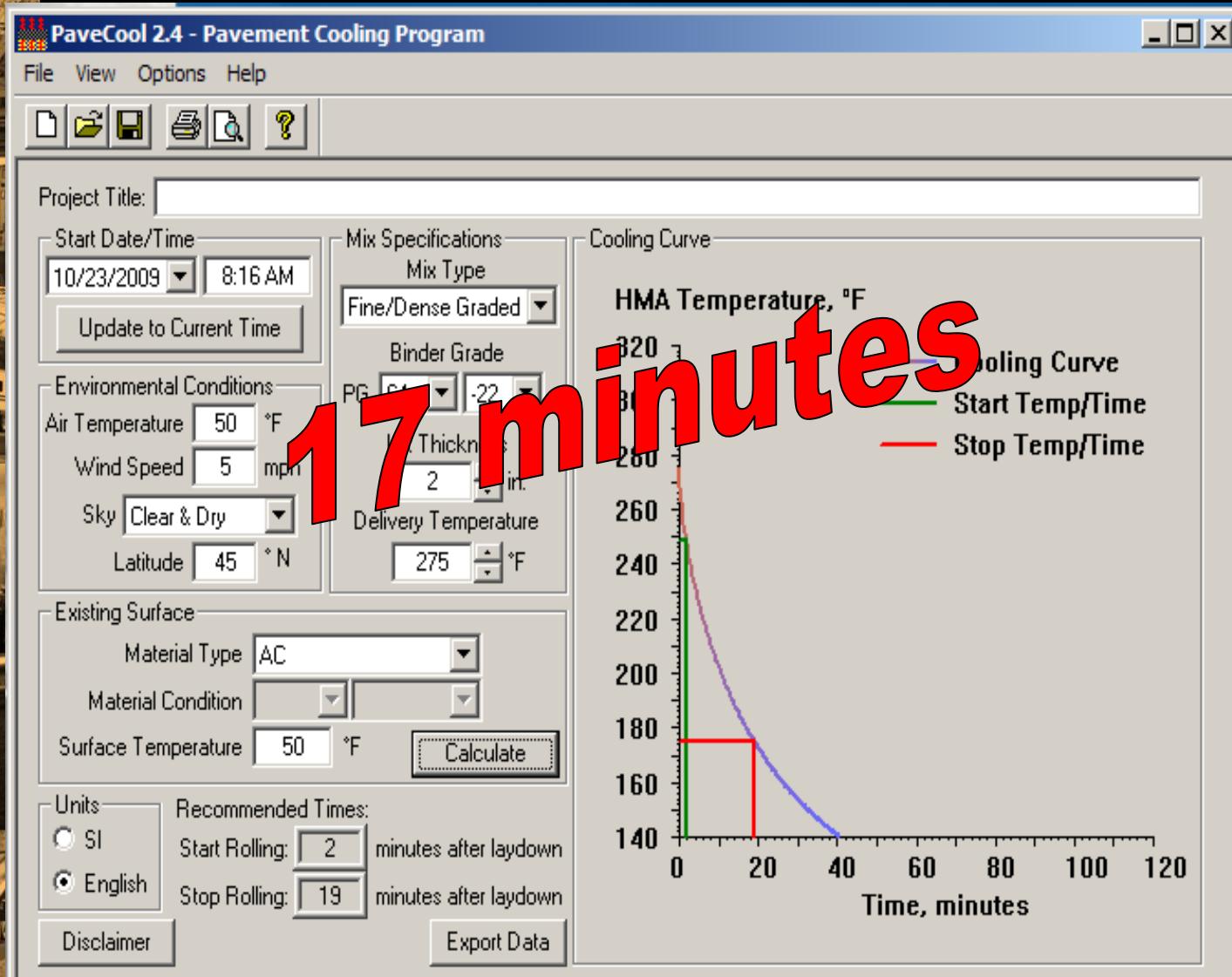
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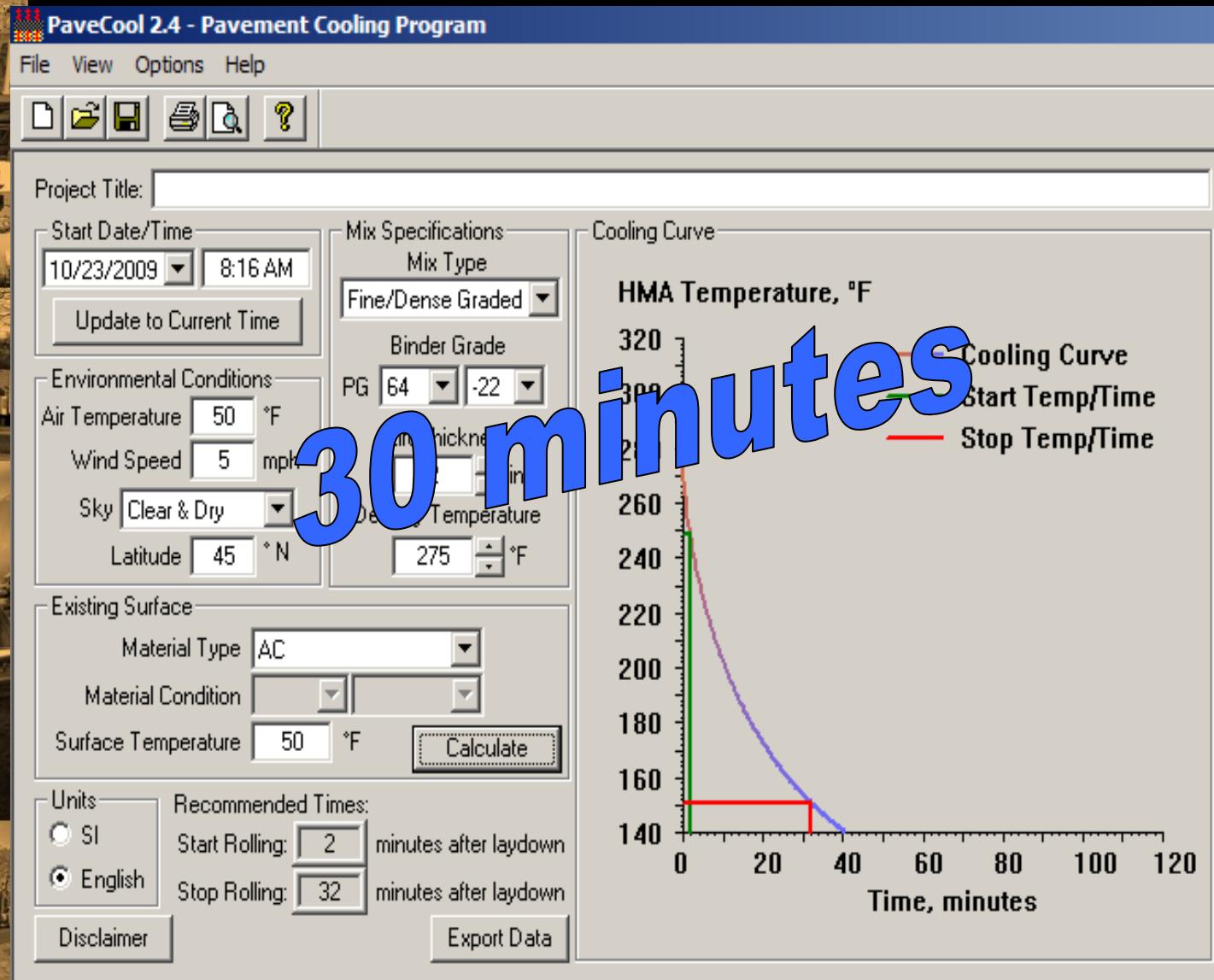




2011 Paving Project
Advera WMA
2.5 hr Avg. Delivery
290 F Mix Temp
250 F Laydown Temp









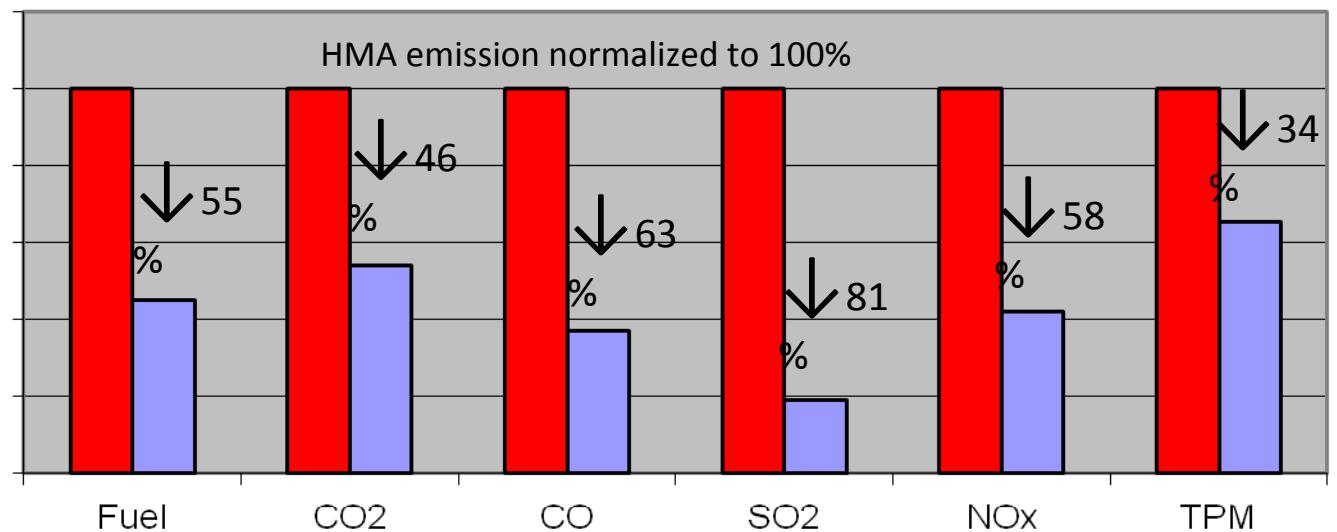


Air voids of cores
all > 92% of Gmm





- Improved field compaction
- Worker comfort
- Extended hauls & paving season



Hot Mix
Warm Mix



Hot Mix



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Hot Mix



45% reduction in
fuel consumption &
CO₂ emissions

City owned &
operated mix plants

100% of HMA
production
converted to
Evotherm

WMA Technologies



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- A. 18
- B. 26
- C. 29+



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How Many WMA Technologies are Available in the US?



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ARKEMA GROUP



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Currently Twenty Nine (29+)
Technologies Marketed and
Available in the US.



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Lake Asphalt of
Trinidad and Tobago

INTERCHIMICA
CHIMICA INNOVATIVA PER LE PAVIMENTAZIONI STRADALI



General Technology Categories



Material Processing

- Ex. LEA (Hot Coated Coarse Agg + Moist Fin Agg + Additives)



Organic Additives

- Waxes, Zeolite



Chemical Additives

- Surfactants



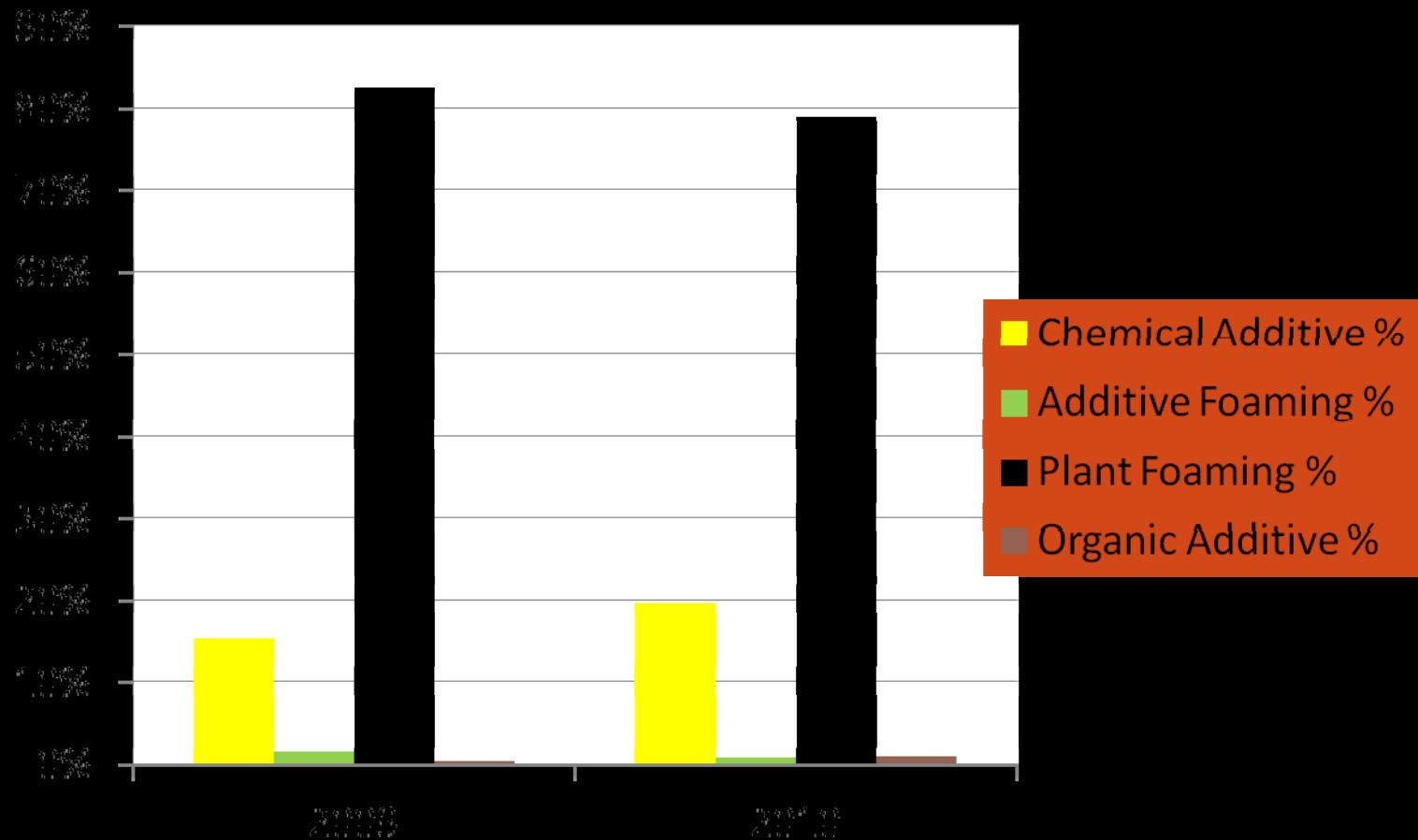
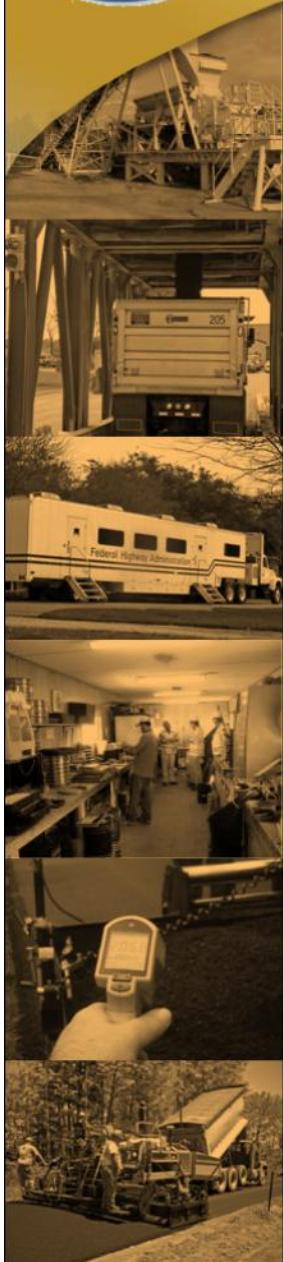
Foaming Processing

- Water Injection, Zeolite



Hybrid Systems

Ex. H₂O + Surfactant



Deployment Status



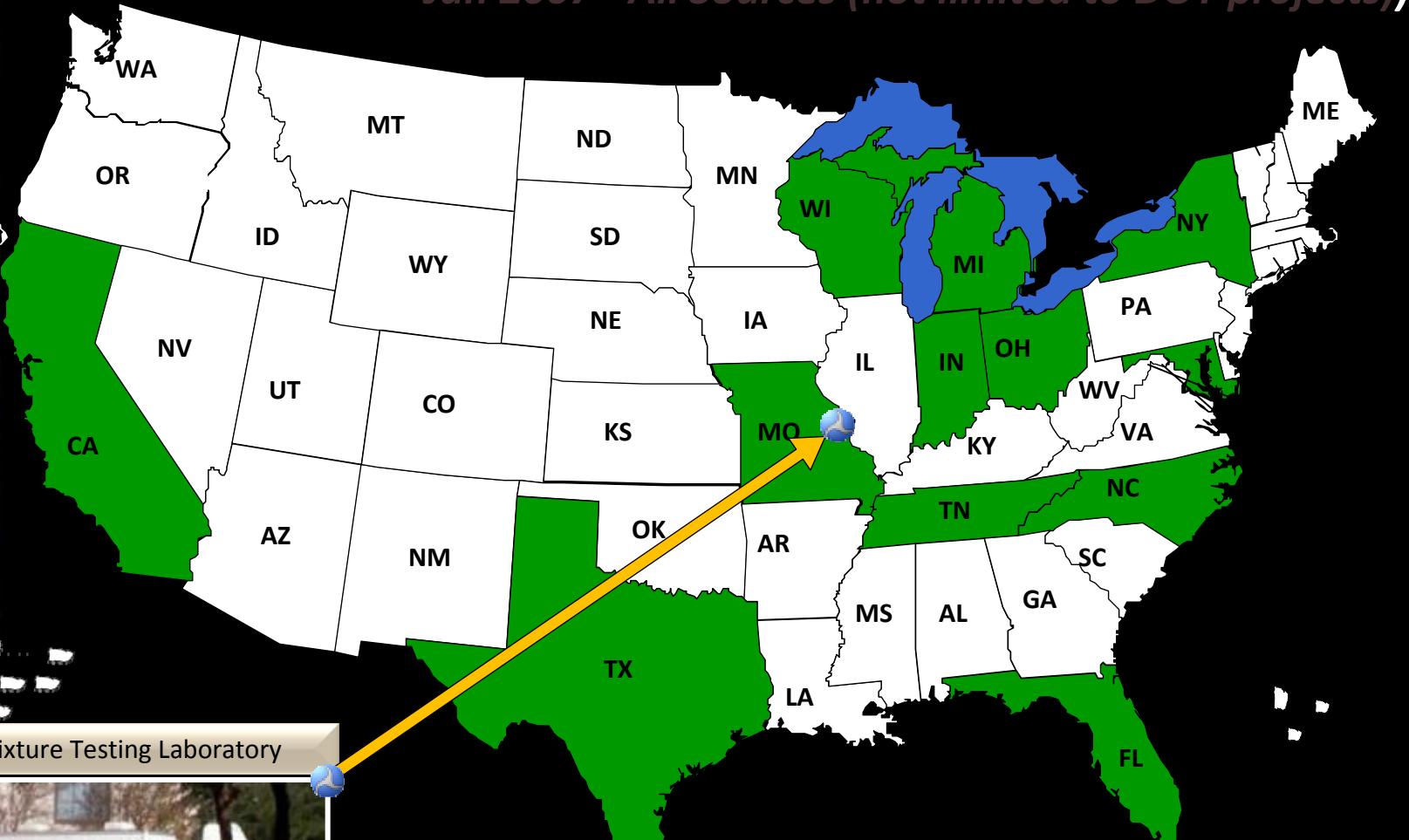
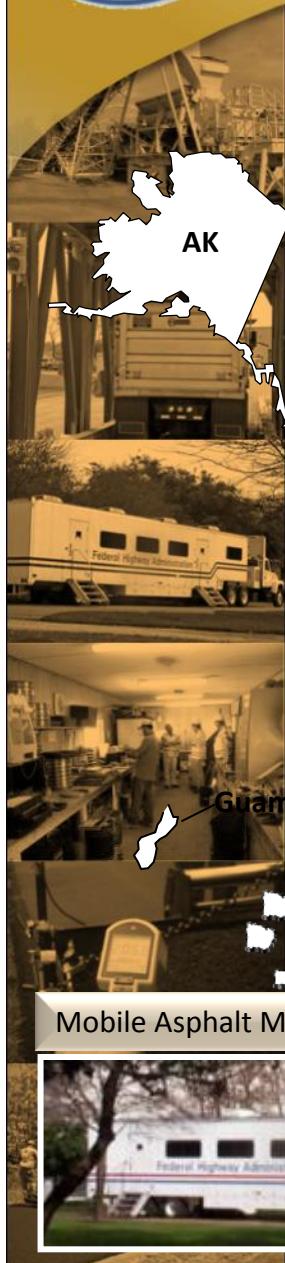
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WMA Trials & Demonstration Projects

Jan 2007 - All Sources (not limited to DOT projects)



Mobile Asphalt Mixture Testing Laboratory



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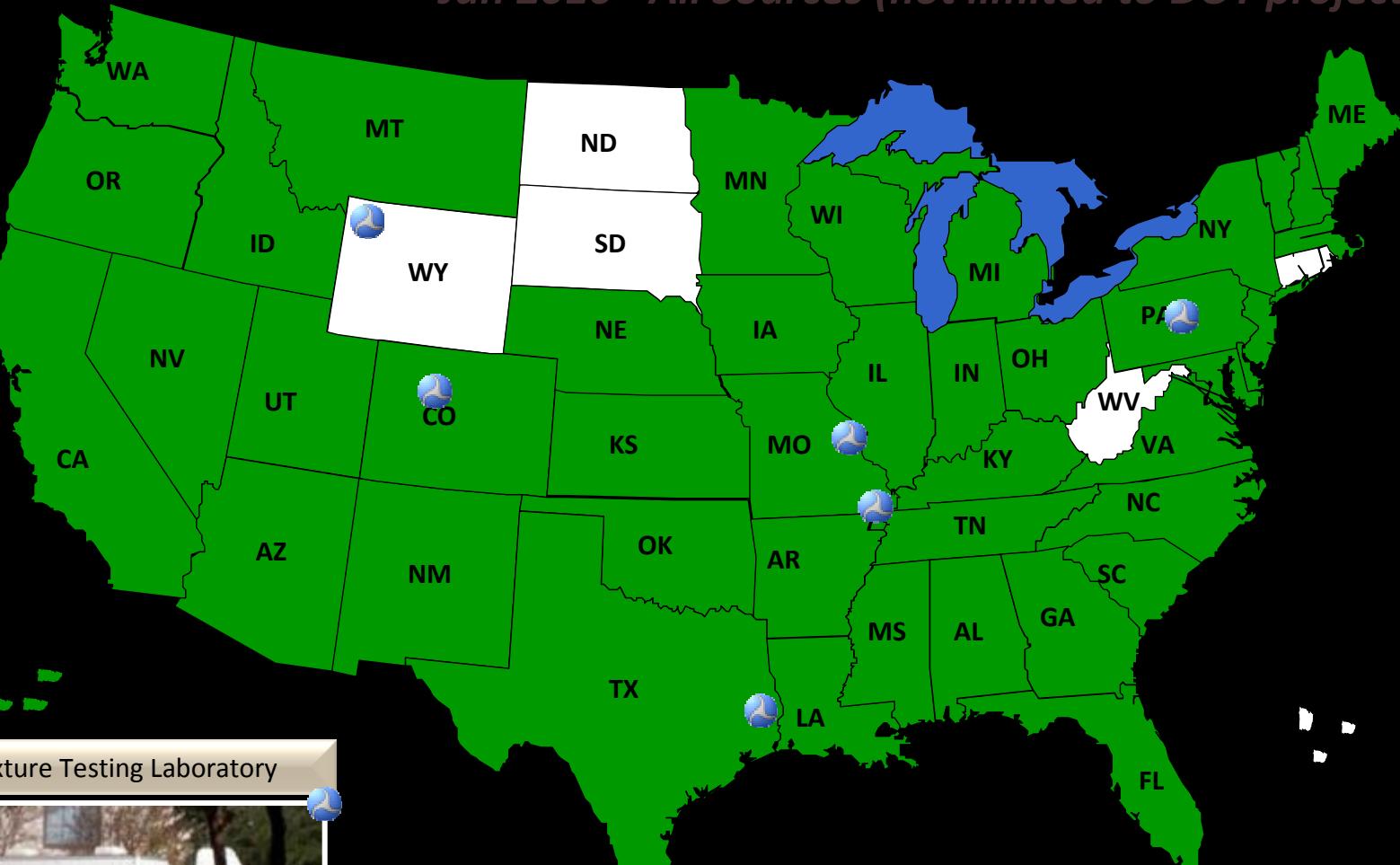
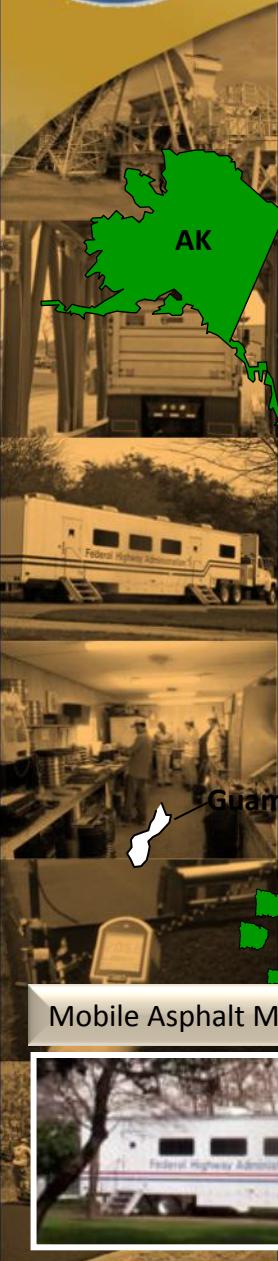
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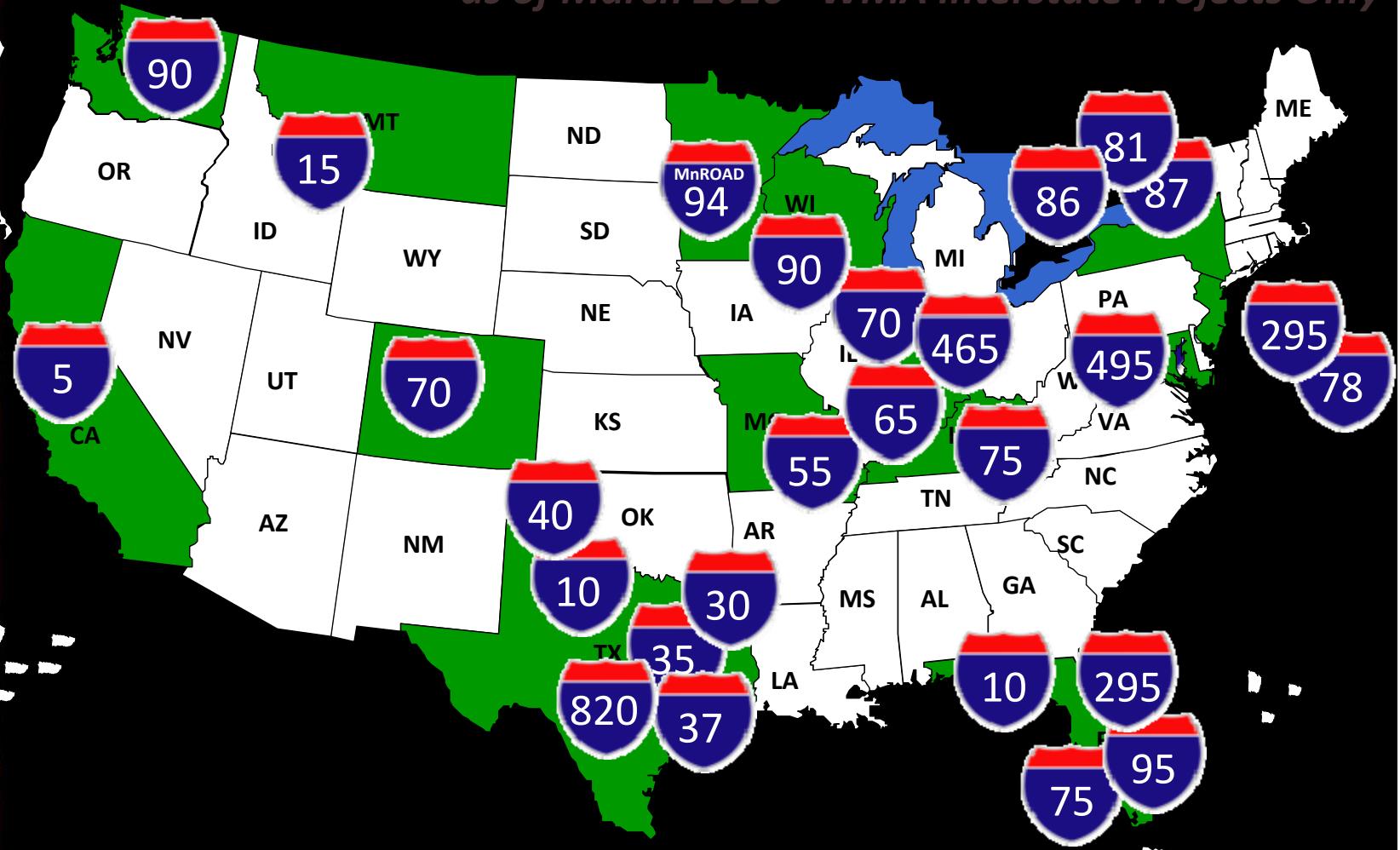
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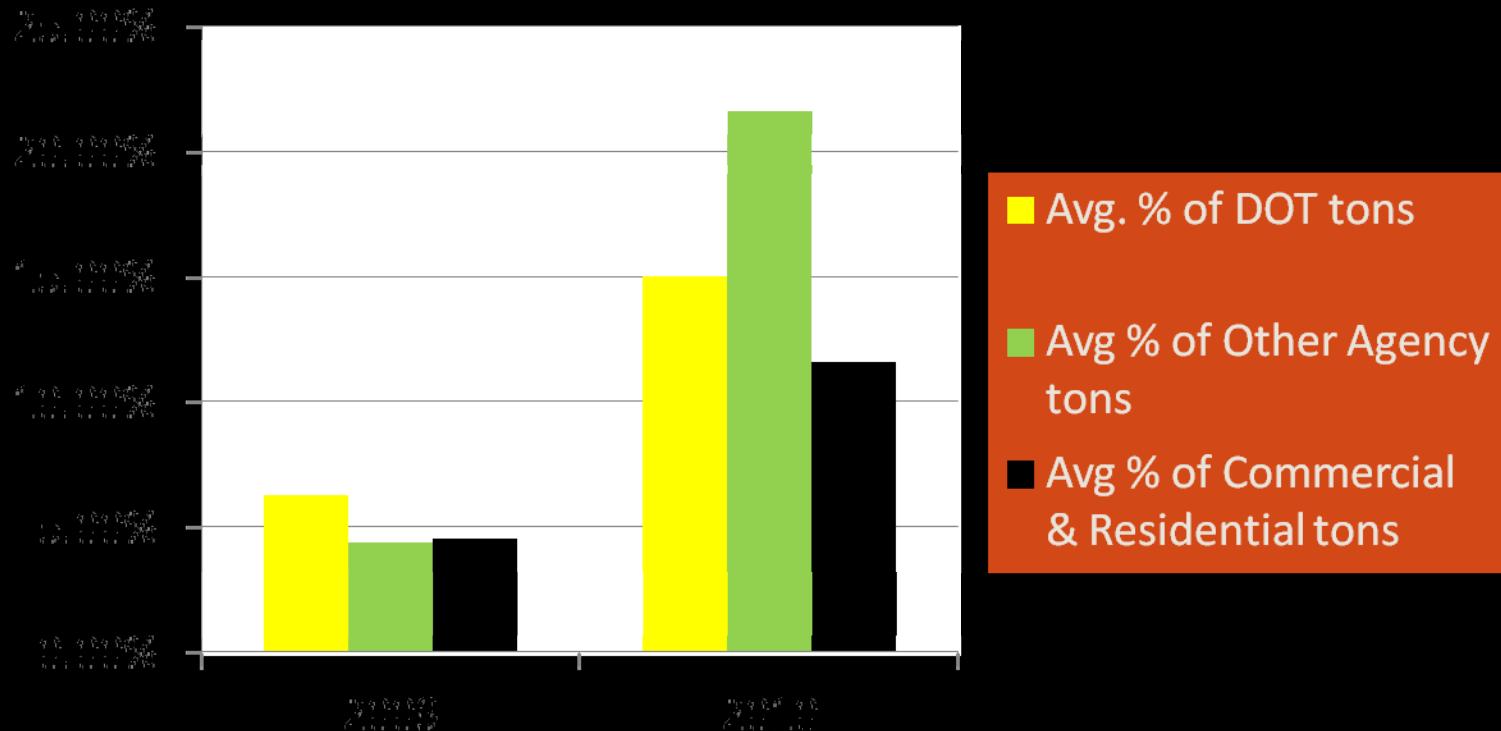
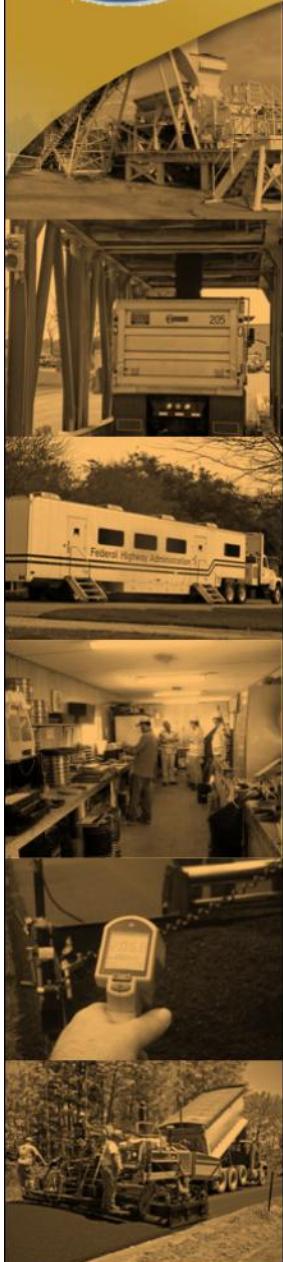


Interstate Highway WMA Usage

as of March 2010 - WMA Interstate Projects Only



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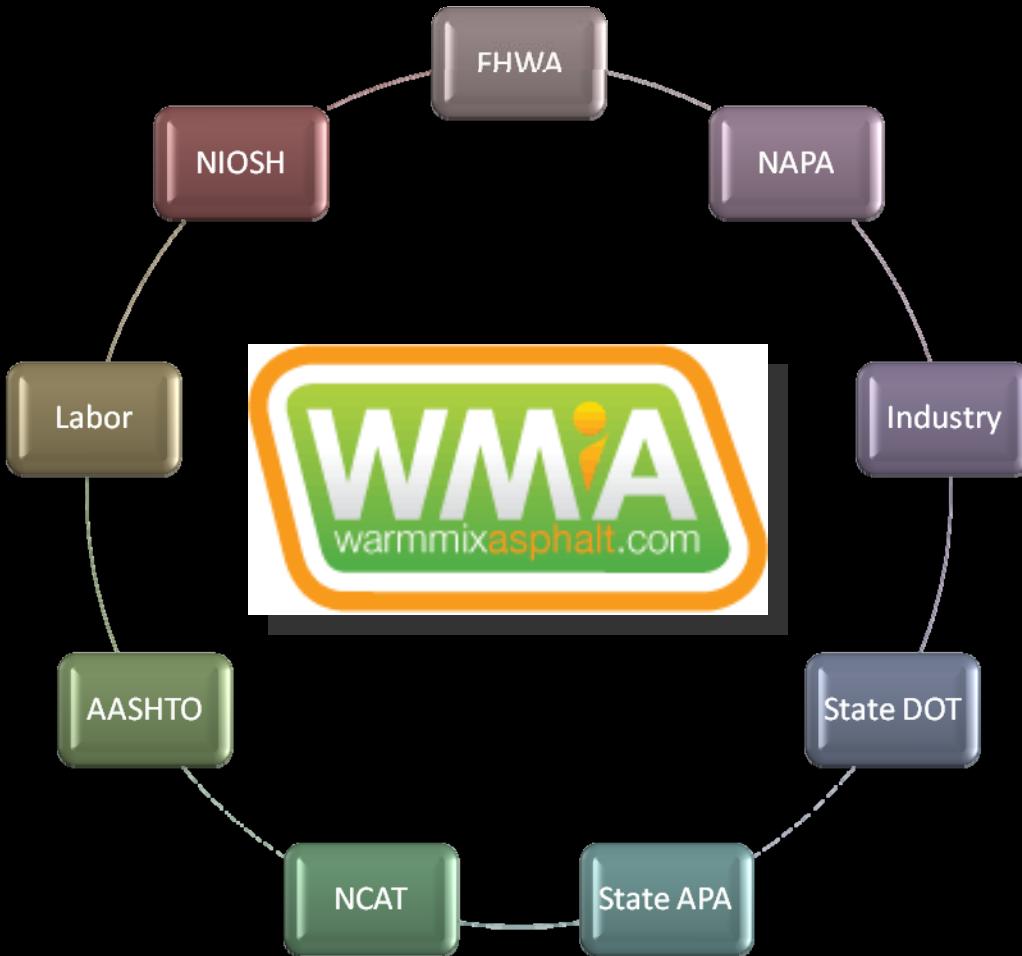




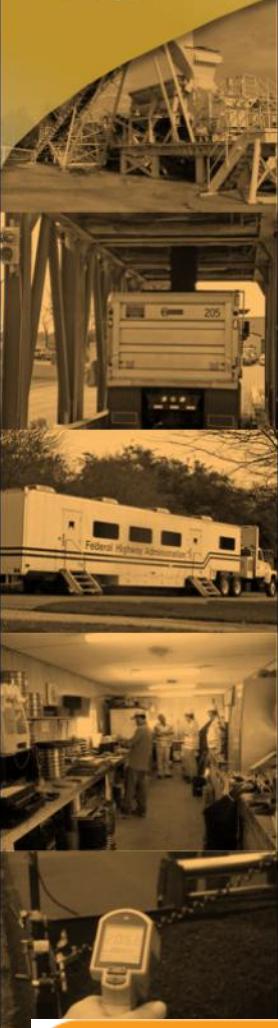
	2009	2010
HMA/WMA Tons	358 MT	358 MT
RAP used in HMA/WMA	56 MT	62 MT
Total RAP Recycled	64 MT	71 MT
Total RAS in HMA/WMA	0.72 MT	1.14 MT
Total WMA Tons	16.7 MT	47.2 MT



Resources



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- Many US technologies' web-link at:
<http://warmmixasphalt.com/wmatechnologies.aspx>

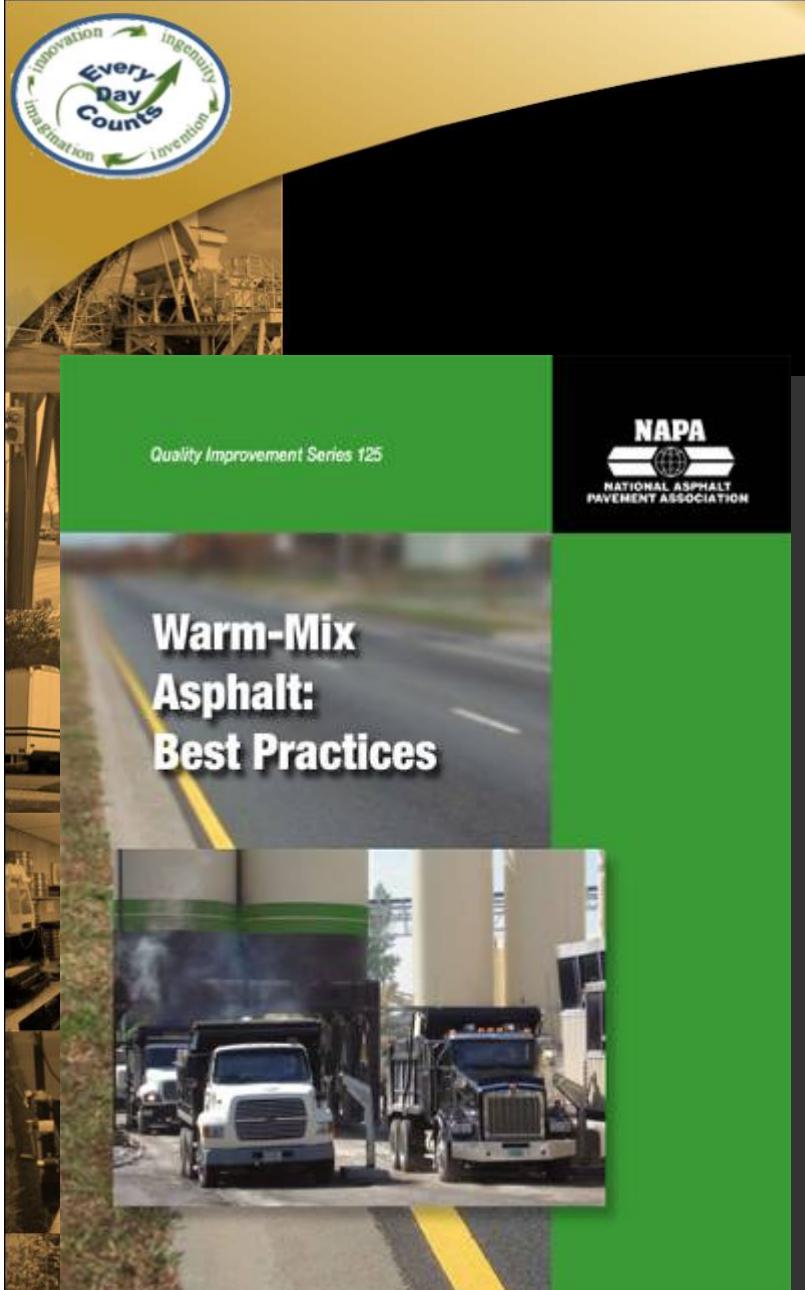
The screenshot shows the 'WMA Technologies' page of the warmmixasphalt.com website. The page features a header with the WMA logo and navigation links for Home, About Us, Publications, WMA Technologies, and Submission Form. A search bar is also present. The main content area is titled 'WMA Technologies' and includes sections for 'Test Frameworks' and 'Products and Processes'. It lists various companies and their technologies, such as Advanced Concept Engineering Co., AESCO/Madsen, Akzo Nobel, All States Materials Group, Arkema Group, Aspha-min, Astec Industries, Gencor Industries, Herman Grant Company, Iterchimica, Itertherm, James Engineered Infratech, Warm-Mix Asphalt, Lennaughay Technologies, Low Emission Asphalt, MeadWestvaco Asphalt Innovations, Evotherm, Alcan International, Veltex, Veltex Mix, PQ Corporation, Alcan VNA, Sasol Wax North America Corporation, Sasobit, and Shell Thiothane. A 'PLEASE NOTE' section clarifies the website's purpose. A sidebar on the right contains a 'SUBMIT FOR PUBLICATION' form, a 'NAPA' logo, and a 'NEWSLETTER' sign-up section.

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Warm-Mix Asphalt: Best Practices, 2nd Edition

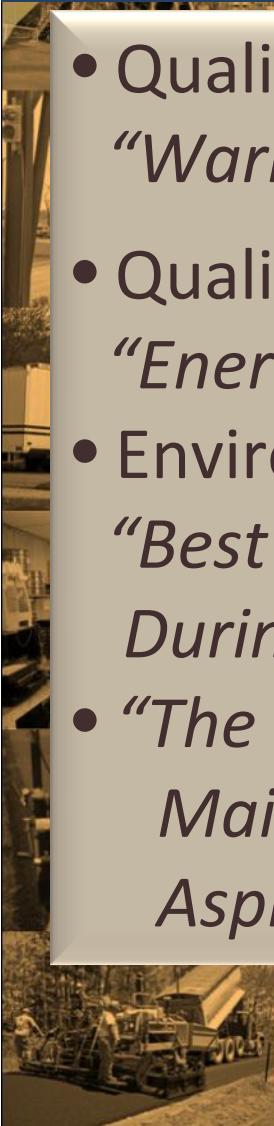
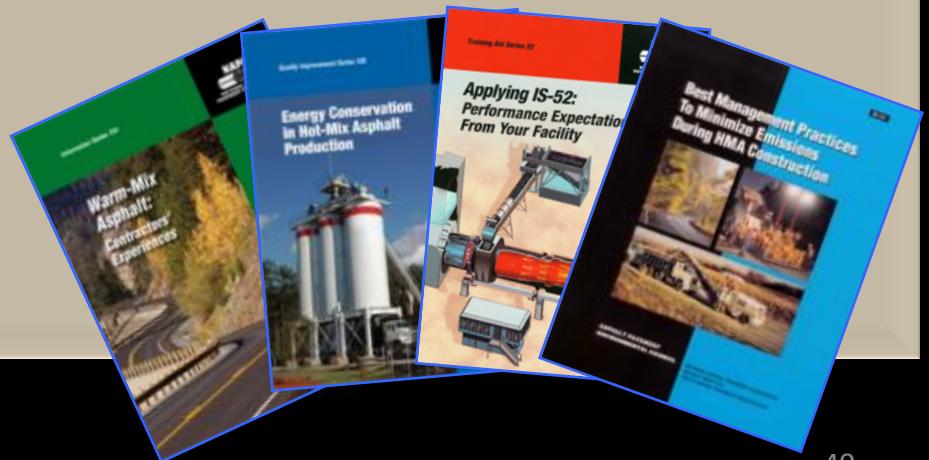
- Stockpile Moisture Management
- Burner Adjustments and Efficiency
- Aggregate Drying and Baghouse Temperatures
- Drum Slope and Flighting
- Combustion Air
- RAP usage
- *Placement Changes*



Quality Improvement Series 125

The following **references** detail specifics related to **plant modifications** and **operational changes** in order to **maximize the benefits of WMA production:**

- Quality Improvement Series 125 (QIP 125),
“Warm Mix Asphalt: Best Practices”
- Quality Improvement Series 126 (QIP 126),
“Energy Conservation in Hot Mix Asphalt Production”
- Environmental Council 101 (EC-101),
“Best Management Practices to Minimize Emissions During HMA Construction”
- *“The Fundamentals of the Maintenance System in Asphalt Facility” (IS-52)*





National Research Initiatives

- NCHRP 9-43 “*Mix Design Practices for Warm Mix Asphalt*”
- NCHRP 9-47A “*Engineering Properties, Emissions, and Field Performance*”
- NCHRP 9-49 “*Long Term Field Performance of Warm Mix Asphalt Technologies*”
 - Phase I, Moisture Susceptibility
 - Phase II, Long-Term Performance



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<http://www.ct.gov/dot/AASHTO-R35>

The screenshot shows the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CDOT) Video On-Demand interface. At the top left is the CT.gov logo with a red barn background. To its right is the text 'CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION' and the CDOT seal. Below this, a blue bar contains the text 'Video On-Demand'. The main content area features a large thumbnail image of a man with glasses and a green polo shirt, identified as Ramon Bonaquist, Ph.D., P.E. The title of the video is displayed in large, bold, black font: 'Special Mixture Design Considerations and Methods for Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA)'. Below the title, a detailed description of the video is given in a stylized font: 'An Appendix to AASHTO R35 Standard Practice for Superpave Volumetric Design for Hot-Mix Asphalt (HMA)'. At the bottom of the thumbnail, the subtitle 'Special Mixture Design Considerations and Methods for WMA' is visible. A blue banner at the very bottom of the page contains the text 'Every Day Counts'.

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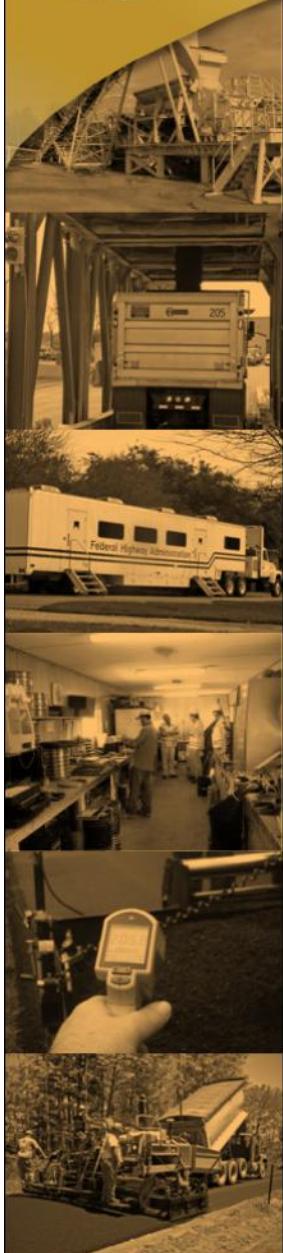
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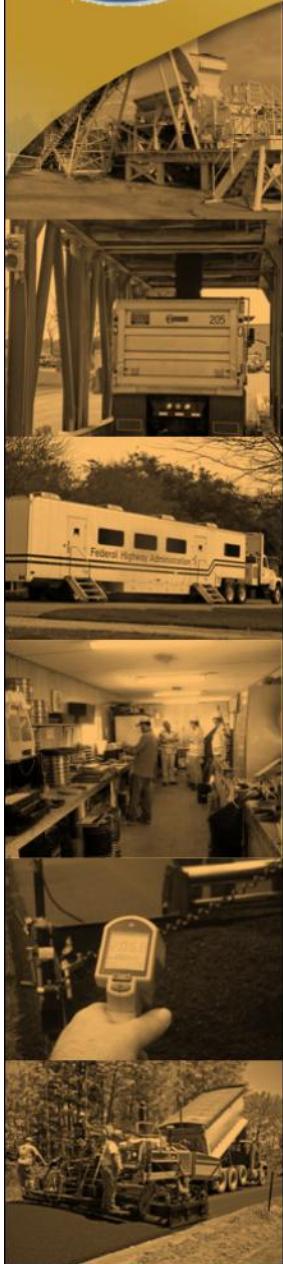
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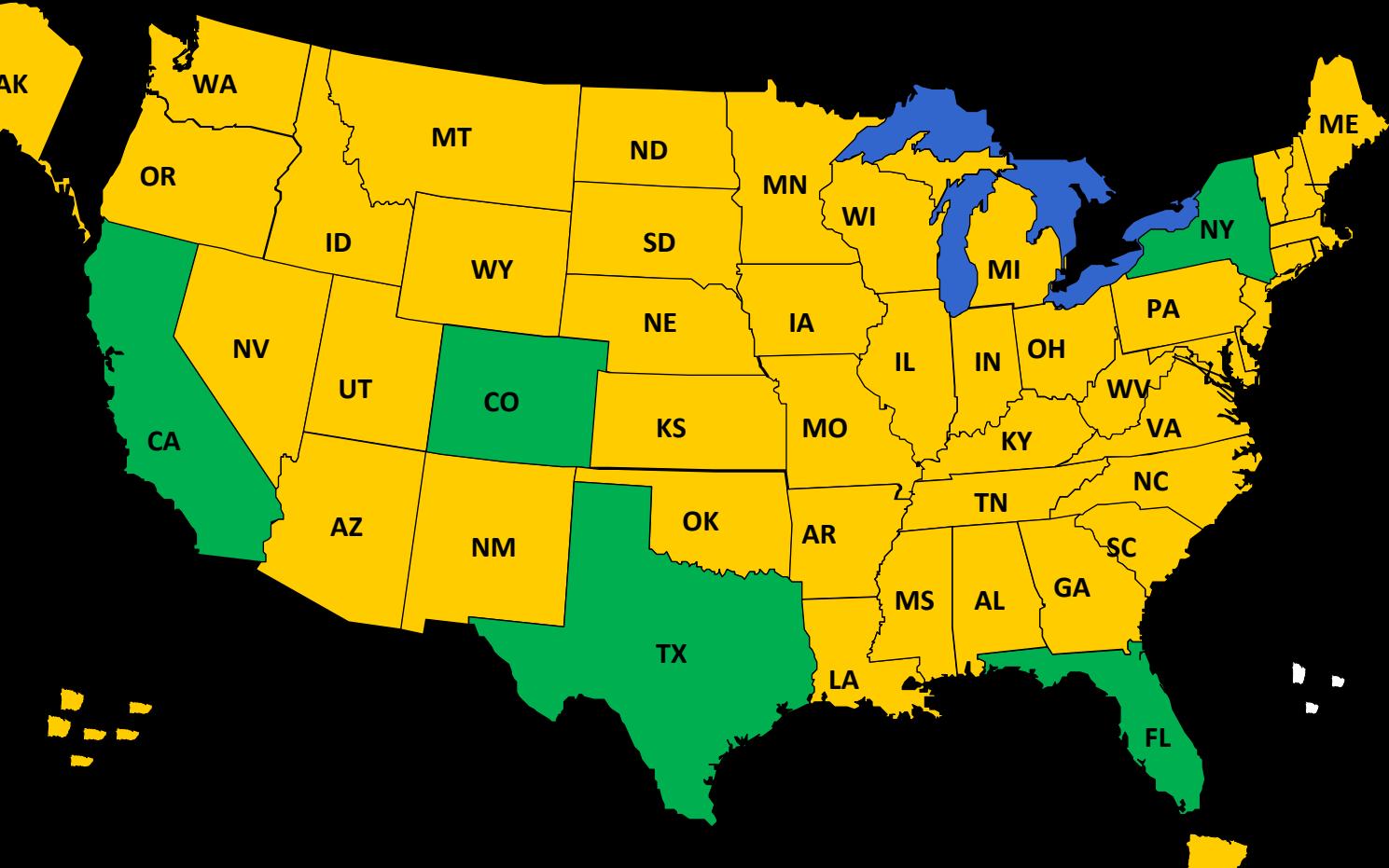
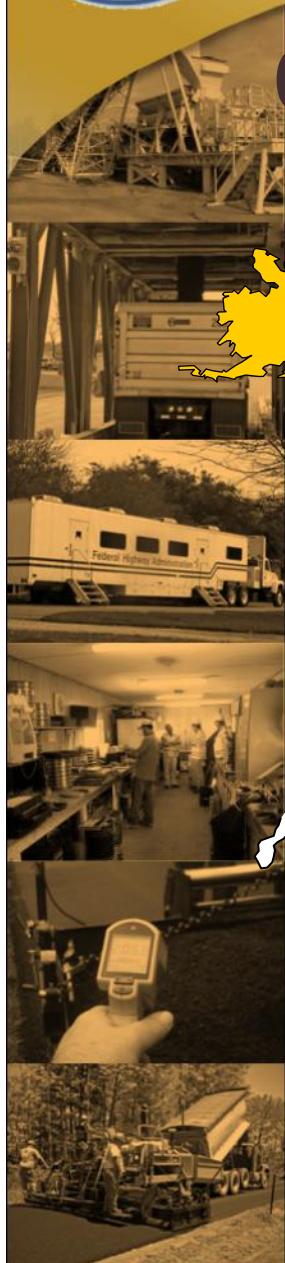


Wirtgen, WLB 10 S

D&H Equipment – Hydro Foamer



Qualified/Approved Product Lists



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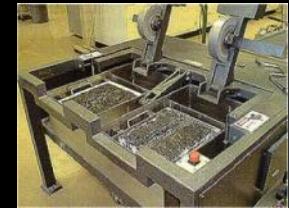
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- Gain experience
- Ensure performance with unknown or new WMA technologies
- Ensure compatibility/performance when used with local/regional materials
- Technology Marketplace...



- Meet with NY DOT
- Submit material and additive samples
- Required testing (includes Hamburg LWT)
- Production, testing, and compaction data





NEAUPG Accepted Technologies (as of 2011)



"The collective efforts from highway agencies and industry partners to advance warm mix asphalt technologies as a standard practice has been tremendous."



- FHWA

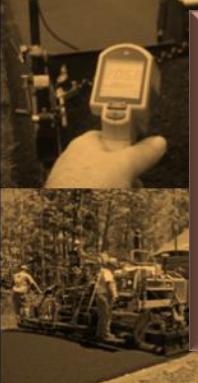
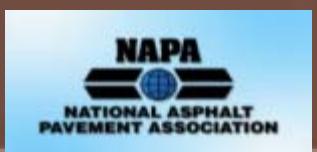
"[We] support the development and implementation of warm-mix asphalt ... this will inevitably become the standard practice for asphalt mixture production."

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"WMA is the future of flexible pavements in the U.S. ... lowering our production and paving temperatures promises improved energy consumption, operations, and quality."

-Mike Acott, President,



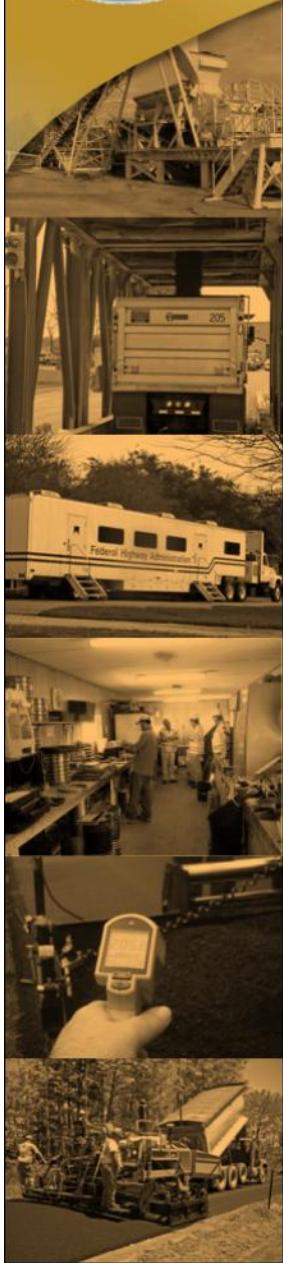
"WMA technology provides an important tool to the pavement engineer ... designers and contractors alike now have a great opportunity to learn more about this promising practice which is revolutionizing the paving industry in North America."

-Pete Grass, President,





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