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SUBJECT: Guidelines in the Evaluation
of Test Reports.

The following are the guidelines in the evaluation of test reports on samples of construction materials emanating from the Central/Regional or any testing laboratories accredited by the DPWH.

1. Test reports on samples of a material intended for a particular project shall be used as a basis of acceptance or rejection of that material. However, test reports which are only informational in nature, i.e., not intended for use in a particular project, should not be used as a basis of payments and/or accomplishments for that project.
2. Test reports on samples are good only for the specified quantity of material that they represent. Hence, they should not be used as a basis to represent quantities other than that specified.
3. Test reports shall be used as a basis of payments/acceptance only of the materials delivered to a particular office submitting the samples. As such, they shall not be considered as a basis for payments/acceptance of materials delivered to other offices.
4. Only original and legible copies of test reports shall be used as a basis in evaluating the acceptability of the materials. Hence, test reports with erasures or of questionable authenticity should be verified from the Heads of Office of the concerned testing laboratories.
5. Test reports emanating from any DPWH accredited testing laboratories are valid only if testing is witnessed by authorized representatives of the implementing office submitting the samples.
6. Only materials passing the required specifications shall be incorporated into the work. In no case shall the materials be used without satisfying the requirements.

This supersedes all previous circulars and instructions issued contrary hereto.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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Secretary