WESTERN STATES REGIONAL IN-PLACE RECYCLING CONFERENCE

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COLD IN-PLACE RECYCLE OVERVIEW

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COLD IN-PLACE RECYCLING DEFINITION

THE COLD IN-PLACE RECYCLING (CIR) PROCESS INVOLVES MILLING THE EXISTING ASPHALT SURFACING TO A SPECIFIED DEPTH, SIZING THE MILLED MATERIAL, ADDING VARIOUS ADDITIVES (EMULSION, FOAM, LIME SLURRY, CEMENT), MIXING THE RAP AND THE ADDITIVES, LAYING AND COMPACTING THE RECYCLED MATERIAL.

EARLY CIR HISTORY

- FIRST ATTEMPTS AT THE "TRAIN" PROCESS WERE IN THE EARLY 80'S IN CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA
- IN MID 80'S, OTHER STATES SUCH AS OREGON AND NEW MEXICO BEGAN USING THE PROCESS
- THE WFLHD AND OTHER WESTERN STATES BEGAN TO USE THE PROCESS AS WELL

TYPES OF CIR TRAINS USED

THE MAJORITY OF THE EARLY TRAINS WERE MULTI UNIT TRAINS CONSISTING OF A MILLING MACHINE, CRUSHER/SCREENING UNIT, AND A SEPARATE PUGMILL UNIT



EARLY LIMITATIONS

 EARLY ON, IT WAS PERCEIVED AS A PROCESS THAT COULD ONLY BE USED ON LOW VOLUME ROADS IN RURAL AREAS

- MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF EMULSIONS WERE USED WITH VARYING DEGREES OF SUCCESS
- MANY AGENCIES WERE RELUCTANT TO SPECIFY THE PROCESS BECAUSE THERE WAS NO UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED MIX DESIGN PROCESS

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROCESS

- * EARLY RESEARCH DONE BY OREGON STATE (DR. GARY HICKS) AND GORDON MCKEEN WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE GROWTH OF THE PROCESS
- ARRA CONTRACTORS WORKED DILIGENTLY TO CRAFT EVER IMPROVING SPECIFICATIONS FOR AGENCIES
- IMPROVEMENTS IN EQUIPMENT AND ADDITIVES ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO A BETTER QUALITY PRODUCT

PRESENT DAY TRAINS

 SINGLE UNIT TRAINS
SINGLE UNIT FRONT DISCHARGE TRAINS
DIRECT DISCHARGE INTO THE PAVER
RECYCLE UNITS WITH BUILT IN SCREED
EMULSION OR FOAMED ASPHALT CAPABILITIES















ADVANCES IN THE PROCESS

- VIRTUALLY ALL SPECIFYING AGENCIES UTILIZE SOME FORM OF A MIX DESIGN PROCESS
- THE ADVENT OF ENGINEERED EMULSIONS HAS IMPROVED COATING CHARACTERISTICS, IMPROVED EARLY STRENGTH CHARACTERISTICS
- ADDITIVES SUCH AS LIME AND CEMENT HAVE SHOWN TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL QUALITY OF THE FINAL PRODUCT

OVERALL GROWTH OF THE PROCESS

- AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUED QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AS WELL AS THE ADVENT OF SHORTER LENGTH TRAINS, IT IS NO LONGER LIMITED TO LOW VOLUME ROADS IN RURAL APPLICATIONS
- THE NUMBER OF CIR TRAINS IN THE U.S. AND CANADA NOW NUMBERS OVER 30!
- EVERY STATE IN THE WEST HAS PERFORMED CIR
- CITY AND COUNTY AGENCIES SPECIFYING CIR CONTINUES TO GROW



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