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Panel Discussion

Bridge Product Approval Process and Regional Specifications

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The way I see it:

The present process is often frustrating to both States and Industry. Solving this problem has no easy answer. Ideally; Regional discussions and resolutions should evolve to the National level. But, initially getting a few states to find common ground will be a great foundation for future expanded success.
Product Approval

• What is the timeframe to get products approved?
• What regional states accept other regional states approved products?
• What is the best way to expedite product approval?
Regional Specifications Possibilities

- “Regional Specifications”
- Performance Specifications
- Warrantees
- Design Build Specifications
- Stale/Outdated Specs
Example

Why are some states using products, methods, and Specs and others are not, but would like to?
Discuss how to submit new products for review. What is most effective?
Discuss nuances between construction and maintenance specs (by contract and in-house forces).
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Upcoming Meetings
2014

• TRB (January 12-16, Washington, DC)
• NBPPC-2014 (April 21-25, Orlando, FL)
• SCOBS (June 22-26, Columbus, OH)
• SCOM (July, Charlestown, WV)
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