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Subject: Supplemental Specification SS22401-0908 (dated November 15, 2007) and Buy America Requirements

This correspondence is to draw your attention to Supplemental Specification SS22401-0908 (dated November 15, 2007), created by VDOT to replace parts of Section 224 of the 2007 Road and Bridge Specifications, that moved away from ASTM A48 Grade 30S and towards AASHTO M105 and M306 Grade 35 for Gray Iron and Ductile Iron Castings, respectively. This Supplemental Specification (SS) has been placed in all contracts that require castings. According to the hierarchy of specifications, plans, and supplemental specifications, special provisions and special provisions copied notes, an SS overrides the plans and specifications.

We bring this to your attention, due to prevailing concerns in properly meeting Buy America Requirements for all projects that utilize any federal participating funds. We have found that various municipal specifications still promote adherence to ASTM A48 Grade 30S, whereby some of these castings are not produced domestically. As a State Agency, we strive to provide for competition among our construction and materials vendors, in order to obtain the best products for the best price, while also adhering to required quality standards.

With this correspondence, we respectfully request that you be cognizant of VDOT's effort in editing documents of projects administered by VDOT that have not yet gone out to bid, as well as to encourage municipalities to consider revising standards and specifications to not further jeopardize compliance with Buy America Requirements or any project involving federal funding sources.

Attachment: SS22401-0908 November 15, 2007