STATE OF OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATION 905
OPEN HEARTH AND BASIC OXYGEN FURNACE STEEL SLAG AGGREGATE
USED FOR ITEMS 203, 304, 306, 307, 410, 411, 617, 503 OR 603

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Open Hearth (OH) or Basic Oxygen Furnace (BOF) slag shall not be used for Aggregate or Soil for Item 603 Bedding or Backfill , for Items 306 Cement Treated Free Draining Base or 307 Non-Stabilized Drainage Base, Item 503.10 Backfill; or under, around or within 15 meters (50 feet) of any structure.

OH and BOF slag may be used in Item 203 Embankment, as defined in 203.02, if the OH or BOF slag is blended in a 3:1 mixture (3 parts natural soil and 1 part OH or BOF slag). The 3:1 mixture shall be placed at least 0.3m (1.0 ft) below the flow line of the underdrains or other drainage items susceptible to runoff as per 203.08. Aging and stock piling requirements of this specification are required.

OH and BOF slag may be used for surface course applications in Items 617, 410 and 411, if the OH and BOF slag meets the above specifications, and meets the aging and stock piling, deleterious substances, and crushing requirements of this specification.

BOF slag shall not be allowed for non-surface course applications in Items 304, 410, 411 or 617.

Recycled OH or BOF slag from Department or non-Department projects may be used in Item 203, or surface course applications in Items 617, 410 or 411, if the material meets the requirements of this specification.

OH slag may be used for Item 304 and for a non-surface course application in Items 617, 410 and 411, if the OH slag meets the above specifications and all the additions and deletions listed below;

Recycled OH or BOF slag from Department or non-Department projects shall not be allowed.

Deleterious substances (soft pieces) shall include soft lime, lime oxide or magnesia agglomerations or any foreign materials prone to rapid disintegration under construction processing and weathering conditions.

Deleterious substances(soft pieces) in accordance with Supplement 1029 (hand crushing of soft pieces) shall be less than 3 percent by weight.

Material passing the 75 μm(200 sieve) shall be less than 10 percent by weight.

No crushing of OH or BOF slag shall be allowed.

Identification of OH Slag. Clear, definitive and undisputable identification of the OH slag is required for OH slag used for Item 304 or for a non-surface course application in Items 617, 410 or 411.

The producer shall show the Department evidence that the material supplied is open hearth slag. This information shall consist of but not be limited to the following:

Steel producer, production dates, production rates, stockpiling dates, type of steel produced, and all known Department and non-Department projects where the material was previously used.

This identification of OH slag may be supplemented by other information approved by the Department or by using 10 years of good performance data. The producer shall submit to the Department projects where the OH slag has been used without expansion or tufa problems. The Department will review the above projects as part of the identification approval process.

All OH slag not identified as open hearth slag shall be considered basic oxygen furnace slag unless identified otherwise.

Tufa Performance Verified. Tufa is a precipitate form of calcium carbonate that can clog up the underdrain systems. Some OH slag sources clog up underdrain systems and some do not. Tufa performance verification will be based on field performance and Department's inspection of the underdrain systems.

Tufa performance verification is required for OH slag used for Item 304, or when OH slag is used for a non-surface course applications in Items 617, 410 or 411.

The producer shall submit to the Department past projects that are at least 10 years old that used the proposed OH slag source. The producer shall supply the Department with construction plans with the underdrains and underdrain outlets marked on the plans, or other suitable method, approved by the Department, showing the underdrain system. The producer shall mark the underdrain outlets in the field for inspection. The Department will inspect the underdrain systems for tufa deposits. If tufa deposits are found in the outlets or in the underdrain system, the OH slag source shall be rejected.

The following sources have previously been evaluated for tufa performance: Standard-Lafarge's Cuyahoga Heights and McDonald plants. Tufa performance verification is not required for these sources.