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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATION 815

FIELD PAINTING OF EXISTING STEEL, SYSTEM OZEU

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**815.01 DESCRIPTION.** This item shall consist of furnishing all necessary labor, materials, and equipment to clean and paint all existing steel surfaces as specified herein.

**815.02 MATERIALS.** A three coat paint system consisting of: Organic Zinc Prime Coat, Epoxy Intermediate Coat and a Urethane Finish Coat. The Contractor shall select a coating system meeting the requirements of Supplemental Specification 910 entitled OZEU Structural Steel Paint. The approved list of coatings meeting this specification is on file at the Office of Materials Management and District Office.

**815.03 QUALITY CONTROL** Quality control will consist of the following items:

**A. Contractor Quality Control Specialist.** Before any work begins, the Contractor shall designate one individual on each project as a Quality Control Specialist (only one person per project will be necessary unless the Contractor is working at more than 3 sites simultaneously). In which case, it will be necessary to provide an additional Quality Control Specialist for each additional three (or portion of three) sites being painted simultaneously. This person will not be a Foreman or member of the Contractor's production staff (ie. he will not abrasive blast, paint, recover spent abrasives, etc.). He will not be involved in any other miscellaneous tasks (ie. mixing paint, running errands, running or working on equipment, etc.) while any production work is taking place. Documentation that personnel performing quality control related functions are qualified shall be submitted to the Engineer prior to allowing the Quality Control Specialist (QCS) to begin work. Documentation/verification shall be provided to the Engineer that the QCS has received formal training from one of the following: KTA Tator, S. G. Pinney, or Corrosion Control Consultants. He shall be equipped with material safety data sheets, product data sheets, tools and equipment to provide quality control on all facets of the work and shall have a thorough understanding of the plans and specifications pertaining to this project. He shall be responsible for inspecting the equipment at the specified intervals, the abrasives, and the work, at all quality control points. He shall also be responsible for verifying that all work is done within the specified work limitations. He shall cooperate with the Inspector and compare and document quality control readings. He shall have the authority to stop work and the responsibility to inform the Contractor's Foreman of nonconforming work.

**B. Quality Control Points.** Quality control points (QCP) are points in time when one phase of the work is complete and ready for inspection by both the Contractor and the Engineer prior to continuing with the next operational step. At these points: The Contractor shall afford access to inspect all affected surfaces. If inspection indicates a deficiency, that phase of the work shall be corrected in accordance with these specifications prior to beginning the next phase of work. Discovery of defective work or material after a Quality Control Point is past or failure of the final product before final acceptance, shall not in any way prevent rejection or obligate the State of Ohio to final acceptance.

Quality Control Points (QCP)	PURPOSE
1. Solvent Cleaning	Remove asphaltic cement, oil, grease, salt, dirt, etc. followed by washdown
2. Grinding Flange Edges	Remove sharp corners, as detailed on plans
3. Containment/Waste Disposal	Contain, collect & dispose of abrasive blasting debris

4. Abrasive Blasting	Blasted surface to receive paint
5. Prime Coat Application	Check surface cleanliness; apply prime coat; check coating thickness
6. Removing Fins, Tears, slivers	Remove surface defects and slivers
7. Caulking	Caulk areas detailed on plans
8. Intermediate Coat Application	Check surface cleanliness; apply intermediate coat, check coating thickness
9. Finish Coat Application	Check surface cleanliness, apply finish coat, check coating thickness
10. Final Review	Visual inspection of system for Acceptance and check total system thickness.

**815.04 SURFACE PREPARATION.** This item shall also consist of solvent cleaning (if required), abrasive blasting, and providing a wash facility for the Engineer and Inspectors.

**A. Solvent Cleaning (QCP #1)** If specifically required by plan note, the bridge shall be solvent cleaned to remove all traces of asphaltic cement, oil, grease, diesel fuel deposits, and other soluble contaminants, (QCP #1) (see SSPC-SP 1 Solvent Cleaning for recommended practices). Under no circumstances shall any abrasive blasting be done to areas with asphaltic cement, oil, grease, or diesel fuel deposits. All solvent cleaned areas shall be subsequently washed before abrasive blasting as detailed below.

Washing shall be accomplished with potable water having a nozzle pressure of at least 7 MPa(1,000 PSI) and a delivery rate of not less than 15 L (4 gallon) per minute. The Contractor, shall provide equipment specifications to verify the above. The equipment shall also be equipped with gauges to verify the pressure. The nozzle shall be held at a maximum of 300 mm (12 inches) from the surface being washed.

**B. Grinding Flange Edges (QCP #2)** . If a pay item for this work is shown on the plans, all exposed bottom flange edges of longitudinal rolled and welded beams in areas designated on the plans shall be rounded to a radius of 3 mm plus or minus 1.5 mm (1/8 inch plus or minus 1/16 inch) before abrasive blasting. This work may be done without weather and temperature restrictions.

**C. Containment/Waste Disposal (QCP #3).** Waste material generated by abrasive blasting operations is a solid waste and shall be handled as follows:

(1) Contained, (2) Collected, (3) Stored, (4) Evaluated, (5) Properly disposed.

All equipment shall be parked on ground covers free of cuts, tears or holes to prevent contamination of pavement or soil and to protect area under and around equipment.

The Contractor shall erect an enclosure to completely surround (around and under) the blasting operations. The ground cannot be used as the bottom of the enclosure unless completely covered with plastic or tarps.

The enclosure shall be constructed of flexible materials such as tarpaulins or containment screens (specifically designed for this purpose), or of rigid materials such as plywood. All materials shall be maintained free of tears, cuts or holes; however, flexible material used for the sides of the enclosure only may be weaved to contain a maximum of 15 percent holes and a minimum of 85 percent material. All seams shall be overlapped a minimum of 150 mm (6 inches) and fastened together at 300 mm (12 inch) centers, or fastened and overlapped in a manner that insures a seal which does not allow openings between the screens in the containment. The vertical sides of the enclosure shall extend completely up to the bottom of the deck on a steel beam bridge. All blasting operations on a truss type bridge shall be completely enclosed, including top side. Bulkheads shall be used between beams to enclose the blasting area.

Vacuum blasting may be used in lieu of containment, providing that the vacuum blasting equipment is manufactured and marketed for this purpose and is equipped with controls which automatically shut down the blasting operation if the blast head brushes are not held in contact with the surface being cleaned.

All debris collected by these operations, removed from equipment or filters, or that has fallen to the ground, shall be collected and stored at the bridge site, if practical, for testing, evaluation and disposal. If not practical, an alternate location shall be mutually agreed upon by the Engineer and Contractor. Additionally, centralized cleaning stations for recyclable steel, ferric oxide, or aluminum oxide grit (if used) shall be set up at a location mutually agreed upon by the Contractor and Engineer. Storage shall be in steel containers and shall have lids which shall be locked at the end of each workday.

The Contractor shall obtain the services of a testing laboratory to obtain directly from the project site and evaluate a composite representative sample of the abrasive blasting debris for each bridge site. The person taking the sample will be an employee of the testing laboratory.

The composite sample shall consist of individual samples taken from all containers which are on the site at the time of the sampling. These individual samples shall be blended together to comprise one composite sample. The individual samples shall be of equal size. There shall be one individual sample taken from each drum and four randomly spaced individual samples taken from each container other than drums.

The individual samples shall be taken with stainless steel tools and placed into either clean glass or plastic containers.

All sampling shall be done in the presence of the Engineer. In addition to the above mentioned requirements, the sampling shall also comply with the requirements of U.S. EPA Publication SW 846.

A Chain of Custody must also accompany all composite samples. Included in this document shall be in the name of the person taking the sample, the Company for which he works, the date and time which the sample was taken, the bridge from which it was taken, the Township and Municipality where the bridge is located and signatures of all persons involved in the Chain of Custody, including dates of possession.

The sampling shall be done within the first week of production blasting at each bridge. If the sampling is not done within the time allotted above, all blasting and painting operations on the bridge from which waste was generated, shall promptly cease.