

Aging and Stockpiling Requirements. All OH and BOF slag shall be stockpiled and aged as follows:

The material shall be graded and stockpiled into maximum size piles of 23,000 Metric ton (25,000 ton). Prior to and during the stock piling operation, these materials shall have water added to provide a uniform moisture content not less than their absorbed moisture. The stockpile shall be maintained in a moist condition during the required stock piling period.

The producer shall mix the stockpile when the outside surface of the pile has crusted over. The Department will inspect the stock pile every 2 months to ensure no crusting occurs. Frozen stockpile material shall not be mixed. The aging period shall be suspended when the stockpile is frozen for more than one month.

This aging period shall be at least 6 months in duration and shall start over if any new material is added to the pile during the aging period.

Expansion Testing. After the aging and stock piling requirements have been met, expansion testing is required for OH slag used for Item 304 or when OH slag is used for a non surface course applications in Item 617, Item 410 or Item 411.

Expansion Testing shall be performed in accordance with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation PTM No. 130, the ODOT equivalent to this test or expansion testing acceptable to ODOT.

The producer shall hire an independent AASHTO accredited and ODOT approved laboratory to perform at least half of the expansion testing. At the producer's option, up to half of the required expansion testing may be performed by the producer's lab. The Office of Materials Management shall observe the expansion testing and approve each independent and producer laboratory.

The expansion testing shall be performed for every 2300 metric tons (2500 tons) or fraction thereof of the material supplied.

The maximum allowable total expansion for each test shall be less than 0.50 percent. If any one test fails in the stockpile, the entire stockpile shall be rejected.

When sampling for expansion, the producer shall notify the Department at least 48 hours prior to the sampling. The Department will verify that the sample came from the correct stock pile and take independent spit samples, if required.

The expansion test data and a suitably presented summary of the expansion test data shall be submitted to the Department for approval. The Department reserves the right to perform independent testing to verify the laboratory results at any time.

The Department expansion test data shall take precedence over the producer or independent laboratory expansion testing results in the event of a conflict. The Department shall make the final determination on all conflicting data.

If the material fails the expansion testing, the material shall be stock piled for a minimum of 2 additional months from the date of last sampling and retested for expansion. No materials shall be approved for use until the material passes the expansion test.