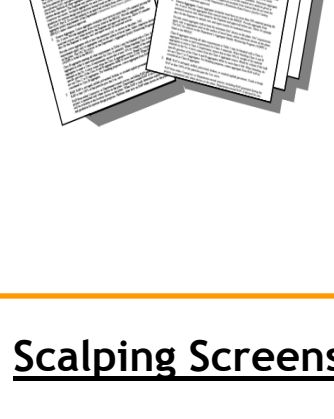




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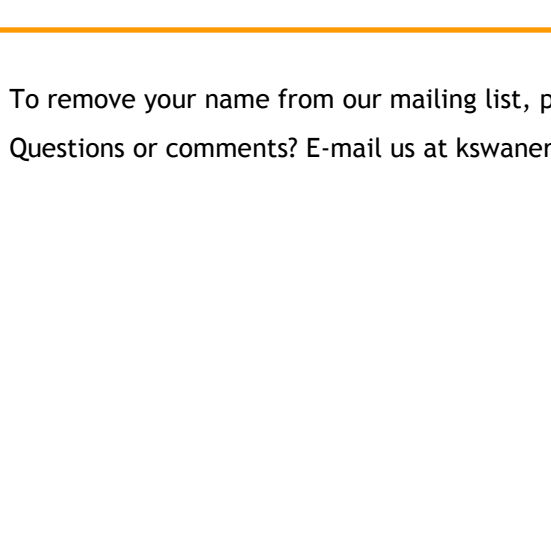
Special Specifications

TxDOT's Specification Committee has approved the 5 new Special Specifications. They are in the Final Comment stage. This stage will last approximately 60 days. Once this time has expired, they will be disseminated to all of the districts and required for use on all state projects. They are expected to be published and added to the projects in either November or December of 2012.



Scalping Screens

TxDOT's new Special Specifications that are due to be published in a couple of months contain many changes. One of the changes addresses oversize aggregates in Hot Mix Asphalt. TxDOT has added a "Maximum Sieve Size" to the Master Gradation Band. The specifications state "Suspend operation and take corrective action if any aggregate is retained on the maximum sieve size". There is no tolerance on this.



This makes it more critical to check your scalping screens to ensure they are in good shape and are not defective. You should also pay particular attention when producing different mixes and make sure that no mix is dumped into a silo that contains a different mix. Another piece of the process to watch is making sure that your trucks have clean beds, especially if they are hauling to various projects that have different mixes going to them.

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