ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

- Effective Date: This Engineering Bulletin (EB) is effective upon signature.
- Superseded Issuances: None

PURPOSE: To announce the availability of a 2012 update to Section 4.4.19, Asbestos Management Section of the TEM.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION: The objective of this section is to provide guidance to complete asbestos screenings, assessments, project design and project monitoring. Section 4.4.19 is being updated to include additional guidance associated with performing screenings and assessments of concrete sidewalks for suspect asbestos-containing joint filler material. Additional guidance provided includes direction on in-house and consultant staff who can conduct screenings/assessments and how homogeneous suspect asbestos-containing concrete sidewalk joint filler should be sampled.

TRANSMITTED MATERIALS: None. Section 4.4.19 (Asbestos Management) of the TEM can be found at the following address:


BACKGROUND: Several Regions have found a limited amount of asbestos-containing joint filler in association with capital construction projects involving replacement or reconstruction of concrete sidewalks as part of ADA work, as part of larger street reconstruction projects and as part of bridge replacement projects. As a result, the Environmental Science Bureau is updating Section 4.4.19 to include specific guidance on concrete sidewalk screening and assessment.

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