**Asphalt Cement Cost Adjustment Index Change**

This bulletin announces the change to a new source for the Department’s asphalt cement price index. A zero dollar change order will be issued for all active projects with the pay items 403 Hot Mix Asphalt or 403 Stone Matrix Asphalt when the cost of asphalt cement (AC) is included in the work, and for active projects with pay item 411 Asphalt Cement when the AC is paid for separately.

This change is necessary because the original source used to develop the AC price index, Cenovus Energy, discontinued their daily crude oil price posting after April 1, 2013. Beginning April 1, 2013, the index will be based on the Flint Hills Resources daily crude oil price posting. The selection of the new crude oil prices source was made in conjunction with CDOT, Colorado Contractor’s Association and Colorado Asphalt Pavement Association.

For active projects with AC included in the cost of work, the Project Engineer will delete standard special provision “Revision of Section 109, Asphalt Cement Cost Adjustment (Asphalt Cement Included in the Work)” dated September 29, 2011, or earlier, and replace it with the attached standard special provision of the same name dated April 5, 2013.

For active projects with AC paid for separately, the Project Engineer will delete standard special provision “Revision of Section 109, Asphalt Cement Cost Adjustment (Asphalt Cement Paid Separately)” dated February 3, 2011, or earlier, and replace it with the attached standard special provision of the same name dated April 5, 2013.

Example of the language for Form 90:

Your Contract is hereby modified to delete Standard Special Provision “Revision of Section 109 Asphalt Cement Cost Adjustment (Asphalt Cement Included in the Work)” dated September 29, 2011 and replace it with Standard Special Provision “Revision of Section 109 Asphalt Cement Cost Adjustment (Asphalt Cement Included in the Work)” dated April 5, 2013.

This is a zero dollar change order and does not impact contract time.

The standard special provisions Revision of Section 109, Asphalt Cement Cost Adjustment (Asphalt Cement Included in the Work) and Revision of Section 109, Asphalt Cement Cost Adjustment (Asphalt Cement Paid Separately) both dated April 5, 2013 are attached.



If you have questions, please contact your Area Engineer in Contracts and Market Analysis.

**References:**

Construction Bulletins can be found on the CDOT intranet at:

<http://www.coloradodot.info/business/designsupport/bulletins_manuals/construction-bulletins>