



Memorandum

Date: March 19, 2026

To: All holders of Standard Special Provisions

From: Bill Cornelius, Standards and Specifications Unit Manager

Subject: New standard special provision: Revision of Section 601 Low Strength Evaluation

As of March 19, 2026, this unit has issued the new standard special provision, Revision of Section 601 Low Strength Evaluation, with 2 pages, dated March 19, 2026.

CDOT, ACPA & CRMCA formed a task force to determine how to evaluate low strengths in concrete. A section of 601 conflicts with how 412 and 618 items' cylinder strengths are evaluated. This change makes it consistent for all items. In addition, a change in CP 65 for dealing with cores that may have been damaged and exhibit low strength

Please use this on all projects with concrete items.

This standard special provision will become mandatory in projects advertised on or after April 16, 2026. You may use this standard special provision in projects advertised before this date.

For those of you who keep a book of Standard Special Provisions, please include this new provision. For your convenience, this provision and the latest SSP Index are attached to the email. You can also find these in our Construction Specifications web pages: [Standard Special Provisions](#) and the [Recently Issued Special Provisions](#).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact this office.

