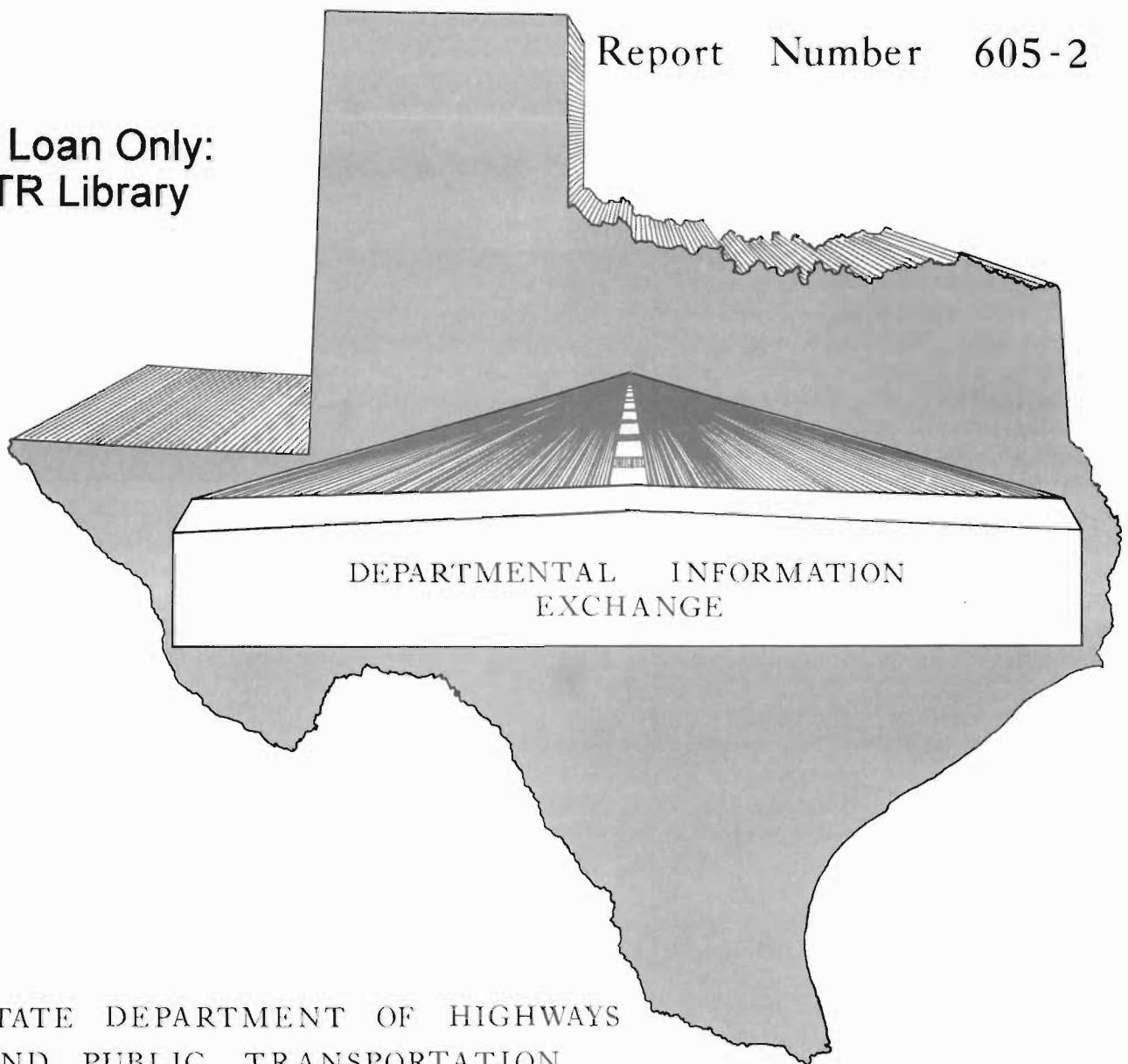


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PRECOATED LIGHTWEIGHT AGGREGATE

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Background

In 1978 an effort was made in District 10 to improve seal coat projects by requiring the use of precoated aggregates. The precoated aggregates were specified on the plans to be used on projects having high traffic counts and on projects in cities and towns where there were large numbers of turning movements. These situations also created a need for high polish value aggregates.

High polish value aggregates for District 10 are primarily produced at three sources. They are: East Texas Stone at Blue Mountain; Gifford-Hill at Allamore (Rhyolite); and TXI at Streetman (lightweight). Our present specifications requiring precoated aggregate eliminated one of these sources, TXI lightweight.

TXI became interested in precoating lightweight aggregate after we began specifying it, and in November 1979 they arranged with Moore Asphalt Co. in Tyler to precoat some of their material from Streetman on an experimental basis. Three 35 CY loads were delivered to the plant, one of which would remain uncoated and serve as a base, and the other two would be coated with No. 12 precoat oil at rates of 1.6% and 1.8% by weight.

Precoating Operations

When precoating began, our District Laboratory selected 1.8% by weight as a starting point since this rate is approximately the amount of precoating oil that would be used in conventional precoat. Upon observing the precoated material, it was determined that this rate was too high and the rate was reduced to 1.6% for the second load.

After precoating, the material was immediately hauled to the South Tyler maintenance yard and stockpiled in three separate piles. Upon observing the material after stockpiling, it was evident that the lightweight aggregate had absorbed a portion of the precoat oil and it was noted that the 1.6% rate, which appeared to be right at the time of precoating, appeared too dry in the stockpile. Likewise, the 1.8% rate, which appeared too high at the time of precoating, appeared to be right in the stockpile. This observation may be noted in the photograph in Figure 1.

Laboratory Tests

Following are the results of tests performed on the material:

<u>Unit Weight</u>	<u>%Precoat #12</u>	<u>% Absorption</u>
47.8 PCF	0.0	12.4
	1.6	10.9
	1.8	5.8

Gradation

<u>Sieve Size</u>	<u>% Retained</u>	<u>Sieve Size</u>	<u>% Retained</u>
3/4	0	3/8	33.8
5/8	0	#4	99
1/2	1.5	#10	99

We believe the reduction in absorption by precoating the aggregate is most significant. Documentation of the laboratory tests may be found in Appendix A.

Construction Operations

On June 18, 1980, a section on FM 2493 south of Loop 323 in Tyler was selected for placing test sections for the precoated lightweight. FM 2493 is a 24' wide two-lane road with a traffic volume of 3440 vpd.

Six sections, each 12' wide and 900' long, were selected as follows (see Figure 2):

On Sections #1 and #2, 1.8% precoated lightweight aggregate was applied at a rate of 1 CY to 120 SY. The asphalt rate was .33 gal/SY on Section #1 and .25 gal/SY on Section #2.

On Sections #3 and #4, 1.6% precoated lightweight aggregate was applied at a rate of 1 CY to 120 SY. The asphalt rate was .33 gal/SY on Section #3 and .25 gal/SY on Section #4.

On Sections #5 and #6, uncoated lightweight aggregate was applied at a rate of 1 CY to 120 SY. The asphalt rate was .32 gal/SY on Section #5 and .28 gal/SY on Section #6.

The asphalt was an AC-10 from Dorchester Company, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. The daily road report and material documentation may be found in Appendix B.

Weather conditions for the placement of test sections was very good. The day was clear. The wind was calm. The air temperature was in the low 90's.

The construction work was done by State Maintenance forces. The AC-10 was applied with a Rosco Distributor. The aggregate was placed with a self-propelled spreader and rolling followed immediately utilizing a SB-3000 pneumatic roller. Figures 3 to 5 show views of the construction equipment and operations. Generally the construction operations progressed very well and a good seal coat was obtained.

The following morning the sections were broomed to remove any excess aggregate. It was noted that there was no loose aggregate except a minor amount along the extreme outside edge of the pavement. Figures 6 through 8 show photographs of the completed sections and the brooming operations.

A rain fell on June 21, 1980, some 3 days after placement. Following the rain, an inspection was made and no adverse effects were noted.

Performance Testing

Performance testing consisted of obtaining skid resistance tests and performing a periodic rating using a panel composed of District 10 personnel and personnel from the Maintenance and Safety, Construction Operations and Transportation Planning divisions.

Skid tests were made on August 13, 1980 and the following information was obtained:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Skid No.</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Skid No.</u>
1	42, 37, 46	4	44, 44
2	47, 48	5	59, 55
3	48, 44	6	54, 59

The skid tests show relatively high values and a slight increase in values was expected with increased time as the asphalt covering abrades and more aggregate would become exposed to the test tire.

The team rating was performed at approximate six month intervals and a summary of the data collected may be found in Table I. An example of the data collected has been included in Appendix C. Figures 9 through 17 show photographs of the sections taken at rating time during the first winter. Note little raveling, flushing or aggregate degradation have been found to date and the overall appearance and performance has been very good.

Conclusions and Implementation

All experimental sections are performing well and it was concluded that precoating synthetic lightweight aggregate was successful and beneficial. Based on the results of this information, some 51 lane miles of highways in District 10 were sealed with a precoated lightweight aggregate during the 1981 asphalt season. At the present time, this construction is performing very well. Flushing, as would be expected, may be found in areas where previous patching occurred, but little flushing, aggregate loss or aggregate degradation developed or is evident.

TABLE 1
RATING PANEL SUMMARY

DATE	VISUAL INSPECTION (10-High)	AGGREGATE DEGRADATION (10-High)	AGGREGATE RETENTION (10-High)	FLUSHING (10-High)	RATING SCORE (40-Highest)	AGGREGATE OUT W.P.	EMBEDMENT Betw. W.P.
<u>Section 1</u>							
Summer 1980	9.5	9.75	9.75	9.38		50%	44%
Winter 80-81	9.8	9.7	9.9	9.8		50	53
Winter 81-82	9	10	10	10		50	45
<u>Section 2</u>							
Summer 1980	9.5	9.63	9.75	9.5		49%	43%
Winter 80-81	9.8	10	10	9.9		45	43
Winter 81-82	9	10	10	9.5		50	45
<u>Section 3</u>							
4 Summer 1980	9.5	9.75	9.75	9.38		50%	44%
Winter 80-81	9.8	10	10	10		43	43
Winter 81-82	9	9.5	10	9.5		50	45
<u>Section 4</u>							
Summer 1980	9.5	9.63	9.75	9.5		49%	43%
Winter 80-81	9.4	9.8	10	10		43	43
Winter 81-82	9	10	10	9.5		45	40
<u>Section 5</u>							
Summer 1980	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.38		49%	43%
Winter 80-81	9.4	9.8	10	9.6		45	43
Winter 81-82	9	10	10	9.5		50	40
<u>Section 6</u>							
Summer 1980	9.5	9.63	9.5	9.25		53%	47%
Winter 80-81	9.6	9.6	9.9	10		40	40
Winter 81-82	9	10	10	9.5		45	40



FIGURE 1 - STOCKPILED AGGREGATE

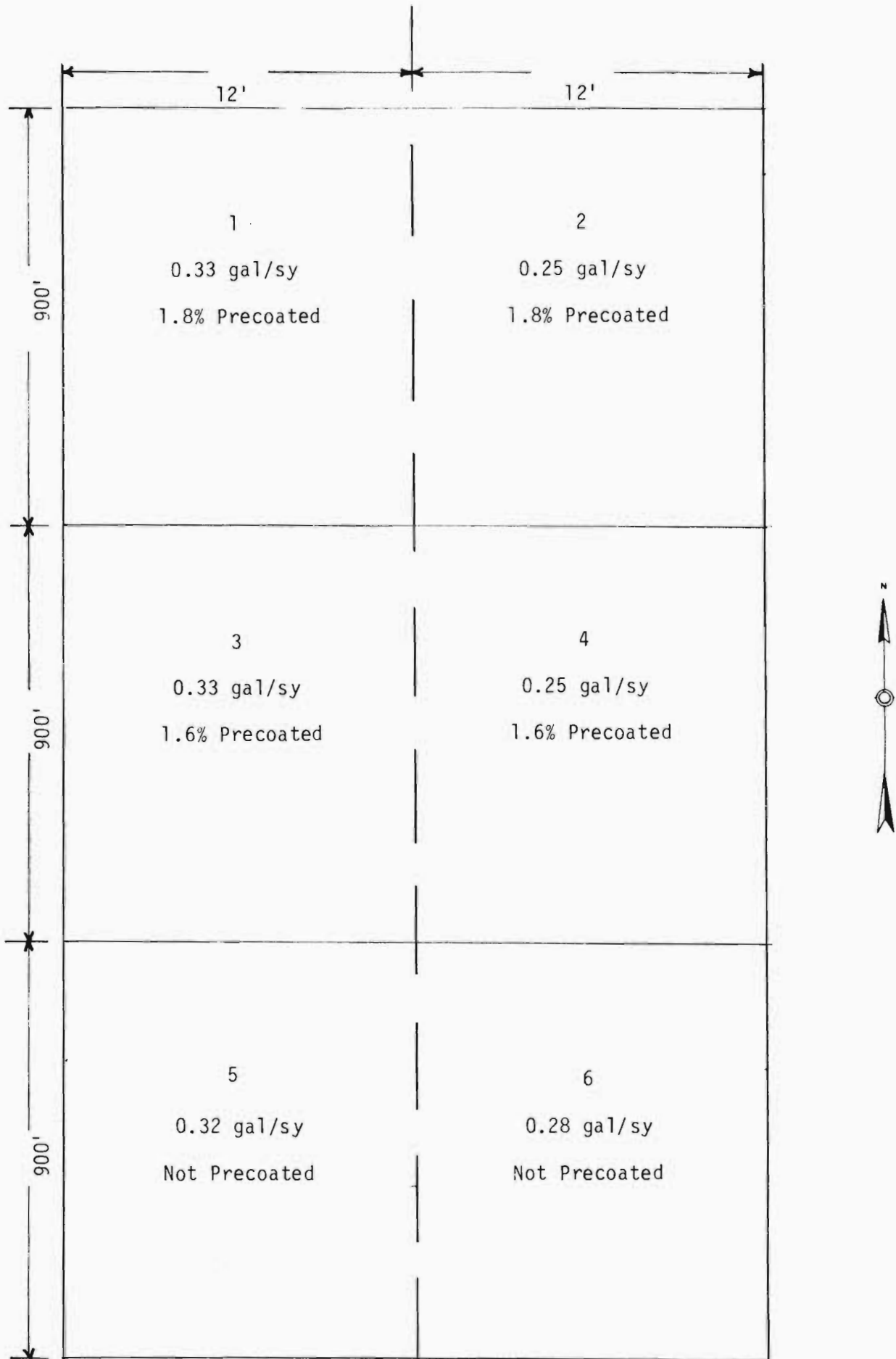


FIGURE 2 - SCHEMATIC OF EXPERIMENTAL SECTIONS



FIGURE 3
DISTRIBUTOR
USED



FIGURE 4
AGGREGATE
SPREADER
USED



FIGURE 5
PNEUMATIC
ROLLER USED



FIGURE 6 - GENERAL VIEW OF SECTIONS 1 AND 2



FIGURE 7 - GENERAL VIEW OF SECTIONS 3 AND 4



FIGURE 8 - GENERAL VIEW OF SECTIONS 5 AND 6

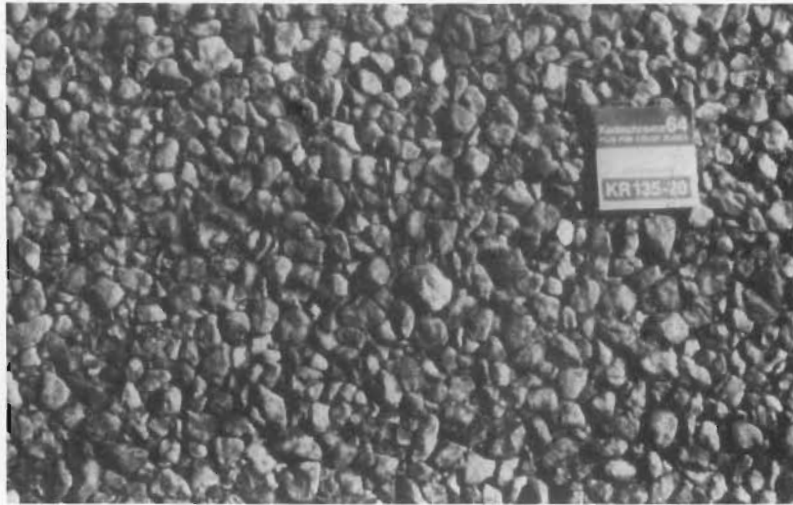


FIGURE 9 - CLOSE VIEW OF SECTION 1
IN FIRST WINTER - 7 MONTHS

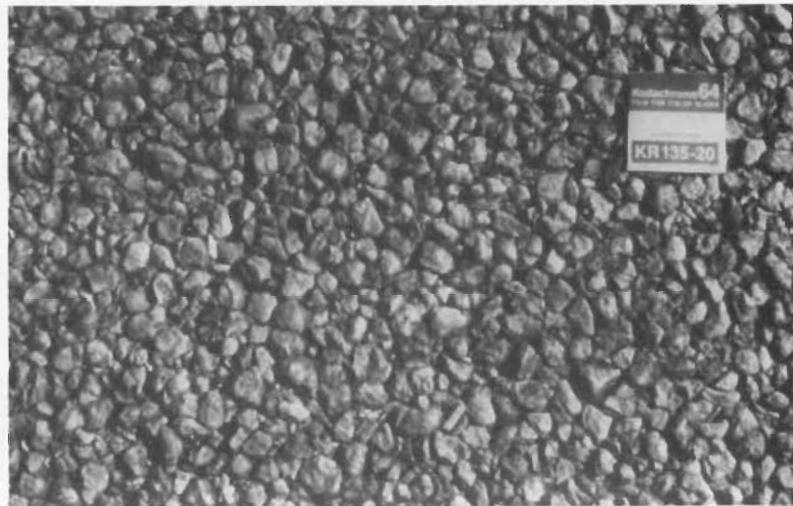


FIGURE 10 - CLOSE VIEW OF SECTION 2
IN FIRST WINTER - 7 MONTHS



FIGURE 11 - VIEW OF SECTIONS 1 AND 2 IN FIRST WINTER - 7 MONTHS

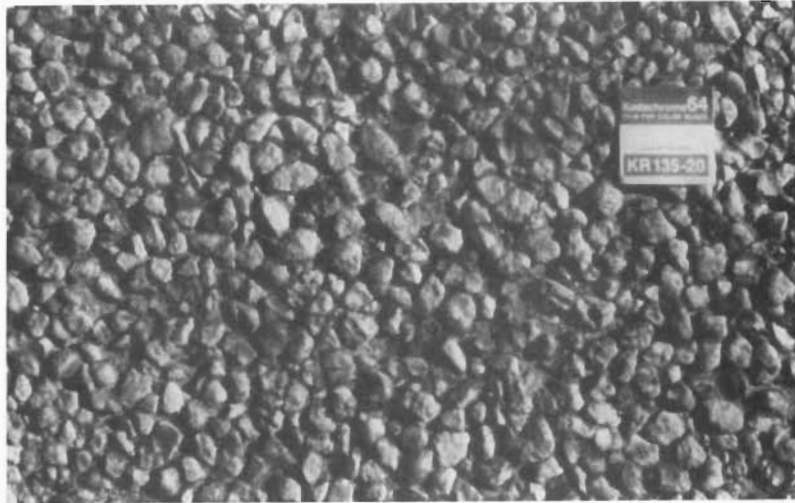


FIGURE 12 - CLOSE VIEW OF SECTION 3
IN FIRST WINTER - 7 MONTHS

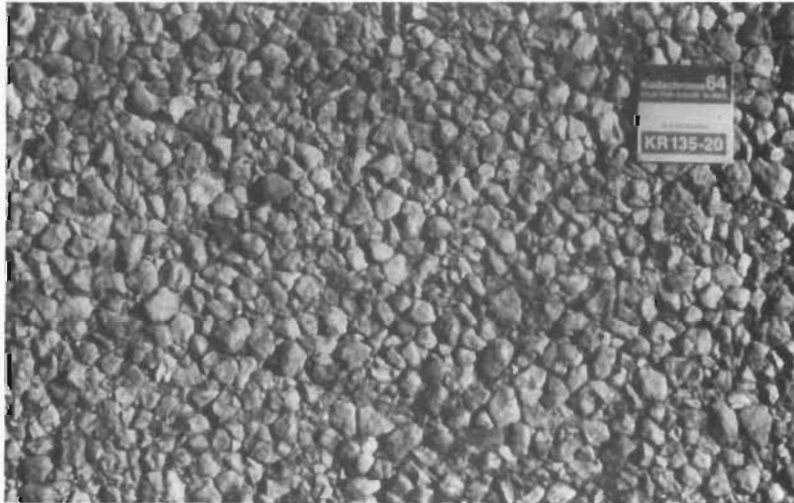


FIGURE 13 - CLOSE VIEW OF SECTION 4
IN FIRST WINTER - 7 MONTHS



FIGURE 14 - VIEW OF SECTIONS 3 AND 4 IN FIRST WINTER - 7 MONTHS
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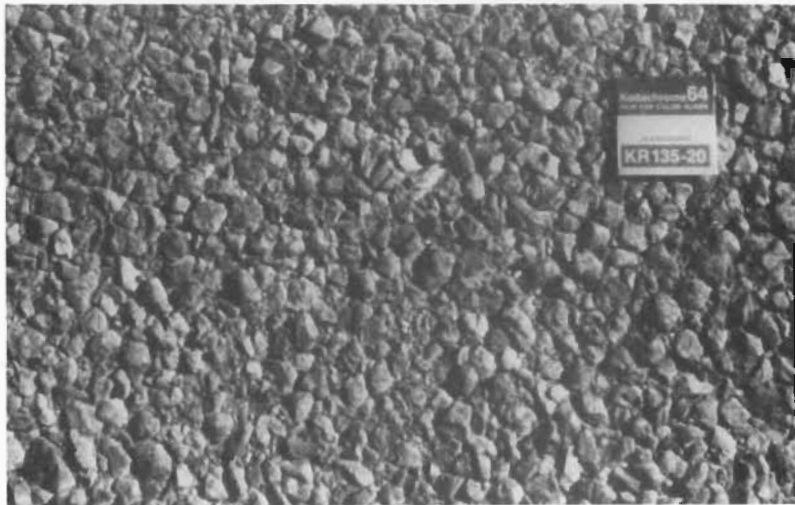


FIGURE 15 - CLOSE VIEW OF SECTION 5
IN FIRST WINTER - 7 MONTHS

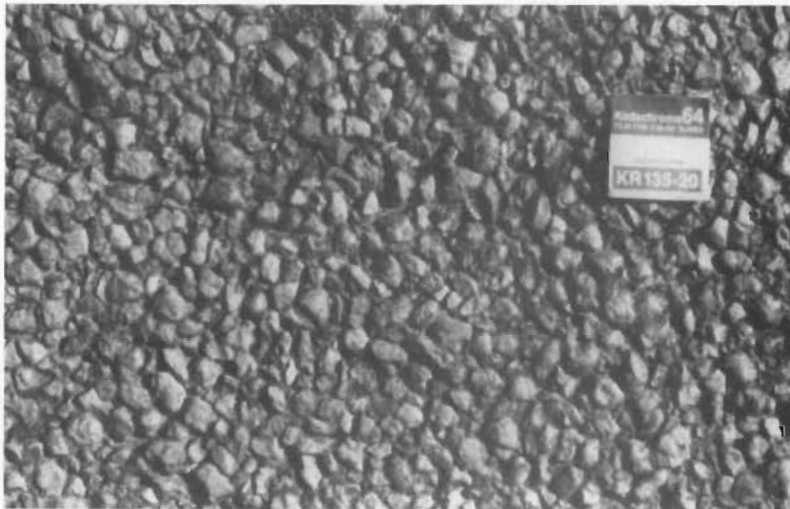


FIGURE 16 - CLOSE VIEW OF SECTION 6
IN FIRST WINTER - 7 MONTHS



FIGURE 17 - VIEW OF SECTIONS 5 AND 6 IN FIRST WINTER - 7 MONTHS

APPENDIX A
LABORATORY TEST DOCUMENTATION

APPENDIX A - SUMMARY OF LABORATORY TESTS

Item 304

AGGREGATE FOR SURFACE TREATMENTS

(Precoated)

(Class B)

TXI Lightweight - Grade 4

(Unit Wt. 47.8#/ft³)

13

	* %Precoat #12	Precoat/ Batch	Batch Wt.	Absorption	+5/8	+1/2	+3/8	+4	+10	Moist.	Vol.
Raw Material	0	0	0	12.4	0	1.5	33.8	98.9	99.8	1.13	
Precoated	1.6	35#	2200	10.9	0	1.0	33.8	95.8	96.9	.06	10
Precoated	1.8	40#	2200	5.8	0	1.2	18.4	90.9	97.1	.04	.05

* Spec. = 0.5 - 1.5% by weight

PLANT INSPECTION REPORT

ASPHALTIC CONCRETE

Laboratory No. 10-331-79	Control No. _____ Sect. No. _____ Job No. _____
Date Inspected 11-21-79	Smith _____ Research _____
Date Reported 11-26-79	County _____ Federal Project No. _____ Hwy. No. _____
Dist. Engr. Constr. Engr. Charles H. Reasonover	10 _____
Address Tyler, TX	District No. _____ Req. No. _____ B.O.C. No. _____
Res. Engr. or Maint. Fore. _____	304 _____ PB Gr. 5 _____
Address _____	Spec. Item No. _____ Stencil No. _____ Type _____
Contractor Research	Tyler - Plant _____ S. Mtce. - Whse. _____
Producer Moore Asphalt Co.	Point of Origin _____ Destination _____

Car Initial and Number	Wt. Tons	Asph. %	PERCENT BY WEIGHT									
			Pass.	Pass.	1 1/2" - 3/4"	3/4" - 3/8"	3/8" - No. 4	1/4" - No. 4	No. 4-10	Ret. No. 10	10-40	40-80
<p>% Absorption on Stockpile Material (10-318-79) = 12.4</p> <p>" on material with 1.6% Precoat (10-315-79) = 10.9</p> <p>" on material with 1.8% Precoat (10-316-79) = 5.8</p>												

EXTRACTION RESULTS

Total Loss %	Molst. %	Vol. %	Res. Bit. %				

Type Asph.	Lab. Number	Design No.	Batch Wt.	Primer %	Water Add. %	Report No.

On 11-26-79 at Research, Austin, Texas

By: _____

Inspector

PLANT INSPECTION REPORT

ASPHALTIC CONCRETE

Laboratory No. 10-316-79
 Date Inspected 11-13-79
 Date Reported 11-15-79
 Dist. Engr. Dist. Constr. Engr. Charles H. Reasonover
 Address Tyler, TX
 Res. Engr. or Maint. Fore. _____
 Address _____
 Contractor Research
 Producer Moore Asphalt Co.

Control No. Smith Sect. No. _____ Job No. Research
 County 10 Federal Project No. _____ Hwy. No. _____
 District No. 304 Req. No. _____ B.O.C. No. PB, Gr. 4
 Spec. Item No. Tyler - Plant Stencil No. _____ Type _____
 Point of Origin _____ Destination S.Mtce. - Whse.

Car Initial and Number	Wt. Tons	Asph. %	PERCENT BY WEIGHT												
			Pass.	Pass.	1 1/2" - 3/8"	XXXXX 3/8" - 3/4"	XXXXX 3/4" - NO. 4	XXXXXXX 1/2" - NO. 4	XXXXX NO. 4 - 10	Ret. No. 10	10-40	40-80	80-200	Pass. 200	
						+5/8	+1/2	+3/8	+4						

EXTRACTION RESULTS

Total Loss %	Moist. %	Vol. %	Res. Bit. %									
1.63	.04	.05	1.54			0	1.2	18.4	90.9	97.1		

Type Asph.	Lab. Number	Design No.	Batch Wt.	Primer %	Water Add. %	Report No.
Precoat #12	39115		2200	1.8	0	

Sampled by: _____

Inspector

SOILS AND BASE MATERIALS TEST REPORT

Laboratory No. 10-9-80
 Date Rec'd 11-13-79 Reported 1-23-80
 Engineer Charles H. Reasonover
 Address Tyler, TX
 Contractor _____
 Sampler Lawrence W. Leake
 Sampler's Title Geol. II
 Sampled From Stockpile
 Producer TXI
 Quantity Represented by Sample _____
 Has been Used on _____

Control Number _____ Section Number _____ Job Number _____
Smith _____ Research
 County _____ Federal Project No. _____ Highway No. _____
10 _____ 11-13-79
 District No. _____ I.P.E. No. _____ Req. No. _____ Date Sampled _____
 Specification Item No. 304 - PB Gr. 4
 Material from Property of Moore Asphalt Plant

 Proposed for Use as Precoated Aggregate

Lab. No.	LL	PI	SL	LS	SR	Class	Soil Binder	WBM % Loss	% Moist.	Unit
10-9-80										47.8

PERCENT RETAINED ON

Lab. No.	Square Mesh Sieve															Grain Diam.			Specific Gravity
	Opening in Inches							Sieve Numbers								in Millimeters			
	3	2½	2	1½	1¼	¾	½	4	10	20	40	60	100	200	.05	.005	.001		

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION

Lab. No.	Identification Marks	Location—Properties—Station Numbers	Type of Materials
10-9-80		Stockpile @ Moore Asphalt Plant	Lightweight Aggregate

FORM FOR COMPUTING AVERAGE PARTICLE SIZE
AND ASPHALT RATES

Precoated Lightweight (Gr 4), F.M. 2493, Smith County, by SDHPT Maintenance Forces

<u>Screen Size</u>	<u>Accumulative S.A.</u>	<u>Retained</u>		<u>Average Particle Size</u>		
1 - 7/8	_____	_____	x	0.938	=	
7/8 - 3/4	_____	_____	x	0.813	=	
3/4 - 5/8	0	0	x	0.688	=	0.000
5/8 - 1/2	1.5	1.5	x	0.563	=	0.008
5/8 - 3/8	_____	_____	x	0.500	=	
1/2 - 3/8	33.8	32.3	x	0.438	=	0.141
1/2 - #4	_____	_____	x	0.343	=	
3/8 - 1/4	_____	_____	x	0.313	=	
3/8 - #4	98.9	65.1	x	0.281	=	0.183
3/8 - #10	_____	_____	x	0.227	=	
1/4 - #10	_____	_____	x	0.164	=	
#4 - #10	99.8	0.9	x	0.133	=	0.001
- #10	_____	0.2	x	0.063	=	0.000
		100.0		Avg. Size	=	0.333

Asph. Rate = 0.8977 x 0.333 = 0.299

+ --- % for traffic

+ --- % surface demand

- 0.027 gal. S.Y. for precoat

Use → 0.272 gal/S.Y.

Aggr. Rate (90% Coverage) = $\frac{36}{.90} \times .333 = 120$

Use: 1 CY per 120 SY

APPENDIX B
CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIAL DOCUMENTATION

DAILY ROAD REPORT—ASPHALT

Smith County. State Control No. Sec. Job F. A. P. No.

Type FM 2493 - Seal Coat Research Contractor State Maintenance Forces Date 6-18-80

MATERIALS—RECEIVED

R. R. CAR NO.	MATERIAL	NET WT.	LAB. REP.	AMOUNT	R. R. CAR NO.	MATERIAL	NET WT.	LAB. REP.	AMOUNT
Truck #1993	AC-10		C80372505	5999 Gal.					

ASPHALT APPLICATION

GENERAL									ASPHALT					
REF. NO.	CRSE. NO.	DIST. NO.	STA.	LENGTH to STA.	LENGTH FT.	WIDTH FT.	AREA S. Y.	CRSE. NO.	GALS. START	GALS. END	NET GALS.	TEMP. ° F.	GALS./S. Y.	
1	1		32+00	41+00	900	12	1200	West Side	1520	1120	400	375	.33	
2	1		41+00	32+00	900	12	1200	East Side	1120	820	300	375	.25	
3	1		41+00	50+00	900	12	1200	West Side	1520	1120	400	375	.33	
4	1		50+00	41+00	900	12	1200	East Side	1120	820	300	375	.25	
5	1		50+00	59+00	900	12	1200	West Side	1540	1160	380	375	.32	
6	1		59+00	50+00	900	12	1200	East Side	1160	820	340	375	.28	
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AGGREGATE	Ref. No.
Source of Aggregate 1st Course	1&2 - Precoated Lightweight
Source of Aggregate 2nd Course	3&4 - Precoated Lightweight
Source of Aggregate 3rd Course	5&6 - Uncoated Lightweight
Rate Aggregate Applied 1st Course	1 CY/120 SY
Rate Aggregate Applied 2nd Course	
Rate Aggregate Applied 3rd Course	
ASPHALT	
Source of Asphalt 1st Application	AC-10 Dorchester
Source of Asphalt 2nd Application	
Source of Asphalt 3rd Application	
Time Work Began:	
Time of Last Application:	
Time Work Finished:	
Reasons for Time Loss:	

SUMMARY OF DAYS WORK				
COURSE	ASPHALT		BLADING	ROLLING
	GALLONS	SQ. YDS.	HOURS	HOURS
1ST COURSE				
PREV. REPORT				
THIS REPORT				
TO DATE				
AV. RATE	gals. per. S. Y.			
2ND COURSE				
PREV. REPORT				
THIS REPORT				
TO DATE				
AV. RATE	gals. per. S. Y.			
3RD COURSE				
PREV. REPORT				
THIS REPORT				
TO DATE				
AV. RATE	gals. per. S. Y.			
TOTALS				

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Report No. 1

ASPHALT
MANIFEST R 005

DORCHESTER REFINING COMPANY
1100 27th Street
Dallas, Texas 75219

MI. PLEASANT, TEXAS

No. 48740

8345 - 208

6-18-80

TRUCK MAKE

1993

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5 5/8 (2000)
Inventory for Dorchester
To Army Depot
Burlingame, etc

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AC-10

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APPENDIX C
EXAMPLE OF TEAM RATING DATA

Precoated L. W. Experimental Sections

Date Evaluated July 21, 1980

A. JOB IDENTIFICATION

District No. 10 Highway No. FM 2493 County Smith

Control No. 191 Section No. 3 Job No. Maintenance

2 miles NSEW of Tyler (nearest town);

Mile Post _____ to Mile Post _____

Trial Field Section No. 1 Date Sealed June 18, 1980

B. MATERIALS AND DESIGN

Aggregate Source Streetman Lightweight Aggregate Quantity 1 CY:120SY

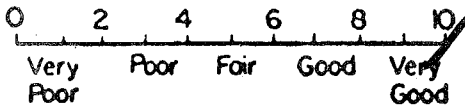
Asphalt Source Dorchester (AC-10) Asphalt Quantity (350°F) 0.33 gal/sy
(gal./sq. yd.)

Length of Section Evaluated 900 ~~miles~~ feet

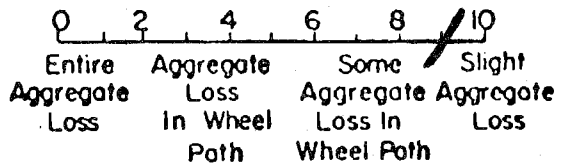
C. EVALUATION

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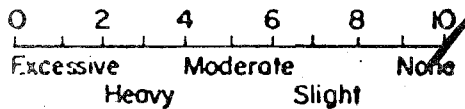
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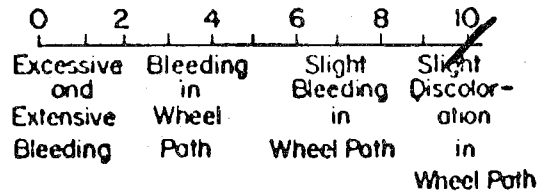
3. AGGREGATE RETENTION



2. AGGREGATE DEGRADATION



4. BLEEDING



5. AGGREGATE EMBEDMENT

Outer Wheel Path 50%
Between Wheel Path 40%

TOTAL SCORE 39

COMMENTS: Section 1 is slightly darker in appearance as compared to section 2. Very nice seal coat. Close, tightly-knit aggregate. No Flushing.