

## **Participants in the 2020 Asphalt Mixture Ignition Oven Sample Program,**

The 2020 Asphalt Mixture Ignition Oven Proficiency Samples 41 and 42 are currently being processed and packaged for shipping. Please take note of the following dates and deadlines associated with these samples:

### **Shipping Date: December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Immediately after the shipping date, please log in to the AASHTO re:source website to track your packages. From the "My Lab" page, click "Packages" in the left hand column of the page.

Upon receipt of the samples, please open the boxes and ensure that all contents are included. If the samples are seriously damaged or missing a component, please notify us immediately and we will send replacements.

The outside of the sample boxes are labeled samples 41(A) and 42(B). The quick-release boxes, bags and cans inside are labeled only (A), (B), or for (A and B). The quick-release box, bags, and cans labeled (A) are for Sample 41. The quick-release box, bags, and cans labeled (B) are for Sample 42. Some components may be used for both samples and will be labeled accordingly.

Datasheets, instructions, and SDSs are available for this sample will be made available on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020:

<http://www.aashtoresource.org/psp/datasheets-and-instructions>

### **Non-Receipt Date: December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

If you have not received the samples by the non-receipt date or if the samples are seriously damaged, or missing a component please notify us immediately and we will send replacements.

### **Closing Date: February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

We encourage you to submit your results online, as soon as possible. This enables you to receive instant confirmation of data submitted and revise data if needed. Test results received after the closing date will not be included in the final report.

### **Final Report Date: February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

AASHTO re:source will provide a final report approximately two weeks after the closing date. Individual laboratory reports will be provided by logging on the AASHTO re:source website. Laboratories will be notified by email when the final report becomes available.

Of course, confidentiality of individual laboratory results will be maintained. However, general information regarding the round of testing, such as statistical summary tables and Youden scatter diagrams associated with the analysis of data, will be provided to the public on AASHTO re:source's website.

### **Testing Note**

For each test performed please report the result of a single determination only, not the average of two or more, except in cases where an average is called for in the method or specification. The program is designed to obtain two independent test results, one for each numbered sample, for each test method that the laboratory chooses to perform.

To permit an estimate of single-operator precision, the same operator should conduct an individual test on both samples. It is not necessary that the same person conduct all of the tests.

Treat each sample as you would treat a typical "testing" sample. Any special handling or preparation needs will be included below or within the Sample Instructions Document.

### **Special Instructions/New Test Methods**

**Note:** Please note that samples 41(A) and 42(B) are not identical. The percentages of asphalt and the aggregate gradations are different. The program is designed to obtain two independent test results, one for each numbered sample, for each test method that the laboratory chooses to perform.

No new test methods have been added to this sample program.

A complete sample schedule is available online:

<http://www.aashtoresource.org/psp/schedule>

Please contact AASHTO re:source at [psp@ashtoresource.org](mailto:psp@ashtoresource.org) or call 240-436-4900 if there are questions.

Sincerely,  
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