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July 15, 2010  
Subject: **Oakfield**  
State Project No: 017124.00  
**Amendment No. 2**

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

**Question:** The amount of common excavation to be paid on this project is being defined by the pipe size. Much of this excavation (anything below 5' in depth) will need to be done in a trench box or manhole box. Will there be any additional allowance/payment for this material?

**Response:** Earth excavation for installation of drainage and minor structures, except that which is defined as "Below Grade" will not be paid for and all costs for such excavation and disposal of materials will be considered incidental to the contract unit price per item for the structure being installed or constructed. Limits for allowable common excavation item is stated on typical pg. 2 of the plans. Depth will be 21" +/- below existing pavement elevation, width will be determined by outside diameter of pipe / catch basin installed plus 18".

**Question:** Can we assume that item 304.10, Aggregate Subbase Course – Gravel, will be paid by actual quantities placed not by defined pipe size and ideal trench width?

**Response:** Payment limits for item 304.10 ASCG will be 18" depth, width determined by outside diameter of pipe / catch basin installed plus 18".

**Question:** The special excavation quantity will also be affected by the method of operation determined by OSHA standards due to depth of pipe and structures. Can the Contractor assume that MDOT has accounted for this in the bid quantity for item 203.2333, Disposal of Special Excavation?

**Response:** Yes, In the event hazardous material is encountered when excavating for drainage installations this material will be measured by the ton as determined by the certified scales at the accepting disposal facility.



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Consider this change and information prior to submitting your bid on July 21, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Bickford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Scott Bickford  
Contracts & Specifications Engineer