New Product Evaluation Process

- PennDOT has retained Penn State to test potential products for use on lower volume local roads. PennDOT will pay for the testing.

- Manufacturer submits an application (CS-4170) on the website which is electronically sent to the Bureau of Project Delivery, Innovation & Support Services Division. Follow the instructions on the form for submittal.

- The Bureau of Project Delivery reviews the application, determines if there is an existing specification for the product/process, and surveys PennDOT districts for interest in the product’s use. Others surveyed include the Bureau of Municipal Services and the New Product Selection Committee, consisting of municipal stakeholders and local government representatives.

- If the survey indicates interest in testing the product for lower volume, local roads, the Bureau of Municipal Services will contact the applicant.

- The completed application for the product is reviewed by the New Products Selection Committee for ‘interest and appropriateness scoring”.

- Testing will begin by PSU when the Committee is in favor of the potential use of the product on lower volume, local roads.

- When testing is completed, results are reviewed by PennDOT’s Bureau of Municipal Services, other PennDOT subject matter experts and the New Products Selection Committee.

- Once fully approved by PennDOT’s subject matter experts, the product is placed in Publication 447, Approved Products for Lower Volume Local Roads.

- Products in Pub. 447 (in addition to Bulletin 15 products) are approved for purchase by municipalities with liquid fuels funds.

- Penn State will perform quality assurance/quality control reviews on all products in Pub. 447 on a rotating basis to ensure the specifications are up to date, and all materials, products and processes continue to be available for municipalities.

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