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Subject: **New Portland, Wire Bridge**
Project No. BH-1019(101) X
Pin No.010191.01
Amendment No. 3

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

Question: Cable wrapping wire is supposed to be soldered every three feet. Wire recently installed has been soldered at much closer intervals, less than one inch. This was done presumably to fill minor gaps as well as to prevent unraveling, will this be acceptable?

Response: The purpose of soldering the wrapping every three feet is to prevent unraveling, not fill gaps in the wrapping wire.

Question: Cable waterproofing paste is specified to be applied in at least 6 foot increments, but it must be covered with wire wrapping within two hours. Based on the work already completed, 2 days would be required to wrap this much cable, can the 6 foot limit be reduced?

Response: Per Special Provision Section 542, New Wire Cable Wrapping, the Elettrometal 8870 waterproofing paste manufacture's representative shall be present to demonstrate paste application. The manufacturer's representative shall be present during the initial wrapping demonstration and the wrapping of the first six feet of main cable. The purpose of the demonstration is to ensure that the contractor's work is acceptable.

The length of cable to which the paste is applied is determined by the Contractor, based on the table in the Materials Section, C 5 of Special Provision 542, New Cable Wrapping, and the Contractors demonstrated wrapping rate.

Consider this information prior to submitting your bid on **April 16, 2008**.

Sincerely,

Scott Bickford
Contracts & Specifications Engineer



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