



**PENNDOT BITUMINOUS
FIELD TECHNICIAN ANNUAL UPDATE/REFRESHER COURSE
2010**

The certification period for PENNDOT Certified Bituminous Field Technicians is five (5) years. In the year 2010, all field technicians certified in 2005 must renew their certifications to avoid a lapse in their certified status. For renewal/recertification as a PENNDOT Certified Bituminous Field Technician, PENNDOT Publication 351 provides two options, A and B. Option B is simply repeating the initial certification procedure by attending the two day field Technician Review and Certification course and scoring at least 75 (seventy-five) percent on the written examination administered on the third day. Option A is an alternative which permits certified field technicians to participate in two PENNDOT approved technical activities and accrue additional work experience during the 5 year certification period to substitute for the review and examination. (*See Pub. 351 for complete recertification requirements and procedures.*)

Current applicants for Option A must attend at least one of NECEPT's Annual Field Technician Update/Refresher courses. This one (1) day long update course was developed to provide practicing PENNDOT Certified Bituminous Field Technicians with the latest information on changes in pertinent specifications, test methods, practices and policies. It will also address field operations problems identified by PENNDOT QA during the 2009 HMA paving season and offer proposed remedies. Time spent on each of the various agenda topics listed below may vary as needed. This course will be updated and revised annually. A certificate of attendance will be issued to each registered participant before course dismissal.

- **Picture identification is required** and will be verified upon check in to issue the certificate of attendance.
- Participants should bring a calculator and pencils/pens to the sessions, especially for the problem solving session.

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Check In: 7:45 - 8:15 a.m.	
Morning Session 8:15 a.m. – 12:00 Noon⁽²⁾	<i>Special Topics</i>
Introduction	<i>will be selected from the following:</i>
Specs & PTMs: Review & Update	Experiences from the Field
<i>Special Topics</i>	Warm Mix Asphalt
Lunch: 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Paving & Compaction: Getting It Right the First Time
<i>Special Topics continued...</i>	Paving For Smoothness
Problem Solving Session	NovaChip
Open Discussion: Questions & Concerns	Longitudinal Joints
Dismissal: 4:00 p.m.	

(1) Agenda is subject to change.

(2) Morning and afternoon breaks will be given at the instructor's discretion