



**PENNDOT BITUMINOUS PLANT TECHNICIAN  
ALL LEVELS PLANT TECHNICIAN ANNUAL  
UPDATE/REFRESHER COURSE  
2010**

The certification period for PENNDOT Certified Bituminous Level 1 and Level 2 Plant Technicians is five (5) years. In the year 2010, all PENNDOT Level 1 Plant Technicians certified in 2005 who have not since been certified as Level 2 Plant Technicians must renew their certifications to avoid a lapse in certified status. Level 2 Plant certifications that were initiated in spring 2005 will require renewal in 2010. Any certified Level 2 Plant Technicians who allow the Level 2 Plant certification to lapse will be required to recertify by attending and passing the Level 1 Plant Technician Review and Certification course again.

For renewal/recertification as a PENNDOT Certified Bituminous Plant Technician, PENNDOT Publication 351 provides two options, A and B. Option B is simply repeating the initial certification procedure for Level 1 or Level 2 Plant Technician. Option A is an alternative which permits certified Level 1 and Level 2 Plant Technicians to participate in two PENNDOT approved technical activities and accrue additional work experience during the 5 year certification period to substitute for the Level 1 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 Plant Technician Update/Refresher courses. This one (1) day long update course was developed to provide practicing PENNDOT Certified Bituminous Level 1 and Level 2 Plant Technicians with the latest information on changes in pertinent specifications, test methods, practices and policies. It will also address hot-mix asphalt (HMA) plant-related problems identified by PENNDOT QA during the 2009 HMA paving season and offer proposed remedies, following the established tradition of the “Winter Schools”. 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 quiz.

**PLANT TECHNICIAN ANNUAL UPDATE/REFRESHER COURSE AGENDA<sup>(1)</sup>  
(LEVELS 1 & 2)**

<b>Check In: 8:00 – 8:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Morning session topics to be covered<sup>(2)</sup> :</b>
Introduction – Technician’s Responsibilities
Superpave – Lessons Learned
Recent Issues in Mix Design
<b>Lunch: 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Afternoon session topics to be covered**</b>
Review PENNDOT 408 Specifications & Updates
Plant Quality Control
Recent Issues in Mix Design/Plant Operations
Safety in The Lab
Quiz
Review Quiz
<b>Dismissal: 4:00 p.m.</b>

(1) Agenda is subject to change.  
(2) Morning and afternoon breaks will be given at the instructor’s discretion.