

APEL: AASHTO's Product Evaluation List Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) **What is APEL?**
APEL, AASHTO's Product Evaluation List is a clearing house for new products evaluated by the member states.
- 2) **Who makes up APEL?**
APEL's current full mode members are: Alaska, Georgia, Minnesota, New Mexico, South Carolina, Washington and Wisconsin. There are 15 other states which are testing the system. Eventually, all AASHTO members will be participating in APEL.
- 3) **What is different between the existing New Products system and APEL's system?**
There will be no real change in the way we evaluate products. The main benefit of the APEL system is that we can easily see if other states have approved/rejected products that we are currently being asked to look at. It will also streamline the process for the vendors so they only have to complete an application once.
- 4) **When will the new system begin?**
January 1, 2007.
- 5) **What happens if I have already submitted a product for evaluation prior to the January 1 start date?**
We will continue to evaluate your product as normal. We will make sure all data is transferred to the APEL site along with our final determination.
- 6) **If my product is approved under the old system, will it need to be reevaluated under the APEL system?**
No, we will not do another review of your product unless a physical change in the product or the components warrant a new review. If you wish other state to review it you will need to complete the application on the APEL site and send it to the desired state.
- 7) **Will applications be processed the same as now?**
No, all applications and accompanying data will be submitted electronically. One of the main reasons for this new system is to create a "paper free" process.
- 8) **How can I search for products?**
There are two ways. First you can select the state by clicking on the map shown. This will list all products evaluated or being evaluated. Second you can click on "ALL EVALUATIONS" under the APEL tab on the left side of the page. This will allow searching in various fashions.
- 9) **If I have questions about the procedure who should I contact?**
You can contact John Livingston at (360) 709-5472 or E-mail him at LivingJ@WSDOT.WA.GOV.