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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATES ALLEGATION OF SUBSTANDARD ASPHALT
SUPPLIED FOR OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PAVING PROJECTS
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The inspector general has issued a report of investigation today initiated after a complaint was received by the Ohio Department of Transportation and then forwarded to the Ohio Inspector General.

Similar to an investigation completed by the inspector general last year, a former employee of a privately-owned asphalt plant in Western Ohio alleged the plant where he worked provided substandard asphalt used for paving state roadways. The complainant declined to be interviewed by investigators.

An analysis of purchase and delivery records obtained by an inspector general subpoena showed the asphalt plant received more than the necessary quantity of asphalt binder containing the specified polymer additive to complete the state paving projects.

While the evidence gathered did not support the allegation, the inspector general recommended the Ohio Department of Transportation assign additional personnel for unannounced inspections of asphalt plants actively supplying materials for state roadway paving projects.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation File Number 2015-CA00003 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2016Investigations.aspx>

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