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Randall J. Meyer, Inspector General
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RE: IG File 2018-CA00023

Dear Inspector General Meyer:

Thank you for your investigation into the allegations that Lloyd ReBar Co. was using latex paint to touch up and coat Greenbar used in ODOT bridge construction projects. As a result of your investigation, ODOT has evaluated your recommendations.

There were two bridges in Franklin County where the non-complying epoxy touch up material was used. This material was only used on the ends of the rebar where it was cut. The rest of the reinforcing steel is epoxy coated. The reinforcing steel was encased in concrete before the issue was discovered. This touch up material was placed on very small surface area sections of the reinforcing steel bars. While not what the ODOT contract specifications required, the life span of these bridge decks and reinforcing steel will not be substantially impacted. ODOT is reviewing the contract violations and will determine if the collection of financial penalties is warranted.

ODOT has performed and will increase the number of "unannounced inspections", as we understand the value that these types of inspections offer. Some inspections will continue being "announced" so that ODOT can be assured that the producer has the proper paperwork available on site for ODOT review to eliminate the need and costs incurred for return inspections.

Lloyd Rebar is not currently on ODOT's List of Certified Reinforcing Steel Suppliers and therefore are not supplying reinforcing steel for any ODOT projects.

Thank you again for your review of this matter. Should you have any additional comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Marchbanks/gm".

Jack Marchbanks
Director

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