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**PROCEDURE FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF  
ASPHALT RELEASE AGENTS**

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) maintains a list of qualified Asphalt Release Agents. Asphalt Release Agents shall conform to [Section 915.02](#) (f), Standard Specifications for Construction and Materials Manual.

In order to qualify for this Category:

1. The manufacturer places the candidate material on a test deck of the National Transportation Product Evaluation Program (NTPEP) <http://www.ntpep.org>
2. Upon satisfactory review of NTPEP data and SDS lab evaluations, the manufacturer of the material will be notified of the acceptable NTPEP product evaluation code(s).

The material manufacturer must then visit Maryland's Product Evaluation listing (MPEL) located at <http://apps.roads.maryland.gov/MPEL/> and select VENDOR REGISTRATION to begin the process.

When your registration has been accepted, you will receive an email requesting you to submit the following documentation into MPEL:

1. NTPEP Evaluation code
2. NTPEP Field Testing Criteria
3. Starting Test date

Upon satisfactory review of the final NTPEP data and SDS evaluation, the manufacturer of the material will be notified of the acceptable NTPTP product evaluation code.

SHA limits qualification to three (3) products per manufacturer for this category.

All products approved are required to continue to meet the specifications. Any time your product is not in compliance with contract requirements or specifications, this material will be subject to rejection whether in place or not.

### **To Maintain Approval for Asphalt Release Agents**

Current products listed on the Qualified Products List (QPL) will remain approved, provided that formulation and test results have not changed or been altered from the original northern NTPEP Product ID submittal. All Asphalt Release Agent shall be evaluated by NTPEP every five (5) years with test results submitted to MD SHA for recertification purposes.

Maryland reserves the right to withdraw any product from the QPL when unsatisfactory performance is exhibited.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Gloria Burke at 443-386-9266 or [gburke@sha.state.md.us](mailto:gburke@sha.state.md.us) She will be happy to assist you.