

LONG TERM PAVEMENT PERFORMANCE PROGRAM DIRECTIVE



For The Technical Direction Of The LTPP Program



Program Area: DISTRESS

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Subject: LTPP Distress Rater Qualifications

Pavement distress surveys for the LTPP project must be performed by experienced personnel who have successfully completed the Distress Rater Accreditation Workshop within the previous two (2) years. Although the accreditation workshop provides some training to the participants, it is intended for experienced personnel; those with experience in distress data collection and familiarity with the Distress Identification Manual for the Long-Term Pavement Performance Project, SHRP-P-338 (DIM). The following minimum criteria are established for individuals attending an LTPP accreditation workshop:

- , must have basic engineering aptitude and be willing and capable of being trained
- , previous experience in distress data collection or appropriate on-the-job training provided by RCOC
- , formal training such as NHI course on distress identification, or informal training such as the PASCO DIM Tutor, or appropriate class-room training on the distress identification manual for LTPP provided by the RCOC
- , assisting an accredited rater in performing distress data collection for asphalt and jointed concrete pavement (a minimum of two sections for each)

Personnel not meeting these criteria should not be sent to the workshop without specific prior approval of the COTR. Any questions regarding this directive should be submitted to the FHWA Pavement Performance Division with a copy to the LTPP Technical Assistance Contractor (TAC).

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