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## TESTING MEMORANDUM 25-03

To: District Testing Staff  
Consultant and INDOT Technicians  
Materials and Tests Staff

Thru: Jim Reilman, PE  
State Materials Engineer

From: Charles Smith, PE  
Miscellaneous Materials Engineer

RE: Verification Sampling of Reinforcing Bars

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The *Federal Register* 23 CFR 637 requires State Agencies to perform verification testing in addition to any Contractor or third-party testing to validate the quality of the material. On construction contracts where the sum of the 703-06028 and 703-06029 pay item quantities is 30,000 lbs. or greater, the PEMS is to randomly select one size of bar per contract and obtain two 4 foot long samples of straight bar for verification testing. The two selected bars may be either epoxy coated or plain. The samples should be taken from bars onsite or from shipments intended for the contract. The PEMS creates an R# with an AWP Sample Report indicating the sample is for verification. An SM 530 should accompany the physical samples. These samples are then transported from the field through District Testing to M&T. M&T will record test results and determine if any additional steps are needed. The Frequency Manual has been updated to show this new verification requirement. Construction Personnel will be notified through their appropriate chain of command.

This memorandum does not apply to construction contracts where the sum of the 703-06028 and 703-06029 pay item quantities is less than 30,000 lbs.

