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RE: Verification Sampling of Reinforcing Bars

The *Federal Register* 23 CFR 637 requires State Agencies to perform verification testing in addition to any Contractor or third party testing. For the Department to comply with 23 CFR 637, sampling of reinforcing bars is required on every construction contract that specifies reinforcing bars. This sampling requires the PEMS to obtain two 4 foot long samples of a single size reinforcing bar from one manufacturer per contract. The samples should be taken from bars onsite or from shipments intended for the contract. These samples are then transported through District Testing to M&T's Steel Lab with all appropriate documentation. M&T will create R#'s, 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.