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

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT-SHA) maintains a list of qualified Asphalt Release Agents. Asphalt Release Agents shall conform to [Section 915.02 \(f\)](#) of MDOT-SHA's Standard Specifications for Construction and Materials.

To qualify for this category:

1. The manufacturer must have the candidate material placed on a test deck of the National Transportation Product Evaluation Program (NTPEP)  
<https://transportation.org/product-evaluation-and-audit-solutions/>
2. The manufacturer of the material will be notified of the acceptable NTPEP product evaluation code(s) upon satisfactory review of NTPEP data and MSDS lab evaluations.

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

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

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

The manufacturer of the material will be notified of the acceptable NTPEP product evaluation code upon satisfactory review of the final NTPEP data and MSDS evaluation.

Qualifications are limited to **three** products per manufacturer for this category.

Approved products are required to continue to meet specifications. Products found not in compliance with contract requirements or specifications will be subject to rejection whether in place or not.

**To Maintain Approval for Asphalt Release Agents**

**Producers are required to recertify their Asphalt Release Agents every 5 years in order to remain on SHA's QPL beginning January 2015. Cost reimbursement of \$165.00 will be applied per product for the Recertification process.**

Products currently listed on the QPL will remain approved provided formulation and test results have not changed or been altered from the original northern NTPEP Product ID submittal. Asphalt Release Agent shall be evaluated by NTPEP every **five** years with test results submitted to the Administration for recertification purposes. The Administration reserves the right to withdraw any product from the QPL for unsatisfactory performance.

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