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# **INTRODUCTION**

Base aggregate is one of the intermediate layers in a pavement system for both flexible and rigid surfaces. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) currently uses the *Guide for Design of Pavement Structures* with supplements (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials [AASHTO], 1993), hereinafter referred to as the 1993 AASHTO design guide, which specifies that a structural layer coefficient be used to characterize the base course material. However, VDOT is in the process of implementing the *Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide* (MEPDG) (AASHTO, 2008), which recommends use of the resilient modulus value to characterize base course materials for pavement design and analysis. VDOT mainly uses two grades of materials for its base course, designated No. 21A and No. 21B, based on gradation (VDOT, 2007). No. 21A material has a higher allowable fines content than No. 21B material; the percent of material passing the No. 200 sieve is 6% to12% and 4% to 7% for No. 21A and 21B, respectively. Therefore, an overlap exists between the grading requirements for the two, so that a single gradation can be produced to meet either grade. A study to obtain resilient modulus values for these base aggregates is warranted to facilitate the implementation of the MEPDG.

In Phase I of this study (Hossain, 2010), six aggregate sources were tested and resilient modulus values were measured. In order to have a broader coverage of different geophysical areas in Virginia, with consideration of rock types and aggregate particle shape and texture, the current Phase II study was performed. In this study, aggregates from 10 additional sources in Virginia were tested.

# PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this Phase II study was to conduct resilient modulus tests on aggregate sources typically used by VDOT for base course construction in pavement structures and to catalog respective regression coefficients (k-values) and resilient modulus values at a reference state of stress. The intent for developing such a catalog of values was for their use as input in MEPDG Level I and/or II analysis. Two aggregate gradations, VDOT No. 21A and VDOT No. 21B were tested. Sources of aggregate were selected to include most rock types available in all geophysical areas of Virginia.

### METHODS

Three tasks were conducted to achieve the study objectives.

1. A literature search of studies about base aggregate was conducted using resources from the VDOT Research Library and the Transportation Research Board's online database TRID.

2. Aggregate samples were collected from 10 sources in Virginia by VDOT's Materials Division. The 10 sources were selected for aggregate testing for this Phase II study (2012-13) to supplement the 6 sources tested in Phase I (2008-09). All 16 sources are shown in Figure 1 with their respective location on a geophysical map of Virginia. A source from VDOT's Northern Virginia District (NOVA) was tested in both phases of the study; it is identified as Source 9 (P2AGG-9) in Phase II and AGG-5 in Phase I. Aggregate sources were selected to include both VDOT gradations (No. 21A and No. 21B) and a cross-section of predominant rock types available in Virginia. Each source provided one gradation, except for one source in NOVA from which separate No. 21A and No. 21B samples were collected. Samples were typically identified as either No. 21A or No. 21B, but some were labeled as No. 21A/B to indicate that the sample met the requirements of both gradations.

3. Aggregates underwent multiple tests in accordance with the respective AASHTO standards (AASHTO, 2013). About 200 lb of aggregate was collected from each source, and splitting was used in the laboratory to prepare samples for testing. All sources were tested for gradation (AASHTO T 27, Standard Method of Test for Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates); specific gravity (AASHTO T 84, Standard Method of Test for Specific Gravity and Absorption of Fine Aggregate, and AASHTO T 85, Standard Method of Test for Specific Gravity and Absorption of Coarse Aggregate); moisture-density relationship (AASHTO T 99, Standard Method of Test for Moisture-Density Relations of Soils Using a 2.5-kg [5.5-lb] Rammer and a 305-mm [12-in] Drop); and uncompacted void content (AASHTO T 326, Standard Method of Test for Uncompacted Void Content of Coarse Aggregate (As Influenced by Particle Shape, Surface Texture, and Grading), and AASHTO T 304, Standard Method of Test for Uncompacted Void Content of Fine Aggregate). The samples were also examined for petrographic classification and particle shape. All tests were performed at VDOT laboratories. Table 1 summarizes the test matrix for Phases I and II.

		No. Sai So	No. Samples per Source			
Test	AASHTO Standard	Phase I	Phase II			
Mineralogy and particle shape	Visual examination	1	1			
Uncompacted voids	T 326 and T 304	-	1			
Specific gravity	T 84 and T 85	-	2			
Gradation	T 27	1	2			
Moisture-density relation (standard Proctor)	T 99	1	1			
Resilient modulus and quick shear test	Т 307	3	2			

Table 1.	Aggregate	<b>Test Matrix</b>
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The standards may be found in AASHTO (2013).

#### Phase 1

- ٠ AGG-1 Shelton-Lynchburg District
- AGG-2 Mount Athos-Lynchburg District ٠
- AGG-3 Abingdon-Bristol District ٠
- AGG-4 Frazier North-Staunton District ٠
- AGG-5 Centreville-NOVA District
- AGG-6 Richmond-District ٠

#### Phase 2

 P2AGG-1 Blue Ridge (Salem District) . P2AGG-2 Boscobel, Goochland (Richmond District) P2AGG-3 Doswell, Ashland (Richmond District) ٠ ٠ P2AGG-4 South Boston, Halifax (Lynchburg District) • P2AGG-5 Stevensburg (Culpeper District) P2AGG-6 Staunton (Staunton District) . ٠ P2AGG-7 Graham-Occoquan (21A) (NOVA District) . P2AGG-8 Graham-Occoquan (21B) (NOVA District) P2AGG-9 Centreville, Fairfax (NOVA District) ٠ AGG-5 & P2AGG-9 P2AGG-10 Gladehill, Jacks Mtn. (Salem District) -7 VIGTON P AGG-4 2 P2AGG-5 P2AGG-7&80 WEST VIROINIA P2AGG-6 CARCLE 4 3



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The moisture-density relationship was determined in accordance with AASHTO T 99, Method D, which uses a standard Proctor hammer. A 5.5-lb automatic hammer with a 12-in drop was used to compact the samples in a 6-in mold. Samples were compacted in three layers with 56 drops per layer. The particles retained on the <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-in sieve were not scalped when they comprised less than 6% of the total, but for the sources with higher percentages, they were scalped and correction was applied for comparison.

The presence of plastic fines was investigated for a few sources; plastic and liquid limit tests were conducted on materials passing the No. 200 sieve in accordance with AASHTO T 89, Standard Method of Test for Determining the Liquid Limit of Soils, and AASHTO T 90, Standard Method of Test for Determining the Plastic Limit and Plasticity Index of Soils. The standards call for testing on materials passing the No. 40 sieve, and only one aggregate showed any plasticity when tested. Therefore, it was decided to test materials passing the No. 200 sieve to verify any presence of plastic fines.

Resilient modulus tests were conducted by an outside vendor in accordance with AASHTO T 307, Standard Method of Test for Determining the Resilient Modulus of Soils and Aggregate Materials. The VDOT aggregate gradations No. 21A and No. 21B were categorized as Type I material in accordance with AASHTO T 307; thus 6-in by 12-in samples were used. Although samples were prepared at 100% maximum dry density (MMD) of the standard Proctor result, a moisture variation was tried. Each sample was compacted using a modified Proctor hammer in six layers of equal mass to achieve desired density by controlling the compacted height. Samples were prepared at optimum moisture content (OMC) and 1% below OMC during Phase II and at OMC and 2% below OMC during Phase I of the study. A sample above OMC was tried during Phase I of the study (Hossain, 2010), but it was not successful because of constructability and stability issues. The sample was loaded in accordance with AASHTO T 307 with 15 combinations of various confining and axial (vertical) stresses after 1000 repetition of a conditioning load combination. The confining stresses were applied using a triaxial pressure chamber in static mode. On the other hand, axial loads were dynamic (cyclic) using a haversineshaped load pulse with 0.1-sec loading and a 0.9-sec rest period. Each of the 15 test loads was repeated 100 times, and the recoverable strains were measured using two external linear variable differential transformers. Resilient modulus values were calculated as the ratio of the measured axial (deviator) stress to the average recoverable axial strain values for the last five cycles of each load combination. The stress dependent constitutive model (see Eq. 1) recommended in the MEPDG has been used to fit the laboratory tested resilient modulus values for each test and respective k-values were calculated through regression analysis; the coefficient of determination,  $R^2$ , was above 0.9 for all the tests.

$$M_{r} = k_{1} P_{a} \left(\frac{\theta}{P_{a}}\right)^{k_{2}} \left(\frac{\tau_{oct}}{P_{a}} + 1\right)^{k_{3}}$$

where

 $M_r$  = resilient modulus value  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ , and  $k_3$  = regression coefficients  $P_a$  = normalizing stress (atmospheric pressure, e.g., 14.7 psi)

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[Eq. 1]

 $\theta$  = bulk stress = ( $\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3$ ) = ( $3\sigma_3 + \sigma_d$ ) where  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$ , and  $\sigma_3$  = principal stresses where  $\sigma_2 = \sigma_3$  and  $\sigma_d$  = deviator (cyclic) stress =  $\sigma_1 - \sigma_3$ 

$$\tau_{oct} = \text{octahedral shear stress} = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}\sigma_d.$$

At the end of the resilient modulus test, all samples were subjected to a static triaxial loading with 5 psi confining pressure until failure. This portion of the test is referred to as the "quick shear test" in AASHTO T 307.

# RESULTS

### **Literature Review**

Gandara et al. (2005) investigated the effect of gradation and fines content (percent passing the No. 200 sieve) on the engineering properties of two unbound granular materials. The optimum amount of fines was found to be 5% to 10%. When fines were within that range, the base aggregate showed less moisture susceptibility, higher compressive strength, and a higher resilient modulus. In general, an increase in fines resulted in a decrease in resilient modulus.

Bennert and Maher (2005) studied the effect of gradation on permeability, shear strength, California bearing ratio, and resilient modulus for three base aggregates and three subbase aggregates. The allowable limits for percentage of passing the No. 200 sieve were 3% to 12% and 0% to 8% for base and subbase aggregates, respectively. They reported a decrease in resilient modulus as gradation became finer but within the specification limits. This effect was suggested to be a result of the excessive fines in the sample.

In an NCHRP Synthesis of Practice for unbound aggregate in pavement layers, Tutumluer (2013) reported 7% to 8% passing the No. 200 sieve to be the optimum for aggregate strength, resilient modulus, and permanent deformation based on past research. The researcher suggested that the resilient modulus is usually higher for a well-graded aggregate, but an excess amount of fines (passing the No. 200 sieve) would displace the coarse aggregate and the properties of fines would dominate the performance. A 60% reduction in the resilient modulus was reported when fines (passing the No. 200 sieve) were increased from 0% to 10%.

Tutumluer et al. (2009) investigated the effect of particle shape and the presence of particles passing the No. 200 sieve on the strength, stiffness, and deformation behavior of three aggregate materials, i.e., limestone, dolomite, and uncrushed gravel, commonly used in Illinois for subgrade replacement and subbase. When the fines contents (passing the No. 200 sieve) were less than 8%, the properties that influenced the aggregate behavior the most were the particle shape/angularity, i.e., crushed versus uncrushed, and the amount of voids in the aggregate matrix as governed by materials passing the No. 200 sieve. Fines with a plasticity index (PI) of 10 or higher had a drastic effect on aggregate permanent deformation performance. Crushed aggregate with a high (more than 8%) amount of fines, both plastic and non-plastic, showed high moisture sensitivity and a design aggregate layer thickness increase of as much as

40% was suggested. With even a low amount of plastic fines, the aggregate showed moisture sensitivity at moisture contents exceeding OMC.

### **Aggregate Test Results**

### **Rock Type and Particle Shape**

Particles were visually examined for rock type/mineralogy and general particle shape characteristics. Rock type/mineralogy was consistent through different size fractions for all sources. Table 2 summarizes the results of the visual examination of rock type and particle shape. To provide a general idea about the impact and abrasion resistance of each rock type, Los Angeles abrasion loss values (determined in accordance with AASHTO T 96-02, Standard Method of Test for Resistance to Degradation of Small-Size Coarse Aggregate by Abrasion and Impact in the Los Angeles Machine) from the VDOT materials approved list (VDOT, 2014a) were also included in Table 2.

For each source, uncompacted void content tests were conducted separately on the coarse and fine fractions: (1) particles retained on the No. 4 sieve, and (2) particles passing the No. 4 sieve. The tests were conducted on two gradations: Standard Grade (Method A), and As-Received Grade (Method C). Table 3 summarizes the results of the uncompacted void content tests for both coarse and fine fractions using Methods A and C.

### **Index Properties**

Separate specific gravity tests were conducted on the coarse and fine fractions. Table 4 summarizes the specific gravity and absorption results for each aggregate source. Specific gravity values varied from 2.6 to 3.0.

Washed gradations were performed on two split samples from each source in accordance with AASHTO T 27, and the results were compared to the VDOT specifications (VDOT, 2007) for No. 21A and No. 21B. A summary of the gradations is shown in Table 5. Detailed results along with plots are provided in the Appendix. Although in many cases the gradation of the tested sample did not fall within the VDOT gradation range for all sizes, this does not mean the gradation was out of compliance. The applicable VDOT specification (VDOT, 2007) states:

Grading shall conform to the requirements of the job-mix formula selected from within the design range specified in Table II-9, subject to the applicable tolerances specified in Table II-10 when tested in accordance with the requirements of VTM-25.

If the percent passing for a particular size is selected in the job-mix formula at the upper or lower limits of the design range, it can easily fall outside the range with the allowable tolerances. For example, the design range for percent passing the No. 200 sieve for VDOT No. 21A is 6% to 12% with a tolerance of  $\pm 4\%$  when one QC/QA sample is used, so for a job-mix formula selected at 12%, the specification would allow up to 16% as acceptable. Because of the observed high sensitivity of the resilient modulus to moisture, the presence of plastic fines was investigated for a few sources. Liquid and plastic limit tests were conducted on materials passing the No. 200 sieve as opposed to the standard practice of using the No. 40 sieve, and the results are included in Table 5. When tested on materials passing the No. 40 sieve, the presence of plastic fines was not evident in most cases. The Atterberg limit test results could easily be influenced by the experience of the operator, so other alternate testing methods should be explored.

		LA Abrasion		
Aggregate	VDOT	Loss (%)	Rock Type/	Particle Shape
Source	District	(Grade B) <sup>a</sup>	Mineralogy	and Comments
Phase I				
AGG-1 (Shelton)	Lynchburg	27.0	Granite gneiss	
AGG-2 (Mt.	Lynchburg	19.0	Schist/Greenstone	
Athos)				
AGG-3	Bristol	16.4	Dolomitic limestone	
(Abingdon)				
AGG-4 (Frazier	Staunton	22.0	Limestone	
North)				
AGG-5	NOVA	13.4	Diabase	
(Centreville)				
AGG-6	Richmond	28.6	Marble	
(Richmond)				
Phase II				
P2AGG-1 (Blue	Salem	15.8	Dolomitic limestone	10% shaley; 10% slightly weathered
Ridge)				
P2AGG-2	Richmond	23.9	Granite	Fine-medium grained; 15% thin & flat
(Boscobel)				particles
P2AGG-3	Richmond	17.8	Granitic gneiss	Coarse-medium grained; 20% thin &
(Doswell)				flat particles
P2AGG-4 (South	Lynchburg	22.0	Granite	Fine-medium grained
Boston)				
P2AGG-5	Culpeper	11.9	90% Siltstone, 10%	15% particles flat & thin (7:5:1); 20%
(Stevensburg)			Shale	elongate (3.5:1)
P2AGG-6	Staunton	21.0	Limestone	Micritic; 20% thin & flat particles
(Staunton)				
P2AGG-7	NOVA	28.4	Granite	Some gneissic foliation; fairly equant
(Graham-				particles
Occoquan)			~ .	-
P2AGG-8	NOVA	28.4	Granite	
(Graham-				
Occoquan)				
P2AGG-9	NOVA	13.4	65% Diabase, 35%	Siltstone particles tended to be flat &
(Centreville)			Siltstone	thin
P2AGG-10	Salem	31.8	Amphibolite gneiss	45% fairly hard and equant particles;
(Gladehill, Jacks				25% fairly hard, thin & tablet-shaped
Mtn.)				particles (10:6:1); 30% rounded
				particles with weathered feldspar

 Table 2. Rock Type/Mineralogy and Particle Shape From Visual Examination

Rock type/mineralogy was consistent through different size fractions for all sources.

VDOT = Virginia Department of Transportation; NOVA = Northern Virginia.

<sup>*a*</sup>LA abrasion values were taken from the VDOT materials approved list (VDOT, 2014a); no testing was done in this study.

		Uncompacted Void Content (%)							
	VDOT	Standard	d Grade	As-recei	ved Grade				
Aggregate Source	District	Coarse (>No. 4)	<b>Fine</b> (≤No. 4)	Coarse (>No. 4	) Fine (≤No. 4)				
Phase I			· · ·						
AGG-1 (Shelton)	Lynchburg		No testing d	uring Phase I					
AGG-2 (Mt. Athos)	Lynchburg								
AGG-3 (Abingdon)	Bristol								
AGG-4 (Frazier North)	Staunton								
AGG–5 (Centreville)	NOVA								
AGG-6 (Richmond)	Richmond								
Phase II	•								
P2AGG-1 (Blue Ridge)	Salem	51.9	47.2	52.1	40.6				
P2AGG-2 (Boscobel)	Richmond	49.5	47.6	47.3	43.5				
P2AGG-3 (Doswell)	Richmond	50.9	45.0	51.0	40.6				
P2AGG-4 (South Boston)	Lynchburg	47.6	48.5	49.2	39.8				
P2AGG–5 (Stevensburg)	Culpeper	48.7	45.5	48.0	39.4				
P2AGG-6 (Staunton)	Staunton	49.8	46.2	49.3	40.8				
P2AGG-7 (Graham-Occoquan)	NOVA	49.0	46.7	47.5	38.4				
(21A)									
P2AGG-8 (Graham-Occoquan)	NOVA	47.4	47.0	46.6	38.2				
(21B)									
P2AGG–9 (Centreville)	NOVA	51.9	46.3	51.4	38.7				
P2AGG-10 (Gladehill, Jacks	Salem	51.2	48.8	51.2	40.1				
Mtn.)									

 Table 3. Uncompacted Void Content of Coarse and Fine Fractions of Each Aggregate Source

VDOT = Virginia Department of Transportation; No. 4 = No. 4 sieve; NOVA = Northern Virginia.

### Table 4. Specific Gravity of Coarse and Fine Fractions of Each Aggregate Source

		Specific Gravity (AASHTO T 84 and T 85) (AASHTO, 2013)										
	Source	Dry l	Dry Bulk		SSD Bulk		arent	Absorption (%)				
Aggregate	Location	>No. 4	>No. 4 ≤No. 4		≤No. 4	>No. 4	≤No. 4	>No. 4	≤No. 4			
Phase I												
AGG-1	Shelton			No	testing du	iring Pha	se I					
AGG-2	Mt. Athos											
AGG-3	Abingdon											
AGG-4	Frazier North											
AGG-5	Centreville											
AGG-6	Richmond											
Phase II												
P2AGG-1	Blue Ridge	2.706	2.752	2.729	2.794	2.772	2.873	0.885	1.528			
P2AGG-2	Boscobel	2.574	2.627	2.599	2.670	2.639	2.744	0.952	1.613			
P2AGG-3	Doswell	2.711	2.698	2.727	2.722	2.755	2.765	0.591	0.902			
P2AGG-4	South Boston	2.737	2.788	2.758	2.811	2.794	2.856	0.740	0.855			
P2AGG-5	Stevensburg	2.699	2.652	2.728	2.702	2.780	2.790	1.068	1.856			
P2AGG-6	Staunton	2.668	2.687	2.692	2.723	2.734	2.788	0.908	1.362			
P2AGG-7	Graham-Occoquan (21A)	2.640	2.683	2.656	2.700	2.682	2.731	0.588	0.662			
P2AGG-8	Graham-Occoquan (21B)	2.653	2.680	2.667	2.700	2.691	2.735	0.535	0.753			
P2AGG-9	Centreville	2.832	2.803	2.856	2.848	2.902	2.936	0.847	1.619			
P2AGG-10	Gladehill, Jacks Mtn.	3.016	2.974	3.043	3.013	3.102	3.095	0.916	1.306			

SSD = Saturated Surface Dry; No. 4 = No. 4 sieve.

			%					Atterberg		
	VDOT	Maximum	Retained					Limi	ts (-No.	
	Grade	Particle	on ¾-in	%	Passing by	y Sieve S	ize	200	Sieve)	
Aggregate Source	21	Size (in)	Sieve	1 in	<sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> in	No. 4	No. 200	LL	PI	
VDOT Spec 21A	Α	2 or 1	-	94-100	63-72	-	6-12	$25.0^{a}$	$6.0^{a}$	
VDOT Spec 21B	В	2	-	85-95	50-69	-	4-7	$25.0^{a}$	$3.0^{a}$	
Phase I										
AGG-1	А	1	8.7	97	68	51	12	29.0	5.0	
(Shelton)										
AGG-2	А	3⁄4	0.5	100	77	54	12	NP	NP	
(Mt. Athos)										
AGG-3	В	3⁄4	2.3	100	72	48	9	19.0	2.0	
(Abingdon)										
AGG-4	В	3⁄4	2.6	100	73	55	8	24.0	6.0	
(Frazier North)										
AGG-5	В	3⁄4	5.7	100	68	45	9	29.0	8.0	
(Centreville)										
AGG-6	В	3⁄4	1.1	100	72	50	7	-	-	
(Richmond)										
Phase II										
P2AGG-1	В	3⁄4	2.4	100	66	42	10	-	-	
(Blue Ridge)										
P2AGG-2	A/B	3⁄4	8.4	100	65	48	9	37.0	12.0	
(Boscobel)										
P2AGG-3	A/B	3⁄4	3.7	100	76	62	10	-	-	
(Doswell)										
P2AGG-4	А	3⁄4	18.5	100	58	45	10	NP	NP	
(South Boston)										
P2AGG-5	В	3⁄4	4.0	100	73	55	8	-	-	
(Stevensburg)		-								
P2AGG-6	A/B	3⁄4	5.8	100	71	52	8	26.0	5.0	
(Staunton)										
P2AGG-7	A	3⁄4	12.9	100	71	57	14	33.0	9.0	
(Graham-Occoquan)										
P2AGG-8	В	3⁄4	20.1	100	50	37	8	33.0	9.0	
(Graham-Occoquan)										
P2AGG-9	A/B	3⁄4	5.5	100	67	47	9	29.0	8.0	
(Centreville)	-			100			10			
P2AGG-10	В	3⁄4	4.8	100	71	52	19	NP	NP	
(Gladehill, Jacks										
Mtn.)										

Table 5. Aggregate Gradations and VDOT Specification Limits

VDOT = Virginia Department of Transportation; NP = non-plastic; LL= liquid limit; PI = plasticity index.

<sup>a</sup> Maximum allowed in VDOT specification when tested on materials passing the No. 40 sieve.

## **Moisture-Density Relationship**

Moisture-density relationships were determined with the standard Proctor test in accordance with AASHTO T 99, Method D, without any scalping or correction applied for oversize particles. The OMCs and MDDs from the standard Proctor tests are summarized in Table 6.

		Approximat	e Specific	Optimum	
	VDOT	Gravi	ty <sup>a</sup>	Moisture	Maximum
	Grade	≥No. 4	<no. 4<="" th=""><th>Content</th><th>Dry Density</th></no.>	Content	Dry Density
Aggregate Source	21	Sieve	Sieve	(OMC), %	(MDD), pcf
Phase I					
AGG-1 (Shelton)	А	2.75	-	8.00	134.2
AGG-2 (Mt. Athos)	А	3.01	-	7.25	154.0
AGG-3 (Abingdon)	В	2.82	-	5.60	144.3
AGG-4 (Frazier North)	В	2.71	-	7.10	139.4
AGG–5 (Centreville)	В	2.82	-	7.65	142.5
AGG-6 (Richmond)	В	2.75	-	8.16	133.4
Phase II					
P2AGG-1 (Blue Ridge)	В	2.729	2.794	6.75	137.4
P2AGG-2 (Boscobel)	A/B	2.599	2.670	8.50	131.8
P2AGG-3 (Doswell)	A/B	2.727	2.722	7.50	141.2
P2AGG-4 (South Boston)	А	2.758	2.811	7.50	144.5
P2AGG–5 (Stevensburg)	В	2.728	2.702	7.80	138.3
P2AGG-6 (Staunton)	A/B	2.692	2.723	7.75	136.6
P2AGG-7 (Graham-Occoquan)	А	2.656	2.700	6.75	141.2
P2AGG-8 (Graham-Occoquan)	В	2.667	2.700	6.75	140.5
P2AGG–9 (Centreville)	A/B	2.856	2.848	7.50	146.3
P2AGG-10 (Gladehill, Jacks Mtn.)	В	3.043	3.013	7.60	155.8

 Table 6. Moisture-Density Relationship (Standard Proctor)

Standard Proctor = AASHTO T 99, Method D; VDOT = Virginia Department of Transportation. <sup>*a*</sup> Specific gravity values for Phase I were taken from the VDOT materials approved list (VDOT, 2014a); no testing was done in this study.

VDOT's usual practice is to conduct moisture-density relationship tests in accordance with Virginia Test Method-1 (VTM-1), Laboratory Determination of Theoretical Maximum Density Optimum Moisture Content of Soils, Granular Subbase, and Base Materials – (Soils Lab) (VDOT, 2014b). This method is similar to AASHTO T 99, Method A, which tests only on materials passing the No. 4 sieve. But VTM-1 applies a correction for oversize particles irrespective of the percent retained on the No. 4 sieve unlike the AASHTO method, which allows up to 40% oversize particles. VTM-1 may generate some unrealistic values when the percent retained on the No. 4 sieve is too high. Moreover, the AASHTO or ASTM standard (ASTM, 2014) allows tests to be run on particles as large as materials passing the <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-in sieve as an option. Table 7 includes values of OMC and MDD for a few sources tested in accordance with VTM-1 and AASHTO T 99, Method D, with or without correction.

For comparison purposes, corrections were applied only for oversize particles when more than 6% was retained on the <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-in sieve, but these values were not used in any subsequent testing. No scalping was done when corrections were not applied. The five sources presented in Table 7 had more than 6% retained on the <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-in sieve. There are some differences in the values obtained in accordance with VTM-1 and AASHTO T 99, Method D; further investigation may be needed to verify actual field values and their implications with regard to resilient modulus values.

		% Retained	Optimum Moisture Content (OMC), %			Maximum Dry Density (MDD), pcf			
Aggregate Source	VDOT Grade	on ¾-in Sieve	AASHTO T 99 <sup>a</sup>	No Scalping <sup>b</sup>	VTM-1 <sup>c</sup>	AASHTO T 99 <sup>a</sup>	No Scalping <sup>b</sup>	VTM-1 <sup>c</sup>	
AGG-1 (Shelton)	21A	11.4	6.5	8.0	5.2	138.6	134.2	144.4	
P2AGG-2 (Boscobel)	21 A/B	8.4	7.0	8.5	5.4	133.2	131.8	138.8	
P2AGG-4 (South Boston)	21A	18.5	6.4	7.5	4.8	146.9	144.5	152.5	
P2AGG–7 (Graham- Occoquan)	21A	12.9	6.1	6.75	4.5	140.6	141.2	144.7	
P2AGG-8 (Graham- Occoquan)	21B	20.1	5.7	6.75	3.9	143.3	140.5	144.9	

Table 7. Moisture-Density Relationship (Standard Proctor) According to Different Standards

Standard Proctor = AASHTO T 99, Method D; VDOT = Virginia Department of Transportation.

<sup>*a*</sup> AASHTO T 99, Method D (AASHTO, 2013), with scalping of particles ><sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in and correction applied in accordance with AASHTO T 224 (AASHTO, 2013).

<sup>b</sup> Tested in a manner similar to AASHTO T 99, Method D, but no oversize was scalped so no correction was applied.

<sup>c</sup> Data provided by VDOT's Materials Division; tested in accordance with VTM-1 (VDOT, 2014b) on materials passing the No. 4 sieve with correction applied for oversize.

## **Resilient Modulus**

Resilient modulus testing was conducted in accordance with AASHTO T 307. All aggregates satisfied the gradation requirements of Type I material in AASHTO T 307; hence, a sample 6 in by 12 in was used for resilient modulus testing. In Phase I of the study, two sources were classified as VDOT No. 21A and the other four as No. 21B. In the current study (Phase II), two were classified as No. 21A, four as No. 21B, and four as combined No. 21 A/B. Those were the classifications provided by the producer, but some of the sources had different sizes outside the VDOT specification limits of No. 21A and No. 21B. As mentioned earlier, all samples were tested at OMC and to the dry side of OMC. Different constitutive models were fitted to the data using regression analysis, and the results for the MEPDG-recommended model are presented in Table 8 for the Phase I study and in Table 9 for the Phase II study. The regression coefficients, or k-values, presented in Tables 8 and 9 could be used to calculate the resilient modulus at actual stress conditions in the pavement. The stresses at the base aggregate layer could be calculated using layered elastic analysis of the designed pavement section. Rada and Witczak (1981) recommended a typical bulk stress of 20 to 40 psi at the base layer for resilient modulus calculation. For this study, resilient modulus values were calculated using a 5-psi confinement and a 15-psi deviator stress as suggested in NCHRP Research Results Digest 285 (TRB, 2004) and included in Tables 8 and 9; the calculated bulk stress would be 30 psi.

									<b>Resilient Modulus Test (MEPDG</b>			MEPDG
	VDOT	SSD Bulk	Standard	l Proctor	Compaction	End of the Test <sup>b</sup>		Failure	Failure Model)			
	Grade and	Specific	OMC	MDD	M.C. (%)	M.C.	S	Stress				M <sub>r</sub>
Soil Source	Rock Type	Gravity	(%)	(pcf)	(target) <sup>a</sup>	(%)	(%)	(psi) <sup>c</sup>	<b>k</b> <sub>1</sub>	<b>k</b> <sub>2</sub>	<b>k</b> <sub>3</sub>	(psi) <sup>d</sup>
AGG-1	21A	2.75	8.00	134.2	6	5.9	58.0	95	796.5	0.529	0.207	18,520
Lynchburg	Granite				8–OMC	7.7	76.5	105	441.0	0.656	0.372	11,981
Shelton	Gneiss											
AGG-2	21A	3.01	7.25	154.0	5.3	5.2	71.3	71	976.7	0.558	0.072	21,982
Lynchburg	Schist				7.3–OMC	5.8	79.5	69	920.5	0.637	-	20,761
Mt. Athos	Greenstone										0.066	
AGG-3	21B	2.82	5.60	144.3	3.6	3.3	42.4	84	1325.2	0.567	0.109	30,465
Bristol	Dolomite				5.6-OMC	5.1	65.5	67	986.3	0.567	0.073	22,365
Abington	Dolomitic LS											
AGG-4	21B	2.71	7.10	139.4	5.1	5	63.6	83	1369.2	0.481	0.262	31,452
Staunton	Limestone				7.1–OMC	6.7	85.2	75	1241.6	0.492	0.329	29,514
Frazier-North												
AGG-5	21B	2.82	7.65	142.5	5.7	5.6	67.2	107	836.6	0.581	0.399	21,760
NOVA	Diabase				7.7–OMC	6.9	82.8	93	729.4	0.695	0.043	17,903
Centreville												
AGG-6	21B	2.75	8.16	133.4	6.2	5.9	56.7	67	918.2	0.541	0.263	22,016
Richmond	Marble				8.2–OMC	7.5	72.0	59	849.7	0.665	0.091	20,809
Appomattox												

Table 8. Resilient Modulus Test Results for Phase I Aggregates

All samples achieved 100% of maximum dry density (MDD) (pcf) after compaction.

VDOT = Virginia Department of Transportation; SSD = saturated surface dry; Standard Proctor = AASHTO T 99, Method D; OMC = optimum moisture content

(%); MEPDG = Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide.

<sup>*a*</sup> M.C. = moisture content during sample preparation. <sup>*b*</sup> M.C. = moisture content and S = degree of saturation (%) at end of resilient modulus test.

<sup>c</sup> Stress from quick shear test performed at end of resilient modulus test.

 $^{d}$  M<sub>r</sub> = resilient modulus at a confining pressure of 5 psi and a cyclic deviator stress of 15 psi.

		SSD Bulk	Star	ndard	Compaction	End of the Test <sup>b</sup>		Failura	R	Resilient Modulus Test (MEPDG Model)			
	VDOT Crede	Crowity		MDD				Failure			JG MIOUEL	)	
Soil Source	and Rock Type	(Avg.)	(%)	(pcf)	$(target)^a$	(%)	(%)	(psi) <sup>c</sup>	k <sub>1</sub>	$\mathbf{k}_2$	k <sub>3</sub>	$M_r (psi)^d$	
P2AGG-1	21B	2.762	6.75	137.4	5.8	5.6	60.9	76	1338.4	0.53	0.074	29,481	
Blue Ridge	Dolomitic				6.8-OMC	6.6	71.7	68	1152.0	0.57	-0.004	25,336	
Salem	limestone											,	
P2AGG-2	21 A/B	2.635	8.50	131.8	7.5	7.5	79.9	76	639.9	0.58	0.317	16,130	
Boscobel	Granite				8.5-OMC	8.3	88.4	86	358.8	0.34	1.156	10,611	
Richmond												,	
P2AGG-3	21A/B	2.725	7.50	141.2	6.5	6.3	84.1	105	1063.9	0.55	0.157	24,620	
Doswell	Granite gneiss				7.5–OMC	7.1	94.8	126	795.6	0.63	0.120	19,213	
Richmond												, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
P2AGG-4	21A	2.785	7.50	144.5	6.5	6.2	85.3	112	585.1	0.52	0.658	16,100	
South Boston	Granite				7.5–OMC	7.1	97.7	127	549.8	0.46	0.843	15,571	
Lynchburg												, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
P2AGG-5	21B	2.715	7.80	138.3	7.3	7.1	84.7	86	1085.9	0.52	0.248	25,509	
Stevensburg	90% Siltstone				8.3-OMC	8.0	95.4	71	933.1	0.60	0.181	22,566	
Culpeper	10% Shale												
P2AGG-6	21A/B	2.708	7.75	136.6	6.8	6.7	76.6	72	1403.0	0.43	0.229	30,732	
Staunton	Limestone				7.8–OMC	7.5	85.7	78	1369.3	0.54	0.038	30,034	
Staunton													
P2AGG-7	21A	2.678	6.75	141.2	5.8	5.6	81.7	80	979.6	0.63	0.062	23,133	
Graham-Occ	Granite				6.8–OMC	6.4	93.4	81	474.6	0.27	1.137	13,265	
NOVA													
P2AGG-8	21B	2.684	6.75	140.5	5.8	5.7	79.7	84	808.5	0.59	0.169	19,356	
Graham-Occ	Granite				6.8–OMC	6.6	92.3	106	628.5	0.49	0.434	15,527	
NOVA													
P2AGG-9	21A/B	2.852	7.50	146.3	6.5	6.2	81.7	116	837.2	0.55	0.273	20,229	
Centreville	65% Diabase				7.5–OMC	7.1	93.6	99	645.4	0.42	0.659	16,557	
NOVA	35% Siltstone												
P2AGG-10	21B	3.028	7.60	155.8	6.6	6.3	89.7	107	780.4	0.71	0.186	20,413	
Gladehill	Amphibolite				7.6–OMC	7.2	102.5	92	536.2	0.40	1.156	16,552	
Salem	gneiss						1						

Table 9. Resilient Modulus Test Results for Phase II

All samples achieved 100% of maximum dry density (MDD) (pcf) after compaction.

VDOT = Virginia Department of Transportation; SSD = saturated surface dry; Standard Proctor = AASHTO T 99, Method D; OMC = optimum moisture content (%); MEPDG

= Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide.

<sup>*a*</sup> M.C. = moisture content during sample preparation. <sup>*b*</sup> M.C. = moisture content and S = degree of saturation (%) at end of resilient modulus test.

<sup>c</sup> Stress from quick shear test performed at end of resilient modulus test.

 $^{d}$  M<sub>r</sub> = resilient modulus at a confining pressure of 5 psi and a cyclic deviator stress of 15 psi.

The regression parameters for a simple bulk stress model (see Eq. 2) are also presented in Table 10 as a reference.

$$M_r = k_1(\theta)^{k_2}$$
 [Eq. 2]

where

 $M_r$  = resilient modulus value  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  = regression coefficients  $\theta$  = bulk stress = {3 × confining stress + deviator (cyclic) stress}.

		VDOT		MEPDG Model				Bulk Stress Model		
Aggregate	Location	Grade	<b>k</b> <sub>1</sub>	<b>k</b> <sub>2</sub>	<b>k</b> <sub>3</sub>	M <sub>r</sub> (psi)	<b>k</b> <sub>1</sub>	<b>k</b> <sub>2</sub>	M <sub>r</sub> (psi)	
Phase I										
AGG-1	Shelton	А	441.0	0.656	0.372	11,981	919.1	0.745	11,590	
AGG2	Mt. Athos	А	920.5	0.637	- 0.066	20,761	2530.1	0.621	20,883	
AGG3	Abingdon	В	986.3	0.567	0.073	22,365	3039.0	0.585	22,221	
AGG-4	Frazier North	В	1241.6	0.492	0.329	29,514	4103.7	0.571	28,664	
AGG5	Centreville	В	729.4	0.695	0.043	17,903	1620.1	0.705	17,835	
AGG-6	Richmond	В	849.7	0.665	0.091	20,809	1994.7	0.687	20,639	
Phase II										
P2AGG-1	Blue Ridge	В	1152.0	0.57	-0.004	25,336	3695.4	0.566	25,346	
P2AGG2	Boscobel	A/B	358.8	0.34	1.156	10,611	1144.8	0.624	9564	
P2AGG3	Doswell	A/B	795.6	0.63	0.120	19,213	2022.9	0.659	19,009	
P2AGG-4	South Boston	А	549.8	0.46	0.843	15,571	1541.9	0.658	14,464	
P2AGG-5	Stevensburg	В	933.1	0.60	0.181	22,566	2496.5	0.643	22,224	
P2AGG-6	Staunton	A/B	1369.3	0.54	0.038	30,034	4625.0	0.549	29,931	
P2AGG7	Graham-Occoquan (21A)	А	474.6	0.27	1.137	13,265	1830.5	0.552	12,001	
P2AGG-8	Graham-Occoquan (21B)	В	628.5	0.49	0.434	15,527	1982.2	0.594	14,946	
P2AGG-9	Centreville	A/B	645.4	0.42	0.659	16,557	2201.1	0.576	15,626	
P2AGG-10	Gladehill, Jacks Mtn.	В	536.2	0.40	1.156	16,552	1477.3	0.680	14,930	

Table 10. Resilient Modulus Parameters for Bulk Stress Model at Optimum Moisture Content

VDOT = Virginia Department of Transportation; MEPDG = Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide.

### DISCUSSION

Although VDOT's current pavement design procedure (AASHTO, 1993) assigns a single layer coefficient for all base aggregate, a wide variation of resilient moduli has been found among different sources of base aggregate while tested for MEPDG implementation. Many factors such as gradation, rock type, and particle shape might contribute to such variation, as discussed here.

### **Gradation Effect**

All aggregate sources were supposed to comply with VDOT No. 21A or No. 21B gradation. Although most were close to or within the gradation band, as shown in Table 5, the quantities passing a few sieve sizes were above the limit. As discussed previously, in Phase I of

the study, two sources were classified as VDOT No. 21A and four as No. 21B. In Phase II, two were classified as No. 21A, four as No. 21B, and four as combined No. 21A/B. Those were the classifications provided by the producer, but some of the sources had different sizes outside the VDOT specification limits of No. 21A and No. 21B. In most cases, quantities passing the No. 200 sieve were above the specification limits (design-range) for both grade designations. In some cases, material passing the 3/8-in sieve was also above the limit (design-range). Resilient modulus values are grouped according to VDOT gradation in Figure 2 and Table 11 for comparison.

Although there was no consistent pattern in the values for No. 21A or No. 21B aggregates, in general, the resilient modulus values for the No. 21B aggregates were higher (15,520 to 29,510 psi) than those for the No. 21A aggregates (11,980 to 20,760 psi). The values for the combined No. 21A/B aggregates varied from 10,610 to 30,034 psi. It is important to note that No. 21B gradation is coarser than No. 21A and has a higher percent of material passing the No. 200 sieve than is the case with No. 21B, as allowed in the VDOT specification.



Figure 2. Effect of Moisture on Resilient Modulus Measurements. OMC = optimum moisture content.

	VDOT	% Passing No. 200	Resilient Modulus at 5 psi Confining and 15 p Deviator Stresses (nsi)			
Aggregate Source	District	Sieve	At OMC <sup>a</sup>	1% Below OMC	2% Below OMC	
VDOT Grade 21A (Limit for No.	200: 6%-12%	)	•			
AGG-1 (Shelton)	Lynchburg	12	11,981	-	18,520	
AGG-2 (Mt. Athos)	Lynchburg	12	20,761	-	21,982	
P2AGG-4 (South Boston)	Lynchburg	10	15,571	16,100	-	
P2AGG-7 (Graham-Occoquan)	NOVA	10	13,265	23,133	-	
VDOT Grade 21A/B						
P2AGG-2 (Boscobel)	Richmond	9	10,611	16,130	-	
P2AGG-3 (Doswell)	Richmond	10	19,213	24,620	-	
P2AGG-6 (Staunton)	Staunton	8	30,034	30,732	-	
P2AGG-9 (Centreville)	NOVA	9	16,557	20,229	-	
VDOT Grade 21B (Limit for No.	200:4%-7%)					
AGG-3 (Abingdon)	Bristol	9	22,365	-	30,465	
AGG-4 (Frazier North)	Staunton	8	29,514	-	31,452	
AGG-5 (Centreville)	NOVA	9	17,903	-	21,760	
AGG-6 (Richmond)	Richmond	7	20,809	-	22,016	
P2AGG-1 (Blue Ridge)	Salem	10	25,336	29,481	-	
P2AGG-5 (Stevensburg)	Culpeper	8	22,566	25,509	-	
P2AGG-8 (Graham-Occoquan)	NOVA	8	15,527	19,356	-	
P2AGG-10 (Gladehill, Jacks	Salem	19	16,552	20,413	-	
Mtn.)						

Table 11. Resilient Modulus Values Using MEPDG Model

MEPDG = *Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide;* VDOT = Virginia Department of Transportation; NOVA = Northern Virginia.

<sup>a</sup> OMC = optimum moisture content. All samples were compacted to 100% maximum dry density.

### **Influence of Moisture Content**

Some aggregate sources showed a significant influence of moisture content on the resilient modulus value. Each aggregate source was tested at two different moisture contents but compacted at the same MDD. Target moisture contents and compaction densities are not comparable among the sources. Therefore, degrees of saturation were calculated for each sample after the test and plotted against resilient modulus values in Figure 3. There are only two points per source in Figure 3; a third point would have characterized the influence of moisture better. As mentioned earlier, it was not possible to run a test at a moisture content higher than optimum because of excessive drainage during sample preparation and the sample was unstable under the compaction effort, but the expected trend of a decrease in resilient modulus with an increase in moisture content is obvious. Moisture has a greater influence on some aggregate than others, as shown by their respective slopes in Figure 3. Additional testing of Atterberg limits (liquid limit and plastic limit) were conducted on some of the aggregate sources with steeper slopes. Results showed the presence of plastic fines in the fraction passing the No. 200 sieve. Although standard practice for the Atterberg limit test is to conduct the test on the fraction passing the No. 40 sieve, all tests in this study were on the fraction passing the No. 200 sieve. The source (P2AGG-7) with the steepest slope had 14% passing the No. 200 sieve with a PI of 9. The aggregate from this same source (P2AGG-8) with coarser gradation (No. 21B) and only 8% passing the No. 200 sieve showed less sensitivity to moisture than the No. 21A gradation, as evident from the flatter slope in Figure 3. The source P2AGG-10 had the highest percent passing the No. 200 sieve

(19%) and showed significant moisture sensitivity despite being non-plastic. The aggregate P2AGG–2 had the second steepest slope; the corresponding PI was very high, but with only 9% passing the No. 200 sieve. Therefore, the results in Figure 3 suggest moisture sensitivity in the resilient modulus value when the percent passing the No. 200 sieve is high or fines are plastic in nature.

A significant change in resilient modulus was noticed when the moisture was only 1% or 2% below the OMC, which is the usual allowable tolerance in most specifications for base aggregate compaction. It will be difficult to recommend a value of resilient modulus for these aggregates since the allowable field moisture content can result in a large variation in modulus values.



Figure 3. Influence of Moisture Content on Resilient Modulus Values. PI = plasticity index.

# **Effect of Rock Type**

Different rock types were considered in selecting the aggregate sources for testing. The presence of plastic fines made it difficult to separate the effect of rock type on the resilient modulus value. The LA abrasion loss values presented in Table 2 showed that granite, marble, and amphibolite were more susceptible to impact and abrasion than were diabase, siltstone, dolomitic limestone, and limestone. Resilient modulus values are grouped according to their lithology in Figure 4. Limestone aggregates (AGG–4 and P2AGG–6) had the highest resilient modulus values, and granite (P2AGG–2, P2AGG–4, P2AGG-7, and P2AGG–8) had the lowest. Limestone sources were less sensitive to moisture than some of the granite sources. Although

diabase (AGG–5 and P2AGG–9) is usually the hardest rock and a high modulus is expected; the presence of plastic fines might have influenced the modulus values to be on the lower end of the spectrum in Figure 4.



Figure 4. Effect of Mineralogy on Resilient Modulus Values. OMC = optimum moisture content.

## **Influence of Particle Shape**

In general, uncompacted void content provides an indication of particle shape and texture where higher values would indicate more angular particles and a rougher texture. Table 3 summarizes the uncompacted void content results. It is important to note that the presence of flat and elongated particles may also yield higher voids and that sample grading also affects the results. These tests were conducted on two gradations: Standard Grade (Method A) and As-Received Grade (Method C). Because the grading of the test sample also affects the void content, results from Method A are preferable for comparing particle shape and texture among samples. Because of the gradation and moisture effect, no consistent influence of particle shape was observed in this study.

# SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- There was a wide variation in resilient modulus values for base aggregate among the *different sources*. The values ranged from approximately 10,000 to 30,000 psi.
- VDOT No. 21B aggregate is somewhat stiffer than No. 21A aggregate, as No. 21B aggregate has a coarser gradation with less material passing the No. 200 sieve. The resilient modulus values were 15,520 to 29,510 psi for No. 21B; 11,980 to 20,760 psi for No. 21A; and 10,610 to 30,034 psi for the combined No. 21A/B.
- Of the 16 sources of aggregate tested in the Phase I and II studies, the resilient modulus values of 11 showed a significant sensitivity to moisture content, but this effect seemed related to the amount of material passing the No. 200 sieve and/or the plastic nature of the fines.
- There was a wide variation in resilient modulus values among different rock types; limestone had the highest modulus and granite had the lowest modulus value. This effect was also significantly influenced by whether the mixture was No. 21A or No. 21B, the percent passing the No. 200 sieve, and the presence of plastic fines.
- *No clear effect of particle shape was evident from this study.* The effects of gradation, lithology, and moisture content, along with the narrow range of uncompacted void contents, made it difficult to separate out the effect of particle shape.
- Some aggregate gradations were outside VDOT specification limits (design-range), but most were within QC/QA acceptance tolerances. The noted discrepancies usually occurred with the percent passing the <sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>-in sieve and the No. 200 sieve. In both cases, values were higher than specified, meaning the aggregates were finer than the specification limits (design-range).

# CONCLUSIONS

- There are large variations in resilient modulus values among different sources of aggregate in Virginia.
- Moisture variation within allowable construction specifications can result in substantial change in resilient modulus values for many sources of aggregate in Virginia.
- Resilient modulus values of aggregate depend on gradation, rock type, and moisture content.
- The amount and nature (plastic versus non-plastic) of fines affect the moisture sensitivity of resilient modulus.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. VDOT's Materials Division should implement the catalog of resilient modulus values from this study, based on the information presented in Tables 8 and 9 and Figures 2 and 4, for use with the MEPDG.
- 2. VDOT's Materials Division and the Virginia Center for Transportation Innovation and Research (VCTIR) should investigate the adjustment of modulus values in the MEPDG software based on moisture content, as moisture had a substantial impact on the value of the resilient modulus.
- 3. VCTIR and VDOT's Materials Division should further investigate the causes of variations in resilient modulus values despite similar gradations or rock types. The moisture sensitivity and the presence of plastic fines need to be investigated further.
- 4. VCTIR and VDOT's Materials Division should further investigate the differences among different Proctor standards and actual field-achieved values.

# **BENEFITS AND IMPLEMENTATION**

This study was conducted to develop a catalog of resilient modulus values for commonly used base aggregate in VDOT construction projects. The catalog is readily available for implementation. VDOT's State Materials Engineer will implement this catalog by modifying the VDOT Materials Division *Manual of Instructions*, Chapter VI: Pavement Design and Evaluation, to include a procedure for selection of appropriate aggregate modulus values based on the anticipated material to be used and moisture conditions. The values presented in the catalog can be referenced for pavement designs that follow the new MEPDG methodology and can be incorporated with the MEPDG protocol as it is adopted by VDOT.

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# APPENDIX

# SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS

### SUMMARY SHEET: SHELTON-LYNCHBURG DISTRICT

**Rock type:** Granite gneiss **Comments:** N/A

Gradation (AASHTO T 27)							
Sieve	Percent	Percent					
Size	Retained	Passing					
2.00"	0.00	100.00					
1.50"	0.00	100.00					
1.00"	2.69	97.31					
0.75"	8.74	88.58					
0.50"	11.83	76.75					
0.375"	8.98	67.77					
No. 4	16.88	50.89					
No. 8	11.73	39.15					
No. 16	7.29	31.87					
No. 30	5.11	26.76					
No. 50	4.28	22.47					
No. 100	4.68	17.79					
No. 200	5.44	12.35					
Pan	12.35						



Specific Gravity (AASHTO T 84 and T 85)									
Dry Bulk		SS	SD	Apparent		Absorption			
						(%	6)		
+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4		
N/A	N/A	2.62*	N/A	N/A N/A		N/A	N/A		
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Un-compacted Void Content (%)							
+4 (AASH	TO T 326)	-4 (AASHTO T 304)					
Method	Method	Method	Method				
$A^1$	$C^2$	$A^1$	C <sup>2</sup>				
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				

\*VDOT approved list 2012

<sup>1</sup>Standard Grade, <sup>2</sup>As-received Grade



Test Moisture	MEPDG Model: $M_r = k_1 P_a \left(\frac{\theta}{P_a}\right)^{k_2} \left(\frac{\tau_{ocr}}{P_a} + 1\right)^{k_3}$			Model Parameters	Confining ( $\sigma_3$ ) : 5 psi Deviator ( $\sigma_d$ ): 15 psi
	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>a</sub> = 14.7 psi	M <sub>r</sub>
OMC	441.0	0.66	0.372	$\theta = (3\sigma_3 + \sigma_d)$	11981
OMC -2%	796.5	0.53	0.207	$\tau_{oct} = (\sqrt{2/3})\sigma_d$	18520

### SUMMARY SHEET: MOUNT ATHOS-LYNCHBURG DISTRICT

Rock type: Schist/ Greenstone Comments: N/A

Gradation (AASHTO T 27)							
Sieve	Percent	Percent					
Size	Retained	Passing					
2.00"	0.00	100.00					
1.50"	0.00	100.00					
1.00"	0.00	100.00					
0.75"	0.51	99.49					
0.50"	10.19	89.29					
0.375"	12.27	77.02					
No. 4	22.71	54.31					
No. 8	14.81	39.50					
No. 16	8.88	30.62					
No. 30	6.15	24.47					
No. 50	4.60	19.87					
No. 100	4.17	15.70					
No. 200	3.81	11.89					
Pan	11 89						



Specific Gravity (AASHTO T 84 and T 85)								
Dry Bulk SS		SD App		Apparent		rption		
						(%)		
+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	
N/A	N/A	3.01*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Un-compacted Void Content (%)								
+4 (AASH	TO T 326)	-4 (AASHTO T 304)						
Method A <sup>1</sup>	Method C <sup>2</sup>	Method A <sup>1</sup>	Method C <sup>2</sup>					
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A					

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<sup>1</sup>Standard Grade, <sup>2</sup>As-received Grade



Test Moisture	MEPDG Model: $M_r = k_1 P_a \left(\frac{\theta}{P_a}\right)^{k_2} \left(\frac{\tau_{act}}{P_a} + 1\right)^{k_3}$		Model Parameters	Confining ( $\sigma_3$ ) : 5 psi Deviator ( $\sigma_d$ ): 15 psi	
	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	K₃	P <sub>a</sub> = 14.7 psi	M <sub>r</sub>
OMC	920.5	0.64	-0.066	$\theta = (3\sigma_3 + \sigma_d)$	20761
OMC -2%	976.7	0.56	0.072	$\tau_{oct} = (\sqrt{2/3})\sigma_d$	21982

### SUMMARY SHEET: ABINGDON-BRISTOL DISTRICT

Rock type: Dolomitic limestone Comments: N/A

Gradation (AASHTO T 27)								
Sieve Size	Percent Retained	Percent Passing						
2.00"	0.00	100.00%						
1.50"	0.00	100.00%						
1.00"	0.00	100.00						
0.75"	2.32	97.68						
0.50"	14.50	83.18						
0.375"	10.93	72.24						
No. 4	23.87	48.37						
No. 8	16.28	32.09						
No. 16	9.31	22.79						
No. 30	5.64	17.15						
No. 50	3.31	13.84						
No. 100	2.24	11.60						
No. 200	2.16	9.44						
Pan	9.44							



Specific Gravity (AASHTO T 84 and T 85)									
Dry Bulk SS		SD	Apparent		Absorption				
						(%)			
+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4		
N/A	N/A	2.82*	N/A	N/A N/A		N/A	N/A		
	*VDOT								

Un-compacted Void Content (%)					
+4 (AASHTO T 326) -4 (AASHTO T 304)					
Method A <sup>1</sup>	Method C <sup>2</sup>	Method Method A <sup>1</sup> C <sup>2</sup>			
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		



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Test Moisture	MEPDG Model: $M_r = k_1 P_a \left(\frac{\theta}{P_a}\right)^{k_2} \left(\frac{\tau_{act}}{P_a} + 1\right)^{k_3}$			Model Parameters	Confining ( $\sigma_3$ ) : 5 psi Deviator ( $\sigma_d$ ): 15 psi		
	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>a</sub> = 14.7 psi	M <sub>r</sub>		
OMC	986.3	0.57	0.073	$\theta = (3\sigma_3 + \sigma_d)$	22365		
OMC -2%	1325.2	0.57	0.109	$\tau_{oct} = (\sqrt{2/3})\sigma_d$	30465		

### SUMMARY SHEET: FRAZIER NORTH-STAUNTON DISTRICT

#### Rock type: Limestone Comments: N/A

Gradation (AASHTO T 27)					
Sieve Size	Percent Retained	Percent Passing			
2.00"	0.00	100.00%			
1.50"	0.00	100.00%			
1.00"	0.00	100.00			
0.75"	2.64	97.36			
0.50"	15.33	82.02			
0.375"	9.24	72.79			
No. 4	17.41	55.38			
No. 8	19.71	35.67			
No. 16	11.73	23.94			
No. 30	7.18	16.76			
No. 50	4.35	12.41			
No. 100	2.69	9.72			
No. 200	1.66	8.06			
Pan	8.06				



Specific Gravity (AASHTO T 84 and T 85)								
Dry	Bulk SSD		Apparent		Absorption			
						(%)		6)
+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	
N/A	N/A	2.71*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
				1.11	0.1.0			

Un-compacted Void Content (%)					
+4 (AASHTO T 326) -4 (AASHTO T 304)					
Method Method A <sup>1</sup> C <sup>2</sup>		Method Metho A <sup>1</sup> C <sup>2</sup>			
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		

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<sup>1</sup>Standard Grade, <sup>2</sup>As-received Grade



Test Moisture	M <sub>r</sub> = $k_1 P_a \left(\frac{\theta}{P_a}\right)^{k_2} \left(\frac{\tau_{oct}}{P_a} + 1\right)^{k_3}$ MEPDG Model:			Model Parameters	Confining ( $\sigma_3$ ) : 5 psi Deviator ( $\sigma_d$ ): 15 psi
	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>a</sub> = 14.7 psi	M <sub>r</sub>
OMC	1241.6	0.49	0.330	$\theta = (3\sigma_3 + \sigma_d)$	29514
OMC -2%	1369.2	0.48	0.262	$\tau_{oct} = (\sqrt{2}/3)\sigma_d$	31452

### SUMMARY SHEET: CENTREVILLE-NOVA DISTRICT

#### Rock type: Diabase Comments: N/A

Gradation (AASHTO T 27)					
Sieve Size	Percent Retained	Percent Passing			
2.00"	0.00	100.00			
1.50"	0.00	100.00			
1.00"	0.00	100.00			
0.75"	5.69	94.31			
0.50"	13.35	80.96			
0.375"	12.60	68.36			
No. 4	23.33	45.02			
No. 8	14.61	30.41			
No. 16	7.98	22.43			
No. 30	4.52	17.91			
No. 50	3.32	14.59			
No. 100	2.87	11.72			
No. 200	2.65	9.08			
Pan	9.08				



Specific Gravity (AASHTO T 84 and T 85)							
Dry Bulk SSD		Apparent		Absorption (%)			
+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4
N/A	N/A	2.82*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Un-compacted Void Content (%)					
+4 (AASHTO T 326) -4 (AASHTO T 304)					
Method A <sup>1</sup>	A <sup>1</sup> Method C <sup>2</sup>		Method C <sup>2</sup>		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		

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<sup>1</sup>Standard Grade, <sup>2</sup>As-received Grade



Test Moisture	MEPDG Model: $M_r = k_1 P_a \left(\frac{\theta}{P_a}\right)^{k_2} \left(\frac{\tau_{ocr}}{P_a} + 1\right)^{k_3}$		Model Parameters	Confining $(\sigma_3)$ : 5 psi Deviator $(\sigma_d)$ : 15 psi	
	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>a</sub> = 14.7 psi	M <sub>r</sub>
OMC	729.4	0.69	0.043	$\theta = (3\sigma_3 + \sigma_d)$	17903
OMC -2%	836.6	0.58	0.399	$\tau_{oct} = (\sqrt{2/3})\sigma_d$	21760

### SUMMARY SHEET: RICHMOND DISTRICT

### Rock type: Marble Comments: N/A

Gradation (AASHTO T 27)					
Sieve Size	Percent Retained	Percent Passing			
2.00"	0.00	100.00%			
1.50"	0.00	100.00%			
1.00"	0.00	100.00			
0.75"	1.14	98.86			
0.50"	16.11	82.74			
0.375"	11.21	71.53			
No. 4	21.51	50.02			
No. 8	17.56	32.46			
No. 16	10.41	22.05			
No. 30	6.51	15.55			
No. 50	4.09	11.45			
No. 100	2.67	8.78			
No. 200	1.88	6.90			
Pan	6.90				



Specific Gravity (AASHTO T 84 and T 85)								
Dry	Bulk	SSD		Apparent		Absorption		
						(%)		
+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	
N/A	N/A	2.75*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Un-compacted Void Content (%)									
+4 (AASHTO T 326) -4 (AASHTO T 304)									
Method	Method	Method	Method						
$A^1$	$C^2$	$A^1$	$C^2$						
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A						

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<sup>1</sup>Standard Grade, <sup>2</sup>As-received Grade



Test Moisture	MEPDG	M <sub>r</sub> = $k_1 P_a \left(\frac{\theta}{P_a}\right)$	$-\int_{a}^{b_2} \left(\frac{\tau_{oct}}{P_a} + 1\right)^{b_3}$	Model Parameters	Confining ( $\sigma_3$ ) : 5 psi Deviator ( $\sigma_d$ ): 15 psi
	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	K₃	P <sub>a</sub> = 14.7 psi	M <sub>r</sub>
OMC	849.7	0.67	0.091	$\theta = (3\sigma_3 + \sigma_d)$	20809
OMC -2%	918.2	0.54	0.263	$\tau_{oct} = (\sqrt{2/3})\sigma_d$	22016

### SUMMARY SHEET: BOSCOBEL, GOOCHLAND (RICHMOND DISTRICT)

#### **Rock type:** Granite **Comments:** Fine-medium grained, 15% thin, flat particles

Grada	Gradation (AASHTO T 27)								
Sieve Size	Percent Retained	Percent Passing							
2.00"	0.00	100.00							
1.50"	0.00	100.00							
1.00"	0.00	100.00							
0.75"	8.38	91.62							
0.50"	17.47	74.14							
0.375"	9.41	64.73							
No. 4	17.11	47.62							
No. 8	13.77	33.85							
No. 16	8.80	25.04							
No. 30	5.85	19.19							
No. 50	4.19	15.00							
No. 100	3.34	11.66							
No. 200	2.72	8.94							
Pan	8.86								



	Spec	ific Grav	vity (AA	SHTO T	84 and	T 85)		]	Un-c	ompacted V	/oid Conter	nt (%)
Dry	Bulk	SS	SD	Appa	arent	Abso	rption		+4 (AASH	TO T 326)	-4 (AASH	TO T 304)
						(%)			Method	Method	Method	Method
+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	1	A	$C^2$	A <sup>1</sup>	$C^2$
2.574	2.627	2.599	2.670	2.639	2.744	0.952	1.613	1	49.5	47.3	47.6	43.5
								4	1-Stan	dard Grade,	2-As-receiv	ved Grade



Test Moisture	MEPDG	Model: $M_r = k_1 P_a \left(\frac{\theta}{P_a}\right)$	$-\int_{a}^{b_2} \left(\frac{\tau_{oct}}{P_a} + 1\right)^{b_3}$	Model Parameters	Confining ( $\sigma_3$ ) : 5 psi Deviator ( $\sigma_d$ ): 15 psi
	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>a</sub> = 14.7 psi	M <sub>r</sub>
OMC	358.8	0.34	1.156	$\theta = (3\sigma_3 + \sigma_d)$	10611
OMC -1%	639.9	0.58	0.317	$\tau_{\rm oct} = (\sqrt{2/3})\sigma_{\rm d}$	16130

### SUMMARY SHEET: BLUE RIDGE (SALEM DISTRICT)

**Rock type:** Dolomitic limestone **Comments:** 10% shaley, 10% slightly weathered

Gradation (AASHTO T 27)									
Sieve	Percent	Percent							
Size	Retained	Passing							
2.00"	0.00	100.00							
1.50"	0.00	100.00							
1.00"	0.00	100.00							
0.75"	2.43	97.57							
0.50"	17.95	79.62							
0.375"	13.52	66.10							
No. 4	24.43	41.67							
No. 8	13.94	27.72							
No. 16	7.48	20.25							
No. 30	4.26	15.99							
No. 50	2.60	13.38							
No. 100	1.91	11.47							
No. 200	1.48	9.99							
Pan	9.99								



Specific Gravity (AASHTO T 84 and T 85)										
Dry	Bulk	SS	SD	Apparent		Absorption				
						(%)				
+4	-4	+4	+4 -4		-4	+4	-4			
2.706	2.752	2.729	2.794	2.772	2.873	0.885	1.528			

Un-compacted Void Content (%)									
+4 (AASHTO T 326) -4 (AASHTO T 304)									
Method A <sup>1</sup>	Method C <sup>2</sup>	Method A <sup>1</sup>	Method C <sup>2</sup>						
51.9	52.1	47.2	40.6						

1-Standard Grade, 2-As-received Grade



Test Moisture	MEPDO	<b>B Model:</b> $M_r = k_1 P_a \left( \frac{\theta}{P_a} \right)$	$-\int_{a}^{b_{2}} \left(\frac{\tau_{oct}}{P_{a}}+1\right)^{b_{3}}$	Model Parameters	Confining ( $\sigma_3$ ) : 5 psi Deviator ( $\sigma_d$ ): 15 psi
	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>a</sub> = 14.7 psi	M <sub>r</sub>
OMC	1152.0	0.57	-0.004	$\theta = (3\sigma_3 + \sigma_d)$	25336
OMC -1%	1338.4	0.53	0.074	$\tau_{oct} = (\sqrt{2/3})\sigma_d$	29481

### SUMMARY SHEET: CENTREVILLE, FAIRFAX (NOVA DISTRICT)

**Rock type:** 65% Diabase, 35% siltstone **Comments:** Siltstone particles tend to be flat, thin

Gradation (AASHTO T 27)								
Sieve Size	Percent Retained	Percent Passing						
2.00"	0.00	100.00%						
1.50"	0.00	100.00%						
1.00"	0.00	100.00%						
0.75"	5.49	94.51%						
0.50"	17.84	76.67%						
0.375"	9.76	66.91%						
No. 4	19.80	47.11%						
No. 8	15.23	31.88%						
No. 16	8.62	23.26%						
No. 30	5.36	17.90%						
No. 50	3.70	14.20%						
No. 100	3.01	11.20%						
No. 200	2.58	8.62%						
Pan	8.63							



Specific Gravity (AASHTO T 84 and T 85)					Un-co	ompacted V	oid Conter	nt (%)				
	Dry	Bulk	SS	SD	Appa	arent	Abso	rption	+4 (AASH	TO T 326)	-4 (AASH	TO T 304)
							(%	%)	Method	Method	Method	Method
	+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	$A^1$	$C^2$	$A^1$	$C^2$
	2.832	2.803	2.856	2.848	2.902	2.936	0.847	1.619	51.9	51.4	46.3	38.7
	+4 2.832	-4 2.803	+4 2.856	-4 2.848	+4 2.902	-4 2.936	(% +4 0.847	%) -4 1.619	Method A <sup>1</sup> 51.9	Method C <sup>2</sup> 51.4	Method A <sup>1</sup> 46.3	



Test		$M = k P \left(\frac{\theta}{\theta}\right)$	$\sum_{k_2}^{k_2} \left( \frac{\tau_{ocl}}{t_{ocl}} + 1 \right)^{k_3}$	Model Parameters	Confining ( $\sigma_3$ ) : 5 psi
Moisture	MEPDG	Model: Model: Model: $P_a$	$\left( P_{a}^{+1} \right)$		Deviator (σ <sub>d</sub> ): 15 psi
	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>a</sub> = 14.7 psi	M <sub>r</sub>
OMC	645.4	0.42	0.658	$\theta = (3\sigma_3 + \sigma_d)$	16557
OMC -1%	837.2	0.55	0.273	$\tau_{oct} = (\sqrt{2}/3)\sigma_d$	20229

### SUMMARY SHEET: STEVENSBURG (CULPEPER DISTRICT)

Rock type: 90% siltstone, 10% shale

**Comments:** 15% particles flat, thin (7:5:1); 20% elongate (3.5:1)

Grada	ation (AASH	ГО Т 27)
Sieve Size	Percent Retained	Percent Passing
2.00"	0.00	100.00%
1.50"	0.00	100.00%
1.00"	0.00	100.00%
0.75"	4.02	95.98%
0.50"	14.88	81.09%
0.375"	8.52	72.57%
No. 4	17.75	54.82%
No. 8	17.35	37.47%
No. 16	11.97	25.49%
No. 30	7.66	17.84%
No. 50	4.79	13.05%
No. 100	3.10	9.95%
No. 200	1.98	7.97%
Pan	7 91	



	Spec	ific Grav	vity (AA	<b>SHTO T</b>	84 and	T 85)			Un-co	ompacted V	oid Conter	nt (%)
Dry	Bulk	SS	SD	Арра	arent	Abso	rption		+4 (AASH	TO T 326)	-4 (AASH	TO T 304)
						(%	6)		Method	Method	Method	Method
+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4		$A^1$	C <sup>2</sup>	$A^1$	C <sup>2</sup>
2.699	2.652	2.728	2.702	2.780	2.790	1.068	1.856		48.7	48.0	45.5	39.4
								-	1-Stan	dard Grade.	2-As-receiv	ed Grade



Test Moisture	MEPDO	<b>B Model:</b> $M_r = k_1 P_a \left( \frac{\theta}{P_a} \right)$	$-\int_{a}^{b_{z}} \left(\frac{\tau_{oct}}{P_{a}}+1\right)^{b_{z}}$	Model Parameters	Confining ( $\sigma_3$ ) : 5 psi Deviator ( $\sigma_d$ ): 15 psi
	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>a</sub> = 14.7 psi	M <sub>r</sub>
OMC	933.1	0.60	0.181	$\theta = (3\sigma_3 + \sigma_d)$	22566
OMC -1%	1085.9	0.52	0.248	$\tau_{oct} = (\sqrt{2/3})\sigma_d$	25509

### SUMMARY SHEET: DOSWELL, ASHLAND (RICHMOND DISTRICT)

**Rock type:** Granitic gneiss **Comments:** Coarse-medium grained, 20% thin, flat particles

Grada	tion (AASH	ГО Т 27)
Sieve Size	Percent Retained	Percent Passing
2.00"	0.00	100.00
1.50"	0.00	100.00
1.00"	0.00	100.00
0.75"	3.73	96.27
0.50"	11.98	84.29
0.375"	8.40	75.88
No. 4	14.00	61.88
No. 8	17.39	44.50
No. 16	11.85	32.64
No. 30	8.22	24.42
No. 50	5.94	18.48
No. 100	4.72	13.76
No. 200	3.64	10.12
Pan	10.14	



	Spec	ific Grav	vity (AA	<b>SHTO T</b>	84 and	T 85)		Ur
Dry	Bulk	SS	SD	Appa	arent	Abso	rption	+4 (AA
_	, ,					(%	6)	Metho
+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	$A^1$
2.711	2.698	2.727	2.722	2.755	2.765	0.591	0.902	50.9

Un-co	Un-compacted Void Content (%)								
+4 (AASHTO T 326) -4 (AASHTO T 304)									
Method A <sup>1</sup>	Method C <sup>2</sup>	Method A <sup>1</sup>	Method C <sup>2</sup>						
50.9	51.0	45.0	40.6						



Test Moisture	MEPDG	Model: $M_r = k_1 P_a \left(\frac{\theta}{P_a}\right)$	$\cdot \int_{a}^{k_2} \left( \frac{\tau_{oct}}{P_a} + 1 \right)^{k_3}$	Model Parameters	Confining ( $\sigma_3$ ) : 5 psi Deviator ( $\sigma_d$ ): 15 psi
	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>a</sub> = 14.7 psi	M <sub>r</sub>
OMC	795.6	0.63	0.120	$\theta = (3\sigma_3 + \sigma_d)$	19213
OMC -1%	1063.9	0.55	0.157	$\tau_{oct} = (\sqrt{2/3})\sigma_d$	24620

### SUMMARY SHEET: GLADEHILL, JACKS MTN. (SALEM DISTRICT)

### Rock type: Amphibolites gneiss

Comments: 45% fairly hard and equant particles; 25% fairly hard, thin, tablet-shaped particles (10:6:1); 30% rounded particles with weathered feldspar

Grada	tion (AASH	TO T 27)
Sieve Size	Percent Retained	Percent Passing
2.00"	0.00	100.00%
1.50"	0.00	100.00%
1.00"	0.00	100.00%
0.75"	4.82	95.18%
0.50"	15.51	79.67%
0.375"	9.13	70.54%
No. 4	18.54	52.01%
No. 8	9.95	42.05%
No. 16	6.02	36.04%
No. 30	4.14	31.90%
No. 50	2.91	28.99%
No. 100	3.72	25.27%
No. 200	6.25	19.02%
Pan	18.90	



ĺ		Spec	ific Grav	vitv (AA	<u> SHTO T</u>	84 and	T 85)			Un-co	ompacted V	oid Conter	nt (%)
	Drv	Bulk	S	SD	Anna	arent	Abso	rption		+4 (AASH	TO T 326)	-4 (AASH	TO T 304)
	2.7	Duint			,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		(?)	6)		Method	Method	Method	Method
	+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4		Α'	C <sup>2</sup>	A'	C <sup>2</sup>
	3 016	2 974	3 043	3 013	3 102	3 095	0.916	1 306		51.2	51.2	48.8	40.1
	0.010	2.07 1	0.0.0	0.010	0.102	0.000	0.010	1.000	-	1-Stan	dard Grade,	2-As-receiv	ed Grade



Test Moisture	MEPDG	Model: $M_r = k_1 P_a \left(\frac{\theta}{P_a}\right)$	$-\int_{a}^{b_2} \left(\frac{\tau_{oct}}{P_a} + 1\right)^{k_3}$	Model Parameters	Confining ( $\sigma_3$ ) : 5 psi Deviator ( $\sigma_d$ ): 15 psi
	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>a</sub> = 14.7 psi	M <sub>r</sub>
OMC	536.2	0.40	1.156	$\theta = (3\sigma_3 + \sigma_d)$	16552
OMC -1%	780.4	0.71	0.186	$\tau_{oct} = (\sqrt{2/3})\sigma_d$	20413

### SUMMARY SHEET: GRAHAM-OCCOQUAN (21A) (NOVA DISTRICT)

#### **Rock type:** Granite **Comments:** Some gneissic foliation, fairly equant particles

Grada	tion (AASH	TO T 27)	
Sieve Size	Percent Retained	Percent Passing	
2.00"	0.00	100.00%	
1.50"	0.00	100.00%	
1.00"	0.00	100.00%	
0.75"	12.89	87.11%	
0.50"	10.56	76.55%	
0.375"	5.51	71.04%	
No. 4	13.75	57.30%	
No. 8	12.85	44.45%	
No. 16	8.11	36.34%	
No. 30	6.39	29.95%	
No. 50	5.48	24.47%	
No. 100	4.91	19.56%	
No. 200	5.47	14.08%	
Pan	14.06		



	Specific Gravity (AASHTO T 84 and T 85)									
Dry	Bulk	SS	SD	Арра	arent	Absorption (%)				
+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4			
2.640	2.683	2.656	2.700	2.682	2.731	0.588	0.662			

Un-compacted Void Content (%)								
TO T 326)	-4 (AASH	TO T 304)						
Method	Method Method							
C <sup>2</sup>	$A^1$	C <sup>2</sup>						
47.5	46.7	38.4						
	TO T 326) Method C <sup>2</sup> 47.5	Dempacted Void Content           TO T 326)         -4 (AASH           Method         Method           C <sup>2</sup> A <sup>1</sup> 47.5         46.7						



Test Moisture	MEPDG N	Model: $M_r = k_1 P_a \left(\frac{\theta}{P_a}\right)$	$\int_{a}^{b_2} \left(\frac{\tau_{oct}}{P_a} + 1\right)^{k_3}$	Model Parameters	Confining ( $\sigma_3$ ) : 5 psi Deviator ( $\sigma_d$ ): 15 psi
	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>a</sub> = 14.7 psi	M <sub>r</sub>
OMC	474.6	0.27	1.137	$\theta = (3\sigma_3 + \sigma_d)$	13265
OMC -1%	979.6	0.63	0.062	$\tau_{oct} = (\sqrt{2/3})\sigma_d$	23133

### SUMMARY SHEET: GRAHAM-OCCOQUAN (21B) (NOVA DISTRICT)

#### **Rock type:** Granite **Comments:** Some gneissic foliation, fairly equant particles

Gradation (AASHTO T 27)								
Sieve Size	Percent Retained	Percent Passing						
2.00"	0.00	100.00%						
1.50"	0.00	100.00%						
1.00"	0.00	100.00%						
0.75"	20.14	79.86%						
0.50"	21.57	58.29%						
0.375"	8.14	50.15%						
No. 4	13.22	36.93%						
No. 8	9.28	27.65%						
No. 16	5.49	22.16%						
No. 30	4.18	17.99%						
No. 50	3.59	14.40%						
No. 100	3.28	11.12%						
No. 200	3.14	7.98%						
Pan	7.98							



Specific Gravity (AASHTO T 84 and T 85)								
Dry	Dry Bulk SSD			Apparent		Absorption (%)		
+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	
2.653	2.680	2.667	2.700	2.691	2.735	0.535	0.753	

Un-compacted Void Content (%)								
+4 (AASH	TO T 326)	-4 (AASHTO T 304)						
Method	Method	Method Method						
Α'	C²	Α'	C²					
47.4	46.6	47.0	38.2					

1-Standard Grade, 2-As-received Grade #200 #40 3/8" #10 <u>1.0" 2.0"</u> 100 90 Graham-21B 80 70 I 860 I T 1 I 21A UL 21<u>B</u> LL Х ΤХ X 10 1 1 0 0.01 0.1 10 100 1 Particle (Sieve) Size, mm

Test Moisture	MEPDG N	M <sub>r</sub> = $k_1 P_a \left(\frac{\theta}{P_a}\right)$	$\int_{a}^{b_2} \left(\frac{\tau_{oct}}{P_a} + 1\right)^{k_3}$	Model Parameters	Confining $(\sigma_3)$ : 5 psi Deviator $(\sigma_d)$ : 15 psi
	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	K₃	P <sub>a</sub> = 14.7 psi	M <sub>r</sub>
OMC	628.5	0.49	0.434	$\theta = (3\sigma_3 + \sigma_d)$	15527
OMC -1%	808.5	0.59	0.169	$\tau_{oct} = (\sqrt{2/3})\sigma_d$	19356

### SUMMARY SHEET: SOUTH BOSTON, HALIFAX (LYNCHBURG DISTRICT)

#### **Rock type:** Granite Comments: Fine-medium grained

Comments.	Time-mealum	grameu
Grada	tion (AASH	Г <b>О Т</b> 27)
Sieve Size	Percent Retained	Percent Passing
2.00"	0.00	100.00
1.50"	0.00	100.00
1.00"	0.00	100.00
0.75"	18.51	81.49
0.50"	15.13	66.36
0.375"	8.55	57.81
No. 4	13.30	44.51
No. 8	9.36	35.14
No. 16	7.82	27.32
No. 30	5.81	21.51
No. 50	4.37	17.15
No. 100	3.87	13.28
No. 200	3.36	9.92
Pan	10.65	



Specific Gravity (AASHTO T 84 and T 85)								
Dry Bulk SSD			Apparent		Absorption (%)			
+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	
2.737	2.788	2.758	2.811	2.794	2.856	0.740	0.855	

Un-compacted Void Content (%)								
+4 (AASH	TO T 326)	-4 (AASH	TO T 304)					
Method A <sup>1</sup>	Method C <sup>2</sup>	Method A <sup>1</sup>	Method C <sup>2</sup>					
47.6	49.2	48.5	39.8					



Test		$M_r = k_1 P_a \left(\frac{\theta}{P}\right)$	$\left(\frac{\tau_{oct}}{P}+1\right)^{k_2}$	Model Parameters	Confining $(\sigma_3)$ : 5 psi
Woisture	MEFDG		) ( u )		Deviator $(O_d)$ . 15 psi
	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>a</sub> = 14.7 psi	M <sub>r</sub>
OMC	549.8	0.46	0.843	$\theta = (3\sigma_3 + \sigma_d)$	15571
OMC -1%	585.1	0.52	0.658	$\tau_{oct} = (\sqrt{2/3})\sigma_d$	16100

### SUMMARY SHEET: STAUNTON (STAUNTON DISTRICT)

#### **Rock type:** Limestone **Comments:** Micritic, 20% thin, slat particles

Gradation (AASHTO T 27)									
Sieve Size	Percent Retained	Percent Passing							
2.00"	0.00	100.00%							
1.50"	0.00	100.00%							
1.00"	0.00	100.00%							
0.75"	5.76	94.24%							
0.50"	14.94	79.30%							
0.375"	8.85	70.45%							
No. 4	18.20	52.25%							
No. 8	18.87	33.37%							
No. 16	11.46	21.91%							
No. 30	6.54	15.37%							
No. 50	3.68	11.69%							
No. 100	2.26	9.43%							
No. 200	1.35	8.08%							
Pan	0.08								



Specific Gravity (AASHTO T 84 and T 85)								Un-co	ompacted V	oid Conter	nt (%)	
Dry	Bulk	SSD Apparent		SSD Apparent Absorption			+4 (AASHTO T 326)		-4 (AASHTO T 304)			
_		(%)		6)		Method	Method	Method	Method			
+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4	+4	-4		A <sup>1</sup>	C <sup>2</sup>	A <sup>1</sup>	C <sup>2</sup>
2.668	2.687	2.692	2.723	2.734	2.788	0.908	1.362		49.8	49.3	46.2	40.8
1-Standard Grade 2-As-received Grade										ed Grade		



Test Moisture	MEPDG Model: $M_r = k_1 P_a \left(\frac{\theta}{P_a}\right)^{k_2} \left(\frac{\tau_{oct}}{P_a} + 1\right)^{k_3}$			Model Parameters	Confining $(\sigma_3)$ : 5 psi Deviator $(\sigma_d)$ : 15 psi
	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>a</sub> = 14.7 psi	M <sub>r</sub>
OMC	1369.3	0.54	0.038	$\theta = (3\sigma_3 + \sigma_d)$	30034
OMC -1%	1403.0	0.43	0.229	$\tau_{oct} = (\sqrt{2}/3)\sigma_d$	30732