

Appeal Testing Firms



The following testing firms have been selected to provide Appeal Testing Services.

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- J.R. Paine & Associated Ltd.
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Edmonton, AB, T5S 1E7
Contact: Mr. John Rakievich
Phone (780) 489-0700
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- Parkland Geotechnical Consulting Ltd.
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The QA appeal process for paving projects has not changed from past years, and is described in Section 3.6.9 “Quality Assurance Appeals” of the Engineering Consulting Guidelines – Volume 2.

Forms should be completed by the project consultant and appeal consultant, and are located in APPENDIX B - Highway Construction Administration Forms of that guideline.

[B.15 Appeal Initialization Form](#)

[B.16 Appeal Test Results](#)

The hiring and payment for the testing services of the appeal consultant is handled through the Project Administrators office. Depending upon the outcome of the appeal testing, the contractor may be assessed for the testing costs at a set amount as listed in Specification 3.50.4.9 Appeal of Acceptance Test Results and Appeal Testing.

Copies of all appeal testing results should also be forwarded to the Technical Standards Branch at the email site trans.constructqa@gov.ab.ca).

Questions regarding this program may be directed to the Technical Services Branch at (780) 415-1010.

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Sampling and testing procedures for asphalt content, density and gradation appeals are described in the ATT-68 test procedure.

A brief summary of the administrative process is as follows.

1. Contractor appeals to the Consultant the QA test results for one or more Lots.
2. Consultant reviews the QC data to confirm that appeal is justified.
(The department is generally lenient towards allowing appeals to proceed)
3. Consultant contacts the Project Administrator to confirm which appeal lab to use. Normally the closest appeal lab is chosen, however; the appeal lab should not already be involved with the project for QC/QA testing or mix design services.
4. Project Administrator sets up a service agreement with the appeal lab.
5. Appeal core locations are established by the Consultant using the ATT-56 Part II, *Stratified Random Test Sites*, and given to the contractor.
6. Contractor obtains 5 new core samples at the new stratified random locations and gives them to the consultant.
7. Consultant ships the cores and the completed *Appeal Initialization Form* to the appeal consultant (MAT 6-92A).
8. Appeal consultant completes the testing and forwards the test results on the *Appeal Testing* form, MAT 6-92, to the prime consultant and forwards the invoice to the Project Administrator.
9. Prime Consultant completes the *Appeal Testing* form and forwards a copy to the Project Administrator and to the Technical Standards Branch (email: trans.constructqa@gov.ab.ca).
10. Consultant calculates the new Lot mean values and completes a new Lot Paving Report.
11. Specification 3.50.4.8 *Appeal of Acceptance Test Results and Appeal Testing* describes whether or not the contractor is responsible for paying the appeal testing costs. The set rates for those costs are also listed in that section.

Appeal testing is less frequent for pavement smoothness and segregation. In those cases contact the Surface Engineering and Aggregates section of the Technical Standards Branch for assistance.