

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

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**SPECIAL PROVISIONS - PREPARATION AND USE**

**Introduction**

Special provisions are contract documents that are used to either modify an existing section of the Standard Specifications or to create new directives for the contractor to handle problems in a certain manner on projects. Although some special provisions are used almost routinely on projects in certain areas of the state, it should be noted that every special provision should be reviewed, and revised if necessary, to ensure that the application to your specific project is correct. In some cases, there are several versions of the same special provision, one of which should be chosen depending on the design, application, geology, or unique needs of the project (remember to remove the italicized notes from the copy you select before including it in your report). Unlike standard specifications, which may be simply referred to in a report, a printed copy of a special provision must be included in the final report whenever it is referenced in the report.

If there are discrepancies among documents in a project contract, special provisions take priority over all other documents including the plans and standard specifications, so it is essential that the special provision be written to apply to the specific needs of each project. Special provisions should be written in dual units, English and then equivalent metric values in parenthesis. The special provisions in this section include the ones most frequently used by the Geotechnical Environmental Pavement Bureau.

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