



Virginia Department of Transportation Offering Asphalt
Institute's National Binder Technician Certification Program
December 1-3, 2009

The Virginia Department of Transportation is pleased to offer the Asphalt Institute's National Binder Technician Certification (NBTC) program on December 1-3, 2009 at the VDOT Materials Division, located at 6200 Elko Tract Road, Sandston VA 23150.

This program promotes a consistent, nationally recognized laboratory best-practice for performance grade (PG) asphalt binder testing. It reviews in detail all of the standard American Association of State Highway and Transportation Official (AASHTO) M320 tests and laboratory procedures. Attendees will take written and practical certification exams. Certification is valid for five years.

"The NBTC is an important initiative to reduce PG testing variability because it provides a concise, standard interpretation of the PG test methods," says Mike Beavin, the Asphalt Institute's NBTC program manager. "This leads to decreased retesting, will speed troubleshooting and increase confidence in data for use in product development."

The Virginia DOT is proud to be a leader in the implementation of the Asphalt Institute's NBTC program. For more information about the program, visit www.bindertechician.com.

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