

The Key to QC - more tests.....?

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# What is Quality Control, QC?

- Testing
- Is the single test in spec?
- More Testing
- Statistical Analysis and
- Is the moving average of three in spec?
- More testing, the moving average of 4 or 5?
- How many more tests?



# What is Quality Control, QC?

- Gyratory Compactors
- The 4 elements of mix production.
- The fifth element.
- How many more tests?
- Depends



#### SGC-Mold Maintenance



# Gyratory Compactor- a History

Pine No. 257 by Year	2001	<b>2003</b> initial	<b>2003</b> after
Interior Angle	1.21	0.98	1.17
External Angle	1.26	1.12	1.25





- There are differences between devices of the same manufacturer, as well as different manufacturers.
- When SGC's are properly calibrated to each manufacturer standards these differences are not significant, that is less than 1% V<sub>a</sub> or 0.020 G<sub>mb</sub> for a single test.
- Significant differences in test results are a indication that SGC maintenance is required.
- Periodic SGC maintenance is required to prevent correlation problems between devices.

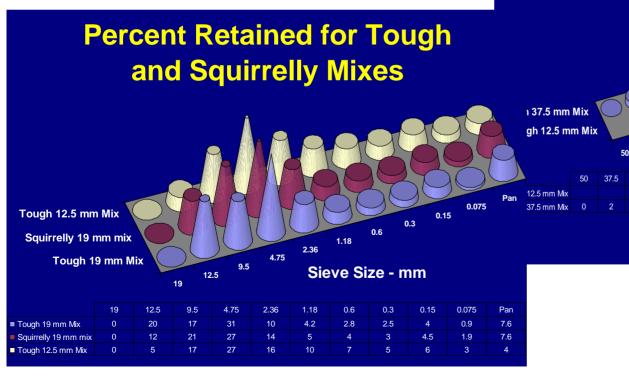
Earth

# Percent Retained for Tough 12.5 and 37.5 mm Mixes

19 12.5

9.5 4.75 2.36 1.18 0.6 0.3 0.15 0.075

Sieve Size - mm



• Earth



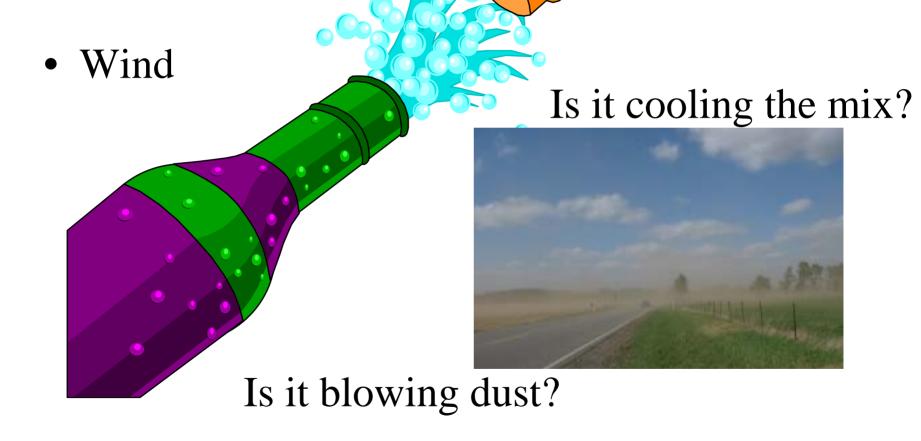












Bringing Rain?

• Fire



- Is the mix being heated or burnt?
- Is the plant just making steam?
- Is there a greater than 25F drop in temperature between plant and silo? Paver?



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#### • Water







Drainage?



Tack?



- You are the 5th Element
  - Check your numbers? Equipment? Correct N?
  - Was it a good sample? Test?
  - What is happening at the plant site?
    - What do you: see

taste

smell

or feel?

Do you need another test?

# The Key to QC - more tests....?

#### and the answer is:

- Depends on whether the plant is still running,
   Because you have to answer at the end of the day:
- What was the cost of doing it right, versus the cost of failure?
- Partnering vs fighting
- Harmony

