Choosing the right anti-icing chemical

A STRAIGHTFORWARD GUIDE to help agencies select the best anti-icing chemicals for their particular needs is available online at a University of Iowa (UI) website: www.anti-ice-guide.com/. The guide is in downloadable, portable document format (.pdf).

Developed by Wilfrid A. Nixon, professor of civil and environmental engineering at UI, and Anissa D. Williams, graduate research assistant at UI’s Institute of Hydraulic Research, A Guide for Selecting Anti-icing Chemicals (version 1.0) specifies essential performance properties and suggests ways of grading anti-icing chemicals.

The website is a project of the Hydroscience and Engineering group at UI’s Iowa Institute of Hydraulic Research.

Your input will help others
Nixon plans to expand the web site to include
• a database of available liquid anti-icing chemicals,
• software that will help agencies select chemicals according to their needs and priorities, and
• version 2.0 of the guide that will be even more accessible and useful to the transportation community.

Your input will help make these online tools more helpful. Here’s how to contribute:
1. Provide feedback about the current version 1.0 of the guide; your comments will affect the content of version 2.0. A “Comment on the Guide” link is available on the website.
2. Submit information about a particular chemical for the database to Nixon, wilfrid-nixon@uiowa.edu. The e-mail link is also available on the website.

For more information
Contact Wilfrid Nixon, 319-335-5166, wilfrid-nixon@uiowa.edu. Or visit www.anti-ice-guide.com/. •

National Work Zone Memorial: Help make it personal

THOUSANDS of Americans—road workers, road users, law enforcement officers, and public safety personnel—have died in work zones, 868 people in 1999 alone. The American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) is honoring people who have died in work zones, while raising public awareness about work zone dangers.

In April 2002, during National Work Zone Awareness Week, ATSSA’s new memorial exhibit will be unveiled in Washington D.C. and begin a journey to several locations across the country.

The exhibit will include
• a memorial wall inscribed with names of people who have died in work zones,
• photographs and memorabilia donated by friends and families of the deceased, and
• educational information about work zone safety.

How to submit names for the memorial
Names will continually be added to the memorial wall. Anyone wishing to submit names of work zone fatalities can find the necessary forms at www.atssa.com/pubinfo/nwz_memorial.htm.

The website also includes an artist’s rendition of the memorial (the sponsor panel is shown at left), information about hosting the exhibit, and other information.

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