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The implementation of the new aggregate specification (EI 72-90) became effective with projects let in December 1972. It is the Department's desire to obtain all aggregates from approved sources that have completed a Geologic Source Report. No consideration will be given for a waiver of this requirement unless there is substantial evidence that aggregate cannot be obtained from an approved source meeting all requirements of the specification. You are authorized to act in accordance with the following guidelines with respect to the specification requirements of a Geologic Source Report:

703-01 FINE AGGREGATE

1. The Contractor may submit a request to the Regional Engineer for a waiver to use limited quantities of natural sand from a source not having a Geologic Source Report providing that the sand will conform to all other requirements of the specification. Such a request must be accompanied by a detailed explanation which shows that there are no existing approved sources within an economic hauling distance which can or will furnish material meeting the specifications. The explanation shall consider the use of approved fine aggregate at the nearest location to the project. The estimated total tonnage of sand to be furnished must be indicated.
2. Upon receipt of a Contractor's request for a waiver, the Regional Director shall review and evaluate the explanations submitted. An Order-on-Contract may be processed which stipulates the use of the non-approved sand if:
 - A. It is found that there are no existing approved sources which can furnish the natural sand.
 - B. The quantities involved are too small to make it feasible to require the Geologic Source Report.
 - C. The sand must meet all other specification requirements.

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This Order, together with the justifying explanations prepared by the Regional Director and the Contractor, shall be forwarded to the Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction Subdivision) for review and action.

703-02 COARSE AGGREGATE

Requests for a waiver of the specification requirements of a Geologic Source Report will not be considered for any source located within the boundaries of New York State.

In the event similar conditions occur with respect to the use of coarse aggregates outside of New York State, the same procedure is to be followed as outlined for fine aggregate.

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