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Mr. Frank J. Turner
F.J. Turner Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 20741
Raleigh, NC 27619

RE: Polypropylene Manhole Adjustment Ring (PEC No. 98-2021)

Dear Mr. Turner:

Based on the product information you have submitted for the Turner Company's polypropylene manhole adjustment rings, it has been determined that your product appears to perform as claimed, and is generally acceptable for use on TxDOT projects requiring the vertical adjustment of manhole covers due to roadway resurfacing activities.

The current *TxDOT Standard Specifications for Construction of Highways, Streets and Bridges (1993)* indicates that manhole rings shall be manufactured of steel, cast iron, or ductile iron. However, the standard specifications do contain provisions for alternate materials; "Commercial type frames, rings, risers and/or appurtenances may be used with prior approval of the Engineer". Concrete grade rings are used extensively under this provision, and your product would be likewise acceptable under the existing specifications using this provision.

Upon successful evaluation of installations of your product on TxDOT projects, I would be happy to pursue appropriate changes to our standard specifications through our Specification Committee to specifically allow the use of polypropylene manhole adjustment rings without resorting to the provision cited above. Accordingly, please keep me advised of any product installations within Texas.

Please be advised that the Texas Department of Transportation does not endorse commercial products, and this letter should not be considered as an endorsement, nor should it be used for advertising or promotional purposes.

Thank you for submitting your product for evaluation by the Product Evaluation Committee. Should you have any questions concerning the contents of this letter, I may be contacted at 512-465-7685.

Sincerely,

Tom Yarbrough
Chair, Product Evaluation Committee