

# **Tentative Specification for 'Pre-Packaged Snowmelt and Deicing Products'**

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## **Background**

In April of 2018 a tentative specification for Pre-Packaged Snowmelt and Deicing Products was approved by the Interagency Committee. Comments on the tentative specification were received from the American Chemistry Council and the New York State Chemistry Council. Comments from both organizations were very similar. The comments questioned the value of the certification programs referenced in the specification, encouraged the use of best management practices, and recommended that we eliminate the specification as currently written

In response to these comments, the following changes were made to the specification:

- In the "Standard Setting and Certifications Programs" section the Pacific Northwest Snow Fighters (PNS) paragraph is expanded to elaborate on the evaluation required of products included on their qualified products list.
- In the "Specification" section a paragraph is added requiring entities to follow best management practices provided by the manufacturers, ensure that deicing products are not used in lieu of snow removal, and ensure that snow pile locations limit the re-freezing of snow melt.