### **Glossary of Terms**

**Anti-Icing**: The prevention of ice or frost formation upon a surface. Used typically to mean the application of liquid chemicals to prevent the formation of frost or the bonding of snow or ice to pavement.

**AVL:** Computer-based automatic vehicle location system; a GPS-based system which allows users to view vehicle location and other operational data through a computer portal.

**BMPs:** best management practices

**Black Ice**: Popular term for a very thin coating of clear ice which forms on a pavement or bridge deck surface.

Brine: Liquid deicer made of rock salt and water combination, 23% rock salt.

**Brine Blends:** Any solution for lowering the freezing point of water, with sodium chloride brine as the predominant component.

°C – degrees Celsius

CaCl<sub>2</sub>: calcium chloride

Calibration: Measurement of the material discharged at each setting of a spreader.

**Chloride**: The most common ingredient in deicers.

**Clear Roads:** Clear Roads refers to the pooled funded project for winter maintenance research of which Michigan is a member. <u>www.clearroads.org</u>

**De-icing**: Defined as removal of existing, snow ice, frost, etc., from a surface. It includes both mechanical (blading or scraping) and chemical (application of salt or other ice melting chemicals) methods. De-icing after snow, ice or frost has already bonded to the pavement surface.

**DEQ**: Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality. Also referred to as MDEQ.

**Dew Point:** The atmospheric temperature (varying according to pressure and humidity) below which water droplets begin to condense and dew can form.

**DLA**: Direct liquid application. The use of straight liquids for deicing purposes.

**DOT:** Department of Transportation

**Eutectic Temperature**: Lowest freeze point attainable for a given solution or mixture. At the eutectic temperature, ice and saltwater and solid salt exist in equilibrium. For brine, the eutectic temperature -6°F.

**°F** – degrees Fahrenheit

Hydrometer: Measures the density of many liquids.

Hygroscopic: Nature of a substance, tending to absorb moisture from the air.

**KAC**: potassium acetate

**DEQ**: Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Tasked with providing guidance and enforcement of the NREPA's Water Resources section, including Part 5 rules. Sometimes referred to as "MDEQ".

Lane mile (LM): An area considered to be 12 foot by 5, 280 feet or an area 63, 360 square feet.

**Ibs.** – pounds

**LOS (Level of Service):** The LOS describes the desired end-of-storm condition and acceptable interim conditions.

**MDSS**: Maintenance Decision Support System

**Melting capacity**: Ice melting capacity is the weight of ice melted per pound of deicer at a given temperature. It can be expressed as the total amount of ice melt that can be achieved or it can be expressed as the amount of ice melt that will occur in a given period of time (e.g. 1 hour, 4 hours, etc.).

**mg/l** – milligrams per liter

**mph** – miles per hour

**MSDS**: Material Safety Data Sheet; content and safety information on chemical products.

**MgCl**<sub>2</sub>: magnesium chloride

NaCI: sodium chloride

**Non-community Water Supply:** A water system that provides water for drinking or potable purposes to 25 or more persons at least 60 days per year or has 15 or more service connections. Michigan is home to nearly 10,000 non community water supply systems, which includes schools, restaurants, motels, campgrounds, and churches.

**NREPA**: Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 Public Act 451. Regulates facilities of environmental contamination in Michigan. Section 31 deals with Water Resources.

**ppm** – parts per million

**Practical Temperature**: Sometimes referred to as the effective temperature; the lowest temperature at which a chemical solution/product is useful for lowering the freezing point of water.

**Prewetting**: Action by which a solid material is wetted with a liquid via an on-board system either at the spinner or in the auger.

**Pretreating**: Action by which a solid material is wetted in the stockpile. It can either be delivered already pretreated by the supplier, treated with an overhead showering system, pubmilled, or wetted with a hose and loader, then rolling material to mix.

**psi –** pounds per square inch

**ROI**: return on investment

**Part 5 Rules:** Administrative rules promulgated pursuant to Part 31, Water Resources Portection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451) MCL 324.3101 et seq and revised in 2009. The rules address release prevention planning, secondary containment, surveillance and release reporting requirements.

**RWIS**: Road weather information system; computer-based system of obtaining weather and surface data from remotely-located, permanent sensors.

**Salimeter**: Instrument that measures the density of salt brine. Also sometimes called a salinometer.

**sq. ft.** – square feet

**Practical Temperature**: Range of pavement temperatures within which a chemical will effectively melt ice.

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## **APPENDIX A: Policy and Education Examples**

Level of Service Designations by MDOT. http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,4616,7-151-9620\_11057-225137--,00.html

Michigan Winter Maintenance for Michigan Roads Program. <u>http://miwintermaintenance.weebly.com/</u>

How Salt Works: New Hampshire Best Management Practices. <u>http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/was/salt-reduction-initiative/documents/bmp-salt-works.pdf</u>

Minnesota Winter Maintenance Training and Manuals. <u>www.pca.state.mn.us/programs/roadsalt.html</u>

Colorado DOT webpage for customer outreach. http://www.coloradodot.info/travel/winter-driving/faqs.html

MDOT customer outreach examples:



CMDOT Transportation

Winter Level of Service Definitions



Priority #2- Blue Route Provide maintenance service as appropriate under prevailing weather conditions, with a goal of providing a pavement surface "generally bare of ice and snow" wide enough for one-wheel track in each direction. This work may be accomplished using overtime as necessary during a



Priority #1- Orange Route Provide maintenance service as appropriate under prevailing weather conditions, with a goal of

providing a pavement surface over its entire width \*generally bare of ice and snow.\* This work may be accomplished using overtime as necessary.

Clearing the pavement bare of ice and snow over its entire width will be a continuous process during and after the snow event using overtime as necessary.

See first link of this Appendix to find this document on-line.

working overtime.

A \*generally bare of ice and snow\* pavement is defined as a travel lane surface that is free from drifts, snow ridges, and as much ice and snow pack as practical.

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## **APPENDIX B: Anti-icing Information**

Anti-icing cost model www.dot.state.mn.us/maintenance/training.html

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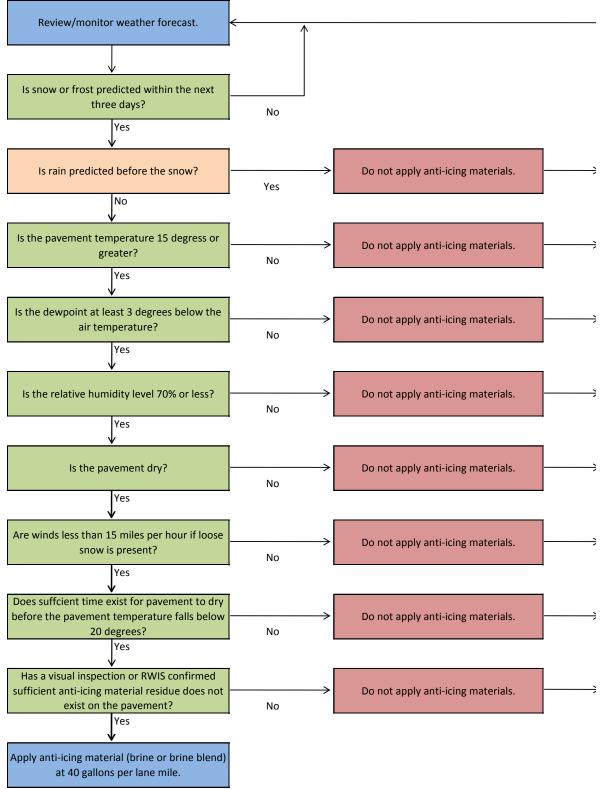
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#### **Example Documentation Form For Anti-Icing**

Anti-icing Route Data Form								
Truck Station:								
Date:								
Air Temperature	Pavement Temperature	Relative Humidity	Dew Point	Sky				
Reason for applying	:							
Route:								
Chemical:	Chemical:							
Application Time:								
Application Amount:								
Observation (1st day):								
Observation (After event):								
Observation (Before next application):								
Name:								

Source: Minnesota Snow and Ice Control: Field Handbook for Snowplow, Second Revision. Published by the Minnesota Local Road Research Board, 2012.

#### **Anti-Icing Application Decision Flowchart**



This is one example of an anti-icing flow chart. You should review this, change as appropriate to fit your organization, and put into place a customized decision tree for your organization. Source: Anti-icing Decision Flowchart provided by Mark DeVries, McHenry County, Illinois.

### **APPENDIX C: Calibration information**

### Calibration Resources

Link to calibration of salt truck http://michigan.gov/documents/mdot/mdot\_ma\_2009-02\_calibration\_of\_salt\_trucks\_349377\_7.pdf

MDOT Dickey John ICS 2000 calibration Manual <u>http://www.dickey-</u> john.com/\_media/pw\_mac\_ICS2000\_calibration\_and\_programming\_manual.pdf

MDOT Control Point Calibration Manual <a href="http://www.dickey-john.com/\_media/1-1489\_1.pdf">http://www.dickey-john.com/\_media/1-1489\_1.pdf</a>

Old MDOT Salt Calibration Instructions

http://inside.michigan.gov/sites/mdot/highways/ops/maintenance/mmm/Documents/Salt Calibration\_Instructions.pdf

Clear Roads has links to manufacturers' calibration instructions and a comprehensive calibration guide. Clear Roads: Research for Winter Highway Maintenance. <a href="http://clearroads.org/researchprojects/05-02calibration.html">http://clearroads.org/researchprojects/05-02calibration.html</a>

For liquid calibrations, see page 30 of the Minnesota DOT Anti-icing Guide (2010) at <a href="http://www.dot.state.mn.us/maintenance/docs/Training/Anti%20Icing%20Guide%208%2">http://www.dot.state.mn.us/maintenance/docs/Training/Anti%20Icing%20Guide%208%2</a> OFull.pdf

Road Salt Education Program, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Four types of calibration links, bottom of the page.

http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/about-mpca/mpca-events-and-training/road-salteducation-program.html

## Calibration Worksheet

Agency:									
Location:									
Truck No.:				Spreader No.:					
Date:				By:					
Gate C	Opening:			Pou	nds pei	Revol	lution:		
Control Setting	Auger or Chain Sprocket Revolutions per Minute	Discharge Rate per Revolution	Disch Rate Minu		15 MPH X 4.00	20 MPH X 3.00	25 MPH X 2.14	30 MPH X 2.00	35 MPH X 1.71
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Sample Cab Card: courtesy of Michigan DOT

## **APPENDIX D: Equipment and Weather Resources**

#### • Blades and Plows

The Clear Roads Institute has published a study of plow prototypes. 2011. http://www.clearroads.org/downloads/Multiple-Blade-Snowplow-Project-Final%20Report\_1-6-11.pdf

The Clear Roads Institute has published a study of carbide blade durability with comparisons. 2001. www.clearroads.org/research-projects/07-01 carbideinsert.html

#### • Equipment modification for low application rates

For those unable to deliver an even spread pattern with a 9-inch auger at low application rates, one suggestion is exchanging the 9 inch diameter auger for either a 6 inch auger or a 9 inch "special" auger with larger core and smaller flighting; these "special" augers deliver about 2/3 less material per revolution.

Chute

How to build a chute:

Minnesota Department of Transportation, Office of Maintenance-Training. <u>www.dot.state.mn.us/maintenance/training.html</u> and

LLRB: Local Operational Research Assistance Program. Maintenance Decision Support System.

http://www.mnltap.umn.edu/about/programs/opera/fact/documents/washingtoncad.pdf

#### • MDSS, AVL

Pooled Fund Study Maintenance Decision Support System Website. <u>http://www.meridian-enviro.com/mdss/pfs/</u>

Analysis of Maintenance Decision Support System (MDSS) Benefits & Costs, Study SD2006-10, Final Report. Prepared by Western Transportation Institute and Iteris, Inc., May 2009.

http://www.meridian-enviro.com/mdss/pfs/files/WTI-4W1408\_Final\_Report.pdf

#### • Snow fence resources

Illinois Department of Transportation. Snow fence information. <u>www.dot.il.gov/blr/1002.pdf</u>

Minnesota Department of Transportation. Living Snow Fences. Snow fence and road design information to prevent blowing snow.

http://www.dot.state.mn.us/environment/livingsnowfence/index.html

lowa Department of Transportation. Systems Operation Bureau-Office of Maintenance. <u>http://www.iowadot.gov/maintenance/snowfence.html</u>

#### • General Assessment of New Equipment/Resources

Clear Roads cost benefit analysis toolkit. This provides instruction on how to do return on investment (ROI) calculations for new equipment and new techniques. <u>http://clearroads.org/research-projects/08-02costbenefitanalysis.html</u>

Western Transporation Institute. Periodic bulletins with information on new equipment and new techniques. http://www.westerntransportationinstitute.org/publications

Grid for bounce and scatter evaluation www.sustainablesaltingsolutions.com/material\_application\_gr.html

#### • Salt Storage and Handling

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Salt is considered to be a polluting material under Part 5 Rules—Spillage of Oil and Polluting Materials, of Part 31 of NREPA—Water Resources Protection.

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-ess-p2tascommercialsaltguidance\_267027\_7.pdf

Michigan DEQ Water Resources guidance document on vehicle washing. <u>http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/dnre-oppca-faq-vehiclemaintenance\_341557\_7.pdf</u>

Indiana DOT Invests in Improved Salt Storage, Salt Institute Newsletter, First Quarter 2010. http://www.bv.transports.gouv.qc.ca/per/0974374/09\_2010/01\_vol\_47\_no\_1\_2010.pdf

#### • Weather Information

Michigan Department of Transportation. Weather and road camera for specific Michigan highway locations. Provides air temperatures only. http://mdotnetpublic.state.mi.us/drive/

# APPENDIX E: De-icing Information

#### Example Loader Ticket: Daily Salt/Sand Issued

Operator		Shift Date					
Loader No	oader No. Capacity of Bucket						
Stockpile	Truck #	Yards Sand	Yards Salt	Stockpile	Truck #	Yards Sand	Yards Salt
TOTALS							

### Example Daily Salt/Sand Use Ticket

Operator		Shift Date						
Truck No.		Capacity						
Weather								
Stockpile	Route	Yards Sand	Yards Salt	Yards Used	Yards Returned	Liquid Gallons		
TOTALS								

Clear Roads: Research for Winter Highway Maintenance. Testing the effectiveness of chemicals.

http://clearroads.org/

Click on research projects, completed projects.

MDEQ FAQ Deicers from Agricultural By-Products. Link to report is on the bottom of this page, under Miscellaneous. http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3307\_36106-167850--,00.html

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Summary of an evaluation program of de-icing options by the New Hampshire DOT Research Board.

http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/materials/research/projects/documents/1 3733q\_poster.pdf

Salt Bounce and Scatter Link <u>http://michigan.gov/documents/mdot/Final\_ReportNov2012\_404228\_7.pdf</u>

## **APPENDIX F: Environmental Information**

MDEQ. Salt and Brine Storage Guidance for Road Agency Maintenance and Other Facilities.

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-ess-p2tasbulksaltbrineguidance\_267024\_7.pdf

MDEQ, Rule 5 Guidance Documents. http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3313\_23420-109985--,00.html

MDEQ guidance on how to develop a Pollution Incident Protection Plan (PIPP). <u>http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-ess-p2tas-</u> <u>Part5PIPPchecklist\_267025\_7.pdf</u>

Michigan's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Initiative (SWPPI). The SWPPI is a subset of the Watershed Management Plan and is typically due 2.5 years after the certificate of coverage is issued to the applicant. The following link details the SWPPI requirements as stated in the permit.

http://rougeriver.com/stormwater/permit.html

Proof's in: salt management protects the environment. Richard L. Hanneman. <u>Salt Institute Newsletter</u>. Third Quarter 2010 <u>http://www.saltinstitute.org/content/download/12660/79607</u>

Determining the toxicity of deicing materials. Research project funded by Clear Roads. (2012-ongoing).

http://www.clearroads.org/research-projects/11-02toxicity-of-deicing-materials.html

To learn more about Part 31 of NREPA, refer to the guidance document found line at <u>www.michigan.gov/deq</u>

Select the "Get Involved Programs for Citizens" browser button on the left side of the webpage.

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Water Quality and Pollution Control in Michigan. 2012 2012 Sections 303(d), 305(b), AND 314. MI/DEQ/WRD-12/001 <u>http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/wrd-swas-draft-2012IR\_370366\_7.pdf</u>

### End Notes

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