

## MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

| SECTION 904 - NOTICE TO BIDDERS NO. 5248

CODE: (SP)

| DATE: 10/22/2014

**SUBJECT: Open Burning - Restrictions On Ozone Action Days**

| In response to Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) concern of the air quality (ground-level ozone) in [Hinds, Madison, Rankin, and Hancock Counties](#), the Department of Transportation agreed to place certain restrictions on open burning of land-clearing debris.

The Contractor is advised that no open burning of land-clearing debris will be permitted to begin during ozone action days as designated by MDEQ. An ozone action day is defined as a 24-hour period when the ozone concentration reaches an unacceptable pre-determined level. Usually, an ozone action day has a duration of one (1) day. It is estimated that 3 to 15 ozone action days could occur from April through October.

During open burning operations, each day the Project Engineer will check the 1, 2, and 3-day ozone forecasts made available by MDEQ on their web site, [www.deq.state.ms.us](http://www.deq.state.ms.us), and will e-mail or FAX the forecasts to the Contractor. The Contractor shall provide the Project Engineer sufficient time to monitor the ozone forecasts prior to commencing any open burning operation. The Contractor can not begin open burning until the forecast for the next three (3) days are non-ozone action days. However, when the Contractor is permitted to begin open burning, that day's burning shall continue regardless of the ozone forecasts when checked the following day. For example, if the Project Engineer on Monday A.M. checks the forecasts and finds that Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are non-ozone action days, the Contractor may begin open burning. If the Project Engineer checks the forecasts on Tuesday and finds that Wednesday has been designated as an ozone action day, the open burning that was started on Monday may continue, but the Contractor can not begin any new burning until the next 3-day forecasts indicate non-ozone action days.

All the provisions of Subsection 107.22.2 of the Standard Specifications shall apply.

Restrictions as set forth herein will not be a basis for additional time units and/or compensation.