

UTC Project Information – Project 1.19	
Project Title	Assessing Presence and Impact of REOB (Recycled Engine Oil Bottoms) on Asphalt
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Brief Description of Research Project	The presence of some metal atoms provide forensic evidence that an additive derived from recycled engine oil is present within asphalt. These atoms are detected by Inductively Coupled Plasma – Mass Spectroscopy and X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy. Mechanical effects of including molecules from recycled engine oil within asphalt are tested in computer simulations that consider atomic-level length and time scales. Results from the project provide information about the source of an asphalt, the additives within it, and ways to test that those additives do not induce detrimental effects.
Describe Implementation of Research Outcomes (or why not implemented)	To be completed after actual implementation has occurred
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