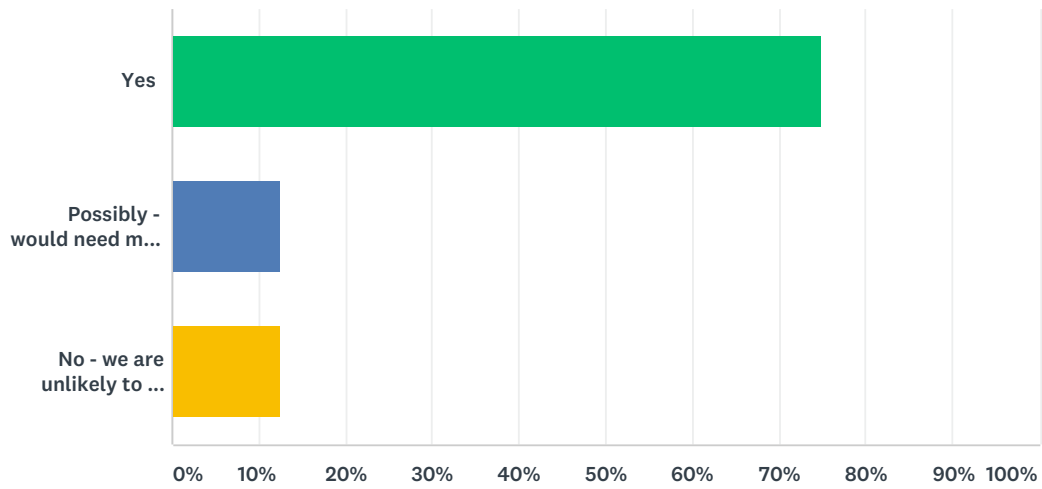


Q1 Would your agency consider moving from the current QC plans to the proposed QSM approach?

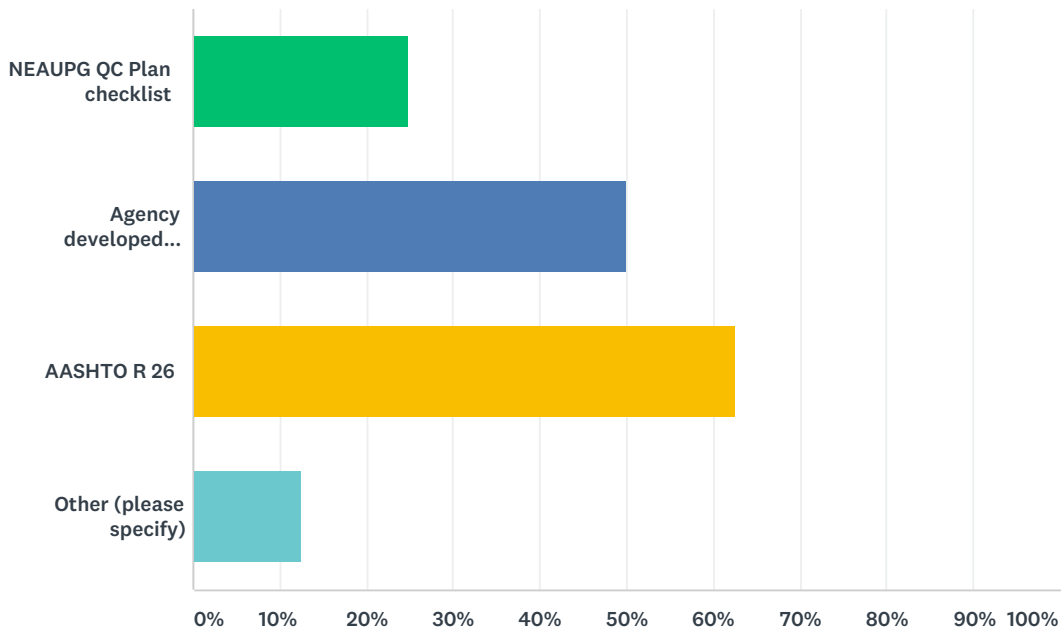
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	75.00% 6
Possibly - would need more discussion	12.50% 1
No - we are unlikely to do so	12.50% 1
TOTAL	8

Q2 What guidelines do you currently follow when reviewing binder QC plans?

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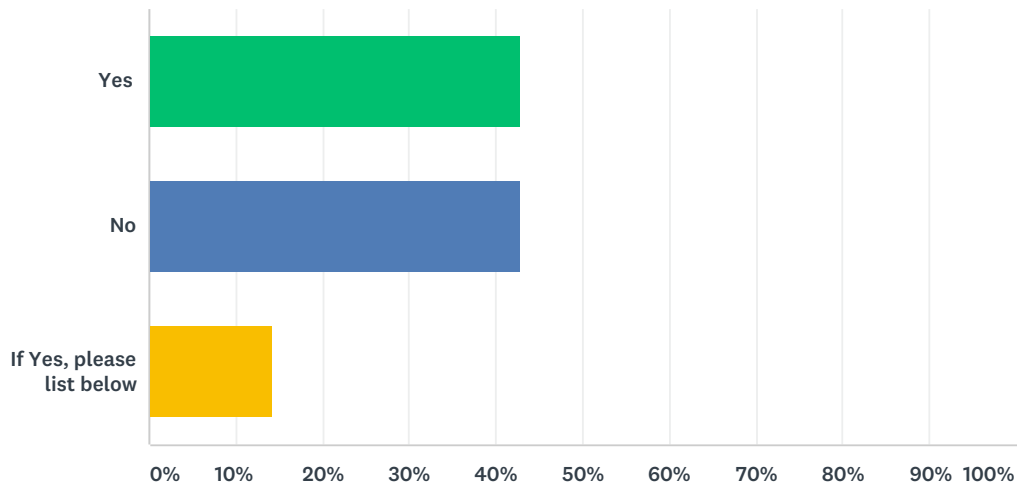


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
NEAUPG QC Plan checklist	25.00% 2
Agency developed checklist	50.00% 4
AASHTO R 26	62.50% 5
Other (please specify)	12.50% 1
Total Respondents: 8	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Local Specification	2/16/2018 10:47 AM

Q3 Does your agency require QC plan elements beyond the requirements of AASHTO R 26?

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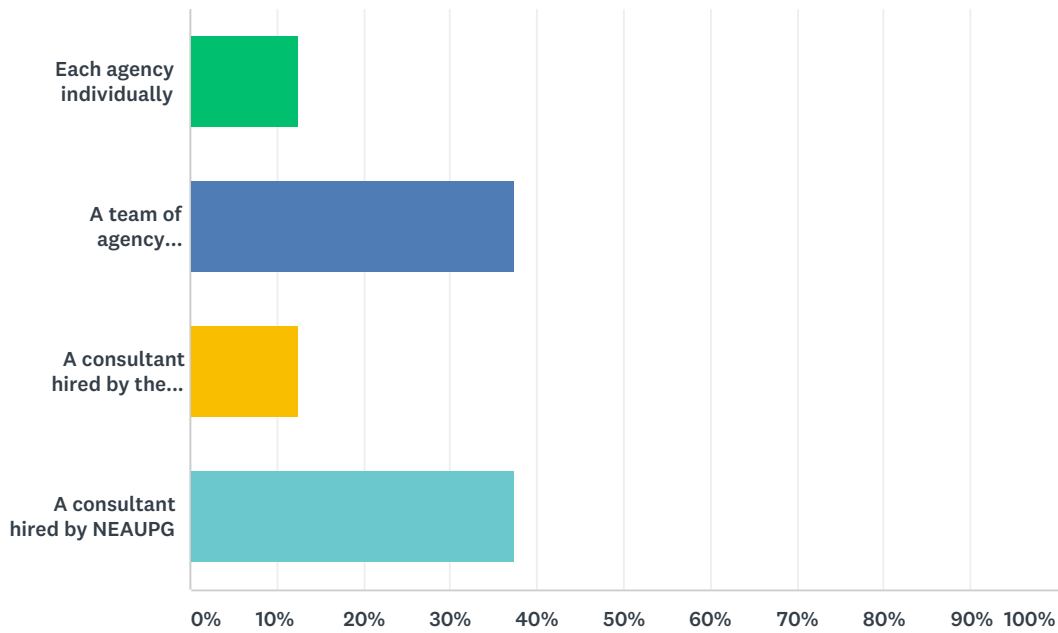


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	42.86% 3
No	42.86% 3
If Yes, please list below	14.29% 1
TOTAL	7

#	(PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Additional elements such as: definition of a lot; certification of technicians; accreditation by AMRL; unique verbage; handling of Bills of Lading and Certificates of Analysis; etc	3/5/2018 9:45 AM
2	Only allow Polymers to raise the upper end. No other modifications allowed.	2/20/2018 8:23 AM
3	Action points for corrective measures. Statements on polymer modification and other non-polymer modifications. Revised criteria from M 320 that must be recognized in QC Plan.	2/8/2018 12:03 PM
4	Not clear at this point.	2/6/2018 10:47 AM
5	BOL statements regarding the use of REOB and other recycled products.	1/19/2018 1:51 PM

Q4 If NEAUPG moves to a QSM approach, who should review/approve the binder QSM documents?

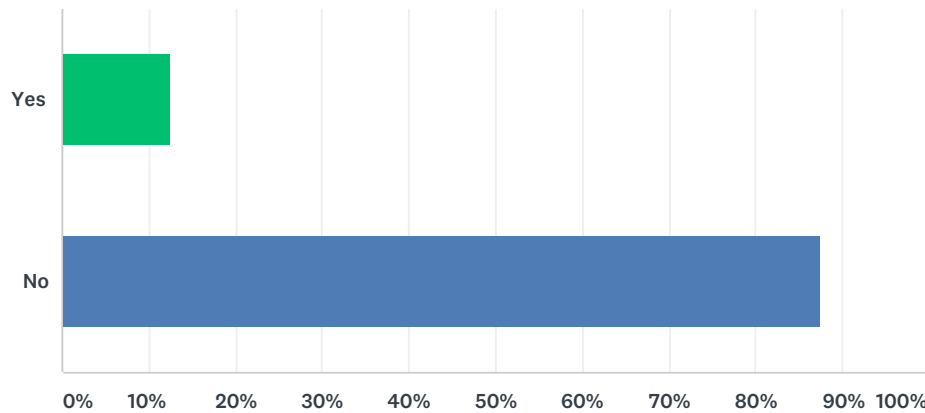
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Each agency individually	12.50% 1
A team of agency personnel	37.50% 3
A consultant hired by the agencies	12.50% 1
A consultant hired by NEAUPG	37.50% 3
TOTAL	8

Q5 Do you conduct audits or inspections of binder suppliers to determine compliance with QC plans?

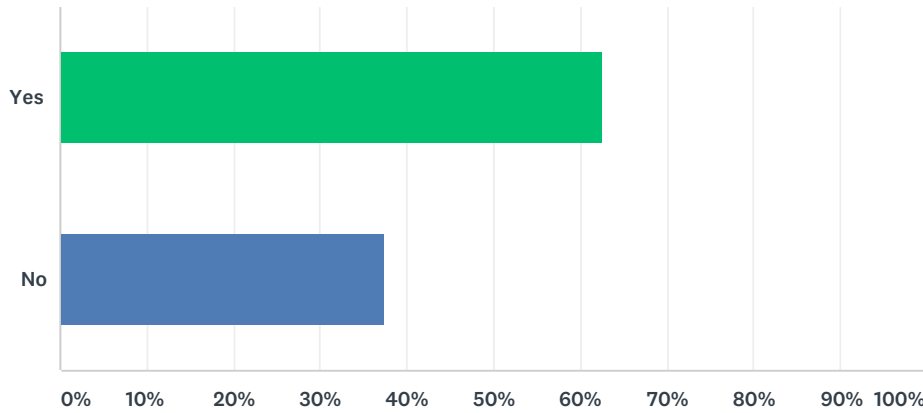
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	12.50%	1
No	87.50%	7
TOTAL		8

Q6 If NEAUPG moves to a QSM approach, should compliance audits/inspections be included in the process?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.50%	5
No	37.50%	3
TOTAL		8

Q7 What barriers have you identified that could prevent NEAUPG from moving to a QSM approach?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Turnover of personnel at suppliers --> lack of continuity and accountability. Lack of clarity of what will be required in a QSM format.	3/5/2018 9:45 AM
2	Buy-in from all agencies; reluctance from suppliers	3/5/2018 9:37 AM
3	As stated above, VT has a different approach to modifiers.	2/20/2018 8:23 AM
4	Not agreeing on QSM requirements and each state creating own requirement on top of QSM.	2/16/2018 10:47 AM
5	Draft MassDOT QSM requirements document seems to require submission of two documents, 1) QSM and 2) QC Plan. Today's QSMs are very generic with details contained in other referenced documents which are proprietary and may only be submitted with signed legal agreement or viewed while at the company's facility only. NEAUPG Agency agreement on a QSM requirements document; otherwise, State Specific requirements will need added to Appendix X2. Submission frequency and review/acceptance of a company QSM. If consultant hired to review the QSM and audit the facility, payment from each agency for consultant review/audit services. Selection of consultant that is unbiased. Coordination of notifications to each state on company acquisitions/changes that would affect asphalt binder supplier names (State QPLs) and QSM/QC Plans.	2/8/2018 12:03 PM
6	Do not know much about QSM, we need help from NEAUPG to understand this better.	2/6/2018 10:47 AM
7	I am wary that finding and funding a consultant to review and conduct audits will be challenging. All states need to agree and fund somehow. Also, finding a qualified consultant may be challenging.	1/22/2018 8:17 AM
8	Funding (see Q.4). NEAUPG or the agencies may not have funding for a consultant, if selected. It may still not address the core problem, which is not quality control or consistency of product from a particular supplier. The problem is the deception in using inferior materials that only have the appearance of compliance.	1/19/2018 1:51 PM

Q8 What potential benefits do you see with adoption of a QSM approach?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Freedup time at agencies. A better product with less duplication.	3/5/2018 9:45 AM
2	Having a more useful, detailed document that doesn't just restate the requirements of R 26.	3/5/2018 9:37 AM
3	Unified front, less work for State personnel	2/20/2018 8:23 AM
4	Uniformity	2/16/2018 10:47 AM
5	If QSM is detailed enough to address a majority of each State's specific requirements and not result in a document that is overly large and difficult to find specifics, it may be beneficial. Potentially having a consultant review and issue acceptance of a QSM, may also be a benefit, but only if they also review for each State's specific requirements that are not contained in the base QSM requirements document.	2/8/2018 12:03 PM
6	Not sure, we need to learn more.	2/6/2018 10:47 AM
7	For state agencies to finally be aware of the QC binder suppliers say they do can be reinforced through audits is a great benefit. Hopefully, the audits in conjunction with a more detailed document will put more agencies' minds at ease for binder quality.	1/22/2018 8:17 AM
8	Consistency in the plans, and in the application of NEAUPG agreements. Lighter administrative burden on both sides.	1/19/2018 1:51 PM