

**CREATEs** has the technical expertise and state-of-the-art facilities necessary to evaluate performance of manufactured and bio-based materials in civil engineering applications. The Center's resources bridge the gap between fundamental and readily implementable research.

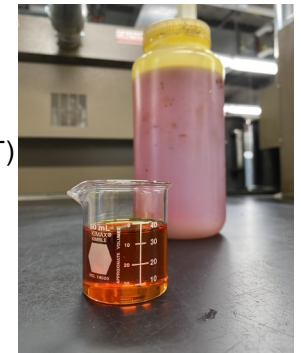
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## SERVICES PROVIDED BY CREATEs TO EVALUATE SOILS, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, FLEXIBLE AND RIGID PAVEMENTS

### Rejuvenator / Liquid Additive

### Plastics / Polymers

- Determination binder PG Grade (AASHTO M320)
- Evaluation of binder blending and dosage optimization
- Measurement of asphalt mix rutting (APA)
- Measurement of cracking performance BBF, SCB, ITS, IDEAL-CT, OT)
- Conduct Superpave Mix Design
- Optimization of blending time
- Determination of crosslinking/networking via
- fluorescence microscope
- Evaluation of Storage stability



**Soil Natural, Chemical and Bio-admixtures** (cement, natural fibers, salt solution, microbial solution)

**Geosynthetic Materials** (fibers, geogrids)

**Recycled Admixtures** (coal ash, biochar)

- Soil structure characterization (Camera, Microscope, X-ray CT, SEM): crack analysis, void distribution, surface roughness, image processing
- Soil mechanical properties: shear strength, compressive strength, tensile strength, volumetric shrinkage/expansion
- Soil hydraulic properties: permeability/hydraulic conductivity, pore connectivity
- Soil electrical properties: electrical conductivity/resistivity, permittivity
- Soil thermal properties: thermal conductivity/resistivity

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### Concrete Chemical Admixtures

(accelerators, retarders, water reducers, hydration control, rheology control, shrinkage reducers, pumping aids)

**Fibers** (steel, polypropylene, cellulose, nanofibers)

**Recycled materials** (crushed concrete, electronic waste)

**Heavy Vehicle Simulator** (Testing range from 5 to 90C)

**Heavy Weight Deflectometer**

**Field Tests**

- Mixture proportioning: normal concrete, lightweight concrete, fiber-reinforced concrete, self-consolidating concrete, ultra-high performance concrete
- Determination of fresh concrete properties: slump, air content, rheology
- Determination of mechanical properties: compressive strength, modulus of rupture, shear strength, tensile splitting strength, pull-off test / bond testing
- Evaluation of durability: freeze-thaw durability, electrical resistivity, alkali-silica reactivity, permeability, volume stability
- Determination of lifespan of rigid and non-rigid pavement
- Evaluation of reflective cracking
- Evaluation of rutting performance
- Determine Impact of truck and aircraft loading on pavement performance.
- Determination of multilayer pavement stiffness
- On-location non-destructive testing of Pavement
- Conduct Dynamic cone penetrometer
- Conduct sand cone density



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