



# RECLAIMED ASPHALT SHINGLES

Current Status of Use in U.S. A.



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# Current Use

- \* 1,100,000 tons (2010)
- \* 1,200,000 tons (2011)
  
- \* Manufacture waste
- \* Post Consumer (tear off)

Information Series 138

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Asphalt Pavement Industry Survey on Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement, Reclaimed Asphalt Shingles, and Warm-Mix Asphalt Usage: 2009–2011



# Asphalt Shingle Availability

- \* Supply

- \* Manufacture Waste 1,000,000 tons
- \* Post Consumer (tear off) 10,000,000 tons

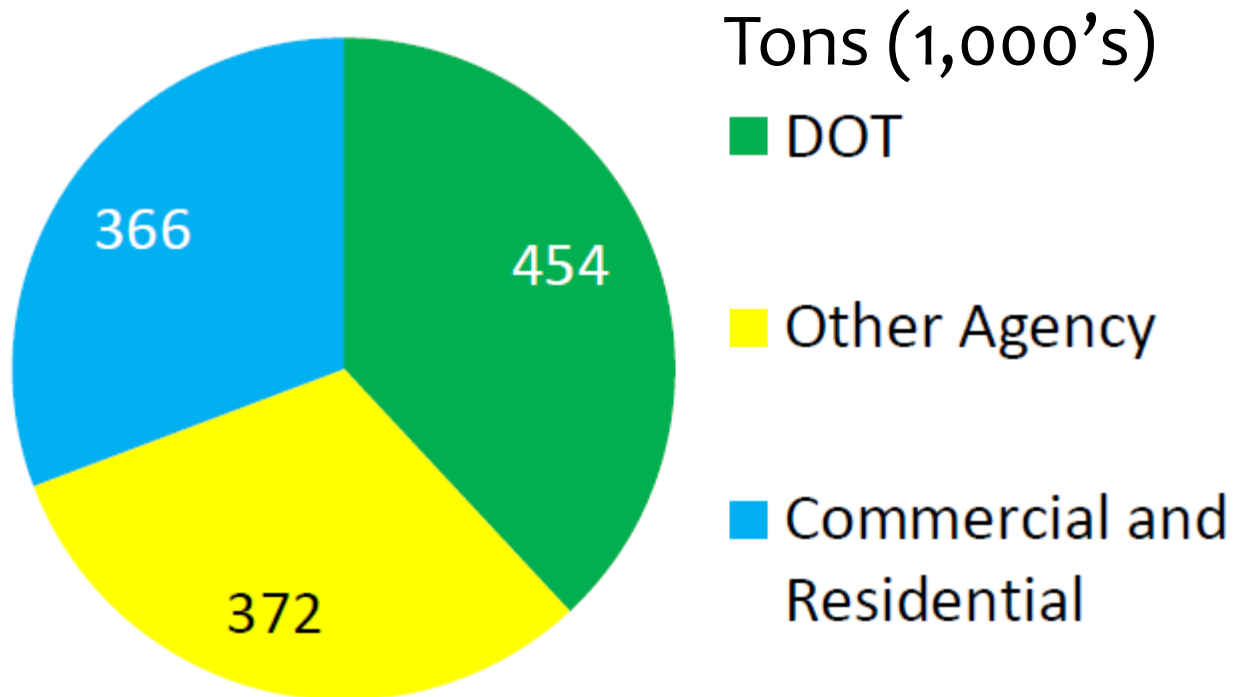
- \* Use

- \* 1,200,000 tons

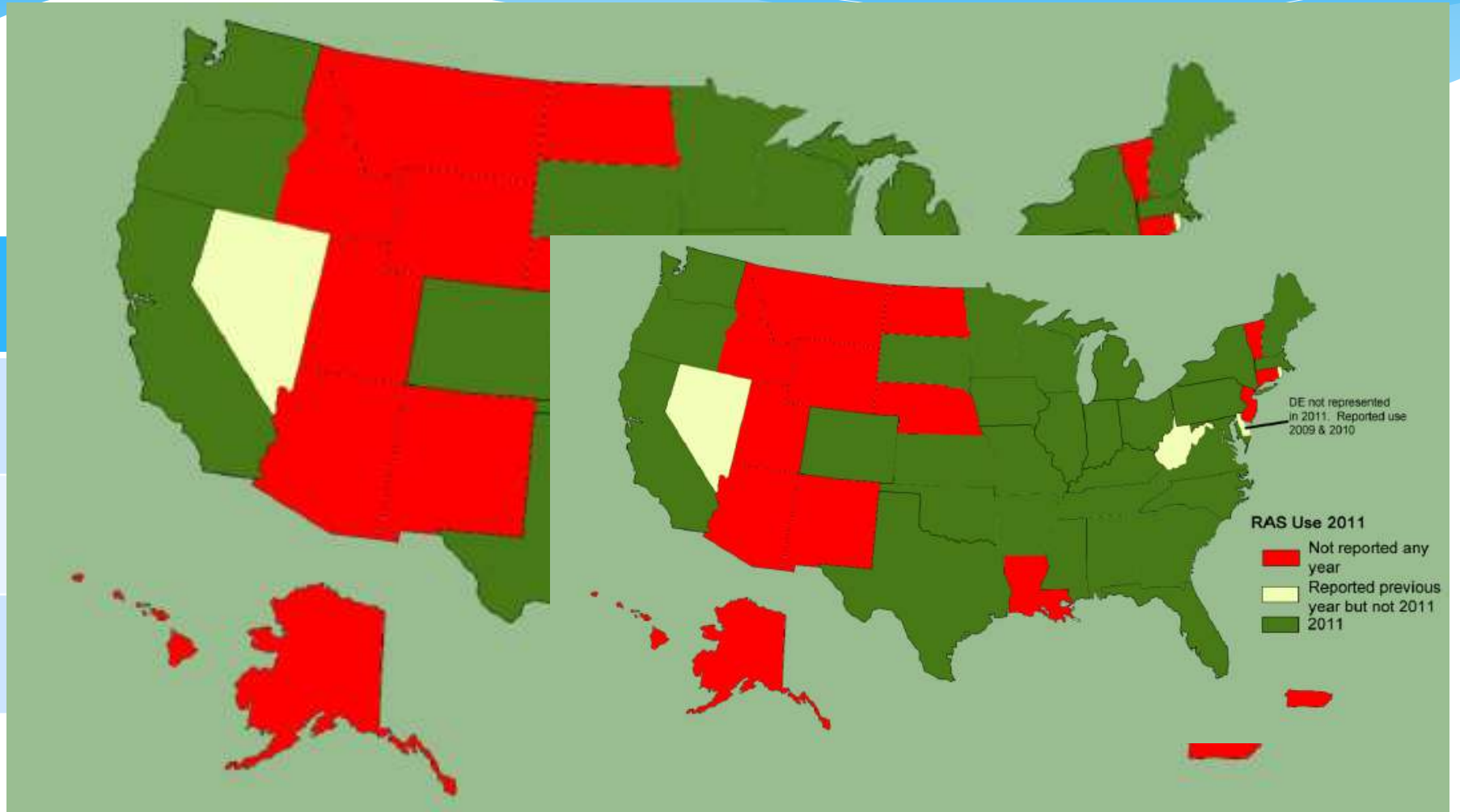
**11%**

# RAS Use by Customers

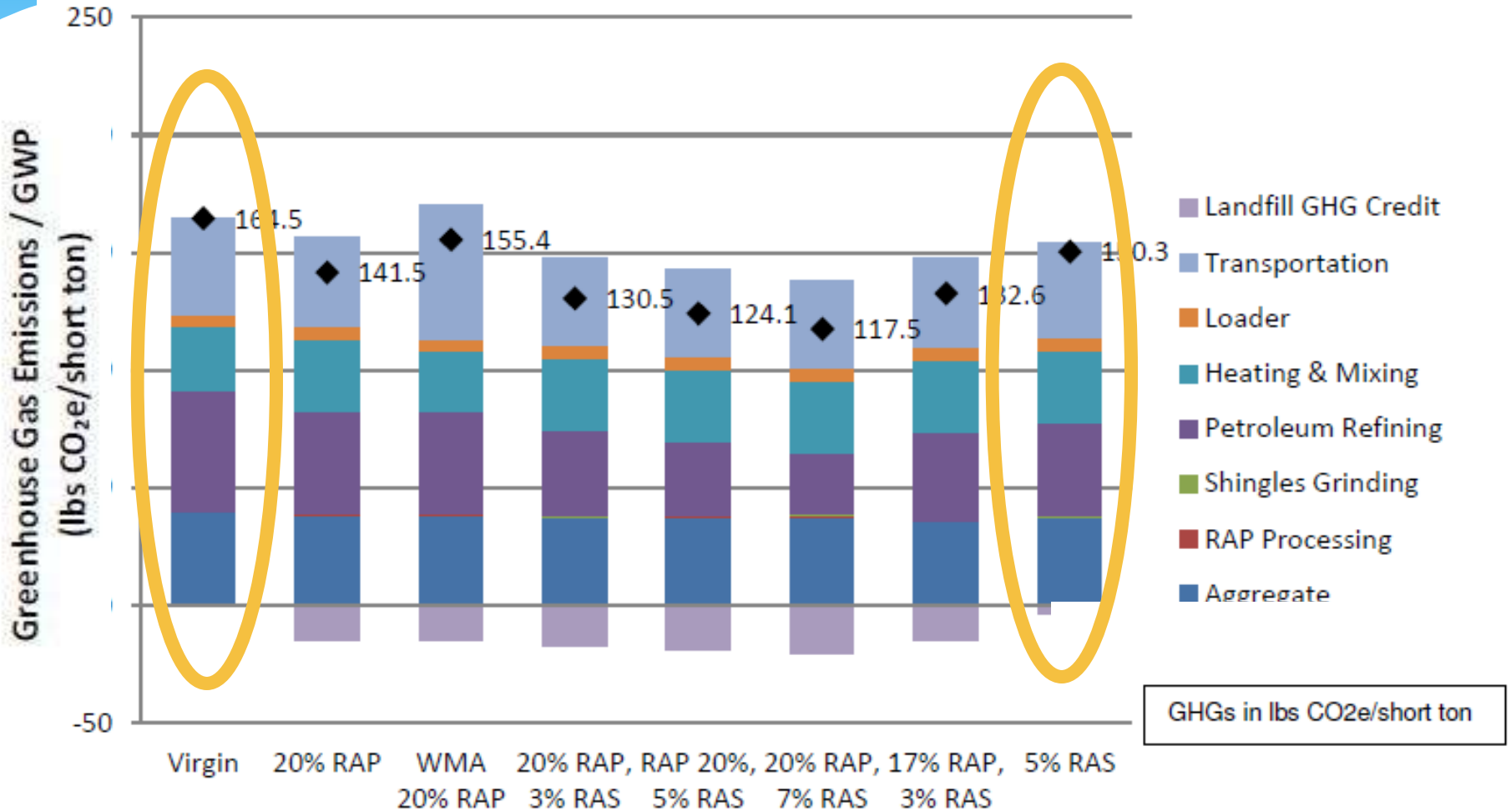
**2011**



# Geographic Distribution of RAS Use



# Greenhouse Gas Emissions, U.S. EPA



Analysis of Recycling of Asphalt Shingles in Pavement Mixes from a Life Cycle Perspective, US EPA – Region 8

# Why Use Shingles?

- \* Shingles contain:
  - \* Asphalt binder
    - \* Tear-offs : 25 – 30% binder
    - \* Manufacture waste: 18 – 22% binder
  - \* Mineral matter
    - \* 40 to 60%
    - \* granules and fillers
  - \* Fibers
    - \* 8 to 12%
- \* Shingles Theoretical value
  - \* Asphalt binder
    - \* \$125 / ton
  - \* Mineral aggregates
    - \* \$15 / ton
- \* Cost
  - \* Sorting
  - \* Shredding
    - \* \$25 / ton

# Positive Economics

- \* Material Replacement
  - \* Liquid asphalt
  - \* Aggregates
  - \* Fibers
  
- \* Net materials savings
  - \* \$3 to \$6 per ton of mix

		Material Costs (As Used in Mix)		
CALCULATED	RAP Cost / Mix Ton, \$		1.15	
	RAS Cost / Mix Ton, \$		0.75	
	RAP and RAS Cost / Mix Ton, \$		1.90	
	<b>Binder Replacement</b>			
	RAP Binder Replacement, %		1.15	
	RAS Binder Replacement, %		0.60	
	Total Binder Replacement, %		1.75	
	Actual Percent Binder Replacement, %		35.00	
	(Allowable - Actual) Binder Replacement, %		0.00	
	(Allowable - Actual) Asphalt Content, %		0.00	
	<b>Savings</b>			
	RAP Savings / Mix Ton, \$		10.10	
	RAS Savings / Mix Ton, \$		3.90	
RAP and RAS Savings / Mix Ton, \$		14.00		
Net Savings / Mix Ton, \$		12.10		
<b>OPTIMIZE RAP AND RAS</b>		RAP %	23	
		RAS %	3	





# AASHTO Standard Practice

MP 15-06

- \* Use of Reclaimed Asphalt Shingle in HMA
  - \* Standard definitions for RAS
  - \* RAS to be processed
    - \* 100% passing 12.5-mm sieve
    - \* Allows blending of RAS with fine aggregate
      - \* Prevent agglomeration
  - \* Addresses deleterious materials



# AASHTO Standard Practice

PP 53-06

- \* Design Considerations when Using Reclaimed Asphalt Shingles in New HMA
  - \* Design considerations
    - \* RAS size can affect the fraction of RAS binder that contribute to the final blended binder
    - \* fibers in RAS may require additional virgin asphalt binder

Previous Grind Specification



# Finer Grind



# RAS Asphalt Binder Availability

- \* AASHTO PP 53, Section 6
- \* Volumetric design w/o shingles
  - \* Virgin asphalt content
- \* Add Shingles to design
  - \* Asphalt content increases



5.8%



6.9%

5.45% virgin

1.55% RAS

# Calculate Availability (Initial)

Virgin  
Asphalt  
no Shingles

Virgin  
Asphalt with  
Shingles

Initial  
Estimate  
Contribution

$$F_c = \frac{P_{bv} - P_{bvr}}{(P_{sr})(P_{br})}$$

Percent of  
Shingles

Asphalt  
Content of  
Shingles

# Calculate Availability (Initial)

5.8%

5.45%

28%

$$F_c = \frac{P_{bv} - P_{bvr}}{(P_{sr})(P_{br})}$$

5.0%

30.6%

# Final Estimate of Asphalt Binder Availability

- \* Section 6.2.6

- \* True availability factor is always greater than the estimated value.

- \* True value defined calculation

64%

$$F = 100 \left( \frac{1 + F_c}{2} \right)$$

28%

n 2



# Final Estimate of Asphalt Binder Availability

\* Section 6.2.6

## WHAT'S WRONG?

64%

$$F = 100 \left( \frac{1 + F_c}{2} \right)$$

# Experiment

- \* Design mixture with no shingles
- \* Add shingles (with full asphalt content)
  - \* Calculate VMA and air voids
- \* Add shingles (with half normal asphalt content)
  - \* Calculate VMA and air voids
- \* Add shingles (with no asphalt content)
  - \* Calculate VMA and air voids

# Properties of Shingles in Study

Source	Maximum Specific Gravity, $G_{mm}$	Average Asphalt Content, %	Effective Specific Gravity of the Aggregate, $G_{se}$
Chicago MW	2.204	19.0	2.615
Indianapolis TOS	1.908	23.2	2.573
Stockton TOS	1.779	30.6	2.619

# Design with Stockton Shingles

	Mix Design Material Blend			
	Virgin Blend	100% Extracted	50% Extracted RAS	0% Extracted RAS
% AC Virgin	5.8			
% RAS AC	0.0			
% AC, Total	5.8			
VMA, %	15.5			
Air Voids, %	4.0			

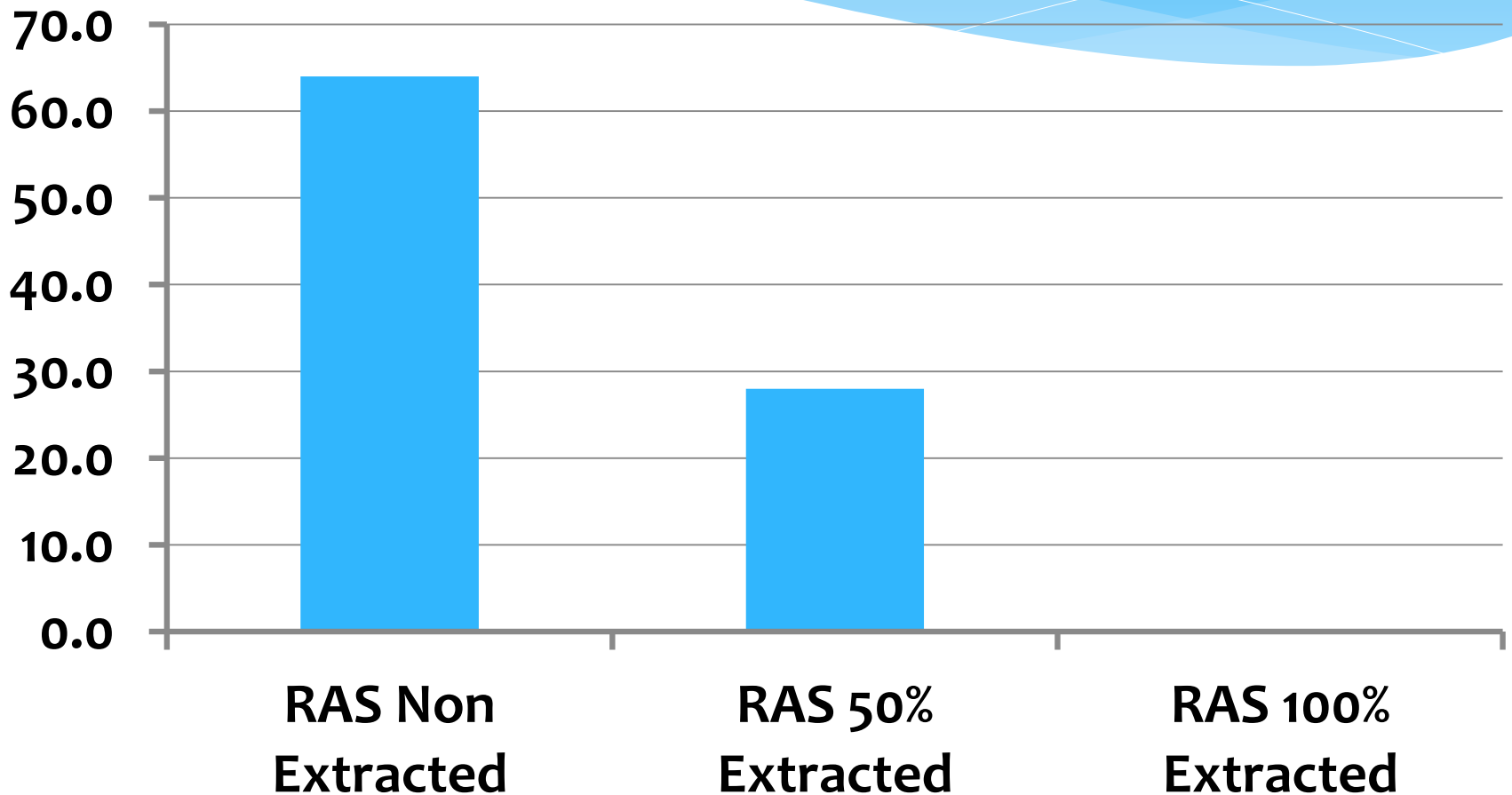
**Add  
Asphalt for  
4% Air Voids**

# Calculate Availability

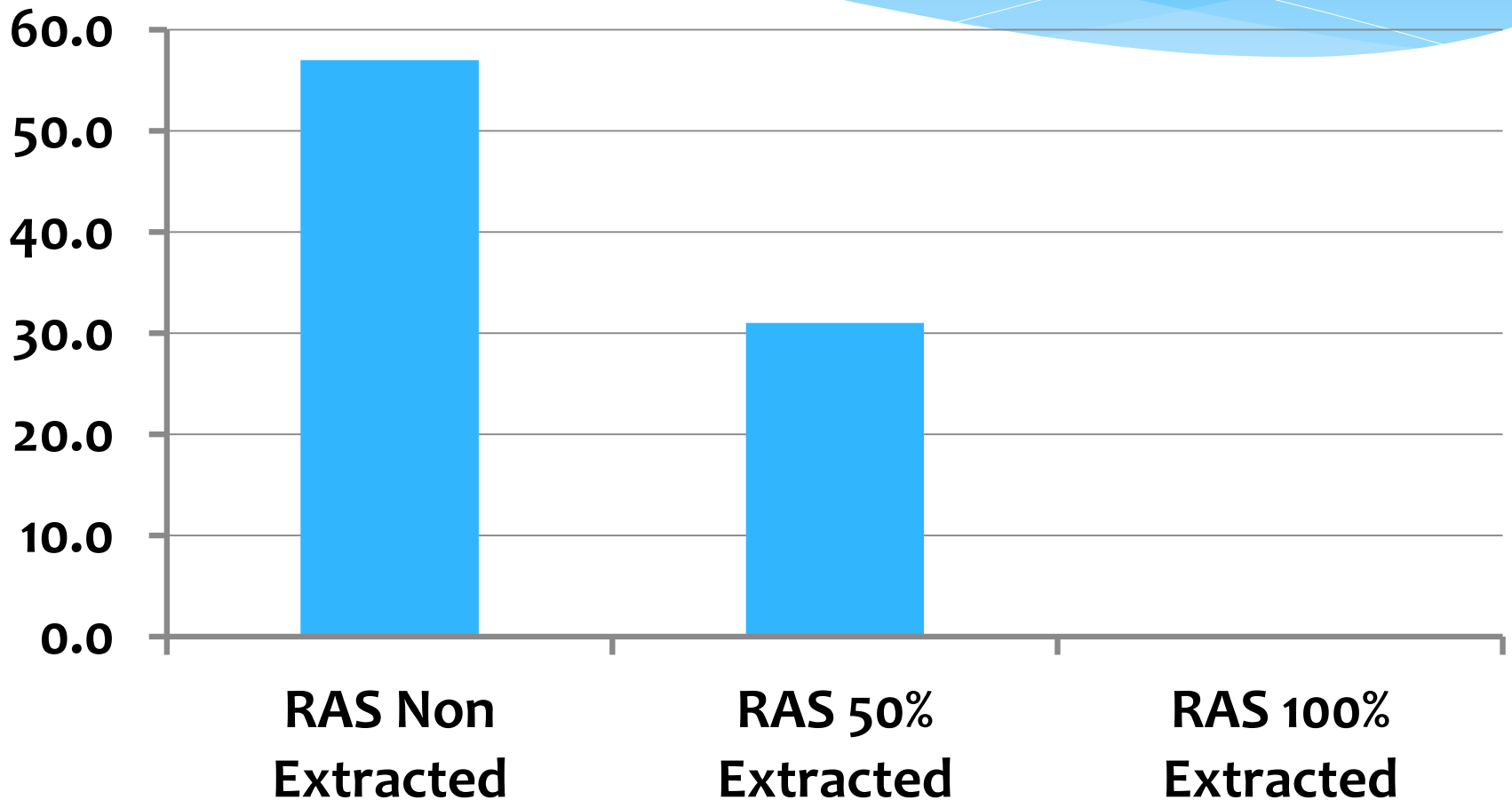
$$F_c = \frac{P_{bv} - P_{bvr}}{(P_{sr})(P_{br})} \quad * \text{Initial}$$

$$* \text{Final} \quad F = 100 \left( \frac{1 + F_c}{2} \right)$$

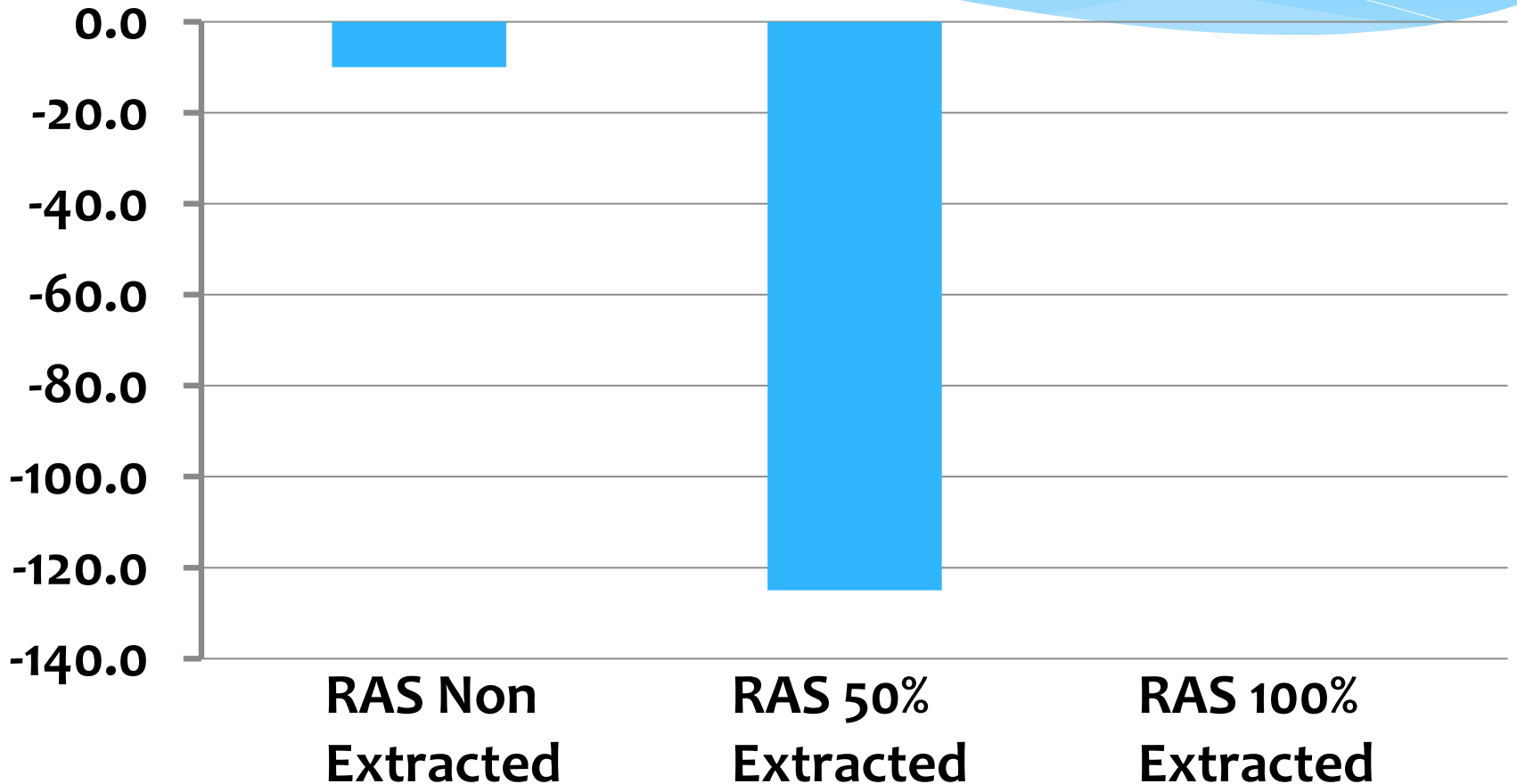
# Stockton Asphalt Binder Availability, %



# Indianapolis Asphalt Binder Availability, %



# Chicago Asphalt Binder Availability, %





# Finding

- \* “Asphalt Binder Availability” not related to asphalt binder properties
- \* Dependent on mineral matter in shingles
- \* Dependent on %AC in the RAS
- \* Worst for manufacture waste

# Next Steps

- \* Change PP53
  - \* Remove asphalt binder availability method
    - \* Replace with user defined value
  - \* Require finer grind
- \* Balloted December 2013

# NCHRP 9-55 Study

- \* Recycled Asphalt Shingles in Asphalt Mixtures with Warm Mix Technologies
  - \* Started June 2013
  - \* To be completed September 2016
- \* Evaluate characteristics of RAS
- \* Minimize risk of poor durability

# NCHRP 9-55 Study

- \* Determine effect of shingle asphalt binder on asphalt mix performance properties
  - \* Fatigue
  - \* Low Temperature Cracking

# Outcome??

- \* Set design guidelines for performance
  - \* Grade of new asphalt binder?
    - \* Maximum asphalt binder ratio?
  - \* Finer grind size?
    - \* Homogeneity of the blend

# Summary

- \* RAS Use is Increasing
- \* Positive Greenhouse Gas Benefits
- \* Driven by Economics
- \* Current AASHTO Specifications Updated
- \* NCHRP Study to Address Design Method

**RAP and RAS  
Green As The Wind**

**Thanks**