



**A REPLY TO A DISCUSSION BY BENSTED AND MUNN OF THE PAPER "ON
THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN DELAYED AND SECONDARY ETTRINGITE
FORMATION IN CONCRETE"***

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The author would like to thank Drs. Bensted and Munn for their pertinent comments concerning the aptness of nomenclature for ettringite in concrete. They reassert the necessity for care when "interpreting the precise causes of the late formation of ettringite in concretes." The author concurs with their views.

In addition, the discussion provides additional insight on the formation of ettringite in calcium aluminate cement systems under various conditions. It provides a solid basis for practice when durability considerations govern design decisions.

The discussion leads the author to suggest that effective solutions to ettringite related durability problems (including those related to delayed ettringite formation) based on a more complete understanding of the phenomena are near.

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