

# WATER SPECIFICATIONS

## SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- A minimum cover of three (3) feet over the proposed line is required.
- No work shall begin without notifying appropriate county 24 hours in advance. The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining any and all necessary permits.
- No work shall begin without written approval of construction plans.
- Work shall be subject to inspection by the County Inspector and design engineer.
- Contractor shall be responsible for locating and uncovering all valves before any surface treatment of roads and adjusting boxes to find road grades, if necessary.
- All existing utilities may not be shown or may not be shown in the exact location. The Contractor shall comply with the State Water Works regulations, section 12.05.03 where lines cross.
- The Contractor shall notify the County of any field corrections to the approved plans prior to such construction. Contractor shall maintain a set of red-lined plans showing location of all installations. As-built information shall be submitted to the design engineer for proper action of as-built plans.
- All trenches within the existing Virginia State Department of Transportation & private right-of-way must be compacted in six inch layers.
- All lines shall be staked prior to construction.
- All construction shall be in accordance to approved construction practices of the applicable trades.
- Unless noted otherwise herein all construction shall be in accordance to the latest edition of AWWA standards.

## EXCAVATION, STABILIZATION AND BEDDING

- TRENCHING**
  - Excavation for trenches shall include the removal of all material encountered regardless of classification in accordance with the elevations and grades at the locations and stations indicated on the plans or specified herein.
  - Excavation, unless otherwise specified, shall be open cut. The Contractor shall open no more than two hundred (200) feet of trench at one time during the laying of pipe, unless approved by the Geotechnical Engineer.
  - Trenches shall be excavated in straight lines, unless indicated otherwise, and shall be accurately graded in order to establish a true elevation for the invert of the pipe.
  - The width of trenches, from existing grade to one (1) foot above the top of the pipe shall be of sufficient width to permit the proper installation of bracing, shoring or sheeting.
  - The sides of the trenches shall be as vertical as practical.
  - Excavation for structures shall allow a minimum of twelve (12) inches clear between the structure and the sides of the trench or any required bracing, shoring or sheeting.
  - Excavated materials suitable for backfill shall be stockpiled in an orderly manner at a sufficient distance from the sides of the trench in order to avoid overloading the banks of the trench and to prevent slides or cave-ins.
  - Excavated materials which are not required or approved for backfill shall be removed from the site and disposed of by the Contractor, at his expense.
  - Contractor shall adhere to all local, state and federal construction laws, including O.S.H.A. trench safety regulations.
- TRENCH STABILIZATION**
  - Trench stabilization material shall be coarse aggregate size Number 2 and shall conform with VDOT Section 203 and/or ASTM C 33.
  - Whenever excessively wet or unstable material is encountered in the bottom of the trench, which in the opinion of the Geotechnical Engineer is incapable of properly supporting the pipe or structures, such material shall be removed and backfilled with trench stabilization material and shall be graded to allow for the compacted bedding material.
  - All unauthorized excavation over depths of excavation detailed shall be backfilled with trench stabilization material and shall be graded to allow for the compacted bedding material.

## COMPACTED BEDDING MATERIAL

- Waterline shall be bedded in natural soils.
- The bottom of the pipe trench shall be shaped to conform to the pipe.
- Ball holes and depressions required for the jointing of the pipe shall be dug and shall be only of the length, depth and width required to make the joint.

## BACKFILLING

- JOB CONDITIONS**
  - Prior to placing backfill, all organic material, rubbish, debris or other unsuitable or objectionable material within the trench shall be removed. All concrete forms shall be removed. All shoring or sheeting shall be removed or cut off at the depth stipulated by the Geotechnical Engineer.
  - Backfill material shall be placed in uniform horizontal layers and thoroughly compacted with proper mechanical or hand operated tampers or other equipment as approved by the Geotechnical Engineer to perform such work.
  - Backfill material shall be placed and compacted so as to not unevenly support, damage or displace the alignment of the pipe or structures.
  - Backfill shall not be placed or compacted against cast-in-place concrete until it has obtained sufficient strength to withstand the backfilled pressure placed upon it.
  - Upon the completion of backfilling, all excess soil, stones and debris shall be removed from the site and disposed of by the Contractor, at his expense.
- BACKFILL MATERIAL**
  - Materials for backfill shall be approved excavated material or approved suitable material obtained from other sources. All material shall be subject to approval by the Geotechnical Engineer.
  - Material shall consist of durable natural granular material or granular aggregates free from organic material, loam, debris, or other objectionable material which cannot be thoroughly compacted.
  - Excessively wet excavated material shall not be used as backfill. Frozen material shall not be placed in the trench, nor shall approved backfill be placed upon frozen material. However, backfilling may be allowed in freezing weather with prior approval of the Geotechnical Engineer.

## BACKFILL BELOW UNPAVED AREAS

- Backfill from the top of the pipe bedding or bottom of the pipe trench to one (1) foot above the top of the pipe shall be free of stones larger than three-quarters inch in diameter.
- Backfill from one (1) foot above the top of the pipe to the topsoil subgrade shall be free of stones larger than six (6) inches in diameter.
- The initial backfilling shall be performed by hand in layers not exceeding four (4) inches from the bottom of the trench to the centerline of the pipe. From the centerline of the pipe to a depth of one foot above the pipe, the trench shall be backfilled in six (6) inch layers and thoroughly compacted with mechanical tampers. The remainder of backfilling shall be placed in layers not to exceed twelve (12) inches and compacted with mechanical tampers.

## BACKFILL BELOW EXISTING OR NEW PAVED AREAS AND SIDEWALKS

- Backfill from the top of the pipe bedding or bottom of the pipe trench to one (1) foot above the top of the pipe shall be free of stones larger than three-quarters inch in diameter.
- Backfill from one (1) foot above the top of the pipe to the pavement subgrade shall be free of stones larger than four (4) inches in diameter.
- The initial backfilling shall be performed by hand in layers not exceeding four (4) inches from the bottom of the trench to the centerline of the pipe. From the centerline of the pipe to a depth of one foot above the pipe, the trench shall be backfilled in six (6) inch layers and thoroughly compacted with mechanical tampers. The remainder of backfilling shall be placed in layers not to exceed eight (8) inches and compacted with mechanical tampers.

## SCOPE OF WORK

- All materials and appurtenances required for the work shall be new, of first class quality and shall be furnished, delivered, erected, connected and finished in every detail as specified or indicated. All materials found defective, regardless of the circumstances, shall be replaced with new material at the expense of the Contractor.
- The materials specified for the construction shall comply with the latest revisions of the applicable American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM), American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and/or the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) standards.

## TYPES OF PIPE

- All water line pipe shall conform to NSF 61.
  - Underground Pipe**
    - Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) pipe shall conform to ASTM D2241, SDR 21, 200 psi, or AWWA C900 DR18 as a minimum unless otherwise specified. Only bell and spigot with elastomeric gasket joints conforming to AWWA C900 shall be used.
    - Ductile Iron Pipe shall conform to AWWA C151 and fittings shall conform to AWWA C110. The pipe and fittings shall be bituminous coated and cement lined in accordance with AWWA C104. The pipe thickness shall conform to AWWA C150 and shall be class 50, as a minimum, unless otherwise specified.
    - Ductile iron pipe and fittings shall have bell and spigot type joints. The bell and spigot joint shall be sealed with elastomeric gaskets conforming to ANSI/AWWA C111/A21.11-90.
  - Above Ground Pipe**
    - Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) pipe shall conform to ASTM D 1785, schedule 80. Fittings used with PVC pipe shall be PVC conforming to ASTM D 2464 or ASTM D 2467.
    - Galvanized steel pipe shall conform to ASTM A53. Fittings used with galvanized steel pipe shall be cast iron.

## APPURTENANCES

- Gate Valves shall be either cast iron or ductile iron body, resilient seated with reinforced rubber seat ring or permanently bonded disc, and machined seating surfaces, brass or bronze nonrising stems, and complying with AWWA Standard C509. Body shall be self centering or shall have guides for alignment of wedge disc and have internal epoxy coating approved for potable water. Valves shall be mechanical joint and have O-ring seals and open left (counterclockwise) with a two-inch square wrench nut. The valves shall be suitable for 200 p.s.i. water working pressure.
- Gate valves two-inch and smaller shall be inside screw, solid bronze, tapered seat, double disc construction for 250 psi working pressure. Valves shall be nut operated and shall open to the left (counterclockwise).
- Valve vaults shall be precast concrete with cast iron frame and covers. The vault shall be marked as shown on the details. Sizes and dimensions shall meet those shown on plans and details.
- All valve boxes, base extensions, hood and cover shall be of cast or ductile iron. Valve boxes shall be of the Mueller sliding top, round hood marked "Water". The shaft diameter shall not be less than five inches (5.0). The valve boxes shall have a minimum range of extension to fit two inch (2") to twelve inch (12") valves inclusive, placed on mounds at depths of three feet, (3') to five feet (5') of cover in order that the cover of the valve box is set to finished grade. Valve boxes shall be Mueller Company 10364, or approved equal. Valve boxes shall be centered over the valve screw and set plumb.
- Fire Hydrants shall be traffic model, dry-barrel type, meeting AWWA C502 latest revision standard; Mueller A-421, A-422, American Darling B 848, Kennedy K-81, or approved equal.
- Blowoff assemblies shall be constructed in accordance with plan details. For additional information see specifications for gate valves.
- Automatic air release assemblies shall be as manufactured by APOC, GA, Glow, Bernco, or equal. Each assembly shall consist of an approved one-inch corporation stop, a five pipe of suitable length, and a one-inch air release valve equal to Valve and Primer Corporation, APOC Model No. 143C.

## SERVICE CONNECTIONS

- Service Lines**
  - Copper: Type "K" seamless, soft copper tubing shall have the ability to be bent and be in conformance with ASTM Specification B-88.
  - Polyethylene tubing: Tubing shall be rated at two hundred (200) psi and shall be compatible with copper tubing and fittings.
  - All service connections shall conform to the Uniform Statewide Building Code.
- Corporation stops shall be manufactured by Mueller Company, Ford Meter Box Company, Inc., or approved equal. Inlet threads for 3/4 inch and 1 inch corporation stops shall conform to AWWA C800. Inlet threads for 1-1/2 inch and greater corporation stops shall have NSF Iron Pipe Threads (IPT). Outlets shall be compatible with the service pipe similar to Ford F81006 for copper outlet or Ford F81400 iron pipe outlet threads or equal.
- Tapping Saddles shall be made of a malleable material and have flat straps. Saddles shall be Ford FS202 for cast iron diameters, or approved equal.

- Service Meters shall be frost-proof 5/8"x3/4" dia meters conforming to AWWA Standard C700. Meter shall be Rockwell International Corporation Model SR1 or approved equal.
- Meter Yokes shall be similar to Ford Y-502. Units shall be similar to Ford with ball valve (Ford BA 94-223) and dual angle check (Ford HIA 94-323) compatible with service line used.
- Meter Boxes shall be an 18" deep plastic meter box, similar to Brooks Product model 2200 box. For boxes located in paved areas, a concrete meter box in accordance with plan details shall be installed. Meter box covers shall be plastic frame and cover, 12-3/8" diameter, similar to Brooks Product model 2200 cover. For meter installations in pavement a cast iron frame and cover shall be used in accordance with plan details.
- Coppersetter shall be Ford Meter Box Company model W72-9 or approved equal.

## INSTALLATION

### A. GENERAL:

- The Contractor shall not lay pipe until all water has been removed from the trench, or when in the opinion of the Geotechnical Engineer the trench or the weather conditions are unsuitable for work.
- Pipe that may require field cutting shall be done so in a neat and workmanlike manner, so as to leave a smooth end at right angles to the axis of the pipe. Care shall be taken to avoid damaging the pipe and any coatings or linings. Ductile iron pipe shall not be cut with an oxy/acetylene torch.
- The materials shall be visually inspected for defects before lowering the pipe into the trench. During the laying operation no tools, clothing or other material shall be placed in the trench. The interior of the pipe shall be clear of all soil, debris and superfluous materials prior to and during the installation.
- The Contractor shall exercise every precaution to prevent foreign material from entering the pipe while it is being placed in the trench. Failure by the Contractor to take such precautions may result in the Engineer requiring a heavy, tightly woven canvas bag of suitable size be placed over each end of the pipe and removed only when the joint can be made properly.
- The pipe shall be lowered carefully into the trench by suitable means and handled with care at all times to avoid damage. Under no circumstances shall the materials be dropped or dumped into the trenches.
- When work is not in progress, the Contractor shall plug the open ends of the pipe to prevent trench water or other substances from entering the pipe. The plug shall be watertight and shall remain in place until any required dewatering has been completed.
- Before joints are made the pipe shall be well bedded on a firm foundation and no pipe shall be brought into position until the preceding length has been thoroughly embedded and secured in place. If rock is encountered in the trench, the trench bottom shall be overexcavated six inches and backfilled with clean earth to establish a continuous and uniform bedding. Ductile iron pipe shall be bedded to establish a Class C bedding, see bedding detail. PVC pipe shall be bedded per PVC water main trench detail. Settlement shall be made good by the Contractor at his expense. Bell holes shall be dug sufficiently large to insure the making of proper joints.
- Joints shall be made in full accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Push-on joints shall be thoroughly cleaned, the rubber gasket inserted in the bell socket, a thin film of approved gasket lubricant applied, the spigot end of pipe centered into the socket and the joint completed by forcing the spigot end to the bottom of the socket by a Jack-type tool or other device approved by the Engineer. Mechanical joints shall be thoroughly cleaned, the gland slipped over the spigot end of the pipe, the rubber gasket pointed with soap solution and placed on the spigot end, the spigot end of the pipe seated in the bell, the gland moved into position, and bolts and nuts assembled by hand and tightened with an approved torque-limiting wrench.

### B. INSTALLING WATER MAINS

- Ductile Iron Pipe shall be installed in accordance with AWWA C800 and PVC pipe shall be installed in accordance with AWWA C905.
- The water main shall be laid and maintained at the required lines and grades with fittings and valves at the required locations.
- Deflection of the line of pipe, in either the vertical or horizontal plane to avoid obstructions, or in locations where long-radius curves are required, the amount of deflection shall not exceed approved AWWA standards. Alignment that may require deflections in excess of the recommended limitations, special hands, or a sufficient number of shorter lengths of pipe to provide the angular deflections within the limits as set forth, shall be approved by the Design Engineer.
- All plugs, except mechanical joint plugs at connections for future lines, oil lines, and oil vents in water mains under pressure shall be provided with reaction blocking consisting of concrete thrust blocks. Valves for connections to future lines and fire hydrants shall be anchored to the water main with rods.
- To facilitate future locating of PVC pipe, continuous 14 gauge copper wire shall be laid with the pipe and in contact with all fittings and valves in line of reflective tape.

### C. SEPARATION OF WATER LINES AND SEWERS - PARALLEL INSTALLATIONS

- Whenever possible, water lines shall be laid at least ten feet horizontally from a sewer or sewer manhole.
- Where ten feet of separation cannot be maintained, the bottom of the water line shall be at least 18 inches above the top of the sewer.
- Where 18 inches of vertical separation cannot be maintained, the sewer shall be constructed of AWWA approved water pipe, pressure tested in place without leakage prior to backfilling.
- Where ten feet of horizontal separation cannot be maintained for a sewer manhole, the manhole shall be of water-tight construction and tested in place.

### D. SEPARATION OF WATER LINES AND SEWERS - CROSSING INSTALLATIONS

- Whenever possible, the bottom of the water line shall be at least 18 inches above the top of the sewer.
- Where 18 inches of vertical separation cannot be maintained, sewers passing over or under water lines shall be constructed of AWWA approved water pipe.
- Where water lines pass under sewer lines, the top of the water line shall be at least 18 inches under the bottom of the sewer line. The sewer line shall be structurally supported. The length of water line pipe shall be centered at the point of crossing.

### E. SEPARATION OF WATER MAINS AND DRAINFIELDS

- Water mains shall be laid at least twenty (20) feet from septic drainfields.

### F. DISINFECTING OF WATER MAINS

- All pipe shall be disinfected, tested and flushed in accordance with AWWA Standard C651 (latest revision).

- Contractor shall provide all materials, equipment, necessary tools and perform all work required for the sterilization, testing and flushing of the water main.
- No tested section of water line shall be approved to deliver water service until a favorable laboratory report has been achieved. Any tested section of water line failing to meet the requirements specified shall be repaired by the Contractor and retested until the results are within the limits specified.
- The water main or valved off section that has been completed shall be flushed, tested and flushed. Test locations shall be subject to the discretion of the Engineer and as valves and blow-offs permit.
- After testing and before final inspection of the completed systems, water mains and service laterals shall be flushed and disinfected in accordance with AWWA Specification C651 latest revision. Flushing shall be accomplished at a flow velocity of not less than 2.5 feet per second.

Disinfection as described in AWWA C651 - "Placing of calcium hypochlorite tablets" shall be used. 5 gram calcium hypochlorite tablets with 3.25 g available chlorine per tablet shall be attached to the inside top of the pipe by an adhesive such as Parmatex No. 1 or equal. The following number of tablets for the given pipe diameter shall be used for an initial dose of 25 mg/l (ppm) chlorine:

Pipe Diameter	Number Tablets Per 10-20 Ft. Pipe Section
6" or less	1
8"	2
10"	3
12"	4
14"	5

or the number of tablets equal to 0.0012d L rounded to the next higher integer, where d is the inside diameter, in inches and L is the length of the pipe section, in feet. Use of the continuous feed or slug method of disinfecting may only be used to re-chlorinate a water pipe after the initial disinfection or in other specific cases approved by the Design Engineer. When filling the pipeline for disinfection, the rate of filling must result in a velocity of less than 1 ft./sec.

The disinfection solution shall remain in the pipe line for not less than twenty-four (24) hours, after which time the residual of 10 ppm at all parts of the line shall be required.

Following chlorination, the piping shall be thoroughly flushed. The Virginia Waterworks Regulations require at least two consecutive satisfactory bacteriological samples at 24 hour intervals from the distribution system at minimum spacing of 2000 feet before the system can be placed in service. If the initial testing is not satisfactory the new lines will be retested until satisfactory results are achieved. Samples will be collected in accordance with the Virginia Waterworks Regulations.

### G. INSTALLING APPURTENANCES AND SERVICE CONNECTIONS

- No blowoff valve, air release assembly, vacuum breaker, or other flushing device shall be directly connected to any sanitary sewer or storm drain system.
- Chambers or pits containing valves, blowoffs, meters, or other appurtenances to the distribution system shall be drained to the surface of the ground where they are not subject to flooding by surface water or to absorption pits located above the seasonal groundwater table elevation. Sump pumps may be used where other means are not practical.
- All gate valves, blowoff valves, and air release assemblies shall be installed in accordance with plan details.
- Corporation stops shall be topped into the main at an angle of approximately 45 degrees from vertical. Topping saddles are required on all PVC pipe and on ductile iron, Class 50, pipe. Pipe dope or any other material that contains solvents or compounds which may be harmful to PVC pipe shall not be used in conjunction with PVC pipe.
- Fire hydrants shall be installed in accordance with plan details.
- Fire hydrants shall be located above the seasonal groundwater table or the weep holes are to be plugged. The Design Engineer must be contacted if the fire hydrant is to be relocated.

### H. ANCHORING AND BRACING

- All pressure pipe lines shall be protected against pulling or thrust damage by suitable anchors, brass or tie rods installed at direction changes or as a result of fittings and all other critical locations. In-line tees, elbows, and hydrants shall be substantially braced, blocked, and/or anchored to prevent any movement by providing adequate reaction blocking. This blocking shall be 3,000 psi concrete. Blocking shall be placed between solid undisturbed earth and the fitting to be anchored so that pipe and fitting joints will be accessible for repair. Rod and clamps shall be galvanized or otherwise rust-proof treated.
- Thrust blocks shall be installed in accordance with the plan detail. The type of fitting, maximum pressure and type of soil in the thrust area is subject to the review and approval of the County. Where thrust blocking is not feasible due to the soil conditions, a harrising detail for each type of intended application shall be submitted for the approval of the county. A special dead-man block with a harrising arrangement is recommended, but such device as "Mega-Lug" may be used if approved by the County. Reaction blocking shall be of the size indicated on the plans and shall bear on solid undisturbed earth. Where Lok-Tylon, Super-Lock or similar joint is used, bracing and anchorage will not be required. Hydrants shall be anchored according to the standard details.

## INSPECTION AND TESTS

### A. TESTING OF WATER LINES

- After placing all harrising and all valve support concrete, sufficient backfill shall be placed prior to filling the pipe with water and field testing to prevent lifting of the pipe. When local conditions require that the trenches be backfilled immediately after the pipe has been laid, the testing shall be carried out after backfilling has been completed but prior to placement of the permanent surface. At least fourteen (14) days shall elapse after the last valve support or hydrant block has been cast (Type I Portland Cement) prior to testing, unless high early strength concrete (Type III) is used, in which case three (3) days shall elapse.
- All testing will be performed in accordance with the AWWA C900 or current revision for ductile iron pipe and AWWA C905 or current revision for PVC pipe.
- Pressure Test: After the pipe has been laid, all newly laid pipe or any valved section thereof shall be subjected to a hydrostatic pressure of at least 1.5 times the working pressure at the point of testing. Test pressure restrictions. Test pressures shall:
  - not be less than 1.50 times the working pressure at the highest point along the test section;
  - not exceed pipe or thrust restraint design pressures;
  - be of at least 2-hour duration;
  - not vary by more than + 5 psi;

- not exceed twice the rated pressure of the valves or hydrants when the pressure boundary of the test section includes closed gate valves or hydrants;
- not exceed the rated pressure of the valve.

Each valved section of pipe shall be filled slowly with properly disinfected water and the specified test pressure shall be applied by means of a pump connected to the pipe in a manner satisfactory to the Engineer.

Before applying the specified test pressure, air shall be expelled completely from the pipe, valves, and hydrants. All exposed pipe, fittings, valves, hydrants and joints shall be examined carefully during the test. Any damaged or defective pipe, fittings, valves, or hydrants that are discovered following the pressure test shall be repaired until it is satisfactory to the Engineer.

A leakage test shall be conducted concurrently with the pressure test. Leakage shall be defined as the quantity of water that must be supplied into the newly laid pipe, or any valved section thereof, to maintain pressure within 5 psi of the specified test pressure after the air in the pipeline has been expelled and the pipe has been filled with water. No pipe installation will be accepted if the leakage is greater than that determined by the following formula:

$$L = \frac{S \cdot D \cdot \sqrt{P}}{133,200}$$

In which L is the allowable leakage, in gallons per hour; S is the length of pipeline tested in feet; D is the nominal diameter of the pipe, in inches; and P is the average test pressure during the leakage test, in pounds per square inch gauge. When testing against closed metal-seated valves, an additional leakage per enclosed valve of 0.0078 gal/hr/in. of nominal valve size shall be allowed. When hydrants are in the test section, the test shall be made on the basis of allowable leakage. If any test of pipe indicates leakage greater than the allowable amount, the Contractor shall, at his own expense, locate and repair the defective material until the leakage is within the specified allowance. All visible leaks are to be repaired regardless of the amount of leakage.

Each valved section of the water line shall be leakage tested independently and each valve shall be at a minimum subjected to the test pressure on one side.

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