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07210 GENERAL

1. These Specifications apply to all force mains that are to be owned, operated, and maintained by the Town of Cary. Design of private pump stations and force mains and associated facilities is not covered by these Specifications or otherwise herein, and the applicant should look for guidance from other appropriate agencies (NCDENR, NC Plumbing Code, etc.).
2. All aspects of the design of wastewater force mains, and associated facilities shall, at a minimum, meet the requirements of the latest version of the NCDENR "Minimum Design Criteria for the Fast-Track Permitting of Pump Stations and Force Mains". Requirements presented in the Town of Cary Standard Specifications hereunder that are more restrictive or go above and beyond the requirements of the Minimum Design Criteria are required by the Town of Cary.
3. All aspects of the design of pump stations, force mains, and associated facilities shall be submitted for review and approval to the Town of Cary Water Resources Department.
4. Wastewater force main interconnections shall be prohibited. All wastewater force mains shall extend to the nearest gravity sewer or pump station wet well that has sufficient long term capacity.

07220 WASTEWATER FORCE MAINS

A. DESIGN

1. Force mains shall be installed with a minimum cover of 4 feet measured from the top of the pipe to the finished grade.
2. Force mains shall be installed in dedicated public right of way or in dedicated utility easements as follows. When wastewater force mains are constructed adjacent to gravity sewer mains or for construction of parallel wastewater force mains, the minimum horizontal clearance shall be at minimum 7-ft from pipe edge to pipe edge when the depth of installation is 8-ft or less. Otherwise, the minimum horizontal separation between pipelines shall be 10-ft up to installation depth of 10-ft. Clearances for pipelines greater than 10-ft depth shall be designed by Engineer of Record and approved by the Town of Cary Water Resources Department. Easement widths outlined below shall be widened by at least the clearance between the pipelines when constructing a shared gravity sewer and wastewater force main corridor.

Standard Easement Width for Sewer Force Mains

<u>Pipe Size</u> (diameter)	<u>Pipe Depth</u> (feet)	<u>Easement Width</u> (feet)
8-inch to 12-inch	10-ft or less	20-ft
8-inch to 12-inch	10-ft – 12.5-ft	25-ft
8-inch to 12-inch	12.5-ft – 15-ft	30-ft
8-inch to 12-inch	15-ft to 17.5-ft	35-ft
8-inch to 12-inch	17.5-ft to 20-ft	40-ft
12-inch to 24-inch	15-ft or less	30-ft
12-inch to 24-inch	15-ft – 17.5-ft	35-ft
12-inch to 24-inch	17.5-ft – 20-ft	40-ft
Greater than 24-inch	Any Depth	Specified by the Director of Water Resources
Any Size	Deeper than 20-ft	

3. Dedicated easements for force mains and appurtenances shall be recorded as “Town of Cary Utility and Pipeline Easement”. Town of Cary force main easements shall contain only Town of Cary utilities unless otherwise approved by an encroachment agreement.
4. Wastewater force main discharge manholes and intermediate air release locations that require odor control shall be provided with sufficient easement area to accommodate the odor control systems as designed by the Engineer of Record, whether utilizing passive, forced-air or chemical treatment for odor control. The maintenance easement for odor control systems shall be sized based on site specific conditions and shall provide sufficient area for routine maintenance operations, such as refilling media, chemicals, replacing equipment, etc.
5. Force mains shall discharge at the invert of the receiving manhole and shall be as close as possible to 180 degrees from the outlet pipe.
6. Force main design shall facilitate cleaning and inspection. The use of 90 degree bends is prohibited.
7. Force mains shall be constructed with a pigging/bypass connection located within 50-ft of the pump station valve vault.
8. Force main minimum design velocity shall not be less than 2-ft per second throughout the length of the force main. As a design preference, force main systems when operating at higher flows shall reach velocities of 3 to 5 ft/s to re-suspend any settled solids.

Force main systems shall be of adequate sizing and design to effectively convey the ultimate peak flows as applied by the connected pump station to the discharge point.

9. The force main route shall be such that the number of high points requiring combination air valves is minimized to the extent possible. Combination Air Valves rated for use with raw wastewater shall be installed at all the high points or runs exceeding 3000-ft on all force mains in accordance with the Standard Details. A high point shall be determined as any location where the vertical separation between the adjacent low point and high point in the force main is greater than or equal to 10 vertical feet.
10. Restraint:
 - a) General: All valves and fittings shall be restrained. Pipe joints shall also be restrained an adequate length away from valves and fittings in accordance with AWWA manual M41 (or the latest edition of *Thrust Restraint Design for Ductile Iron Pipe* as published by the Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association). In all cases, **there must be a pipe restraint plan with the method of restraint to be used and the length of pipe to be restrained clearly identified on the plans at all necessary locations.** The pipe restraint plan shall be included under the design responsibility of the NC Professional Engineer sealing the plan drawings.
 - b) Pipe Joints: The standard joint restraint method shall be to use manufacturer provided restrained joint pipe. Pipe up to and including 12-inches in diameter may also utilize either mechanical joint pipe with approved wedge action retainer glands (for the specified distance) or reaction blocking at fittings as an alternative. All joint restraint products that include the means of restraint within the joint gasket shall be prohibited.
 - c) Valves: Valves shall be restrained in a manner consistent with operation as a dead end. This includes restraining the valve to the pipe and restraining a sufficient number of pipe joints on both sides of the valve to accommodate dead end restraint.
11. A plug valve shall be installed at least every 3000 feet of force main length.
12. All air release valves, plug valves greater than 12-inches, or other appurtenances that have moving or operating parts and require maintenance and routine access shall have a manhole placed over them or over the operating portion of the device.

13. Separation Requirements

Separation between Sewer Force Main and Storm Water Pipes:

Sewer force mains shall have a minimum vertical separation of 24 inches between storm pipes when the horizontal separation is 3 feet or less. Where sanitary and storm sewers cross with a vertical separation of less than 24 inches, the entire leg of sanitary sewer shall be made of standard ductile iron pipe with joints rated for water main service and the void space between the pipe crossing shall be backfilled with 3000-psi concrete or minimum 500-psi, quick setting, non-excavatable flowable fill that meets or exceeds NCDOT Specifications.

Separation between Sanitary Sewer and Sewer Force Main:

There shall be a minimum 7 foot horizontal separation between parallel gravity and/or force mains in outfall locations when the depth of installation is 8-ft or less. Otherwise, the minimum horizontal separation between pipelines shall be 10-ft in outfalls.

Separation between Sewer Force Main and Water Main:

Parallel Installations: 10-ft lateral separation (pipe edge to pipe edge) or minimum 3-ft lateral separation, and water line at least 18-inches above sewer force main measured vertically from top of sewer pipeline to bottom edge of water main. In unique cases where the sewer force main and the water main are installed with at least 3-ft of lateral separation but less than 10-ft of horizontal separation, and less than 18-inches of vertical separation, both the water main and sewer force main shall be constructed of ductile iron pipe with joints in full compliance with water main standards.

Crossings (Water Main over Sewer Force Main): All water main crossings of sewer force mains shall be constructed in conformance with Town of Cary Specifications. At a minimum, 18-inches of clearance shall be maintained between the bottom edge of the water main and the top edge of the sewer force main. If 18-inches of clearance is not maintained, the water main and sewer force main shall both be constructed of ductile iron pipe with joints in conformance with water main construction standards. The ductile iron sewer force main shall extend 10-ft on both sides of the crossing. When the separation between pipelines is 18-inches or less, the void space between the pipes shall be filled with minimum 500-psi, quick setting, and non-excavatable flowable fill extending 3-ft on both sides of the crossing. Regardless of pipe material, at least 12-inches of vertical separation is required for sewer force main crossings of potable water mains.

Crossings (Water Main under Sewer Force Main): Allowed only as approved by Town of Cary, when it is not possible to cross the water main above the sewer force main. At a minimum, 18-inches of separation shall be maintained, (measured from pipe edge to pipe edge) and both the water main and sewer force main shall be constructed of ductile iron in conformance with water main construction standards to a minimum of 10-ft on both sides of the crossing. If

local conditions prevent providing 18-inches of clearance, then at least 12-inches of clearance shall be provided and the void space between the pipes shall be filled with minimum 500-psi, quick setting, and non-excavatable flowable fill extending at least 3-ft on both sides of the crossing. In all cases the water main pipe shall be centered at the point of crossing with joints equally spaced from the point of crossing.

Separation between Sewer Force Main and Reclaimed Water:

Sewer force mains and reclaimed water mains shall be laid with at least 10 feet of horizontal separation, measured laterally edge to edge unless the elevation of the bottom of the reclaimed water main is at least 18 inches above the top edge of the sewer force main, with a horizontal separation of at least 3 feet.

Where a reclaimed water main and a sewer force main cross, the crossing shall be constructed at a 90-degree angle and the sewer force main shall cross at least 18-inches below the reclaimed water line. Because all reclaimed water mains in the Cary municipal system are constructed to fully comply with water system testing and integrity standards as described by 15A NCAC 18C, when the minimum separation cannot be met, at least 12-inches of clearance shall be maintained, the sewer force main shall be provided in ductile iron pipe in full compliance with water main standard joints, and the void space between the pipes shall be filled with minimum 500-psi, quick setting, non-excavatable flowable fill extending at least 3-ft on both sides of the crossing.

If the sewer force main crosses above the reclaimed water line, the clearance shall be at least 18-inches. Because all reclaimed water mains in the Cary municipal system are constructed to fully comply with water system testing and integrity standards as described by 15A NCAC 18C, when the minimum separation cannot be met, at least 12-inches of clearance shall be maintained, the sewer force main shall be provided in ductile iron pipe in full compliance with water main standard joints, and the void space between the pipes shall be filled with minimum 500-psi, quick setting, non-excavatable flowable fill extending at least 3-ft on both sides of the crossing. In all cases the reclaimed water main pipe shall be centered at the point of crossing with joints equally spaced from the point of crossing.

Sanitary Sewer Force Main and Stream Crossings:

The top of the sewer force main shall be at least one foot below the stream bed. Concrete encasement and ductile iron pipe shall be required when the cover between the top of the pipe and the stream bed is less than 3 feet.

Sewer force mains shall not be installed under any part of water impoundments.

The following minimum horizontal separations shall be maintained:

- i. 100 feet from any private or public water supply source, including wells, WS-1 waters or Class I or Class II impounded reservoirs used as a source of drinking water (except as noted below)

- ii. 50 feet from any waters (from normal high water) classified WS-II, WS-III, B, SA, ORW, HQW or SB (except as noted below)
- iii. 10 feet from any other stream, lake, or impoundment (except as noted below)
- iv. 25 feet from private wells (with no exceptions)
- v. 50 feet from sources of public water supply (with no exceptions)

Where the required minimum separations cannot be obtained, ductile iron sewer force main pipe with joints equivalent to water main standards shall be used.

B. MATERIALS

1. Pipe Materials

- a) The minimum wastewater force main size shall be 4-inches in diameter.
- b) Ductile Iron Pipe shall be required for all wastewater force mains. Ductile iron pipe shall be designed and manufactured in accordance with AWWA C150 and C151 and provided in nominal 20-ft lengths. The minimum requirements for ductile iron pipe and required laying conditions are tabulated below. For all other installations other than specified, the laying condition, bedding requirements or the minimum pressure class rating and/or thickness class shall be increased in accordance with AWWA C151. A pipe thickness design shall be submitted for external loading in all cases where the pipe depth exceeds the specified range of depths outlined in the following table.

Pressure Class, Max. Depth and Laying Condition for DI Wastewater Force Mains

Pipe Diameter	AWWA C-150, Laying Condition	Pressure Class	Maximum Depth of Cover
4-8 -inch	type 1	350 psi	3-16 feet
4-8 -inch	type 4	350 psi	16-20 feet
10-12 -inch	type 1	350 psi	3-10 feet
10-12 -inch	type 4	350 psi	10-20 feet
14-20 -inch	type 4	350 psi	3-28 feet
24 -inch	type 4	350 psi	3-25 feet

Note: For cases not specified, a ductile iron pipe and bedding design certified by a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of North Carolina shall be required in compliance with AWWA C150 and the Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association.

All ductile iron pipe shall be marked in conformance with ASTM A-746.

- c) All ductile iron wastewater force mains and fittings for sewer construction shall receive an interior ceramic epoxy coating, consisting of an amine cured novalac epoxy containing at least 20% by volume of ceramic quartz pigment, as manufactured by Protecto 401. The interior coating shall be applied at a nominal dry film interior thickness of 40-mils. All DIP bells and spigots shall be lined with 8-mils of Protecto 401 joint compound applied by brush to ensure full coverage. All pipe supplied with Protecto 401 interior lining shall be provided free of holidays. Pipe installed with defects in the lining will be rejected. Patching of Protecto 401 coating defects after installation shall not be approved. Protecto 401 lined pipe must be installed within one year of the application date on the pipe.
- d) Pipe fittings shall be made of ductile iron designed and manufactured per AWWA C110 or C153. All fittings up to and including 24 inches in diameter shall be designed for a minimum internal pressure of 350 psi, unless otherwise approved by the Town of Cary. Fittings shall be mechanical joint or proprietary manufacturer provided restrained joint. Gaskets shall be in accordance with AWWA C111. All fittings shall be interior coated with Protecto 401 as specified herein for ductile iron pipe.
- e) Restrained Joint Ductile Iron Pipe shall be the boltless type unless otherwise approved. For installations requiring welded locking rings, the rings shall be factory welded. The restrained joints shall provide a minimum of 4-degrees of deflection for pipe sizes, 4-inches through 12-inches in diameter.

All proprietary pipe restraint systems shall be approved by the Town of Cary and provided in compliance with all standards for coatings, linings, pressure classes, etc. as required for ductile iron pipe. All restrained joint pipe shall be installed based on laying conditions, pressure class, etc. as required for typical ductile iron pipe.

2. Manhole Materials:

- a) All sewer force main manholes shall be installed according to Section 07000 of the Town of Cary Standard Specifications when design and installation criteria are not otherwise covered herein.
- b) All force main discharge locations and other manholes for wastewater force mains (excluding those housing large diameter plug valves) shall be epoxy coated at minimum 80-mils thickness.
- c) Force Main Manhole Epoxy Coating: Sewer force main receiver manholes, sewer force main combination air valve manholes and other concrete structures subject to high levels of hydrogen sulfide gas shall be provided with an approved monolithic epoxy coating system consisting of a 100% solids, solvent-free, two-component epoxy resin that meets the following

Specifications for up to 100 mils of coating with a manufacturer approved set time of 6-hours or less.

- i. Material Providers and Installers: Approved coating manufacturers and corresponding installers are identified in the Town's Approved Product List.
- ii. Surface Preparation: Concrete manholes must be well cured prior to application of the protective epoxy coating. Generally, 28 days is adequate cure time for standard Portland cement. If earlier application is desired, compressive or tensile strength of the concrete can be tested to determine if acceptable cure has occurred. (Note: Bond strength of the coating to the concrete surface is generally limited to the tensile strength of the concrete itself. An Elcometer pull test to determine suitability of concrete for coating may be required).

Surface preparation shall be based on the requirements of the manufacturer of the epoxy coating and applicable NACE International standards.

- iii. Installation: A minimum 80-mils thickness shall be applied to new manholes (120-mils for existing manholes). During application a wet film thickness gage, meeting ASTM D4414 - Standard Practice for Measurement of Wet Film Thickness of Organic Coatings by Notched Gages, shall be used to ensure a monolithic coating and uniform thickness during application.

Temperature of the surface to be coated should be maintained between 40° F and 120° F during application. Prior to and during application, care should be taken to avoid exposure of direct sunlight or other intense heat source to the structure being coated. Where varying surface temperatures do exist, care should be taken to apply the coating when the temperature is falling versus rising or in the early morning. The humidity should also be observed to ensure compliance with the epoxy manufacturers' recommendations.

Manufacturer approved heated plural component spray equipment shall be used in the application of the specified protective epoxy coating. The spray equipment shall be specifically designed to accurately ratio and apply the specified protective coating materials and shall be regularly maintained and in proper working order.

If necessary, subsequent topcoating or additional coats of the protective coating should occur as soon as the basecoat becomes tack free, ideally within 12 hours but no later than the recoat window for the

specified products. Additional surface preparation procedures will be required if this recoat window is exceeded.

- d) Force Main Receiver Manholes: Sewer force mains shall not discharge directly into existing gravity sewer lines. Sewer force mains shall typically discharge into a receiver manhole that has been epoxy coated as specified herein. The receiver manhole shall be provided in the typical eccentric tapered design at minimum 5-ft diameter. The bench shall be sloped up to 8-inches from the invert channel to the manhole wall. The invert shall be provided with a gradual upsloping alignment from the force main entry to the gravity transition point. Sufficient grade shall be placed on the invert such that wastewater falls back into the force main when the pumps are not in operation creating a vapor lock between the force main and the manhole. Drop connections into force main receiver manholes shall be prohibited.
- e) Combination Air Valve Manholes: Manholes for combination air valve installation shall be provided in flat top configuration to accommodate the excess length of wastewater combination air valves. In cases where the combination air valve assembly shall be located in a paved area, provide typical eccentric, tapered manhole design with typical manhole frame and cover for paved areas. The minimum manhole diameter for combination air valve assemblies shall be 5-ft. Minimum 6-ft diameter manholes shall be used with force mains 20-inches and larger and when an odor control system is required. Any manholes located in NCDOT or street right-of-way shall be provided flush with finished grade.

C. INSTALLATION

1. General

Ductile iron pipe shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of AWWA C600 and the Ductile Iron Pipe Handbook published by the Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association. Materials at all times shall be handled with mechanical equipment or in such a manner to protect them from damage. At no time shall pipe and fittings be dropped or pushed into ditches.

Pipe trench excavation and backfilling shall be performed in accordance with Section 05000 of these Specifications.

Pipe and fitting interiors shall be protected from foreign matter and shall be inspected for damage and defects prior to installation. In the event foreign matter is present in pipe and fittings, it shall be removed before installation. Open ends of pipe shall be plugged or capped when pipe laying is not in progress.

All pipe shall be constructed with at least 48 inches of cover below the finished surface grade. Pipe shall be laid on true lines as directed by the Engineer. The wastewater force main shall be installed at a grade which will allow air to migrate to a high point where the air can be released through an air valve. A minimum pipe slope of 1 foot in 500 feet should be maintained and there shall be no intermediate high points in the line.

Trenches shall be sufficiently wide to adjust the alignment. Bell holes shall be dug at each joint to permit proper joint assembly. The pipe shall be laid and adjusted so that the alignment with the next succeeding joint will be centered in the joint and the entire pipeline will be in continuous alignment both horizontally and vertically. Pipe joints shall be fitted so that a thoroughly watertight joint will result. All joints will be made in conformance with the manufacturer's recommendations for the type of joint selected. All transition joints between different types of pipe shall be made with transition couplings approved on shop drawings showing the complete assembly to scale.

2. Embedment Material

Bedding and embedment material classifications shall be defined as follows:

- CLASS I - Angular, (1/4 to 1-1/2 inch) graded stone, including a number of fill materials that have regional significance such as coral, slag, cinders, crushed stone, crushed gravel, and crushed shells.
- CLASS II - Coarse sands and gravels with maximum particle size of 1-1/2 inch, including variously graded sands and gravels containing small percentages of fines, generally granular and non-cohesive, either wet or dry. Soil types GW, GP, SW and SP are included in this class.
- CLASS III - Fine sand and clayey gravels, including fine sands, sand-clay mixtures, and gravel-clay mixtures, Soil Types GM, GC, SM, and SC are included in this class.
- CLASS IV - Silt, silty clays, and clays, including inorganic clays and silts of medium to high plasticity and liquid limits. Soil Types MH, ML, CH and CL are included in this class. These materials shall not be used for embedment.

Class I foundation material consisting of ¼-inch to 1½ -inch graded stone shall be required in addition to standard bedding and embedment for all sewer installations, regardless of pipe material, when the trench bottom is unstable due to water, rock, infiltration or soil type.

All bedding, embedment and backfill materials shall be compacted to a minimum of 95% Standard Proctor density regardless of material. In instances where compliance with compaction requirements is questionable as determined by the Infrastructure Field Technician, testing shall be provided by the Contractor and a reputable licensed Geotechnical Engineer to verify compliance.

The minimum trench width shall be one pipe diameter plus 9 inches on each side of the pipe as described in Section 5000.

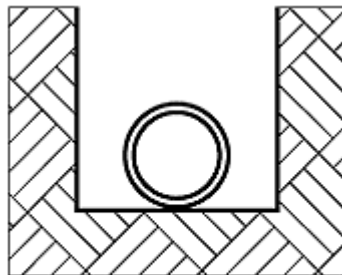
In any area where the pipe will be installed below existing or future ground water levels or where the trench could be subject to inundation, additional Class I material shall be used for bedding.

If hydraulic jack shoring is utilized for trench walls, it shall be restricted to the area just above the top of the pipe. This will ensure the embedment materials and pipe will not be disturbed when the shoring is removed.

3. Laying Conditions

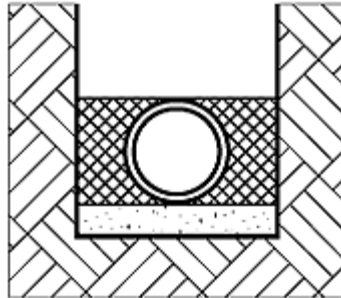
Pipe shall be installed at laying conditions as specified by the plans. Laying conditions for ductile iron pipe shall be as described in AWWA C151 and the Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association. Laying conditions shall be defined as follows:

Type 1: Flat Bottom Trench with Pipe Resting on Stable Undisturbed Earth. Unstable conditions such as wet trench bottoms, intermediate rock layering, partially weathered rock, and other unsuitable soil conditions shall require utilizing more stringent laying conditions. At a minimum, Type 4 laying condition shall be utilized with a minimum of 4-inches of bedding to overcome unstable conditions. For severe unstable soil conditions, undercut excavation and an engineer designed foundation plan shall be provided prior to pipeline installation.



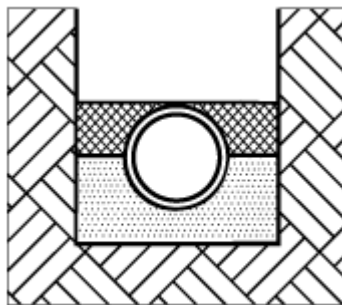
Type 1*

Type 4: Pipe bedded in Class 1 material, No. 67 or No. 78 crushed stone to a depth of 1/8 pipe diameter or a minimum of 4-inches. Embedment material, consisting of Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3 materials, shall be compacted greater than 95% Proctor to the top of the pipe. Careful attention must be allocated to compacting embedment material under the bottom edges of the pipe.



Type 4

Type 5: Pipe bedded in Class 1 material, No. 67 or No. 78 crushed stone to the center of the pipe and extending a minimum of 4-inches under the pipe. Granular or select embedment, consisting of Class 1 or Class 2 materials, compacted to greater than 95% Proctor installed to the top of the pipe.



Type 5

4. Installation Below the Water Table

For installations below the water table, a single layer of engineering fabric shall be installed between the pipe and trench floor/trench wall. The fabric shall fully encapsulate the force main, bedding, and embedment material with a minimum of 12-inch overlap at the top of the embedment material.

5. Utility Coordination

Prior to beginning construction, the Contractor shall contact local utility companies and verify the location of existing utilities. The Contractor shall be completely and solely responsible for locating all existing buried utilities inside the construction zone before beginning excavation. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for scheduling and coordinating the utility location work. When an existing utility is in conflict with construction, it shall be exposed prior to beginning construction to prevent damage to the existing utility.

D. PIPE IDENTIFICATION AND MARKING

1. Marking Tape

- a) Installation: Marking tape shall be installed continuously and longitudinally along all sewer force mains for new construction and for any repair or retrofit construction using open trench methods. Marking tape shall be installed directly above the center of the pipe and at least 16-inches deep from final grade to a maximum depth of 24-inches below final grade.
- b) Specifications: The sewer force main marking tape shall be an approved product identified in the Town of Cary Approved Products List. The marking tape shall be made of polyethylene (or approved equivalent) material, 6-inches wide and a minimum of 6 millimeters thick. The marking tape shall have detectable markers embedded in the tape and spaced adequately to provide continuous detection along the tape from above the buried pipe at final grade. The tape shall be green in color and shall be marked with words that read "CAUTION SEWER LINE BURIED BELOW" (or an approved equivalent wording). The wording shall be repetitive along the full length of the tape.

2. Marker Balls

- a) Installation: Non-programmable marker balls are required at the ends of all casing pipe and at reducers. They shall also be installed along and directly above all water mains in conditions where marking tape cannot be installed due to restrictions or conflicts. In these conditions, non-programmable marker balls shall be placed at all vertical and horizontal deflection points, at all tees and crosses and at a spacing along the main no greater than 100 feet apart. Each marker ball shall be installed directly above the center of the pipe and at least 16-inches deep from final grade to a maximum depth of 24-inches below final grade.

- b) Specifications: The Marker Ball is a non-programmable ball and shall be an approved product identified in the Town of Cary Approved Products List. The marker ball shall be green in color for wastewater and conform to APWA standards. It shall have a minimum detectable depth of 5 feet.

E. VALVES AND APPURTENANCES

1. General: The rated working pressure of all valves and appurtenances shall meet the maximum design pressure of the pump station and pipeline.
2. Check Valve: Check valves shall be iron bodied, fully bronze mounted with bronze clapper disc and bronze seat ring, and shall have a spring loaded lever arm capable of being mounted on either side of the valve.
3. Plug Valve: Plug valves shall be non-lubricating, eccentric action and resilient plug facing with heavy duty Type 316 stainless steel bearings. Plug valves shall be designed for a minimum working pressure of 175 psi for valves 12" and smaller, 150 psi for valves 14" and larger. Valves shall be bi-directional and meet the pressure rating in both directions of flow. The plug valve body shall be cast iron ASTM A126 Class B with welded-in overlay of 90% nickel alloy content on all surfaces contacting the face of the plug. Sprayed, plated, nickel welded rings or seats screwed into the body are not acceptable.

All plug valves 12" and smaller shall have round port design that provides a minimum 80% port area. The valve plug shall be ductile iron ASTM A536 Grade 65-45-12 up to 20-inches in diameter, with EPDM, Buna N, or Neoprene resilient seating surface to mate with the body seat. Valves 24-inches and larger may have plugs made of cast iron in accordance with ASTM A126 class B. Large plug valves with rectangular plugs shall provide clean passage for a solid sphere of at least 67% of the adjoining pipe diameter to facilitate pigging of the force main. Force main plug valves with rectangular port shall be "full-port" cross-sectional area perpendicular to the flow of at least 100% of the adjoining pipe.

All buried plug valves shall be provided with worm gear actuators. All plug valves shall be buried and provided with a 2-inch operator nut and valve box as shown in the details. Plug valves greater than 12-inches shall be installed such that the actuator and gearing is accessible in a manhole as shown in the details. All plug valves shall be provided with typical mechanical joint end connections and restrained with wedge action retainer glands on both ends of the valve assembly as described herein.

Valves shall be installed according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Typically for wastewater this means installing the seat side toward the pump station so that the flow is against the face of the plug in the closed position. In the open position, the plug should rotate up to the top of the pipeline which may require installing the valve on its side.

4. Rubber Seated Ball Valve: For larger diameter force mains where plug valves are not available, rubber seated ball valves shall be of the tight-closing, shaft-mounted type that fully comply with AWWA Standard C507 to provide a full port unobstructed waterway with no additional pressure drop. Design pressure ratings shall be 150 psi or greater and provide tight shutoff against flow. With the valve in the closed position, the rubber seated valve shall be bubble tight at rated pressure. All ball valves shall be provided in an epoxy coated manhole with worm gear actuators and a handwheel.
5. Valve Box Covers: Force main plug valves or ball valves shall have valve box covers and/or manhole lids with the word "Sewer" cast into them.
6. Combination Air Valves shall be provided to purge air from the system at startup, vent small pockets of air while the system is being pressurized and running, and prevent critical vacuum conditions during draining. Combination air valves approved for use in wastewater force main installations shall be installed at all high points of wastewater force mains 6 inches in diameter or larger and at other locations, such as major changes in slope, as directed by the Town. A high point shall be determined as any high location where the difference between the high elevation and adjacent low elevation exceeds 10-ft unless otherwise determined by the Director of Water Resources based on special circumstances. The combination air valve shall automatically exhaust large volumes of air from the system when it is being filled and allow air to re-enter the pipe when the system is being drained. The wastewater force main shall be installed at a continuous grade between low and high points without intermediate high points unless an air release valve is being installed. A minimum pipe slope of 1 foot in 500 feet should be maintained. Combination air valves shall be sized by the Engineer and approved by the Town.
 - a) Combination air valves shall be of the single housing style with Type 304 or 316 stainless steel body that combines the operation of both an air/vacuum and air release valve. The valve must meet the requirements of AWWA C512 and be installed in accordance with the Details. The valve shall have a minimum 145-psi working pressure unless the pipeline design requires a higher pressure rating.
 - b) The valve shall have a minimum 2-inch male NPT inlet for a 2-inch valve assembly. Combination air valves sized from 3-inches to 8-inches shall be provided with studded inlet connectors or flanged connections. The combination air valve shall be provided with cylindrical shaped floats and anti-shock orifice made of high density polyethylene. Combination air valves with spherical floats shall not be accepted. All combination air valves shall be installed in accordance with the Details.

c) Installation of Combination Air Valve Assembly:

- i. The Engineer of Record shall provide ample depth of installation to accommodate the extended height of combination air valves for wastewater force mains. All combination air valves shall be connected to the main by an MJ x FLG tee with the branch diameter equal to at least half of the main diameter.
 - ii. The 2-inch combination air valve shall be provided with male NPT threads and isolated with a 2-inch gate valve. The isolation valve shall be provided with NPT threads and connected with brass or bronze piping.
 - iii. Combination air valves 3-inches and greater shall be connected by flange or studs. If needed due to a larger diameter tee, a flanged reducer shall be provided between the tee and the isolation valve. Gate valves shall be used for 3-inch assemblies. Combination air valves 4-inches and larger shall be isolated with a plug valve. In all cases the isolation valve shall be sized equal to the combination air valve.
7. Pigging Station: Force mains shall be constructed with a pigging/bypass connection located within 50-ft of the pump station valve vault. This pigging leg shall consist entirely of Protecto 401 coated ductile iron pipe of the same diameter as the main. A restrained MJ wye shall be provided in the main line and valved on each branch. The pigging leg shall extend out of the ground and be closed with a blind flange. The protruding pipe shall be protected by concrete bollards spaced 6-ft apart.
8. Bypass Connection Assembly: On some wastewater force mains, an additional bypass connection assembly may be required. The size, criticality and proximity to a downstream manhole will be important factors in the need for this connection. The bypass assembly shall include either a ball valve or plug valve assembly for isolation from the primary wastewater force main. Additionally, the primary force main shall be provided with a main line plug valve or ball valve on the upstream side of the bypass assembly to prevent bypass flow from draining back to the pump station. The bypass assembly shall be brought to the final graded surface with a visible blind flange assembly for connection by an outside pumping contractor.
9. Force Main Odor Control Systems: Force main odor control shall be included in the design plans for any proposed force main at discharge locations, intermediate air release locations and otherwise as directed by the Town of Cary Water Resources Department. In limited cases, air release valves located in isolated areas may be approved without odor control systems. The suggested

odor control technology shall be designed by the Engineer of Record to achieve 95% or greater hydrogen sulfide removal. All systems, including those utilizing activated carbon, shall be manufactured specifically for addressing hydrogen sulfide gas. Forced air systems should be avoided due to the need to include provisions for electrical power to the odor control system. For all odor control systems, the Engineer of Record shall provide sufficient easement area for long term maintenance of the system.

07230 INSPECTIONS, TESTING, AND TRAINING

A. INSPECTIONS

1. All materials and equipment used in the construction of the wastewater pumping system must be verified for compliance with the Specifications (or other approval granted by the Town) by the Inspector prior to installation. Non-conforming materials or equipment shall be immediately removed from the job site.
2. Compliance with plans and Specifications shall be verified on a regular basis by the Inspector.

B. TESTING

1. General

- a) The Contractor shall furnish all materials, labor, and equipment to perform all testing. Water for testing purposes may be obtained from the Town of Cary. The Contractor shall reimburse the Town for all water used at Inside Utility Rates.
- b) All water or wastewater used during testing of the pump station, force main, or any of the systems described in this section, must be returned to the Town of Cary sanitary sewer system after proper coordination with the Town of Cary Department of Public Works and Utilities.
- c) All on-site testing and/or installation verification shall be performed in the presence of the Inspector or other representative authorized by the Town.

2. Force main Testing

- a) The force main shall be completely filled with water, all air shall be expelled from the pipe, and the discharge end of the pipeline shall be plugged and adequately blocked before the hydrostatic test begins.
- b) The force main shall be tested to a pressure of 150 psi or three times the rated Total Dynamic Head of the pumps in psi, whichever is larger, as

measured at the lowest elevation of the pipeline, for a duration of 2 hours. The pressure gauge used in the hydrostatic test shall be calibrated in increments of 5 psi or less. At the end of the test period, the leakage shall be measured with an accurate water meter.

- c) All leaks shall be located and repaired regardless of the amount of leakage. If the force main does not pass the leakage test requirements, the cause of the failure shall be identified and repaired. Testing shall be repeated until the force main passes.

$$\text{Allowable Leakage, } L = \frac{S \times D \times \sqrt{P}}{133,200}$$

Where: L = leakage (gph)
S = length of pipe (feet)
D = nominal diameter of pipe segment tested (inches)
P = test pressure (pounds per square inch)

3. Marker Ball and Marker Tape Testing

Testing of the marker balls and marker tape shall be performed by the Contractor at the completion of the project to assure they are all working properly. It is the Contractor's responsibility to provide the necessary equipment to test the markers. Any defective, missing, or otherwise non-locatable units shall be replaced.

END OF SECTION 07200