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## PRE-CONSTRUCTION PIPE ZONE COMPACTION PROOF TESTING

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# AGENDA

- What is Pre-Construction Pipe Zone Compaction Proof Testing?
- Why is it recommended?
- Two case studies of the procedure
- Field Test Methods
- Engineering Recommendations



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# WHAT IS PRE-CONSTRUCTION PIPE ZONE COMPACTION PROOF TESTING?

## **Definition:**

"It is the pre-construction plan of pipe installation and the demonstration of the plan that establishes a baseline for pipe installation procedure" "The Plan": The document outlining the following:

- Material
- Equipment
- Installation Methods
- Procedure of Compaction
- Trench Box
- Deflection Testing
  Procedure
- Exhuming Procedure



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# WHY IS IT RECOMMENDED?

# THE PROCESS DOCUMENTS

- A passing installation method.
- A safe procedure.
- A monitoring process for compliance with Process.
- Mitigate Contractor's staff changes.
- Document Process and mitigate changes.
- Exposes issues of installation prior to any signification pipeline construction.
- Team Building.



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# TWO CASE STUDIES OF THE PROCEDURE

## **Project A**

Location: Grapevine Dog Park Site Alignment: Onsite Depth of Burial: 10-12 ft. Procedure: Installed on grade, 48-inch PVC, two joints, mandrel tested only, compaction tested, exhumed pipe.

Outcome: PASSED 2<sup>ND</sup> ATTEMPT

### **Project B**

Location: Bear Creek Golf Course Alignment: Offsite Depth of Burial: 5 ft. Procedure: Installed 48-inch PVC, two joints, mandrel tested only, Compaction tested, exhumed the pipe.

Outcome: PASSED



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#### Trench Box Installation

# **PROJECT A**





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# **PROJECT A**









# **25**YEARS

#### **The Underground Utilities Event**

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# **PROJECT A**









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# **PROJECT B**













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## FIELD TESTING OF CRUSHED ROCK

- 1) Sand Cone Test
  - ASTM D1556/D1556M
  - Standard Test Method for Density and Unit Weight of Soil In Place by Sand-Cone Method.



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## FIELD TESTING OF CRUSHED ROCK

#### 2) Balloon Test

- ASTM D2167-15
- Standard Test Method for Density and Weight of Soil in Place by the Rubber Balloon Method



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## FIELD TESTING OF CRUSHED ROCK

#### 3) Nuclear Density Test

#### ASTM D6938-17a

 Standard Test Methods for In-Place Density and Water Content of Soils and Soil-Aggregate by Nuclear Method (Shallow Depth)





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#### FIELD TESTING DENSITY TEST













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# **QUESTIONS?**

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