



## LARGE DIAMETER STORM OUTFALL REHABILITATION WITH GEOPOLYMER LINING IN HOUSTON

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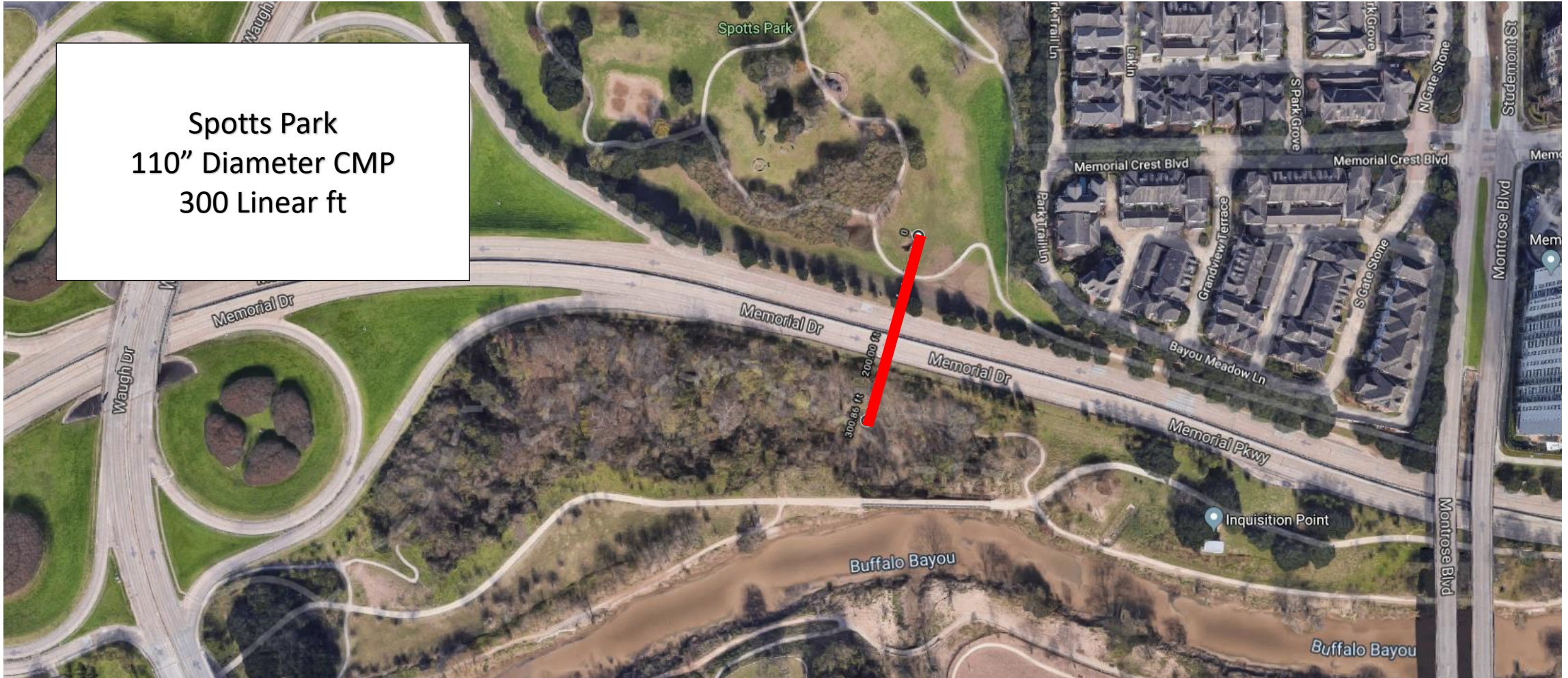
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## Spotts Park Outfall – Overhead View

Spotts Park  
110" Diameter CMP  
300 Linear ft







## Project Options

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- Originally released WO as CIPP
- Cost savings of roughly \$250,000 just for the rehab (this does Not include the additional bypass costs)
- With CIPP, we would have to mitigate release of water into Buffalo Bayou (styrene & water temp could have adverse effect on ecosystem) This is not a concern for geopolymer linings



## History of Geopolymer Use in COH

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### First Project(s):

Dairy Ashford Storm Outfall – Q3 2011

COH Contract #4258-46 – Q4 2011

### Total Projects:

At Least 20 additional projects over the last decade

Sewer and Storm

Ranging from 30" to at least 120"




# UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY

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## Approvals and Testing

### TXDOT, LADOT and OKDOT Formal Approvals Since 2012

Only Spray Applied  
System Evaluated  
&  
Approved by WRC

  
**Texas Department of Transportation**  
RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY IMPLEMENTATION  
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August 29, 2012

Benjamin Cook  
Executive Vice President  
GeoTree Technologies, Inc.  
1733 Majestic Drive, Suite 101  
Lafayette, CO 80026

Re: Product Evaluation 12-2772  
"GeoSpray Geopolymer Mortar"


Dear Mr. Cook:

The product information you submitted has been reviewed by the Research and Technology Implementation Division. They note that we have Statewide Special Provision to products such as "GeoSpray." They further note that your product meets the Special Provision.

If you have questions, please contact me at 512-416-4739.

Sincerely,  
(original)  
Dundee  
Research  
Implementation

Cc: Adriana Geiger  
Andy Naranjo

  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT**  
P.O. Box 94245  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9245  
www.dotd.la.gov  
225-248-4131

May 24, 2012

OFFER NO. 05.069  
GEO SPRAY GEOPOLYMER NANO-CERAMIC MORTAR

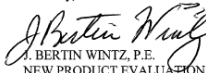
Mr. Jerry Shelsta  
GeoTree Technologies, Inc.  
1733 Majestic Drive, #101  
Lafayette, CO 80026

Dear Mr. Shelsta:


The New Product Evaluation Committee has designed a new Website for products submitted for evaluation and have been found by the Committee to have some merit. Some basic product information and manufacturer contact information to enable in what's "out there" with respect to new and innovative ways to build a highway.

Your product, Geo Spray Geopolymer Nano-Ceramic Mortar, is a specialty product approved product list in place at the current time. Your product will be listed on the list as a recommendation to allow its use on a project by project basis, with the understanding that use will have to be obtained prior to use. Please keep the Committee informed when used on a DOTD project, in order to keep our database up to date. Also, it will be notified of any changes in contact information or product availability in a timely manner. The validity of the information posted on our web site. You can view your product at [www.dotd.la.gov/highways/construction/lab/](http://www.dotd.la.gov/highways/construction/lab/).

This is a new way for the Department of Transportation NPE Committee to show possible interested parties. Please return the attached release at your earliest convenience. Any questions, please feel free to contact me at 225-248-4131.

Sincerely,  
  
J. BERTIN WINTZ, P.E.  
NEW PRODUCT EVALUATION COMMITTEE

JBW:tk  
Attachment  
Cc: Ms. Mitra Hashemieh

  
**OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
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Oklahoma City, OK 73102-3204

February 21, 2012

Mr. Jerry Shelsta  
GeoTree Technologies, Inc.  
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Lafayette, CO 80026

Subject: Review of GeoSpray Geopolymer Nano-Ceramic Mortar


Dear Mr. Shelsta,

The ODOT Roadway Design division has reviewed your product evaluation submittal package for the geopolymer mortar to be used to re-line deteriorating pipes by centrifugally spraying the mortar to the inside of the pipe.

The ODOT does not have a specification or pay item specific to this product; however, we will allow its use as long as no future problems occur related to this product.

We would like to encourage you to reach out to the contracting community, who will likely review the costs and benefits of using this product. Feel free to show this letter to ODOT contractors as proof of acceptance of your product.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (405) 522-6299 or [dslattery@odot.org](mailto:dslattery@odot.org).

Sincerely,  
  
Denise Slattery, P.E.  
Standards and Specifications Engineer  
Roadway Design Division

cc: Maintenance Division

  
**Product Certificate**

This is to certify that the following product has met the requirements detailed below:

**Geospray Geopolymer Pipe Lining System**

For the assessment of the GeoSpray geopolymer pipe lining system, applicable to the renovation of surface water and foul (sewerage) applications in a range of horizontal pipe internal diameters above 800mm. As supplied by:

**GeoTree Solutions**  
1733 Majestic Drive  
Suite 101  
Lafayette, CO 80026  
USA

This product meets the requirements set out in WRC Assessment Schedule PT/414/0218-AS.

Assessor:   
Director:   
Issue Date: 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
Expiry Date: 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Certificate Number: PT/414/0218

**wrc**  
approved™



## Project Specification

### Critical Sections:

#### Minimum Geopolymer Liner Thickness:

Sewer Pipe Diameter	Maximum Invert Depth 0 to 10 feet	Maximum Invert Depth 10-15 feet	Maximum Invert Depth 15-20 feet	Maximum Invert Depth 20 - 25 feet
30"	1.5"	1.5"	1.5"	1.5"
36"	1.5"	1.5"	1.5"	1.5"
48"	1.5"	1.5"	1.5"	1.6"
54"	1.5"	1.5"	1.6"	1.7"
60"	1.5"	1.5"	1.7"	1.8"
72"	1.5"	1.6"	1.9"	2.0"
84"	1.6"	1.8"	2.0"	2.2"
96"	1.8"	1.9"	2.1"	2.4"
108"	2.4"	2.0"	2.3"	2.5"
120"	***	2.1"	2.4"	2.6"

Physical Properties	ASTM Reference	Requirements
Compressive Strength	ASTM C 39	Minimum 8,000 psi @ 28 days
Modulus of Elasticity	ASTM C 469	Min. 5,000,000 psi @ 28 days
Flexural Strength	ASTM C 293	Minimum 800 psi @ 28 days

[Project Short Title] SANITARY SEWER RENEWAL BY  
[Project No. - WBS No. [WBS No.], File No. [File No.]] SPIN CAST PIPE LINING METHOD

Section 02551

#### SANITARY SEWER RENEWAL BY SPIN CAST PIPE LINING METHOD

##### PART 1 GENERAL

##### 1.01 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Proposed methods and materials for the renewal of deteriorated gravity sewer pipes by the Spin Cast Pipe Lining (SCPL) method.

##### 1.02 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

##### A. Unit Prices:

- Measurement and payment for SCPL is on a linear foot basis, measured along centerline of pipe from centerline to centerline of manholes or junction boxes, and shall be considered full compensation for all labor and materials required to install the liner to specified requirements. The depth range for payment is based on greatest depth measured at manholes from natural ground level to flow line of sanitary sewer for each pipeline segment.
- No separate payment will be made for the following items of work. Include cost in the unit price for installing SCPL:
  - Sealing the liner in manholes/services.
  - Temporary meter and municipal water obtained from a City fire hydrant.
  - Antimicrobial System, Epoxy (only when directed by Engineer) or approved substitute.
- No separate payment will be made for pre-installation and post-installation cleaning and television inspection as specified in Section 02558 - Cleaning and Television Inspection.
- Where post-installation thickness measurements or physical property testing is performed, payment for installed SCPL shall be made as follows:
  - Full payment: If thickness, compressive strength and flexural modulus of elasticity of installed SCPL are all 95 percent or better of specified values, full payment shall be made.
  - Adjusted payment: If thickness, compressive strength or flexural modulus of elasticity is between 90 percent and 95 percent of specified values, payment shall be made based on an Adjusted Unit Price, which shall equal the Unit Price bid, multiplied by a Value Factor calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{actual thickness}}{\text{actual thickness}} \times \frac{\text{actual compressive strength}}{02551-1} \times \frac{\text{actual modulus of elasticity}}{12-01-2013}$$

COH Sanitary Sewer By Spin Cast  
Pipe Lining Method  
Section 02551



## COH FY2019 Drainage Rehab WO #4

### Project Details:

- 110" Diameter CMP
- 300 Linear ft
- Construction 2 weeks
- Material: GeoSpray® Geopolymer
- Contractor: Inland Pipe Rehab



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## Spotts Park Outfall – Arial View

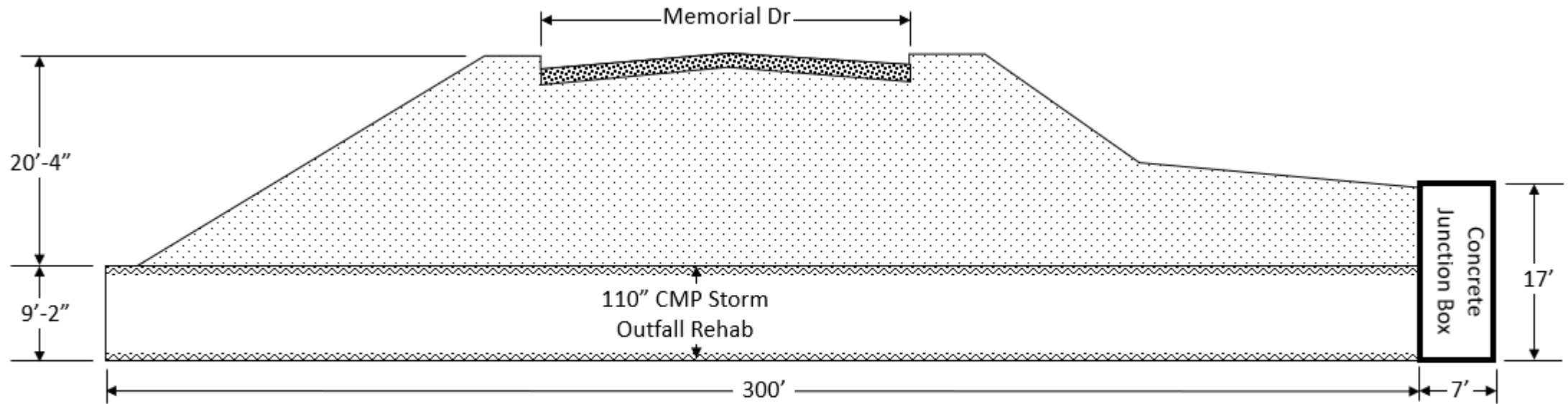
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## Spotts Park Outfall – As Built





## Spotts Park OutFall – Site Planning







## Spotts Park Outfall – Access Planning







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## Spotts Park Outfall – Upstream Conditions





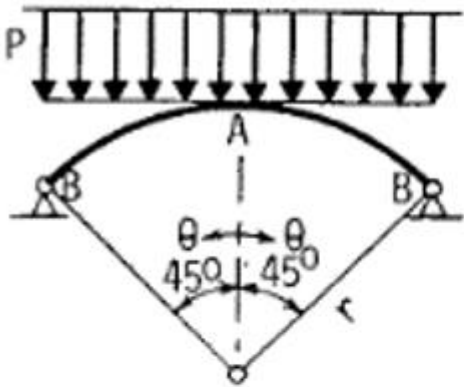


## Spotts Park Outfall – Down Stream





## Development of Design method

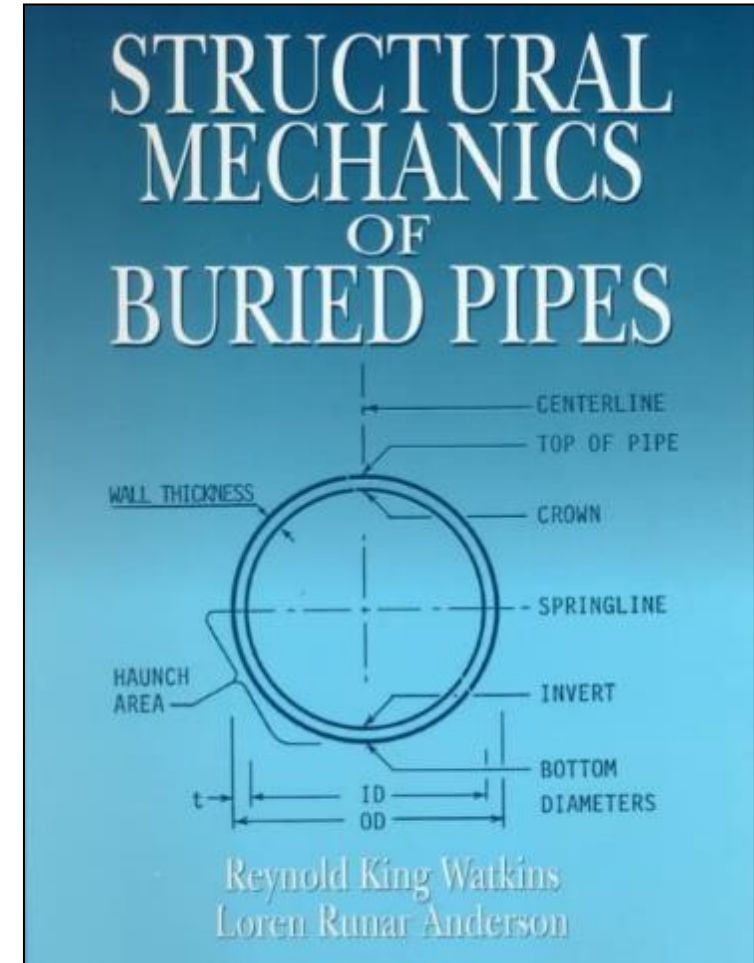


$$T_A = 0.8323Pr$$

$$M_A = 0.0062Pr^2$$

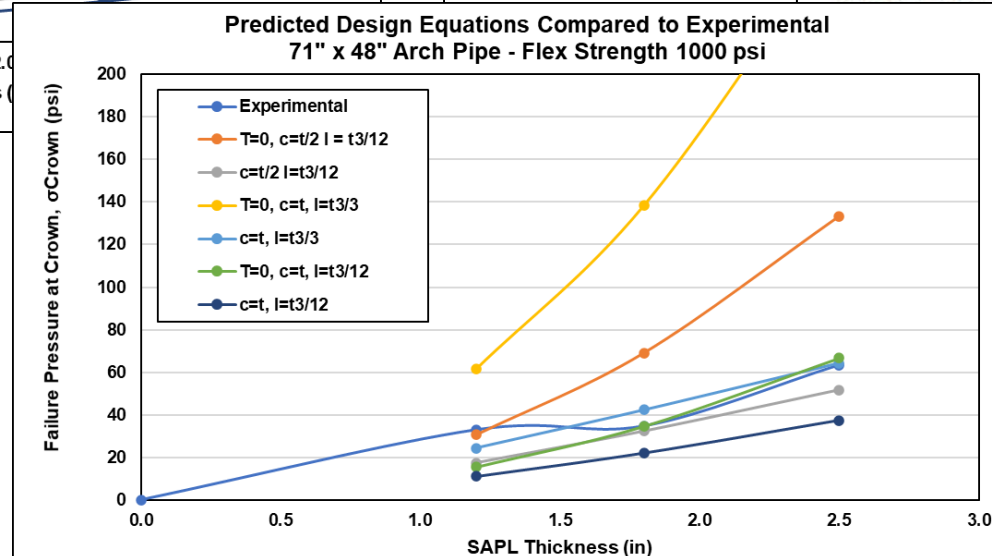
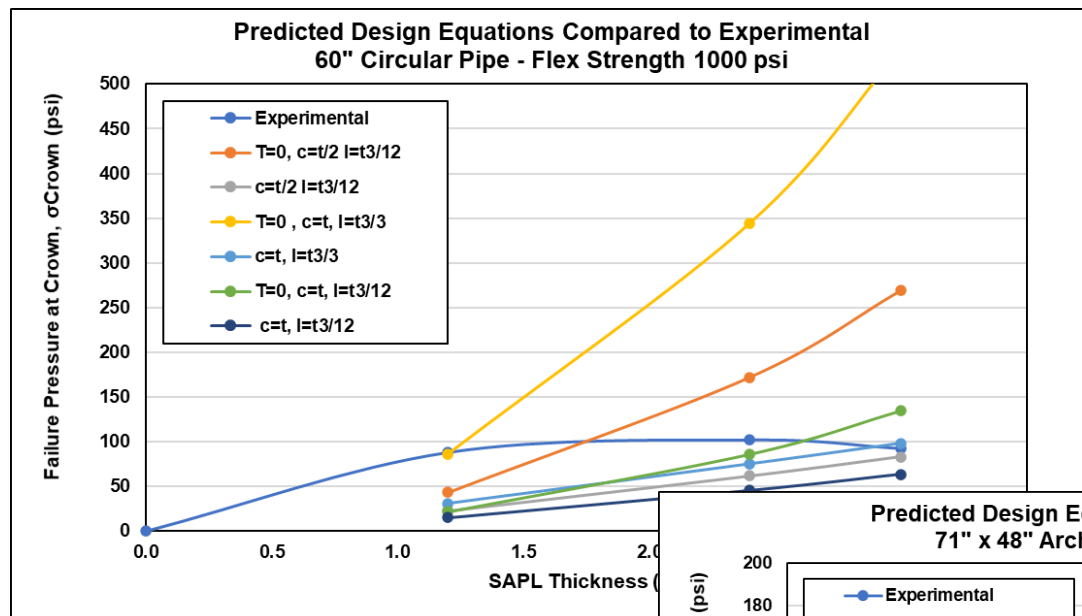
The resultant solution for this case is:

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{0.0744 P r^2 N}{S_F C}}$$





## Testing – Internal & CURIE Data



North American Society for Trenchless Technology (NASTT)  
NASTT's 2016 No-Dig Show

Dallas, Texas  
March 20-24, 2016

Paper No. WM-T6-03

**Laboratory Testing and Analysis of Geopolymer Pipe-lining Technology for Rehabilitation of Sewer & Stormwater Conduits**

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Eric Altemus, PhD, P.E., Statens, Edmonton, AB

1. ABSTRACT

According to ASCE, capital investment needs for the nation's wastewater and stormwater systems are estimated to total \$250 billion over the next twenty years. Specifically, there is growing recognition that many of the hundreds-of-thousands of corrugated metal conduits used to convey storm water across embankments and roadways will be approaching the end of their useful service life over the next 20 years. Asset owners and engineers around the world are in search of cost-effective and environmentally friendly solutions that solve these infrastructure challenges. This paper reviews a geopolymer mortar system that has been used in the U.S. since 2011 for trenchless rehabilitation of storm and wastewater conveyance infrastructure. The system is spray cast either by rotary nozzle or via traditional chamber delivery systems placed inside the existing structure to create a new structure. This paper will report observations made during an extensive laboratory testing program, consisting thirty-seven (37) geopolymer-mortar-lined-hood pipe (GMP-LHP) specimens, took place at Milliken's R&D facility in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Various liner thicknesses, pipe diameters and pre-loading were compared with design predictions made using published engineering

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conceptual with a D-load truck in the field using as defined by ASTM C691-13.

### 3. GEOPOLYMER LININGS

Milliken Infrastructure Solutions, LLC has developed a geopolymer mortar material - Geopolymer® geopolymer mortar - for use as a trenchless technology rehabilitation method. Geopolymer linings offer several advantages compared with Portland-cement based conventional materials including: (a) enhanced chemical resistance, (b)

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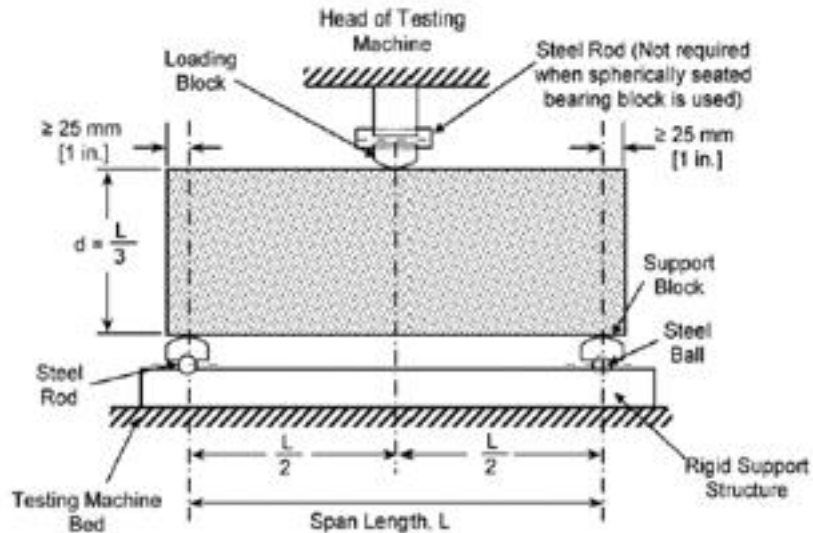


## Different Flexural Strengths



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Standard Test Method for  
Flexural Strength of Concrete (Using Simple Beam With  
Center-Point Loading)<sup>1</sup>

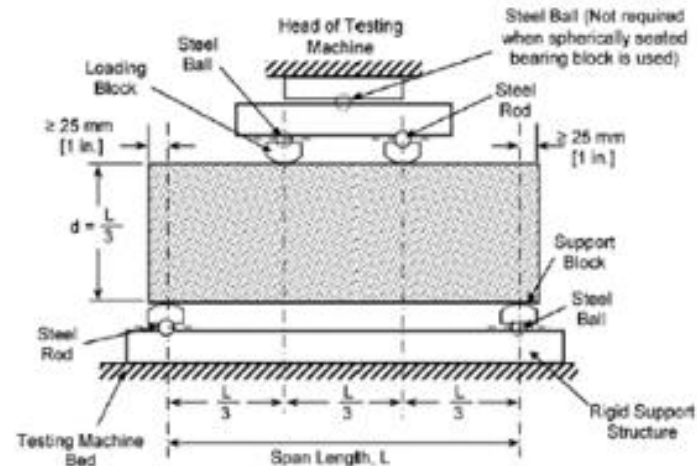


ASTM C293



Designation: C78/C78M - 10<sup>1</sup>

Standard Test Method for  
Flexural Strength of Concrete (Using Simple Beam with  
Third-Point Loading)<sup>1</sup>



ASTM C78





## Design

Project Design:  
Minimum Thickness = 2.5"

Project Information		
Asset Owner:	City of Houston	Date:
Project Name:	Spotts Park Outfall	Project Number:
Location:	Houston TX	

Cells in Light Green In This Document are Adjustable Entry Variables

Project Conditions/Design Assumptions		
	Values	Units
Condition of Pipe	FD	
Inside Diameter of Host Pipe	D=	110.0 Inches
Ovality of Host Pipe (for structures that have deflected)	Δ=	0.0 %
Factor of Safety	N=	2.0
Depth of Pipe	D <sub>i</sub> =	20 ft
Water Table Depth Below Surface	D <sub>w</sub> =	20 ft
Soil Density	W <sub>s</sub> =	120 lb/ft <sup>3</sup>
Soil Modulus	E <sub>soil</sub> =	1500 psi
Flexural Strength	σ <sub>r</sub> =	1,500 psi
Assume Soil Arching	No	
Soil Type	LRFD any other soil	
Direction of Pipe with Respect to Traffic	Perpendicular	
Live Load Calculation Method	Airport	
Total Soil & Hydraulic Load	P <sub>u</sub> or q <sub>t</sub> =	16.67 psi
Total Live Load	W <sub>L</sub> =	4.00 psi
Total Load	W <sub>T</sub> =	20.67 psi

Notes  
PD = Partially Deteriorated; FD = Fully Deteriorated; ASTM F1216-09 As Defined in X1.1 Terminology  
As Measured - This should be reflective of the curvature of the crown of the structure for non-circular system  
Δ = 100 \* (Mean Inside Diameter - Minimum Inside Diameter) / Mean Inside Diameter; As defined in ASTM F1216-09 X.1.2.1 for calculation of ovality reduction factor - C  
Default Value is 2.0  
As Measured from Top of Pipe (Crown)  
As Measured from Surface  
Consult Charts on Soil Tab if not specified by asset owner (Higher Value is more conservative)  
Consult Charts on Soil Tab if not specified by asset owner (Lower Value is more conservative)  
From Geopolymer physical properties - USE ONLY ASTM C78 28 Day Values - Please refer to Current GeoSpray technical data sheet  
If "Yes" Height of Soil used to calculate soil load on pipe will be capped at 3X the pipe diameter  
Choose LRFD any other soil unless specified Granular as this is the more conservative condition (see Concrete Pipe Design Manual)  
If Pipe is under Traffic Load, Please Select Orientation of Pipe with Respect to Traffic Flow  
Choose Between AASHTO HS20, AASHTO HS25, Railroad E80, Airport, Other or Other Specified Live Load 0.00 psi

Calculated from Soil Load & Water Height Inputs  
Calculated from Type of Load and Bury Depth & Soil Conditions.

Distributed Beam Model Results	
Calculated t <sub>min</sub> =	2.490 inches
Global Recommended t <sub>min</sub> =	2.490 inches

Insert Stamp or Seal Here if Required

Calculated using Distributed Beam Model Shown Below:

Designed By: Insert Designer Name Here

Existing Pipe  
Diameter = 110.0 inch  
Ovality = 0.0 %

20.0 ft  
20.0 ft  
29.2 ft  
Water Table  
Invert

$$t_{min} = \sqrt{\left( \frac{0.0744 \cdot W_T \cdot r^2 \cdot N}{\sigma_F \cdot C} \right)}$$

GeoTree Solutions - Minimum Design Thickness Recommendations  
Diameter < 54 Inches (Thickness Minimum = 1.0 Inches)  
Diameter ≥ 54 Inches (Thickness Minimum = 1.5 Inches)  
Calculator Version: July 17, 2020  
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## Construction Process

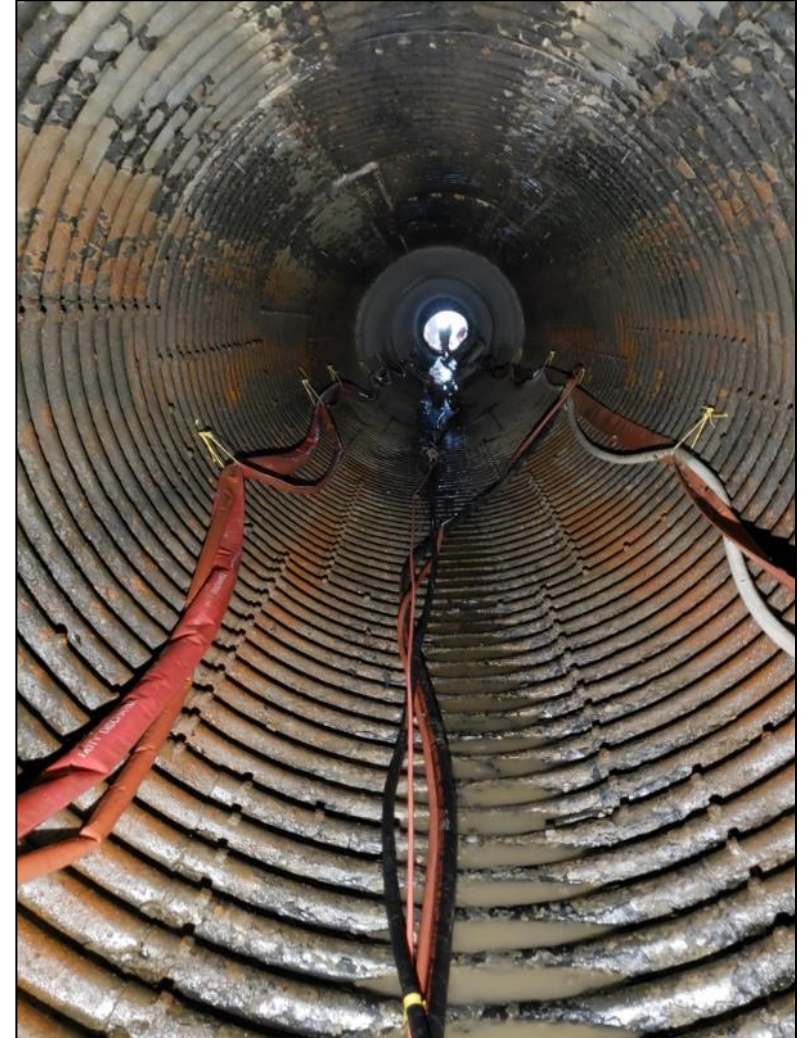
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1. Plug Inlet/Outlet
2. Internal By-Pass Pump (when needed)
3. Clean and Remove Debris
4. High Pressure Wash (3500 psi minimum)
5. Invert Repair
6. Infiltration
7. Spray Lining
8. Inspection – QA & QC





## Spotts Park Outfall - Preconstruction







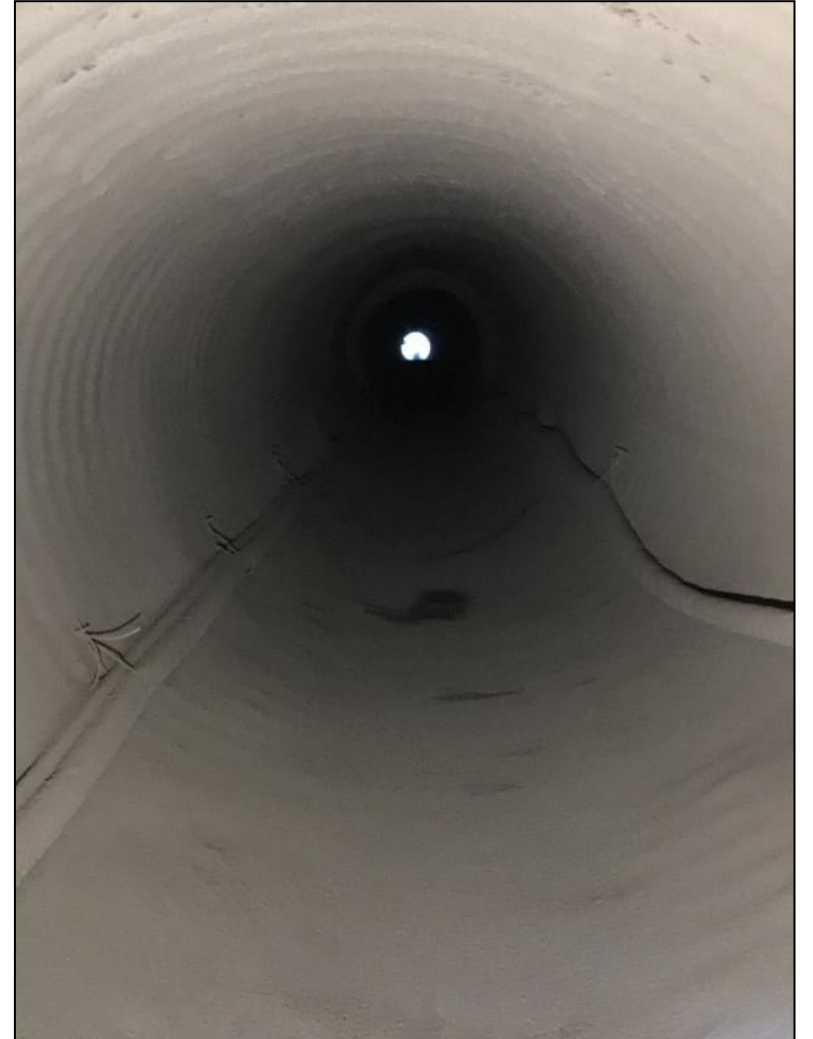
## Benefits of Internal By-Pass

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- No Disruption of Traffic
- Can Spray with “Flow Through”
- Unique Feature of Spray Applied Linings
- Low-Cost Pumping Options
- Only Required when Flow Conditions Dictate



## Lining in progress





## Thickness Verification – 5 Options

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**Depth gauge:** During application; spot verification.

**Depth Screws:** During application; most common method.

**Laser profile:** Before and after application, and compare difference; most accurate, but most expensive.

**Coring:** After completion, in specific areas as a spot check; least desirable.

**Calculated:** Calculation of material applied, based on pipe shape.





## Outfall – Before & After

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## Conclusions

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- Cheaper, cleaner, smaller footprint, less invasive than Cipp
- Able to utilize a passive bypass system (would not have been possible with any other technology)
- Cost savings offer to customer
- Quick execution
- Green
- Fully structural





## Questions

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