



Pre-Engineered Shoring Systems for Cross-Trench Utility Challenges

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Municipalities and utility owners are faced with a variety of challenges during everyday operations

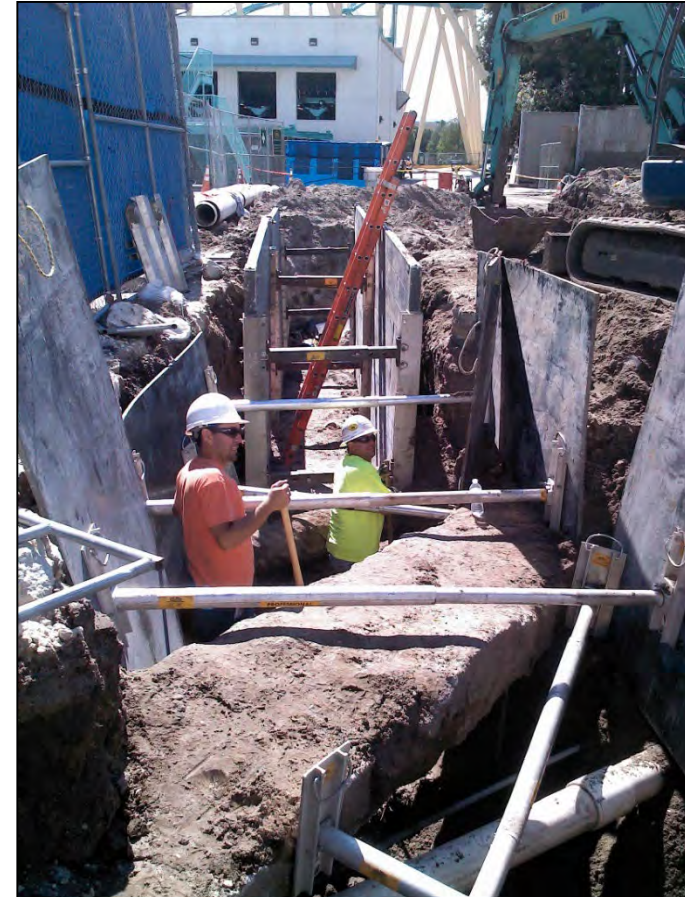




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Limited easements, congested work area, soil and water conditions are part of a daily battle fought by Excavation Crews





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One problem that can bring production to a slow crawl is the presence of a crossing utility





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Utility owners don't have the luxury of choosing where the break occurs... You have to deal with what you find



My water main is somewhere... right about... here... sort of...



Underground Installations - UTILITIES

- Estimated location must be determined
- Call DIG SAFE / MISS DIG / 811
- Exact location of installation must be determined by safe & acceptable means
- While excavation is open exposed utilities must be protected, supported or removed





Underground Utilities

Exposed utility lines must be supported





OPTION 1: Sloping (Open Cut)

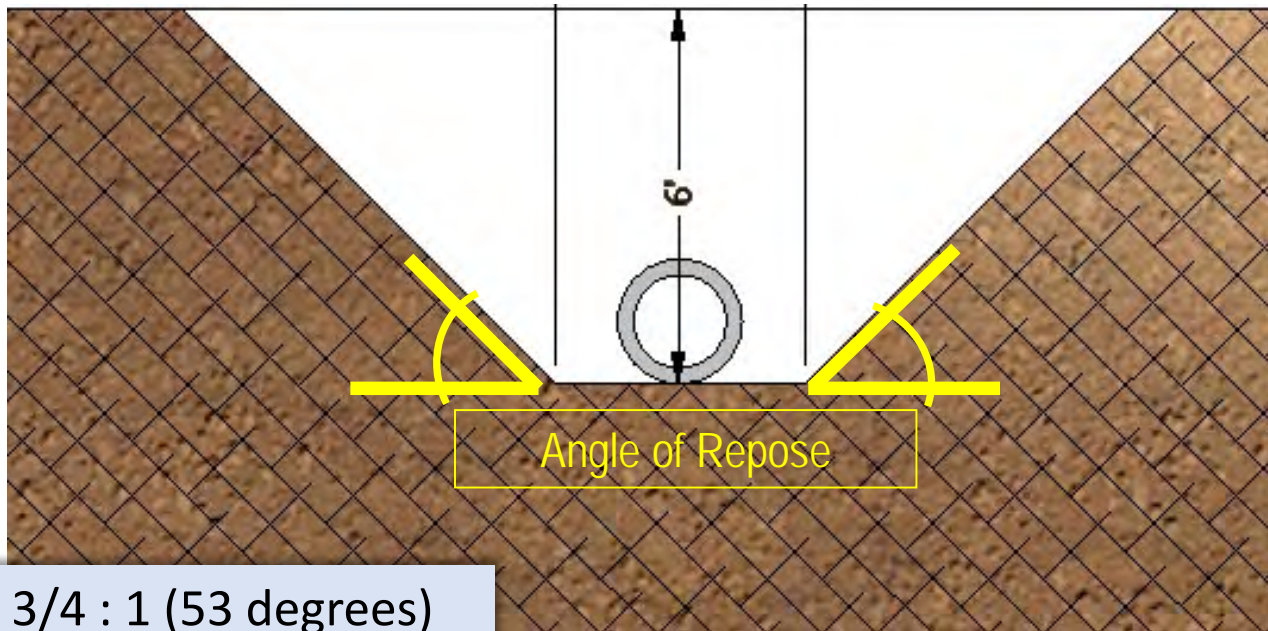
Use a sloping configuration that accommodates utilities safely and protects from cave-in.





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Correct *Angle of Repose* (Slope) must be implemented by the Competent Person, based on the Soil Classification.



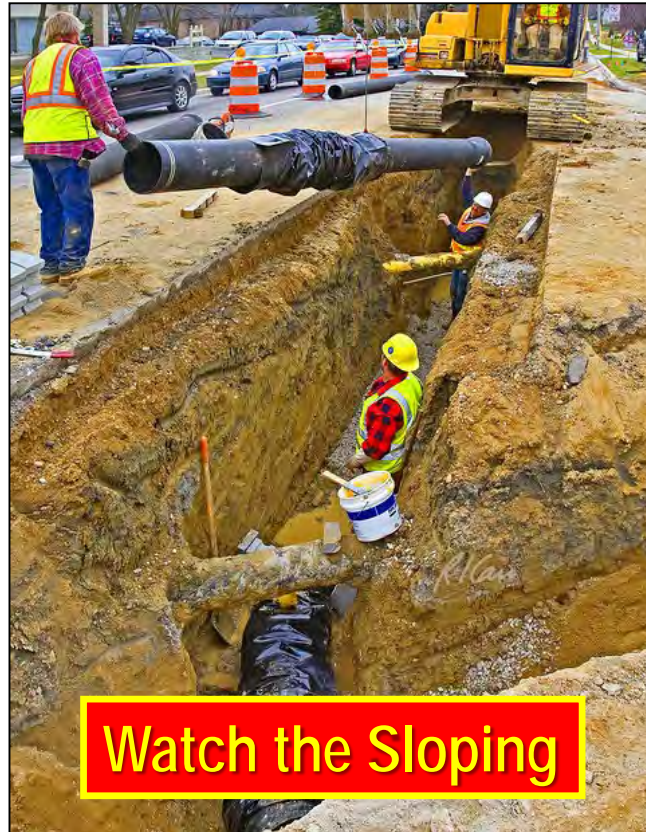
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| Type A | 3/4 : 1 (53 degrees) |
| Type B | 1 : 1 (45 degrees) |
| Type C | 1½ : 1 (34 degree) |



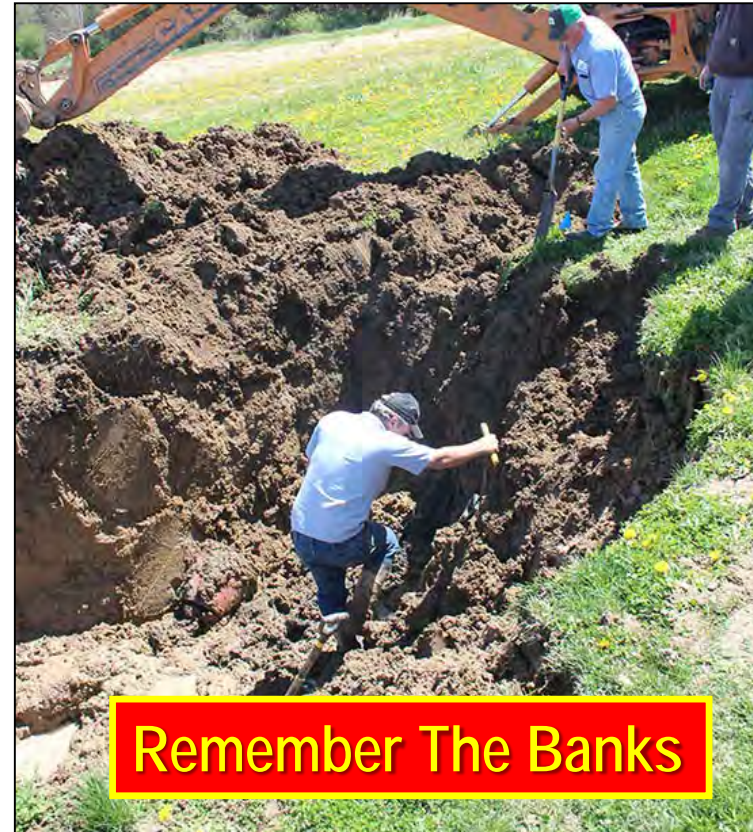


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Don't forget all the hazards... Sometimes the Qualified Person has tunnel vision in their design & execution....



Watch the Sloping

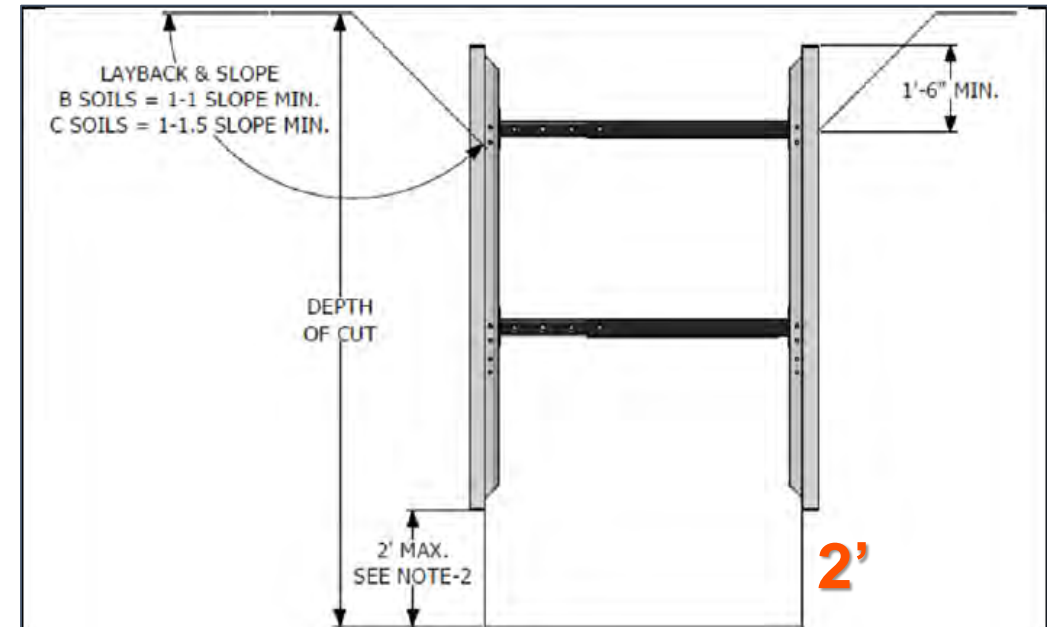


Remember The Banks



OPTION 2: Manufactured Shielding

BUILD-A-BOX Modular Aluminum Shields take advantage of the **2 Foot** rule

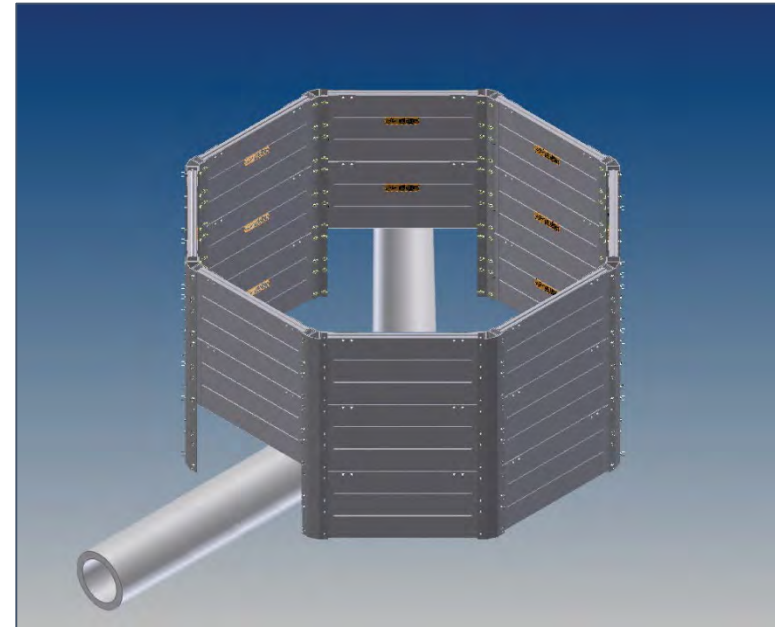
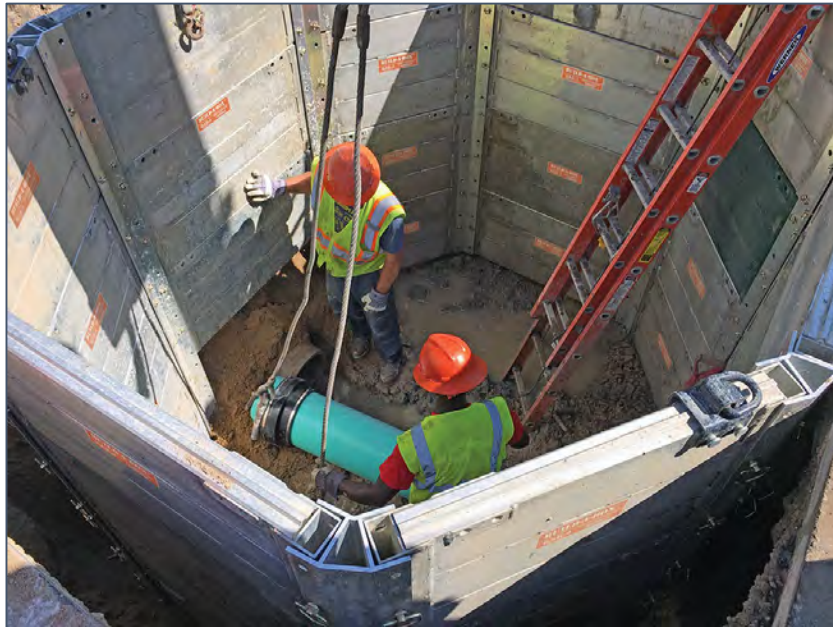


*The use of benching in conjunction with a portable trench box is permitted when the toe of the trench box is not more than **2 feet** above the trench bottom*



OPTION 2: Manufactured Shielding

Build-A-Box panels are intentionally 2' high. Panels can be left off the bottom to allow utility access



BAB Octagon Box provides 8 different entrance/exit points for crossing utilities. Perfect for lateral utilities that are not 90 degrees.



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Build-A-Box Full-Length Corner Posts can act as legs when bottom panel is left off or pinned up.

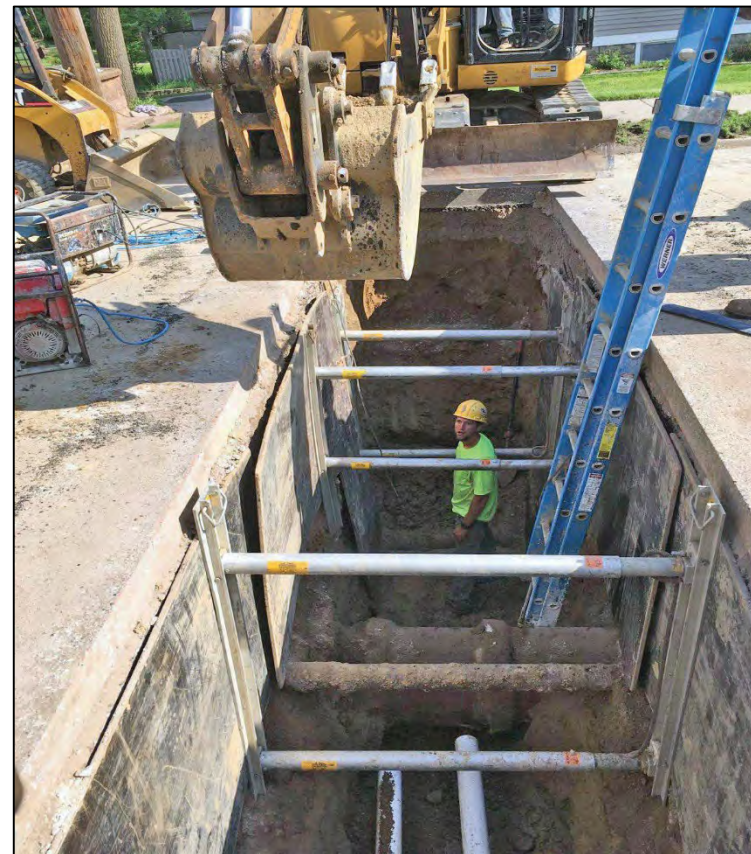


Full-Length Corner Posts



OPTION 3: Manufactured Shoring

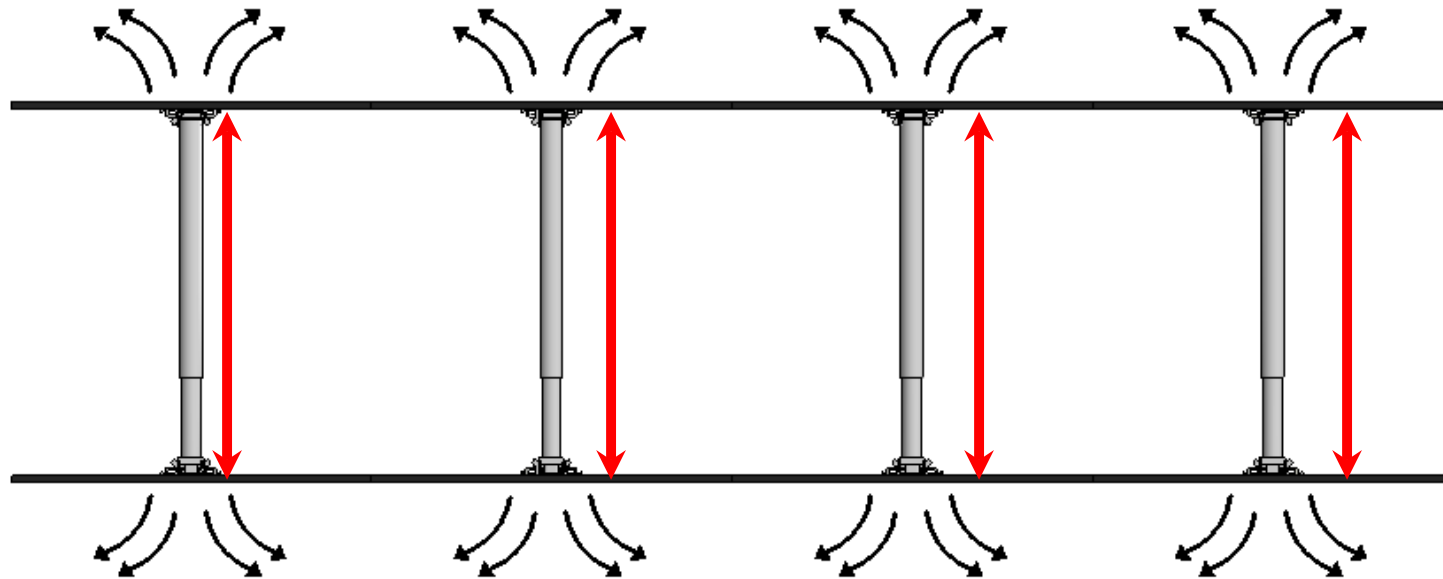
The pressure arching principle of hydraulic shoring makes these ideal for Spot Shoring or odd angle utilities





Hydraulic Shores

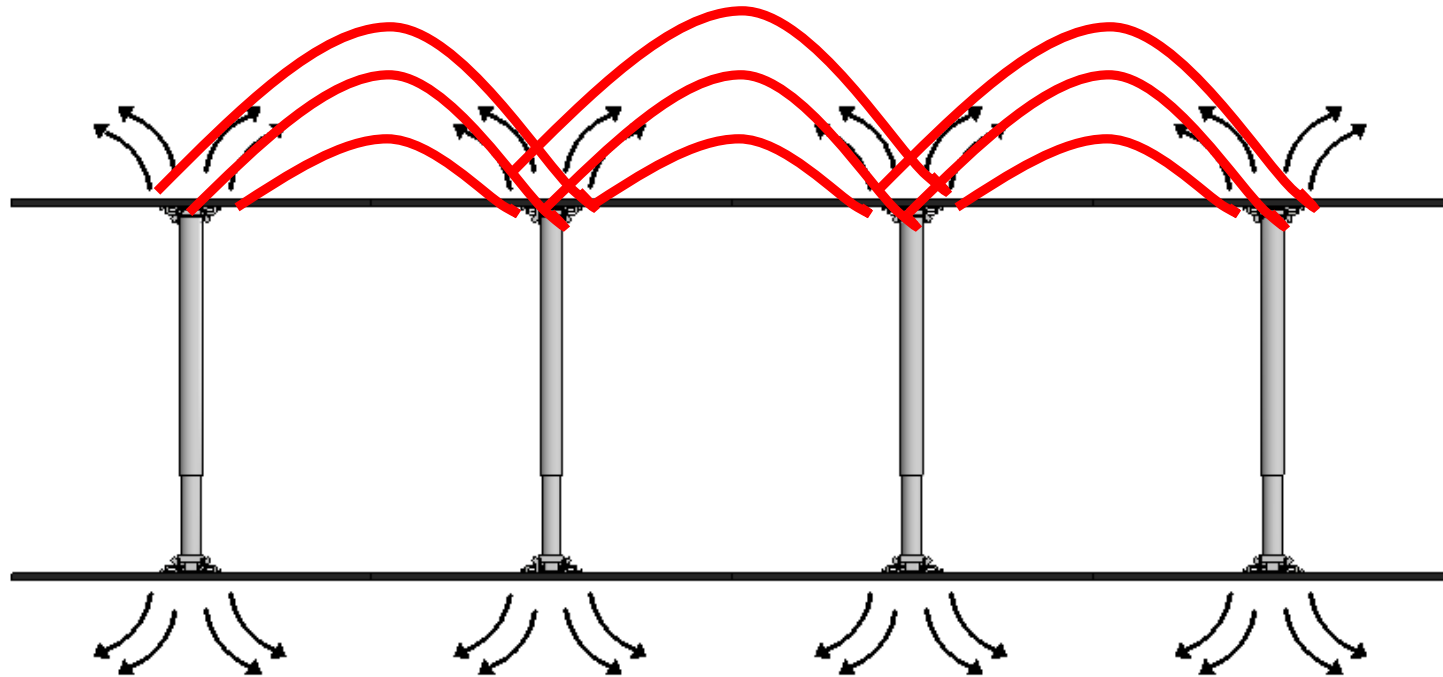
As hydraulic cylinders are pressurized against trench wall – pressure arcs radiate from center of cylinder in all directions





Hydraulic Shores

If adjacent shores are located close enough for arcs to intersect – pressure arches are formed. These arches shore the banks





OPTION 3: Manufactured Shoring

Are these acceptably shored trenches per
Manufacturer's Tabulated Data?





OPTION 4: Sheeting Guide Frames

A Little History: The first manufactured system designed and engineered to accommodate crossing-utilities was Efficiency Production's SHORE-TRAK™



Generation 1.0: Utilize 2' wide steel panels, pinned in frame



OPTION 3: Sheet piling Guide Frames

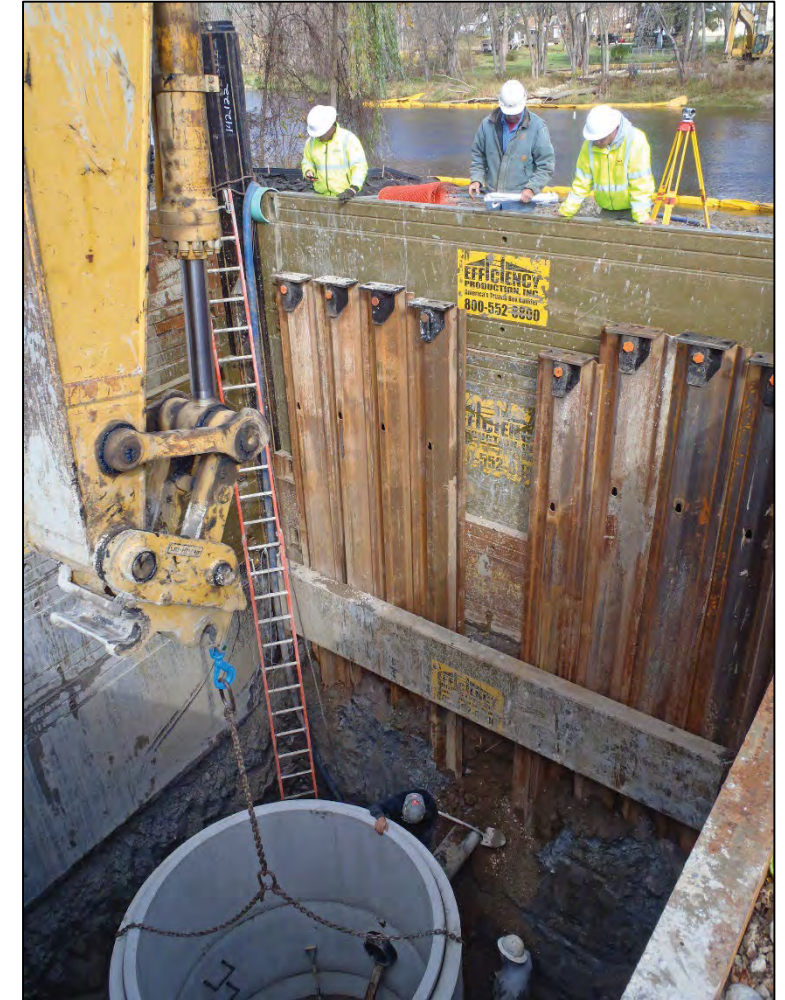
Generation 2.0: Utilize KD-6 Sheet piling





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Generation 2.1: Slide Rail System PANEL GUIDES





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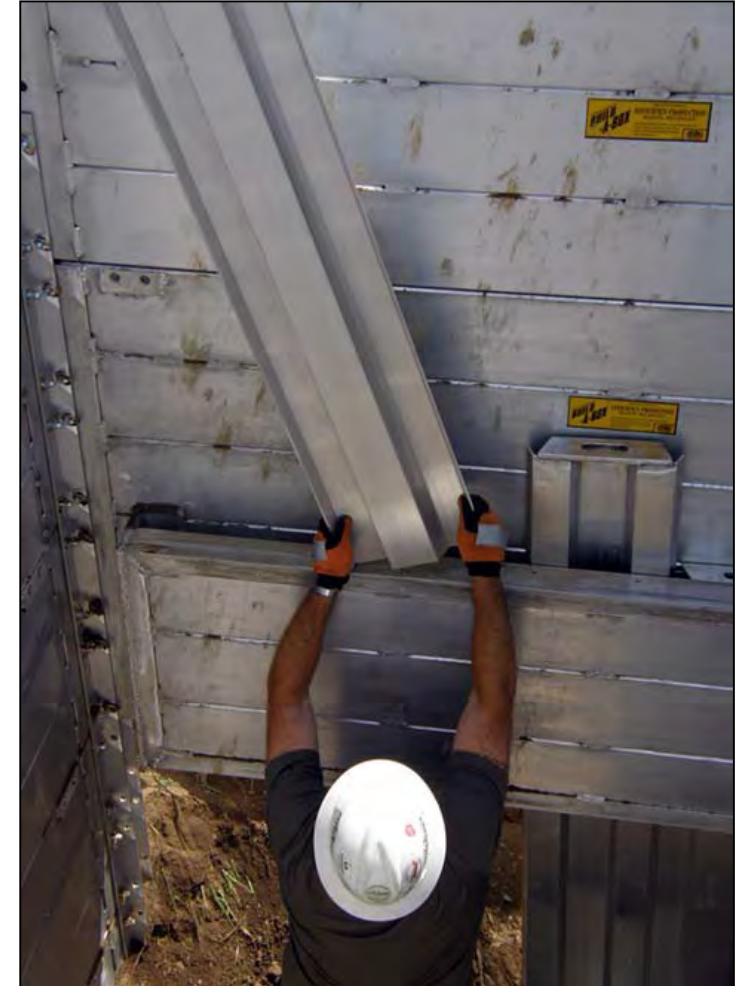
Generation 2.2: POST-LESS Guide Frames





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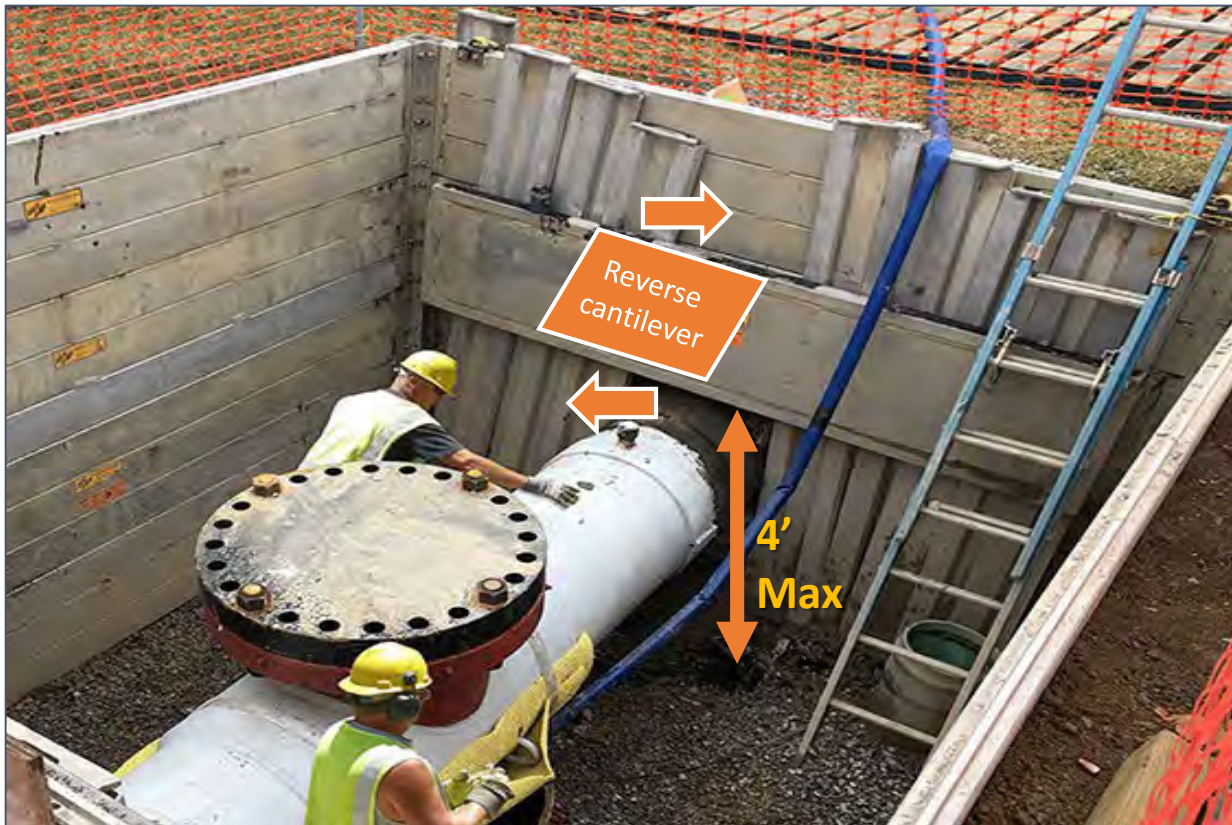
Generation 2.3: Aluminum Sheeting Guide Frames





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Sheeting frames utilize a *reverse-cantilever principal* where sheeting is braced in an upper waler/frame combination





BOTTOM LINE

- There IS a safe, cost-effective solution to any cross-utility challenge
- Consult you local Shoring Specialist, Shoring Equipment Rental facility, or Shoring Equipment manufacturer

Thank you,

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