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Addendum No. 12

Dear Contractor:

This addendum is being issued to the contract for CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY IN SAN DIEGO FROM 1.2 KM EAST OF ROUTE 805/905 SEPARATION TO 0.8 KM EAST OF BRITANNIA OVERCROSSING.

Submit bids for this work with the understanding and full consideration of this addendum. The revisions declared in this addendum are an essential part of the contract.

Bids for this work will be opened on Thursday, April 30, 2009.

This addendum is being issued to revise the Notice to Bidders and Special Provisions.

In the Special Provisions, Section 8-3, "WELDING," is revised as attached.

In the Special Provisions, Section 10-1.64, "PILING," subsection "STEEL PIPE PILING," is revised as attached.

In the Special Provisions, Section 10-1.64, "PILING," subsection "NONDESTRUCTIVE TESTING FOR STEEL PIPE PILING," is deleted.

In the Special Provisions, Section 10-1.64, "PILING," subsection "MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT (PILING)," the second paragraph is revised as follows:

" Full compensation for conforming to the provisions in "Steel Pipe Piling" of these special provisions shall be considered as included in the contract prices paid for the various items of work involved, and no additional compensation will be allowed therefor."

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To Bid book holders:

Inquiries or questions in regard to this addendum must be communicated as a bidder inquiry and must be made as noted in the Notice to Bidders section of the Notice to Bidders and Special Provisions.

Indicate receipt of this addendum by filling in the number of this addendum in the space provided on the signature page of the Bid book.

Submit bids in the Bid book you now possess. Holders who have already mailed their book will be contacted to arrange for the return of their book.

Inform subcontractors and suppliers as necessary.

This office is sending this addendum by confirmed facsimile to all book holders to ensure that each receives it. A copy of this addendum is available for the Contractors' use on the Web site:

**[http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly\\_ads/addenda.php](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly_ads/addenda.php)**

If you are not a Bid book holder, but request a book to bid on this project, you must comply with the requirements of this letter before submitting your bid.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**

REBECCA D. HARNAGEL, Chief  
Office of Plans, Specifications & Estimates  
Division of Engineering Services - Office Engineer

Attachments

## SECTION 8-3. WELDING

### 8-3.01 WELDING

#### GENERAL

Flux cored welding electrodes conforming to the requirements of AWS A5.20 E6XT-4 or E7XT-4 shall not be used to perform welding for this project.

Wherever reference is made to the following AWS welding codes in the Standard Specifications, on the plans, or in these special provisions, the year of adoption for these codes shall be as listed:

AWS Code	Year of Adoption
D1.1	2006
D1.4	2005
D1.5	2002
D1.6	1999

Requirements of the AWS welding codes shall apply unless otherwise specified in the Standard Specifications, on the plans, or in these special provisions. Wherever the abbreviation AWS is used, it shall be equivalent to the abbreviations ANSI/AWS or AASHTO/AWS.

Section 6.1.1.1 of AWS D1.5 is replaced with the following:

Quality Control (QC) shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. As a minimum, the Contractor shall perform inspection and testing of each weld joint prior to welding, during welding, and after welding as specified in this section and as necessary to ensure that materials and workmanship conform to the requirements of the contract documents.

Unless otherwise specified, Sections 6.1.3 through 6.1.4.3 of AWS D1.1, Section 7.1.2 of AWS D1.4, and Sections 6.1.1.2 through 6.1.3.3 of AWS D1.5 are replaced with the following:

The QC Inspector shall be the duly designated person who acts for and on behalf of the Contractor for inspection, testing, and quality related matters for all welding.

Quality Assurance (QA) is the prerogative of the Engineer. The QA Inspector is the duly designated person who acts for and on behalf of the Engineer.

The QC Inspector shall be responsible for quality control acceptance or rejection of materials and workmanship, and shall be currently certified as an AWS Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) in conformance with the requirements in AWS QC1, "Standard for AWS Certification of Welding Inspectors."

The QC Inspector may be assisted by an Assistant QC Inspector provided that this individual is currently certified as an AWS Certified Associate Welding Inspector (CAWI) in conformance with the requirements in AWS QC1, "Standard for AWS Certification of Welding Inspectors." The Assistant QC Inspector may perform inspection under the direct supervision of the QC Inspector provided the assistant is always within visible and audible range of the QC Inspector. The QC Inspector shall be responsible for signing all reports and for determining if welded materials conform to workmanship and acceptance criteria. The ratio of QC Assistants to QC Inspectors shall not exceed 5 to 1.

When the term "Inspector" is used without further qualification, it shall refer to the QC Inspector.

When any work is welded in conformance with the provisions in Section 75, "Miscellaneous Metal," of the Standard Specifications, not including Section 75-1.035, "Bridge Joint Restrainer Units," of the Standard Specifications, Section 6.1.4 of AWS D1.1 is replaced with the following:

The QC Inspector shall be responsible for quality control acceptance or rejection of materials and workmanship and shall be currently certified as an AWS CWI in conformance with the requirements in AWS QC1, "Standard for AWS Certification of Welding Inspectors," or as a Welding Inspector Specialist (WIS) in conformance with the requirements in AWS B5.2, "Specification for the Qualification of Welding Inspector Specialists and Welding Inspector Assistants."

Section 6.14.6, "Personnel Qualification," of AWS D1.1, Section 7.8, "Personnel Qualification," of AWS D1.4, and Section 6.1.3.4, "Personnel Qualification," of AWS D1.5 are replaced with the following:

Personnel performing nondestructive testing (NDT) shall be qualified and certified in conformance with the requirements of the American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT) Recommended Practice No. SNT-TC-1A and the Written Practice of the NDT firm. The Written Practice of the NDT firm shall meet or exceed the guidelines of the ASNT Recommended Practice No. SNT-TC-1A. Individuals who perform NDT, review the results, and prepare the written reports shall be either:

- A. Certified NDT Level II technicians, or;
- B. Level III technicians who hold a current ASNT Level III certificate in that discipline and are authorized and certified to perform the work of Level II technicians.

Section 6.5.4 of AWS D1.5 is replaced with the following:

The QC Inspector shall inspect and approve each joint preparation, assembly practice, welding technique, joint fit-up, and the performance of each welder, welding operator, and tack welder to make certain that the applicable requirements of this code and the approved Welding Procedure Specification (WPS) are met. The QC Inspector shall examine the work to make certain that it meets the requirements of Sections 3 and 6.26. The size and contour of all welds shall be measured using suitable gages. Visual inspection for cracks in welds and base metal, and for other discontinuities shall be aided by strong light, magnifiers, or such other devices as may be helpful. Acceptance criteria different from those specified in this code may be used when approved by the Engineer.

Section 6.6.5, "Nonspecified NDT Other than Visual," of AWS D1.1, Section 7.6.5 of AWS D1.4 and Section 6.6.5 of AWS D1.5 shall not apply.

For any welding, the Engineer may direct the Contractor to perform NDT that is in addition to the visual inspection or NDT specified in the AWS or other specified welding codes, in the Standard Specifications, or in these special provisions. Except as provided for in these special provisions, additional NDT required by the Engineer, and associated repair work, will be paid for as extra work as provided in Section 4-1.03D, "Extra Work," of the Standard Specifications. Prior to release of welded material by the Engineer, if testing by NDT methods other than those originally specified discloses an attempt to defraud or reveals a gross nonconformance, all costs associated with the repair of the deficient area, including NDT of the weld and of the repair, and any delays caused by the repair, shall be at the Contractor's expense. A gross nonconformance is defined as the sum of planar type rejectable indications in more than 20 percent of the tested length.

When less than 100 percent of NDT is specified for any weld, it is expected that the entire length of weld meet the specified acceptance-rejection criteria. Should any welding deficiencies be discovered by additional NDT directed or performed by the Engineer that utilizes the same NDT method as that originally specified, all costs associated with the repair of the deficient area, including NDT of the weld and of the weld repair, and any delays caused by the repair, shall be at the Contractor's expense.

Repair work to correct welding deficiencies discovered by visual inspection directed or performed by the Engineer, and any associated delays or expenses caused to the Contractor by performing these repairs, shall be at the Contractor's expense.

The Engineer shall have the authority to verify the qualifications or certifications of any welder, QC Inspector, or NDT personnel to specified levels by retests or other means approved by the Engineer.

Inspection and approval of all joint preparations, assembly practices, joint fit-ups, welding techniques, and the performance of each welder, welding operator, and tack welder shall be documented by the QC Inspector on a daily basis for each day welding is performed. For each inspection, including fit-up, Welding Procedure Specification (WPS) verification, and final weld inspection, the QC Inspector shall confirm and document compliance with the requirements of the AWS or other specified code criteria and the requirements of these special provisions on all welded joints before welding, during welding, and after the completion of each weld.

In addition to the requirements specified in the applicable code, the period of effectiveness for a welder's or welding operator's qualification shall be a maximum of 3 years for the same weld process, welding position, and weld type. If welding will be performed without gas shielding, then qualification shall also be without gas shielding. Excluding welding of fracture critical members, a valid qualification at the beginning of work on a contract will be acceptable for the entire period of the contract, as long as the welder's or welding operator's work remains satisfactory.

In addition to the requirements of AWS D1.1, welding procedures qualification for work welded in conformance with that code shall conform to the following:

When a nonstandard weld joint is to be made using a combination of WPSs, a single test may be conducted combining the WPSs to be used in production, provided the essential variables, including weld bead placement, of each process are limited to those established in Table 4.5.

In addition to the requirements of AWS D1.5, Section 5.12 or 5.13, welding procedures qualification for work welded in conformance with that code shall conform to the following requirements:

- A. Unless considered prequalified, fillet welds shall be qualified in each position. The fillet weld soundness test shall be conducted using the essential variables of the WPS as established by the Procedure Qualification Record (PQR).
- B. For qualification of joints that do not conform to Figures 2.4 and 2.5 of AWS D1.5, a minimum of two WPS qualification tests are required. The tests shall be conducted using both Figure 5.1 and Figure 5.3. The test conforming to Figure 5.1 shall be conducted in conformance with AWS D1.5, Section 5.12 or 5.13. The test conforming to Figure 5.3 shall be conducted using the welding electrical parameters that were established for the test conducted conforming to Figure 5.1. The ranges of welding electrical parameters established during welding per Figure 5.1 in conformance with AWS D1.5, Section 5.12, shall be further restricted according to the limits in Table 5.3 during welding per Figure 5.3.
- C. Multiple zones within a weld joint may be qualified. The travel speed, amperage, and voltage values that are used for tests conducted per AWS D1.5 Section 5.13 shall be consistent for each pass in a weld joint, and shall in no case vary by more than  $\pm 10$  percent for travel speed,  $\pm 10$  percent for amperage, and  $\pm 7$  percent for voltage as measured from a predetermined target value or average within each weld pass or zone. The travel speed shall in no case vary by more than  $\pm 15$  percent when using submerged arc welding.
- D. For a WPS qualified in conformance with AWS D1.5 Section 5.13, the values to be used for calculating ranges for current and voltage shall be based on the average of all weld passes made in the test. Heat input shall be calculated using the average of current and voltage of all weld passes made in the test for a WPS qualified in conformance with Section 5.12 or 5.13.
- E. Macroetch tests are required for WPS qualification tests, and acceptance shall be per AWS D1.5 Section 5.19.3.
- F. When a nonstandard weld joint is to be made using a combination of WPSs, a test conforming to Figure 5.3 may be conducted combining the WPSs to be used in production, provided the essential variables, including weld bead placement, of each process are limited to those established in Table 5.3.
- G. Prior to preparing mechanical test specimens, the PQR welds shall be inspected by visual and radiographic tests. Backing bar shall be 76 mm in width and shall remain in place during NDT testing. Results of the visual and radiographic tests shall comply with AWS D1.5 Section 6.26.2, excluding Section 6.26.2.2. Test plates that do not comply with both tests shall not be used.

### **WELDING QUALITY CONTROL**

Welding quality control shall conform to the requirements in the AWS or other specified welding codes, the Standard Specifications, and these special provisions.

Unless otherwise specified, welding quality control shall apply when any work is welded in conformance with the provisions in Section 49, "Piling," Section 52, "Reinforcement," Section 55, "Steel Structures," or Section 75-1.035, "Bridge Joint Restrainer Units," of the Standard Specifications.

All welding will require inspection by the Engineer. The Contractor shall request inspection at least 3 business days prior to the beginning of welding for locations within California and 5 business days for locations outside of California. The Contractor shall request inspection at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/Translab/OSM/smbforms.htm>

Continuous inspection shall be provided when any welding is being performed. Continuous inspection, as a minimum, shall include having a QC Inspector within such close proximity of all welders or welding operators so that inspections by the QC Inspector of each welding operation at each welding location does not lapse for a period exceeding 30 minutes.

When joint weld details that are not prequalified to the details of Section 3 of AWS D1.1 or to the details of Figure 2.4 or 2.5 of AWS D1.5 are proposed for use in the work, the joint details, their intended locations, and the proposed welding parameters and essential variables, shall be approved by the Engineer. The Contractor shall allow the Engineer 15 days to complete the review of the proposed joint detail locations. In the event the Engineer fails to complete the review within the time allowed, and if, in the opinion of the Engineer, completion of the work is delayed or interfered with by reason of the Engineer's delay in completing the review, the Contractor will be compensated for any resulting loss, and an extension of time will be granted, in the same manner as provided for in Section 8-1.09, "Right of Way Delays," of the Standard Specifications. Upon approval of the proposed joint detail locations and qualification of the proposed joint details, welders and welding operators using these details shall perform a qualification test plate using the WPS variables and the joint detail to be used in production. The test plate shall have the maximum thickness to be used in production and a minimum length of 460 mm. The test plate shall be mechanically and radiographically tested. Mechanical and radiographic testing and acceptance criteria shall be as specified in the applicable AWS codes.

The Engineer will witness all qualification tests for WPSs that were not previously approved by the Department. Unless otherwise specified, an approved independent third party will witness the qualification tests for welders or welding operators. The independent third party shall be a current CWI and shall not be an employee of the contractor performing the welding. The Contractor shall allow the Engineer 15 days to review the qualifications and copy of the current certification of the independent third party. In the event the Engineer fails to complete the review within the time allowed, and if, in the opinion of the Engineer, completion of the work is delayed or interfered with by reason of the Engineer's delay in completing the review, the Contractor will be compensated for any resulting loss, and an extension of time will be granted, in the same manner as provided for in Section 8-1.09, "Right of Way Delays," of the Standard Specifications. The Contractor shall notify the Engineer 7 days prior to performing any qualification tests. Witnessing of qualification tests by the Engineer shall not constitute approval of the intended joint locations, welding parameters, or essential variables.

The Contractor shall designate in writing a welding Quality Control Manager (QCM). The QCM shall be responsible directly to the Contractor for the quality of welding, including materials and workmanship, performed by the Contractor and subcontractors.

The QCM shall be the sole individual responsible to the Contractor for submitting, receiving, reviewing, and approving all correspondence, required submittals, and reports to and from the Engineer. The QCM shall be a registered professional engineer or shall be currently certified as a CWI.

Unless the QCM is hired by a subcontractor providing only QC services, the QCM shall not be employed or compensated by any subcontractor, or by other persons or entities hired by subcontractors, who will provide other services or materials for the project. The QCM may be an employee of the Contractor.

Welding inspection personnel or NDT firms to be used in the work shall not be employed or compensated by any subcontractor, or by other persons or entities hired by subcontractors, who will provide other services or materials for the project, except for the following conditions:

- A. The work is welded in conformance with AWS D1.5 and is performed at a permanent fabrication or manufacturing facility that is certified under the AISC Quality Certification Program, Category Cbr, Major Steel Bridges and Fracture Critical endorsement F, when applicable.
- B. The work is welded in conformance with AWS D1.1 at a permanent pipe manufacturing or fabrication facility that maintains a QC program that is independent from production.

For welding performed at such facilities, the inspection personnel or NDT firms may be employed or compensated by the facility performing the welding provided the facility maintains a QC program that is independent from production.

Prior to submitting the Welding Quality Control Plan (WQCP) required herein, a prewelding meeting between the Engineer, the Contractor's QCM, and a representative from each entity performing welding or inspection for this project, shall be held to discuss the requirements for the WQCP.

The Contractor shall submit to the Engineer, in conformance with the provisions in Section 5-1.02, "Plans and Working Drawings," of the Standard Specifications, 2 copies of a separate WQCP for each subcontractor or supplier for each item of work for which welding is to be performed.

The Contractor shall allow the Engineer 15 days to review the WQCP submittal after a complete plan has been received. No welding shall be performed until the WQCP is approved in writing by the Engineer. In the event the Engineer fails to complete the review within the time allowed, and if, in the opinion of the Engineer, completion of the work is delayed or interfered with by reason of the Engineer's delay in completing the review, the Contractor will be compensated for any resulting loss, and an extension of time will be granted, in the same manner as provided for in Section 8-1.09, "Right of Way Delays," of the Standard Specifications.

An amended WQCP or any addendum to the approved WQCP shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by the Engineer, for proposed revisions to the approved WQCP. An amended WQCP or addendum will be required for revisions to the WQCP, including but not limited to a revised WPS; additional welders; changes in NDT firms, QC, or NDT personnel or procedures; or updated systems for tracking and identifying welds. The Engineer shall have 7 days to complete the review of the amended WQCP or addendum. Work affected by the proposed revisions shall not be performed until the amended WQCP or addendum has been approved. In the event the Engineer fails to complete the review within the time allowed, and if, in the opinion of the Engineer, completion of the work is delayed or interfered with by reason of the Engineer's delay in completing the review, the Contractor will be compensated for any resulting loss, and an extension of time will be granted, in the same manner as provided for in Section 8-1.09, "Right of Way Delays," of the Standard Specifications.

Information regarding the contents, format, and organization of a WQCP, is available at the Transportation Laboratory and at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/Translab/OSM/smbresources.htm>

After final approval of the WQCP, amended WQCP, or addendum, the Contractor shall submit 7 copies to the Engineer of the approved documents. A copy of the Engineer approved document shall be available at each location where welding is to be performed.

A daily production log for welding shall be kept for each day that welding is performed. The log shall clearly indicate the locations of all welding. The log shall include the welders' names, amount of welding performed, any problems or deficiencies discovered, and any testing or repair work performed, at each location. The daily report from each QC Inspector shall also be included in the log.

The following items shall be included in a Welding Report that is to be submitted to the Engineer within 15 days following the performance of any welding:

- A. A daily production log.
- B. Reports of all visual weld inspections and NDT.
- C. Radiographs and radiographic reports, and other required NDT reports.
- D. A summary of welding and NDT activities that occurred during the reporting period.
- E. Reports of each application of heat straightening.
- F. A summarized log listing the rejected lengths of weld by welder, position, process, joint configuration, and piece number.
- G. Documentation that the Contractor has evaluated all radiographs and other nondestructive tests and corrected all rejectable deficiencies, and that all repaired welds have been reexamined using the required NDT and found acceptable.

The following information shall be clearly written on the outside of radiographic envelopes: name of the QCM, name of the nondestructive testing firm, name of the radiographer, date, contract number, complete part description, and all included weld numbers, report numbers, and station markers or views, as detailed in the WQCP. In addition, all interleaves shall have clearly written on them the part description and all included weld numbers and station markers or views, as detailed in the WQCP. A maximum of 2 pieces of film shall be used for each interleave.

Reports of all visual inspections and NDT shall be signed by the inspector or technician and submitted daily to the QCM for review and signature prior to submittal to the Engineer. Corresponding names shall be clearly printed or typewritten next to all signatures. Reports of all NDT, whether specified, additional, or informational, performed by the Contractor shall be submitted to the Engineer.

The Engineer will review the Welding Report to determine if the Contractor is in conformance with the WQCP. Except for steel pipe piling, the Engineer shall be allowed 15 days to review the report and respond in writing after the complete Welding Report has been received. Prior to receiving notification from the Engineer of the Contractor's conformance with the WQCP, the Contractor may encase in concrete or cover welds for which the Welding Report has been submitted. However, should the Contractor elect to encase or cover those welds prior to receiving notification from the Engineer, it is expressly understood that the Contractor shall not be relieved of the responsibility for incorporating material in the work that conforms to the requirements of the plans and specifications. Material not conforming to these requirements will be subject to rejection. Should the Contractor elect to wait to encase or cover welds pending notification by the Engineer, and in the event the Engineer fails to complete the review within the time allowed, and if, in the opinion of the Engineer, completion of the work is delayed or interfered with by reason of the Engineer's delay in completing the review, the Contractor will be compensated for any resulting loss, and an extension of time will be granted, in the same manner as provided for in Section 8-1.09, "Right of Way Delays," of the Standard Specifications.

For steel pipe piling, including bar reinforcement in the piling, the Contractor shall allow the Engineer 2 business days to review the Welding Report and respond in writing after the required items have been received. No field welded steel pipe piling shall be installed, and no reinforcement in the piling shall be encased in concrete until the Engineer has approved the above requirements in writing.

In addition to the requirements in AWS D1.1 and AWS D1.5, second-time excavations of welds or base metal to repair unacceptable discontinuities, regardless of NDT method, and all repairs of cracks require prior approval of the Engineer.

The Engineer shall be notified immediately in writing when welding problems, deficiencies, base metal repairs, or any other type of repairs not submitted in the WQCP are discovered, and also of the proposed repair procedures to correct them. For requests to perform second-time repairs or repairs of cracks, the Contractor shall include an engineering evaluation of the proposed repair. The engineering evaluation, at a minimum, shall address the following:

- A. What is causing each defect?
- B. Why the repair will not degrade the material properties?
- C. What steps are being taken to prevent similar defects from happening again?

The Contractor shall allow the Engineer 7 days to review these procedures. No remedial work shall begin until the repair procedures are approved in writing by the Engineer. In the event the Engineer fails to complete the review within the time allowed, and if, in the opinion of the Engineer, completion of the work is delayed or interfered with by reason of the Engineer's delay in completing the review, the Contractor will be compensated for any resulting loss, and an extension of time will be granted, in the same manner as provided for in Section 8-1.09, "Right of Way Delays," of the Standard Specifications.

The QCM shall sign and furnish to the Engineer, a Certificate of Compliance in conformance with the provisions in Section 6-1.07, "Certificates of Compliance," of the Standard Specifications for each item of work for which welding was performed. The certificate shall state that all of the materials and workmanship incorporated in the work, and all required tests and inspections of this work, have been performed in conformance with the details shown on the plans, the Standard Specifications, and these special provisions.

#### **WELDING FOR OVERHEAD SIGN AND POLE STRUCTURES**

The Contractor shall meet the following requirements for any work welded in conformance with the provisions in Section 56-1, "Overhead Sign Structures," or Section 86-2.04, "Standards, Steel Pedestals and Posts," of the Standard Specifications.

Welding inspection personnel or NDT firms to be used in the work shall not be employed or compensated by any subcontractor, or by other persons or entities hired by subcontractors, who will provide other services or materials for the project, except for when the welding is performed at a permanent fabrication or manufacturing facility which is certified under the AISC Quality Certification Program, Category Sbd, Conventional Steel Building Structures.



### **Welding Qualification Audit**

Contractors or subcontractors performing welding operations for overhead sign and pole structures shall not deliver materials to the project without having successfully completed the Department's "Manufacturing Qualification Audit for Overhead Sign and Pole Structures," hereinafter referred to as the audit, not more than one year prior to the delivery of the materials. The Engineer will perform the audit. Copies of the audit form, and procedures for requesting and completing the audit, are available at the Transportation Laboratory or at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/Translab/OSM/smbresources.htm>

An audit that was approved by the Engineer no more than one year prior to the beginning of work on this contract will be acceptable for the entire period of this contract, provided the Engineer determines the audit was for the same type of work that is to be performed on this contract.

Successful completion of an audit shall not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility for furnishing materials or producing finished work of the quality specified in these special provisions and as shown on the plans.

### **Welding Report**

For work welded in conformance with the provisions in Section 56-1, "Overhead Sign Structures," or Section 86-2.04, "Standards, Steel Pedestals and Posts," of the Standard Specifications, a Welding Report shall be submitted in conformance with the provisions in "Welding Quality Control" of these special provisions.

### **STEEL PIPE PILING QUALIFICATION AUDIT**

The Contractor shall submit documentation that one of the following steel pipe piling qualification audits has been successfully completed before welding operations are performed, other than field welding, for steel pipe piling:

- A. "Class R Steel Pipe Piling Qualification Audit"
- B. "Class N Steel Pipe Piling Qualification Audit"

An audit shall have been completed for each pipe pile diameter, thickness, grade of steel, and class of piling, to be supplied for this project. The procedures for requesting and completing the audit are available at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/Translab/OSM/smbresources.htm>

An audit that was approved by the Department no more than 3 years before the beginning of work on this contract will be acceptable for the entire period of this contract, provided the Engineer determines the audit was for the same type of work that is to be performed on this contract.

A list of facilities who have successfully completed the audit and are authorized to provide material for this contract is available at:

[http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/Translab/OSM/smdocuments/Internet\\_auditlisting.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/Translab/OSM/smdocuments/Internet_auditlisting.pdf)

Successful completion of an audit shall not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility for furnishing materials or producing finished work of the quality specified in these special provisions and as shown on the plans.

### **PAYMENT**

Full compensation for conforming to the requirements of "Welding" shall be considered as included in the contract prices paid for the various items of work involved and no additional compensation will be allowed therefor.

## **STEEL PIPE PILING**

### **GENERAL**

#### **Summary**

Steel pipe piling shall consist of unfilled steel pipe piling. Steel pipe piling shall conform to the provisions in Section 49-5, "Steel Piles," of the Standard Specifications and these special provisions.

All steel pipe piling for this project shall be designated as Class R steel pipe piling.

#### **Submittals**

Steel pipe piling qualification audits shall be submitted in conformance with the provisions in "Steel Pipe Piling Qualification Audit" of these special provisions.

A Certificate of Compliance, demonstrating material traceability, shall be furnished in conformance with the provisions in Section 6-1.07, "Certificates of Compliance," of the Standard Specifications, and shall:

- A. Be signed by the facility's authorized Quality Control Representative. The Quality Control Representative shall be on record with the Department's Office of Structural Materials.
- B. Include a statement that all materials and workmanship incorporated in the work, and all required tests and inspections of this work, have been performed in conformance with the details shown on the plans and these special provisions.
- C. Be accompanied by a certified mill test report (MTR) for each heat number of steel pipe piles being furnished.
- D. Include the carbon equivalency (CE) calculated as  $CE = C + (Mn+Si)/6 + (Cr+Mo+V)/5 + (Ni+Cu)/15$ . The CE shall be 0.45% maximum and may be shown on the MTR.

The Contractor shall submit a TL-38 Inspection Request form at least:

- A. 48 hours before performing any field welding of steel pipe piling.

The TL-38 Inspection Request form is available at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/Translab/OSM/smbforms.htm>

Working drawings shall be submitted to the Engineer before attaching handling devices to steel pipe piling. Working drawings shall include locations, handling and fitting device details, and connection details. Attachments shall not be made to steel pipe piling until the working drawings are approved in writing by the Engineer. The Contractor shall allow the Engineer 7 days for review.

### **MATERIALS**

#### **General**

The provisions of "Welding Quality Control" of these special provisions shall not apply to longitudinal, skelp end, and spiral seam welds in steel pipe piling.

Circumferential welds shall conform to "Welding Quality Control" of these special provisions, and the following:

- A. Circumferential welds shall be complete joint penetration welds conforming to AWS D1.1.
- B. Welds shall be located at least 300 mm away from a skelp weld.
- C. Backing rings shall conform to the following:

1. The minimum thickness shall be 6 mm and the backing ring shall be continuous.
  2. Splices in the backing ring shall be made by complete penetration welds. These welds shall be completed, including visual inspection and any required nondestructive testing (NDT), before final insertion into a pipe end.
  3. The attachment of backing rings to pipe ends shall be done using the minimum size and spacing of tack welds that will securely hold the backing ring in place. Tack welding shall be done in the root area of the weld splice. Cracked tack welds shall be removed and replaced before subsequent weld passes.
  4. The gap between the backing ring and the steel pipe piling wall shall not be greater than 2 mm. One localized portion of the backing ring fit-up, that is equal to or less than a length that is 20 percent of the outside circumference of the pipe, as determined by the Engineer, may be offset by a gap equal to or less than 6 mm, provided that this localized portion is first seal welded using shielded metal arc E7016 or E7018 electrodes. This localized portion shall be marked so that it can be referenced during any required NDT.
  5. Backing rings shall have sufficient width so that the backing ring will not interfere with the interpretation of the NDT.
- D. For steel pipe with an outside diameter greater than 1.1 m and with a wall thickness greater than 25.4 mm, the root opening tolerances may be increased to a maximum of 5 mm.
- E. For welding limited to fit-up and attaching backing rings and handling devices, the preheat and interpass temperature shall be in conformance with the requirements in AWS D1.1, Section 3.5, "Minimum Preheat and Interpass Temperature Requirements," and with Table 3.2, Category C.

Steel pipe piling shall be capable of meeting the fit-up requirements of AWS D1.1, Section 5.22.3.1, "Girth Weld Alignment (Tubular)," when the material is spliced utilizing a girth weld.

For the purposes of welding and prequalification of base metal, steel pipe piling designated as ASTM A 252 shall be treated as ASTM A 572, Grade 50, or ASTM A 709, Grade 50, in conformance with the requirements in AWS D1.1, Table 3.1.

Butt welded seams subsequently formed, including skelp end welds, shall be 100 percent ultrasonically tested in the final formed and welded condition. The acceptance criteria shall conform to API 5L for API-licensed facilities, or AWS D1.1 for cyclically loaded nontubular connections for welds subject to tensile stress.

Except for tack welding, gas metal arc welding (GMAW) shall not be used for the welding of steel pipe piling. When GMAW is used for tack welding, the filler metal shall not be deposited by short circuiting transfer.

The dimensional tolerances of steel pipe piling shall conform to the following:

- A. Outside diameter:  $\pm 0.75\%$  of the specified outside diameter
- B. Wall thickness:  $-5\%$ ,  $+10\%$  of the specified nominal wall thickness
- C. Straightness:  $\pm 1.0\%$  over the length of the pipe

Except for steel pipe piling marked with the API monogram, each length of steel pipe piling shall be marked as follows:

- A. Name and location of the piling producer
- B. State Contract number
- C. Heat number
- D. Welding process
- E. Outer diameter, nominal wall thickness, minimum wall thickness, and length
- F. Year piling was produced
- G. And marked as specified below for each class of steel pipe piling. Only Caltrans audited facilities are approved to mark piling for use on this project.

## **Class R Steel Pipe Piling**

Class R steel pipe piling shall conform to one of the following:

- A. Manufactured, welded, tested, and inspected in conformance with API 5L, minimum Grade X52, PSL1, and the following:
  - 1. Steel pipe piling shall be manufactured by a facility licensed to apply the API monogram.
  - 2. Hydrostatic testing, flattening tests, and the API monogram will not be required.
  - 3. Each length of steel pipe piling shall be marked Caltrans Class R - API.
  
- B. Manufactured in conformance with ASTM A 252, Grade 3, and the following:
  - 1. Arc welding processes shall conform to AWS D1.1.
  - 2. Groove welds using submerged arc welding from both sides without backgouging will require a procedure qualification record witnessed by the Engineer.
  - 3. Underfill will not be allowed.
  - 4. For electric resistance welded pipe, the outer diameter flash shall be removed to a maximum of 0.8 mm.
  - 5. The weld reinforcement shall not exceed 3 mm.
  - 6. The weighing of individual pipe will not be required as specified in ASTM A 252.
  - 7. Each length of steel pipe piling shall be marked Caltrans Class R - A 252.

## **CONSTRUCTION**

### **General**

Steel pipe piling may be re-tapped to prevent pile set-up provided the field welded splice remains at least 1 m above the work platform until that splice is approved in writing by the Engineer.

Welds used to attach handling devices to steel pipe piling shall be aligned parallel to the axis of the pile and shall conform to the requirements for field welding specified herein. Permanent bolted connections shall be corrosion resistant.

### **Field Welding**

Field welding of steel pipe piling is defined as welding performed after the material has been transported from an audited facility.

Field welding shall conform to the requirements for circumferential welds as specified in "Materials" of this section and the following:

- A. Welds made in the horizontal position, where the longitudinal pipe axis is vertical, shall be single-bevel groove welds.
- B. The minimum preheat and interpass temperature for splice welding and for making repairs shall be 66 C, regardless of the pipe pile wall thickness or steel grade. In the event welding is disrupted, preheating to 66 C must occur before welding is resumed.
- C. Welds shall not be water quenched. Welds shall be allowed to cool unassisted to ambient temperature.