

The background of the left side of the image is a photograph of the Austin skyline, featuring several tall skyscrapers. In the foreground, there is a concrete wall and a paved area. On the paved area, there are several concrete repair projects, including a large star-shaped patch with the word "AUSTIN" and a star inside it, and another patch with the word "BRAVADO" and "250 MILES".

# Keep Concrete Weird

## UNUSUAL PROJECTS



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*Prime Resins, Inc.*

# Injection Grouting Addresses Concerns of Spillway Failure Due to Undermining



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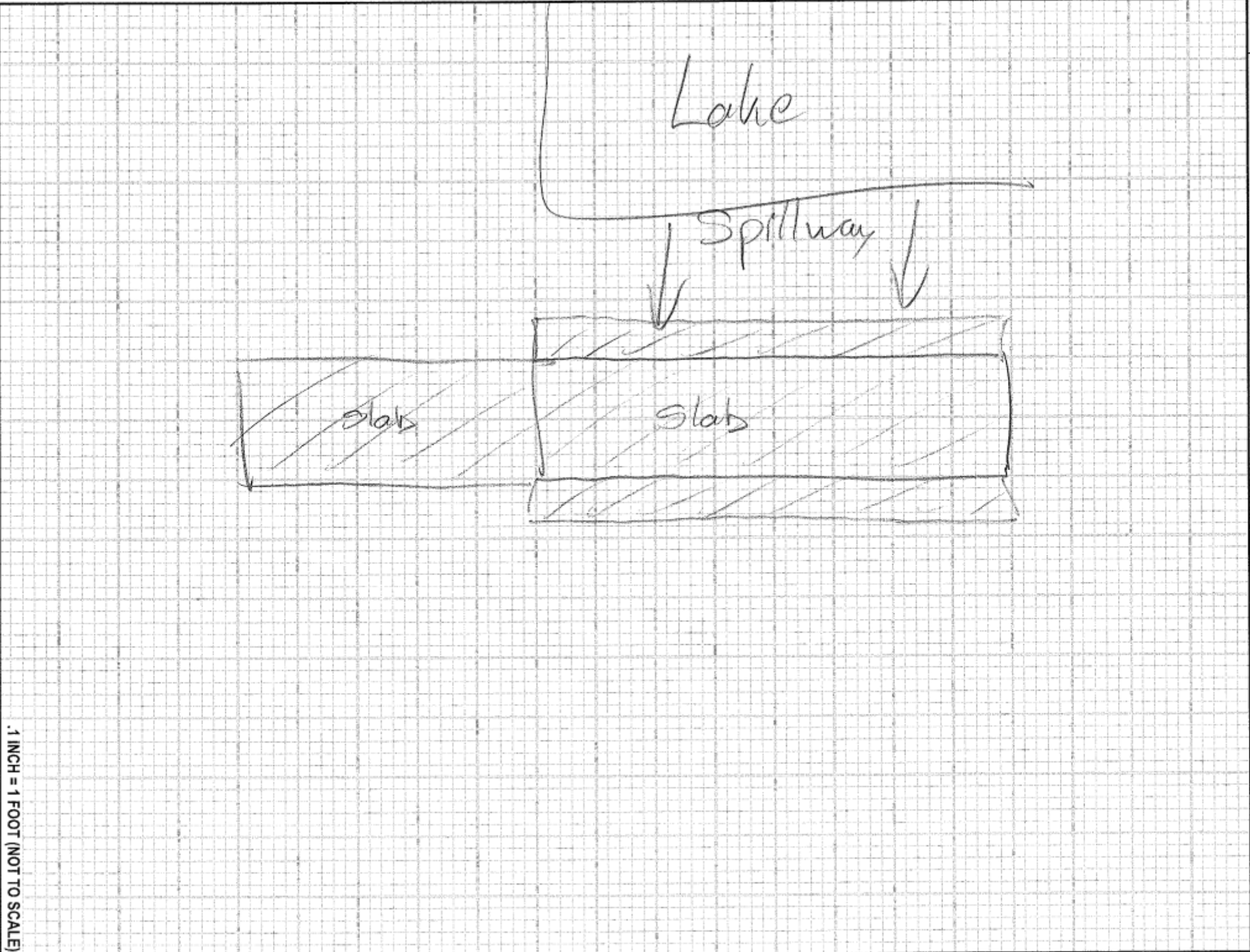
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○ - RECOMMENDED PIER

> - HELICAL TIE-BACK

└ - CARBON FIBER - CFL

▨ - MUDJACKING

∩ - VERTICAL CRACK

W - HORIZONTAL CRACK

└ - CARBON FIBER - CR

▨ - \_\_\_\_\_

└ - VERTICAL WALL RESTRAINTS

⊗ - RECOMMENDED TIE-BACK

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# Lake Quivira, KS





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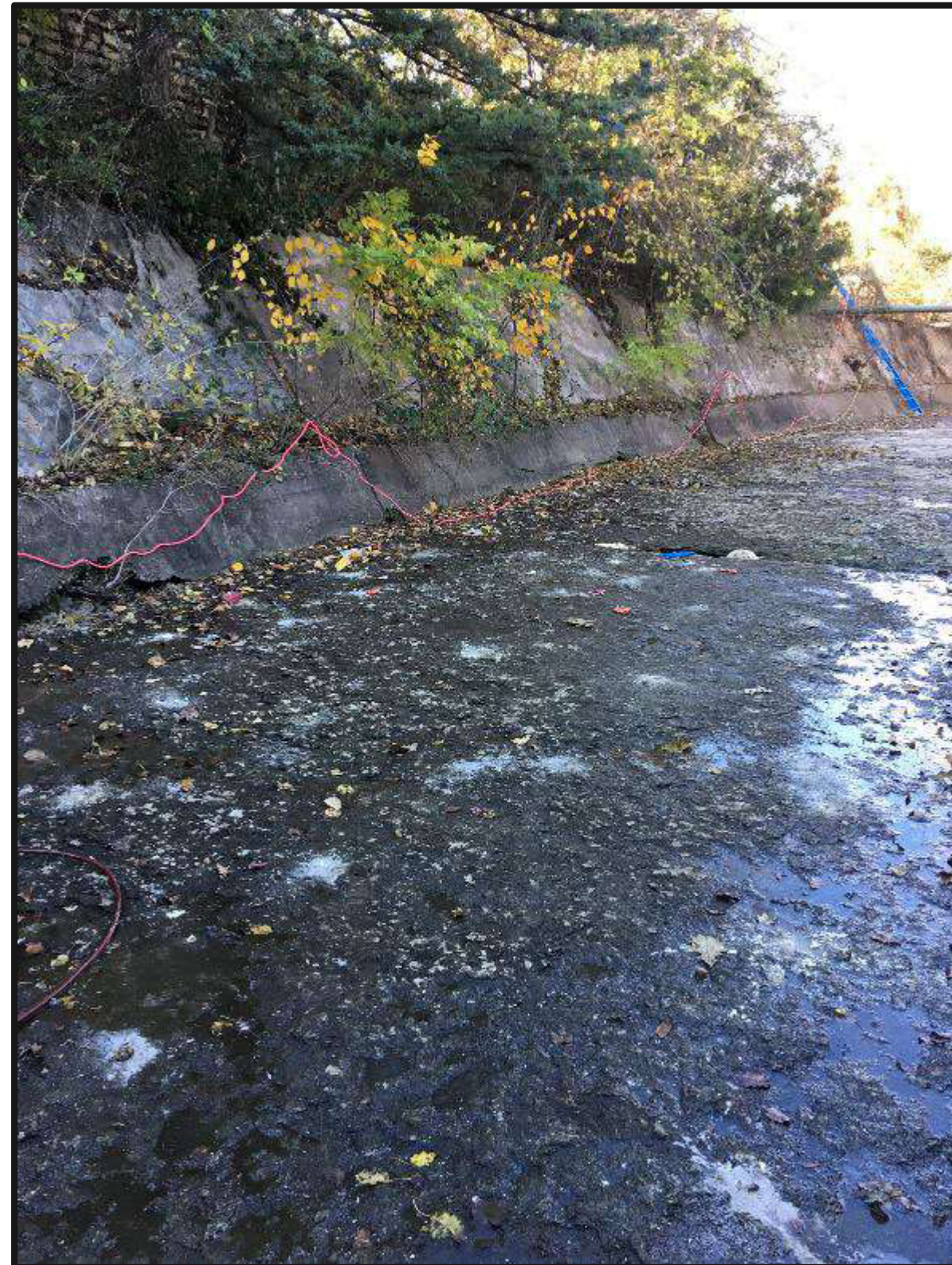


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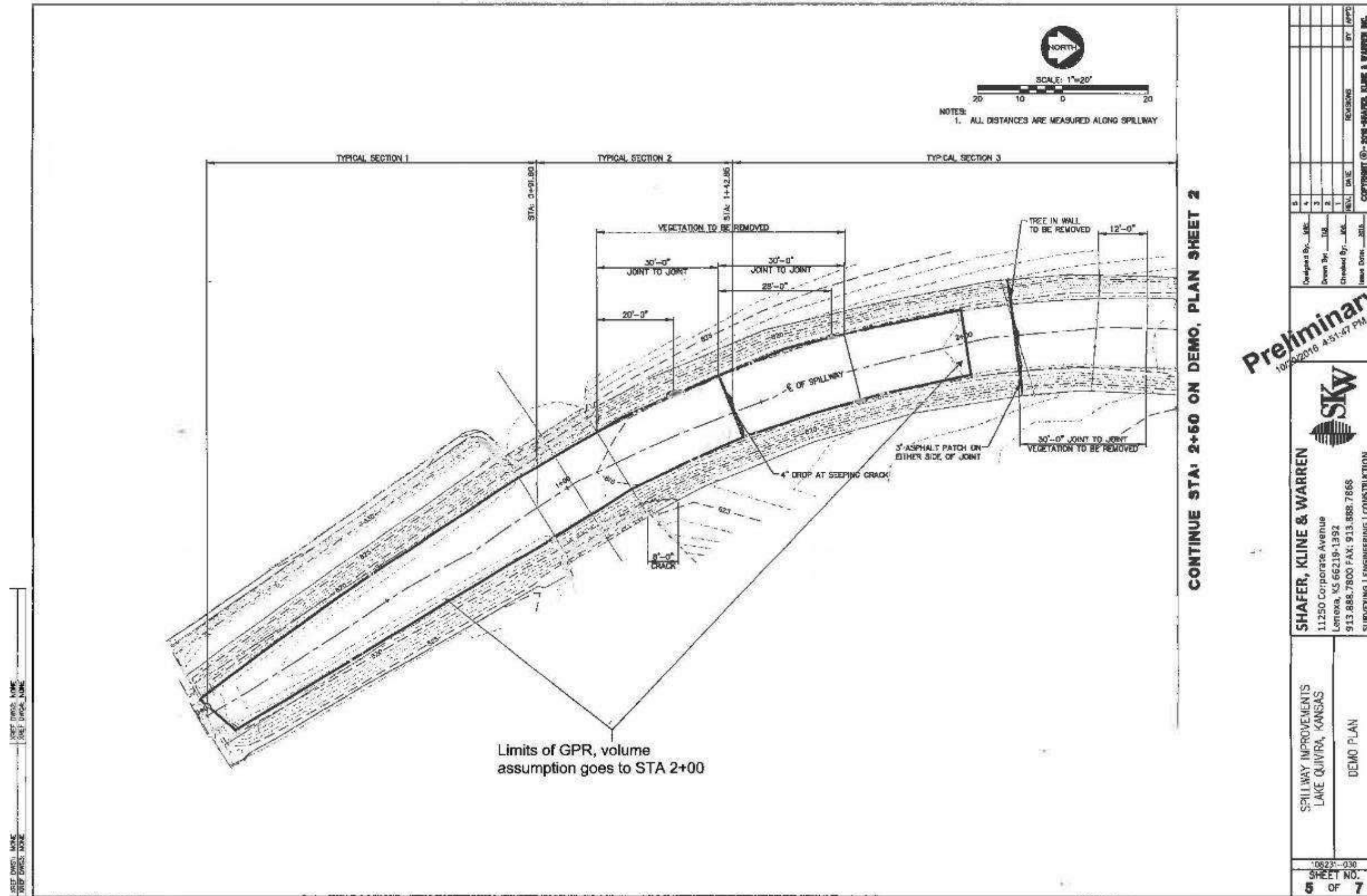




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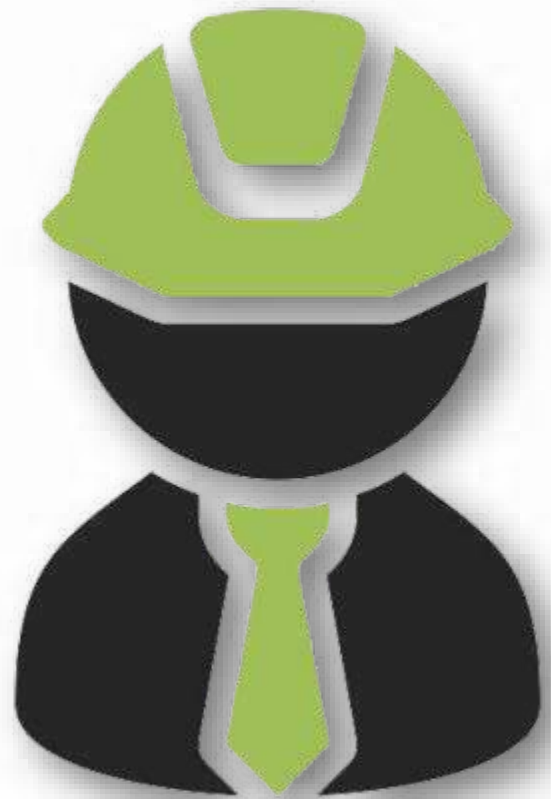


Pre liminary Drawings

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# Solution INVESTIGATION



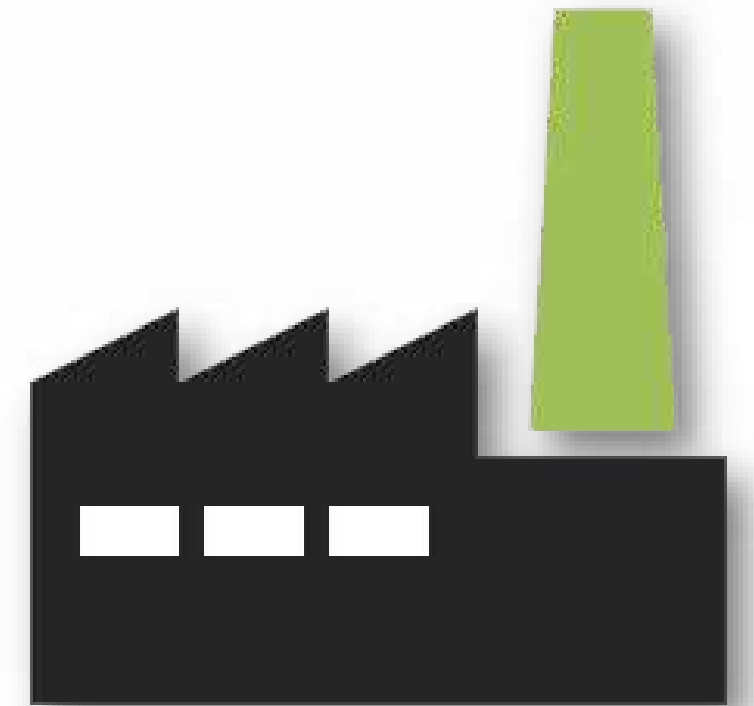
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Manufacturer





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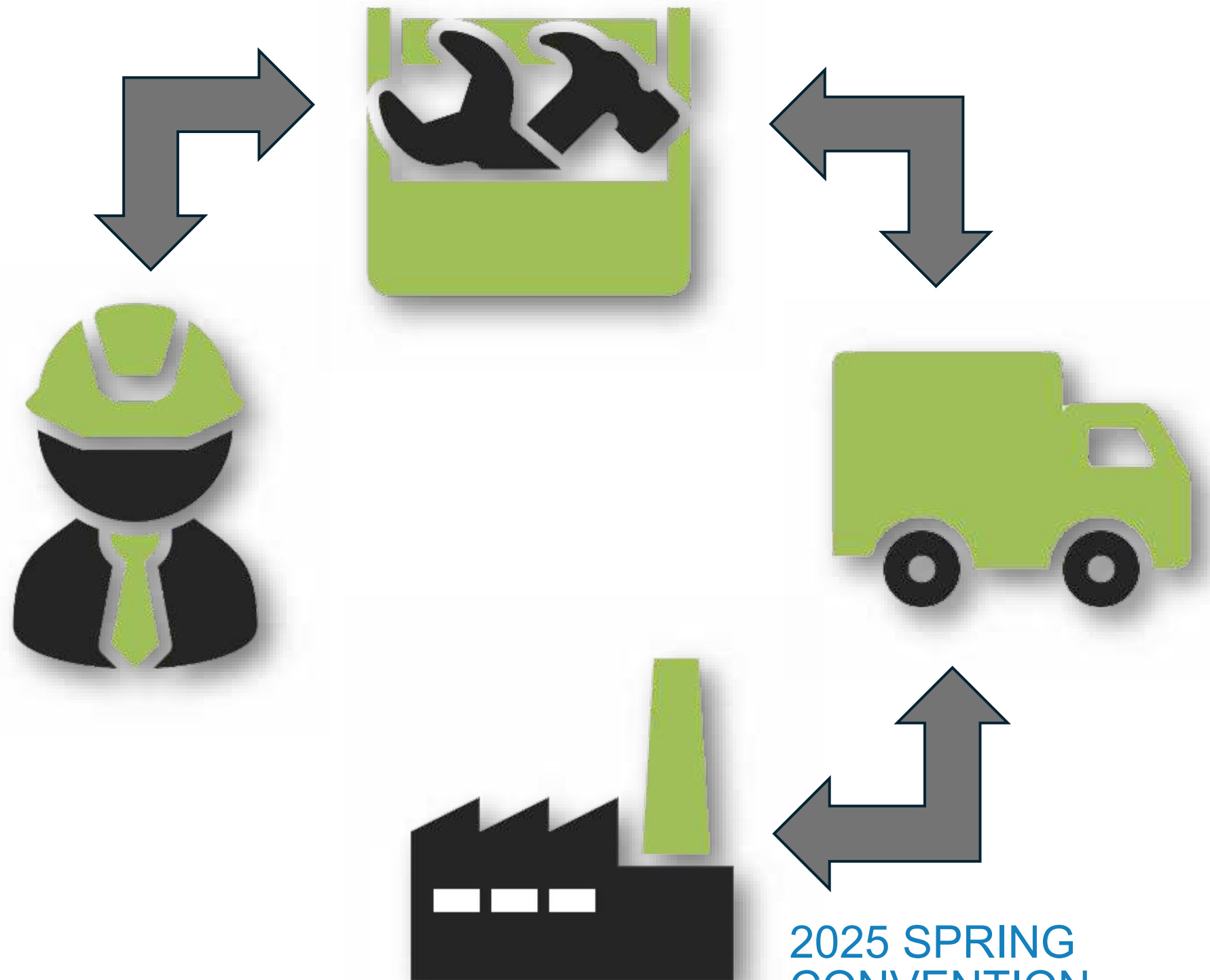
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**Poll: What area of the repair industry do you represent?**



# Solution Selection QUESTIONS

What is the structure made from?  
What's the condition?  
Settling? Voids?  
Compressive strength needs?  
NSF requirements?  
Access limits?  
Budget/Timing?

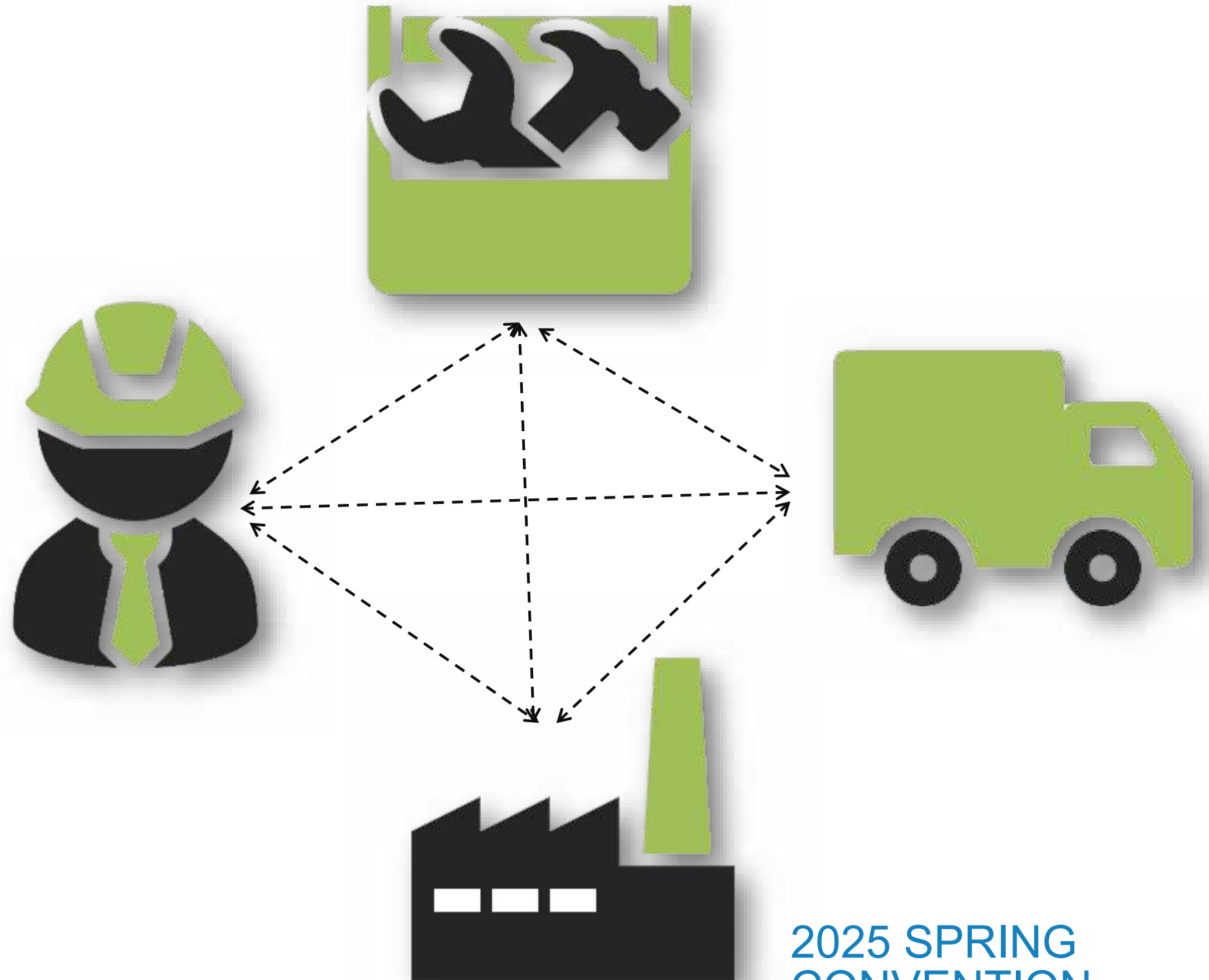


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# Trenchless TECHNOLOGY







# What is Chemical Grouting?

Liquid resin that turns into an impermeable solid in a predictable timeframe used to:

- Stop leaks in above ground structures
- Stop infiltration into below grade structures
- Stabilize/Improve soils
- Control groundwater
- Seal annular spaces
- Fill voids
- Stabilize and lift concrete slabs





# Chemical GROUTING

- Chemical Grouts are used to make long lasting repairs quickly and economically.
- There are several types of Chemical Grouts. Selection depends on several factors.



# Primary Grout **FAMILIES**

## Polyurethane Grouts

Water Reactive

Hydrophilic

Hydrophobic

Two-Component

## Acrylic Grouts

Acrylate

Acrylamide

## Cementitious Grouts



# Water Reactive Polyurethane Grouts

## Characteristics of Hydrophilic Foams & Gels

- Single Component
- Water Initiates Reaction
- Closed Cell / Watertight Foam or Impermeable Gel
- Flexible – use where structure will have movement
- Above & Below Grade Structures
- Chemical Bond to Concrete
- Classified to ANSI/NSF 61 products



# Water Reactive Polyurethane Grouts

## Hydrophilic Uses

- Flexible Foams
  - Sealing hairline cracks in concrete
  - Sealing active leaks/Pipe Penetrations
  - Joint Sealing with oakum technique
- Flexible Gel
  - Curtain grouting manholes to seal leaks
  - Soil Stabilization
  - Dams, Tunnels, Below grade concrete walls



# Water Reactive Polyurethane Grouts

## Characteristics of Hydrophobic Foams

- Single Component
- Water Initiates Reaction
- Closed Cell / Watertight Foam
- Rigid – flexible phobics available
- Requires a Catalyst which % affect reaction time and expansion
- Mechanical Seal
- More expansion & rapid expansion compared to a hydrophilic
- Classified to ANSI/NSF 61 products



# Water Reactive Polyurethane Grouts

## Hydrophobic Uses

- Gushing Leaks
- Manhole Rehabilitation
- Probe Grouting for Pipe Sealing
- Pipe and Culvert Repairs
- Seawall/Bulkhead Restoration
- Spillways - Earthen Dam Breaches
- Soil Stabilization





# Water Reactive Polyurethane Grouts

## Hydrophobic Catalyst

- Vary percentage based on desired expansion rate and travel
- Minimum – 0.5% - Soil Stabilization
- Maximum – 10% - Gushing Leaks
- Small job – mix in small batches
- Mix Well!

# Two-Component Polyurethane Grouts

## Characteristics of Two-Component Polyurethanes

- Reaction of A & B Component
- Closed Cell, Hydro Insensitive
- Typically, High Exothermic / Rapid Reaction
- Available in Multiple Densities
- High Compressive Strengths
- Highly Expansive / Develops Hydraulic Lift
- Requires Special Equipment (most)

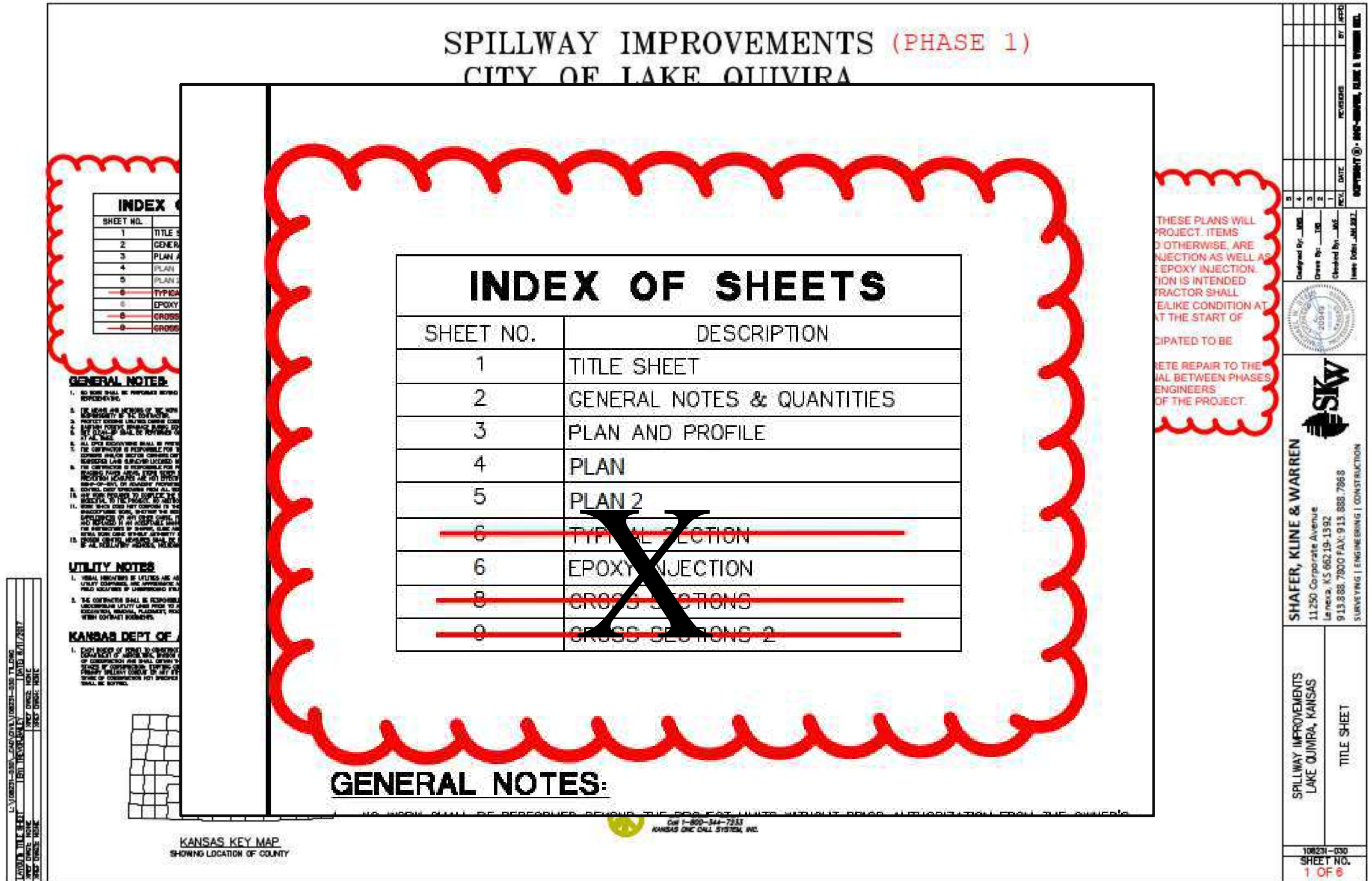




# Two-Component Polyurethane Grouts

## Two-Component Uses

- Void Fill
- Soil Stabilization
  - Bridge Approach
  - Under Structures
- Slab Lifting
  - Highways/Roads
  - Buildings/Industrial Slabs
  - Driveways/Sidewalks







# Structural vs. Non-Structural Defects

## Structural Repairs

- Epoxy
- Rigid
- Restrains crack from moving

## Non-Structural Repairs

- Polyurethane
- Flexible
- Allows for movement

SUMMARY OF QUANTITIES PHASE 1			
LINE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUANTITY
<b>ROADWAY ITEMS</b>			
1	Mobilization	L.S.	1
2	Chemical grout injection (void volume *)	Cu.Ft.	3,800
3	Traffic Control	L.S.	1
4	Additional Chemical grout injection (if needed)	Cu.Ft.	1

**CONCRETE:**

- PROPORTIONS OF AGGREGATE TO CEMENT SHALL CREATE A DENSE, WORKABLE MIX WHICH CAN BE PLACED WITHOUT SEGREGATION OR EXCESS SURFACE WATER.
- ALL FORMWORK SHALL BE DESIGNED, ERECTED, SUPPORTED, BRACED AND MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AASHTO STANDARD 347.
- ALL CONCRETE WORK CAN BE CLASS B2 CONCRETE.
- REINFORCED CONCRETE SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING 28 DAY COMPRESSIVE STRENGTHS AND BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACI MIX DESIGNING WALLS.....4000 PSI, NORMAL WEIGHT  
SLABS ON GRADE.....4000 PSI, NORMAL WEIGHT  
INTERIOR.....4000 PSI, NORMAL WEIGHT  
EXTERIOR.....4000 PSI, NORMAL WEIGHT
- ALL CONCRETE SLABS SHALL HAVE 8%±1% AIR ENTRAINMENT. SLUMP SHALL BE 4" ± 1".
- PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR REINFORCING BARS AS FOLLOWS:  
CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE:  
CONCRETE CAST AGAINST AND PERMANENTLY EXPOSED TO EARTH.....3"  
CONCRETE EXPOSED TO EARTH AND WEATHER (FORMED):  
60 AND SMALLER.....2"
- LAB ALL BARS AT SPACES ACCORDING TO THE AASHTO CODE REQUIREMENTS BUT

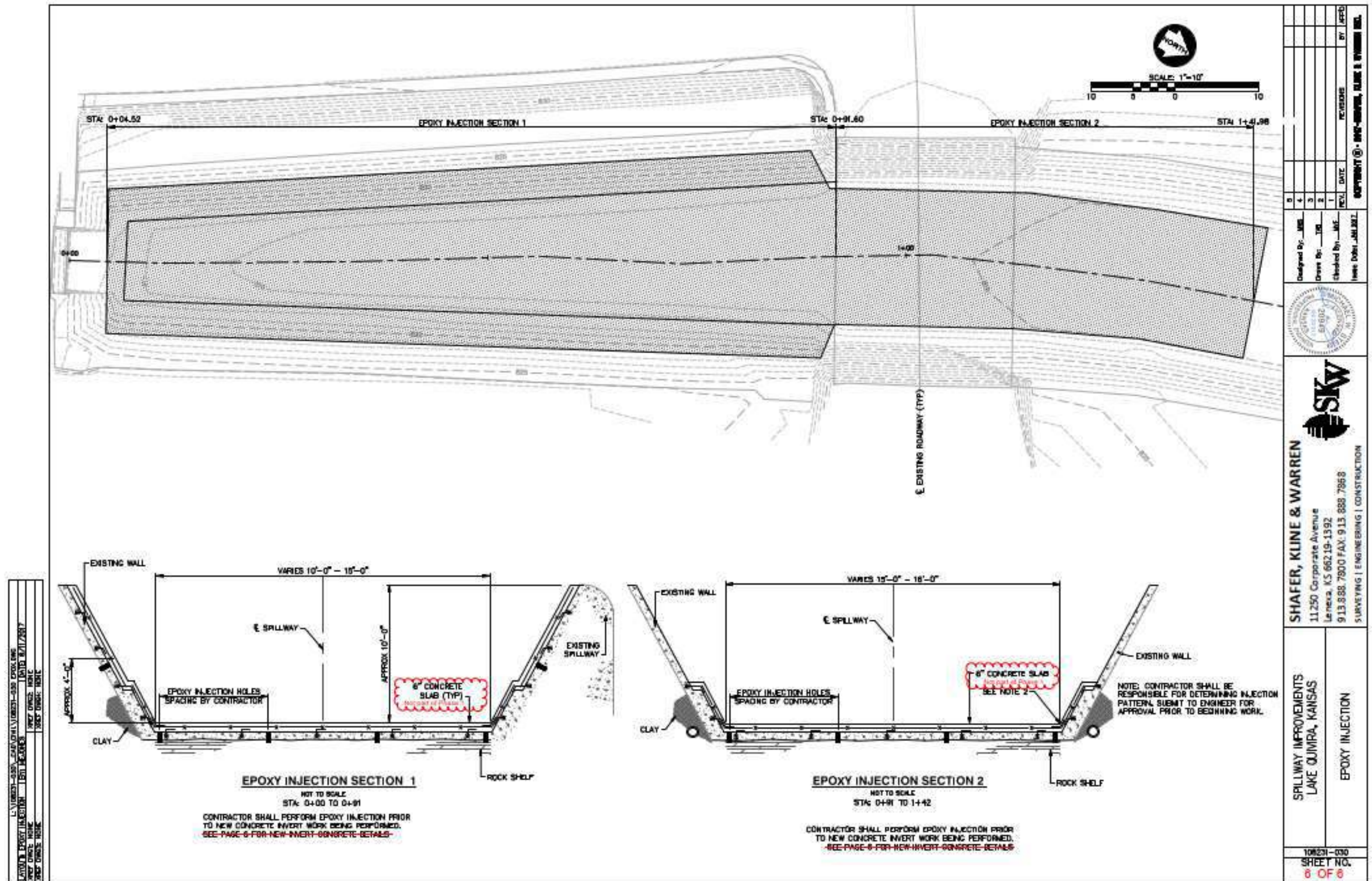
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\* VOLUME WAS OBTAINED FROM GPR DATA AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 3FT BELOW THE EXISTING CONCRETE SURFACE. SEE GPR REPORT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

2.4 TESTS SHALL CONSIST OF COMPRESSIVE TESTS FOR STRENGTH AND SLUMP. TEST FOR CONSISTENCY. COPIES OF REPORTS OF CYLINDER TESTS TOGETHER WITH THE DATA RECORDED WHEN PREPARING THE CYLINDERS SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH TEST IS COMPLETED.	STANDARD NOTES
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## 4.0 Measurement

- A. Unit price for "Chemical Grout Injection" shall be based on estimated quantity of chemical grout (including catalyst if needed) pumped in cubic feet, **assuming a 15:1 expansion ratio**. Unit price shall include all material and labor to furnish and install grout per plans, specs and site conditions. Change order payment shall only be made if site conditions are drastically different than those presented in the project plans and manual. Such payment shall be made based on quantities reported in grout logbook and approved by Engineer and Inspector at the unit price set forth in the bid for *"Additional Chemical Grout Injection 1 Cu. Ft."*

### 2.02 Performance Criteria

- A. Physical properties of polyurethane resin:
1. Water activated resin.
  2. Variable cure rate.
  3. Viscosity 120 cps. + - 20 cps
  4. Solids Content 100% solids
  5. Characteristics Hydrophobic polymer
- B. Physical properties of Catalyst:

space distance.) In some cases it may be necessary to install soil pipes or grout needles to transfer grout further out into the soils away from structure.

- C. Prior to injecting grout contractor shall ensure that the moisture to fully react the grout OR shall use a plunger and grout simultaneously (twin streaming) through twin streaming is done a ratio of 10:1 (grout:water) capable of injection pressures from 100 psi - 2500 psi. Rate of pumps shall be .33 gpm minimum. Manually are considered unacceptable and cannot be used. require "twin streaming" due to the potential of high point.

- D. For soil grouting: To determine the best ratio of catalyst to grout, a data sheet for more information about percentage times.

- E. A grout log shall be maintained recording amount of grout injected, location, and depth.

- B. Uncured polyurethane resin can be removed from tools with an approved solvent. Cured polyurethane can only be removed mechanically or with the use of Prime Resins CGC (Cured Grout Cleaner).

- C. Seal all injection holes with Prime Plug 1, 2 or 3 Hydraulic Cement or Prime Gel 2500 Quick Bond as directed by Engineer.

- D. Leave work area clean and neat.

### Part 4 Payment

#### 4.0 Measurement

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### 1.05 Job Conditions

- A. Do not apply the material if it is or it appears to be below 34 degrees Fahrenheit unless precautions are taken to protect the material from the formation of ice can prevent grout placement.
- B. Contractor will take all precautions necessary to prevent grout from occurring to any work zone due to handling.

### Part 2 Materials

#### 2.01 Acceptable Manufacturers

- A. Prime Flex 920, as manufactured by (800-321-7212), or approved equivalent.

additional cost to the contractor. This may be needed to determine best hole spacing depending on site conditions, to identify potential problem areas, and natural composition.

- B. Contractor shall determine appropriate hole spacing or grid pattern to successfully seal, stabilize and fill void area as shown in drawings. Contractor may be necessary to determine best hole spacing depending on site conditions encountered. (Typical spacing will vary between 24" - 48" in each direction and if multiple rows are needed then each row shall be offset 1/2 the spacing.)

Clean off human skin.





# Resin Volume Calculations

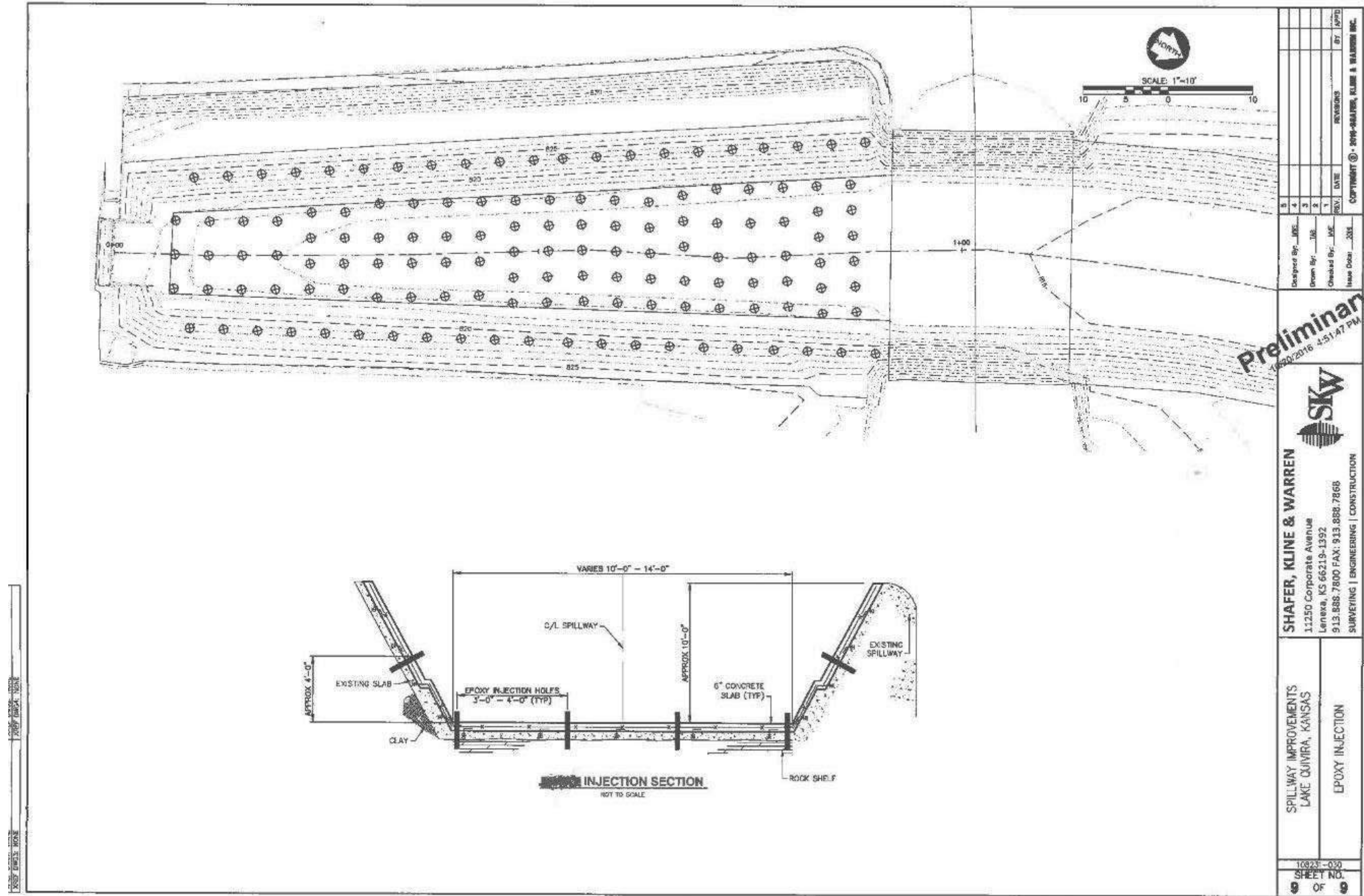
GPR Void– 3800 ft<sup>3</sup>

Product – Hydrophobic Polyurethane (Prime Flex 920)

Assume 15x expansion– adjusted catalyst (Prime Kat) %

3800 ft <sup>3</sup>	7.48 gal	
	ft <sup>3</sup>	15x

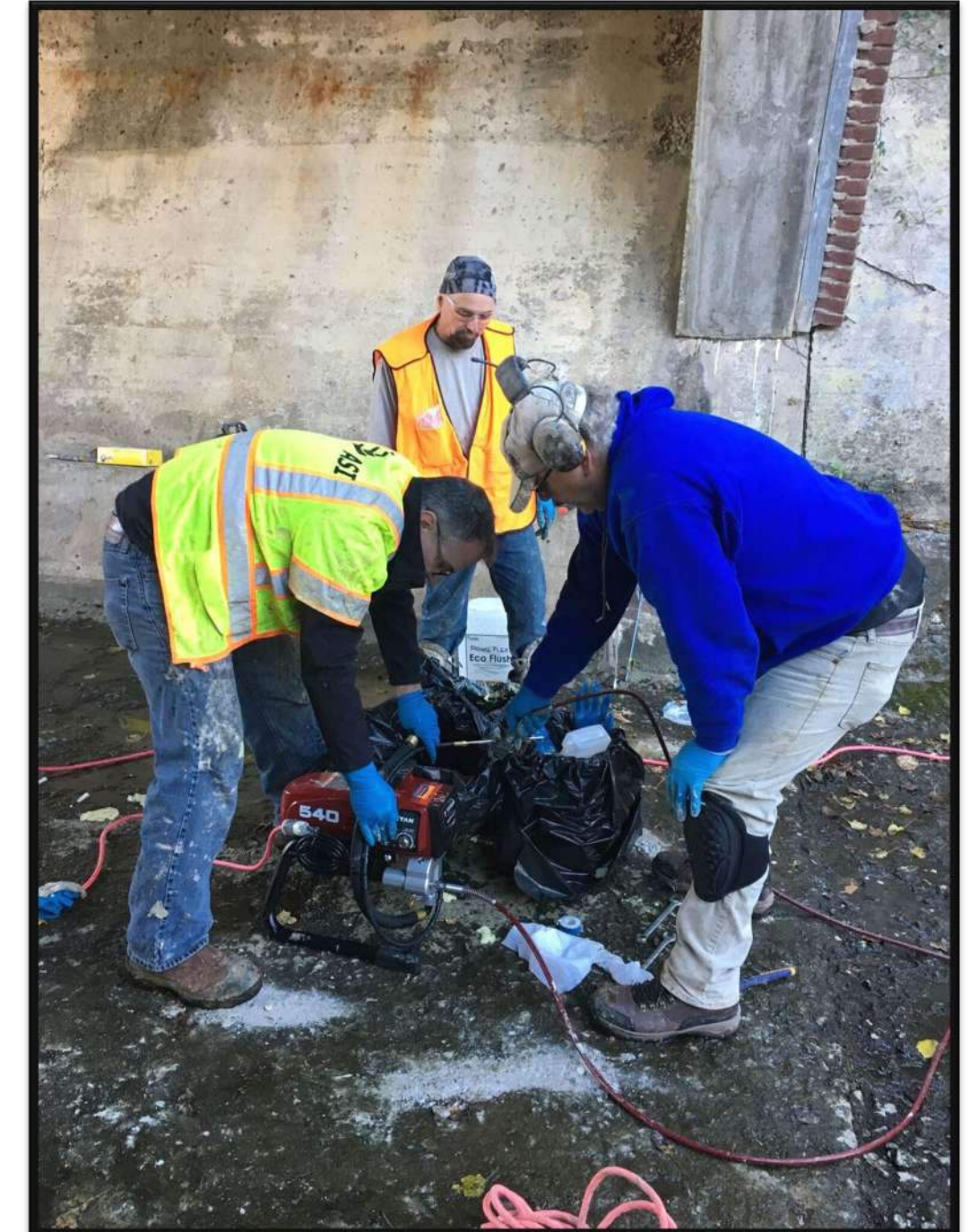
= 1895 gal





# Equipment Requirements

- Titan Modified Airless Sprayer
- High Pressure Control Valve
- Bang in Ports
- Drill & Drill Bits





# Project **Scope**

- Pre-drill 3/8" Holes in Pattern
- Install Bang in Ports
- Pump till refusal/travel
- Re-drill & inject as needed
- Pull Ports
- Seal Holes







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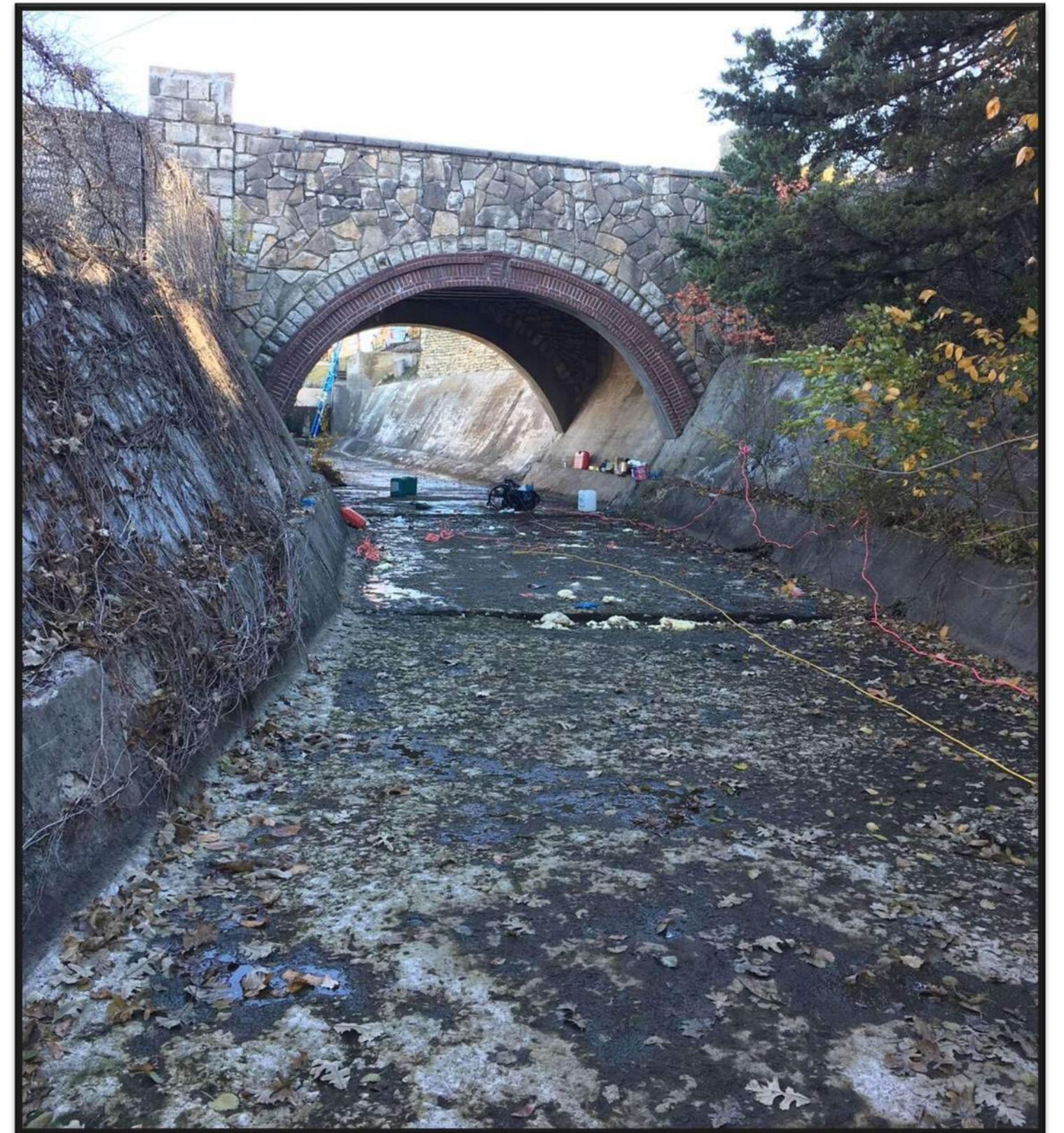


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After first rain, spillway dried out completely.  
Ended up using only around 540 gallons...  
Bid called for 1895 gallons.





## GPR possible issues related to...

- Water seepage
- Delamination in side walls
- Imaging shallow targets
- Surveying on an angle





# Chemical Injection to Underseal Spillway







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# Summary

- Open discussions with the whole team (owner, engineer, contractor, distributor, manufacturer) lead to enhanced outcomes.
- Structural repairs require an epoxy while non-structural repairs (leak sealing) require a polyurethane.
- Always follow “best practices” for injection grouting but understand that field evaluations & specifications are not always without error, so one must adjust to observed conditions and be flexible.
- Product Manufacturers are excellent resources with extensive experience. Take advantage.





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# ANY QUESTIONS?

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