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### WATER MAIN LAYING

A JOB-AID

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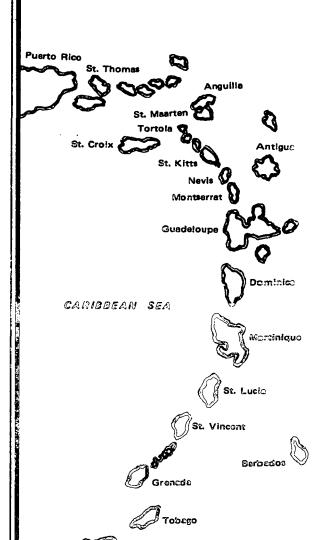
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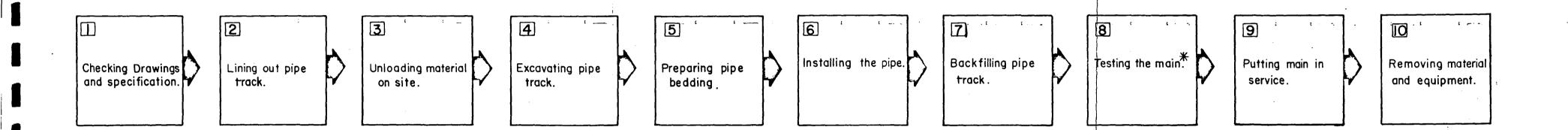
#### INTRODUCTION

This Job Aid is aimed at supervisory personnel who have had main laying experience. It is assumed that the supervisor has been handed a set of plans and sepcifications; the utilities have been contacted and the necessary easements have been secured.

The Job Aid only discusses laying of the main.

Detailed discussions of excavating and backfilling techniques; installation techniques for fittings (valves, fire hydrants, air relief caps, branches, tees, thrust blocks); pipe cutting and jointing procedures are not included in this Job Aid.

It is intended for use as a memory aid, listing the critical points not to be forgotten in the laying of the main.



Water Main Laying Flow-Chart

\* Includes mains' disinfection which is covered in Annex 14.



## CHECKING DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS

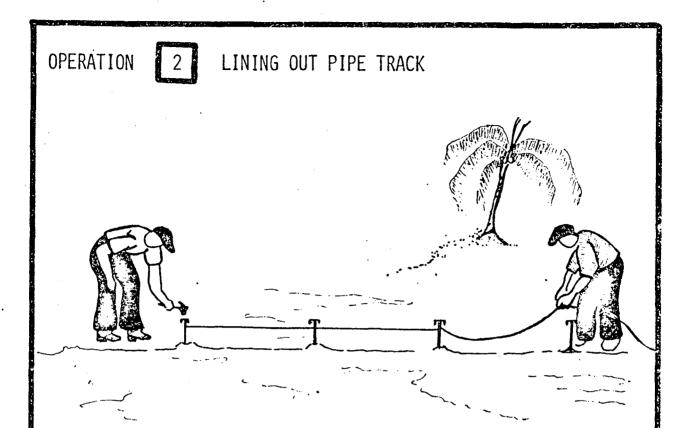


### STEP (HOW HE DOES IT)

- Check scale and legend of the drawing.
- 2. Inspect profile.
- Order materials required for the job.

# KEY POINT (IN PERFORMING THE STEP)

- 1. Scale is generally located at right hand. Examine drawing legend for symbols on detail block of fittings, or on actual drawing for branches, bends, valves, etc.
- 2. Check elevations.
- 3.1 Pipes Measure and calculate the length of each type and size of pipe required.
- 3.2 Fittings (values, fire hydrants, caps, etc.) determine the type, size and number of each type of filling required for the job.
- 3.3 Branches, bends and thrust blocks determine the type, size and number of each required for the job.



### STEP ( HOW HE DOES IT)

- 1. Review drawing at the job site.
- 2. For pipelines along the roadway, the pipe track will be in the gutter and road reserve.
- 3. For pipeline through fields and agricul-tural areas, stake the left or right side of the track which ever is more convenient.

# KEY POINTS (IN PERFORMING THE STEP)

- 1. Check location, elevations, directions.
- 2. The edge of the road will mark the track. Measure 18" from edge of road on the road reserve, then measure out width of track.
- 3.1 Measure and drive pins according to location of proposed track.
- 3.2 Try to maintain as straight a line as possible.
- 3.3 Tie a strong line between the stakes.

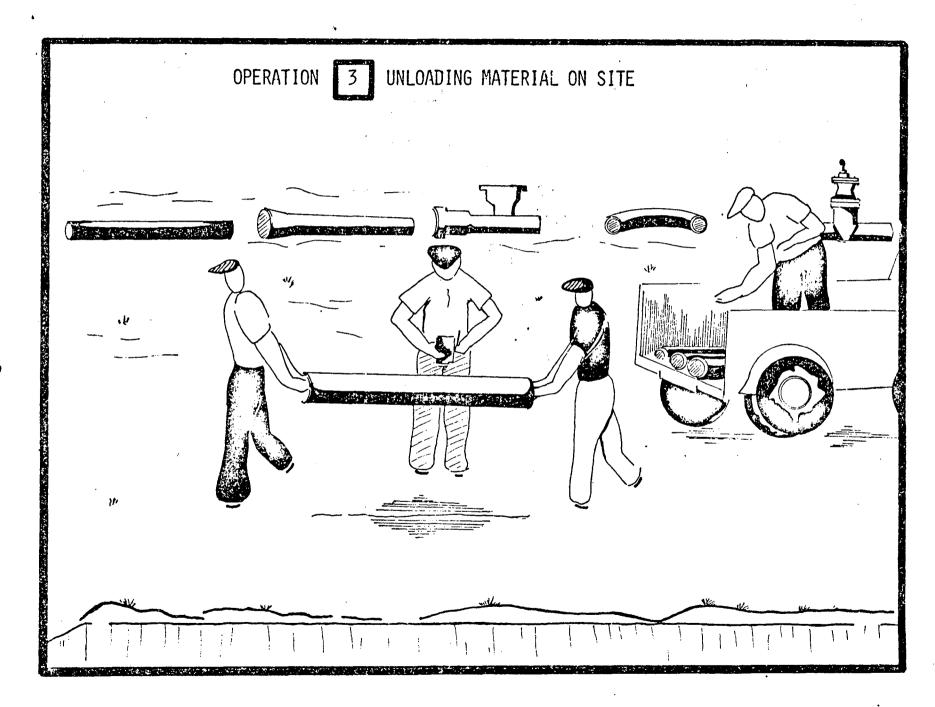
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CHECKING DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS (cont'd)

STEP (HOW HE DOES IT)

KEY POINT (IN PERFORMING THE STEPS)

- 3.4 Fill out stock sheet form and send to stores. See Annex 1 for sample stock sheet.
- 3.5 Detail transportation from stores to the job site.
- 4. Contact utilities, road authority and easement owners.
- 4.1 Write letters to the utilities stating the route, depth, length and side of road for pipe track. See Annex 2 for typical letter.
- 4.2 Secure permission from Landowners to lay main on their property. See Annex 3 for typical letter.



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UNLOADING MATERIAL ON SITE (cont'd)

STEP (HOW HE DOES IT)

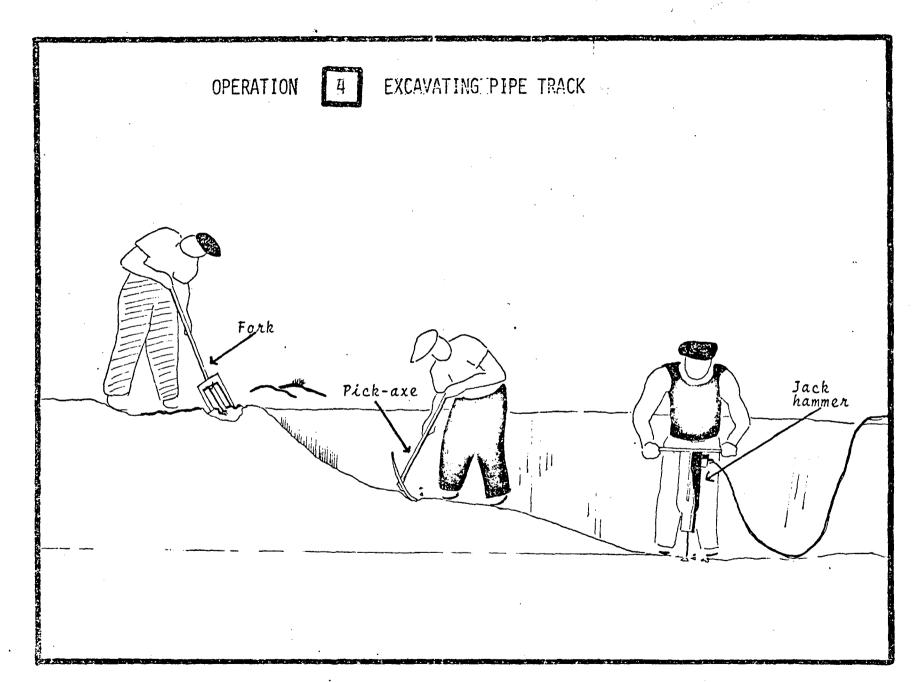
KEY POINT (IN PERFORMING THE STEPS)

- Carefully unload and neatly stack material.
- 1.1 Avoid dropping material off of truck.\* (Dhopping may cause cracks and other damage
- 1.2 Carefully stack the material on the opposite side of roadway from the track.

2. Inspect pipes and fittings.

- 2.1 Check for soundness, (cracks, rust, etc.)
- 2.2 Make sure all material is accounted for and that the correct type, size and quantity have been delivered.

<sup>\*</sup>If methanical unloading equipment is not available, timber skids may be used to roll the pipes off the truck.



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### EXCAVATING PIPE TRACK (cont'd)

STEP (HOW HE DOES IT)

KEY POINT (IN PERFORMING THE STEPS)

NOTE: BEFORE EXCAVATING A TRACK ALONG A ROADWAY OR THROUGH THE ROAD, YOU MUST PLACE ROAD BARRIERS AND WARNING SIGNS FOR THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF THE WORKERS AND THE DRIVERS. SEE ANNEXES 4 - 6 FOR MORE INFORMATION

- 1. The proper method of excavation depends on the type of soil, the location of utilities, if you are crossing the roa roadway, how close people live and how close other buildings are to the pipe track.
- 1.1 For a pipe track near other utilities, arrange for representatives of the utilities to be present during the excavation to give directions. In some cases the other utilities may have to do the actual excavation.
- 1.2 Always leave at least one lane open for traffic when laying a main across a roadway.
- 1.3 When excavating through hard rock it may be necessary for cutting or blasting.
- 1.4 Only blast when there is no chance of damaging surrounding buildings; utilities and endangering the safety of people In these cases, the proper procedure would be to cut the rock. See Annex 7 for more information on blasting.
- 1.5 The maximum length of track excavation is 280 ft.\*
- 1.6 The proper depth of the track is based on the minimum amount of cover, size of the pipe and topography.
- \* This is to avoid disrupting traffic and causing inconvenience to the public.
- 1.7 For roadways, the minimum cover is 2 ft.

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EXCAVATING PIPE TRACK (cont'd)

STEP (HOW HE DOES IT)

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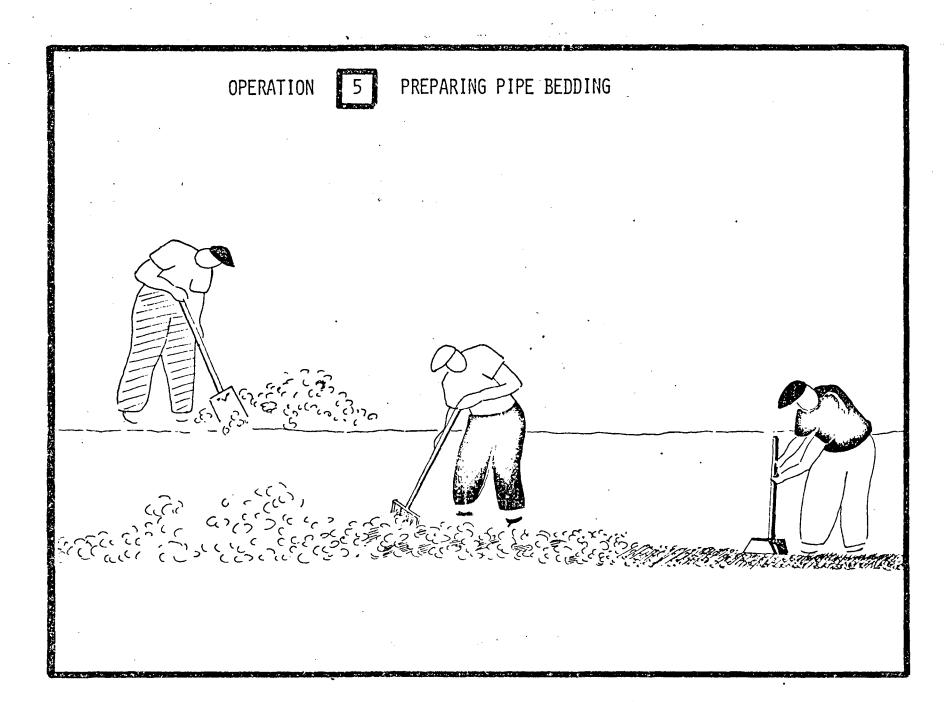
proper width and

depth.

# KEY POINT (IN PERFORMING THE STEPS)

- 1.8 For agricultural areas, the minimum cover is 3 ft.
- 1.9 For pipes larger than 10" the minimum track depth is 4 ft.
- 1.10 The width of the track is based on pipe size. For pipes less than 10", the track should be 18" wide.
- 1.11 For pipe 10" and larger, the track should be 24" wide.
- 2.1 The head of the T should be the width of pipe track based on pipe size.
- 2.2 The handle should be marked at one foot intervals so that you can see that track is proper depth.





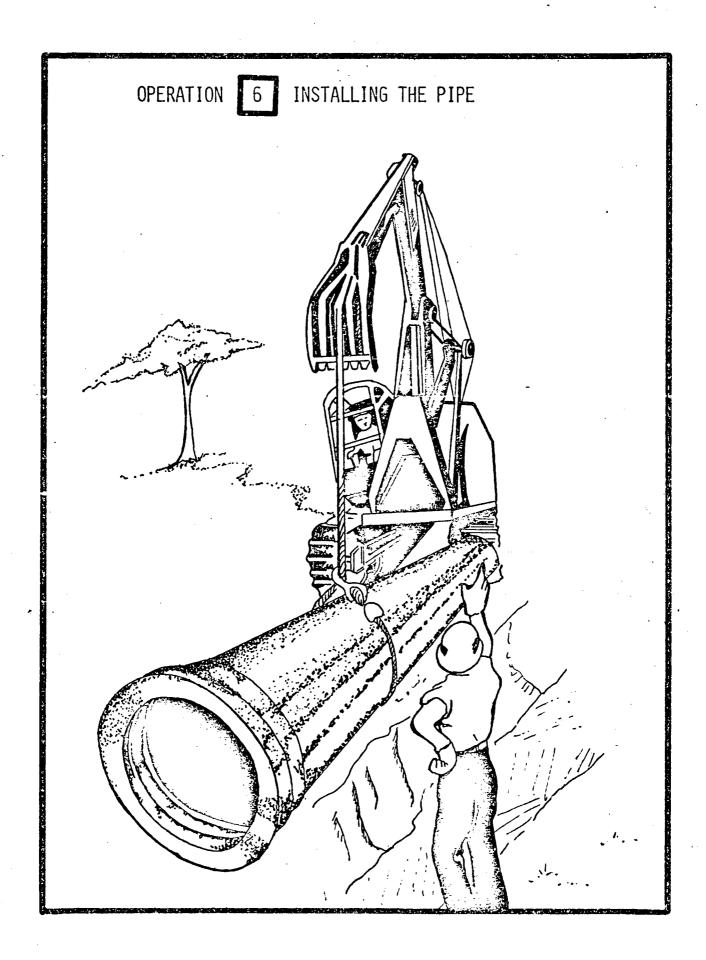
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PREPARING PIPE BEDDING (cont'd)

STEP (HOW HE DOES IT)

KEY POINT (IN PERFORMING THE STEPS)

- 1. Spread bedding material along the bottom of the track.
- 1.1 Best to use marl.
- 1.2 If enough marl is not available, you may use a rock and marl mixture, providing the rock is less than ; inch.
- 2. Compact the bedding.
- 2. Use a ram to tamp down the bedding.
- 3. Level the bedding with boneing rods.
- 3.1 Use at least 3 rods.
- 3.2 Sight across the top of the rods to check level.



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INSTALLING THE PIPE (cont'd)

STEP (HOW HE DOES IT)

KEY POINT (IN PERFORMING THE STEPS)

NOTE:

MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY IS CLEAR AND OUT OF THE WAY, BOTH IN THE TRACK AND OUTSIDE NEAR THE PIPE BEFORE THE CRANE LIFTS THE PIPE. KEEP ALL OF THE WORKERS OUT OF THE PATH AS THE CRANE MOVES THE PIPE INTO THE TRACK.

- 1. Carefully place the pipe in the track.
- 1.1 Do not drop or kick the pipe into the track. You may damage the pipe and disturb the bedding.
- .1.2 Make sure the crane operator avoids knocking excavated soil into the track.
- 1.3 Avoid getting dirt in the end of the pipes us you place them in the track.
- 1.4 You may have to cut the pipe to install fittings or finish laying a length of pipe.

  See Annex 8 for pipe cutting procedure.
- 1.5 See Annex 9 and 10 for pipe faining procedures.
- 2. Install fittings as required by the plans.
- 2.1 To install a fire hydrant, you must first attach a riser pipe from the main to the surface. The fire hydranis usually attached to the riser by a flange.
- 2.2 Before installing a value be sure it operates. Position the value so that the stem is directed upwards.

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INSTALLING THE PIPE (cont'd)

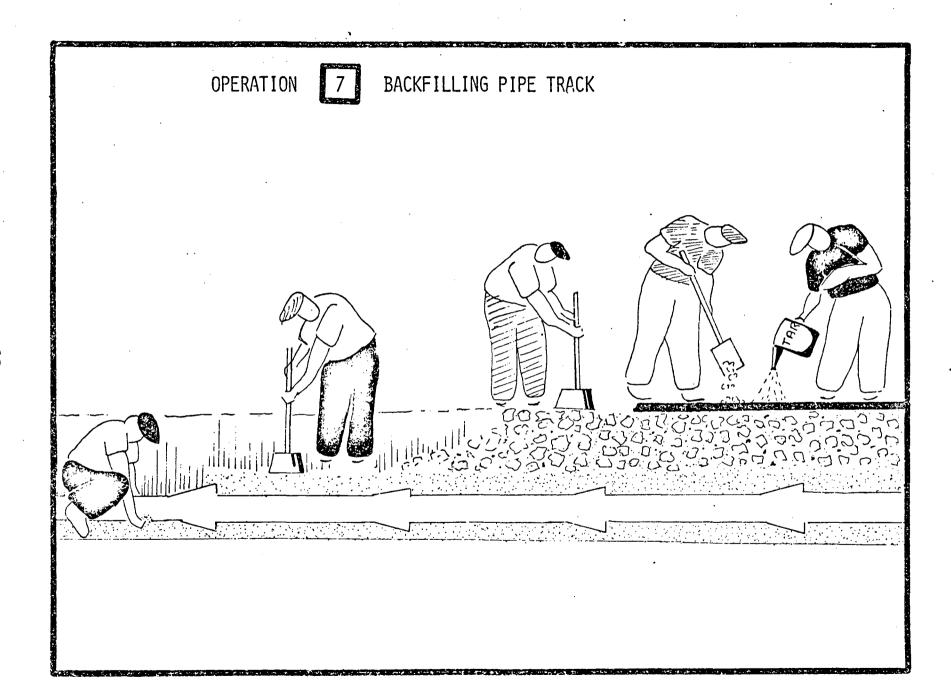
STEP (HOW HE DOES IT)

KEY POINT (IN PERFORMING THE STEPS)

- 2.3 Open ends of the pipe must be fitted with a cap.
- 2.4 Pour thrust blocks at every change of direction in the line, bend, branch and "T".

  Be sure that flanges, bolts or moveable parts are not covered by the trust blocks. The blocks should be of sufficient size to prevent movement.

  See Annex 12 for typical thrust block placements.
- 2.5 Wash outs should be installed at low places in the main.
  A 4" or 6" flanged branch should be used with a valve.



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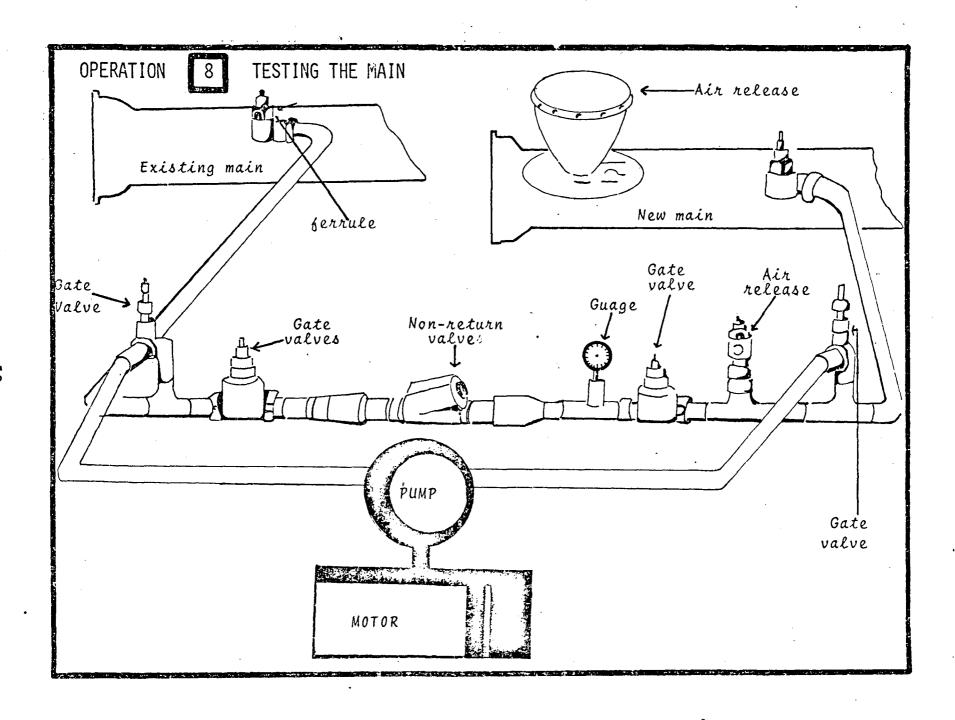
# BACKFILLING PIPE TRACK (cont'd)

STEP (HOW HE DOES IT)

KEY POINT (IN PERFORMING THE STEPS)

- 1. Carefully backfill around the pipe.
- 1.1 This step is very important to keep the pipe from moving during the rest of backfilling
- 1.2 Select fine soil for this part of backfilling.
- 1.3 Pack the fine soil around the pipe and for the first foot above the pipe.

- 2. Backfill rest of the track.
- .2.1 The remaining soil does not need to be selected.
- 2.2 Be sure to compact as you fill to reduce the amount of settling.
- Any remaining soil should be charted away, leaving the site tidy.
- 3. The surface should be restored to its original condition and clevation.
- 3.1 Reinstatement of roadways should be arranged.



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TESTING THE MAIN (cont'd)

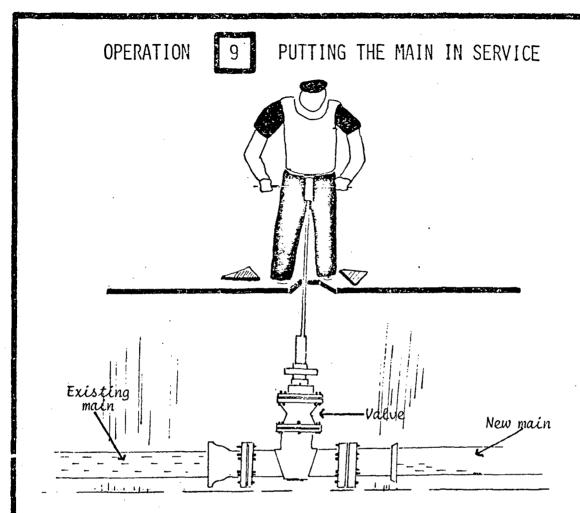
STEP (HOW HE DOES IT)

KEY POINT (IN PERFORMING THE STEPS)

- 1. Flush the main before you test.
- 1. Be sure to wash the dirt and debris to prevent damaging the air relief valve during the pressure test.
- 2. Pressure test the main.
- 2.1 Arrange for the plumber to pressure test the main.
- 2.2 The main is considered to be tight after it holds pressure for 24 hours without change.
- 2.3 See Annex 13 for more information.

3. Disinfect the main.

- 3.1 Arrange for the laboratory technician to disinfect the main.
- 3.2 See Annex 14 for more information.



### STEP (HOW HE DOES IT)

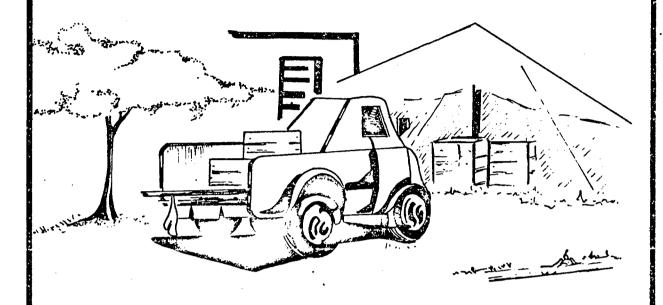
- After the main has been disinfected,
   it will be flushed and refilled.
- 2. Make sure that water is potable.
- 3. Contact the district superintendent and tell him the main is ready to be put into supply.

# KEY POINT (IN PERFORMING THE STEPS)

- The disinfected water should be washed out and not allowed in the system.
- 2. Test for chlorine residual.
- 3.1 Do not turn on the main yourself.
- 3.2 Tell district Superintenders the main is ready for use.



## REMOVING MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT



## STEP (HOW HE DOES IT)

# KEY POINT (IN PERFORMING THE STEP)

- 1. Remove all excess materials.
- 1. Make a list of all unused pipe and fittings. Care-fully load them on trucks and return them to stores.
- 2. Remove all equipment.
- 2. Move equipment to new site on back to the headquarters.

ANNEXES



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Replied ANNEX 2

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The Manager, General Crude Oil Co., Woodbourne, ST. FHILIP.

Dear Sirt.

# Proposed Route for 16" Ø Water Main from Hampton Pumping Station to Rising Sun Reservoir

This Department will within the next two weeks or so be commencing work on the laying of/abovementioned main. /the

In an attempt to avoid traffic congestion along Highway 6 (especially during the crop season), we propose to route part of this main through certain cart roads of Woodbourne Plantation. (See attached sketch)

I would be grateful if you would indicate on the sketch any existing mains, cables or any proposals which you have for the area.

I await an early reply and look forward to your co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Engineer, Waterworks Department.

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WATERWORKS DEPARTMENT,
Pine,
St. Michael.
1979-04-12.



Dear Sir/Madam:

# Proposed Route for 16" Ø Water Main from Hampton Pumping Station to Rising Sun Reservoir

This Department will within the next few weeks, be commencing work on the laying of the abovementioned water main.

We have chosen a route for this main and part of it falls on lands believed to be owned by you.

We are requesting your permission to lay part of this main along your property, at a distance of approximately 6ft. (1.8m) from the edge of the main road.

Your co-operation would be appreciated and I shall be grateful if you would sign your name at the bottom of this letter, indicating your approval or disapproval, and return it to this Department as soon as possible.

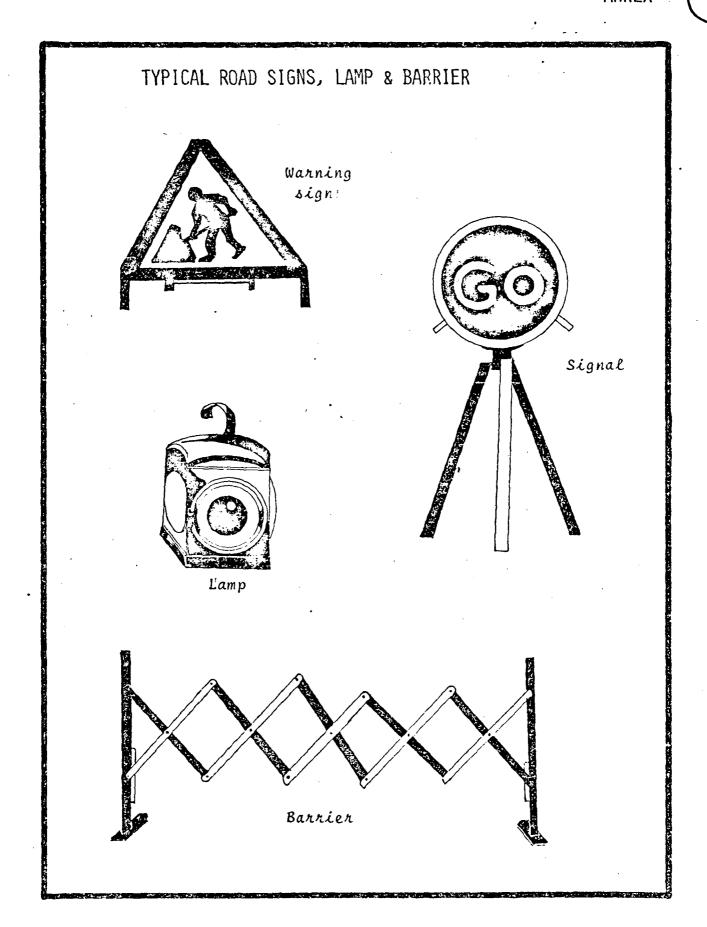
Yours faithfully,

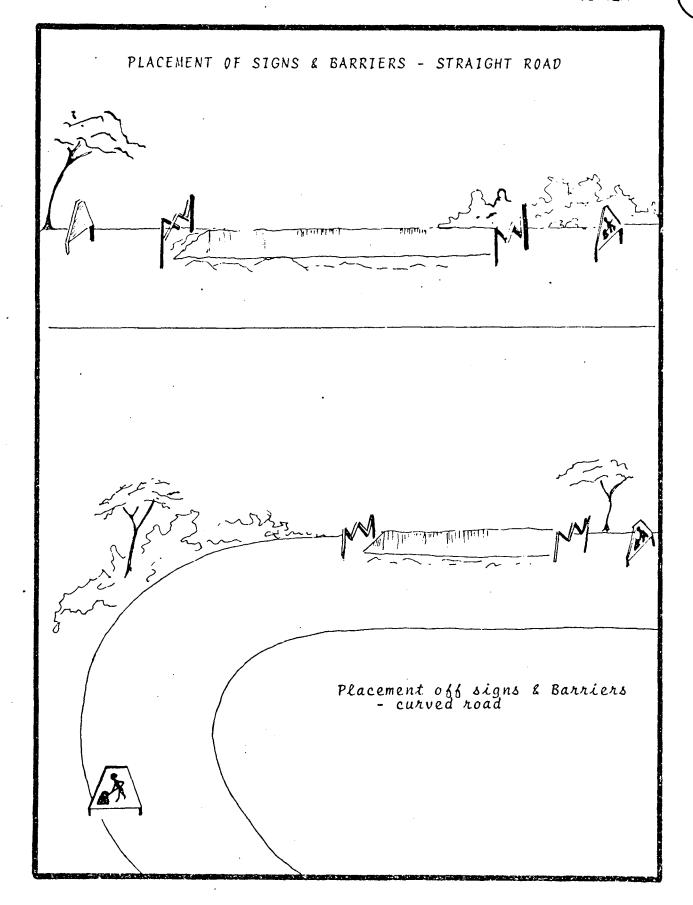
H.A. SEALY

Chief Engineer,
Waterworks Department.

I.....will/will not allow the Waterworks Department to lay a water main along my property.

Signature:.....





### Placement of Road Barriers and Warning Signs

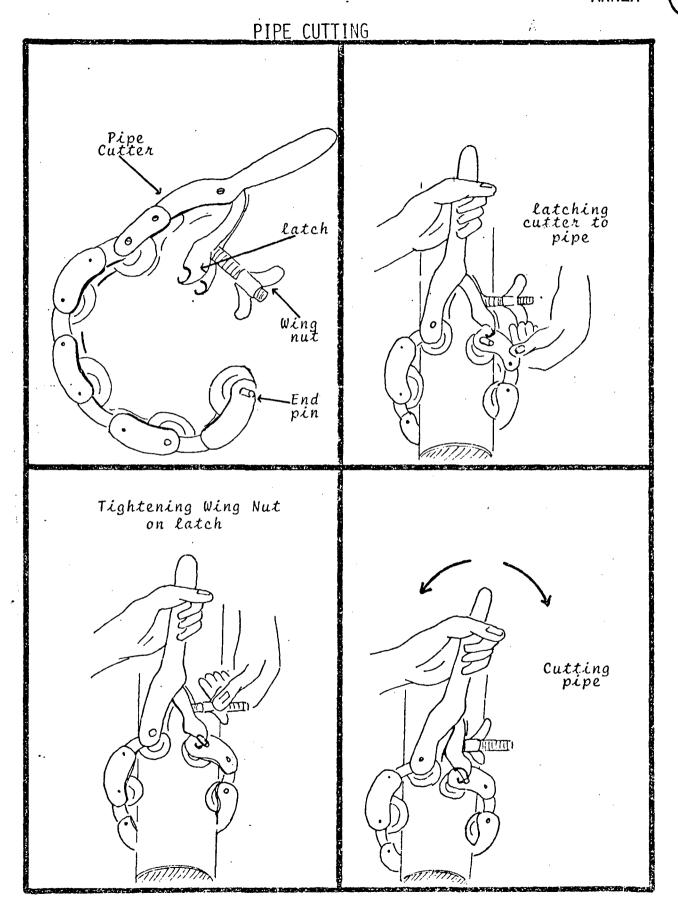
- 1. Road barriers should be placed at both ends of the open track.
- 2. Warning signs should be posted at each barricade. They should also be placed at least 25 ft before each barricade.
- 3. If an open track is hidden by a curve, a warning sign should be placed before the curve.
- 4. On heavily travelled roads, it may be advisable to use flagmen.
- 5. Lighted red lanterns or wickers should be used during the night time. They should be placed on the warning signs. They should remain lighted until daylight.
- 6. A watchman should be assigned to the job site each night to watch the equipment and materials, and make sure the fanterns or wickers are lighted and remain lighted until daylight. Other duties of the watchman include checking washed out pipe tracks; setting up barriers to these washed out tracks; noting the time of accidents and the vehicles numbers and immediately reporting information to the Department.

#### BLASTING

WARNING:

BLASTING SHOULD ONLY BE PERFORMED BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL. A SUMMARY OF THE MAJOR STEPS IS LISTED BELOW. THIS ANNEX IS NOT INTENDED TO TRAIN PERSONNEL ON HOW TO USE EXPLOSIVES.

- 1. Use a rotary drill to drill holes. You need to know the proper depth, placement and size of holes.
- 2. Prepare the dynamite. Sound preliminary warning with whistle.
- 3. Insert prepared dynamite into holes.
- 4. Before exploding dynamite, sound warning whistle and stop traffic at least 100 feet from the area.
- 5. If you are setting off more than one charge, count the number of explosions.
- 6. After all explosions, whistle "all clear."
- 7. Inspect blasted area to see if the rock has been satisfactorily cracked or blown away.

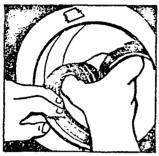


### Pipe Cutting

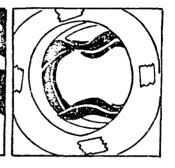
- 1. Measure pipe and use chalk or crayon to mark the desired length.
- 2. Clamp pipe and attach pipe cutter. Fasten the cutter by latching end link over the end of the latch. Tighten the wing nut at the top of the latch.
- 3. Rock cutter to and fro making sure that each knife meets or passes over groove of other knife. Continue to tighten the wing nut as the cutter becomes slack. Continue until pipe is completely cut.
- 4. Slacken wing nut, unlatch and lift off cutter.
- 5. Use a file to taper the ends of the cut. Taper off to an angle of 60°.

### TYTON JOINING PROCEDURES

Inspect both ends of pipe (socket and spigot) to make sure there are no obstructions, debris, dents or splits. Be sure there is nothing which will damage the rubber gasket. Clean ends if necessary.







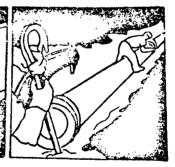
Bend rubber gasket into "U" shape.

Insert lip of gasket into groove in socket.

Press it in securely, making sure there are no buckles.



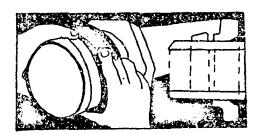


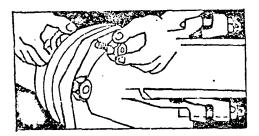


Lubricate the gasket after it is in the groove. Lubricate the gasket after it is in the groove. Also Lubricate about 1" of the spigot end of the pipe.

Place tip of crowbar firmly in the earth at the socket end of the inserted pipe. Push pipe until spigot comes in contact with "inside back" of the socket.

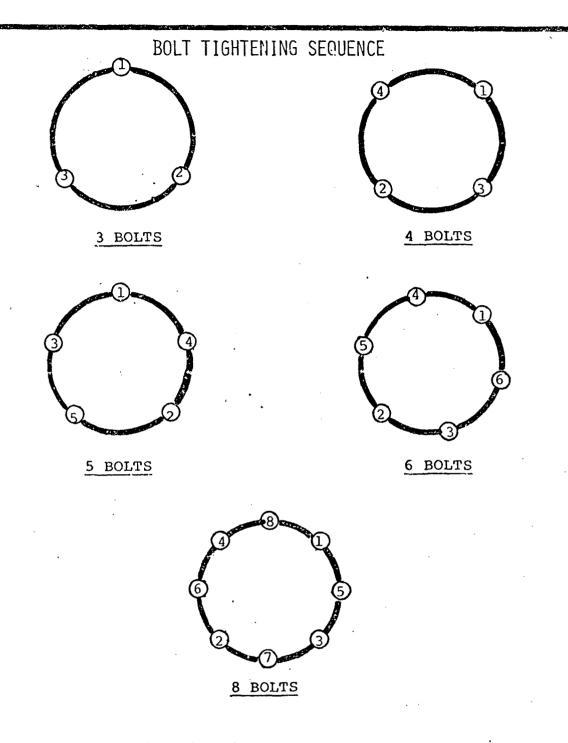
### MECHANICAL JOINTIMG PROCEDURE



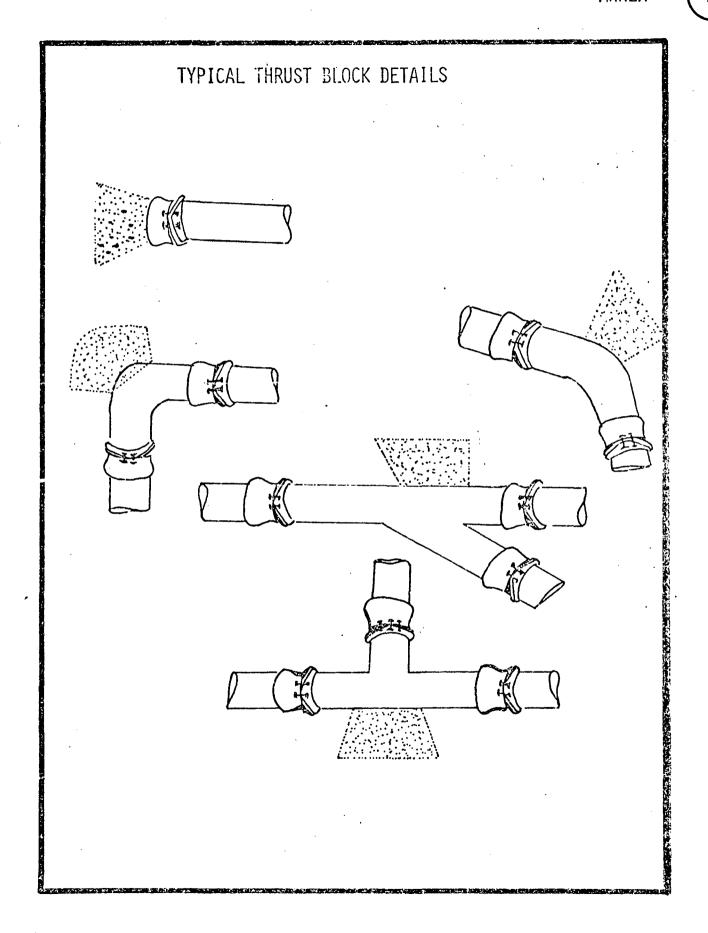


### Mechanical Joining Procedure

- 1. Inspect both ends of pipe to make sure there are no obstructions, debris, dents or splits. Be sure there is nothing which will damage the rubber gasket. Clean ends if necessary.
- . 2. Place gasket over spigat end. The tapered end should face the spigot end of the pipe.
  - 3. Put ends of pipe together. Bring flanges together and insert "T" shaped bolts.
  - 4. Tighten each nut one half turn starting on the top sides and bottom until tight. See bolt tightening sequence Annex 11.



IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT SUCH SEQUENCES ARE ADHERED TO SO AS TO MINIMIZE, IF NOT STOP, CRACKING OR BREAKING OF GLANDS BY UNEVEN PRESSURES APPLIED TO THE GASKETS AND GLANDS.



### Pressure Testing

- 1. After the dirt and debris has been washed out, the main should be sealed off. All air relief values must be left open.
- 2. Slowly fill the main. All air in the main will be expelled through the air relief value.
- 3. Watch the pressure build on the pressure gauge.
- 4. Turn off pump after the pressure reaches 50 100 ft above the working pressure of the particular area.
- 5. By watching the pressure gauge you can determine if there are leaks.
- 6. The main is considered to have no leaks if it holds same pressure for 24 hours.

#### Disinfection of Mains

The following material is copied from the World Health Organisation "Guide to Sanitation in Natural Disasters" by M. Assar 1971, pages 121 - 124.

When a section of a water main is laid or repaired it is impossible to avoid contaminating the inner surface with the dirt, mud or water in the trench while the pipes are being fixed into place. Contamination may also occur by accident, negligence or malice; adequate surveillance during non-working hours and the plugging of open ends after the day's work will reduce these risks. It should be assumed, however, that the pipe is contaminated despite all the precautions taken to prevent the entry of foreign matter. Consequently, the main must be disinfected before it is put into service.

To obtain good results from disinfection and to avoid the hazards of subsequent obstructions and damage to valves, all foreign objects should be remove removed beforehand by swabbing and flushing clean the pipeline. Packing and jointing materials should also be cleaned and disinfected immediately before use by immersion in a 50-ppm chlorine solution for at least 30 minutes.

Flushing of the section of the water can be combined with the hydrostatic pressure test for detecting faulty joints and leaks. Once this test is completed the pipeline should be flushed at a water velocity of at least 0.75 m per second. The presence of hydrants air valves, gate valves and other openings in or near the section to be disinfected facilitates the injection and extraction of water for flushing and disinfection.

Recently developed plastic foam swabs are useful in the disinfection of mains. As they are displaced by the water pressure, these swabs wipe clean the inner surface of the pipe; they can also isolate the section to be disinfected from the rest of the main and prevent the loss of the disinfecting solution.

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Chlorine compounds such as those described on pages 40 and 46 are the most commonly used for disinfecting water mains. The strength of the disinfecting solution should be much higher than that normally used for water chlorination. Under normal conditions, a strength of 10 ppm is recommended when the chlorine remains in the main for a period of 12-24 hours; application for 24 hours is necessary when the chlorine has to penetrate through organic matter coating the inner surface. In emmergencies, when it is not possible to leave a section of the main out of service for a long time, the period of contact can be shortened by proportionately increasing the strength of the solution; thus, for a contact period of 1 hour the strength of the solution should vary between 120 an and 240 ppm.

When strong solutions are used, particular attention should be paid to their thorough removal from the main after completion of disinfection; illness and discomfort may result from using highly chlorinated water, and the corrosive action of the chlorine may damage pipes, values, hydrants and household plumbing and fixtures.

### Procedures for application

Chlorine gas may be injected directly into the section of the main by a dry-feed chluninator supplied with a special gas diffuser or silver tube and attached to a hydrant or other opening by means of a special plug value. After the section has been thoroughly flushed, the intake valve is partfy shut to bring the water pressure below 1.7 kg/cm (25 lb/in). At the hydrant or opening where the water is discharged the flow rate is measured to determine the rate at which chlorine gas needs to be delivered. To obtain a concentration of 10 ppm in the section to be disinfected, the chlorine gas input rate should be 0.9 kg/24 for every litre per second of flow (0.12lb/24 h for every US gal/min or 0.14 lb/24 h for every UK gal/min). The value of the chlorine cylinder is opened and adjusted so that the dial shows to required rate of chlorine blow.

As soon as the odour of chlorine is detected in the water discharged from the main, water samples are taken to determine the chlorine content. The drop-dilution method is suitable for high concentrations of residual chlorine; if the orthotolidine method is used, a deep red colour should be produced in the sample when the reagent is added.

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When the desired chlorine content is reached, the discharge hydrant is shut and the appropriate valves are turned to stop the flow of water and chlorine gas. The water so treated is allowed to stand in the main for 12-24 hours, after which the main should be thoroughly flushed until the water is clear and has no odour of chlorine.

A similar procedure is used for feeding a mixture of chlorine gas and water by means of a solution-feed chlorinator; a special rubber hose should be added to the plug valve and the silver-tube diffuser. A booster pump may be required to provide a pressure at least three times higher than that in the main, in order to ensure satisfactory injection of the solution.

When calcium hypochlorite of chlorinated lime is used for disinfecting a section of a main, the easiest method of application is to inject a strong chlorine solution by means of a portable chlorinator. If the intake valve is kept partly open, a small flow of water can enter the pipe to assist in the dispersion of the chemical. The discharge or valve is shut off when the odour of chlorine is detected in the water flowing out, and the section of the main is allowed to fill. The intake valve is regulated so that the required amount of disinfecting solution is injected before the pipe is completely full.

When there is no chlorinator or pump to inject the disinfecting solution, the intake value is shut off after the flushing operation, and the section is allowed to drain dry; then the discharge hydrant or value is shut off, thus leaving the section to be disinfected isolated from the rest of the main. The disinfecting solution is slowly poured through a funnel or hose into an intermediate hydrant, value or opening made for this purpose, until the section is completely filled. Precautions should be taken to allow air trapped in the pipe to escape; where there is no air value or other orifice by which the air can be released, one or more connexions could be detached or a hole could be drilled in the top of the pipe.

If the section to be disinfected is short, weighed quantities of calcium hypochlorite or chlorinated lime in powder form may be placed at regular intervals inside the pipes while they are fixed into place; when water is introduced later, the powder will mix with it and produce strong concentrations of chlorine.

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The disadvantage is that the powder will be flushed to the far end of the section even when the water is admitted slowly, and no uniform distribution of the disinfectant is possible.

While the disinfecting solution remains in the pipes, the valves and hydrants in that section of a the main should be operated to ensure that all surfaces come into contact with the disinfectant. The valves at either end of the treated section should remain shut during the whole period of contact to prevent the loss of disinfecting solution.

At the end of the contact period, samples of the disinfecting solution should be taken to check that the chlorine content has remained at the prescribed strength. The section should then be thoroughly flushed to remove the disinfecting solution. Samples for bacteriological tests should be taken every day during the 3 days following disinfection to ascertain that the operation was successful.

To ensure that the chlorine concentration remains at 10 ppm throughout the period of contact, the original strength of the solution should be at least twice as high (20 ppm). The following table shows the amount of disinfectants required for pipes of various diameters in order to provide a chlorine concentration of about 20 ppm.

The volume in litres of the disinfecting solution required for 100 m of pipe can be expressed by  $V_1$  - 5.07 d, where d is the diameter of the pipe in inches.

The volume in US gallons of the disinfecting solution required for 100 yd of pipe can be expressed by  $V_2$  - 1.22 d , where d is the diameter of the pipe in inches.

#### SANITATION IN NATURAL DISASTERS

# QUANTITY OF DISINFECTANTS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A CONCENTRATION OF 20 ppm

Diameter of pipe		(25 % a	ated lime vailable orine)	(70 %	nypochlorite available lorine)	Sodium hypochlorite (5 % available chlorine)		
mm	in	g per 100 m	oz per 100 yd	g per 100 m	oz per 100 yd	litres per 100 m	US gal per 100 yd	
75 100 150 200 250 300 400	3 4 6 8 10 12 16	37 65 146 260 405 584 1040	1.2 2.1 4.8 8.4 13.4 19.2 33.6	13 23 53 92 145 210 368	0.4 0.7 1.7 3.0 4.7 6.8 11.8	0.18 0.33 0.73 1.30 2.03 2.92 5.20	0.05 0.08 0.18 0.31 0.49 0.66 1.27	