

MATERIALS

Concrete

Concrete deposited under slurry shall have a nominal slump equal to or greater than 7 inches, contain not less than 675 pounds of cementitious material per cubic yard, and be proportioned to prevent excessive bleed water and segregation. The nominal and maximum slump and penetration requirements in Section 90-6.06, "Amount of Water and Penetration," of the Standard Specifications shall not apply.

Concrete shall conform to the requirements in "Corrosion Control for Portland Cement Concrete" of these special provisions.

Aggregate Grading

The combined aggregate grading shall be either the 1-inch maximum grading, the 1/2-inch maximum grading, or the 3/8-inch maximum grading and shall conform to the requirements in Section 90-3, "Aggregate Gradings," of the Standard Specifications.

When concrete is placed under slurry, the combined aggregate grading shall be either the 1/2-inch maximum grading or the 3/8-inch maximum grading and shall conform to the requirements in Section 90-3, "Aggregate Gradings," of the Standard Specifications.

Grout

Grout used to backfill casings shall conform to the provisions in Section 50-1.09, "Bonding and Grouting," of the Standard Specifications, except that grout shall consist of cementitious material and water, and may contain an admixture if approved by the Engineer. Cementitious material shall conform to Section 90-2.01, "Cementitious Materials," of the Standard Specifications except that SCMs are not required.

Aggregate shall be used to extend the grout, but only to the extent that the cementitious material content of the grout is not less than 845 pounds per cubic yard of grout. California Test 541 will not be required nor will the grout be required to pass through a sieve with a 0.07-inch maximum clear opening before being introduced into the grout pump. Aggregate shall consist of at least 70 percent fine aggregate and approximately 30 percent pea gravel, by weight. Fine aggregate shall conform to the provisions of Section 90-2, "Materials," of the Standard Specifications. The size of pea gravel shall be such that 100 percent passes the 1/2-inch sieve, a minimum of 90 percent passes the 3/8-inch sieve, and not more than 5 percent passes the No. 8 sieve.

Slurry Cement Backfill

Slurry cement backfill shall conform to Section 19-3.062, "Slurry Cement Backfill," of the Standard Specifications.

Spacers

Spacers shall conform to Section 52-1.07, "Placing," of the Standard Specifications, except plastic spacers may be used.

Plastic spacers shall conform to Sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute's "Manual of Standard Practice" and shall have at least 25 percent of their gross plane area perforated to compensate for the difference in the coefficient of thermal expansion between the plastic and concrete. Plastic spacers shall be commercial quality.

Slurry

Mineral Slurry

Mineral slurry shall be mixed and thoroughly hydrated in slurry tanks, and slurry shall be sampled from the slurry tanks and tested before placement in the drilled hole.

Slurry shall be recirculated or continuously agitated in the drilled hole to maintain the specified properties.

Recirculation shall include removal of drill cuttings from the slurry before discharging the slurry back into the drilled hole. When recirculation is used, the slurry shall be sampled and tested at least every 2 hours after beginning its use until tests show that the samples taken from the slurry tank and from near the bottom of the hole have consistent specified properties. Subsequently, slurry shall be sampled at least twice per shift as long as the specified properties remain consistent.

Slurry that is not recirculated in the drilled hole shall be sampled and tested at least every 2 hours after beginning its use. The slurry shall be sampled mid-height and near the bottom of the hole. Slurry shall be recirculated when tests show that the samples taken from mid-height and near the bottom of the hole do not have consistent specified properties.

Slurry shall also be sampled and tested before final cleaning of the bottom of the hole and again just before placing concrete. Samples shall be taken from mid-height and near the bottom of the hole. Cleaning of the bottom of the hole and placement of the concrete shall not start until tests show that the samples taken from mid-height and near the bottom of the hole have consistent specified properties.

Mineral slurry shall be tested for conformance to the requirements shown in the following table:

MINERAL SLURRY		
PROPERTY	REQUIREMENT	TEST
Density (pcf) - before placement in the drilled hole - during drilling - before final cleaning - immediately before placing concrete	64.3* to 69.1* 64.3* to 75.0*	Mud Weight (Density) API 13B-1 Section 1
Viscosity (seconds/quart) bentonite attapulgate	28 to 50 28 to 40	Marsh Funnel and Cup API 13B-1 Section 2.2
pH	8 to 10.5	Glass Electrode pH Meter or pH Paper
Sand Content (percent) - before final cleaning - immediately before placing concrete	less than or equal to 4.0	Sand API 13B-1 Section 5
*When approved by the Engineer, slurry may be used in salt water, and the allowable densities may be increased up to 2 pcf. Slurry temperature shall be at least 40 °F when tested.		

Any caked slurry on the sides or bottom of hole shall be removed before placing reinforcement. If concrete is not placed immediately after placing reinforcement, the reinforcement shall be removed and cleaned of slurry, the sides of the drilled hole cleaned of caked slurry, and the reinforcement again placed in the hole for concrete placement.

Synthetic Slurry

Synthetic slurries shall be used in conformance with the manufacturer's recommendations and these special provisions. The following synthetic slurries may be used:

PRODUCT	MANUFACTURER
SlurryPro CDP	KB Technologies Ltd. 3648 FM 1960 West Suite 107 Houston, TX 77068 (800) 525-5237
Super Mud	PDS Company c/o Champion Equipment Company 8140 East Rosecrans Ave. Paramount, CA 90723 (562) 634-8180
Shore Pac GCV	CETCO Drilling Products Group 1350 West Shure Drive Arlington Heights, IL 60004 (847) 392-5800
Terragel of Novagel Polymer	Geo-Tech Drilling Fluids 220 N. Zapata Hwy, Suite 11A Laredo, TX 78043 (210) 587-4758

Inclusion of a synthetic slurry on the above list may be obtained by meeting the Department's requirements for synthetic slurries. The requirements can be obtained from the Offices of Structures Design, P.O. Box 168041, MS# 9-4/11G, Sacramento, CA 95816-8041.

Synthetic slurries listed may not be appropriate for a given site.

Synthetic slurries shall not be used in holes drilled in primarily soft or very soft cohesive soils as determined by the Engineer.

A manufacturer's representative, as approved by the Engineer, shall provide technical assistance for the use of their product, shall be at the site before introduction of the synthetic slurry into a drilled hole, and shall remain at the site until released by the Engineer.

Synthetic slurries shall be sampled and tested at both mid-height and near the bottom of the drilled hole. Samples shall be taken and tested during drilling as necessary to verify the control of the properties of the slurry. Samples shall be taken and tested when drilling is complete, but before final cleaning of the bottom of the hole. When samples are in conformance with the requirements shown in the following tables for each slurry product, the bottom of the hole shall be cleaned and any loose or settled material removed. Samples shall be obtained and tested after final cleaning and immediately before placing concrete.

Shore Pac GCV synthetic slurries shall be tested for conformance to the requirements shown in the following table:

Shore Pac GCV CETCO Drilling Products Group		
PROPERTY	REQUIREMENT	TEST
Density (pcf) - before final cleaning - just before placing concrete	less than or equal to 64.0*	Mud Weight (Density) API 13B-1 Section 1
Viscosity (seconds/quart) - during drilling - before final cleaning - just before placing concrete	33 to 74 less than or equal to 57	Marsh Funnel and Cup API 13B-1 Section 2.2
pH	8.0 to 11.0	Glass Electrode pH Meter or pH Paper
Sand Content (percent) - before final cleaning - just before placing concrete	less than or equal to 0.5	Sand API 13B-1 Section 5
*When approved by the Engineer, slurry may be used in salt water, and the allowable densities may be increased up to 2 pcf. Slurry temperature shall be at least 40 °F when tested.		