

# Sodium Hypochlorite Storage Area Rehabilitation



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# **OVERVIEW**

- Process and Structural System
- Deterioration
- Assessment
- Design
- Construction







# East Shore Water Pollution Abatement Facility

- 40-mgd secondary treatment
- 100-mgd wet weather treatment
- Secondary facilities constructed 1970s



East Shore Water Pollution Abatement Facility





# Secondary Treatment Building Disinfection System

- Sodium Hypochlorite, 15% concentration
- Two 5000-gal polyethylene tanks
- FRP secondary containment wall (partial)

# Secondary Clarifiers and Secondary Treatment Building





#### **Hypo Area Existing Floor Plan**





## **Hypo Area Existing Building Section**





# Control Joint Environmental Structures

- Formed joint between placements
- Controlled discontinuity
- Promotes controlled crack for shrinkage relief
- Spacing related to minimum reinforcing



#### **Typical Environmental Control Joint**





#### **Existing Seated Control Joint**













































#### **Seated Control Joint Deterioration**













#### Assessment

- Deterioration nature and extent
- Deterioration mechanism
- Repair materials, methods, and details
- Repair quantity for bid



#### Assessment

#### **Resist premature conclusions.**



#### **Deterioration Nature**

- Localized
- Discontinuities (joints, cracks, penetrations)
- Concrete cover spalling
- Reinforcing corrosion
- Corrosive agent: Sodium hypochlorite



# Wastewater Corrosive Mechanisms (The Usual Suspects)

- Acid attack
- Hydrogen sulfide attack
- Sulfate attack
- Carbonation
- Erosion/cavitation
- Chloride corrosion



## **Chloride Corrosion**

#### **Concrete properties**

- Pore network
- Permeable to water and ions
- 25% calcium hydroxide
- pH 12 to 13



#### **Reinforcing corrosion**

- Passive oxide film at pH > 10
- Chlorides breakdown passive layer
- Concrete acidification






















# **Diagnosis: Chloride Corrosion**

- Source: Sodium hypochlorite spillage/leakage
- Path
  - Control joint
  - Pipe penetrations
  - Cracks
- Deterioration
  - Concrete spalling
  - Reinforcing corrosion



### Assessment

- Percussion testing (hammer sounding)
  - Delamination extent
- Coring
  - Chemical Testing
  - Delamination depth
- Drilled powder sampling
  - Chemical testing
- Excavation
  - Subsurface conditions



# **Percussion Testing Survey**





#### **Core Extraction**





### **Drilled Powder Samples**





## **Powder Sample Analysis**

- Slab chloride content (% weight of cement):
  - 0.06% minimum
  - 0.90% maximum
- Limit for corrosion prevention (ACI)
  - 0.08% to 0.15%



# Excavation





# **Excavation**





# **pH** Testing





# **Design Considerations**

- Structural integrity restoration
- Secondary containment (110% one tank)
- Protection against hypo exposure
- Tank installation and replacement



# **Repair Design Concept**

- Remove deteriorated/contaminated concrete
- Remove severely corroded reinforcing
- Protect remaining reinforcing
- Splice replacement reinforcing
- Install repair mortar



### **Replacement HDPE Tanks**

- Linear Polyethylene (ASTM D1998)
- 10' diameter by 12' high
- Furnished, installed by plant operator



# **Design Materials**

- Slab repair: Packaged repair mortar
  - Portland cement based
  - Fiber reinforced, Silica fume modified
  - Underside spray applied (contractor request)
- Containment walls: Batched concrete
  - 4,000 psi
  - 0.44 max w/c ratio
  - Fly ash, Class F, 20% 25% replacement



## **Design Materials**

- Reinforcing
  - Epoxy coated new
  - Epoxy primer with zinc on existing
  - Minimum reinforcing by ACI 350



# **Design Materials**

- Containment flooring
  - Epoxy, 3/16-inch, broadcast aggregate
  - Novolac topcoat
- Containment wall coating
  - Epoxy, 16 mil
  - Novolac topcoat
- Non-containment flooring
  - Epoxy, 1/8-inch, broadcast aggregate
  - Polyurethane topcoat



#### **Containment Area Plan**





#### **Containment Area Section**





### **Containment Wall Section**





#### **Isolation Joint Detail**





#### **Containment Wall Detail**





#### **Control Joint Repair – Phase I**





#### **Control Joint Repair – Phase II**





#### **Control Joint Flooring Detail**





## **Construction Considerations**

- Structural stability shorter schedule
- Maintenance of operation longer schedule
- Containment integrity
- Accessibility (conduits and piping)



## **Construction Concept**

- Two phases
  - I. Beam at control joint and southward
  - II. Containment area
- Watertightness test prior to lining
  - ACI 350.1
  - Hydrostatic test Visual inspection only (HST-VIO)
- Mechanical pre-work utility relocation



































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## **Crack Repair**

































## Thanks to:

- Owner: Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority
- Facility Operator: CH2M Hill OMI
- Phase I Contractor: The Aulson Company, Methuen, MA
- Phase II Contractor: Joseph F. Kelley Company, West Haven, CT



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## Questions