

Construction Memo No. 3-00

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief District Engineers
TEBM's for Construction
District Construction Engineers
Resident Engineers
Active Consultant Engineers

FROM: Dexter Newman, P.E., Director
Division of Construction

DATE: January 31, 2000

SUBJECT: Foundation Preparation

Foundation Preparation is a new bid item in Section 603 of the 2000 Standard Specification. All sheeting, shoring, dewatering, common excavation, and backfill is incidental to this lump sum item. A lump sum item will be set up per structure. Solid rock excavation and any undercut of unsatisfactory material and refill will be paid separately.

Some plans may continue to show structure excavation common in lieu of Foundation Preparation. This is still allowed by the specification. Eighteen inch excavation limits now apply to all structures regardless of classification.

Although not covered in Section 603 it is intended that End Bent Backfill (Structural Granular Backfill) remain a bid item and any excavation at end bents remain incidental to this item.

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