FOREWORD

The principal objective in compiling the material for this CONCRETE PIPE DESIGN MANUAL was to present data and information on the design of concrete pipe systems in a readily usable form. The Design Manual is a companion volume to the CONCRETE PIPE HANDBOOK which provides an up-to-date compilation of the concepts and theories which form the basis for the design and installation of precast concrete pipe sewers and culverts and explanations for the charts, tables and design procedures summarized in the Design Manual.

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