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- Maintenance and/or upgrading of this supplemental information will include inputs from all services.

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## CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1-1 BACKGROUND.

#### 1-1.1 Inspection Methods and Recordkeeping.

Inspection methods and recordkeeping requirements vary with the specific purpose(s) of the inspection, which may include:

- Inspecting new pipe construction prior to acceptance.
- Assuring sound pipes prior to paving.
- Finding problems in troubled areas.
- Locating improper connections and/or sources of infiltration/inflow (I/I).
- Pinpointing the cause, source, and magnitude of I/I.
- Determining the suitability of various rehabilitation methods.

#### 1-1.2 Technology Evolution.

Technology has evolved in the sewer maintenance industry to meet the needs of system contracting officers. In particular, closed-circuit television (CCTV) has emerged as the dominant tool for inspecting pipelines. These units have been commercially available since 1965. CCTV units also have an excellent safety record for people and property.

### 1-2 PURPOSE.

This TSPWG Manual provides information and guidance for inspecting pavement drainage systems. Various inspection and testing techniques and the effectiveness of each are described.

### 1-3 SCOPE.

This TSPWG Manual provides standards for the inspection of pavement drainage systems.

### 1-4 REFERENCES.

Appendix A contains a list of references cited in this TSPWG Manual.

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## CHAPTER 2 DATA GATHERING METHODS

### 2-1 INTRODUCTION.

There are many different ways to gather information about the current condition of a drainage system. Before proceeding with any of these data-gathering techniques, collect and review all historical data that would help perform and/or guide the current inspection. If historical data are available, become thoroughly familiar with such data before using any of the data-gathering techniques described in this TSPWG Manual. The most common data-gathering methods are prioritized by usefulness into four groups: “primary,” “secondary,” “sometimes useful,” and “rarely useful.” These methods are described below.

### 2-2 PRIMARY DATA GATHERING METHODS.

The equipment used by units charged with executing airfield damage repair (ADR) varies both by service and within service as individual units seek to customize their equipment packages to achieve additional capability. The unit feedback includes concerns and recommendations for construction equipment, tools, and Class IV materials included in ADR kits. An overarching need exists to standardize ADR equipment across units and services as much as possible for economic, as well as functional, reasons.

#### 2-2.1 Person-entry (Manual Inspection of Large Pipes).

The main advantage of a person-entry inspection is that it uses the oldest and most reliable method of inspection: the human eye. The inspector can get first-hand information about internal pipe conditions that is impossible to obtain by any other method. Videotape records or photographs, guided directly by the inspector, can be used to supplement and document the inspector’s findings. More than one person can participate so communication can be direct (although radio communication is also used for safety reasons). Measurements and samples can be taken on the spot. In every way, when practicable, person-entry is the best method of inspection. There are two obvious, and closely related, disadvantages to this method. The first is that most people do not like to go into drainage pipes, regardless of the size and condition of the pipe. The second is that safety considerations require that a pipe be of an appropriate size and condition before person-entry is allowed (see Occupational Safety and Health Administration [OSHA] rules on confined space entry, Title 29, Code of Federal regulations, Chapter XVII, Section 1910.146).

#### 2-2.2 Visual Inspection.

**2-2.2.1** Observations at manholes can provide beneficial information, particularly with regard to corrosion. Typically, corrosion occurs at concrete structures due to the turbulence of flow. Erosion and/or breakout are indicators that the corrosion cycle has been initiated. In addition, most improper and/or illegal connections are present at manholes—examine unexpected I/I.

**2-2.2.2** Appendix C is a sample log form for an on-site hydraulic structure inspection (Section a) and an on-site catch basin, manhole, handhole, or drop inlet inspection (Section b).

**2-2.2.2.1 Hydraulic Structures.** For hydraulic structures other than pipelines, the key information can be determined visually and reported along with photographic documentation. In many cases, the condition of the floodplain will give the inspector more information than the channel itself. The form has space to add sketches and comments to document important features. The log form shown in Appendix C will not work well for every possible hydraulic structure, nor is it intended to—it is a model which gives a basic format and parameters which can be used as is, or adapted to meet the local needs of a given base or region. Inspect hydraulic structures at least annually, but more frequently if local conditions (i.e., amount and intensity of rainfall) warrant it. Inspections during and after storms can prove invaluable in identifying problem areas.

**2-2.2.2.1 Catch Basin, Manhole, Handhole, Drop Inlet.** Section b of the form is self-explanatory and will work well for virtually any catch basin, manhole, or drop inlet. However, some handholes do not allow easy visual access, and in those cases, use an adapted log form which includes relevant information based on the local conditions. The log form shown in Appendix C is intended to be a model which can be used as is, or adapted to meet the local needs of a given base or region. Inspect catch basins, manholes, handholes, and drop inlets in accordance with the schedule shown in Table 2-1. In areas where these structures may be subject to aircraft or heavy vehicular traffic, pay particular attention to cracking, breakage, corrosion, or other visible defects that make the load-carrying capacity of the structure suspect.

**Caution: To prevent serious damage to aircraft or vehicles, close any structures of questionable integrity to traffic until repairs are made.**

**Table 2-1 Inspection Schedule for Catch Basins, Manholes, Handholes, and Drop Inlets**

Inspection Type	Early Wet Season Inspection	Late Wet Season Inspection	Mid-Dry Season Inspection
Cleanliness	✓	✓	✓
Pollution	✓	✓	✓
Cover/grate	✓	✓	✓
Frame and top slab			✓
Structural condition			✓
Ladder			✓

## **2-2.3 CCTV.**

### **2-2.3.1 Overview.**

CCTV has become the primary method for most drainage inspections. A short description, including the main advantages and disadvantages, is included in this section, and discussed in more detail in Appendixes D through I.

**2-2.3.1.1** The biggest advantage of CCTV is that it is the only proven technology for internal inspection of small pipes. A key factor for the success of a CCTV inspection is establishing proper reference points so the video can be tied to exact locations in the pipe being inspected. The biggest disadvantage of CCTV is that the quality of the data is highly dependent on the operator's experience a pure digital system (both camera and recorder) provides a tremendous boost in picture quality that will not degrade over time or with copying.

**2-2.3.1.2** If a pipe is not freely flowing, clean the pipe before a CCTV inspection. If the pipe cleaning is unsuccessful the inspection may proceed, but take extra care since the camera system could be damaged or lost during the inspection.

**2-2.3.1.3** Require CCTV inspection before any pipe rehabilitation. Perform a post-rehabilitation CCTV inspection to determine if the rehabilitation was completed properly.

### **2-2.3.2 Guidelines for CCTV Inspection.**

Appendix D contains CCTV guidelines that were originally written for civilian systems. The guidelines are useful not only for the information they contain, but also because the "boilerplate" language can be used in writing contracts.

### **2-2.3.3 CCTV Log Sheet and Coding.**

Appendix E explains data logging with a CCTV log sheet and the use of data codes to speed up and increase the accuracy of CCTV data logging. Appendix E also references Appendix F, a model CCTV inspection log sheet; Appendix G, a model pipe identification matrix; and Appendix H, a model problem identification matrix.

### **2-2.3.4 Supplement to CCTV Guidelines.**

Appendix I contains additional information about CCTV inspections to supplement the National Association of Sewer Service Companies (NASSCO) guidelines in Appendix D.

## **2-2.4 Ground Surface Condition.**

Documenting the ground surface condition above the pipeline route can provide important information for the current inspection and is often invaluable for future inspections. When practical, walk the route. If walking is impractical (e.g., a system-

level inspection), drive the route, preferably with a motorized cart or all-terrain vehicle that allows the inspector clear visual access. During this phase of the inspection, document surface anomalies and unusual geologic conditions. Washouts and holes may indicate erosion and/or infiltration/exfiltration problems. Conditions that might impact pipelines or manholes include large swales, surface drainage, adjacent water bodies, types and volume of traffic, and pavement subsidence. Use video or photographs to document areas of particular interest.

## **2-3 SECONDARY DATA-GATHERING METHODS.**

Do not include secondary data-gathering methods in an otherwise routine drainage inspection. Include them only if specific subsurface conditions (primarily voids) are suspected which would affect the outcome of the drainage inspection and might cause structural problems. In addition, if these secondary data are readily available from a prior evaluation, review the past data for anomalies that might be related to drainage problems. Secondary data-gathering methods include:

### **2-3.1 Ground-Penetrating Radar (GPR).**

GPR is a key tool for rapidly determining the existence and extent of major structural defects (particularly voids) in drainage systems. GPR surveys are not routinely performed in drainage inspections, so the drainage inspector needs to know if GPR results will be of sufficient value to justify the cost. Therefore, a conceptual understanding of GPR data and where it comes from is important to the inspector, even if someone else will do the actual data interpretation.

**2-3.1.1** The source of the GPR signal is a high-frequency antenna that sends radar waves into the soil. Returning energy is detected by a receiver and comes from reflections of the signal at interfaces that are perpendicular to the signal (i.e., horizontal) and where the material above the interface has a contrast in dielectric properties with the material below the interface. In the case of a rounded “target,” only that energy which hits the target at points where the tangent of the target is perpendicular to the signal’s direction will be reflected back—this is why Stealth aircraft have rounded surfaces. The ability to “see” a target with GPR is a function of the dielectric constant of the target, the dielectric constant of the material above the target, and the geometry of the target. So, while a box-shaped metal pipe might be easy to “see” with GPR, a rounded pipe with very little dielectric contrast from the surrounding soil (e.g., vitrified clay) might be almost “invisible” to the GPR.

**2-3.1.2** The returning signal from a single GPR test, if plotted, would yield a two-dimensional (2-D) graph of signal intensity versus return time. If assumptions are made about the dielectric properties of the soil, then the return time can be converted to depth, so that the 2-D data is converted to intensity versus depth. A GPR “sweep” is a series of GPR tests at regular distance intervals (usually done with a GPR van), so that the data becomes three-dimensional (3-D). The output from a GPR sweep is usually displayed on a color monitor or printed on a color printer, with the vertical axis representing depth, the horizontal axis representing horizontal distance, and the graph’s

color representing the intensity of the returning signal. This color graph is commonly called “GPR data.” The closely spaced data in a GPR “sweep” gives far more information to the GPR interpreter than a like number of tests at random locations. For example, the location of a rounded pipe might be inferred by a drop in return intensity compared to immediately adjacent areas.

**2-3.1.3** Once the choices of antennas, location, and speed of travel (i.e., sampling rate) are made, the actual data collection using a GPR rig is relatively straightforward. The interpretation of that data, however, is sometimes more art than science—an experienced GPR engineer/technician can collect a great deal of information from a graph that is meaningless to an untrained individual.

**2-3.1.4** GPR can be a valuable tool for a drainage inspector if its advantages and shortcomings are understood. GPR is very good at locating large voids because there is a great contrast in dielectric constant between air and soil, and a large void tends to have a somewhat horizontal interface. GPR can sometimes locate rounded pipes, but does so by inference based on a drop in intensity compared to adjacent areas. This emphasizes one of the big shortcomings of GPR: Once the radar wave is completely reflected or completely dispersed, there is no further return signal to interpret. Therefore, a problem can be “hidden” by another anomaly above it (which reflects all the energy upwards). Similarly, problems at greater depths might be overlooked, because the radar wave has lost its energy due to normal dissipation during the wave propagation. In addition, soil saturation can sometimes cause unpredictable results in GPR data, since water tends to increase the contrast in dielectric properties but also tends to increase the energy loss during wave propagation.

**2-3.1.5** Even with its shortcomings, GPR can quickly provide information to the drainage inspector that no other nondestructive test can. GPR is generally not used routinely for drainage inspection because of cost, but armed with an understanding of what GPR is (and is not), the drainage inspector can make an informed decision as to whether the cost of GPR is justified for a particular problem. The biggest cost in most GPR surveys is mobilization, so once the inspector decides to bring in GPR for a particular problem, a large test area can usually be included at a relatively small additional cost.

## **2-3.2 Electronic Cone Penetrometer (ECP).**

The ECP, a vehicle-mounted penetrometer with a variety of electronic-measuring cone-tips, is a valuable tool for investigating underground structures. The ECP is mainly used by a drainage inspector to determine subsurface soil strength properties, and can be used directly (e.g., inspecting an earth dam) or indirectly (e.g., void detection). Other ECP measurements of interest to a drainage inspector might include water table location and chemical intrusion detection.

## **2-3.3 Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP).**

The DCP is a hand-held penetration testing system used to determine subsurface soil strength properties. Like the ECP, the DCP can be used directly by the drainage inspector (e.g., inspecting an earth dam) or indirectly (e.g., void detection); however, the DCP cannot make electronic measurements.

### 2-3.4 Heavy Weight Deflectometer (HWD).

- PCASE (Pavement-Transportation Computer Assisted Structural Engineering): Software developed by the Army, Navy, and Air Force for seven-sensor back calculation of rigid or flexible pavements. (<https://transportation.erdcdren.mil/pcase/>)
- COMDEF (COMposite pavements DEFlections): Software developed by the Air Force for seven-sensor back calculation of composite (asphalt over concrete) pavements. For further information, see Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC)/Geotechnical Laboratory (GL) 90-15, *Back calculation of Composite Pavement Layer Moduli*. (<https://erdclibrary.erdcdren.mil/xmlui/handle/11681/12729>)
- ISM1-7: Navy method of comparing normalized impact stiffness modulus (ISM) for seven sensors to aid in detecting voids (a large variation in one or two sensors could indicate voids). For further information, see Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center (NFESC) Special Publication (SP) 2081-SHR, *Airfield Pavement Void Detection Technology* (, or Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board, Issue 2170, December 2010, "Detecting Voids under Pavements: Update on Approach of U.S. Department of Defense," by L. Malvar. (<http://trrjournalonline.trb.org/doi/10.3141/2170-04>)

Note: The use of seven-sensor back calculation (PCASE or COMDEF) requires a further inference that low soil strengths in a particular test area are related to voids, whereas the Navy method (ISM1-7) was developed specifically to locate voids.

### 2-3.5 Infrared Thermography (IRT).

IRT has been used, with varying degrees of success, to locate voids around drainage pipelines. An IRT scanner measures temperature differences in the surface above the sewer, which may be significantly influenced by void areas. IRT scanners can be mounted on a permanent structure, but are commonly used on portable overhead equipment (e.g., cherry-picker), or even mounted on aircraft. The main advantage of IRT is the ability to survey relatively large areas in a short time. The main disadvantage of IRT is that any suspected problem has to be verified by other methods (e.g., boring).

In addition, the method is generally effective only for relatively shallow pipelines due to the 2-D aspect of the collected data. The depth of a possible problem cannot be determined from 2-D thermographs, so even if a void is correctly detected in a given area, it might not be in the vertical vicinity of a deeper pipeline. The use of IRT still has definite advantages over purely random test borings in areas where voids are suspected because large areas may be surveyed in a relatively short time and the "screening" thermography tests are completely nondestructive.

## **2-4 OTHER USEFUL DATA-GATHERING METHODS.**

### **2-4.1 Smoke Testing.**

Smoke testing may be used to test new construction, pipeline rehabilitation or reconstruction projects, and to locate rainfall-dependent I/I. Smoke testing is not usually performed routinely in drainage inspections.

**2-4.1.1** Specific sources of rainfall-dependent I/I that can be readily detected by smoke testing may include roof, yard, and area drain connections, catch basins, and broken or perforated service lines. Using an air blower, a nontoxic, non-staining “smoke” (typically a zinc chloride mist) is forced through a manhole. The smoke then surfaces through open pipe connections and defects. Indications of defects are photographed and tabulated, and the amount of I/I is approximated (if possible). Smoke testing can usually be used in pipe sections up to 180 meters (600 feet) in length. The pipe length that can be tested is even longer if the pipeline is airtight (or nearly airtight).

**2-4.1.2** Smoke testing has some significant limitations. It is completely ineffective if the pipeline is flowing full, groundwater is above the pipe, or the pipe has sags or traps that hold standing water. In addition, a defect may be either undetected or underestimated if wind quickly disperses the smoke at the surface.

**2-4.1.3** In addition to the questionable effectiveness of indirect testing for I/I, there are several issues to be addressed before undertaking any smoke testing. First, the smoke has the possibility of damaging some types of pipe (particularly those with retrofit liners). There is also the possibility that the smoke can combine with chemicals in the pipe walls (more likely with retrofit liners) to form environmentally unfriendly compounds. While neither of these scenarios has a high probability of occurrence, consult the manufacturer of the pipe or pipe liner before testing. Notify any nearby fire department (including the on-base fire department) of intended smoke testing.

### **2-4.2 Dye-water Testing.**

Dye-water testing, sometimes called flooding, can be done alone or in conjunction with color CCTV (dye-water testing cannot be used effectively with black-and-white CCTV). The dye commonly used is Rhodamine B, which is usually in a tablet form to minimize contact with personnel.

**2-4.2.1** The simplest type of dye-water testing is for a pipe that is suspected of either being totally obstructed at some point or physically disconnected from the system. In the first case, if the dye fails to appear at a downstream manhole the obstruction/disconnection is confirmed. Similarly, the dye may be put in an upstream drainage component (such as an area drain or catch basin), and the appearance of dye at a downstream manhole would confirm that the upstream component is physically connected to the drainage system. Dye-water testing can also be useful in identifying cross-connections between pipes. In more sophisticated analyses, a dye “plume” in the area around the pipe may be used to indirectly determine the existence and extent of

exfiltration from the pipe into surrounding strata. Additionally, for some pipe types (generally the more porous materials), the exfiltrating dye-water will impregnate an otherwise undetectable crack to create a “highlight” of dye that is visible to the naked eye or color CCTV. This is particularly useful if cracks are known to exist but cannot otherwise be located.

**2-4.2.2** Dye-water testing is commonly used to inspect sanitary/wastewater systems (sometimes in conjunction with smoke testing), but not commonly used for drainage inspections. An example that clearly points out the difference is a pipe defect that allows exfiltration. Environmental contamination may be a major concern for a wastewater system, and a dye-water plume might be the ideal test to locate the defect and assess the extent of damage. Exfiltration from a drainage pipe, however, is rarely considered a problem if there is no other related difficulty (e.g., washout).

### **2-4.3 Groundwater Monitoring.**

In cases where the water table always stays below the level of the drainpipes, the depth to groundwater is typically not an issue. In other cases, identify the depth of groundwater and unusual fluctuations in groundwater depth, along pipeline alignments before any rehabilitation/renovation or reconstruction. In some instances, locating the groundwater table can identify I/I problems that may be corrected with a spot repair, rather than a complete overhaul of the system. Spot repairs at the high groundwater point are not recommended due to minimal effectiveness. The best method for determining groundwater level is with monitoring wells, but a low-cost substitute that often works in older systems is to find a manhole with a leaky crack.

## **2-5 RARELY USED DATA-GATHERING METHODS:**

### **2-5.1 Sonic Caliper.**

The sonic caliper, developed in 1983, is passed through a pipeline to determine the degree of corrosion at the crown of the pipe (i.e., the depth of corrosion from the pipe surface), and also the depth of debris in the bottom of the pipe (e.g., the depth of deposited silt). The sonic caliper is typically used to supplement CCTV after the CCTV has detected the existence and 2-D extent of corrosion or debris. The sonic caliper is a relatively fast test that can proceed at a rate of about 30 meters per minute (100 feet per minute), but this is a new and largely unproven technology for drainage inspection. This device has been shown to work well under controlled conditions and is highly praised by vendors, but most researchers agree that there is insufficient validation testing under actual field conditions to verify the vendors' claims.

### **2-5.2 Pumping/Lift Station Inspection.**

Pumping/lift station inspections are very site-specific and/or equipment-specific, and not well suited for a generalized methodology of inspection. In addition, pumping/lift stations used in drainage typically do not have the clogging problems associated with sanitary/wastewater systems, so pumps tend to fail gradually from internal wear. Routine inspections and performance testing are the most effective means of

determining this wear. For portable systems, performance testing may simply be a pass/fail test, whereas more sophisticated systems use pressure or flow-rate measurements to detect drops in performance. Performance testing is generally more effective when incorporated into an ongoing routine maintenance program, rather than a non-routine, one-time inspection.

### **2-5.3 Flow Monitoring.**

Flow monitoring, as described in this TSPWG Manual, is the overall pipe flow rate, not the measurement of inflow due to structural defects. Inflow rates related to structural defects are usually estimated visually (either directly or by CCTV).

**2-5.3.1** Flow monitoring is usually omitted in a storm water drainage system inspection because accurate data is difficult to obtain, is costly, and is of limited value to the inspector.

**2-5.3.2** Flow monitoring is often critical in the monitoring of sanitary/wastewater systems. In wastewater systems, flow monitoring is used to estimate the I/I rates in different sections of pipe, since I/I has a very direct effect on treatment volume. Flow measurements are also used to infer pipe roughness (commonly back calculated from the Manning formula) that can dramatically affect system performance.

**2-5.3.3** In contrast to sanitary/wastewater systems, do not routinely perform flow determination as it has very limited utility for the drainage inspection.

**2-5.3.3.1** Localized reduction in flow, not I/I, is usually the key interest of the drainage inspector. Unlike the typical sanitary/wastewater system, most drainage systems can handle a reasonable amount of I/I without adverse effects. In addition, the most common problems caused by I/I in drainage systems are structural in nature (e.g., backfill washout, pipe deterioration) and are generally easier to detect by more direct inspection methods rather than inference from flow rate data.

**2-5.3.3.2** Pipe roughness is generally not a problem in drainage systems, unless the roughness is related to pipe deterioration or flow is significantly reduced; this is easier to detect by more direct methods.

**2-5.3.3.3** The exception to the utility of flow measurement in drainage systems is for sealed systems that are used to move large amounts of storm water from one area to another (particularly pressurized systems). In these cases, flow measurement may be more important, especially for system-wide inspections. Note that the storm water system would then hydraulically approximate a wastewater system (although the levels of contaminants can be significantly lower), so the "exception" is more semantic than actual.

**2-5.3.4** Types of flow-monitoring equipment that can be used in pipes include:

**2-5.3.4.1** Weirs. In general, weirs are considered a poor method of flow monitoring, particularly for longer-term monitoring. Along with calibration difficulties, weirs have

problems with clogging and obstruction of the weir crest—the clogging may be transitory and inaccuracies can go completely undetected. Nevertheless, some manufacturers make claims of 95 percent (or better) accuracy of flow rate with weirs. Weirs can be calibrated to provide workable data as a quick way to estimate I/I in a section of pipe, particularly since the measurements are taken manually (downstream rate minus upstream rate equals inflow rate).

**2-5.3.4.2** Flumes. Flumes are not usually used in pipeline inspections. In general, flumes provide more accurate flow information than weirs, but they are not as suited to a rapid flow measurement in a pipeline situation. For long-term measurements, clogging can be a problem. An upstream stilling well may be needed for accurate measurement in pipes that carry water with a significant amount of suspended solids.

**2-5.3.4.3** Microprocessor-based Recording Systems. When long-term flow rate data is needed, microprocessor-based recording systems that record flow depth (and sometimes flow velocity) are quickly becoming the standard for flow monitoring. These systems are generally more accurate than mechanical systems, do not impede flow during measurement, and use sensing systems that are relatively easy to calibrate. The output data from microprocessor-based recording systems are usually in the form of calibrated flow versus time, either as a continuous graph or as a table of discrete data points that can be plotted or analyzed statistically.

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## APPENDIX B GLOSSARY

2-D	two-dimensional
3-D	three-dimensional
ABS	acrylonitrile butadiene styrene
AC	Advisory Circular
AC	asbestos cement
ADR	airfield damage repair
AFCEC	Air Force Civil Engineer Center
BIA	Bi-lateral Infrastructure Agreement
BP	brick pipe
CAP	corrugated aluminum pipe
CCTV	closed-circuit television
cfm	cubic feet per minute
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CIP	cast iron pipe
CIPP	cured-in-place pipe
CMP	corrugated metal pipe
COMDEF	COMposite pavements DEFlections
CP	concrete pipe
DCP	dynamic cone penetrometer
DoD	Department of Defense
DP	ductile (iron) pipe
ECP	electronic cone penetrometer
ERDC	Engineer Research and Development Center
ETL	Engineering Technical Letter
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FRP	fiberglass reinforced pipe
GL	Geotechnical Laboratory
gpm	gallons per minute
GPR	ground-penetrating radar
GRP	glass reinforced pipe
HDPE	high density polyethylene

HNFA	Host Nation Funded Construction Agreement
HWD	heavy weight deflectometer
I/I	infiltration/inflow
in	inch
IRT	infrared thermography
ISM	impact stiffness modulus
m	meter
m <sup>3</sup> /s	cubic meters per second
MH	manhole
mm	millimeter
NASSCO	National Association of Sewer Service Companies
NAVFAC	Naval Facilities Engineering Command
NFESC	Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PB	polybutylene
PCASE	Pavement-Transportation Computer Assisted Structural Engineering
PCU	power control unit
PE	polyethylene
PP	polypropylene
PVC	polyvinyl chloride
RCP	reinforced concrete pipe
RPMP	reinforced plastic mortar pipe
SOFA	Status of Forces Agreement
SP	Special Publication
SP	steel pipe
SVHS	super vertical helical scan
TO	Technical Order
TSPWG	Tri-Service Pavements Working Group
TSPWG M	TSPWG Manual
TTP	Tactic Techniques or Procedures
UFC	Unified Facilities Criteria
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
VCP	vitrified clay pipe

VHS        vertical helical scan  
WP         wooden pipe



<b>b. On-Site Catch Basin, Manhole, Handhole, or Drop Inlet Inspection Log</b>		
Base: _____ Runway/Hwy ID: _____		
Structure ID: _____ Structure Type: _____		
Date: _____ Time: _____ Wet or Dry Season? _____		
<b>Cleanliness Inspection</b>		
Trash/debris	Approximate depth of debris below bottom of lowest pipe entering or exiting structure?	_____ inches
Sediment	Is sediment visible in inlet/outlet pipes?	Yes/No (circle one)
Root Intrusion	Maximum length of root intrusion?	_____ inches
<b>Pollution Inspection</b>		
Vegetation/debris	Is there any vegetation or debris on the cover/grate?	Yes/No (circle one)
Chemicals	Identify any chemicals present (for example, solvents, gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, paint, natural gas, etc.).	_____ _____ _____
<b>Frame and Top Slab Inspection</b>		
Alignment	Maximum that the frame extends past the curb face or runway surface?	_____ inches
Holes	Maximum hole in the top slab?	Width = _____ inches Length = _____ inches
Cracks	Maximum crack size in the top slab?	Width = _____ inches Length = _____ inches
Flushness	Maximum separation between the frame and the top slab?	_____ inches
<b>Structural Condition</b>		
Cracks	Width and length of the worst crack (inches)?	Width = _____ inches Length = _____ inches
Holes	Size of largest hole/missing brick (inches)?	Width = _____ inches Length = _____ inches
I/I	Is there unexpected infiltration/inflow?	Yes/No (circle one)
<b>Cover/Grate Inspection</b>		
General condition	Is cover/grate OK, only partially in place, damaged, or missing?	OK / Partially in Place / Damaged / Missing (circle one)
Corrosion	Is cover/grate badly corroded (possible structural problems)?	Yes/No (circle one)
Corrosion	Is cover/grate mildly corroded (more than surface rust but no structural problems)?	Yes/No (circle one)
Opening	Can cover/grate be opened by one person?	Yes/No (circle one)
Locking	Are any locks or locking bolts missing or damaged?	Yes/No (circle one)
Buried	Is cover/grate buried?	Yes/No (circle one)
<b>Ladder Inspection</b>		
Damage	Are ladder rungs missing or damaged?	Yes/No (circle one)
Alignment	Are ladder rungs misaligned?	Yes/No (circle one)
<b>Photo Documentation</b>		<b>Comments/Defects Not Listed Herein</b>
Photo(s) taken / No photos needed (circle one)		_____

## APPENDIX D GUIDELINES FOR CCTV INSPECTIONS

*Adapted from the National Association of Sewer Service Companies (NASSCO) from Closed Circuit Television Guidelines, Manual of Practices, 2000 Edition,*

### GENERAL

The content of this appendix supplements existing standard such as the NASSCO Standard on closed circuit televising. Review the items for information and use for additional input into project specifications.

1. The work consists of furnishing all labor, materials, accessories, equipment, tools, transportation, services and technical competence for performing all operations required to professionally execute the internal inspection of sewers in strict accordance with the specification and applicable drawings, and subject to the terms and conditions of the contract. All Federal and state safety requirements will be followed.
2. Information concerning depths of flow, manhole depths, air quality in the sewers, accessibility of manholes, traffic conditions, and other safety considerations are to be the sole responsibility of the contractor to obtain and to incorporate the necessary provisions into the overall contract price to complete the specified work under the conditions existing in the sewers to be inspected.
3. Closed circuit television (CCTV) inspection will be required prior to sewer line rehabilitation to document the condition of the pipeline and to verify that the pipeline was cleaned per NASSCO Manual Specification Guidelines, "Sewer Pipe Cleaning". Perform a post installation CCTV inspection to determine if the rehabilitation method selected was installed per the contract documents and that all laterals have been re-established, as required.
4. After cleaning, televise the pipeline during optimum low flow level conditions, per NASSCO Specification Guidelines, "Pipe Condition Assessment Using CCTV" or preapproved by the engineer. Provide and use a television camera designed and constructed for sewer inspection. Provide and use a camera that operates in one hundred percent (100%) humidity conditions. Provide and use lighting for the camera that minimizes glare. Provide and use lighting and cameras with picture quality that provides a clear, in-focus picture of the entire periphery of the pipeline for all conditions encountered during the work.
5. Lighting for the camera will be suitable to allow a clear picture of the entire periphery of the pipe. Use camera, monitor, and other components of the video system capable of producing picture quality to the satisfaction of the contracting officer's technical representative.
6. Documentation and reports.
  - a. Video. The purpose of recording is to supply a visual and audio record of problem areas of the lines that may be replayed. Provide and use video recordings with an audio

track, recorded by the inspection technician during the actual inspection work, describing the line being inspected (i.e., location, depth, diameter, pipe type, date, time), as well as describing connections, defects and unusual conditions observed during the inspection. Other recording media, such as optical discs, may be utilized as they become available. These new recording devices offer increased storage capacity and faster location of data.

Play back the video recording at the same speed that it was recorded. Slow motion or stop-motion playback features may be supplied at the option of the contractor as approved by the contracting officer. Have all videotapes or recorded media and necessary playback equipment readily accessible for review by the Government during the project.

b. Printed Reports. Printed inspection reports may be prepared by the contractor for each sewer line inspected during the actual field inspection activities. Review these field logs, along with the associated video record, as a means of ensuring that no defects or entries are omitted or incorrect, and as a means of gaining a second opinion as to the condition of each sewer line. Reprint or type edited field logs as specified for use in the final project reports. During the data review, detailed, provide one-page summaries for each line section inspected, presenting the engineer's synopsis of the general line condition and the relative severity of observed defects. Include these summaries in all field report copies immediately before each associated inspected report to further assist the Government in understanding and using the results of the inspection project. Direct submittal of copies of the inspection technician's field logs, without this secondary review and summary pages, may not be acceptable.

c. Television Inspection Logs: Keep printed location records and clearly show the location in relation to an adjacent manhole of each infiltration point observed during inspection. In addition, other points of significance such as locations of building sewers, unusual conditions, roots, storm sewer connections, broken pipe, presence of scale and corrosion, and record and document other discernible features and submit to the contracting officer.

d. Photographs: Instant developing, 35 millimeter (mm), or other standard-size photographs of the problems may be taken by the contractor upon request of the contracting officer's technical representative, as long as such photographing does not interfere with the contractor's operations or as agreed upon.

e. Video Printer: Video images can be reproduced as hard copy prints by incorporating a video printer into the CCTV system. The video printer can reproduce any of the color images seen on the monitor in about four seconds. The print serves as a durable hard copy print that can be included with the written report to graphically show the exact nature of the defect or any observation.

f. Data Printer: Software programs are available to record the observations and defects viewed on the monitor. Many of the programs provide standard menus that allow the TV operator to quickly record observations by type and degree. At any time,

the data can be printed either by using a standard printer on board the CCTV truck, or by a printer located in the engineer's or the maintenance department's offices.

7. Pull the camera through the sewer line in either direction at a speed not greater than 30 feet per minute, stopping as necessary to permit proper documentation of the sewer's condition. If, during the inspection operations, the inspection camera cannot pass through the entire manhole section, reset equipment so that the inspection can begin at the opposite manhole. If the camera again fails to pass through the entire manhole section, consider the inspection complete, unless the contracting officer requires/permits spot repair for completing the CCTV work. In instances where manual or remote power winches are used to pull the camera through the sewer (i.e., where the recording technician does not directly control the winch), set up constant two-way communication between the two manholes of the line being inspected to permit the recording technician to communicate clearly with the crew member controlling the camera's movement.

8. Post-Rehabilitation: Submit documentation consisting of a color videotape, log sheets, and a written report detailing the post rehabilitation condition of the pipeline and lateral connections/openings, to the engineer for approval. Repair and re-televiser/record any rejected work. Note additional requirements for performing CCTV inspection on the plans or in the special provisions.

## **TELEVISION REQUIREMENTS**

### **Small Diameter Sewers (24-inch and less)**

1. Provide and Use a remote reading footage counter that is accurate to less than one percent (1%) error over the length of the particular section of pipeline being inspected. The distance is measured from the centerline of the manhole to the centerline of the next manhole. Provide and use a camera and monitor that produces a minimum 350 line per inch resolution (122,500 pixels per square inch) or greater, as required. Set up telephones, radios, or other suitable means of communication to ensure that adequate communication exists between members of the crew. Provide and use a CCTV inspection system that has been approved by the contracting officer, prior to the work being performed.

Perform the CCTV inspection utilizing one of the following Video camera systems:

- a. remote focus stationary lens cameras;
- b. rotating lens cameras; or
- c. pan and tilt cameras.

Mount the video camera on a skid, floatable raft system, or transporter, based on the conditions of the pipeline to be televised.

2. Accurate distance measurements is important. Measure the location of defects above ground by means of a meter device. Marking on the cable, or the like, which would require interpolation for depth of manhole, will not be allowed. Check the accuracy of the distance meter by use of a walking meter, roll-a-tape, or other suitable device, and meet the specifications supplied by the contracting officer.

### **Large-Diameter Sewers (27-inch and larger)**

#### **1. Procedures and Equipment.**

a. Provide and use four basic methods of internal pipe inspection on the project.

i. Conventional color inspection cameras specifically designed for use in sewer line inspection work, mounted on conventional camera skids, tractors, or push skids.

ii. Conventional color inspection cameras specifically designed for use in sewer line inspection work, mounted on floating skids or rafts.

iii. Special industrial grade color inspection cameras, contained in waterproof housings, and mounted on floating skids or rafts.

iv. Special industrial grade color inspection cameras, either hand-held or contained in waterproof housings, and carried manually through the sewer during inspection work.

b. Submit sample video recordings from recently completed projects, demonstrating the picture quality obtained with each available inspection system for pipe diameters ranging from 27 to 108 inches.

c. Provide and use only cameras that are color units designed or modified for use in large-diameter sewer inspection work. Provide and use cameras that are operable in one hundred percent (100%) humidity conditions. Do not provide or use camera lens with less than a 65-degree viewing angle. Provide and use camera lens that have either automatic or remote focus and iris controls. Adequate lighting is required. Provide and use sufficient camera lighting for use with color inspection cameras, and for diameters larger than 48 inches. Provide and use a video system (camera, lens, lighting, cables, monitors and recorders) that is capable of providing a picture quality acceptable to the contracting officer.

d. Manual inspections may be required in lines where conditions will allow the contractor's inspection crew to safely walk through the sewer. No remote inspection work may proceed until the process has been reviewed and approved by the contracting officer. It is required that the contractor complies with the confined space permit and safety requirements of 29 CFR 1910 or latest revision thereof.

e. Conduct manual pipe inspections (walk-through inspections) in such a manner as to transmit the video signal to an above-ground viewing room to permit the contracting

officer's technical representative to watch the inspection work live on a color monitor in the viewing facility. In addition, direct voice communication between the contracting officer's technical representative, the in-pipe inspection personnel, and the recording technician in the above-ground unit should be maintained at all times during the manual inspection work. Locate video recording equipment above ground in the inspection truck. Super-impose accurate and continuous footage readings on the video recording. Camcorders are not permitted for use as the sole means of obtaining video records, unless approved by the contracting officer.

During manual inspections, 35-mm color photographs may be required as instructed by the Contracting officer's technical representative, or as deemed necessary by the in-pipe technicians to document line conditions.

Safety of the in-pipe inspection crew (minimum of two men in the pipe is required) is of prime concern. Provide adequate ventilation and this is normally in the range of two 6800 cubic feet per minute (cfm) or larger air movers. In addition, provide and use both exhaust and blower type air movers to provide push-pull ventilation for the sewer line being inspected by manual methods. Provide and equip each of the technicians in the pipe with safety equipment and lifelines as required by OSHA regulations.

f. Provide and use remote pipe inspections, using either electric or manually operated winches to pull the inspection camera through the sewer line in cases where conditions are agreed to be unsafe or impractical for manual inspections and where acceptable picture quality can be obtained.

As with manual inspections, super-impose accurate and continuous footage readings on the video recording for each line inspected by remote inspection methods. Also super-impose the date of inspection and an identification manhole number designation for each manhole on the line section inspected.

g. Inspect lines in their existing condition. Provide and use the necessary camera skids, floats, and rafts to allow for inspection of these lines under live flow conditions.

## 2. Documentation and Reports.

a. Mount and label 35-mm photographs taken during manual walk-through inspections on 8.5 x 11-inch paper for inclusion in the final project reports. Include the original 35-mm photos in one copy of the final reports on fully laminated pages. Include copies of these photos in all other copies of the final report. Present the photo pages immediately following the inspection report for the line section in which they were taken.

b. Present photographs taken from the video monitor for remote TV inspections in the same manner as described in 2.a. If the contracting officer desires photos of all significant defects observed during remote inspection work where manual inspections are not performed, still photos from the monitor may not be possible.

c. Submit original videos for the project to the contracting officer with final report submittal. The videos become the property of the Government. Make additional copies of the videos on professional duplication equipment.

d. Submit the required copies of the final project report to the contracting officer within the time specified. Ensure one of the copies contains the original photos as required under 2.a. and 2.b.

e. Provide an overall summary narrative in each report, describing the overall conditions found in each associated line section grouping. To assist the government in subsequent project reviews, compile detailed summary tables showing those lines where major and significant defects were located.

### 3. Suggested Criteria.

Use the following general criteria:

a. Where flow depths exceed fifty percent (50%) of the pipe diameter, do not perform inspections without prior approval of the contracting officer.

b. The maximum flow depth for remote inspection work is thirty-three percent (33%) of the pipe diameter. The contractor may be required to perform inspections during off-peak hours (night inspections), if specifically requested by the contracting officer, to achieve this maximum flow standard.

c. No maximum flow depth has been established for manual (walk-through) inspections; however, depths in excess of one-third (1/3) of the pipe diameter will probably make such inspection methods unsafe.

d. Lines 60 inches in diameter and larger, and having flow depths of less than twenty percent (20%) of the pipe diameter, can be manually inspected unless the contractor provides the contracting officer with reasons for deeming manual inspections to be impractical or unsafe.

Note: Submit a listing of actual measured flow depths and times of measurement, at a sufficient number of locations, to indicate the flow depths that are expected during inspection work. Provide a minimum of one flow depth measurement for each line section at no additional cost to the Government.

Additional off-peak flow measurements (i.e., night flow measurements) may be requested by the contracting officer at various locations, also, at no additional cost to the Government.

f. Schedule a pre-startup meeting with the contracting officer, the contractor, and the contracting officer's technical representative, prior to beginning any internal pipe inspection work, to review the contractor's proposed inspection methods for each of the line section groupings. At that time, provide the necessary flow depth data described above, as well as the overall listing of proposed inspection methods in each area.

g. Include in time for contract completion the time needed for obtaining the required flow depth measurements and the time for the pre-startup meeting. In addition, execute the field work in a continuous manner and not leave the project for more than four consecutive days without prior written approval of the contracting officer. Consider delays due to extended adverse weather conditions.

**4. Measurement for Payments.**

a. Pay project mobilization/demobilization at the lump-sum price bid for this item. Consider paying seventy percent (70%) on the first pay request, with the remaining thirty percent (30%) being paid after all field activities have been successfully completed and approved by the contracting officer. Project mobilization/demobilization normally does not exceed five percent (5%) of the total bid price for the project.

b. Internal pipe inspections and video recordings of the sewer lines are normally paid for at the unit price bid per linear foot of each size pipe. Make payments only for the actual feet of pipe inspected, as measured from the center of the manholes.

c. Reverse setups (i.e., resetting the inspection equipment to begin inspections from the opposite manhole) are normally paid at the unit price bid per reverse setup, for the actual number of reverse setups required, as approved by the contracting officer.

d. The original set of videos and all required photographs are normally incidental to the bid unit costs for the actual inspection work. Extra copies of the videos are normally paid at the unit cost bid for duplicate videos for the actual number of duplicate media requested by the contracting officer or as included in the overall bid proposal.

e. Final project reports are normally paid at the lump-sum price bid for this item at the time the final reports are received and accepted by the contracting officer. This bid item is normally not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid price for the project.

## APPENDIX E CCTV LOG SHEET AND CODING

**E-1** Appendix F is a sample log sheet for CCTV inspection. The inspector can rapidly log pipe and joint information, as well as defects, by using codes. Use the sample log sheet for CCTV inspections and modify it if needed. With the exception of the coding, the log sheet is straightforward and self-explanatory.

**E-2** Appendix G is a pipe identification matrix and Appendix H is a problem identification matrix. The matrices provide the coding numbers for the CCTV log sheet. The following examples demonstrate the use of the log.

**Example 1:** Consider a circular drainage pipe made of polyvinyl chloride (PVC), with O-ring joints: the pipe type code would be *c-21* (for PVC); the pipe use code would be *a-3* (for a drainage pipe); the pipe geometry code would be *b-2* (for circular); the joint type code would be *d-3* (for O-ring).

**Example 2:** During the CCTV inspection, a horizontally misaligned joint, that is pulled about 12 millimeters (0.5 inch), is found; it also has longitudinal cracks, but no evidence of I/I. The following codes would apply: *g-10* (for misalignment); *h-6* (for pulled joint, 12.7 to 25.4 millimeters [0.5 to 1 inch]); *i-6* (for longitudinal cracks); and *m-8* (for no evidence of I/I). The full entry would be: *g-10; h-6; i-6; m-8*.

**E-3** Appendixes G and H are intended as models, and can be adapted to meet the needs of a particular base or region. Any number of additional pipe types and/or defects can be added. The numbered entries in each group are listed alphabetically in Appendixes G and H. However, once a given set of codes is used for a particular installation, do not change them (additional codes can always be added). Ensure the inspector is thoroughly familiar with the codes that will be used in the CCTV inspection **before** beginning the CCTV inspection—particularly if another person is logging the codes.

**E-4** The pipe identification matrix of Appendix G has code letters which start with the letters *a* through *e*. To avoid confusion, the problem identification matrix of Appendix G continues the letters (starting with the letters *f* through *t*). In addition, some letters were intentionally omitted because they are easily confused when handwritten (especially for entries with multiple codes, as illustrated in Example 2 of paragraph E-2.). There is no *l* code, because it can be easily confused with an *i* (particularly if the *i* is capitalized). There is no *o* code, because it can be easily confused with a zero. There is no *q* code, because it can be easily confused with *p*. And finally, there are no *v* or *w* codes, because they can be easily confused with *u*. The omitted letters can be added if they are needed, but ensure the log is legible.

**E-5** Using coding may seem cumbersome, and, in fact, will slow down the process unless the data logger is thoroughly familiar with the codes. However, as the logger becomes more and more familiar with the codes, the time saved during logging

is dramatic. More importantly, the use of codes is particularly conducive to computer data entry by a clerical worker to allow for more sophisticated analyses. In the near future, all logging will be done directly on laptop computers. In addition to the ability to perform analyses, one benefit of entering the codes on a computer is that the computer can generate a complete narrative description in easy-to-understand text based on the code numbers, with far fewer mistakes than trying to transcribe hand-written field notes.



**APPENDIX G PIPE IDENTIFICATION MATRIX**

<b>a. Pipeline Use</b>	
1	Combined (drainage & sanitary)
2	Culvert
3	Drainage pipe
4	Force main/pressurized pipe
5	Natural flow channel/creek
6	Open channel/ditch
7	Overflow
8	Siphon
9	Trunk/connector pipeline
<b>b. Pipeline Geometry</b>	
1	Arch-top
2	Circular
3	Irregular
4	Natural channel
5	Oval, vertical
6	Oval, horizontal
7	Phillip egg
8	Rectangular, closed
9	Rectangular, open
10	Semi-elliptical
11	Trapezoidal open-channel
<b>c. Pipeline Material Type</b>	
1	Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS)
2	Asbestos cement (AC)
3	Brick pipe (BP)
4	Cast iron pipe (CIP)
5	Clay pipe
6	Corrugated aluminum pipe (CAP)
7	Corrugated metal pipe (CMP)
8	Concrete pipe, unreinforced (CP)
9	Concrete pipe, reinforced (RCP)
10	Cured-in-place pipe (CIPP)
11	Ductile iron pipe (DIP)
12	Fiberglass reinforced pipe (FRP)
13	Glass reinforced plastic (GRP)
14	High-density polyethylene (HDPE)
15	Orangeburg
16	Polybutylene (PB)
17	Polyethylene (PE)
18	Polypropylene (PP)

19	Plastic-lined pipe
20	Plaster pipe
21	Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)
22	Reinforced concrete box
23	Reinforced plastic mortar pipe (RPMP)
24	Spirolite HDPE
25	Truss
26	Steel pipe (SP)
27	Vitrified clay pipe (VCP)
28	Vitrified segment duct
29	Wooden pipe (WP)
30	Other (indicate type)
<b>d. Joint Type</b>	
1	Asphaltic/bituminous
2	Cement mortar
3	Compression gasket/O-ring
4	Friction/gasketless
5	Solvent weld (usually ABS or PVC)
6	Thermal weld (usually PE)
<b>e. Lateral</b>	
1	Dead/unused
2	Defective connection
3	Hammer tap
4	Protruding (< 13 mm [1 in])
5	Protruding (13 to 50 mm [1 to 2 in])
6	Protruding (> 50 mm [2 in])
7	Protruding (no pass)
8	Saddle tap
9	Sanitary connection
10	Tee
11	Wye

**APPENDIX H PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION MATRIX**

<b>f. Alignment (vertical)</b>	
1	25-mm (1-in) sag
2	50-mm (2-in) sag
3	75-mm (3-in) sag
4	100-mm (4-in) sag
5	125-mm (5-in) sag
6	Sag $\geq$ 150 mm (6-in)
7	6-mm (0.25-in) diameter sag, begin
8	6-mm (0.25-in) diameter sag, end
9	12-mm (0.5-in) diameter sag, begin
10	12-mm (0.5-in) diameter sag, end
11	Camera underwater, begin
12	Camera underwater, end
13	See comments
<b>g. Condition</b>	
1	Broken
2	Cracks (open) - add i. code
3	Cracks (visible) - add i. code
4	Crushed/collapsed
5	Deterioration, heavy
6	Deterioration, intermediate
7	Deterioration, light
8	Fair
9	Good
10	Misalignment – add h. code
11	Missing pieces
12	Poor fitting
13	Satisfactory
<b>h. Joint Condition</b>	
1	Dropped joint (> 90% diam. clear)
2	Dropped joint (80 - 90% diam. clear)
3	Dropped joint (< 80% diam. clear)
4	Leaking at joint
5	Pulled joint (0 to 12 mm [0 to 0.5 in])
6	Pulled joint (12 to 25 mm [0.5 to 1 in])
7	Pulled joint (> 25 mm [1 in])
8	Shifted joint (> 90% diam. clear)
9	Shifted joint (80 - 90% diam. clear)
10	Shifted joint (< 80% diam. clear)
11	Typical joint
12	Visible gasket

13	Visible joint material
14	See comments
<b>i. Cracks</b>	
1	0 to ½ inch
2	½ to 1 inch
3	> 1 inch
4	Circumferential
5	Combination
6	Longitudinal
7	Pipe, hole in
8	Pipe wall missing ( $\leq 60^\circ$ )
9	Pipe wall missing ( $> 60^\circ$ )
10	See comments
<b>j. Leak Type</b>	
1	Clean-out broken
2	Clean-out plug defect
3	In drainage channel
4	Manhole bench
5	Manhole cover
6	Manhole ring
7	Manhole riser
8	Manhole wall/cone
9	No smoke from drop inlet
<b>k. Leak Size</b>	
1	Smoke test, heavy
2	Smoke test, intermediate
3	Smoke test, light
4	Video, large leak
5	Video, medium leak
6	Video, small leak
7	See comments
<b>m. Infiltration</b>	
1	Evidence of I/I (great)
2	Evidence of I/I (medium)
3	Evidence of I/I (small)
4	I/I, heavy ( $> 0.0006 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ [10 gpm])
5	I/I, high ( $0.0003$ to $0.0006 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ [5 to 10 gpm])
6	I/I, medium ( $0.00006$ to $0.0006 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ [1 to 5 gpm])
7	I/I, small ( $< 0.00006 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ [1 gpm])
8	No evidence of I/I
9	See comments

<b>n. Corrosion</b>	
1	Major (steel bar gone)
2	Medium (steel bar showing)
3	Minor (aggregate showing)
4	Severe (holes through pipe)
<b>p. Debris</b>	
1	General debris, major
2	General debris, medium
3	General debris, minor
4	Grease/sludge, major
5	Grease/sludge, medium
6	Grease/sludge, minor
7	Large rocks/bricks
8	Rocks/gravel
9	Sand/grit
10	Soil (clayey)
11	Soil (silty)
<b>r. Roots</b>	
1	Blockage
2	Extreme growth
3	Heavy growth
4	Heavy to medium growth
5	Medium growth
6	Medium to minor growth
7	Minor growth
<b>s. Erosion</b>	
1	Major (rebar missing)
2	Medium (rebar showing)
3	Minor (aggregate showing)
4	Severe (holes in pipe)
<b>t. Structural Damage</b>	
1	Bricks missing, minor
2	Bricks missing, moderate
3	Bricks missing, severe
4	Collapsed
5	Deflection, minor (< 5%)
6	Deflection, moderate (5 to 10%)
7	Deflection, severe (> 10%)
8	Four-hinged break
<b>u. Utility Damage</b>	
1	(Other) utility duress
2	(Other) utility failure

<b>x. Street Damage</b>	
1	Building collapse
2	Curb and gutter cracks
3	Curb and gutter settlement
4	Pavement cracks
5	Pavement settlement
6	Street collapse

**APPENDIX I SUPPLEMENT TO CCTV GUIDELINES**

To supplement the NASSCO CCTV Guidelines in Appendix D, this appendix contains general information that is helpful to the inspector in preparing and carrying out a CCTV inspection.

**I-1 CCTV UNITS.**

Table I-1 summarizes commonly available CCTV units and their general characteristics:

**Table I-1 Common CCTV Inspection Equipment**

Camera Type	Camera Subtype	Most Common Cable Type	Typical Cable Lengths in Linear Meters (Linear Feet)	Typical Pipe Sizes
Micro-mini Camera	Color	Coaxial	15 to 30 (50 to 100)	≤ 101 mm (≤ 4 in)
	Black & white	Coaxial	30 to 60 (100 to 200)	≤ 152 mm (≤ 6 in)
Mini-camera	Color	Coaxial	60 to 90+ (200 to 300+)	101 to 610 mm (4 to 24 in)
	Black & white	Coaxial	60 to 150+ (200 to 500+)	
Conventional Cameras	Multi-conductor	Coaxial	300 <sup>a</sup> to 450 <sup>b</sup> (1000 <sup>a</sup> to 1500 <sup>b</sup> )	152 to 3048 mm (6 to 120 in)
	Single conductor	Coaxial	600 <sup>a</sup> to 1500 <sup>b</sup> (2000 <sup>a</sup> to 5000 <sup>b</sup> )	
	Well cameras	Coaxial	600 <sup>a</sup> to 3000 <sup>b</sup> (2000 <sup>a</sup> to 10,000 <sup>b</sup> )	Well casings
Special Inspection Units	Coaxial with amplifiers	Coaxial	900 to 1800 (3000 to 6000)	1219 to 3658 mm (48 to 144 in)
	Fiber-optic unit	Fiber optic	1500 to 3000 (5000 to 10,000)	
		<sup>a</sup> Commercially available units	<sup>b</sup> Specially designed or modified units	

**I-2 COMPONENTS OF CCTV INSPECTION SYSTEM.**

The following paragraphs describe the components (i.e., the personnel and equipment) that are needed for a professional CCTV inspection.

## **I-2.1 Personnel.**

**I-2.1.1** The most critical component of any successful inspection is the person responsible for documenting observed field conditions. The final products of most CCTV inspections are the videotape narrated by the operator and a documenting field log, either prepared during the inspection or from notes and/or narration by the operator during the inspection. Operator experience is essential to a successful CCTV inspection, which provides not only information for the present time, but also baseline information for future inspections.

**I-2.1.2** Almost as important to the success of the inspection is the person responsible for the daily equipment maintenance. The best equipment, with the best operators, will give poor performance if the equipment is not properly maintained. Ultimately, it is the inspector's responsibility to see that equipment maintenance is completed at least daily, or more often if needed.

## **I-2.2 Safety Equipment.**

A health and safety plan is critical for entry into manholes and large-diameter pipes. While health and safety issues are most often the purview of the contractor, it is the inspector's responsibility to ensure that the contractor has adequate health and safety guidelines and policies when working in confined spaces, and that those guidelines and policies are followed by field personnel.

## **I-2.3 Ventilating Equipment.**

Provide and use special blowers and/or exhaust fans during manual inspection if long line lengths, unusual structures, or other conditions are encountered which might restrict air movement.

## **I-2.4 Cameras.**

**I-2.4.1** If available, use a digital camera. In any event, use a high-resolution color camera (minimum resolution of 450 lines or 1080 pixels or better for digital). The higher resolution camera will give the operator a better chance of locating defects during the test, and will provide a better quality video, even when the recorder has a lower resolution.

**I-2.4.2** Another important feature of the camera is the ability to operate in a low-light environment. Even if the system lighting is generally adequate, unusual circumstances may occur within the pipeline where the lights are shaded so the camera does not have full illumination for inspecting a particular feature. Video camera light sensitivity is rated with a "lux" number (the smaller the lux number, the higher the sensitivity).

### **I-2.5            Lighting.**

Lighting is an often overlooked, but critical, component for CCTV pipeline units. Even the best cameras will not detect defects without proper lighting. While low-lux cameras can sometimes provide details in unusual situations, do not substitute a low-lux camera for an adequate lighting system. For typical inspection situations, it is the lighting that will determine whether defects will be recognized. Ensure that the lighting is both adequate and maintained in optimum working order.

### **I-2.6            Power Control Units (PCU).**

The exact features and configuration of the PCU is very system-dependent. In general, it allows the operator to remotely control the CCTV unit from a viewing room (typically a van or trailer). Typical PCU control features include lighting intensity, camera focus/iris setting, crawler speed/direction, and viewing angle for articulated head cameras.

### **I-2.7            Cables.**

Coaxial cable is the most common means of transmitting a CCTV signal from the camera to the viewing room. Video transmission with coaxial cable is typically limited to about 900 linear meters (3000 linear feet) for a conventional camera and much less for typical mini-camera systems. Signal degradation tends to increase as the transmission length of a coaxial cable increases, and commercially available CCTV systems generally have, at most, 600 linear meters (2000 linear feet) of coaxial cabling. Specially designed units have extended the useful transmission length for coaxial cables to 1500 linear meters (5000 linear feet), and with bulky line amplifiers where length can be extended to more than 1800 linear meters (6000 linear feet), but with a corresponding increase in cost and difficulty. Given the current trend toward digital technology, significant improvements in the useful transmission length of coaxial cables are not anticipated. In sharp contrast to coaxial cabling, signal degradation due to transmission length is usually not a problem for fiber-optic cabling. Commercially available digital CCTV inspection systems are typically equipped with 1500 to 3000 linear meters (5000 to 10000 linear feet) of fiber-optic cable. Digital CCTV inspections have been completed in pipe lengths greater than 4800 linear meters (16,000 linear feet), with little or no line loss. More importantly, digital data can be easily amplified without bulky equipment, so CCTV inspections with unlimited transmission lengths will be possible. Fiber-optic cabling will be used almost exclusively as digital CCTV systems replace analog CCTV systems for routine inspections. Fiber-optic cables are also well suited for two-way digital data transmission that can allow control of camera unit functions by a PCU. Even with the improvements in digital technology and recent reductions in the costs associated with digital technology, most current CCTV systems still rely on analog technology. However, for cases where transmission length is an issue, an all-digital system, equipped with fiber-optic cabling, is the best solution for CCTV inspections.

### **I-2.8 Drum and Slip-Ring Assembly.**

Power and/or audio-video signals have to pass through the drum and slip-ring assembly to allow the cable to be spooled and unspooled during inspections. Maintenance of the slip-ring configuration is critical, as problems in these mechanical systems can cause reductions in power output and/or picture quality. The slip-rings are obvious suspects when a loss of power or picture is encountered, but are rarely considered if, for example, the picture quality becomes slowly degraded over time. The inspector has ultimate responsibility to ensure that both the electronic and mechanical systems are maintained.

### **I-2.9 Winches, Transporters, or Other Propulsion.**

A pipeline inspection requires that camera, lighting, and cabling be propelled through the pipeline in a manner that permits professional inspection results. Most standard equipment transporters use portable winches that are limited to pipe lengths of about 300 linear meters (1000 linear feet), although some transporters are capable of inspecting pipe lengths of 600 linear meters (2000 linear feet) or more. If pipe lengths of greater than 600 linear meters will be encountered, custom equipment will probably be required. Review all pipe lengths before starting the inspection to ensure the contractor's transporters are adequate for the entire job.

### **I-2.10 Video Monitor.**

High-resolution monitors in the viewing room give the operator the best possible view of pipe conditions without actually being in the pipe. In addition, unless an all-digital system is used, the high-resolution monitor in the viewing room gives the best representation of the pipeline interior that will ever be seen, because analog video recording always causes loss of picture quality; therefore, view areas of interest during the inspection, rather than reviewing the video recording at a later time. Use the video for documentation, not for discovery.

### **I-2.11 Video Recording Equipment.**

The most detailed end-product of all CCTV inspections is a video record. Some video recordings are made in vertical helical scan (VHS) format, which is a relatively low-resolution format (240 lines). Particularly for VHS recordings, the type, age, and maintenance of the video recorder is critical for the best possible picture quality for documentation purposes. Use higher quality recorders. For example, super vertical helical scan (SVHS) format video recorders (400+ lines) will deliver significant improvements over VHS format, especially when copies of the videotape are needed. The best reproduction quality comes from an all-digital system (digital camera, digital-capable cabling, and digital recorder). In an all-digital system, the picture originally "seen" by the high-resolution camera can be reproduced at any time on a high-resolution monitor, even for comparison in future inspections. The same picture quality can be reproduced from a copy of the video recording. However, even without an all-digital system, an analog-to-digital video recorder can provide a much better video record that will not degrade as copies are made.

**I-2.12 Two-way Voice Communication.**

For manual (person-entry) inspections, maintain two-way voice communication at all times for the safety of the inspector. Two-way communication is most often accomplished with two-way radios, but hard-wired systems (usually with fiber-optic cabling) are also used. Include the voice of the person(s) in the pipeline on the video record. On systems that do not automatically include the pipeline voice(s), the audio recording is often accomplished by patching into an earphone jack on the receiving communication device, and splitting the audio signal so that it can be heard in the viewing room and simultaneously recorded onto the videotape. This arrangement can be enhanced even further by using a video recorder capable of recording a stereo audio signal, and then recording the two-way communication on one audio track, with additional comments from the viewing room operator on the other audio track.

**I-2.13 Photographic Documentation.**

Special low-light 35-mm film is usually required for still photos of areas of interest during manual (person-entry) inspections, along with additional lighting to give the proper depth to the photographs. If photographic documentation is needed, provide and use appropriate equipment to make sure that the resulting photographs are satisfactory.

**I-2.14 Continuous Footage Count.**

Use electronic distance meters to count the footage during CCTV or manual inspections. The typical electronic footage counter reads the length of video cable that has been spooled off the cable drum, and then sends the signal to the video recorder for superimposed recording with the pipeline video signal. Ensure that the counter is properly calibrated (usually by hitting a “zero” switch, but sometimes by dialing in a starting value) on every pipe inspected. Do not use any system that will not superimpose the footage count on the video recording; however, in some cases, equipment failures may make manual footage measurement necessary. In those cases, make sure that closely-spaced footage counts (in addition to the footage for specific areas of interest) are included in the audio portion of the video recording.

**I-2.15 Character Generator.**

Use character generators when available. Character generators allow alphanumeric comments to be superimposed on the videotape recording. While a written log may be more helpful for the current inspection, future inspections may have to rely purely on the videotape for comparisons (videotapes tend to stay around offices longer than written notes). Even for the current inspection, adding superimposed video comments to the videotape is usually helpful because audio comments are usually not available during “cue” and “review” of the videotape (to aid in quickly finding a particular spot on the videotape).

**I-2.16 Special Support Equipment.**

The need for specialized transportation (e.g., pontoons, wagons, skid-rigs) is less likely for an inspector on an Air Force base, but is always a possibility. Specialized safety equipment may also be needed, particularly for person-entry inspections. Larger pipes tend to have variable conditions that may require special equipment to be fabricated to facilitate professional inspection results. Provide special support equipment needed before starting the inspection, and use it during the inspection for conditions that need special equipment so the inspection can proceed in a timely manner.

**I-3 VARIABLES.**

Be familiar with the many variables that impact performance, production, and cost on any particular CCTV inspection. Some variables apply to each pipe section to be inspected:

- locating, exposing, or removing manhole covers.
- access to manholes.
- type of terrain.
- traffic-control requirements.
- condition of the manholes (steps, cleanliness, structure).
- depth of the manhole (difficulty and safety of entry).
- depth and velocity of water flow.
- availability of water for threading a camera line (if the line is dry).
- plugging requirements (ability to plug, necessity to bypass).
- presence of explosive gas or combustible liquid.
- offset joints, intruding joint materials, intruding lateral (or service) connections, curved pipe, crushed pipe, and other obstructions which could prevent the passage of the camera.
- cleanliness of the pipe as well as the presence of root curtains or grease which could foul the camera lens.
- requirements for documentation (monitor photographs, videotape recording).
- weather (rain and snow lower production rate; snow hides manholes).

The size of the pipe (150- to 200-millimeter [6- to 8-inch] pipe is tight and may cause an equipment clearance problem; 250- to 530-millimeter [10- to 21-inch] pipe is best for inspection; 610- to 910-millimeter [24- to 36-inch] pipe may require special lights and skids).

Production is sensitive to the number of setups required. It is possible to televise 300 meters in one direction from a single location when inspecting successive manhole sections, while random inspection of single manhole sections is more time consuming.

#### **I-4 DISTANCE MEASUREMENTS.**

It is important to record reasonably accurate distance measurements for the purpose of locating defects. Distance measurements are made above ground by means of a meter device (footage meter) on the CCTV cable. Typically, footage meters have an error of about  $\pm 2\%$  or 600 millimeters per 30 meters (2 feet per 100 feet). Additional error can result from improperly calibrating the meter at the start of the pipeline inspected (calibration is usually accomplished by a “zero” button or dial, but may require reading an initial footage).

**I-4.1** Ensure the crew sets the footage meter to indicate the distance from the center of the near manhole to the pipe location that is in clear focus on the television monitor. This is often done using the following procedure:

- a. Measure the distance to the first or second joint outside the manhole.
- b. Move the camera into the pipe and install the CCTV cable roller.
- c. Take the slack out of the CCTV cable and move the camera into the pipe until the measured joint appears in clear view and focus on the television monitor.
- d. Add the radius of the manhole to the measured joint distance and set this initial number on the footage meter.

**I-4.2** Check the accuracy of the distance measurements daily. This ensures the location of corrective action is properly documented. The accuracy of the footage meter is best checked by taking a reading at the entrance to the away manhole and comparing with a surface measurement made with a steel tape or walking meter (ROLATAPE®). If the accuracy of the distance measuring device is outside of that required by the specification repair or place the unit before continuing the inspection.

#### **I-5 DOCUMENTATION.**

**I-5.1** Document the CCTV inspection concurrently with the actual CCTV inspection. Ensure all documentation (entering data on inspection logs) is being properly, accurately, and legibly done during (not after) the CCTV inspection of each pipe section. CCTV reports can be assembled elsewhere, but complete documentation in the field.

**I-5.2** Three methods of documentation are often used in combination:

- Television Inspection Logs. Maintain a written record showing the location of each point of significance in relation to an identified manhole at all times (knowing a problem exists is useless if you cannot find it again).
- Video Recordings. The purpose of video recording is to obtain a visual and audio record of the pipe conditions that may be replayed at a later time. Hand-record clock times on the video of each point of significance to allow easy replay of key segments.
- Photographs. Polaroid or 35-mm photographs of the television picture of problems areas may be used to supplement the CCTV logs.