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NOTE: This guide specification covers the requirements for concrete poles to support the aboveground exterior steam distribution systems.

Adhere to [UFC 1-300-02](#) Unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS) Format Standard when editing this guide specification or preparing new project specification sections. Edit this guide specification for project specific requirements by adding, deleting, or revising text. For bracketed items, choose applicable items(s) or insert appropriate information.

Remove information and requirements not required in respective project, whether or not brackets are present.

Comments, suggestions and recommended changes for this guide specification are welcome and should be submitted as a [Criteria Change Request \(CCR\)](#).

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NOTE: This guide specification covers the requirements for providing new concrete poles specified under Section **33 63 13** EXTERIOR UNDERGROUND STEAM DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM and Section **33 63 23** EXTERIOR ABOVEGROUND STEAM DISTRIBUTION.

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NOTE: The following information shall be shown on the project drawings:

1. Location and spacing of poles.
2. Pole foundations if not driven or augered.
3. Top elevation.
4. Length of poles.

5. Details for precast concrete poles.

6. Details of miscellaneous metal and hardware attachment to concrete poles.

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## PART 1 GENERAL

### 1.1 REFERENCES

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NOTE: This paragraph is used to list the publications cited in the text of the guide specification. The publications are referred to in the text by basic designation only and listed in this paragraph by organization, designation, date, and title.

Use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature when you add a RID outside of the Section's Reference Article to automatically place the reference in the Reference Article. Also use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature to update the issue dates.

References not used in the text will automatically be deleted from this section of the project specification when you choose to reconcile references in the publish print process.

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The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to within the text by the basic designation only.

#### AMERICAN CONCRETE INSTITUTE INTERNATIONAL (ACI)

ACI 211.1 (1991; R 2009) Standard Practice for Selecting Proportions for Normal, Heavyweight and Mass Concrete

ACI 318M (2011) Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete & Commentary

#### ASTM INTERNATIONAL (ASTM)

ASTM A416/A416M (2010) Standard Specification for Steel Strand, Uncoated Seven-Wire for Prestressed Concrete

ASTM A421/A421M (2010) Standard Specification for Uncoated Stress-Relieved Steel Wire for Prestressed Concrete

ASTM A615/A615M (2012) Standard Specification for Deformed and Plain Carbon-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement

ASTM A706/A706M	(2009b) Standard Specification for Low-Alloy Steel Deformed and Plain Bars for Concrete Reinforcement
ASTM A82/A82M	(2007) Standard Specification for Steel Wire, Plain, for Concrete Reinforcement
ASTM A966/A966M	(2008; R 2012) Standard Test Method for Magnetic Particle Examination of Steel Forgings Using Alternating Current
ASTM C150/C150M	(2011) Standard Specification for Portland Cement
ASTM C260/C260M	(2010a) Standard Specification for Air-Entraining Admixtures for Concrete
ASTM C33/C33M	(2011a) Standard Specification for Concrete Aggregates
ASTM C494/C494M	(2011) Standard Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Concrete
ASTM C595/C595M	(2011) Standard Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements
ASTM C618	(2012) Standard Specification for Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use in Concrete
ASTM C989/C989M	(2011) Standard Specification for Slag Cement for Use in Concrete and Mortars

#### PRECAST/PRESTRESSED CONCRETE INSTITUTE (PCI)

PCI MNL-116	(1999) Manual for Quality Control for Plants and Production of Structural Precast Concrete Products, 4th Edition
PCI MNL-120	(2010) PCI Design Handbook - Precast and Prestressed Concrete, 6th Edition

## 1.2 SUBMITTALS

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NOTE: Review Submittal Description (SD) definitions in Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES and edit the following list to reflect only the submittals required for the project.

The Guide Specification technical editors have designated those items that require Government approval, due to their complexity or criticality, with a "G". Generally, other submittal items can be reviewed by the Contractor's Quality Control System. Only add a "G" to an item, if the submittal is sufficiently important or complex in context of the project.

For submittals requiring Government approval on Army projects, a code of up to three characters within the submittal tags may be used following the "G" designation to indicate the approving authority. Codes for Army projects using the Resident Management System (RMS) are: "AE" for Architect-Engineer; "DO" for District Office (Engineering Division or other organization in the District Office); "AO" for Area Office; "RO" for Resident Office; and "PO" for Project Office. Codes following the "G" typically are not used for Navy, Air Force, and NASA projects.

Choose the first bracketed item for Navy, Air Force and NASA projects, or choose the second bracketed item for Army projects.

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Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" designation; submittals not having a "G" designation are [for Contractor Quality Control approval.] [for information only. When used, a designation following the "G" designation identifies the office that will review the submittal for the Government.] The following shall be submitted in accordance with Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

#### SD-05 Design Data

Concrete mix design

#### SD-07 Certificates

Quality control procedures

### 1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

#### 1.3.1 Concrete Poles

Provide precast concrete poles or precast prestressed poles for use in overhead steam distribution systems. Precast prestressed concrete poles or precast concrete poles shall be the product of a manufacturer specializing in the production of precast concrete members. Prestressed concrete poles shall be designed in accordance with PCI MNL-120 or precast concrete poles shall be designed [as indicated] [with section properties equivalent to those of the prestressed concrete poles]. Produce poles in one piece, and in accordance with PCI MNL-116.

#### 1.3.2 Modification of References

In the ACI publications, consider the advisory provisions to be mandatory, as though the word "shall" had been substituted for "should" wherever it appears. Interpret references to the "building official," "Structural Engineer," and "Architect/Engineer" to mean the Contracting Officer.

#### 1.3.3 Design Requirement

At least 30 calendar days prior to concrete placement, submit a mix design for each strength and type of concrete. Submit a complete list of materials including type; brand; source and amount of cement, fly ash, pozzolan, ground slag, and admixtures; and applicable reference

specification. Submit copies of test reports showing that the mix has been successfully tested to produce concrete with the properties specified and is suitable for the job conditions. Furnish fly ash and pozzolan test results performed within 6 months of submittal date. Obtain approval before concrete placement. An identical concrete mix design previously approved within the past 12 months by the [\_\_\_\_\_] Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, may be used without further approval, if copies of the previous approval and fly ash and pozzolan test results are submitted. Obtain acknowledgement of receipt of test results prior to concrete placement. Submit additional data regarding concrete aggregates if the source of aggregate changes.

#### 1.3.4 Certificates: Procedure Requirement

Submit the precasting manufacturer's [quality control procedures](#) established in accordance with [PCI MNL-116](#).

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 CONCRETE

[ACI 211.1](#) or [ACI 318M](#) for Contractor furnished mix design. The minimum compressive strength of concrete at 28 days shall be [\[35 MPa\]](#) [\[\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_\] \[5000 psi\]](#) [\[\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_\]](#), unless otherwise indicated. [Add air-entraining admixtures to produce between 4 and 6 percent air by volume.]

### 2.2 CEMENT

[ASTM C150/C150M](#), Type I, II, or III, or [ASTM C595/C595M](#), Type IP or IS blended cement, except as modified herein. The blended cement shall consist of a mixture of [ASTM C150/C150M](#) cement and one of the following materials: [ASTM C618](#) pozzolan or fly ash, or [ASTM C989/C989M](#) ground iron blast-furnace slag. The pozzolan or fly ash content shall not exceed 25 percent by weight of the total cementitious material and the ground iron blast-furnace slag shall not exceed 50 percent by weight of total cementitious material.

#### 2.2.1 Fly Ash and Pozzolan

[ASTM C618](#), Type N, F, or C, except that the maximum allowable loss on ignition shall be 6 percent for Types N and F.

#### 2.2.2 Ground Iron Blast-Furnace Slag

[ASTM C989/C989M](#), Grade 100 or 120.

### 2.3 WATER

Provide fresh, clean and potable water.

### 2.4 AGGREGATES

[ASTM C33/C33M](#), Size 57, 67, or 7. Aggregates shall not contain any substance which may be deleteriously reactive with the alkalis in the cement.

### 2.5 ADMIXTURES

[ASTM C494/C494M](#), except that air entraining shall conform to [ASTM C260/C260M](#).

## 2.6 REINFORCEMENT

### 2.6.1 Reinforcing Bars

ASTM A615/A615M, Grade 400 Grade 60, ASTM A966/A966M Grade 400 Grade 60;  
ASTM A966/A966M Grade 400 Grade 60; or ASTM A706/A706M.

### 2.6.2 Ties and Spirals

Steel, ASTM A82/A82M.

### 2.6.3 Prestressing Steel

Seven-wire stress-relieved strand conforming to ASTM A416/A416M or stress-relieved wire conforming to ASTM A421/A421M, Type WA. The minimum ultimate strength shall be 1750 MPa 250,000 psi. Prestressing steel shall be free from grease, oil, wax, paint, soil, dirt, loose rust, kinks, bends, or other defects.

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.1 PREPARATION

Prior to installation of poles, check for damage, such as cracking, spalling, and honeycombing. Reject members which contain honeycombed sections deep enough to expose reinforcing steel. Reject structurally impaired prestressed members. Provide a PCI MNL-116 commercial grade finish.

### 3.2 INSTALLATION

#### 3.2.1 Pole Placement

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NOTE: Select the placement methods which are  
permitted for the project. Delete those that are  
not allowed.  
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##### [3.2.1.1 Driving Poles

Drive at the hammer manufacturer's rated speed and without interruption to the indicated tip elevation. Pile hammer shall be air, steam, or diesel powered, with a capacity at least equal to the hammer manufacturer's recommendation for total weight of the pole and character of subsurface material to be encountered. Position a pile cap or drive cap between the pole and hammer. Place hammer cushion or cap block between the ram and the cap or drive cap.

##### ] 3.2.1.2 Augering

Poles shall be set in augered holes with a diameter [150 mm] [\_\_\_\_\_] [6 inches] [\_\_\_\_\_] larger than the concrete pole. Fill augered hole around pole with air-entrained concrete having a minimum compressive strength of 20 MPa 3000 psi at 28 days and finish in a dome. Cure concrete a minimum of 72 hours before performing further work on poles.



] 3.2.1.3 Pole Foundation

Provide as indicated, with a cast-in-place dowel. Insert dowel into dowel pocket in bottom of pole and plumb pole. Backfill around pole with backfill and fill materials as specified in Section 31 00 00 EARTHWORK. Provide concrete under this section as specified in Section 03 30 00 CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE.

] 3.3 EXCAVATING, BACKFILLING, AND COMPACTING

Provide as specified in Section 31 00 00 EARTHWORK.

3.4 PROTECTION OF POLES

Take care to avoid damage to poles during handling [and during pile driving operation].

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