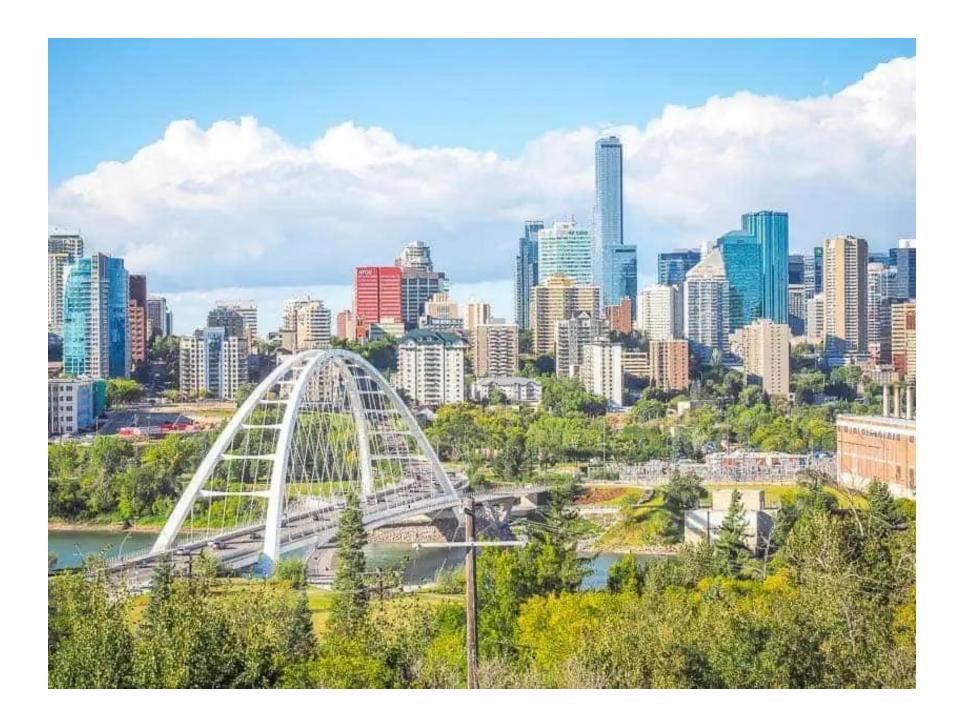
Below Grade Waterproofing

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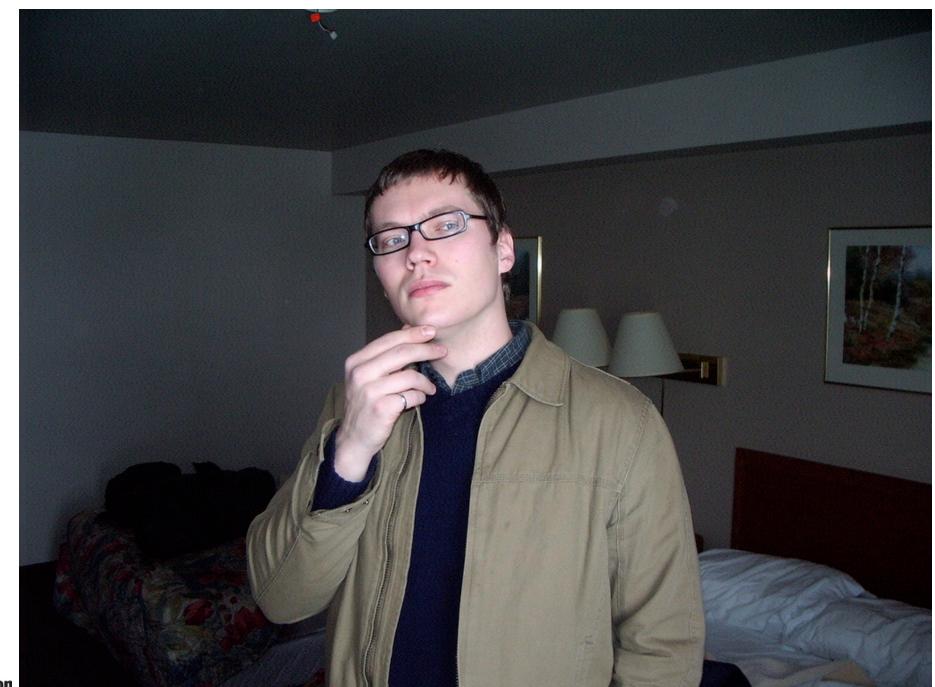




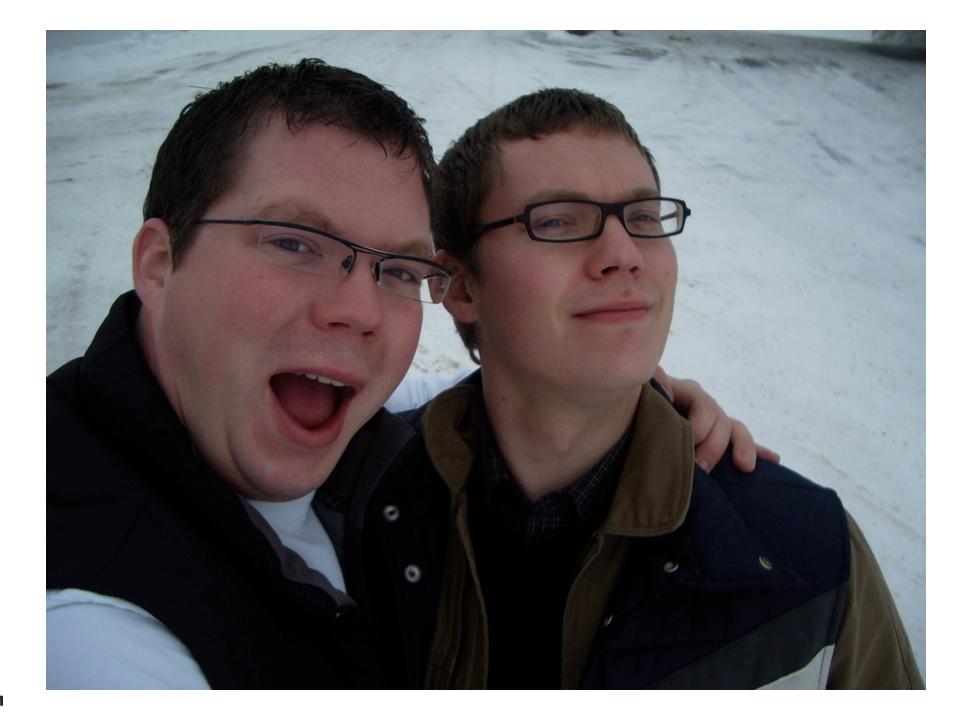












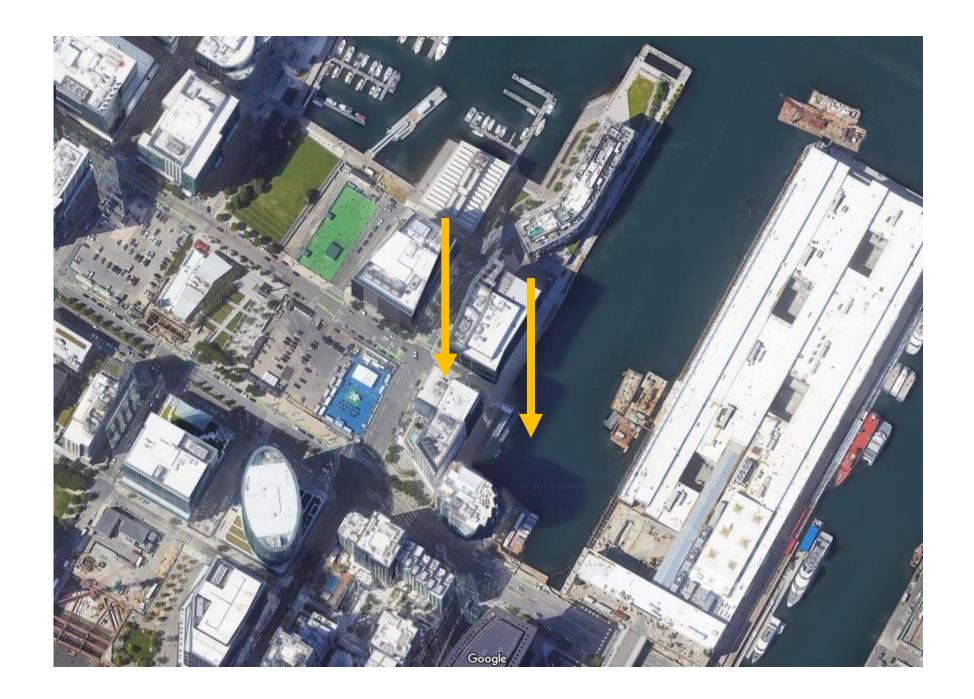


Into the deep end...



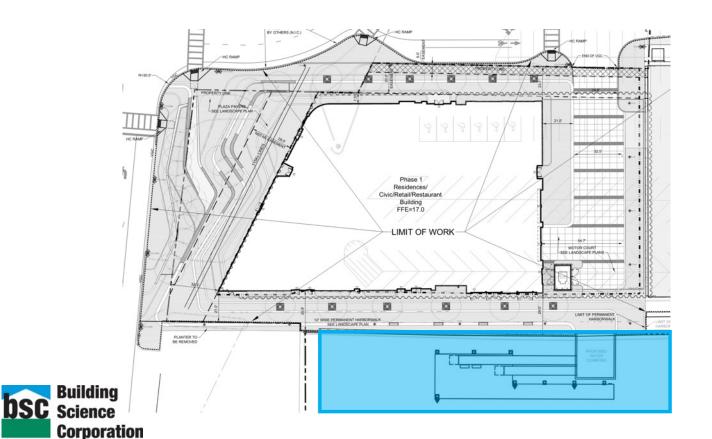
Case Study: Pier 4 Boston, MA

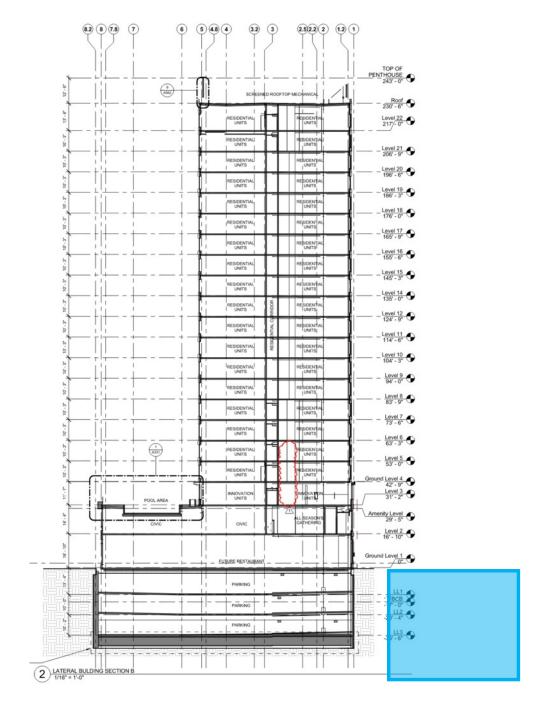






- Located on the Boston Harbor 27 feet away
- 3 levels of below grade parking
- Depth of 30 + feet below sea level

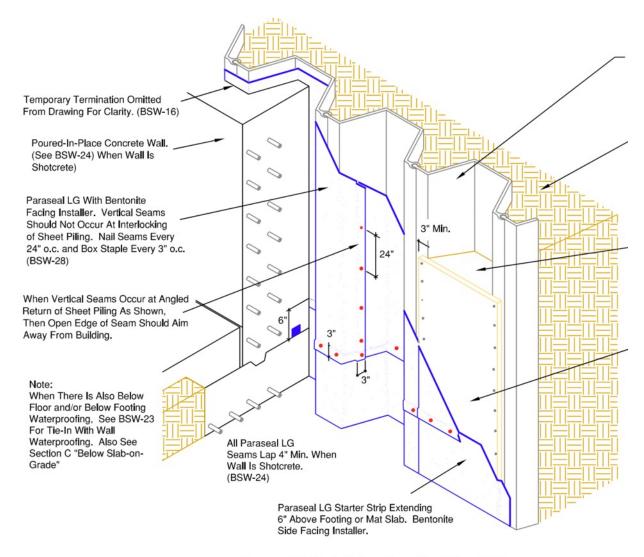






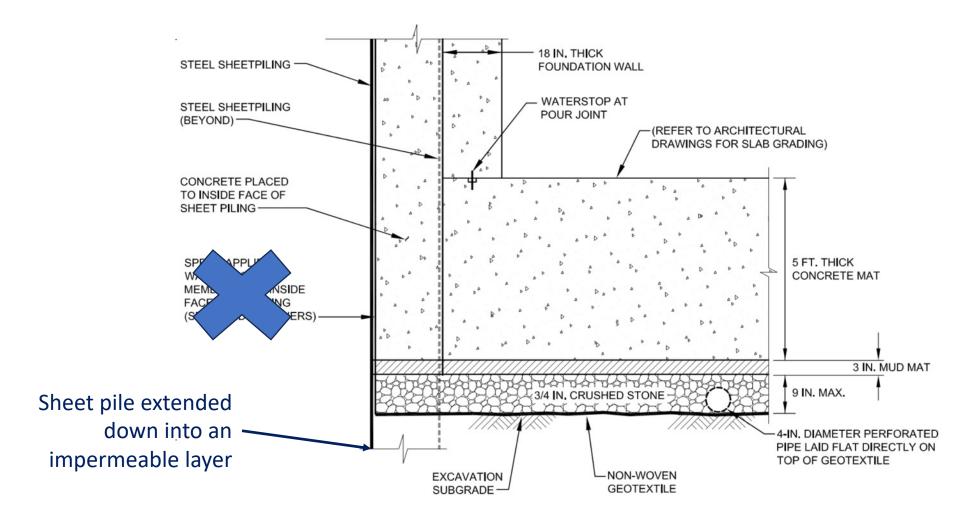


- Initial foundation design
 - Sheet piles
 - Pre-applied membrane waterproofing
 - Concrete Foundation wall
 - Sub-slab dewatering system





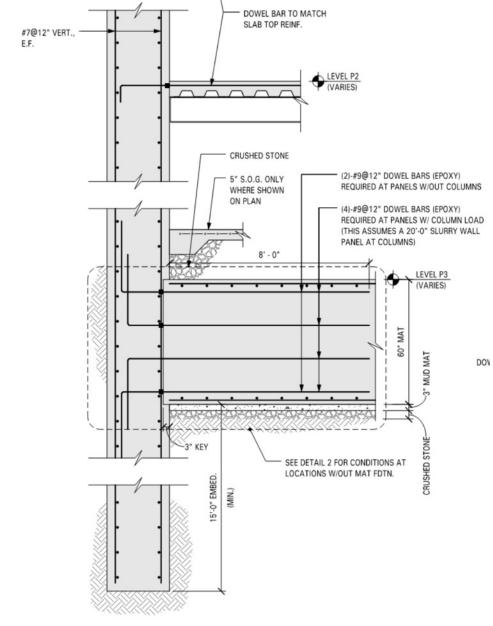








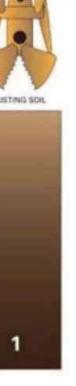
- Foundation Design Final
 - Slurry wall
 - Sub slab dewatering system

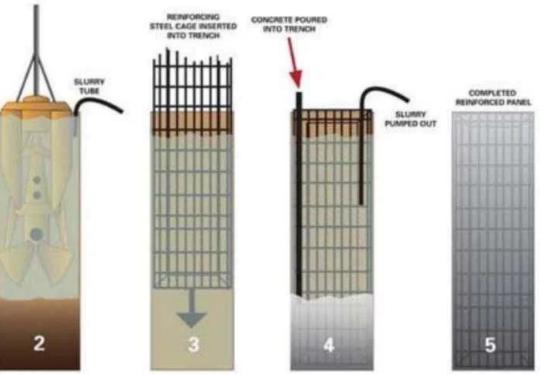






Sequence of Slurry Wall Construction



















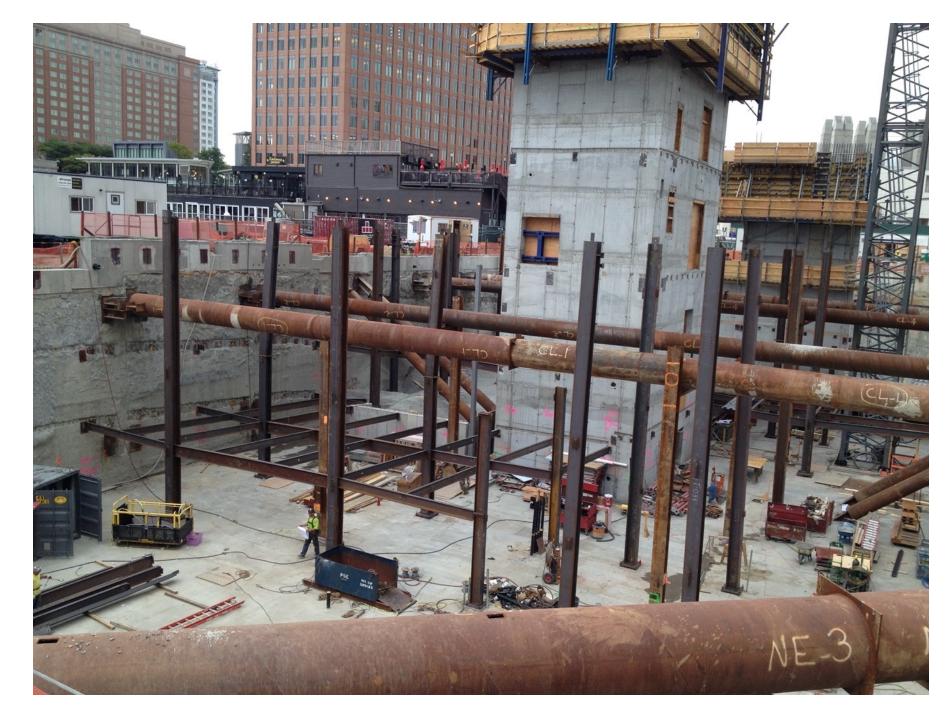


















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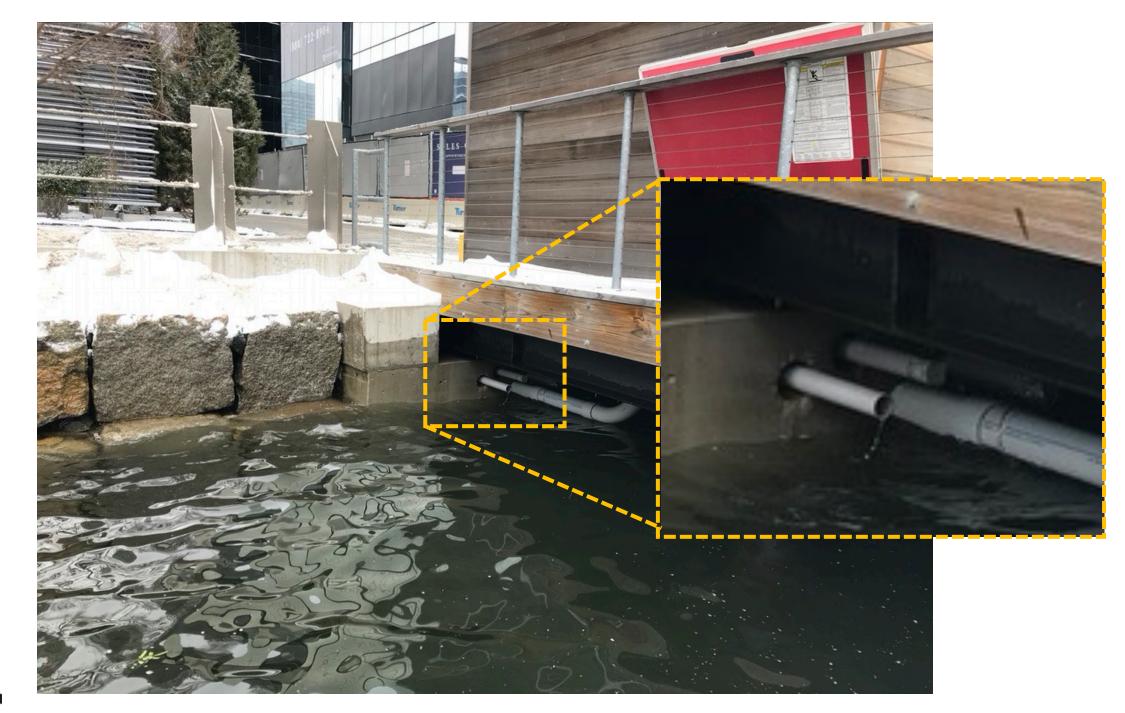








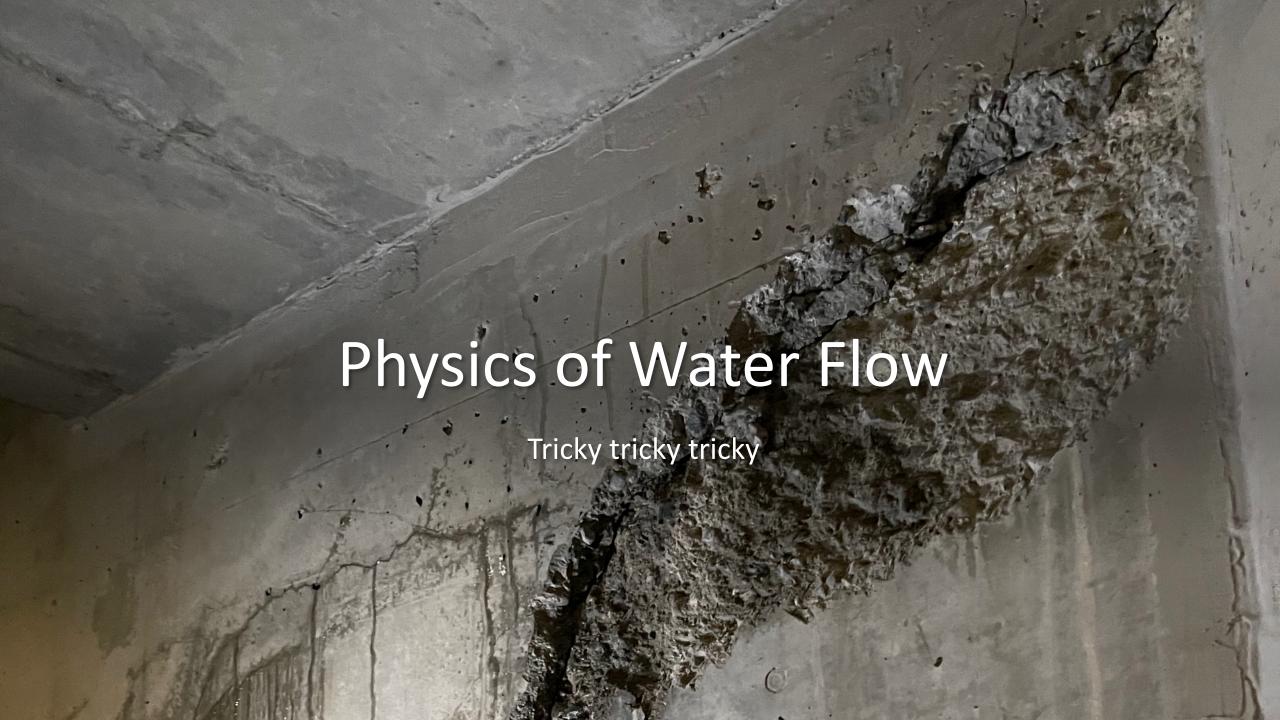




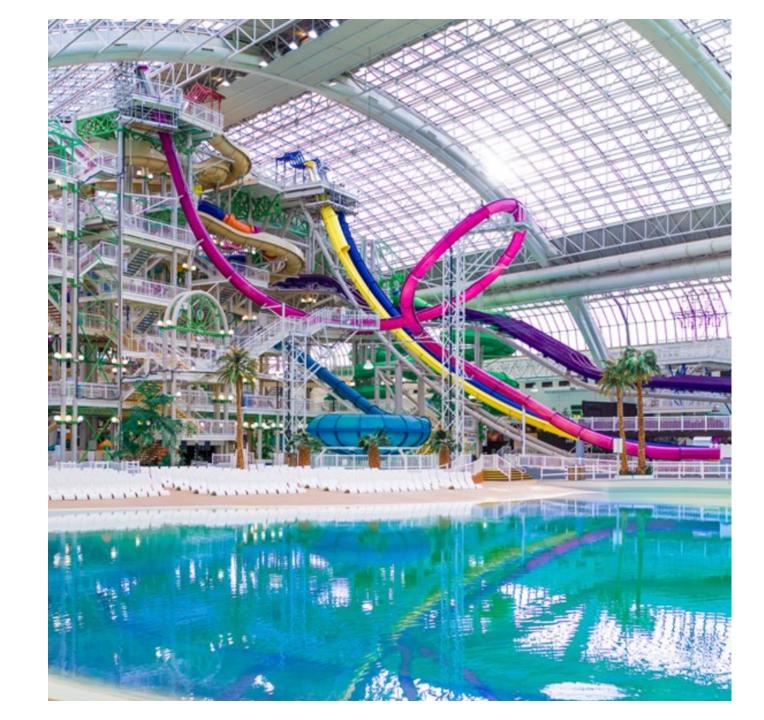








- Gravity
- Capillarity
- Hydrostatic



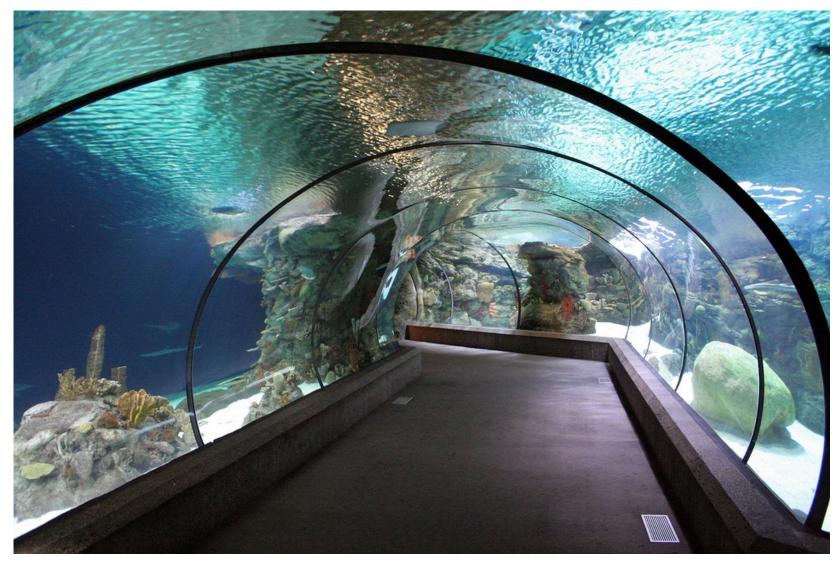


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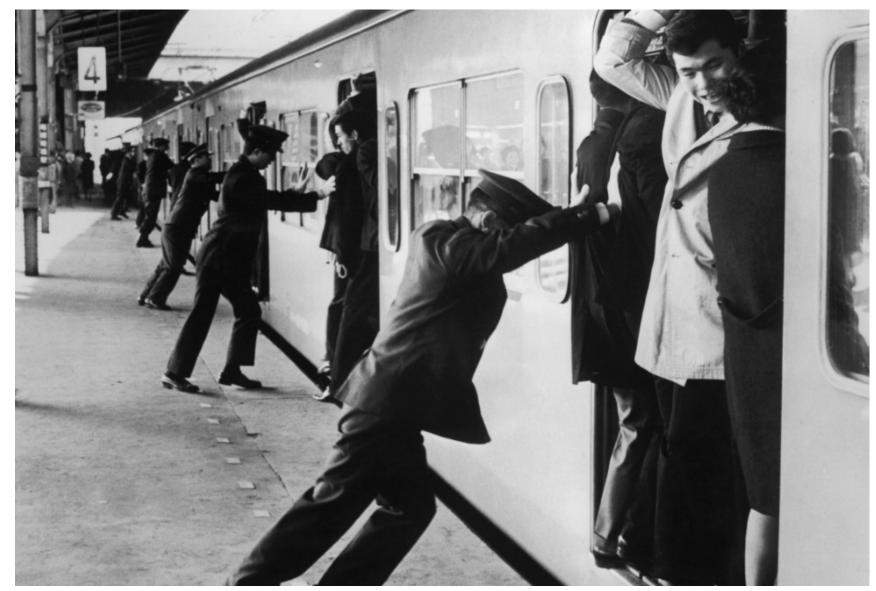


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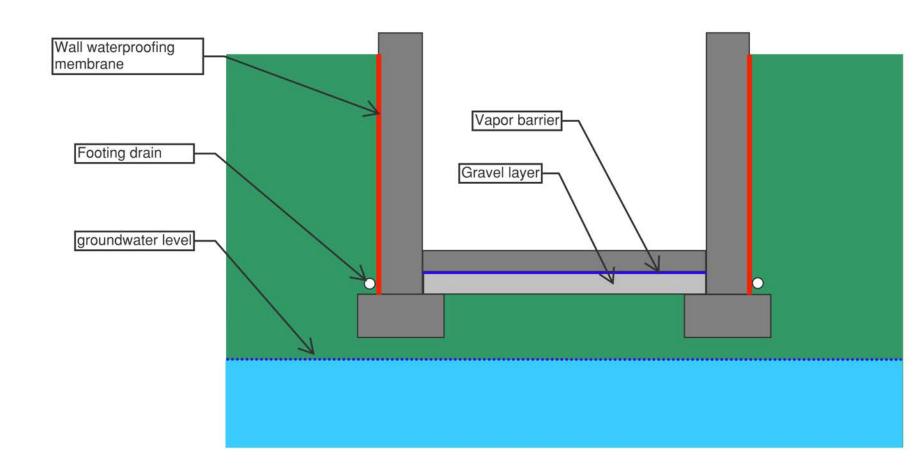






Waterproofing Strategies

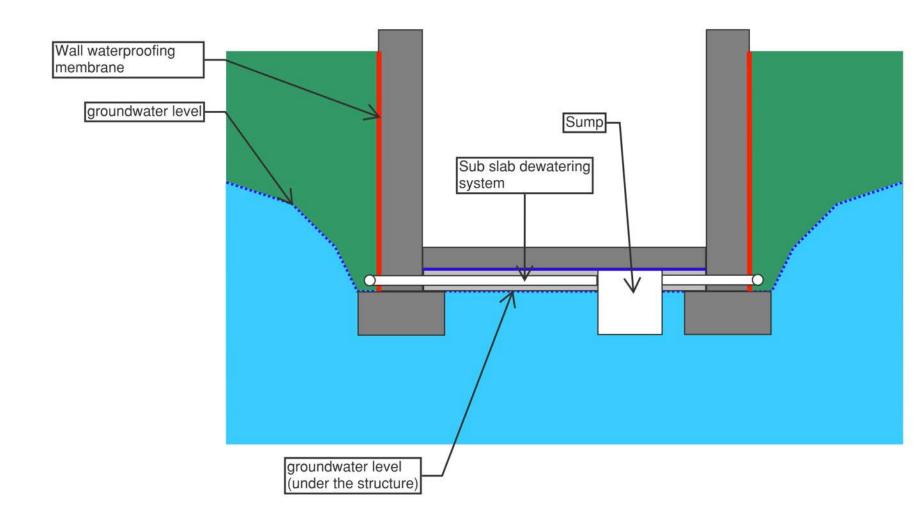
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- Draw down
- Perimeter cut off and dewatering
- Continuous waterproofing





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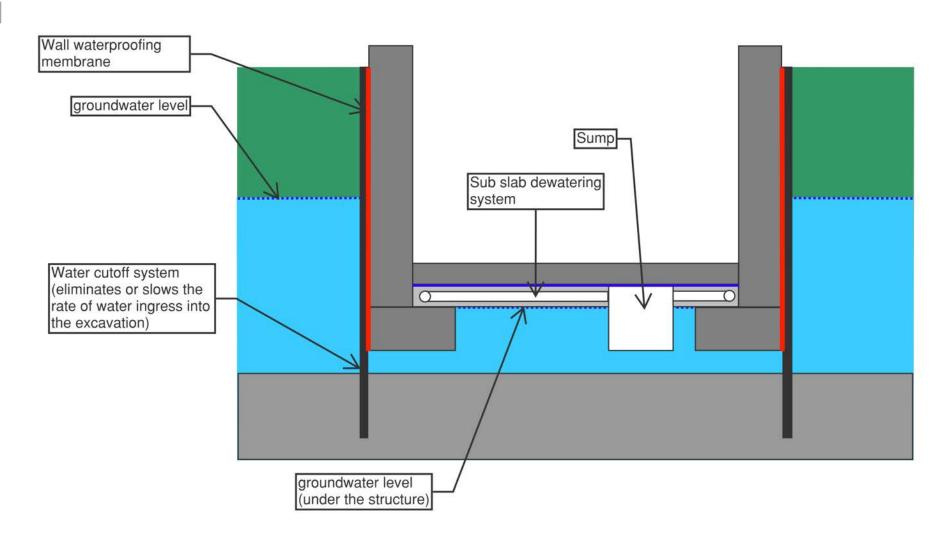
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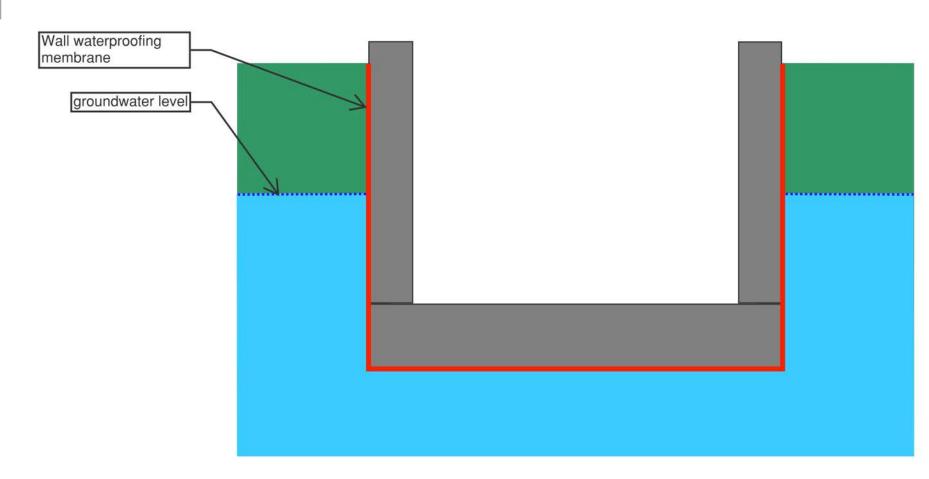
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Waterproofing Strategies

- Above the ground water table
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- Self adhered sheet
- Cold fluid applied
- Bentonite
- Pressure sensitive adhesive



- Self adhered sheet membranes
 - Typically comprised of 54mils of SBS modified asphalt adhered to a 6mil polypropylene or polyethylene facer (60mil total thickness)
 - Classified as a post applied membrane (after placement of the concrete)
 - Need to take care at seams for wrinkling and fishmouths
 - Use of a liquid membrane or sealant at the seams can greatly reduce the risk
 - Recommend using a protection layer (board or drainage mat) during backfilling.





























- Cold fluid applied membrane
 - Can be a lot of different chemistries
 - Polymer modified asphalt emulsion
 - Modified polyurethane membrane
 - Synthetic rubber
 - Roller or spray applied
 - Classified as a post applied membrane (after placement of the concrete)
 - Need to prepare the substrate and inspect the application
 - Fill voids
 - Check thickness
 - Watch for pinholes
 - Recommend using a protection layer (board or drainage mat) during backfilling.











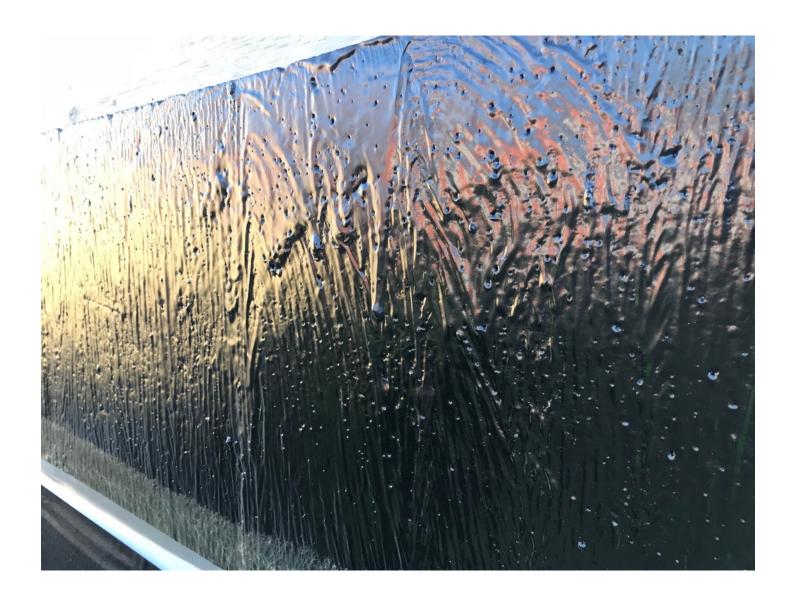




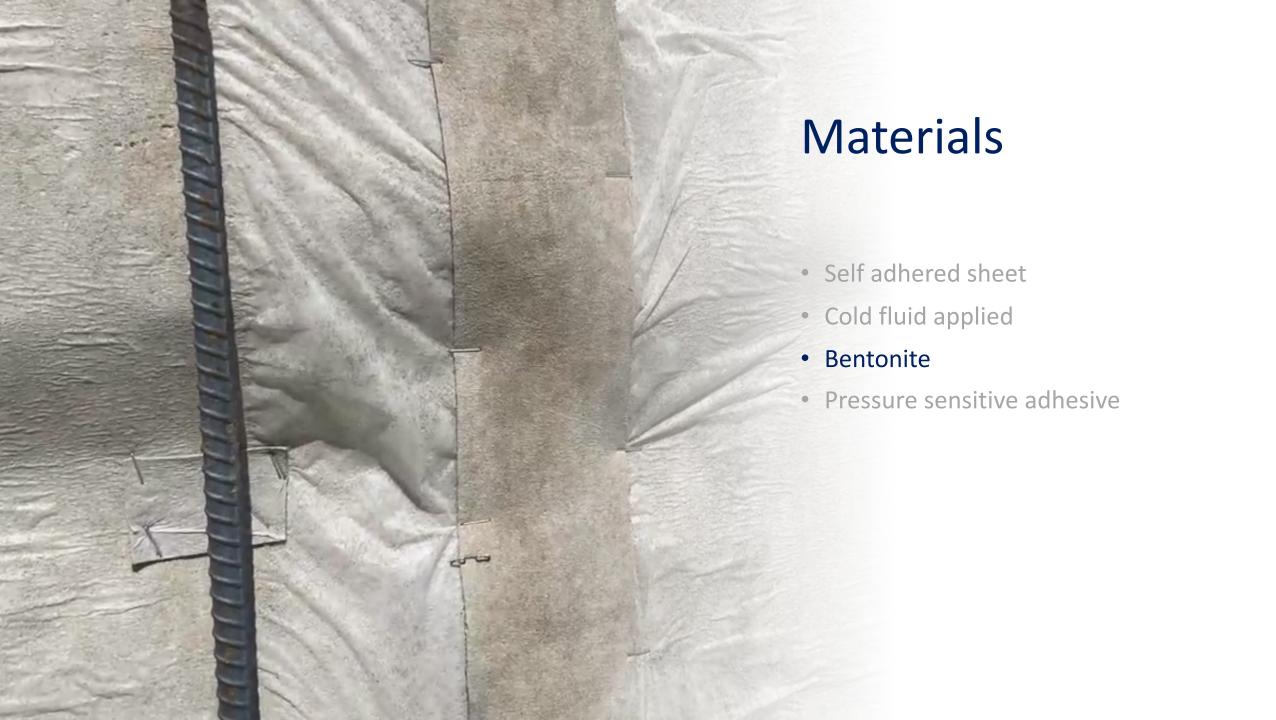










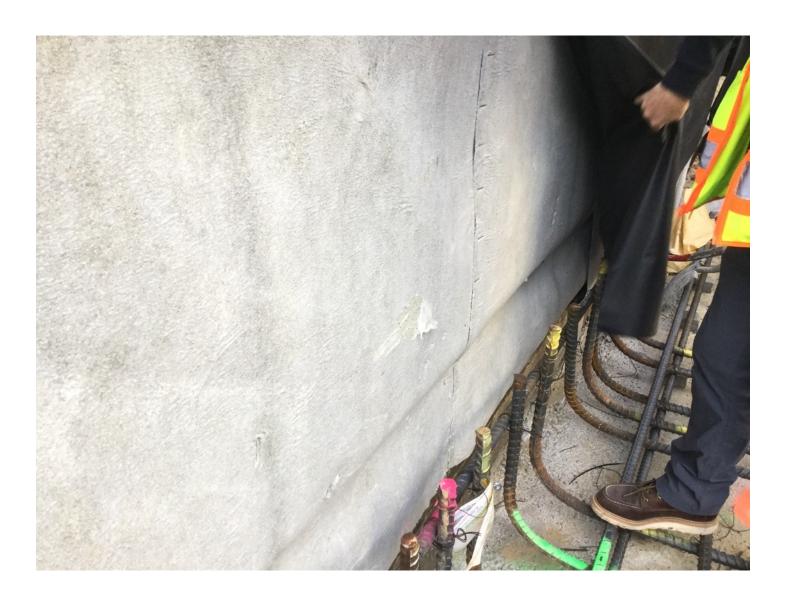


- Bentonite
 - Usually used in two forms
 - Geotextile facer
 - HDPE (or other) sheet membrane facer
 - Mechanically attached to the soil retention system
 - Classified usually as a pre-applied membrane (before placement of the concrete), but can be used as a post-applied membrane
 - Proper substrate support
 - Max size of gaps in the lagging
 - Soil compaction
 - Needs to be protected from rain and water exposure prior to concrete placement

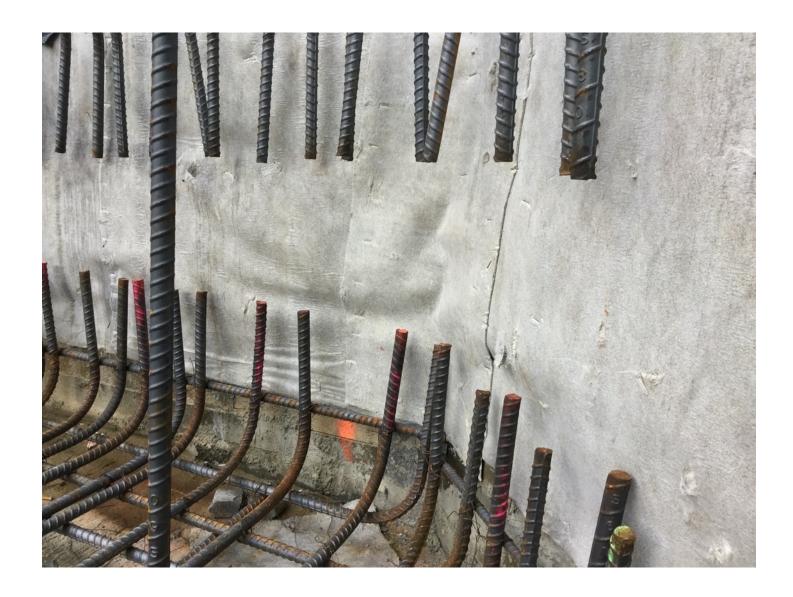
























- Pressure sensitive adhesive membrane
 - Usually used in two forms
 - Proprietary pressure sensitive adhesive
 - Butyl adhesive
 - Mechanically attached to the soil retention system
 - Classified as a pre-applied membrane (before placement of the concrete)
 - Proper substrate support
 - Max size of gaps in the lagging
 - Does not need to be protected from rain and water exposure prior to concrete placement













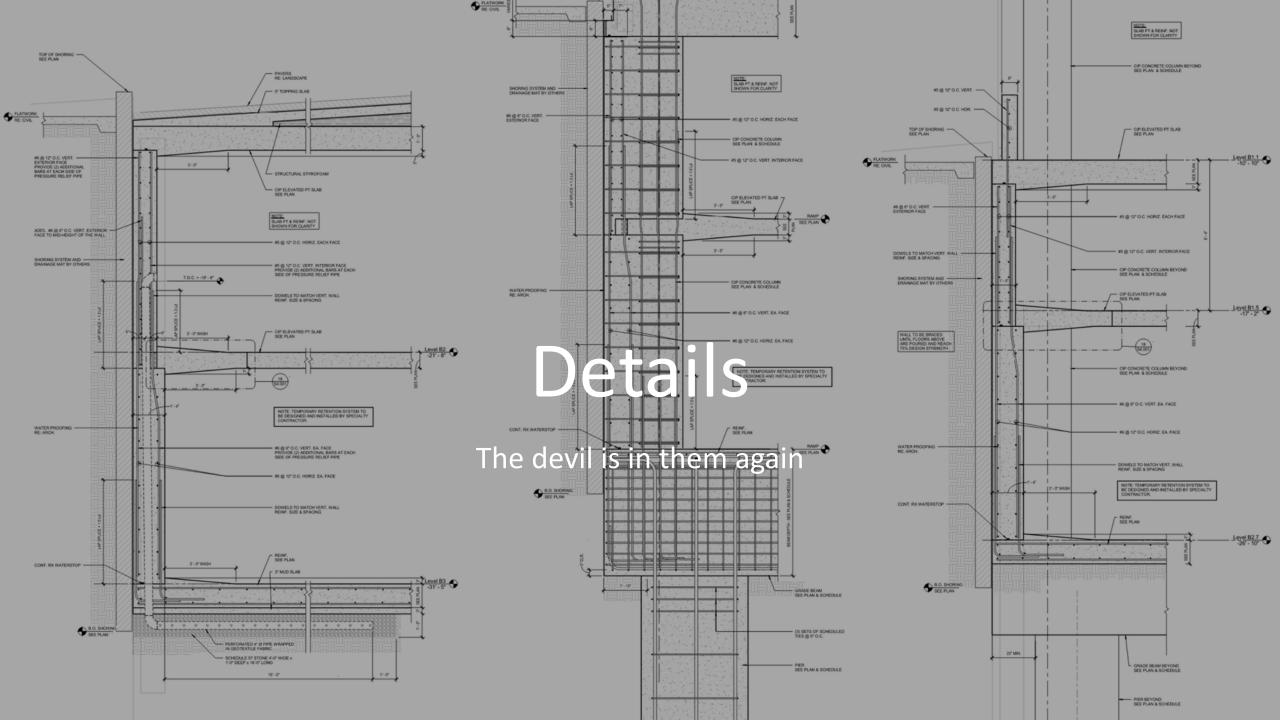


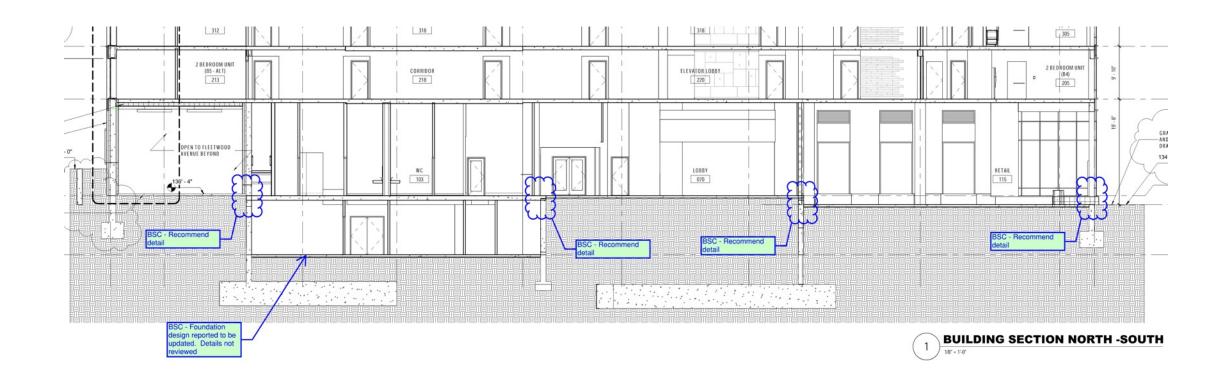






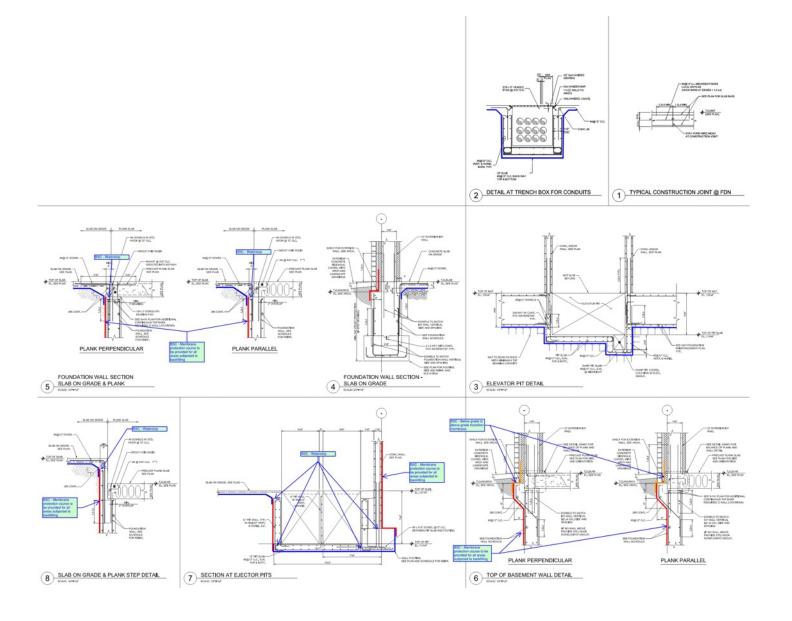




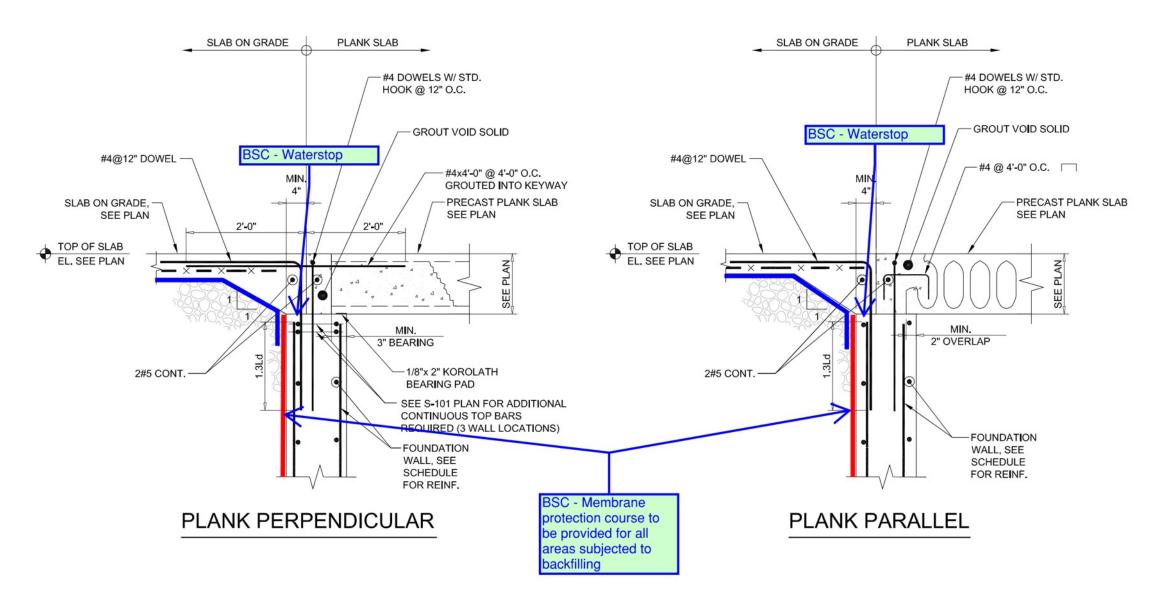




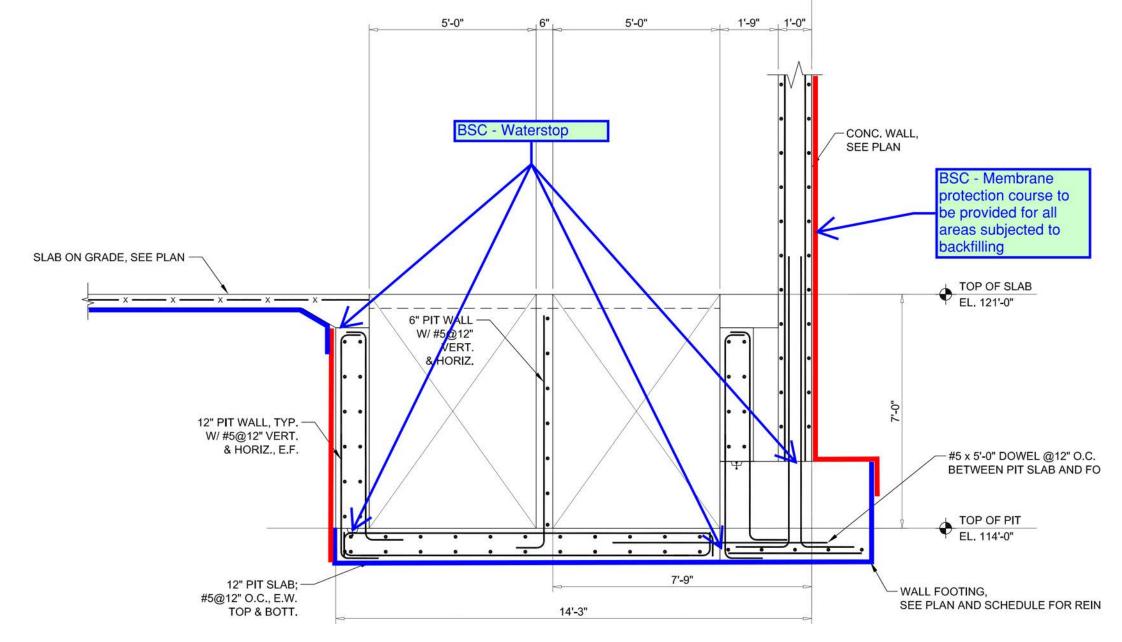
Review the Structural Drawings!





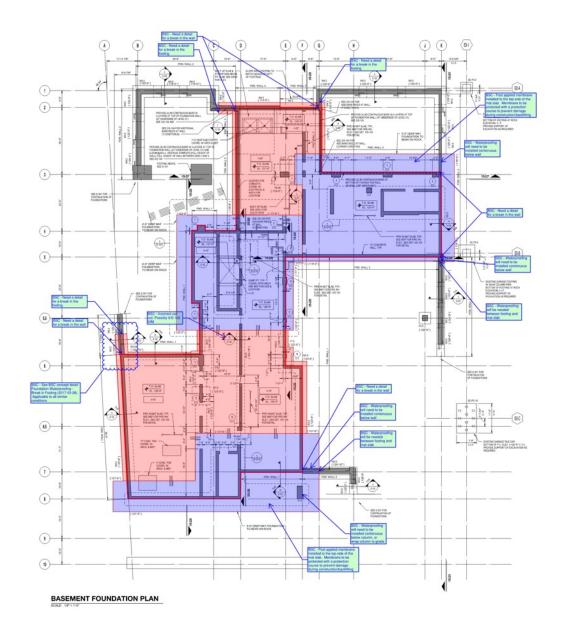




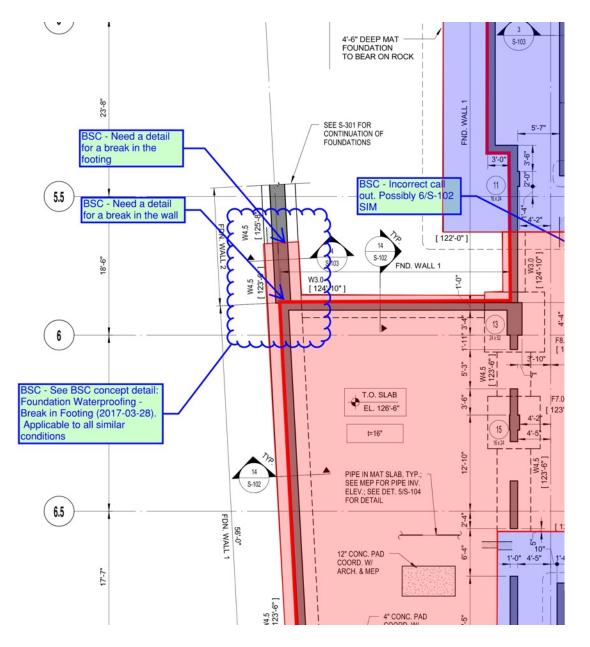


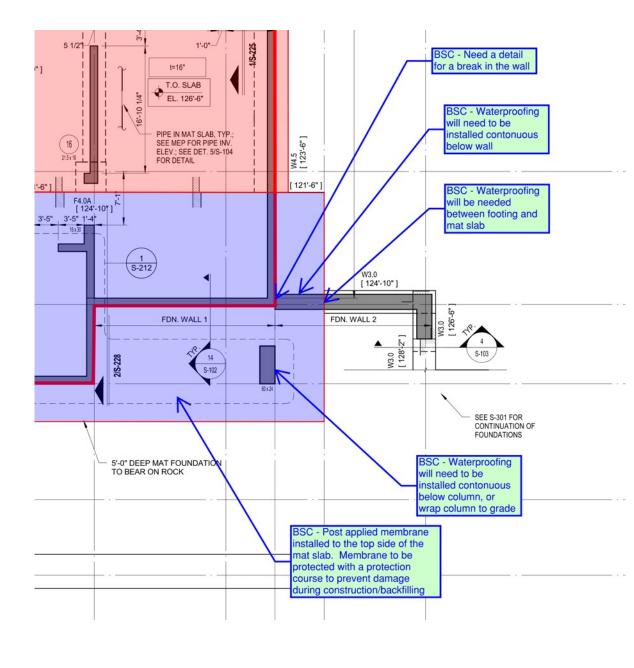


Look at the
Plans and
Sections and
coordinate the
details



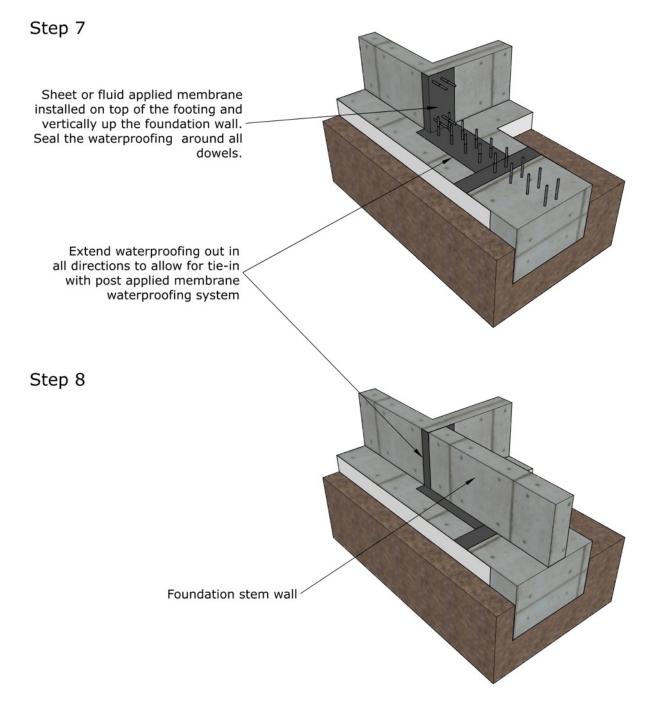






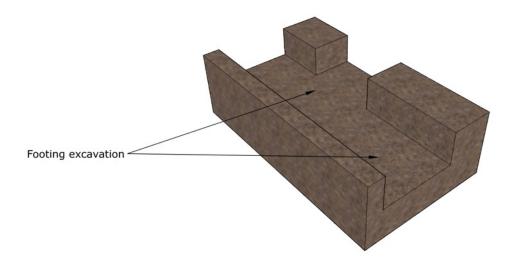


Provide specific details where needed





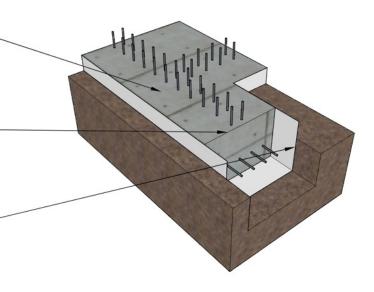
Step 3



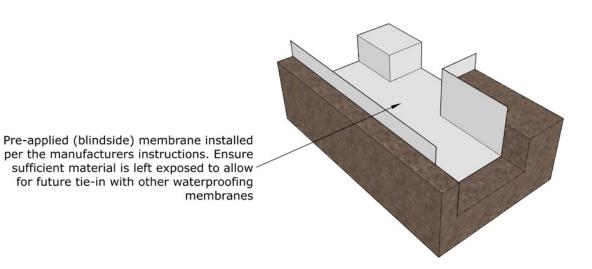
Footing. Where footing extends beyond the exterior below grade foundation walls, provide a stop in the pour to allow for continuity of the below grade waterproofing

Footing

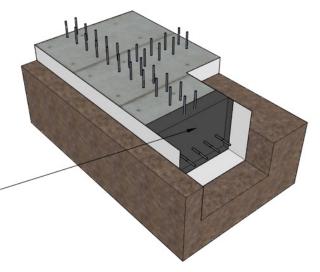
Extend pre-applied membrane a minimum 6" beyond the pour stop to allow for tie-in with additional membrane waterproofing



Step 2

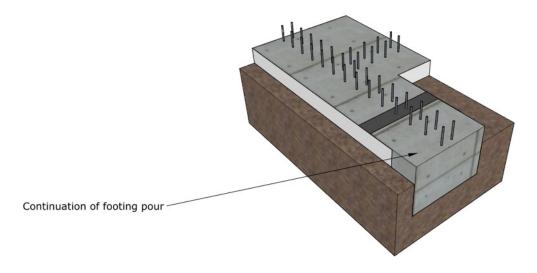


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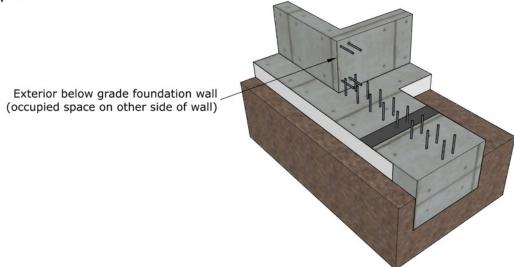


Sheet or fluid applied membrane installed on the end of the footing. Seal the waterproofing over the top of the footing, around all dowels, and lap onto the exposed pre-applied (blindside) membrane to ensure all surfaces are sealed





Step 6

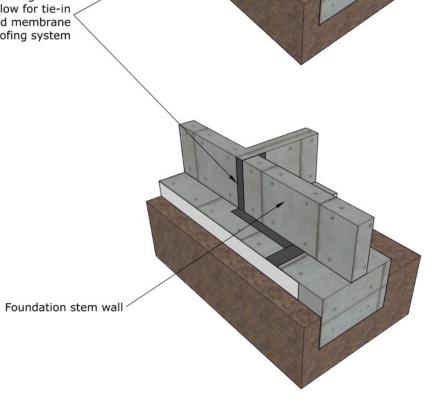




Sheet or fluid applied membrane installed on top of the footing and vertically up the foundation wall. Seal the waterproofing around all dowels.

Extend waterproofing out in all directions to allow for tie-in with post applied membrane waterproofing system





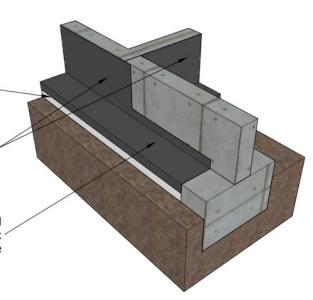


Step 9

Membrane must tie in to all below slab/ footing pre-applied (blindside) membrane

Post applied membrane waterproofing sealed over all below grade foundation walls.

Membrane must tie in to all sheet or fluid applied membrane at the footing break and wall to stem wall interface





Details

- Water Cut Off
 - Continuous waterproofing on the vertical perimeter surfaces that wrap the foundation
 - Continuous sub slab drainage below the building (footings, shear walls, etc.)
 - Sump pump system with back up
- Continuous waterproofing
 - Provide continuous waterproofing!!! (Seriously, no joke)
 - Move penetrations out of the ground water level
 - Pay close attention to the details
 - Construction sequence
 - Material use
 - Manufacturer's requirements
 - It is a three-dimensional puzzle



Case Study:





Hydrostatic conditions

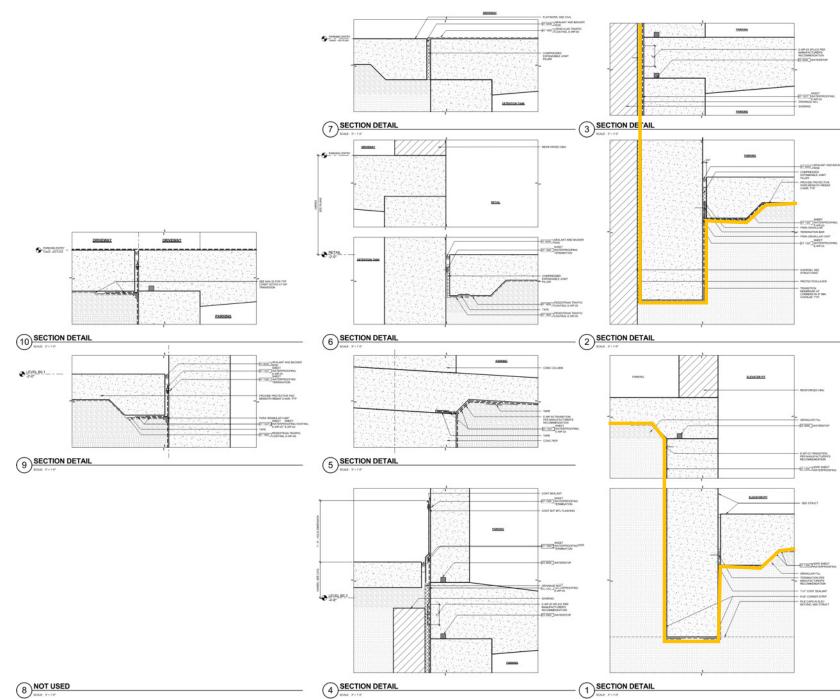
- 10+ feet below the ground water table
- Combination
 - Lot line construction
 - Excavated and backfilled
- Multiple waterproofing strategies were explored but the final decision was for a continuous waterproofing system
- Design team, consultant, manufacturer, construction team, 3rd party inspection all involved





PODIUM SECTION - LOOKING WEST

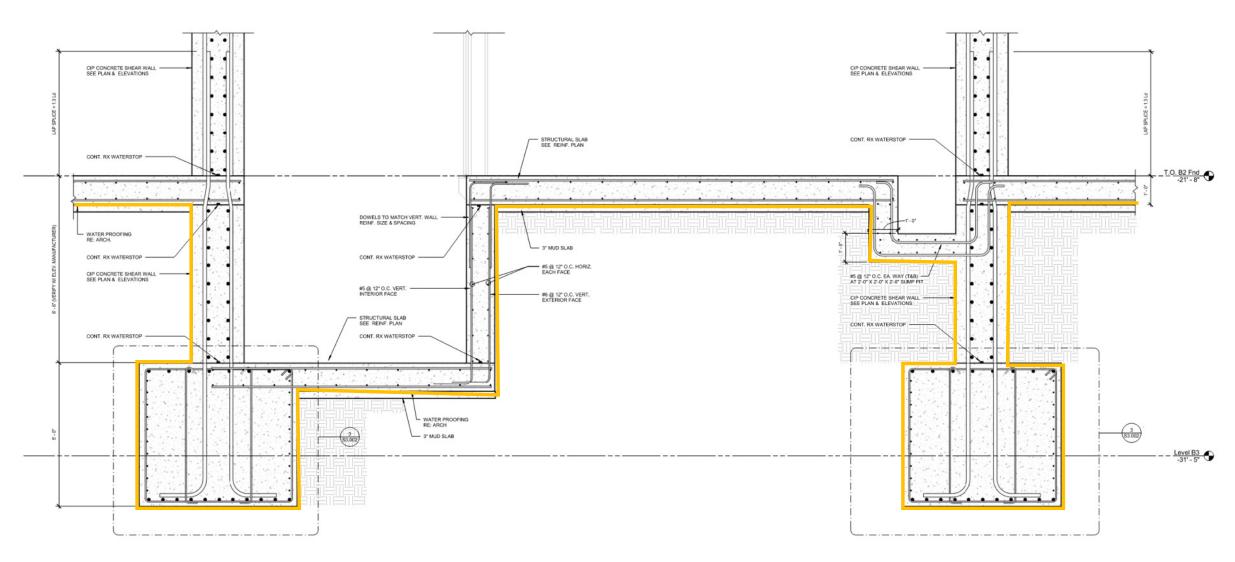




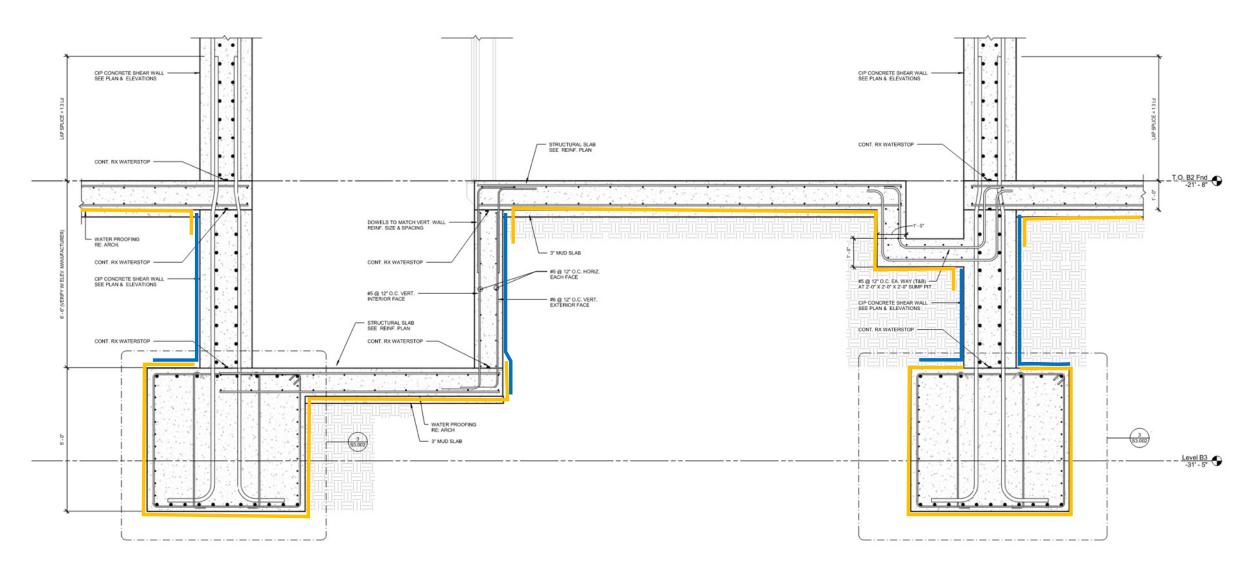
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4 SECTION DETAIL





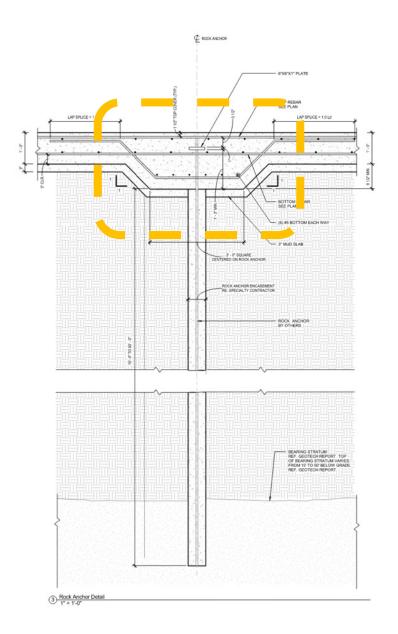


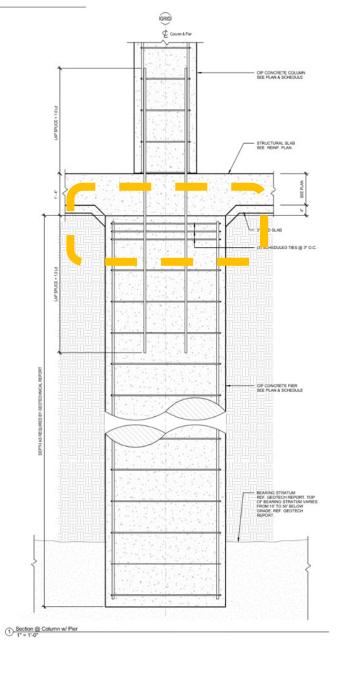




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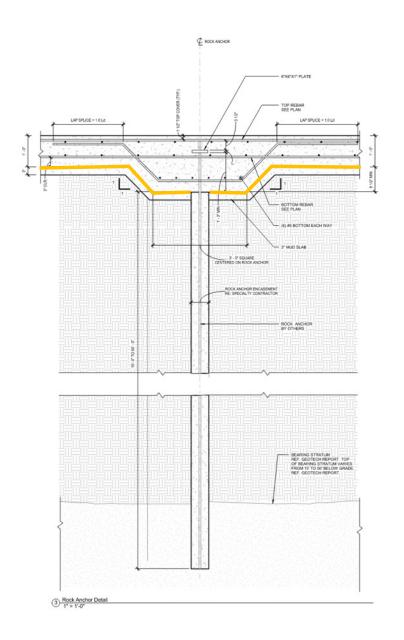
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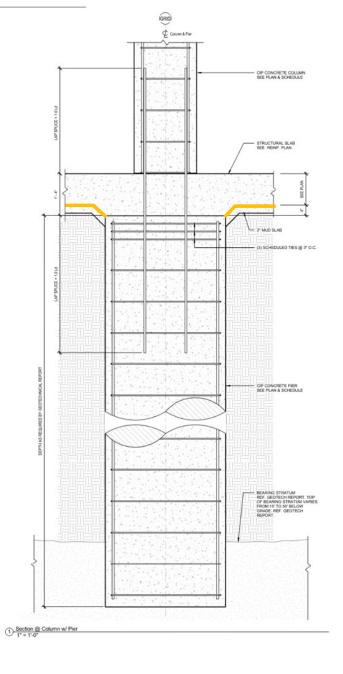


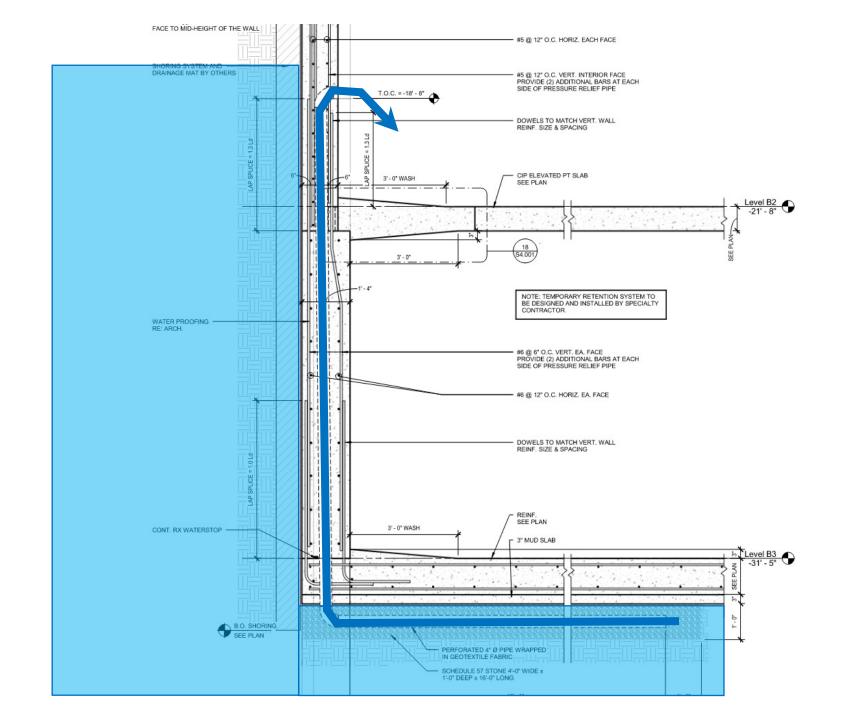
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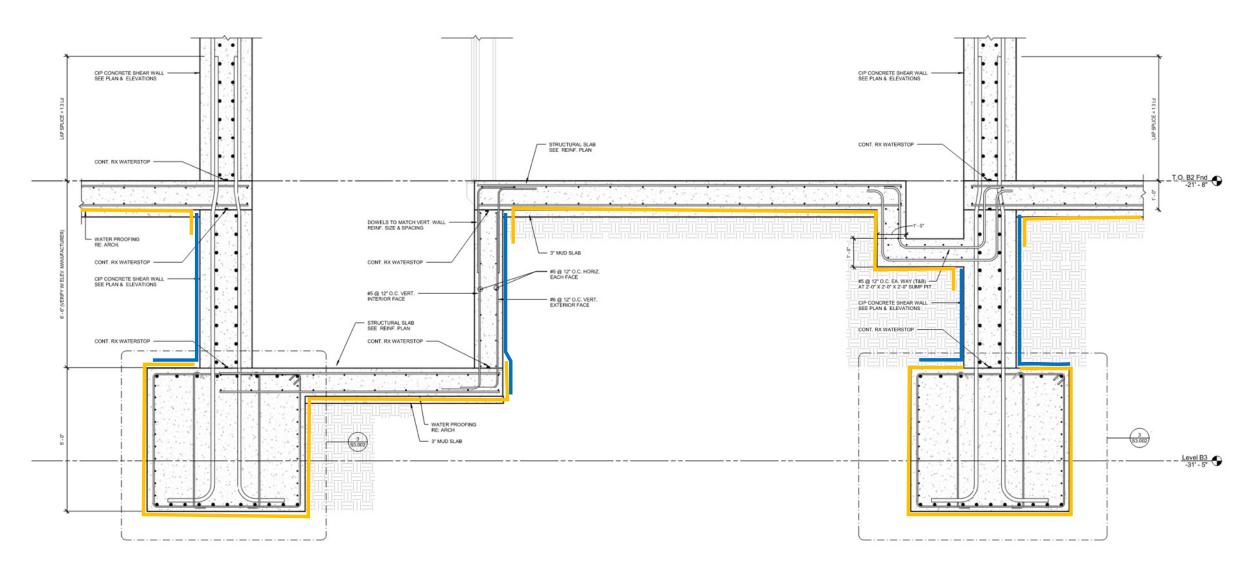
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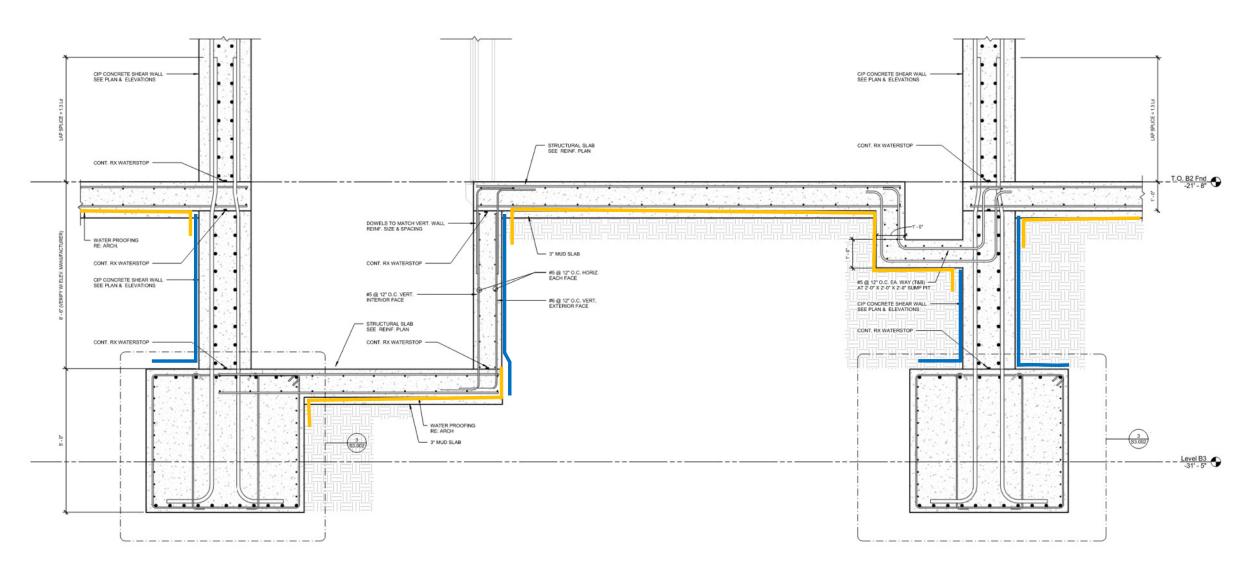












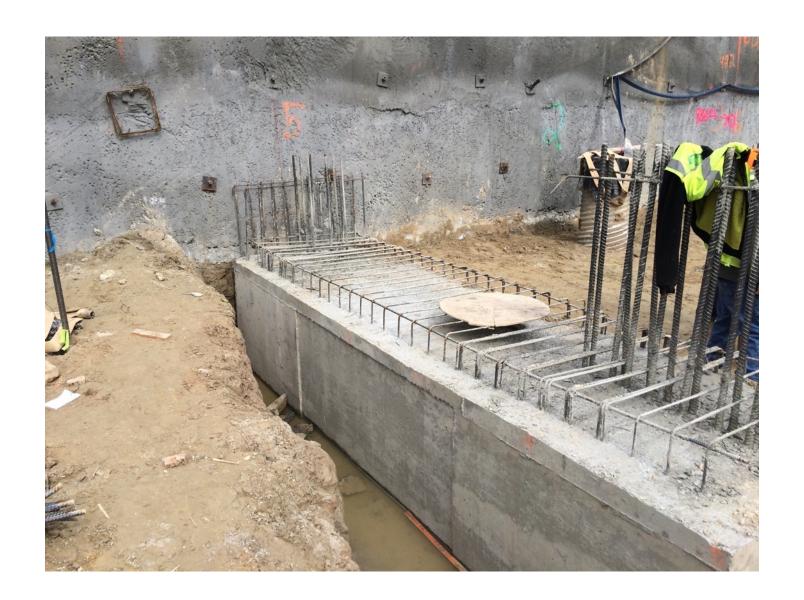
































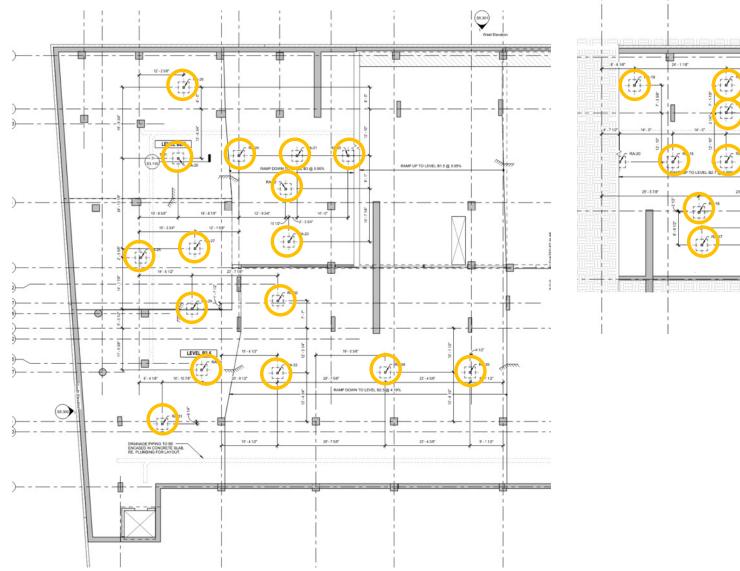


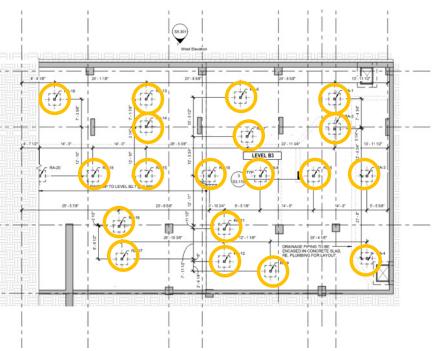












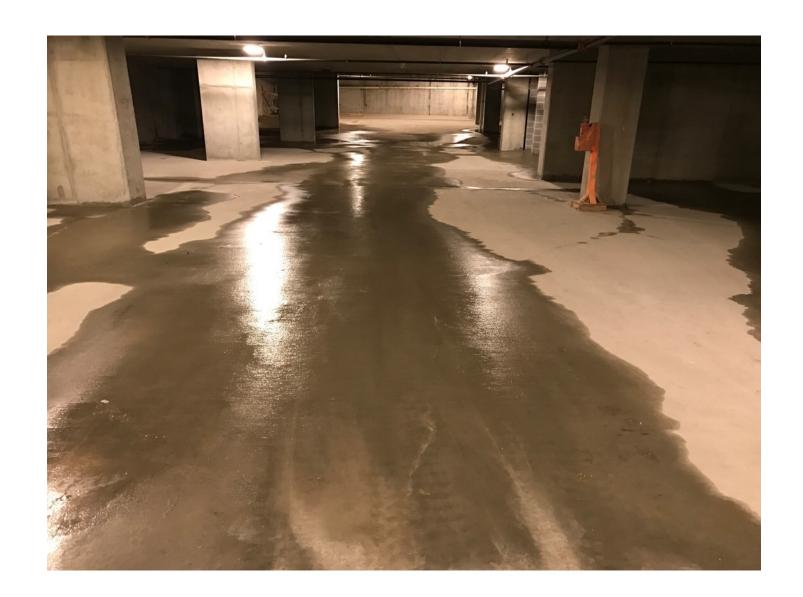






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Repairs

- There are pretty much 2 things to do:
 - Injection sealing
 - Interior drainage



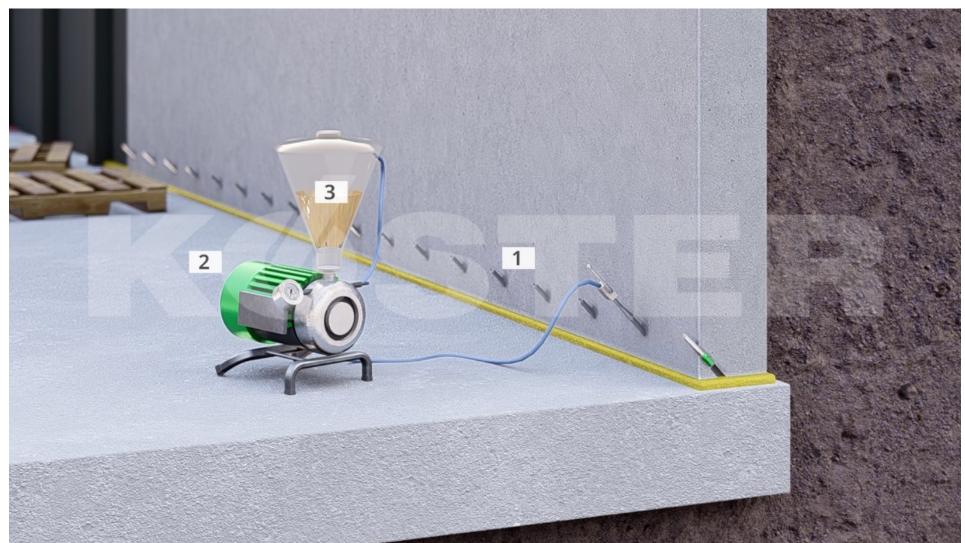




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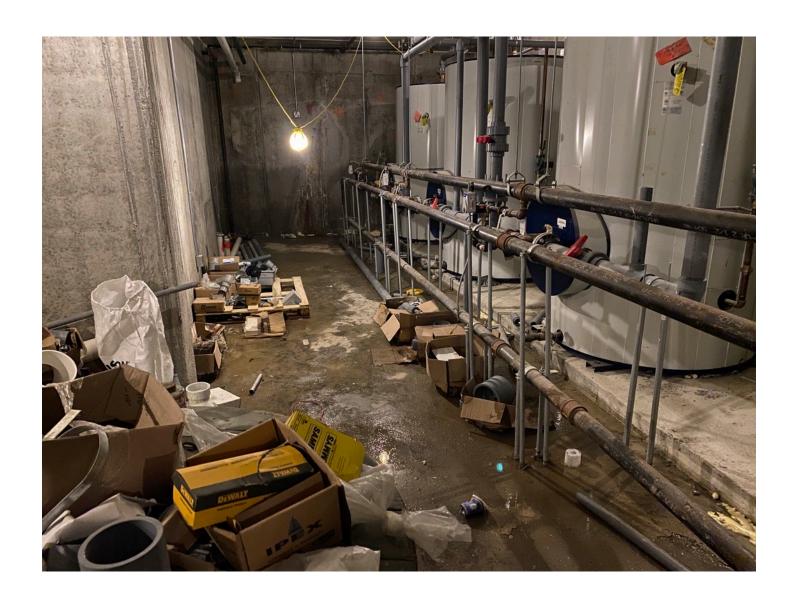




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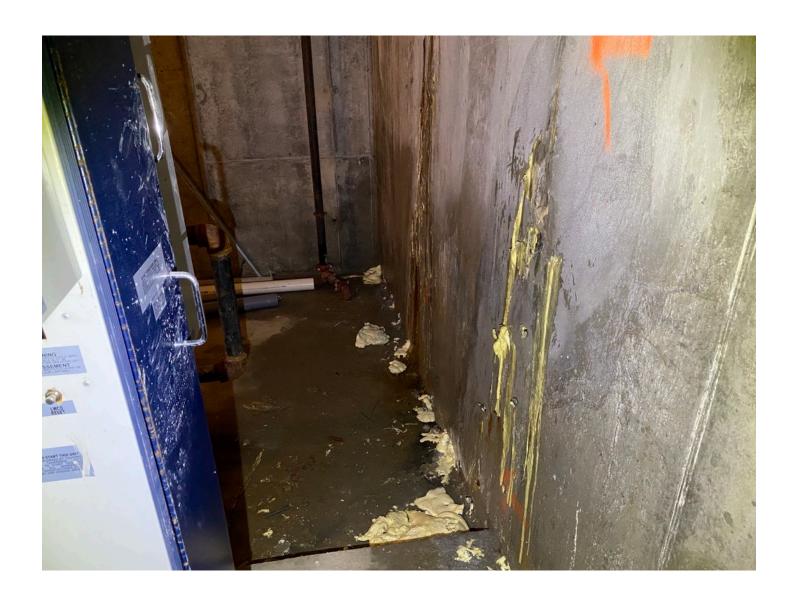
























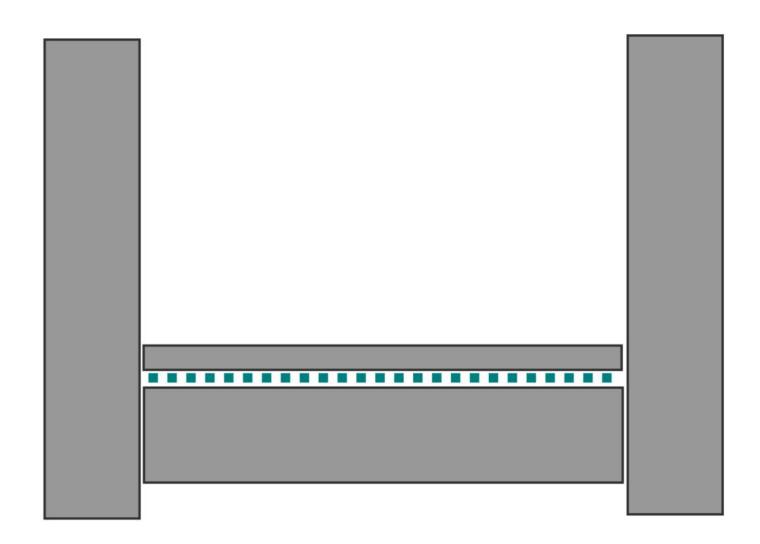




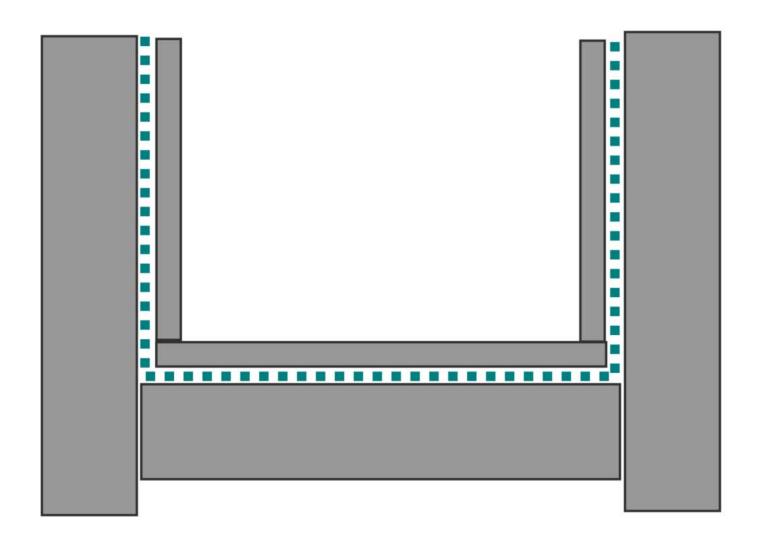














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