

REQUEST FOR BIDDING INTERPRETATION (RFBI)

(Email no later than December 17, 2024, 5:00 p.m.)

PMDB RFBI No.: 5

Requestor RFBI No.: 2

Request Date: Dec. 17, 2024

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Project No.: 000000000008666
Project Name: DSH-Coalinga Hydronic Loop Replacement
Location: Coalinga, CA

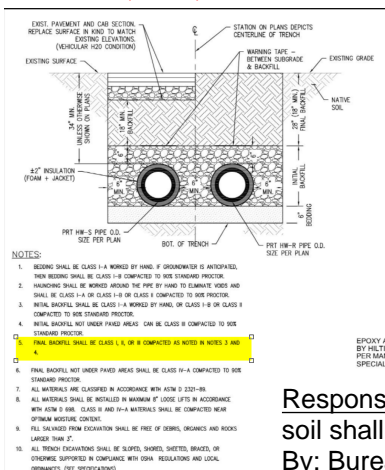
Drawing Reference: C - 4.2 Project Manual Reference: 33 20 00 - Earthmoving

Question: In review of the provided Soils Report, it appears that the native site materials consist of Fat Clay (CH).

Per Spec Section 33 20 00, Earthmoving, soils classified as CH are deemed unsatisfactory and not suitable for final backfill. However, the trench detail shown on Sheet C-4.2, represents that native site material can be used as trench backfill.

These two sections seem to be contradictory. Please clarify if native soils, specifically clayey soils, will be accepted as approved final backfill material. Or if the Contractor will need to import final backfill material (ie satisfactory soils).

Plan Detail (C - 4.2)



From Soils Report Bore Log

CH	ALLUVIUM Very stiff, moist, gray, Fat CLAY
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From 33 20 00 - Earthmoving

C. Unsatisfactory Soils: Soil Classification Groups GC, SC, CL, ML, OL, CH, MH, OH, and PT according to ASTM D2487

F. Final Backfill: Place and compact final backfill of satisfactory soil to final subgrade elevation.

Response: Use only approved suitable backfill materials per specifications. Unsuitable soil shall be removed from the site. Contractor shall import final backfill materials. By: Bureau Veritas, Orland Obtera (949.210.5781), 1-10-2025

Bidder's Authorized Signature: _____

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