

**SUB-APPENDIX D6-E**

**Leachate Collection System Pipe  
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**References:**

- Ref. 1 - Handbook of Polyethylene Pipe, *Plastics Pipe Institute, Second Edition.*  
 Ref. 2 - Large Scale Constrained Modulus Test, Final Report, Prepared by MCG Geotechnical Engineering, Morrison, CO for Plastics Pipe Institute (February 2010)  
 Ref. 3 - High Density Polyethylene Pipe, *Systems Design, Sclairpipe, KWH Pipe.*  
 Ref. 4 - PolyPipe Design and Engineering Guide for Polyethylene Piping (September 2008)

Thickness (H) of fills above the Leachate Collection System (LCS) Pipe

H <sub>cover</sub>	=	1 m
H <sub>waste</sub>	=	50 m
H <sub>sand</sub>	=	0.2 m
H <sub>stone</sub>	=	0.3 m

Unit weights (γ)

γ <sub>cover</sub>	=	21 kN/m <sup>3</sup>
γ <sub>waste</sub>	=	13 kN/m <sup>3</sup>
γ <sub>sand</sub>	=	19 kN/m <sup>3</sup>
γ <sub>stone</sub>	=	18 kN/m <sup>3</sup>

Applied vertical stress on the pipe (σ<sub>v</sub>)

σ <sub>v</sub>	=	680 kPa
	=	14206 psf

10" HDPE Pipe, DR = 11, Designation Code PE4710

**(a) Check for pipe wall crushing**

From Ref. 1 (page 229), the pipe wall compressive stress:

$$S = \frac{P_{RD} \times D_o}{288 \times t}$$

where,

S	=	pipe wall compressive stress [lb/in <sup>2</sup> ]	
P <sub>RD</sub>	=	radial directed earth pressure [lb/ft <sup>2</sup> ] = VAF x σ <sub>v</sub>	(Eq. 3-23 Ref. 1)
VAF	=	vertical arching factor [-] = 0.88 - 0.71 x (S <sub>A</sub> - 1)/(S <sub>A</sub> + 2.5)	(Eq. 3-21 Ref. 1)
S <sub>A</sub>	=	hoop stress stiffness ratio [-] = (1.43 x M <sub>s</sub> x r <sub>CENT</sub> )/(E x t)	(Eq. 3-22 Ref. 1)
r <sub>CENT</sub>	=	radius to centroidal axis of pipe [in] = (D <sub>o</sub> - t)/2	
M <sub>s</sub>	=	one-dimensional modulus of soil [psi]	
E	=	apparent modulus of elasticity of pipe material [psi]	
D <sub>o</sub>	=	pipe outside diameter [in]	
t	=	wall thickness [in]	
σ <sub>v</sub>	=	applied vertical stress on pipe (psf)	

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$D_o$	= 10.75 in	0.273 m	(for 10 in. DR = 11 Sclairpipe PE4710)
$t$	= 0.977 in	0.025 m	
$r_{CENT}$	= 4.887 in	0.124 m	
$M_s$	= 5000 psi	34475 kPa	(Table 2 - Ref. 2 for 1.5 inch granite with high compactive effort)
$E$	= 30000 psi	206850 kPa	(Refs. 3 and 4, long term apparent modulus of elasticity)
$\sigma_v$	= 14206 psf	680 kPa	
$S_A$	= 1.19 [-]	1.19 [-]	
$VAF$	= 0.843 [-]	0.843 [-]	
$P_{RD}$	= 11977 psf	573 kPa	
$S$	= 458 psi	3155 kPa	

$S_{allow}$  = allowable pipe wall compressive stress = 1150 psi (Ref 1 - Chapter 3, Table C.1 for PE4710 pipe)

= 7929 kPa

$$\text{Factor of Safety} = \frac{S_{allow}}{S} = \frac{1150}{458} = 2.5 \quad \text{Okay [Typical Recommended F.S. = 1.0 Ref. 1]}$$

**(b) Check for ring deflection (Watkins - Gaube Graph)**

From Ref. 1 (Eqn. 3-28), percent ring deflection is:

$$\left(\frac{\Delta x}{D_M}\right) \times 100 = D_F \times \epsilon_S$$

where,

$\Delta x$  = ring deflection [in]

$D_M$  = mean diameter [in] (i.e.  $D_o - t$ )

$D_F$  = deformation factor (from Watkins - Gaube Graph)

$\epsilon_S$  = soil strain [%] =  $\sigma_v / (144 \times E_s)$  (Eq. 3-27 Ref. 1)

$\sigma_v$  = applied vertical stress on pipe (psf)

$E_s$  = secant modulus of soil [psi] =  $M_s (1 + \mu) (1 - 2\mu) / (1 - \mu)$  (Eq. 3-26 Ref. 1)

$M_s$  = one dimensional soil modulus [psi]

$\mu$  = soil's Poisson ratio [-]

Ridgity factor,  $R_F$  for Watkins - Gaube Graph is:

$$R_F = \frac{12 E_s (DR - 1)^3}{E}$$

$DR$  = standard dimension ratio of pipe [-] i.e pipe outside diameter / wall thickness

$E_s$  = secant modulus of soil [psi]

$E$  = apparent modulus of elasticity of pipe material [psi]

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D <sub>o</sub>	= 10.75 in	0.273 m	(for 10 in. DR = 11 Sclairpipe PE4710)
t	= 0.977 in	0.025 m	
D <sub>M</sub>	= 9.773 in	0.249 m	
σ <sub>v</sub>	= 14206 psf	680 kPa	
μ	= 0.15 [-]	0.15 [-]	(Ref. 1 Table 3-13)
M <sub>s</sub>	= 5000 psi	34475 kPa	
E <sub>s</sub>	= 4735 psi	32650 kPa	
R <sub>F</sub>	= 1894 [-]	1894 [-]	
D <sub>F</sub>	= 1.4 [-]	1.4 [-]	(deformation factor from Watkins-Gaube Graph, Ref. 1)
ε <sub>s</sub>	= 2.1%	2.1%	
Δx/D <sub>M</sub>	= 2.9%	2.9%	(Percent Ring Deflection)

allowable ring deflection = 5% (Ref. 1 page 218)

$$\text{Factor of Safety} = \frac{\text{Allowable ring def.}}{\Delta x/D_M} = \frac{5\%}{2.9\%} = 1.7 \quad \text{Okay [Typical Recommended F.S. = 1.0 Ref. 1]}$$

**(c) Check for wall buckling**

Moore-Selig Equation for critical buckling pressure:

$$P_{CR} = \frac{2.4 \Phi R_H}{D_M} (E I)^{\frac{1}{3}} (E_s^*)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

where,

P<sub>CR</sub> = critical constrained buckling pressure [psi]

Φ = calibration factor [-]

R<sub>H</sub> = geometry factor [-]

D<sub>M</sub> = mean diameter [in] (i.e. D<sub>o</sub> - t)

E = apparent modulus of elasticity of pipe material [psi]

I = pipe wall moment of inertia [in<sup>4</sup>/in] = (t<sup>3</sup>/12, for a solid wall pipe)

E<sub>s</sub> = secant modulus of soil [psi] = M<sub>s</sub> (1 + μ) (1-2μ) / (1 - μ) (Eq. 3-26 Ref. 1)

E<sub>s</sub><sup>\*</sup> = E<sub>s</sub> / (1-μ)

μ = soil's Poisson ratio [-]

	English Units	SI Units	
Φ	= 0.55 [-]	0.55 [-]	(Ref. 1 Page 233)
R <sub>H</sub>	= 1 [-]	1 [-]	(Ref. 1 Page 233)
D <sub>M</sub>	= 9.773 in	0.249 m	
E	= 30000 psi	206850 kPa	(Refs. 3 and 4, long term apparent modulus of elasticity)
t	= 0.977 in	0.025 m	
I	= 0.0777 in <sup>3</sup>	1.27E-06 m	
E <sub>s</sub>	= 4735 psi	32650 kPa	
μ	= 0.15 [-]	0.15 [-]	(Ref. 1 Table 3-13)
E <sub>s</sub> <sup>*</sup>	= 5571 psi	38412 kPa	
P <sub>CR</sub>	= 563 psi	3881 kPa	

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Applied vertical pressure on the pipe:

$$P_B = \frac{\sigma_v}{144}$$

where,

$P_B$  = applied vertical pressure on the pipe (psi)

$\sigma_v$  = applied vertical pressure on pipe (psf)

	English Units	SI Units
$\sigma_v$ =	14206 psf	680 kPa
$P_B$ =	98.7 psi	680 kPa

$P_{CR}$  = critical constrained buckling pressure = 563 psi  
 = 3881 kPa

$$\text{Factor of Safety} = \frac{P_{CR}}{P_B} = \frac{563}{98.7} = 5.7 \quad \text{Okay [Typical Recommended F.S. = 2.0 Ref. 1]}$$