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August 27, 2002

Christine Reedy
Riverside Ready Mix Inc.
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Re: Septic Tank Approvals, 2350-gallon septic tank, dosing tank, septic dosing tank

Dear Ms. Reedy:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (Department) has reviewed the plans, specifications and other associated materials you provided for the various tank configurations manufactured by your company. I am pleased to advise that the following tanks have been found to comply with the Department's standards:

1. 2350-gallon concrete septic tank;
2. 2350-gallon concrete dosing tank;
3. 2350-gallon concrete dosing septic tank.

Your approved plans include both pump and siphon as dosing devices.

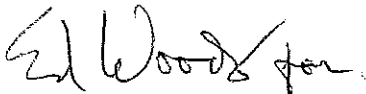
Riverside Ready Mix is authorized to manufacture and distribute the tank configurations for use in on-site sewage treatment systems in Oregon until further notice, providing the following conditions are met:

1. Each tank must be manufactured in compliance with the Department's rules and the enclosed plans and design specifications. Any deviation from the plans and specifications shall not be permitted unless and until authorized in writing by this office.
2. The concrete mix shall be in accordance with the mix description on the plans prepared by Bossard Engineering. The minimum concrete strength of 4,000 psi specified by Mr. Timothy Jay Bossard shall actually be achieved. Three concrete sample cylinders shall be taken and tested for each tank manufactured until the minimum compressive strength is obtained. Thereafter, at least one concrete sample cylinder for each five tanks produced shall be taken. Samples shall be tested for compressive strength. Samples shall be alternately broken at 7 and 28 days. All samples shall be field cured where the tanks are stored. Laboratory curing of additional samples may be done at your option. All test results shall be made available for Department review upon request.
3. Each tank shall be cured and protected from premature drying and excessive hot or cold temperatures for the first ten days following casting. Tanks may be shipped from the casting yard after seven days, or earlier if the concrete has reached two-thirds of its design strength.

4. It is the responsibility of your business to insure that each assembled tank delivered to the construction site is water-tight. It is expected that Riverside Ready Mix will pre-test some percentage of the tanks at the plant to verify they are water-tight.
5. You are to deliver to the purchaser a fully assembled and complete tank, and provide the necessary tank risers and covers.
6. Specific effluent filter details were not identified in your submittal. Effluent filters that comply with Oregon's requirements (described in OAR 340-073-0056) are acceptable for use in your septic tanks, provided the filter selected is designed to be inserted into the 4-inch diameter Sch. 40 ABS outlet Tee. Care must be taken to insure the Tee fitting is fully accessible through the tank's service access riser.
7. Each tank shall be delivered with the installation guide. The guide shall be printed on waterproof paper or equivalent.
8. These tanks are only acceptable for use at locations where the top loading will not exceed the engineering design parameters. Tanks proposed for use at other locations shall require an engineering analysis of the potential top loading, and may require the preparation of site-specific plans and specifications.
9. Each tank shall be marked on the uppermost tank surface over the outlet with the liquid capacity, date of manufacturer, burial depth limit, and either your full business name or the assigned number **517**.

The approved plans and specifications are enclosed. Please feel free to contact Mr. Ed Woods if you have questions about this letter. His phone number is (503) 229-5415.

Sincerely,



Michael T. Llewelyn, Administrator
Water Quality Division

ML:bnp

Enclosures

cc: WR Region Contract County Offices
Greg Farrell, WR
Andy Schaedel, NWR
Dick Nichols, ER

SEPTIC TANK INSTALLATION MANUAL FOR 2350 GAL TANKS

Each Riverside Ready Mix septic tank is visually inspected before leaving the yard. If the installation instructions are followed correctly the tank will provide many years of trouble free use.

A. TANK INSTALLATION

- 1) The hole size must be at least one foot (1') wider and longer than the outside dimensions of the tank. Hole depth should be sufficient to cover the tank to a point near the top of the riser.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT completely cover the riser. The lid must be at or above ground level.

- 2) Before setting the tank into the hole, bed the bottom of the hole with four to six inches (4" – 6") of sand or 3/8" pea gravel containing no large rocks or chunks. The septic tank must be set on a level, stable base that will not settle. The inlet must be 1" – 3" higher than the outlet. Except for pumping systems, be sure to set the tank to maintain the appropriate fall to the first drain line. Consult a licensed installer of the DEQ for the appropriate grade.

NOTE: Any high or low spots that cause the tank to sit unlevel can cause the tank to crack or fracture when full.

- 3) The septic tank hole must be accessible for a large truck to backup to within six feet (6'). All over head limbs and power or phone lines must also be cleared from around the hole for a distance of twenty feet (20') vertical, measured from ground level. The truck access route must also be relatively level.

- 4) Tank shall be installed with no more than 3 feet of cover unless otherwise reinforced per OAR 340-071-0025 (5).

B. RISERS AND LIDS

All tanks are manufactured with a 6" high by 24" diameter Tuf-Tite riser, which is permanently set into the tank lid. Each riser comes with it's own polyethylene lid. The lid attaches to the riser with six stainless steel screws. A neoprene gasket is built into each lid providing a watertight seal.

To connect two or more risers together, please use the mastic rope provided by Riverside Ready Mix to insure a watertight seal.

C. TESTING PROCEDURES AND BACKFILLING

Backfill with clean, easily compacted material. A blend of reject sand and pea gravel works best. Do not backfill with any material containing cobbles. Backfill around the tank evenly, do not fill one side up before filling the opposite side part way. The

following shall be done in order to test the tank for water tightness. The tank must be backfilled to the point below the midrib seam. Then fill with water just above the midrib seam about 2 inches and check the seam for any leaks. With no leaks, finish backfilling the tank and bring water level to a point no more than 2 inches into the risers. During the test there shall not be any more than 1 gallon leakage or 1/2" over a 24 hour period.

We found the simplest method for sealing off the inlet and outlets is to use an inflatable ball plug. The Cherne 4" pneumatic test ball plug part #270-040 comes highly recommended.

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D. PIPE CONNECTIONS

Each Riverside Ready Mix septic tank is manufactured with a four-inch (4") ABS sanitary tee (santee) on the inlet and outlet of the tank.

Tank manufacturer shall furnish 2 (4" dia.) Fernco couplers or #3034 bushings with each septic tank, and 1 (4" dia.) Fernco coupler or #3034 bushing with each dosing/septic tank.

Pump tank and dosing/siphon tank risers can be drilled to an inside measurement of 1", 1 1/4", 1 1/2" or 2" sizes to fit the rubber grommets that will be placed in the holes. The installer will instruct us as to the placement and size of the holes.

Installation of pumps, siphons, controls and alarm systems on dosing/pump tanks will be in accordance with manufacturers specs. and the Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requirements. The contractor is to insure the placement of all fittings and electrical equipment such that the pump vault is easily removable for maintenance.

E. PUMPS, SIPHONS, CONTROLS, WIRING, ETC.

High level alarms shall be placed at the following levels:

2350 gallon dosing tank with pump = 24 1/2 inches below the invert of the inlet

2300 gallon dosing septic tank with pump = 1 inch below the invert of the inlet

Pump on and off levels shall be placed as systems design requirements and low water levels allow. The low water level for the 2350 gallon dosing septic tank with pump is 36 3/4 inches from the floor. The low water levels for the 2350 gallon dosing with pump and the 2350 gallon septic tank with pump shall be specified by the manufacture of the pump. Below is the gallons per inch (gpi) measurement for each tank utilizing pumps:

2350 gallon dosing tank with pump = 33.4 gpi

2350 gallon dosing septic tank with pump = 33.4 gpi

OSI model 204 dosing siphons are approved for use in the 2350 gallon dosing tank with siphon. Instructions for installation for the dosing siphon assembly are provided on printed material obtained from Orenco Systems, Inc. 1-800-348-9843

F. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS OR LIMITATIONS

Do not attempt to lift or move the tank without a designed tank pick-up device.

Be careful when operating equipment around the tank(s), especially when using a backhoe for back-filling.

When setting a tank in a water-filled hole, special care must be taken that the hole bottom is level and smooth. The tank itself should be partially full of water when being set in a water-filled hole. If the tank can't be partially full of water while being set, then the hole should be pumped out prior to placing the tank and then the tank filled with water.

G. BUOYANCY AND COUNTERMEASURES

High ground water table for tank is defined as ground water up to one (1) foot above top of tank. Where high ground water is possible, the tank shall have 20 inches minimum cover or shall have a concrete slab, with at least 21 cubic feet of concrete, placed over the tank.

*****FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAN RESULT IN A
CRACKED OR BROKEN TANK AND VOID ANY WARRANTY OF
WATER TIGHTNESS EITHER STATED OR IMPLIED.**

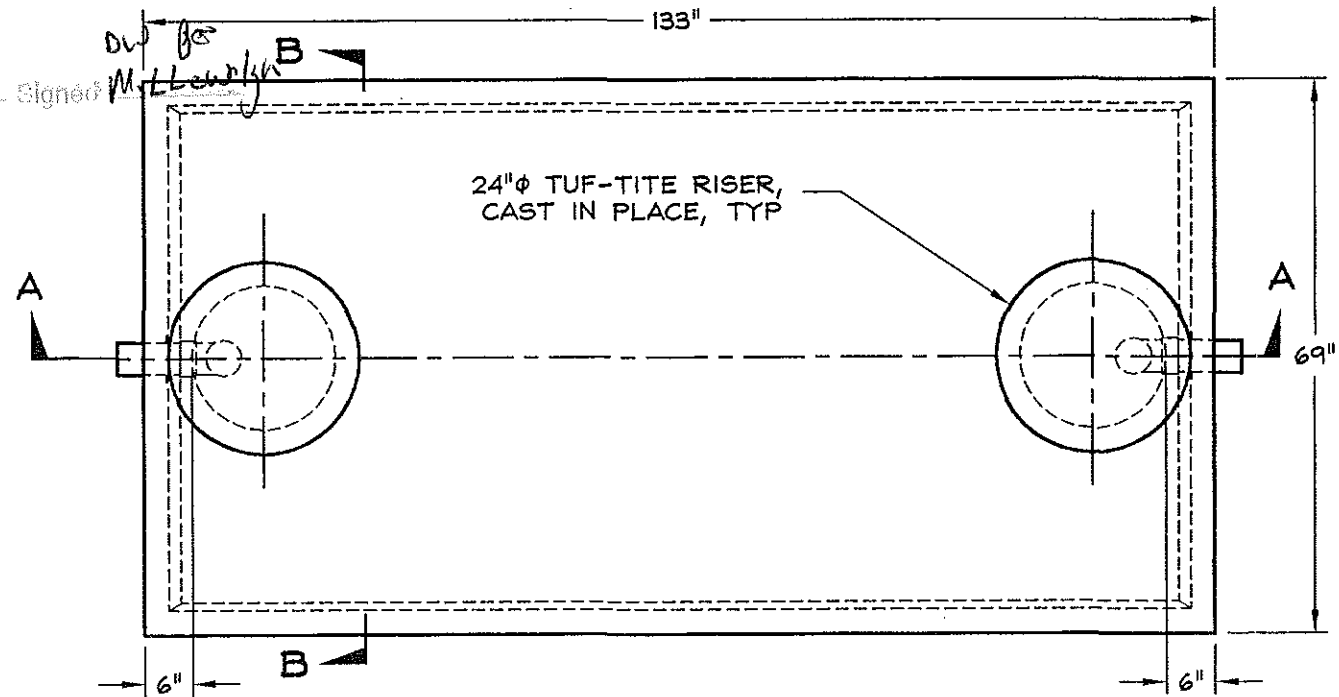
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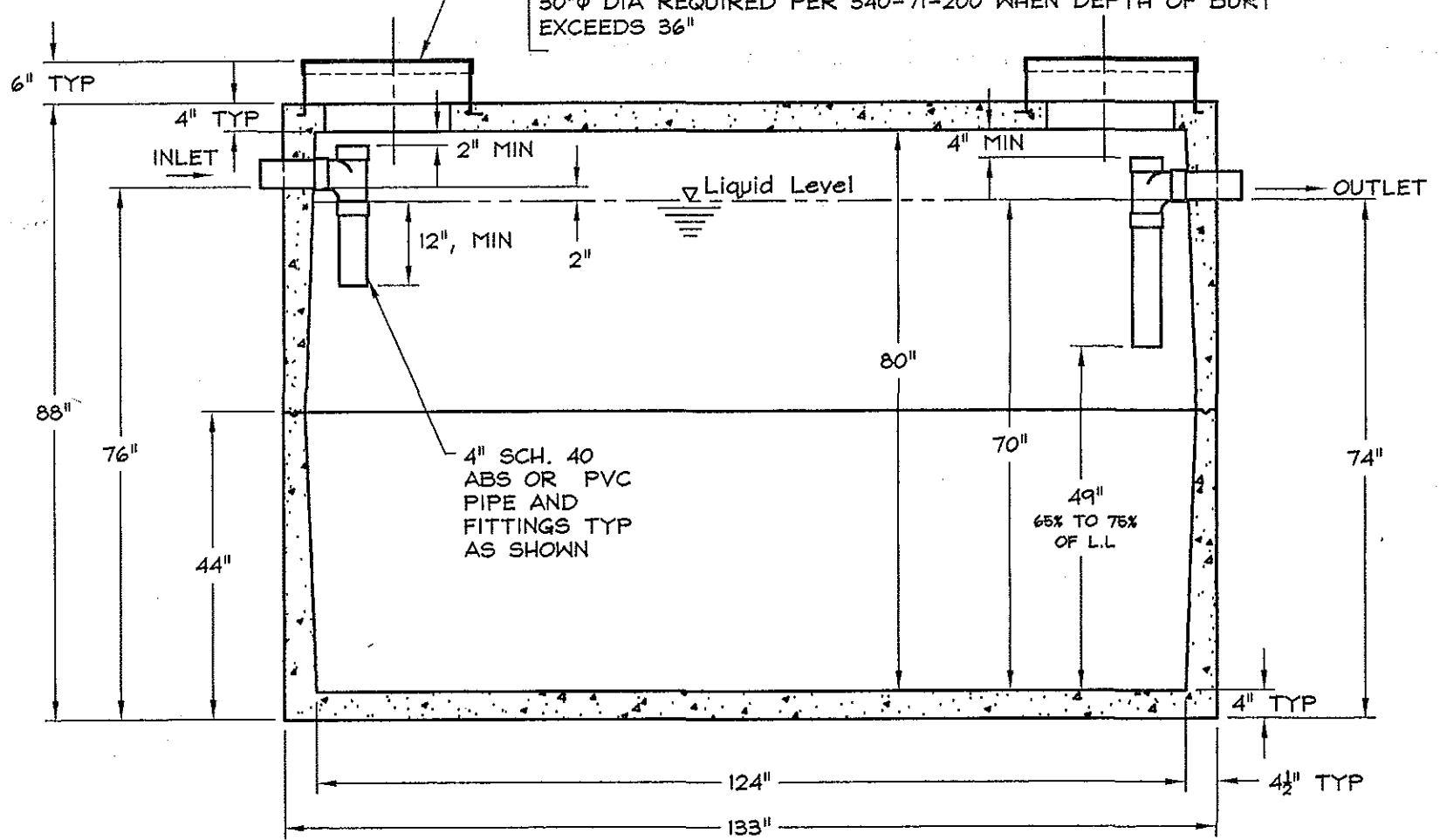
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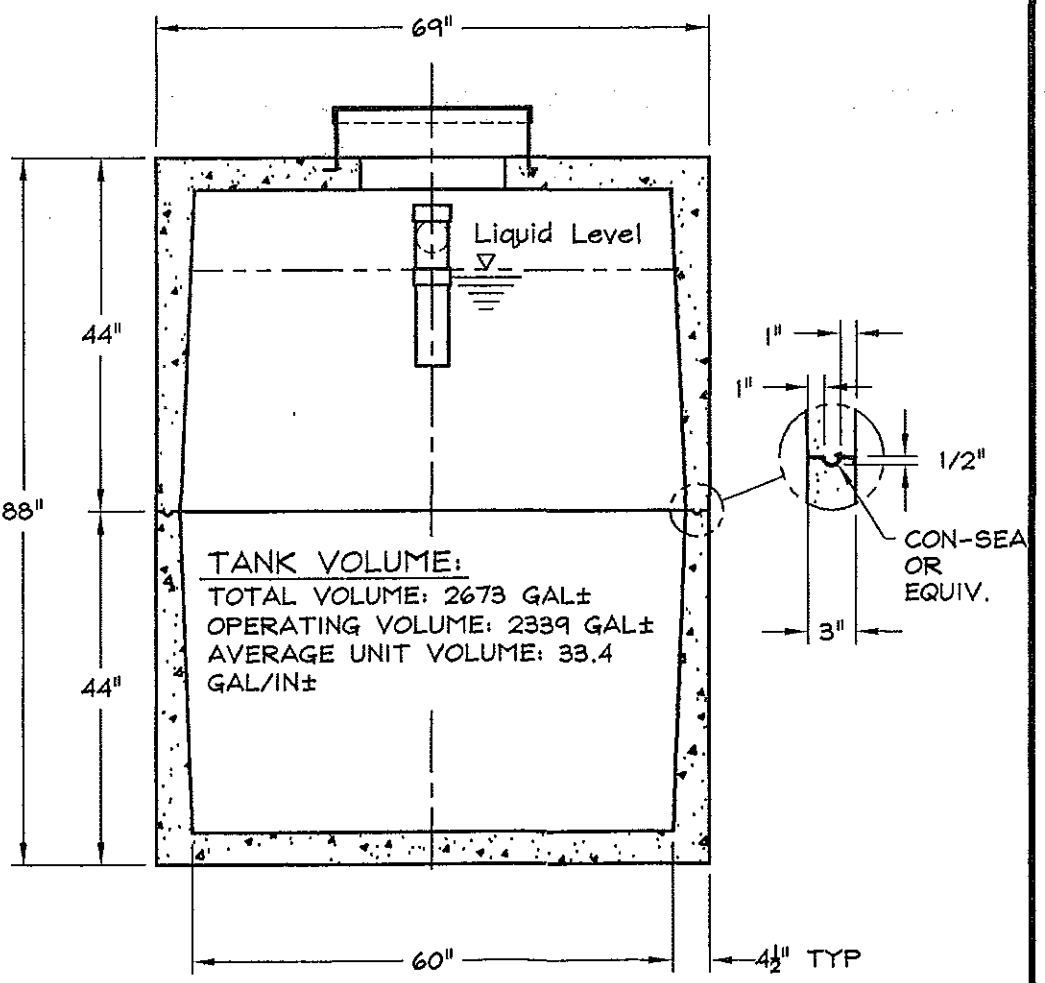
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TOP VIEW

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30"φ DIA REQUIRED PER 340-71-200 WHEN DEPTH OF BURY EXCEEDS 36"



SECTION A-A



SECTION B-B

GENERAL NOTES:

1. Vertical design live load: 300 psf plus 2,500# wheel load.
2. Horizontal design live load: 80 psf fluid pressure from soil and water with tank empty.
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5. See structural drawings for structural design and details not shown on these plans.
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8. Tank top half to be in place before backfilling, and tank to be backfilled uniformly around perimeter.
9. Tank manufacturer shall furnish (2) 4" dia. FERNCO couplings or #3034 bushings with each septic tank, and (1) 4" dia. caulder coupling or #3034 bushing with each dosing-septic tank.
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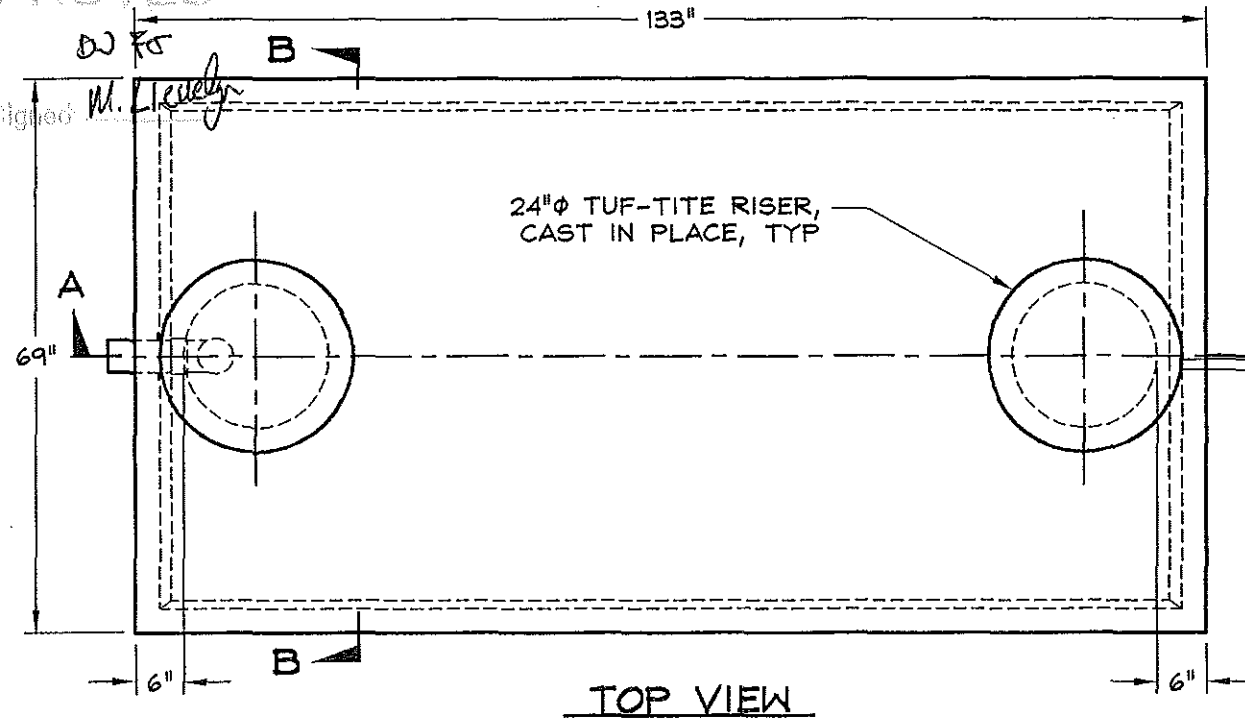
RIVERSIDE READY MIX INC.
2350 GALLON SEPTIC TANK

581 SE MILL STREET
GRANTS PASS, OREGON 97526

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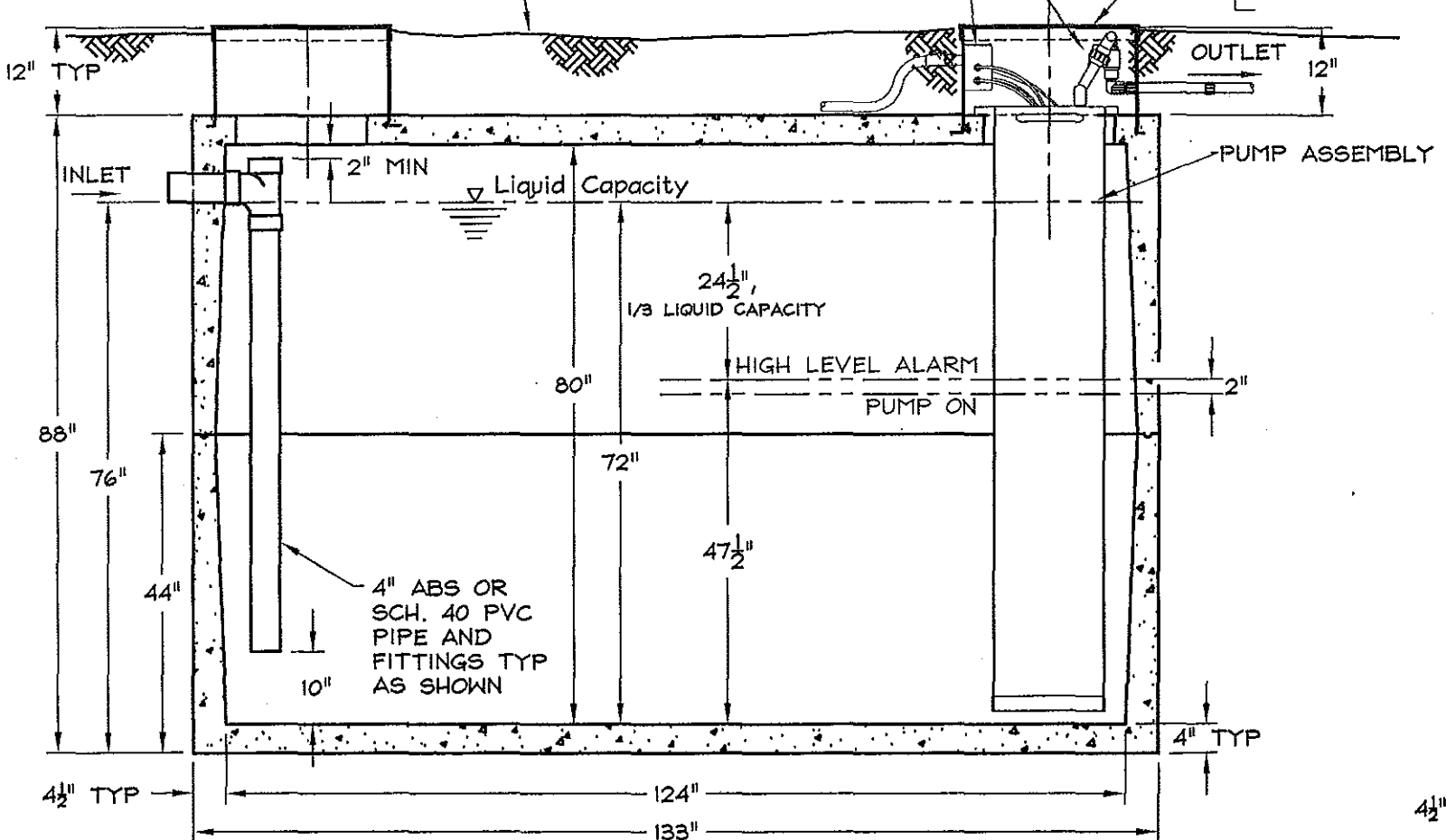
Date 8/2/02 Signed M. Lively



TOP VIEW

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SLOPE GRADE AWAY FROM LID

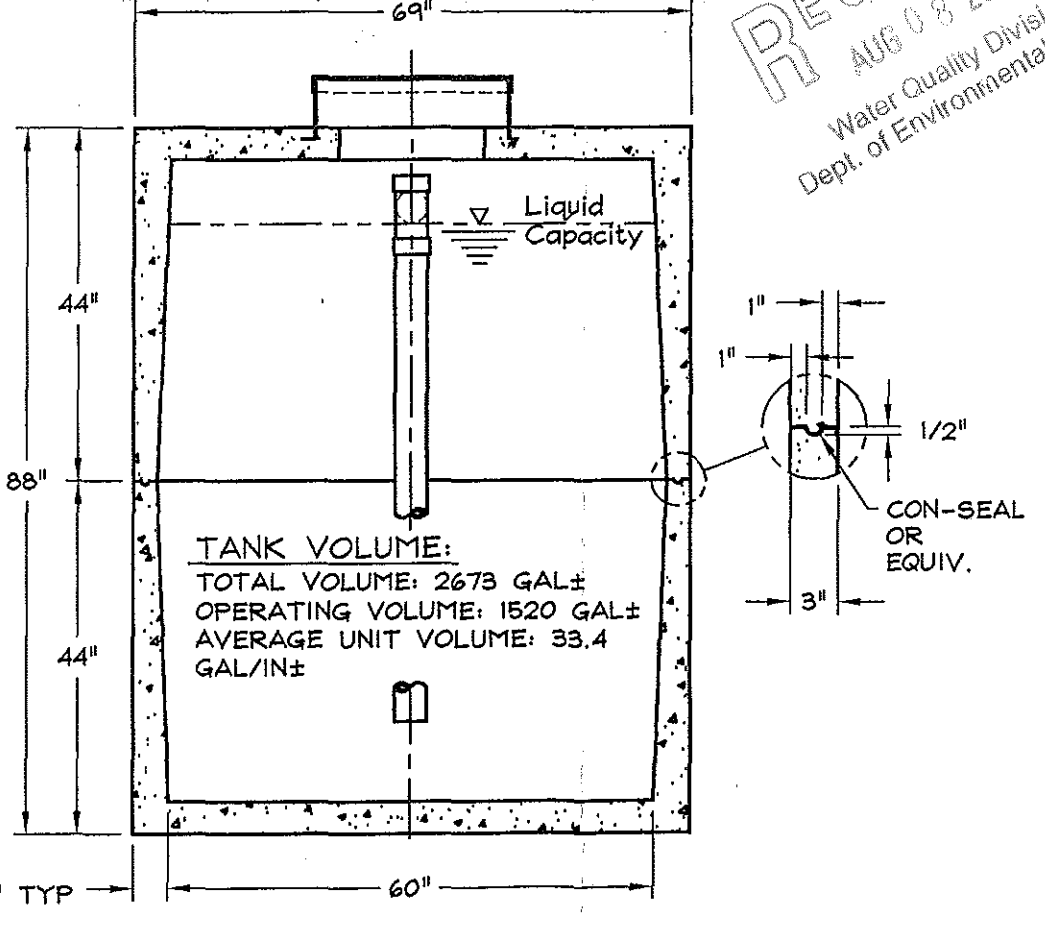


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14. Dosing volumes not to exceed maximum limits set by OAR 340-71 and 73. Maximum percent of projected daily flow: 10% to sandfilters or 20% in other applications.
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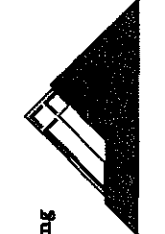


SECTION B-B

TANK VOLUME:
TOTAL VOLUME: 2673 GAL±
OPERATING VOLUME: 1520 GAL±
AVERAGE UNIT VOLUME: 33.4 GAL/IN±

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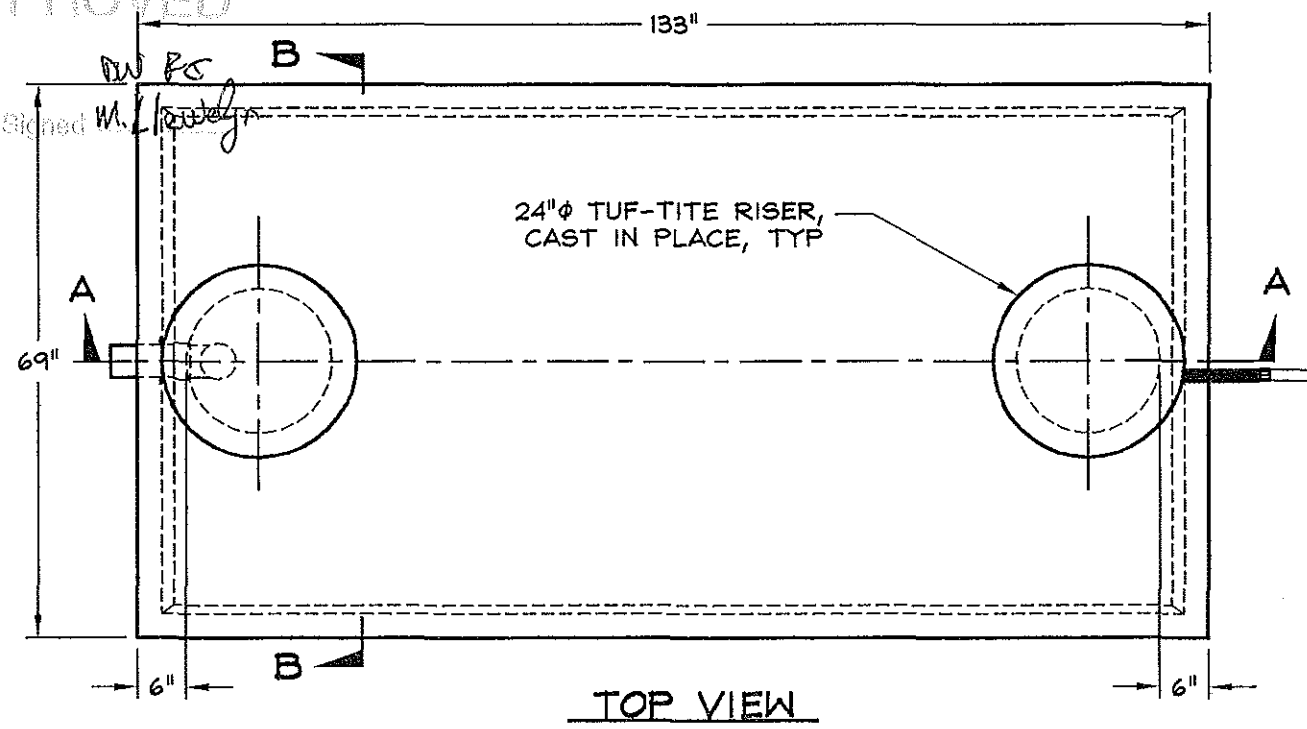
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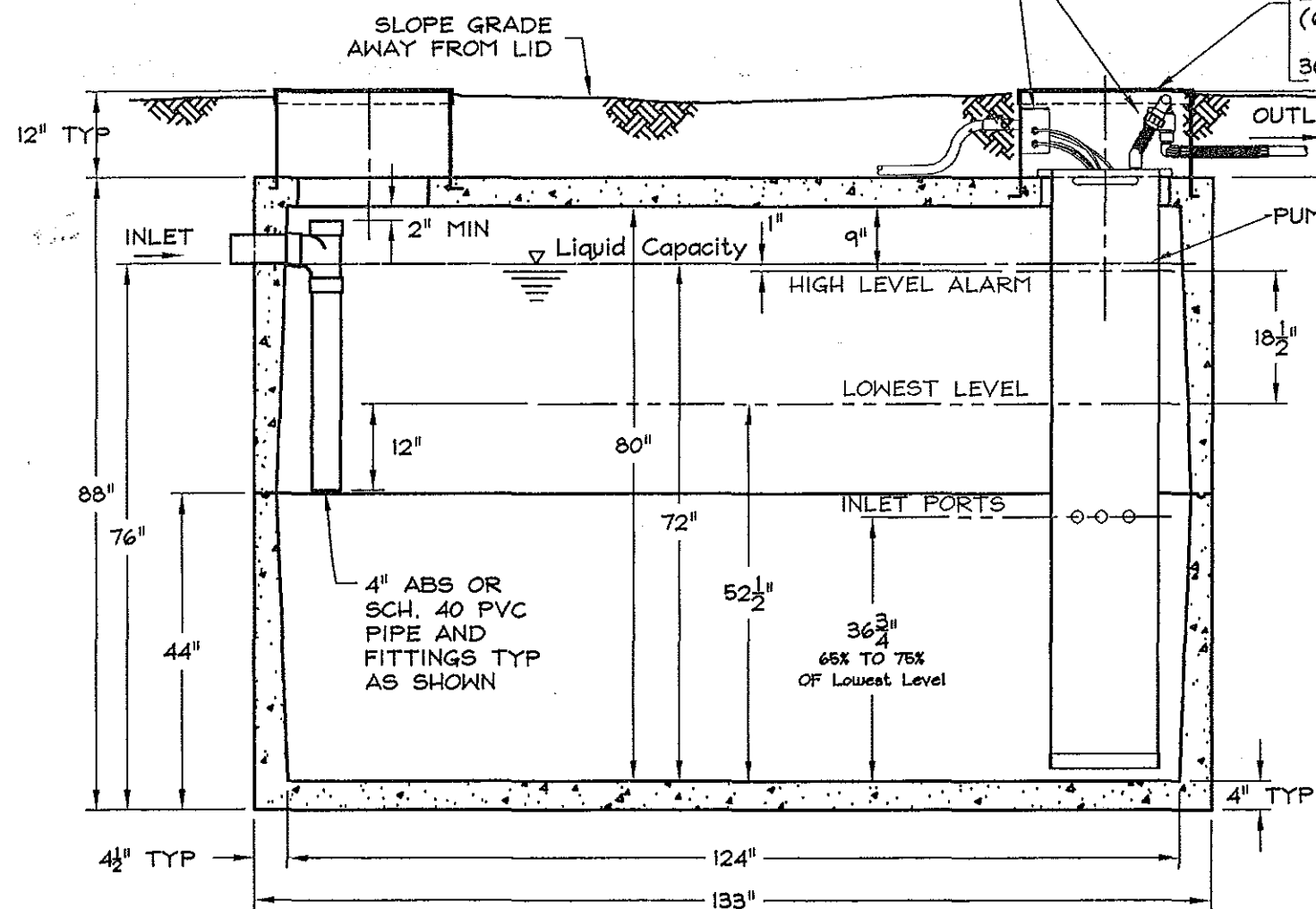


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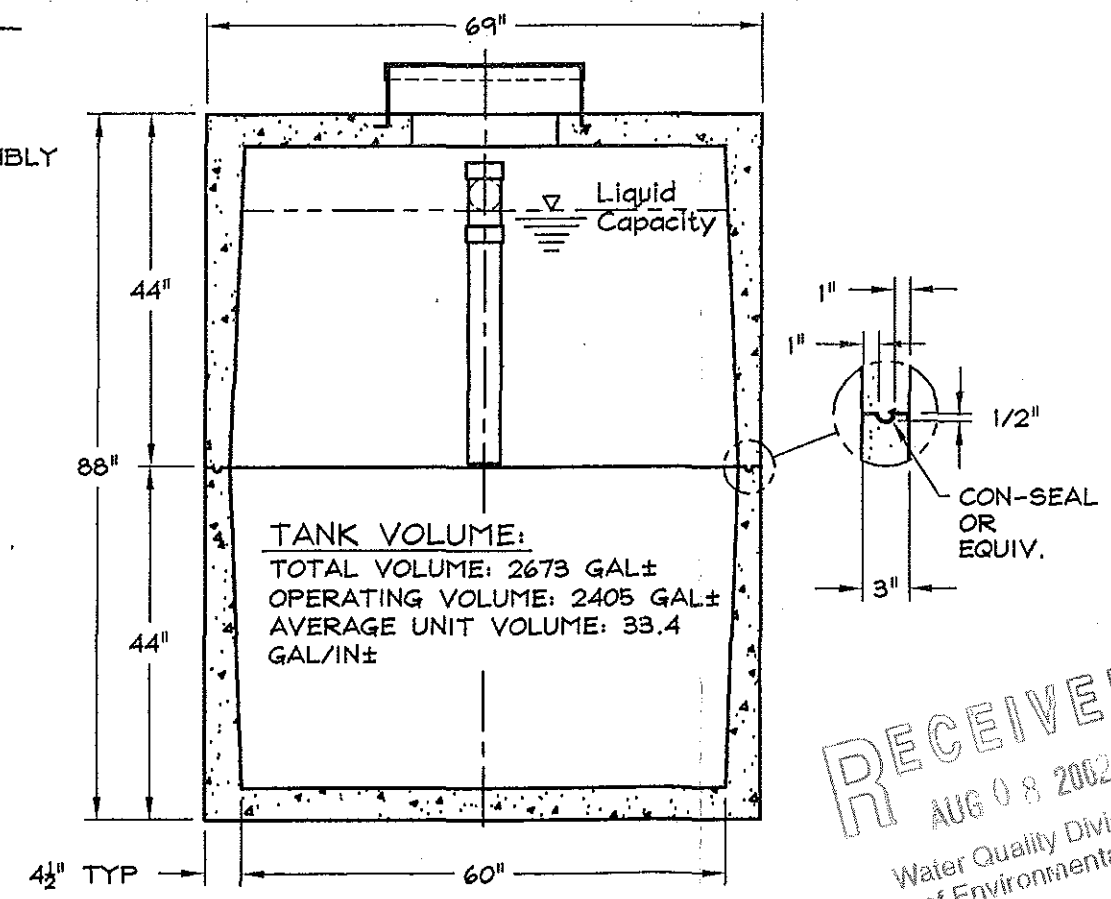
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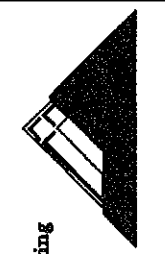


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