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**Re: Sub-Slab Depressurization System Design and Site Management Plan
Golden Horseshoe Shopping Center
Scarsdale, New York
NYSDEC Voluntary Cleanup Program
Site Number V – 00309-3
Index No. D3-0001-00-05**

Dear Mr. Yavonditte:

In accordance with the NYSDEC letter dated March 12, 2007, TRC is submitting for your review the enclosed drawings showing the proposed design for the sub-slab depressurization system (SSDS), and the site-specific site management plan (SMP) for the Golden Horseshoe Shopping Center in Scarsdale, New York (the "Site").

The overall objective of the SSDS is to mitigate the potential for soil vapor intrusion into the 1963 and 1984 additions to the Building. The SSDS design and SMP have been completed in accordance with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) document titled *Guidance for Evaluating Soil Vapor Intrusion in the State of New York*, October 2006.

The SSDS will consist of two sub-slab depressurization pits and four monitoring points installed in the floor slab of the United States Post Office space. Each sub-slab depressurization pit will connect via 6-inch diameter piping below the floor slab to one 6-inch diameter riser that will extend through the building roof.

Above the building roof each riser will connect to a suction fan, which will apply a vacuum to the sub-slab depressurization pits and depressurize the space below the building floor slab.

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Following complete installation and startup of the SSDS, the pressure differential between the indoor and the sub-slab air will be monitored. If insufficient vacuum in the sub-slab is present the system will be re-evaluated and the fan size will be increased and/or additional suction pits will be installed.

Construction coordination of the SSDS and implementation of the SMP will proceed after receiving your approval of the attachments. The plans and work schedule are subject to coordination with the current tenant, the United States Postal Service.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

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Attachments: Site Management Plan and Sub Slab Depressurization System Drawings



ATTACHMENTS

Sub-Slab Depressurization System Site Management Plan
Golden Horseshoe Shopping Center
Scarsdale, New York

In the space occupied by the United States Postal Service at the Golden Horseshoe Shopping Center (the “Building”), an active sub-slab depressurization system (SSDS) will be installed to prevent vapors in soil gas below the Building floor slab from entering the Building. This site management plan (SMP) was completed in accordance with the requirements of New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) document titled *Guidance for Evaluating Soil Vapor Intrusion in the State of New York*, October 2006. The principal components of the SSDS for the Site will consist of:

- Two suction pits beneath the floor slab
- Horizontal 6-inch diameter pipe below the floor slab from each suction pit connecting to a 6-inch diameter vertical riser extending through the Building roof and discharging to the outdoors
- Exterior suction fans connected to the discharge of each riser
- Monitoring points at selected locations throughout the Building floor slab
- A warning device to alarm when a suction fan is not operating, the flow drops below the set point, or the vacuum goes above the set point

The SSDS design is shown on the attached drawings. The requirements for the SSDS will consist of start up testing, routine maintenance and monitoring, and non-routine maintenance activities. Each is described in the following subsections.

Sub Slab Depressurization System Start Up

This subsection outlines the procedures for confirming the effectiveness and proper installation of the SSDS. The goal for operation of the SSDS will be to achieve a uniform minimum differential sub-slab pressure of -0.002 inches of water relative to indoor air. With this goal in mind, the following actions will be performed shortly after initial startup of the SSDS:



- The sub-slab pressure at each monitoring point will be measured utilizing an appropriate hand-held vacuum gauge.
- If insufficient vacuum is measured at each monitoring point, the system will be reevaluated and the fan size will be increased and/or additional suction pits will be installed.
- After confirming a sub-slab differential pressure of -0.002 inches of water relative to indoor air, smoke tests will be performed to identify any leaks through cracks in the concrete floor, floor joints, floor penetrations, and monitoring points. Identified leaks will be resealed until smoke tests indicate that an appropriate seal of the floor slab has been achieved.
- Appliances relying on natural draft for exhaust of carbon monoxide and other combustion gases will be tested for back draft caused by the operation of the SSDS. Back draft poses a potential health concern because of carbon monoxide. Testing for back draft will entail utilizing a carbon monoxide meter to detect the presence of this compound in the air near exhausts for appliances. If necessary, any back draft caused by the SSDS will be corrected by sealing any leaks in the floor slab, as indicated above.
- The operation of the warning device for the suction fan will be confirmed.

Routine Maintenance and Monitoring of the Sub Slab Depressurization System

Routine maintenance and inspection will be conducted to verify that the SSDS is operating properly until NYSDEC and NYSDOH has determined no need for such a system.

On an annual basis, the following will performed:

- Conduct a visual inspection of the complete system, including but not limited to the suction fans, piping, warning device and alarm, and labelling.
- Inspect suction fans for bearing failures or signs of other abnormal operations, and repair or replace if required.

- Inspect the discharge location of the vent pipe to verify that no air intake or operable window has been located nearby.
- Determine, through discussions with Building management, if any Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system modifications occurred that might effect the performance of the SSDS.
- Inspect the floor slab and foundation walls for evidence of cracks and/or holes, and repair cracks and/or holes, if required.
- Test the integrity of the riser pipe(s), via smoke tests, and repair the riser pipe, if required.

In addition, preventative maintenance will be performed on the suction fans in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

Non-routine Maintenance Activities of the Sub Slab Depressurization System

Non-routine maintenance would typically occur when the warning device indicates the system is not working properly, the system becomes damaged, or if the Building's HVAC has undergone modifications that may reduce the effectiveness of the system. The scope of non-routine maintenance will vary depending upon the situation. In general, the following actions will be taken as part of non-routine maintenance:

- Examine the Building for structural or HVAC system changes, or other changes that may affect the performance of the depressurization system (e.g., new combustion appliances or deterioration of the concrete slab).
- Examine and address the operation of the warning device and the suction fan, and measure the sub-slab pressure at monitoring points, with a vacuum gauge.
- Repair or adjust the SSDS as appropriate.

Sub Slab Depressurization System Deactivation

If supported by sub-slab vapor sampling results, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and NYSDOH will be requested to consider deactivation of the SSDS and associated monitoring. Deactivation of the SSDS will occur only after NYSDEC's and NYSDOH's approval.

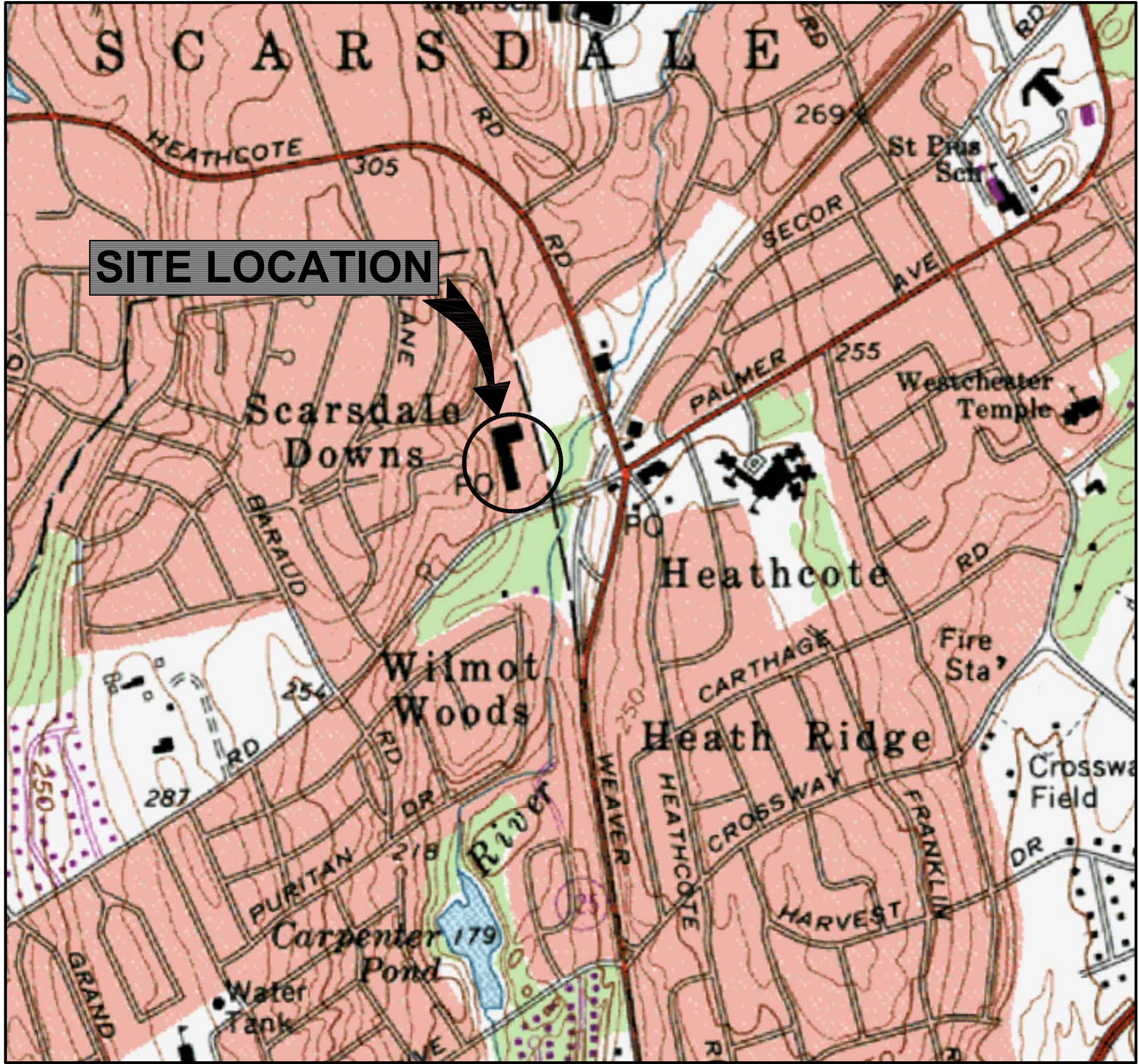
DRAWINGS

GOLDEN HORSESHOE SHOPPING CENTER

SCARSDALE, NEW YORK


SUB-SLAB DEPRESSURIZATION SYSTEM

LIST OF DRAWINGS	
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4	DETAILS



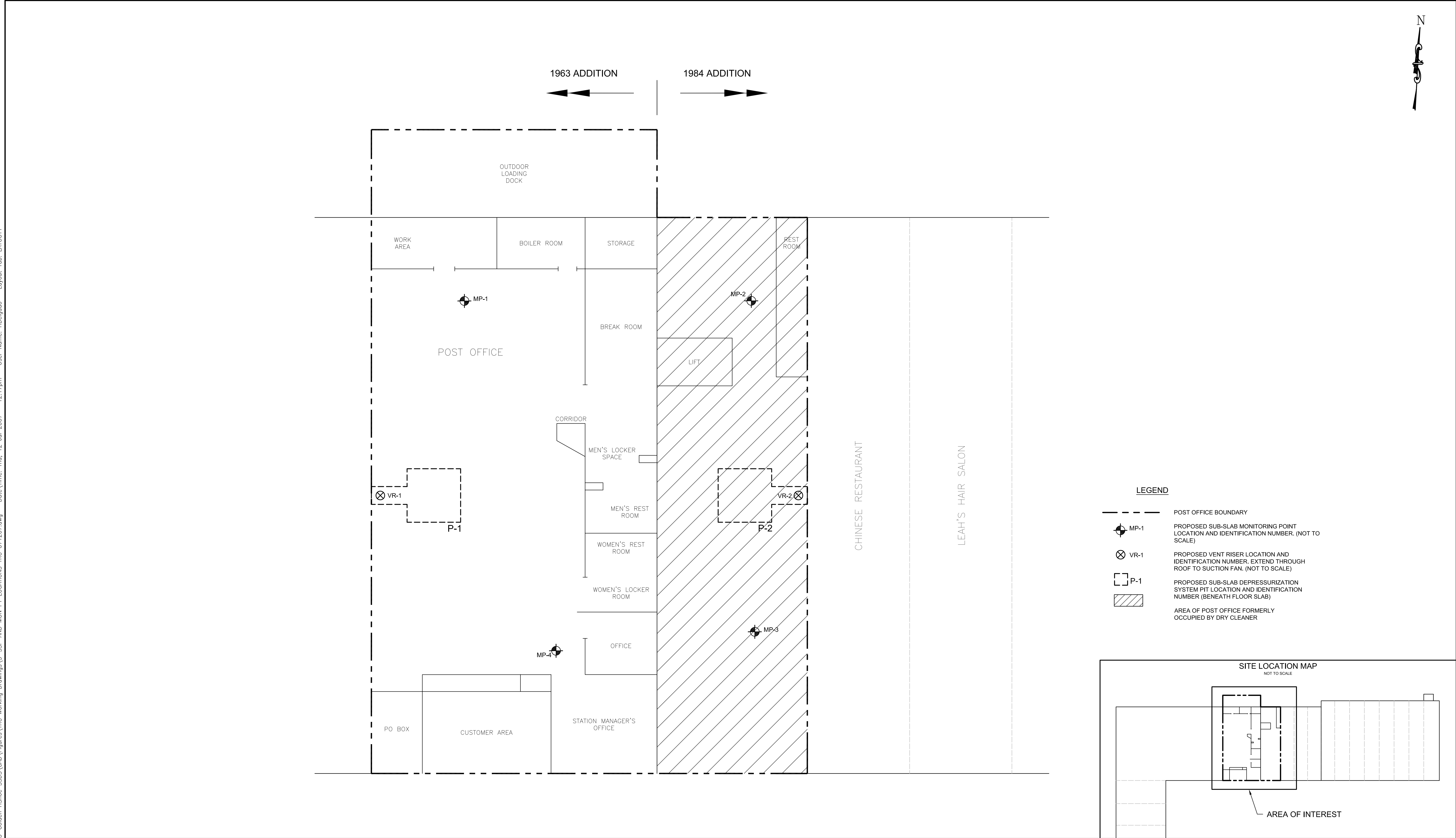
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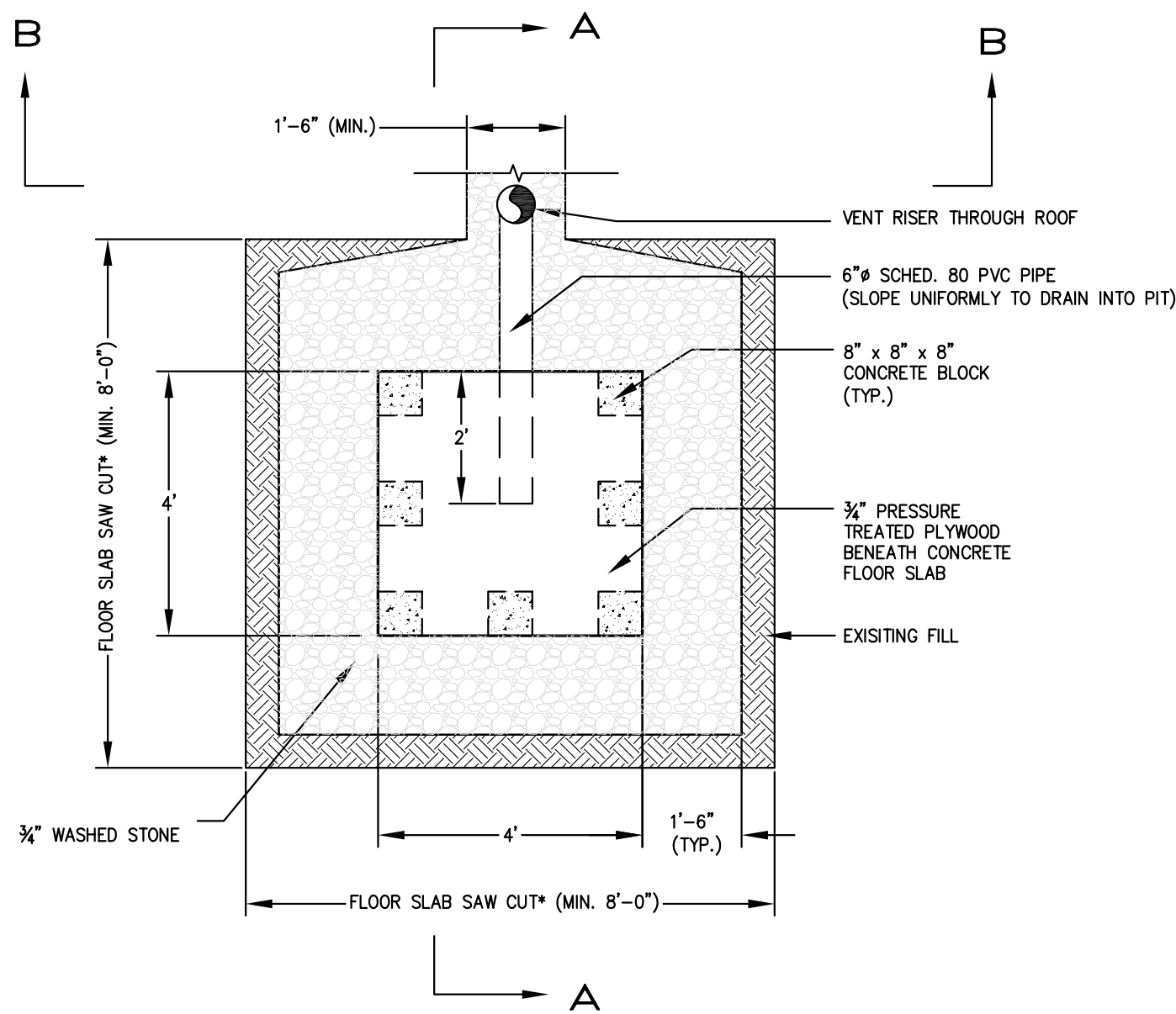
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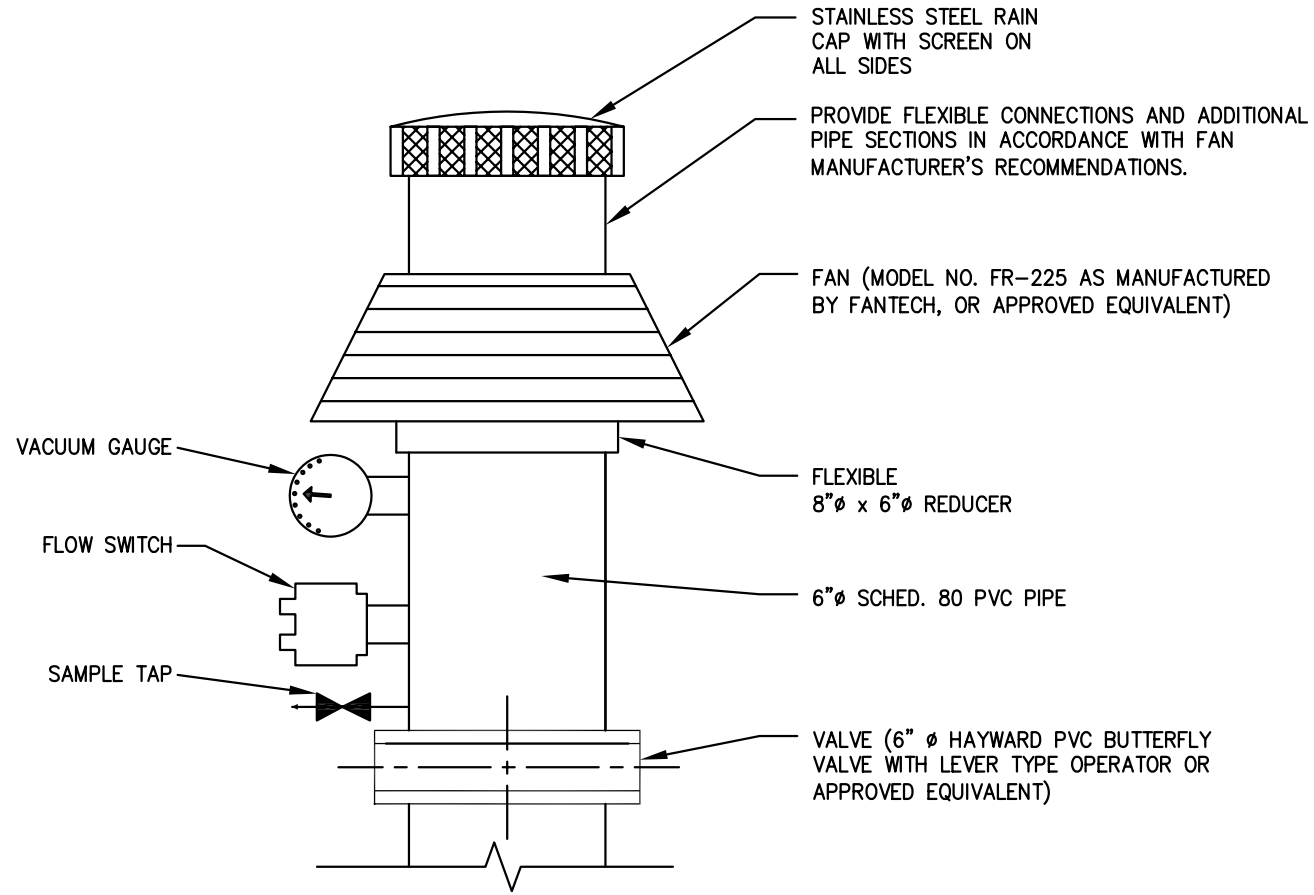
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SUB-SLAB DEPRESSURIZATION PIT

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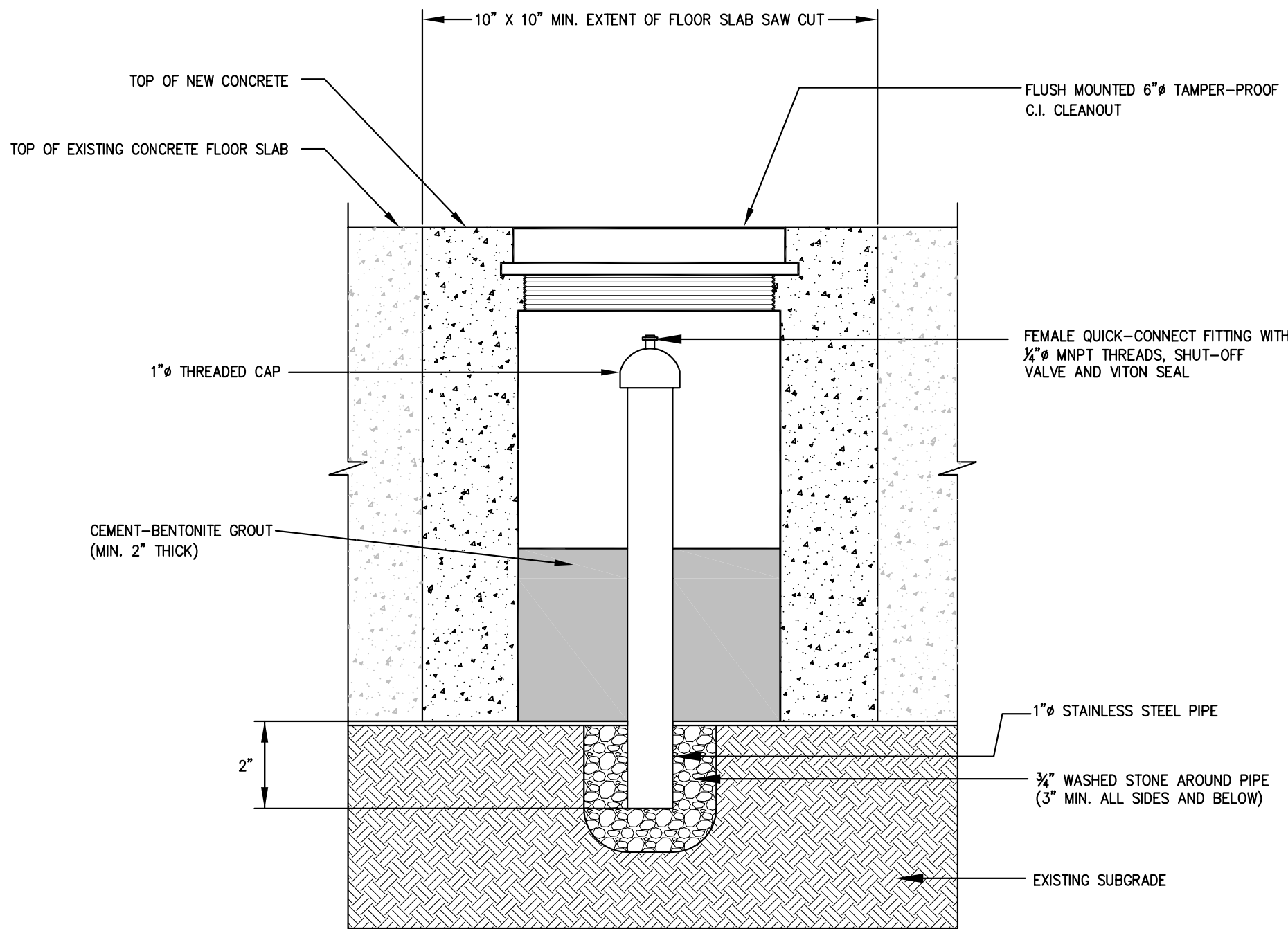
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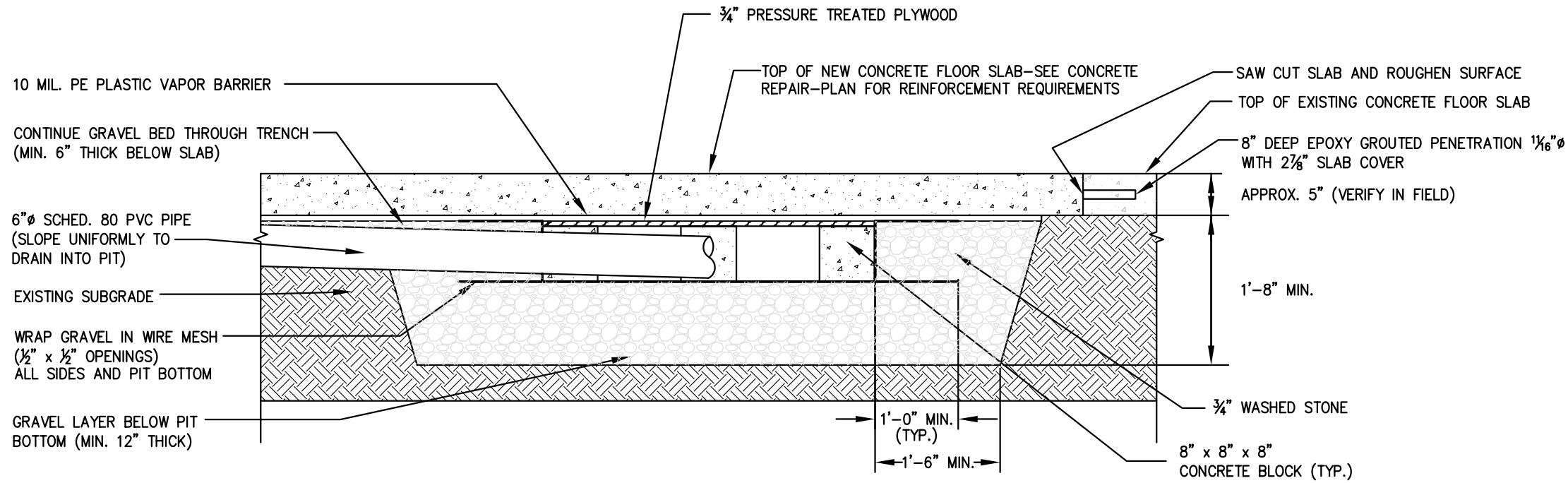
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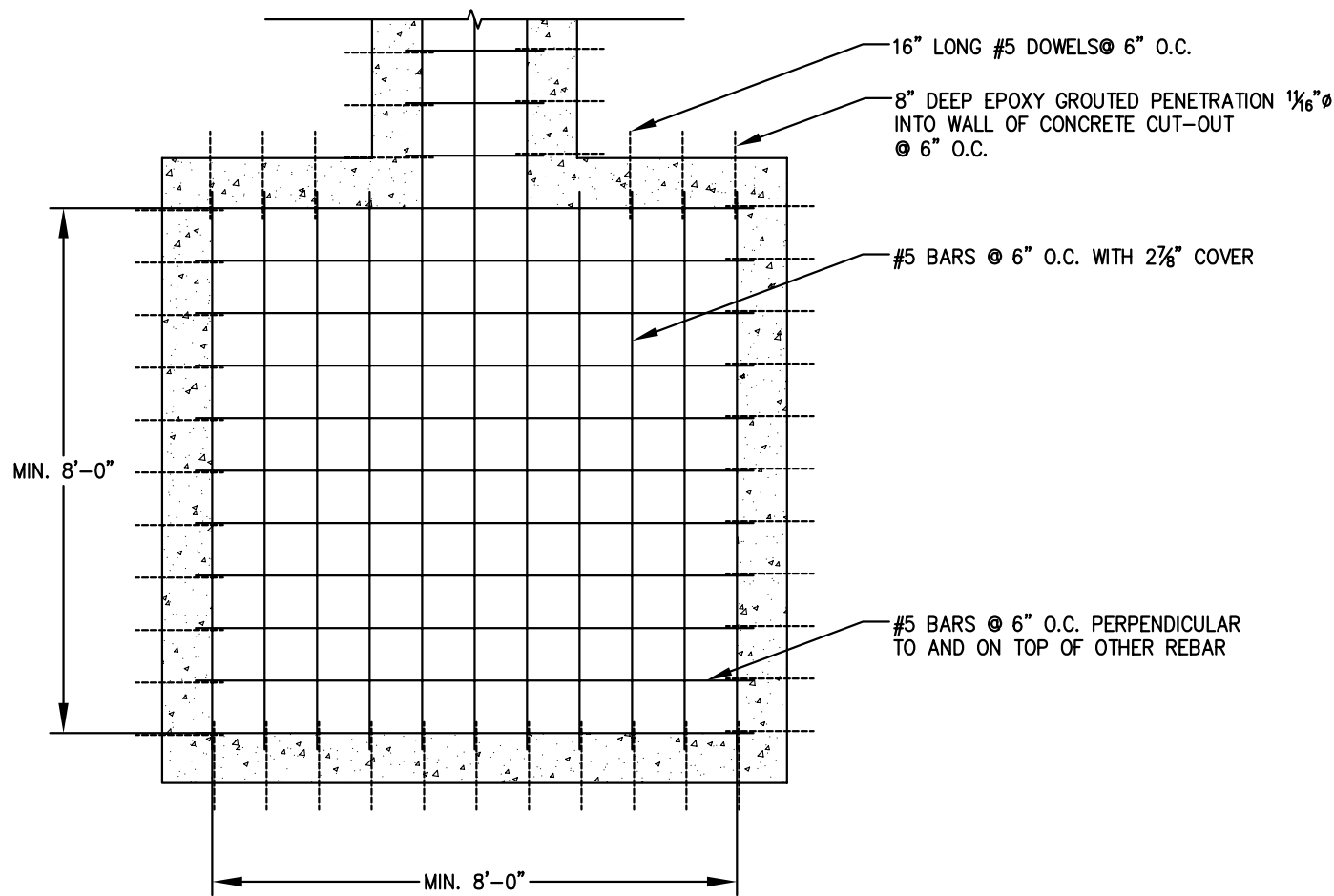
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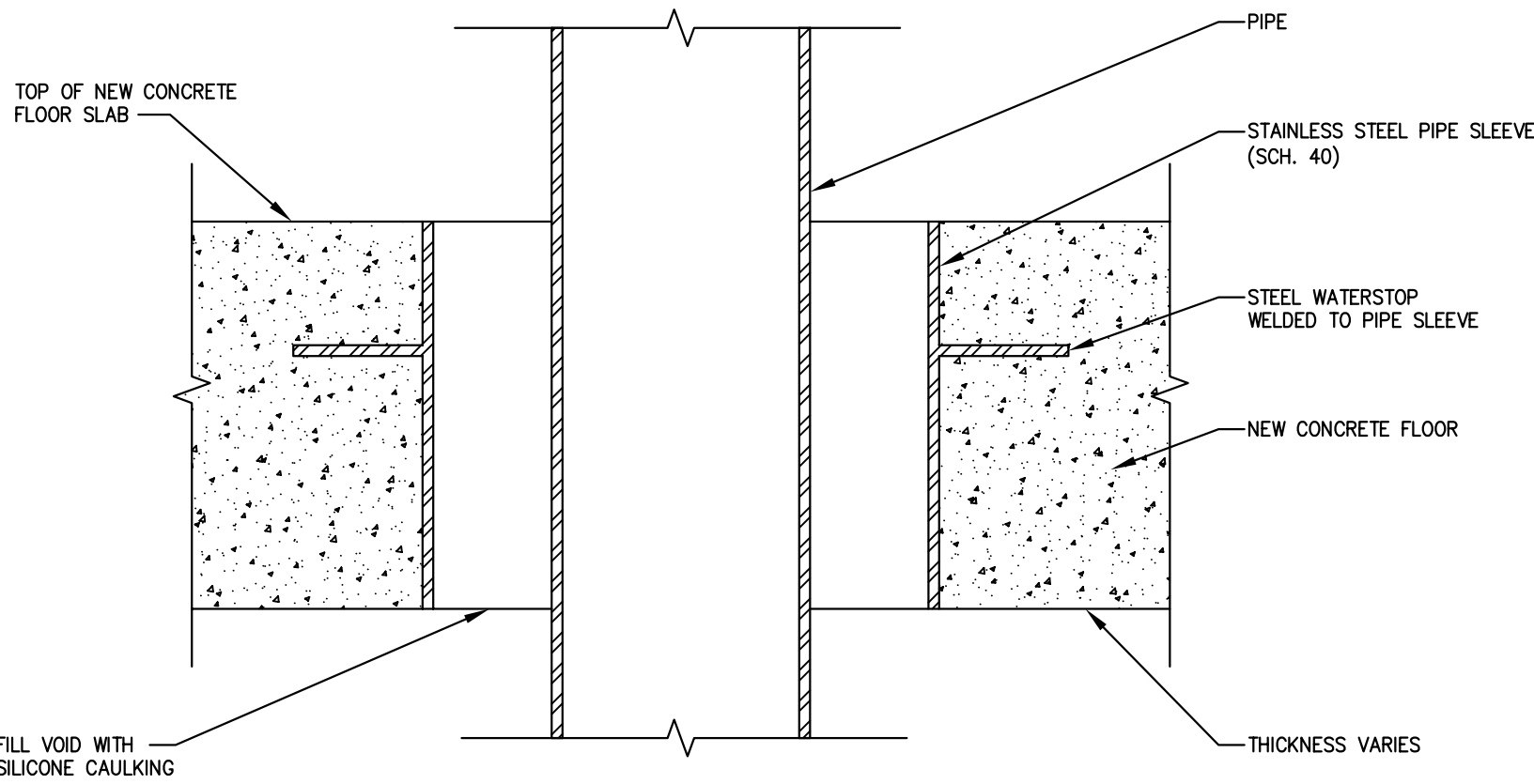
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PIT AND TRENCH
CONCRETE REPAIR - PLAN

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TYPICAL PIPE PENETRATION
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