



September 23, 2019

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Financial Assistance  
50 West Town Street, Suite 700  
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Flex Ring Fitting request for AIS Waiver

Dear Mr. Dragovich,

On behalf of the City of Columbus and project "Olentangy River Road 24" Water Main Phase 1, we are requesting a waiver for the required Flex Ring fittings. These ductile iron fittings are only produced outside of the United States. We have contacted all the manufacturers known to providing this style of fitting. We have worked with American Pipe Company and the City of Columbus to eliminate some of the tee fittings by allowing them to weld outlets onto the pipe. We will still have 19 fittings that will need a waiver.

We have reach out to the SRF research team and provided them with the necessary documentation so they could do their own research also. I have read through your requirements and are providing the following attachments in this email:

1. Request by the City of Columbus for the waiver from Evan DiSanto
2. Supplier material list, costs, and availability from two suppliers
3. Project Schedule
4. 5 approved waivers for this product on other projects
5. Letter from the supplier stating the item is not available domestically
6. City of Columbus Specs (Section 801.04)
7. Approved Material List for the City of Columbus

Thanks,  
Josh Fields

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To: Josh Fields, President Fields Excavating Inc.  
177 Township Rd 191  
Kitts Hill, Ohio 45645

Josh,

This letter is to inform you that we (Ferguson Waterworks) cannot currently source domestic restrained joint fittings for the 24" Olentangy River Road Water Main Phase 1 project. We've spoke to all three ductile iron pipe and fitting manufactures (listed below) and each one said that their restrained joint fittings are made outside the USA. We are proposing the use of American Cast Iron Pipe's (ACIPCO) Flex-ring fittings as listed on the Division of Water approved material list (5-30-19 version). Please contact me if you have any questions.

American Cast Iron Pipe Company  
Birmingham, Alabama

McWane Ductile  
Coshocton, Ohio

US Pipe  
Birmingham, Alabama

Sincerely,

Keith Strahler

By: Keith Strahler  
Account Manager – Ferguson Waterworks

This waiver request was submitted to the EPA by the state of Ohio. All supporting correspondence and/or documentation from contractors, suppliers or manufacturers included as a part of this waiver request was done so by the recipient to provide an appropriate level of detail and context for the submission. There may be documents with project diagrams, schedules, and supplier correspondence in formats that do not meet the Federal accessibility requirements for publication on the Agency's website. Hence, these exhibits have been omitted from this waiver publication. They are available upon request by emailing [DWSRFWaiver@epa.gov](mailto:DWSRFWaiver@epa.gov).