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Foreword

This foreword is for information only and is not a part of ANSI/AWWA C600.

I. Introduction.

I.A. *Background.* The provisions of this standard are intended to act as a guide for installing extensions to existing distribution systems and in preparing contract documents for the construction of new systems or extensions. The standard is to be used as a guide for installing bell-and-spigot ductile-iron pipe (that includes push-on, mechanical joint, and restrained joint) and does not cover the provision and delivery of material, any other type of pipe, or any other type of joint. The standard includes information to be used as a part of the purchaser's documents.

I.B. *History.* The first edition of this AWWA standard, titled "Standard Specifications for Laying Cast-Iron Pipe" (7D.1-1938), was adopted in April 1938. The standard was published in the February 1938 edition of *Journal AWWA*. The standard was revised in 1949, including a change of title to "Standard Specifications for Installation of Cast-Iron Water Mains" (7D.1-T-1949 and C600-49T). The standard was expanded by adding numerous tables and installation guidelines. The model addendum was also expanded. The revised standard was published in the December 1949 edition of *Journal AWWA*. Section 9b, Joining of Mechanical-Joint Pipe, was added in May 1954. Section 9c, Joining of Push-on Joint Pipe, was added in 1964.

In 1975, the AWWA Standards Council formed the present C600 committee to revise ANSI/AWWA C600 to reflect current practices and to add ductile iron as a pipe material. To do this, the committee decided to completely change the character of the standard, removing the model addendum and making the standard consistent with the style of other AWWA standards.

In 1980, an addendum to the standard was approved that revised parts of Sec. 3.4 regarding mechanical-joint assembly.

The revisions made in the 1982 edition included the elimination of references to gray cast-iron pipe as a material for new pipeline installation, because it was no longer manufactured for water utility service. Also, metric conversions were included in the 1982 revision; these were direct conversions of customary US inch-pound units, rather than those shown in International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standards.

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The revisions made in 1987 included new references, a caveat against prolonged exposure of polyethylene film to sunlight, revised sections on thrust restraint and hydrostatic testing, and a discussion on making service taps on polyethylene-encased iron mains. Subsequent revisions to ANSI/AWWA C600 were approved by the AWWA Board of Directors in 1993, 1999, and 2005. This eleventh edition was approved on June 20, 2010.

I.C. *Acceptance.* In May 1985, the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) entered into a cooperative agreement with a consortium led by NSF International (NSF*) to develop voluntary third-party consensus standards and a certification program for direct and indirect drinking water additives. Other members of the original consortium included the Water Research Foundation (AwwaRF, now Water Research Foundation) and the Conference of State Health and Environmental Managers (COSHEM). The American Water Works Association (AWWA) and the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA) joined later.

In the United States, authority to regulate products for use in, or in contact with, drinking water rests with individual states.[†] Local agencies may choose to impose requirements more stringent than those required by the state. To evaluate the health effects of products and drinking water additives from such products, state and local agencies may use various references, including

1. An advisory program formerly administered by USEPA, Office of Drinking Water, discontinued on Apr. 7, 1990.
2. Specific policies of the state or local agency.
3. Two standards developed under the direction of NSF, NSF/ANSI 60, Drinking Water Treatment Chemicals—Health Effects, and NSF/ANSI 61, Drinking Water System Components—Health Effects.
4. Other references, including AWWA standards, *Food Chemicals Codex*, *Water Chemicals Codex*,[‡] and other standards considered appropriate by the state or local agency.

Various certification organizations may be involved in certifying products in accordance with NSF/ANSI 61. Individual states or local agencies have authority to accept or accredit certification organizations within their jurisdiction. Accreditation of certification organizations may vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.

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† Persons outside the United States should contact the appropriate authority having jurisdiction.

‡ Both publications available from National Academy of Sciences, 500 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001.

Annex A, "Toxicology Review and Evaluation Procedures," to NSF/ANSI 61 does not stipulate a maximum allowable level (MAL) of a contaminant for substances not regulated by a USEPA final maximum contaminant level (MCL). The MALs of an unspecified list of "unregulated contaminants" are based on toxicity testing guidelines (noncarcinogens) and risk characterization methodology (carcinogens). Use of Annex A procedures may not always be identical, depending on the certifier.

ANSI/AWWA C600 does not address additives requirements. Users of this standard should consult the appropriate state or local agency having jurisdiction in order to

1. Determine additives requirements, including applicable standards.
2. Determine the status of certifications by all parties offering to certify products for contact with, or treatment of, drinking water.
3. Determine current information on product certification.

II. Special Issues. ANSI/AWWA C600, Standard for Installation of Ductile-Iron Mains and Their Appurtenances, can be used as a reference when making extensions to existing distribution or transmission systems or when constructing new distribution or transmission systems using ductile-iron mains with either mechanical or push-on joints. It is not intended for this standard to be used as a purchase document, but it may be used as a reference in purchaser's documents. It is based on a consensus of the committee on the minimum practice consistent with sound, economical service under normal conditions, and its applicability under any circumstances must be reviewed by a responsible engineer. The standard is not intended to preclude the manufacture, marketing, purchase, or the use of any product, process, or procedure.

III. Use of This Standard. It is the responsibility of the user of an AWWA standard to determine that the products described in that standard are suitable for use in the particular application being considered.

III.A. *Purchaser Options and Alternatives.* The following items should be provided by the purchaser:

1. Standard used—that is, ANSI/AWWA C600, Installation of Ductile-Iron Mains and their Appurtenances, of latest revision.
2. Whether compliance with NSF/ANSI 61, Drinking Water System Components—Health Effects, is required.
3. Details of other federal, state or provincial, and local requirements (Sec. 4.2).

III.B. *Modification to Standard.* Any modification of the provisions, definitions, or terminology in this standard must be provided by the purchaser.

IV. Major Revisions. Major revisions to this edition of the standard include the following:

1. The title of the standard was revised and the scope and other sections throughout the standard were updated to include wastewater and reclaimed water.
2. Table 1, Suggested trench widths at the top of the pipe, was deleted and descriptive wording providing the same information was added in Sec. 4.3.2.3, Width.
3. Additional instructions for the selection and installation of Polyethylene Encasement were added (Sec. 4.3.2.4, Bell holes; Sec. 4.3.3, Installing pipe; and Sec. 4.3.3.3, Pipe cleanliness).
4. A sentence was added requiring manufacturer's of polyethylene film to have a verifiable quality control system (Sec. 4.3.3.8.1).
5. A new section for installers of polyethylene encasement was added (Sec. 4.3.3.8.2).
6. Revisions and additions to Figure 1 were added to be consistent with ANSI/AWWA C151/A21.51.
7. The Backfill material section was revised (Sec. 4.3.5.1).
8. A sentence addressing high-pressure water cleaning was added to Sec. 4.3.9, Flushing.
9. A section addressing polyethylene encasement was added to Sec. 4.7.1, Subaqueous installations.
10. Sec. 5.2.1.2, Test setup and pressurization, was revised.
11. A sentence addressing pipe end covers was added to Sec. 6.1.1, Handling.
12. A new section on Affidavit of Compliance was added (Sec. 6.2).

V. Comments. If you have any comments or questions about this standard, please call the AWWA Volunteer and Technical Support Group at 303.794.7711, FAX at 303.795.7603, write to the group at 6666 West Quincy Avenue, Denver, CO 80235-3098, or e-mail the group at standards@awwa.org.



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SECTION 1: GENERAL

Sec. 1.1 Scope

This standard describes installation procedures for ductile-iron mains and their appurtenances for potable water, wastewater, and reclaimed water.

1.1.1 *Conditions not discussed.* Installations that require special attention, techniques, and materials are not discussed. Each of these installations requires special considerations based on many influencing factors that cannot be discussed adequately in a single standard. These installations may require design by a competent engineer and consultation with representatives of the material manufacturing industry. Some of these installations include the following:

1. Piping through rigid walls.
2. Piping on supports above or below ground.
3. Piping requiring insulation.
4. Treatment plant or pump-station piping.
5. Flanged-joint piping.
6. Ball and socket piping.
7. Grooved and shouldered piping.
8. Restrained joint piping.
9. Industrial piping.