

# Salt Storage

AN  
ENGINEER'S  
AND  
FABRICATOR'S  
PERSPECTIVE OF  
USING PRECAST  
CONCRETE FOR  
SALT STORAGE



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# An Engineer's Perspective of Using Precast Concrete for Salt Storage

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# Why Salt Storage?

- Environmental Protection
- Product Loss
- Efficiency of Operation
- Economics of Salt Purchase





# Facility Considerations

- Capacity
- Salt / Sand Storage
- Mixing
- Indoor Dumping/  
Loading
- Budget



# Construction Materials

## Walls

- Precast Concrete
- Cast in Place Concrete
- Wood

## Roof

- Steel Structure with Fabric Cover
- Wood Structure with Steel Roofing or Asphalt Shingles



# Advantages of Precast Concrete

- Controlled Conditions
- Quality Assurance
- Design
- Cost

# Controlled Conditions

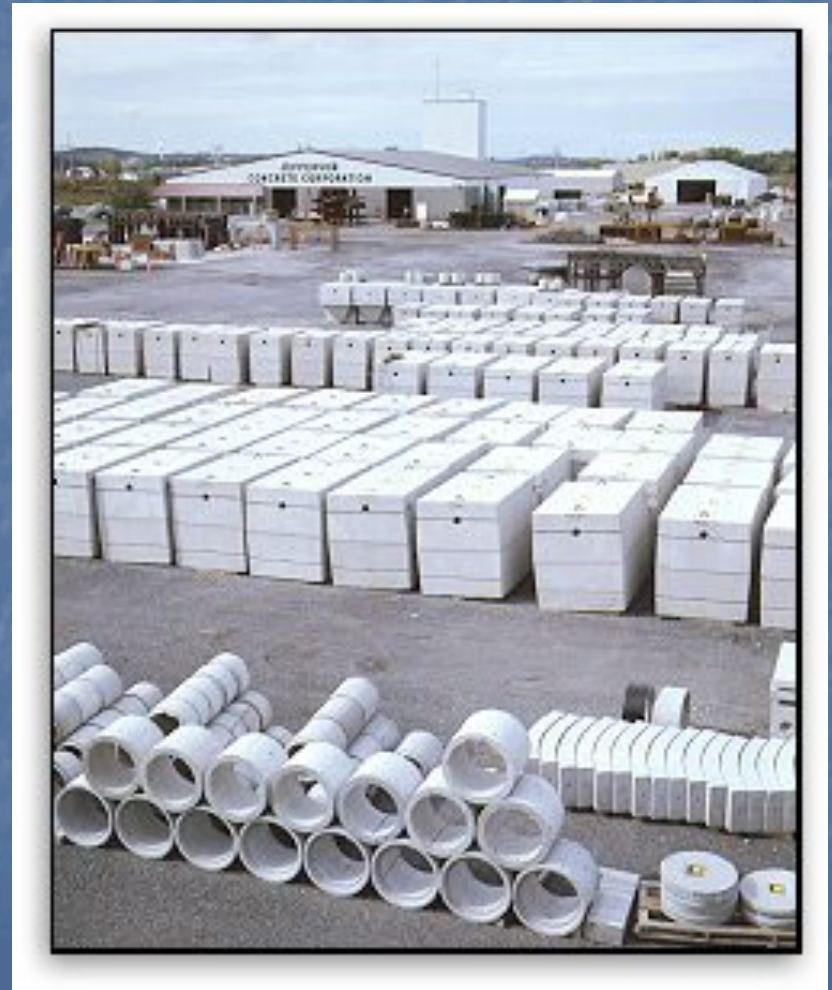
- Temperature
- Humidity
- Rain/Sun
- Lighting
- Wind





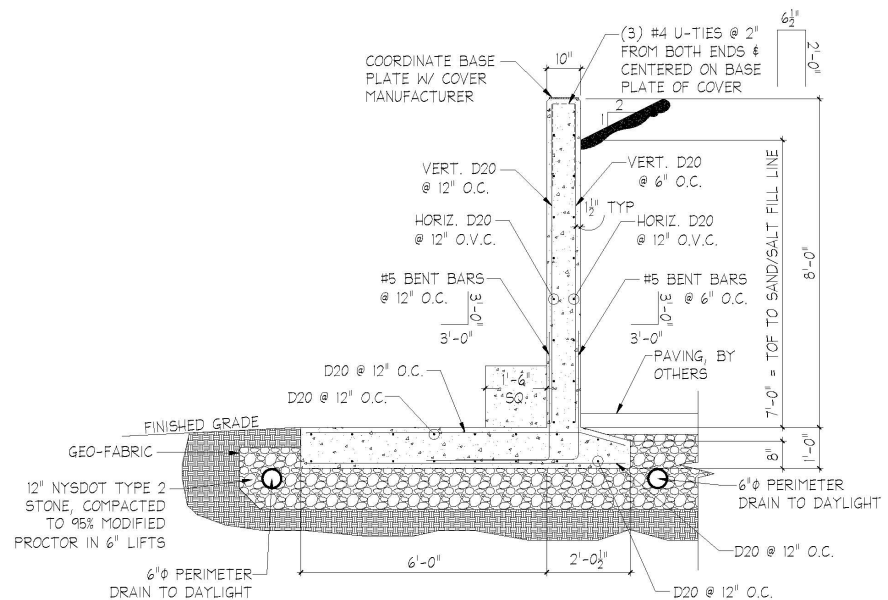
# Quality Assurance

- NPCA Plant Certification Program
- Experience
- Repetition
- Equipment
- Material Storage
- Material Delivery
- Facility



# Design

- Reinforcement Placement
- Less Concrete Cover Develop Higher Flexural Strength
- Forms
- Concrete Placement
- Curing





# Typical Costs

- Precast Concrete Walls \$500/lf
- Cast in Place Concrete Walls \$500-600/lf
- Fabric Cover \$15-\$20/sf
- Wood Frame w/ Steel Roof \$30-\$35/sf
- Engineering Variable
- Site Work Variable

# Town of Redfield

- Owner
  - Town of Redfield
- Engineer
  - Bernier, Carr & Assoc.
- Contractors
  - GC - MTL Designs
  - Precast Concrete Supplier – Jefferson Concrete
  - Fabric Cover – Calhoun Superstructure
- Project Cost - \$163,455 plus in-kind services





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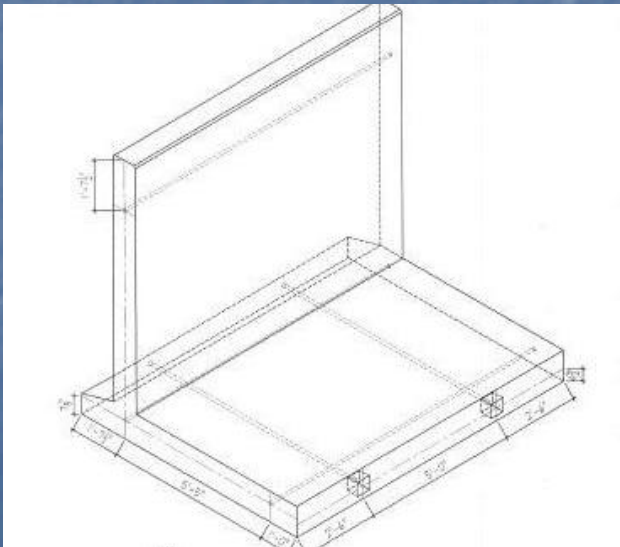


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# Foundation

- Each Salt Storage unit can be designed for different lengths and widths.
- The standard dimensions of Each Wall Section



- Length 10' – 0"
- Inside Height 8' – 0"
- Outside Height 9' – 0"
- Wall Thickness 0' – 10"
- Base Thickness 1' – 0"



# Types of Structures

**Wood Frame Structure**



Town of LeRay, Jefferson County, NY

**“Fabric” Frame Structure**



Town of Cape Vincent, Jefferson County, NY

# Tensioning

- Post-Tensioning of wall sections help keep Structure secure while keeping each piece independent in case of breakdown.



- Waterproofing and Corrosion inhibitor admixtures can be added to the concrete mix for additional protection of the finished product



# Entrance and flooring

- ❖ Big opening for easy access to large loaders and trucks
- ❖ Structures allows for either an asphalt or concrete floor
- ❖ Tension cables run across the whole internal floor structure to prevent outward movement of the walls



# Precast Concrete Advantages

- Meet Basic Design Guidelines & Standards
  - Pre-engineered systems in place
  - Proven designs
  - Standard shapes and sizes for fast track work
- Cost Savings (Time)
  - ☞ Product pre-inspection
  - ☞ No forming malfunctions
  - ☞ Tighter scheduling
  - ☞ Minimizes Davis–Bacon Act exposures
  - ☞ Less implication from inclement weather
- Confidence
  - ❖ NPCA certified
  - ❖ ACI certified – Quality Control Technicians
- Long Life Cycle of Product
  - ✓ Controlled curing process
  - ✓ Mix design quality control assurances
  - ✓ Controlled environment for casting





# Summary

- Minimizes unexpected cost overruns
- “Factory” produced concrete yielding higher strength
- Higher Quality Control
- Less complicated scheduling
- Faster completion times



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