

# SUBSURFACE QUALITY LEVELS

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*Proposed Excavation*

*Temporary Survey Marks*

*Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduits and Lighting Cables*

*Gas, Oil, Petroleum, or Gaseous Materials*

*Communication, Alarm, or Signal Lines, Cables or  
Conduits*

The following identifies the level of utility locates in ascending order:

Level “D” - Existing Records

Level “C” - Surface Visible Feature Survey

Level “B” - Designating

Level “A” – Locating

Level “D” locates are information obtained solely from a review of utility records. The comprehensiveness and accuracy of such information is highly limited. Even when existing information for a utility in a particular area is accurate, there are often other underground systems that are not shown on any records. Level “D” may be appropriate for use early in the development of a project to determine the presence of utilities.

Level “C” locates are information obtained to augment Level “D” information. This involves topographic surveying of visible, above ground utility features such as poles, hydrants, valve boxes, circuit breakers, etc. Level “C” may be appropriately used early in the development of a project and will provide better data than Level “D” information alone. Designers can not be sure their design is appropriate nor can construction proceed without caution when using information for underground utilities that is based only on Level “D” and “C” locates.

Level “B” locates are information obtained through the use of designating technologies (e.g. geophysical prospecting technologies). This is an application using scanning technologies, most of which have very specific capabilities and limitations that vary with site conditions. Applying a variety of techniques is essential to the process of preparing a comprehensive horizontal map of utilities and other underground structures on the site. Designating technologies are capable of providing reasonable horizontal information but provide limited vertical information.

Level “A” locates provide the highest level of accuracy of utility locations in three dimensions. This level may apply manual, mechanical or nondestructive (e.g., vacuum excavation) methods to physically expose utilities for measurement and data recording. Levels “B”, “C”, and “D” locates are incorporated in Level “A” locates. The designer should obtain Level “A” locates at highway/utility conflict points where verified information is necessary.

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# Standard Guidelines for the Collection and Depiction of Existing Subsurface Utility Data (CI/ASCE 38-02)

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*Standard Guideline for the Collection and Depiction of Existing Subsurface Utility Data* presents a credible system for classifying the quality of utility location information that is placed in design plans. When subsurface utilities are discovered during the construction phase, the costs of conflict resolution and the potential for catastrophic damages are at their highest. That is why the collection and systematic depiction of reliable data for existing subsurface utilities is critical if engineers are to make informed decisions and support risk management protocols regarding a project's impact on these utilities. The Standard addresses issues such as: how utility information can be obtained; what technologies are available to obtain that information; how that information can be conveyed to the information users; who should be responsible for typical collection and depiction tasks; what factors determine which utility quality level attribute to assign to data; and what the relative costs and benefits of the various quality levels are.

Whether used as a reference or as part of a specification, the Standard will assist engineers, project and utility owners, and constructors in developing strategies to reduce risk by improving the reliability of information on existing subsurface utilities in a defined manner.



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## STANDARD SYMBOLS FOR PLAN SHEETS

### GENERAL SYMBOLS

----	State Line	=====	Curb
-----	County Line	=====	Curb And Gutter
- - - - -	Township Line	⊙ ⊙	Water Well, Spring
=====	Section Line	=====	Levee
=====	City Line	⊙	Railroad Mile Post
=====	Base Or Survey Line	⊙	Railroad Signal With Gate
-----	Right-Of-Way	⊙	Railroad Switch
-----	Easement Line	⊕	Gate
-----	Limited Access Line	⊕	Pump Island
-----	Fence Line	⊕	Storage Tank (Surface)
-----	National Or State Park Or Forest	⊕	Storage Tank (Underground)
-----	Grant Line	⊕	Mine Or Quarry
-----	Railroad (Drainage Maps)	⊕	Borrow Pit
-----	Railroad (Detail Plans)	⊕	Church
-----	Fence (Limited Access)	⊕	Store
-----	Box Culvert	⊕	Residence
-----	Bridge	⊕	Barn
-----	Pipe Culvert-Mitered End Section	⊕	School
-----	Pipe Culvert-Straight Endwall	⊕	Sediment Barrier
-----	Pipe Culvert-U-Type Endwall	⊕	Floating Turbidity Barrier
-----	Pipe Culvert-Median Drain	⊕	Staked Turbidity Barrier
-----	Pipe Culvert-Other End Treatments	⊕	Stream
-----	Storm Drain (Proposed)	⊕	Shore Line
-----	Storm Drain (Existing)	⊕	Marsh
-----	Inlet	⊕	Wetland Boundary (Proposed)
-----	Manhole	⊕	Wetland Boundary (Existing)
-----	Tied Longitudinal Joint	⊕	Hedge
-----	Keyed Longitudinal Joint	⊕	Trees
-----	Doweled Transverse Expansion Joint	⊕	Edge Of Wooded Area
-----	Doweled Transverse Contraction Joint	⊕	Shrubbery
-----	Transverse Contraction Joint Without Dowels	⊕	Grove Or Orchard
-----	Survey Reference Point	⊕	Definition Of Skew For Cross Drains And Barrels Of Concrete Box Culverts
⊕	ALACHUA	RL	Concrete
⊕	B.M. NO. 112	Skew Lt.	Wood
⊕	Point Of Intersection		
⊕	North Arrow		
⊕	Edges Of Existing Pavement And Sidewalk		
⊕	Guardrail		
⊕	Crash Cushion		
⊕	Piling Pier Column		
⊕	Concrete Monument		
⊕	Base Line		
⊕	Centerline		
e	Rate Of Superelevation		
ℓ	Property Line		
⊕	Delta Angle		
⊕	Approximate		
⊕	Round Or Diameter		
⊕	Flow Line		

### UTILITY ADJUSTMENT SYMBOLS

EXISTING		PROPOSED	
(A)	QUALITY LEVEL A (VISUAL ONLY WILL NOT PLOT)	⊕	Manhole
(B)	QUALITY LEVEL B (VISUAL ONLY WILL NOT PLOT)	⊕	Fire Hydrant
(C)	QUALITY LEVEL C (VISUAL ONLY WILL NOT PLOT)	⊕	Meter (Type)
(D)	QUALITY LEVEL D (VISUAL ONLY WILL NOT PLOT)	⊕	Valve (Type)
EOI	END OF ELECTRONIC INFORMATION	⊕	Valve Box (Type)
TH	TEST HOLE QUALITY LEVEL A	⊕	Valve Cover (Type)
↔	QUALITY LEVEL DELINEATION CHANGE	⊕	Vent (Type)
⊕	MANHOLE COVER UNKNOWN	⊕	Pump Station
⊕	MANHOLE COVER CABLE TV	⊕	Sewage Pump Station
⊕	MANHOLE COVER STORM WATER	⊕	Cleanout
⊕	MANHOLE COVER ELECTRIC	⊕	Cable TV Service Box
⊕	MANHOLE COVER GAS	⊕	Power Pole
⊕	MANHOLE COVER SANITARY SEWER	⊕	Telephone Pole
⊕	MANHOLE COVER TELEPHONE	⊕	Combination Pole
⊕	MANHOLE COVER WATER	⊕	Guy Wire And Anchor Pin
⊕	FIRE HYDRANT	⊕	Guy Pole Deadman
⊕	METER UNKNOWN	⊕	Tower
⊕	METER ELECTRIC	⊕	Light Pole
⊕	METER GAS	⊕	Transformer
⊕	METER WATER		
⊕	VALVE GAS		
⊕	VALVE UNKNOWN		
⊕	VALVE SANITARY SEWER		
⊕	VALVE WATER		
⊕	VALVE BOX UNKNOWN		
⊕	VALVE BOX GAS		
⊕	VALVE BOX WATER		
⊕	VALVE BOX SANITARY SEWER		
⊕	VALVE COVER UNKNOWN		
⊕	VALVE COVER SANITARY SEWER	⊕	Valve Back Flow Preventer
⊕	VALVE COVER GAS	⊕	Vent Unknown
⊕	VALVE COVER WATER NON POTABLE	⊕	Vent Gas
⊕	VALVE COVER WATER	⊕	Vent Sanitary Sewer
⊕	VALVE UNKNOWN	⊕	Power Pole
⊕	VALVE SANITARY SEWER	⊕	Power Pole With Transformer
⊕	VALVE GAS	⊕	Shared Pole
⊕	VALVE WATER	⊕	Shared Pole With Transformer
⊕	VALVE BOX UNKNOWN	⊕	Telephone Pole
⊕	VALVE BOX GAS	⊕	Guy Anchor
⊕	VALVE BOX WATER	⊕	Guy Pole
⊕	VALVE BOX SANITARY SEWER	⊕	Service Cabinet Cable TV
⊕	VALVE COVER UNKNOWN	⊕	Service Cabinet Telephone
⊕	VALVE COVER SANITARY SEWER	⊕	Gas Regulator
⊕	VALVE COVER GAS	⊕	Telephone Booth
⊕	VALVE COVER WATER	⊕	Transformer Power
⊕	VALVE COVER UNKNOWN	⊕	Electrical Outlet
⊕	VALVE COVER SANITARY SEWER	⊕	Sanitary Dump Station
⊕	VALVE COVER GAS	⊕	Sanitary Clean Out
⊕	VALVE COVER WATER	⊕	Pump Non Petroleum
⊕	VALVE COVER UNKNOWN	⊕	Pump Petroleum/Fuel
⊕	VALVE COVER SANITARY SEWER	⊕	Pump Station Sanitary Sewer
⊕	VALVE COVER GAS	⊕	Water Faucet
⊕	VALVE COVER WATER	⊕	Sprinkler
⊕	VALVE COVER UNKNOWN	⊕	Well
⊕	VALVE COVER SANITARY SEWER	⊕	Gauges (Described)

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# STANDARD SYMBOLS FOR PLAN SHEETS

## UTILITY ADJUSTMENT SYMBOLS

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nk (Surface)  
nk (Underground)  
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rbidity Barrier  
bidity Barrier

		EXISTING	
	QUALITY LEVEL A (VISUAL ONLY WILL NOT PLOT)		VALVE COVER SANITARY SEWER
	QUALITY LEVEL B (VISUAL ONLY WILL NOT PLOT)		VALVE COVER GAS
	QUALITY LEVEL C (VISUAL ONLY WILL NOT PLOT)		VALVE COVER WATER NON POTABLE
	QUALITY LEVEL D (VISUAL ONLY WILL NOT PLOT)		VALVE COVER WATER
	END OF ELECTRONIC INFORMATION		VALVE BACK FLOW PREVENTER
	TEST HOLE QUALITY LEVEL A		VENT UNKNOWN
	QUALITY LEVEL DELINEATION CHANGE		VENT GAS
	MANHOLE COVER UNKNOWN		VENT SANITARY SEWER
	MANHOLE COVER CABLE TV		POWER POLE
	MANHOLE COVER STORM WATER		POWER POLE WITH TRANSFORMER
	MANHOLE COVER ELECTRIC		SHARED POLE
	MANHOLE COVER GAS		SHARED POLE WITH TRANSFORMER
	MANHOLE COVER SANITARY SEWER		TELEPHONE POLE

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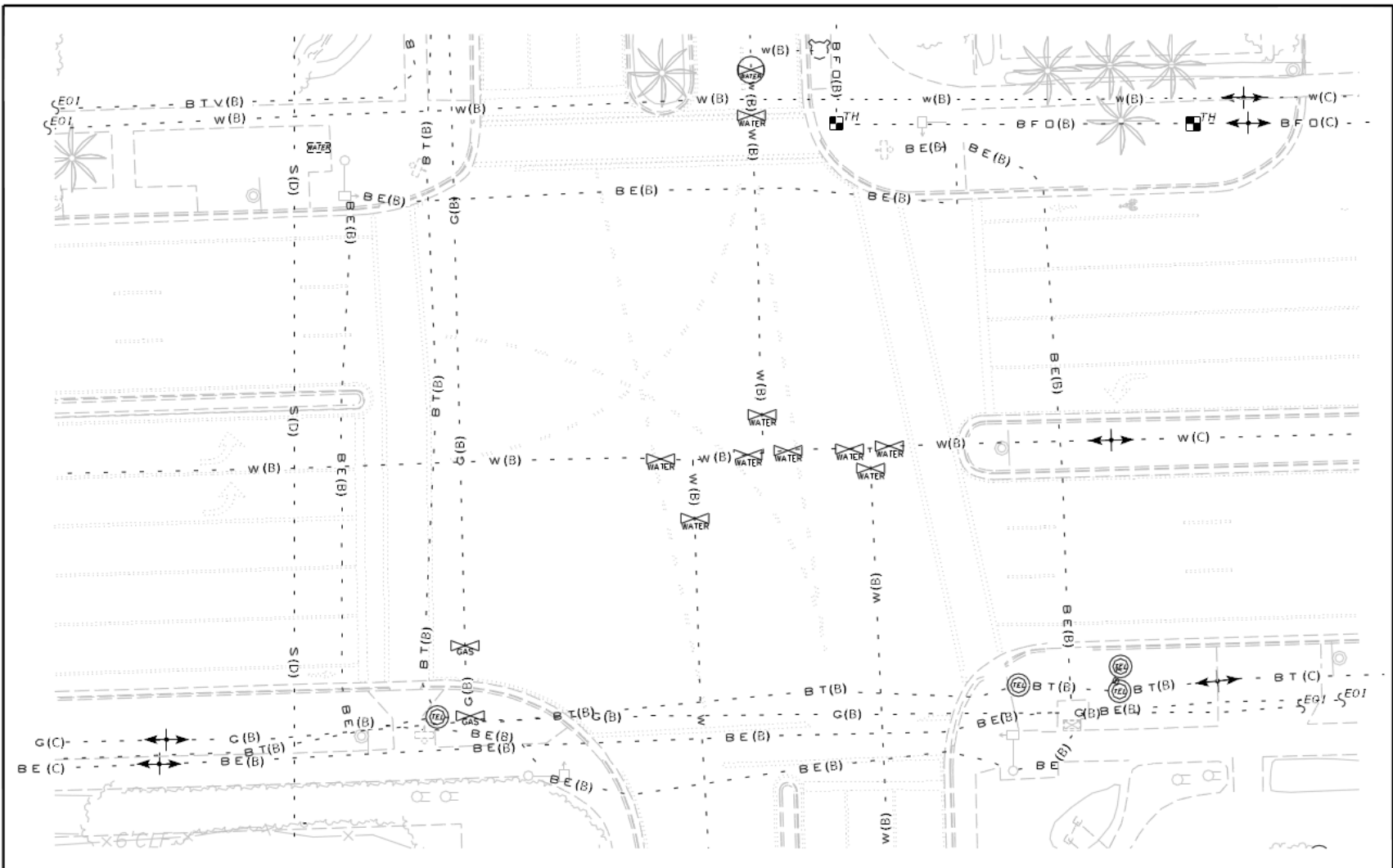
UTILITY ADJUSTMENT SYMBOLS

EXISTING		EXISTING		PROPOSED	
B T (A)	BURIED TELEPHONE (QLA)	P E T (A)	PETROLEUM (QLA)	*****6*****	Water Main
B T (B)	BURIED TELEPHONE (QLB)	P E T (B)	PETROLEUM (QLB)	*****6*****	PETROLEUM (QLB)
B T (C)	BURIED TELEPHONE (QLC)	P E T (C)	PETROLEUM (QLC)	HPW HPW 6" HPW HPW	Non Potable Water
B T (D)	BURIED TELEPHONE (QLD)	P E T (D)	PETROLEUM (QLD)	*****8*****	Sanitary Sewer
B T (A)	BURIED TELEPHONE DUCT (QLA)	C A S (A)	PIPE ENCASEMENT (QLA)	*****8*****	Sanitary Sewer
B T (B)	BURIED TELEPHONE DUCT (QLB)	C A S (B)	PIPE ENCASEMENT (QLB)	*****8*****	Sanitary Sewer
B T (C)	BURIED TELEPHONE DUCT (QLC)	C A S (C)	PIPE ENCASEMENT (QLC)	*****8*****	Sanitary Sewer
B T (D)	BURIED TELEPHONE DUCT (QLD)	C A S (D)	PIPE ENCASEMENT (QLD)	*****8*****	Sanitary Sewer
B T (A)	BURIED TELEPHONE TOLL (QLA)	S (A)	SANITARY SEWER (QLA)	*****8*****	Sanitary Sewer
B T (B)	BURIED TELEPHONE TOLL (QLB)	S (B)	SANITARY SEWER (QLB)	RD RD 4" RD RD 4"	Roof Drain
B T (C)	BURIED TELEPHONE TOLL (QLC)	S (C)	SANITARY SEWER (QLC)	RD RD 4" RD RD 4"	Roof Drain
B T (D)	BURIED TELEPHONE TOLL (QLD)	S (D)	SANITARY SEWER (QLD)	RD RD 4" RD RD 4"	Roof Drain
B T V (A)	BURIED CABLE TELEVISION (QLA)	S T M (A)	STEAM LINE (QLA)	*****8*****	Petroleum
B T V (B)	BURIED CABLE TELEVISION (QLB)	S T M (B)	STEAM LINE (QLB)	*****8*****	Petroleum
B T V (C)	BURIED CABLE TELEVISION (QLC)	S T M (C)	STEAM LINE (QLC)	*****8*****	Petroleum
B T V (D)	BURIED CABLE TELEVISION (QLD)	S T M (D)	STEAM LINE (QLD)	*****8*****	Petroleum
B T V (A)	CABLE TV CONDUIT SYSTEM (QLA)	W (A)	WATER LINE (QLA)	*****8*****	Petroleum
B T V (B)	CABLE TV CONDUIT SYSTEM (QLB)	W (B)	WATER LINE (QLB)	*****8*****	Petroleum
B T V (C)	CABLE TV CONDUIT SYSTEM (QLC)	W (C)	WATER LINE (QLC)	*****8*****	Petroleum
B T V (D)	CABLE TV CONDUIT SYSTEM (QLD)	W (D)	WATER LINE (QLD)	*****8*****	Petroleum
C A S (A)	BURIED CONDUIT (QLA)	B F O (A)	BURIED FIBER OPTIC CABLE (QLA)	*****8*****	Petroleum
C A S (B)	BURIED CONDUIT (QLB)	B F O (B)	BURIED FIBER OPTIC CABLE (QLB)	*****8*****	Petroleum
C A S (C)	BURIED CONDUIT (QLC)	B F O (C)	BURIED FIBER OPTIC CABLE (QLC)	*****8*****	Petroleum
C A S (D)	BURIED CONDUIT (QLD)	B F O (D)	BURIED FIBER OPTIC CABLE (QLD)	*****8*****	Petroleum
B F O (A)	BURIED FIBER OPTIC POWER (QLA)	N P W (A)	NON-POTABLE WATER LINE (QLA)	*****8*****	Petroleum
B F O (B)	BURIED FIBER OPTIC POWER (QLB)	N P W (B)	NON-POTABLE WATER LINE (QLB)	*****8*****	Petroleum
B F O (C)	BURIED FIBER OPTIC POWER (QLC)	N P W (C)	NON-POTABLE WATER LINE (QLC)	*****8*****	Petroleum
B F O (D)	BURIED FIBER OPTIC POWER (QLD)	N P W (D)	NON-POTABLE WATER LINE (QLD)	*****8*****	Petroleum
B F O (A)	BURIED FIBER OPTIC TELEPHONE (QLA)	B E (A)	BURIED POWER (QLA)	*****8*****	Petroleum
B F O (B)	BURIED FIBER OPTIC TELEPHONE (QLB)	B E (B)	BURIED POWER (QLB)	*****8*****	Petroleum
B F O (C)	BURIED FIBER OPTIC TELEPHONE (QLC)	B E (C)	BURIED POWER (QLC)	*****8*****	Petroleum
B F O (D)	BURIED FIBER OPTIC TELEPHONE (QLD)	B E (D)	BURIED POWER (QLD)	*****8*****	Petroleum
G (A)	GAS (QLA)	S (A)	SANITARY FORCE MAIN (QLA)	*****8*****	Petroleum
G (B)	GAS (QLB)	S (B)	SANITARY FORCE MAIN (QLB)	*****8*****	Petroleum
G (C)	GAS (QLC)	S (C)	SANITARY FORCE MAIN (QLC)	*****8*****	Petroleum
G (D)	GAS (QLD)	S (D)	SANITARY FORCE MAIN (QLD)	*****8*****	Petroleum

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B T (A) - - - - -	B T (A) - - - - -	<i>BURIED TELEPHONE (QLA)</i>
B T (B) - - - - -	B T (B) - - - - -	<i>BURIED TELEPHONE (QLB)</i>
B T (C) - - - - -	B T (C) - - - - -	<i>BURIED TELEPHONE (QLC)</i>
B T (D) - - - - -	B T (D) - - - - -	<i>BURIED TELEPHONE (QLD)</i>
B T (A) - - - - -	B T (A) - - - - -	<i>BURIED TELEPHONE DUCT (QLA)</i>
B T (B) - - - - -	B T (B) - - - - -	<i>BURIED TELEPHONE DUCT (QLB)</i>
B T (C) - - - - -	B T (C) - - - - -	<i>BURIED TELEPHONE DUCT (QLC)</i>
B T (D) - - - - -	B T (D) - - - - -	<i>BURIED TELEPHONE DUCT (QLD)</i>
B T (A) - - - - -	B T (A) - - - - -	<i>BURIED TELEPHONE TOLL (QLA)</i>
B T (B) - - - - -	B T (B) - - - - -	<i>BURIED TELEPHONE TOLL (QLB)</i>
B T (C) - - - - -	B T (C) - - - - -	<i>BURIED TELEPHONE TOLL (QLC)</i>
B T (D) - - - - -	B T (D) - - - - -	<i>BURIED TELEPHONE TOLL (QLD)</i>
B T V (A) - - - - -	B T V (A) - - - - -	<i>BURIED CABLE TELEVISION (QLA)</i>
B T V (B) - - - - -	B T V (B) - - - - -	<i>BURIED CABLE TELEVISION (QLB)</i>
B T V (C) - - - - -	B T V (C) - - - - -	<i>BURIED CABLE TELEVISION (QLC)</i>
B T V (D) - - - - -	B T V (D) - - - - -	<i>BURIED CABLE TELEVISION (QLD)</i>
B T V (A) - - - - -	B T V (A) - - - - -	<i>CABLE TV CONDUIT SYSTEM (QLA)</i>
B T V (B) - - - - -	B T V (B) - - - - -	<i>CABLE TV CONDUIT SYSTEM (QLB)</i>
B T V (C) - - - - -	B T V (C) - - - - -	<i>CABLE TV CONDUIT SYSTEM (QLC)</i>
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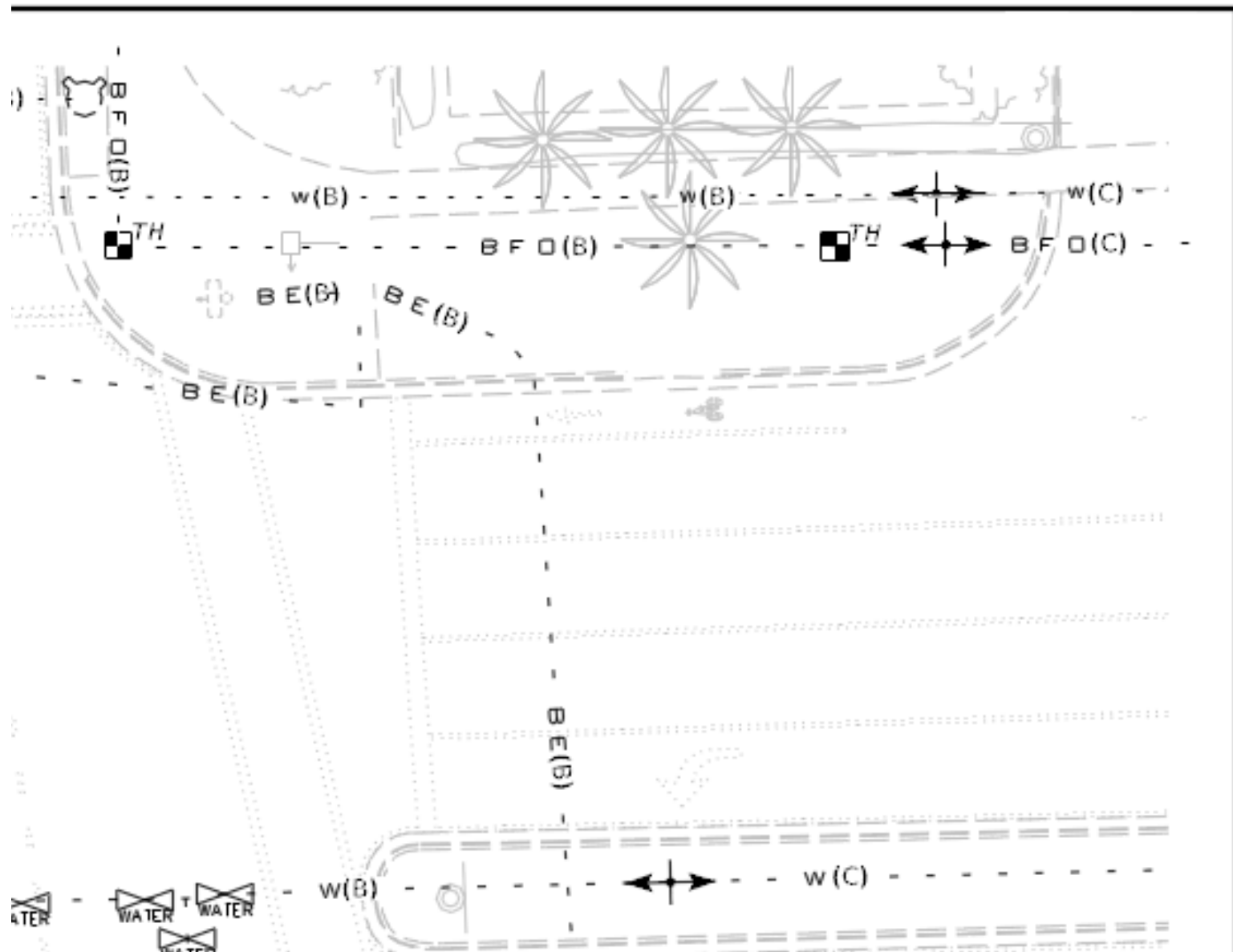


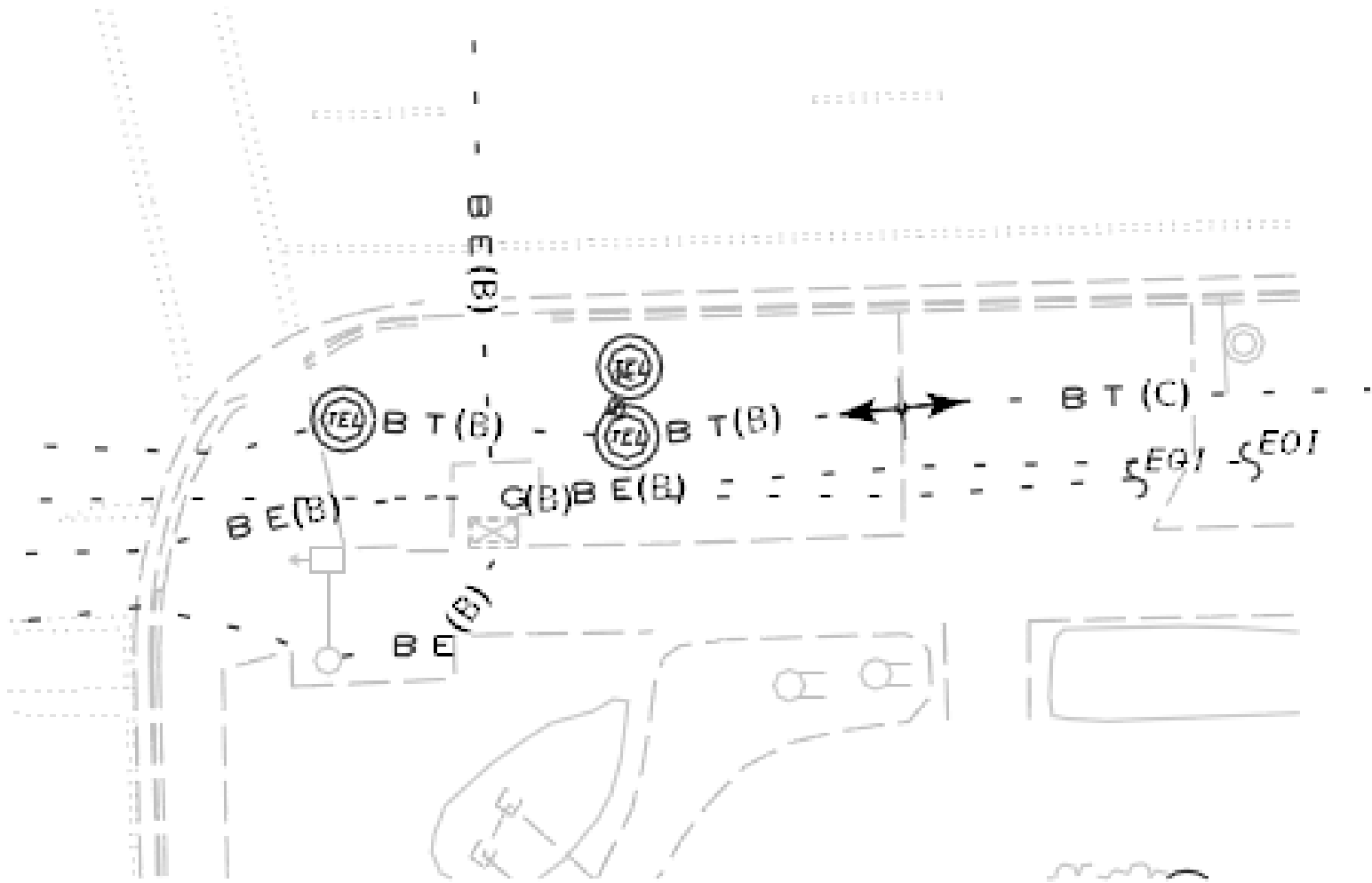
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