

4300300, Pipe Culverts, Type of Pipe to be Used
Response to Comments from Industry Review

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Comments:

A review of the proposed changes in Sections 430 and 449 Specifications and their origination forms indicates that the fiber reinforced concrete pipe has been deleted from these specifications. In the Proposed Solution of the Origination Form it has been mentioned that FDOT does not anticipate another supplier of fiber reinforced pipe in the near future. The Hardie Pipe has been referenced as the Information Source. In my opinion the fiber reinforced pipe specification should not be deleted, unless there is a good reason for its deletion based on its durability or performance. It is possible that another supplier may start production. The ASTM C 1450 specification is still an active specification

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Comment:

I believe the spec should remain for a longer period of time due to the fact someone might come up with a fibre reinforced pipe that meets this spec and it seems it would be more time consuming to put the spec back in especially if it happened at bid time.

Response – I discussed this with Rick Renna, the State Hydraulics Engineer. In the time it would take another supplier to get their product tested and approved for use, the Spec could be back in the Specifications. We don't want plans calling for a product that is not available.