

Oklahoma Department of Transportation

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To Construction Engineer
From Bridge Engineer
Subject Curtain Walls for Reinforced Concrete Boxes

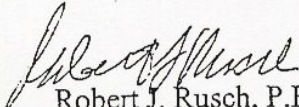
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It has recently come to our attention that steel sheet piling has been used for curtain walls on several recent state highway projects. It is our opinion that even the galvanized steel sheet piling curtain walls will not be as durable as the concrete curtain walls. For this reason, we request that the practice of substituting the steel sheet piling curtain walls for the concrete curtain walls shown on the plans **be stopped**. Steel curtain walls should only be used on county projects when specified on the plans or when approved by the Bridge Engineer.

If you have any questions, please give me or Walt Peters a call at 521-2606.


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