

# Water Distribution System

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## INTRODUCTION

- The purpose of distribution system is to deliver water to consumer with appropriate quality, quantity and pressure.
- Distribution system is used to describe collectively the facilities used to supply water from its source to the point of usage.

# Water Distribution System

## CONTENT

1. The distribution system components

- 2. Methods of water distribution system
- 3. Designing for water distribution system



# COMPONENTS

The distribution consists of four main components

- 1. Reservoir
- 2. Pump
- 3. Elevated reservoir
- 4. Distribution pipes

### RESERVOIR





#### RESERVOIR



## RESERVOIR

- It was construct for
- 1. Balancing Reserve. It is the quantity of

water required for balancing the variations in the demand against the constant supply from the

treatment plant.



## RESERVOIR

2. Fire reserve. The quantity of water required

to be kept as reserve for fire-fighting.



### RESERVOIR

Capacity of reservoir must be enough for the purpose. It should be about 5 to 12 times of hourly maximum water demand.



#### PUMP









PUMP

Delivering water supply from surface reservoir to elevated reservoir used pump as sender. In some case, pump directly send water supply into distribution pipes.



PUMP

Head of pump depend on hight of elevated reservoir. Pump rate must be design equal to 1 times of hourly maximum water demand.





### ELEVATED RESERVOIR



# ELEVATED RESERVOIR

The main functions :

- O To maintain the constant pressure in the distribution network.
- O Capable to deliver water to user at the longest pipe.
- O Water stored can be supplied during emergencies or pump maintenance.

## ELEVATED RESERVOIR

Capacity of elevated reservoir should be about 1 to 3 times of hourly maximum water demand. Consideration in during fires, elevated reservoir can also support the event. In the other way, elevated reservoir can use for backwash process in treatment plant.

# DISTRIBUTION PIPES

There are three differrent types.

- 1. Dead end or Tree-system or Branching system
- 2. Grid-Iron system or loop system
- 3. Combination system

## DISTRIBUTION PIPES

### Dead end or Tree-system or Branching system



# DISTRIBUTION PIPES

Dead end or Tree-system or Branching system

## **Advantages**

- Cheap in Initial cost
- Easy determination of pipe diameter, valves

size etc

# DISTRIBUTION PIPES

Dead end or Tree-system or Branching system

### <u>Disadvantage</u>

- If pipe breaks down or is closed for repair, the whole locality beyond the point goes without water.

## DISTRIBUTION PIPES

## Grid-Iron system or loop system



# DISTRIBUTION PIPES

Grid-Iron system or loop system

# <u>Advantages</u>

- Very small area will be effected during repair.
- The friction losses and the sizes of the pipe are reduced.

# DISTRIBUTION PIPES

Grid-Iron system or loop system

# Advantages

- No stagnation and change of pollution is reduce to minimum.
- In case of fire, more quantity of water can be diverted towards the effected area.

# DISTRIBUTION PIPES

Grid-Iron system or loop system

## <u>Disadvantage</u>

- More number of valves increased in the overall cost.
  - If one section is to be repaired more number

of valve are required to close.

- The design is difficult and costlier.

# **DISTRIBUTION PIPES**

## Combination system



# DISTRIBUTION PIPES

Combination system

- Combine betaween Branching system and

Grid system.

- It design with appropiate usage for each

area.

- Addition in the existing distribution network

## TYPES

Depending upon the level of source, topography of the area and other local conditions the water may be forced into distribution system by following ways -

- 1. Gravity system
- 2. Pumping system
- 3. Combined gravity and pumping system

#### **GRAVITY SYSTEM**



## **GRAVITY SYSTEM**

- O Suitable when source of supply is at sufficient height.
- O Most reliable and economical distribution system. O The water head available at the consumer is just minimum required.
- O The remaining head is consumed un the frictional and other losses.

#### PUMPING SYSTEM



## PUMPING SYSTEM

- O Treated water is directly pumped in to the distribution main without storing.
- O High lifts pumps are requried.
- O If power supply fails, complete stoppage of water supply.
- O This method is not geneally used.

### COMBINED GRAVITY AND PUMPING SYSTEM



## COMBINED GRAVITY AND PUMPING SYSTEM

- O The balance reserve in the storage reservoir will be utilized during fire.
- O Economical, efficient and reliable.
- O Has the advantage that during power failure.
- O The pump work at constant speed, without any variation speed.

# Designing for water distribution system

# DESIGN

In designing of distribution system, it consider to -

- 1. Pipe materials
- 2. Equipments
- 3. Design size of pipe

# Designing for water distribution system

# PIPE MATERIALS

- Carrying capacity of the pipe.
- Durability and life of the pipe.
- Type of water to be conveyed and its possible corrosive effect on the pipe material.
- Availability of funds.
- Maintenance cost, repair etc.

Designing for water distribution system

# PIPE MATERIALS

Types of pipes are commonly used in Thailand:

- 1. Asbestos cement pipe (AC)
- 2. Steel pipe (S)
- 3. Galvanized steel pipe (GS)
- 4. High density polyethylene pipe (HDPE)
PIPE MATERIALS

5. Polybuthylene pipe (PB)

6. Polyvinyl chloride pipe (PVC)

7. Fibreglass pressure pipes

### PIPE MATERIALS

### Asbestos cement pipe (AC)





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PIPE MATERIALS

Asbestos cement pipe (AC)

<u>Advantages</u>

- Low cost

<u>Disadvantage</u>

- Short life time
- Break or crack easily

#### PIPE MATERIALS

## Steel pipe (S)





PIPE MATERIALS

Steel pipe (S)

<u>Advantages</u>

- Withstand high pressure
- Break or crack not easily

<u>Disadvantage</u>

- High cost in construction and maintenance

## PIPE MATERIALS

### Galvanized steel pipe (GS)



For pipe diameter lower than 150 mm.

# PIPE MATERIALS

## High density polyethylene pipe (HDPE)



### PIPE MATERIALS

## Polybuthylene pipe (PB)



For pipe diameter lower than 100 mm.



## PIPE MATERIALS

## Polyvinyl chloride pipe (PVC)



# PIPE MATERIALS

Polyvinyl chloride pipe (PVC) are widely used in Thailand. Generally polyvinyl chloride pipe is resistant to most inorganic acid, allkalines and salts, as well as many organic chemicals. Rigid PVC pipes for water supply are normally available in shades blue.

#### PIPE MATERIALS

#### Fibreglass pressure pipes





### EQUIPMENTS

### Valves



Generally to use for distribution system. It use for size of pipe diameter less than 400 mm.

Gate Valve

## EQUIPMENTS

#### Valves



Check Valve

In system of pump, check valve is inserted before pump for protect pump from water hammer.

### EQUIPMENTS

### Valves



**Butterfly Valve** 

It use for big size of pipe and for system of pump, because it easier to open than gate valve.

## EQUIPMENTS

# Valves



<u>Air relief Valve</u>

To relief air in pipe system, air relief valve will be insert at highest in line of pipe to avoid air lock and cause to break point.

#### EQUIPMENTS

#### Fire hydrant



## EQUIPMENTS

#### Water meter



Type of PWA meter which provided for consumer can be classified as:

1. Piston type or Volumetric type

2. Vane type

# DESIGN SIZE OF PIPE

- 1. Water pressure for usage
- 2. Water velocity
- 3. Capable to demand on peak hour and
- increasing of consumer in the future
- 4. Design equation
- 5. Simulate program for distribution system

## DESIGN SIZE OF PIPE

Water pressure for usage

Minimum pressure is not less than 1 ksc (0.1 bars) in peak hour. Enough to serve demand of consumer and fire hazard.



### DESIGN SIZE OF PIPE

Water velocity

Velocity of water in pipe should not over 1.5 m/s. Because high velocity will make more friction force inside of pipe and break pipe in long term.

### DESIGN SIZE OF PIPE

#### Design Equation

Principle equation is Hazen-williams equations

which can set in table or graph to use easily

for user.







## DESIGN SIZE OF PIPE

Simulation Program

Epanet Program most favorite is used to simulate distribution network. It is easily to understand and not complicate. There are many function to setup system to similar with actual network.

## DESIGN SIZE OF PIPE

### Simulation Program (Epanet Program)





