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Local Plant Supplies 36-inch HDPE Water Transmission Pipe to City of Austin

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS (December 17, 2009) – Performance Pipe’s Brownwood Plant recently supplied 800,000 pounds of high density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe for a water transmission main in the City of Austin. The 36-inch diameter pipe will run 5,200 linear feet between Elroy Road and FM 812, adjacent to the City of Austin FM 812 landfill.

This is the first HDPE water main transmission line used by the City of Austin. Traditionally, ductile iron pipe is used in these types of projects. However, HDPE pipe is gaining ground in municipal projects due to the advantages it offers in pricing, longevity, and installation.

According to Performance Pipe, HDPE pipe was selected for the City of Austin’s Elroy Transmission Main project for its leak-free joints, flexibility, and its ability to be fused together into one continuous pipeline.

“With the drought-like conditions in Austin the past few summers, leak-free piping is a necessity,” said Casey Cords, territory sales representative for Performance Pipe. “Every drop of water is precious, and our product ensures that nothing is wasted.”

The pipe was produced at the Brownwood plant and supplied to HD Supply Waterworks, a distributor for Performance Pipe. The pipe was fused on the job site in Austin by Gajeske, Inc.

The Brownwood Plant opened its doors in 1962. In 1974, the facility made the first 36-inch polyethylene pipe and for 35 years has supplied quality products for municipal, industrial, gas distribution, and gas gathering projects throughout the United States.

About Performance Pipe

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