

# **E.PROFORMANCE SLAB ON GRADE CITY OF LOS ANGELES METHANE ZONE SPECIFICATION**

**Note: If areas will be subjected to hydrostatic conditions, contact EPRO for the proper recommendation.**

## **SECTION 02 56 16 – GAS CONTAINMENT SECTION 02 56 19.13 – FLUID-APPLIED GAS BARRIER**

### **PART 1 - GENERAL**

#### 1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the contract, including general and supplementary conditions, and Division 1 specification section, apply to this section.

#### 1.2 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. The installation of materials designed to provide methane and vapor intrusion protection when installed per project specification, this section covers the methane mitigation and vapor intrusion membrane, along with the following:
  - 1. Surface preparation and substrate treatment
  - 2. Auxiliary materials
  - 3. Prefabricated drainage mat
  - 4. Foundation drain

#### 1.3 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 02 24 00: Environmental Assessment
- B. Section 02 32 00: Geotechnical Investigation
- C. Section 03 15 00: Concrete Accessories
- D. Section 03 30 00: Cast-in-Place Concrete
- E. Section 03 40 00: Precast Concrete
- F. Section 07 90 00: Joint Protection
- G. Section 31 30 00: Earthwork Methods
- H. Section 33 41 00: Subdrainage

#### 1.4 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. General: Provide a mitigation system that prevents the passage of methane gas, contaminant vapor, and complies with the physical requirements as demonstrated by testing performed by an independent testing agency.

## 1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: For each type of methane barrier assembly specified submit manufacturer's printed technical data, tested physical and performance properties, instructions for evaluating, preparing, and treating substrates, and installation instructions.
- B. Shop Drawings: Project specific drawings showing locations and extent of methane mitigation, details for substrate joints and cracks, sheet flashing, penetrations, transitions, and termination conditions.
- C. Samples: Submit two standard size samples of the each of the following:
  - 1. Individual components of the specified composite membrane system.
- D. Applicator Certification: Submit written confirmation at the time of bid that applicator is currently approved by the membrane manufacturer.

## 1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Applicator Qualifications: System applicator shall be an EPRO Authorized Applicator who is trained and performs work that in accordance with EPRO standards and policies.
- B. Third Party Inspection: Independent inspection of the composite system installation may be required based on project conditions and desired warranty coverage, or as required based on local building code/government agency jurisdiction. Inspection reports shall be submitted to directly to the composite membrane manufacturer and made available to other parties per the owners' direction.
- C. Pre-Construction Meeting: A meeting shall be held prior to application of the barrier system to assure proper substrate preparation, confirm installation conditions, and any additional project specific requirements. Attendees of the meeting shall include, but are not limited to the following:
  - 1. EPRO representative
  - 2. EPRO authorized applicator
  - 3. Third party inspector
  - 4. General contractor
  - 5. Owners representative
  - 6. Concrete/Shotcrete contractor
  - 7. Rebar contractor
  - 8. Project design team
  - 9. All appropriate related trades
- D. Field Sample: Apply methane barrier system field sample to 100 ft<sup>2</sup> (9.3 m<sup>2</sup>) of each assembly to demonstrate proper application techniques and standard of workmanship.

1. Notify composite membrane system manufacturer representative, architect, certified inspector, and other appropriate parties one week in advance of the dates and times when field sample will be prepared.
2. If architect and certified inspector determines that field sample does not meet requirements; reapply composite membrane system until field sample is approved.
3. Retain and maintain approved field sample during construction in an undisturbed condition as a standard for judging the completed composite membrane system. An undamaged field sample may become part of the completed work.

E. Materials: Methane barrier materials and system shall be single sourced.

#### 1.7 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

- A. Delivery: Deliver materials to site labeled with manufacturer's name, product brand name, material type, and date of manufacture. Upon the arrival of materials to the jobsite, inspect materials to confirm material has not been damaged during transit.
- B. Storage: Proper storage of onsite materials is the responsibility of the certified applicator. Consult product data sheets to confirm storage requirements. Storage area shall be clean, dry, and protected from the elements. If ambient air temperatures are expected to fall below 40°F, precautions will need to be taken to protect any emulsion product from near freezing temperatures. Protect stored materials from direct sunlight.
- C. Disposal: Remove and replace any material that cannot be properly applied in accordance with local regulations and specification section 01 74 19.

#### 1.8 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Substrate Review: Substrates shall be reviewed by the certified applicator and accepted prior to application.
- B. Penetrations: All plumbing, electrical, mechanical, and structural items to be passing through the composite membrane system shall be properly spaced, positively secured in their proper positions, and appropriately protected prior to system application and throughout the construction phase. Braided grounding rods are not allowed to pass through the membrane in methane barrier.
- C. Reinforcement Steel and Concrete Forms: Vapor intrusion barrier shall be installed before placement of reinforcing steel. When penetrations post system installation occurs, it is the responsibility of the general contractor to notify the vapor intrusion barrier applicator to immediately make repairs prior to the placement of overburden, this includes the use of solid plastic "VaporStakes" used to secure concrete forms.
- D. Clearance: Minimum clearance of 24 inches is required for application of spray applied polymer modified asphalt, **e.spray**. For areas with less than 24-inch clearance, the product may be applied by hand using **e.roll**.
- E. Overspray: Protect all adjacent areas not receiving the barrier application. Masking is necessary to prevent unwanted overspray from adhering to, or staining, areas not receiving the membrane. Once **e.spray** adheres to a surface it is extremely difficult to remove.
- F. Weather Limitations: Perform work only when existing and forecast weather conditions are within manufacturer's recommendations.

1. Spray Applied Polymer Modified Asphalt Membrane: Minimum ambient temperature be 40°F (7°C) and rising. For applications temperatures below 38 degrees, but greater than +19°F/-7°C, special equipment and material handling is needed. Substrate shall be clean and free from standing moisture.
2. EPRO applicators reserve the right not to install product when application conditions might be within manufactures acceptance, but ambient conditions may limit a successful application.

## 1.9 WARRANTY

- A. Special Warranty: Submit a written warranty signed by methane barrier manufacturer agreeing to replace system materials that do not conform manufactures published specifications or are deemed to be defective. Warranty does not include failure of methane barrier due to failure of soil substrate prepared and treated according to requirements or formation of new joints and cracks in the specially applied concrete that exceed 1/8 inch (3.175 mm) in width.
  1. Warranty Period: 5 years after date of substantial completion. Longer warranty periods are available upon request.
  2. Coverage: Manufacturer will guarantee that the material provided is free of defects for the warranty period.
- B. Additional Warranty Options: Upgraded warranties are available by contacting the manufacturer. These warranties may have additional requirements and approval must be granted in accordance to the manufacturer's warranty requirements. Additional warranty options include:
  1. Standard Labor and Material: Manufacturer will provide non-prorated coverage for the warranty term, agreeing to repair or replace material that does not meet requirements or remain vapor tight.
  2. Waterproofing Warranties: For below grade project that require vapor intrusion barriers and below grade waterproofing for foundation walls, single source warranties are available from EPRO.

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MANUFACTURERS

- A. Acceptable Manufacturer: EPRO Services, Inc. (EPRO), P.O. Box 347; Derby, KS 67037; Tel: (800) 882-1896; [www.eproinc.com](http://www.eproinc.com)
- B. Underslab: E.Proformance Underslab (96 mils) – **e.base 205**, **e.spray** (60 mils), **e.shield 205**
- C. City of Los Angeles Methane Approval: RR#25478, County of Los Angeles Approved

## 2.2 VAPOR INTRUSION BARRIER SYSTEM PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

A. The physical properties listed in this section reflect testing on the entire composite system. Physical properties of the individual system composite can be found in Specification Section 2.3.

1. **E.Proformance Underslab** assembly consists of a 60 mil layer of **e.spray** (polymer modified asphaltic membrane) sandwiched between the **e.base 205** base sheet and **e.shield 205** top sheet (HDPE membranes thermally bonded to a geotextile fabric). E.Proformance underslab is ideal for moisture protection on sites that may also contain methane gas, contaminated soil, or contaminated groundwater.

PROPERTIES	TEST METHOD	VALUE
Tensile Strength	ASTM D412	662 psi
Elongation	ASTM D412	45%
Adhesion to Concrete	ASTM D903	8 lbf/in
Puncture Resistance	ASTM D1709	310 lbf
Hydrostatic Head Resistance	ASTM D5385	100 psi (231 ft)
Water Vapor Transmission	ASTM E96	.033 perms
Soil Burial	ASTM D4068	Passed
Heat Aging	ASTM D4068	Passed
Environmental Stress Cracking	ASTM D1693	Passed
Oil Resistance	ASTM D543 & D412	Passed
Methane Transmission	ASTM D1434	Passed
TCE Diffusion Rate		$7.1 \times 10^{-19}$ m <sup>2</sup> /sec
Benzene Diffusion Rate		$7.1 \times 10^{-19}$ m <sup>2</sup> /sec

## 2.3 MEMBRANE MATERIALS

A. Polymer Modified Asphalt

1. **e.spray**: **e.spray** is a non-hazardous, low-viscosity, water-based, anionic asphalt emulsion modified with a blend of synthetic polymerized rubbers and proprietary additives. **e.spray** is highly stable during transit and proper storage, but becomes highly reactive during the spray application to form a rapidly cured membrane with exceptional bonding, elongation, and hydrophobic characteristics.

PROPERTIES	TEST METHOD	VALUE
Color		Brown to Black
Solvent Content		No Solvents
Shelf Life		6 months
Tensile Strength	ASTM 412	32 psi
Elongation	ASTM 412	4140%
Resistance to Decay	ASTM E 154 Section 13	4% Perm Los
Accelerated Aging	ASTM G 23	No Effect
Moisture Vapor Transmission	ASTM E 96	0.026 g./sq. ft./hr.
Hydrostatic Water Pressure	ASTM D 751	26 psi
Perm Rating	ASTM E 96 (US Perms)	0.21
Methane Transmission Rate	ASTM D 1434	0
Adhesion to Concrete & Masonry	ASTM C 836 & C 704	20 lbf./inch
Adhesion to HDPE	ASTM C 836	28.363 lbf./inch
Adhesion to Polypropylene Fabric	ASTM C 836	31.19 lbf./inch
Hardness	ASTM C 836	80

Crack Bridging	ASTM C 836-00	No Cracking
Low Temp. Flexibility		No Cracking at -20° C
Packaging: 55 gallon drum, 275 gallon tote, 330 gallon tote		

2. **e.roll: e.roll** is a medium viscosity water-based, polymer-modified anionic asphalt emulsion, which exhibits exceptional bonding, elongation and waterproofing characteristics.

PROPERTIES	TEST METHOD	VALUE
Color		Brown to Black
Solvent Content		No Solvents
Shelf Life		6 months
Tensile Strength	ASTM 412	32 psi
Elongation	ASTM 412	3860%
Resistance to Decay	ASTM E 154 SECTION 13	9% Perm Loss
Accelerated Aging	ASTM G 23	No Effect
Moisture Vapor Transmission	ASTM E 96	0.071 g/sq. ft./hr.
Hydrostatic Water Pressure	ASTM D 751	28 psi
Perm Rating	ASTM E 96 (US Perms)	0.17
Methane Transmission Rate	ASTM D 14334	0
Adhesion to Concrete & Masonry	ASTM C 836	1 lbf/inch
Hardness	ASTM C 836	85
Crack Bridging	ASTM C 836	No Cracking
Low Temp. Flexibility	ASTM C 836-00	No Cracking at -20° C
Packaging: 5 gallon bucket		

## B. Geocomposite Base Sheet

1. **e.base 205: e.base 205** is a base course comprised of an HDPE film and non-woven polypropylene geotextile fabric. The film in cross laminated to a create ridges that enhance the bond between the **e.base 205** and **e.spray**.

PROPERTIES	TEST METHOD	VALUE
Film Material		HDPE
Film Color		Gray
Fabric Material		Non-woven Polypropylene
Fabric Color		White
Film Thickness		5 Mil
Composite Thickness		18 Mil
Tensile @ ULT	ASTM D 882	TD 32.0 lbs/in MD 37.3 lbs/in
Elongation @ ULT	ASTM D 882	TD 65.3% MD 51.0%
Dart Impact	ASTM D 1709	Method A >1070 grams Method B 894 grams
Modulus	ASTM D 882	TD 270.6 lbs/in MD 295.5 lbs/in
Elmendorf Tear	ASTM D 1922	TD 5,140 grams MD 5,260 grams
Puncture-Prop Tear	ASTM D 2582	TD 13,250 grams Sled: 1-lb MD 11,290 grams Sled: 1-lb
Beach Puncture Tear	ASTM D 751	TD 165 in-lbs MD 160 in-lbs

Water Permeance	ASTM E 96	0.11 perms (US)
Dimensions: 12' x 150'		
Weight: 108 pounds		

C. Geocomposite Protection Course

1. **e.shield 205:** **e.shield 205** is an extremely durable, high strength protection course made from the lamination of HDPE film and nonwoven polypropylene geotextile fabric.

PROPERTIES	TEST METHOD	VALUE
Film Material		HDPE
Film Color		White
Fabric Material		Non-woven Polypropylene
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2.4 AUXILIARY MATERIALS

- A. General: All accessory products shall be provided by the specified methane barrier manufacturer. Auxiliary products used in lieu of, or in addition to, the manufactures products must be approved in writing by EPRO prior to installation.
- B. Reinforcement Fabric: Manufacturer's polyester fabric, **e.poly** is available in 6 inch, 12 inch, and 40 inch widths.
- C. Detailing Material: **e.roll**, a roller applied water based high viscosity polymer modified asphaltic material OR **e.trowel**, a trowel applied water based high viscosity polymer modified asphaltic material.
- D. Backer Rod: Closed cell polyethylene foam
- E. Water Stop: **e.stop b** shall be used in all elevator pits. For below grade applications, please contact EPRO for proper use of water stops.

- F. Termination Bar: **e.term hd**, or approved alternate
- G. Shot Pins: Minimum 1-inch galvanized steel pins with ¾ inch aluminum washer.

## **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

### 3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Comply with project documents, manufacturer's product information, including product application and installation guidelines, pre-job punch list, as well as, manufacturer's shipping and storage recommendations.

### 3.1.2 SURFACE PREPARATION

- A. The general contractor shall engage the certified methane barrier contractor and certified inspector to ensure surfaces are prepared in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Unless, explicitly stated in the contract documents, the methane barrier contractor is not responsible for surface preparation.
- B. Examine all substrates, areas, and conditions under which the composite membrane system will be installed, applicator and inspector must be present. Do not proceed with installation until unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected and a surface prep requirements have been met. If conditions exist that are not addressed in this section notify inspector and contact EPRO for additional clarification.
- C. Soil and Sand Substrates: Native soil and sand substrates shall be uniformly compacted to meet structural and building code requirements. All surfaces shall be free from protrusions and debris that may compromise the membrane system. Free standing water must be removed prior to application.
- D. Aggregate Substrates: Aggregate substrates shall be compacted to meet structural and building code requirements and then rolled flat to provide a uniform substrate. ¾ inch minus aggregate with no more than one fractured face is recommended, but other aggregates substrates may be approved by the manufacturer provided they do not create sharp angular protrusions that may compromise the methane barrier/vapor intrusion system.
- E. Working Slab: Mud slab, rat slab, or other concrete working slab shall have a uniform plane with a light broom or light trowel finish.
- F. Concrete Surfaces: Clean and prepare concrete surface to manufacturer's recommendations. In general, only apply **e.spray** material to dry, clean and uniform concrete substrates with a light trowel, light broom, or equivalent finish.



- G. , clean and uniform concrete substrates with a light trowel, light broom, or equivalent finish.
- H. Cast-in-Place or Shotcrete Walls: Application to green concrete is acceptable provided the substrate is prepared in accordance with manufacturers specifications and published instructions.
  - 1. Provide clean, dust-free, and dry substrate for waterproofing application.
  - 2. Surfaces shall be power washed to remove grease, oil, form release agents, or any other penetrating contaminants from the concrete.
  - 3. Remove all fins, ridges, and other protrusions.
  - 4. Fill honeycomb, aggregate pockets, tie holes, and other voids with hydraulic cement, or rapid-set grout.

### 3.2 UNDERSLAB MEMBRANE INSTALLATION – E.PROFORMANCE UNDERSLAB

- A. General: The underslab composite membrane system shall be installed under strict accordance with the manufactures guideline and project specifications.
- B. System Termination: The termination process is appropriate for terminating the membrane onto exterior footings, pile caps, interior footings and grade beams. When terminating the membrane to stem walls or vertical surfaces the same process should be used.
  - 1. Concrete surfaces that are not a light trowel, light broom or equivalent finish, will need to be repaired.
  - 2. Terminations on horizontal and vertical surfaces should extend 6” onto the termination surface. Job specific conditions may prevent a 6” termination. In these conditions exist, contact manufacturer for recommendations.
  - 3. Apply 60 mils of **e.spray** to the terminating surface and then embed the **e.base 205** layer by pressing it firmly into the **e.spray** layer.
  - 4. Apply 60 mils of **e.spray** to the **e.base 205** layer.
  - 5. Apply the **e.shield 205** layer and apply a final 60 mil seal of the **e.shield 205** layer over the edge of the termination. For further clarification, refer to the termination detail provided by manufacturer.
- C. Transition to Vertical Walls: When transitioning the horizontal underslab system vertically to a blindside shoring wall, the first layer of drainage shall be installed prior to the placement of any concrete at the perimeter of the excavation, and prior to the placement of any other system materials. The first lift of the composite membrane system shall extend a minimum of 4 feet past the first lift of rebar.

### 3.2.1 GEOCOMPOSITE BASE COURSE

- A. Whenever possible roll out **e.base 205** in the same direction over the substrate. When multiple pours will occur, extend the **e.base 205** a minimum of 2 feet past the pour joint.
- B. Overlap **e.base 205** a minimum of 6 inches.
- C. At the seam overlap peel back the top layer of **e.base 205** and apply 30 mils into the overlapping seam, making certain to apply **e.spray** to both the top of the bottom sheet and the bottom of the top sheet. Embed the top sheet into the bottom sheet.

### 3.2.2 SEALING OF PENETRATIONS

- A. Sealing of Standard Penetrations: Prepare membrane penetrations so they are free of any material that will inhibit a direct bond to the penetration surface: foam, insulation, protective coatings, etc.
  - 1. Trim **e.base 205** to within 1/8 inch of the penetration.
  - 2. Apply **e.roll** 3 inches horizontally and 3 inches vertically around the base of the penetration.
  - 3. Embed **e.poly** reinforcement fabric 3 inches horizontally and 3 inches vertically around the base of the penetration.
  - 4. Apply a second layer of **e.roll** to reinforcement fabric until the reinforcement fabric is fully saturated. Secure **e.poly** reinforcement fabric to penetration with a cable tie.
- B. Soldier Pile Penetrations: Sealing of soldier piles in the field or in a back lagged condition.
  - 1. Clean pile to remove any dirt or rust.
  - 2. Trim **e.base 205** to within 1/8 inch of the soldier pile.
  - 3. Apply **e.roll** onto the **e.base 205** and extend **e.roll** 3 inches beyond the edge of the collar in all directions.
  - 4. Embed **e.poly** reinforcement fabric into the previously applied **e.roll** and then saturate fabric with another application of **e.roll**.
  - 5. 1 row of **e.stop b** shall be installed vertically on the interior cross section of the soldier pile and extend from the top of the collar to the top of wall.

### 3.2.3 POLYMER MODIFIED ASPHALT MEMBRANE

- A. Mask off adjoining surfaces where unwanted **e.spray** polymer modified asphalt membrane may impact other construction trades.
- B. Commence application of **e.spray** polymer modified asphalt when ambient air temperatures are within manufacturer recommendations.
- C. Surfaces that will receive the membrane must be clean and free from standing moisture.
- D. Start installing **e.spray** in presence of approved 3rd party inspector, or required city inspector.
- E. Apply one application of **e.spray** membrane in accordance to manufacturer's instructions in order to obtain a seamless membrane with a minimum dry film thickness of 60 mils (1.5 mm).

- F. Apply **e.spray/e.roll** in and around penetrations and cavities to ensure the formation of monolithic seal around all penetrations.
- G. Apply **e.spray/e.roll** to prepared wall terminations and vertical surfaces to heights indicated according to manufacturer's recommendations and details. (if applicable)
- H. Verify **e.spray** thickness of every 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> (93 m<sup>2</sup>), or as required by specifying engineer.

#### 3.2.4 GEOCOMPOSITE PROTECTION COURSE

- A. Install **e.shield 205** protection course perpendicular to the direction of base course.
- B. Overlap **e.shield 205** seams a minimum of 6 inches.
- C. Secure the seams of **e.shield 205** by applying 30 mils of **e.spray** in-between the seam overlap. Apply a second 30 mil layer of **e.spray** on top of the seam overlap, completely covering the seam overlap.
- D. Do not penetrate the membrane system once it has been applied. If the methane barrier is penetrated, immediately contact the applicator. Failure to bring the breach of the membrane to the applicators attention and not allowing adequate time to make the necessary repair will result in voidance of warranty.

#### 3.3 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Smoke Test: Conduct smoke test on all under slab areas upon installation of the base sheet, the sealing all of penetrations, and application of **e.spray**. All deficient areas shall be noted and marked for repair, then the necessary repairs shall be made. Refer to manufactures smoke testing protocol for additional guidance.
- B. Independent inspectors and certified applicators shall document the amount of **e.spray** used and document quantities in the inspection report.

#### 3.4 CURING PROTECTING AND CLEANING

- A. Allow for polymer modified asphaltic emulsion to fully bond with the substrate, generally this occurs 24 to 48 hours after application depending on ambient weather conditions.
- B. Take care to prevent contamination and damage during application stages and curing. All machinery, other trades, and general construction, shall NOT take place over the membrane until inspection is complete and concrete has been placed.
- C. Prevent damage during the placement of overburden.

#### 3.5 REPAIRS

- A. Underslab:
  - 1. Inspect damaged area to determine which system components have been damaged.
  - 2. If the base sheet has not been compromised, patch only the areas that have been damaged by re-installing the damaged materials. The patch should extend 6 inches beyond the damaged area.

3. If the base sheet has been breached but no additional system components have been installed, install a patch below and above the base sheet that extends 6 inches beyond the damaged area. Area shall be sealed using the specified method for sealing the base sheet.
4. If the damaged area has breached the base sheet and additional components have been installed over the base sheet, the area will require removal of the overlying components to expose the base sheet.
5. If the damage is less than 3 inches, the base sheet will need to be opened up to create a minimum 4-inch diameter circle to allow access.
6. Place a minimum 8-inch diameter coupon under the base sheet and seal using the specified method for seaming the base sheet. If heat welding the seam, probe the seam to ensure a uniform seal.
7. Apply a reinforcement detail of **e.roll** and reinforcement fabric 6 inches beyond the edge of the repair area.
8. Apply the remaining layers as specified.

End of Section