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**NOTE: The referenced attachments with project diagrams, schedules, and supplier correspondence are in formats that do not meet the Federal accessibility requirements for publication on the Agency's website. Hence, these exhibits have been omitted from this waiver publication. They are available upon request by emailing [CWSRFWaiver@epa.gov](mailto:CWSRFWaiver@epa.gov).**

**Re: East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District – 2021 Water Main CIP  
DWRP Project No: 140771D-I AIS Availability Waiver Request for 20” Aluminum Meter Pit Cover**

Dear Mr. Worker:

RMS Utilities would like to request a project-specific waiver according to the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements for the 20" Aluminum Meter Pit Covers with Cast Iron Lids (per plans and specifications for this project). The justification for this request is that Cast Iron Lids are either tough to find or are not made in the United States; most Cast Iron is made in China. The support for a waiver is summarized in the below descriptions of the project's specifications, schedule, and material availability.

Summary of Specifications

RMS Utilities used [REDACTED] (Supplier) as the pipe and fittings to supply materials for this project. It has come to our attention that there are twelve (12) 20" Aluminum Meter Pit Covers that RMS Utilities has installed that are not AIS Certified. These meter pit covers are the standard covers that the East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District has used in the past but are not AIS Certified. These meter pit covers have cast iron covers that cannot be certified. The Cast Iron Covers that can be supplied from [REDACTED] are 30 weeks out; our other suppliers either do not provide this product or cannot get Cast Iron Covers made in the USA. Delays in receiving the AIS Certified Meter Pit Covers would cause a significant risk to the East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District.

Summary of Availability

Due to national shortages in fittings procurement, significant delays to the meter pit covers with cast iron lids have been reported from all domestic sources. We then began a nationwide search for the approved domestic meter pit covers and from alternative suppliers. These alternative suppliers included [REDACTED]. RMS Utilities received confirmation of similar delays to Meter Pit Covers with approved AIS Certified Cast Iron Lids. We have contacted [REDACTED], and they cannot get meter pit covers with cast iron lids made in the USA; [REDACTED] does not supply these; and our leading supplier for this project, [REDACTED], cannot get us AIS Certified covers for 30 weeks.

Supplier	AIS Compliant?	Meet Specs	Planned Installation	Quoted Lead Time	Price of Valves	Notes
[REDACTED]	Yes	Yes	May 2022	30 weeks minimum	[REDACTED]	RMS has received non-AIS certified valves
[REDACTED]	No	No	May 2022	Cannot supply		[REDACTED] cannot get cast iron made domestically. The cast iron they receive is made in China.
[REDACTED]	Cannot Supply		May 2022	Cannot supply		[REDACTED] does not sell meter pit covers

Based on the information above, RMS Utilities requests a waiver of the AIS requirement, and approval to use the products received from [REDACTED], a non-Certified domestic source approved by the City and the Engineer of Record. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (719) 589-4263 for any questions.