

SOMASTIC PIPE COATING

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Permanent Protection of Underground Pipe Lines a Bechtel Division Activity

SOIL CORROSION is the principal destructive force shortening the useful life of underground steel pipe lines. Its prevention is the objective of Bechtel Corporation's Somastic Pipe Coating Division, which carries on a successful crusade started more than 15 years ago when Bechtel interests first commercially introduced this protective treatment.

*Somastic Pipe Coating, a research-developed product, is a dense, tough asphalt mastic. In use it is a uniformly thick, water-resistant non-conductive covering firmly bonded to the pipe it protects, extending along the entire length of the treated pipe line without joints or seams. Since earning a remarkable score in the A.P.I. - U. S. Bureau of Standards 10 Year Pipe Coating Tests and proved on many operating pipe lines, it has become the acknowledged champion, specified wherever long lasting protection must be certain.

The Division, under Vice President J. Perry Yates and headed by J. S. Connell, General Manager, is the only one in the company engaged in manufacturing as well as engineering and construction. In this case, manufacturing consists of compounding the pipe coating material to carefully controlled specifications in hot plants, and applying the coating to previously cleaned and primed pipe by means of specially-designed extrusion equipment. This is done either at the central plant located in Watson, near Wilmington, California, or at a railhead plant set up near the pipe line to be coated.

Of key importance to the Somastic Pipe Coating operation are the superintendents—W. E. Trimmell,

Leon Garrott, W. N. Morgan and L. B. Hampton, "honest-to-God construction stiff with the know-how" according to Manager Connell.

Dick Trimmell, General Superintendent of the Division, is responsible for all operations, central plant and field. He is one of three brothers—Dale, formerly with Bechtel-McCone and now with R. A. Conyes, a Bechtel associate, and Dave, field joint supervisor for Somastic Division. He has been with Bechtel for ten years, the entire time on Somastic Pipe Coating. Like all Somastic superintendents, he was developed by the Division.

Bill Morgan, superintendent of equipment and maintenance, is an old-fashioned master mechanic who keeps the equipment working and develops improved versions of the specialized machinery. He was at Calship and is another 10 year man.

Lloyd Hampton began with Somastic at the original Kettleman Hills plant in the mid-thirties, under Pop Thorne. Off and on he has been with the Division ever since, put together and operated the successful reclamation plant on the recent San Ardo-Estero Bay pipe line, and is now plant superintendent at the Watson central plant.

Leon Garrott, another Somastic veteran, has continuously been in charge of field joint work and all railhead plants, except for his army service during the war. The Salt Lake pipe line job, with railhead plant stationed at Ogden, and two prior Utah locations on the Rangely and Mountain Fuel pipe lines respectively have been recent field locations for him.

*Trade Mark Reg. U. S. Pat. Off



DICK TRIMMELL



LEON GARROTT



BILL MORGAN



LLOYD HAMPTON