# RIFLE RANGE FACILITIES:



DESIGN REFERENCE FOR .22 CAL. AND BLACK POWDER RIFLE RANGE INCLUDING RANGE LAYOUT, LOCATION / ORIENTATION, LEAD RECOVERY, BULLET STOP CRITERIA AND PLANS FOR FIRING LINE SHELTER, SHOOTING BENCH, TARGET HOLDER, GUN RACK, BULLET DEFLECTOR / TRAP AND RICOCHET CATCHER.



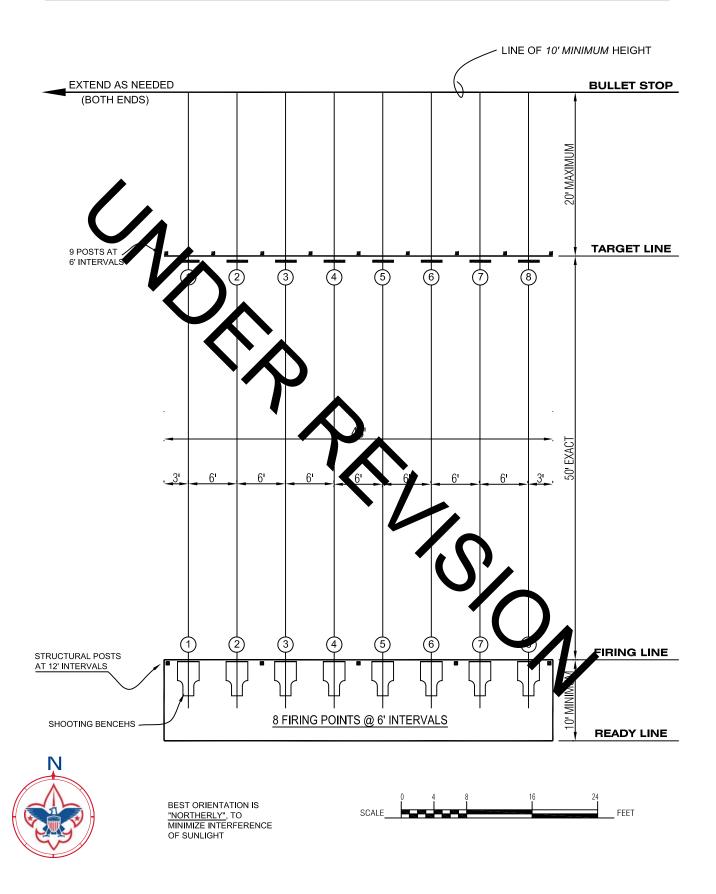
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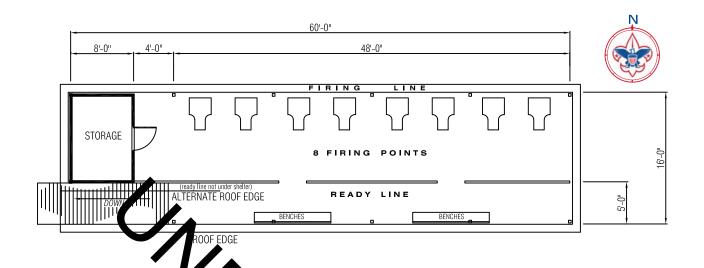




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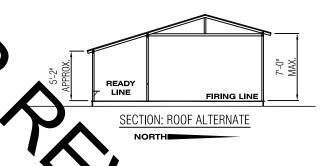


### RIFLE RANGE SHELTER AND EQUIPMENT

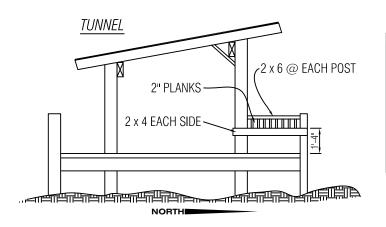


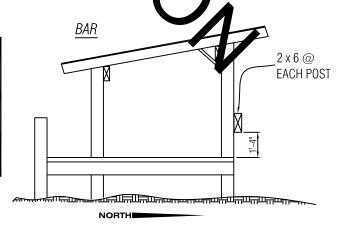
## SHELTER REQUIRE JENTS

- \* 8 FIRING POSITIONS
- CONCRETE SLAB OR WOOD DECK FLOOP
- \* SIMPLE, OPEN STRUCTURE WITH LOW EXCES AND ADEQUATE OVERHANG OF ROOF. PITE YED OR SHED ROOF DESIGN TO PROVIDE RUN-OFF OVERHANG IMPORTANT ON SOUTH SIDE TO SHELTER THE READY LINE.
- \* STORAGE LOCKER FOR EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.
- CONSIDER GUTTERING OR DRIP DIVERTERS, AS APPROPRIATE, PLUS CRUSHED ROCK UNDER THE DRIP LINE.



# CONSTRUCTION METHOLS



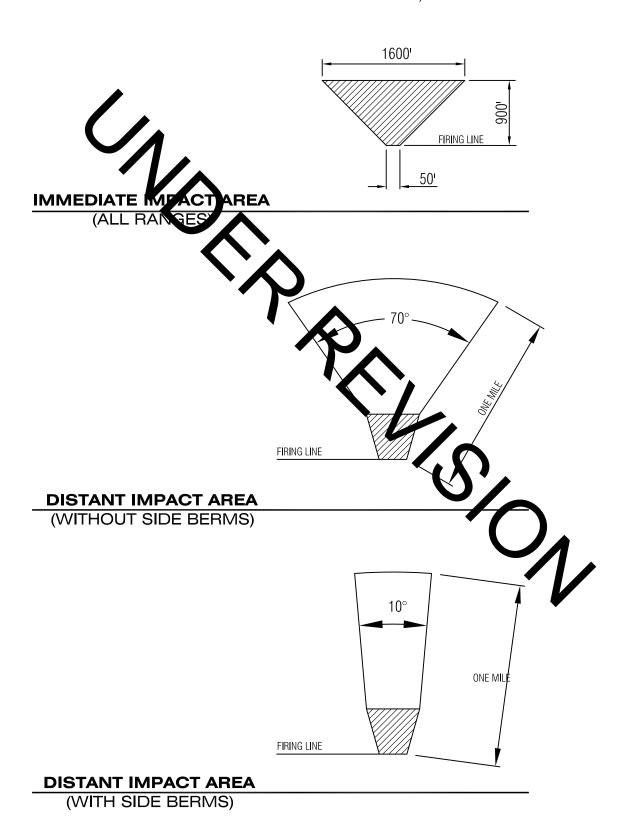


(THINK SAFETY)

- 1. IMMEDIATE IMPACT AREA IS FULLY CONTAINED WITHIN PROPERTY BOUNDARIES.
- 2. BEST ORIENTATION IS NORTH TO NORTHEAST, TO MINIMIZE SUNLIGHT INTERFERENCE.

## IMPACT AREAS

(NOTE: ACTUAL CONFIGURATIONS WILL BE DETERMINED BY LOCAL CONDITIONS.)



#### **FENCING**

- 1. RANGE MUST BE ENCLOSED WITH A PHYSICAL BARRIER FENCE. THIS INCLUDES FIRING LINE, TARGET LINE, ENTIRE BULLET STOP AND ANY OTHER AREA CONTROLLED BY RANGEMASTER.
- 2. IMMEDIATE IMPACT AREA MUST BE MARKED AND / OR FLAGGED TO WARN OF DANGER.
- 3. ACTUAL DISTANT IMPACT AREA IS LOCALLY DETERMINED, AS ARE ITS SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

#### LEAD RECOVERY

LEAD IS CLASSIFIED AS A <u>HAZARDOUS MATERIAL</u>. INTRODUCTION OF LEAD INTO THE ENVIRONMENT REQUIRES THAT THE COUNCIL DOCUMENTS A MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR <u>SCHEDULED</u> PERIODIC RECOVERY, REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL AT A LICENSED LOCATION.

RECOVERY USUALLY INVOLVES SIFTING THE SOIL AND ISOLATING LEAD. THIS CAN BE FACILITATED BY MEANS OF A CONSTRUCTED BULLET DEFLECTOR OR BY A COMMERCIALLY MADE BULLET TRAP.

#### REFERENCES:

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- 2. LEAD M BILITY AT SHOOTING RANGES, 1996, SPORTING ARMS AND AMMUNITION MANUFACTURE'S INSTITUTE.
- 3. THE RANGE LANUX, A GODE TO PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION, 1989, THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

#### BULLET STOP CRITERIA

EARTH BERMS: USE ONLY HOMOLENEOUS SOME FREE OF ROCK OR OTHER MATERIAL LIKELY TO CAUSE RICOCHET.

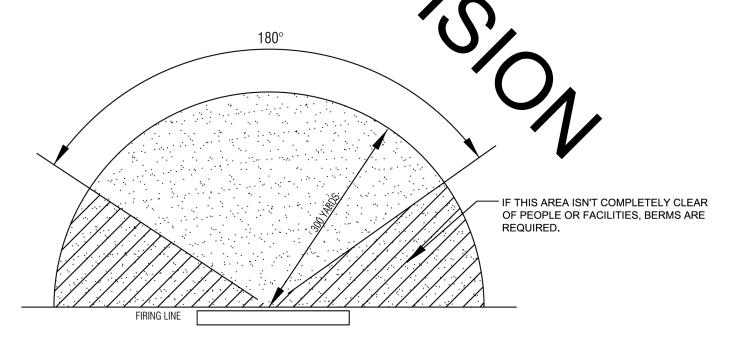
#### **BACKSTOP**

BACKSTOP BERM: REQUIRED IF SLOPE OF GROUND SURFACE WITHIN 50' BEYOND TARGET LINE IS . . . . .

- a. LESS THAN 35°, OR
- b. DOES NOT EXCEED 10 FEET IN HEIGHT ABOVE F EVALUATION F FIRING LINE.

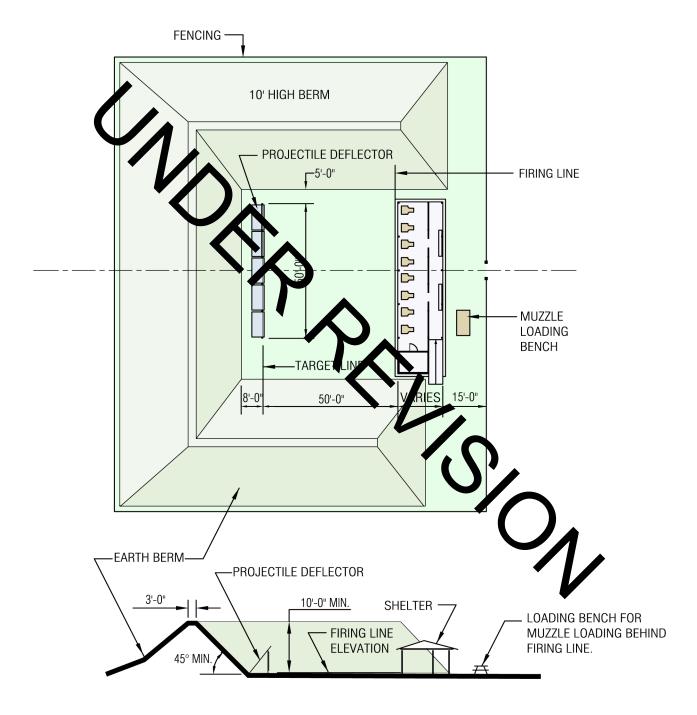
#### SIDE BERM(S)

REQUIRED WHERE PEOPLE OR FACILITIES MAY BE ADJACENT TO THE RANGE WITHIN A 300 YARD RADIUS ARC OF 180°, FORWARD OF, AND CENTERED ON, THE FIRING LINE.



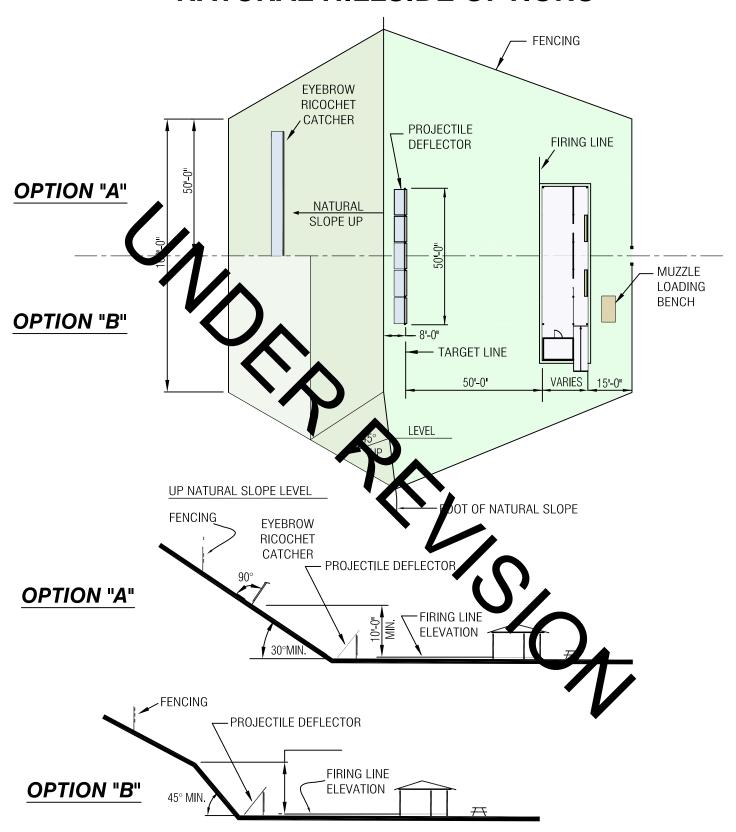
THIS REFERENCE INFORMATION MAY BE INSUFFICIENT FOR LOCAL CONDITIONS, AND FINAL AUTHORITY FOR RANGE SAFETY RESIDES WITH RANGEMASTER.

# **EARTH BERM**



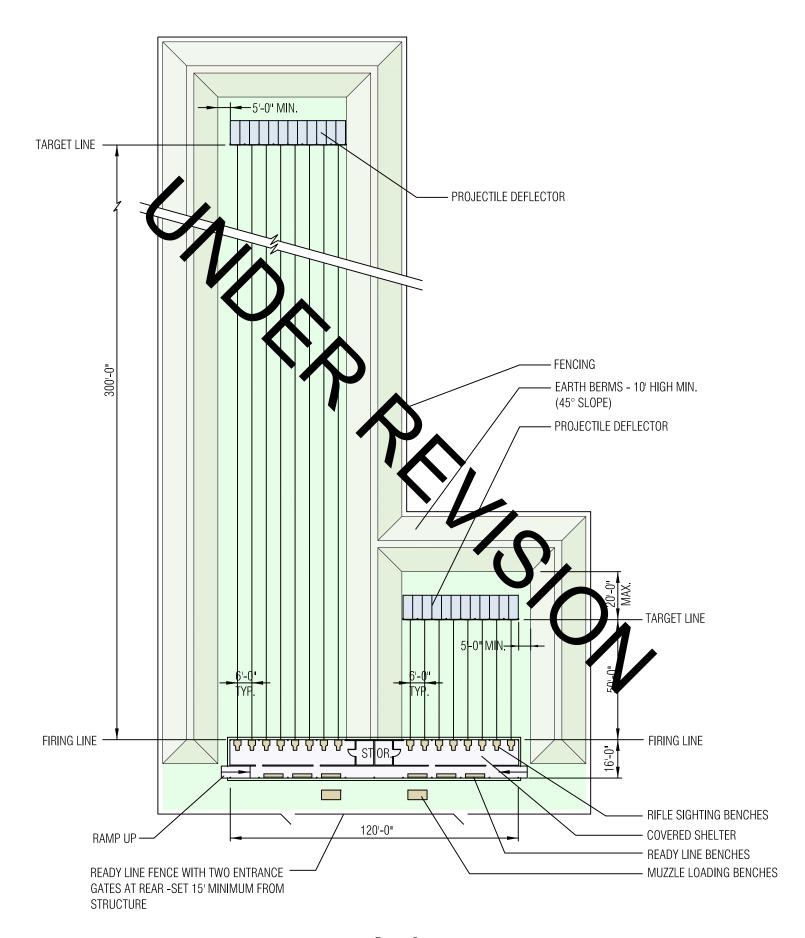
SIDE BERMS, TEN FEET IN HEIGHT, ARE REQUIRED ALONG THE RIGHT AND / OR LEFT SIDES OF THE RIFLE RANGE, CONNECTING THE BACKSTOP (BUILT-UP EARTH OR NATURAL HILLSIDE) TO THE FIRING LINE WHENEVER THERE ARE ROADS, BUILDINGS, CAMPSITES OR OTHER FACILITIES ADJACENT TO THE RANGE AND IN THE DIRECT LINE OF SIGHT WITHIN A 180 DEGREE ARC ALONG AND IN FRONT OF THE FIRING LINE.

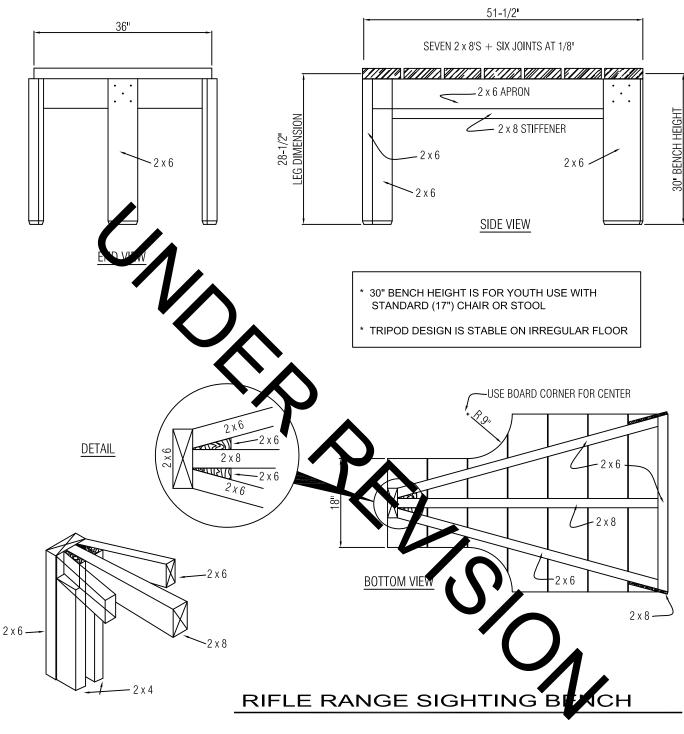
## **NATURAL HILLSIDE OPTIONS**



#### EYEBROW RICOCHET CATCHER

AN EYEBROW RICOCHET CATCHER IS NEEDED WHEN THE NATURAL OR CUT HILLSIDE IS LESS THAN 45 DEGREES, BUT GREATER THAN THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE ANGLE OF 35 DEGREES. USE PRESSURE-TREATED 4" x 4" POSTS AND 3/4" PLYWOOD OR NOMINAL 2" DIMENSION LUMBER. THE BOTTOM OF THE CATCHER MUST BE LOCATED 10' ABOVE THE FIRING LINE ELEVATION. INSTALL THE CATCHER AT 90 DEGREES TO THE SLOPE OF THE HILL.

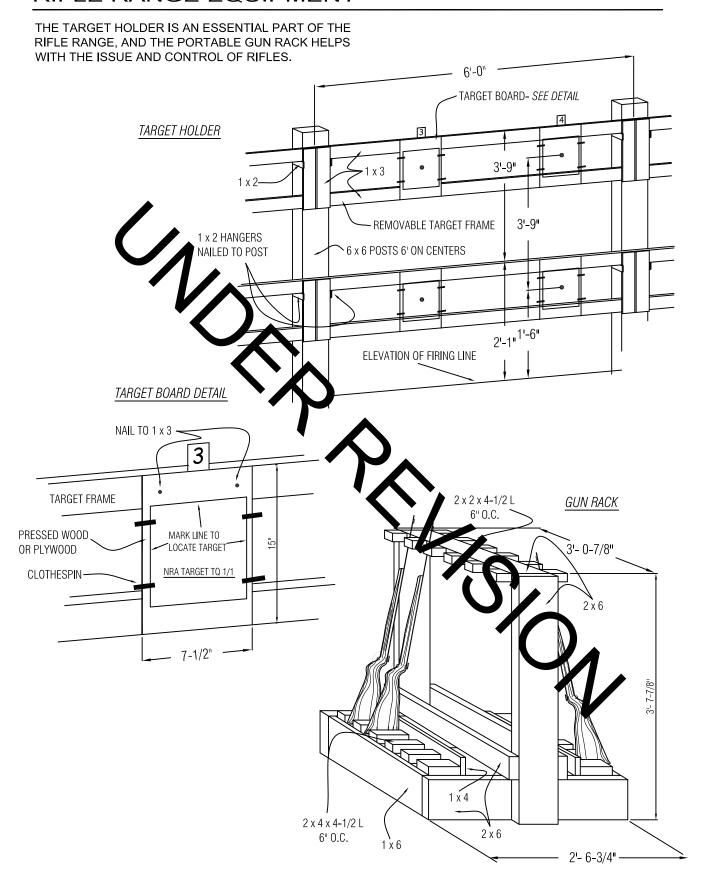


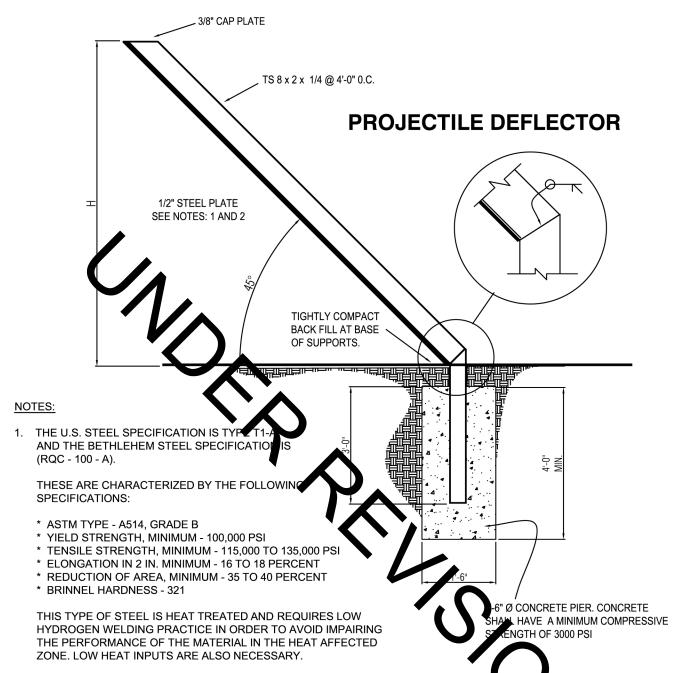


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  LEG ASSEMBLY

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  - \* IMPORTANT : GLUE AND NAIL ALL JOINTS.
  - \* FOR BEST RESULTS, USE CCA PRESSURE-TREATED LUMBER ( WOLMANIZED OR EQUAL)
  - \* THANKS TO THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION, AND NORTH FLORIDA COUNCIL, #87, BSA





2. STEEL PLATES SHALL HAVE MILLED EDGES AT ALL JOINTS. JOINTS SHALL BE BUTTED FLUSH AND SMOOTH. PLATES SHALL BE FREE FROM BUCKLE OR WAVE AFTER ERECTION. EXCELDING ES SHALL BE BEVELED AT 45 DEGREES TO A FILLET APPROXIMATELY 1/16" THICK. THERE SHALL BE IN HORIZONTAL JOINTS IN ANY STEEL PLATE WORK. WELDING SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY CODE FOR WELDING IN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.

STEEL PLATE SHALL BE SPOT WELDED TO STEEL SUPPORTS NOT MORE THAN 6 INCHES ON CENTER ALONG THE LENGTH OF SUPPORT.

- 3. PRIME AND PAINT ALL STEEL.
- 4. WHERE 2 PLATES ABUT, JOINTS SHALL OCCUR ON THE CENTER LINE OF THE SUPPORTING TUBE. OVERLAP PLATE ON TUBE AT END SO THAT NO PORTION OF THE TUBE IS EXPOSED TO THE LINE OF FIRE.
- 5. TUBE SIZE AND FOOTING ARE SIZED FOR MAXIMUM "H" OF 12'-0". IF "H" EXCEEDS 12'-0", TUBE SIZE AND FOOTING DEPTH SHALL INCREASE.