TEMPORARY STRAND CUTTING SEQUENCE

- 1. ERECT AND BRACE GIRDERS.
- 2. JUST PRIOR TO CUTTING THE TEMPORARY STRANDS, REMOVE EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE IN BLOCKOUTS IN TOP FLANGE OF GIRDERS. ONCE THE EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE STRAND DETENSIONING BLOCKOUT, PREVENT MOISTURE FROM ENTERING THE BLOCKOUT UNTIL THE TEMPORARY TOP STRAND IS CUT AND THE BLOCKOUT FILLED WITH GROUT.
- 3. CUT STRANDS IN BLOCKOUTS. STRANDS MAY BE CUT BY USING A CUTTING TORCH AND MOVING THE FLAME BACK AND FORTH OVER THE LENGTH OF EXPOSED STRAND TO LET INDIVIDUAL WIRES BREAK ONE AT A TIME TO LESSEN THE SHOCK TO THE GIRDER. STRANDS SHALL BE RELEASED IN A SYMMETRICAL MANNER ABOUT THE GIRDER CENTERLINE STARTING WITH THOSE FURTHEST FROM THE CENTERLINE AND WORKING INWARDS. FOR POST-TENSIONED TEMPORARY TOP STRANDS, ACTIVELY RESTRAIN THE STRAND CHUCKS AT THE GIRDER ENDS DURING CUTTING.
- WITHIN 24 HOURS OF CUTTING THE TEMPORARY STRANDS,
 4. FILL THE BLOCKOUTS WITH A GROUT CONFORMING TO STD.
 SPEC. 9-20.3(2). REMOVE ALL MOISTURE IN BLOCKOUTS
 PRIOR TO FILLING THEM WITH GROUT.

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STANDARD
PRESTRESSED CONCRETE GIRDERS

PAGED CROGGREAM PREGIREGED GIRDER

RAISED CROSSBEAM PRESTRESSED GIRDER CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE

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