



Rinker's Florida Region Offering Pipe Inspection Support, Value Added Services

In order to assist customers, Rinker Materials Concrete Pipe Division's Florida Region has begun conducting pre-installation and pre-inspection meetings. Rinker wants its customers to pass final pipe inspections and to minimize potential problems during installation. When convenient for customers, Rinker has met with pipe crews at the job site to conduct brief discussions on pipe quality, installation, and inspection. Pre-installation topics typically include proper gasket and joint installation, identifying and repairing minor pipe damage, and FDOT pipe inspection expectations. Rinker has also met with its customers and owners' engineers to discuss final inspection expectations during pre-inspection meetings held at project field offices.

Preferably, the owner or its construction engineering inspector (CEI) is present during the job site pre-installation meetings. One of the primary benefits of job site presence is that you develop a constructive relationship with the owner and CEI. Established relationships "pay dividends" when potential concerns arise and all parties are seeking a resolution.



Willy Hernandez and Doug Holdener, Rinker Materials, hold a pre-installation meeting with a customer's pipe crew.

Rinker's Florida Region provides multiple value added services for its customers. In addition to providing pre-installation and pre-inspection support, Rinker is authorized to function as a specialty engineer to provide product engineering and final pipe inspection reviews and reports. In those cases in which potential problems arise during the final pipe inspection, Rinker helps its customers provide the owner with solutions rather than just a list of problems. Without an internal specialty engineer, customers may otherwise need to hire a third party engineering consultant at additional expense. Considering the cost of professional engineering consultants and that point repairs and sectional liners cost at minimum between \$500 and \$3,000, Rinker's ability to mitigate issues for the customer without warranting unnecessary repair adds real, significant value.