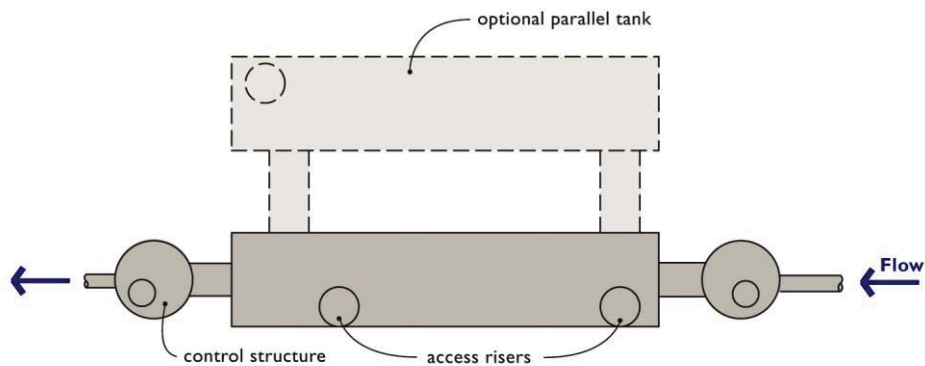


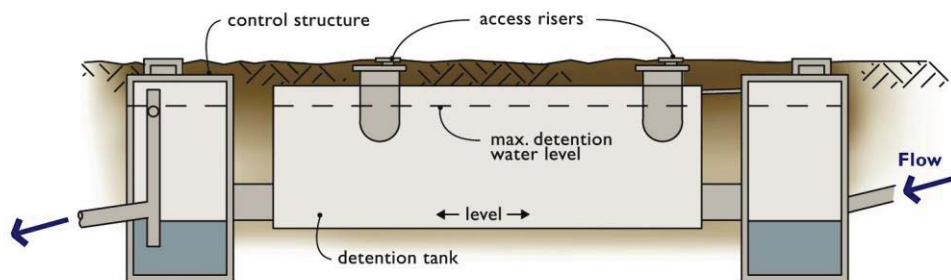
3.3 Closed Detention Systems (Tanks/Vaults)

Closed detention systems function similar to detention ponds with the temporary storage volume provided by an underground structure to regulate the storm discharge rate from the site. The structure is typically constructed of large diameter pipe (48" diameter or greater) or a concrete box (Vault). These systems are typically utilized for sites that do not have space available for an above-ground system and are more commonly associated with commercial sites.

Underground detention systems are an enclosed space where harmful chemicals and vapors can accumulate. Therefore, the inspection and maintenance of these facilities should be conducted by an individual with training and certification in working in hazardous confined spaces.



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW



Note:
Closed detention systems will contain water during rainfall events, but should be empty during dry periods.

SIDE PROFILE

Closed Detention Systems (Tanks/Vaults) Checklist

Frequency	Drainage System Feature	Date				Problem	Conditions to Check For	Conditions That Should Exist
		✓	✓	✓	✓			
M	Storage Area					Plugged Air Vents	One-half of the cross section of a vent is blocked at any point or the vent is damaged.	Vents open and functioning.
M	Storage Area					Debris and Sediment	Accumulated sediment depth exceeds 10% of the diameter of the storage area for ½ length of storage vault or any point depth exceeds 15% of diameter. (Example: 72-inch storage tank would require cleaning when sediment reaches depth of 7 inches for more than 1/2 length of tank.)	All sediment and debris removed from storage area.
A	Storage Area					Joints Between Tank/Pipe Section	Any openings or voids allowing material to be transported into facility. (Will require engineering analysis to determine structural stability).	All joint between tank/pipe sections are sealed.
A	Storage Area					Tank Pipe Bent Out of Shape	Any part of tank/pipe is bent out of shape more than 10% of its design shape. (Review required by engineer to determine structural stability).	Tank/pipe repaired or replaced to design.
A	Storage Area					Vault Structure Includes Cracks in Wall, Bottom, Damage to Frame and/or Top Slab	Cracks wider than 1/2-inch and any evidence of soil particles entering the structure through the cracks, or maintenance/inspection personnel determines that the vault is not structurally sound.	Vault replaced or repaired to design specifications and is structurally sound.
A	Storage Area						Cracks wider than 1/2-inch at the joint of any inlet/outlet pipe or any evidence of soil particles entering the vault through the walls	No cracks more than 1/4-inch wide at the joint of the inlet/outlet pipe.
A	Manhole					Cover Not in Place	Cover is missing or only partially in place. Any open manhole requires maintenance.	Manhole is closed.
A	Manhole					Locking Mechanism Not Working	Mechanism cannot be opened by one maintenance person with proper tools. Bolts into frame have less than 1/2 inch of thread (may not apply to self-locking lids).	Mechanism opens with proper tools.

Closed Detention Systems (Tanks/Vaults) Checklist (Continued)

Frequency	Drainage System Feature	Date				Problem	Conditions to Check For	Conditions That Should Exist
		✓	✓	✓	✓			
A	Manhole					Cover Difficult to Remove	One maintenance person cannot remove lid after applying normal lifting pressure. Intent is to keep cover from sealing off access to maintenance.	Cover can be removed and reinstalled by one maintenance person.
A	Manhole					Ladder Rungs Unsafe	Ladder is unsafe due to missing rungs, misalignment, not securely attached to structure wall, rust, or cracks.	Ladder meets design standards. Allows maintenance person safe access.

If you are unsure whether a problem exists, please contact a Professional Engineer.

Comments:

Key:

(M) Monthly from November through April.

(A) Once in late summer (preferable September)

(S) After any major storm (use 1-inch in 24 hours as a guideline).