

## New Deck Curing Procedures



Northbound Structure built 2016

Capitol Int.-  
Cedar Int.  
Project



Southbound Structure built 2017

# Outline

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- Before Placement
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# This is new to Contractors

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Go over specs..

- At Preconstruction Meeting
- Again, in detail, at the Pre-Placement Meeting
- Identify which Contractor personnel will be on site to monitor temps/add plastic and blankets
- MDT also needs an inspector on site until the blankets go down.

# Deck Cure Worksheet

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Find it on the MDT website under construction worksheets or email me.

We want to track certain data about the placements

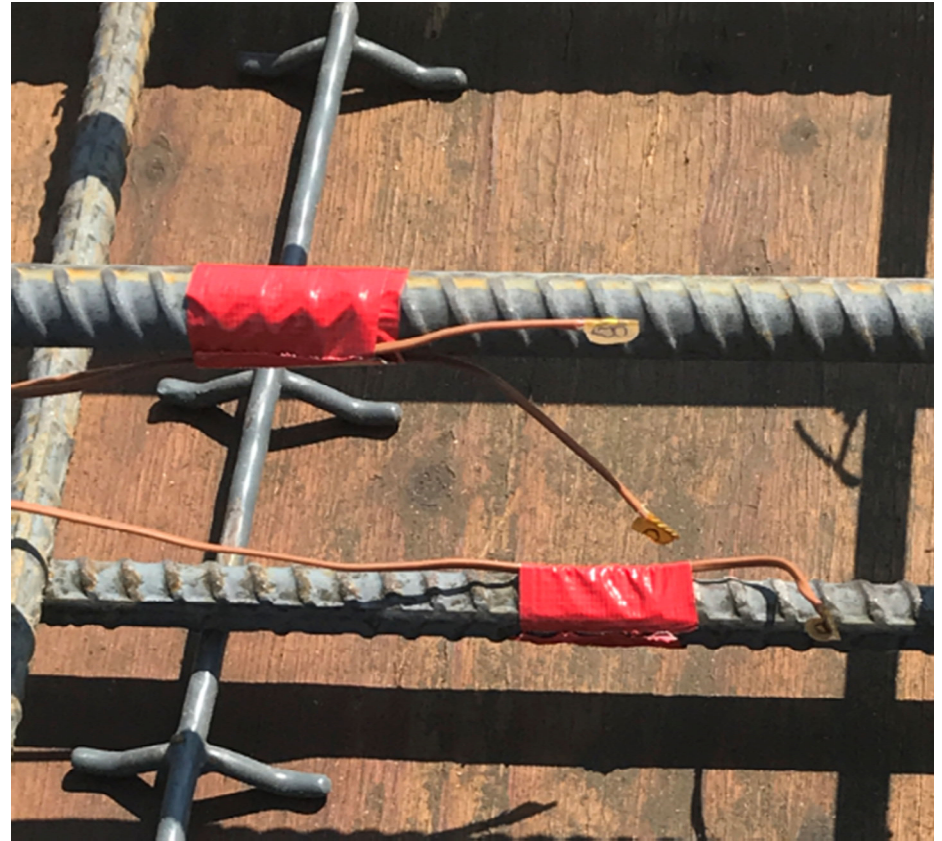
You will need the worksheet during placement and during cure phase.

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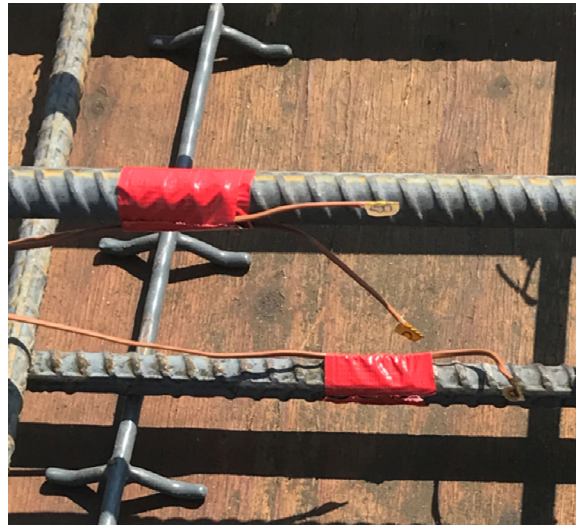
In 3 locations per concrete placement, place 4 probes:

- 2' above deck
- Top Mat
- Middle
- Bottom Mat



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Get familiar with the probes beforehand.

Download/install free software (see special provision)

Practice collecting data, changing batteries, etc.

# Contractors Have to Prevent Drying

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## During Placement

- Fogging
- Burlap
- No plastic sheeting yet



# Evaporative Cooling

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Fogging the burlap is continued to keep concrete cool.

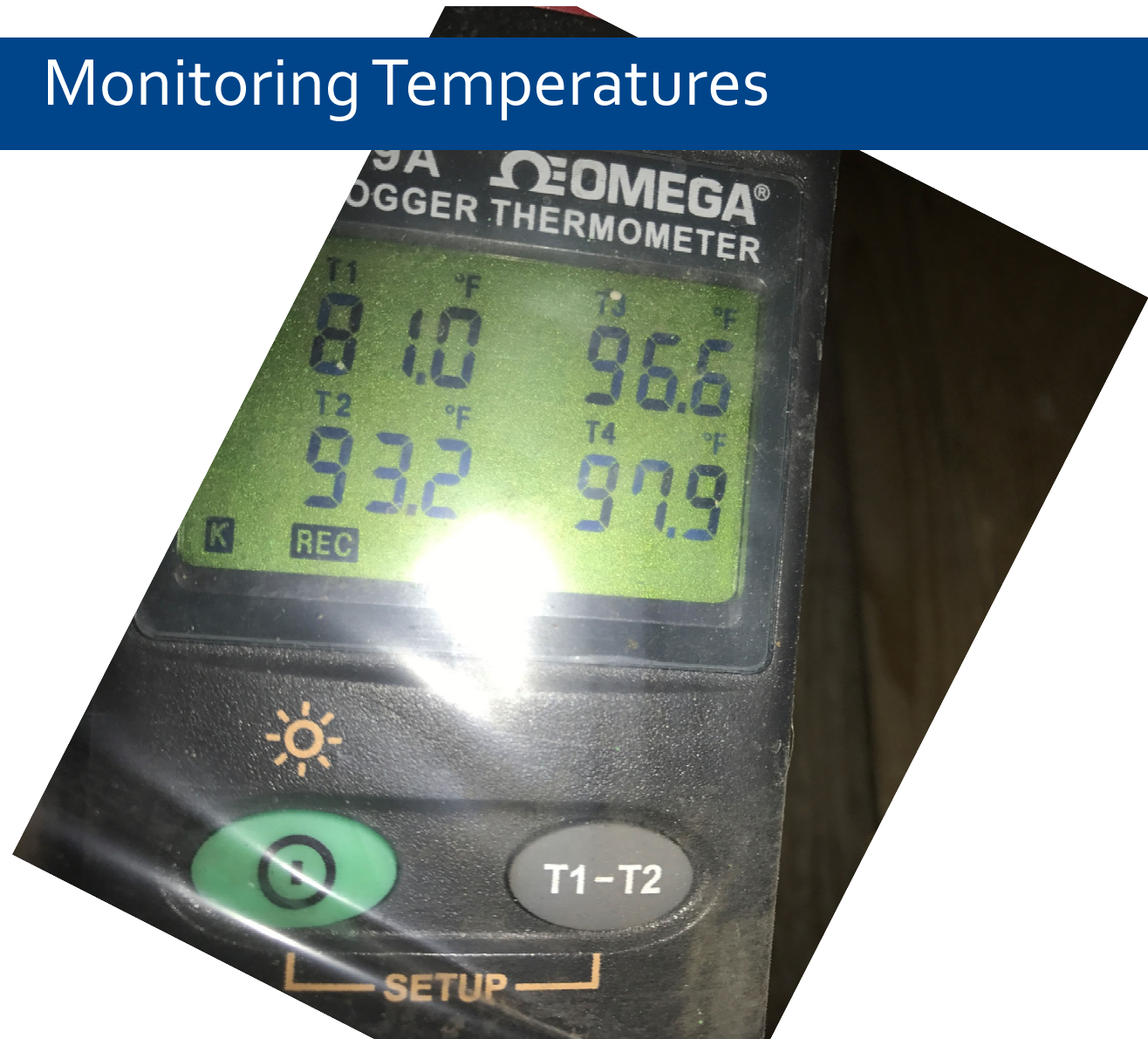
Soaker hoses placed when possible.

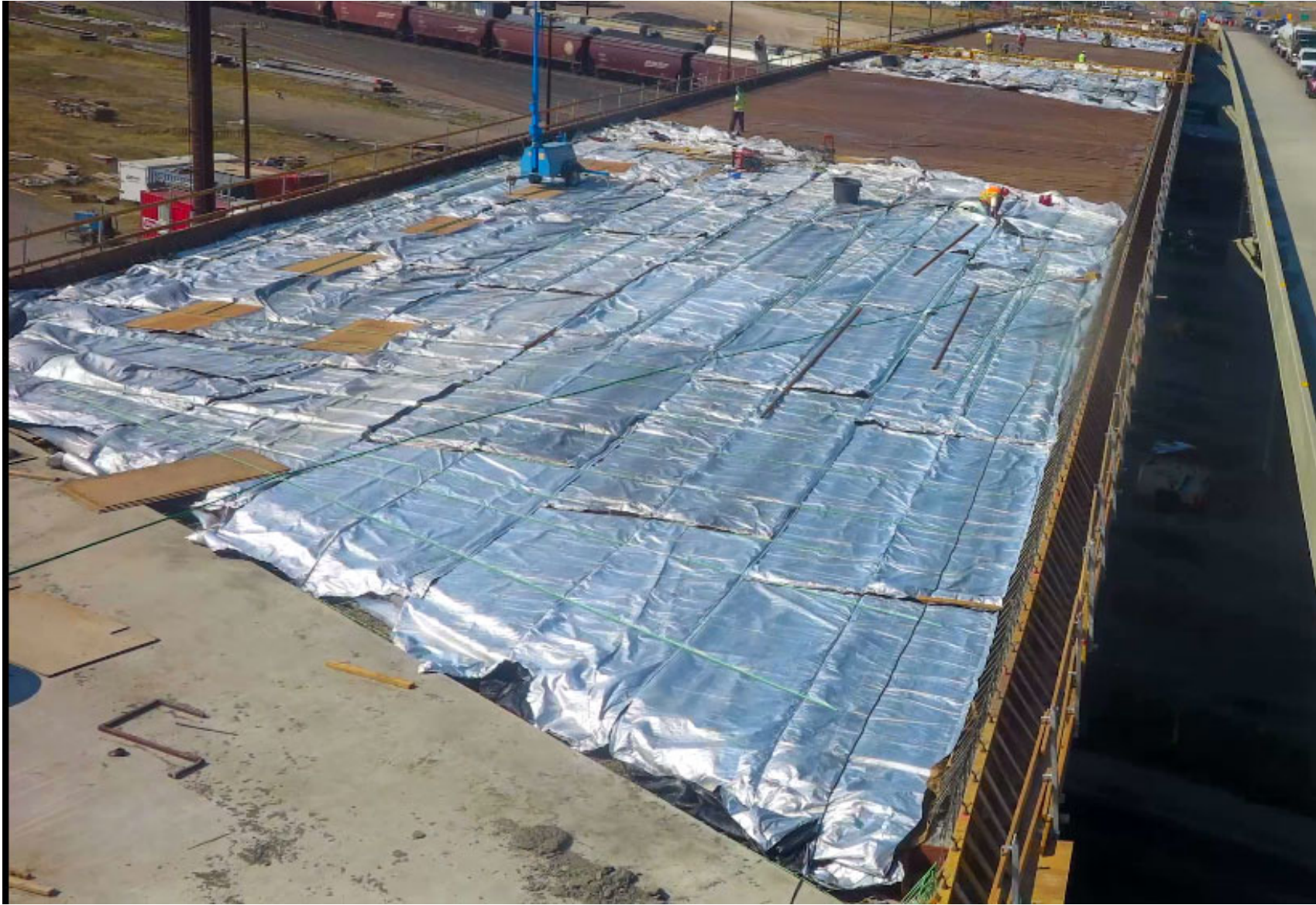
One hour after concrete temps peak, plastic sheeting and concrete blankets are placed (silver side up), water is turned off.

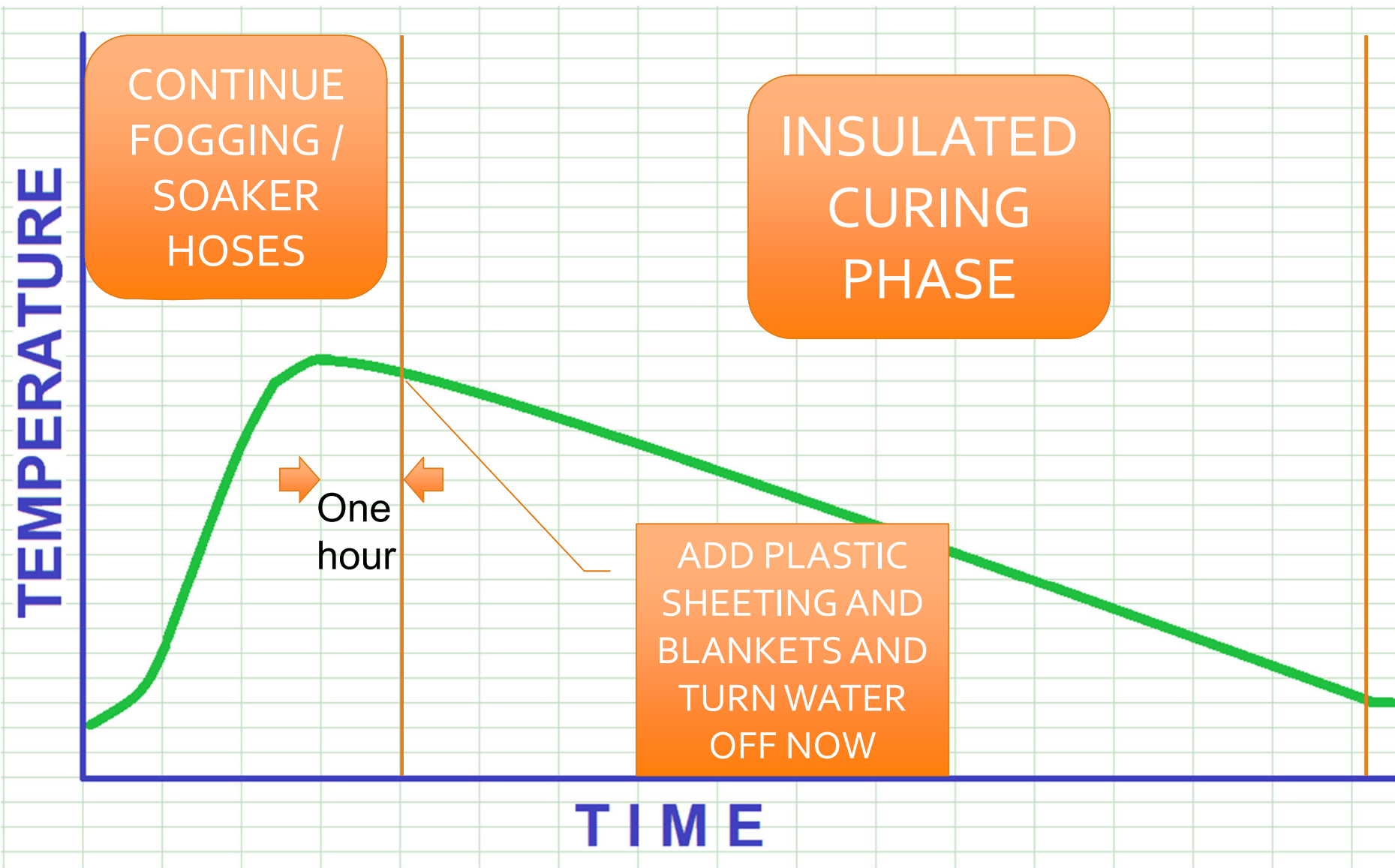


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# Remove Cure Materials When

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- Concrete is within 5 degrees of outside air temp, *and*
- Temperatures within the deck are uniform (within 10 degrees), *and*
- At least 96 hours cure time



# Crack Assessment

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- Mark cracks with a keel (crayon) as the deck dries.
- Draw a diagram of the deck and show crack locations/spacing/widths.
- Send worksheet and map to Fred or Shane.





Questions?

