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TITLE: Publication 408, Section 720 - Water

REMARKS:

Add subsection 720.3 – Water for only curing cement concrete, mortar, or grout

- Remove onerous testing requirements from ASTM C1602 when water is only used for curing
- Restores use of local water sources for curing, when tested for pH and total solids as it was required in Pub 408, 2016-Ch7

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