Sump Design Criteria

- a) Sump Pit Details
 - .1 Sump pits are to be a minimum of 750 mm (30") deep, and 0.25 m² in area.
 - .2 Sump pits are to be fitted with a tightly fitting removable cover.
 - .3 Sump pits will be constructed of concrete, plastic, or non-corrosive metal.
 - .4 Locate sumps as close to the basement exterior wall as possible (1.2m max) on the side of the building that provides positive drainage.
 - .5 Sump pits are to be fitted with an opening to accept a 100mm (4") drain with the invert of the pipe located above the centre of the sump pits' height.
 - .6 Sump pits are to be placed on even, well compacted surface.
- b) Foundation Drain (Weeping Tile) Drainage to Sump Pit
 - .1 Provide a weeping tile collection system around the buildings perimeter tied to a sump pit using a 100mm (4") pipe which discharges into the side of the pit.
 - .2 The outside perimeter of the sump pit, if of metal or plastic, is to be filled with clean washed rock 19mm 25mm (3/4" 1") to facilitate good drainage.
- c) <u>Sump Pump</u>
 - .1 Provide a sump pump (column or submersible type) capable of pumping 0 L/m at 3m (10') of head. The pump is to be connected to an electrical power source (hardwired or by way of an electrical outlet) in accordance with the Electrical Protection Act.
 - .2 The pump shall be fitted with an automatic on/off level control.
 - .3 The pump discharge must be a minimum of 32mm (1 1/4") pipe which is placed under the floor slab and rises up the exterior foundation wall and exits the building. The pipe must be adequately secured to the wall.

- .4 The discharge line within the sump must be equipped with the following valves and fittings as per the requirements of the Alberta Plumbing Code:
 - A union coupling,
 - A check valve located on the downstream side of the union.
- .5 Sump pumps discharging to a storm sewer or foundation collector drain must be equipped with a shut-off valve located downstream of the check valve, so that the connection to the main can be isolated for maintenance, etc.



