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Fabricated Geomembrane Quality

At EPI we test the finished product for quality. We remove a random factory seam sample from every PVC panel as we produce it and each one of EPI's panels has a QC Patch to prove it. Techs never know where or when a sample will be removed.

The Fabricated Geomembrane Institute says "...a destructive

sample from the middle of a production panel is not required. The rationale for this is that years of experience factory fabrication has shown that factory seams are more consistent than field seams probably due to the controlled, clean, favorable, and

constant welding conditions in the factory." (From FGI "Benefits and Cost Advantages of Fabricated Geomembranes")

Probably? Is that Quality Control? They can test trial samples that are made after the panel is made. The problem with this quality control approach is "Human Nature". Any trial weld sample made simply to be sent to the lab for testing after the panel is made will always pass. 100% of the time. Guaranteed! Oh yes, and if the trial seam fails, immediately make another trial seam. Do you think the second one will be the same or better? Years of experience? What about the guy who just started fabricating last week?

Great Quality Control programs are exactly like Great Safety Programs. A safety program that only kicks into gear right after an accident happens is useless. At EPI our Safety Program is proactive. It prevents accidents. It makes work enjoyable, and it saves everyone big money in the long run.

Our Quality Control Program is exactly the same! Proactive... Testing actual PVC factory fabricated geomembrane seams randomly while they are being produced. Saving time. Saving Money. Preventing problems. And we have the test data to back it up. Your fabricated geomembrane liner should be the very best. And don't you think your PVC liner should have an EPI QC Patch to prove it?



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