

**PROPOSAL 1 - PROPOSED UPDATE TO POTHOLE DEFINITION / REFERENCE TO TEST HOLE**  
*(redline follows)*

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REDLINE

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