

STA BOTSTAB2

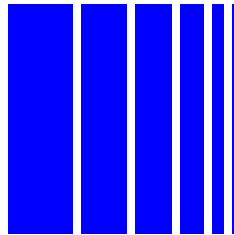
A Program for Rapid Analysis of the On-Bottom Stability of Submarine Pipelines in Accordance with DNV Recommended Practices

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

In 1988 the DNV company Veritec published “Recommended Practice RP-E305, ON-BOTTOM STABILITY DESIGN OF SUBMARINE PIPELINES”. Stewart Technology Associates (STA) implemented the Simplified Stability Analysis in this document and embodied it into an easy to use Excel application called STA BOTSTAB.

Quoting E305:

The Simplified Stability Analysis is based on a quasi-static balance of forces acting on the pipe, but has been calibrated with results from the generalized stability analysis. The method generally gives pipe weights that form a conservative envelope of those obtained from the generalized stability analysis.

This method may be used for the vast majority of stability calculations, where the required submerged weight is the only parameter of interest.

End quote.

STA BOTSTAB has contains curve-fit equations and interpolation methods that remove the need for constantly looking up information in E306. The pipe weight required for an absolutely stable pipe is given by STA BOTSTAB.

In 2007 DNV introduced “Recommended Practice DNV-RP-F109, ON-BOTTOM STABILITY DESIGN OF SUBMARINE PIPELINES” which replaces E306. STA has implemented parts of the Generalized Lateral Stability Analysis method from F109 and incorporated them into STA BOTSTAB2. The full implementation will be completed shortly. The Absolute Lateral Static Stability Method may follow within STA BOTSTAB2.

The pipe weight required for a virtually stable pipe and the weight for a pipe that limits the lateral displacement to 10 pipe diameters are given by STA BOTSTAB2.

Note that this is Rev. 1 of this document and shows some data from STA BOTSTAB2, Rev. 1.

2.0 EXAMPLE SCREENSHOTS

Figure 1 shows the case of a 48” pipeline with 20.6 mm wall thickness and a concrete weight coating, increasing the OD to 58”

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Conditions & Pipe Info.:	Second Trial 48" OD Oil Pipeline with Concrete Weight Coating				Show Graphs	Select Sea Bed Soil Type	
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metric units below	User Defined Variables (in yellow shaded cells only)				normal flow regime		
1.2192 m	48.00 in	Pipe OD (Before Coating)	0.0	1.4732 m	58.00 in	Effective Pipe OD (includes reduction for penetration)	
127.00 mm	5.00 in	Coating Thickness	Penetration Switch	31.00 m	101.71 ft	d, water depth	
2242 kg/m ³	140.0 lbf/ft ³	Coating Density	1 = ON, 0 = OFF	0.127 m	5.00 in	diameter range for stability info. on other pipes	
953.72 kgf/m	640.69 lbf/ft	Ws, submerged weight of pipe & con	Ref. current = 1.01 knot	0.52 m/sec	1.70 ft/sec	Ur, reference current velocity at elevation z _r	
1025 kg/m ³	64.00 lbf/ft ³	pw, mass density of water		5.00 m	16.40 ft	z _r , elevation above sea bed for ref. current	
10.00 m	32.81 ft	Hs, significant wave height		0.90	0.90	C _l , lift force coefficient (typical = 0.90)	
3.00 hr	3.00 hr	Sea state duration in hours		1.20	1.20	C _d , drag coeff. (typ. 1.2 for sub-crit flow, 0.7 oscill.)	
13.00 sec	13.00 sec	Tp, spectral peak period of surface waves		3.29	3.29	C _i , inertial coeff. (typical = 3.29)	
no	n	Wave spreading (yes or no)		0.70	0.70	u _s , friction factor for soil (typical 0.7 for sand)	
0°	0°	θ°, Wave Direction (0° to 90°, 0° gives max)		5.41E+05	5.41E+05	Re, Reynolds no. based on current and pipe diam.	
3.3	3.3	gamma, peakedness parameter (1.0 for PM)		soil type	4	Select Sea Bed Soil Type	
Show Graphs	Tabulated Results - Using Veritec RP E305				Print All	medium sand	
Variables Used to Calculate Velocity Due to Wave Motion and Due to Current, Separately and Combined							
1.78 sec	1.78 sec	T _n =sqrt(d/g), "natural period"	Soil Properties in Accordance with Veritec RP E305 (medium sand)				
0.137	0.137	T _n /T _p , ratio of natural/wave period	0.50 mm	0.020 in	d ₅₀ , mean grain size		
3.69 m	12.10 ft	A ₀ , orbital semi-diameter of particle velocity	4.17E-05 m	4.17E-05 ft	z ₀ , bottom roughness parameter		
0.00	0.00	K _b , Nikuradse's equiv. sand roughness param.	0.81	0.81	U _b /U _r velocity reduction factor for steady current		
16.61	16.61	K, Keulegan Carpenter number = UsTu/D	119873	119873	z _r /z ₀ , ratio		
2951	2951	A ₀ /K _b , ratio	106.08	106.08	z _{0a} /z ₀ , ratio of apparent to bottom roughness		
0.96 m/sec ²	3.15 ft/sec ²	As, significant acceleration	3.63	3.63	U _s /U _r ratio of significant to reference velocity		
0.335	0.335	(Us*T _n)/Hs, dependent on gamma and T _n /T _p	35329	35329	D/z ₀ , ratio of pipe diameter to bottom roughness		
3998.98	3998.98	z/K _b , ratio	0.69	0.69	U _b /U _r velocity reduc. factor for waves & current		
1.8827 m/s	6.18 ft/sec	Us*, significant water velocity	2.23E-01	2.23E-01	M, current to wave velocity ratio = Ud/Us		
3.61 m/s	11.85 ft/sec	U*, osc.vel.amp.single design oscillation	0.42 m/s	1.38 ft/sec	V (F109) = Ud (E305)		
0.95	0.95	Tu/Tp, dependent on gamma and T _n /T _p	4.42E-03 m	1.45E-02 ft	z _{0a} , apparent roughness		
0.14	0.14	T _n /Tu	877	877	τ, number of waves in the sea state		
1.21	1.21	kt, Eq.3.16, depends on gamma	1.919	1.919	ku, ratio between design single oscillation amplitude a		
1.88	1.88	T*, period associated with a single design oscillation	19.19 m	62.96 ft	H*, maximum wave height in the sea state		
12.31 sec	12.31 sec	Tu, zero-up-crossing period	4.62	4.62	K*, Keulegan Car.no. single design oscillation=U*T*/D		
1.00	1.00	R, wave direction & spreading reduc. fact.	0.69	0.69	UD/Ur velocity reduc. factor for waves & current		
1.883 m/s	6.18 ft/sec	Us, sig. velocity due to wave motion	0.36 m/s	1.17 ft/sec	Ud, ave. veloc. over pipe from waves & current		
28°	28°	phase angle in wave for max force	1.58	1.58	Fw, calibration factor, inc. safety factor of 1.1		
195.30 kgf	430.63 lbf	horizontal force	1888.6 kgf/m	1269 lbf/ft	Required submerged weight		
86.02 kgf	189.68 lbf	lift force	18527 N/m		Warning Pipe Not Stable!		

FIGURE 1 – Screenshot of Input (yellow Cells) and Results for Example Case.

In Figure 1 the predicted weight for a stable pipe is 1269 lbf/ft, or 1888 kgf/m. The input pipe weight is 641 lbf/ft. Hence the program warns that the pipe is not stable in this analysis. The significant wave height is 32.8 feet and the water depth is 108 feet. A JONSWAP spectrum is used with gamma = 3.3 and Tp = 13 seconds. No wave spreading has been specified and the wave direction is 0 degrees, which is perpendicular to the pipe. A current velocity of 1 knot has been specified, perpendicular to the pipe at an elevation of 16.4 feet above the

sea bed. Lift, drag and inertia force coefficients have been specified in accordance with recommendations in E305. A friction coefficient is also given and the sea bed has been selected to be medium sand.

Clean Graphs		Tabulated Results - Using DNV-RP-F109 Generalized Lateral Stability Method				Show Graphs
This Area is For Stability On Sand (RP-F109)						
	3.496E+00	L, significant weight parameter = $Ws/(0.5 \rho_w D Us^2)$			K>10, use Lstable1	
272.8 kgf/m	183.41 lbf/ft	Denom = $0.5 \cdot \rho_w \cdot D \cdot Us^2$				
	7.060E+00	Lstable1/(2 + M)^2			1925.2 kgf/m	1294 lbf/ft
	6.474E+00	Lstable2			1765.2 kgf/m	1186 lbf/ft
	3.456E+00	L10_1000_waves			942.4 kgf/m	633 lbf/ft
	2.253E+00	L10_500_waves			614.4 kgf/m	413 lbf/ft
	0.01559	N, spectral acceleration factor, $Us/(g Tu)$			1926.1 kgf/m	1295 lbf/ft
	1.58	sg, pipe specific weight = $1 + (2/\pi) \cdot (N \cdot K \cdot L)$			1.05 < sg < 3, method is OK	
7000 N/m^3	45 lbf/cuft	γ_s 's Submerged unit soil weight. For sand normally in the range 7 000 (very loose) to 13 500 N/m^3 (very dense).				
1.624	1.625	Ks_initial, initial stiffness for penetration calculation				
0.0267	0.0267	zpi/D, initial penetration ratio			34.89	Lstable
0.039 m	1.55 in	Initial Penetration (User may wish to reduce the pipe diameter to account for the penetration)				
This Area is For Stability On Clay (RP-F109) and still needs testing						
2394 N/m^2	50 psf	su, undrained shear strength				
18000 N/m^3	115 lbf/cuft	γ_s 's Submerged unit soil weight. For clay can be taken as 18 000 N/m^3				
0.0903	0.0903	G, clay soil strength parameter				
0.3770	0.3772	Kc_initial, initial stiffness for penetration calculation				
0.0409	0.0409	zpi/D, initial penetration ratio				
0.060 m	2.37 in	Initial Penetration (User may wish to reduce the pipe diameter to account for the penetration)				
0.2908	0.2908	F(M)		0.137	C1	
	1.42	L10/(2+M)^2			6.25	C2
	11.87	Kb			0.56	C3
	7.776E+00	Lstable1			2120.4 kgf/m	1425 lbf/ft *
	1.424E+00	L10			388.2 kgf/m	261 lbf/ft
		Minimum pipe weight required to limit the lateral displacement to 10 pipe diameters				

FIGURE 2 – Equivalent Results Using F109

Figure 2 shows the results for the same input data, but using the generalized method from F109, and for the case of a sand sea bed. In this case the pipe weight required for a stable pipe is 1294 lbf/ft, almost exactly the same as in the E305 results. The weight required for an L10 pipe (that limits the lateral displacement to 10 pipe diameters) is predicted to be just 633 lbf/ft.

The results in Figure 2 for clay are provided with the caution that the clay calculations have not yet been fully tested.

The following figures show screen captures of the dialog boxes that are displayed when the user clicks various buttons on the main screen.

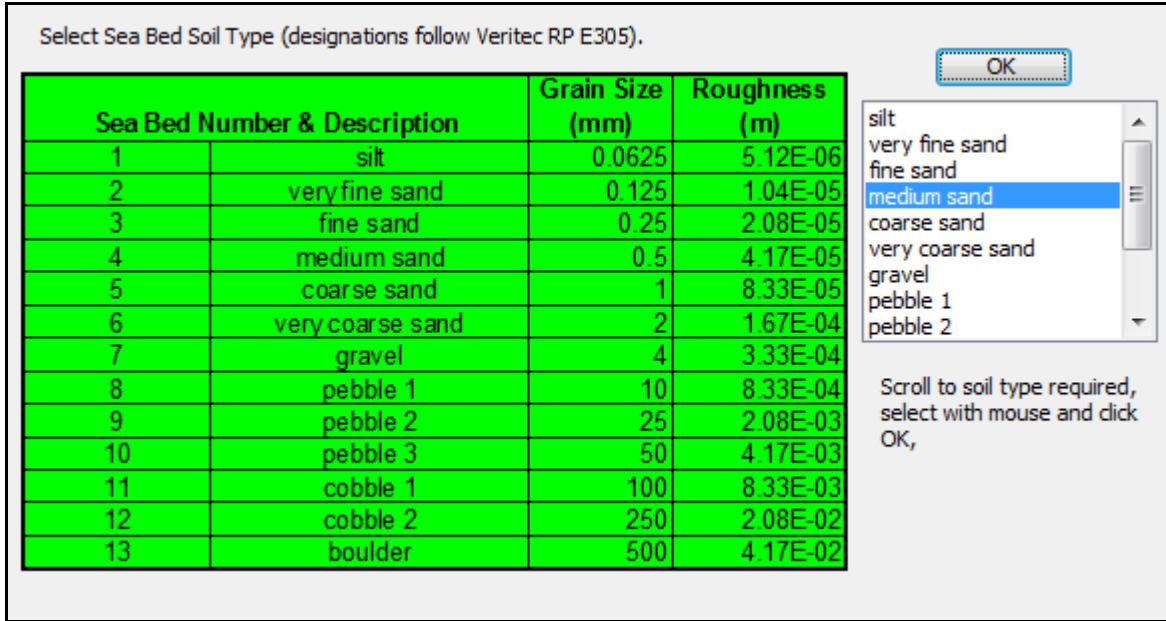


Figure 3 – Dialog Box Enabling Selection of Sea Bed Soil Type.

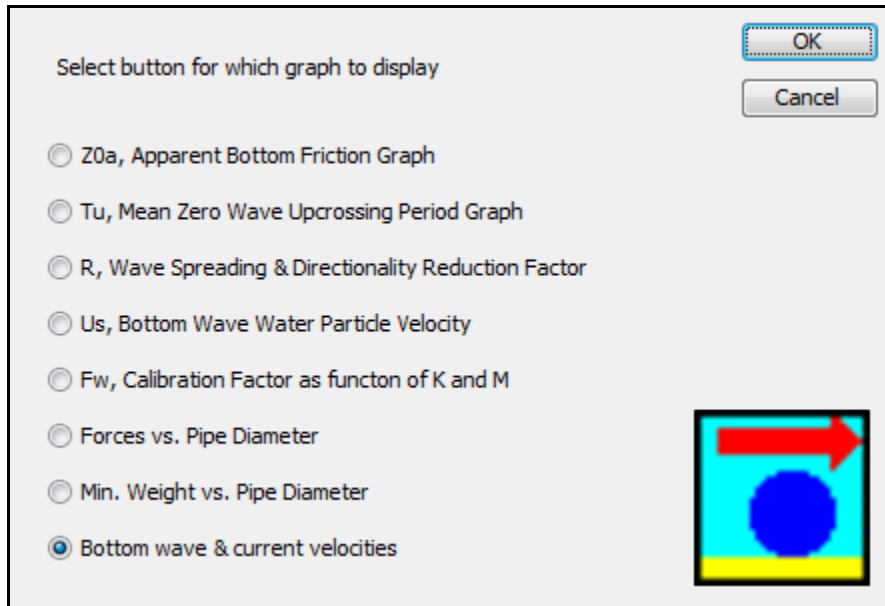


FIGURE 4 – Dialog Box to Select a Graph for Display and/or Printing.

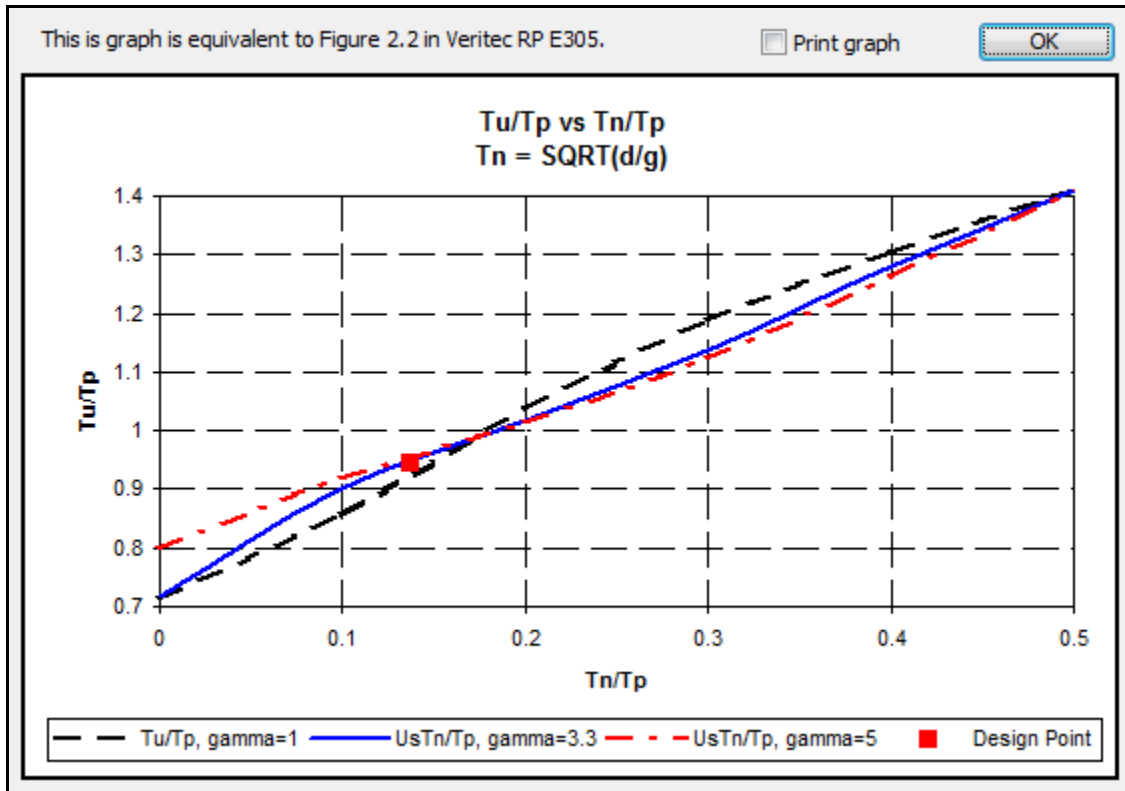


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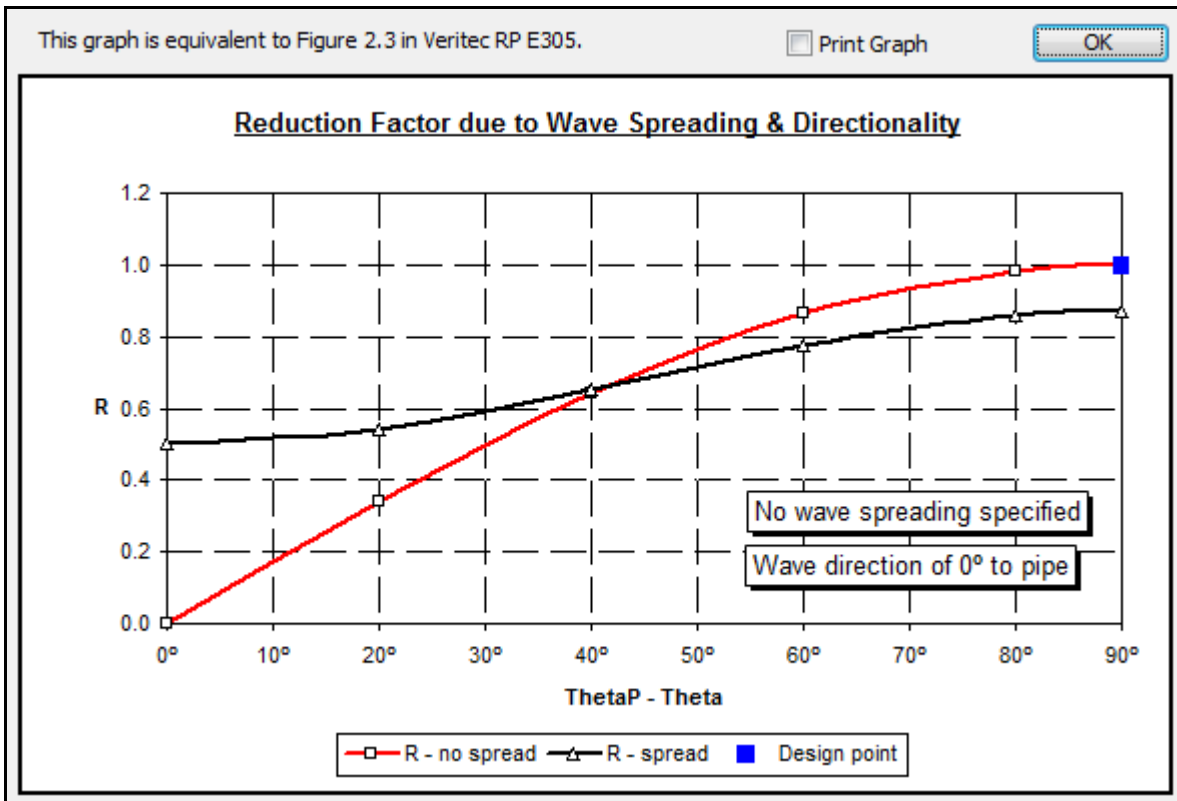


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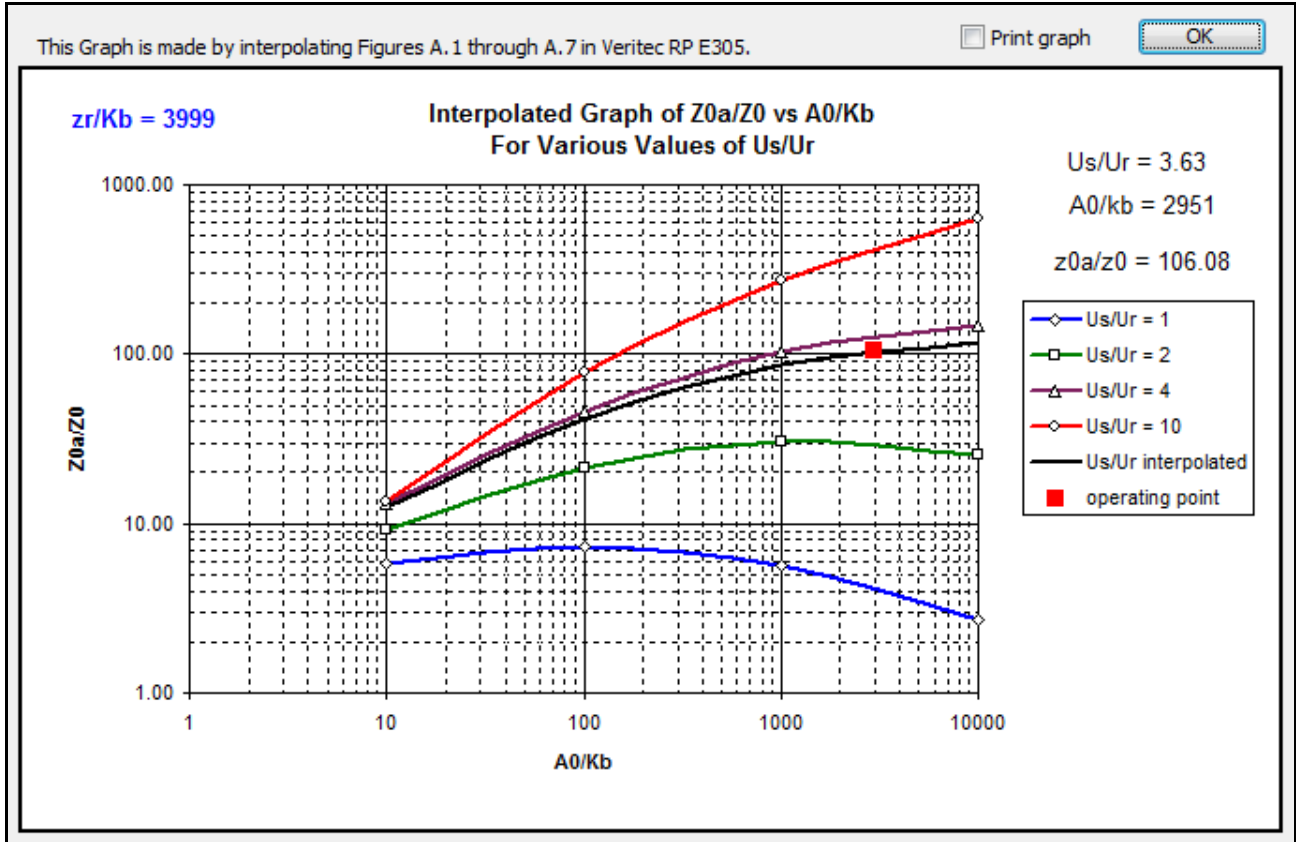


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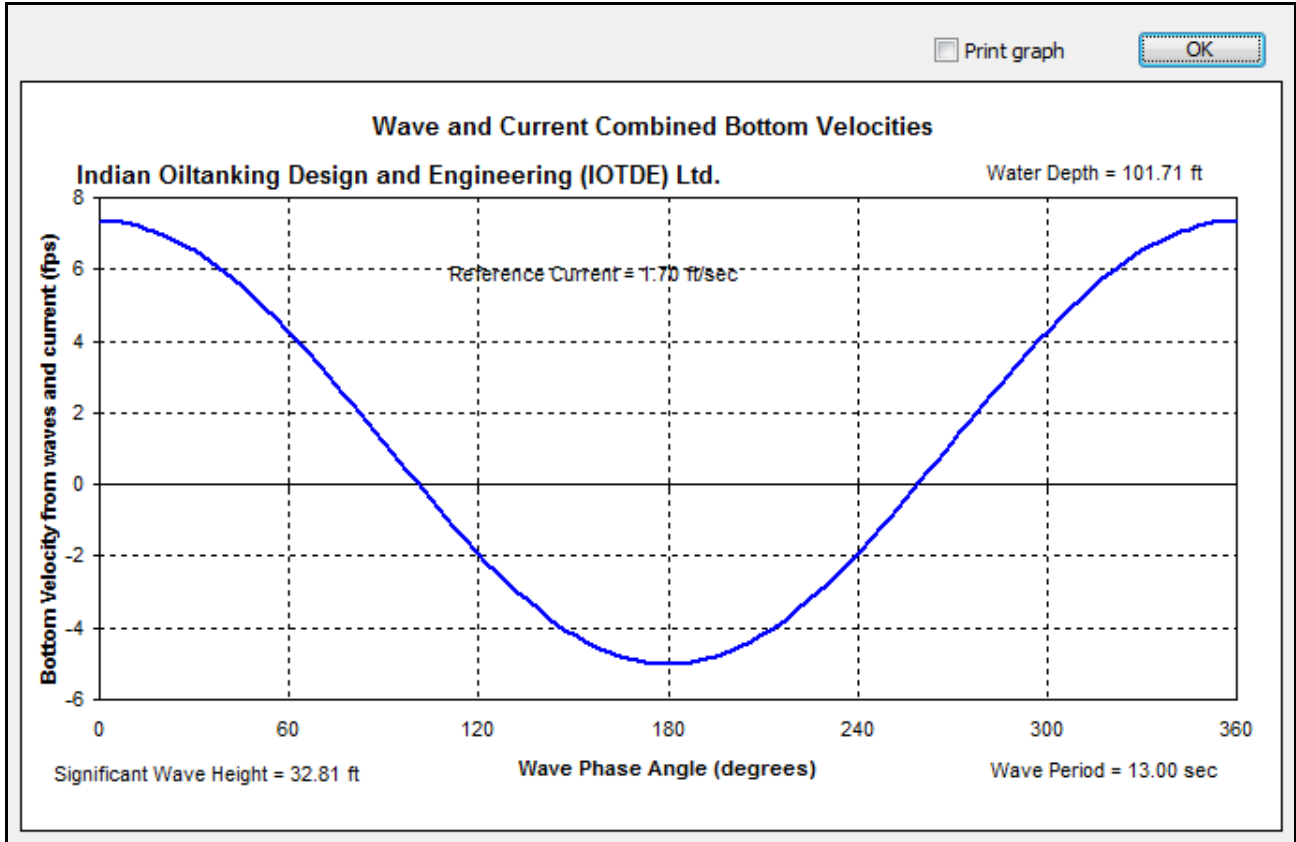


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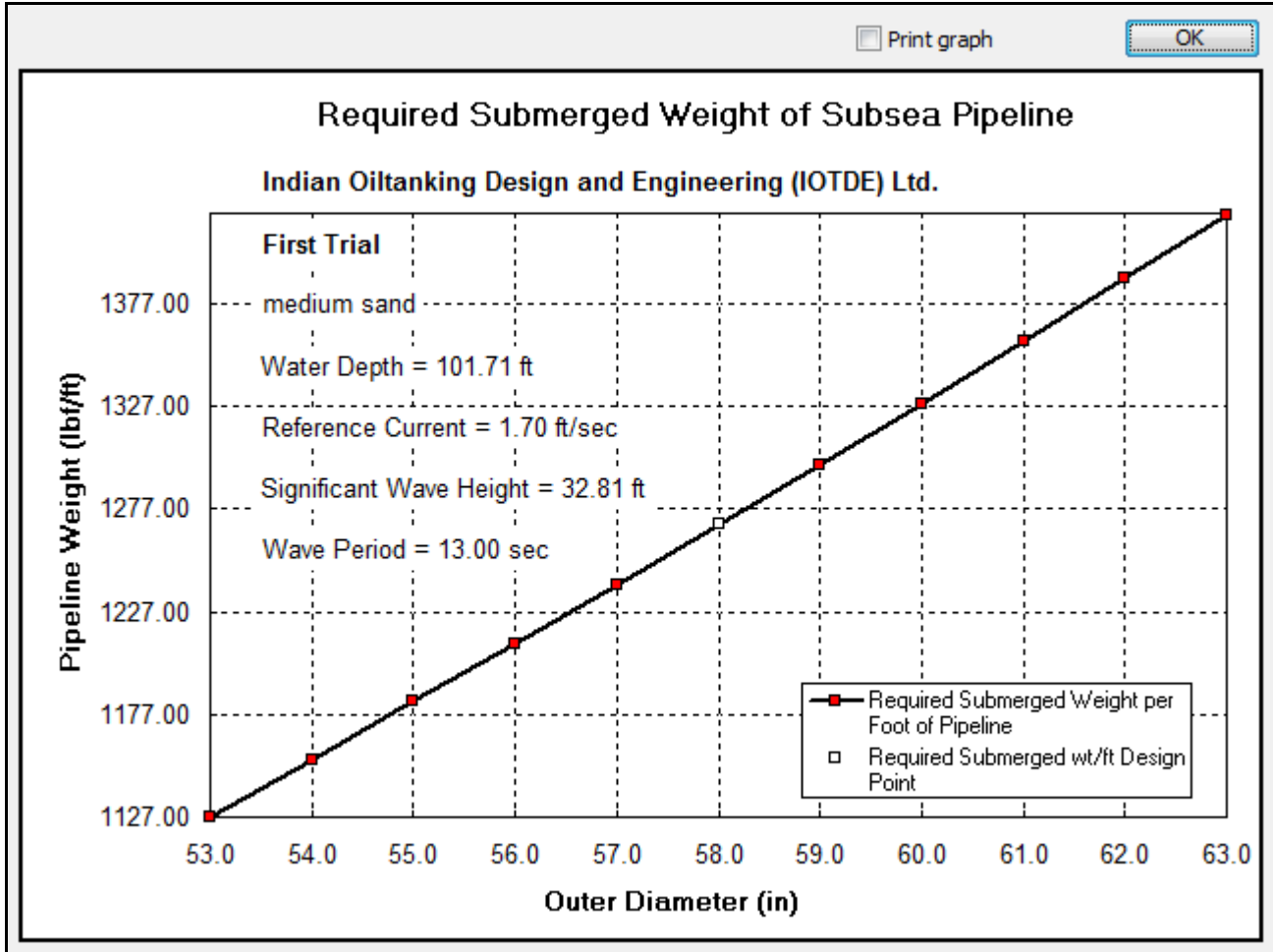


FIGURE 9 –Range of Stable Pipe Weights and Diameters (Diameter Range selected by user).

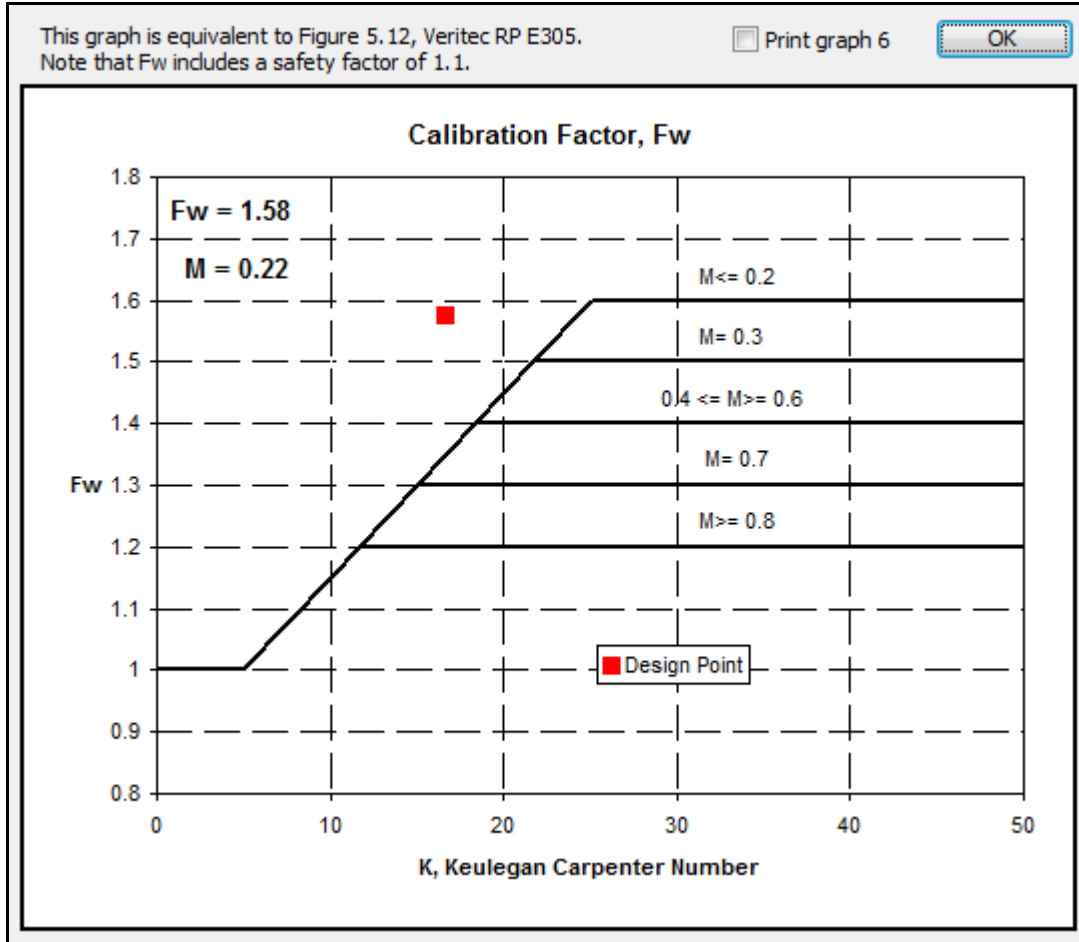


FIGURE 10 – Note at the Design Point Fw = 1.58.

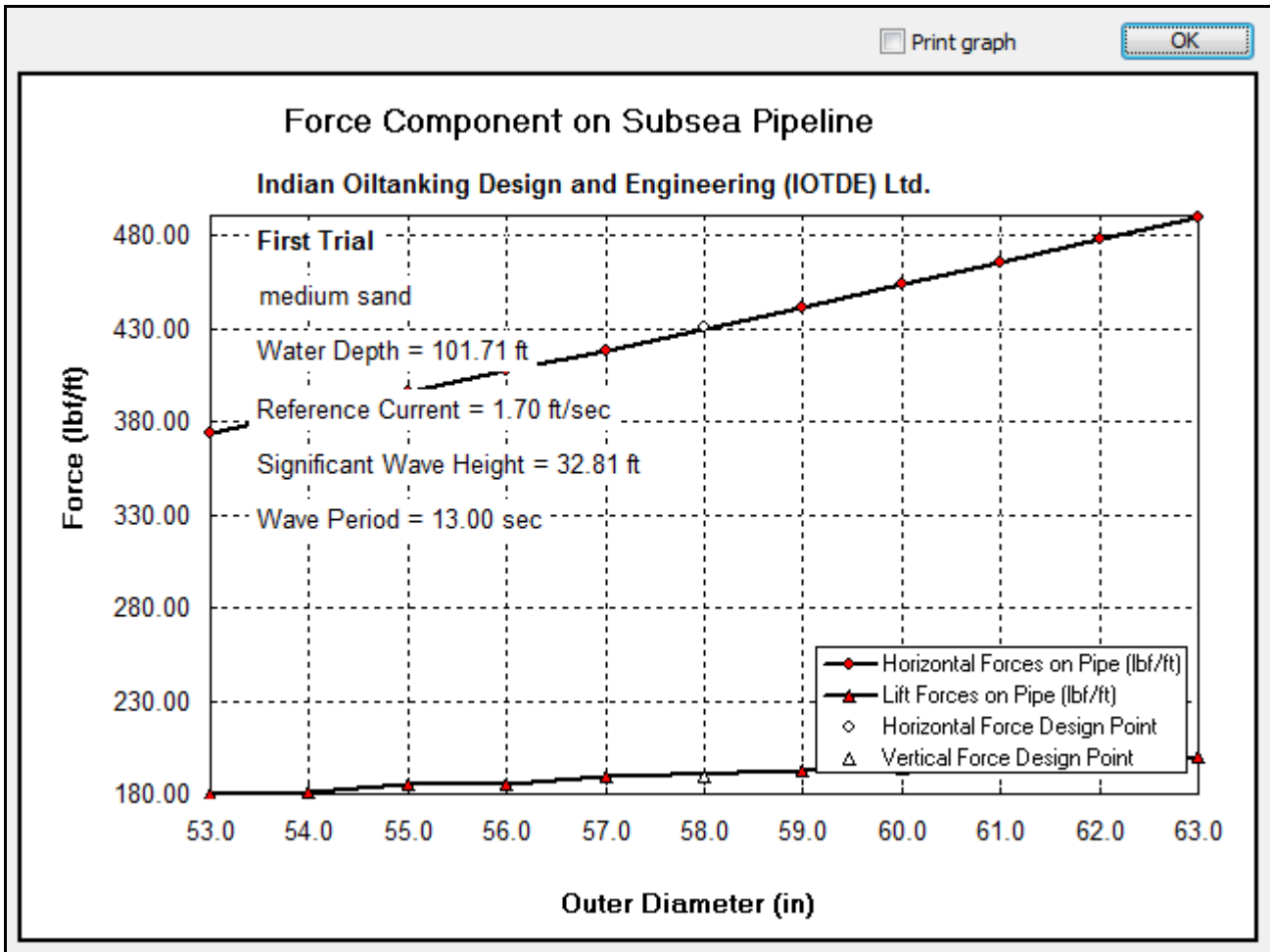


FIGURE 11 – Horizontal and Vertical Forces on User-Selected Range of Pipe Diameters
(For the Conditions Just Analyzed)

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Conditions & Pipe Info.:	Second Trial 48" OD Oil Pipeline with Concrete Weight Coating			Show Graphs	Select Sea Bed Soil Type	
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metric units below	User Defined Variables (in yellow shaded cells only)			normal flow regime		
1.2192 m	48.00 in	Pipe OD (Before Coating)	1.0	1.5594 m	61.39 in	Effective Pipe OD (includes reduction for penetration)
203.20 mm	8.00 in	Coating Thickness	Penetration Switch	31.00 m	101.71 ft	d, water depth
3043 kg/m ³	190.0 lbf/ft ³	Coating Density	1 = ON, 0 = OFF	0.254 m	10.00 in	diameter range for stability info. on other pipes
2132.86 kgf/m	1432.81 lbf/ft	Ws, submerged weight of pipe & con	Ref. current = 1.01 knot	0.52 m/sec	1.70 ft/sec	Ur, reference current velocity at elevation z _r
1025 kg/m ³	64.00 lbf/ft ³	pw, mass density of water		5.00 m	16.40 ft	z _r , elevation above sea bed for ref. current
10.00 m	32.81 ft	Hs, significant wave height		0.90	0.90	C _l , lift force coefficient (typical = 0.90)
3.00 hr	3.00 hr	Sea state duration in hours		1.20	1.20	C _d , drag coeff. (typ. 1.2 for sub-crit flow, 0.7 oscill.)
13.00 sec	13.00 sec	Tp, spectral peak period of surface waves		3.29	3.29	C _i , inertial coeff. (typical = 3.29)
no	n	Wave spreading (yes or no)		0.70	0.70	u _s , friction factor for soil (typical 0.7 for sand)
0°	0°	θ°, Wave Direction (0° to 90°, 0° gives max)		5.76E+05	5.76E+05	Re, Reynolds no. based on current and pipe diam.
3.3	3.3	gamma, peakedness parameter (1.0 for PM)		soil type	4	
Show Graphs	Tabulated Results - Using Veritec RP E305			Print All	Select Sea Bed Soil Type medium sand	
Variables Used to Calculate Velocity Due to Wave Motion and Due to Current, Separately and Combined						
1.78 sec	1.78 sec	Tn, =sqrt(d/g), "natural period"	Soil Properties in Accordance with Veritec RP E305 (medium sand)			
0.137	0.137	Tn/Tp, ratio of natural/wave period	0.50 mm	0.020 in	d ₅₀ , mean grain size	
3.69 m	12.10 ft	A ₀ , orbital semi-diameter of particle velocity	4.17E-05 m	4.17E-05 ft	z ₀ , bottom roughness parameter	
0.00	0.00	K _b , Nikuradse's equiv. sand roughness param.	0.81	0.81	U _b /U _r , velocity reduction factor for steady current	
15.70	15.70	K, Keulegan Carpenter number = UsTu/D	119873	119873	z _r /z ₀ , ratio	
2951	2951	A ₀ /K _b , ratio	106.08	106.08	z _{0a} /z ₀ , ratio of apparent to bottom roughness	
0.96 m/sec ²	3.15 ft/sec ²	As, significant acceleration	3.63	3.63	U _s /U _r , ratio of significant to reference velocity	
0.335	0.335	(Us*Tn)/Hs, dependent on gamma and Tn/Tp	37395	37395	D/z ₀ , ratio of pipe diameter to bottom roughness	
3998.98	3998.98	z _r /K _b , ratio	0.69	0.69	U _b /U _r , velocity reduc. factor for waves & current	
1.8827 m/s	6.18 ft/sec	Us*, significant water velocity	2.24E-01	2.24E-01	M, current to wave velocity ratio = Ub/Us	
3.61 m/s	11.85 ft/sec	U*, osc.vel.amp.single design oscillation	0.42 m/s	1.39 ft/sec	V (F109) = Ub (E305)	
0.95	0.95	Tu/Tp, dependent on gamma and Tn/Tp	4.42E-03 m	1.45E-02 ft	z _{0a} , apparent roughness	
0.14	0.14	Tn/Tu	877	877	τ, number of waves in the sea state	
1.21	1.21	Kt, Eq.3.16, depends on gamma	1.919	1.919	ku, ratio between design single oscillation amplitude a	
1.88	1.88	T*, period associated with a single design oscillation	19.19 m	62.96 ft	H*, maximum wave height in the sea state	
12.31 sec	12.31 sec	Tu, zero-up-crossing period	4.36	4.36	K*, Keulegan Car.no. single design oscillation=U*T*/D	
1.00	1.00	R, wave direction & spreading reduc. fact.	0.69	0.69	UD/Ur, velocity reduc. factor for waves & current	
1.883 m/s	6.18 ft/sec	Us, sig. velocity due to wave motion	0.36 m/s	1.18 ft/sec	Ud, ave. veloc. over pipe from waves & current	
29°	29°	phase angle in wave for max force	1.58	1.58	Fw, calibration factor, inc. safety factor of 1.1	
213.27 kgf	470.26 lbf	horizontal force	2040.4 kgf/m	1371 lbf/ft	Required submerged weight	
90.01 kgf	198.48 lbf	lift force	20016 N/m		Pipe is Stable	

FIGURE 12 – System Re-Analyzed With Much Heavier Concrete Coating (probably at the limit of coating possibilities using current technology).

Clean Graphs		Tabulated Results - Using DNV-RP-F109 Generalized Lateral Stability Method				Show Graphs
This Area is For Stability On Sand (RP-F109)						
	7.386E+00	L, significant weight parameter = $Ws/(0.5 \rho_w D Us^2)$			K>10, use Lstable1	
288.8 kgf/m	194.14 lbf/ft	Denom = $0.5 \cdot \rho_w \cdot D \cdot Us^2$				
	7.144E+00	Lstable1/(2 + M)^2			2061.8 kgf/m	1386 lbf/ft
	6.482E+00	Lstable2			1870.7 kgf/m	1257 lbf/ft
	3.321E+00	L10_1000_waves			958.5 kgf/m	644 lbf/ft
	2.180E+00	L10_500_waves			629.3 kgf/m	423 lbf/ft
	0.01559	N, spectral acceleration factor, $Us/(g Tu)$			2062.8 kgf/m	1387 lbf/ft
	2.15	sg, pipe specific weight = $1 + (2/\pi) \cdot (N.K.L)$			$=Lstable1/(2+M)^2 \cdot Denom$	
7000 N/m^3	45 lbf/cuft	γ_s Submerged unit soil weight. For sand normally in the range 7 000 (very loose) to 13 500 N/m^3 (very dense).				
0.814	0.814	Ks_initial, initial stiffness for penetration calculation				
0.0425	0.0425	zpi/D, initial penetration ratio			35.34	Lstable
0.066 m	2.61 in	Initial Penetration (User may wish to reduce the pipe diameter to account for the penetration)				
This Area is For Stability On Clay (RP-F109) and still needs testing						
2394 N/m^2	50 psi	su, undrained shear strength				
18000 N/m^3	115 lbf/cuft	γ_s Submerged unit soil weight. For clay can be taken as 18 000 N/m^3				
0.0853	0.0853	G, clay soil strength parameter				
0.1784	0.1785	Kc_initial, initial stiffness for penetration calculation				
0.0931	0.0931	zpi/D, initial penetration ratio				
0.145 m	5.71 in	Initial Penetration (User may wish to reduce the pipe diameter to account for the penetration)				
0.2904	0.2904	F(M)		0.146	C1	
	1.47	L10/(2+M)^2			6.07	C2
	12.32	Kb			0.55	C3
	7.766E+00	Lstable1			2241.4 kgf/m	1506 lbf/ft *
	1.469E+00	L10			423.9 kgf/m	285 lbf/ft
Minimum pipe weight required to limit the lateral displacement to 10 pipe diameters						

FIGURE 13 – Results Using F109 (for case shown in Figure 12)

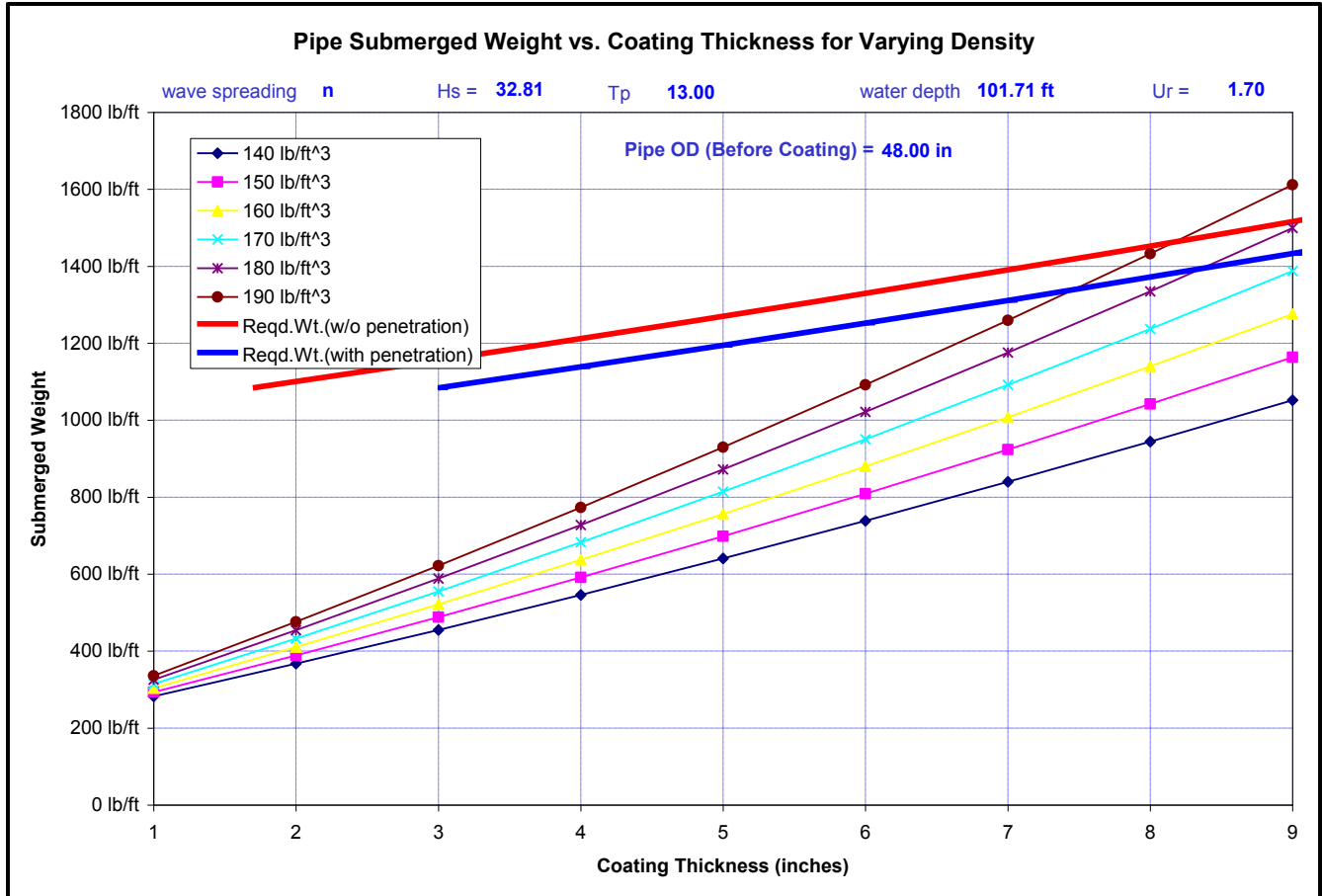


FIGURE 14 – Relationships Between Coating Thicknesses, Concrete Densities and Stable Pipe Required Wt/Ft.

3.0 VERIFICATION

STA BOTSTAB was initially compared to the examples given in E305 and it was verified that it was providing correct answers.

STA BOTSTAB2 shows similar answers for calculated stable pipe sizes using the E305 methodology and the new F109 methods that have been implemented.

4.0 USERS

STA has used STA BOTSTAB for the 15, or so, years since it was developed. During this time a few (less than 10) other companies have purchased a license for the program.