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Page 7, Table 4: Shouldn't the Microstation Color # for gray be 8?

Response: Color #9 is used because it is a light gray and can be seen by users who work using a dark background. Color #8 is a dark gray/black that cannot be seen on dark backgrounds.

Page 13, Paragraph 2, Line 2: "...dimensions shown are in millimeters" should be changed to read "...units shown are in millimeters." Callouts and text notes may also contain sizes depicted in millimeters and would technically not be included if we use the word "dimensions."

Response: Concur. Will change to, "Dimensions and/or dimensions shown in callouts/notes are in millimeters unless otherwise noted".

Page 13, Paragraph 5: If spaces aren't allowed between the 3rd & 4th digits in metric units containing 4 digits, 4 and 5 digit numbers will not properly line up if they appear in the same table column. Placing a space between the 3rd and 4th digits in a 4 digit number should be optional.

Response: The display of metric dimensions featuring more than 4 digits is set by ASTM document E 621-84.

Page 13, Figure 11: I don't think we should be required to show meters to the 3rd decimal place unless accuracy to the millimeter is actually necessary. Drawings that are predominantly drawn in meters should contain a note stating, "Unless otherwise noted, units shown are in meters." On drawings that are predominantly drawn in millimeters with only elevations shown in meters should contain a note stating, "All elevations shown are in meters." This way the use of decimals will not be needed to distinguish between millimeter and meter units. The use of decimals implies accuracy.

For the most part, dimensioning in meters is only done for large areas such as large earth structures (levees, channels, etc.) Generally, large structures (overall dimensions) are designed to the nearest meter (to the nearest quarter meter if necessary). In this case, the use of decimals to the thousandth would imply accuracy, which is not intended.

Response: Concur, this section will be rewritten to also address dimensioning on large scale plans.