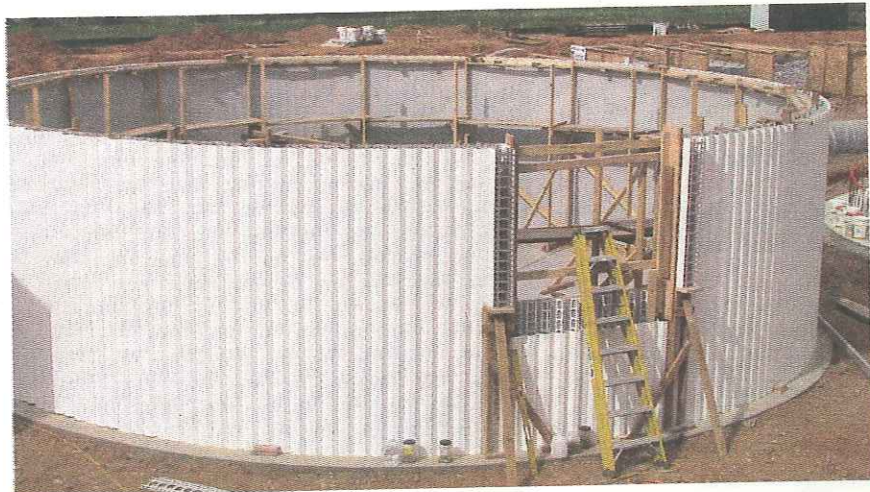


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Concrete technology comes to Wyoming



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The Octaform concrete-form company of British Columbia in Canada is completing a contract with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, to expand its Dan Speas State Fish Rearing Station.

A spokesperson for Octaform said that in comparison to some of the company's other projects the fish-hatchery contract serves more as a demonstration for other potential customers.

Salesperson Jaret Breckenridge said that he went in for just two days to instruct the main construction crew on how to install the prefabricated forms, and help them get started on building eight new tanks.

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Breckenridge said Octaform prides itself in how easy its wall-constructing forms are to work with. The forms come in kits that allow the building crew to construct walls up to 16 ft (5.0m) high, working in sections that go in two-inch (5cm) increments from a breadth of four inches (10cm) up to 12 (30cm) and even 24 inches (60cm) across.

This permits, said Breckenridge, construction of tanks up to a very broad width of some 250 feet (75m), for a wide range of purposes, from city water-treatment facilities to tanks of various configurations for agriculture and even car washes.

Breckenridge said that the durable stay-in-place PVC forms "provide an optimal environment for plant and fish production."

"The smooth, non-abrasive walls are gentle on fish and ideal for warm or cold and salt or fresh water species," says the company.



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