

Summary of Changes for

Guidelines for Excavation Works near the District Cooling System (Nov 2026) edition

Note: The following table summaries the list of changes with key wordings shown. Please refer to the document for the detailed requirements.

Item	Section/Clause/ Table/Figure/Page	Revisions
1	Whole Document	Revision on text content by replacing “DCS pipe network and ancillary” and “DCS Equipment” to “DCS facilities”
2	Whole document	Revision on text content by adding “Hung Shui Kiu / Ha Tsuen New Development Area”
3	Clause 1 (Para.3)	Revision on text content by adding “culverts, valves, cables, pits, chambers, and similar structures area collectively referred to “DCS facilities” ”
4	Clause 2a)	Revision on text content by adding “underground and Galvanised Iron (GI) cladding in the Common Utility Tunnel (CUT)”
5	Clause 2c)	Revision on text content by adding “Except in circumstances where there is insufficient space on site,” ...”or within CUT” ...
6	Clause 2e)	Revision on text content by adding “made of concrete and”
7	Clause 3.1 c)	Revision on text content by adding “an impact assessment to the existing DCS facilities” ... “point of contact, emergency team (if applicable)” ... “Please refer to Appendix D for the requirement to be included in the submission.”
8	Clause 3.3 b) (para. 5)	Revision on text content by adding “Alert, Alarm and Action Level”
9	Clause 3.4 a)	Revision on text content by adding “/ Detectable Warning”
10	Clause 4.6	Revision on text content by adding “If tree(s) is / are proposed near DCS facilities, root barrier shall be installed at the location approx. 1m from the edge of the DCS facilities to protect it from damage by tree root.”
11	Section 5	Revision on text content by adding “Initial Investigation Report regarding the reason for the leakage and /or damage to the DCS facilities shall be submitted to EMSD within 24 hours. The report shall be signed and submitted by the Registered Structural Engineer (RSE) or the Registered Geotechnical Engineer (RGE). Full Investigation Report with enhanced procedures / methods to prevent re-occurrence of the incident and proposed remedial works to the DCS facilities shall be submitted to EMSD within 7 days of the incident and co-signed by the Site Agent, AP and RSE /RGE.”
12	Appendix A Sketch 3	Revision on text content by adding “Pipe laid in multi-layer shall have the same arrangement of identification / detectable warning tape above individual pipe.”
13	Appendix A	New photo on Common Utility Tunnel (CUT) is added.
14	Appendix B Clause 1	Revision on text content by adding “Utilities settlement monitoring point shall be proposed and installed in case the affect zone of the piling works

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		exceed the requirement.”
15	Appendix B Clause 17	Revision on text content by adding “/ Detectable Warning”
16	Appendix D	New Appendix