
**Code of Practice on
Inspection and Maintenance of Water
Carrying Services Affecting Slopes**

This Practice Note announces the publication of the 'Code of Practice on Inspection and Maintenance of Water Carrying Services Affecting Slopes' by the Works Branch. It is now available for sale from the Government Publications Centre.

2. The Code of Practice gives guidance on the inspection and maintenance of buried water-carrying services affecting slopes. It puts together relevant notes and guidelines to form a comprehensive document for the use of Government Departments, professionals, contractors and building managers. The Code of Practice focuses its guidelines on the following aspects :

- (a) Planning for an effective inspection and maintenance programme;
- (b) Examining available options for detecting, inspecting and repairing buried services affecting slope; and
- (c) Recommendations for permanent measures to minimize impacts of leakage from buried services on slope safety.

3. Under Buildings Ordinance section 27C, the Building Authority may require a building owner to carry out investigation and any repair work to buried water-carrying services laid in or near a slope. Authorized Persons, Registered Structural Engineers and Registered Contractors should make reference to this Code of Practice when appointed in respect of the design, construction and/or maintenance of buried services so to assure safety of slopes in their vicinity.

4. This Practice Note is to be read in conjunction with PNAP 168. A similar practice note has been issued to Registered Contractors.

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