

**Update 5-23-16**

Construction continued this past week at the Otsego West WWTF Digester Expansion. The focus of the Contractor was on the construction of the wall forms around the wall rebar to hold the first planned concrete pour for the walls of the structure. Time and care must be put into the construction of these wall forms due to their significant depth (20+ feet) to provide for a safe and successful concrete pour. Construction of the wall forms also involved placement of wall pipes and an opening for a metal control gate. These wall pipes will allow for unstabilized solids to enter the digester. The wall pipes are poured directly into the concrete and have a collar around the pipe to hold them in place and prevent liquid from leaking. The opening for the control gate involves some additional work to provide extra reinforcement around the opening. As of Monday, May 23 this work was nearing completion with a concrete pour soon to follow.

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