

Verify before backfill.

Below-grade wall assembly | Follow-up required



Original field photograph. Visible conditions only.

Observed

Black surface material covers the visible concrete wall faces. The adjacent excavation remains open.

Why this matters

The open excavation provides a chance to document the assembly before backfill conceals it.

Unverified

The photograph does not identify the product or thickness, confirm wall-base drainage or establish the white pipe's purpose.

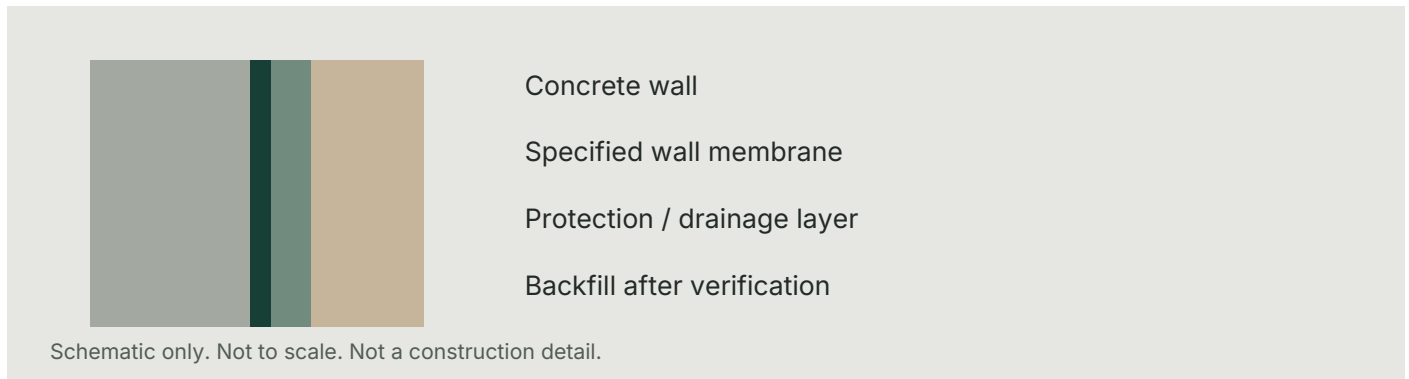
Review disposition

Completion evidence requested. Confirm the relevant assembly and records before accepting this scope as complete.

Real field photograph. Drawing detail and billing are illustrative. See the scope note on page 3.

Bring the requirements into view.

Illustrative drawing detail W-01



Example scope: specified membrane; corner and joint treatment; protection/drainage layer; perimeter drain connected to an approved discharge.

Compare the complete assembly.

A coated wall does not substantiate every component in the example detail. Request the approved wall detail, product submittal and installation instructions. Match the visible stage to records of the work before concealment.

Code is a question of applicability.

IBC 1805.2-1805.4 addresses dampproofing, waterproofing and drainage. Soil and groundwater conditions, the design and the permit's code edition determine what applies. A photograph cannot establish compliance.

Georgia DCA lists the 2024 IBC with state amendments effective January 1, 2026. The photographed project's jurisdiction and governing edition have not been verified.

[Source: Georgia DCA - current construction codes](#)

[Source: ICC 2024 IBC, Chapter 18 \(English\)](#)

Reconcile the request.

Illustrative billing: wall moisture protection and drainage

Scheduled value	\$40,000
Previously billed	\$24,000
Current cumulative request	\$40,000 / 100%
Additional amount this period	\$16,000

Before retainage. The \$24,000 previously billed is included in the \$40,000 total, not added again.

The question for the team

What supports the additional \$16,000 and the claim of full completion? The photo does not establish that the remaining components of the illustrative wall scope are complete.

Evidence needed to close the item

Contractor	Pre-backfill photographs of the base, corners, joints, protection layer and drainage connection; applicable inspection records.
Design team	Approved detail, submittal and clarification of any assembly changes.
Owner / reviewer	Prior and current pay applications, scope breakdown and documented resolution of remaining evidence gaps.

Scope note: This sample uses a real photograph with illustrative drawing and billing records. It is not a client report or a finding of a defect, code violation or overbilling. Actual reviews use project records and agreed access. Payment authority remains with the client and funding parties.