The purpose of this guideline is to establish the Water and Wastewater Services (WWS) desire that one manufacturer be used for a product per construction project. For example, all fire hydrants should be the same manufacturer and model; all bell joint restraints should be the same manufacturer and model; all ductile iron pipe and fittings should be from the same manufacturer; etc. Different manufacturer’s products are not allowed to be used at the same time within the construction project.

The WWS Technical Standards Committee (TSC) understands that circumstances may require the use of more than one manufacturer per product on a project. The WWS project manager must be notified before the construction contractor uses more than one manufacturer per product. The WWS project manager is authorized to consider and approve or not approve the use of more than one manufacturer based on the construction contractor’s plan and commitment to document on the record drawings which manufacturer’s product was installed at what location. The WWS project manager’s approval must also include an understanding as to when the use of the currently approved manufacturer’s products will cease, and only then, will the use of the next approved manufacturer’s product be allowed.