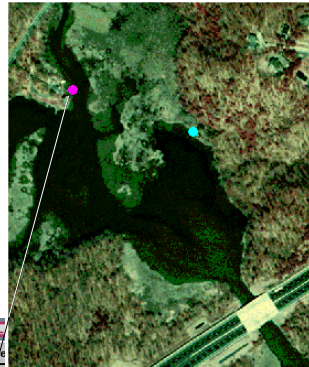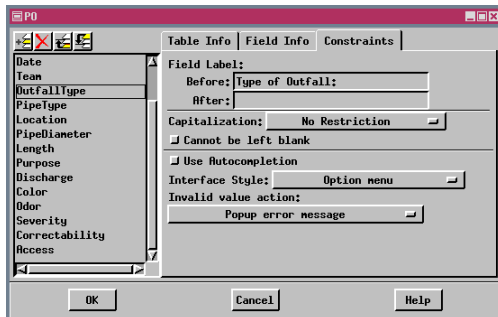# Operational Database Constraints

*DID YOU KNOW . . . you can place constraints on fields to control how they are filled out?*

## What Functional Database Constraints Give You
- *Selection from a pick list of allowable entries*
- *Control the range of acceptable values*
- *Autocompletion based on first few characters entered*
- *Specification of default value to be shown for each field*
- *Opportunity to fill all fields by selection to avoid keyboard use*
- *Creation of informative error messages for incorrect entries*



In this example, points are added to a pinmap.

Field constraints apply only to data entry in single record view. Constraints are part of the table definition.

## How to Use Functional Database Constraints
- *Create tables with pick list choices.*
- *Create tables with autocompletion values.*
- *Create table with field constraints and set as desired.*
- *Open table in single record view.*
- *Add or select elements and choose from option menus or enter data from the keyboard as appropriate.*

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