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Part A - FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

1 Introduction

TBT Engineering Limited (TBTE) has been retained by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation Northwest Region (MTO) to provide foundation investigation and design services for the replacement of a non-structural existing twin 1220 mm diameter CSPs culverts intersecting Highway 11/17, 1.7 km south of the intersection of HWY 11/17 and Hwy 102, between Kakabeka and Shabaqua. Foundation investigation and design were provided under the Northwest Region (NWR) Geotechnical Retainer Assignment. The foundation investigation was conducted to provide subsurface data for the design of the culvert replacement.

The existing twin culverts have approximately 5.5 m of cover. The site coordinates are as follows:

- Conmee Township, Station 10+780, Latitude: 48.5197429°, Longitude: -89.65540958°

A Google image illustrating the site location has been provided as Figure 1.1.

The investigation consisted of a total of four boreholes; one borehole was advanced at each of the culvert's inlet and outlet to a maximum depth of 6.9 m, and two through the embankment on either side of the twin culverts to a maximum depth of 22.6 m. This report (Part A) describes the subsurface conditions encountered during the investigation.

The MTO Foundations Section has assigned Geocres No. 52A12-003 to this site.



Figure 1.1: A Google Earth Image Illustrating the Site Location.

2 Site Description

The existing embankment is within the MTO Right-of-Way but are within the tree line. The photos below were taken by TBTE during site recognisance. An embankment height of 6.7 m with embankment side slopes estimated ranging from 1.7H:1V to 1.9H:1V for both sides of the embankment

The culvert at station 10+777 has an inlet obvert elevation of 391.3 m and invert elevation of 390.1 m; and an outlet obvert elevation of 391.0 m and invert elevation of 389.8 m. The culvert at station 10+781 has an inlet obvert elevation of 391.5 m and invert elevation of 390.3 m; and an outlet obvert elevation of 391.0 m and invert elevation of 389.8 m. Water levels measured at the inlet and outlet of the culverts were both 391.0 m and was measured at 390.3 m on May 16, 2018 as per MTO provided drawing.



**Figure 2.1: East side Embankment
Looking South, June 7, 2024.**



**Figure 2.2: East side Embankment
Looking West, June 7, 2024.**



**Figure 2.3: Westside Embankment
Looking West, June 7, 2024.**

2.1 Surficial Geology

As defined by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources' Northern Ontario Engineering Geology Terrain Study (NOEGTS), 1979, Map No. 52A/NW, the site is in an area which primarily consists of a clay/clayey glaciolacustrine plain. The area has low to moderate local relief and is generally dry.

Glaciolacustrine Plains are described in the NOEGTS as deposits with fine grained materials varying in clay, silt and sand content based on depth of water and distance from the shoreline of former glacial lakes. Clay deposits vary from varved to massive and often have minor inclusions of till and scattered dropstones. The presence of the above soils was confirmed from the field investigation.

3 Investigation Procedures

A site visit was conducted on June 7, 2024 prior to geotechnical investigations in order to assess drill access in ditch lines and assess traffic control requirements for on road drilling.

A geotechnical site investigation was undertaken from June 25, 2024 to July 9, 2024. The field investigation consisted of advancing a total of four boreholes. Borehole locations are illustrated on the Borehole Location and Soil Strat Drawings (Appendix C). Boreholes 3 and 4 were advanced near either culvert end, where Boreholes 5 and 6 were advanced through the road surface. Due to traffic concerns Boreholes 5 and 6 were drilled on either side of the culverts but within the same lane.

The borehole locations were identified in the field by TBTE personnel and service clearances were completed prior to mobilizing the drill rig to site. The boreholes were advanced using a drill rig mounted on an all-terrain carrier equipped with a casing advancement apparatus used to carry out Standard Penetration Testing as per ASTM D1586.

During the drilling operations for the boreholes, soil samples were obtained from the auger flights and using the techniques of the Standard Penetration Test (SPT). The SPT involves driving a thick walled sampler into the soils under a standardized energy (63.5 kg, falling 760 mm). The number of blows required to drive the sampler 0.3 m is known as the SPT blow count (N). Following completion of the test, a representative soil sample is obtained from within the sampler. SPTs are typically taken at a frequency of every 0.75 m for the first 3 m of the

borehole, and every 1.5 m afterwards, to the termination depth of the borehole. Sample frequency may vary due to circumstances experienced in the field.

In addition, thin-walled tube samples were taken within the cohesive materials, alternating with SPT samples. In-situ field vane testing was completed at select depths within the cohesive materials to obtain an indication of the material's undrained shear strength. In-situ field vane testing was completed as per ASTM D2573 with a tapered vane.

DCP Testing was completed at Borehole 5 at a depth of 19.2 m (elev. 377.8 m) and extended to a depth of 22.6 m (elev. 374.4 m). The dynamic cone penetrometer test is a continuous test, driving a 51 mm diameter cone with an energy of a 63.5 kg weight falling through 760 mm. The number of blows required to drive the cone 300 mm is recorded which provides an indication of the condition of the soil.

Borehole locations were surveyed by TBTE with a level and rod and referenced to a temporary benchmark at the centreline of the highway. A hand-held Garmin GPS device was used in the field to record coordinates of the borehole locations, based on North American Data 1983 NAD83 (CSRS) v6 (2010 epoch).

A summary of the borehole location data is provided on the enclosed Borehole Location and Soil Strata Drawings in Appendix C.

Table 3.1: Summary of Borehole Information.

Test Hole Number	Co-ordinates	Surface Elevation (m)	Depth of Exploration (m)
1	Lat 48.51980567 Lon -89.65531403	392.0	6.7
2	Lat 48.51969297 Lon -89.65473929	391.4	6.9
3	Lat 48.51978683 Lon -89.6549609	397.0	22.6
4	Lat 48.51967524 Lon -89.65511759	397.1	18.8

All boreholes and the temporary standpipe piezometers have been backfilled and/or decommissioned with auger cuttings and bentonite in accordance with the Ontario Ministry of the

Environment's Regulation 903, as amended by Regulation 128/03 (water well regulation under the Ontario Water Resource Act).

4 Laboratory Testing

Soil samples obtained during the field investigation were subjected to routine laboratory testing. The routine testing included moisture content, Atterberg limit tests and grain size analysis. Typically, 100% of the recovered soil samples are tested for natural moisture content determination, and 25% of the recovered soil samples are chosen for grain size analysis and/or Atterberg limits testing, as applicable. The following test methods/standards are followed for the above testing: LS 602 (sieve analysis for aggregates), LS 701 (moisture content of soils), ASTM C136 (standard test method for sieve analysis of fine and coarse aggregates), ASTM D4318 (standard test for liquid, plastic, and plasticity index of soils), ASTM D2216 (standard test method for laboratory determination of water (moisture) content of soil and rock by mass). The results of this testing are shown on the borehole logs (Appendix A) and on the laboratory data reports (Appendix B).

One soil sample was submitted to the ALS Canada Ltd. laboratory in Thunder Bay, Ontario which was subjected to corrosivity and conductivity testing. Results of this testing have been provided below and in Appendix B.

5 Subsurface Conditions

Details of the subsurface conditions are provided on the borehole logs (Appendix A), laboratory reports (Appendix B) and on the Soil Strata Drawing (Appendix C).

The subsurface soils at this site typically consist of fills through the embankment overlying clay. Silts and sands overlying clay was encountered outside the embankment fills.

5.1 Asphalt

130 mm of asphalt was identified at the surface of Borehole 3 (397.0 m). 110 mm of asphalt was identified at the surface of Borehole 4 (397.1 m).

5.2 Fill

Embankment fill was encountered below asphalt surface at Boreholes 5 and 6 and extended to depths of 7.4 and 7.2 m respectively (elev. 389.6 and 389.9 m) was comprised of various fill materials. The fill typically consisted of sand with varying amounts of gravel and silt. The results

of three grain size analysis indicates that this material can consist of 5 to 44 % gravel 36 to 53% sand and 7 to 59 % silt/clay sized particles. The condition of this material is loose to dense based on SPT N-values of 7 to 35 blows per 0.3 m.

Clay fill was encountered at two depths 1.4 m (elev. 395.6 m) at Borehole 3, and 2.9 m (elev. 394.2 m) at Borehole 4. The Borehole 3 sample's Atterberg limit test indicates a silty clay, with the natural moisture content exceeding the liquid limit. The Borehole 4 sample's Atterberg limit test indicates that this material is a clay of high plasticity with the natural moisture content between the plastic and liquid limits.

5.2.1 Rockfill

Rockfill was encountered from surface of Borehole 1 (elev. 392.2 m) and extended to a depth of 0.7 m depth (elev. 391.5 m).

5.3 Clay

Clay and sand to clay with trace sand and trace gravel was present underlying the fill at Boreholes 1, 3 and 4 and at the surface of Borehole 2 (elev. 389.1 to 391.3 m) and extended to depths ranging from 6.7 to 19.2 m (elev. 377.8 to 385.5 m) where the boreholes were terminated. Trace organics was noted at the surface of this material. Occasional to numerous sand and silt varves were noted within this material.

Atterberg limits testing indicates that this material is generally medium to high plasticity, with the natural moisture content in between the plastic and liquid limits to above the liquid limit. An area of low plasticity was encountered at a depth of 18.2 m (elev. 378.5 m) within Borehole 3. Grain size analysis indicates that this material can consist of 0 - 10 % gravel, 9 - 39 % sand, 60 - 91 % silt/clay sized particles. This material has a very soft to stiff consistency based on SPT N-values of 1 to 12 blows per 0.3 m generally decreasing with depth, a firm to very stiff consistency based on field vane tests ranging from 33 kPa to over 100 kPa, firm to stiff consistency based on lab vanes ranging from 28 to 85 kPa, and soft consistency based on pocket penetrometer ranging from 0.5 to 1.5 kg/cm². Field vane test results may be inflated due to intersecting gravel and/or sand particles and/or varves within the clay.

Undrained direct shear testing was conducted on a sample of the clay from Borehole 2 at a depth of 1.5 m (elev. 389.9 m). The result of this testing is provided in Appendix B.

5.4 DCPT

DCPT test was completed measuring DCPT-N blows per 0.3 m. The DCPT was advanced within the clay material at BH3 starting at a depth of 19.2 m (elev. 377.8 m) and extended to a depth of 22.6 m (elev. 374.4 m). DCPT N-values ranged from 7 to 30 blows per 0.3 m increasing with depth.

5.5 Corrosivity and Conductivity Testing

One soil sample from fill at approximate elevation 397.3 m was submitted for corrosivity and conductivity testing, results of which are summarized in the table below. Detailed results are provided in Appendix B.

Table 5.1: Analytical Testing Results.

Test	Unit	Result
Conductivity	mS/cm	366
Moisture	%	39.7
Acidity/Basicity	pH	7.76
Redox Potential	mV	292
Resistivity	ohm-cm	2730
Chloride	mg/kg	111
Sulphide (as S)	mg/kg	<0.33
Sulphate	mg/kg	<20

5.5.1 Groundwater

The groundwater levels were read upon completion of drilling and within the temporary standpipe piezometer installed to a depth of 2.9 m at Boreholes 2 and 3 as shown below. Groundwater levels will vary from season to season and from the effects of heavy precipitation events.

Table 5.2: Observed Groundwater Levels.

Location	Surface Elevation (m)	Groundwater Level on Completion of Drilling		Groundwater Level After Completion		
		Depth (m)	Elev. (m)	Depth (m)	Elev. (m)	Time After Comp
Borehole 1	392.2	-	-	1.2	391.0	16 days
Borehole 2	391.5	0.3	391.2	0.3	391.2	15 days
Borehole 3	397.0	-	-	5.3	391.7	5 Hrs

6 Miscellaneous

Laboratory testing was carried out at the TBT Engineering laboratory in Thunder Bay. The drill equipment for this investigation was operated by TBT Engineering Limited. The field operations

were supervised by Alan Finke. Laboratory testing was supervised by Forch Valela, C.E.T. This report was prepared and reviewed by Dean Vale, P.Eng., and Steven Seller, P.Eng. (TBTE's designated principal contact identified for MTO Foundation Engineering).

Part B - FOUNDATION DESIGN REPORT

7 Introduction

TBT Engineering Limited (TBTE) has been retained by NWR Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to provide foundation investigation and design services for the proposed replacement and rehabilitation to the existing non-structural twin 1200 mm culverts intersecting Highway 11/17, 1.7 km south of the intersection of HWY 11/17 and Hwy 102, in the Township of Conmee Ontario. The foundation investigation was conducted to provide subsurface data for the design of the culvert extensions.

The foundation investigations, as described in Part A, were completed to investigate the subsurface conditions at this site. Part A describes the subsurface conditions encountered during the investigation. The investigation consisted of 4 boreholes. The subsurface soils at this site consist of embankment fills overlying clay. Clay was observed outside the embankment.

The purpose of this section of the report (Part B) is to provide embankment design recommendations for culvert replacement. It is understood the existing culvert will be replaced with the same size CSP and no change in vertical alignment, or slope flattening will be required. Staged construction with the use of temporary protection, temporary embankment widening and/or the use of a coffer dam will be required.

8 Foundation Recommendations

Recommendations and analysis for construction of a new embankment are not provided. These are based on the conditions encountered at the borehole locations, TBTE's interpretation of the subsurface conditions at the site and analyses of embankment stability. All design recommendations presented in this report assume that an adequate level of construction monitoring during excavation and construction will be provided. An adequate level of construction monitoring is examination of all excavation surfaces prior to fill and/or concrete placement to ensure the integrity of the subgrade. Full-time monitoring, materials testing, and compaction testing should be provided.

The strength properties of the native materials have been estimated based on published correlations with index tests, shear testing. Typical strength properties have been selected for granular materials. Determination of the effective strength properties of the native clay material

relied upon both published correlations and observations made by completing a back analysis of the existing embankment configuration.

Table 8.1: Soil Properties for Geotechnical Analyses.

Soil	Effective Shear Strength Properties		Total Stress Strength Properties	Unit Weight, γ (kN/m ³)
	Angle of Internal Friction, ϕ' (degrees)	Cohesion Intercept, c' (kPa)	Undrained Shear Strength, C_u (kPa)	
Compacted Granular B, Type II	35	0	N/A	21
Existing Upper Embankment Sand and Gravel Fill	35	0	N/A	20
Existing Clay and Sand Fill	29	0	N/A	20
Existing Lower Embankment Sand and Gravel Fill	29	0	N/A	20
Upper Clay (above elev. 379 m)	25	0	N/A	17
Lower Clay (below elev. 379 m)	30	0	N/A	17
Upper Clay Underlying the Embankment (above elev. 387 m)	N/A	N/A	32	17
Lower Clay Underlying the Embankment (Below elev. 387 m)	N/A	N/A	32 kPa with an increase of 2.88 kPa/m	17
Upper Clay Outside the Embankment (above elev. 387 m)	N/A	N/A	32	17
Lower Clay Outside the Embankment (Below elev. 387 m)	N/A	N/A	25 kPa with an increase of 1.65 kPa/m	17

For the following sections, where applicable, the following parameters apply, as per the 2019 version of the Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code (CHBDC):

- Resistance factors of 0.65 (permanent conditions) and 0.75 (temporary conditions) for analyses of global stability based on a typical site understanding have been applied.

9 Staged Construction

9.1 Embankment Analyses - General

The foundation soils consist of moderate strength and highly compressible clays.

Stability modeling was completed using Slope/W software and limit equilibrium analysis using the Morgenstern-Price method. Stability modelling was carried out for global stability of the

foundations and the approach embankments. The slope stability models have been included in Appendix D.

The soil properties established for the embankment and foundation materials are presented above in Table 8.1.

Stability analyses have been completed to investigate excavation slopes and to assess the global stability of the final configuration. The designs are based on providing a minimum calculated factor of safety (FoS) against global instability for slip surfaces extending into the foundation soils as stated in Section 8. The resistance factors have been referenced from the CHBDC, as stated in Section 8. A uniformly distributed traffic load of 12 kPa over the traversable lanes was applied.

The foundation embankment recommendations provided below are based on the following design/construction criteria:

- Surface water drainage measures will be incorporated into the design of the embankment to prevent ponding of water adjacent to the embankment.
- Dewatering may be required to facilitate construction.
- Only one lane of traffic will be open during construction.
- No surface surcharges should be placed in close proximity to the edge of embankment or along the slope of the embankment unless the stability of the slope has been assessed.
- Retaining systems must be in place prior to excavation of any embankment toe material.
- Limits of excavation are based on the drawings provided by the MTO B-600-1117-6

9.1.1 Design Section

The design section was selected in the vicinity of Borehole 4 as it is the section with the thickest embankment fill height (approximately 7.2 m). It should be noted that based on the provided survey, the existing embankment slopes for the design section range from 1.8H:1V for the right-hand embankment and 1.9H:1V for the left-hand embankment. Back analysis of the existing embankment configuration provided a factor of safety above unity. The foundation soil stratigraphy was developed based on the findings at Station 10+790.00, near where the culvert is located.

9.2 Embankment Slope Stability Analyses

9.2.1 Stage 1 - Excavation and Widening to Facilitate Culvert Replacement

The following recommendations have been derived based on minimum requirements for excavation and widening to support a 50/50 culvert replacement methodology:

- Excavation cut slopes shall be no steeper than 1.7H:1V inside slope and 1.5H:1V outside slope.
- A small widening is required to maintain a 5 m wide lane, there by steepening the exterior slope from the original 2H:1V.
- The existing grade is to be cut at least 2 m from existing grade.
- Groundwater must be no higher than 391.0 m.
- All new fill materials will be compacted.
- The base of the excavation shall extend the base of the existing culvert.
- A 5 m wide temporary roadway to be constructed 2 m below existing roadway.

A factor of safety of 1.7 and 1.4 were achieved for total stress analysis of excavation slopes (see Figure D.1 and D.2 in Appendix D).

9.2.2 Stage 2 - Excavation and Widening to Facilitate Culvert Replacement

The following recommendations have been derived based on minimum requirements for the lane shift to support the 50/50 culvert replacement methodology:

- Inside Excavation slope no steeper than 1.5H:1V, with outside embankment slope no steeper than 2H:1V.
- The existing grade is to be cut at least 2 m
- All new fill materials will be compacted.
- The base of the excavation shall extend to the base of the existing culvert.
- A 5 m wide temporary roadway to be constructed 2 m below the existing roadway.

A factor of safety of 1.7 and 1.9 were achieved for total stress analysis of excavation slopes (see Figure D.3 and D.4 in Appendix D).

9.2.3 Stage 3 - Global Stability for Embankment Slopes

The following recommendations have been derived based on minimum requirements for general embankment slopes adjacent to the proposed culvert:

- Embankment slopes shall be no steeper than 2H:1V.

- Ditching shall be a minimum of 6.7 m on the lefthand side, and 7.5 on the righthand side from the toe of the embankment slope.

A minimum factor of safety of 1.5 was achieved for effective stress analysis (see Figure D.5 and D.6 in Appendix D).

9.2.3.1 Slope Stability Modelling Summary and Construction Recommendations

The table below shows a summary of the slope stability analyses completed, results of those analyses, and any relevant comments regarding the analyses.

Table 9.2: Summary of Slope Stability Analyses

Configuration	Figure #	Analysis Type	FOS	Comments
Stage 1: 5 m Wide Lane with 1.7H:1V Slopes RHS – Inside Slope	D.1	Total Stress	1.7	Existing Grade is Lowered 2 m with a 5.0 m Wide Driving Lane and a 12 Kpa Road Load. Water Table is at Measured Levels (391.0 m). Additional Granular B Type II is Utilized to Construct Driving Lane.
Stage 1: 5 m Wide Lane with 1.5H:1V Slopes RHS – Outside Slope	D.2	Total Stress	1.4	Existing Grade is Lowered 2 m with a 5.0 m Wide Driving Lane and a 12 Kpa Road Load. Water Table is at Measured Level (391.0 m). Additional Granular B Type II is Utilized to Construct Driving Lane.
Stage 2: 5 m Wide Lane with 1.5H:1V Slopes LHS - Inside Slope	D.3	Total Stress	1.7	Rebuild embankment to 2 m lower than previous grade with a 5.0 m Wide Driving Lane and a 12 Kpa Road Load. Water Table is at Measured Level (391.0 m). Granular B Type II is Utilized for the embankment construction.
Stage 2: 5 m Wide Lane with 2H:1V Slopes LHS– Outside Slope	D.4	Total Stress	1.9	Rebuild embankment to 2 m lower than previous grade with a 5.0 m Wide Driving Lane and a 12 Kpa Road Load. Water Table is at Measured Level (391.0 m). Granular B Type II is Utilized for the embankment construction.
Final Stage: Existing Slope LHS	D.5	Effective Stress	1.5	Rebuilt embankment constructed with compacted Granular B Type II material with 2H:1V slope to match adjacent grade. Ditching shall be located a

				minimum of 6.7 m from the embankment toe.
Final Stage: Existing Slope RHS	D.6	Effective Stress	1.5	Rebuilt embankment constructed with compacted Granular material with 2H:1V slope B Type II to match adjacent grade. Ditching shall be located a minimum of 7.5 m from the embankment toe.

To achieve the minimum FOS, the requirements shown above must be followed. All slope stability models are provided in Appendix D.

10 Embankment Settlement

It is understood that the existing embankment will not be raised, and no appreciable settlements are expected. Culverts will not require camber.

11 Subgrade Preparation

All existing fills from previous highway embankment construction and all organic soils (if encountered) must be stripped from the proposed culvert footprint to expose a non-disturbed, native, inorganic subgrade prior to embankment fill placement. If organics are encountered and the depth of organics exceeds stripping depths (300 mm), the organics shall be removed in accordance with OPSD 203.010 Nov. 2017 with fill slopes constructed as discussed below. The exposed subgrade may be sensitive to disturbance and worker traffic should be minimized prior to fill placement.

12 Considerations for Temporary Roadway Protection

The potential use of temporary roadway protection during construction to aid in excavation and/or aid in dewatering measures may be considered at this location. Refusal was not encountered at any of the borehole locations

The overall embankment fill thickness is in the order of 6.0 m above the culvert. The use of roadway protection during construction may be required depending on final culvert configuration and construction staging requirements. Systems including, but not limited to, soldier pile with lagging or sheet pile walls can be considered. Temporary roadway protection systems should be designed and constructed in accordance with OPSS 539 November 2014 for a minimum Performance Level 2, by engineers with a minimum of five years of experience designing similar

systems. Design should also consider the global stability of the chosen traffic protection system. Design of roadway protection systems is the responsibility of the contractor. Where possible all temporary roadway protection measures should be fully removed.

13 Backfill and Lateral Earth Pressures

The existing site materials are not suitable for use as structural backfill. Structural backfill should consist of Granular A, Granular B, Type I or Granular B, Type II. Backfill materials shall be supplied, placed and compacted in accordance with OPSS.PROV 1010 Apr. 2013, OPSS.PROV 206 Nov. 2014, OPSS 902 Nov. 2023 and OPSS.PROV 501 Nov. 2014.

Lateral earth pressure coefficients for potential granular backfill for sloping and level ground conditions have been provided in the tables below.

Table 13.1: Lateral Earth Pressure Coefficients for Non-Sloping Ground

Compacted Granular Backfill	ϕ' (°)	Bulk Unit Weight of Soil, γ (kN/m ³)	Lateral Earth Pressure Coefficients, K		
			Active K _a	At Rest K ₀	Passive K _p
Granular A	35	21	0.27	0.43	3.69
Granular B, Type II	35	21	0.27	0.43	3.69
Granular B, Type I	32	20	0.31	0.47	3.25
Existing Upper Sand and Gravel Fill	35	20	0.27	0.43	3.69
Existing Clay and Sand Fill	29	20	0.35	0.52	2.88
Existing Lower Sand and Gravel Fill	29	20	0.35	0.52	2.88
Upper Native Clay (Above 379.0 m)	25	17	0.41	0.58	2.46
Lower Native Clay (Below 379.0 m)	30	17	0.33	0.50	3.00

No factor of safety has been included in the above coefficients. A compaction surcharge should be added in accordance with Section 6.12.3 of the CHBDC. The effects of groundwater should be considered by the designer.

14 Dewatering for Temporary Conditions

Dewatering of groundwater below the base of excavation will be required to facilitate dry and stable excavations for construction. Dewatering systems should be designed in accordance with OPSS.PROV 517 Nov. 2023 and SP 517F01 (Nov. 2023). It is recommended that any dewatering system be designed and checked by engineers with a minimum of five years of experience designing similar systems. The need for a permit to take water or the registration of

the project on the MOECC's Environmental Activity and Sector Registry should be determined by the contractor.

To facilitate construction in the dry, control of surface water will also be required given the proposed excavations will be carried out below the water level. The use of sheet piles/coffer dams to restrict surface flow into open excavations may be warranted, especially where excavations are in close proximity to the water. Diversion of the water surface water from entering the excavation may be required

The complexity of the dewatering system will be governed by the depth of the excavation and any requirements for working in the dry.

Channel diversion options are limited without the construction of a diversion and subsequent temporary culvert to allow construction traffic to both sides of the creek. The use of temporary cofferdams utilizing either controlled flow or pumping should be considered the best option for channel diversion.

14.1 Preliminary Considerations for Cofferdams

The potential use of cofferdams/sheet piles during construction to control water conditions, aid in excavation and/or aid in placement of structures may be considered at this location. A cofferdam system can range from earthen structures to sheet piles installed on or within low permeable soils.

Based on the subsurface conditions at the borehole locations, relatively low permeable soils are encountered beneath the creek.

Cofferdam design should be completed by the contractor's designer and consider, but not limited to, the following potential issues:

- Requirement for bracing and/or tie backs.
- Global and internal stability.
- Sufficient seepage cut off measures be employed to avoid piping of the soil.
- Potential loss of soil adjacent to the cofferdam.
- Bedrock was not encountered.

14.2 Channel Diversion

Channel diversion options are limited without the construction of a diversion and subsequent temporary culvert. The use of temporary cofferdams utilizing either controlled flow or pumping should be considered the best option for channel diversion.

15 Temporary Excavations

Excavations should be constructed in accordance with the requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety act. The soil through the embankment and the native clay and sands can be preliminarily classified as Type 3 soils, as defined by the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations for Construction Projects. The soil types must be reassessed as excavations proceed and adjustments to construction methodologies should be taken as required. Cut slopes for unsupported temporary excavations shall be no steeper than those provided in previous sections of this report.

Surface surcharge loads should not be placed in close proximity to the edge of an excavation unless the stability of the excavation slope has been assessed. An operational constraint should be included within the contract documents to inform the contractor of the requirement to assess the slope where surcharges are placed in close proximity to the edge of an excavation. If a geotechnical assessment is found necessary, a Non-Standard Special Provision should be included within the contract documents to inform the contractor of the requirement that a RAQS qualified Foundation Engineering Service Provider shall be retained to conduct the analyses. Examples of the wording for these has been included in Appendix E.

16 Frost Penetration Depth

Based on OPSD 3090.100 November 2010 Foundation Frost Penetration Depths for Northern Ontario, the estimated frost depth penetration within the expected embankment fill is 2.2 m. The embankment soils anticipated within the frost depth are considered to be of low frost susceptibility (MTO Pavement Design and Rehabilitation Manual).

17 Scour Protection

Where appropriate, foundation elements should be provided with sufficient scour protection in the event of elevated creek water levels. The ultimate design of scour protection measures should be provided by engineers with sufficient experience. Scour protection should be designed in accordance with Section 1.9.5 of the CHBDC. Scour protection measures should

also consider OPSS.PROV 511 Nov. 2018 and OPSS.PROV 1004 Nov. 2014. Where clay seals are considered, OPSS.PROV 1205 Apr. 2015 should be reviewed, and OPSD 810.010 Nov. 2018 for rip rap placement.

18 Erosion Protection

Exposed granular fill and native soils may be subject to erosion from surface water runoff. At areas where runoff is expected or observed during construction, the granular surface shall be provided with suitable erosion protection. Embankment slopes beyond specific erosion treatment locations (e.g. Granular Sheeting or Rock Protection) should be treated as per the construction specification for temporary erosion control, OPSS.PROV 804 April 2021 and/or the construction specification for vegetative cover, OPSS.PROV 803 Nov. 2020. Available organic material meeting the construction specification for topsoil, OPSS 802 Nov. 2019, should be applied to the embankment slopes in accordance with OPSS 802 prior to the application of temporary erosion control and/or vegetative cover. Erosion control blankets (ECB) may be utilized in conjunction with vegetative cover operations. Bonded Fibre Matrix (BFM) application may also warrant consideration as an alternative treatment. These treatments should be applied at the discretion of the designer.

19 Potential Construction Issues

Issues which may require consideration include, but are not limited to:

- The depth of organics may exceed stripping depths of 300 mm outside the Borehole locations, the organics shall be removed in accordance with OPSD 203.010 Nov. 2017.
- Dewatering systems should be designed in accordance with OPSS.PROV 517 Nov. 2016 and SP 517F01 (Jul. 2017). It is recommended that any dewatering system be designed and checked by engineers with a minimum of five years of experience designing similar systems.

20 Limitations

Conclusions and recommendations presented in this report are based on the information determined at a limited number of test hole locations. Subsurface and groundwater conditions between and beyond these locations may differ from those encountered. Conditions may become apparent during construction that were not detected and could not be anticipated at the time of the site investigation.

The comments given in this report on potential construction problems and possible methods of construction are intended only for the guidance of the designer.

Groundwater levels indicated are based on the information described within the report. The presence of all conditions that could affect the type and scope of the dewatering procedures which may be considered during construction cannot readily be determined from site investigation or boreholes. These conditions include local and seasonal fluctuations of the groundwater level, changes in soil conditions between borehole locations, thin and/or discontinuous layers of highly permeable soils, etc.

In no way does the information contained within this report reflect any environmental aspect of the site or soil.

21 Closure

We trust the above addresses your project requirements at this time. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience.

Yours truly,

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APPENDIX A
Borehole Logs

EXPLANATION OF TERMS

N Value: The Standard Penetration Test (SPT) N value is the number of blows required to cause a standard 51mm O.D. split barrel sampler to penetrate 0.3m into undisturbed ground in a borehole when driven by a hammer with a mass of 63.5 kg, falling freely a distance of 0.76m. For penetrations of less than 0.3m N values are indicated as the number of blows for the penetration achieved. Average N value is denoted thus \bar{N} .

Dynamic Cone Penetration Test: Continuous penetration of a conical steel point (51mm O.D. 60° cone angle) driven by 475 J impact energy on 'A' size drill rods. The resistance to cone penetration is measured as the number of blows for each 0.3m advance of the conical point into the undisturbed ground.

Soils are described by their composition and consistency/condition.

Consistency: Cohesive soils are described on the basis of their undrained shear strength (c_u) as follows:

C_u (kPa)	0-12	12-25	25-50	50-100	100-200	>200
	Very Soft	Soft	Firm	Stiff	Very Stiff	Hard

Condition: Cohesionless soils are described on the basis of denseness as indicated by SPT N values as follows:

N (Blows/0.3m)	0-4	4-10	10-30	30-50	>50
	Very Loose	Loose	Compact	Dense	Very Dense

Minor Soil Components: Terminology used to represent the amount of minor components based on their percent of the sample by weight as follows:

% by weight	0-10	10-20	20-35	35-50
	Trace	Some	"ey" or "y"	And

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

Field Sampling, Insitu Testing, Laboratory Testing

S S	Split Spoon	T P	Thin Wall Piston
A S	Auger	O S	Osterberg
W S	Wash	R C	Rock Core
S T	Slotted Tube	P H	T W Advanced Hydraulically
B S	Block	P M	T W Advanced Manually
C S	Chunk	F S	Foil
V T	Vane Test (kPa)	P P	Pocket Penetrometer (kg/cm ²)
T W	Thin Wall Shelby Tube		

EXPLANATION OF TERMS Cont'd.

<u>Stress and Strain</u>			<u>Mechanical Properties of Soil</u>		
u_w	kPa	Pore Water Pressure	m_v	kPa ⁻¹	Coefficient of Volume Change
u		Pore Pressure Ratio	C_c		Compression Index
σ	kPa	Total Normal Stress	C_s		Swelling Index
σ'	kPa	Effective Normal Stress	C_a		Rate of Secondary Consolidation
τ	kPa	Shear Stress	c_v	m ² /s	Coefficient of Consolidation
$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$	kPa	Principal Stress	H	m	Drainage Path
ϵ	%	Linear Strain	T_v		Time Factor
$\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3$	%	Principal Strains	U	%	Degree of Consolidation
E	MPa	Young's Modulus	P'_o	kPa	Effective Overburden Pressure
G	kPa	Modulus of Shear Deformation	P'_c	kPa	Preconsolidation Pressure
m	MPa	Constrained Modulus	T_f	kPa	Shear Strength
μ		Coefficient of Friction	c'	kPa	Effective Cohesion Intercept
			ϕ'	°	Effective Angle of Internal Friction
			c_u	kPa	Undrained Shear Strength
			s		Sensitivity

<u>Physical Properties of Soil</u>								
ρ_s	kg/m ³	Density of Solid Particles	e	%	Void Ratio	e_{min}	%	Void Ratio in Densest State
γ_s	kN/m ³	Unit Weight of Solid Particles	n	%	Porosity	I_D		Density Index $= \frac{e_{max} - e}{e_{max} - e_{min}}$
ρ_w	kg/m ³	Density of Water	w	%	Water Content	D	mm	Grain Diameter
γ_w	kN/m ³	Unit Weight of Water	s_r	%	Degree of Saturation	D_n	mm	n Percent Diameter
ρ	kg/m ³	Density of Soil	w_L	%	Liquid Limit	C_U		Uniformity Coefficient
γ	kN/m ³	Unit Weight of Soil	w_P	%	Plastic Limit	h	m	Hydraulic Head or Potential
ρ_d	kg/m ³	Density of Dry Soil	w_S	%	Shrinkage Limit	q	m ³ /s	Rate of Discharge
γ_d	kN/m ³	Unit Weight of Dry Soil	I_P	%	Plasticity Index = $w_L - w_P$	v	m/s	Discharge Velocity
ρ_{sat}	kg/m ³	Density of Saturated Soil	I_L		Liquidity Index = $\frac{w - w_P}{I_P}$	i		Hydraulic Gradient
γ_{sat}	kN/m ³	Unit Weight of Saturated Soil	I_C		Consistency Index = $\frac{w_L - w}{I_P}$	k	m/s	Hydraulic Conductivity
ρ'	kg/m ³	Density of Submerged Soil	e_{max}	%	Void Ratio in Loosest State	j	kN/m ³	Seepage Force
γ'	kN/m ³	Unit Weight of Submerged Soil						

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 1

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METRIC

W.P. _____ LOCATION Station 10+777 o/s 24.1m RT of C/L N:5375747.334; E:330260.29 MTM Zone:15 ORIGINATED BY IB
 DIST Thunder Bay HWY 11&17 BOREHOLE TYPE Casing Advancer COMPILED BY TG
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2024.06.25 - 2024.06.25 LATITUDE 48.51980567 LONGITUDE -89.65531403 CHECKED BY SS

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)				
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100	20	40	60
392.2 0.0	ROCKFILL																		Water level @ 1.2 m on July 10, 2024.	
391.5 0.7	CLAY - Sandy, trace gravel, trace organics to 1.4 m, brown, firm to stiff ----- - occasional grey sand varves to 4.5 m ----- - very soft		1	SS	9	▼						○							3 35 (62)	
				2	SS	5							○							
				3	SS	12							○							
				4	SS	6							○							5 31 (64) Temporary Standpipe installed to 2.9 m.
				5	TW								○							
				6	SS	1								○						
385.5 6.7	End of Borehole @ 6.7 m.																			

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+³, ×³: Numbers refer to Sensitivity ○ 3% STRAIN AT FAILURE PP=Pocket Penetrometer (Kg/cm²)

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METRIC

W.P. _____ LOCATION Station 10+780 o/s 20.0m LT of C/L N:5375734.995; E:330302.8 MTM Zone:15 ORIGINATED BY IB
 DIST Thunder Bay HWY 11&17 BOREHOLE TYPE Casing Advancer COMPILED BY TG
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2024.06.26 - 2024.06.26 LATITUDE 48.51969297 LONGITUDE -89.65473929 CHECKED BY SS

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)				
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	TYPE	T _N VALUES			20	40	60	80	100						20	40	60	GR
391.4 0.0	CLAY & SAND - brown, firm to stiff ----- - occasional sand seams ----- - some sand, very soft ----- - firm	STRAT PLOT	1	SS	7													Water level @ 0.3 m on completion. 0 35 (65)		
			2	TW															Water level @ 0.3 m on July 10, 2024.	
																				PP = 1.0 - 1.25 kg/cm ²
					3	SS	1													Standpipe installed to 2.9 m. Cave @ 2.9 m.
					4	SS	1													0 15 (85)
384.5 6.9	End of Borehole @ 6.9 m.		5	TW														PP = <0.25 kg/cm ²		
																		PP = Pocket Penetrometer		

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 3

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METRIC

W.P. _____ LOCATION Station 10+775 o/s 6.9 m LT of C/L N:5375745.597; E:330277.581 MTM Zone:15 ORIGINATED BY AF
 DIST Thunder Bay HWY 11&17 BOREHOLE TYPE Casing Advancer COMPILED BY TG
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2024.07.08 - 2024.07.09 LATITUDE 48.51978934 LONGITUDE -89.65508005 CHECKED BY SS

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)			
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100	20	40
397.0	ASPHALT - 130 mm FILL - SAND - some gravel, trace silt, brown ----- - GRAVEL - some sand, trace silt, grey, dense ----- - SAND - Gravelly, some clay, brown, loose ----- - CLAY & SAND - trace gravel, brown, firm ----- - SAND & GRAVEL - some rock fill, trace silt/clay, grey, compact		1	AS															
396.0			2	SS	35														
			3	SS	9														
			4	SS	7														
			5	SS	8														
			6	SS	15														
			7	SS	13														
389.6	CLAY - grey sand varves to 8.7 m, trace to some sand, brown, very soft to firm		8	SS	5														
388.6			9	TW															
			10	SS	1														
			11	TW															
			12	SS	1														

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METRIC

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SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80					
377.8	CLAY - grey sand varves to 8.7 m, trace to some sand, brown, very soft to firm (continued)		13	TW												
381																
380			14	SS	1											
379	----- - some sand varves, occasional sand seam, grey, stiff to very stiff			15	TW											
378	DCPT Testing															0 13 (87) PP = 1.5 kg/cm ² PP = Pocket Penetrometer
377																
376																
375																
374.4	End of Borehole @ 22.6 m.															
22.6																

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METRIC

W.P. _____ LOCATION Station 10+785 o/s 6.9 m LT of C/L N:5375735.606; E:330275.374 MTM Zone:15 ORIGINATED BY AF
 DIST Thunder Bay HWY 11&17 BOREHOLE TYPE Casing Advancer COMPILED BY TG
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2024.07.09 - 2024.07.09 LATITUDE 48.51969958 LONGITUDE -89.65511054 CHECKED BY SS

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)				
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100	20	40	60
397.1	ASPHALT - 110 mm FILL - SAND - some gravel, trace silt, grey, compact to dense ----- - some silt, trace gravel, brown ----- - Gravelly, some clay ----- - CLAY & SAND - brown, stiff ----- - trace gravel ----- - SAND & GRAVEL - trace silt, grey, compact		1	SS	34															
396			2	SS	11															
395																				
394			3	SS	9											5	36	(59)		
393																				
392																				
391																				
390																				
389.9	CLAY & SAND - occasional varves, brown, soft to firm ----- - Sandy, trace gravel, firm ----- - brown, very soft to firm		6	SS	3															
389			7	TW																
388																				
387																				
386			8	TW																
385																				
384																				
383																				

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METRIC

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 DIST Thunder Bay HWY 11&17 BOREHOLE TYPE Casing Advancer COMPILED BY TG
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2024.07.09 - 2024.07.09 LATITUDE 48.51969958 LONGITUDE -89.65511054 CHECKED BY SS

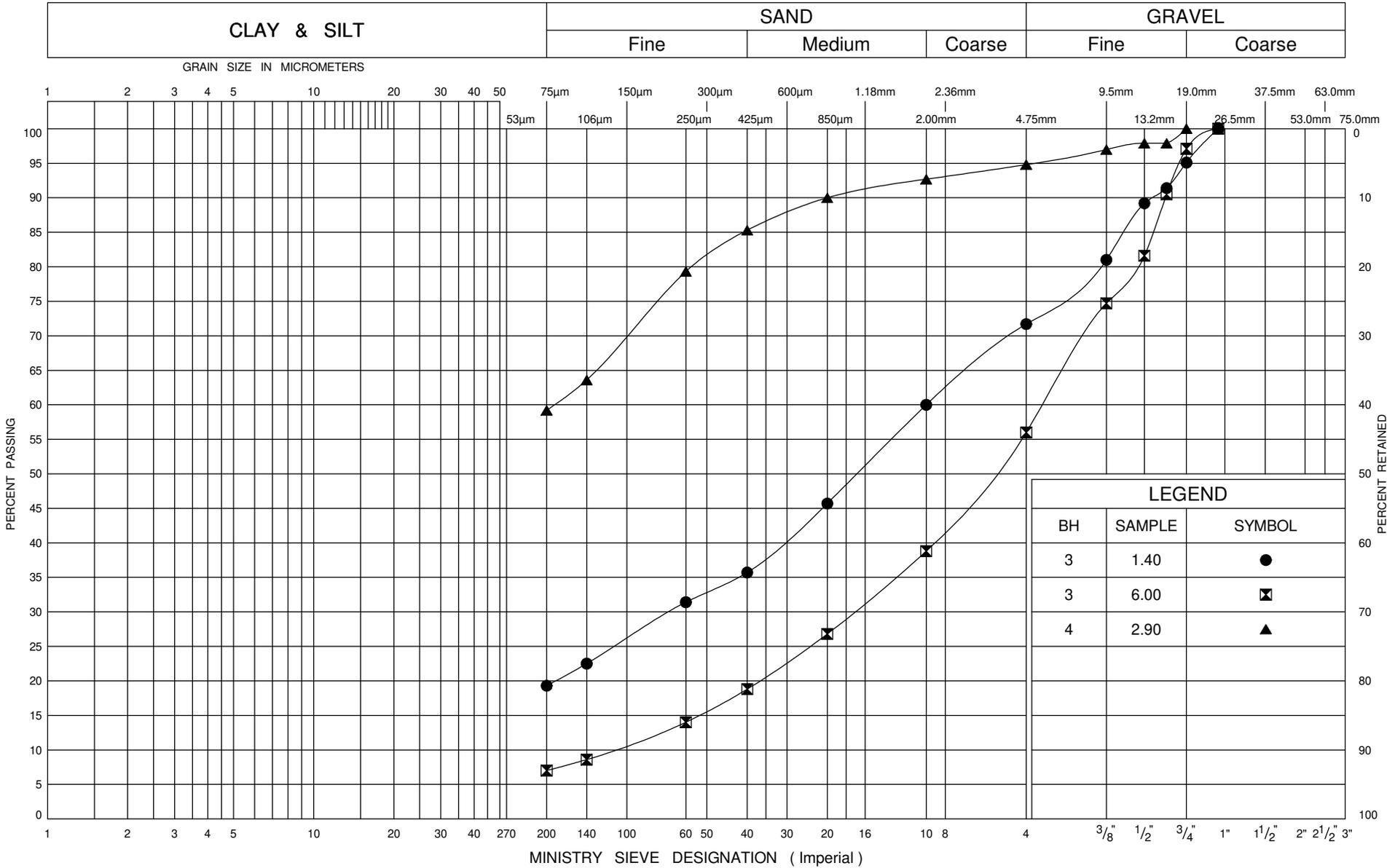
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ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80	100	W _p	W			W _L	GR	SA
	CLAY & SAND - occasional varves, brown, soft to firm (continued) ----- - some sand		11	SS	1														
	----- - very soft to stiff		12	SS	1														
378.3 18.8	End of Borehole @ 18.8 m.		13	SS	1														

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APPENDIX B
Laboratory Test Data

UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



LEGEND		
BH	SAMPLE	SYMBOL
3	1.40	●
3	6.00	⊠
4	2.90	▲

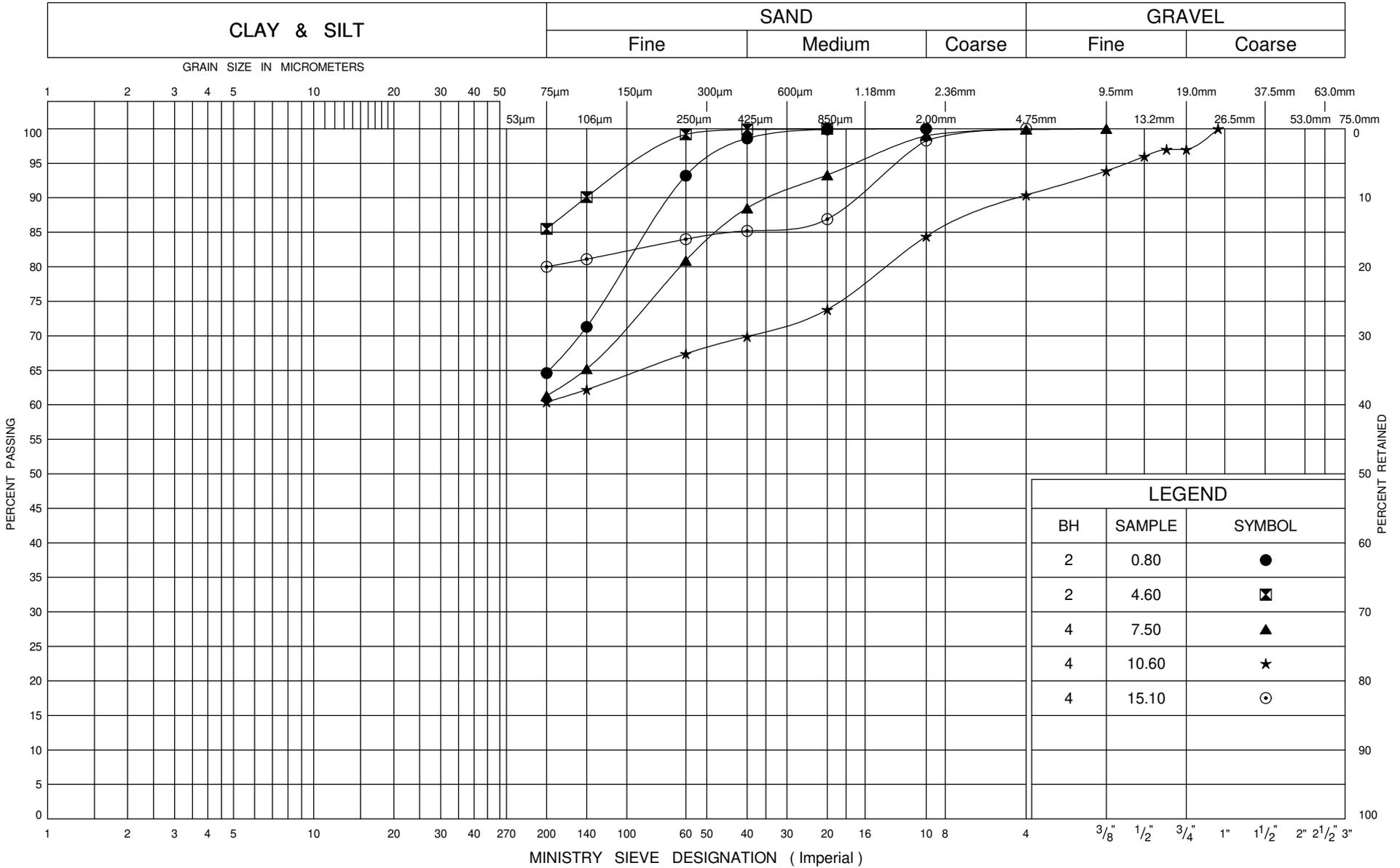
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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION FILL

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 Culverts

UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



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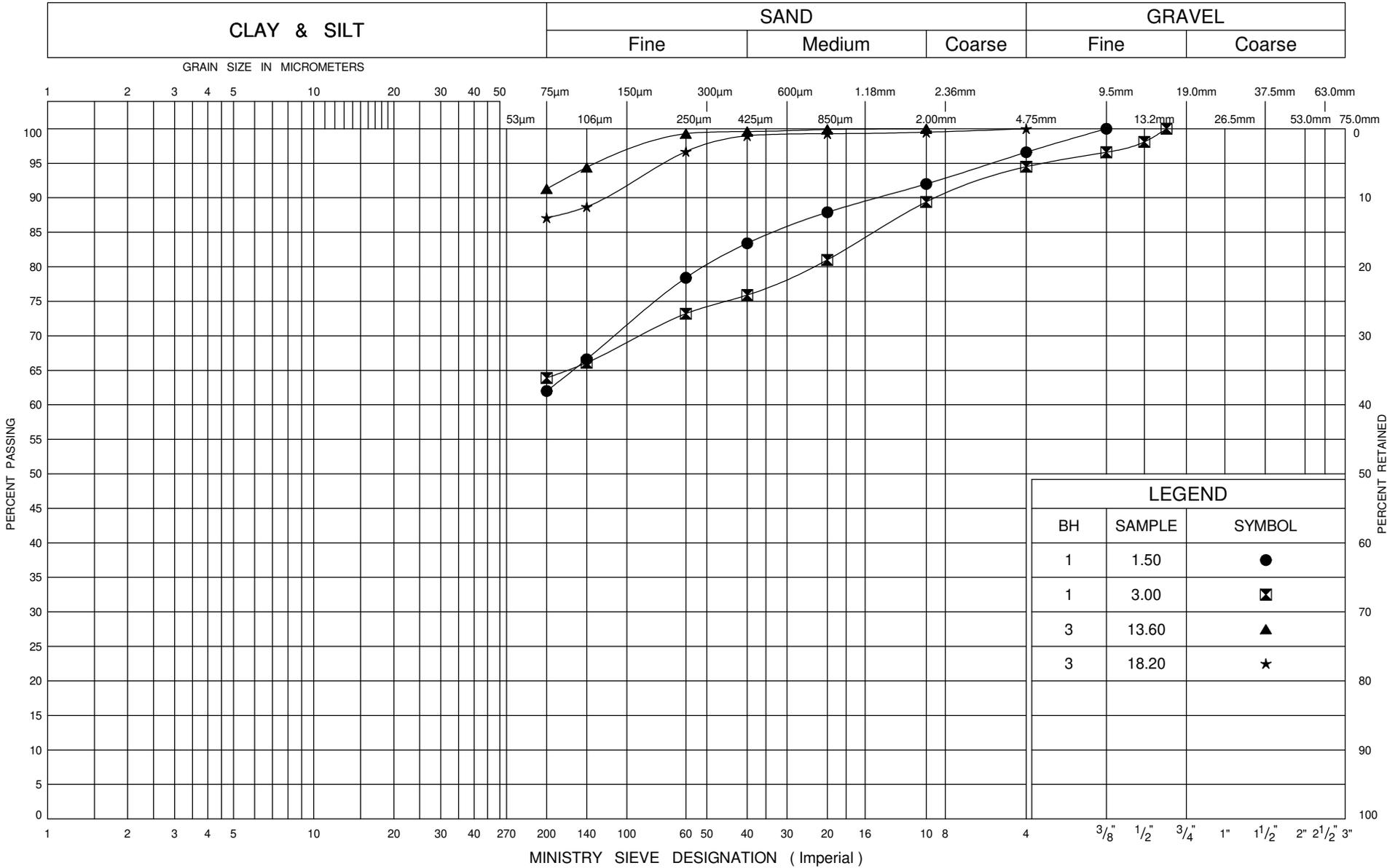
GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION CLAY & SAND

FIG No 2

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Culverts

UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



LEGEND		
BH	SAMPLE	SYMBOL
1	1.50	●
1	3.00	◻
3	13.60	▲
3	18.20	★

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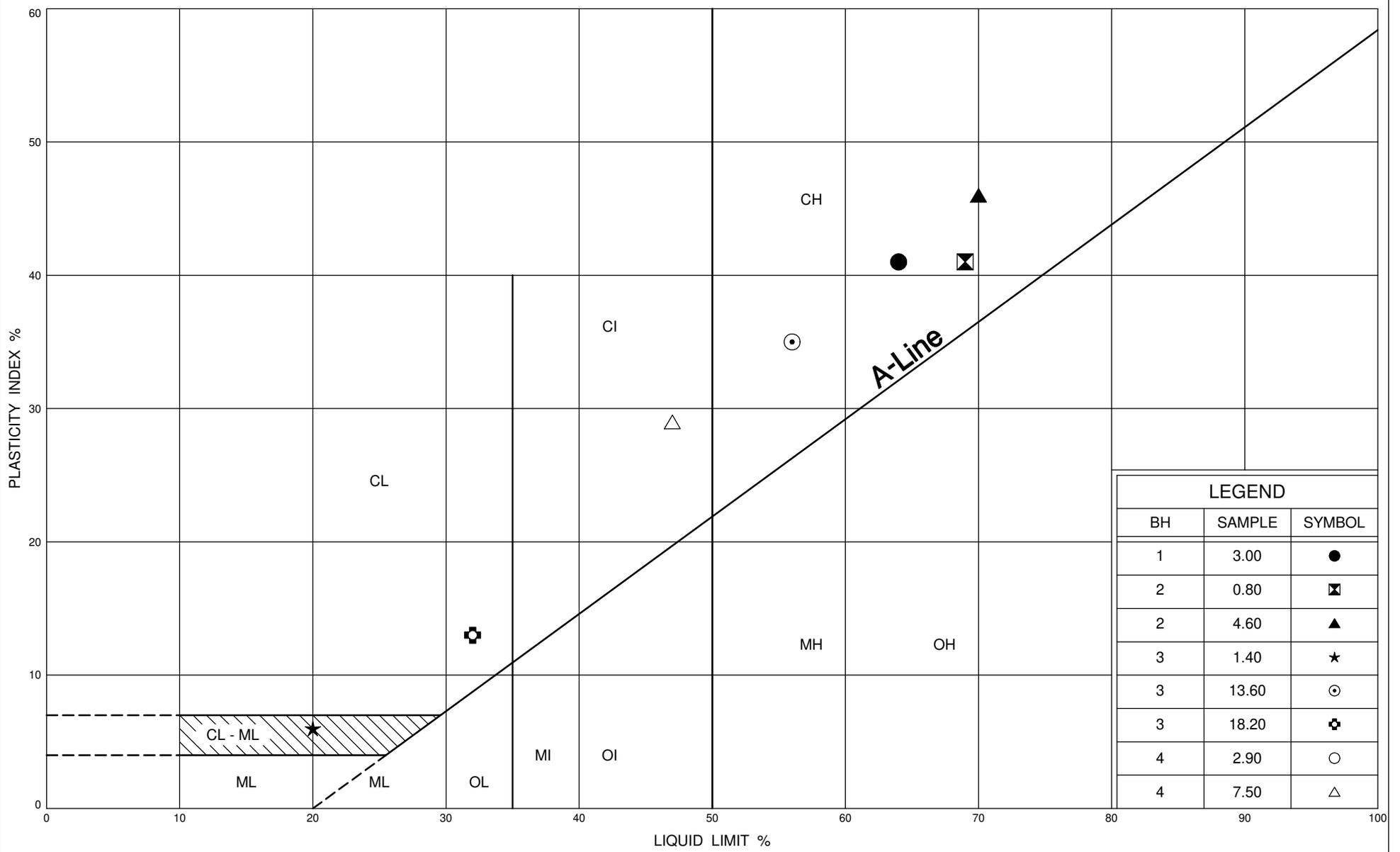


GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION CLAY

FIG No 3

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Culverts



LEGEND		
BH	SAMPLE	SYMBOL
1	3.00	●
2	0.80	⊠
2	4.60	▲
3	1.40	★
3	13.60	⊙
3	18.20	⊕
4	2.90	○
4	7.50	△

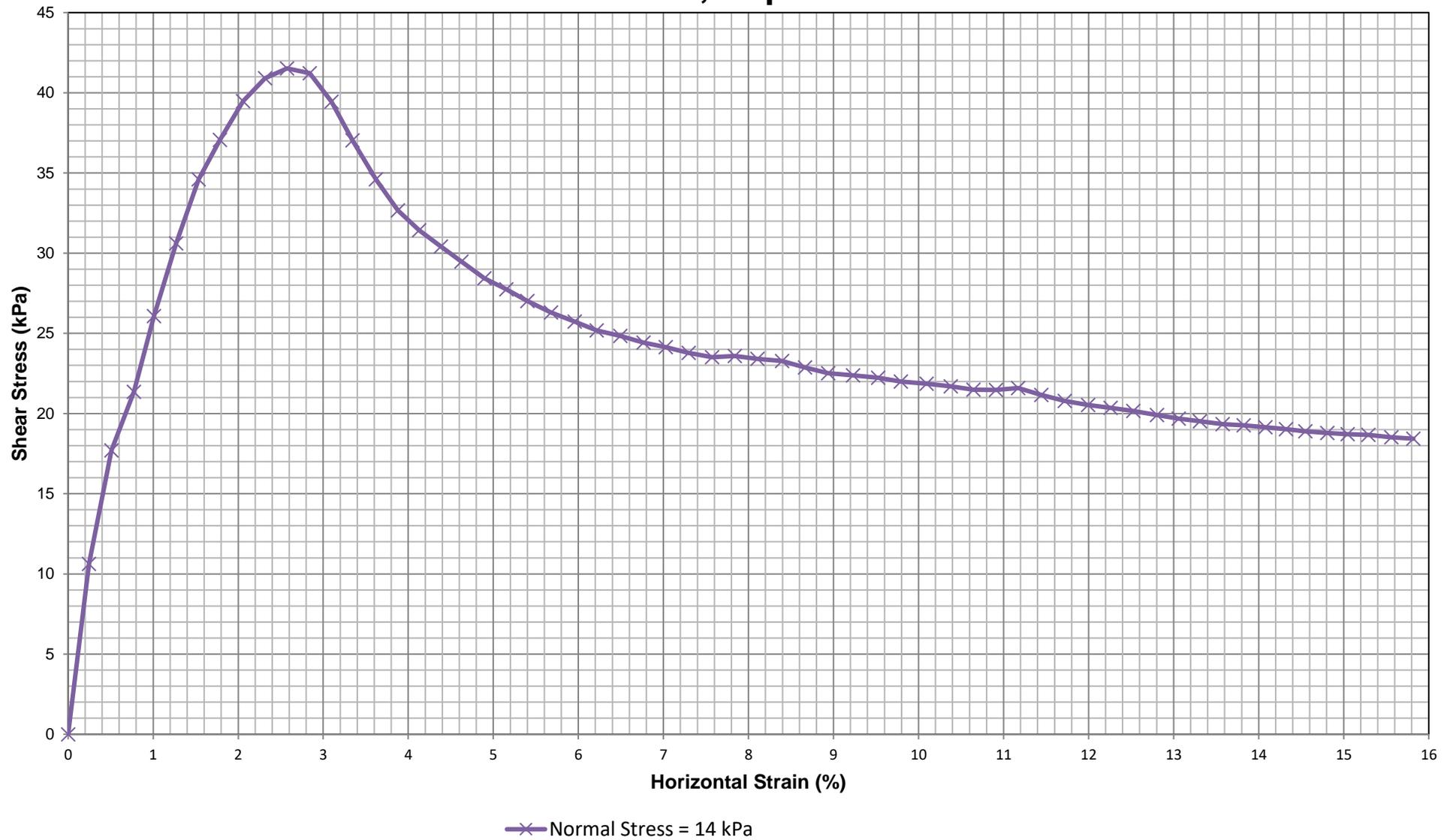
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PLASTICITY CHART

FIG No 4
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 Culverts

Undrained Direct Shear Test Borehole 4, Depth 2.1 m





CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

Work Order	: TY2407728		
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Project	: 23-318-14	Date Samples Received	: 18-Jul-2024 09:45
PO	: 2407-5133	Date Analysis Commenced	: 20-Jul-2024
C-O-C number	: ----	Issue Date	: 25-Jul-2024 09:15
Sampler	: LF		
Site	: ----		
Quote number	: Standing Offer - Soil - 2024		
No. of samples received	: 1		
No. of samples analysed	: 1		

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This Certificate of Analysis contains the following information:

- General Comments
- Analytical Results

Additional information pertinent to this report will be found in the following separate attachments: Quality Control Report, QC Interpretive report to assist with Quality Review and Sample Receipt Notification (SRN).

Signatories

This document has been electronically signed by the authorized signatories below. Electronic signing is conducted in accordance with US FDA 21 CFR Part 11.

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General Comments

The analytical methods used by ALS are developed using internationally recognized reference methods (where available), such as those published by US EPA, APHA Standard Methods, ASTM, ISO, Environment Canada, BC MOE, and Ontario MOE. Refer to the ALS Quality Control Interpretive report (QCI) for applicable references and methodology summaries. Reference methods may incorporate modifications to improve performance.

Where a reported less than (<) result is higher than the LOR, this may be due to primary sample extract/digestate dilution and/or insufficient sample for analysis.

Where the LOR of a reported result differs from standard LOR, this may be due to high moisture content, insufficient sample (reduced weight employed) or matrix interference.

Please refer to Quality Control Interpretive report (QCI) for information regarding Holding Time compliance.

Key: CAS Number: Chemical Abstracts Services number is a unique identifier assigned to discrete substances.
LOR: Limit of Reporting (detection limit).

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Description</i>
ohm cm	ohm centimetres (resistivity)
%	percent
mV	millivolts
pH units	pH units
µS/cm	microsiemens per centimetre
mg/kg	milligrams per kilogram

<: less than.

>: greater than.

Surrogate: An analyte that is similar in behavior to target analyte(s), but that does not occur naturally in environmental samples. For applicable tests, surrogates are added to samples prior to analysis as a check on recovery.

Test results reported relate only to the samples as received by the laboratory.

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED on SRN or QCI Report, ALL SAMPLES WERE RECEIVED IN ACCEPTABLE CONDITION.





Analytical Results

Sub-Matrix: Soil
 (Matrix: Soil/Solid)

					Client sample ID	BH6-SS6	----	----	----	----
					Client sampling date / time	09-Jul-2024 12:00	----	----	----	----
Analyte	CAS Number	Method/Lab	LOR	Unit	TY2407728-001	----	----	----	----	----
					Result	----	----	----	----	----
Physical Tests										
Conductivity (1:2 leachate)	---	E100-L/WT	5.00	µS/cm	366	----	----	----	----	----
Moisture	---	E144/WT	0.25	%	39.7	----	----	----	----	----
Oxidation-reduction potential [ORP]	---	E125/WT	0.10	mV	292	----	----	----	----	----
pH (1:2 soil:CaCl2-aq)	---	E108A/WT	0.10	pH units	7.76	----	----	----	----	----
Resistivity	---	EC100R/WT	100	ohm cm	2730	----	----	----	----	----
Inorganics										
Sulfides, acid volatile	---	E396-L/WT	0.33	mg/kg	<0.33	----	----	----	----	----
Leachable Anions & Nutrients										
Chloride, soluble ion content	16887-00-6	E236.Cl/WT	5.0	mg/kg	111	----	----	----	----	----
Sulfate, soluble ion content	14808-79-8	E236.SO4/WT	20	mg/kg	<20	----	----	----	----	----

Please refer to the General Comments section for an explanation of any result qualifiers detected.

Please refer to the Accreditation section for an explanation of analyte accreditations.



QUALITY CONTROL INTERPRETIVE REPORT

<p>Work Order : TY2407728</p> <p>Client : TBT Engineering Group</p> <p>Contact : Doug Steele</p> <p>Address : 1918 Younge Street Thunder Bay ON Canada P7E 6T9</p> <p>Telephone : (807)624-5160</p> <p>Project : 23-318-14</p> <p>PO : 2407-5133</p> <p>C-O-C number : ----</p> <p>Sampler : LF</p> <p>Site :</p> <p>Quote number : Standing Offer - Soil - 2024</p> <p>No. of samples received : 1</p> <p>No. of samples analysed : 1</p>	<p>Page : 1 of 7</p> <p>Laboratory : ALS Environmental - Thunder Bay</p> <p>Account Manager : Cassidy Young</p> <p>Address : 1081 Barton Street Thunder Bay, Ontario Canada P7B 5N3</p> <p>Telephone : +1 807 623 6463</p> <p>Date Samples Received : 18-Jul-2024 09:45</p> <p>Issue Date : 25-Jul-2024 09:15</p>
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This report is automatically generated by the ALS LIMS (Laboratory Information Management System) through evaluation of Quality Control (QC) results and other QA parameters associated with this submission, and is intended to facilitate rapid data validation by auditors or reviewers. The report highlights any exceptions and outliers to ALS Data Quality Objectives, provides holding time details and exceptions, summarizes QC sample frequencies, and lists applicable methodology references and summaries.

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- Anonymous: Refers to samples which are not part of this work order, but which formed part of the QC process lot.
- CAS Number: Chemical Abstracts Service number is a unique identifier assigned to discrete substances.
- DQO: Data Quality Objective.
- LOR: Limit of Reporting (detection limit).
- RPD: Relative Percent Difference.

Workorder Comments

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Summary of Outliers

Outliers : Quality Control Samples

- No Method Blank value outliers occur.
- No Duplicate outliers occur.
- No Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) outliers occur
- No Test sample Surrogate recovery outliers exist.

Outliers: Reference Material (RM) Samples

- No Reference Material (RM) Sample outliers occur.

Outliers : Analysis Holding Time Compliance (Breaches)

- No Analysis Holding Time Outliers exist.

Outliers : Frequency of Quality Control Samples

- No Quality Control Sample Frequency Outliers occur.



Analysis Holding Time Compliance

This report summarizes extraction / preparation and analysis times and compares each with ALS recommended holding times, which are selected to meet known provincial and /or federal requirements. In the absence of regulatory hold times, ALS establishes recommendations based on guidelines published by organizations such as CCME, US EPA, APHA Standard Methods, ASTM, or Environment Canada (where available). Dates and holding times reported below represent the first dates of extraction or analysis. If subsequent tests or dilutions exceeded holding times, qualifiers are added (refer to COA).

If samples are identified below as having been analyzed or extracted outside of recommended holding times, measurement uncertainties may be increased, and this should be taken into consideration when interpreting results.

Where actual sampling date is not provided on the chain of custody, the date of receipt with time at 00:00 is used for calculation purposes.

Where only the sample date without time is provided on the chain of custody, the sampling date at 00:00 is used for calculation purposes.

Matrix: **Soil/Solid**

Evaluation: ✖ = Holding time exceedance ; ✔ = Within Holding Time

Analyte Group : Analytical Method Container / Client Sample ID(s)	Method	Sampling Date	Extraction / Preparation				Analysis			
			Preparation Date	Holding Times		Eval	Analysis Date	Holding Times		Eval
				Rec	Actual			Rec	Actual	
Inorganics : Acid Volatile Sulfide in Soil by Colourimetry (0.2 mg/kg)										
Glass soil jar/Teflon lined cap [ON MECP] BH6-SS6	E396-L	09-Jul-2024	22-Jul-2024	14 days	13 days	✔	22-Jul-2024	7 days	0 days	✔
Leachable Anions & Nutrients : Water Extractable Chloride by IC										
Glass soil jar/Teflon lined cap [ON MECP] BH6-SS6	E236.Cl	09-Jul-2024	23-Jul-2024	30 days	14 days	✔	23-Jul-2024	28 days	0 days	✔
Leachable Anions & Nutrients : Water Extractable Sulfate by IC										
Glass soil jar/Teflon lined cap [ON MECP] BH6-SS6	E236.SO4	09-Jul-2024	23-Jul-2024	30 days	14 days	✔	23-Jul-2024	28 days	0 days	✔
Physical Tests : Conductivity in Soil (1:2 Soil:Water Extraction) (Low Level)										
Glass soil jar/Teflon lined cap [ON MECP] BH6-SS6	E100-L	09-Jul-2024	23-Jul-2024	30 days	14 days	✔	23-Jul-2024	30 days	14 days	✔
Physical Tests : Moisture Content by Gravimetry										
Glass soil jar/Teflon lined cap [ON MECP] BH6-SS6	E144	09-Jul-2024	----	----	----		22-Jul-2024	----	13 days	
Physical Tests : ORP by Electrode										
Glass soil jar/Teflon lined cap [ON MECP] BH6-SS6	E125	09-Jul-2024	23-Jul-2024	180 days	14 days	✔	24-Jul-2024	180 days	15 days	✔
Physical Tests : pH by Meter (1:2 Soil:0.01M CaCl2 Extraction) - As Received										
Glass soil jar/Teflon lined cap [ON MECP] BH6-SS6	E108A	09-Jul-2024	20-Jul-2024	30 days	11 days	✔	22-Jul-2024	30 days	13 days	✔



Legend & Qualifier Definitions

Rec. HT: ALS recommended hold time (see units).



Quality Control Parameter Frequency Compliance

The following report summarizes the frequency of laboratory QC samples analyzed within the analytical batches (QC lots) in which the submitted samples were processed. The actual frequency should be greater than or equal to the expected frequency.

Matrix: **Soil/Solid**

Evaluation: ✖ = QC frequency outside specification; ✔ = QC frequency within specification.

Quality Control Sample Type	Method	QC Lot #	Count		Frequency (%)		
			QC	Regular	Actual	Expected	Evaluation
Analytical Methods							
Laboratory Duplicates (DUP)							
Acid Volatile Sulfide in Soil by Colourimetry (0.2 mg/kg)	E396-L	1558163	1	11	9.0	4.7	✔
Conductivity in Soil (1:2 Soil:Water Extraction) (Low Level)	E100-L	1554472	1	8	12.5	5.0	✔
Moisture Content by Gravimetry	E144	1558683	1	20	5.0	5.0	✔
ORP by Electrode	E125	1558925	1	17	5.8	5.0	✔
pH by Meter (1:2 Soil:0.01M CaCl2 Extraction) - As Received	E108A	1555648	1	19	5.2	5.0	✔
Water Extractable Chloride by IC	E236.Cl	1559110	1	18	5.5	5.0	✔
Water Extractable Sulfate by IC	E236.SO4	1559111	1	10	10.0	5.0	✔
Laboratory Control Samples (LCS)							
Acid Volatile Sulfide in Soil by Colourimetry (0.2 mg/kg)	E396-L	1558163	1	11	9.0	4.7	✔
Conductivity in Soil (1:2 Soil:Water Extraction) (Low Level)	E100-L	1554472	2	8	25.0	10.0	✔
Moisture Content by Gravimetry	E144	1558683	1	20	5.0	5.0	✔
ORP by Electrode	E125	1558925	1	17	5.8	5.0	✔
pH by Meter (1:2 Soil:0.01M CaCl2 Extraction) - As Received	E108A	1555648	1	19	5.2	5.0	✔
Water Extractable Chloride by IC	E236.Cl	1559110	2	18	11.1	10.0	✔
Water Extractable Sulfate by IC	E236.SO4	1559111	2	10	20.0	10.0	✔
Method Blanks (MB)							
Acid Volatile Sulfide in Soil by Colourimetry (0.2 mg/kg)	E396-L	1558163	1	11	9.0	4.7	✔
Conductivity in Soil (1:2 Soil:Water Extraction) (Low Level)	E100-L	1554472	1	8	12.5	5.0	✔
Moisture Content by Gravimetry	E144	1558683	1	20	5.0	5.0	✔
Water Extractable Chloride by IC	E236.Cl	1559110	1	18	5.5	5.0	✔
Water Extractable Sulfate by IC	E236.SO4	1559111	1	10	10.0	5.0	✔



Methodology References and Summaries

The analytical methods used by ALS are developed using internationally recognized reference methods (where available), such as those published by US EPA, APHA Standard Methods, ASTM, ISO, Environment Canada, BC MOE, and Ontario MOE. Reference methods may incorporate modifications to improve performance (indicated by "mod").

Analytical Methods	Method / Lab	Matrix	Method Reference	Method Descriptions
Conductivity in Soil (1:2 Soil:Water Extraction) (Low Level)	E100-L ALS Environmental - Waterloo	Soil/Solid	CSSS Ch. 15 (mod)/APHA 2510 (mod)	Conductivity, also known as Electrical Conductivity (EC) or Specific Conductance, is measured by immersion of a conductivity cell with platinum electrodes into a soil sample that has been added in a defined ratio of soil to deionized water, then shaken well and allowed to settle. Conductance is measured in the fluid that is observed in the upper layer.
pH by Meter (1:2 Soil:0.01M CaCl ₂ Extraction) - As Received	E108A ALS Environmental - Waterloo	Soil/Solid	MECP E3530	pH is determined by potentiometric measurement with a pH electrode, and is conducted at ambient laboratory temperature (normally 20 ± 5°C) and is carried out in accordance with procedures described in the Analytical Protocol (prescriptive method). A minimum 10g portion of the sample, as received, is extracted with 20mL of 0.01M calcium chloride solution by shaking for at least 30 minutes. The aqueous layer is separated from the soil by centrifuging, settling, or decanting and then analyzed using a pH meter and electrode. This method is equivalent to ASTM D4972 and is acceptable for topsoil analysis.
ORP by Electrode	E125 ALS Environmental - Waterloo	Soil/Solid	APHA 2580 (mod)	Oxidation Reduction Potential (ORP) is reported as the oxidation-reduction potential of the platinum metal-reference electrode employed in the analysis, measured in mV.
Moisture Content by Gravimetry	E144 ALS Environmental - Waterloo	Soil/Solid	CCME PHC in Soil - Tier 1	Moisture is measured gravimetrically by drying the sample at 105°C. Moisture content is calculated as the weight loss (due to water) divided by the wet weight of the sample, expressed as a percentage.
Water Extractable Chloride by IC	E236.Cl ALS Environmental - Waterloo	Soil/Solid	EPA 300.1	Inorganic anions are analyzed by Ion Chromatography with conductivity and/or UV detection using a soil sample that has been added in a defined ratio of soil to deionized water, then shaken well and allowed to settle. Anions are measured in the fluid that is observed in the upper layer.
Water Extractable Sulfate by IC	E236.SO ₄ ALS Environmental - Waterloo	Soil/Solid	EPA 300.1	Inorganic anions are analyzed by Ion Chromatography with conductivity and/or UV detection using a soil sample that has been added in a defined ratio of soil to deionized water, then shaken well and allowed to settle. Anions are measured in the fluid that is observed in the upper layer.
Acid Volatile Sulfide in Soil by Colourimetry (0.2 mg/kg)	E396-L ALS Environmental - Waterloo	Soil/Solid	APHA 4500S2J	This analysis is carried out in accordance with the method described in APHA 4500 S2-J. After extraction the Acid Volatile Sulphide is determined colourimetrically.
Resistivity Calculation for Soil Using E100-L	EC100R ALS Environmental - Waterloo	Soil/Solid	APHA 2510 B	Soil Resistivity (calculated) is determined as the inverse of the conductivity of a 2:1 water:soil leachate (dry weight). This method is intended as a rapid approximation for Soil Resistivity. Where high accuracy results are required, direct measurement of Soil Resistivity by the Wenner Four-Electrode Method (ASTM G57) is recommended.
Preparation Methods	Method / Lab	Matrix	Method Reference	Method Descriptions



Preparation Methods	Method / Lab	Matrix	Method Reference	Method Descriptions
Leach 1:2 Soil:Water for pH/EC	EP108 ALS Environmental - Waterloo	Soil/Solid	BC WLAP METHOD: PH, ELECTROMETRIC, SOIL	The procedure involves mixing the dried (at <60°C) and sieved (No. 10 / 2mm) sample with deionized/distilled water at a 1:2 ratio of sediment to water.
Leach 1:2 Soil : 0.01CaCl ₂ - As Received for pH	EP108A ALS Environmental - Waterloo	Soil/Solid	MOEE E3137A	A minimum 10g portion of the sample, as received, is extracted with 20mL of 0.01M calcium chloride solution by shaking for at least 30 minutes. The aqueous layer is separated from the soil by centrifuging, settling or decanting and then analyzed using a pH meter and electrode.
Preparation of ORP by Electrode	EP125 ALS Environmental - Waterloo	Soil/Solid	APHA 2580 (mod)	Field-moist sample is extracted in a 1:2 ratio with DI water and then analyzed by ORP meter.
Anions Leach 1:10 Soil:Water (Dry)	EP236 ALS Environmental - Waterloo	Soil/Solid	EPA 300.1	5 grams of dried soil is mixed with 50 grams of distilled water for a minimum of 30 minutes. The extract is filtered and analyzed by ion chromatography.
Distillation for Acid Volatile Sulfide in Soil	EP396-L ALS Environmental - Waterloo	Soil/Solid	APHA 4500S2J	Acid Volatile Sulfide is determined by colourimetric measurement on a sediment sample that has been treated with hydrochloric acid within a purge and trap system, where the evolved hydrogen sulfide gas is carried into a basic solution by argon gas for analysis.

QUALITY CONTROL REPORT

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Sampler	: LF		
Site	:		
Quote number	: Standing Offer - Soil - 2024		
No. of samples received	: 1		
No. of samples analysed	: 1		

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This Quality Control Report contains the following information:

- Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) Report; Relative Percent Difference (RPD) and Data Quality Objectives
- Reference Material (RM) Report; Recovery and Data Quality Objectives
- Method Blank (MB) Report; Recovery and Data Quality Objectives
- Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Report; Recovery and Data Quality Objectives

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General Comments

The ALS Quality Control (QC) report is optionally provided to ALS clients upon request. ALS test methods include comprehensive QC checks with every analysis to ensure our high standards of quality are met. Each QC result has a known or expected target value, which is compared against predetermined Data Quality Objectives (DQOs) to provide confidence in the accuracy of associated test results. This report contains detailed results for all QC results applicable to this sample submission. Please refer to the ALS Quality Control Interpretation report (QCI) for applicable method references and methodology summaries.

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= Indicates a QC result that did not meet the ALS DQO.

Workorder Comments

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Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) Report

A Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) is a randomly selected intralaboratory replicate sample. Laboratory Duplicates provide information regarding method precision and sample heterogeneity. ALS DQOs for Laboratory Duplicates are expressed as test-specific limits for Relative Percent Difference (RPD), or as an absolute difference limit of 2 times the LOR for low concentration duplicates within ~ 4-10 times the LOR (cut-off is test-specific).

Sub-Matrix: Soil/Solid

					Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) Report						
Laboratory sample ID	Client sample ID	Analyte	CAS Number	Method	LOR	Unit	Original Result	Duplicate Result	RPD(%) or Difference	Duplicate Limits	Qualifier
Physical Tests (QC Lot: 1554472)											
WT2419473-003	Anonymous	Conductivity (1:2 leachate)	----	E100-L	5.00	µS/cm	0.267 mS/cm	266	0.375%	20%	----
Physical Tests (QC Lot: 1555648)											
WT2415870-001	Anonymous	pH (1:2 soil:CaCl2-aq)	----	E108A	0.10	pH units	7.85	7.85	0.00%	5%	----
Physical Tests (QC Lot: 1558683)											
TY2407728-001	BH6-SS6	Moisture	----	E144	0.25	%	39.7	39.4	0.742%	20%	----
Physical Tests (QC Lot: 1558925)											
TY2407728-001	BH6-SS6	Oxidation-reduction potential [ORP]	----	E125	0.10	mV	292	292	0.00%	25%	----
Inorganics (QC Lot: 1558163)											
CG2409588-001	Anonymous	Sulfides, acid volatile	----	E396-L	0.24	mg/kg	<0.24	<0.24	0	Diff <2x LOR	----
Leachable Anions & Nutrients (QC Lot: 1559110)											
TY2407728-001	BH6-SS6	Chloride, soluble ion content	16887-00-6	E236.Cl	5.0	mg/kg	111	104	6.66%	30%	----
Leachable Anions & Nutrients (QC Lot: 1559111)											
TY2407728-001	BH6-SS6	Sulfate, soluble ion content	14808-79-8	E236.SO4	20	mg/kg	<20	<20	0.008	Diff <2x LOR	----

Method Blank (MB) Report

A Method Blank is an analyte-free matrix that undergoes sample processing identical to that carried out for test samples. Method Blank results are used to monitor and control for potential contamination from the laboratory environment and reagents. For most tests, the DQO for Method Blanks is for the result to be < LOR.

Sub-Matrix: Soil/Solid

Analyte	CAS Number	Method	LOR	Unit	Result	Qualifier
Physical Tests (QC Lot: 1554472)						
Conductivity (1:2 leachate)	----	E100-L	5	µS/cm	<5.00	----
Physical Tests (QC Lot: 1558683)						
Moisture	----	E144	0.25	%	<0.25	----
Inorganics (QC Lot: 1558163)						
Sulfides, acid volatile	----	E396-L	0.2	mg/kg	<0.20	----
Leachable Anions & Nutrients (QC Lot: 1559110)						
Chloride, soluble ion content	16887-00-6	E236.Cl	5	mg/kg	<5.0	----
Leachable Anions & Nutrients (QC Lot: 1559111)						
Sulfate, soluble ion content	14808-79-8	E236.SO4	20	mg/kg	<20	----



Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Report

A Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) is an analyte-free matrix that has been fortified (spiked) with test analytes at known concentration and processed in an identical manner to test samples. LCS results are expressed as percent recovery, and are used to monitor and control test method accuracy and precision, independent of test sample matrix.

Sub-Matrix: Soil/Solid

					Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Report				
					Spike	Recovery (%)	Recovery Limits (%)		
Analyte	CAS Number	Method	LOR	Unit	Target Concentration	LCS	Low	High	Qualifier
Physical Tests (QCLot: 1554472)									
Conductivity (1:2 leachate)	----	E100-L	5	µS/cm	1410 µS/cm	98.2	90.0	110	----
Physical Tests (QCLot: 1555648)									
pH (1:2 soil:CaCl2-aq)	----	E108A	----	pH units	7 pH units	100	98.0	102	----
Physical Tests (QCLot: 1558683)									
Moisture	----	E144	0.25	%	50 %	98.8	90.0	110	----
Inorganics (QCLot: 1558163)									
Sulfides, acid volatile	----	E396-L	0.2	mg/kg	100 mg/kg	86.0	70.0	130	----
Leachable Anions & Nutrients (QCLot: 1559110)									
Chloride, soluble ion content	16887-00-6	E236.Cl	5	mg/kg	1000 mg/kg	99.4	80.0	120	----
Leachable Anions & Nutrients (QCLot: 1559111)									
Sulfate, soluble ion content	14808-79-8	E236.SO4	20	mg/kg	1000 mg/kg	101	80.0	120	----

Reference Material (RM) Report

A Reference Material (RM) is a homogenous material with known and well-established analyte concentrations. RMs are processed in an identical manner to test samples, and are used to monitor and control the accuracy and precision of a test method for a typical sample matrix. RM results are expressed as percent recovery of the target analyte concentration. RM targets may be certified target concentrations provided by the RM supplier, or may be ALS long-term mean values (for empirical test methods).

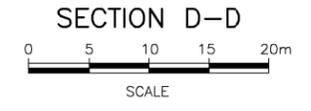
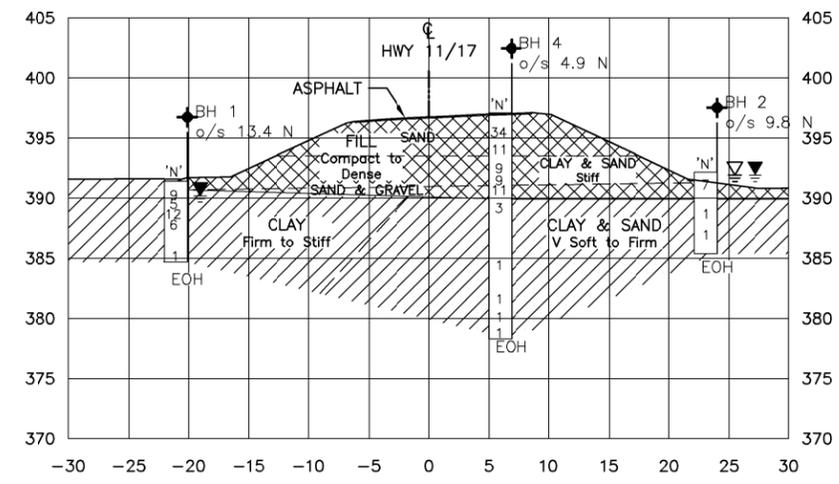
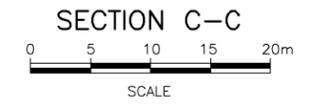
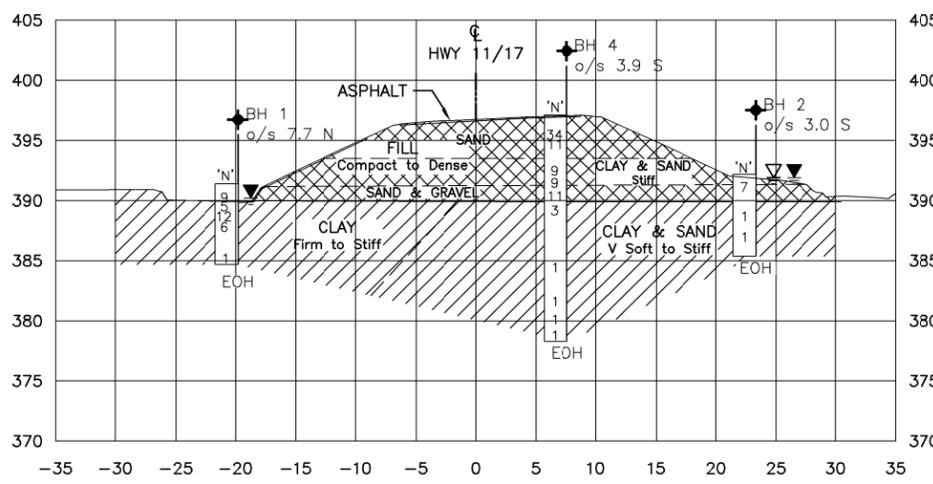
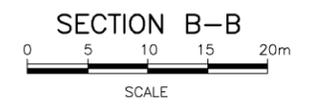
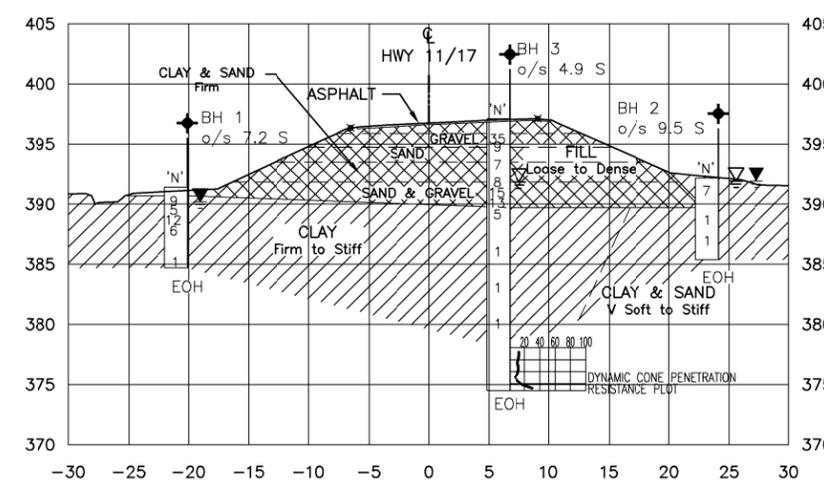
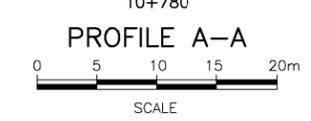
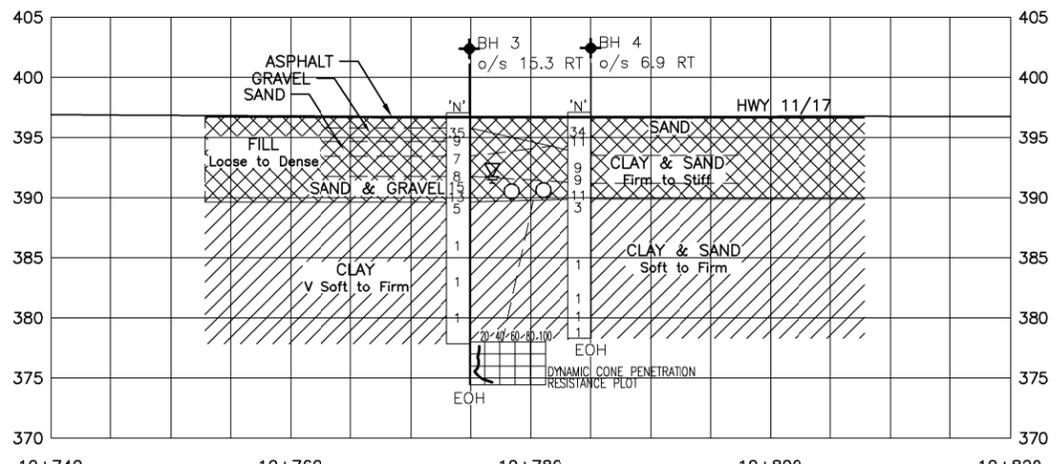
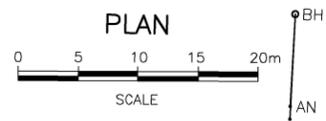
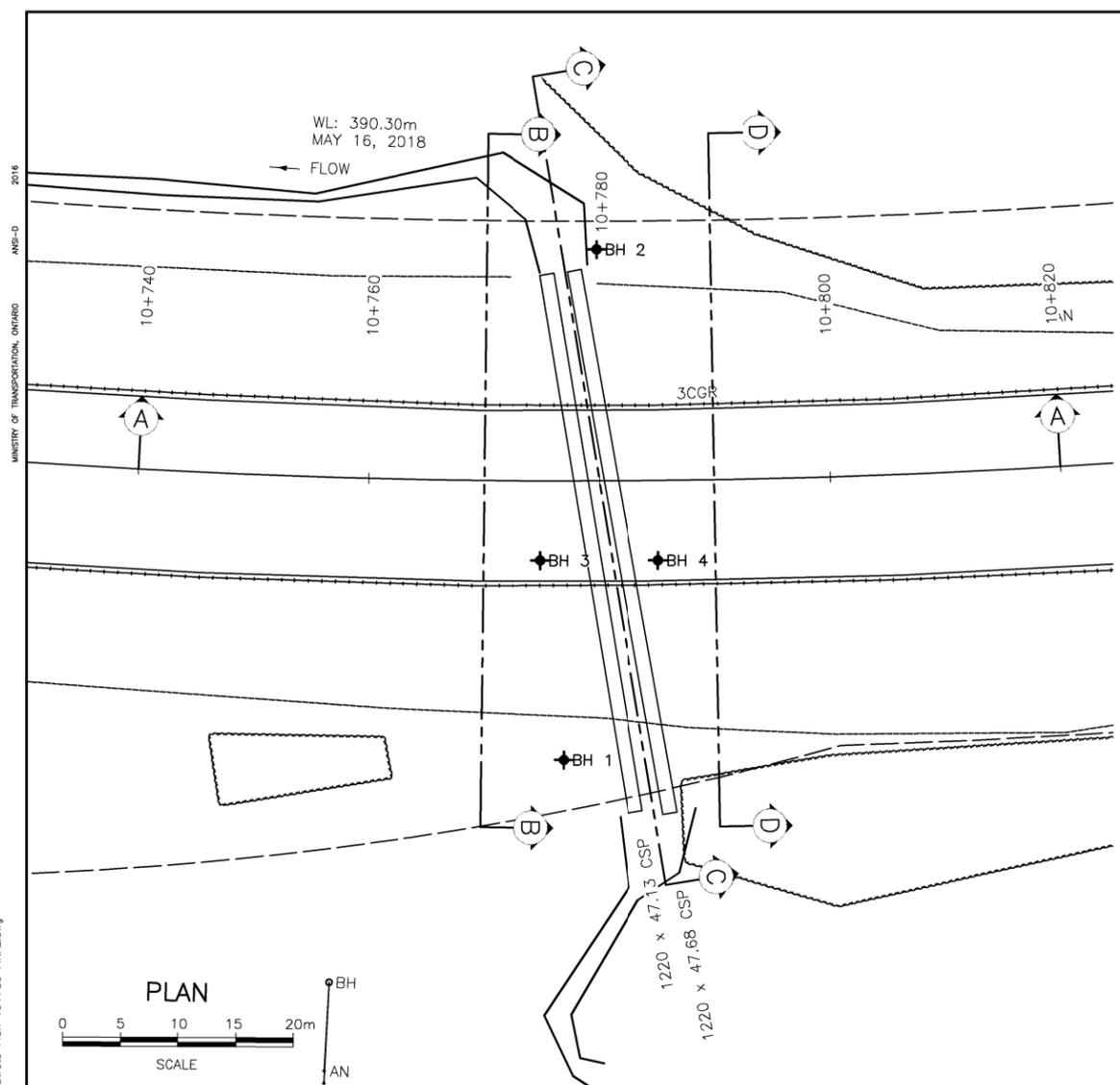
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					Reference Material (RM) Report				
					RM Target Concentration	Recovery (%) RM	Recovery Limits (%)		
Laboratory sample ID	Reference Material ID	Analyte	CAS Number	Method			Low	High	Qualifier
Physical Tests (QCLot: 1554472)									
QC-1554472-003	RM	Conductivity (1:2 leachate)	----	E100-L	3270 µS/cm	108	70.0	130	----
Physical Tests (QCLot: 1558925)									
QC-1558925-001	RM	Oxidation-reduction potential [ORP]	----	E125	475 mV	91.4	90.0	110	----
Leachable Anions & Nutrients (QCLot: 1559110)									
QC-1559110-003	RM	Chloride, soluble ion content	16887-00-6	E236.Cl	601 mg/kg	87.2	70.0	130	----
Leachable Anions & Nutrients (QCLot: 1559111)									
QC-1559111-003	RM	Sulfate, soluble ion content	14808-79-8	E236.SO4	172 mg/kg	94.4	70.0	130	----



APPENDIX C
Borehole Locations and Soil Strata Drawings

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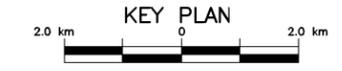
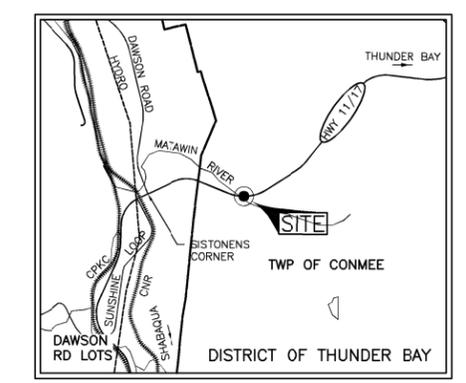
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SOIL STRATA SYMBOLS

	ASPAHLT		CLAY
	FILL		CLAY & SAND

LEGEND

- ◆ Borehole
- 'N' Std Pen Test (Blows/0.3m)
- ▽ Water Level on Completion
- ▽ Water Level after Completion
- EOH End of Borehole
- AR Auger Refusal

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		NORTH	EAST
BH 1	392.2	15 5 37 5747	330 280
BH 2	391.4	15 5 375 735	330 303
BH 3	397.0	15 5 375 746	330 278
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-NOTE-
 The boundaries between soil strata have been established only at Borehole locations. Between Boreholes the boundaries are assumed from geological evidence.

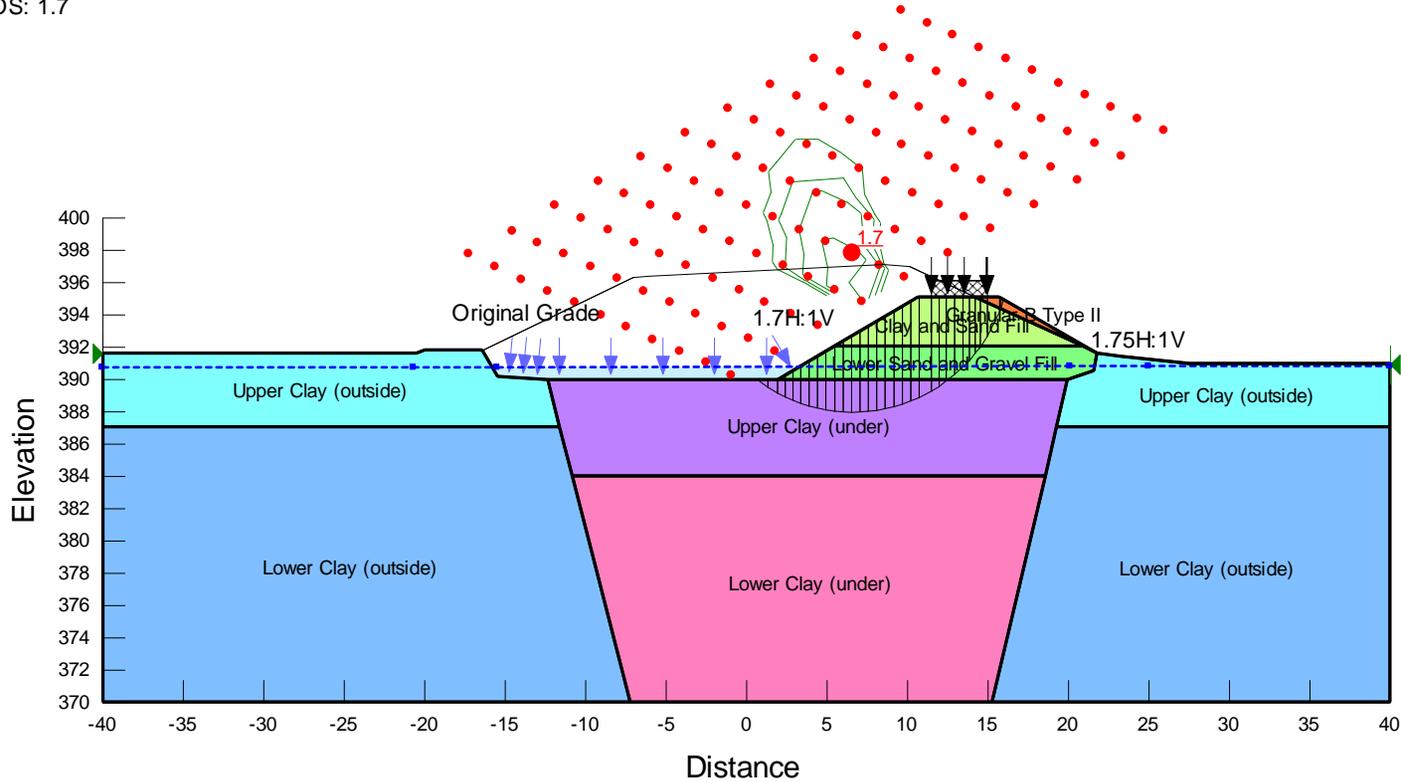
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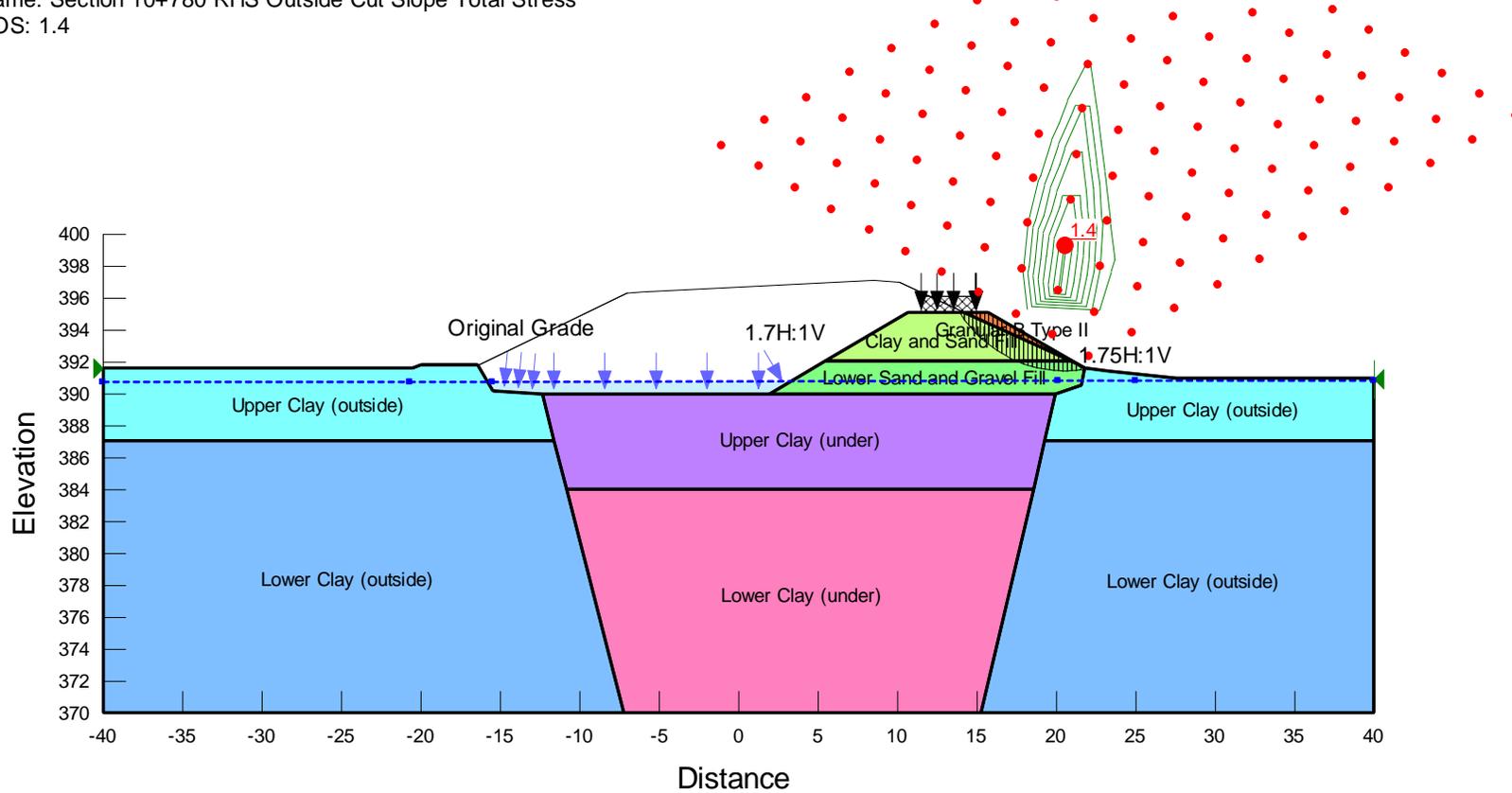
APPENDIX D
Slope Stability Models

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 Name: Granular B Type II Model: Mohr-Coulomb Unit Weight: 21 kN/m³ Cohesion: 0 kPa Phi: 35 ° Piezometric Line: 1
 Name: Section 10+780 RHS Inside Cut Slope Total Stress
 FOS: 1.7



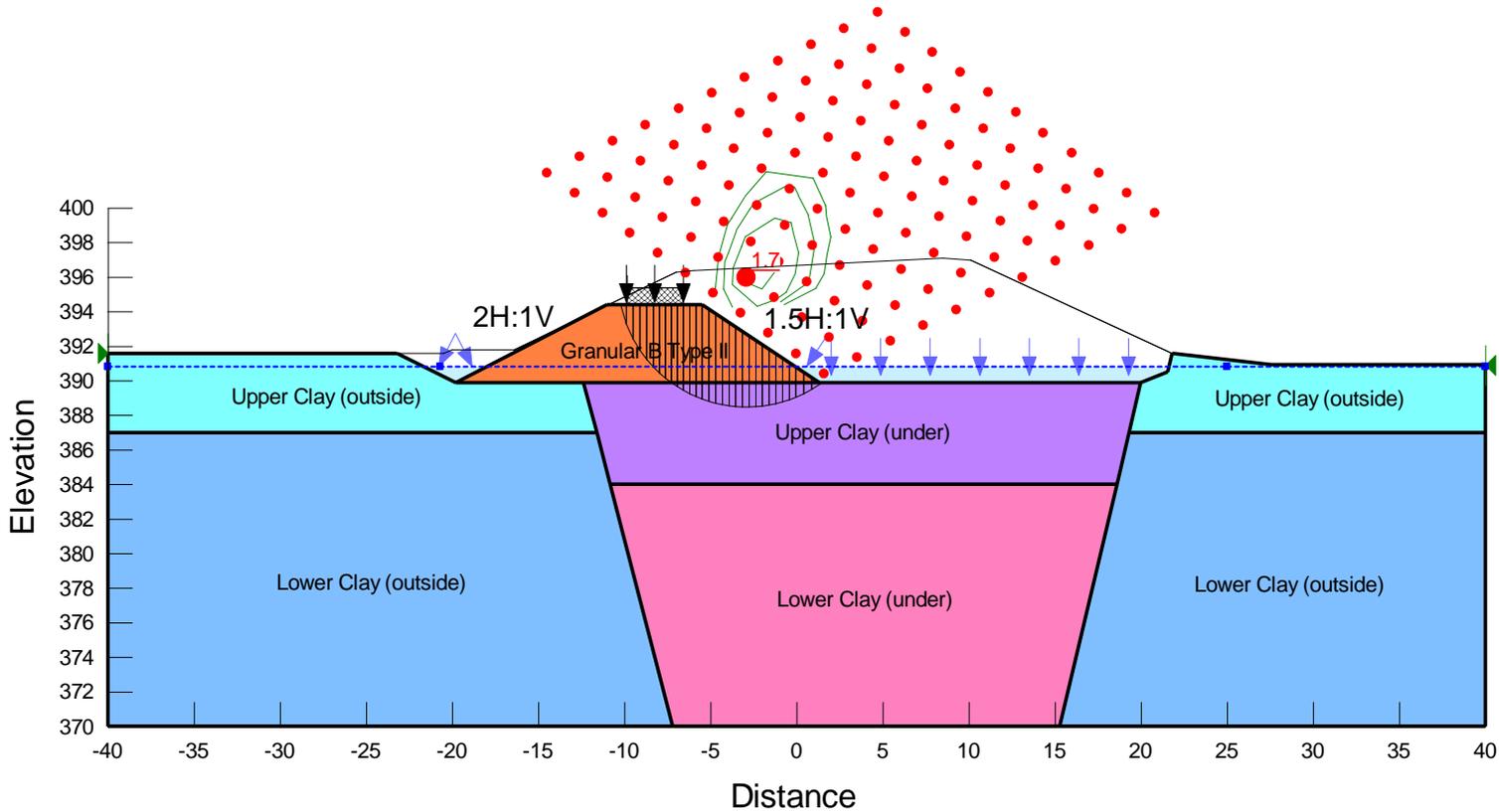
D1 - Stage 1: 5 m Wide Lane with 1.7H:1V Slopes RHS – Inside Slope Total Stress Analysis

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 Name: Lower Clay (outside) Model: S=f(depth) Unit Weight: 17 kN/m³ C-Top of Layer: 25 kPa C-Rate of Change: 1.6537 kPa/m Limiting C: 100 kPa Piezometric Line: 1
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 Name: Lower Clay (under) Model: S=f(depth) Unit Weight: 17 kN/m³ C-Top of Layer: 32 kPa C-Rate of Change: 2.876 kPa/m Limiting C: 100 kPa Piezometric Line: 1
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 FOS: 1.4



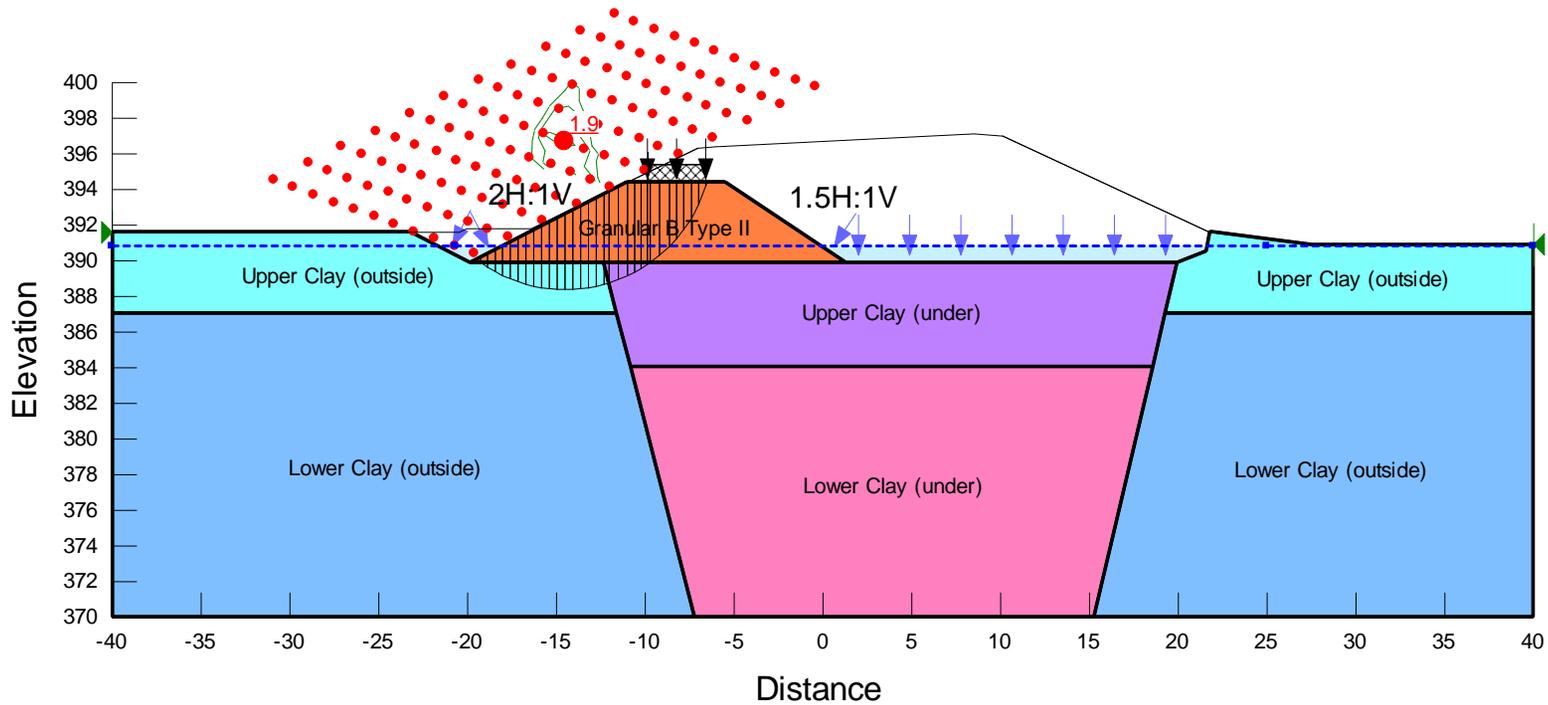
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 Name: Upper Clay (under) Model: Undrained (Phi=0) Unit Weight: 17 kN/m³ Cohesion: 32 kPa Piezometric Line: 1
 Name: Lower Clay (under) Model: S=f(depth) Unit Weight: 17 kN/m³ C-Top of Layer: 32 kPa C-Rate of Change: 2.876 kPa/m Limiting C: 100 kPa Piezometric Line: 1
 Name: Granular B Type II Model: Mohr-Coulomb Unit Weight: 21 kN/m³ Cohesion: 0 kPa Phi: 32 ° Piezometric Line: 1
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 FOS: 1.7



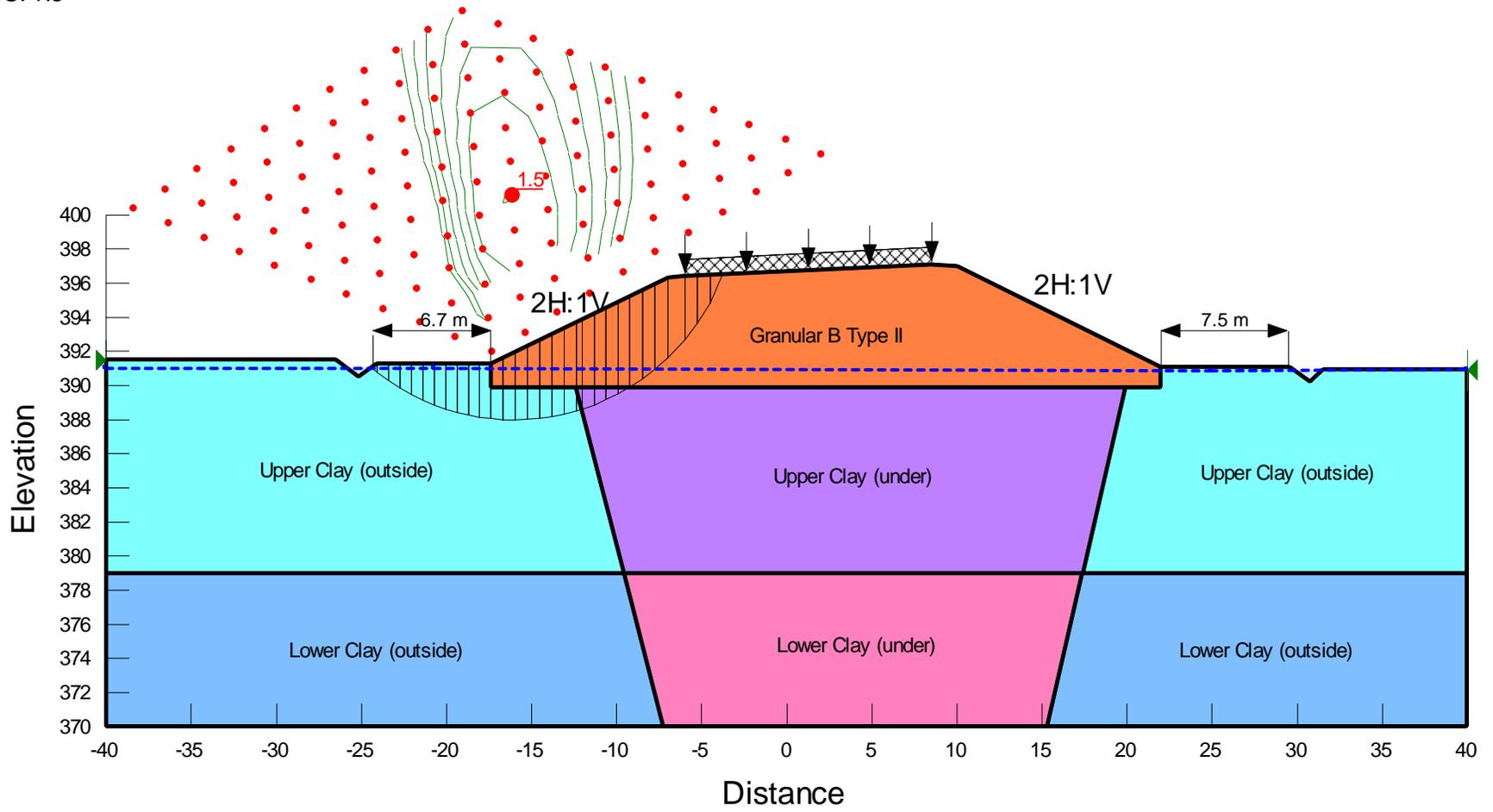
**D3 - Stage 2: 5 m Wide Lane with 2H:1V Outside Slope and 1.5H:1V Inside Slope LHS – Inside Slope
 Total Stress Analysis**

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 Name: Upper Clay (under) Model: Undrained (Phi=0) Unit Weight: 17 kN/m³ Cohesion: 32 kPa Piezometric Line: 1
 Name: Lower Clay (under) Model: S=f(depth) Unit Weight: 17 kN/m³ C-Top of Layer: 32 kPa C-Rate of Change: 2.876 kPa/m Limiting C: 100 kPa Piezometric Lin
 Name: Granular B Type II Model: Mohr-Coulomb Unit Weight: 21 kN/m³ Cohesion: 0 kPa Phi: 32 ° Piezometric Line: 1
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 FOS: 1.9



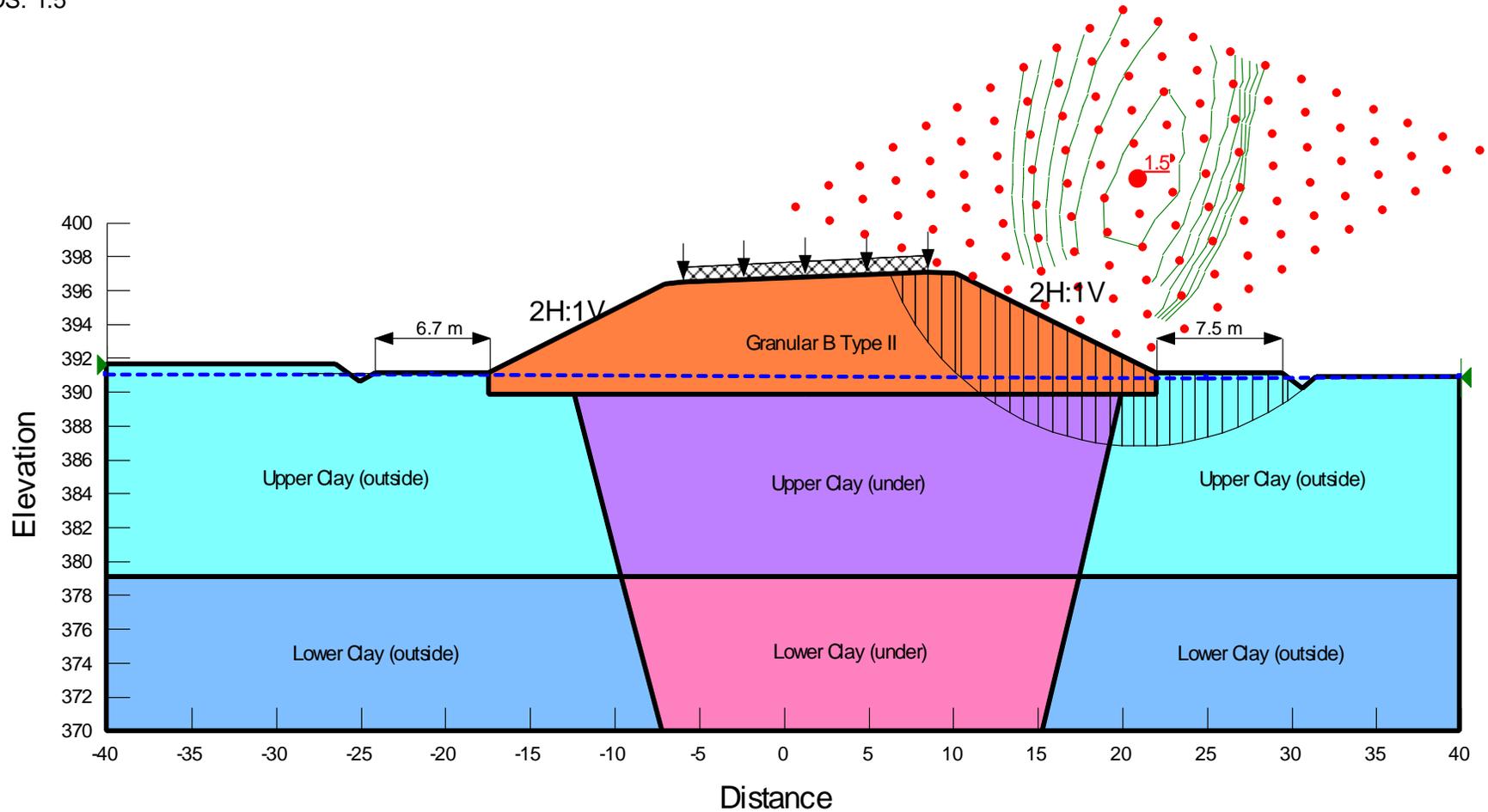
D4 - Stage 2: 5 m Wide Lane with 2H:1V Outside Slope and 1.5H:1V Inside Slope LHS – Inside Slope Total Stress Analysis

Name: Upper Clay (outside) Model: Mohr-Coulomb Unit Weight: 17 kN/m³ Cohesion: 0 kPa Phi: 25 ° Piezometric Line: 1
 Name: Lower Clay (outside) Model: Mohr-Coulomb Unit Weight: 17 kN/m³ Cohesion: 0 kPa Phi: 30 ° Piezometric Line: 1
 Name: Upper Clay (under) Model: Mohr-Coulomb Unit Weight: 17 kN/m³ Cohesion: 0 kPa Phi: 25 ° Piezometric Line: 1
 Name: Lower Clay (under) Model: Mohr-Coulomb Unit Weight: 17 kN/m³ Cohesion: 0 kPa Phi: 30 ° Piezometric Line: 1
 Name: Granular B Type II Model: Mohr-Coulomb Unit Weight: 21 kN/m³ Cohesion: 0 kPa Phi: 35 ° Piezometric Line: 1
 Name: Section 10+780 LHS Rebuilt Drained
 FOS: 1.5



D5 - Final Stage: Rebuilt Slope LHS
Effective Stress Analysis

Name: Upper Clay (outside) Model: Mohr-Coulomb Unit Weight: 17 kN/m³ Cohesion: 0 kPa Phi: 25 ° Piezometric Line: 1
 Name: Lower Clay (outside) Model: Mohr-Coulomb Unit Weight: 17 kN/m³ Cohesion: 0 kPa Phi: 30 ° Piezometric Line: 1
 Name: Upper Clay (under) Model: Mohr-Coulomb Unit Weight: 17 kN/m³ Cohesion: 0 kPa Phi: 25 ° Piezometric Line: 1
 Name: Lower Clay (under) Model: Mohr-Coulomb Unit Weight: 17 kN/m³ Cohesion: 0 kPa Phi: 30 ° Piezometric Line: 1
 Name: Granular B Type II Model: Mohr-Coulomb Unit Weight: 21 kN/m³ Cohesion: 0 kPa Phi: 35 ° Piezometric Line: 1
 Name: Section 10+780 RHS Rebuilt Drained
 FOS: 1.5



**D6 - Final Stage: Rebuilt Slope RHS
Effective Stress Analysis**

APPENDIX E
NSSP and Operational Constraint

GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT - Item No.

Special Provision

1.0 SCOPE

The use of heavy construction equipment and material stockpiling may be required during construction of the culvert. The global stability impact of the surface surcharge loads on the excavation slopes must be considered during selection of the methodology and equipment employed for construction. Tentatively, for bidding purposes:

- Any material stockpiles, including excavated soils, construction materials and/or demolition debris, shall not be permitted within 6.5 m of the crest of excavation slopes;
- No heavy equipment shall be permitted within 6.5 m of the crest of excavation slopes;
- To maintain stability of the excavation slopes, the ground pressures applied by all construction equipment and any material stockpiles must be placed beyond the 5 m offset and shall not exceed 20 kPa;

The Contractor shall engage a Geotechnical Consultant to carry out a geotechnical assessment to assess an excavation slope where surcharges are placed in close proximity to the edge of an excavation and to aid in the selection of construction equipment and methodology.

2.0 REFERENCES

Foundation Investigation Report Non Structural Culvert replacement Township of Conmee, Station 10+780 Lat: 48.5197429, Lon: -89.65540958 District of Thunder Bay Highway 11/17 Assignment No.: 16 6022-E-0044 GWP No.: 6920-17-00 GEOCREs No. XXXXX, dated XXX, XX, 2024.

3.0 DEFINITIONS – Not Used

4.0 DESIGN AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Design Requirements

Prior to commencement of construction, the Contractor shall retain a Geotechnical Consultant to assess the stability impacts of the proposed equipment loads and methodology, and to determine requirements and/or restrictions necessary to safely support the loads without a foundation or slope failure. All Foundation Engineering services required for this project shall be performed by consultant(s) listed as accepted under the MTO's RAQS for providing services under the specialty of Geotechnical (Structures and Embankments), of the medium complexity rating.

The geotechnical assessment carried out by the Contractor's Geotechnical Consultant shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Review of available geotechnical information and supplementing with additional subsurface information, as required.
- Determination of appropriate setbacks for heavy equipment and material stockpiles from the crest of slopes;
- Determination of the permissible ground pressure that may be applied by the equipment and material stockpiles; and

- Provision of recommendations for the support of all heavy equipment and material stockpile loads to prevent foundation failure at any location within the project limits based on the proposed equipment and methodology of the Contractor.

4.2 Submission Requirements

The Contractor shall submit the geotechnical assessment report containing details of the proposed construction equipment and methodology and the geotechnical assessment to the Contract Administrator for information purposes a minimum of two weeks prior to the mobilization of heavy equipment.

The report shall be signed and sealed by two (2) Professional Engineers licensed by the Professional Engineers of Ontario, one (1) of whom shall be the RAQS Approved Key Personnel and provide the following, as a minimum:

- Appropriate set back distances for heavy equipment and material stockpiles from excavation slopes;
- Permissible ground pressures which may be applied adjacent to excavation slopes by heavy equipment and material stockpiles;
- Recommendations for the support of all heavy equipment and material stockpile loads to prevent foundation failure.

5.0 MATERIALS – Not Used

6.0 EQUIPMENT – Not Used

7.0 CONSTRUCTION – Not Used

8.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE – Not Used

9.0 MEASUREMENT FOR PAYMENT – Not Used

10.0 BASIS OF PAYMENT

Payment at the Contract price for the above tender item shall be full compensation for all labour to do the work.

Payment for costs associated with heavy construction equipment necessary to complete the work, such as design and construction of temporary works, supply, mobilization/de-mobilization, and operation shall be made under the associated items.

OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINT – USE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND SURCHARGES NEAR EXCAVATION

The Contractor is notified that the placement of surcharges, (eg. stockpiles, equipment, building materials) near the edge of excavations at the site of twin 1220 mm diameter CSPs culverts intersecting Highway 11/17, 1.7 km south of the intersection of HWY 11/17 and Hwy 102, between Kakabeka and Shabaqua, should be assessed. Assessment can include, but not be limited to, slope stability analysis, monitoring, and delineation of safe offset limits. The assessment should be completed by a RAQS qualified Foundation Engineering Service Provider.

Tentatively, surcharges should not be placed within 5 m of the crest, and surcharges outside of 5 m should not exceed 20 kPa.

End of Section

APPENDIX F
Site Photographs



**Figure 21.1: East side Embankment
Looking South, June 7, 2024.**



**Figure 2.2: East side Embankment
Looking West, June 7, 2024.**



**Figure 21.3: Westside Embankment
Looking West, June 7, 2024.**