



## **Foundation Investigation and Design Report**

# **Culvert Replacement at LaChappelle Creek**

**GWP 70-97-00**

**Highway 527  
106.5 km north of Highway 11/17**

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## **Part A FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT**

### **1 Introduction**

TBT Engineering has been retained by The Ministry of Transportation, Northwestern Region to carry out a Total Project Management (TPM) design assignment for the upgrading of Hwy 527 from 97.5 km north of Highway 11/17 northerly for 25.0 km. As a part of this assignment TBT Engineering has provided Foundation Engineering services for the proposed culvert replacement at LaChappelle Creek, Site No. 48C-224C.

The site is located on Highway 527, approximately 106.5 km north of Highway 11/17.

Two existing culverts are to be replaced with a new culvert-type structure.

A foundation investigation was carried out to investigate subsurface conditions at the site. This investigation consisted of a number of boreholes drilled in the vicinity of the proposed new structure location, test pits to supplement the boreholes, laboratory testing and geotechnical analysis of the data. This report provides a summary of that work and of the conditions encountered.

The foundation section has assigned GEOCRES No. 52H-14 to this site.

## **2 Site Description**

The site is located on Highway 527, approximately 106.5 km north of Highway 11/17. At this location Highway 527 runs generally in a north-south direction. The LaChappelle Creek runs in a slightly skewed southwest to northeast direction through the culverts. The two existing CSP culverts are to be replaced with a single culvert.

The area surrounding the culvert site is isolated and generally covered with mixed forest. The terrain in the immediate surrounding area is bedrock controlled, with the Creek following a zone of low ground. The quaternary geology of the site is mapped as a zone of glacio-fluvial outwash deposits surrounded by large areas of undifferentiated pre-cambrian bedrock. (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Ontario Geological Survey, Map 2554).

The creek and its flood plain are about 6 m below the current road grade. Upstream of the culverts the creek is wider with shallow vegetated banks. Downstream the channel is better defined. The visible creek bed is made up of coarse sands, gravels and cobbles. Numerous large boulders are present at the site. The water level in the tributary was at approximately 443.5 m elevation at the time of our investigation (Summer 2003).

The road embankment is about six metres high with fore slopes close to 1.5 h:1v. The culvert is located at the base of a gully through the local undulating bedrock topography. The depth of the embankment decreases north and south of the culvert as the adjacent lands rise.

The road profile is in a cut section both north and south of the Creek embankment. The fill section across the creek is about 80 m in length.

Highway 527 is a two lane paved section through the culvert site. There is no known history of settlements or distortions at this embankment.



Culvert Site, From the West, Site No. 48C-224C (Upstream side)

### **3 Investigation Procedures**

A site investigation was undertaken in several phases between July 23 and September 18, 2003. Various investigation techniques were used depending on the conditions encountered.

A truck mounted CME 55 was used for geotechnical sampling and testing at locations accessible to the truck mounted rig. A track mounted CME 45 drill rig was used at boreholes that were not truck accessible. At Borehole 9, drilled through the top of the roadway embankment, a water well drill rig was used to advance a casing through the rock fill. The borehole was advanced from the bottom of the casing using the CME 55 drill.

Bedrock was sampled at three boreholes using NQ diamond core equipment to obtain the cores.

A number of test holes drilled to investigate embankment conditions encountered shallow refusal in the rock fill, coarse gravels or on bedrock. A large Caterpillar 219 LC track-mounted backhoe was mobilized to the site to excavate test pits through the coarse materials. A total of 11 test pits were excavated.

Soil samples were obtained at the boreholes with a split spoon sampler as a part of the Standard Penetration Testing (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, known as the SPT blow count (N), was recorded.

Borehole locations and elevations were referenced from Plan B & C – 491892-527-6 and E-491892-527-1, Hwy 527, Un-surveyed Territory Sta. 19+880 to 19+980.

The borehole characteristics and drill techniques utilized are summarized in Table 1.

**Table 1. Drill Summary**

Location	Surface Elevation (metres)	Bedrock / Refusal (Elevation/Depth) (metres)	Bottom of Hole (Elevation/Depth) (metres)	Comments
BH 1	444.5	440.9/3.6	437.9/6.6	NQ Core obtained
BH 2	443.9	439.8/4.1	436.8/7.1	NQ Core obtained
BH 3	450.2	449.9/0.3	449.9/0.3	Refusal in rock fill
BH 4	452.0	451.1/0.9	451.1/0.9	Refusal on inferred bedrock
BH 5	453.3	451.5/1.8	451.5/1.8	Refusal on rock fill or fractured bedrock
BH 6	451.7	450.5/1.2	450.5/1.2	Refusal on boulder or possible bedrock
BH 7	449.8	447.5/2.3	447.5/2.3	Refusal in cobbles
BH 8	450.2	448.7/1.5	448.7/1.5	Refusal/Split Spoon "bouncing"
BH 9	449.8	440.5/9.3	432.8/17.0	8 m of NQ Core obtained

**Table 2. Test Pit Summary**

Location	Surface Elevation (metres)	Bedrock (Elevation/Depth) (metres)	Comments
TP 1	445.0	441.0/4.0	Refusal on bedrock
TP 2	451.2	449.4/1.8	Refusal on bedrock
TP 3	453.2		Excavation from shoulder rounding
TP 4	450.6	449.8/0.8	Refusal on bedrock
TP 5	444.0	442.3/1.7	Refusal on bedrock
TP 6	448.8	446.6/2.2	Refusal on bedrock
TP 7	449.8		Excavation from shoulder rounding
TP 8	451.6	450.7/0.9	Refusal on bedrock
TP 9	449.2	448.0/1.2	Refusal on bedrock
TP 10	444.6	441.3/3.3	Refusal on bedrock
TP 11	449.8		Excavation from shoulder rounding

The boreholes were backfilled at the completion of the investigations using a cement/bentonite backfill to ensure the environmental integrity of the site. Standpipe piezometers were removed.

Soil samples were transported to TBT Engineering's laboratory in Thunder Bay for testing. Routine testing included moisture content, grain size analysis and Atterberg

Limits. Bedrock samples were stored in core boxes for review with recovery and rock quality designation values determined. The results of this testing are shown on the Borehole Logs (Appendix A) and on the laboratory data reports (Appendix B). Photographs of some of the test pits are provided in Appendix C.

## **4 General Site Geology and Sub-Surface Conditions**

### **4.1 Site Geology**

The surficial geology of the area consists predominantly of glaciofluvial deposits – sand and gravel, till, and bedrock knobs, with an undulating to rolling surface relief. Pro-glacial and deltaic deposits are also mapped in the area (Quaternary Geology of Ontario, West-Central Sheet, Ontario Geological Survey, Map 2554).

The bedrock type observed in the area, and shown on published geological maps is a felsic igneous rock of the early Precambrian age. To the south of LaChappelle Creek mafic intrusive bedrock surfaces were observed in test pit excavations, identified on published geological maps as mafic igneous rocks of the middle to late Precambrian age.

### **4.2 Subsurface Conditions**

Details of the subsurface conditions are provided on the Borehole Logs, Appendix A, and on the Section Plans, Drawings 1 and 2. In general, the subsurface conditions at the site consist of coarse sands and gravels overlying sloping bedrock. The sands and gravels include both embankment fill materials and similar native soils.

Groundwater levels near the culvert were similar to the level of the LaChappelle Creek at the time of the investigation. North and south of the Creek, the ground water levels rose with the bedrock profile.

#### **4.2.1 Fill**

There is approximately 0.8 m of pavement structure across at this site. This is made up of about 45 mm of hot mix, 150 mm of crushed granular base and 0.6 m of granular sub-base. Investigations undertaken as part of the pavement design aspects of the project indicate that little of the structural fill meets current gradation specifications for base and sub-base granulars.

The pavement structure is underlain with coarse embankment fill. This fill is composed of a mixture of blasted shot rock and sands and gravels similar to the native soils. The

embankment was likely originally constructed of fills obtained from both earth and rock borrow areas.

The grain size distribution of the fill varies widely (Figures 1 and 2). The size fractions of the fill range from silt sizes to boulders in excess of 0.8 m in diameter. In most zones the fill is relatively well graded with a range of all size fractions present. In a few zones the fill is very poorly graded, consisting of heterogeneous mixtures of coarse gravels, cobbles and boulders with little fine graded matrix. Because of the wide variation in grain size distributions, the hydraulic conductivity of the fill is expected to vary from less than  $10^{-4}$  cm/sec to more than 10 cm/sec. Groundwater flows through the coarser fractions can be extremely rapid.

#### **4.2.2 Sand and Gravel**

In all boreholes and test pits, roadway fill materials were found overlying a deposit of sand and gravel (glacial till). The till typically consists of a heterogeneous mixture of sand and gravel, silts and clays, with frequent angular cobbles and boulders. The coarse fraction is angular (cobbles and boulders) and shows little evidence of weathering.

Within the vicinity of the culverts the till extends approximately to elevation 440 m, near 3 m below the culvert invert. Based on SPT data the till is in a compact to very dense condition.

Grain size analyses conducted on selected samples of the till (Figures 3-4) indicate a well graded material with a fines fraction (percent passing the 0.075 mm sieve) of 12 to 22 percent. In-situ hydraulic conductivities within the till are expected to be in the order of  $10^{-2}$  to  $10^{-5}$  cm/sec., based on grain size data. This material is considered susceptible to frost heave.

At Test Pits 5 and 10, a zone of very coarse gravel and cobbles (with boulders) was encountered with little finer grained soil matrix present. These materials may be shot rock fill zones resulting from earlier road building activities. Where these zones of

materials are present, in situ hydraulic conductivities will be very high and will be subject to rapid ground water flow.

Several test locations (BH 1, BH 2, TP 5, TP 10) encountered a thin (approximately 0.5 m thick) layer of very dense non-plastic sandy/clayey silt (hardpan) directly overlying bedrock. The layer was detected on both the west and east sides of Hwy 527. The dense 'hardpan' material is grey in colour and well graded with gradation fractions of 46 % silt, 33 % sand, 10 % clay, and 11% fine gravel sizes. As shown on the grain size distribution curve (Figure 5)

#### **4.2.3 Bedrock**

Bedrock outcrops can be observed throughout the ridges to the north and south of the site. Within the culvert and drainage channel area, no outcroppings of rock were evident at the time of investigation. The bedrock surface as interpreted from core data, refusals in the boreholes and test pit data, forms an east-west valley across the central part of the site.

Bedrock elevations in the vicinity of the proposed culvert range from 440.9 m at the east end (BH 1) to 439.7 at the west end (BH 2). Bedrock was encountered at elevation 440.5 m at Borehole 9 (south bound lane shoulder immediately south of the culverts), approximately 3 m below culvert invert.

Bedrock samples were collected using "NQ"-size diamond drill core. A minimum of three lineal metres of rock core was collected from each of Boreholes 1, 2, and 9. Rock cores were returned to our Thunder Bay laboratory for analysis. The following descriptive analysis of the rock mass within the immediate site area is based on MTO's *Guide to the Description of Rock for Engineering Purposes*:

The rock mass at the subject site is a hard, coarse grained, pink, massive felsic intrusive rock with an engineering rock quality of fair, based on RQD values. The intact rock material is expected to be of high to very high strength, however the mass has closely to moderately spaced discontinuities infilled with precipitated non-softening clays (< 5mm) which further reduces

the quality of the mass, with reference to engineering properties. Rock cores from the rock mass, indicate the mass contains both open and filled joints with apertures in the range of <1 mm to 2 mm. Open joints were noted to have rough faces.

#### **4.2.4 Ground Water**

The ground water levels at the site generally correspond to water levels within the LaChappelle Creek at the time of the investigation. (Elevation 443.5 m). Near the creek these levels are expected to reflect hydrostatic conditions in the Creek, with some time lag, and should be expected to fluctuate with changes in the seasons. The ground water level will rise to the north and south reflecting topographic and bedrock influences.

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## **PART B FOUNDATION DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **5 Discussions and Engineering Recommendations**

#### **5.1 Introduction**

The existing two culverts at LaChappelle Creek, Site No. 48C-224C, across Highway 527 are to be replaced under WP 70-97-00. The design project is being carried out under a TPM Agreement between the Ministry of Transportation and TBT Engineering who are also providing Foundation Engineering services for the project.

The new culvert is now anticipated to be an open footing steel box shape with a span of approximately 7 m and a rise of 2.6 m above the footings. The design of the culvert will be conducted in accordance with the Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code (CHBDC).

The horizontal alignment of the Highway will remain essentially unchanged. A vertical grade raise of approximately 1.5 m is anticipated. The top of the embankment over the culvert will be near elevation 451.8 m, about 8 m above the normal water level in the creek (443.8 m).

The foundation investigation as described in Part A, was carried out to investigate subsurface conditions at the site. This investigation consisted of a number of boreholes and test pits advanced in the vicinity of the new structure, laboratory testing and geotechnical analysis of the data. The purpose of this section of the report (Part B) is to provide geotechnical design recommendations for the project. These are based on the conditions encountered at the test locations and our interpretation of the subsurface conditions at the site.

#### **5.2 Culvert Foundations**

The foundation system for the proposed structure must support the design loads within acceptable settlement tolerances and must accommodate all anticipated loadings. The soil conditions at this site include coarse fill materials with sand and gravels overlying relatively shallow bedrock.

The design configuration involves the use of a box shaped, open bottom steel culvert structure. Various culvert and foundation options were reviewed during the design process. Culvert options reviewed included arch shapes, concrete open bottom and closed box shapes. The use of both shallow and deep foundations were reviewed, however given the relatively shallow bedrock, the shallow depth to competent material and the structural configuration, conventional shallow foundations are recommended.

The base of the culvert (top of footing) is to be above the groundwater level, between elevations 443.7 (east end) and 444.0 m (west end). The bottom of the footing will be, approximately 1.5 m deeper, founded in overburden soils. The culvert will be about 7.0 m wide and 2.61 m high. Design of the culvert sections including specification of backfill will be carried out by the supplier.

It is understood that the proposed culvert structure will impose factored vertical linear foundation loadings in the order of 190 kN dead load plus 55 kN live load (ULS) and 160 kN dead load plus 30 kN live load (SLS).

The design frost depth for this project is 2.5 m.

### **5.3 Foundation Design - Culvert**

The culvert foundations will be supported by concrete footings founded below the invert level. Footings designed with at least 1.2 m of soil cover may be designed using the capacities shown in Table 3.

**Table 3, Strip Footing Design Capacities**

Footing Width	Factored Geotechnical Resistance at ULS	Design Capacity (SLS) 25 mm settlement
1.0 -1.5 m	250 kPa	SLS Capacity does not govern

#### **5.4 Foundation Design – Bailey Bridge**

The Bailey bridge foundations will be carried by bin wall footings founded on the horizontal surface behind the crest of the temporary excavation for the culvert. The footings will be approximately 2.6 m wide and 9.1 m long.

A Factored Geotechnical Resistance at ULS of 125 kPa at the bottom of the bin wall can be attained providing the face of the footing is at least 1.0m or more from the face of the slope.

The SLS capacity of this footing at 30 mm settlement is greater than the ULS capacity and does not govern.

#### **5.5 Soil Backfill**

Design of the LaChappelle Creek culvert is to be carried out by the supplier. Construction shall conform to the supplier's requirements. Fill placed outside of the Granular A as required by the culvert manufacturer should be sloped using a frost taper, with  $d=300$  mm and  $f=2.5$  m (similar to frost taper shown on OPSD 3501.000).

To limit differential frost heave at the ends of the polystyrene, a transition zone is recommended.

Design unit weights for granular backfill are applicable as follows:

Granular A	22 kN/m <sup>3</sup>
Granular B (Type III)	21 kN/m <sup>3</sup>

Backfill behind the culvert must be free draining. The fill may be specified as Granular A or Granular B, Type III depending on the culvert supplier's requirements.

## 5.6 Embankment Stability- Longitudinal

The culvert will be designed to support vertical loadings above the foundation level. The culvert supplier normally does not carry out global stability design. The inclusion of an open bottom structure within the highway embankment has a potential to induce soil failures into the base of the channel. The primary driving force of the failure is the weight of the embankment fill adjacent to and above the culvert. The driving forces must be resisted by the mobilized shear strength of the embankment fill and base materials. The box culvert provides limited lateral support. The lateral structural strength available from the culvert section is in the order of 30 kN/m.

The culvert design requires the use of a 4.0 m thickness of polystyrene lightweight fill above the culvert section to limit vertical loadings on the culvert.

Stability calculations were carried out using Slope-W software and soil parameters determined by laboratory testing and from published correlations. A target factor of safety of 1.3 was utilized. The analysis was carried out using Janbu, Bishops and Morgenstern-Price analyses. The parameters listed in Table 4 were used for the stability analyses.

**Table 4- Soil Parameters used in Stability Analyses**

Soil	Unit Weight (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	Cohesion (kPa)	Phi (Degrees)
Embankment fill	19	0	38
Rock Fill	17	0	42
Sand and Gravel	19	0	36
Polystyrene	0.1	30	0

Stability analyses were carried out for two conditions. The initial conservative analyses were on the basis that the lightweight fill (LWF) did not have a significant compressive strength that could contribute lateral capacity to the system (Case 1). This was based on the strain compatibility issues between the granular/steel components and the softer polystyrene LWF which could not be resolved with the supplier. The Ministry has indicated (meeting of July 29, 2004) that based on their experience with these culverts a less conservative approach may be considered. As such a second approach was adopted for the analysis that includes the compressive capacity for the LWF and passive pressures from soils above the culvert (Case 2). The polystyrene has a specified (Special Provision C3-00211) compressive strength of 110 kPa, and a maximum permanent stress capability of 30% of this (33 kPa).

The initial conservative analyses of the culvert configuration indicated that the soils at this site, at the design configuration, do not have sufficient shear strength (factor of safety  $< 1$ ) to resist the driving forces induced by the weight of the embankment. Therefore the lightweight fill used over the culvert should be extended on both sides of the culvert along the road alignment, to decrease the driving forces in the embankment. Extending the polystyrene 8.6 m beyond both walls of the culvert will reduce the driving forces such that satisfactory factors of safety ( $> 1.3$ ) are attained (Case 1). A graphical summary of the length of LWF (beyond the culvert) versus theoretical factor of safety is provided in Appendix D.

Based on the second analyses, incorporating the compressive strength capacity of the LWF, and the assumption of risk by the Ministry, the longitudinal extent of the lightweight fill may be reduced to a length extending 4.0 beyond each wall of the culvert (Case 2). A graphical summary of the length of LWF (beyond the culvert) versus theoretical factor of safety is provided in Appendix D.

Polystyrene lightweight fill should be specified and placed in accordance with Special Provision C3-00211.

The lightweight fill is buoyant and subject to uplift when submerged. However at this site the polystyrene will be entirely above the high water mark (444.68 m).

All fill soils used to restore the embankment should consist of Granular A, Granular B, Type III or rock fill. Embankment fill must be placed and compacted in accordance with OPSS requirements.

## **5.7 Embankments**

The horizontal highway alignment is to remain essentially unchanged. A vertical revision of approximately 1.5 m is anticipated. As a result the embankment section will be widened and the culvert length increased.

Where rock fill is used, fore-slopes should be constructed to an inclination of 1.5h:1v or flatter. Where granular fill is used, slopes should be not steeper than 2h:1v.

Settlements of the embankment due to the additional weight of the fill will be small, less than 25 mm, and will occur as the fill is placed. The new fill thickness and resulting settlements will be approximately equal over the length of the culvert. No camber of the culvert profile is required.

The face of the slope that borders on the creek should be provided with a 0.6 m thickness of rock protection (OPSS 1004.05.06.02) to the high water level. Elsewhere, exposed granular slopes should be seeded to provide protection from erosion and surficial sloughing.

The embankment fill used to restore the roadway to the pavement sub-grade level should consist of Granular A, Granular B, Type III or rock fill. Above this the pavement fill structure should be placed as per the Geotechnical Design Report.

In general, temporary cuts in the existing embankment fills may be trimmed to 1.5h:1v or flatter. Isolated areas of soft or loose materials should be anticipated, and the temporary slopes flattened in these areas.

Granular soils are present near the proposed foundation level. Below the water level, these materials can be very porous and the granular materials subject to sloughing and erosion. Temporary support of the existing embankment and base materials will be required. The design of the temporary support must include the effects of the existing embankment.

### 5.8 Lateral Loadings - Headwalls

Culvert headwalls (if utilized) should be designed to resist lateral loadings induced by backfill adjacent to the walls at appropriate deformation conditions. Backfill should consist of free draining granular materials such as Granular B. Earth pressures may be calculated using the methods provided in Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code, or using a triangular pressure distribution as provided in the Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual and the parameters provided in Table 5. Active soil loadings are appropriate where sufficient deformation of the headwall can occur. For rigid designs, the at-rest condition should be used.

**Table 5 - Embankment Soil Parameters (unfactored) Level Backfill**

Soil	Active Earth Pressure Coefficient (Ka)	At-Rest Earth Pressure Coefficient (Ko)	Passive Earth Pressure Coefficient (Kp)	Unit Weight (KN/m <sup>3</sup> )	Phi (Degrees)
Granular A	0.27	0.43	3.7	22	35
Granular B	0.30	0.46	3.4	21	33

Weeping tile and/or weep holes should be provided to prevent development of hydrostatic pressures behind the abutments. The weep holes should be protected with a granular filter or non-woven geotextile to prevent migration of fines. Positive drainage of the weeping tiles should be provided.

## 5.9 Temporary Shoring - De-watering

Temporary shoring, where required, should be designed to resist lateral loadings and to minimise deformations. The soils encountered are coarse grained with frequent cobbles and boulders present. Zones of materials consisting almost entirely of cobbles and boulders were encountered at some test locations.

Temporary shoring may be designed using the methods provided in the Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual. The loading configurations will depend on the type of shoring system used. In general, temporary shoring may be designed using the following parameters:

**Table 6 - Embankment Soil Parameters (unfactored)**

Soil	Active Earth Pressure Co-efficient (Ka)	Passive Earth Pressure Co-efficient (Kp)	Unit Weight (KN/m <sup>3</sup> )	Phi (Degrees)
Granular A	0.27	3.7	22	35
Granular B	0.30	3.4	21	33
Sand & Gravel	0.30	3.4	21	33

The estimated permeabilities of the soils below the groundwater table vary from  $10^{-5}$  cm/sec in the silt to more than 10 cm/sec in the rock fill. Because of the high permeability values in the coarser soils, conventional de-watering of excavations below the water table using only sumps and pumps is expected to be difficult, particularly where zones of coarse cobbles and boulders are present below the water table. Alternate forms of ground water control, which may include such methods as large diameter wells, sand bagging, and/or other in situ cofferdams will likely be required.

## 5.10 Temporary Road Protection

Depending on the construction sequence and configurations used temporary road protection may be required for support of the parts of the embankment and/or pavement structure. Details of the temporary road protection are normally the responsibility of the contractor. Special provisions for Temporary Road Protection (539S01) and RSS (599S22) should be reviewed for inclusion in contract documents.

The coarse fill and the shallow bedrock limit the use of conventional sheet piling. Better success may be possible with soldier piles and lagging although the contractor should be prepared for the anticipated difficult drilling conditions. Gravity wall designs are not expected to be applicable due to the limited space available. Reinforced earth structures may be applicable for fill sections.

There may be some use for trench box type retaining systems for some areas of this project, depending on the configurations used. Site-specific design is required.

These temporary road protection systems may be designed using the methods provided in the Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code. Lateral loads should include active or at-rest pressures as appropriate for the soil support systems and traffic loadings, embankment configuration and the applicable compaction surcharge. Active loads are appropriate for yielding conditions while at-rest pressures should be used for non-yielding cases. Soil pressure coefficients are provided in Table 7.

**Table 7 - Embankment Soil Parameters (unfactored), Level Backfill**

Soil	Active Earth Pressure Coefficient (Ka)	At-Rest Earth Pressure Coefficient (Ko)	Unit Weight (KN/m <sup>3</sup> )	Phi (Degrees)
Sand and Gravel	0.30	0.45	21	33
Granular A	0.27	0.43	22	35
Granular B	0.30	0.45	21	33

### **5.11 Red Flag Issues**

Specific attention should be paid to un-conventional aspects of this project, as previously discussed. Excavations below the water table will be complicated by the presence of coarse, highly permeable materials. The coarse fill and till materials will also prohibit conventional driving of sheet piling. The contractor should be aware of the potential hard driving/drilling anticipated during installation of shoring.

The above comments are not intended to include all critical issues that may become apparent during the construction of this project. The responsibility to deliver acceptable construction quality remains with the contractor.

## **6 Limitations**

Conclusions and recommendations presented in this report are based on the information determined at the 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 design recommendations provided in this report are based on the project described in the text and then only if constructed substantially in accordance with the details stated in this report.

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

Benchmarks and elevations referred to in this report are used primarily to establish relative elevation differences between the test hole locations and should not be used for other purposes, such as grading, excavating, planning, development, etc.

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 dewatering procedures which may be considered cannot be readily be determined from boreholes. These include local and seasonal fluctuations of the groundwater level, changes in soil conditions between test locations, thin and/or discontinuous layers of highly permeable soils, etc.

The information contained within this report in no way reflects any environmental aspect of the site or soil.

## 7 Closure

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

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## **APPENDIX A**

### **BOREHOLE LOGS**





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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 1

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METRIC

W.P. **70-97-00** PROJECT **Lachapelle Creek Culvert Replacement** SITE NO. **SITE 48C-224C** ORIGINATED BY **JM**  
DIST **103** HWY **527** LOCATION **Sta 19+927 - 20.0m Rt. Dist. Thunder Bay** TBTE JOB# **J02-134** COMPILED BY **SP**  
DATE **23 July 2003** BOREHOLE TYPE **Hollow Stem Auger - 100mm ID** DATUM **Geodetic** CHECKED BY **WH**

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			PLASTIC LIMIT w <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT w <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)	
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES		SHEAR STRENGTH kPa								
							○ UNCONFINED	✕ FIELD VANE							
						■ SPT (N)	★ LAB VANE	WATER CONTENT (%)							
444.5 0.0	GRAVEL - sandy, silty, frequent cobbles, dense, brown/grey (till)													Organics present at surface. 'N' Casing used to advance BH. rock fragment in SS tip 45 29 (26)	
			1	SS	36										
			2	SS	21										
			3	SS	28										
441.4 3.1	SILT - sandy, with gravel, trace clay, grey, moist, very dense (till)		4	SS	70									52 36 (13)	
440.9 3.6			5	SS	100										
	BEDROCK - coarse grained Granite, pink, massive, closely to moderately jointed		6	RC										SPT refusal -SS bouncing on bedrock. N size drill core. RQD = 55 %	
			7	RC											
437.9 6.6	End of hole at 6.6 m in bedrock													Standpipe piezometer installed July 25/03. Water level at 0.8 m below grade at 1400 hrs - July 25/03.	

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W.P. <b>70-97-00</b>		PROJECT <b>Lachapelle Creek Culvert Replacement</b>		SITE NO. <b>SITE 48C-224C</b> ORIGINATED BY <b>JM</b>	
DIST <b>103</b> HWY <b>527</b>		LOCATION <b>Sta 19+900 - 20.0m Lt. Dist. Thunder Bay</b>		TBTE JOB# <b>J02-134</b> COMPILED BY <b>SP</b>	
DATE <b>29 July 2003</b>		BOREHOLE TYPE <b>Hollow Stem Auger - 100mm ID</b>		DATUM <b>Geodetic</b> CHECKED BY <b>WH</b>	

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT  γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa	UNCONFINED ○	FIELD VANE ✕					
443.9 0.2	FILL - boulders, cobbles (shotrock) SAND & GRAVEL - silty, frequent cobbles, compact to very dense, grey/brown (till)		1	SS	25							GR SA SI CL			
443.9			2	SS	15										
442.7			3	SS	23										
441.5			4	SS	60										
440.3			5	SS	100										
439.8 4.1	SILT - sandy, with gravel, trace clay, grey, moist, very dense (till)		6	RC	N size drill core.	RQD = 53 %	Rock fragments in tip of SS. SPT refusal - SS bouncing on bedrock.								
437.1			7	RC				RQD = 72 %							
436.8 7.1	End of hole at 7.1 m in bedrock														

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METRIC

W.P. **70-97-00** PROJECT **Lachappelle Creek Culvert Replacement** SITE NO. **SITE 48C-224C** ORIGINATED BY **JM**  
DIST **103** HWY **527** LOCATION **Sta 19+825 - 9.0m Lt. Dist. Thunder Bay** TBTE JOB# **J02-134** COMPILED BY **SP**  
DATE **5 August 2003** BOREHOLE TYPE **Hollow Stem Auger - 100mm ID** DATUM **Geodetic** CHECKED BY **WH**

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					UNIT WEIGHT  Y  kN/m³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)  GR SA SI CL	
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa O UNCONFINED      X FIELD VANE ■ SPT (N)            * LAB VANE							PLASTIC LIMIT w <sub>p</sub> NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w      LIQUID LIMIT w <sub>L</sub>  WATER CONTENT (%)
450.2							20	40	60	80	100	20	40	60	
0.0	Angular rock fill	o					450								4 attempts
449.9	Auger refusal - NFP	o													made, NFP
0.3															

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W.P. <b>70-97-00</b>		PROJECT <b>Lachappelle Creek Culvert Replacement</b>		SITE NO. <b>SITE 48C-224C</b>		ORIGINATED BY <b>JM</b>						
DIST <b>103</b> HWY <b>527</b>		LOCATION <b>Sta 19+979 - 9.0m Lt. Dist. Thunder Bay</b>		TBTE JOB# <b>J02-134</b>		COMPILED BY <b>SP</b>						
DATE <b>5 August 2003</b>		BOREHOLE TYPE <b>Hollow Stem Auger - 100mm ID</b>		DATUM <b>Geodetic</b>		CHECKED BY <b>WH</b>						
SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC NATURAL LIQUID LIMIT MOISTURE CONTENT		UNIT WEIGHT $\gamma$ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL	
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES	GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	W <sub>p</sub>	W			W <sub>L</sub>
452.0 0.0	SAND - gravelly, silty, brown, moist (till)											
451.1 0.9			1	SS	100							
	Auger refusal @ 0.9 m on inferred bedrock End of hole at 0.9 m											SPT refusal at 0.75 m - SS bouncing

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METRIC

W.P. **70-97-00** PROJECT **Lachappelle Creek Culvert Replacement** SITE NO. **SITE 48C-224C** ORIGINATED BY **JM**  
DIST **103** HWY **527** LOCATION **Sta 20+005 - 4.5m Lt. Dist. Thunder Bay** TBTE JOB# **J02-134** COMPILED BY **SP**  
DATE **5 August 2003** BOREHOLE TYPE **Hollow Stem Auger - 100mm ID** DATUM **Geodetic** CHECKED BY **WH**

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			PLASTIC LIMIT w <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT w <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa							
453.3 0.0	FILL - sand, with gravel, trace silt, brown-grey, dry						20	40	60	80	100				GR SA SI CL
452.6 0.7	SAND and GRAVEL - with silt, brown, dense (till)		1	SS	34										Stone in tip of SS
451.5 1.8	End of hole at 1.8 m Auger refusal @ 1.5 m on rock fill/fractured bedrock		2	SS	37										41 43 (16)
			3	SS	100										SS deflected on angular rock SS bouncing

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METRIC

W.P. **70-97-00** PROJECT **Lachappelle Creek Culvert Replacement** SITE NO. **SITE 48C-224C** ORIGINATED BY **JM**  
DIST **103** HWY **527** LOCATION **Sta 19+965 - 4.5m Lt. Dist. Thunder Bay** TBTE JOB# **J02-134** COMPILED BY **SP**  
DATE **5 August 2003** BOREHOLE TYPE **Hollow Stem Auger - 100mm ID** DATUM **Geodetic** CHECKED BY **WH**

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			PLASTIC LIMIT w <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT w <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)	
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa								
451.7 0.0	FILL - sand & gravel, trace silt						20	40	60	80	100					GR SA SI CL
451.1 0.6	SAND - silty, with gravel, brown		1	SS	35	451										Granular fill - shoulder of hwy
450.5 1.2	Auger refusal @ 1.2 m on rock fragments End of hole at 1.85 m		2	SS	100											11 60 (30)
																felsic volcanic rock in tip of SS SPT refusal at 1.2 m - SS bouncing

✕<sup>3</sup>, ★<sup>3</sup>

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Sensitivity

○ 3% STRAIN AT FAILURE



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METRIC

W.P. **70-97-00**

PROJECT **Lachapelle Creek Culvert Replacement**

SITE NO. **SITE 48C-224C**

ORIGINATED BY **JM**

DIST **103** HWY **527**

LOCATION **Sta 19+885 - 4.5m Lt. Dist. Thunder Bay**

TBTE JOB# **J02-134**

COMPILED BY **SP**

DATE **5 August 2003**

BOREHOLE TYPE **Hollow Stem Auger - 100mm ID**

DATUM **Geodetic**

CHECKED BY **WH**

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40					
449.8 0.0	FILL - sand & gravel, trace silt													GR SA SI CL
449.1 0.8	FILL - sand, gravelly, with silt, numerous cobbles & boulders (angular), brown, dry Gravel/Cobble fraction increases with depth grey-brown, Wet Auger refusal at 1.5m (cobbles)		1	SS	10									Granular fill - shoulder of hwy 3 70 (27)
447.5 2.3	End of hole at 2.3 m		2	SS	24									Rock fragments in SS tip
			3	SS	34									

×<sup>3</sup> ★<sup>3</sup> Numbers refer to  
Sensitivity

○ 3% STRAIN AT FAILURE



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METRIC

W.P. **70-97-00** PROJECT **Lachappelle Creek Culvert Replacement** SITE NO. **SITE 48C-224C** ORIGINATED BY **JM**  
DIST **103** HWY **527** LOCATION **Sta 19+850 - 4.5m Lt. Dist. Thunder Bay** TBTE JOB# **J02-134** COMPILED BY **SP**  
DATE **5 August 2003** BOREHOLE TYPE **Hollow Stem Auger - 100mm ID** DATUM **Geodetic** CHECKED BY **WH**

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			UNIT WEIGHT $\gamma$ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60 80 100		
450.2 0.0	FILL - sand & gravel, trace silt						450					GR SA SI CL
449.5 0.8	SAND - silty, with gravel, brown, compact		1	SS	15		449					Granular fill - shoulder of hwy 13 67 (20)
448.7 1.5	Auger refusal at 1.5 m		2	SS	100							SPT refusal - SS bouncing
	End of hole at 1.5 m											

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✕<sup>3</sup>, ★<sup>3</sup> Numbers refer to  
Sensitivity

○ 3% STRAIN AT FAILURE



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METRIC

W.P. **70-97-00** PROJECT **Lachapelle Creek Culvert Replacement** SITE NO. **SITE 48C-224C** ORIGINATED BY **JM**  
 DIST **103** HWY **527** LOCATION **Sta 19+913 - 4.5m Lt. Dist. Thunder Bay** TBTE JOB# **J02-134** COMPILED BY **SP**  
 DATE **25 August 2003** BOREHOLE TYPE **Hollow Stem Auger - 100mm ID** DATUM **Geodetic** CHECKED BY **WH**

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			UNIT WEIGHT $\gamma$ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL		
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa						
								UNCONFINED ○	FIELD VANE ×	WATER CONTENT (%)				
													SPT (N) ■	LAB VANE ★
449.8							20	40	60	80	100			
0.0	FILL - sand and gravel, with silt, brown, compact													Water well rig used to advance BH.
449.0							449							
0.8	FILL - sand and gravel, with silt, occasional cobble, brown, dry, compact						448							200mm casing installed to 8m below grade.
	sandy, numerous cobbles and boulders (rock fill), compact to dense						447							
							446							
							445							
							444							
							443							
442.8							442							
7.0	Gravel - sandy, numerous cobbles, occasional boulder, wet, compact to very dense (till)		1	SS	100		441							N casing from 8m
			2	SS	100									
440.5							440							
9.3	BEDROCK - Granite, coarse grained, pink, closely spaced joints		3	RC			439							N size drill core used to advance BH.  RQD = 10%
			4	RC			438							

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Water well  
rig used to  
advance  
BH.

200mm  
casing  
installed to  
8m below  
grade.

N casing  
from 8m

N size drill  
core used to  
advance  
BH.

RQD = 10%

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METRIC

W.P.	<u>70-97-00</u>	PROJECT	<u>Lachappelle Creek Culvert Replacement</u>	SITE NO.	<u>SITE 48C-224C</u>	ORIGINATED BY	<u>SP</u>
DIST	<u>103</u>	HWY	<u>527</u>	LOCATION	<u>Sta 19+967 - 21.0m Rt. Dist. Thunder Bay</u>	TBTE JOB#	<u>J02-134</u>
DATE	<u>18 September 2003</u>	BOREHOLE TYPE	<u>Caterpillar 219 LC Trackhoe</u>	DATUM	<u>Geodetic</u>	CHECKED BY	<u>WH</u>

✕<sup>3</sup>, ★<sup>3</sup>: Numbers refer to Sensitivity      ○<sup>3%</sup> STRAIN AT FAILURE



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METRIC

W.P. 70-97-00 PROJECT Lachappelle Creek Culvert Replacement SITE NO. SITE 48C-224C ORIGINATED BY SP  
DIST 103 HWY 527 LOCATION Sta 19+990 - 18.0m Rt. Dist. Thunder Bay TBTE JOB# J02-134 COMPILED BY SP  
DATE 18 September 2003 BOREHOLE TYPE Caterpillar 219 LC Trackhoe DATUM Geodetic CHECKED BY WH

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)		
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40						60	80
451.2	TOPSOIL - rootlets, organics (100 mm) FILL - sand, gravelly, silty, numerous cobbles, dry, brown		1	BS			451	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa								
450.9								0	20						40	60
450.2	GRAVEL - sandy, with silt, numerous cobbles, occ. boulder, grey/brown, moist (till)						450	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa								
449.4								0	20						40	60
449.4	End of hole at 1.8 m, backhoe refusal on bedrock Bedrock - Granite, pink, surface fractured							SHEAR STRENGTH kPa								
1.8								0	20	40	60	80	100	20	40	60

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✕<sup>3</sup>, ★<sup>3</sup>: Numbers refer to Sensitivity      ○<sup>3%</sup> STRAIN AT FAILURE






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METRIC

W.P. **70-97-00** PROJECT **Lachappelle Creek Culvert Replacement** SITE NO. **SITE 48C-224C** ORIGINATED BY **SP**  
 DIST **103** HWY **527** LOCATION **Sta 19+961 - 11.0m Lt. Dist. Thunder Bay** TBTE JOB# **J02-134** COMPILED BY **SP**  
 DATE **18 September 2003** BOREHOLE TYPE **Caterpillar 219 LC Trackhoe** DATUM **Geodetic** CHECKED BY **WH**

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT  γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa									
450.6	TOPSOIL - rootlets, organics FILL - sand & gravel, with silt, numerous cobbles, occ. boulder, brown, dry, compact						20 40 60 80 100					20 40 60			kN/m <sup>3</sup>	GR SA SI CL	
450.1							SPT (N) UNCONFINED FIELD VANE LAB VANE					WATER CONTENT (%)					
0.5							20 40 60 80 100					20 40 60					
449.8	GRAVEL - sandy, with silt, fractured bedrock pieces (till)						450										
0.8	End of Hole at 0.8 m, backhoe refusal on bedrock Bedrock - Granite, pink, surface fractured																

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✕<sup>3</sup>, ★<sup>3</sup>

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○ 3% STRAIN AT FAILURE



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METRIC

W.P. **70-97-00** PROJECT **Lachappelle Creek Culvert Replacement** SITE NO. **SITE 48C-224C** ORIGINATED BY **SP**  
 DIST **103** HWY **527** LOCATION **Sta 19+872 - 24.0m Lt. Dist. Thunder Bay** TBTE JOB# **J02-134** COMPILED BY **SP**  
 DATE **18 September 2003** BOREHOLE TYPE **Caterpillar 219 LC Trackhoe** DATUM **Geodetic** CHECKED BY **WH**

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa									
444.0								20	40	60	80	100					
0.0	FILL - rock fill (max dia. 800 mm)																Average rock fill diameter - 300 mm
442.8							443										
1.2	SILT - sandy, with gravel, trace clay, grey, moist, very dense (till)		1	BS													11 33 46 10
442.3																	
1.7	End of hole at 1.7 m, backhoe refusal on bedrock Bedrock - Granite, pink																



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METRIC

W.P. **70-97-00** PROJECT **Lachappelle Creek Culvert Replacement** SITE NO. **SITE 48C-224C** ORIGINATED BY **SP**  
 DIST **103** HWY **527** LOCATION **Sta 19+849 - 12.5m Lt. Dist. Thunder Bay** TBTE JOB# **J02-134** COMPILED BY **SP**  
 DATE **18 September 2003** BOREHOLE TYPE **Caterpillar 219 LC Trackhoe** DATUM **Geodetic** CHECKED BY **WH**

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT  γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa							
448.8								20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60					
448.9 0.1	TOPSOIL - rootlets, organics GRAVEL & SAND - with silt, numerous cobbles & boulders, grey brown, dry, dense (till)														
			1	BS											38 38 (12)
446.6 2.2	End of hole at 2.2 m, backhoe refusal on bedrock														



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METRIC

W.P. 70-97-00 PROJECT Lachappelle Creek Culvert Replacement SITE NO. SITE 48C-224C ORIGINATED BY SP  
 DIST 103 HWY 527 LOCATION Sta 19+875 - 5.5m Lt. Dist. Thunder Bay TBTE JOB# J02-134 COMPILED BY SP  
 DATE 18 September 2003 BOREHOLE TYPE Caterpillar 219 LC Trackhoe DATUM Geodetic CHECKED BY WH

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					UNIT WEIGHT  $\gamma$  kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)  GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa						
449.8 0.0	FILL - sand and gravel, with silt, brown, compact													Excavation starting at shoulder rounding  Upper 300 mm of fill contained crushed aggregate.
449.0 0.8	FILL - sand, gravelly, with silt, numerous cobbles & boulders (angular), brown, dry						449							
							448							
							447							
446.8 3.0	End of hole at 3.0 m													

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✱<sup>3</sup>, ✱<sup>3</sup>

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METRIC

W.P. **70-97-00** PROJECT **Lachappelle Creek Culvert Replacement** SITE NO. **SITE 48C-224C** ORIGINATED BY **SP**  
DIST **103** HWY **527** LOCATION **Sta 19+790 - 9.0m Lt. Dist. Thunder Bay** TBTE JOB# **J02-134** COMPILED BY **SP**  
DATE **18 September 2003** BOREHOLE TYPE **Caterpillar 219 LC Trackhoe** DATUM **Geodetic** CHECKED BY **WH**

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT w <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT w <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa									
451.6	TOPSOIL - rootlets, organics (100 mm) GRAVEL - sandy, with silt, numerous cobbles & boulders, grey.brown, dry, dense (till)						451	20 40 60 80 100					20 40 60			kN/m <sup>3</sup>	GR SA SI CL
450.0 0.1																	
450.7 0.9	End of hole at 0.9 m, backhoe refusal on bedrock Bedrock - Mafic Intrusive, med. grained, dark grey																



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METRIC

W.P. **70-97-00** PROJECT **Lachappelle Creek Culvert Replacement** SITE NO. **SITE 48C-224C** ORIGINATED BY **SP**  
 DIST **103** HWY **527** LOCATION **Sta 19+860 - 9.0m Rt. Dist. Thunder Bay** TBTE JOB# **J02-134** COMPILED BY **SP**  
 DATE **18 September 2003** BOREHOLE TYPE **Caterpillar 219 LC Trackhoe** DATUM **Geodetic** CHECKED BY **WH**

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					UNIT WEIGHT $\gamma$	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40	60	80	100		
449.2														
449.9 0.1	TOPSOIL - rootlets, organics GRAVEL - sandy, with silt, numerous cobbles & boulders, grey.brown, dry, dense (till)						449							
448.0 1.2	End of hole at 1.2 m, backhoe refusal on bedrock Bedrock - Mafic Intrusive, med. grained, dark grey						448							

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# RECORD OF TESTPIT No TP10

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W.P. **70-97-00** PROJECT **Lachappelle Creek Culvert Replacement** SITE NO. **SITE 48C-224C** ORIGINATED BY **SP**  
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SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					UNIT WEIGHT $\gamma$ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40	60	80	100		
444.6														
449.6 0.1	TOPSOIL - rootlets, organics (100 mm) FILL - sand, gravelly, with silt, brown, dry  Rock fill (angular), to 300 mm dia, little fines													
441.8 2.8	SILT - sandy, traces gravel & clay, grey, wet, very dense (till)													
441.3 3.3	End of hole at 3.3 m, backhoe refusal on bedrock													

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Numbers refer to  
Sensitivity

○ 3%

STRAIN AT FAILURE



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RECORD OF TESTPIT No TP11

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METRIC

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 DATE **18 September 2003** BOREHOLE TYPE **Caterpillar 219 LC Trackhoe** DATUM **Geodetic** CHECKED BY **WH**

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					UNIT WEIGHT $\gamma$ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40	60	80	100		
449.8 0.0	FILL - sand and gravel, with silt, dry, brown, compact													
449.0 0.8	FILL - sandy, gravelly, with silt, numerous cobbles & boulders (angular), max dia. 300 mm						449							Upper 300 mm of fill contained crushed aggregate.
			1	BS			448							22 29 (12)
							447							Excavation starting at shoulder rounding
446.8 3.0	End of hole at 3.0 m													

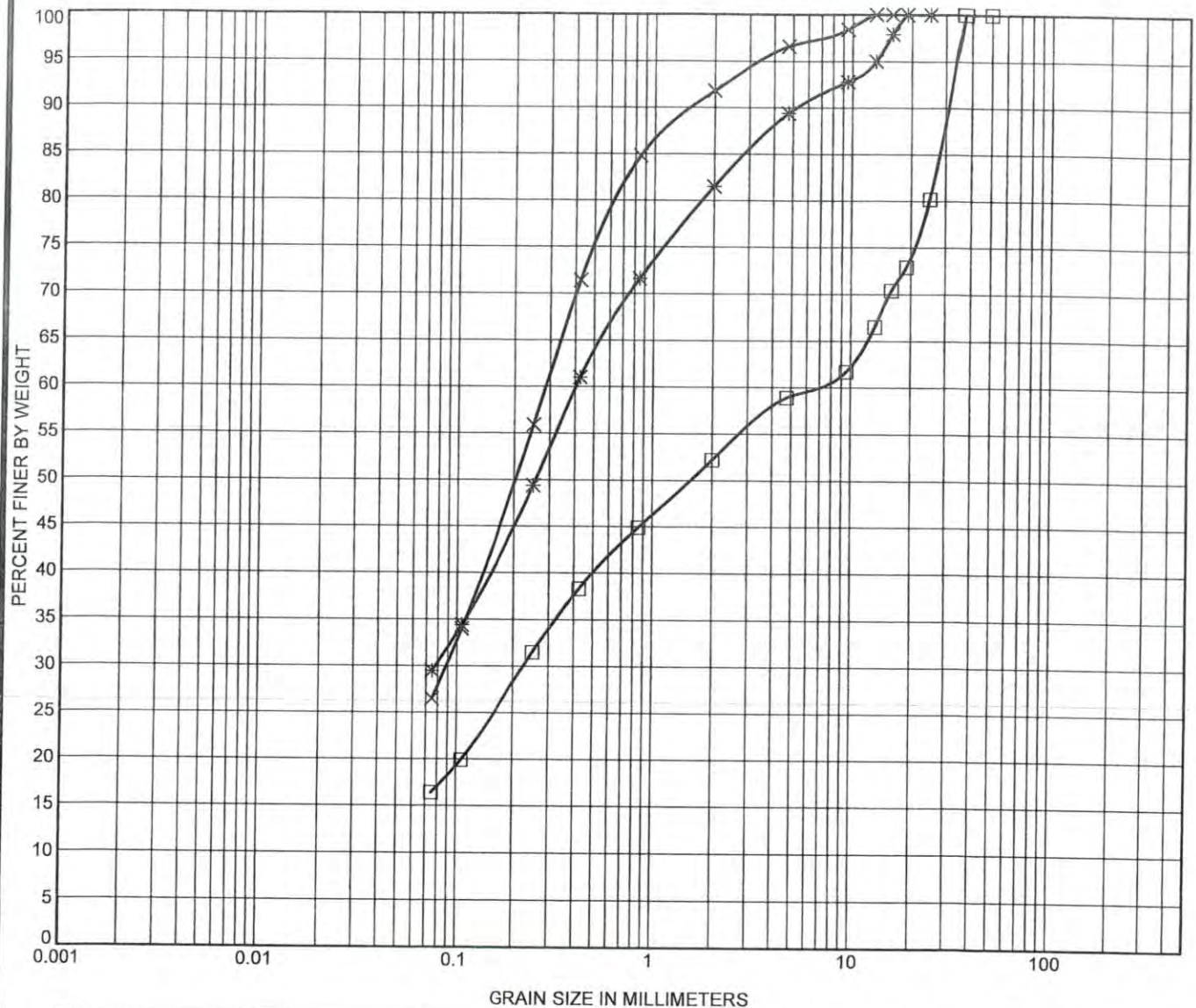
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## **APPENDIX B**

### **Laboratory Test Data**



SILT OR CLAY	SAND			GRAVEL		COBBLES
	fine	medium	coarse	fine	coarse	

Material:

**FILL**

Test Hole	Depth	D100	D60	D30	D10	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt	%Clay
□ 5	1.50	50	6.237	0.224		41.1	42.5	16.4	
* 6	1.05	25	0.406	0.078		10.6	59.9	29.5	
× 7	0.75	16	0.288	0.088		3.4	70.1	26.5	



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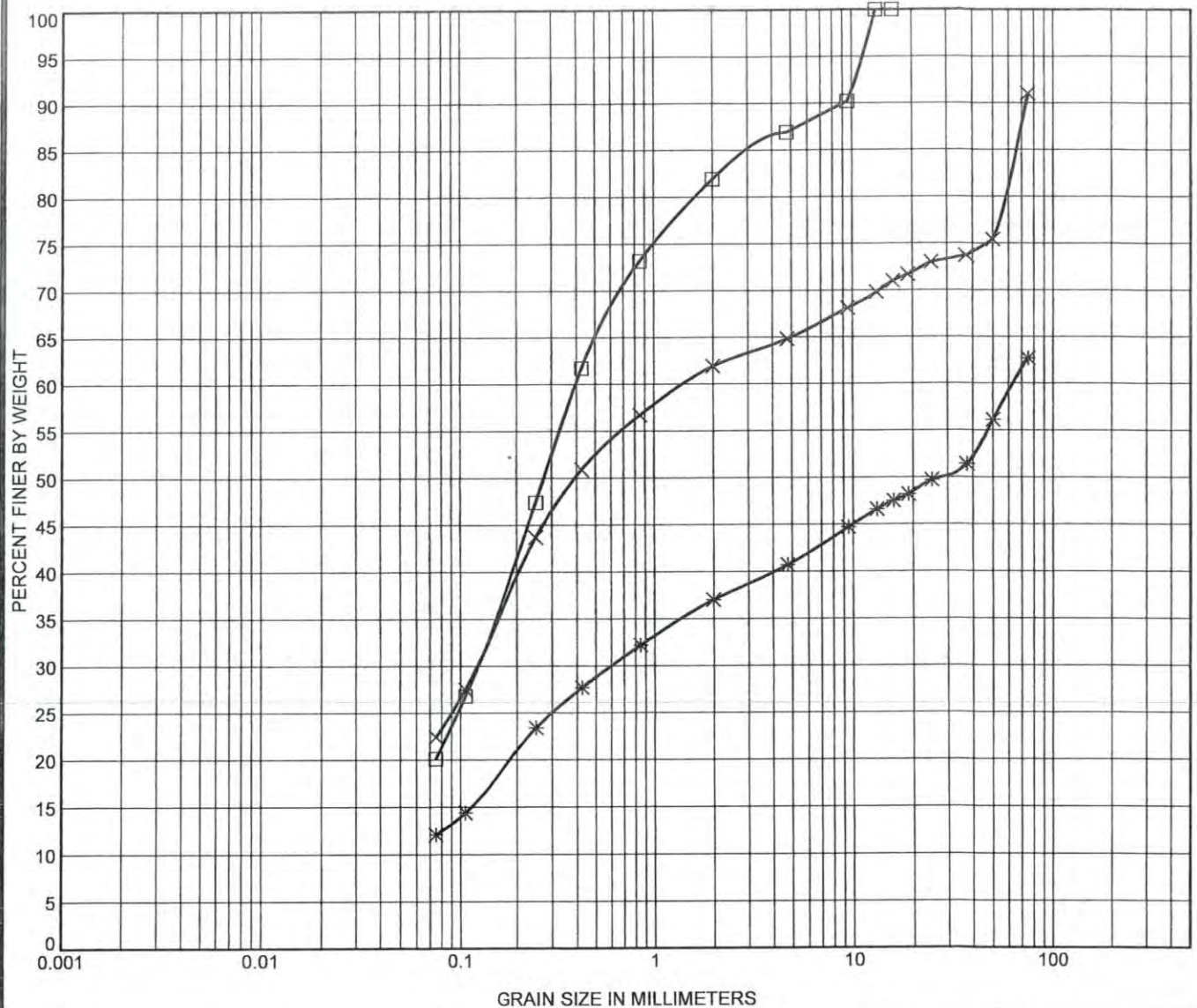
## GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

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Location: 527

Number: 70-97-00

**FIGURE 1**



SILT OR CLAY	SAND			GRAVEL		COBBLES
	fine	medium	coarse	fine	coarse	

Material:  
FILL

Test Hole	Depth	D100	D60	D30	D10	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt	%Clay
□ 8	0.75	16	0.399	0.121		13.1	66.8	20.1	
* TP11	1.50	75	63.537	0.606		22.0	28.6	12.1	
× TP2	0.60	75	1.463	0.121		26.2	42.4	22.4	



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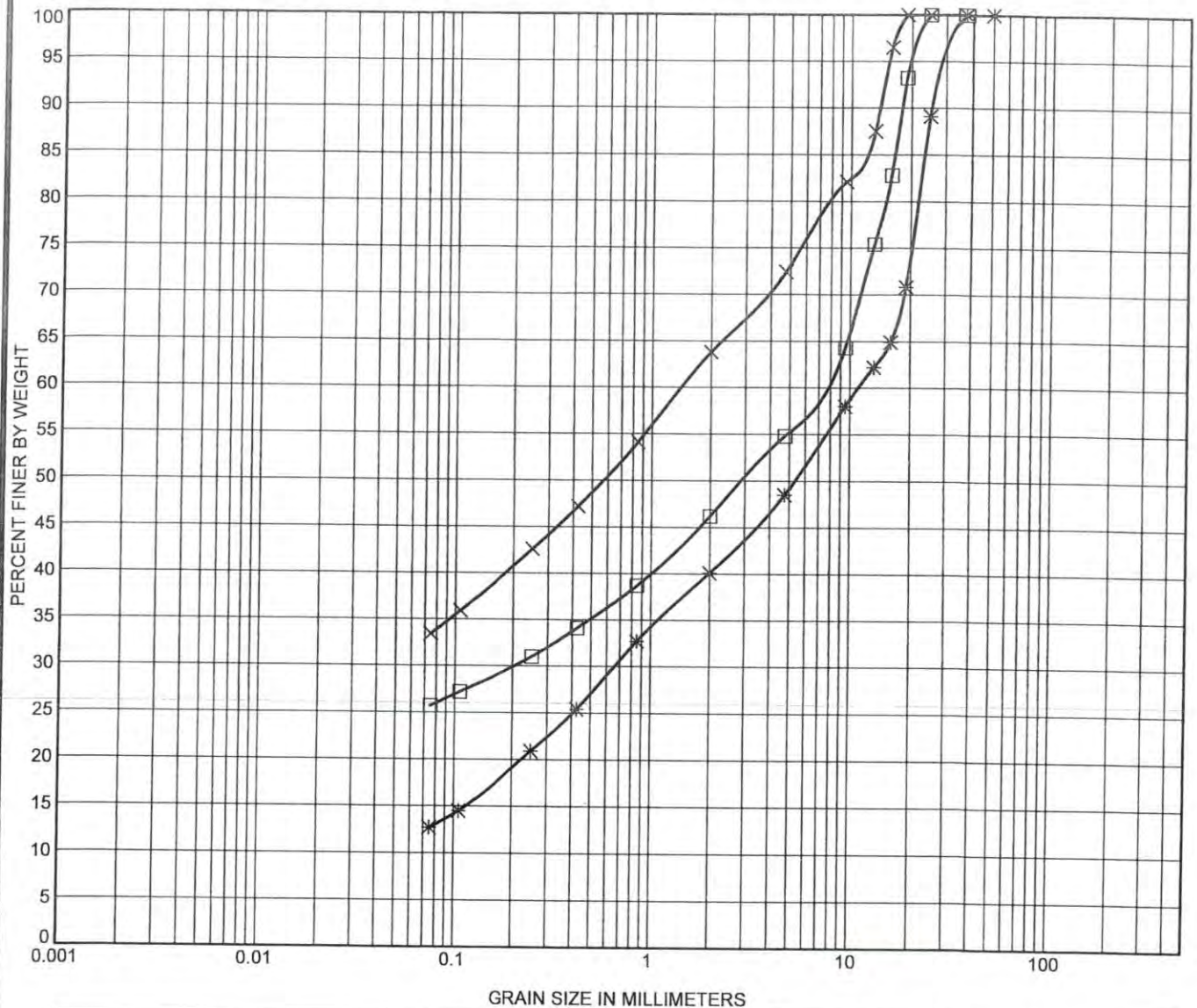
## GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

Project: Hwy 527 - Culvert Replacement

Location: 527

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FIGURE 2



Material:

**Sand and Gravel (till)**

Test Hole	Depth	D100	D60	D30	D10	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt	%Clay
□ 1	2.00	37.5	6.942	0.199		45.2	29.1	25.7	
* 1	3.00	50	11.111	0.658		51.5	35.8	12.7	
× 2	3.00	25	1.43			27.6	39.0	33.4	



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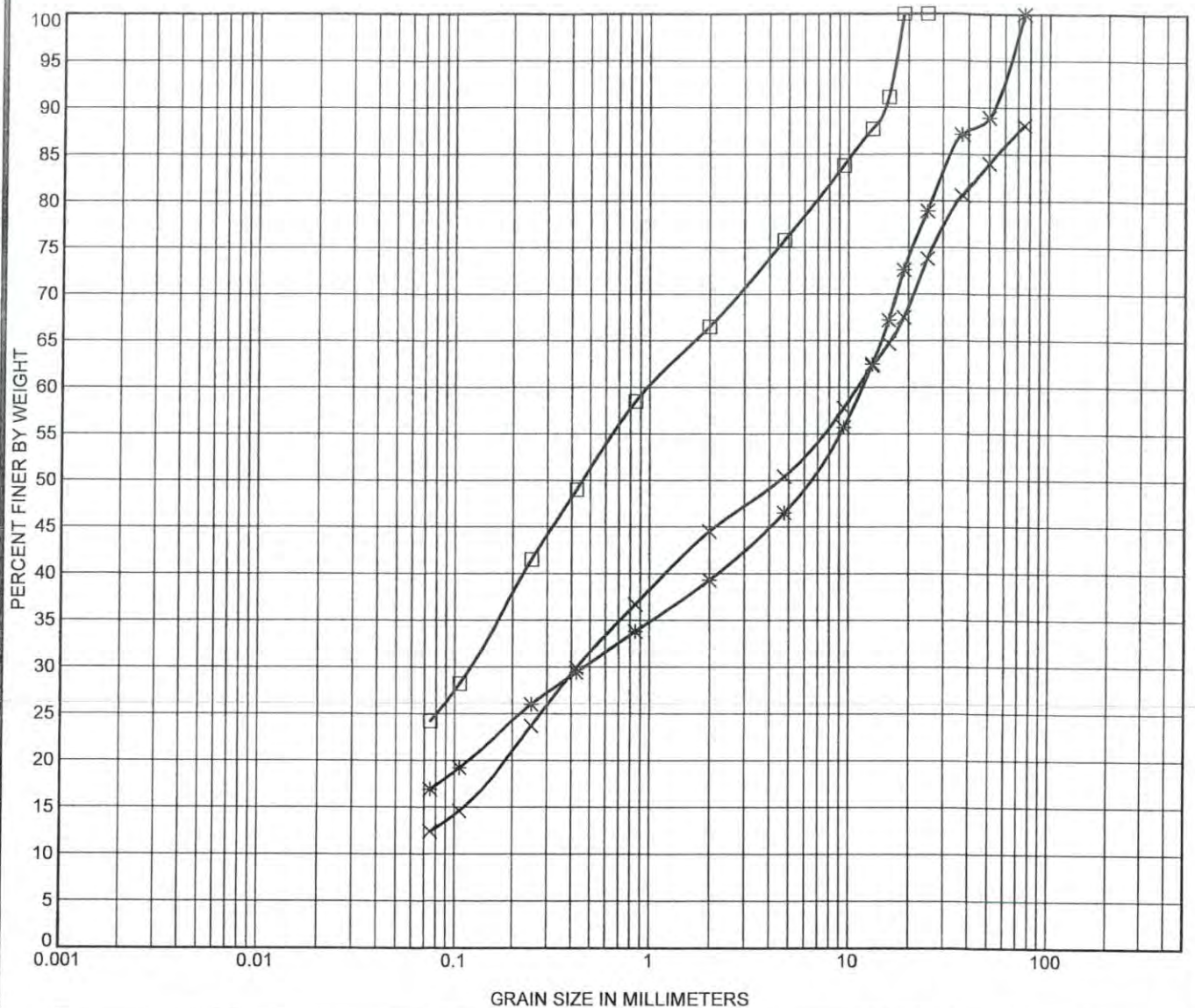
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**FIGURE 3**



SILT OR CLAY	SAND			GRAVEL		COBBLES
	fine	medium	coarse	fine	coarse	

Material:

**Sand and Gravel (till)**

Test Hole	Depth	D100	D60	D30	D10	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt	%Clay
□ 4	0.60	25	0.998	0.119		24.2	51.6	24.2	
* TP1	3.60	75	11.696	0.467		53.5	29.6	16.9	
× TP6	1.20	75	11.157	0.429		37.7	38.0	12.4	



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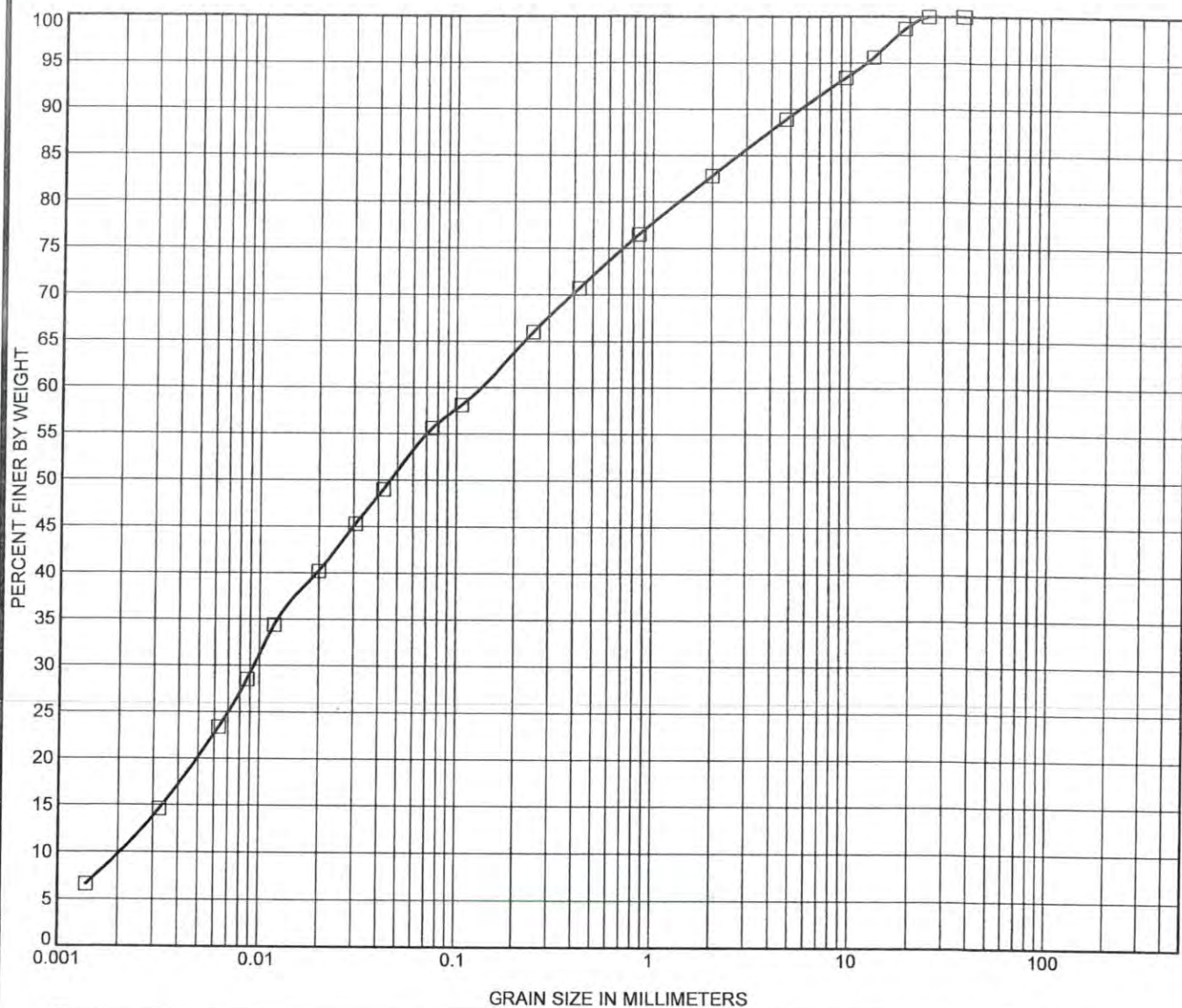
## GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

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Location: 527

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**FIGURE 4**



SILT OR CLAY	SAND			GRAVEL		COBBLES
	fine	medium	coarse	fine	coarse	

Material:  
Silt (till)

Test Hole	Depth	D100	D60	D30	D10	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt	%Clay
TP5	1.30	37.5	0.13	0.009	0.002	11.1	33.3	45.5	10.1



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Location: 527  
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FIGURE 5

## **APPENDIX C**

### **Photographs**



**Photo: Test Pit 1**



**Photo: Test Pit 3  
Embankment Fill**



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**Photo: Test Pit 5**

**Rock Fill over Silt**



**Photo: Test Pit 7**

**Embankment Fill**



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**Photos: Test Pit 10**

**(both photos)**



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**Photo: South side of Culvert**



**Photo: Exposed Boulders South West of Culvert**



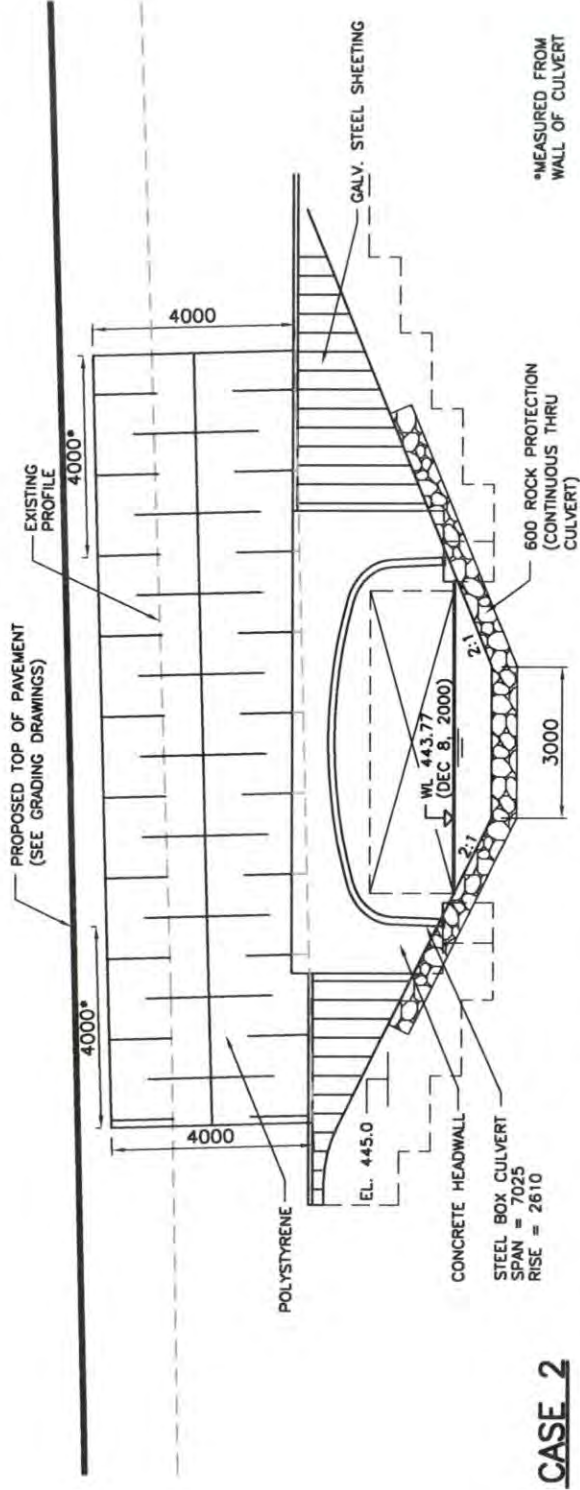
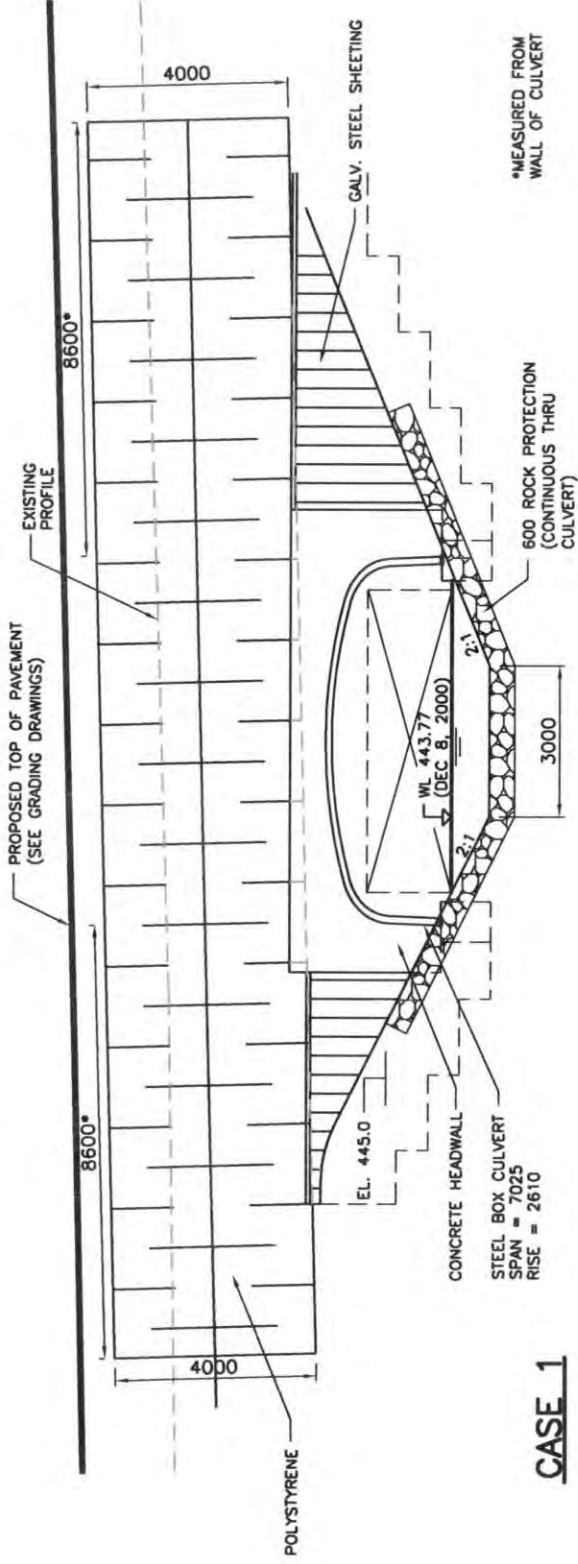
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## **APPENDIX D**

### **DRAWINGS**



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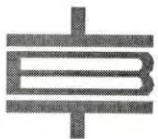
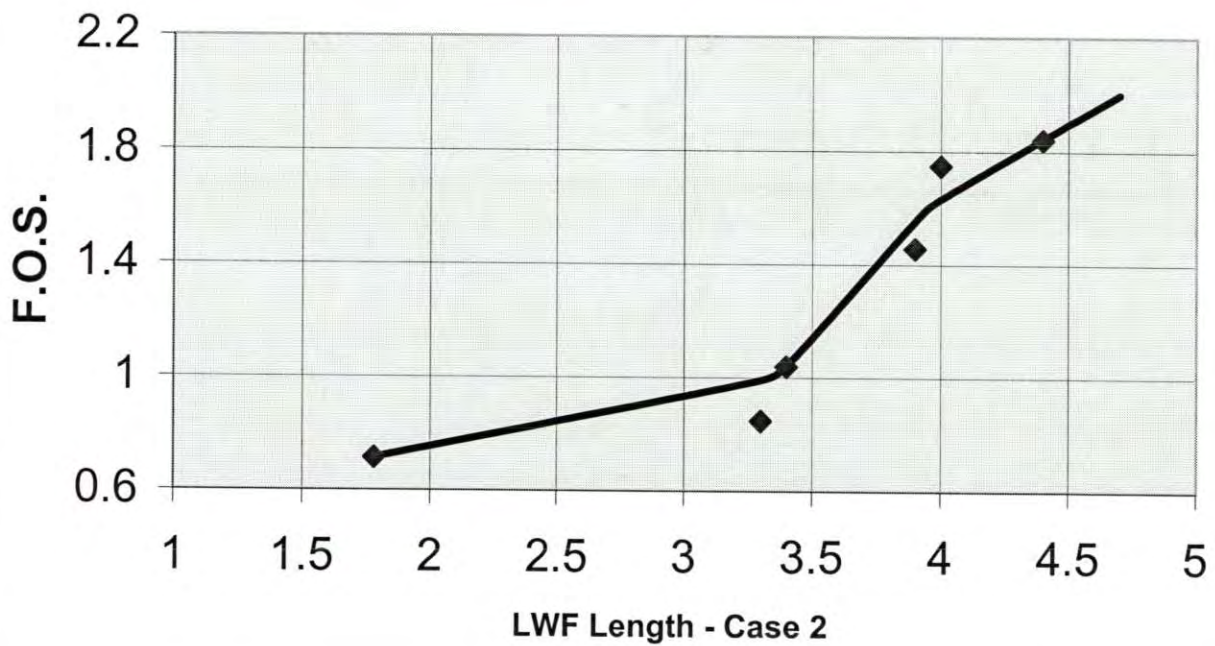
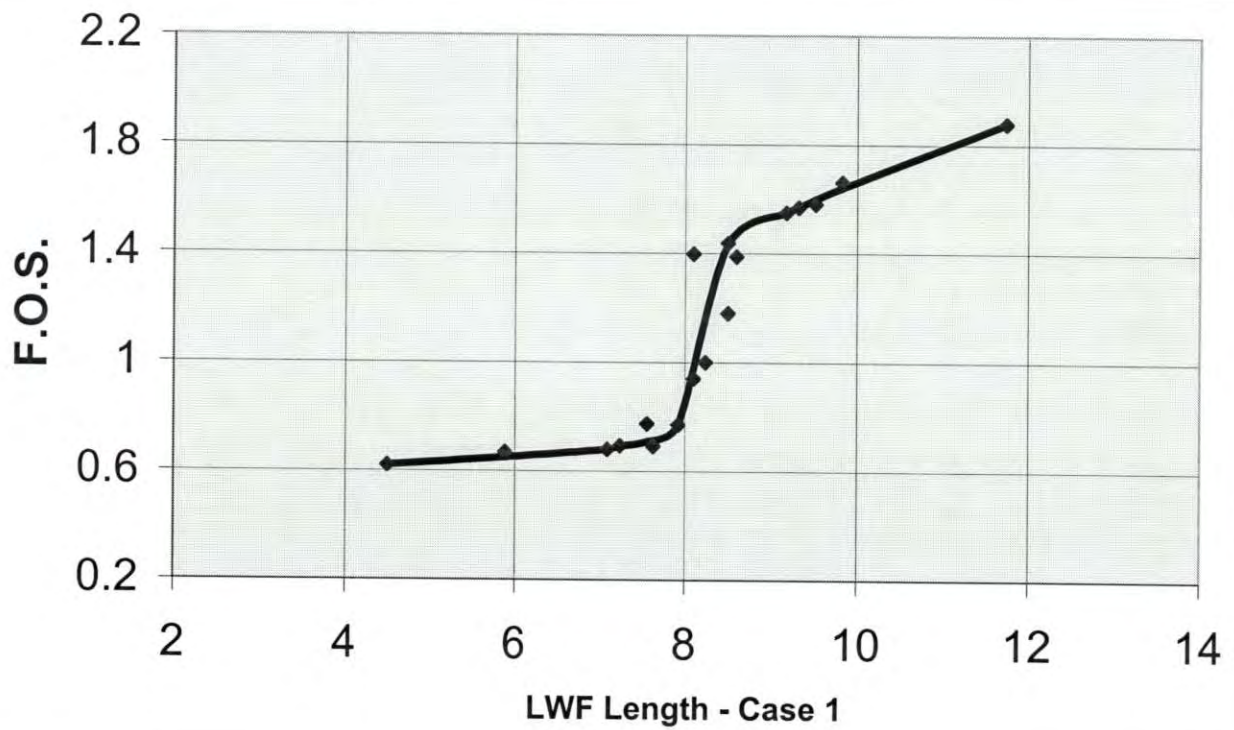
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**Lightweight Fill Length vs. Safety Factor**

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