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I, the undersigned West Virginia Professional Engineer, hereby certify that I am familiar with the technical requirements of Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 257 Subpart D (§257). I also certify that it is my professional opinion that, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, that the information in this demonstration is in accordance with current good and accepted engineering practice(s) and standard(s), and meets the requirements of §257.60 through §257.64.

For the purpose of this document, "certify" and "certification" shall be interpreted and construed to be a "statement of professional opinion." The certification is understood and intended to be an expression of my professional opinion as a West Virginia Licensed Professional Engineer, based upon knowledge, information, and belief. The statement(s) of professional opinion are not and shall not be interpreted or construed to be a guarantee or a warranty of the analysis herein.

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Section 1 Background

The purpose of this document is to demonstrate the compliance of the retrofitted and new low volume waste settling ponds (LVWSP) at the Mount Storm Power Station (Station) with the location restrictions outlined in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) final coal combustion residuals (CCR) rule (Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 257 and 261) Subpart D - "Standards for the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals in Landfills and Surface Impoundments" (§257.60 through §257.64, federal rule). The LVWSP are considered CCR surface impoundments according to the federal rule (§257.53). This document includes information from a desktop study, site work, and engineering calculations to demonstrate that the LVWSP are in compliance with placement above the uppermost aquifer (§257.60), and location with respect to wetlands (§257.61), fault areas (§257.62), seismic impact zones (§257.63), and unstable areas (§257.64).

Supporting documents are provided in appendices to this demonstration.

1.1 Site Setting

The Station is located in Union District, Grant County, West Virginia. The Station is located at approximately latitude 39°11′52″N, longitude 79°15′54″W.

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) Mount Storm Lake Quadrangle, West Virginia 7.5 Minute Series topographic maps from 1983 and 2011 were reviewed to evaluate site setting and conditions (Figures 1 and 2; Appendix A). The 1983 topographic map shows the Mount Storm Lake water surface elevation at 3244 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD29) (there is 0.3 foot shift between North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) and NGVD29 based on a conversion from Vertcon (NGS 2003)). Ground surface elevations near the LVWSP in the 2011 map range from 3240 to 3280 feet NAVD88. A 2011 aerial photo showing the location of the LVWSP is presented in Figure 3 of Appendix A.

The LVWSP are located within the High segment of the Allegheny Plateau physiographic province which comprises the west central portion of the Allegheny Mountain Range (TRC 2016).

The attached geologic map for the state (WVGES 2011; Appendix B) indicates the Station is underlain by cyclic sedimentary rock sequences of sandstone, shale, clay, coal, and limestone of the Pennsylvanian Period (318 – 299 million years ago). The Station is underlain by the Glenshaw formation, which is predominantly a shale and sandstone unit with sequences of thin limestone and coal, As described by Martino, R.L. (*Sequence Stratigraphy of the Glenshaw Formation (Middle-Late Pennsylvanian) in the Central Appalachian Basin*, 2004). Structural geologic

features surrounding the Station are the Blackwater Anticline to the west and the Stony River Syncline to the east of the LVWSP (TRC 2016; Matchen, et. al 2008; Appendix B).

A soil map (Soil Map) of the area surrounding the LVWSP that was downloaded from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web-Soil Survey is included in Appendix C. NRCS has mapped Udorthents, smoothed as the soil type in the area surrounding the LVWSP. Udorthents are soils that have been disturbed by excavation and/or filling, and that may include soils borrowed from other areas and redeposited in the mapped area. NRCS describes this soil type as not being subject to either frequent flooding or ponding, and this is not a hydric soil. Bedrock is typically encountered within 64 inches of the ground surface in the soil units surrounding the LVWSP (the Cavode, Clymer, and Wharton units). Therefore, the Soil Map indicates that shallow bedrock is anticipated throughout the LVWSP area.

A geotechnical exploration was performed at the LVWSP in March of 2015 to evaluate site specific subsurface conditions (Civil Tech Engineering, Inc. 2015). Data from the exploration is included in Appendix D. Generally, the soil conditions were described as gravel and sand fill with bedrock fragments overlying medium dense native sand and very stiff native sandy clay. The soils occur above soft to hard shale and sandstone bedrock. Bedrock was observed at depths varying from 7 feet to greater than 36 feet below ground surface. Actual depths to bedrock encountered at the LVWSP area were greater than those predicted by the Soil Map, in part due to the historical placement of fill for construction of the LVWSP.

1.2 Existing and Future Conditions

Historically, five LVWSP have been used to manage CCR at the Station (Ponds A, B, C, D, and the Pyrite Pond). The LVWSP are located on the southern side of the Station, north and west of Mount Storm Lake (Figure 3; Appendix A). The following activities have or will occur for retrofitting, closure and reconstruction of the LVWSP:

- Phase I (2016): The existing Pyrite Pond was closed and retrofitted.
- Phase II (2017): Ponds B and C were closed by removing accumulated solids. Pond B was reconstructed.
- Phase III (2018): Ponds A and D will be closed by removing accumulated solids. Pond A will be reconstructed.

The LVWSP were or will be retrofitted/reconstructed in compliance with §257.102(k)(1) or §257.102(c) through the removal of CCR materials, and subsoils, and installation of a composite liner system compliant with §257.72. The reconstructed LVWSP will be located within the former boundaries of historic Ponds A through D and the Pyrite Pond. Refer to Appendix E for the retrofit and reconstruction designs.

Section 2 Location Restrictions

The location restrictions designated in the federal CCR rule are presented below with a corresponding demonstration to show compliance with each restriction. The location restrictions include placement above the uppermost aquifer, wetlands, fault areas, seismic impact zones, and unstable areas. Supporting information for the demonstrations is included in the appendices.

2.1 §257.60 – Placement above the Uppermost Aquifer

The federal CCR rule requires that CCR units such as the LVWSP at the Station must be constructed with a base that is located no less than 1.52 meters (five feet) above the upper limit of the uppermost aquifer, or must demonstrate there will not be an intermittent, recurring, or sustained hydraulic connection between any portion of the base of the CCR unit and the uppermost aquifer due to normal fluctuations in the groundwater elevations (including the seasonal high water table). For designing the base elevations for the retrofitted Pyrite Pond, the potential maximum water table was estimated using historical water level data from surrounding wells collected by the Station from November 1996 through July 2015 (TRC 2016). Additional data obtained by TRC from November 2015 through November 2016 during quarterly monitoring of the LVWSP monitoring wells were also available. Cross-sections showing the projected maximum potential groundwater elevations below the Pyrite Pond demonstrate that the base of the Pyrite Pond is more than five feet above the upper limit of the uppermost aquifer (Figure 3-15 and Drawing 66703-C7 in Appendix F).

The new reconstructed Ponds A and B were or will be constructed with a groundwater gradient control system to prevent intermittent, recurring, or sustained hydraulic connection between any portion of the base of the new LVWSP and the upper limit of the uppermost aquifer due to normal fluctuations in groundwater levels (including the seasonal high water table). The gradient control systems at each reconstructed LVWSP consist of a 2-foot thick drainage layer consisting of non-calcareous gravel sized aggregate with a geotextile filter on the top and bottom. Six-inch diameter high density polyethylene perforated piping placed in the aggregate at the perimeter of the base and diagonally across the base serves as a gradient control groundwater collection pipe system (Drawings 66703-C29, C38, and C46 in Appendix F). Above each gradient control system, a layer of general fill material is installed to provide the subbase grades for each new reconstructed LVWSP. Each new reconstructed LVWSP liner system is installed above the general fill. Groundwater collected in the gradient control system will be transported by gravity to a lift station. The groundwater gradient control system

designed and constructed at each reconstructed LVWSP is to prevent intermittent, recurring, or sustained hydraulic connection between the base of the CCR unit and the upper limit of the uppermost aquifer.

Based on this demonstration, the base of the retrofitted Pyrite Pond is located greater than five feet above the upper limit of the uppermost aquifer; therefore, the retrofitted Pyrite Pond is in compliance with the requirements of §257.60. Reconstructed Ponds A and B are designed and are/will be constructed with a groundwater gradient control system to prevent intermittent, recurring, and sustained hydraulic connection between any portion of the bases of the reconstructed LVWSP and the upper limit of the uppermost aquifer due to normal fluctuations in groundwater elevations (including the seasonal high water table). Therefore, the reconstructed LVWSP are/will be in compliance with the requirements of §257.60.

2.2 §257.61 - Wetlands

The CCR location standards restrict existing and new CCR surface impoundments from being located in wetlands, as defined at 40 CFR 232.2 (40 CFR 257.61(a)). Wetlands are defined in 40 CFR 232.2 definition of *Waters of the United States* (3)(iv) as, "...those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas." TRC reviewed historical aerial photographs, topographic maps and results of the 2015 geotechnical investigation to ascertain whether or not the LVWSP are located in wetlands.

As shown on the 1920 edition of the United States Geological Survey's Davis, West Virginia, 1:48,000 scale, quadrangle map (Appendix G), the LVWSP are located on what had been mapped in 1920 as a southeast facing hillslope. Based on the map's 50 feet contour interval, and the distance between contours in the vicinity of the LVWSP, TRC estimates that when this map was prepared the hillside had a 10 to 15 percent slope and a convex profile. TRC concludes from this map that prior to constructing the LVWSP the hillside was an upland area with sheet flow runoff.

TRC's 2015 geotechnical exploration of the LVWSP determined that the LVWSP were constructed on fill, overlying native sand and sandy clay. The fill underlying the LVWSP is mapped by the NRCS as Udrothents, smoothed, which is a non-hydric soil that has been disturbed by excavation or fill. The NRCS mapping agrees with TRC's geotechnical exploration. TRC concludes that the fill on which the LVWSP are situated is not a hydric soil.

As discussed in Section 2.1, above, Dominion and TRC have been monitoring groundwater elevations in the vicinity of the LVWSP since 1996. Water level monitoring has shown that

groundwater in the vicinity of the LVWSP has ranged from 2 to more than 5 feet below ground surface. These observations suggest that soil saturation occurs deeper than the hydric soil saturation indicator of 12 inches or less, which is used to determine wetland hydrology.

Based on TRC's review of historical documentation and the geotechnical exploration, TRC is of the opinion that the LVWSP are not located in an area exhibiting wetland characteristics.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) Mapper (Appendix H) (https://www.fws.gov/wetlands/Data/Mapper.html) was accessed to evaluate wetland conditions in the vicinity of the LVWSP. The NWI identifies areas exhibiting wetland characteristics and is based on biological attributes visible in aerial imagery. NWI identified wetlands are classified using the Cowardin classification system for wetlands and deep water habitats (Cowardin, *et al.*, 1979). As stated on NWI publications, NWI mapping is intended to delineate limits of jurisdictional wetland habitats.

Based on 2009 aerial imagery, the NWI maps the four LVWSP and much of the Pyrite Pond as Palustrine, Unconsolidated Bottom, Permanently Flooded, Diked/Impounded (PUBHh) wetlands. Approximately 25 percent of the Pyrite Pond is mapped as a Palustrine, Unconsolidated Bottom, Semi-permanently Flooded, Diked/Impounded (PUBFh) wetland.

Operation of and discharges from the LVWSP and Pyrite Pond are regulated under national pollution discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit WV0005525, issued by the WV DEP to Dominion. Since the LVWSP were designed and constructed to meet Clean Water Act requirements and were not constructed in wetlands, even if they exhibit wetland characteristics, they are not considered federally jurisdictional wetlands, as per federal rules published by the USACE and USEPA (33 CFR 328.3(b)(1), and 40 CFR 230.3 (2)(i), respectively).

A swale west of the LVWSP is mapped as a Palustrine, Aquatic Bed, Permanently Flooded, excavated (PABHx) wetland. This swale receives storm water runoff from the area surrounding the LVWSP and Pyrite Pond, and is a component of the Station's storm water management system. Storm water discharges associated with industrial activity are also regulated by the Station's NPDES permit. As the NWI mapped swale was designed and constructed to meet Clean Water Act requirements, even if it exhibits wetland characteristics, it is not considered federally jurisdictional wetlands, as per federal rules published by the USACE and USEPA (33 CFR 328.3(b)(1), and 40 CFR 230.3 (2)(i), respectively).

TRC concludes that the LVWSP are not located in wetlands and because of their use as NPDES treatment units are not wetlands, as defined in 40 CFR 232.2.

2.3 §257.62 - Fault areas

The federal CCR rule requires that CCR units not be located within 60 meters (200 feet) of the outermost damage zone of a fault that has had displacement in Holocene time (11,700 years ago) unless the owner or operator demonstrates that an alternative setback distance of less than 60 meters (200 feet) will prevent damage to the structural integrity of the CCR unit. To determine recent fault activity in the area, the subsurface exploration and regional geologic information were reviewed.

As shown on the Geologic Map of West Virginia (Cardwell, *et al.* 1968), no faults have been mapped in the LVWSP area at the Station. Based on the bedrock geology of the Mount Storm Lake Quadrangle (Matchen, et. al 2008; Appendix B), no faults were identified in the vicinity of the LVWSP.

USGS information (2015) was reviewed to evaluate the geologic history of the Allegheny and Appalachian Mountains. A series of mountain building episodes caused uplift in this portion of West Virginia. These mountain building episodes include the Taconic, Appalachian, and Allegheny orogenies. The Allegheny orogeny is the most recent mountain building event and occurred between 320 million years ago to 250 million years ago in the late Paleozoic Era. Significant faulting in the region would likely be related to the most recent orogenic event (between 320 and 250 million years ago), which is significantly earlier than the Holocene.

Evidence of active faulting during the Holocene in the LVWSP area is not supported by this determination; therefore, the existing, retrofitted, and reconstructed LVWSP are in compliance with the requirements of §257.62.

2.4 §257.63 - Seismic Impact Zones

The federal CCR rule requires that CCR units not be located in seismic impact zones unless the owner or operator demonstrates that all structural components including liners, leachate collection and removal systems, and surface water control systems, are designed to resist the maximum horizontal acceleration in lithified earth material for the site. The federal CCR rule defines a seismic impact zone as "an area having a 2% or greater probability that the maximum expected horizontal acceleration, expressed as a percentage of the earth's gravitation pull (g), will exceed 0.10 g in 50 years".

To determine whether the existing, retrofitted, or reconstructed LVWSP are located in a seismic impact zone, the USGS Earthquake Hazards Program was consulted to determine the earthquake hazard for the LVWSP. The 2015 National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program U.S. seismic design maps website (USGS 2015; Appendix I) indicates a mapped peak ground acceleration of 0.05 g for the Station area. Using the default site adjustment factor results in a

design peak ground acceleration of 0.08 g. This calculated design peak ground acceleration value is less than 0.10 g in 50 years.

Evidence of a seismic impact zone is not supported by this determination; therefore, the existing, retrofitted, and reconstructed LVWSP are not located in a seismic impact zone. The existing, retrofitted, and reconstructed LVWSP are in compliance with the requirements of §257.63.

2.5 §257.64 - Unstable Areas

The federal CCR rule requires that CCR units not be located in an unstable area unless the owner or operator demonstrates that recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices have been incorporated into the design of the CCR unit to ensure that the integrity of the structural components of the CCR unit will not be disrupted. Factors associated with soil conditions resulting in significant differential settlement, geologic or geomorphologic features, and human-made features or events must be evaluated to determine compliance.

This demonstration was performed by evaluating the results of a geotechnical exploration at the LVWSP (Civil Tech Engineering, Inc. 2015), reviewing local geology and topography, and evaluating human-made features or events at the LVWSP area.

The geotechnical exploration performed at the LVWSP area identified gravel and sand fill with bedrock fragments overlying medium dense native sand and very stiff native sandy clay (Appendix D). The soils occur above soft to hard shale and sandstone bedrock. These observations do not suggest unstable foundation conditions. Based on the subsurface conditions, unstable conditions due to foundation soils and bedrock are not present at the existing, retrofitted, and reconstructed LVWSP.

An engineering analysis was performed to evaluate the slope stability of the berms of the existing LVWSP. This global stability analysis resulted in satisfactory factors of safety for the existing LVWSP.

The reconstructed and retrofitted LVWSP were designed and constructed or will be constructed with engineered fill, which is placed and compacted in conformance to project specifications. This method of fill placement and compaction provides a stable base to support the liner system. In addition, the geomembrane liner system and gradient control system will prevent impounded water and groundwater from weakening the foundation soils. Design of the LVWSP retrofit and reconstruction included global stability analysis that resulted in satisfactory factors of safety. Based on these conditions, unstable berms are not present at the retrofitted and reconstructed LVWSP.

Geological and geomorphological information was reviewed to determine potential unstable areas at the existing, retrofitted, and reconstructed LVWSP. None of the geological or geomorphological information reviewed suggest the presence of unstable areas at the existing, retrofitted, and reconstructed LVWSP.

Human-made impacts have changed conditions since construction of the Station. Such features and events include Mount Storm Lake and its dam, grading and placement of fill as part of historical construction, and historical underground coal mining. No significant change in elevation is observed between the two topographic maps (dated 1983 and 2011) that would suggest uncontrolled fill placed in the area of the LVWSP. The surrounding elevations were compared to topographic maps that pre-date the Station without evidence of placement of uncontrolled fill. In addition, the geotechnical exploration did not document unstable soil conditions.

Due to the location of the existing, retrofitted, and reconstructed LVWSP adjacent to Mount Storm Lake, wave action on these LVWSP was considered. Evidence of wave erosion has not been observed on the outer berm of the former LVWSP (Pond D) adjacent to Mount Storm Lake. The alignment of the new reconstructed LVWSP will be shifted shoreward during construction as part of reconstruction; therefore, both new reconstructed LVWSP ponds will not be impacted by waves. The lake levels of Mount Storm Lake are controlled by a dam adjacent to the Station; therefore, potential flooding concerns are not supported.

The West Virginia Interactive Coal Mining Map (WVGES, 2015b) was reviewed to determine if previous mining had occurred in the vicinity of the LVWSP (Appendix J). The eastern boundary of the former Laurel Run Mining No. 1 Portal underground coal mine is located approximately 0.2 miles west of the existing, retrofitted, and reconstructed LVWSP. The attached documents (Appendix J) show the boundary of the former mine in relation to the LVWSP, indicating that underground mining has not occurred beneath or in close proximity to the LVWSP.

An evaluation was performed to determine if the existing, retrofitted, and reconstructed LVWSP were located in an area of potential mine subsidence. The evaluation was performed following methodology recommended by the Mine Safety and Health Administration Design Manual for Coal Refuse Facilities. The results of the evaluation determined that the former Laurel Run Mining No. 1 Portal underground coal mine was located within the zone of "normal extraction permitted" relative to the LVWSP (*i.e.*, the existing, retrofitted, and reconstructed LVWSP are located outside and to the east of the zone of potential mine subsidence that would be projected to be associated with the former underground coal mine). Therefore, impacts to the existing, retrofitted, and reconstructed LVWSP due to potential ground subsidence above

the Laurel Run Mining No. 1 Portal is not anticipated to occur. The mine subsidence evaluation is provided in Appendix J).

Evidence of unstable areas due to soil conditions resulting in significant differential settling, geologic or geomorphologic features, or human-made features or events is not supported by this determination; therefore, the existing, retrofitted, and reconstructed LVWSP are not located in unstable areas. The existing, retrofitted, and reconstructed LVWSP are in compliance with the requirements of §257.64.

Section 3 Conclusions

Based on the evaluation provided in this demonstration, the existing, retrofitted, and reconstructed LVWSP at the Station are in compliance with the location restrictions provided in §257.60 through §257.64 of the CCR rule. No additional action, justification, or demonstration is required to document compliance with the location restrictions provided in the CCR rule after this demonstration has been placed into the operating record, posted to the publically accessible website, and government notifications provided.

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Appendix A Topographic Maps

SITE LOCATION MAP

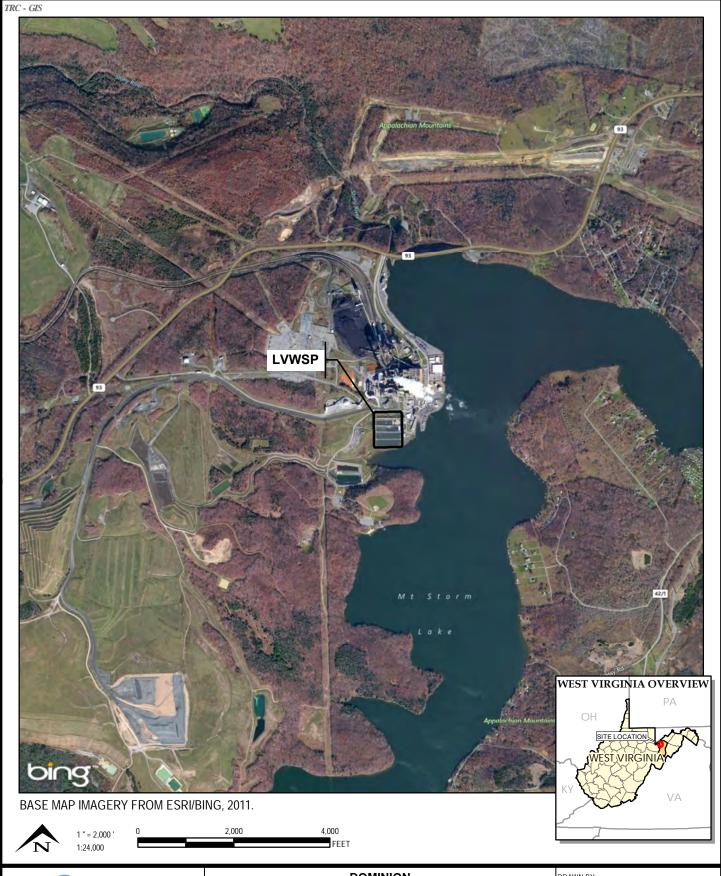
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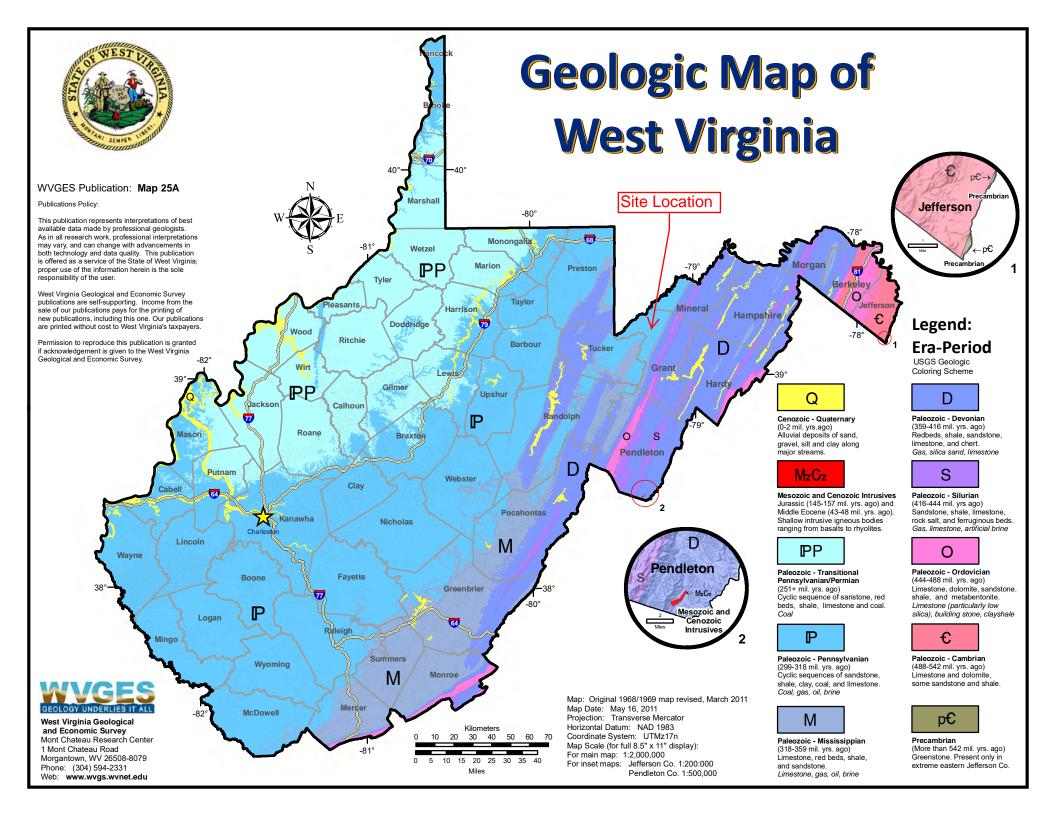


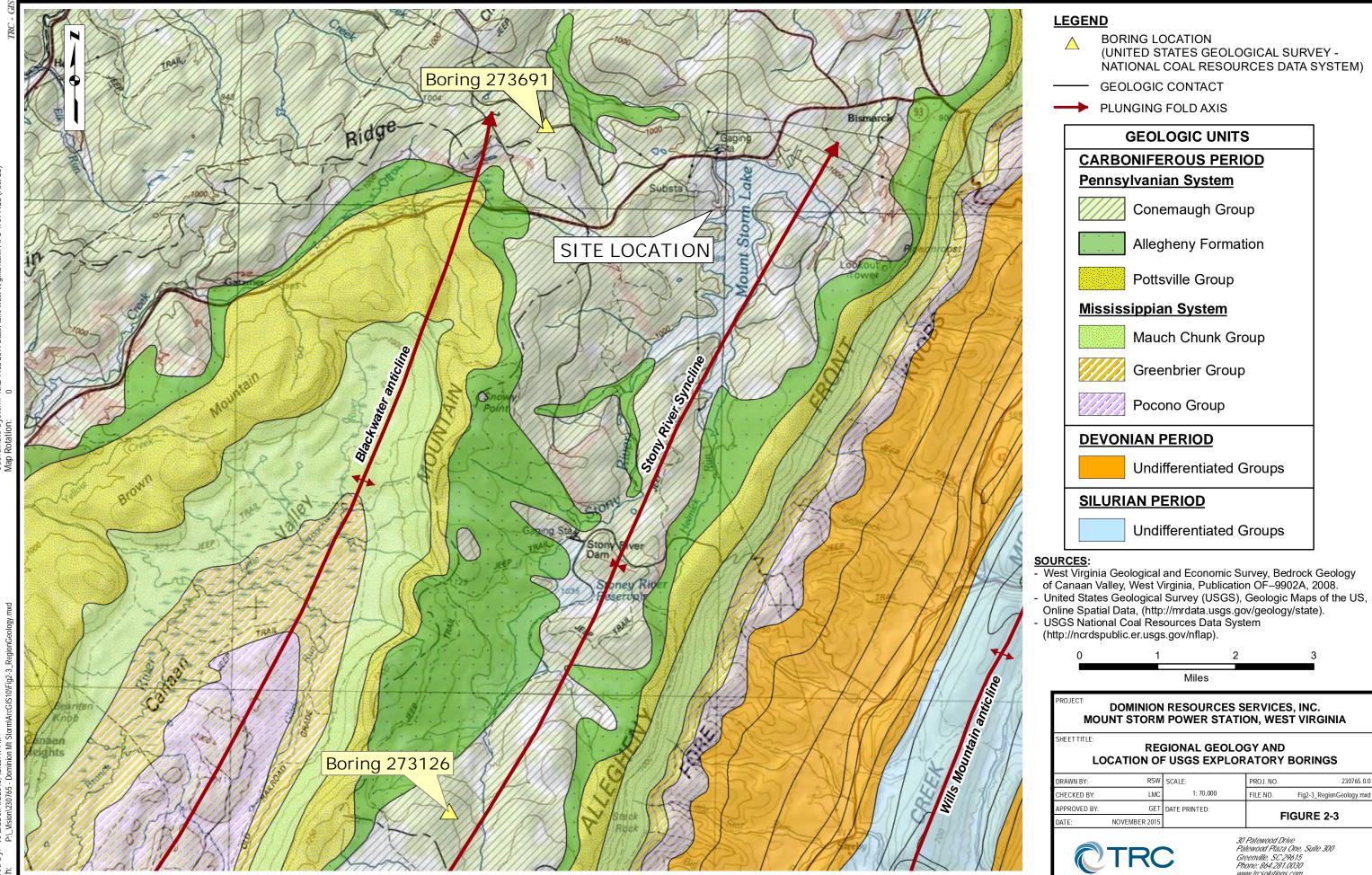
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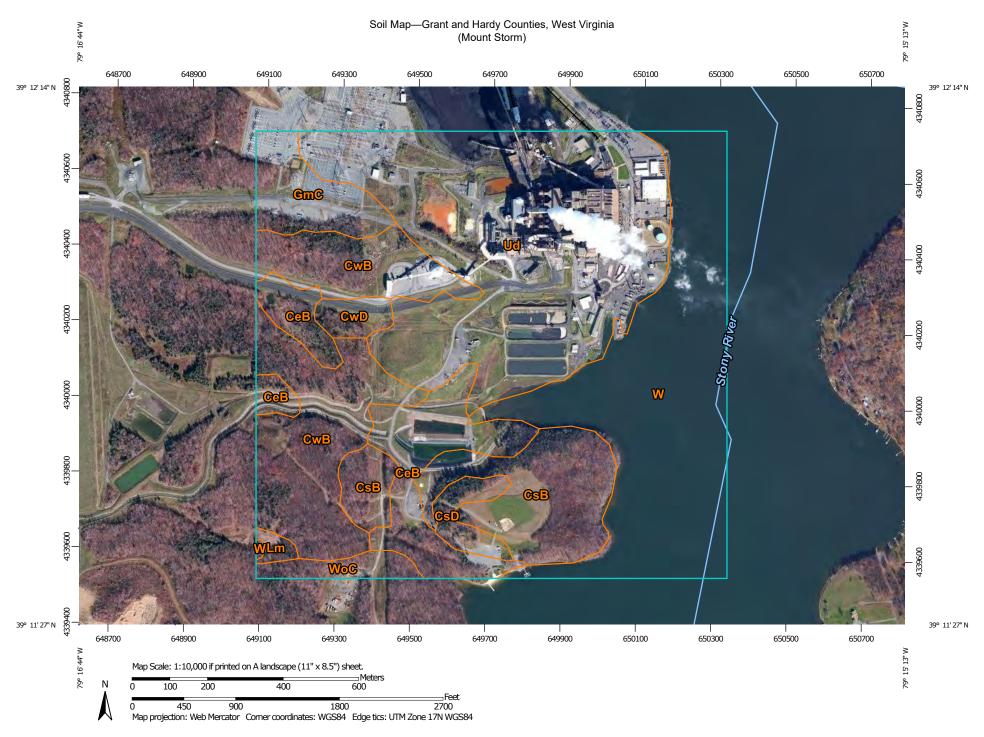
Appendix B Bedrock Geology Maps





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Appendix C Soil Survey Map by Natural Resources Conservation Service



MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)

Area of Interest (AOI)

Soils

Soil Map Unit Polygons



Soil Map Unit Points

Special Point Features

Blowout

☑ Borrow Pit

Clay Spot

Closed Depression

Gravel Pit

Gravelly Spot

Landfill

A Lava Flow

▲ Marsh or swamp

Mine or Quarry

Miscellaneous Water

Perennial Water

Rock Outcrop

Saline Spot

Sandy Spot

Severely Eroded Spot

Sinkhole

Slide or Slip

Sodic Spot

...

Stony Spot

Wery Stony Spot

Spoil Area

Wet Spot

\ Other

Special Line Features

Water Features

Streams and Canals

Transportation

→ Rails

Interstate Highways

US Routes

Major Roads

Local Roads

Background

Aerial Photography

MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:20,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey URL: http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Grant and Hardy Counties, West Virginia Survey Area Data: Version 9, Sep 30, 2014

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Oct 9, 2011—Oct 25, 2011

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

Map Unit Legend

	Grant and Hardy Counties,	West Virginia (WV628)	
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
СеВ	Cavode stony silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	34.3	9.3%
CsB	Clymer stony loam, 3 to 15 percent slopes	36.7	10.0%
CsD	Clymer stony loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes	6.3	1.7%
CwB	Clymer and Wharton rubbly soils, 3 to 15 percent slopes	57.6	15.7%
CwD	Clymer and Wharton rubbly soils, 15 to 35 percent slopes	4.7	1.3%
GmC	Gilpin stony silt loam, 3 to 15 percent slopes	15.5	4.2%
Lm	Lickdale stony loam	1.6	0.4%
Ud	Udorthents, smoothed	117.2	31.9%
W	Water	87.2	23.8%
WoC	Wharton stony silt loam, 3 to 15 percent slopes	5.9	1.6%
Totals for Area of Interest		366.9	100.0%

Engineering Properties

Grant and Hardy Counties, West Virginia

[Absence of an entry indicates that the data were not estimated. This report shows only the major soils in each map unit]

Man aymhal			Classification		Fragments		Percent passing sieve number			ber	Liquid	Plasticity
Map symbol and soil name	Depth	USDA texture	Unified	AASHTO	>10 Inches	3-10 Inches	4	10	40	200	- Liquid limit	index
	In				Pct	Pct					Pct	
CeB:												
Cavode	0-5	Silt loam	ML	A-4	0	0-5	90-100	80-100	80-95	75-95		
	5-60	Clay, channery silty clay loam, silty clay	CL-ML, ML	A-4, A-6, A-7	0	0-5	85-100	80-100	80-95	70-95	25-50	4-20
	60-64	Bedrock										
CwB:												
Clymer	0-6	Loam	GM, ML, SM	A-2, A-4	0-2	0-30	60-100	50-95	45-90	30-85	10-30	NP-9
	6-53	Channery loam, channery sandy clay loam, sandy loam	GC, GM, ML, SM	A-2, A-4	0	0-20	60-95	50-95	45-85	30-60	14-32	NP-9
	53-60	Channery loam, channery sandy clay loam, channery sandy loam	GC, GM, GP- GM, SM	A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4	0	10-30	30-75	25-70	20-60	5-40	14-32	NP-9
	60-64	Bedrock										
Wharton	0-6	Silt loam	ML	A-4, A-6	0	0-10	70-90	60-85	55-80	50-75		
	6-38	Channery silty clay loam, channery silt loam, silty clay loam	MH, ML	A-6, A-7	0	0-25	75-100	70-100	65-95	60-90	35-55	10-25
	38-58	Channery clay, channery silt loam, silt loam	GM, ML, SM	A-4, A-6, A-7	0	0-50	45-100	30-100	25-95	25-90	30-45	5-15
	58-62	Bedrock										



Component Text

Grant and Hardy Counties, West Virginia

[Only those components that have entries for the selected text kinds and categories are included in this report. This report shows only the major soils in each map unit]

Map unit: CeB - Cavode stony silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes

Componet: Cavode

Text kind/Category: Nontechnical description/GENSOIL

The Cavode component makes up 70 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 3 to 8 percent. This component is on ridges on mountains. The parent material consists of clayey residuum weathered from acid shale. Depth to a root restrictive layer, bedrock, lithic, is 60 to 64 inches. The natural drainage class is somewhat poorly drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately low. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is moderate. Shrink-swell potential is moderate. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. A seasonal zone of water saturation is at 12 inches during January, February, March, April, May, October, November, December. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 3 percent. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 6s. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

Map unit: CwB - Clymer and Wharton rubbly soils, 3 to 15 percent slopes

Componet: Clymer

Text kind/Category: Nontechnical description/GENSOIL

The Clymer component makes up 50 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 3 to 8 percent. This component is on ridges on mountains. The parent material consists of loamy residuum weathered from sandstone. Depth to a root restrictive layer, bedrock, lithic, is 60 to 64 inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is moderate. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 3 percent. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 7s. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

Componet: Wharton

Text kind/Category: Nontechnical description/GENSOIL

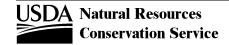
The Wharton component makes up 25 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 3 to 8 percent. This component is on ridges on mountains. The parent material consists of loamy residuum weathered from shale and siltstone. Depth to a root restrictive layer, bedrock, lithic, is 58 to 62 inches. The natural drainage class is moderately well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is very low. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is moderate. Shrink-swell potential is moderate. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. A seasonal zone of water saturation is at 27 inches during January, February, March, April, November, December. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 3 percent. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 7s. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

Map unit: CwD - Clymer and Wharton rubbly soils, 15 to 35 percent slopes

Componet: Clymer

Text kind/Category: Nontechnical description/GENSOIL

The Clymer component makes up 50 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 15 to 35 percent. This component is on ridges on mountains. The parent material consists of loamy residuum weathered from sandstone. Depth to a root restrictive layer, bedrock, lithic, is 60 to 64 inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is moderate. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 3 percent. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 7s. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.



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Component Text

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Map unit: CwD - Clymer and Wharton rubbly soils, 15 to 35 percent slopes

Componet: Wharton

Text kind/Category: Nontechnical description/GENSOIL

The Wharton component makes up 25 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 15 to 35 percent. This component is on ridges on mountains. The parent material consists of loamy residuum weathered from shale and siltstone. Depth to a root restrictive layer, bedrock, lithic, is 58 to 62 inches. The natural drainage class is moderately well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is very low. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is moderate. Shrink-swell potential is moderate. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. A seasonal zone of water saturation is at 27 inches during January, February, March, April, November, December. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 3 percent. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 7s. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

Map unit: GmC - Gilpin channery silt loam, moist, 3 to 15 percent slopes, very stony

Componet: Gilpin, moist

Text kind/Category: Nontechnical description/GENSOIL

The Gilpin component makes up 75 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 3 to 15 percent. This component is on hillslopes on dissected plateaus. The parent material consists of acid fine-loamy residuum weathered from shale and siltstone and/or fine-grained sandstone. Depth to a root restrictive layer, bedrock, lithic, is 25 to 40 inches (depth from the mineral surface is 25 to 38 inches). The natural drainage class is well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately low. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 72 percent. Below this thin organic horizon the organic matter content is about 11 percent. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 6s. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

Map unit: Ud - Udorthents, smoothed

Componet: Udorthents

Text kind/Category: Nontechnical description/GENSOIL

The Udorthents component makes up 100 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 0 to 50 percent. This component is on cuts (road, railroad, etc.), fills. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is very low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

Map unit: W - Water

Componet: Water

Text kind/Category: Nontechnical description/GENSOIL

The Water component makes up 100 percent of the map unit. Slopes are

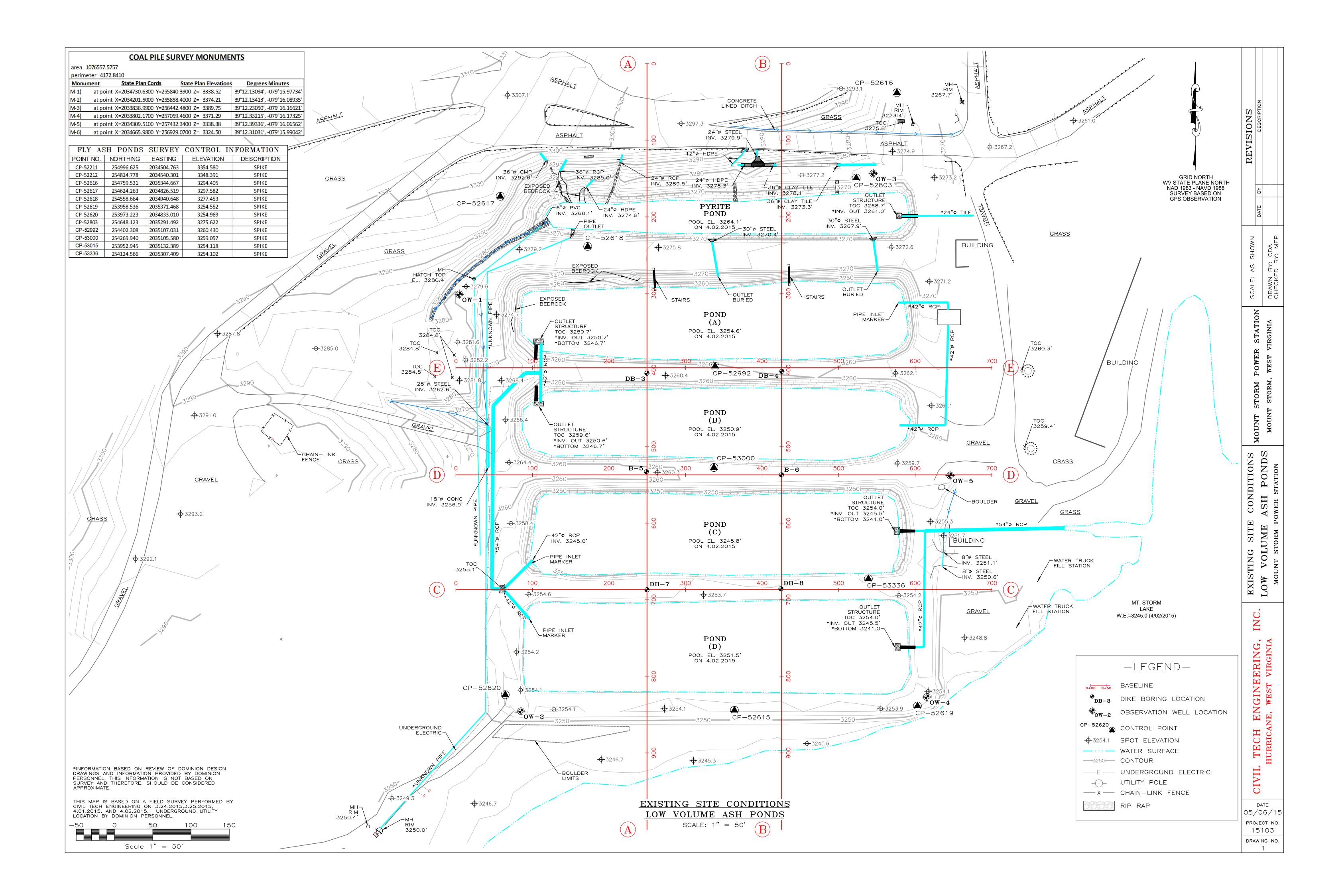
Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is very low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches.

This soil does not meet hydric criteria.



Appendix D Geotechnical Exploration Data

This appendix provides excerpts from the Civil Tech Engineering, Inc. 2015 Geotechnical Investigation.



CIVIL TECH PROJECT NO.:

15103

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DEPTH	SAMPLE	SOIL/R	OCK DESCRIPTION		SPT BLOWS	% MOIST	LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC INDEX	qu	
(FEET)	TYPE								TSF	
	SS		B" Topsoil at surface Sandy Clay with rock fragments,		6					
 <u>5</u>	SS		moist, very stiff (FILL)	5'	18	20				
<u>-</u> -	SS		Gray Clay with rock fragments, (NATURAL SOIL)	7'	13	11				
	SS		iger resistance at 7 ft. hale, soft to medium hard		37	10				
10 	SS		Auger refusal at 11 ft. m of Test Boring @ 11 ft.	11'	50/2"					
1 <u>5</u>										
25 	Well Set in a 10" OD bore hole (6 1/4 inch ID Augers) at 10.9 ft below ground surface: 2" ID PVC Flush Joint Screen 10.9 to 5.9 ft. (5 ft.) 2" PVC Flush Joint Pipe 5.9 ft. to surface (5.9 ft.) Concrete 0 - 2' (2 ft.) Cement Grout - none used Bentonite Seal 2 to 3.9' (1.9 ft.) - 5 gallons									
BORING LOCATION: SEE DRAWING NO. 1 COMPLETION DEPTH: 11 ft. ELEVATION: 3280.0 ft.(Ground) 3283.43 (Rim) DATE STARTED/COMPLETED: 3-29-15 / 3-29-15 ENGINEER/TECHNICIAN: MEP										*

*BGS - Below Ground Surface

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DEPTH	SAMPLE	SOII /B	/			% MOJOT		PLASTIC	\mathbf{q}_{u}	
/FFFT\	TVDE	SOIL/N	OCK DESCRIPTION		BLOWS	MOIST	LIMIT	INDEX	-	
(FEET)	TYPE		DII Tanaail at austaa						TSF	
. – – – –	SS		B" Topsoil at surface ndy Clay with rock fragments,		7					
			s, and cobbles, moist, stiff							
	SS		(FILL)		12	11				
5		Broken roo	ck fill encountered at 5 to 6 ft.							
	SS	_		6'	10					
			& Gray Sandy Clay with							
	SS		nents, moist, stiff to very stiff (NATURAL SOIL)		17	11				
10	33		(NATORAL SOIL)							
- -' <u>`</u> - '				10.5'	50/2"					
	SS	N.	Gray Sandstone, hard		30/2					
[\		11'						
			uger refusal at 11 ft.							
<u> 15</u>		Bottor	m of Test Boring @ 11 ft.							
1	•									
	1									
20										
. – – <u>–</u> – – 25										
		Well Set in a 10" O	D bore hole (6 1/4 inch ID Aug	gers) at	10.7 ft k	elow g	round s	urface:		
[
30			oint Screen 10.7 to 5.7 ft. (5 ft.)							
	ļ		Pipe 5.7 ft. to surface (5.7 ft.)							
		Concrete 0 - 2' (2 ft. Cement Grout - non	,							
} ·	1	Bentonite Seal 2 to								
35	1		7' (6.7 ft.) - 8 50# bags							
			over in concrete at the surface							
	•									
BOR	ING LOCA	ATION:	SEE DRAWING NO. 1		NOTE:					
	PLETION		11 ft.		Well dr	y during	drilling	J.		
ELE\	/ATION:		3254.6 ft.(Ground) 3257.85	(Rim)	Well dr					
DATE	E STARTE	D/COMPLETED:	, ,	. ,	·					
		CHNICIAN:	MEP							
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DEPTH	SAMPLE	COIL /D	OCK DECCRIPTION	SPT	%		PLASTIC	q u	
		SOIL/R	OCK DESCRIPTION	BLOWS	MOIST	LIMIT	INDEX	-	
(FEET)	TYPE							TSF	
	SS		rface over Dark Brown Sandy Clay nts, boulders, & cobbles, moist, stiff	13	11				
		with rock fragine	(FILL) 2	,					
	SS		(1122)	20	19	50	26	3.0	
5		Brown and G	Gray Clay, moist, very stiff to stiff						
	SS		(NATURAL SOIL)	17	17				
. – – – –	SS		Red color at 7.5 ft.	20	10				
10	33								
<u>``</u> -		Gray co	olor at 11 ft. to rock at 18 ft.	14	13				
	SS	,		14	13				
]								
15									
	SS			45	9				
			18						
	SS	L	Gray Shale , soft 18.5	50/6					
20		Bottom	n of Test Boring @ 18.5 ft.						
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<u></u> -	i								
		Well Set in a 10" O	D bore hole (6 1/4 inch ID Augers) a	t 16.1 ft k	elow g	round s	urface:		
30			oint Screen 16.1 to 5.9 ft. (10.2 ft.)						
}	1	Concrete 0 - 2' (2 ft.	Pipe 5.9 ft. to surface (5.9 ft.)						
	1	Cement Grout 2 - 3'							
[]	Bentonite Seal 3 to	4.1' (1.1 ft.) - 5 gallons						
35]	Filter Sand4.1.' to 1	6.1 ft. (12 ft.) - 12 50# bags						
l		Set lockable steel c	over in concrete at the surface						
	1								
	BORING LOCATION: SEE DRAWING NO. 1 NOTE:								
	COMPLETION DEPTH: 18.5 ft. Water first noted on tools at 17 ft* ELEVATION: 3275.6 ft.(Ground) 3278.43.(Rim) Water in the well 9.5 ft. at 24 hours *								
	/ATION:	D/00MB; 5755	3275.6 ft.(Ground) 3278.43.(Rim)						
			3-29-15 / 3-31-15	`		•	on 3/30/	,	
		CHNICIAN: ROJECT NO.:	MEP				ft. on 3/ Surface		
CIVIL	- IEUN PR	VOJECT NO.:	15103	DG9 -	DEIOM	GIUUIIU	Surface	;	

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DEPTH	SAMPLE			SPT	%	LIQUID	PLASTIC	a	
/CCCT\	TVDE	SOIL/R	OCK DESCRIPTION	BLOWS	MOIST	LIMIT	INDEX	q _u	
(FEET)	TYPE SS	2	2" Topsoil at surface	11	9			TSF	
				<u> </u>					
	SS		ndy Clay with rock fragments, obbles , moist, stiff to medium stiff	13	8			3.0	
5			(FILL)	44	4.4				
	SS	-		11	11				
	SS			8					
10			10						
	SS		hanged to dark brown 10 to 11.5 ft. btained in split spoon 7.5 to 11.5'	10					
		Believed to	o be natural Sandy Clay						
15	SS	Delow 10 ft	based on topography 12'	14					
			parse grained, wet, medium dense, Sandstone, weathered, soft 17	,					
		A	uger refusal at 17 ft.						
<u>-</u>		Botto	m of Test Boring @ 17 ft.						
25									
25									
		Well Set in a 10" O	D bore hole (6 1/4 inch ID Augers) a	t 16.6 ft k	elow g	round s	urface:		
30			oint Screen 16.6 to 6.4 ft. (10.2 ft.)						
		2" PVC Flush Joint Concrete 0 - 2' (2 ft.	Pipe 6.4 ft. to surface (6.4 ft.)						
		Cement Grout 2 - 3'	(1 ft.)						
35		Bentonite Seal 3 to Filter Sand 5' to 16.	5' (2 π.) - 5 gailons 6 ft. (11.6 ft.) - 12 50# bags						
		Set lockable steel c	over in concrete at the surface						
	NO 1 00	TION	OFF BRANING NO. 1						
	ING LOCA		SEE DRAWING NO. 1 17 ft.	NOTE: Water f	irst not	ed on to	ools at 10	6 ft*	
ELEV	ELEVATION: 3255.0 ft.(Ground) 3258.73 (Rim) Water in the well 6.9 ft. at completion*								*
		D/COMPLETED: CHNICIAN:	3-29-15 / 3-29-15 MEP						
		ROJECT NO.:	15103	*BGS -	Below	Ground	l Surface)	

LOG OF BORING OW-5

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DEPTH	SAMPLE				SPT	%	LIQUID	PLASTIC	q u	
		SOIL/R	OCK DESCRIPTION		BLOWS	MOIST	LIMIT	INDEX	٩u	
(FEET)	TYPE								TSF	
	SS		2" ash at surface		11					
	SS	Brown Sandy C	lay with rock fragments, moist, st	ıtt	9	16				
5	33		(FILL)							
			(1122)		9	14				
	SS				9	14				
		- with shale fragme	ents, hard (7-8')		40					
	SS			8'	40	6				
10		Bro	wn Sand, damp, dense							
	SS	(POS	SIBLE NATURAL SOIL)		30	9				
				12.5'						
	SS	Dark Brown	Sandy Silty Clay with organics,		15	10				
15			moist, stiff to soft							
[SS				7	21				
		(POS	SIBLE NATURAL SOIL)							
20		- tools and sample	wet at 20 ft							
		·			4	28				
	SS	- organics, sticks, a	and small roots from 20-21.5'		4	20				
		- with rock fragmen	ts from 23.5-25'		4	17				
25	SS		m of Test Boring @ 25 ft.	25'	-	17				
		DOLLOI	in or rest boring @ 25 it.							
		Well Set in a 10" O	D bore hole (6 1/4 inch ID Auge	ers) at	24.0 ft k	elow q	round s	urface:		
			,	,		J				
30			oint Screen 24' to 13.8 ft. (10.2 ft.))						
			Pipe 13.8 ft. to surface (13.8 ft.)							
		Compart Crout 4' 6								
	}	Cement Grout 4' - 6 Rentonite Seal, to 6	் (2 π.) - 2 bags ' to 10' (4 ft.) - 10 gallons							
35			ft. (14 ft.) - 17 50# bags							
	1		over in concrete at the surface							
[
BOR	ING LOCA	TION:	SEE DRAWING NO. 1		NOTE:					
COM	PLETION	DEPTH:	25 ft.		Water f	irst note	ed on to	ools at 20) ft.*	
ELE\	/ATION:		3259.0 ft.(Ground) 3262.80 (I	Rim)	Water i	n the w	ell 11 ft	. at com	pletion*	•
			3-29-15 / 3-31-15							
		CHNICIAN:	MEP							
CIVIL	_ TECH PR	ROJECT NO.:	15103		*BGS -	Below	Ground	Surface)	

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ENGINEER/TECHNICIAN:

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DEPTH	SAMPLE			SPT	%	LIQUID	PLASTIC	q u	
(FEET)	TYPE	SOIL/ROCK DESCRIPTION		BLOWS	MOIST	LIMIT	INDEX	TSF	
(ГССТ)	SS	2 inches ash over Brown Sandstone and Shale,		28				ТОГ	
		broken with sand and silt, dry, dense	۰ ۲۱						
	SS	(FILL) Brown Sandy Clay with rock fragments,	2.5'	19	17	41	18	4.5	
5		and cobbles, moist, very stiff to stiff							
	SS	(FILL)	7.5'	14					
	SS		7.5	13	17			3.5	
10	33	Brown & Gray Sandy Clay with rock fragments and							
	SS	occassional cobbles, moist, stiff		12					
		(FILL)							
<u>-</u>			15'						
' -	SS	Brown Sandstone to Gray/Black Shale @ 15.5',	<u> </u>	50/2"					
		hard to medium hard							
20		Coal @ 20 ft 20.8	8 ft.	50/4"					
	SS			30/4					
		Bottom of Test Boring @ 20.8 ft.							
25									
· <u>-</u>									
35									
	ING LOCA			NOTE:					
	PLETION /ATION:	DEPTH: 20.8 ft. 3260.3 ft.		Boring of Depth to			ng. . when to	ools are	•

FIGURE 6

pulled from the borehole.

Depth to water 10 ft. at completion.

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DEPTH	SAMPLE	SOIL/ROCK DESCRIPTION	SPT BLOWS	% MOIST	LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC INDEX	qu	
(FEET)	TYPE	GOIL/NGON BEGON!! HON	BLOWS	WOIST	LIIVII I	INDEX	TSF	
	SS	2 inches ash over Brown Sandstone and Shale , broken with some sand and silt, dry, medium dense	17					
 <u>5</u>	SS	(FILL) 5'	16					
	SS	Brown & Gray Sandy Clay with rock fragments and cobbles, moist, very stiff to stiff	23	17				
	SS		18	17			3.0	
10_	SS	(FILL)	15	20			3.5	
15	SS	Brown Sand, damp, medium dense	23					
	SS	20.0' Gray Shale , weathered, soft 20.4'						
<u>25</u> <u>30</u> <u>35</u>		Bottom of Test Boring @ 20.4 ft.						
BOR	ING LOCA	TION: SEE DRAWING NO. 1	NOTE:					

COMPLETION DEPTH: 20.4 ft.

ELEVATION: 3259.9 ft.

DATE STARTED/COMPLETED: 3-27-15 / 3-27-15

ENGINEER/TECHNICIAN: MEP **CIVIL TECH PROJECT NO.:** 15103 Boring dry during drilling.

Depth to cave-in 15 ft. when tools are

pulled from the borehole.

Depth to water 10 ft. at completion.

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ENGINEER/TECHNICIAN:

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DEPTH	SAMPLE	COU /DOOK DECORIDATION	SPT	%		PLASTIC	q u	
(FEET)	TYPE	SOIL/ROCK DESCRIPTION	BLOWS	MOIST	LIMIT	INDEX	TSF	
	SS	2 inches ash over Brown Sandstone , broken, dry,	24					
		medium dense (FILL) 1.5' Brown Sandy Clay with rock fragments and						
	SS	occassional cobbles and boulders, moist, stiff to	12	13			4	
5		medium stiff (FILL)						
	SS	Sandstone cobbles at 5 ft.	7	15				
	<u> </u>	Sandstone boulder at 8 ft.						
	SS	Sanustone boulder at 6 it.	50/4'	14			2.5	
10		11'	40					
	SS	Gray broken Shale , loose, dry	13					
]	(EU.L.)						
15 - 15 -	-	(FILL) 15'						
	SS	No spoon recovery at 15 ft drove rock	9					
	33	Possible natural Sandy Clay below 15 ft. based on						
		visual examination of the auger cuttings						
20	1	20'						
	SS	Brown and Gray Sand , silty, fine to medium grained,	9	19				
		damp, loose (NATURAL SOIL)						
	1	(NATONAL GOIL)						
25]	25'						
	SS	Gray Sandy Silty Clay with small shale fragments, very moist, very stiff 26.5'	28	17				
	1							
<u> </u>]	Bottom of Test Boring @ 26.5 ft.						
30								
	SS							
35								
	SS							
COM	ING LOCA IPLETION VATION:					ools at 15 . when to		.

FIGURE 8

pulled from the borehole.

Boring dry to 11 ft. at completion.

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DEPTH	SAMPLE	SOIL/ROCK DESCRIPTION	SPT BLOWS	% MOIST	LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC INDEX	qu	
(FEET)	TYPE						TSF	
	SS	2 inches ash over Brown broken Sandstone and Shale , dry, medium dense (FILL) 1.5	24					
	SS	Brown Sandy Clay with rock fragments and occassional cobbles and boulders, moist, stiff	15	13			3.5	
<u>-</u> -	SS	(FILL) 7.5	11	12			3.0	
	SS	Brown and Gray broken Sandstone & Shale, with some silt, damp, dense	25	7				
10	33	(FILL) 10	'					
	SS	Brown & Gray Sandy Clay with rock fragments and occassional cobbles, moist, very stiff	26	9			4.0	
15		(FILL) 15	,					
	SS	Dark brown Sandy Silt to Coarse Sand , wet to damp, stiff to medium dense	11	15				
 <u>-</u> 0 -		(NATURAL SOIL)						
	SS	Brown and Gray Sandy Clay , very moist, medium stiff with small roots (organics)	5	32			0.5	
		25						
<u>25</u>	SS	Gray Sandy Silty Clay with small shale fragments, very moist, medium stiff	6	28	33	10	1.0	
]	29	_					
30	SS	Sandstone Conglomerate, hard 30.2 Bottom of Test Boring @ 30.2 ft.	50/2"					
		Bottom of Test Boning @ 50.2 ft.						
35]							
BOR	ING LOCA	TION: SEE DRAWING NO. 1	NOTE:					

BORING LOCATION: SEE DRAWING NO. 1

COMPLETION DEPTH: 30.2 ft. **ELEVATION:** 3258.6 ft.

DATE STARTED/COMPLETED: 3-26-15 / 3-26-15

ENGINEER/TECHNICIAN: MEP **CIVIL TECH PROJECT NO.:** 15103

NOTE:

Water first noted on tools at 10 ft. Depth to cave-in 3 ft. when tools are

pulled from the borehole.

Boring dry to 3 ft. at completion.

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ASH POND CLOSURE AND LINING PROJECT MT. STORM STATION, MT. STORM, WV

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DEPTH	SAMPLE	SOIL/ROCK DESCRIPTION	SPT	%		PLASTIC	Q u	
(FEET)	TYPE	SOIL/ROCK DESCRIPTION	BLOWS	MOIST	LIMIT	INDEX	TSF	
	SS	2" crushed stone and ash at surface Brown Sandy Clay with rock fragments and	7					
	SS	random layers of Gray Broken Shale , moist, stiff (FILL) 4.5'	9	17			2.5	
5	SS	Gray and Black Sandy Silt, Crushed Sandstone,	22	8			2.75	
	TUBE	and Broken Shale, damp, medium dense (FILL) 7.5'	Samp	ole atten	npted &	could not	be obta	ained
10	SS	Brown Sandy Clay with rock fragments and	8					
	SS	random layers of Gray Broken Shale , moist, medium stiff	5	11				
15		(FILL) 15'						
	ss	Brown and Gray Sandy Clay with shale fragments very moist, soft to medium stiff	4	12				
20		(NATURAL SOIL)						
	SS		5	21	34	14		
25	SS		4	22				
		28'						
30	SS	Dark Brown and Gray Sandy Silty Clay with rock fragments, moist, stiff	15	13				
35								
	SS	36.5'	14	16				
		Bottom of Test Boring @ 36.5 ft.						
COM	ING LOCA IPLETION I		NOTE: Water f Water c			ools at 12 t.	2.5 ft.	

Depth to water 17.5 ft. at completion. Depth to cave-in 17.5 ft. when tools are

pulled from the borehole.

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DEPTH	SAMPLE	COU /DOCK DESCRIPTION	SPT	%		PLASTIC	Qu	
(FEET)	TYPE	SOIL/ROCK DESCRIPTION	BLOWS	MOIST	LIMIT	INDEX	TSF	
	SS	2" crushed stone and ash at surface	17					
		Brown Sandy Clay with rock fragments and random layers of Gray Broken Shale , moist, stiff to very stiff						
	SS	(FILL)	10	17				
5		, ,	27	11				
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	SS		10	14			3.5	
10		Auger cuttings moist at 9.5 ft.						
	SS	3 3	11	14				
15		15'						
	ss	Brown and Gray Sandy Clay with shale fragments	8	22			0.5	
		moist, medium stiff (NATURAL SOIL) 16.5'						
		Brown Sand , with some silt and pebbles, medium to						
20		coarse grained, wet, very loose to medium dense		40				
	SS		5	13				
25								
	SS		20	11				
30		30'						
	SS		6	14				
		Dark Brown Sandy Silty Clay with rock fragments, moist, medium stiff						
		-						
35		Split spoon refusal at 35.25 ft. on hard Sandstone	-0/0"					
	SS	35.25'	50/3"					
		Bottom of Test Boring @ 35.25 ft.						
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COMPLETION DEPTH: 35.25 ft. **ELEVATION:** 3253.8 ft.

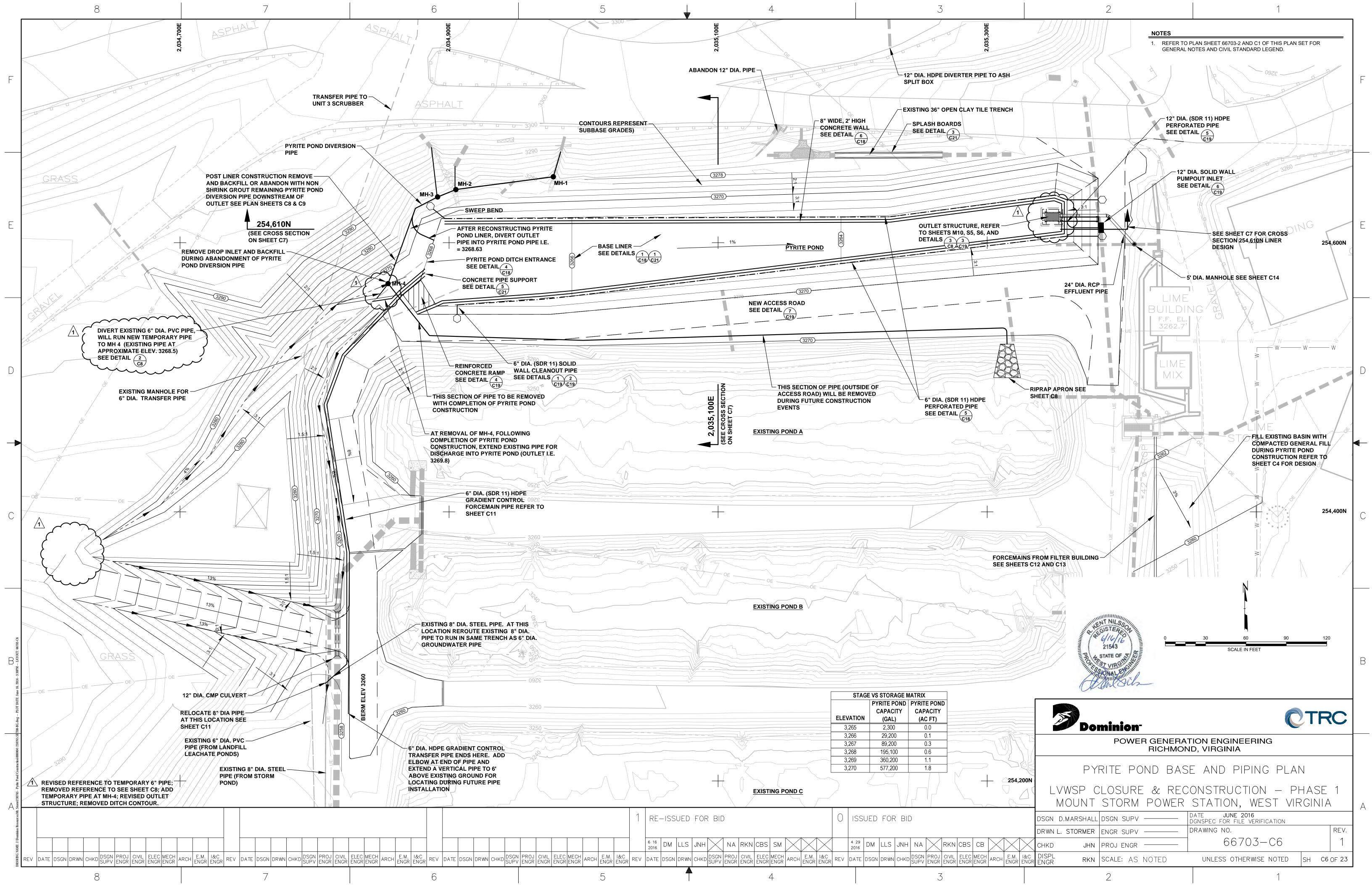
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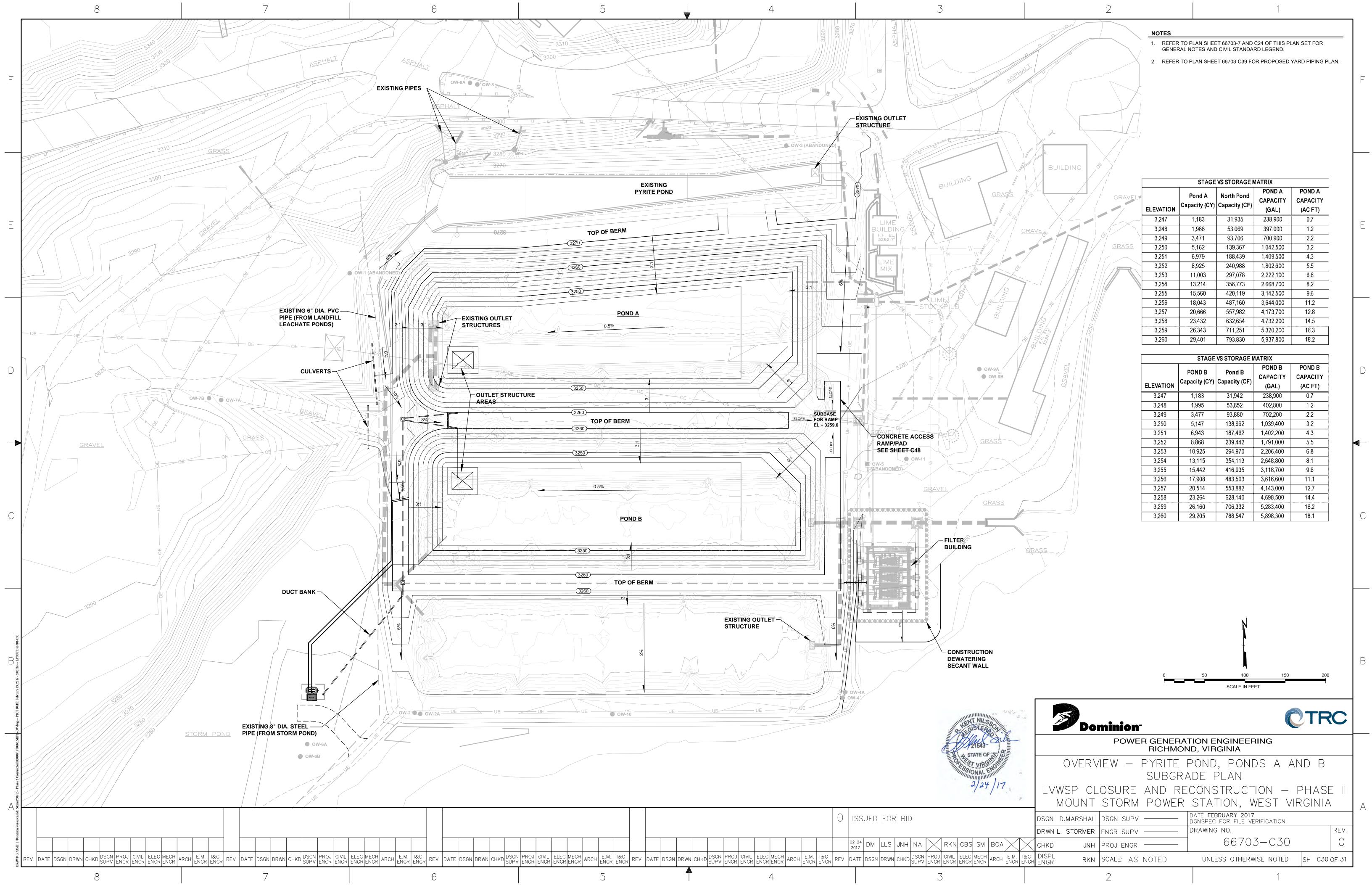
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Water first noted on tools at 19 ft.
Depth to water 8 ft. at completion.
Depth to cave-in 19 ft. when tools are

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Appendix E Excerpts from Low Volume Wastewater Pond Retrofit and Reconstruction Drawings





Appendix F Groundwater Elevation Data



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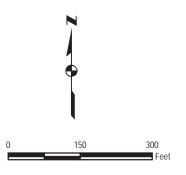


MONITORING WELL

POTENTIAL MAXIMUM WATER **TABLE CONFIGURATION CONTOURS**

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- 2) AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH SOURCE: ESRI WORLD IMAGERY.
- 3) ASSUME NO INTERACTION BETWEEN PONDS AND GROUNDWATER.
- 4) ASSUME MAXIMUM LAKE ELEVATION OF 3248.3.
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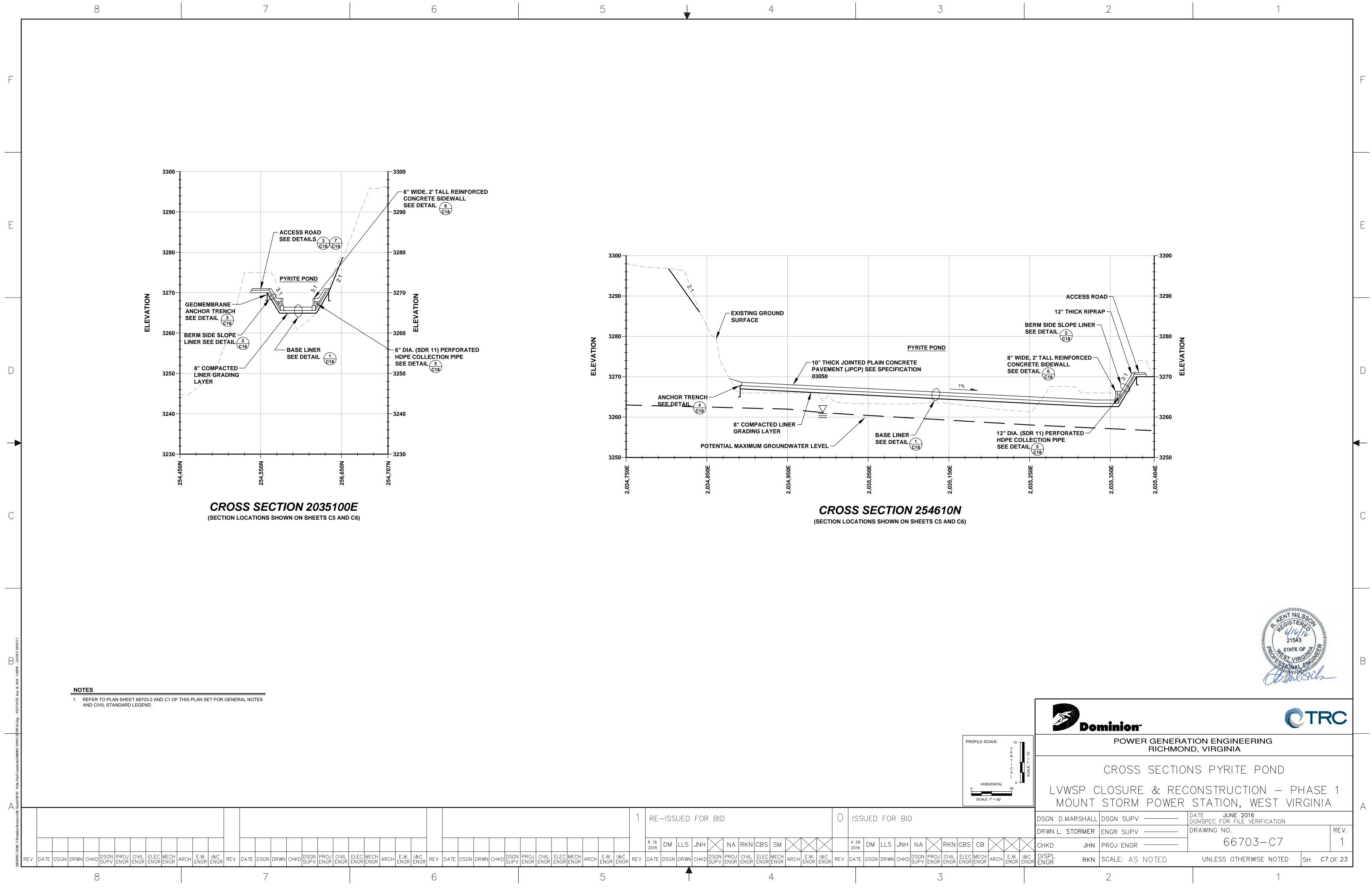
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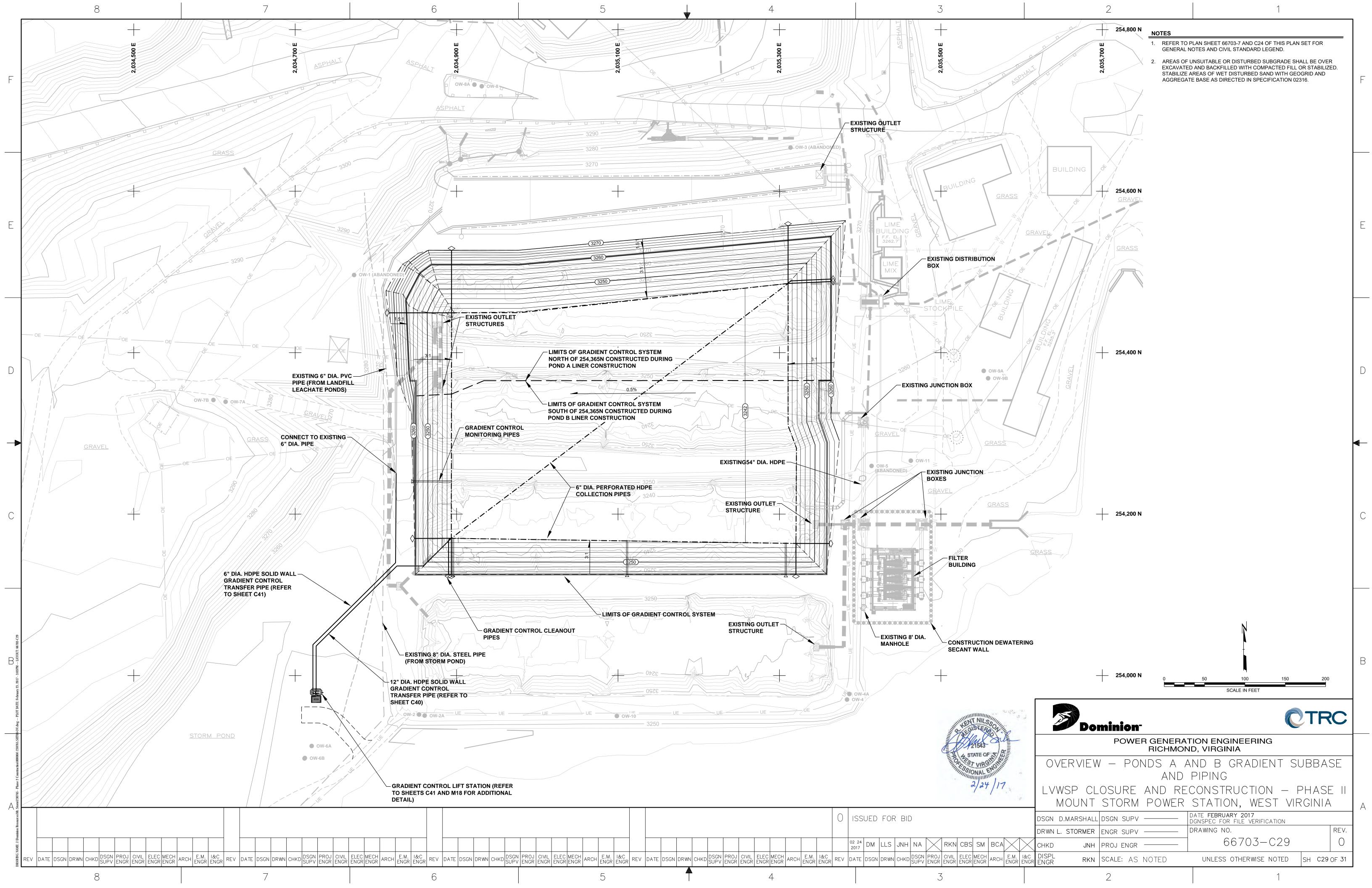
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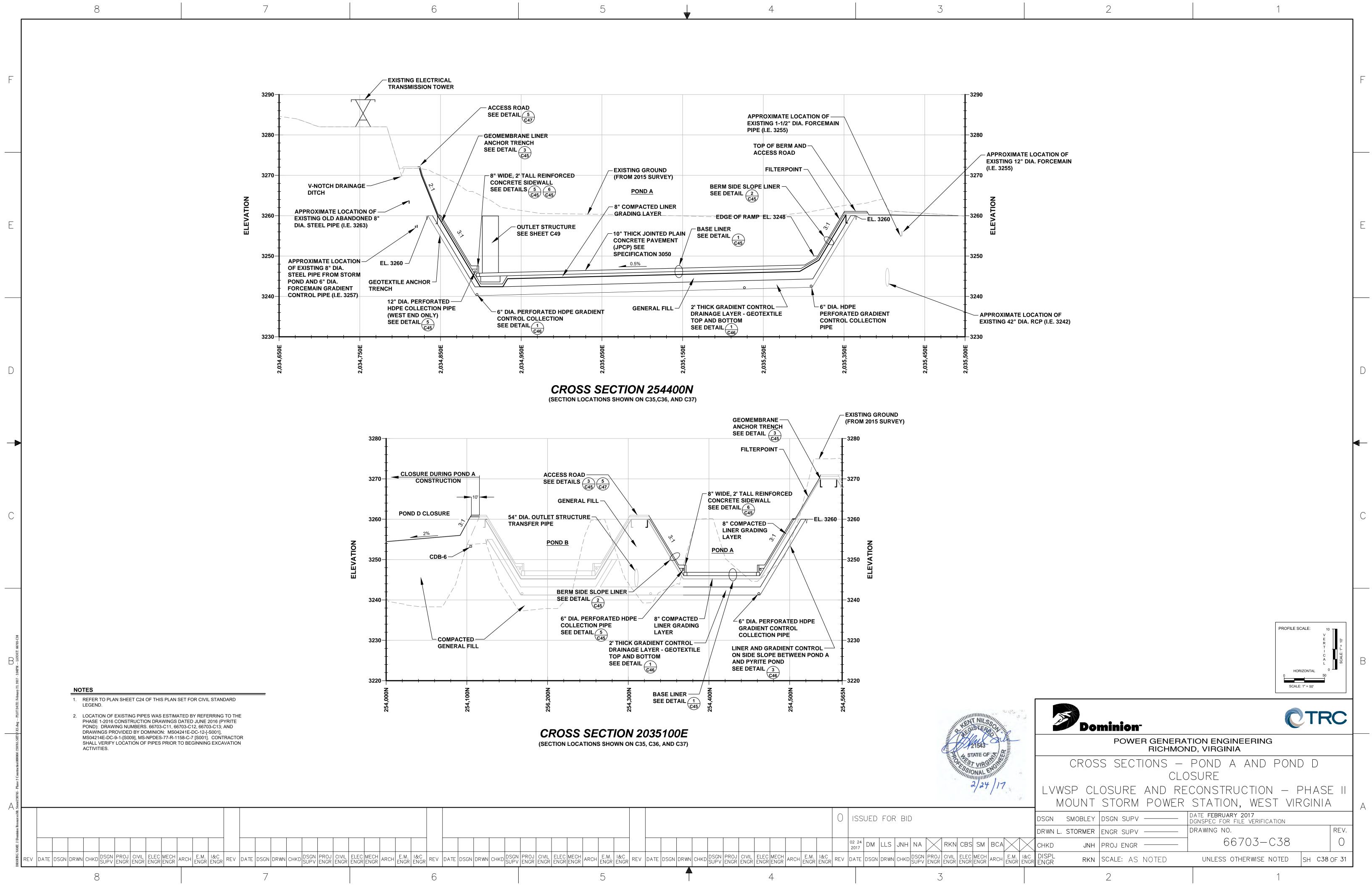
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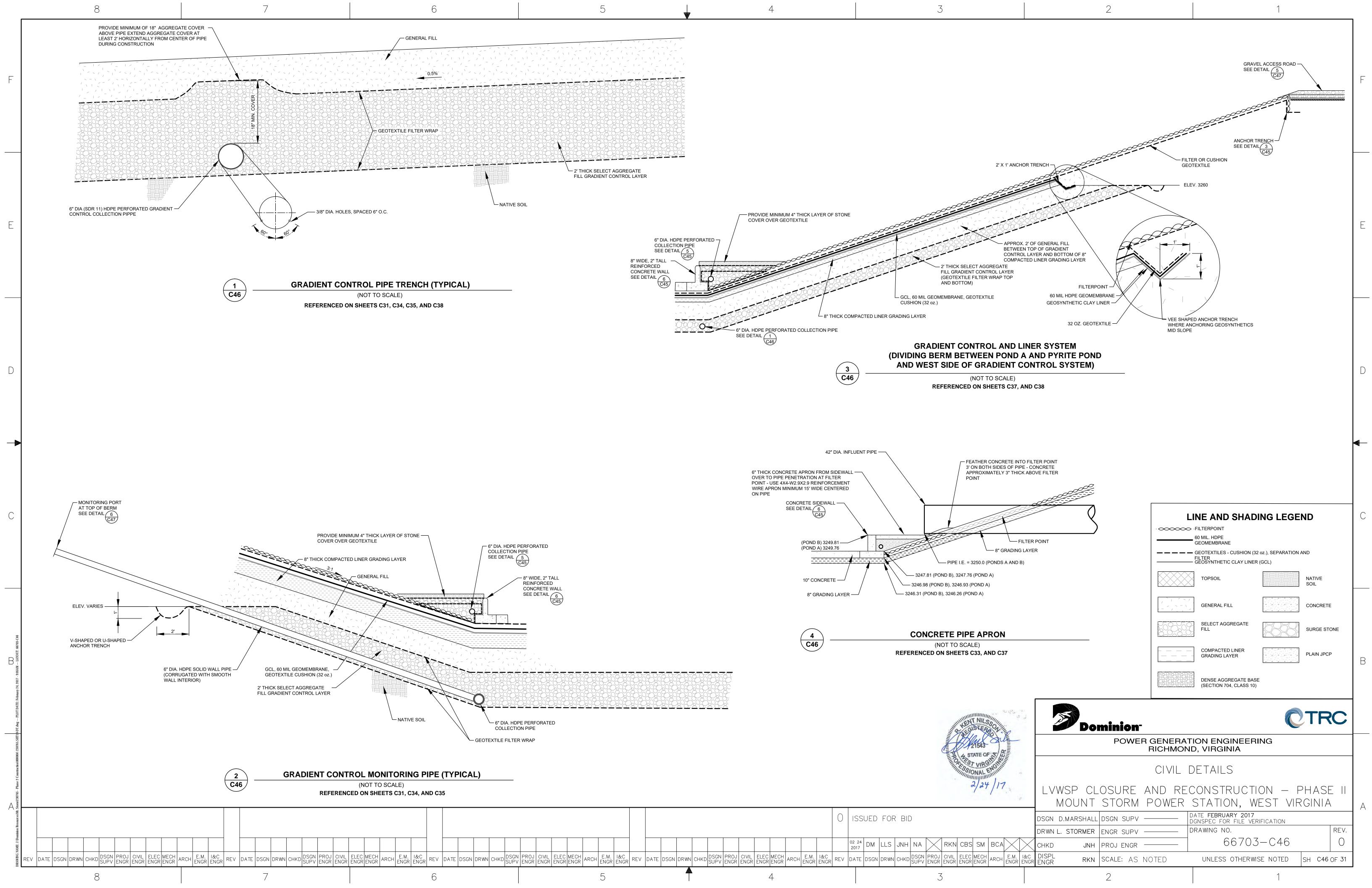


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Appendix H Wetlands



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

National Wetlands Inventory

Mount Storm

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Wetlands

Freshwater Emergent

Freshwater Forested/Shrub

Estuarine and Marine Deepwater

Estuarine and Marine

Freshwater Pond

Lake

Riverine

Other

Riparian

Herbaceous

Forested/Shrub

Riparian Status

Digital Data

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Hydric Soils (WV)

Grant and Hardy Counties, West Virginia

[The information in this report provides a rating for all components of a map unit whether they meet the hydric criteria or not]

Map symbol and map unit name	Component	Percent of map unit	Landform	Hydric rating	Hydric criteria
CeB: Cavode stony silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Cavode	70	Ridges	No	
	Armagh	3	Ridges	Yes	2
CsB: Clymer stony loam, 3 to 15 percent slopes	Clymer	70	Ridges	No	
CsD: Clymer stony loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes	Clymer	75	Ridges	No	
CwB: Clymer and Wharton rubbly soils, 3 to 15 percent slopes	Clymer	50	Ridges	No	
	Wharton	25	Ridges	No	
	Armagh	2	Ridges	Yes	2
CwD: Clymer and Wharton rubbly soils, 15 to 35 percent slopes	Clymer	50	Ridges	No	
	Wharton	25	Ridges	No	
	Armagh	2	Ridges	Yes	2
GmC: Gilpin stony silt loam, 3 to 15 percent slopes	Gilpin	70	Ridges	No	
Lm: Lickdale stony loam	Lickdale	75	Flats	Yes	2, 3
Ud: Udorthents, smoothed	Udorthents	100		No	
W: Water	Water	100		No	
WoC: Wharton stony silt loam, 3 to 15 percent slopes	Wharton	75	Ridges	No	
	Armagh	2	Ridges	Yes	2



Appendix I U.S. Seismic Design Maps

U.S. Geological Survey - Earthquake Hazards Program

Mount Storm - Location Standards

Latitude = 39.198°N, Longitude = 79.264°W

Location

Reference Document

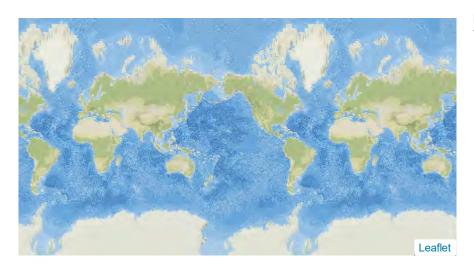
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Site Class

D (determined): Stiff Soil

Risk Category

I or II or III



$$s_s = 0.103 g$$

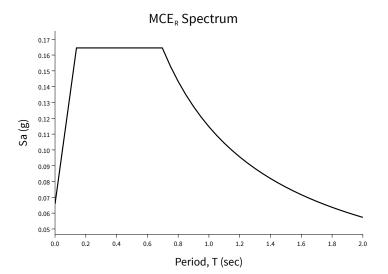
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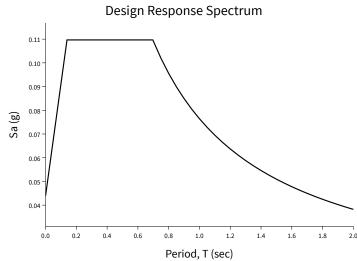
$$S_{MS} = 0.165 g$$

$$S_{M1} = 0.115 g$$

$$S_{DS} = 0.110 g$$

$$S_{D1} = 0.076 g$$





Mapped Acceleration Parameters, Long-Period Transition Periods, and Risk Coefficients

Note: The S_s and S_1 ground motion maps provided below are for the direction of maximmum horizontal spectral response acceleration. They have been converted from corresponding geometric mean ground motions computed by the USGS by applying factors of 1.1 (to obtain S_s) 1.3 (to obtain S_1).

- FIGURE 22-1 S_S Risk-Targeted Maximum Considered Earthquake (MCE_R) Ground Motion Parameter for the Conterminous United States for 0.2 s Spectral Response Acceleration (5% of Critical Damping), Site Class B
- <u>FIGURE 22-2 S₁ Risk-Targeted Maximum Considered Earthquake (MCE_R) Ground Motion Parameter for the Conterminous United States for 1.0 s Spectral Response Acceleration (5% of Critical Damping), Site Class B</u>
- <u>FIGURE 22-9 Maximum Considered Earthquake Geometric Mean (MCE_G) PGA, %g, Site Class B for the Conterminous United States</u>
- FIGURE 22-14 Mapped Long-Period Transition Period, T₁ (s), for the Conterminous United States
- FIGURE 22-18 Mapped Risk Coefficient at 0.2 s Spectral Response Period, C_{RS}
- FIGURE 22-19 Mapped Risk Coefficient at 1.0 s Spectral Response Period, C_{R1}

Site Class

The authority having jurisdiction (not the USGS), site-specific geotechnical data, and/or the default has classified the site class as Site Class, based on the site soil properties in accordance with Chapter 20.

Table 20.3-1 Site Classification

Site Class	- v _s	\overline{N} or \overline{N}_{ch}	s _u				
A. Hard Rock	>5,000 ft/s	N/A	N/A				
B. Rock	2,500 to 5,000 ft/s N/A N/A						
C. Very dense soil and soft rock	1,200 to 2,500 ft/s	>50	>2,000 psf				
D. Stiff Soil	600 to 1,200 ft/s	15 to 50	1,000 to 2,000 psf				
E. Soft clay soil	<600 ft/s	<15	<1,000 psf				
	 Any profile with more than 1 Plasticity index PI > 20 Moisture content w ≥ 4 Undrained shear streng 	0%, and	he characteristics:				
F. Soils requiring site response analysis in accordance with Section 21.1	See Section 20.3.1						
accordance with Section 21.1 For SI: 1ft,	/s = 0.3048 m/s 1lb/ft ² = 0.047						

Site Coefficients and Risk-Targeted Maximum Considered Earthquake (MCE $_{\rm R}$) Spectral Response Acceleration Parameters

Risk-targeted Ground Motion (0.2 s)

 $C_{RS}S_{SUH} = 0.936 \times 0.110 = 0.103 g$

Deterministic Ground Motion (0.2 s)

 $S_{SD} = 1.500 g$

 $S_S \equiv$ "Lesser of $C_{RS}S_{SUH}$ and S_{SD} " = 0.103 g

Risk-targeted Ground Motion (1.0 s)

 $C_{R1}S_{1UH} = 0.921 \times 0.052 = 0.048 g$

Deterministic Ground Motion (1.0 s)

 $S_{1D} = 0.600 g$

 $S_1 \equiv$ "Lesser of $C_{R1}S_{1UH}$ and S_{1D} " = 0.048 g

Table 11.4-1: Site Coefficient F_a

	Spectral Reponse Acceleration Parameter at Short Period						
Site Class	S _s ≤0.25	S _S = 0.50	S _s = 0.75	S _S = 1.00	S _S = 1.25	S _s ≥1.50	
А	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	
B (measured)	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	
B (unmeasured)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	
С	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	
D (determined)	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	
D (default)	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	
E	2.4	1.7	1.3	1.2 *	1.2 *	1.2 *	
F	See Section 11.4.7						

^{*} For Site Class E and S $_{\rm S}$ \geq 1.0 g, see the requirements for site-specific ground motions in Section 11.4.7 of the 2015 NEHRP Provisions. Here the exception to those requirements allowing F $_{\rm a}$ to be taken as equal to that of Site Class C has been invoked.

Note: Use straight-line interpolation for intermediate values of S_s.

Note: Where Site Class B is selected, but site-specific velocity measurements are not made, the value of F_a shall be taken as 1.0 per Section 11.4.2.

Note: Where Site Class D is selected as the default site class per Section 11.4.2, the value of F_a shall not be less than 1.2 per Section 11.4.3.

For Site Class = D (determined) and $S_s = 0.103 g$, $F_a = 1.600$

Table 11.4-2: Site Coefficient F_v

	Spectral Response Acceleration Parameter at 1-Second Period					
Site Class	S ₁ ≤0.10	S ₁ = 0.20	S ₁ = 0.30	S ₁ = 0.40	S ₁ = 0.50	S ₁ ≥0.60
А	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
B (measured)	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
B (unmeasured)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
С	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4
D (determined)	2.4	2.2 1	2.0 1	1.9 ¹	1.8 1	1.7 1
D (default)	2.4	2.2 1	2.0 1	1.9 ¹	1.8 1	1.7 1
E	4.2	3.3 1	2.8 1	2.4 1	2.2 1	2.0 1
F	See Section 11.4.7					

 $^{^{1}}$ For Site Class D or E and S $_{1}$ ≥ 0.2 g, site-specific ground motions might be required. See Section 11.4.7 of the 2015 NEHRP Provisions.

Note: Use straight-line interpolation for intermediate values of S₁.

Note: Where Site Class B is selected, but site-specific velocity measurements are not made, the value of F_v shall be taken as 1.0 per Section 11.4.2.

For Site Class = D (determined) and $S_1 = 0.048 \text{ g}$, $F_v = 2.400 \text{ m}$

Site-adjusted MCE_R (0.2 s)

$$S_{MS} = F_a S_S = 1.600 \times 0.103 = 0.165 g$$

Site-adjusted MCE_R (1.0 s)

$$S_{M1} = F_v S_1 = 2.400 \times 0.048 = 0.115 g$$

Design Spectral Acceleration Parameters

Design Ground Motion (0.2 s)

$$S_{DS} = \frac{2}{3} S_{MS} = \frac{2}{3} \times 0.165 = 0.110 g$$

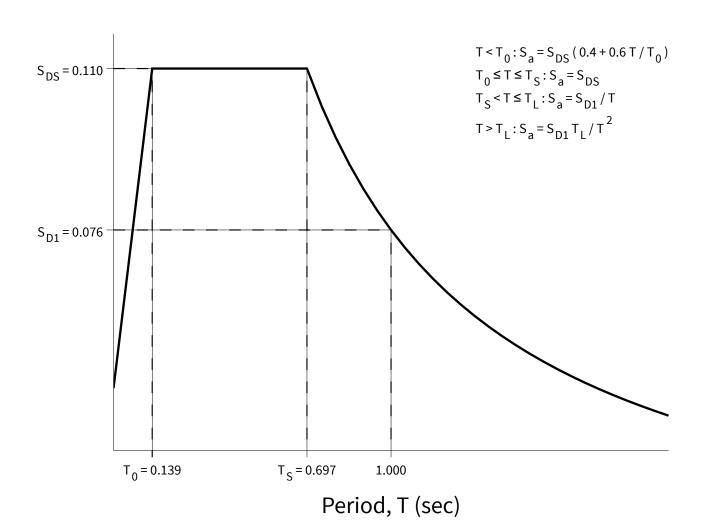
Design Ground Motion (1.0 s)

$$S_{D1} = \frac{2}{3} S_{M1} = \frac{2}{3} \times 0.115 = 0.076 g$$

Design Response Spectrum

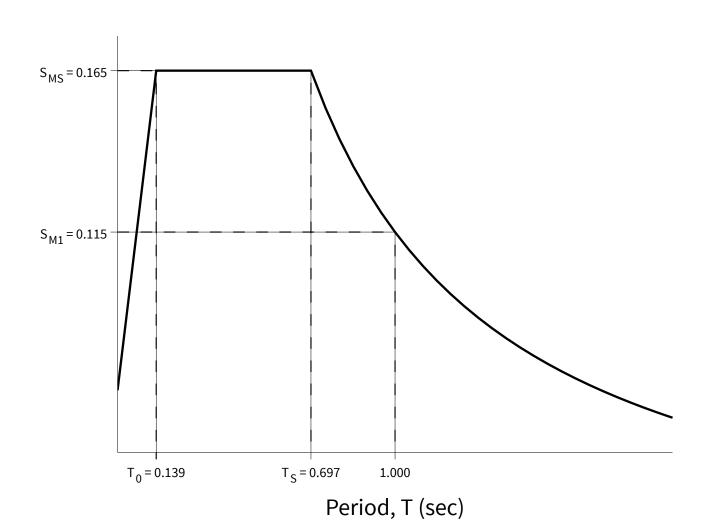
Long-Period Transition Period = T_L = 12 s

Figure 11.4-1: Design Response Spectrum



The MCE_R response spectrum is determined by multiplying the design response spectrum above by 1.5.





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Table 11.8-1: Site Coefficient for F $_{PGA}$

	Mapped MCE Geometric Mean (MCE _G) Peak Ground Acceleration					
Site Class	PGA ≤ 0.10	PGA = 0.20	PGA = 0.30	PGA = 0.40	PGA = 0.50	PGA ≥ 0.60
А	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
B (measured)	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
B (unmeasured)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
С	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
D (determined)	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1
D (default)	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
Е	2.4	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.1
F	See Section 11.4.7					

Note: Use straight-line interpolation for intermediate values of PGA

Note: Where Site Class D is selected as the default site class per Section 11.4.2, the value of F $_{\rm pga}$ shall not be less than 1.2.

For Site Class = D (determined) and PGA = 0.050 g, F_{PGA} = 1.600

Mapped MCE_G

PGA = 0.050 g

Site-adjusted MCE_G

$$PGA_{M} = F_{PGA}PGA = 1.600 \times 0.050 = 0.079 g$$

Appendix J Coal Mine Information



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	J. Hotstream	3/25/2015			230703.0000

Interactive Coal Mining Map





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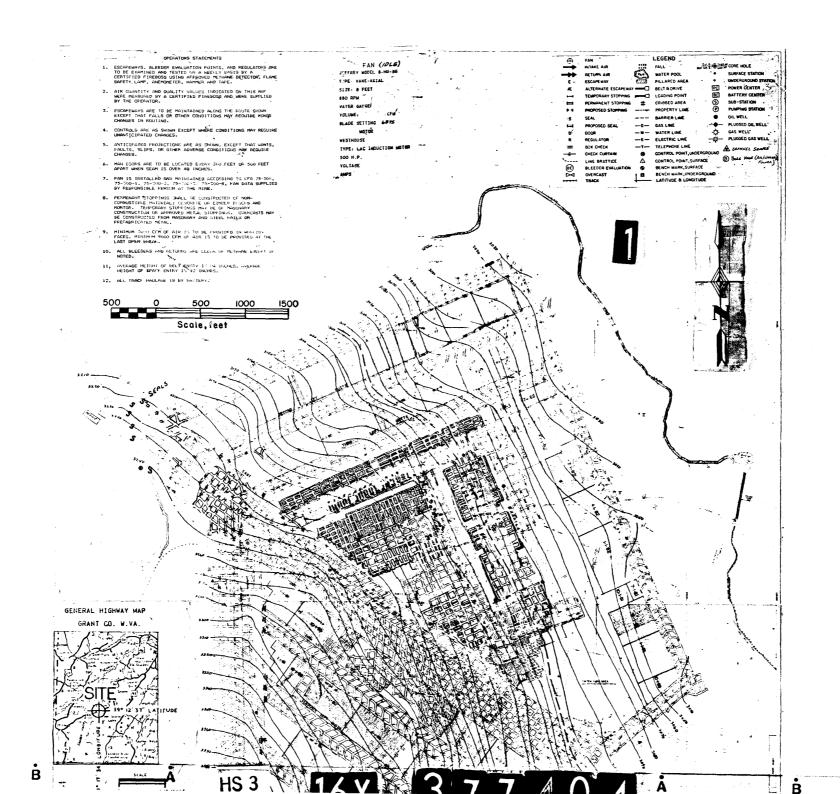
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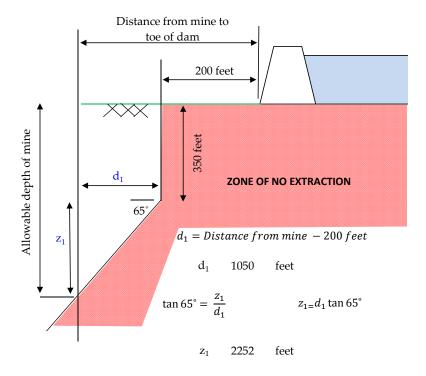
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SUBJECT: Mining Land Subsidence Impact Evaluation		230765.00	
PREPARED BY: J. Hotstream	DATE: 4/6/2015	FINAL	
CHECKED BY: D. Engstrom	DATE: 4/9/2015	REVISION	

<u>Purpose:</u> Evaluate the potential of land subsidence of the Laurel Run Mine on the proposed surface impoundments using rule of thumb method.

Method: Use the method presented by Babcock and Hooker (1976) as recommended in the Engineering and Design Manual for Coal Refuse Disposal Facilities (Second Edition August 2010) by the Mine Safety and Health Administration. The Safety distance is based on the method for mining beneath dams and impounded body of surface water, refer to references.

Approximate Distance of Mine from toe of dam: 1250 feet

Approximate bottom elevation of impoundment/berm toe: 3240 feet



Allowable Depth of Mine = 350 feet + z_1

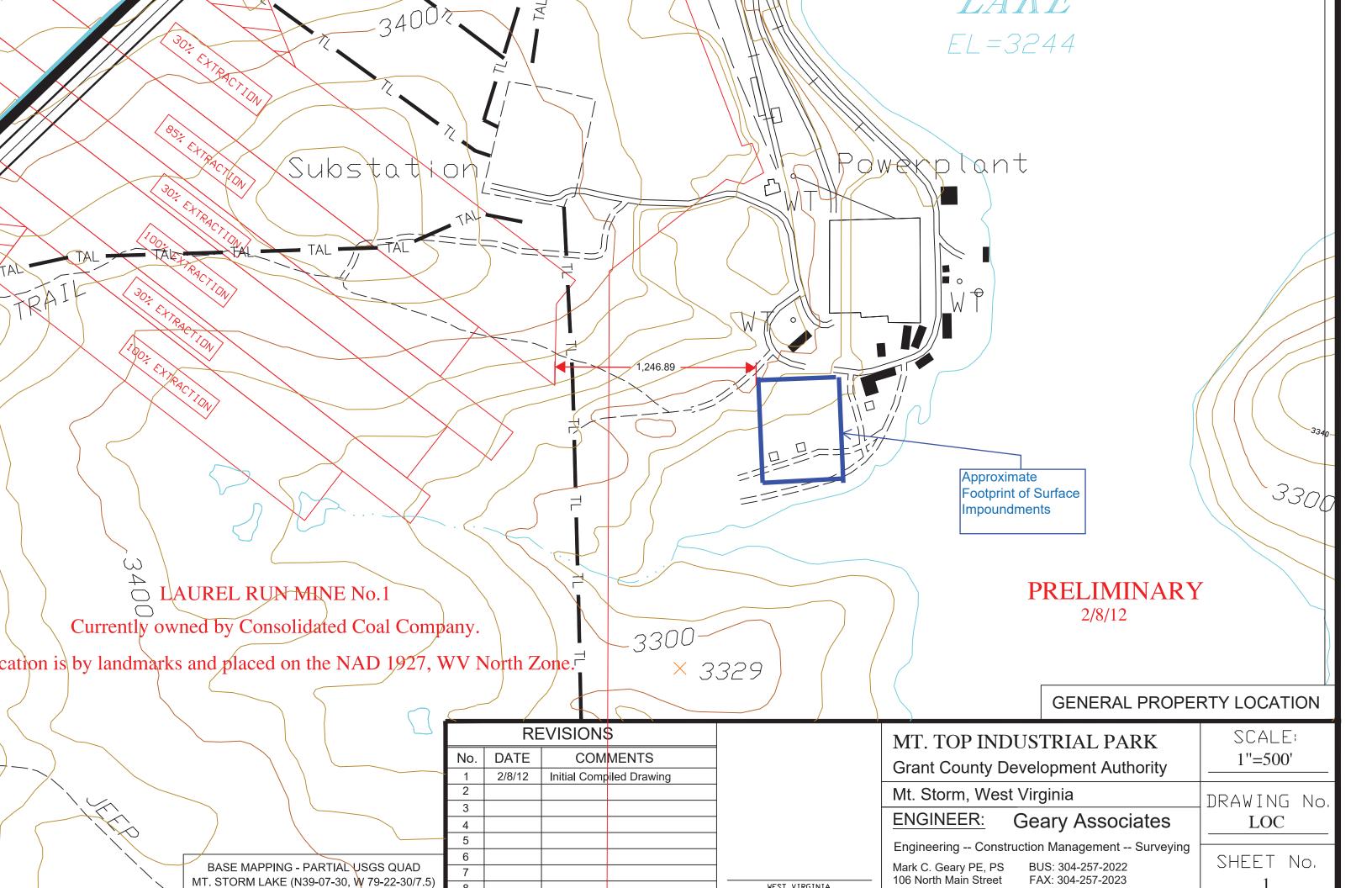
Allowable Depth of Mine: 2602 feet

Allowable Mine Elevation: 638 feet

<u>Discussion:</u> According to the Babcock and Hooker method if the mine is within a depth of 2602 feet or base is above elevation of 638 feet, the Laurel Run mine should not impact the impoundments due to surface subsidence.

Based on the approximate depth of the mine and distance from the toe of berm, it is TRC's conclusion that the Laurel Mine No. 1 is located within the "Normal Extraction Permitted" zone and the Laruel Mine No. 1 should not impact the current or proposed locations of the surface impoundments.

References P:_Vision\Dominion\Mount storm\subsidence\Subsidence Impact 4/9/2015



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- Constructing an engineered barrier.
- Isolating the structure from the area of influence of the mining or altering the mining sequence or plan.
- Constructing secondary defense measures such as bulkheads to contain a breakthrough within the mine.
- Other engineered measures or impoundment operating procedures to control seepage and reduce pressures in the areas of potential breakthrough.

Subsidence mitigation measures are dependent on the structure that must be protected. Mine workings beneath a dam must be stabilized such that support for the impounding embankment and abutments is achieved. Overburden or outcrop barriers beneath an impoundment must be sufficient to prevent breakthrough. Mitigation measures for breakthroughs are discussed in MSHA (2003) and NRC (2002) and are summarized in the following sections, which describe potential mitigation alternatives and methods for the design of bulkheads to seal mine entries.

8.5.1 Mine Subsidence and Breakthrough Mitigation

8.5.1.1 Use of Safety Zones

For new impoundments, the most effective method for preventing damage to the dam or a breakthrough is to leave an unmined safety zone between the mine workings and the impoundment so that any mining-induced ground disturbance cannot cause a breakthrough or other significant adverse effects. At new facilities, siting of the impoundment at locations that are not or will not be undermined is preferred. If mine workings cannot be avoided, other mitigation measures may be feasible provided that support for the impounding embankment and appurtenant structures is achieved.

For existing impoundments where the mine workings are already close enough to potentially cause a problem, a safety zone can be created (if necessary) by backfilling the mine workings. Guidelines for sizing safety zones around impoundments are provided in Babcock and Hooker (1977). Figure 8.6 provides an illustration of these guidelines. Kendorski et al. (1979) provide criteria for determining when a surface water body represents a hazard to mining. Peng and Luo (1993) provide guidance for establishing safety zones for sensitive structures.

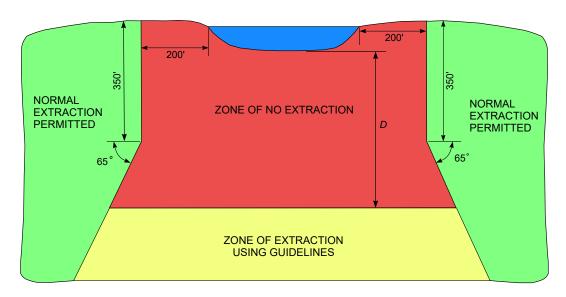
8.5.1.2 Mine Backfilling

If the thickness and natural characteristics of the overburden barrier cannot be relied on to prevent a sinkhole, subsidence cracks, or other subsidence-related failure mechanisms, filling previously-mined areas with grout or other material (commonly referred to as "stowing") may be a necessary remedy. The lateral extent of backfilling must include critical areas within the angle of draw based on the results of subsidence analyses described in Section 8.4.2.

The mine backfill material can have minimal strength, and even a partial backfill will offer confinement to mine pillars, thereby reducing spalling and dramatically increasing pillar strength. However, it is good practice to backfill to the roof of the mine, using material with sufficient strength (typically above 100 psi) to reduce consolidation and prevent erosion. This can be difficult to accomplish, as full contact with the mine roof is often not possible because of roof irregularity and the rolling nature of coal seams. However, partial roof contact will reduce roof falls and will dramatically limit roof fall propagation into the overburden.

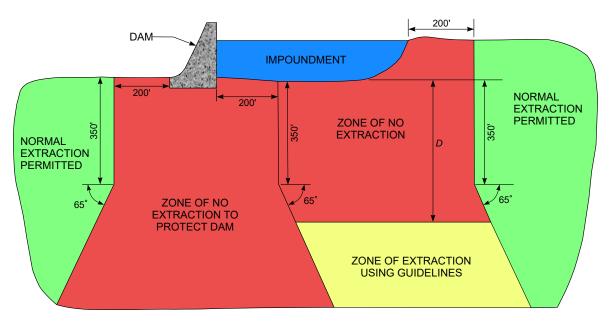
Pozzolan slurry makes a good backfill, because it readily flows into irregular spaces. Because of the high sulfate environment in a coal mine, any fill containing cement should employ sulfate-resistant

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ROOM AND PILLAR	D = 5s or 10t, whichever is larger	s = maximum entry width (ft)
PANEL	D = 3p or 270 feet, whichever is larger	p = panel width (ft)
TOTAL EXTRACTION	D = 60t	t = extraction height (ft)

8.6a SAFETY ZONE BENEATH BODY OF SURFACE WATER



ROOM AND PILLAR	D = 5s or 10t, whichever is larger	s = maximum entry width (ft)	
PANEL	D = 3p or 270 feet, whichever is larger	p = panel width (ft)	
TOTAL EXTRACTION	D = 60t	t = extraction height (ft)	

8.6b SAFETY ZONE BENEATH DAM AND IMPOUNDED BODY OF SURFACE WATER

NOTE: THE ZONE OF NO EXTRACTION TO DEPTH "D" IS PRESUMED TO COMPRISE SOLID ROCK STRATA (IF MATERIAL OTHER THAN SOLID ROCK COVER IS INCLUDED, IT IS NECESSARY TO DEMONSTRATE THE NATURE AND PERMEABILITY OF SUCH MATERIAL). THE ZONE OF NO EXTRACTION MAY BE INCREASED OR DECREASED, IF JUSTIFIED BY LOCAL OBSERVATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE.

FIGURE 8.6 SAFETY ZONE GUIDELINES FOR MINING IN THE VICINITY OF DAMS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

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