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Shannon & Wilson prepared this report and participated in this project as a consultant to the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA). Our scope of services was specified in our August 4, 2021 proposal and approved via Purchase Order 2021002598 on August 27, 2021. This report presents the results of subsurface explorations, laboratory testing, and structural section design recommendations to support the design of improvements in the 74th Avenue, 75th Avenue, and Nancy Street area and was prepared by the undersigned.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you on this project. If you have questions concerning this report, or we may be of further service, please contact us.

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1 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of subsurface explorations, laboratory testing, and engineering analyses conducted by Shannon and Wilson, Inc. for proposed roadway and drainage improvements along East 74th Avenue, East 75th Avenue, Nancy Street, and Petersburg Street north of Lore Road in Anchorage, Alaska. The purpose of this geotechnical study was to gather subsurface geotechnical data and provide geotechnical engineering recommendations needed to support design of the road and drainage improvements. To accomplish this, eleven borings were advanced in the project area. Selected soil samples recovered from the borings were tested in our geotechnical laboratory.

Presented in this report are descriptions of the site and project, subsurface explorations and laboratory test procedures, an interpretation of subsurface conditions, and conclusions and recommendations from our engineering studies. This report is intended for use by project design engineering staff, the MOA, and their representatives.

2 SITE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is located along East 74th Avenue, East 75th Avenue, Nancy Street, and Petersburg Street in Anchorage, Alaska. The area is generally developed with paved residential streets and multi-family residential dwellings in each lot. East 74th Avenue, Nancy Street, and East 75th Avenue west of Petersburg Street are developed with rolled style curb and gutter, while Petersburg Street and East 75th Avenue east of Petersburg Street are strip paved and do not have curb or gutter. Petersburg Street, south of East 74th, is the only street with storm drain of those included in the project.

The topography of the project area slopes down toward the west/northwest with approximately 17 feet of relief from the east to the west. During our explorations, ponding was observed along the north half of Nancy Street and along East 75th Avenue. The lots adjacent to the streets are elevated approximately 1 to 5 feet above the roadways. A vicinity map indicating the general project location is presented as Figure 1. The site plan, included as Figure 2, shows prominent site features and the approximate boring locations.

The existing roadways exhibit moderate to severe signs of distress, including both linear and alligator cracking, potholes, and near complete breakdown, particularly along East 74th Avenue and Nancy Street. We understand that the project generally includes improving the drainage conditions and repaving the project area. We envision that the drainage

improvements will consist of establishing a storm drain system, subsurface drainage improvements, and curb and gutter, where not currently present.

3 PREVIOUS EXPLORATIONS

Shannon & Wilson performed geotechnical investigations along Petersburg Street between Lore Road and East 73rd Avenue in March 2007 to investigate the subsurface soil and groundwater conditions for improvements to Petersburg Street. These borings (Boring B-1 through B-3) were advanced to a depth of approximately 16 feet below ground surface (bgs). The approximate locations of these borings are shown on Figure 2 and the boring logs are included in Appendix A. The exploration procedures, laboratory testing, and results are included in our 2007 geotechnical report for the project.

We also reviewed seven test hole logs from explorations conducted by the MOA and others in the project area in 1982 and 1983. The subsurface soils encountered in these explorations generally consisted of sandy silty, silty sand, and silty gravel with frost classifications ranging from F2 to F4. Peat was encountered at the ground surface in several borings and ranged from about 2 to 12 feet thick. The deepest peat deposits were encountered along the Nancy Street ROW and along East 75th Avenue, east of Petersburg Street. The approximate locations of the borings we reviewed are shown on Figure 2. Boring logs are included in Appendix A.

4 SUBSURFACE EXPLORATIONS

Subsurface explorations consisted of advancing and sampling eleven borings, designated Borings B-01 through B-11, at the site on October 4 and 5, 2021. The general boring locations were provided by MOA and positioned by our representative in the field to avoid conflicts with buried and overhead utilities. The boring locations, shown on Figure 2, were recorded using a handheld GPS with a horizontal accuracy of approximately 20 feet. The ground surface elevations shown on the boring logs were estimated from topographic contours provided by the MOA. Therefore, the boring locations shown on the site plan and the elevations reported on the boring logs should be considered approximate.

Drilling services were provided by Discovery Drilling of Anchorage, Alaska, using a truck-mounted CME-75 drill rig for Borings B-01 through B-10, and a track-mounted Geoprobe 6712 DT drill rig for Boring B-11. An experienced representative from Shannon & Wilson was present during drilling to locate the borings, observe drill action, collect samples, log subsurface conditions, and observe groundwater conditions.

The borings were advanced with 3 1/4-inch inner diameter (ID), continuous flight, hollow-stem augers to depths of approximately 16.5 feet below ground surface (bgs). As the borings were advanced, samples were generally recovered using Standard Penetration Test (SPT) methods at 2.5-foot intervals to 10 feet bgs and 5-foot intervals thereafter to the bottom of the borings. With the SPT method, samples are recovered by driving a 2-inch outer diameter (OD) split-spoon sampler into the bottom of the advancing hole with blows of a 140-pound hammer free falling 30-inches onto the drill rods. For each sample, the number of blows required to drive the sampler the final 12-inches of an 18-inch penetration into undisturbed soil is recorded. Blow counts are shown graphically on the boring logs as “penetration resistance” and are displayed adjacent to sample depth. Where the sampler did not penetrate the full 18 inches, or a minimum of 18 inches in the case of a 24-inch penetration, our log reports the blow count and corresponding penetration in inches. The penetration resistance values give a measure of the relative density (compactness) or consistency (stiffness) of cohesionless or cohesive soils, respectively. In addition to the split spoon samples, a grab sample of the near-surface soils was collected from the auger cuttings in the upper 2 feet of each boring.

The soils encountered were observed and described in the field in general accordance with the classification system described by ASTM International (ASTM) D2488. Selected samples recovered during drilling were tested in our laboratory to refine our soil descriptions in general accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS) described in Appendix B, Figure B-1. Frost classifications were also estimated for samples based on laboratory testing (hydrometer and sieve analyses) and are shown on the boring logs. Frost classifications included on the logs are followed by “0.02 mil” or “P200” to indicate whether frost classifications were based on hydrometer or P-200 data, respectively. The frost classification system is presented in Appendix B, Figure B-2. Summary logs of the borings are presented on Appendix B, Figures B-3 through B-13.

Select borings were completed by installing a 1-inch, polyvinyl chloride (PVC) casing with a hand-slotted tip to facilitate observation of groundwater levels at a later date. The boring annulus was backfilled with cuttings removed during drilling. A flush-mounted, steel monument was placed over the casing and the ground surface was repaired with asphalt cold patch, except for Boring B-11, where the casing was left as a stickup. Borings that did not receive PVC casing were backfilled with auger cuttings and the surface was repaired with asphalt cold patch.

5 LABORATORY TESTING

Laboratory tests were performed on selected soil samples recovered from the borings to confirm our field classifications and to estimate the index properties of the typical materials encountered at the site. The laboratory testing was formulated with emphasis on determining gradation properties, natural water content, plasticity, and frost characteristics.

Water content tests were performed in general accordance with ASTM D2216. The results of the water content measurements are presented graphically on the boring logs in Appendix B, Figures B-3 through B-13.

Grain size classification (gradation) testing was performed to estimate the particle size distribution of selected samples from the borings. The gradation testing generally followed the procedures described in ASTM C117/C136 and D422. The test results are presented in Appendix B, Figure B-14 and summarized on the boring logs as percent gravel, percent sand, and percent fines. Percent fines on the boring logs are equal to the sum of the silt and clay fractions indicated by the percent passing the No. 200 sieve. Note that hydrometer testing indicates particle size only and visual classification under USCS designates the entire fraction of soil finer than the No. 200 sieve as silt. Plasticity characteristics (Atterberg Limits results) are required to differentiate between silt and clay soils under USCS.

Atterberg limits were evaluated for two samples of fine-grained soil to estimate plasticity characteristics. The tests generally followed procedures described in ASTM D4318. The results of these tests are presented graphically on the boring logs and on Appendix B, Figure B-15.

6 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

The subsurface conditions encountered in our explorations are presented graphically on the boring logs in Appendix A and Appendix B, Figures B-3 through B-13. This section is focused on the results of our current explorations although subsurface conditions in our 2007 explorations along Petersburg appeared to be generally consistent with those encountered in our current borings. In general, our borings advanced through the roadway encountered 1.5 to 2 inches of asphalt pavement (0.5 to 1 inch along East 75th Avenue, east of Petersburg Street), underlain by about 2.2 feet of fill soil (4.5 feet in Boring B-01) which typically consisted of silty sand with varying amounts of gravel, and native, predominantly granular soils. Boring B-11, advanced in the undeveloped right of way west of East 74th Avenue encountered about 2.2 feet of peat above the native, mineral soils. Native soils below the fill materials typically consisted of silty sand with gravel and resembled materials

typically described as glacial till with a few exceptions. In Boring B-08 and B-09, peat was encountered below the fill to depths of 5.5 and 7 feet bgs, respectively. In Boring B-09 the peat was underlain by silt containing organics to about 9.5 feet bgs. Note that peat deposits ranging between 5 and 12 feet deep were encountered in borings advanced by the MOA along the Nancy Street ROW in 1982. Peat was not encountered in our current borings in this area (Borings B-03 and B-04); however, it is unclear if this is a localized condition or if the peat was removed during original construction of Nancy Street. A layer of non-woven geofabric was also encountered between approximately 1 and 2 feet bgs in Boring B-03. Previous borings advanced along Petersburg Street in 2007 by Shannon & Wilson encountered a similar soil profile and two of the borings encountered geotextile fabric at the base of the structural section fills.

The fill soils encountered in our borings typically consisted of silty sand, silty sand with gravel, and silty gravel with sand. Based on laboratory testing, fines contents ranged between 11 and 38 percent and moisture contents ranged from 3 to 17 percent. SPT sampling was not conducted in the fill layer; however, the fills were estimated to be medium dense based on interpretation of drill action.

Native soils encountered below the fills, excluding the peat encountered in Borings B-08 and B-09 generally consisted of silty sand, silty sand with gravel, and silt with sand. These soil descriptions are typical of materials interpreted as glacial till; however, the density was generally lower than typically observed in glacial till suggesting that the materials may have been reworked or loosened by other forces. Based on laboratory testing the native mineral soils had fines contents ranging between 8 and 56 percent, with typical values ranging between about 33 and 46 percent. Moisture contents ranged from 5 to 21 percent. Two samples of material passing the Number 40 sieve were segregated from samples of till-like materials recovered during drilling and subjected to Atterberg limits testing. Based on the results of these tests, the materials were classified as clayey sand with gravel with plasticity indices ranging between 8 and 9. Natural moisture contents in these sample were below the plastic limit. Based on penetration resistance values ranging between 9 and greater than 50 blows per foot (bpf), the native soils were generally medium dense to very dense, with a marked increase observed in most borings below about 12 to 13 feet bgs.

Groundwater was encountered during drilling at about 7.5 feet bgs in Boring B-05 and 15 feet bgs in Boring B-09. Groundwater was not observed during drilling in the remaining borings. However, the structural section materials were saturated in most borings during drilling. In our opinion this represents a temporary perched water condition due to infiltration of surface water into the structural section rather than the water table. The apparent absence of groundwater in some of the borings during drilling is likely a function

of the relatively low hydraulic conductivity of the silty soils at the site, which makes groundwater determination difficult during drilling. Static water level measurements were made in the observation wells roughly six to seven days after drilling. During these observations, water levels ranged between the ground surface and 3.9 feet bgs. Water level observations are summarized in the exhibit below. Note that water levels may fluctuate by several feet seasonally and may vary during periods of high precipitation and rapid snow melt. Also note that our groundwater level readings were collected the day after a significant rainfall event. We believe the shallow readings are reflective of the perched water and demonstrate relatively poor drainage conditions throughout the project area.

Exhibit 6-1: Groundwater Level Observations

Boring	Depth to Water (feet bgs)	
	During Drilling	10/11/21
B-02	Not Observed	0.1
B-06	Not Observed	0.1
B-09	15	2.6
B-10	Not Observed	3.9
B-11	Not Observed	At the ground surface

NOTES:

Borings were advanced October 4 and 5, 2021.

7 ENGINEERING RECOMMENDATIONS

Geotechnical considerations associated with this project consist of controlling trench excavation slopes, trench backfill and compaction, potential settlements, pavement structural support, controlling construction drainage, and planning for possible dewatering needs for excavations that may be below the groundwater table. Based on the conditions encountered by our borings, the soils in the project area generally consist of several feet of sandy fill with varying amounts of fines overlying predominantly fine-grained soils. The fill and native soils are moderately to highly frost susceptible with typical frost classifications ranging between F2 and F4. Layers of peat were encountered in Borings B-08 and B-09 and extended to depths of 5.5 and 7 feet bgs, respectively, below the roadway fills, and may be present in other pockets in the project area, although not encountered by our explorations. In our opinion, these soils should be adequate to support the proposed drainage and roadway improvements as long as organic soils are removed and the pavement structural section is designed to accommodate the expected frost conditions. Proper control of excavation (including construction dewatering) and backfilling activities will also be paramount in achieving a well-constructed project.

7.1 Asphalt Pavement

We understand that the roadway pavements will be replaced as a part of this project. In general, the existing pavements along the roadways show significant signs of moisture and frost-related distress. We understand that the roadways will continue to be used for relatively lightly loaded vehicle traffic with occasional truck traffic for service and maintenance. Based on the conditions encountered in our borings, the existing fill and native soils do not meet gradation requirements for Type II/IIA fill that is specified for the pavement structural section. Therefore, we recommend reconstructing the structural section and anticipate that some of the existing materials will need to be removed to accommodate the new structural section. Additionally, we recommend that subdrains be incorporated into the roadway design to reduce potential moisture related issues as discussed in Section 6.3.

The performance of the pavement is controlled by the details of construction and by the quality (gradation characteristics) of the materials placed and compacted to develop the needed structural section. Quality control inspection is strongly recommended, with subgrade probing, support soil compaction, and asphalt testing at regular intervals to be sure that the intent of the specification be met. The structural sections recommended below assume that the surface drainage in the pavement areas is designed such that surface waters are not allowed to penetrate and accumulate into the structural section materials.

7.1.1 Site Preparation and Subgrade Development

To prepare the subgrade to receive the pavement structural section fill, the area to receive fill should be excavated, as required, to the design elevation of the bottom of the structural section fill. Organic soils (ie. peat) extending to depths between 5.5 and 7 feet bgs were encountered in Borings B-08 and B-09 along East 75th Avenue, east of Petersburg Street. These soils and any other areas where organic soils are encountered during construction should be excavated and replaced with a suitable fill material as outlined in Section 7.5 below. Overexcavation to remove unsuitable soils should be extended laterally beyond the edge of the road such that a line drawn down at a 1 horizontal (H) to 1 vertical (V) slope will encounter structural fill only to the bottom of the excavation. If loose zones or other unsuitable conditions (ie. organics, loose, soft soils) are observed, these spots should be re-compacted or removed and replaced with Type II/IIA fill. The goal of this process is to attain a relatively uniform, firm, and unyielding subgrade upon which to construct the pavement system. The base of the excavation should then be observed and proof rolled to identify loose or unsuitable subgrade materials. We also recommend establishing a crown or sloping the subgrade surface a minimum of 2 percent to encourage draining of water from the structural section should infiltration from the surface occur.

Note that the soils beneath the existing structural section materials have elevated fines contents and will likely be sensitive to moisture and disturbance. If existing soils become disturbed and or wet, construction could be difficult if the contractor is not able to control and compact fills that are placed. Care should be taken to minimize disturbance of the excavation bottom beneath asphalt structural sections by digging or excessive tracking by equipment. If moisture sensitive materials are encountered, flat-nosed excavator buckets should be used at the excavation bottom. Additionally, equipment should not be operated on the exposed subgrade prior to fill placement, and excavation and backfilling on native subgrade soils should not be conducted during periods of wet weather.

7.1.2 Structural Section

Pavement design parameters included in the January 2007 MOA Design Criteria Manual (DCM) were followed to develop the structural section recommendations provided in this report. According to the manual, a structural section over a subgrade classified as F2, F3, or F4 must be designed for either the "Complete Protection Method" or for the "Limited Subgrade Frost Penetration Method". In the limited frost penetration method, the maximum allowable depth of freeze into the subgrade soil is 10 percent of the structural section thickness by thermal analysis.

We evaluated frost penetration using the BERG2 computer program, and based on these analyses recommend the structural sections in the table below. Because of the relatively shallow groundwater table and relatively deep seasonal frost depth in the Anchorage area, we have developed recommendations for both an insulated and an uninsulated section assuming the Limited Subgrade Frost Protection Method. In comparing the two sections options, it is clear that an insulated section will require less excavation and fill than the uninsulated section, which will require substantial excavation that may increase the amount of construction dewatering. While the insulated section likely represents the less expensive construction option, buried insulation in the roadway may be problematic in the future during utility work or road repair.

Exhibit 7-1: Recommended Pavement Structural Sections

Insulated Section		Uninsulated Section	
Thickness, inches	Material	Thickness, inches	Material
2	Asphalt	2	Asphalt
2	Leveling Course	2	Leveling Course
16	Type IIA Base	6	Type IIA Base
2	Insulation	88	Type II/IIA Subbase
30	Type II/IIA Subbase		
-	Non-woven Geofabric		

These structural sections are also appropriate for use beneath new sidewalks, curbs, and gutters and should be extended a minimum of 4 feet beyond the outermost edge of these improvements.

In general, the improved pavement sections, if insulated, should include a transition of at least 20 feet relative to uninsulated existing roadways. The transition section should include at least 1 inch of insulation (versus 2 inches) so that differential settlements and frost related deflections across the 20-foot transition section are reduced. If the uninsulated section is selected, a transition should also be incorporated relative to existing roadway structural sections, such that the contact between the new and existing structural sections is not abrupt. The transition may be accomplished by sloping the subgrade between improved and unimproved pavements at 4H to 1V.

7.1.3 Insulation

If an insulated section is selected for this project, we recommend using 2 inches of extruded polystyrene “blueboard” or equivalent for the applications described above. The insulation should have a minimum R-value of 4.17 hr-ft² °F/Btu. The MOA DCM provides further guidelines on the application of insulation in pavement structural sections. Insulation should be installed smoothly on the ground surface so that it covers the entire area to be paved. Fill lifts on top of insulation should be placed and compacted as described in Section 7.5. Traffic on top of the initial lift over the insulation should travel in straight lines to prevent damaging the insulation. Insulation should extend a minimum of 2 feet past the outer edge of the curb and gutter and sidewalks or pathways that are attached to the curb and gutter. Sidewalks or pathways that are detached from the curb/gutter do not require the incorporation of insulation into the structural section as long as some vertical displacement during winter months can be tolerated. Replacement, repair, or installation of

new or existing utilities should occur prior to placement of the insulation in order to avoid damaging the insulation.

7.1.4 Geotextile Fabric

We have included recommendations for incorporating a geotextile fabric if the thinner, insulated section is used, to provide separation between the silty subgrade and new structural section materials. This geofabric layer will increase the stability or strength of the subgrade and should prevent intermixing of the subgrade soils with structural fill thereby maintaining the fill quality and improving fill placement/compaction efficiency. The geofabric will also provide additional support during springtime thaw weakening. After the area to be treated with geofabric has been prepared within the fill limits as described previously, the geofabric should be placed over the subgrade material before the first lifts of structural section fill are placed. Geofabric used for this project should consist of a non-woven geotextile material such as Mirafi® 180N, or equivalent. This geofabric layer will increase the stability and should provide separation between the subgrade materials and the new structural section fills. We recommend the minimum material properties in the following exhibit when selecting an equivalent geofabric for this application in the project based on Minimum Average Roll Values (MARV):

Exhibit 7-2: Non-woven Geotextile Properties (Mirafi® 180N)

Mechanical Properties	Minimum Average Roll Value
Grab Tensile Strength by ASTM D4632	205 lbs.
Trapezoidal Tear by ASTM D4533	80 lbs.
CBR Puncture Strength by ASTM D6241	500 lbs.
Grab Tensile Elongation by ASTM D4632	50 percent
Apparent Opening Size by ASTM D4751B-5	US Sieve 80
Permittivity by ASTM D4491B-6	1.4 sec-1
Flow Rate by ASTM D4491	95 gal/min/ft ²

Joining of the geofabric should be in accordance with manufacturers recommendations or the Municipality of Anchorage Standard Specifications (MASS). A minimum of 12 inches of overlap is required. Additional guidelines and specifications are provided in the MASS Section 20.25.

7.2 Construction Drainage

Groundwater was observed during drilling in Borings B-05 and B-09 at about 7.5 and 15 feet bgs, respectively, but was difficult to discern during drilling due to the silty nature of the

soils encountered in our borings. Static groundwater levels about one week after drilling were measured at depths ranging between the ground surface and 3.9 feet bgs in observation wells installed in several borings. The static groundwater levels were measured about 24 hours after a significant precipitation event and likely represent a temporary perched water condition caused by infiltration of surface water runoff, and demonstrate the overall poorly drained nature of the project area. Additional monitoring would be needed to evaluate the average groundwater conditions in the project area. These groundwater depths suggest that groundwater will likely be encountered during construction for excavations needed to install the structural section and install drainage improvements. The amount of water encountered will depend on the contractor's excavation plan, seasonal fluctuations in the water table, depth and size of the excavations, and other factors. In our opinion, dewatering with sumps and pumps should be adequate to control groundwater during construction; however, area-wide dewatering with well points or other dewatering methods may be required where excavations extend more than several feet below the water table, particularly if layers of sand are encountered within the native soils. These measures may also need to be used in tandem with temporary shoring.

We recommend that the contractor be required to submit an excavation plan once the project details have been determined. The excavation plan should describe the methods and sequencing for excavation as well as additional information for dewatering and shoring as necessary. The plan should highlight areas that may require dewatering and include details for the type or types of dewatering that will be undertaken (including, but not limited to, pumping rates, discharge locations, water treatment, etc...). The excavation plan should also include the types and locations of shoring to be used and engineered plans for the shoring if required. We recommend that we be retained to review the excavation plan prior to authorizing work to proceed at the site to ensure that the plan contains the necessary information and is appropriate for the conditions at the site. It is also likely that permits from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and other agencies will be required for construction dewatering.

In general, excavation and backfilling work should be closely coordinated such that seepage and surface runoff is not allowed to collect and stand in open trenches for long time periods. Seepage from the trench walls may cause local running or sloughing of the soil, which may require the use of a trench box or shoring depending on the excavation slope angles and depth of the excavations. Exposed silty soils should be protected from additional moisture during construction as they are likely moisture sensitive and may lose significant strength if saturated. The ground surface around excavations should be contoured to drain away from the excavation and the excavation bottoms should be graded to drain to a sump.

7.3 Subdrain Recommendations

As mentioned in Section 7.1, we recommend that subdrains be incorporated into the project design to discourage seasonal saturation of the structural section during periods of high groundwater. The depth of the subdrain pipe should be such that the system only receives water during periods of high groundwater, as area-wide “dewatering” is not intended due to the risk of potential settlements to adjoining properties associated with long-term lowering of the area groundwater below the existing average condition. Therefore, assuming the road is constructed at or above the existing grade, we recommend that the subdrains be placed with the bottom of the pipe no more than 4.5 feet below the finished grade of the road surface. We recommend that drains be placed on both sides of the roadway, in the 4-foot extension of the structural section behind curb/gutter or walkways (if present). The drain pipes should feed directly to the storm drain piping that will be installed for this project. The pipe should be placed with perforations facing down, bedded on all sides with a minimum of 12 inches of MOA Type D filter material (see Figure 3 for gradation requirements). The filter material should be wrapped on all sides with a MOA Type C geotextile fabric. The fabric should have an elongation equal to or greater than 50 percent, a permittivity of at least 1.5 sec^{-1} , and a water flow of at least 110 gpm/ft^2 . The size of the pipes will be controlled by the hydraulic demands on the drainage system.

7.4 Utility Trench Design

Utility lines, including storm drain pipes, below the road surface may be constructed when the road is improved. Trenches excavated for installation of these new utilities should be constructed as presented in Figure 4. The soils encountered near the surface in our explorations were generally medium dense and granular. These soils were underlain by silty granular soils. Soils above the water table will likely tend to stand steeply initially due to apparent cohesion but may ravel to their natural angle of repose as they dry, which for planning purposes is estimated at about 1.5 horizontal to 1 vertical. Granular soils excavated below the water table may also slough or run into the open excavation if dewatering is not conducted (see Section 7.2). The trench side slopes and bottom conditions should be made the responsibility of the contractor as he or she is present on a day-to-day basis and can adjust his or her efforts to obtain the needed stability and meet the applicable Alaska and Federal (OSHA) safety regulations.

If wet conditions persist at the trench bottom, crushed aggregate may be used to stabilize the trench bottom (i.e. provide a firm unyielding surface on which to support the new pipe) and E chips or pea gravel may be used as a substitute for pipe bedding material. This

should only be done if it is too wet to compact mineral soils, as E chips or pea gravel may be placed in relatively wet conditions and can be compacted with hand equipment.

Trench backfill should be placed in maximum 12-inch loose lifts and compacted to at least 95 percent of the Modified Proctor maximum dry density, as discussed in Section 6.5. The bedding and fill material around the pipe should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the Modified Proctor maximum dry density or per manufacturer recommendations to support and hold the pipe firmly in place. Utility trenches should be backfilled with existing, inorganic, native soils as much as practical between the top of the pipe bedding and the bottom of the road subgrade, or to original ground surface in areas where no pavement is needed. This procedure limits the contrast between trench backfill and the surrounding soil conditions that can lead to adverse settlement or frost heave behavior. Bulking of backfill into trenches should be discouraged as this can cause variable subgrade support or voids and lead to large future surface settlements with associated pavement distress.

Note that the shallow groundwater and variable soils can create a corrosive environment for buried utilities. Corrosion testing was not included in our scope, and lacking test results that indicate the corrosion potential is low, we recommend using pipe materials that are not vulnerable to corrosion.

7.5 Structural Fill and Compaction

Structural fill will be needed to support pavements and new utilities. Classified structural fill that is imported should be clean, granular soil free of organic material to provide drainage and frost protection. These soils should contain less than about six percent passing the No. 200 sieve. Generally, Type II or Type IIA material as specified in the MASS works well for this application and as the subbase layer. Gradation properties for the classified materials mentioned above are included in Figure 3.

Based on laboratory test results from our borings in the project area, the fill and native soils generally consisted of silty sand with variable amounts of gravel and typical fines contents ranging between about 11 and 46 percent. These materials do not meet the gradation requirements for Type II/IIA classified fill and should not be reused in the pavement structural section; however, they may be used as backfill beneath the pavement structural section and in nonstructural areas. The reuse of onsite materials as backfill beneath structural areas should be evaluated on a case-by-case-basis during construction, and depending on the contractor's ability to place and compact the material with proper moisture density control as described below.

Structural fills below pavements should be placed in lifts not to exceed 12 inches loose thickness and compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density as determined by the Modified Proctor compaction procedure (ASTM D1557). Non-structural fills that are not subject to building or traffic loads should be compacted to at least 90 percent of the Modified Proctor optimum dry density. Bulking of backfill into the trench should be discouraged as this can cause voids and lead to large future surface settlements. During fill placement, we recommend that large cobbles or boulders with dimensions in excess of 8 inches be removed from any structural fills.

8 CLOSURES AND LIMITATIONS

This report was prepared for the exclusive use of our client and their representatives for evaluating the site as it relates to the geotechnical aspects discussed herein. The analyses and conclusions contained in this report are based on site conditions as they presently exist. It is assumed that the exploratory borings are representative of the subsurface conditions throughout the site, i.e., the subsurface conditions everywhere are not significantly different from those disclosed by the explorations.

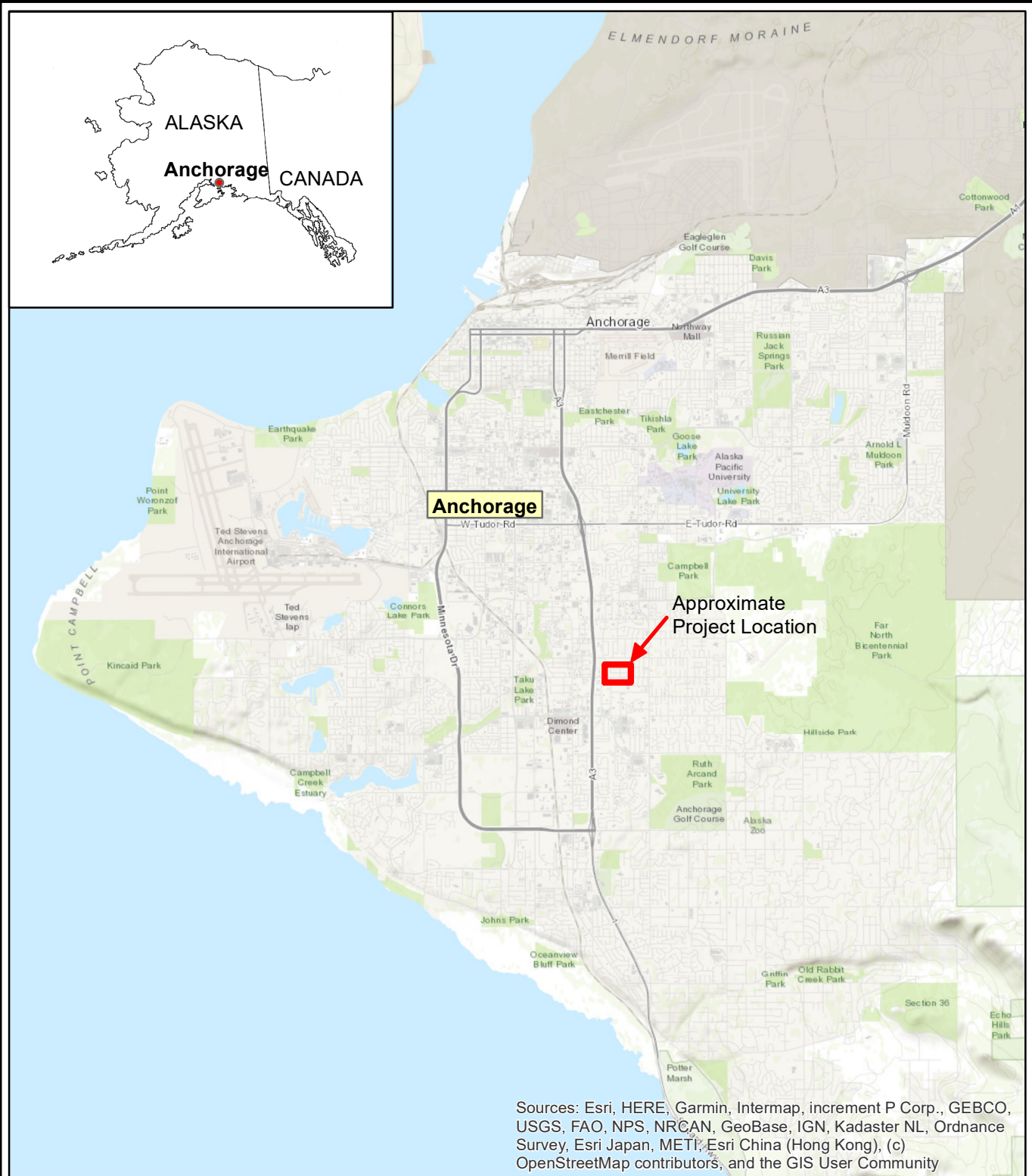
If, during construction, subsurface conditions different from those encountered in these explorations are observed or appear to be present, Shannon & Wilson, Inc. should be advised at once so that these conditions can be reviewed, and recommendations can be reconsidered where necessary. If there is a substantial lapse of time between the submittal of this report and the start of work at the site, or if conditions have changed due to natural causes or construction operations at or adjacent to the site, it is recommended that this report be reviewed to determine the applicability of the conclusions considering the changed conditions and time lapse.

We recommend that we be retained to review those portions of the plans and specifications pertaining to earthwork and foundations to determine if they are consistent with our recommendations. In addition, we should be retained to review design/build contractor's design and submittals, and to observe construction, particularly the site excavations, compaction of structural fill, preparation of foundations, and such other field observations as may be necessary.

Unanticipated soil conditions are commonly encountered and cannot fully be determined by merely taking soil samples or advancing borings. Such unexpected conditions frequently require that additional expenditures be made to attain a properly constructed project. Therefore, some contingency fund is recommended to accommodate such potential extra costs. Shannon & Wilson has prepared the attachment, Important Information About Your

Geotechnical/Environmental Report, to assist you and others in understanding the use and limitations of the reports.

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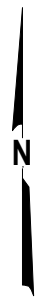
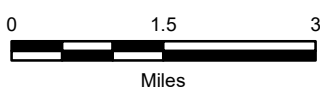
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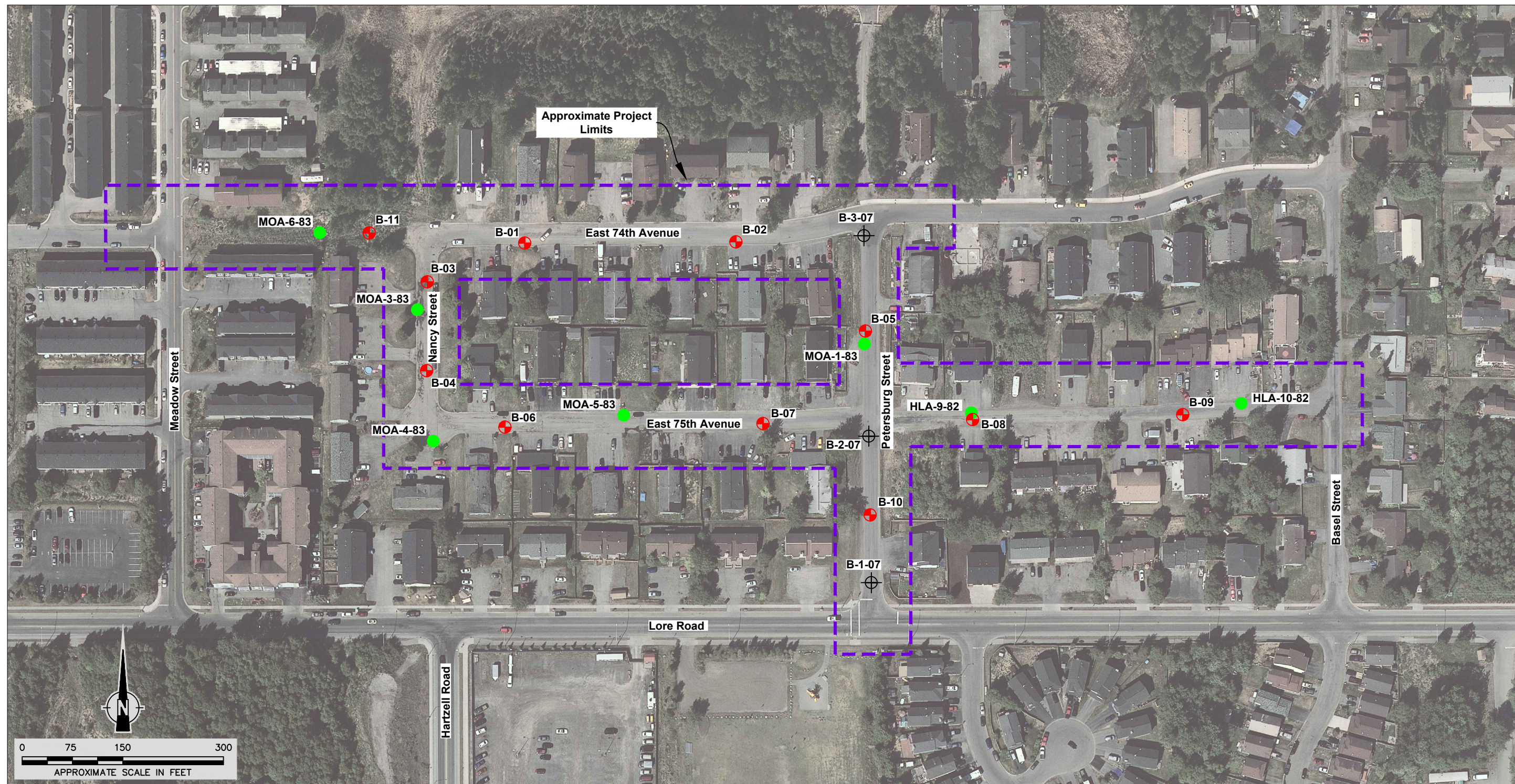
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FIG. 1





LEGEND

- B-01  Approximate location of Boring B-01, advanced by Shannon & Wilson, Inc., October 2021
- B-1-07  Approximate Location of Boring B-1, Advanced by Shannon & Wilson, Inc., March 2007
- MOA-1-83  Approximate Location of Boring 1, Advanced by the Municipality of Anchorage, 1983. Boring name indicates 'Company-Boring ID-Year'. See Appendix A. MOA- Municipality of Anchorage, HLA-Harding Lawson Associates, Inc.

NOTES

1. Map adapted from aerial imagery provided by the Municipality of Anchorage. Image date: May 2015

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FIG. 2

GRADATION REQUIREMENTS

(Adapted from Municipality of Anchorage Standard Specifications, 2015)

LEVELING COURSE

U.S. STANDARD SIEVE SIZE		PERCENT PASSING BY WEIGHT
English	Metric	
1 in.	25.0 mm	100
3/4 in.	19.0 mm	70 - 100
3/8 in.	9.5 mm	50 - 80
No. 4	4.75 mm	35 - 65
No. 8	2.36 mm	20 - 50
No. 50	0.30 mm	8 - 28
No. 200	0.075 mm	2 - 6*

TYPE II-A BACKFILL

U.S. STANDARD SIEVE SIZE		PERCENT PASSING BY WEIGHT
3 in.	75 mm	
3/4 in.	19.0 mm	50 - 100
No. 4	4.75 mm	25 - 60
No. 10	2.00 mm	15 - 50
No. 40	0.425 mm	4 - 30
No. 200	0.075 mm	2 - 6***

TYPE II BACKFILL

U.S. STANDARD SIEVE SIZE		PERCENT PASSING BY WEIGHT
8 in.	-	
3 in.	75 mm	70 - 100
1-1/2 in.	37.5 mm	55 - 100
3/4 in.	19.0 mm	45 - 85
No. 4	4.75 mm	20 - 60
No. 10	2.00 mm	12 - 50
No. 40	0.425 mm	4 - 30
No. 200	0.075 mm	2 - 6**

TYPE D FILTER MATERIAL

U.S. STANDARD SIEVE SIZE		PERCENT PASSING BY WEIGHT
1 in.	25.0 mm	
3/4 in.	19.0 mm	90 - 100
1/2 in.	12.5 mm	50 - 70
3/8 in.	9.5 mm	20 - 50
No. 4	4.75 mm	0 - 5
No. 200	0.075 mm	0 - 1

* The fraction passing the No. 200 sieve shall not exceed 75 percent of the fraction passing the No. 50 sieve.

** The fraction passing the No. 200 sieve shall not exceed 15 percent of the fraction passing the No. 4 sieve.

*** The fraction passing the No. 200 sieve shall not exceed 20 percent of the fraction passing the No. 4 sieve.

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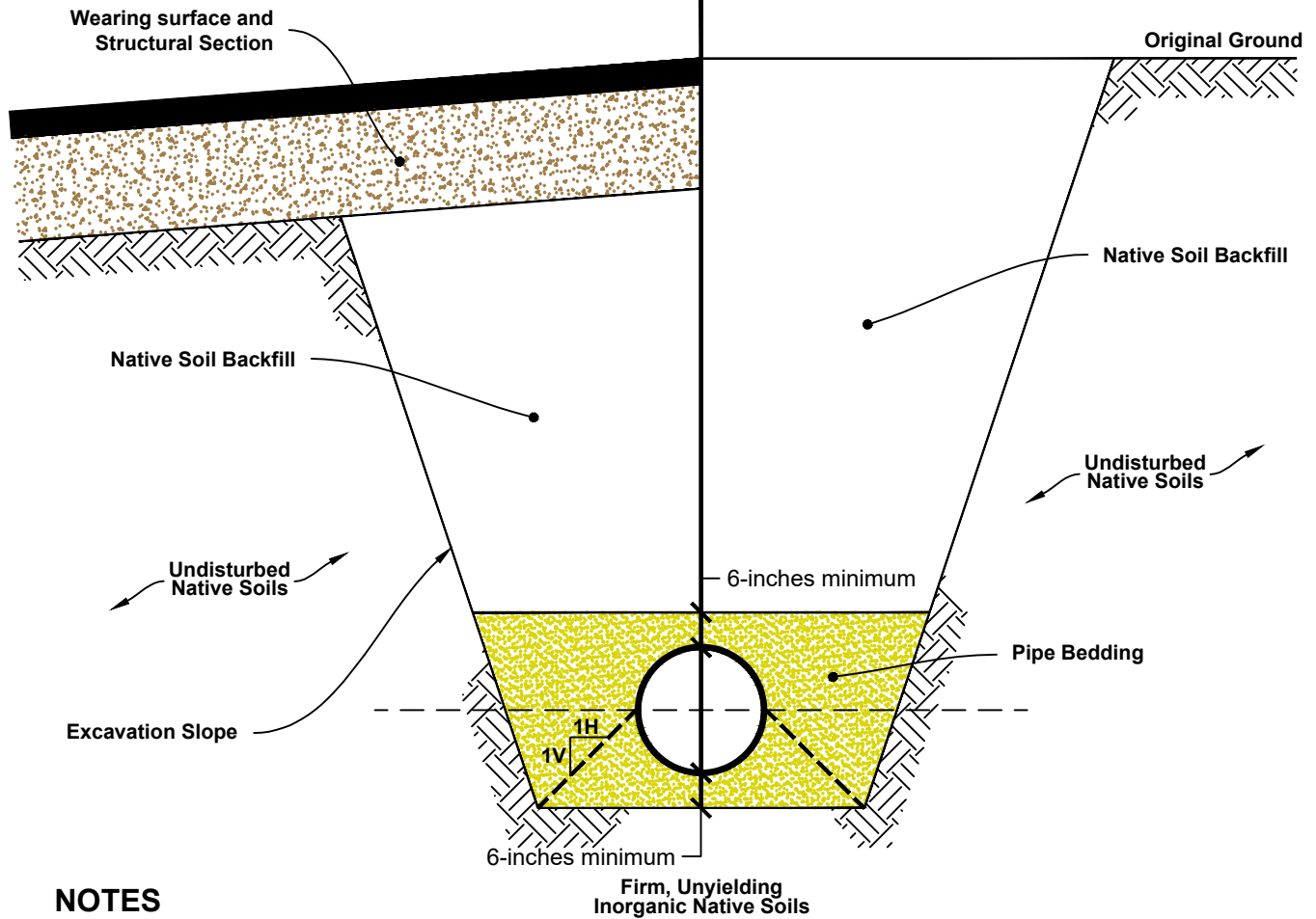


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FIG. 3

Trench Under Paved Areas

Trench Under Non-Structural Areas



NOTES

**Firm, Unyielding
Inorganic Native Soils**

1. Trench backfill under paved areas should be placed in loose lifts not to exceed 12 inches and compacted to at least 95 percent of its maximum dry density as determined by ASTM D-1557.
2. Trench backfill under non-structural areas should be placed in loose lifts not to exceed 18 inches and compacted to at least 90 percent of its maximum dry density as determined by ASTM D-1557.
3. Pipe bedding should conform to MOA Class C bedding material or as recommended by pipe manufacturer.
4. Pipe bedding and cover thickness shown above should be used absent pipe manufacturer requirements.
5. OSHA requires slope protection and support for all trenches greater than 4 feet deep. Side slope requirements are variable depending upon soil type and the duration of time in which the trench remains open. The contractor should be made responsible for compliance to these regulations as he/she is at the project on a day to day basis, is aware of the changing conditions and has authority to direct work.

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UTILITY TRENCH DETAIL

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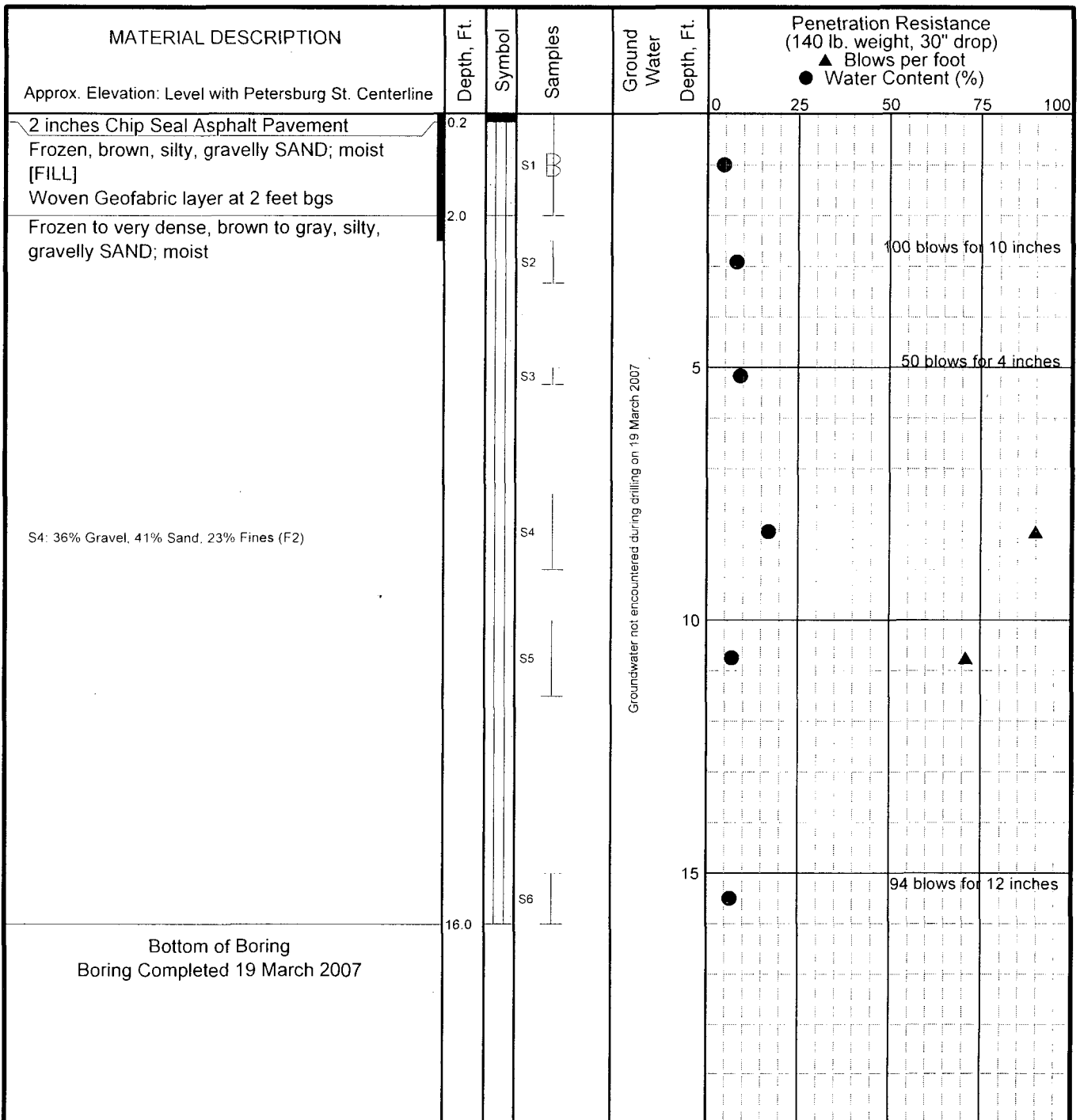
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FIG. 4

Appendix A

Boring Logs from Prior Explorations

APPENDIX A: BORING LOGS FROM PRIOR EXPLORATIONS



LEGEND

- * Sample Not Recovered
- ▢ Bulk Sample
- ⊥ 2" O.D. Split Spoon Sample
- Frozen

∇ Ground Water Level At Time Of Drilling

● Water Content (%)
 Plastic Limit —●— Liquid Limit
 Natural Water Content

NOTES

1. The stratification lines represent the approximate boundaries between soil types, and the transition may be gradual.
2. The discussion in the text of this report is necessary for a proper understanding of the nature of subsurface materials.
3. Water level, if indicated above, is for the date specified and may vary.

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LOG OF BORING B-1

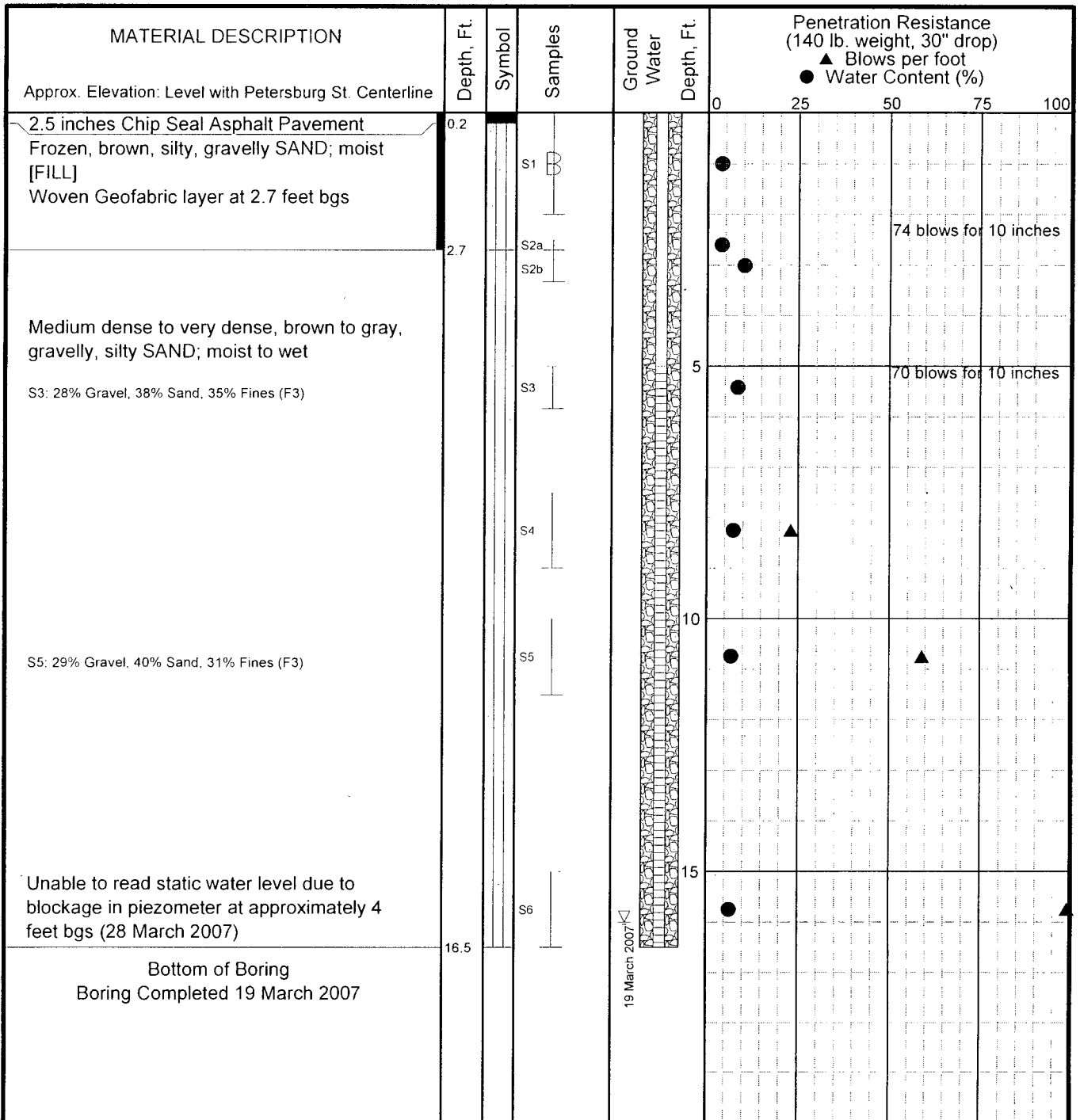
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Fig. 5

GEO TECHNICAL LOG 01891 LOGS.GPJ S&W GE01.GDT 4/6/07



LEGEND

- * Sample Not Recovered
- ▬ Bulk Sample
- ┌ 2" O.D. Split Spoon Sample
- Frozen
- ▭ Blank Section, Cuttings Backfill
- ▭ Slotted Section, Cuttings Backfill
- ▽ Ground Water Level At Time Of Drilling
- Water Content (%)
- Plastic Limit
- Liquid Limit
- Natural Water Content

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LOG OF BORING B-2

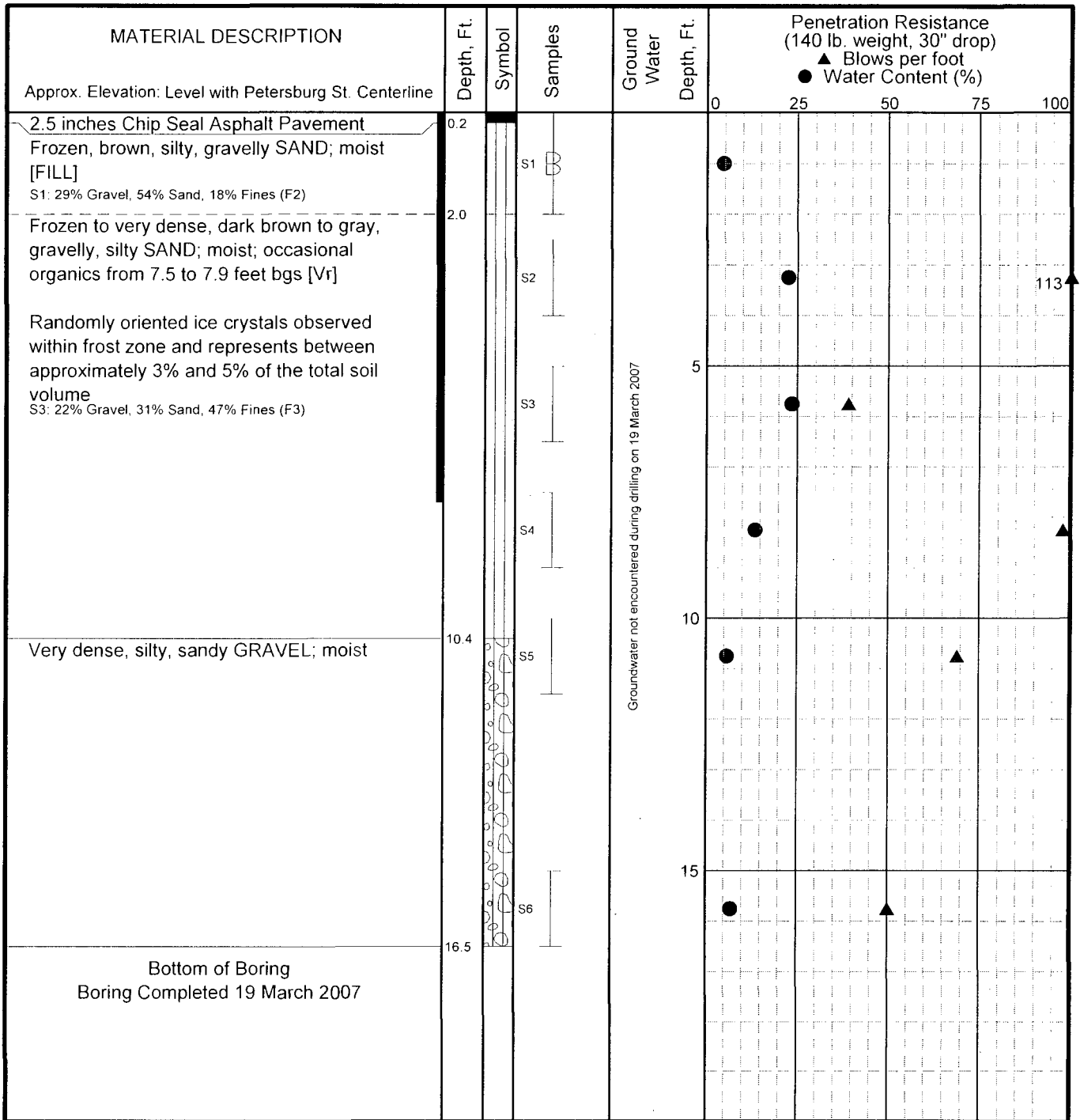
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Fig. 6

GEO TECHNICAL LOG 01891 LOGS.GPJ S&W.GEO1.GDT 4/6/07



Groundwater not encountered during drilling on 19 March 2007

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GEO-TECHNICAL LOG 01891 LOGS.GPJ S&W GEO1.GDT 4/6/07

LEGEND

- * Sample Not Recovered
- ▧ Bulk Sample
- ┌─ 2" O.D. Split Spoon Sample
- Frozen
- ▽ Ground Water Level At Time Of Drilling

● Water Content (%)
Plastic Limit —●— Liquid Limit
▲ Natural Water Content

NOTES

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LOG OF BORING B-3	
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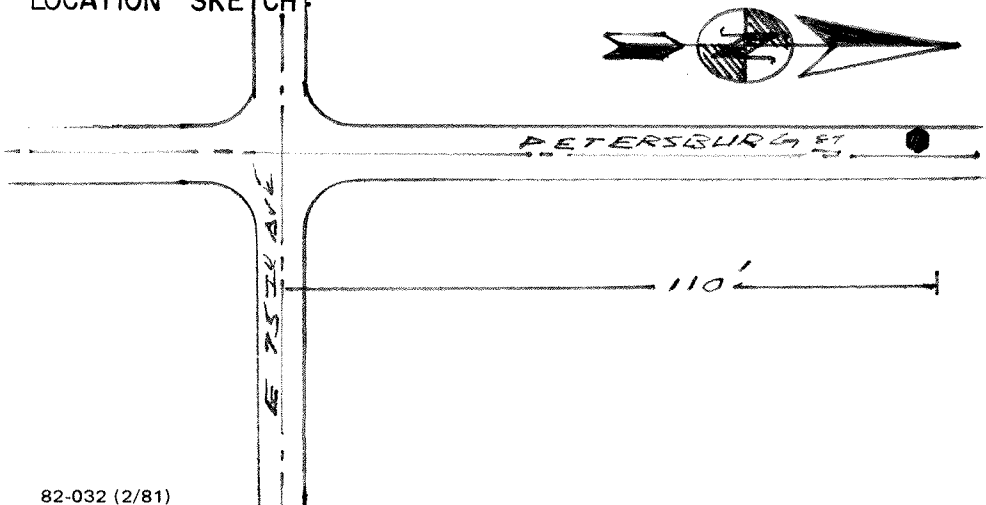
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110' N 9. E 75TH AVE / 15' W 9 PETERSBURG
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DATE 3-9-83
BY SLD
DEPTH 17'
WATER TABLE NONE




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3			
4			
5			
6	GM	F-1	SANDY GRAVEL + TRACE SILT
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			

LOCATION SKETCH:



LEGEND

SYMBOL

-  TEST HOLE
-  WATER TABLE
-  FROZEN MATERIAL

ALL FROST CLASSIFICATION
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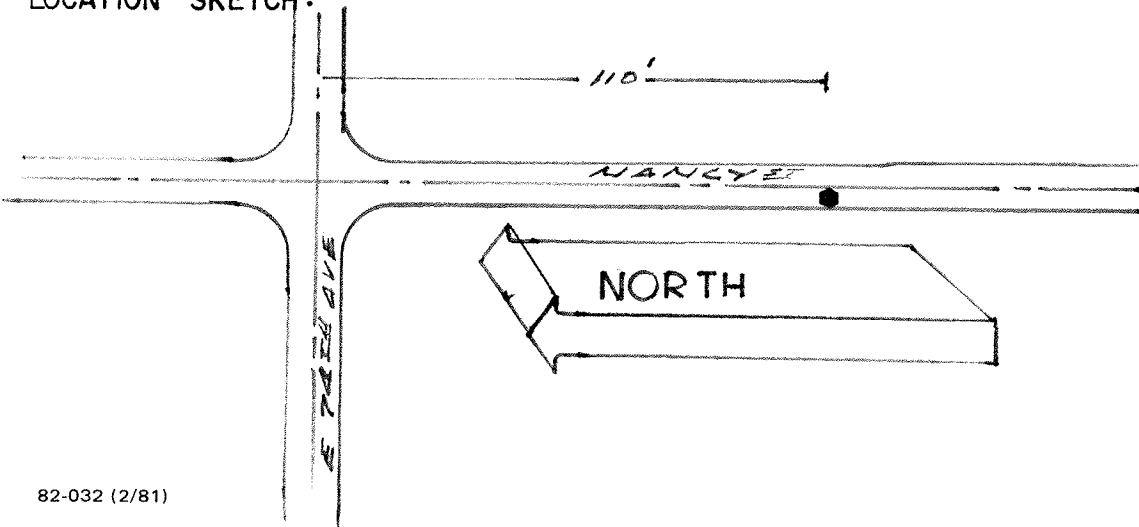
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COMMENTS DAVID HARMAN
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SHEET 9 OF 10




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DATE 3-9-83
BY SLD
DEPTH 24'
WATER TABLE NINE

DEPTH	UNIFIED CLASS	FROST GROUP	DESCRIPTION
0			
1			
2			
3			
4			
5	PT	N/A	DEBT
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13	SM	F-2	BROWN SILTY SAND
14			

LOCATION SKETCH:



LEGEND

- SYMBOL
-  TEST HOLE
 -  WATER TABLE
 -  FROZEN MATERIAL

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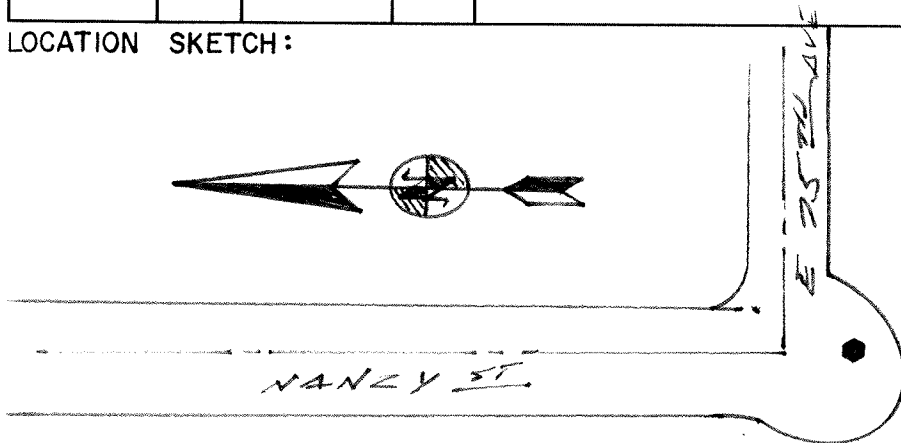
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LOCATION CHUGACH MEADOWS SUBD.
30' S & E 75TH AVE / E NANCY ST
COMMENTS CHUGACH MEADOWS
77-190
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HOLE NO. 4
DATE 3-9-83
BY SLF
DEPTH 20
WATER TABLE NONE



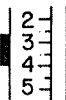
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0			
1	PT	N/A	PEAT
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7	ML	F-4	SANDY SILT
8			
9			
10			
11	GM	F-3	SANDY SILTY GRAVEL
12			
13			
14			

LOCATION SKETCH:



LEGEND

SYMBOL

-  TEST HOLE
-  WATER TABLE
-  FROZEN MATERIAL

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SOILS LOG

LOCATION CHULACH MEADOWS SUBP.
355' W 75th PETERSBURG ST / E E 75th

HOLE NO. 5

DATE 3-9-83

BY SLP

COMMENTS DAVID HARMAN

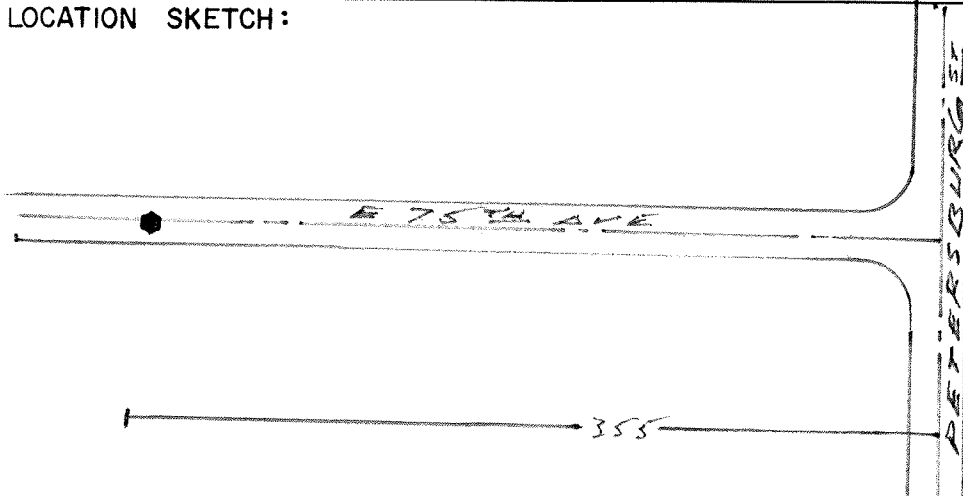
DEPTH 20

WATER TABLE None

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0	PT	N/A	PEAT WITH SILT
1			
2	GM	F-3	SANDY SILTY GRAVEL
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			

LOCATION SKETCH:



LEGEND

SYMBOL

- TEST HOLE
- WATER TABLE
- FROZEN MATERIAL

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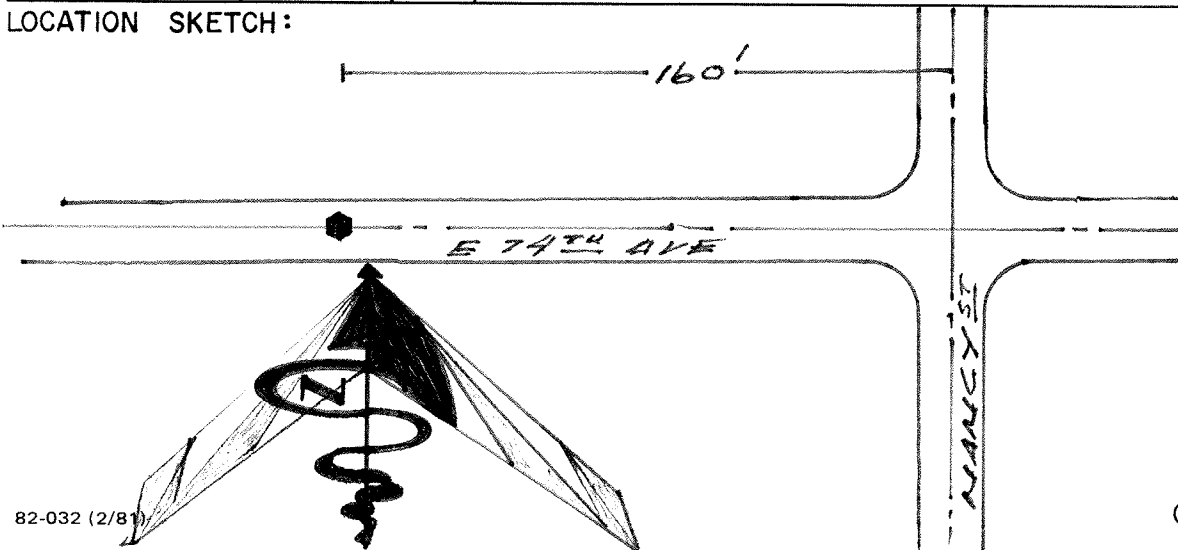
SOILS LOG

LOCATION CHUGACH MEADOWS SUB.
160' W 2 NANCY ST / E 74TH AVE
 COMMENTS DAVID HARMAN, P.E.
77-190
SHEET 7 OF 10

HOLE NO. A-6
 DATE 3-7-83
 BY SLP
 DEPTH 10'
 WATER TABLE NONE

DEPTH	UNIFIED CLASS	FROST GROUP	DESCRIPTION
0			
1	SM	F-2	BROWN SILTY GRAVELLY SAND
2			
3			
4			
5	ML	F-4	GREY SANDY SILT
6			
7			
8			
9	ML	F-4	GREY CLAYEY SILT
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			

LOCATION SKETCH:



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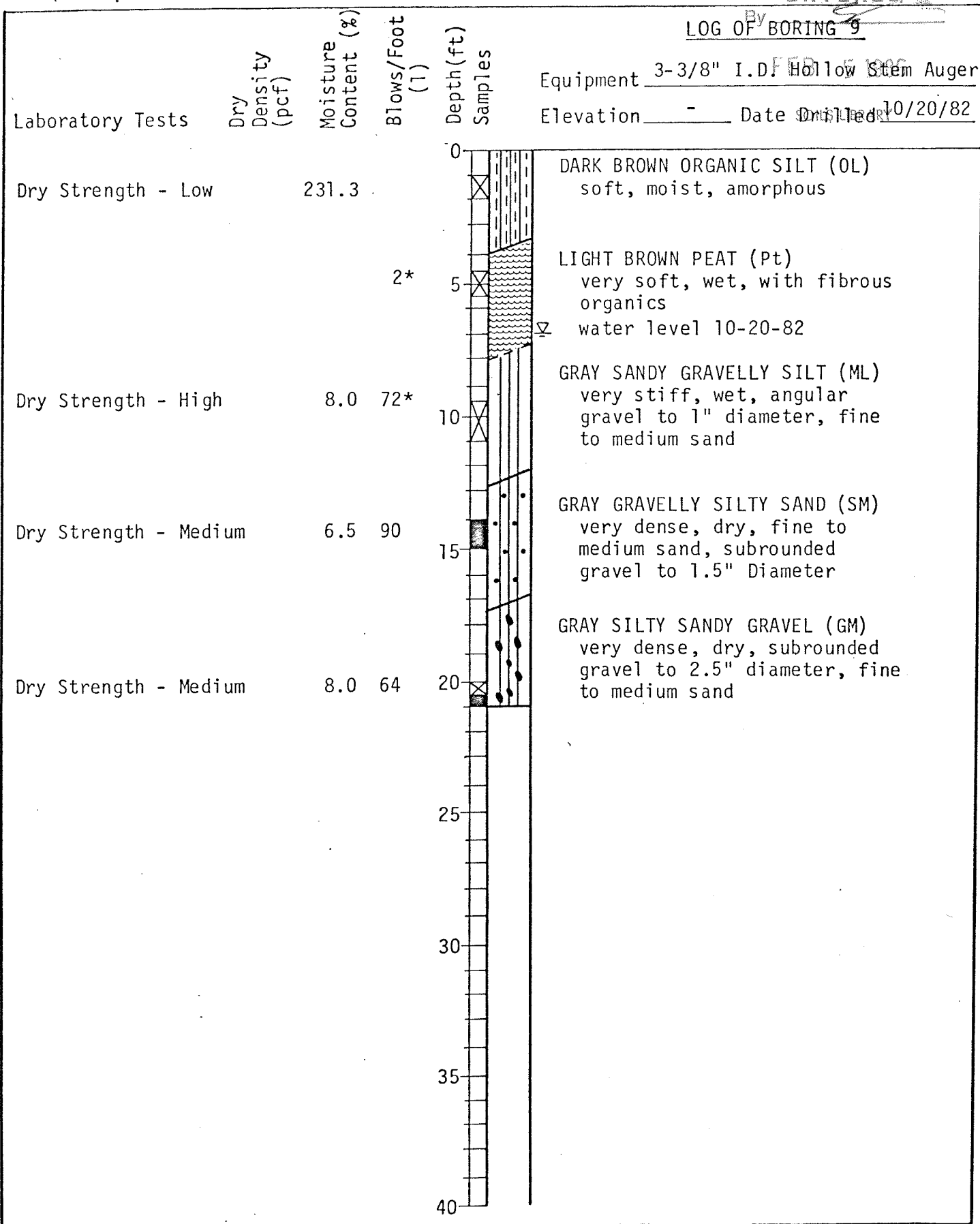
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LOG OF BORING 9

Equipment 3-3/8" I.D. Hollow Stem Auger
Elevation - Date Drilled 10/20/82



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Log of Boring 9
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LOG OF BORING 10

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Equipment 3-3/8" I.D. Hollow Stem Auger

SOILS LIBRARY

Elevation - Date Drilled 10/20/82

Laboratory Tests

Dry Density (pcf)
Moisture Content (%)
Blows/Foot (1)
Depth (ft)
Samples

Dry Strength - High

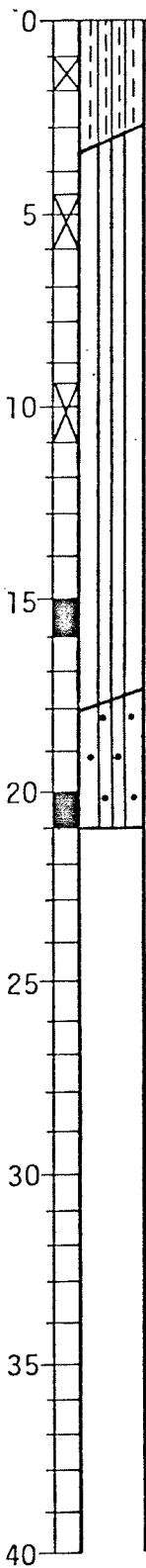
21.0 18*

Dry Strength - High

9.2 36

Dry Strength - Medium

6.3 86



DARK BROWN ORGANIC SILT (OL)
soft, moist, amorphous

GRAY SANDY SILT (ML)
stiff, moist, fine sand,
contains fibrous organics

contains a trace of angular
fine gravel at 10.0'

contains subrounded gravel to
1/2" diameter at 15.0'

GRAY GRAVELLY SILTY SAND (SM)
dense, dry, fine to medium
sand, subrounded gravel to
2" diameter

No free water encountered



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Log of Boring 10
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Appendix B

Boring Logs and Laboratory Test Results

CONTENTS

- Soil Description & Log Key
- Frost Classification Legend
- Log of Borings
- Grain Size Classification
- Atterberg Limits Results

Shannon & Wilson, Inc. (S&W), uses a soil identification system modified from the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS). Elements of the USCS and other definitions are provided on this and the following pages. Soil descriptions are based on visual-manual procedures (ASTM D2488) and laboratory testing procedures (ASTM D2487), if performed.

S&W INORGANIC SOIL CONSTITUENT DEFINITIONS

CONSTITUENT ²	FINE-GRAINED SOILS (50% or more fines) ¹	COARSE-GRAINED SOILS (less than 50% fines) ¹
Major	Silt, Lean Clay, Elastic Silt, or Fat Clay³	Sand or Gravel⁴
Modifying (Secondary) Precedes major constituent	30% or more coarse-grained: Sandy or Gravelly⁴	More than 12% fine-grained: Silty or Clayey³
Minor Follows major constituent	15% to 30% coarse-grained: with Sand or with Gravel⁴ 30% or more total coarse-grained and lesser coarse-grained constituent is 15% or more: with Sand or with Gravel⁵	5% to 12% fine-grained: with Silt or with Clay³ 15% or more of a second coarse-grained constituent: with Sand or with Gravel⁵

¹All percentages are by weight of total specimen passing a 3-inch sieve.
²The order of terms is: *Modifying Major with Minor*.
³Determined based on behavior.
⁴Determined based on which constituent comprises a larger percentage.
⁵Whichever is the lesser constituent.

MOISTURE CONTENT TERMS

Dry	Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touch
Moist	Damp but no visible water
Wet	Visible free water, from below water table

STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (SPT) SPECIFICATIONS

Hammer:	140 pounds with a 30-inch free fall. Rope on 6- to 10-inch-diam. cathead 2-1/4 rope turns, > 100 rpm
	NOTE: If automatic hammers are used, blow counts shown on boring logs should be adjusted to account for efficiency of hammer.
Sampler:	10 to 30 inches long Shoe I.D. = 1.375 inches Barrel I.D. = 1.5 inches Barrel O.D. = 2 inches
N-Value:	Sum blow counts for second and third 6-inch increments. Refusal: 50 blows for 6 inches or less; 10 blows for 0 inches.
	NOTE: Penetration resistances (N-values) shown on boring logs are as recorded in the field and have not been corrected for hammer efficiency, overburden, or other factors.

PARTICLE SIZE DEFINITIONS

DESCRIPTION	SIEVE NUMBER AND/OR APPROXIMATE SIZE
FINES	< #200 (0.075 mm = 0.003 in.)
SAND Fine Medium Coarse	#200 to #40 (0.075 to 0.4 mm; 0.003 to 0.02 in.) #40 to #10 (0.4 to 2 mm; 0.02 to 0.08 in.) #10 to #4 (2 to 4.75 mm; 0.08 to 0.187 in.)
GRAVEL Fine Coarse	#4 to 3/4 in. (4.75 to 19 mm; 0.187 to 0.75 in.) 3/4 to 3 in. (19 to 76 mm)
COBBLES	3 to 12 in. (76 to 305 mm)
BOULDERS	> 12 in. (305 mm)

RELATIVE DENSITY / CONSISTENCY

COHESIONLESS SOILS		COHESIVE SOILS	
N, SPT, BLOWS/FT.	RELATIVE DENSITY	N, SPT, BLOWS/FT.	RELATIVE CONSISTENCY
< 4	Very loose	< 2	Very soft
4 - 10	Loose	2 - 4	Soft
10 - 30	Medium dense	4 - 8	Medium stiff
30 - 50	Dense	8 - 15	Stiff
> 50	Very dense	15 - 30	Very stiff
		> 30	Hard

WELL AND BACKFILL SYMBOLS

	Bentonite		Surface Cement Seal
	Cement Grout		Asphalt or Cap
	Bentonite Grout		Slough
	Bentonite Chips		Inclinometer or Non-perforated Casing
	Silica Sand		Vibrating Wire Piezometer
	Perforated or Screened Casing		

PERCENTAGES TERMS^{1,2}

Trace	< 5%
Few	5 to 10%
Little	15 to 25%
Some	30 to 45%
Mostly	50 to 100%

¹Gravel, sand, and fines estimated by mass. Other constituents, such as organics, cobbles, and boulders, estimated by volume.

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









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SOIL DESCRIPTION AND LOG KEY

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UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (USCS)
(Modified From USACE Tech Memo 3-357, ASTM D2487, and ASTM D2488)

MAJOR DIVISIONS			GROUP/GRAPHIC SYMBOL	TYPICAL IDENTIFICATIONS
COARSE-GRAINED SOILS (more than 50% retained on No. 200 sieve)	Gravels (more than 50% of coarse fraction retained on No. 4 sieve)	Gravel (less than 5% fines)	GW 	Well-Graded Gravel; Well-Graded Gravel with Sand
			GP 	Poorly Graded Gravel; Poorly Graded Gravel with Sand
		Silty or Clayey Gravel (more than 12% fines)	GM 	Silty Gravel; Silty Gravel with Sand
			GC 	Clayey Gravel; Clayey Gravel with Sand
	Sands (50% or more of coarse fraction passes the No. 4 sieve)	Sand (less than 5% fines)	SW 	Well-Graded Sand; Well-Graded Sand with Gravel
			SP 	Poorly Graded Sand; Poorly Graded Sand with Gravel
		Silty or Clayey Sand (more than 12% fines)	SM 	Silty Sand; Silty Sand with Gravel
			SC 	Clayey Sand; Clayey Sand with Gravel
FINE-GRAINED SOILS (50% or more passes the No. 200 sieve)	Silts and Clays (liquid limit less than 50)	Inorganic	ML 	Silt; Silt with Sand or Gravel; Sandy or Gravelly Silt
			CL 	Lean Clay; Lean Clay with Sand or Gravel; Sandy or Gravelly Lean Clay
	Silts and Clays (liquid limit 50 or more)	Organic	OL 	Organic Silt or Clay; Organic Silt or Clay with Sand or Gravel; Sandy or Gravelly Organic Silt or Clay
		Inorganic	MH 	Elastic Silt; Elastic Silt with Sand or Gravel; Sandy or Gravelly Elastic Silt
			CH 	Fat Clay; Fat Clay with Sand or Gravel; Sandy or Gravelly Fat Clay
		Organic	OH 	Organic Silt or Clay; Organic Silt or Clay with Sand or Gravel; Sandy or Gravelly Organic Silt or Clay
HIGHLY-ORGANIC SOILS	Primarily organic matter, dark in color, and organic odor	PT 	Peat or other highly organic soils (see ASTM D4427)	

NOTE: No. 4 size = 4.75 mm = 0.187 in.; No. 200 size = 0.075 mm = 0.003 in.

NOTES

- Dual symbols (symbols separated by a hyphen, i.e., SP-SM, Sand with Silt) are used for soils with between 5% and 12% fines or when the liquid limit and plasticity index values plot in the CL-ML area of the plasticity chart. Graphics shown on the logs for these soil types are a combination of the two graphic symbols (e.g., SP and SM).
- Borderline symbols (symbols separated by a slash, i.e., CL/ML, Lean Clay to Silt; SP-SM/SM, Sand with Silt to Silty Sand) indicate that the soil properties are close to the defining boundary between two groups.

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GRADATION TERMS

Poorly Graded	Narrow range of grain sizes present or, within the range of grain sizes present, one or more sizes are missing (Gap Graded). Meets criteria in ASTM D2487, if tested.
Well-Graded	Full range and even distribution of grain sizes present. Meets criteria in ASTM D2487, if tested.

CEMENTATION TERMS¹

Weak	Crumbles or breaks with handling or slight finger pressure
Moderate	Crumbles or breaks with considerable finger pressure
Strong	Will not crumble or break with finger pressure

PLASTICITY²

DESCRIPTION	VISUAL-MANUAL CRITERIA	APPROX. PLASTICITY INDEX RANGE
Nonplastic	A 1/8-in. thread cannot be rolled at any water content.	< 4
Low	A thread can barely be rolled and a lump cannot be formed when drier than the plastic limit.	4 to 10
Medium	A thread is easy to roll and not much time is required to reach the plastic limit. The thread cannot be rerolled after reaching the plastic limit. A lump crumbles when drier than the plastic limit.	10 to 20
High	It takes considerable time rolling and kneading to reach the plastic limit. A thread can be rerolled several times after reaching the plastic limit. A lump can be formed without crumbling when drier than the plastic limit.	> 20

ADDITIONAL TERMS

Mottled	Irregular patches of different colors.
Bioturbated	Soil disturbance or mixing by plants or animals.
Diamict	Nonsorted sediment; sand and gravel in silt and/or clay matrix.
Cuttings	Material brought to surface by drilling.
Slough	Material that caved from sides of borehole.
Sheared	Disturbed texture, mix of strengths.

PARTICLE ANGULARITY AND SHAPE TERMS¹

Angular	Sharp edges and unpolished planar surfaces.
Subangular	Similar to angular, but with rounded edges.
Subrounded	Nearly planar sides with well-rounded edges.
Rounded	Smoothly curved sides with no edges.
Flat	Width/thickness ratio > 3.
Elongated	Length/width ratio > 3.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ATD	At Time of Drilling
Diam.	Diameter
Elev.	Elevation
ft.	Feet
FeO	Iron Oxide
gal.	Gallons
Horiz.	Horizontal
HSA	Hollow Stem Auger
I.D.	Inside Diameter
in.	Inches
lbs.	Pounds
MgO	Magnesium Oxide
mm	Millimeter
MnO	Manganese Oxide
NA	Not Applicable or Not Available
NP	Nonplastic
O.D.	Outside Diameter
OW	Observation Well
pcf	Pounds per Cubic Foot
PID	Photo-Ionization Detector
PMT	Pressuremeter Test
ppm	Parts per Million
psi	Pounds per Square Inch
PVC	Polyvinyl Chloride
rpm	Rotations per Minute
SPT	Standard Penetration Test
USCS	Unified Soil Classification System
q _u	Unconfined Compressive Strength
VWP	Vibrating Wire Piezometer
Vert.	Vertical
WOH	Weight of Hammer
WOR	Weight of Rods
Wt.	Weight

STRUCTURE TERMS¹

Interbedded	Alternating layers of varying material or color with layers at least 1/4-inch thick; singular: bed.
Laminated	Alternating layers of varying material or color with layers less than 1/4-inch thick; singular: lamination.
Fissured	Breaks along definite planes or fractures with little resistance.
Slickensided	Fracture planes appear polished or glossy; sometimes striated.
Blocky	Cohesive soil that can be broken down into small angular lumps that resist further breakdown.
Lensed	Inclusion of small pockets of different soils, such as small lenses of sand scattered through a mass of clay.
Homogeneous	Same color and appearance throughout.

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FROST CLASSIFICATION
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GROUP		0.02 Mil.	P-200*	USC SYSTEM (based on P-200 results)
NFS	Sandy Soils	0 to 3	0 to 6	SW, SP, SW-SM, SP-SM
	Gravelly Soils	0 to 3	0 to 6	GW, GP, GW-GM, GP-GM
F1	Gravelly Soils	3 to 10	6 to 13	GM, GW-GM, GP-GM
F2	Sandy Soils	3 to 15	6 to 19	SP-SM, SW-SM, SM
	Gravelly Soils	10 to 20	13 to 25	GM
F3	Sands, except very fine silty sands**	Over 15	Over 19	SM, SC
	Gravelly Soils	Over 20	Over 25	GM, GC
	Clays, PI>12			CL, CH
F4	All Silts			ML, MH
	Very fine silty sands**	Over 15	Over 19	SM, SC
	Clays, PI<12			CL, CL-ML
	Varved clays and other fined grained, banded sediments			CL and ML CL, ML, and SM; SL, SH, and ML; CL, CH, ML, and SM

PI = Plasticity Index

P-200 = Percent passing the number 200 sieve

0.02 Mil. = Percent material below 0.02 millimeter grain size

*Approximate P-200 value equivalent for frost classification.
Value range based on typical, well-graded soil curves.

** Very fine sand : greater than 50% of sand fraction passing the number 100 sieve

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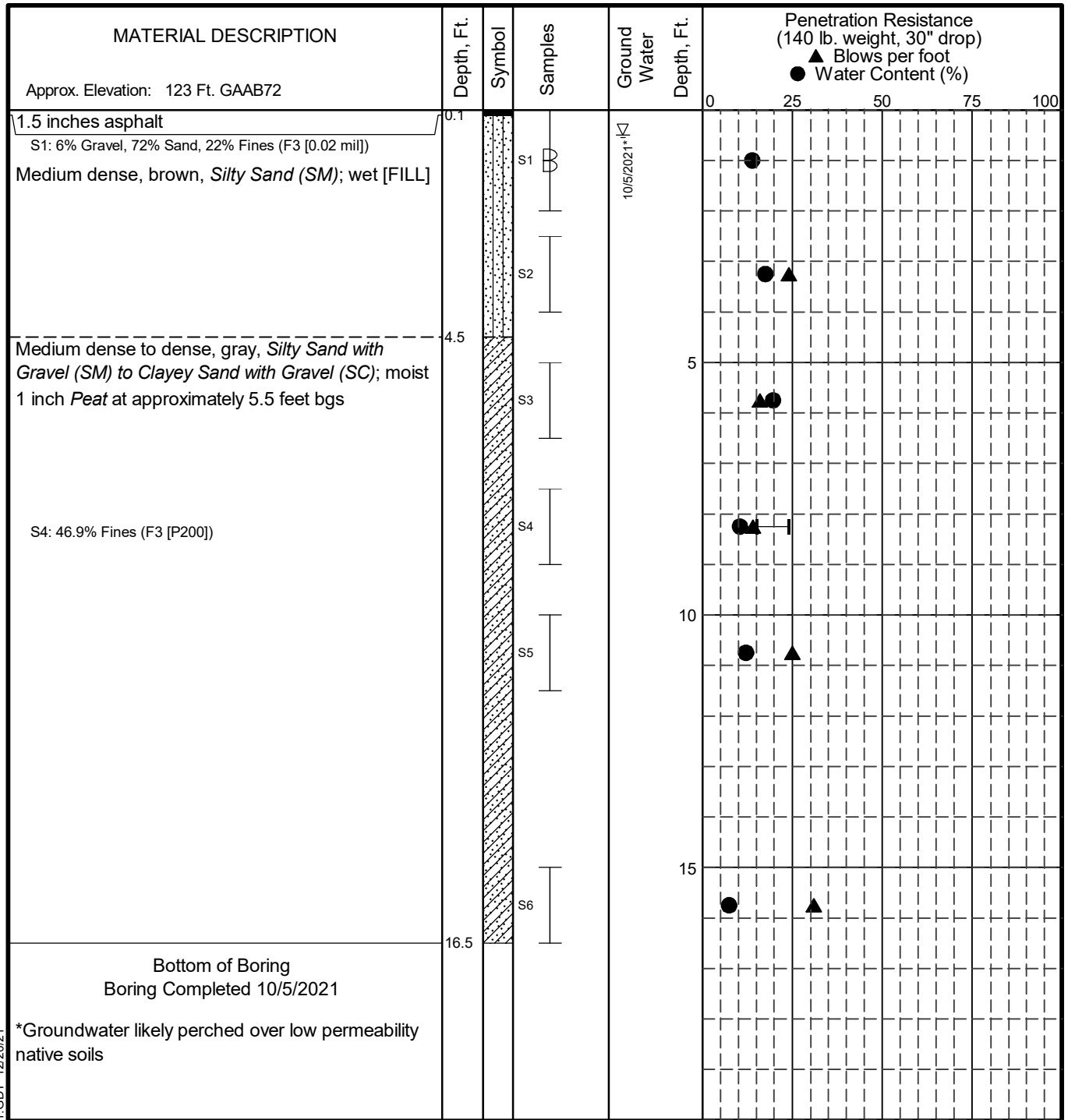
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FIG. B-2



LEGEND

- * Sample Not Recovered
- ▩ Grab Sample
- ┌ 2" O.D. Split Spoon Sample

∇ Ground Water Level At Time Of Drilling

● Water Content (%)
 Plastic Limit —●— Liquid Limit
 Natural Water Content

NOTES

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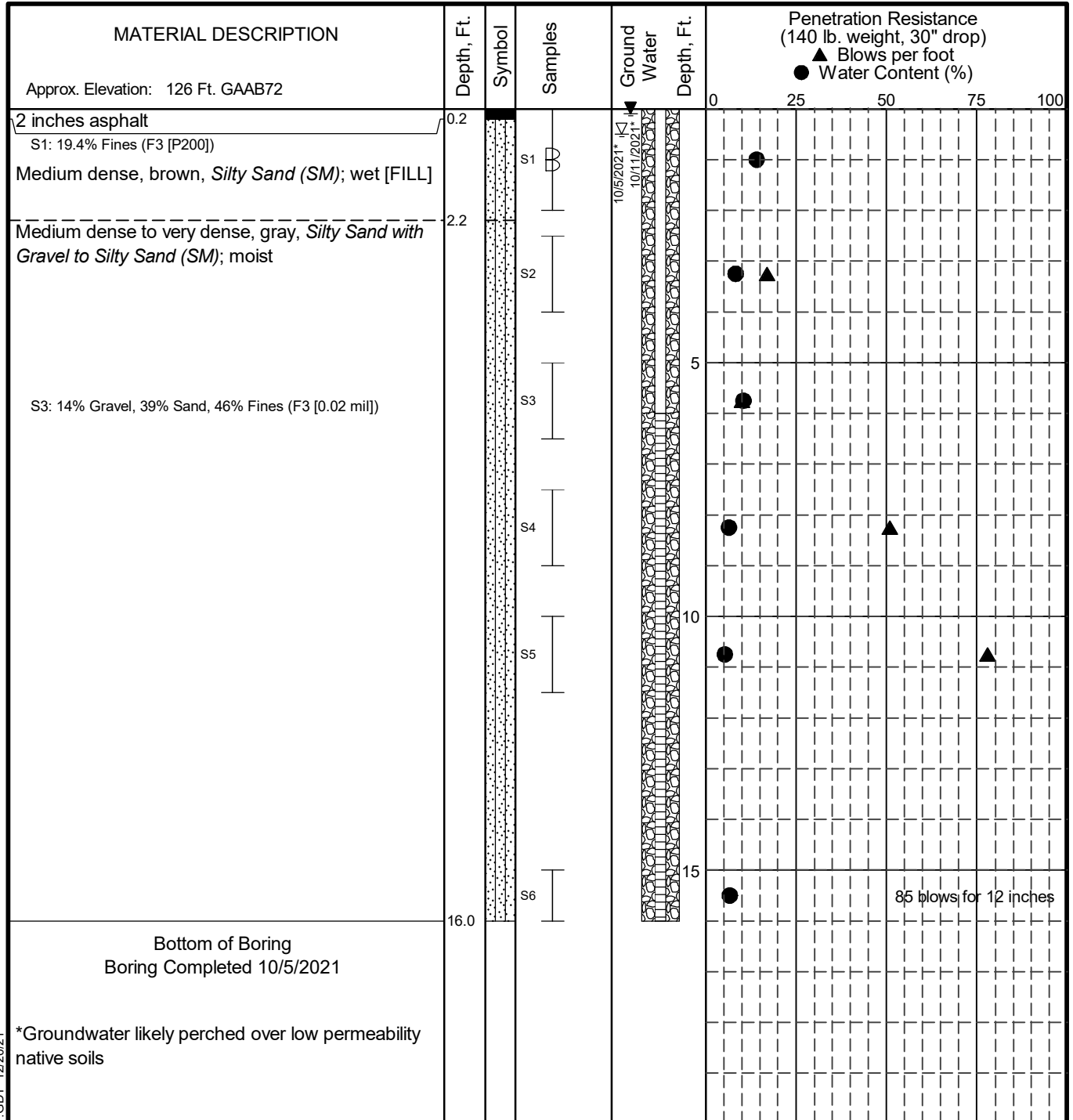
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FIG. B-3

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LEGEND

- * Sample Not Recovered
- ▩ Grab Sample
- ┌ 2" O.D. Split Spoon Sample
- ▽ Ground Water Level At Time Of Drilling
- ▼ Static Water Level
- ▩ Solid Casing, Cuttings Backfill
- ▩ Slotted Section, Cuttings Backfill

- Water Content (%)
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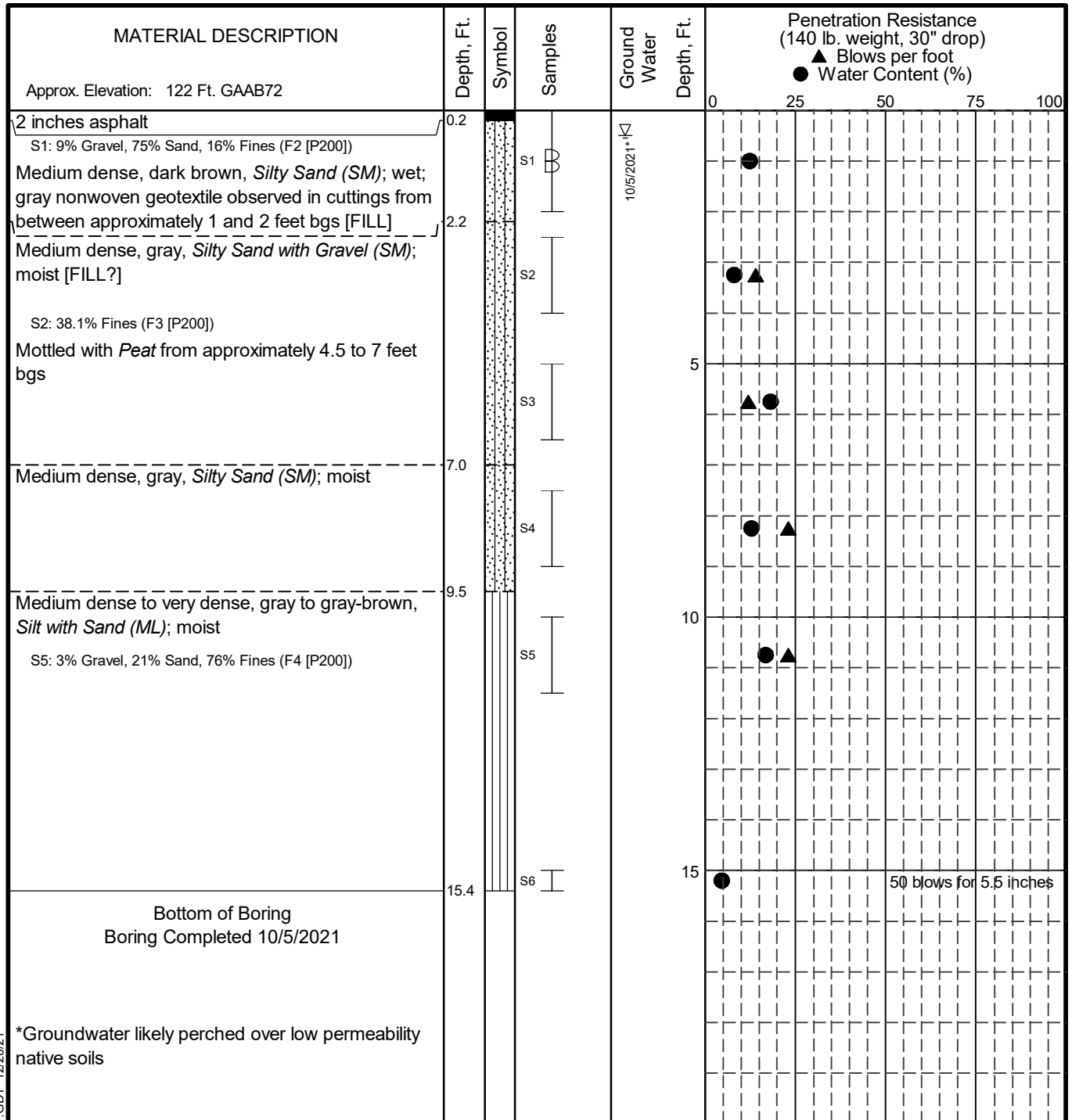
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FIG. B-4



LEGEND

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 Natural Water Content

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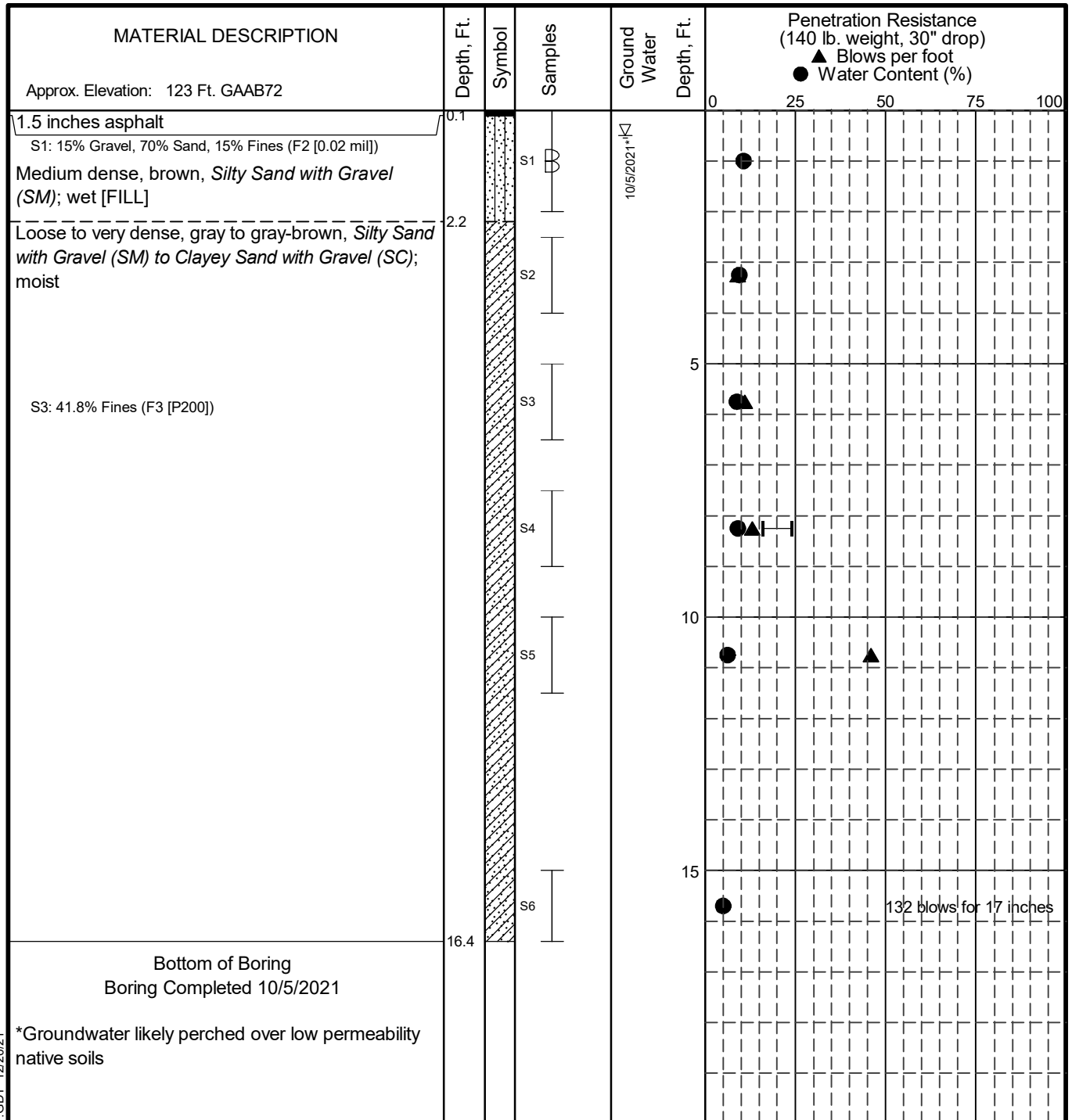
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FIG. B-5

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LEGEND

- * Sample Not Recovered
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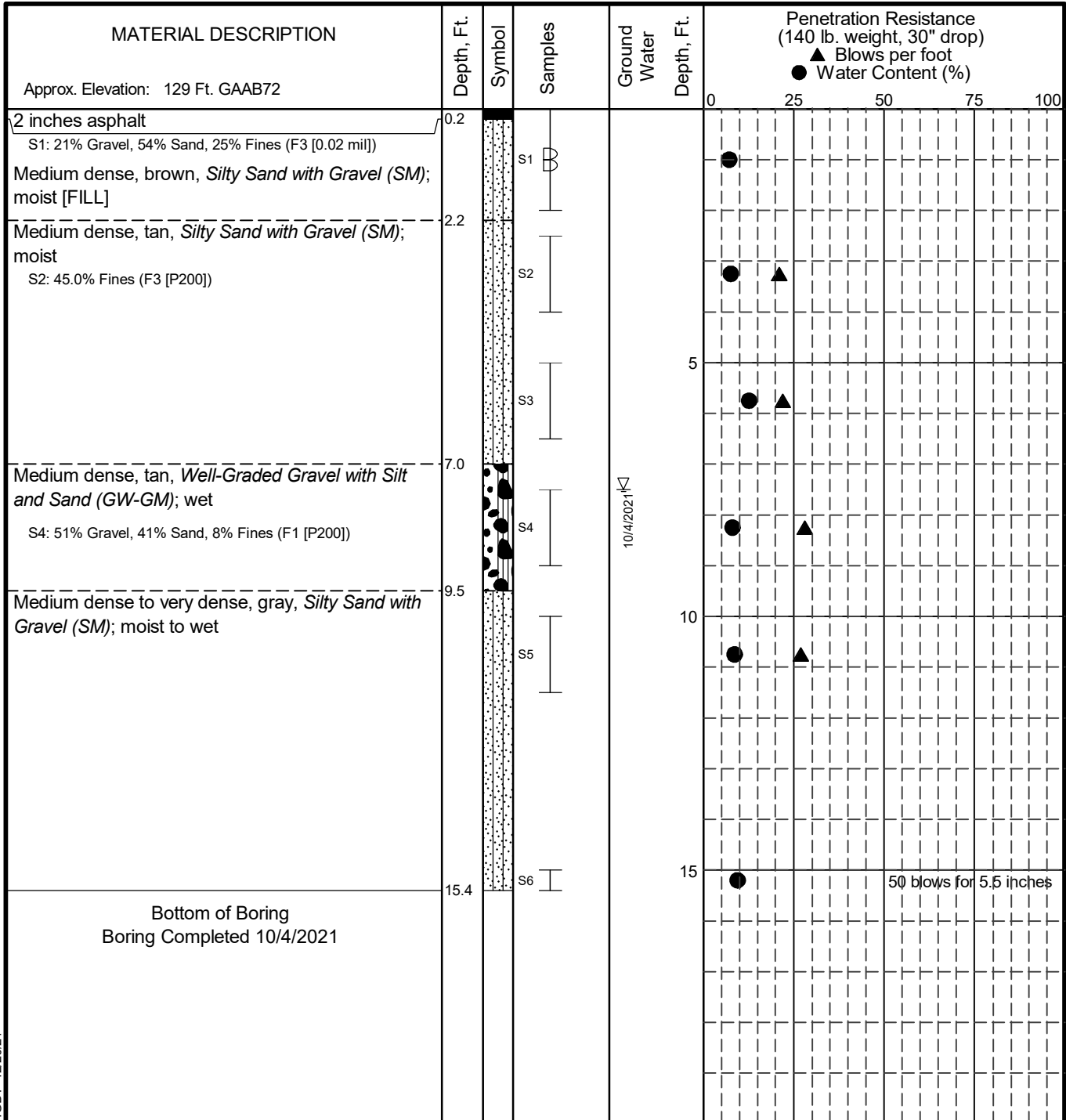
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FIG. B-6

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∇ Ground Water Level At Time Of Drilling

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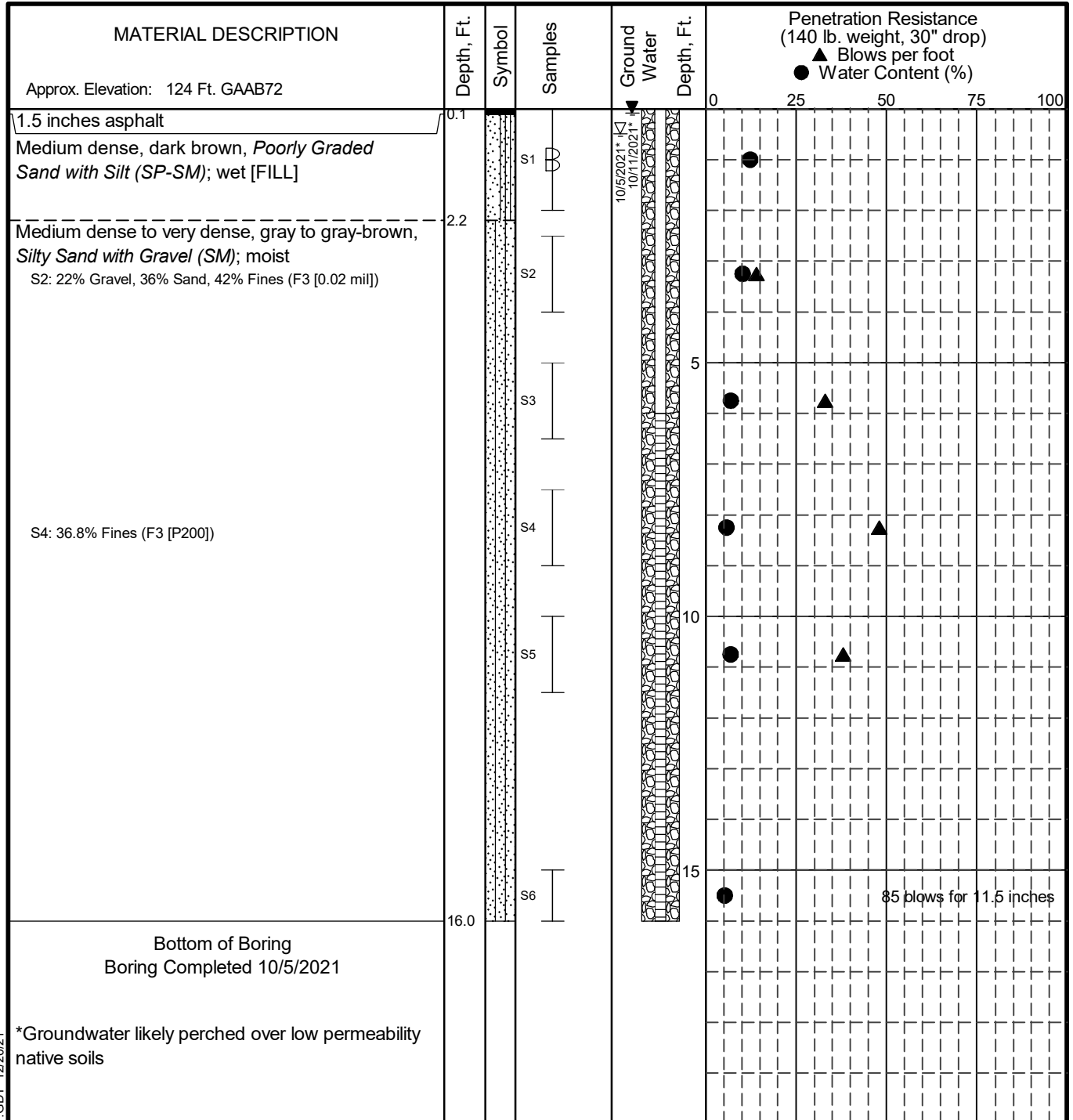
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FIG. B-7

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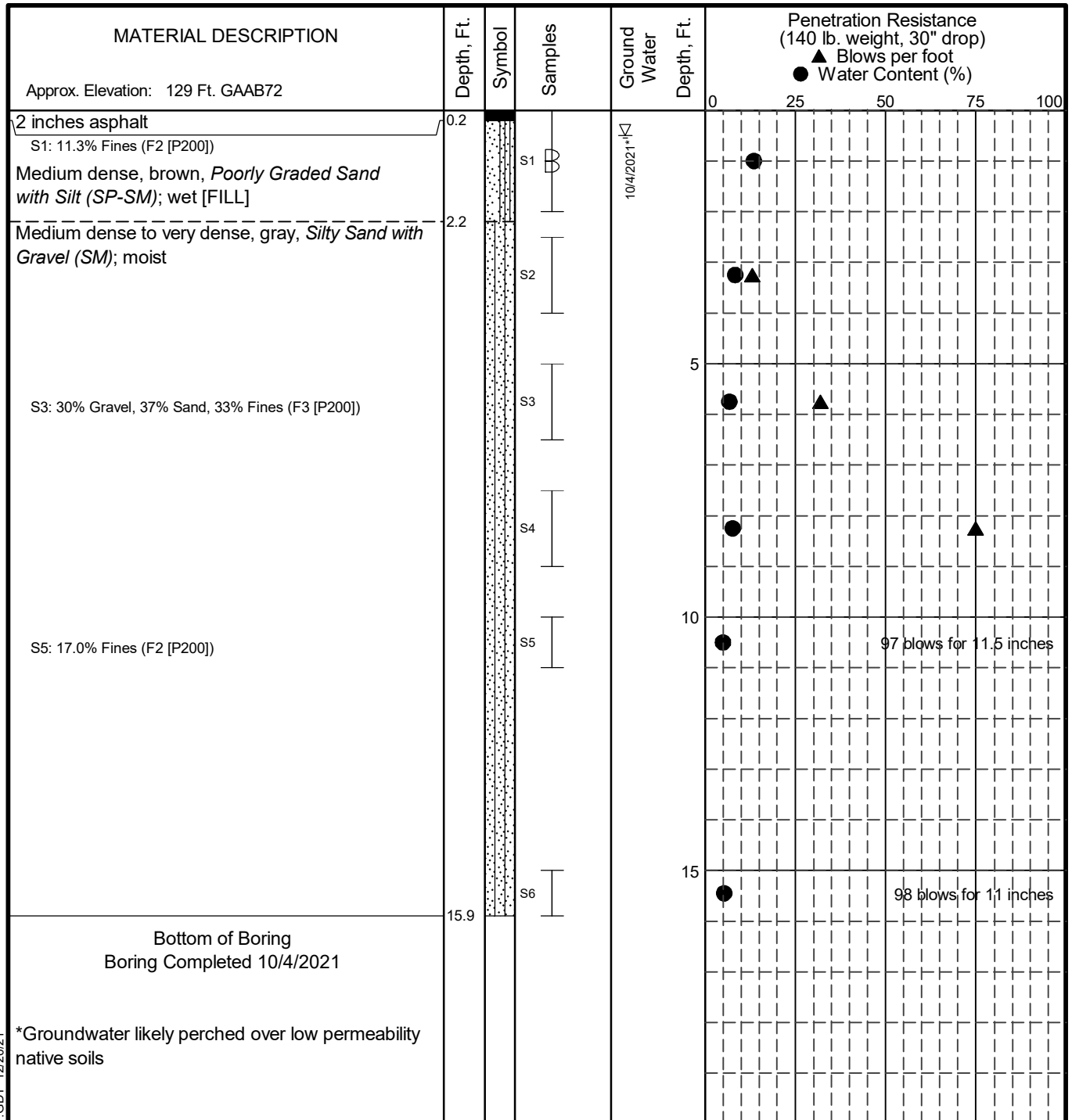
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FIG. B-8

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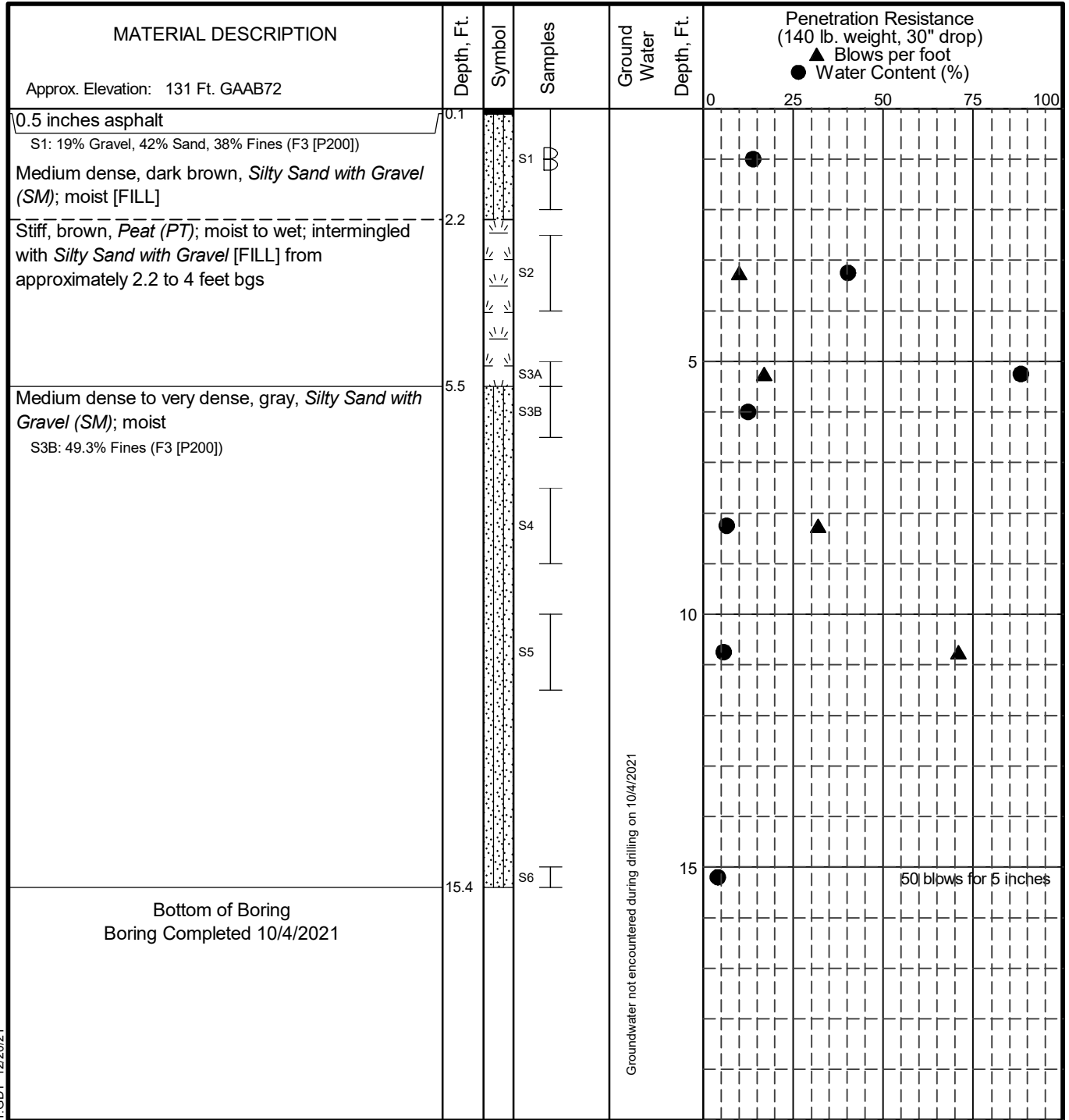
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FIG. B-9

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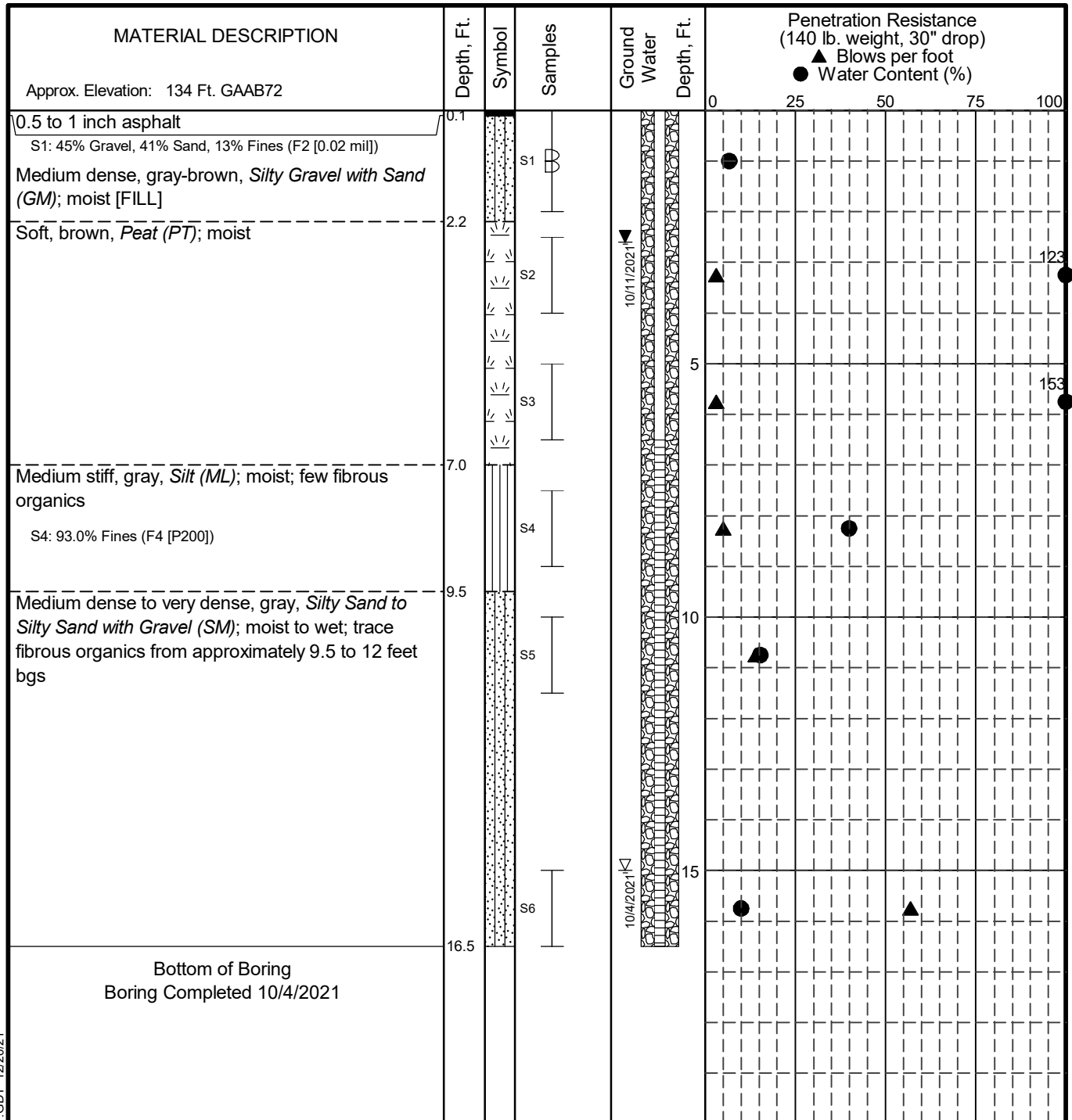
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FIG. B-10

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- ▽ Ground Water Level At Time Of Drilling
- ▼ Static Water Level
- ▣ Solid Casing, Cuttings Backfill
- ▤ Slotted Section, Cuttings Backfill

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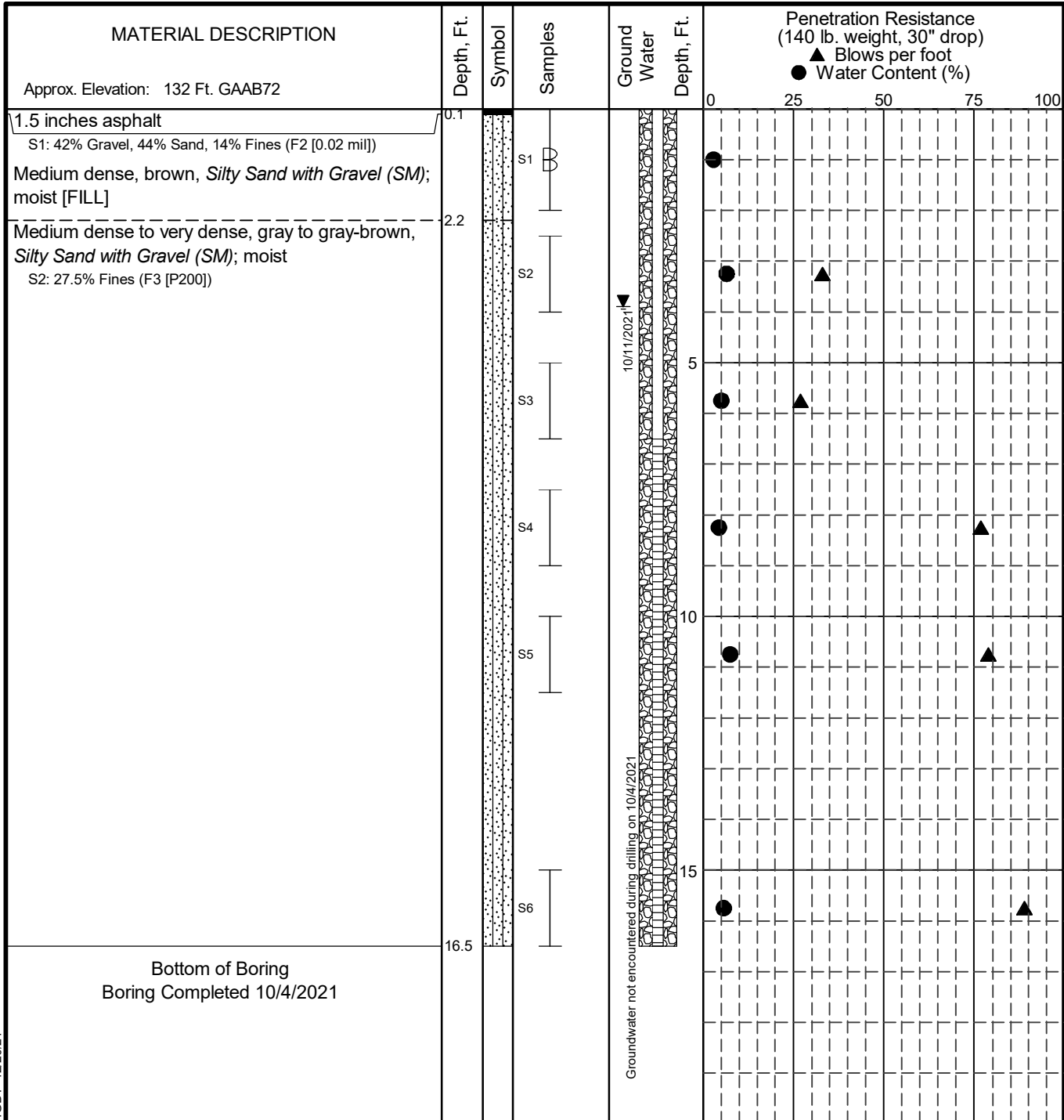
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FIG. B-11

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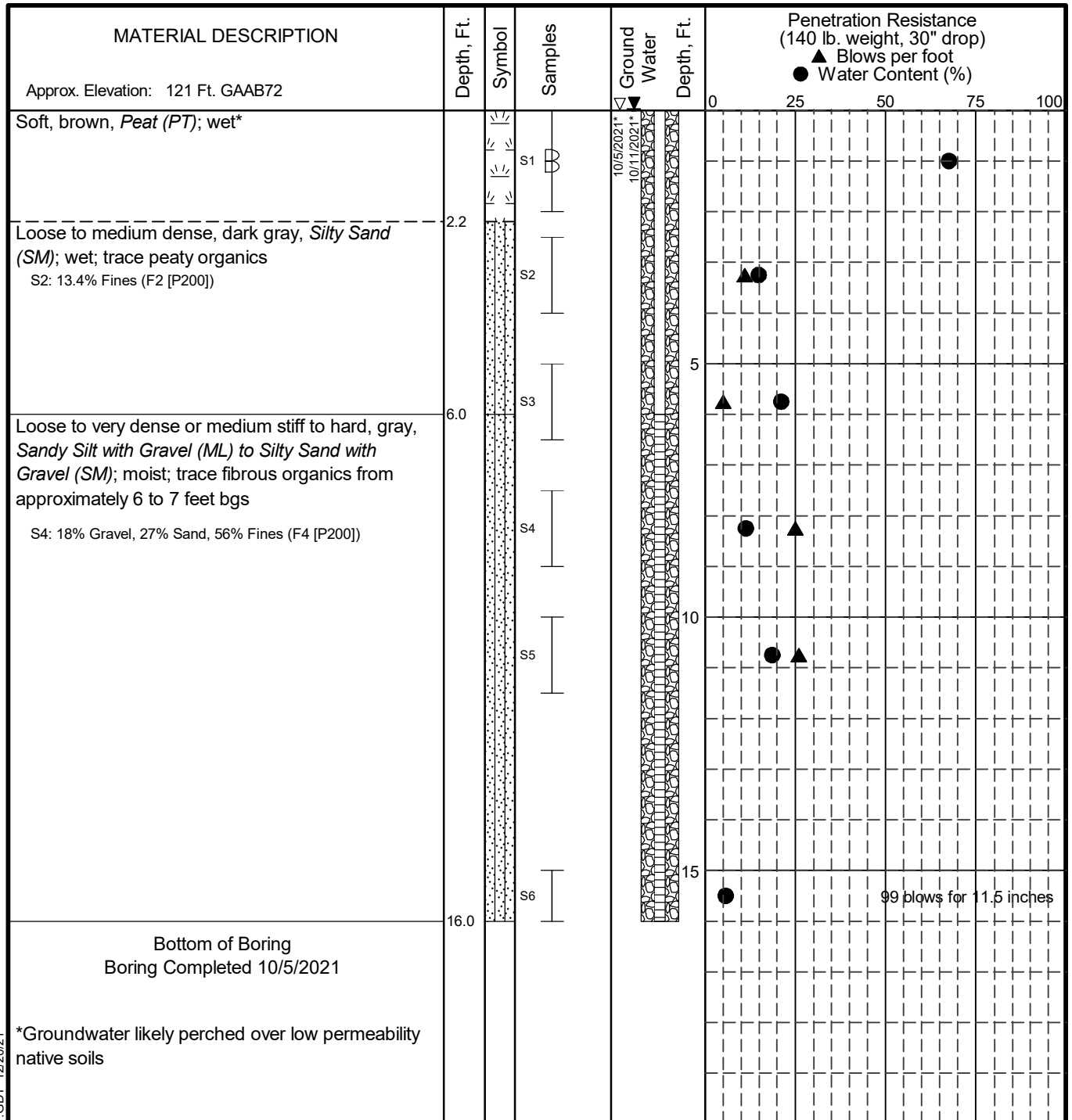
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*Groundwater likely perched over low permeability native soils

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- Solid Casing, Cuttings Backfill
- Slotted Section, Cuttings Backfill

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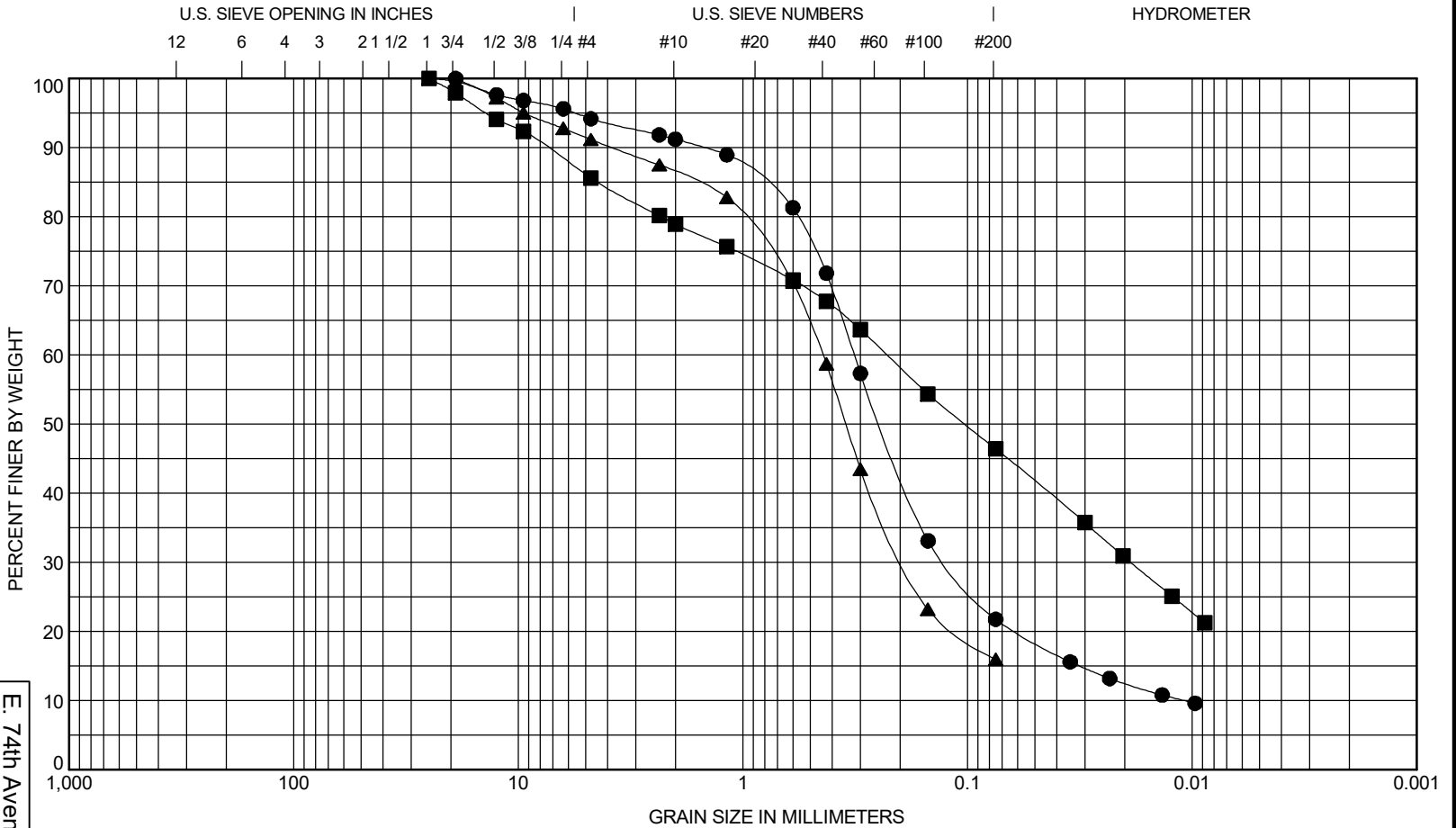
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FIG. B-13



COBBLES	GRAVEL		SAND			SILT OR CLAY				
	coarse	fine	coarse	medium	fine					

Sample	Depth, Ft	Classification					LL	PL	PI	Cc	Cu
● B-01 S1	0.0 - 2.0	Silty Sand (SM)								4.4	29.4
■ B-02 S3	5.0 - 6.5	Silty Sand (SM)									
▲ B-03 S1	0.0 - 1.5	Silty Sand (SM)									
Sample	Depth, Ft	D100	D60	D30	D10	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt	%Clay		
● B-01 S1	0.0 - 2.0	19	0.32	0.12	0.01	6	72	22			
■ B-02 S3	5.0 - 6.5	25	0.23	0.02		14	39	46			
▲ B-03 S1	0.0 - 1.5	25	0.44	0.19		9	75	16			

GRAIN SIZE CLASSIFICATION

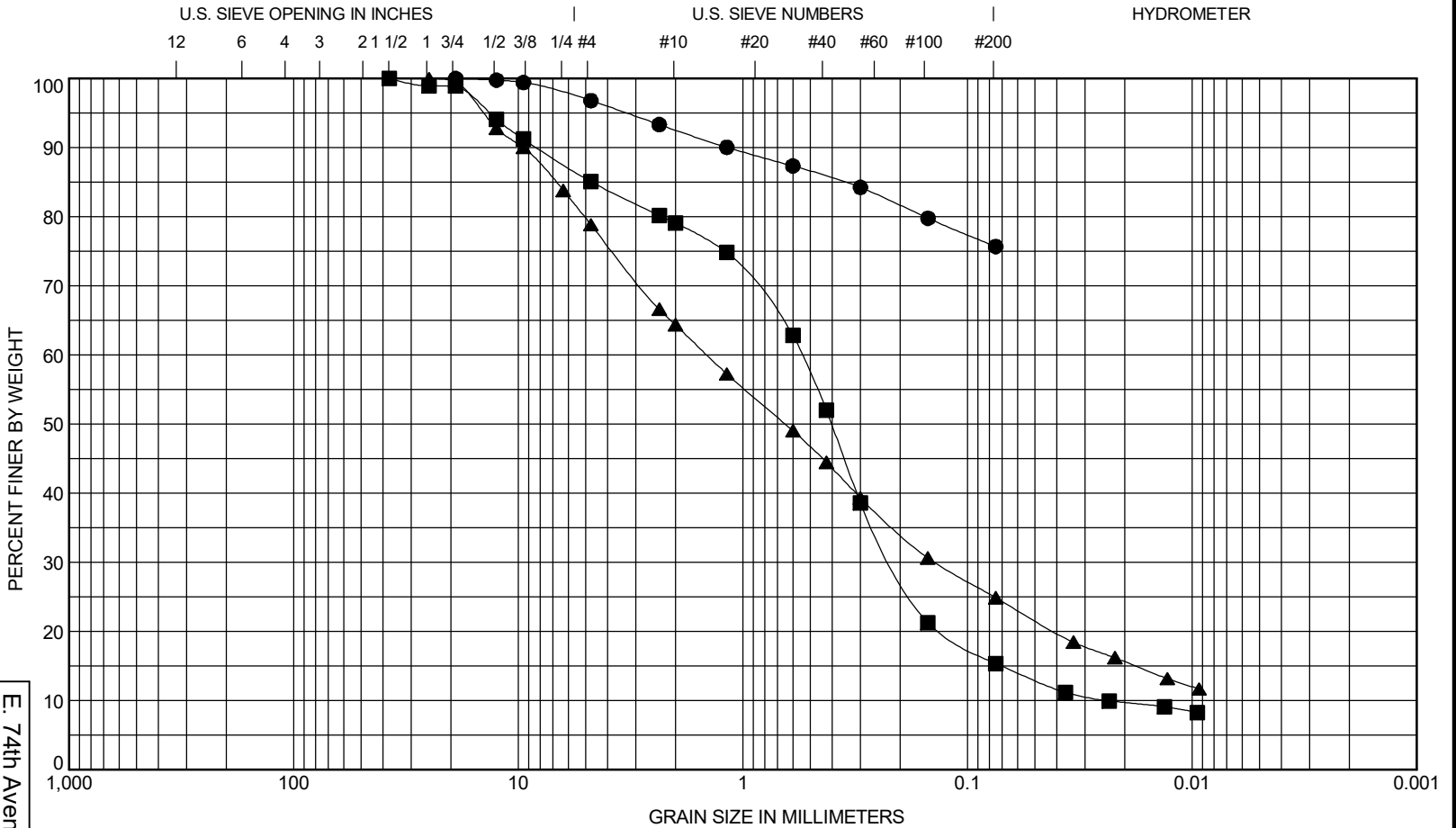
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FIG. B-14
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COBBLES	GRAVEL		SAND			SILT OR CLAY				
	coarse	fine	coarse	medium	fine					

Sample	Depth, Ft	Classification					LL	PL	PI	Cc	Cu
● B-03 S5	10.0 - 11.5	Silt with Sand (ML)									
■ B-04 S1	0.0 - 2.0	Silty Sand with Gravel (SM)								3.4	22.9
▲ B-05 S1	0.0 - 2.0	Silty Sand with Gravel (SM)									
Sample	Depth, Ft	D100	D60	D30	D10	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt	%Clay		
● B-03 S5	10.0 - 11.5	19				3	21	76			
■ B-04 S1	0.0 - 2.0	37.5	0.55	0.21	0.02	15	70	15			
▲ B-05 S1	0.0 - 2.0	25	1.45	0.14		21	54	25			

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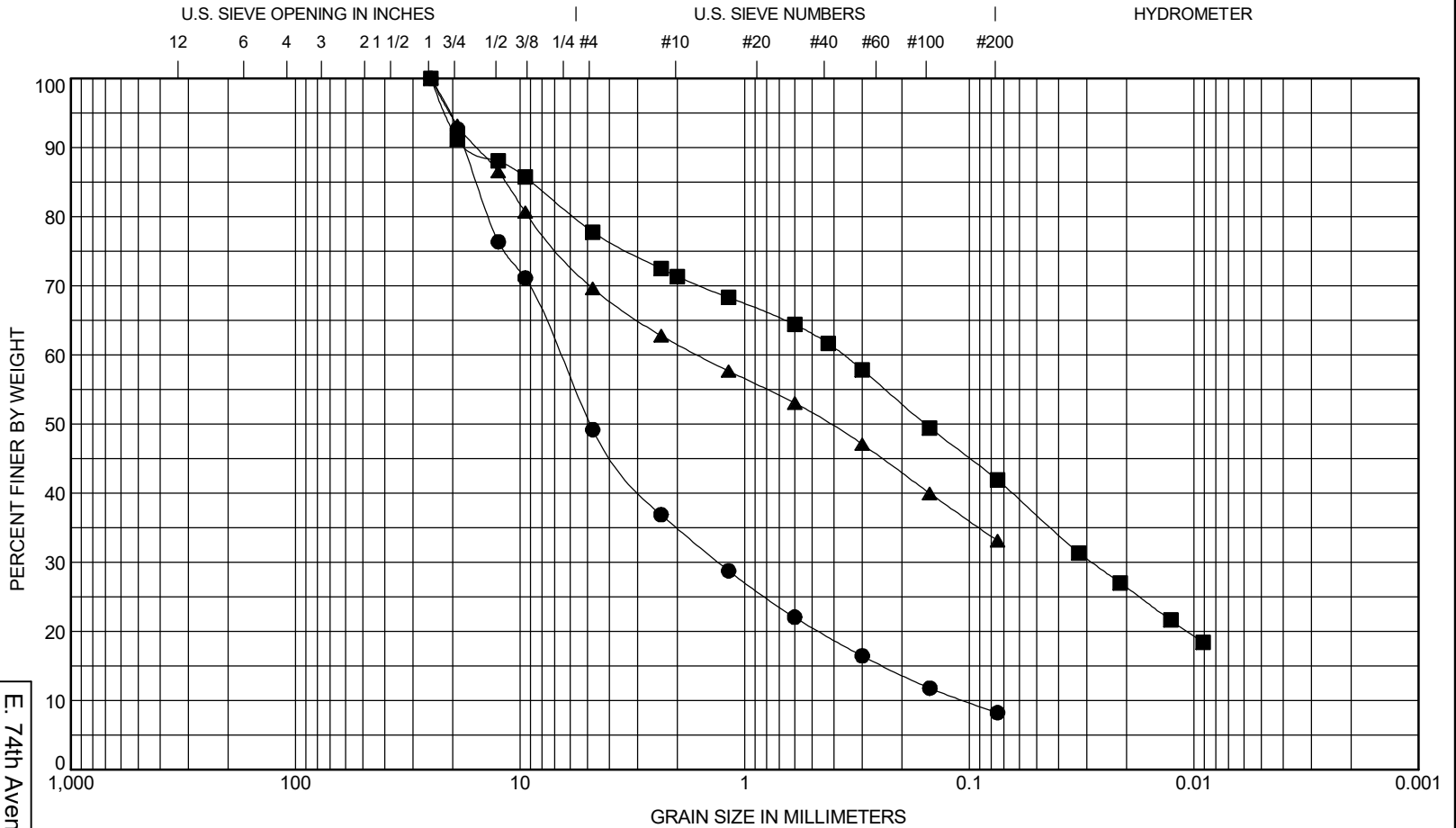
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COBBLES	GRAVEL		SAND			SILT OR CLAY
	coarse	fine	coarse	medium	fine	

Sample	Depth, Ft	Classification					LL	PL	PI	Cc	Cu
● B-05 S4	7.5 - 9.0	Well-Graded Gravel with Silt and Sand (GW-GM)								2.4	63.2
■ B-06 S2	2.5 - 4.0	Silty Sand with Gravel (SM)									
▲ B-07 S3	5.0 - 6.5	Silty Sand with Gravel (SM)									
Sample	Depth, Ft	D100	D60	D30	D10	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt	%Clay		
● B-05 S4	7.5 - 9.0	25	6.68	1.31	0.11	51	41	8			
■ B-06 S2	2.5 - 4.0	25	0.36	0.03		22	36	42			
▲ B-07 S3	5.0 - 6.5	25	1.62			30	37	33			

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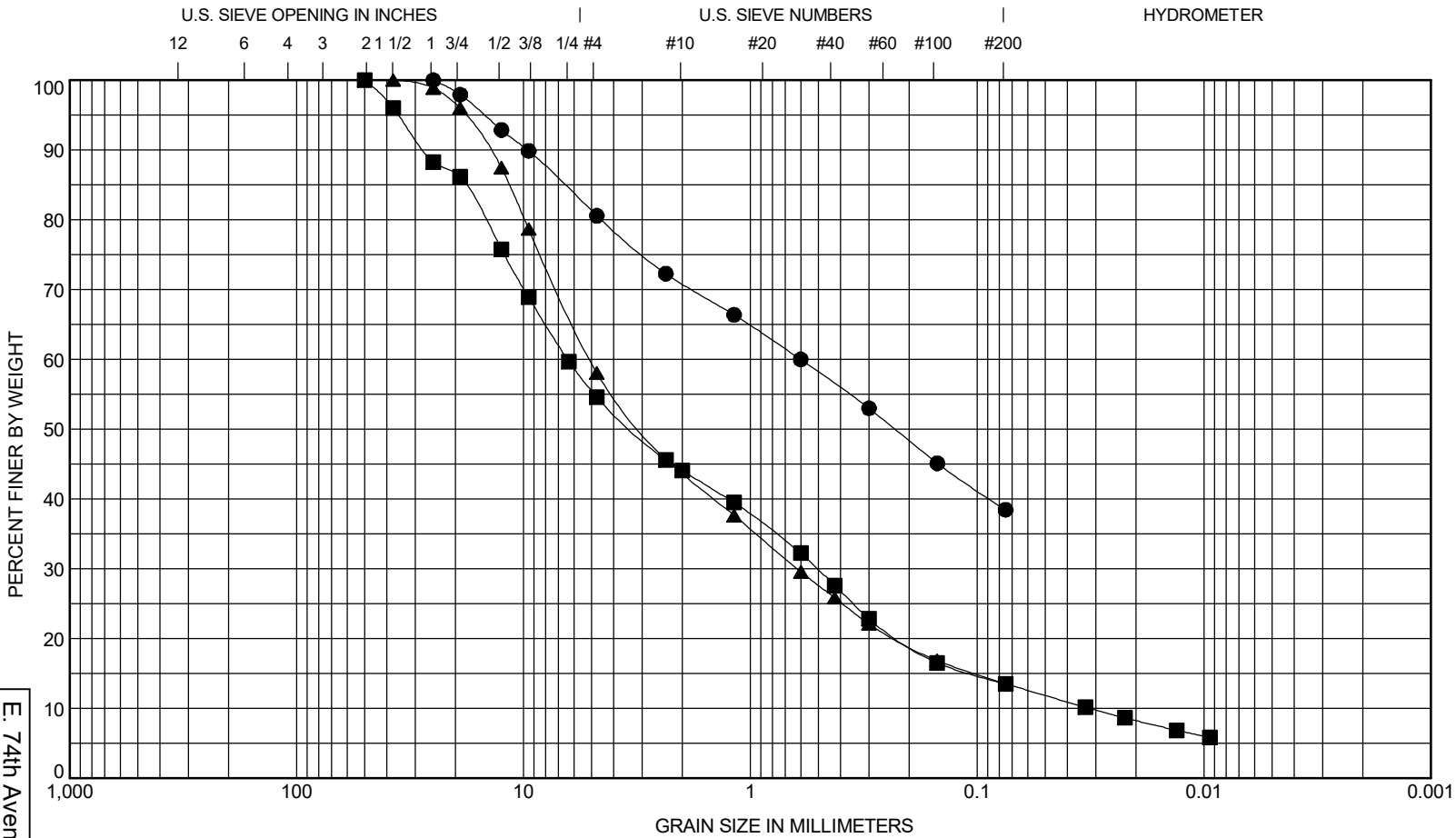
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COBBLES	GRAVEL		SAND			SILT OR CLAY
	coarse	fine	coarse	medium	fine	

Sample	Depth, Ft	Classification					LL	PL	PI	Cc	Cu
● B-08 S1	0.0 - 1.5	Silty Sand with Gravel (SM)									
■ B-09 S1	0.0 - 2.0	Silty Gravel with Sand (GM)								1.3	199.0
▲ B-10 S1	0.0 - 1.5	Silty Sand with Gravel (SM)									
Sample	Depth, Ft	D100	D60	D30	D10	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt	%Clay		
● B-08 S1	0.0 - 1.5	25	0.6	0.51	0.03	19	42	38			
■ B-09 S1	0.0 - 2.0	50	6.39	0.51	0.03	45	41	13			
▲ B-10 S1	0.0 - 1.5	37.5	5.08	0.62		42	44	14			

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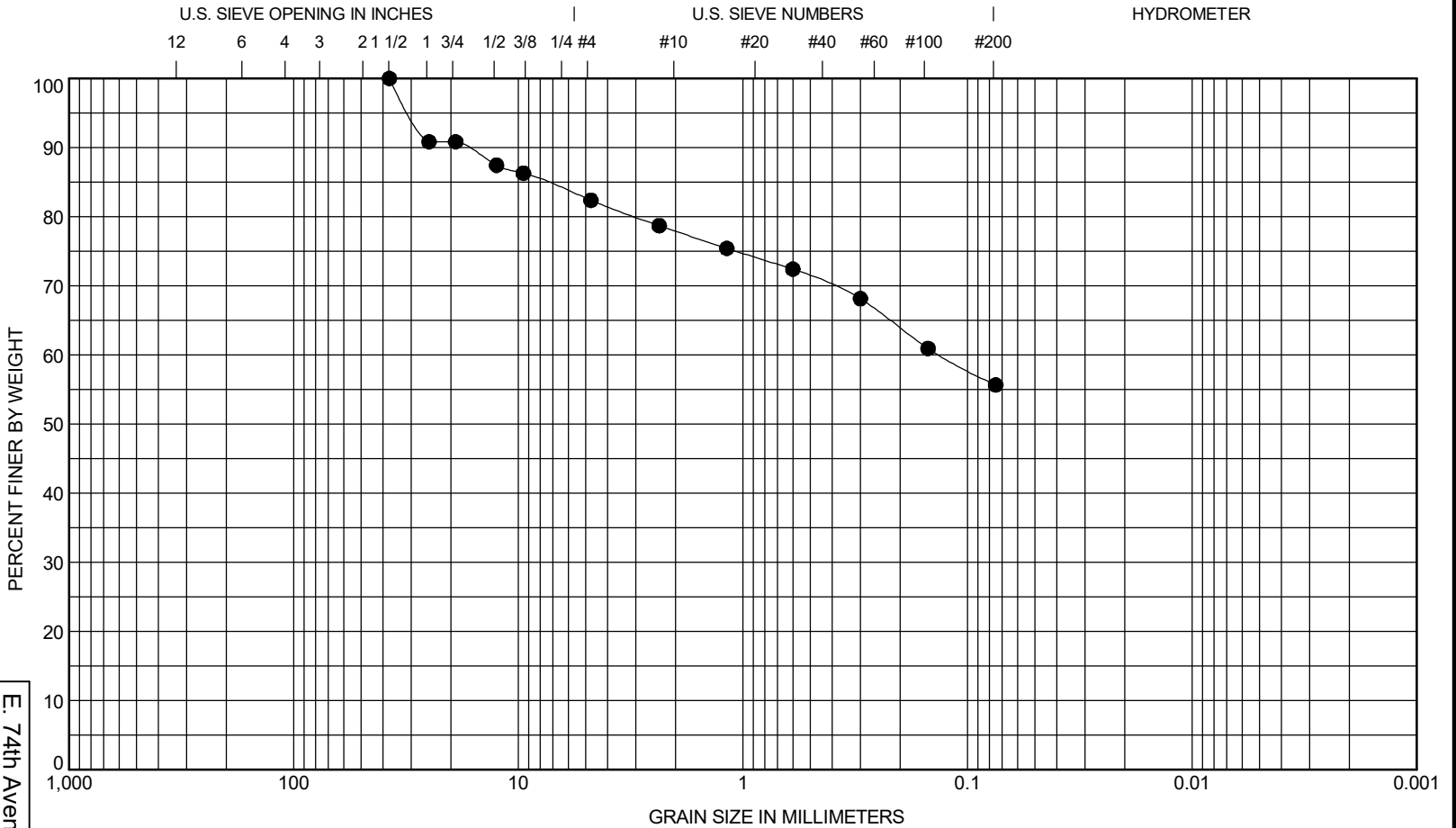
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COBBLES	GRAVEL		SAND			SILT OR CLAY
	coarse	fine	coarse	medium	fine	

Sample	Depth, Ft	Classification					LL	PL	PI	Cc	Cu
● B-11 S4	7.5 - 9.0	Sandy Silt with Gravel (ML)									
Sample	Depth, Ft	D100	D60	D30	D10	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt	%Clay		
● B-11 S4	7.5 - 9.0	37.5	0.13			18	27	56			

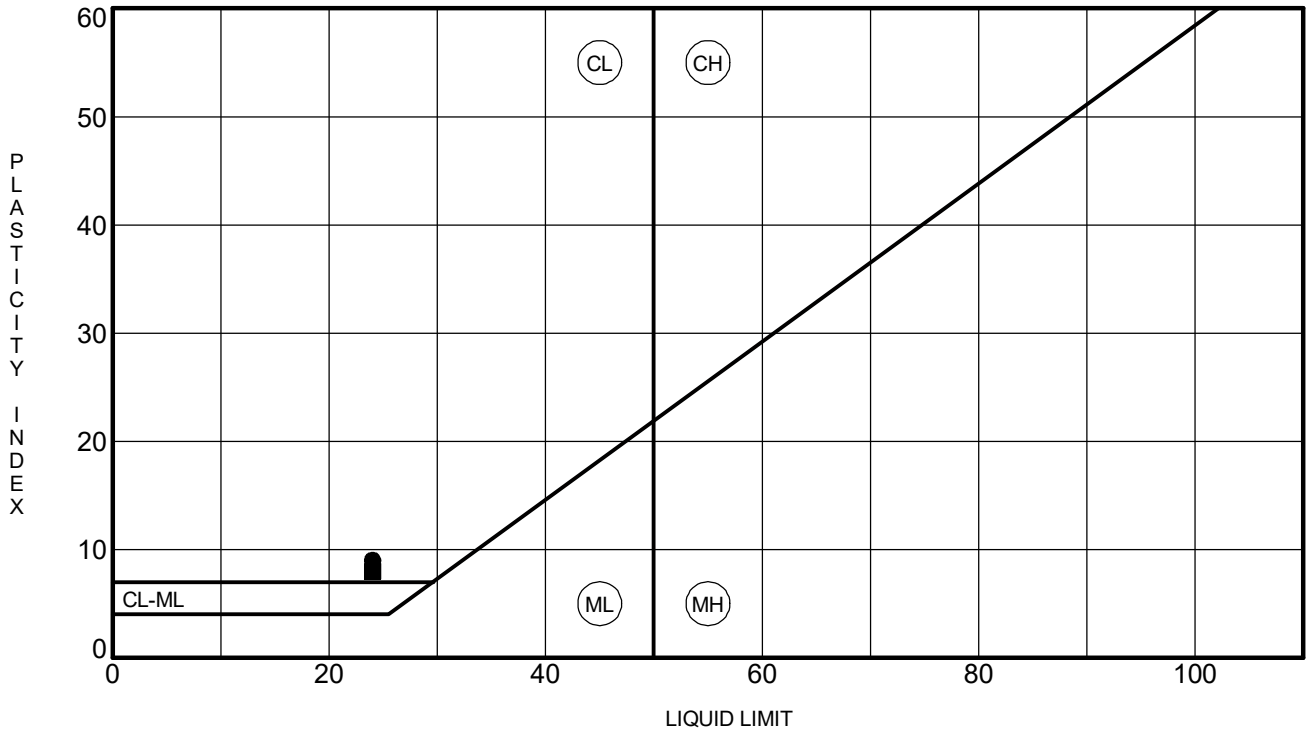
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Boring	Depth, Ft	LL	PL	PI	Fines	Classification
● B-01	7.5 - 9.0	24	15	9		Clayey Sand with Gravel (SC)
■ B-04	7.5 - 9.0	24	16	8		Clayey Sand with Gravel (SC)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CONSULTING SERVICES ARE PERFORMED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES AND FOR SPECIFIC CLIENTS.

Consultants prepare reports to meet the specific needs of specific individuals. A report prepared for a civil engineer may not be adequate for a construction contractor or even another civil engineer. Unless indicated otherwise, your consultant prepared your report expressly for you and expressly for the purposes you indicated. No one other than you should apply this report for its intended purpose without first conferring with the consultant. No party should apply this report for any purpose other than that originally contemplated without first conferring with the consultant.

THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT IS BASED ON PROJECT-SPECIFIC FACTORS.

A geotechnical/environmental report is based on a subsurface exploration plan designed to consider a unique set of project-specific factors. Depending on the project, these may include the general nature of the structure and property involved; its size and configuration; its historical use and practice; the location of the structure on the site and its orientation; other improvements such as access roads, parking lots, and underground utilities; and the additional risk created by scope-of-service limitations imposed by the client. To help avoid costly problems, ask the consultant to evaluate how any factors that change subsequent to the date of the report may affect the recommendations. Unless your consultant indicates otherwise, your report should not be used (1) when the nature of the proposed project is changed (for example, if an office building will be erected instead of a parking garage, or if a refrigerated warehouse will be built instead of an unrefrigerated one, or chemicals are discovered on or near the site); (2) when the size, elevation, or configuration of the proposed project is altered; (3) when the location or orientation of the proposed project is modified; (4) when there is a change of ownership; or (5) for application to an adjacent site. Consultants cannot accept responsibility for problems that may occur if they are not consulted after factors that were considered in the development of the report have changed.

SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS CAN CHANGE.

Subsurface conditions may be affected as a result of natural processes or human activity. Because a geotechnical/environmental report is based on conditions that existed at the time of subsurface exploration, construction decisions should not be based on a report whose adequacy may have been affected by time. Ask the consultant to advise if additional tests are desirable before construction starts; for example, groundwater conditions commonly vary seasonally.

Construction operations at or adjacent to the site and natural events such as floods, earthquakes, or groundwater fluctuations may also affect subsurface conditions and, thus, the continuing adequacy of a geotechnical/environmental report. The consultant should be kept apprised of any such events and should be consulted to determine if additional tests are necessary.

MOST RECOMMENDATIONS ARE PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENTS.

Site exploration and testing identifies actual surface and subsurface conditions only at those points where samples are taken. The data were extrapolated by your consultant, who then applied judgment to render an opinion about overall subsurface conditions. The actual interface between materials may be far more gradual or abrupt than your report indicates. Actual conditions in areas not sampled may differ from those predicted in your report. While nothing can be done to prevent

such situations, you and your consultant can work together to help reduce their impacts. Retaining your consultant to observe subsurface construction operations can be particularly beneficial in this respect.

A REPORT'S CONCLUSIONS ARE PRELIMINARY.

The conclusions contained in your consultant's report are preliminary, because they must be based on the assumption that conditions revealed through selective exploratory sampling are indicative of actual conditions throughout a site. Actual subsurface conditions can be discerned only during earthwork; therefore, you should retain your consultant to observe actual conditions and to provide conclusions. Only the consultant who prepared the report is fully familiar with the background information needed to determine whether or not the report's recommendations based on those conclusions are valid and whether or not the contractor is abiding by applicable recommendations. The consultant who developed your report cannot assume responsibility or liability for the adequacy of the report's recommendations if another party is retained to observe construction.

THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT IS SUBJECT TO MISINTERPRETATION.

Costly problems can occur when other design professionals develop their plans based on misinterpretation of a geotechnical/environmental report. To help avoid these problems, the consultant should be retained to work with other project design professionals to explain relevant geotechnical, geological, hydrogeological, and environmental findings, and to review the adequacy of their plans and specifications relative to these issues.

BORING LOGS AND/OR MONITORING WELL DATA SHOULD NOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE REPORT.

Final boring logs developed by the consultant are based upon interpretation of field logs (assembled by site personnel), field test results, and laboratory and/or office evaluation of field samples and data. Only final boring logs and data are customarily included in geotechnical/environmental reports. These final logs should not, under any circumstances, be redrawn for inclusion in architectural or other design drawings, because drafters may commit errors or omissions in the transfer process.

To reduce the likelihood of boring log or monitoring well misinterpretation, contractors should be given ready access to the complete geotechnical engineering/environmental report prepared or authorized for their use. If access is provided only to the report prepared for you, you should advise contractors of the report's limitations, assuming that a contractor was not one of the specific persons for whom the report was prepared, and that developing construction cost estimates was not one of the specific purposes for which it was prepared. While a contractor may gain important knowledge from a report prepared for another party, the contractor should discuss the report with your consultant and perform the additional or alternative work believed necessary to obtain the data specifically appropriate for construction cost estimating purposes. Some clients hold the mistaken impression that simply disclaiming responsibility for the accuracy of subsurface information always insulates them from attendant liability. Providing the best available information to contractors helps prevent costly construction problems and the adversarial attitudes that aggravate them to a disproportionate scale.

READ RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSES CLOSELY.

Because geotechnical/environmental engineering is based extensively on judgment and opinion, it is far less exact than other design disciplines. This situation has resulted in wholly unwarranted claims being lodged against consultants. To help prevent this problem, consultants have developed a number of clauses for use in their contracts, reports, and other documents. These responsibility clauses are not exculpatory clauses designed to transfer the consultant's liabilities to other parties; rather, they are definitive clauses that identify where the consultant's responsibilities begin and end. Their use helps all parties involved recognize their individual responsibilities and take appropriate action. Some of these definitive clauses are likely to appear in your report, and you are encouraged to read them closely. Your consultant will be pleased to give full and frank answers to your questions.

The preceding paragraphs are based on information provided by the ASFE/Association of Engineering Firms Practicing in the Geosciences, Silver Spring, Maryland