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Executive Summary

This Safety Factor Assessment (Report) is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) published Final Rule for Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System – Disposal of Coal Combustion Residual from Electric Utilities (40 CFR Parts 257 and 261, also known as the CCR Rule) published on April 17, 2015 (effective October 19, 2015) and subsequent amendments.

This Report serves as the second periodic review since the initial report dated September 19, 2016, at the Columbia Energy Center in Pardeeville, Wisconsin. It assesses the safety factors of the former COL Secondary Pond, as the former COL Primary Pond is now certified as closed. This Report has been completed in accordance with §257.73(b) and §257.73(e) of the CCR Rule.

Primarily, this Report is focused on assessing if each CCR surface impoundment achieves the minimum safety factors, which include:

- Static factor of safety under long-term, maximum storage pool loading condition,
- Static factor of safety under the maximum surcharge pool loading condition,
- Seismic factor of safety; and,
- Post-Liquefaction factor of safety for embankments constructed of soils that have susceptibility to liquefaction.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The owner or operator of the Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) unit must conduct an initial and periodic safety factor assessment to determine if each CCR surface impoundment achieves the minimum safety factors, which include:

- Static factor of safety under long-term, maximum storage pool loading condition,
- Static factor of safety under the maximum surcharge pool loading condition,
- Seismic factor of safety; and,
- Post-Liquefaction factor of safety for embankments constructed of soils that have susceptibility to liquefaction.

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1.1 CCR Rule Applicability

The CCR Rule requires a periodic safety factor assessment by a qualified professional engineer (PE) for existing CCR surface impoundments with a height of 5 feet or more and a storage volume of 20 acre-feet or more; or the existing CCR surface impoundment has a height of 20 feet or more (40 CFR §§ 257.73(b), 257.73(d) and 257.83(b)).

1.2 Structural Stability Assessment Applicability

The Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WPL) Columbia Energy Center (COL) in Pardeeville, Wisconsin (Figure 1) has one closed and one inactive CCR surface impoundment, identified as follows:

Former COL Primary Ash Pond (closed)



Former COL Secondary Ash Pond (inactive)

The former COL Secondary Ash Pond has not received CCR after October 2015. In 2023, closure earthwork was completed within both impoundments which involved dewatering, removal of CCR, backfilling, restoration and CCR placement into the onsite landfill. The former COL Secondary Ash Pond meets the requirements of §257.73(b)(1) and/or §257.73(b)(2), and is subject to the periodic safety factor assessment requirements of §257.73(e) of the CCR Rule.



2. FACILITY DESCRIPTION

COL is located southeast of the City of Portage on the eastern shore of the Wisconsin River in Columbia County at W8375 Murray Road, Pardeeville, Wisconsin (Figure 1). Wisconsin River backwaters are located north of the generating station, while Lake Columbia, south of the generating plant, is a 480-acre non-contact cooling water pond.

COL is a fossil-fueled electric generating station that initiated operations in 1975. COL consists of two steam electric generating units. Sub-bituminous coal is the primary fuel for producing steam. The burning of coal produces a by-product of CCR. The CCR at COL includes bottom ash, fly ash, and spray dryer absorber waste from scrubbers. The fly ash can also be subdivided into two types; economizer fly ash and precipitator fly ash.

General Facility Information:

Date of Initial Facility Operations: 1975

WPDES Permit Number: WI-0002780-08-0

Latitude / Longitude: 43° 29′ 9.73″ N 89° 25′ 8.40″ W

Unit Nameplate Ratings: Unit 1 (1975): 512 MW

Unit 2 (1978): 511 MW

2.1 Former COL Primary Ash Pond (Closed)

The former COL Primary Ash Pond was located north of the generating plant and west of the former COL Secondary Pond. The COL Primary Ash Pond was the primary receiver of process flows from the generating plant. When the impoundment was active, process flows included CCR sluice water (bottom ash and economizer fly ash), boiler/precipitator wash water, plant floor drains, ash line freeze protection flows, bottom ash area sump water, demineralizer area sump water, and air heater sump water. The former COL Primary Ash Pond area currently receives storm water



runoff from the surrounding area, inclusive of the closed ash landfill, located south of the former CCR surface impoundments.

Prior to closure, the western half of the COL Primary Ash Pond was a CCR handling area. A shallow narrow drainage channel was located along the south, west, and north sides of the CCR handling area. The sluiced CCR was discharged into the southeast corner of the western half of the former COL Primary Ash Pond. The sluiced CCR settled out through the water column as it follows the flow of the narrow channel around the southern, western, and northern sides of the CCR surface impoundment. The water in the channel flowed to the east and discharged through a narrow cutout of an interior dike into the northwest corner of the large open area in the eastern half of the former COL Primary Ash Pond.

The majority of the CCR that was discharged into the former COL Primary Ash Pond was removed during routine maintenance dredging activities of the shallow narrow channel. The CCR that was dredged was stockpiled in the western half of the COL Primary Ash Pond for dewatering. Once dewatered, the CCR was run through a sieve shaker machine to separate the coarsely graded CCR from the finely graded CCR. The CCR was then transported off-site for beneficial reuse or transported to the on-site active dry ash landfill.

The water in the former COL Primary Ash Pond was recirculated to the generating plant via effluent pumps located in the ash recirculating pump house in the northeast corner of the eastern half of the COL Primary Ash Pond. The recirculating pumps returned water to the generating plant for reuse and/or treatment and disposal per the facility's Wisconsin Pollution Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit.

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The surface area of the former COL Primary Ash Pond was and is approximately 14.7 acres and has an embankment height of approximately 23 feet from the crest to the toe of the downstream slope. The interior storage depth of the COL Primary Ash Pond was approximately 15 feet. In 2023, the CCR was removed and placed into the on-site dry ash landfill. Closure construction activities have been completed and the impoundment has been certified as closed. Therefore, the former CCR impoundment is not discussed further as part of this Report.

2.2 Former COL Secondary Ash Pond (Inactive)

The former COL Secondary Pond is located north of the generating plant and east of the former COL Primary Ash Pond. The former COL Secondary Ash Pond was previously a downstream receiver of influent flows from the COL Primary Ash Pond. The water within the former COL Secondary Pond, prior to 2004, was pumped to a surface impoundment identified as the polishing pond. The polishing pond was located east of the generating plant. The water pumped to the polishing pond would flow to the south through the facility's WPDES Outfall 002 into "Mint Ditch" and eventually flow into the backwaters of the Wisconsin River. Presently, the former COL Secondary Pond acts as a storm water detention impoundment with the only influent sources being precipitation and storm water runoff from the surrounding area. The water within the former COL Secondary Pond either infiltrates or evaporates. The water elevation within the former COL Secondary Pond is typically near the ground water elevation in that area.

The surface area of the former COL Secondary Ash Pond is approximately 9.6 acres and has an embankment height of approximately 23 feet from the crest to the toe of the downstream slope. The interior storage depth of the former COL Secondary Ash Pond is approximately 12 feet. In 2023, the CCR was removed and placed into the on-site dry ash landfill. Closure construction



activities have been completed, although the former CCR impoundment has not been certified as closed.



3. SAFETY FACTOR ASSESSMENT- §257.73(e)

This Report documents whether the former COL Secondary Ash Pond achieves the minimum safety factors, which are identified on the table below.

Safety Factor Assessment	Minimum Safety Factor
Static Safety Factor Under Maximum Storage Pool Loading	1.50
Static Safety Factor Under Maximum Surcharge Pool Loading	1.40
Seismic Safety Factor	1.00
Liquefaction Safety Factor	1.20

3.1 Safety Factor Assessment Methods

The safety factor assessment is completed with the two-dimensional limit-equilibrium slope stability analyses program STABL5M (1996)¹. The program analyzes many potential failure circles or block slides by random generation of failure surfaces using the toe and crest search boundaries set for each analysis. The solution occurs by balancing the resisting forces along the failure plane due to the Mohr-Columb failure strength parameters of friction angle and cohesion. The gravity driving forces are divided by the resisting forces to produce a safety factor for the slope. The minimum of hundreds of searches is presented as the applicable safety factor.

There are both total stress and effective stress friction angle and cohesion values for soil. In the case of cohesionless soil (gravel, sand and silt) the friction angle value is the same for total stress

¹ STABL User Manual by Ronald A. Siegal, Purdue University, June 4, 1975 and STABL5 – The Spencer Method of Slices: Final Report by J. R. Carpenter, Purdue University, August 28, 1985



and effective stress analysis and there is no cohesion. At the former COL Secondary Ash Pond only cohesionless soil is present in and under the embankments.

3.1.1 Soil Conditions

The subsurface soil conditions have not changed since Revision 0 of this Report. The former COL Secondary Ash Pond is subdivided from a larger outer embankment constructed of compacted fine sand. The soil below the foundation of the embankment is loose fine sand from backwaters of the Wisconsin River underlain by very dense fine sand deposited by glaciation. Borings taken in 1971 indicated that rock is located at approximately 90 feet below the top of the embankments, Appendix A.

In addition to the 1971 borings, borings were taken in the embankment in June of 2011 and indicate the embankment soil is dense fine sand (SP). Borings from 2015 were taken in the embankment between the former COL Primary Ash Pond and former COL Secondary Ash Pond for the installation of monitoring wells also indicates the embankments are dense sand, Appendix A.

The boring logs from 1971 indicate that the foundation soil is the same as the embankment soil. However, the boring logs indicate that the upper part of the foundation sand is loose and transitions to very dense with depth. The results of the borings taken in 2015 indicate the embankment sand is dense to very dense.



The density observations from the soil borings were used to assign soil properties to the embankment and foundation soils using NAVFACS DM-7², Appendix B. The internal friction angles selected based on the Standard Split Spoon (SPT) results reported on the borings are:

Soil Type	Internal Friction Angle °	Total Unit Weight (lb/ft3)
Embankment Sand	35	120
Foundation Sand	30	110

The very dense sand found below the loose sand was not included in the modeled soil profile, since its exact depth in the foundation of the embankments is unknown. Ignoring the very dense sand will produce a conservative slope safety factor.

3.1.2 Design water surface for maximum normal pool and maximum pool under design inflow storm

The flows have not been significantly modified since the initial Report. The former COL Secondary Ash Pond is no longer used for COL process water handling and operates as a zero liquid discharge pond accumulating only the rainfall from its watershed. The normal impoundment water elevation is equivalent to the ground water elevation at 785 feet and the accumulated design storm water elevation is 787 feet, Inflow Flood Control Plan §257.82. Accumulated storm water will exfiltrate from the impoundment due to the permeable nature of the impoundment foundation soil SCS Engineers³.

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² Naval Facilities Engineering Command Design Manual DM-7, Figure 3-7 "Density versus Angle of Internal Friction for Cohesionless Soils", March 1971

³ SCS Engineers, "Columbia Energy Center – Monitoring Well Documentation Report", February 9, 2016.





3.1.3 Selection of Seismic Design Parameters and Description of Method

The design earthquake ground acceleration is selected from the United States Geologic Survey (USGS) detailed seismic design maps based on the latitude and longitude of the COL. The peak ground acceleration (PGA) value is selected for a 2% probability of exceedance in 50 years (2500 year return period) as required by §257.53. Since the site soils with the exception of a thin loose sand foundation layer are dense to very dense sand and extend to bedrock at 90 feet, the site class as defined in the 2009 International Building Code 1613.5.5 is Site Class D. For Site Class D the ground surface PGA for slope stability and liquefaction assessment is 0.055 g, Appendix C.

3.1.4 Liquefaction Assessment Method and Parameters

Certain soils may have zero effective stress (liquefaction) during an earthquake of from static shear of a saturated embankment slope. Soils that will liquefy include loose or very loose uniform fine sand or silt, and low plasticity clay (plastic index of less than 12). The liquefaction resistance of a soil is based on its strength and effective confining stress. The strength of the saturated embankment and foundation sand is measured by the SPT results shown on the borings in Appendix A.

The simplified assessment of liquefaction procedure as first proposed by Seed and most recently updated and published by Idriss and Boulanger⁴ is used to assess the potential for liquefaction of the river silt. The procedure uses the strengths determined by the SPT test adjusted to normalize for overburden pressure and for fines content to determine the cyclic resistance ratio for the soil at earthquake magnitude 7.5 and at 1 atmosphere pressure. The cyclic resistance ratio is then

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⁴ Idriss I. M. and R. W. Boulanger, "Soil Liquefaction During Earthquakes", EERI MNO-12, 2008.



adjusted for the actual earthquake magnitude of the design event which is 7.7 for a New Madrid Fault source earthquake⁵. The cyclic stress ratio caused by the design surface PGA is then used to determine the actual cyclic stress ratio at 65% of maximum strain at depth in the soil profile. The cyclic resistance ratio is divided by the cyclic stress ratio to determine the factor of safety for liquefaction.

The results for the soil profile typical of the former COL Secondary Ash Pond is shown in Appendix C. The results indicate that the loose foundation sand will not liquefy during the site design earthquake.

⁵ Elnashi et al, "Impact of Earthquakes on the Central USA", FEMA Report 8-02, Mid-American Earthquake

Center, 2002





3.2 Former COL Primary Ash Pond (Closed)

The former COL Primary Ash Pond is certified closed and is no longer subject to a Structural Stability Assessment.

3.3 Former COL Secondary Ash Pond (Inactive)

The COL Secondary Ash Pond has not significantly changed or been modified since the initial Report, Revision 0. The COL Secondary Ash Pond is incised on the east and south sides of the impoundment. The north side the impoundment is created by construction of on-site fine sand embankments constructed with an outer slope of 4 horizontal to 1 vertical. The west side is an interior embankment that separates the COL Secondary Ash Pond from the COL Primary Ash Pond. The northern end of the embankment has the greatest height with the toe located in the floodplain of the Wisconsin River at elevation 783 feet and is selected as the critical cross-section, Figure 2. The crest elevation of the embankment is 804 feet.

3.3.1 Static Safety Factor Assessment Under Maximum Storage Pool Loading - §257.73(e)(1)(i)

The critical cross-section is analyzed with the maximum storage pool under normal operations at elevation 785 feet. The phreatic surface in the embankment is assumed to be at the toe of the outer slope only two feet below the water elevation in the impoundment. Analysis for both a circular and block sliding surface, Appendix D, show a minimum factor of safety of 2.2 for the circular slide surface.

3.3.2 Static Safety Factor Assessment Under Maximum Surcharge Pool Loading - §257.73(e)(1)(ii)

The former COL Secondary Ash Pond storm water elevation at the end of the design 100-year storm is elevation 787 feet. The increase in water elevation is considered without exfiltration loss



through the permeable impoundment bottom. Analysis for both a circular and block slide surface, Appendix D, show a minimum factor of safety of 2.2 for a circular slide surface.

3.3.3 Seismic Safety Factor Assessment - §257.73(e)(1)(iii)

The former COL Secondary Ash Pond was assigned a pseudo-static earthquake coefficient equal to 0.055 g and a vertical downward component equal to 2/3 of the horizontal component (0.04 g) as recommended by Newmark⁶. Analysis for both circular and block slide surfaces, Appendix D, show a minimum factor of safety of 1.7 for a circular slide surface.

3.3.4 Liquefaction Safety Factor Assessment - §257.73(e)(1)(iv)

Historically, vegetation management has been conducted on a periodic basis. Annual inspections have been completed since the Revision 0 of this Report. Based on those inspections, the facility has continued to routinely manage vegetation, minimizing animal activity and deep rooting vegetation. The vegetation management has been maintained with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices.

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⁶ Newmark, N. M. and W. J. Hall, "Earthquake Spectra and Design", EERI Monograph, Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, Berkeley, California, 1982



4. Results Summary

The results of the safety factor assessment indicate that the embankment of the COL Primary Ash Pond and COL Secondary Ash Pond meets the requirements of §257.73(e). The results are summarized as:

	Static Stability Normal Water Elevation	Static Stability Flood Water Elevation	Pseudo Static Earthquake with Normal Water Elevation	Liquefaction Potential	Post Earthquake Static Stability Normal Water Elevation
Required Safety Factor	1.5	1.4	1.0		1.2
Former COL Secondary Ash Pond	2.2	2.2	1.7	no	Not Applicable



5. QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER CERTIFICATION

To meet the requirements of 40 CFR 257.73(e)(2), I Mark W. Loerop hereby certify that I am a licensed professional engineer in the State of Wisconsin; and that, to the best of my knowledge, all information contained in this document is correct and the document was prepared in compliance with all applicable requirements in 40 CFR 257.73(b) and 40 CFR 257.73(e).

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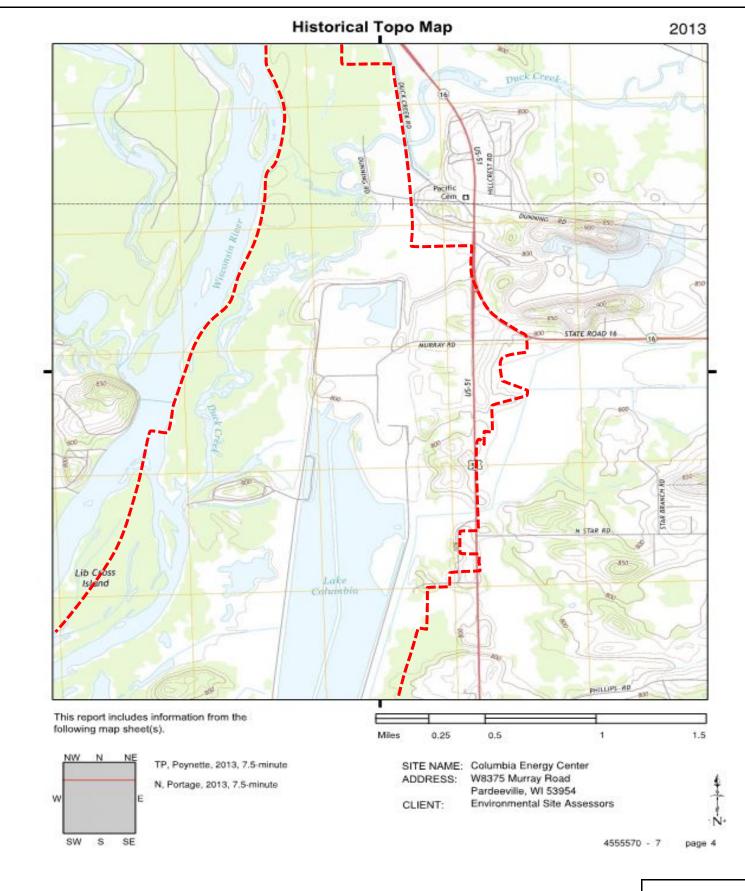
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FIGURES

Alliant Energy Wisconsin Power and Light Company Columbia Energy Center Pardeeville, Wisconsin

Safety Factor Assessment



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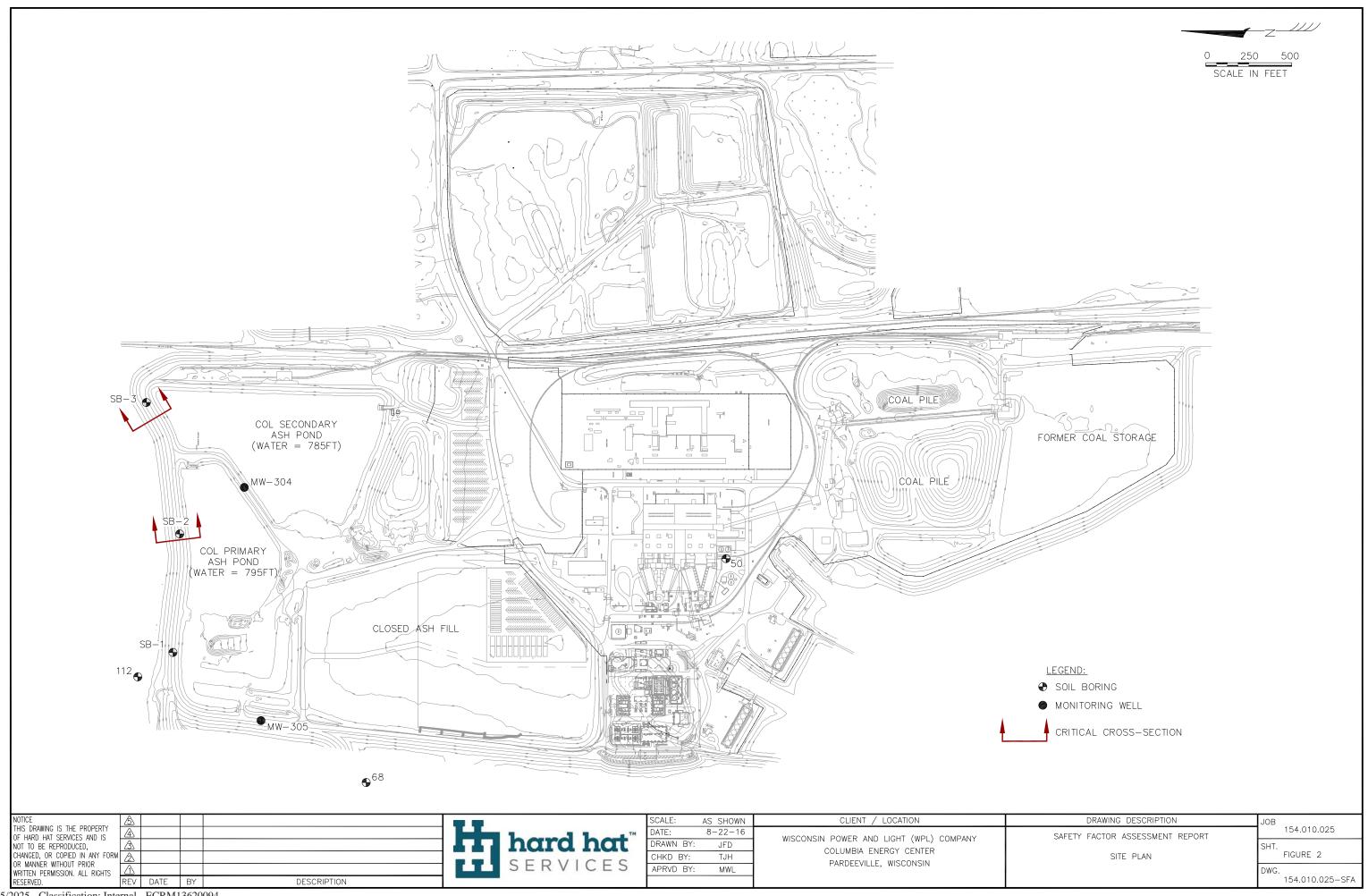
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Site Location Columbia Energy Center Wisconsin Power and Light Company

Figure 1

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APPENDIX A - Soil Borings

Alliant Energy Wisconsin Power and Light Company Columbia Energy Center Pardeeville, Wisconsin

Safety Factor Assessment

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SOIL BORING LOG INFORMATION

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		31 30 41 50/2	16	SILTY SAND, trace gravel, tan (10YR 5/6), some large dolomite chunks.	SM							W				
			—18	End of boring at 18 ft bgs.			-L									

Boring Log Legend

Sample

No: (Number) Soil samples are numbered consecutively from the ground surface. Core samples are numbered consecutively from the first core run.

Interval: The depth of sampling interval in feet below ground surface

Blow Count

The number of blows required to drive a 2-inch O.D. split-spoon sampler with a 140 pound hammer falling 30-inches. When appropriate, the sampler is driven 18 inches and blow counts are reported for each 6-inch interval. The sum of blow counts for the last two 6-inch intervals is designated as the standard penetration resistance (N) expressed as blows per foot.

Recovery in Inches

The length of sample recovered by the sampling device.

U.S.C.S. Soil Type

The Unified Soil Classification System symbol for recovered soil samples determined by visual examination or laboratory tests. Refer to ASTM D2487-69 for a detailed description of procedure and symbols. Underlined symbols denote classifications based on laboratory tests (i.e. <u>ML</u>), all others are based on visual classification only.

Percent Moisture

Natural moisture content of sample expressed as percent of dry weight.

q., TSF

Unconfined compressive strength in tons per square foot obtained by hand penetrometer. Laboratory compression test values are indicated by underlining.

Contact Depth

The contact depth between soil layers is interpreted from significant changes in recovered samples and observations during drilling. Actual changes between soil layers often occur gradually and the contact depths shown on the boring logs should be considered as approximate.

Soil Description and Remarks

Soil descriptions include consistency or density, color, predominant soil types and modifying constituents.

	Cohesive Soils		Cohesionless Soils					
Consistency	g _u (TSF)	Blows/ft.	Density	Blows/ft.				
Very Soft	less than 0.25	0-1	Very Loose	4 or less				
Soft	0.25 to 0.50	2-4	Loose	5 to 10				
Medium Stiff	0.50 to 1.00	5-8	Medium Dense	11 to 30				
Stiff	1.00 to 2.00	9-15	Dense	30 to 50				
Very Stiff	2.00 to 4.00	15-30	Very Dense	Over 50				
Hard	more than 4.00	Over 30						

Definition of Terms

Particle Size Description

Boulder = Cobble =	Larger than 12 inches 3 to 12 inches	Trace = Some =	5 to 12 percent by weight 12 to 30 percent by weight
Gravel =	0.187 to 3 inches	And =	Approximately equal fractions
Sand =	0.074 to 4.76 mm	() =	Driller's observation
Silt and Clay =	smaller than 0.074 mm		

Piezo.

(Piezometer) Screened interval of the piezometer installation is denoted by cross-hatching.

General Note

The boring log and related information depicted subsurface conditions only at the specified locations and date indicated. Soil conditions and water levels at other locations may differ from conditions occurring at these boring locations. Also the passage of time may result in a change in the conditions at these boring locations.

Soil Test Boring Refusal

Defined as any material causing a blow count greater that 50 blows/6 inches. Such material may include bedrock, "floating" rock slabs, boulders, dense gravel seams, hard pan clay, or cemented soils. Refusal is usually indicated in fractional notation showing number of blows as the numerator and inches of penetration as the denominator.



BORING LOG

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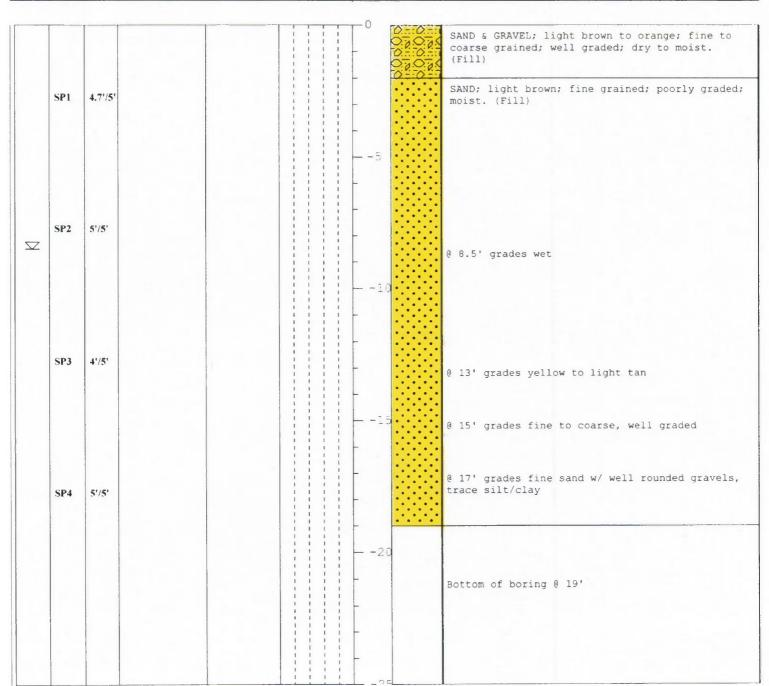
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DEPTH TO WATER WHILE DRILLING	SAMPLE NO. AND TYPE	SAMPLE RECOVERY	SAMPLE INFROMATION	POCKET PENETROMETER (TONS/FT2)	CONSISTENCY vs. DEPTH	DEPTH IN FEET	PROFILE	LOGGED BY: John Noyes EDITED BY: John Noyes CHECKED BY: Chris Sullivan DATE BEGAN: 06-01-11 DATE FINISHED: 06-01-11 GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION: DESCRIPTION	
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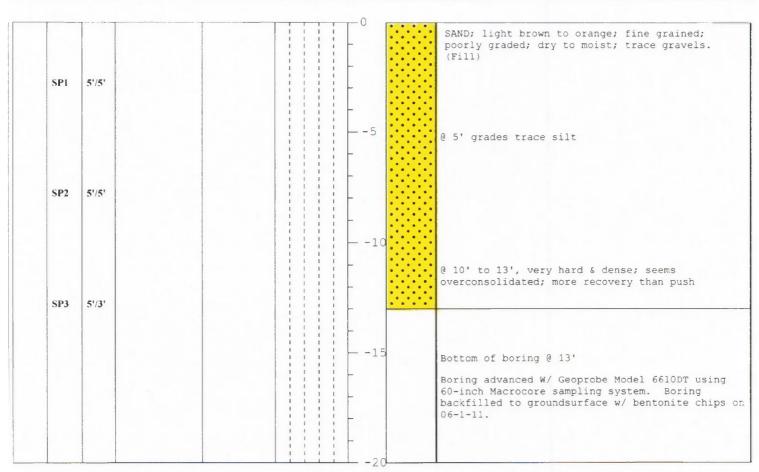
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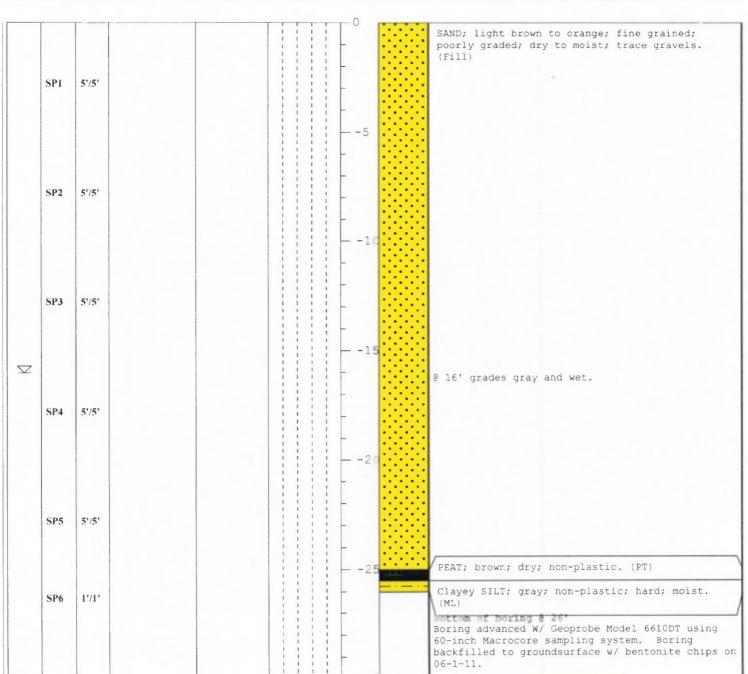
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DEPTH TO WATER WHILE DRILLING SAMPLE NO. AND TYPE	SAMPLE RECOVERY SAMPLE INFROMATION	POCKET PENETROMETER (TONS/FT2) CONSISTENCY VS. DEPTH	DEPTH IN FEET PROFILE	LOGGED BY: John Noyes EDITED BY: John Noyes CHECKED BY: Chris Sullivan DATE BEGAN: 06-01-11 DATE FINISHED: 06-01-11 GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION: DESCRIPTION
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USED 54-0 OF CASING EL. 873-0 ORANGE-BROWN FINE SAND, LITTLE TO TRACE OF SILT & MEDIUM SAND, TRACE OF SMALL GRAVE 4 FIRM 24 HARD LIGHT BROWN TO GRAY, FINE TO MEDIUM SAND, LITTLE TO TRACE OF COARSE SAND, TRACE OF SILT, OCCASIONAL SMALL TO MEDIUM GRAVEL & STONE CHIPS. 120 .. OH DAYS .. WHILE DRILLING Lacking Gravel & STONE CHIPS (00) BOULDER -a"Black Granite Light Brown to WHITE FINE TO MEDIUN SAND. PROBABLE SANDSTONE 100 14 714-0 Classification: Internal - ECRM13620094

EL. 808-0 TOP SOIL ORANGE - BROWN FINE BAND, LITTLE TO TRACE of silt a medium sand, TRACE OF SMALL GRA HARD 120 TO TRACE OF 120 COAKSE SAND, TEASE OF BLT, OCCASIONAL SMALL TO MEDIUM KRAVEL & STONE CHIES. 120 AVED & MOIST @ GA HO 4(0)* CAVED & WET @ 14 HOUR

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APPENDIX B – Strength of Embankment Soil

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Safety Factor Assessment

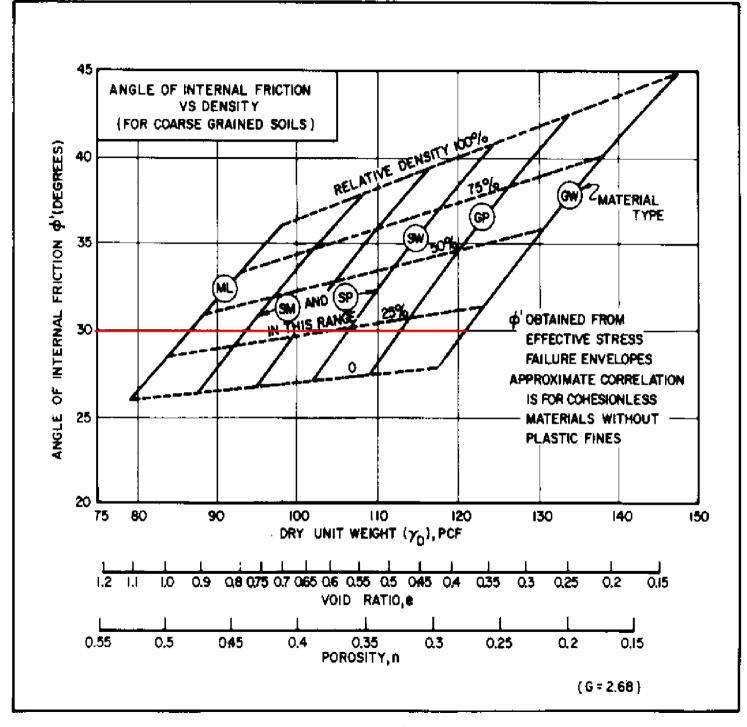


FIGURE 7

Correlations of Strength Characteristics for Granular Soils
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APPENDIX C – Earthquake and Liquefaction Analysis

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Safety Factor Assessment

ISGS Design Maps Detailed Report

ASCE 7-10 Standard (43.489°N, 89.418°W)

Site Class D - "Stiff Soil", Risk Category I/II/III

Section 11.4.1 — Mapped Acceleration Parameters

Note: Ground motion values provided below are for the direction of maximum 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) and 1.3 (to obtain S₁). Maps in the 2010 ASCE-7 Standard are provided for Site Class B. Adjustments for other Site Classes are made, as needed, in Section 11.4.3.

From Figure 22-1 [1]

 $S_s = 0.072 g$

From Figure 22-2^[2]

 $S_1 = 0.041 q$

Section 11.4.2 — Site Class

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

Table 20.3-1 Site Classification

Site Class	<u>v</u> _s	\overline{N} or \overline{N}_{ch}	\overline{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 10 ft of soil having the characteristics:

- Plasticity index PI > 20,
- Moisture content $w \ge 40\%$, and
- Undrained shear strength \overline{s}_{u} < 500 psf

F. Soils requiring site response analysis in accordance with Section 21.1

See Section 20.3.1

For SI: $1ft/s = 0.3048 \text{ m/s} 1 \text{lb/ft}^2 = 0.0479 \text{ kN/m}^2$

Section 11.4.3 — Site Coefficients and Risk-Targeted Maximum Considered Earthquake (MCE_R) Spectral Response Acceleration Parameters

Table 11.4-1: Site Coefficient F_a

Site Class	Mapped MCE _R Spectral Response Acceleration Parameter at Short Period												
	S _s ≤ 0.25	$S_{S} = 0.50$	$S_{S} = 0.75$	$S_S = 1.00$	S _S ≥ 1.25								
А	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8								
В	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0 1.0									
С	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0								
D	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0								
Е	2.5	1.7	1.2	0.9 0.9									
F		See Section 11.4.7 of ASCE 7											

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

For Site Class = D and $S_s = 0.072 g$, $F_a = 1.600$

Table 11.4–2: Site Coefficient F_v

Site Class	Mapped MC	Mapped MCE $_{\rm R}$ Spectral Response Acceleration Parameter at 1–s Period												
	S ₁ ≤ 0.10	$S_1 = 0.20$	$S_1 = 0.30$	$S_1 = 0.40$	$S_1 \ge 0.50$									
А	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8									
В	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0									
С	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3									
D	2.4	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.5									
Е	3.5	3.2	2.8	2.4	2.4									
F		See Section 11.4.7 of ASCE 7												

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

For Site Class = D and $S_1 = 0.041 \text{ g}$, $F_v = 2.400 \text{ }$

$$S_{MS} = F_a S_S = 1.600 \times 0.072 = 0.116 g$$

$$S_{M1} = F_v S_1 = 2.400 \times 0.041 = 0.099 g$$

Section 11.4.4 — Design Spectral Acceleration Parameters

$$S_{DS} = \frac{2}{3} S_{MS} = \frac{2}{3} \times 0.116 = 0.077 g$$

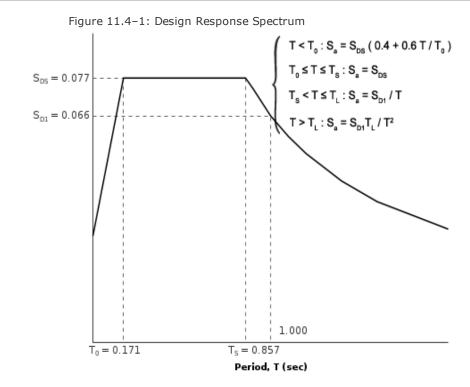
$$S_{D1} = \frac{2}{3} S_{M1} = \frac{2}{3} \times 0.099 = 0.066 g$$

Section 11.4.5 — Design Response Spectrum

From <u>Figure 22-12</u> [3]

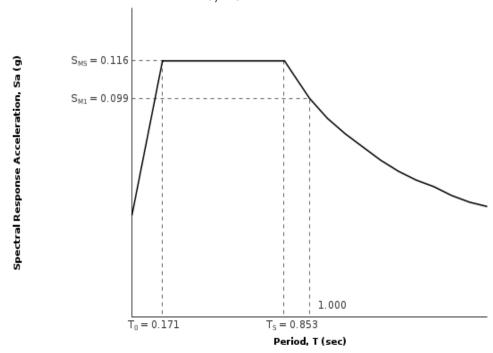
 $T_1 = 12$ seconds





Section 11.4.6 — Risk-Targeted Maximum Considered Earthquake (MCE_R) Response Spectrum

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



Section 11.8.3 — Additional Geotechnical Investigation Report Requirements for Seismic Design Categories D through F

From Figure 22-7 [4]

PGA = 0.034

Equation (11.8–1):

$$PGA_{M} = F_{PGA}PGA = 1.600 \times 0.034 = 0.055 g$$

Table 11.8-1: Site Coefficient F_{PGA}

Site	Mapped MCE Geometric Mean Peak Ground Acceleration, PGA												
Class	PGA ≤ 0.10	PGA = 0.20	PGA = 0.30	PGA = 0.40	PGA ≥ 0.50								
А	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8								
В	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0								
С	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0								
D	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0								
Е	2.5	1.7	1.2	1.2 0.9									
F	See Section 11.4.7 of ASCE 7												

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

For Site Class = D and PGA = 0.034 g, $F_{PGA} = 1.600$

Section 21.2.1.1 — Method 1 (from Chapter 21 - Site-Specific Ground Motion Procedures for Seismic Design)

From <u>Figure 22-17</u> [5]

$$C_{RS} = 0.905$$

From <u>Figure 22-18</u> [6]

$$C_{R1} = 0.868$$

Section 11.6 — Seismic Design Category

Table 11.6-1 Seismic Design Category Based on Short Period Response Acceleration Parameter

VALUE OF S _{DS}	RISK CATEGORY								
VALUE OF S _{DS}	I or II	III	IV						
S _{DS} < 0.167g	А	А	А						
$0.167g \le S_{DS} < 0.33g$	В	В	С						
$0.33g \le S_{DS} < 0.50g$	С	С	D						
0.50g ≤ S _{DS}	D	D	D						

For Risk Category = I and S_{DS} = 0.077 g, Seismic Design Category = A

Table 11.6-2 Seismic Design Category Based on 1-S Period Response Acceleration Parameter

VALUE OF S _{D1}	RISK CATEGORY								
VALUE OF 3 _{D1}	I or II	III	IV						
S _{D1} < 0.067g	А	А	А						
$0.067g \le S_{D1} < 0.133g$	В	В	С						
$0.133g \le S_{D1} < 0.20g$	С	С	D						
0.20g ≤ S _{D1}	D	D	D						

For Risk Category = I and $S_{D1} = 0.066$ g, Seismic Design Category = A

Note: When S_1 is greater than or equal to 0.75g, the Seismic Design Category is **E** for buildings in Risk Categories I, II, and III, and F for those in Risk Category IV, irrespective of the above.

Seismic Design Category ≡ "the more severe design category in accordance with Table 11.6-1 or 11.6-2'' = A

Note: See Section 11.6 for alternative approaches to calculating Seismic Design Category.

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- 2. Figure 22-2: http://earthquake.usgs.gov/hazards/designmaps/downloads/pdfs/2010_ASCE-7_Figure_22-2.pdf
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Simplified Seed and Idriss Liquefaction Analysis SPT Based Analysis

Lansing Generating Station Interstate Electric Power - Columbia Energy Center

Equations from "Soil Liquefaction During Earthqakes" Idriss & Boulanger SPT values at Boring MW-304 & 112 (sand starting at top elevation 782)

Input Parameters:

 $\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{Peak Ground Acceleration (g) =} & 0.055 \\ \mbox{Earthquake Magnitude, M =} & 7.7 \\ \mbox{Water Table Depth (ft) =} & 16 \\ \mbox{Average Soil Density above water table (lb/ft³) =} & 115.0 \\ \mbox{Average Soil Density below water table (lb/ft³) =} & 120.0 \\ \mbox{Borehole Diameter (mm) =} & 100 \\ \mbox{Rod Lengths assumed equal to depth plus 5.0 feet (for the above ground extension)} \end{array}$

SPT#	Depth (ft)	Measured N	Soil Type (USCS)	Flag "Clay" "Unsaturated"	Fines Content (%)	Energy Ratio, ER (%)	C _e	C _b	C _r	N ₆₀	σ_{vc} (lb/ft ²)	σ_{vc} ' (lb/ft ²)	C _n	(N ₁) ₆₀	ΔN for fines content	(N ₁) _{60-cs}	Stress Reduction Coeff, r _d	CSR	MSF for sand	k _σ for sand	CRR 7.5M & 1 atm	CRR	Factor of Safety
1	. 2	18	SP	Unsaturated	5	75%	1.25	1	0.75	16.9	230	230	1.70	28.7	0.0	28.7	1.00	0.036	0.95	1.10	0.414	n.a.	n.a.
2	4.5	48	SP	Unsaturated	5	75%	1.25	1	0.75	45.0	518	518	1.70	76.5	0.0	76.5	1.00	0.036	0.95	1.10	2.000	n.a.	n.a.
3	7	40	SP	Unsaturated	5	75%	1.25	1	0.8	40.0	805	805	1.62	64.9	0.0	64.9	0.99	0.035	0.95	1.10	2.000	n.a.	n.a.
4	9.5	30	SP	Unsaturated	5	75%	1.25	1	0.85	31.9	1093	1093	1.39	44.4	0.0	44.4	0.99	0.035	0.95	1.10	2.000	n.a.	n.a.
5	12	61	SP	Unsaturated	5	75%	1.25	1	0.85	64.8	1380	1380	1.24	80.3	0.0	80.3	0.98	0.035	0.95	1.10	2.000	n.a.	n.a.
6	14.5	17	SP	Unsaturated	5	75%	1.25	1	0.85	18.1	1668	1668	1.13	20.4	0.0	20.4	0.97	0.035	0.95	1.03	0.210	n.a.	n.a.
7	17	6	SP		5	75%	1.25	1	0.95	7.1	1960	1898	1.06	7.5	0.0	7.5	0.96	0.036	0.95	1.01	0.102	0.097	2.00
8	19.5	6	SP		5	75%	1.25	1	0.95	7.1	2260	2042	1.02	7.3	0.0	7.3	0.96	0.038	0.95	1.00	0.100	0.095	2.00
9	22	6	SP		5	75%	1.25	1	0.95	7.1	2560	2186	0.98	7.0	0.0	7.0	0.95	0.040	0.95	1.00	0.098	0.093	2.00
10	25	20	SP		5	75%	1.25	1	0.95	23.8	2920	2358	0.95	22.5	0.0	22.5	0.94	0.042	0.95	0.98	0.241	0.225	2.00
11	30	47	SP		5	75%	1.25	1	1	58.8	3520	2646	0.89	52.5	0.0	52.5	0.92	0.044	0.95	0.93	2.000	1.772	2.00



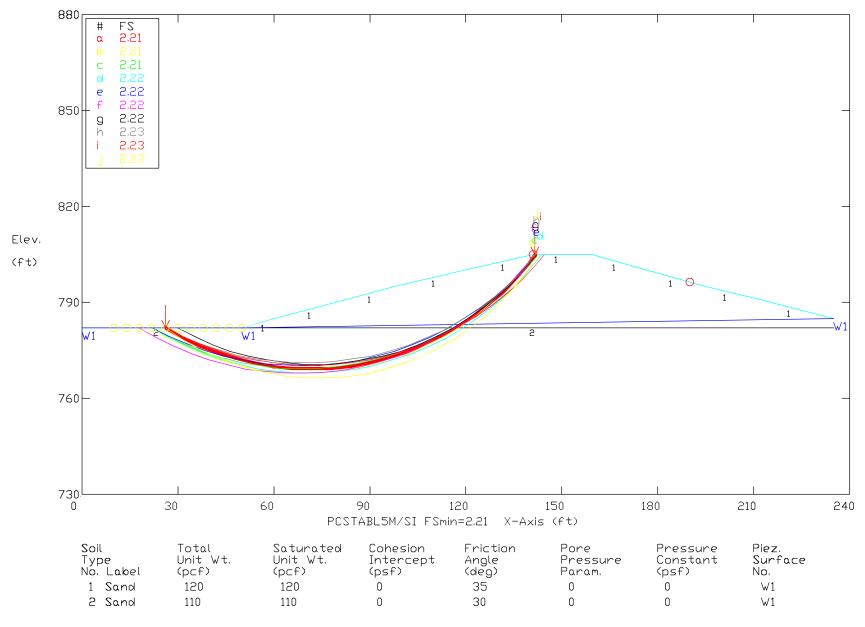
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APPENDIX D - Slope Stability Analysis

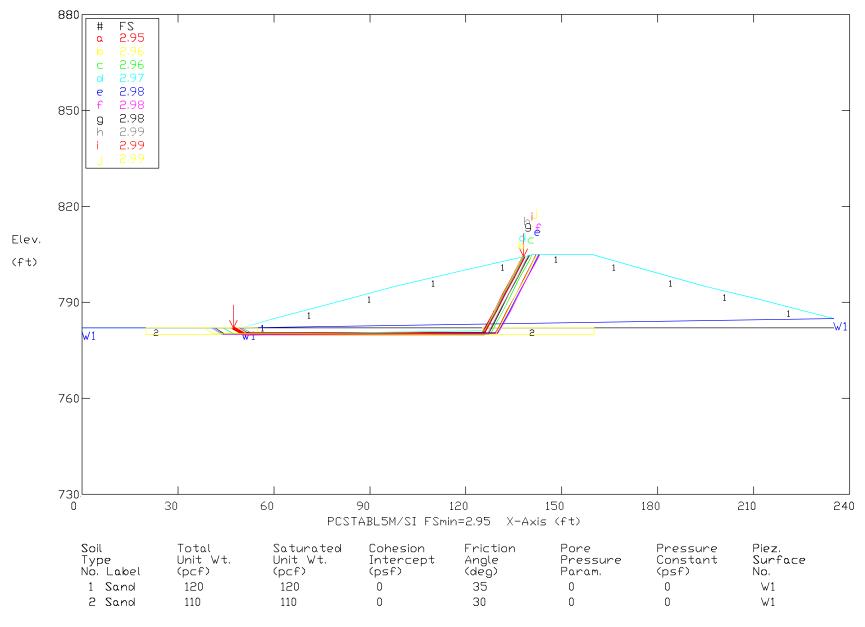
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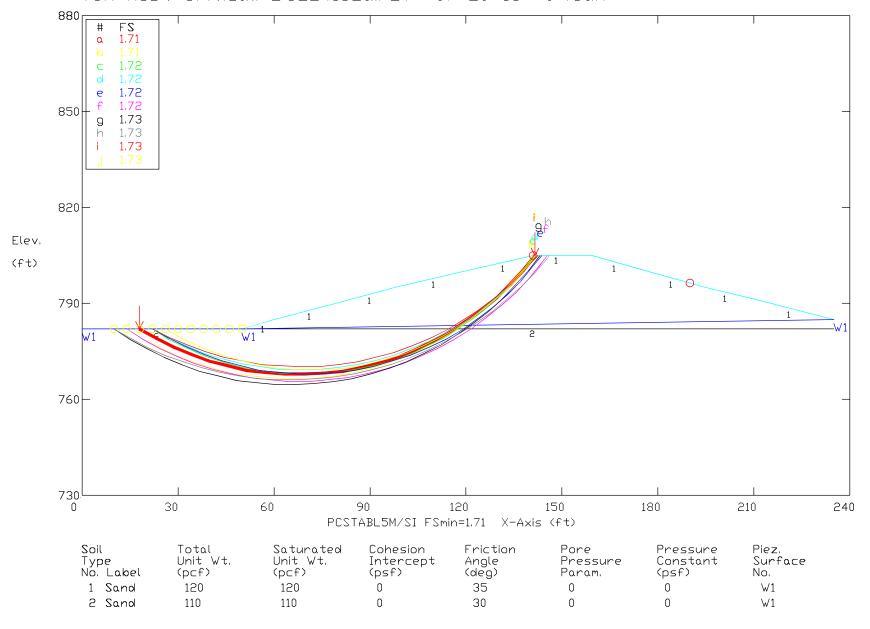
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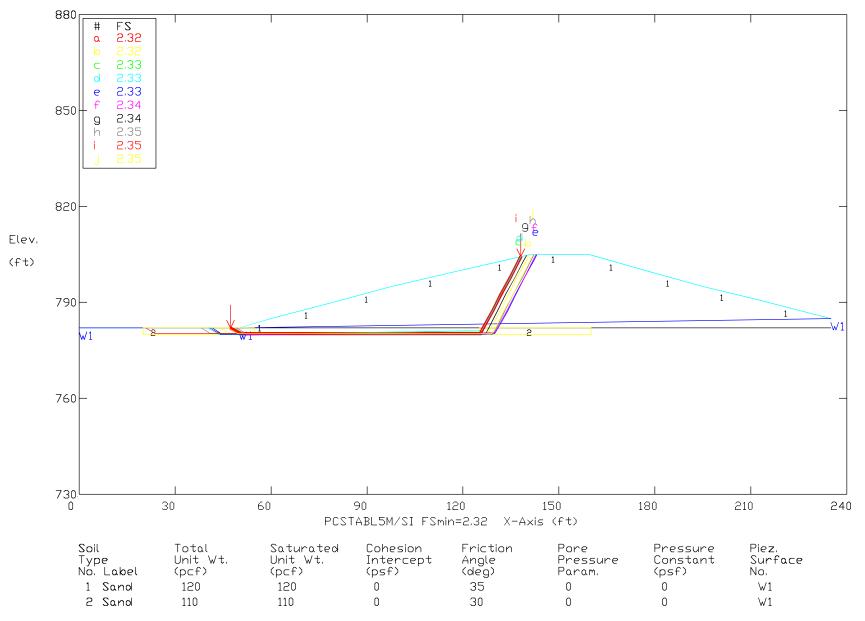
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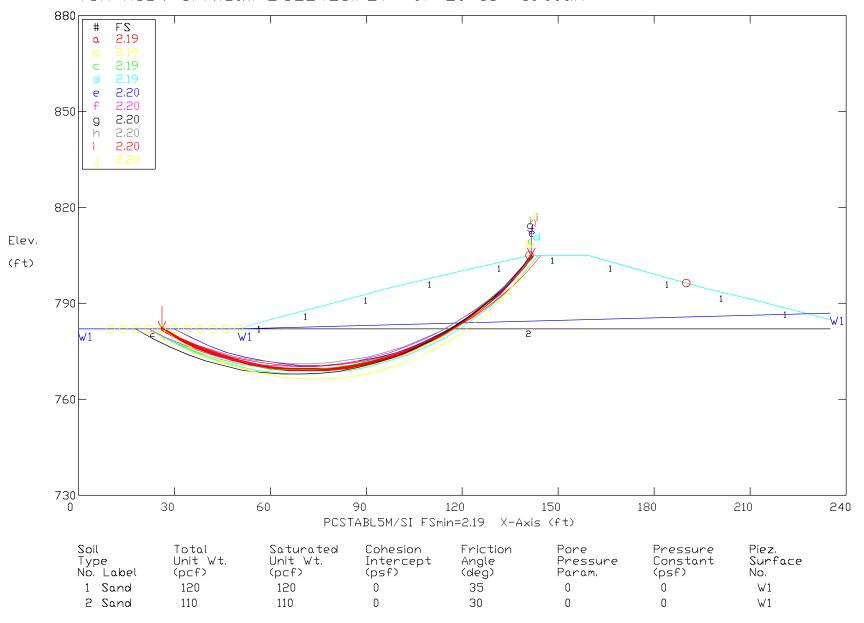
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