# C.A.M.C. ROSE CREEK DAM INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS REPORT

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### Background

In August of 1984, the Frontier Engineering Group prepared a preliminary engineering plan and cost estimate for the raising of the Rose Creek Dam at Faro, Y.T., in order to improve the economics of the Cyprus Anvil Mine. By the summer of 1985, pursuant to the sale of the property, it was deemed necessary to establish the feasibility of raising the Rose Creek Dam some 20 feet to increase freshwater storage capacity. In order to assess the current state of the existing dam and to gain first-hand knowledge of the engineering properties of the earth-fill structure, a limited exploration program was undertaken. This report briefly summarizes the results of that program.

# Program Objectives

In light of schedule and budget constraints, the focus of the program was directed toward defining the following areas of concern:

- Establish the nature of the materials used to construct the existing dam, and define their engineering properties.
- 2. Examine the foundation materials in the "seepage window" under the dam and assess the hydraulic performance of these materials.
- 3. Determine the phreatic level within the structure, as an indirect method of assessing Zone 3 material properties.
- 4. Assess abutment rock quality and permeability in the area of the proposed spillway relocation.
- Establish the relationship between the elevation datum for the dam and regional survey network.
- 6. Locate and evaluate potential impervious borrow sources.

In order to achieve these objectives as efficiently as possible, the field program was laid out as follows:

- 1. Establish a transverse section through the maximum height section of the dam by drilling holes at the crest, on top of the rockfill toe berm, and in the foundation downstream of the dam. Take representative samples of all materials encountered, and install standpipe piezometers to monitor phreatic levels.
- 2. Establish a transverse section through the maximum overburden thickness section of the dam by the methods described above. Install a thermistor string in the crest borehole to monitor frost penetration over the winter period.
- 3. Drill at least one hole in rock on the north or south abutment to establish rock quality and pressure test to establish permeabilty.
- 4. Extend the dam centerline profile up both abutments and confirm bedrock depth with test pits if necessary.
- 5. Survey the elevation of the spillway structure, boreholes, and abutment grades.
- 6. Test pit in the area of the existing impervious borrow pit adjacent to the C.I.L. plant to confirm the presence of additional till borrow.

## Program Team

Midnight Sun Drilling Co. Ltd. of Whitehorse Y.T. was selected as drilling contractor and provided an ATV-mounted CME-750 drill complete with solid and hollow-stem augers, rock coring equipment, and all associated sampling tools and consumables. Inspection and supervision services were provided by Dome Petroleum Limited geotechnical staff, in cooperation with a representative of Acres Consulting Services, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Personnel and equipment were mobilized to Faro, Yukon Territory on Monday, September 9 and the sampling program was initiated on September 10.

## Program

Borehole 85-1, located on the foundation materials downstream of the maximum height section (see attached location plan and sections), was drilled with hollow-stem auger to hard refusal on assumed bedrock at a depth of 21.8 feet. For details of materials encountered and samples obtained, see attached graphic log. Upon completion, a standpipe piezometer was installed to the full depth of the hole, but appreciable artesion flow in the hole made auger removal and peltonite placement very difficult, and only a partial seal was achieved around the piezometer tubing. The piezometer pipe was extended to a height of 7.5 feet above ground surface, and a trickle flow was noted over the top of the pipe at this height.

On September 11, Borehole 85-2 was collared at the location shown on the attached plan, in order to sample the Zone 2 material of the dam shell, and investigate the phreatic level in the foundation "seepage window." Test pitting prior to drilling (see attached log) indicated that the Zone 2 material was dry to at least six feet depth, but significant moisture was noted at 15 feet depth. During driving of the last sample, at 19.8 feet depth, an artesian flow of about 1 gpm was noted from the foundation materials. Attempts were made to control the flow with bentonite mud, but the artesian continuously bailed the hole. It was decided to terminate the hole in order to prevent piping of shell material into the rockfill toe berm. The hollow-stem augers were removed and a galvanized grout pipe was installed to a depth of some 12 feet. When artesian was noted from the grout nipple, a P.V.C. standpipe was installed in the galvanized pipe and extended to a height of 6.5 feet above ground surface.

In light of the problems encountered in 85-2, it was decided to move on to Section  $B-B^1$  and drill only to the water table with solid shaft auger at a location on the toe berm similar to 85-2. This was accomplished in the afternoon of September 11, and Borehole 85-3 was advanced to a total depth of 13.1 feet. Upon completion, a standpipe piezometer was installed to a depth of 12 feet. Due to poor trafficability downstream of the dam on Section  $B-B^1$ , a borehole at the west end of that section was deferred until a rockfill pad could be constructed for drill access.

On September 12, the rig was moved to the crest of the dam and commenced drilling Borehole 85-4 on Section  $A-A^1$ . This hole was drilled with an HW casing advancer and Revert drilling medium to a depth of 31.8 feet, where the casing refused on a boulder. Sampling was commenced below the crest rockfill and was carried out at 5 foot intervals in Zones 1 and 3 material. Upon completion on September 13, a standpipe piezometer was installed to full depth and the installation was completed by a steel protective cap.

Borehole 85-5 on Section B-B<sup>1</sup> was collared on September 13 and drilled to refusal on a boulder at a depth of 37.5 feet on September 15. Slow progress in the hole, due mainly to the presence of boulders in Zone 3 and an inappropriate casing bit design, led to a decision to install both a standpipe piezometer and a thermistor string in the single borehole. Thermistor String No. 621 was taped to the standpipe with wooden stand-offs and the piezometer installed to full depth in the hole. The hole was backfilled, sealed, and completed with a steel protective cap.

On the afternoon of September 15, the rig was moved to a rockfill drill pad at the west end of Section  $B-B^1$ , and Borehole 85-6 was collared. Numerous attempts were made to advance the hole with the HW casing advancer, but boulders prevented penetration below 10 feet. The rig was relocated slightly, and open hole was advanced with continuous flight auger to a depth of 20 feet where the bit refused on a boulder. Although the hole caved upon auger removal, a standpipe piezometer was installed by jetting to a depth of 18 feet. The hole was sealed with peltonite and a protective steel cap installed.

On the morning of September 16, while the drill rig was setting up to drill Borehole 85-7 on the north abutment, topographical surveys were carried out on the two dam sections and along the dam centerline up both abutments. The results of these surveys are shown on Sections A-A<sup>1</sup> through D-D<sup>1</sup>, attached.

Borehole 85-7 was collared on rock on the north abutment, at about the elevation of the relocated spillway. It was originally intended to drill this hole to a depth equal to the full dam head (some 85 feet) but mechanical problems with the drill resulted in significantly reduced drilling rates. The hole was drilled (HQ-3) through competent biotite – muscovite-andalusite schist to a depth of 60.5 feet, and was terminated at this depth on September 19. Pressure tests, using a single pneumatic packer, were performed on the zones 40 to 60.5 feet and 20 to 60.5 feet. A summary log of the borehole and pressure test results are attached. Upon completion of the pressure testing, Borehole 85-7 was filled with sand-cement grout and abandoned. The drilling program was terminated at 14:00, September 19.

## Post-Program

- All samples from the drill rig and test-pitting programs were delivered to the laboratory of EBA, Whitehorse, to await a decision on a testing program. A list of samples and sample locations is attached.
- Instructions were left with C.A.M.C. security staff to read all installed instruments on a semi-monthly basis, and to report the readings to the Dome geotechnical group. A sample set of readings is attached.
- 3. The drilling rig was de-mobilized on September 20 following drive-train repairs and the drilling of several auger holes for the installation of security gates on the mine access road.

## Data Evaluation

See the attached memo from Acres Consulting Services regarding drilling program and observations.

# **Evaluation of Elevation Survey**

The surveys of the dam, abutments and borehole elevations was completed in two stages to determine:

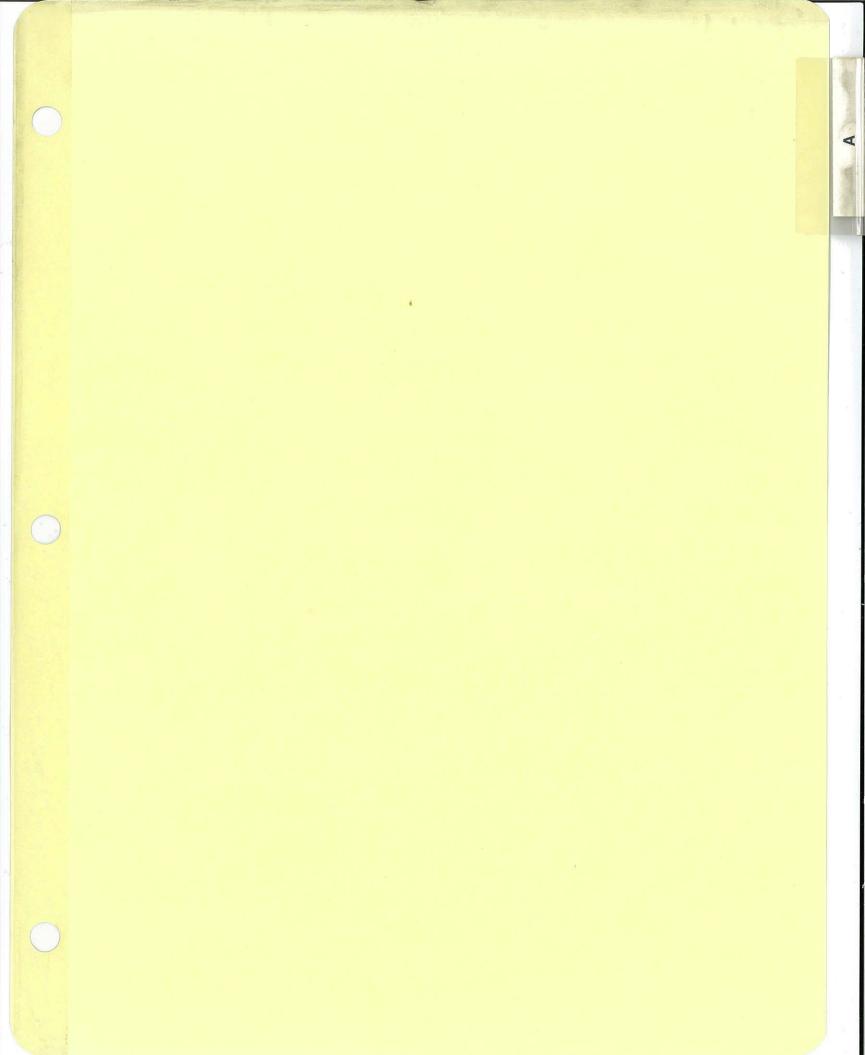
- (1) the elevation of the spillway structure relative to the regional survey grid
- (2) the elevation of boreholes and sections relative to the spillway

For the purpose of consistency with historical documentation, elevations reported in the attachments are based upon a spillway wingwall elevation of 3715 feet.

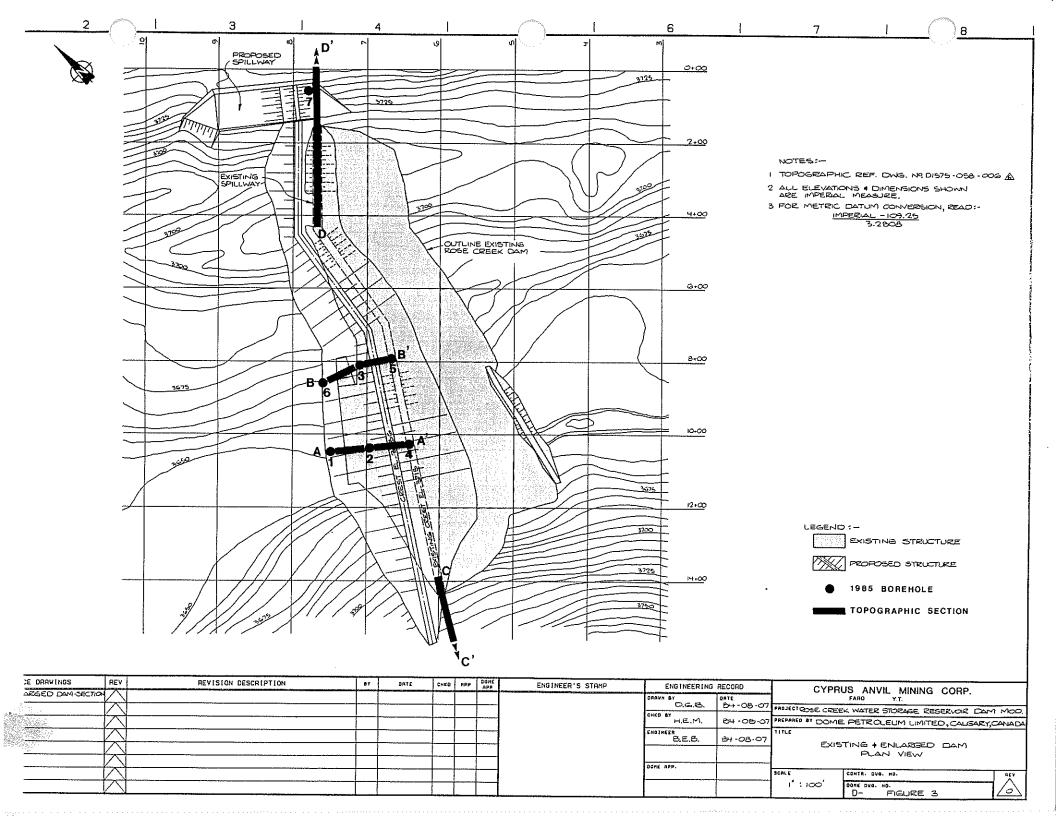
The first stage of the survey, however, indicated a discrepancy between the dam datum and true geodetic datum such that:

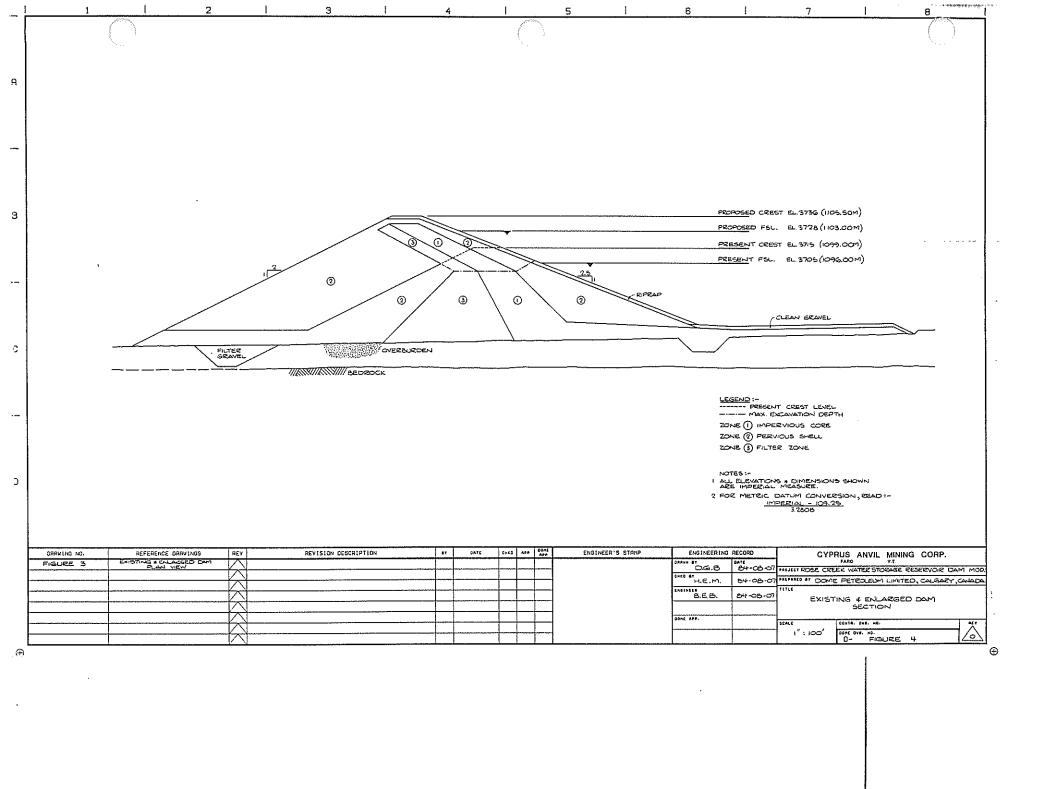
true spillway wingwall elevation  $\approx 3606$  elevation from dam datum  $\approx 3715$ 

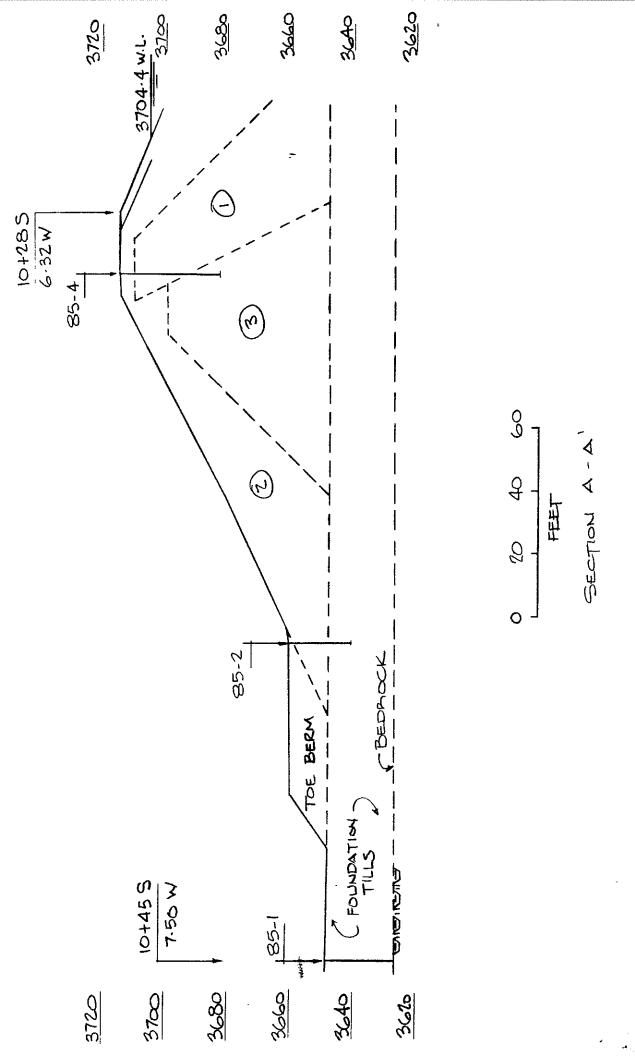
This discrepancy should be satisfactorily resolved and documented such that further field work can be properly correlated.

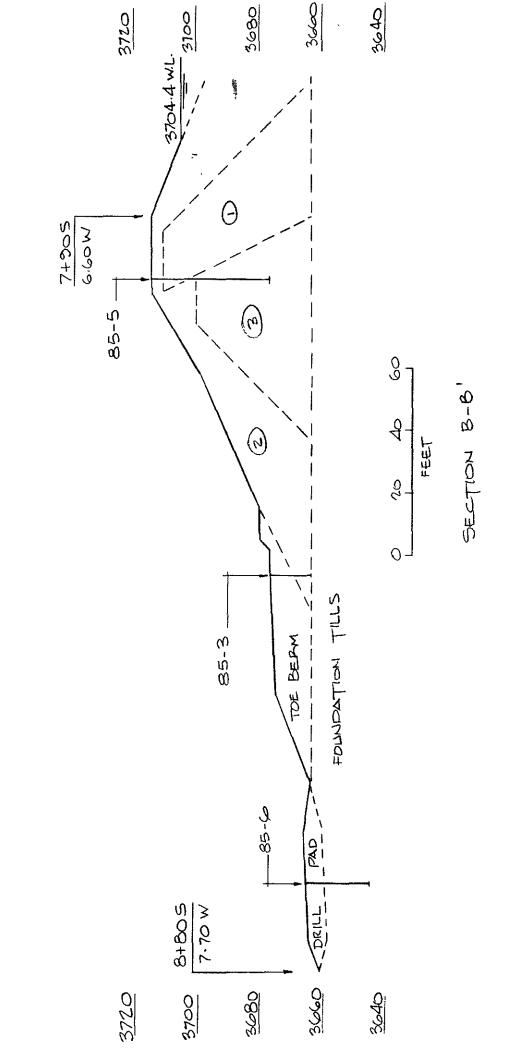


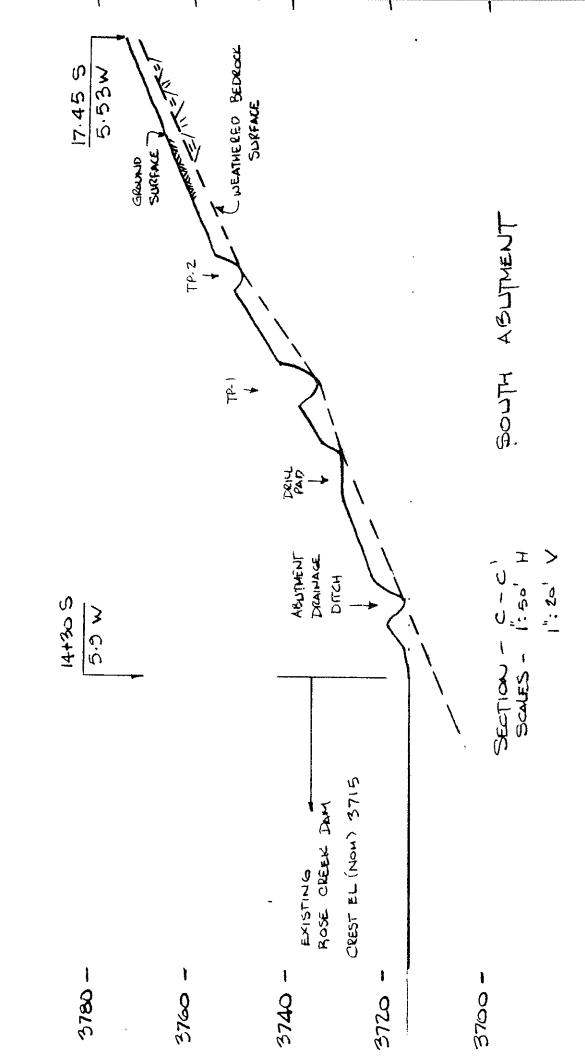


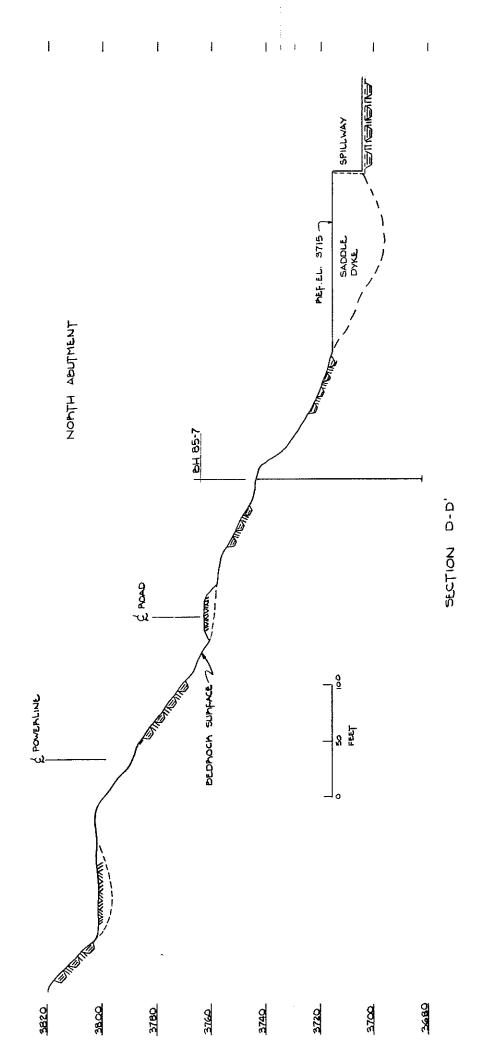


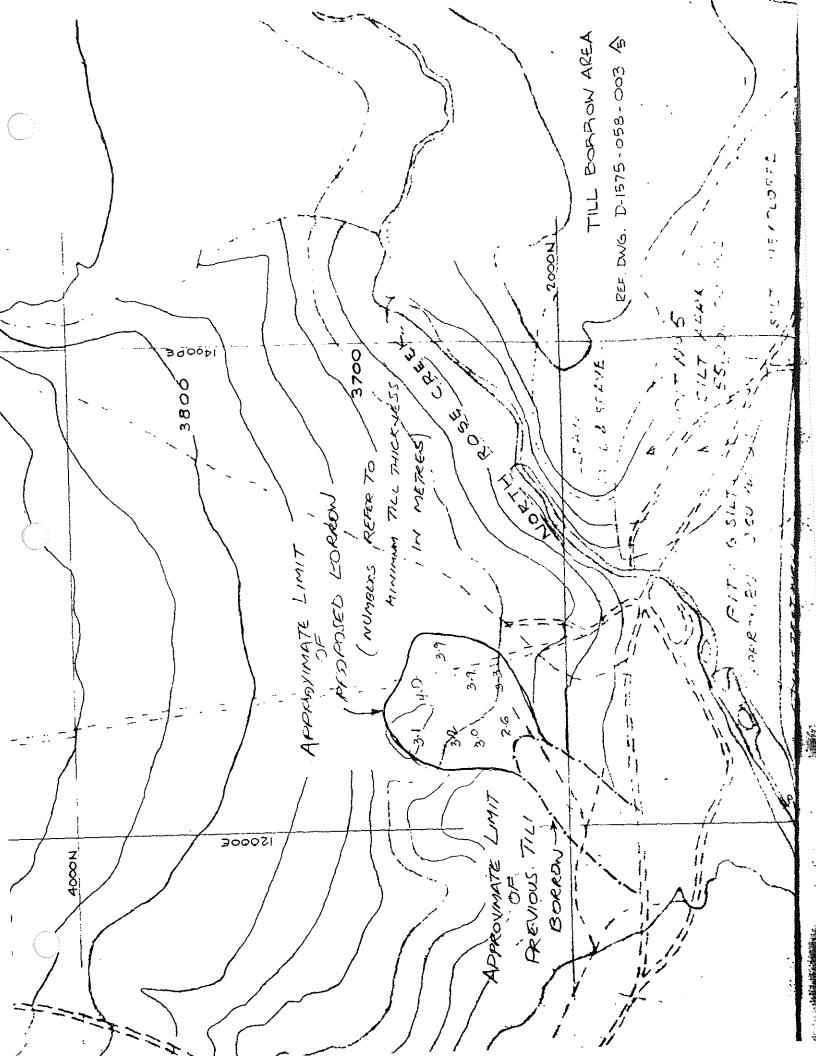












ATTACHMENT B - GRAPHIC LOGS AND FIELD TEST DATA

<u> 21.8</u>

CALCULATION SHEET

DATE 85 69 10

TITLE/PROJECT ROSE CREEK DAM INVESTIGATION YEAR MONTH DAY GRAPHIC LOG PREPARED BY HEM (HOLLOW STEM AUGER) BH - 85-1 CHECKED BY т EL 3655.7 CHOTH (FF) SAMPL Δ DESCRIPTION I" PVC PIPE Ž EL 3648.7 Ō 0.5 FT MOSSES & ORGANICS PELTONITE GREY BROWN MOIST SANDY TILL, TRACE TO SOME PLUG SILT, OXIDIZED BLEBS. OCCASIONAL COBBLES & GNEISSIC BOULDEPIS. 4 20 1.0 AS ABOVE , MOIST , COMPACT, FRAC SAND 8 AS ABOVE, SATURATED, SLIGHTLY SILTIER 23 1.3 COMPACT FREQUENT COBBLES & BOULDERS 12 GREVISH GREEN TO BROWN, MOIST TO SATURATED CAVED 23 1.2 .I MEDIUM TO COARSE SAND TILL, TRACE OF SILT, <u>16</u> occasional Boulders 10 SLOTTED DENSE GREY SILTY SAND TILL W/SCH STOSE PARTICLES TO 3/4" SECTION 72 1.3 20 GREY MEDIUM TO COARSE SAND WSOME GRAVEL. SATURATED

NOTES: 1 DRILLED WITH HOLLOW STEM ALGER, SPLIT SPOON SAMPLED

HARD REFUSAL (BEDROCK ASSUMED

- 1) HOLE MADE WATER UPON COMPLETION WITH 3.5 FT ALGER STICKUP
- (3) HOLE HAS TRICKLE FLOW OVER TOP OF PVC AND SOME WEEPING AROUND THE PELTONITE PLUG. DIFFICULT TO SEAL.

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# **CALCULATION SHEET**

TITLE/PROJECT BOSE CHEEK DAM INVESTIGATION

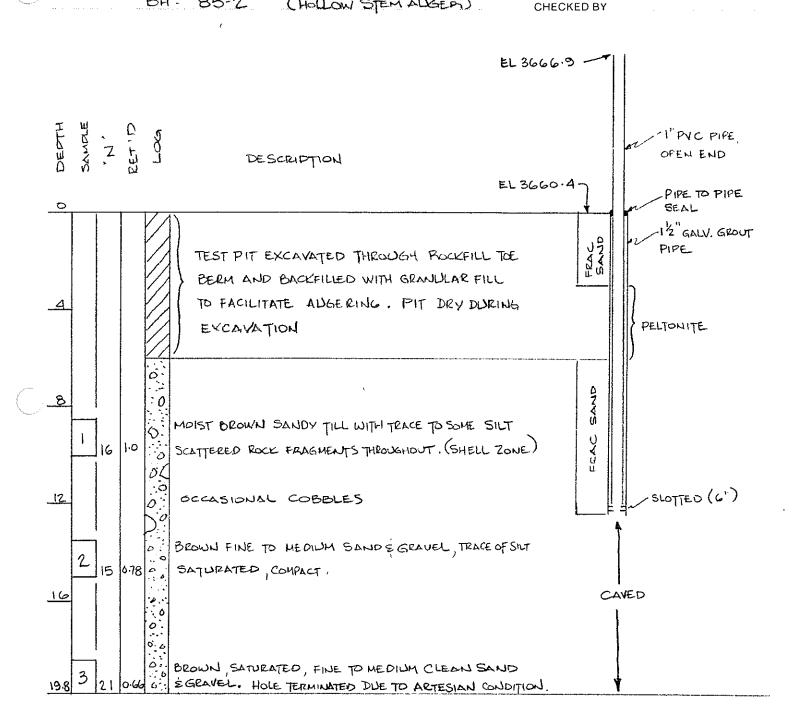
DATE 85 09 11 YEAR MONTH DAY

GRAPHIC LOG

BH - 85-2

(HOLLOW STEM ALGER)

PREPARED BY HEM



NOTES: O HOLE FLOWED ( 19pm ) UPON COMPLETION OF SAMPLE # 3.

- DATTEMPTED TO SEAL WITH BENTONITE SLURRY, BUT WATER FLOW BAILED BENTONITE FROM HOLE
- 3 PLACED GALVANIZED PIPE IN AUGERS PRIOR TO WITHDRAWAL, AND NOTED FLOW FROM SAME
- @ BACKFILLED HOLE & PLACED PELTONITE SEAL , THEN INSERTED DVC PIPE IN GALVANIZED PIPE AND SEALED AS STANDPIPE

TITLE/PROJECT POSE CREEK DAM INVESTIGATION

DATE 85 09 11

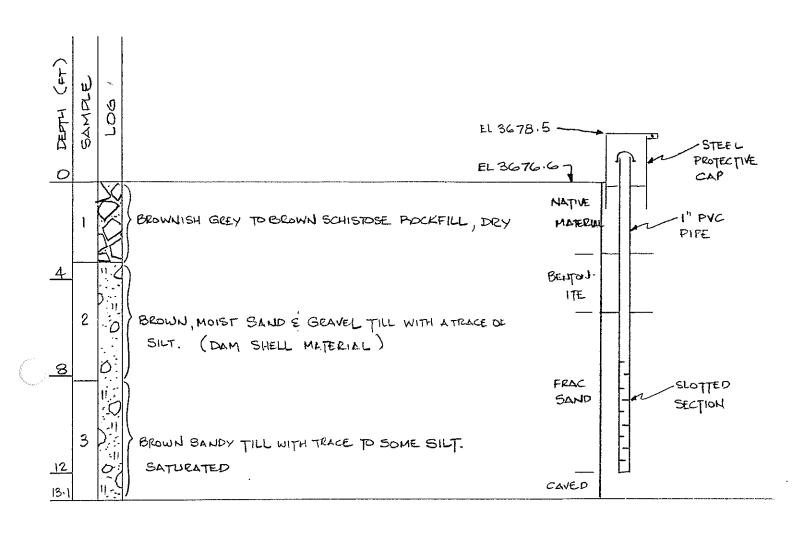
GRAPHIC LOG

GRAPHIC LOG BH-85-3

(6" FLIGHT AUGER)

PREPARED BY HEM

CHECKED BY



- NOTES: ① HOLE DRILLED WITH SOLID AUGER TO WATER TABLE AND TERMINATED BEFORE PENETRATING TOO DEEPLY INTO PRESSURIZED FOUNDATION MATERIALS.
  - ② 3 SAMPLES TAKEN FROM AUGER FLIGHT, ONE AT END OF EACH STROKE. THOUGHT TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ZONES INDICATED.
  - 3 SLOTTED PIPE PIEZOMETER INSTALLED AFTER REMOVAL OF ALGER STEM. ALL READINGS REFERENCED TO TOP LIP OF STEEL PROTECTIVE CAP.

DATE 85 09 12/13

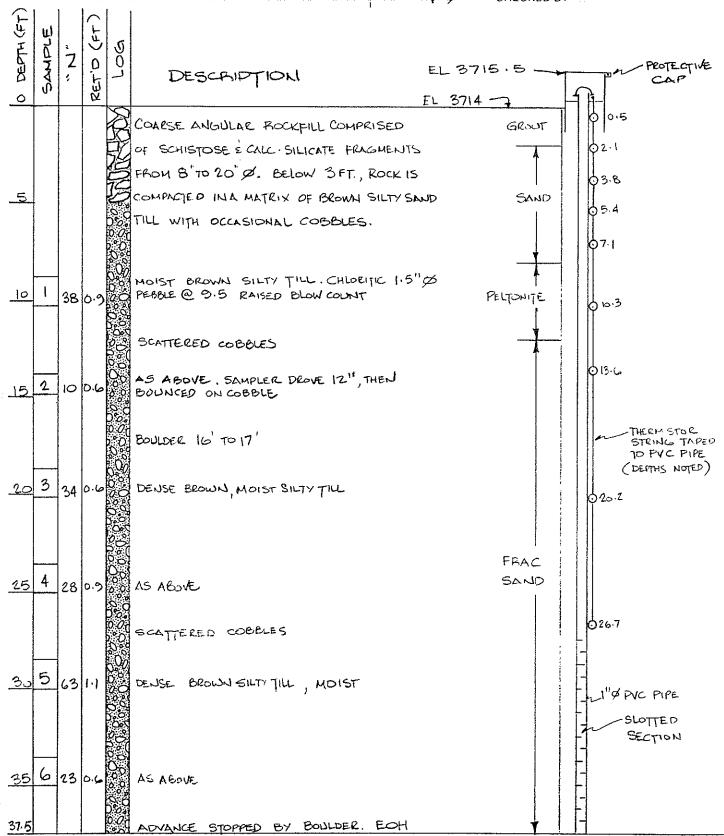
TITLE/PROJECT ROSE CREEK DAM INVESTIGATION GRAPHIC LOG HEM PREPARED BY (HW CASING ADVANCER E) BH- 85-4 CHECKED BY REVERT FLUID SAMPLE DEPTH EL. 3716.2 -Z DESCRIPTION STEEL PROTECTIVE EL 3714.5 -0 GROUT COARSE ANGULAR ROCKFILL COMPRISED OF SCHISTOSE & CALC-SILICATE FRAGMENTS FROM 8" TO 20" \$ BELOW 3.0 FT, ROCK IS COMPACTED IN A 4 MATRIX OF BROWN SILTY SANDTILL NATIVE MATERIAL WITH OCCASIONAL COBBLES <u>8</u> COMPACT BROWN MOIST SILTY TILL WITH SHISTOSE PARTICLES TO 1"\$ 11 09 PELTONITE 12 OCCASIONAL COBBLES I" & PVC 21 08 0 AS ABOVE, MOIST PIPE 10 DENSE BROWN MOIST SILTY TILL WITH 3 66 1.1 GRANITIC & CHLORITIC PARTICLES TO 1"\$. : O SOME OXIDATION. FRAC SAND COBBLES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT 24 AS ABOVE MOIST 34 08 BOULDER 26' 78 27' SLOTTED SECTION 28 MOIST BROWN SILTY TILL AS ABOVE J47 0.8 30 CAVED ADVANCE STOPPED BY BOULDER. EOH.

DATE 85 09 13/16

TITLE/PROJECT BOSE CREEK DAM INVESTIGATION

GRAPHIC LOG BH-85-5 (HW CASING ADVANCER & REVERT)

PREPARED BY HEM CHECKED BY

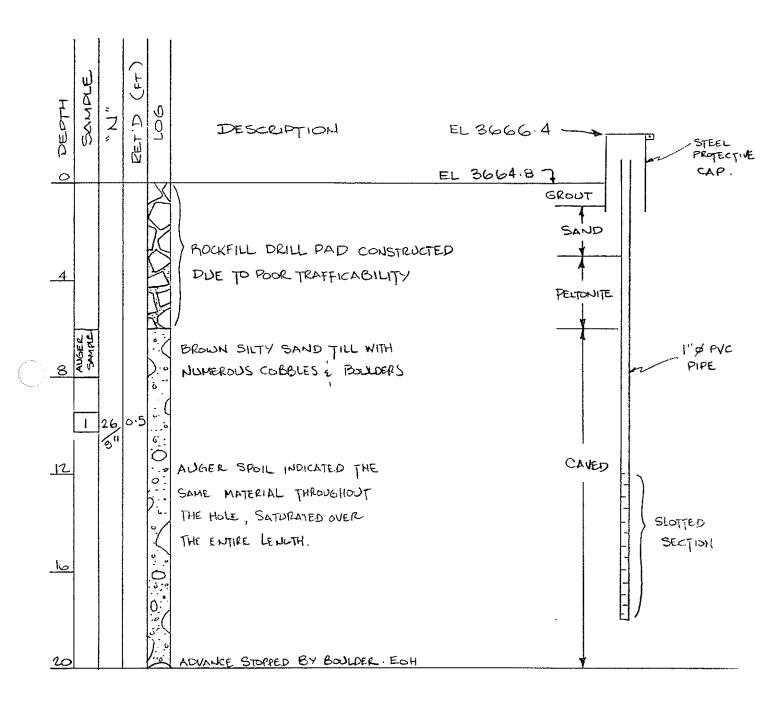


DATE 85 09 15

TITLE/PROJECT BOSE CREEK DAM INVESTIGATION

ORAPHIC LOG BH-85-6

PREPARED BY HEM
CHECKED BY



NOTES- O SEVERAL ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO ADVANCE THE HOLE WITH HWCASING ADVANCER,
BUT NUMEROUS BOULDERS HINDERED PENETRATION, HOLE RELOCATED SEVERAL TIMES,
AND FINALLY ADVANCED TO REFUSAL WITH 6" FLIGHT AUGER

@ PIEZOMETER INSTALLED IN CAVED HOLE BY JETTING WITH REVERT.

CONTAINER CARD, BOX



DATE RECEIVED 85/03/20

# SOIL SAMPLE SHIPMENT RECORD

CLIENT	CAML	
PROJECT	ROSE CHEEK DAM INVESTIGATION	JOB 03851 AB
DATE SHI	PPED <u>85 /03/20</u>	SHIPMENT

SAMPLE DATA DEPTH (FT) HOLE or DESCRIPTION PIT NO. NO. TYPE. RET'D (IN) FROM TO BH . 85-1 3.6 5.1 % OF DAM 1 A5 12.6 FOUNDATION TILL 23 2 ୫.5 15.7 10.0 11 u 135 150 3 149 ٤, 11 4 18.4 15 7 19.9 D/S ZONE 2 MATERIAL BH-85-2 8.5 12.2 10.0 1.4 FOUNDATION MATERIAL UNDER DE TOE 13.5 15.0 9.4 1.i l ( 3 ١, 7.9 18.4 19.9 BH-85-3 ł ES 3.3 0.0 TOE BERM MATERIAL PE ZONE 2 MATERIAL 2 8.2 3.3 11 13.1 8.2 3 BH-85 - 4 ŧ 45 110 10.3 8.8 PROBABLE ZONE 1 MATERIAL 2 H \* \* 9.8 13.8 15.3 3 130 20.2 18.7 ١١ h 4 10.2 23.6 25.1 PROBABLE ZONE 3 MATERIAL 11 ij 30.0 5 9.B 28.5 ١ 8,8 10.3 PROBABLE ZONE | MATERIAL BH-85-5 ٨S 11.4 2 l 1 7.5 13,8 14.8 PROBABLE ZONE 3 MATERIAL

**CARRIER & ROUTE** 

DELIVERED BY HAND TO EBA - WHITEHORSE

SHIPPED BY BEB & HEM

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Fill out a separate record sheet for samples in each container.

2. One copy to accompany container, one copy to be mailed to the Geotechnical Engineer, and one copy to be retained at the site.

<sup>\*</sup>SAMPLING METHOD

A-SPLIT TUBE

B-THIN WALL TUBE C-PISTON SAMPLER

D-CORE BARREL

E-AUGER

F-WASH G-SHOVEL

H-CARVED BLOCK

<sup>\*</sup>SHIPPING CONTAINER

N-INSERT

O-TUBE

P-WATER CONTENT TIN

Q-GLASS JAR

R - CLOTH BAG S- PLASTIC BAG

T-METAL CAN U-WOODEN BOX



# SOIL SAMPLE SHIPMENT RECORD

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DESCRIPTION	HOLE or PIT NO.	SAMPLE DATA		TA	DEPTH (FT)	
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PROBABLE ZONE 3 MATERIAL	Вн 85-5	3	AS	7.5	18.7	20.2
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ti .	l;	5	1,	12.9	28.5	30.0
tı	Ч	6	\1	7.9	33.5	35.0
FOUNDATION TILL D'S OF DAM	BH-85-6	_	ES		6.0	8.0
1	ij	(	AS	7.2	9.0	10:25
IMPERVIOUS BORROW ARFA	TP-10	1	65		0.5	8.5
11	TP-14	1	G5	_	0.5	12.8
11	TP-18	1	65	_	0.5	<u>.</u>
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	F-WASH G-SHOVEL BE H-CARVED BLOCK ER		*SHIPPING CONTAINER  N-INSERT O-TUBE P-WATER CONTENT TIN Q-GLASS JAR  **R-CLOTH BAG S-PLASTIC BAG T-METAL CAN U-WOODEN BOX			STIC BAG AL CAN
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JOB 09851 AB

HOLE 85-7

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DEPTH	ROCK TYPE	DESCRIPTION	DEPTH OF RUN	CORE REC'Y AND RQD*
0.0	Biotite/ Muscovite/ Andalusite	Bluish to greenish grey, varying to pale grey near quartz intrusions. Hard and competent, with weathering restricted to	0.0- 5.5	73 0*
	Schist	joint surfaces in the upper 20 feet. Major	5 <b>.</b> 5-	51
	(Unit 1-D)	jointing occurs along the schistosity at 30° to 60° to the core axis, and is	10.7	0*
		generally tight below 20 feet depth. While no slickensides were observed, several	10.7- 16.0	89 38*
		joints showing evidence of alteration (to hydrous aluminum silicates) were	16.0-	100
		observed at the following depths:	20.9	59*
		19.0 - 1/8 in. thick 32.5 - 1/2 in. thick	20.9-	55
		42.5 - 1/8 in. thick 54.0 - 1 in. thick	22.0	0*
	•	2 4// 0// 0//	22.0-	94
		A secondary, discontinuous, sub-vertical joint was observed from 16 ft. to 18 ft.	26.5	61*
		and from 57 to 60.5 ft. depth. This joint	26.5-	93
		was open and hematite stained near surface, and reheated with calcite at	31.0	89*
		depth. This joint accounted for the lowered RQD's in the last 2 runs. Jointing was distributed as follows.	31.0- 36.0	100 92*
		Depth No. of Joints	36.0-	100
		0-10 > 36 10-20 36	41.0	100*
		20–30 16	41.0-	100
		30–40 7 40–50 12	42.8-	74*
		50-60 9	42.8- 43.2	100 100*
		NOTE: While coring was carried out with HQ-3 equipment, mechanical problems during drilling accounted for poor recovery and re-grinding in runs 5,6%lO. It would	43.2- 45.3	100 71*
		appear that most of the joints below 20 ft.	45.3-	100
		depth are tight, and that some of the features noted as joints are actually	50.4	82*
		machine breaks along subtle weaknesses in schistosity.	50.4- 54.4	100 93*
60.5		End of Hole	54.4-	100
			58 <b>.</b> 9	37*
			59.8- 60.5	100 23*

# ROSE CREEK DAM INVESTIGATION SUMMARY OF PRESSURE TESTING DATA BH-85-7

Test No. 2
HQ
20-60.5
4
6.5
20
0.60
10
0.06

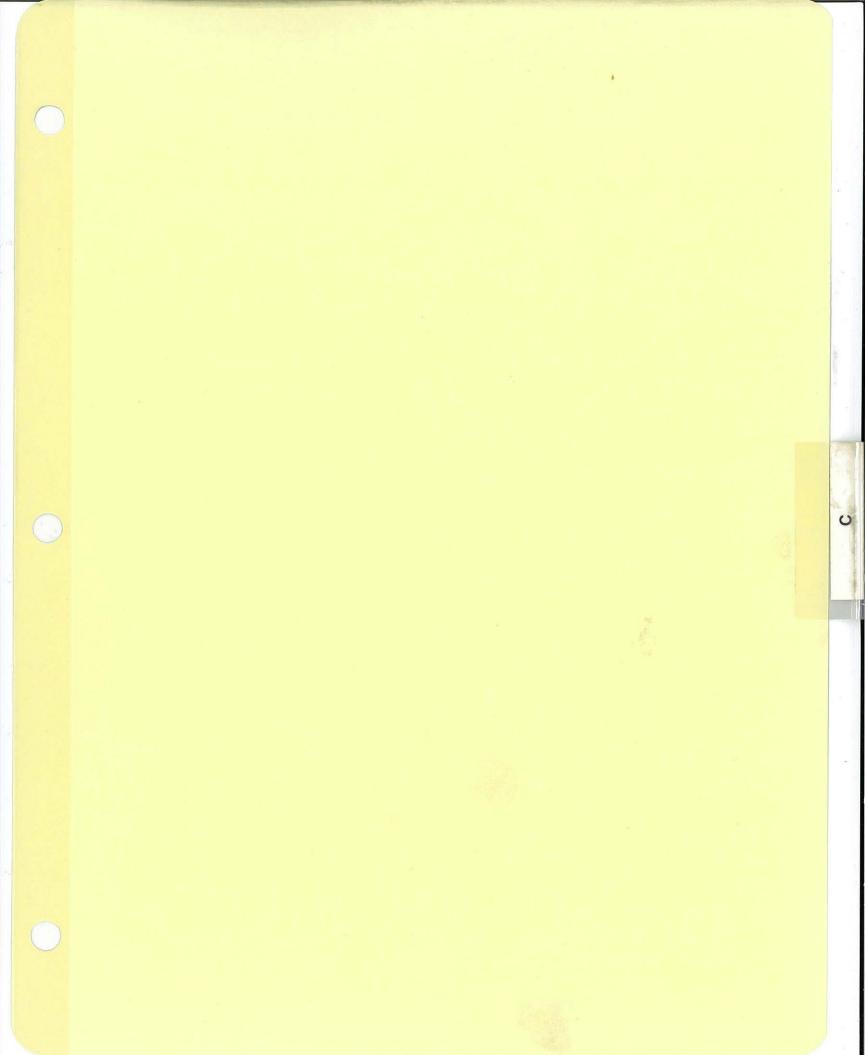
NOTE: Tests performed with 2 7/8" Ø pneumatic single packer at end of drilling.

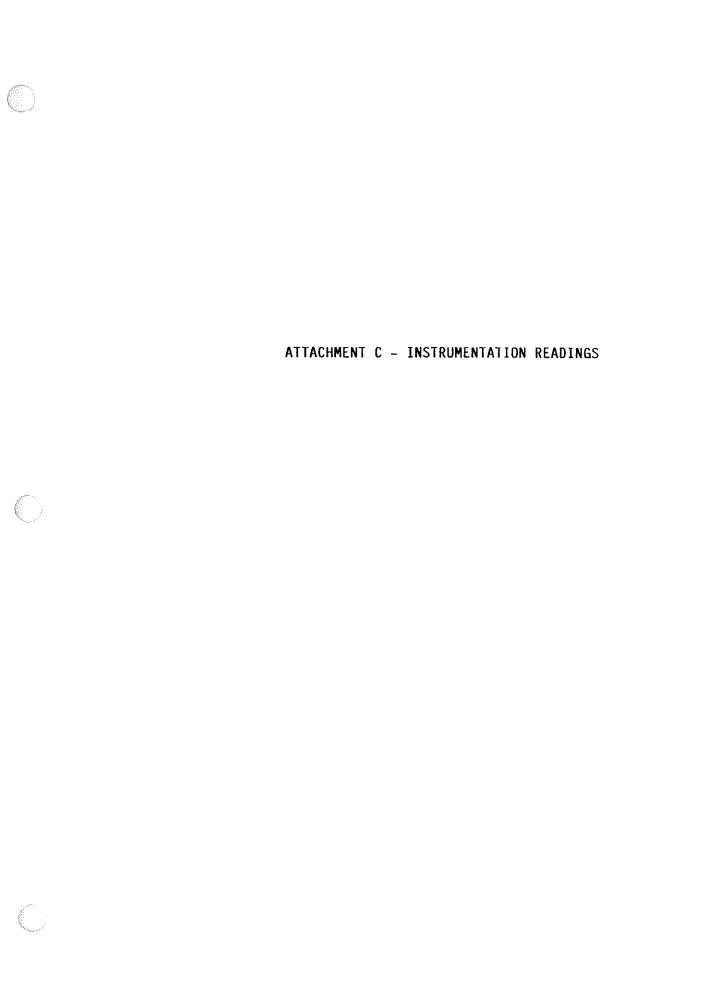
Pump discharge  $\emptyset = 2.0$ "
Injection pipe  $\emptyset = 1.5$ "

Due to short length of setup and low takes, no friction loss calibration was performed.

Hole grouted with Portland/sand slurry upon completion of tests.

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1985-09-30

12:45

TELE. MSG.

FROM: RED EAGLES CAMC

TO: B. BERZINS

RE: HOLE READINGS

85-1 FULL

85-2 6.2 FT. ABOVE GROUND

85-3 8.3 FT.

85-4 25.0 FT. BELOW TOP OF PROTECTIVE CAP

85-5 32.0 FT.

85-6 10 INCHES

BEB: MR. EAGLES SAID HE WOULD CALL YOU THIS AFT. OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE HE CALLS HE CAN BE REACHED AT 994-2717.

A,

RLI

1985-10-15

13:48

TO: BEB CC: HEM

FROM: RED EAGLES (667-4806)

# READINGS TAKEN ON OCTOBER 13, 1985

HOLE 81-5	FULL 5.8' ABOVE GROUND
-3 -4	7.9'
- <del>4</del> -5	33.31
-6	9 "

MSG. TAKEN BY RLI

1985-10-28

14:18

TO: BEB CC: HEM

FROM: RED EAGLES (667-4806)

# **READINGS TAKEN:**

HOLE 85-1	Frozen
-2	Frozen
-3	8.5'
-4	241
-5	33.8'
-6	Frozen

NOTE: NO FLOW ON SPILLWAY (BECAUSE FROZEN)

MSG. TAKEN BY RLI

DATE 85/11/12

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(BY PHONE FROM RED EAGLES)

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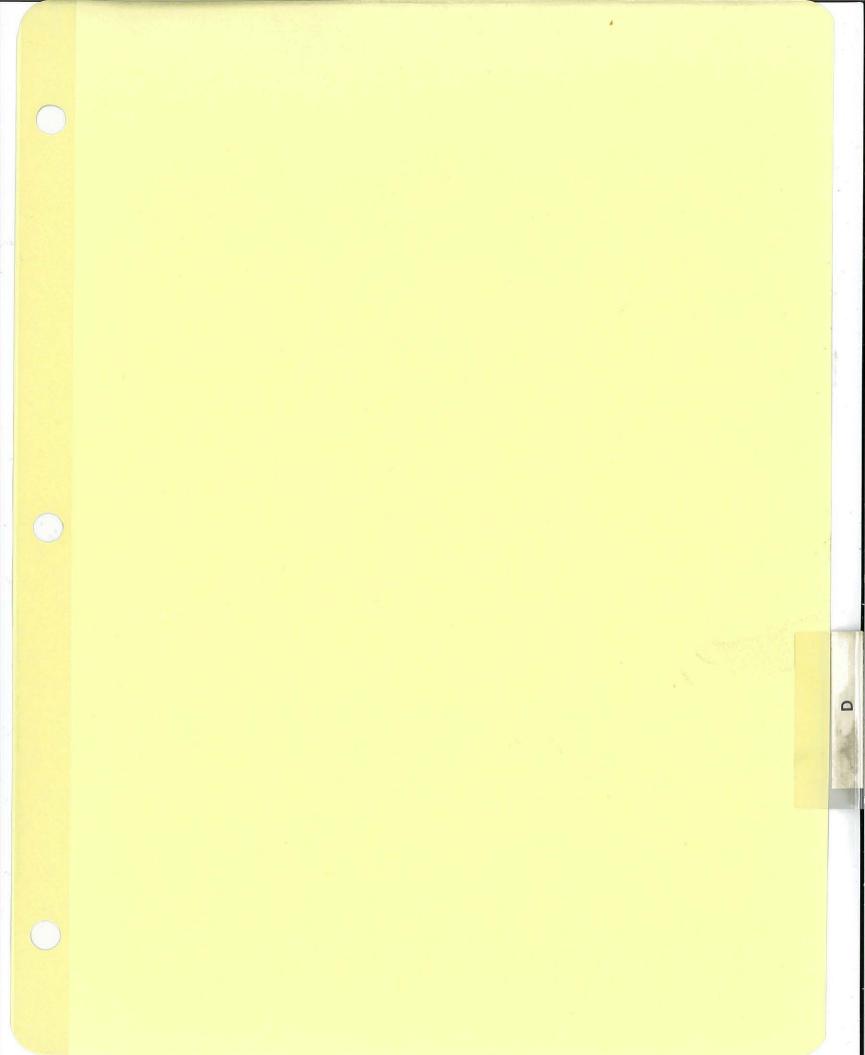
W.L.'5 - 85-1 - FROZEN 85-2 - FROZEN 85-3 - 8.5' 85-4 - 25.0' 85-5 - 35.2'

85-6 - FROZEN

THERMISTORS - (855)

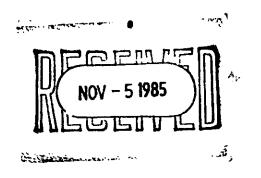
DEPTH (FT)	THERM. NO	KOHMS	APPARENT TEMP	- ERPOR TEMP	TRUE TEMP
0.5	ł	7.72	+ 15.5	.03	NOT FUNCTIONING.
2.1	2	6.38	-0.22	.02	-0.24
3.8	3	15.52	+ 0.82	.03	+0.79
5.4	4	14.92	+ 1.60	.02	+1.58
7.1	5	14.62	+ 1.50	02	+1.92
10.3	6	13.56	+ 3.50	02	+ 3.52
13.60	7	13.84	+ 2.95	.03	+ 2.92
20.2	8	13.83	+ 2.95	.02	+ 2.93
26.7	೨	13.81	+ 3.05	01	+ 3.06

NOTE - AMBIENT AT TIME OF READING - - 18°C , S. THERMISTOR Nº 1 IS N.F.G.



ATTACHMENT D - ACRES CONSULTING SERV. EVALUATION





October 30, 1985 P7591.00

Dome Petroleum Ltd Box 200 Calgary, Alberta T2P 2H8

Attention: Mr. L. Evans

Gentlemen:

Rose Creek Water Supply Dam Faro, Yukon

As per our letter of September 5, 1985, outlining our scope of work on the Rose Creek water supply dam investigations, we enclose a suggested table of contents for the site investigation report and a recommended laboratory testing program. Our Dr. A.Z. Ahmed visited the site in early September 1985 and reviewed the exploration program and advised on drilling techniques.

Also included is a preliminary report which deals, in a general way, with some aspects of the raising. It is our conclusion that raising of the Rose Creek Water Supply Dam by about 20 ft is feasible. The method of raising will ultimately depend on cost of construction, scheduling of work, and plant requirements during construction. These considerations will have to be studied in the engineering of dam raising.

We have enjoyed working with Messrs. B.E. Berzins and H.E. McRae, and look forward to serve you in the future. Please let us know if you have any questions arising from this work.

Yours very truly

AZAE:pc

Anthony H. Tawil

Head

Geotechnical Department

Encls.

cc: J.E.Cowley

# 1 - INTRODUCTION

This report discusses some geotechnical aspects related to the raising of the Rose Creek Water Supply Dam. The findings are preliminary and are based on a brief review of available information. Further study of the final site exploration report will be necessary to consolidate the conclusions of this report.

# 2 - EMBANKMENT DAM AND FOUNDATIONS

The Rose Creek dam is a 65-ft high earth-fill structure composed of an upstream inclined impervious core of glacial till (Zone 1), a central section (Zone 3) of glacial till with some boulders, and possibly granular fill. The upstream and downstream dam shells (Zone 2) are composed of dirty sands and gravels (possibly lean glacial till) with slopes of 2.5H:1V and 2H:1V respectively. The dam incorporates an upstream glacial till blanket 120 ft in length and a downstream weighting berm of mine waste and rock fill. A stop-log spillway is located on the right abutment and a concrete encased steel pipe for water supply is located on the left abutment.

The dam is founded on overburden in its midsection and on bedrock at the abutments. The overburden foundation is composed of glacial till with horizons of sands and gravels, and occasional boulder pockets overlying bedrock. The bedrock is a biotite schist and is considered competent and tight.

# 3 - PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

The results of recent explorations have indicated that there are two separate piezometric surfaces, one within the embankment fill, the other in the overburden foundation. Piezometers installed within the Zone 3 fill have indicated high piezometric heads. It is noted that Zone 3 fill is composed of a silty till comparable in gradation to Zone 1. Thus, the central zone of the dam (Zones 1 and 3), together with the silty nature of portions of the downstream Zone 2 fill, indicate that the dam is a near-homogeneous fill embankment.

Piezometers installed in the foundation at the toe of the dam and some distance downstream have indicated extremely high piezometric heads above the existing ground surface. These piezometric heads are such that a near-perfect straight line can be traced through them

to the reservoir at the upstream end of the impervious blanket. This suggests a relatively pervious connection in the foundation. This consideration is reinforced by the presence of granular horizons in the foundation, which may have been exposed upstream of the impervious blanket.

# 4 - METHODS OF DAM RAISING

Based on the findings of recent site investigations, the major area to be addressed in raising the dam relates to control of foundation underseepage and the provision of internal drainage within the embankment.

The proposed raising of the dam requires that attention be given to remedial action in the foundation either by means of a total cutoff to bedrock or by the addition of pressure relief drains at the downstream toe of the dam or both. The method of raising the dam core as proposed by Dome appears feasible, however, the following is noted.

- (a) Due to the geometry of the existing fill, the proposed raising scheme results in a narrow core that may crack due to settlement of the downstream shell. Widening of the base of the proposed core zone to incorporate both the existing Zone 1 and Zone 3 fill zones may be considered.
- (b) A filter zone needs to be incorporated along the existing downstream slope of the dam and connected to a horizontal drainage blanket under the proposed Zone 2 fill.
- (c) Foundation treatment to reduce and/or control the high piezometric heads downstream of the dam will be required. This may be accomplished by the installation of a pressure relief system or a total cutoff to bedrock or both.

A total cutoff could be constructed by means of a slurry trench at the upstream toe of the dam through the key trench in the upstream blanket. Alternatively, a new core excavated to bedrock could be constructed on the downstream side of the dam. The first alternative requires that the reservoir be drawn down during construction. The second will require an extensive dewatering program. In the event that schedule restrictions do not allow reservoir drawdown, the construction of a cutoff on the upstream side would be difficult and probably uneconomical.

(d) The new spillway that would be required as part of the proposed raising of the dam could be constructed on either the left or right abutment.

# 5 - CONCLUSIONS

Based on information to date, it is concluded that raising of the Rose Creek Water Supply Dam is feasible. The single most important aspect in the engineering of the dam raising is related to foundation underseepage and internal drainage of the embankment.

Several methods of raising can be considered, with the final solution dependent on costs, scheduling and plant requirements during construction.

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