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**REPORT OF SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION  
AND STABILITY ANALYSIS**

**TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY**

**JOHNSONVILLE FOSSIL PLANT ASH DISPOSAL AREA  
NEW JOHNSONVILLE, TENNESSEE**

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Subject: **Report of Subsurface Exploration and Stability Analysis  
Tennessee Valley Authority  
Johnsonville Fossil Plant, Ash Disposal Area  
LAW Project 50385-5-0400/0035/0001**

Dear Mr. Burnett:

We at Law Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc., (LAW) are pleased to submit this Report of Subsurface Exploration and Stability Analysis for the Johnsonville Fossil Plant, Ash Disposal Area. This work was conducted under TVA Contract No. TV-92657V, Task Assignment Order LA-035-1195170.

This report reviews the information provided to us, discusses the site and subsurface conditions, and presents the results of our stability analysis. The Appendices contain a Boring Location/Subsurface Section Plan, the Test Boring Logs, Subsurface Profile Sections, and the Laboratory Test Results.

We will be pleased to discuss our recommendations with you and would welcome the opportunity to provide the engineering and material testing services needed to successfully complete your project.

Sincerely,

LAW ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.



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## 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We were selected by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to perform a subsurface exploration and stability analysis for the proposed Johnsonville Fossil Plant Ash Disposal Area. The objectives of our exploration were to determine general subsurface conditions, obtain data to evaluate the existing ash and insitu soils at the site and perform a stability analysis for the proposed disposal area configuration.

The exploration consisted of drilling nine test borings in the disposal area to depths ranging from about 20 to 70 feet. The major findings and recommendations are as follows:

- The proposed configuration has a global stability safety factor of about 1.8 under static conditions and about 1.1 under seismic conditions with a maximum horizontal acceleration coefficient of 0.15 (taken from the USGS Map of Maximum Horizontal Accelerations contained in the Tennessee Division of Solid Waste Management guidance document).
- For the maximum slope of 2.2H:1V and considering a critical interface angle of 22.6 degrees (based on triaxial shear strength data from previous studies of the ash at this site), the calculated factor of safety for the cover under seismic loading is 0.65. Consequently, it is likely the cover will slip/slough during the design seismic event and will require subsequent repair. If it were reasonably possible to increase the critical interface angle (by compaction of the ash and/or other methods) to a value of 33 degrees, the factor of safety would increase to 1.0.

This summary is only an overview and should not be used as a separate document or in place of reading the entire report, including the appendices.

## 2.0 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of our subsurface exploration and subsequent stability analysis for the proposed final configuration of the ash disposal area at the TVA Johnsonville Fossil Plant near New Johnsonville, Tennessee. This work was performed for TVA's use in preparing a revised closure plan for the ash disposal area.

## 3.0 OBJECTIVES OF EXPLORATION

The objectives of our exploration were to determine general subsurface conditions and to obtain data to evaluate engineering properties, the existing ash and insitu soils at the site, and perform a stability analysis for the proposed disposal area configuration. An assessment of site environmental

conditions, or for the presence or absence of pollutants in the soil, bedrock, surface water, or ground water of the site were beyond the proposed objectives of our exploration.

#### **4.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The scope of services for this exploration has included the following:

- Layout and drilling of nine test borings to depths ranging from about 20 to about 70 feet. The borings were advanced about 6 to 22-½ feet into the insitu soils.
- Standard Penetration Testing was performed at 5-foot intervals in the borings, and undisturbed samples of the insitu soils were obtained for laboratory testing.
- Consolidated undrained with pore pressure measurements and unconsolidated undrained triaxial tests, grain size analysis, permeability testing, and unified soil classifications were performed on representative undisturbed soil samples.
- The data obtained, along with data available from previous LAW testing to determine ash parameters, was used to perform stability analysis on two cross sections of the proposed ash stack configuration.

#### **5.0 PROJECT INFORMATION AND SITE CONDITIONS**

Project information was provided to us by Mr. Jerry Glover of TVA during telephone conversations. We have also received from Mr. Mike Hranek, an autocad drawing depicting the proposed final configuration of the disposal area. We understand that TVA is preparing a revised closure plan for the ash disposal area at their Johnsonville Fossil Plant in New Johnsonville, Tennessee. The original closure plan did not include any investigation of the insitu overburden. The current revision requires geotechnical input parameters for use in stability analysis and hydrogeologic modeling of the area.

The site is about 40 to 50 acres in size and is presently occupied by two existing ash stacks about 40 to 50 feet high. There are several towers supporting power lines located across the site. The plan provided to us indicates that an additional 20 to 50 feet of ash will be placed across the site.

#### **6.0 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

Subsurface conditions were explored with nine widely spaced borings drilled in general accordance with the procedures presented in Appendix A. The boring locations and depths were selected by TVA personnel. Our geotechnical engineer established the actual boring locations in the field by

taping distances and estimating right angles relative to on-site landmarks. Boring elevations were obtained by survey using an existing observation well top as a temporary benchmark. The boring locations are shown on the Boring Location/Subsurface Section Plan in Appendix B, and the elevations are shown on the Test Boring Logs in Appendix C.

Subsurface conditions encountered at the boring locations are shown on the Test Boring Logs in Appendix C. These Test Boring Logs represent our interpretation of the subsurface conditions, based on the field logs and visual examination of the field samples by one of our engineers. The lines designating the interfaces between various strata on the Test Boring Logs represent the approximate interface locations.

The test borings performed at this site typically encountered fill and alluvial soils. Fill is material that has been placed by man. Alluvial soils are soils that have been transported to their present location by running water.

After penetrating a layer of topsoil ranging in thickness from about ½-foot to 2½ feet or from the ground surface, the test borings except B-7 encountered fill to depths ranging from about 17½ to 62 feet. The fill was composed primarily of very loose to dense dark gray fine sand (flay ash). Standard penetration test (SPT) resistance values for the ash ranged from 0 blows per foot (bpf) to 50 bpf, and averaged about 8 bpf.

Beneath a 2-foot layer of topsoil in boring B-7 and after penetrating the ash in the remaining borings, alluvial soils were encountered to boring refusal or termination at depths ranging from 20-½ feet to 70-½ feet. The alluvial soils encountered were typically composed of very loose to very dense brown and tan silty sand and gravel and stiff to hard brown and tan silty sandy clay with gravel. SPT values for the alluvial soil ranged from 2 to 100 bpf and averaged about 32 bpf. All of the borings were terminated in or refused in the alluvial soils.

## **7.0 GROUND-WATER CONDITIONS**

Ground water was observed in the test borings at depths ranging from about 10 to 55 feet at the time of drilling. For safety reasons, the borings were backfilled promptly after drilling; consequently, long-term measurements for the presence or absence of ground water were not obtained. Fluctuations in the ground-water level occur because of variations in rainfall, evaporation, construction activity, surface run-off, and other site-specific factors such as springs.

## 8.0 APPROACH TO STABILITY ANALYSIS

The stability analysis presented here evaluates the ability of the disposal area including its future cover system to maintain its integrity during long term static conditions and during a design earthquake event. Two potential failure mechanisms were considered:

1. Global stability of the landfill slopes under static conditions and under seismic loading.
2. Veneer stability of the landfill cover system under seismic loading.

### 8.1 Global Stability Under Static conditions and Seismic Loading

The global stability analysis of the slopes was performed using the computer program PCTABL5M. The input parameters for the analysis were based on :

- The proposed final configuration shown on the drawing provided to us,
- Laboratory testing of the insitu soils performed as part of this exploration,
- Laboratory testing of the ash from a previous study performed by LAW, dated November 7, 1995, titled **Fly Ash, Bottom Ash and Scrubber Gypsum Study**, and
- The estimated maximum horizontal acceleration (MHA) from the USGS Map of Maximum Horizontal Accelerations contained in the TDSWM guidance document.

We analyzed two cross sections of the proposed ash stack configuration, A-A' and B-B' shown on the Boring Location/Subsurface Section Plan in Appendix B. The following material parameters were used for the ash and underlying soil:

Material	Cohesion (PSF)	Friction Angle (Degrees)	Saturated Density (PCF)
Ash	0	22.6	103.0
Insitu Soil	400	27.0	130.0

Section A-A' was selected because it was the highest slope and B-B' was selected because it was the steepest slope. Section B-B' was the controlling section under static conditions with a

calculated safety factor of about 1.8. consequently, our seismic loading stability analysis was performed on section B-B'.

The seismic loading stability analysis material parameters were the same as those used in the static analysis. An estimated MHA of 0.15g was used to simulate the earthquake loading conditions. Our analysis indicated a safety factor of about 1.1 during the design seismic event.

## 8.2 Veneer Stability

When geosynthetic materials are used in a landfill cover system, the TDSWM requires that a veneer stability check be performed. The factor of safety against veneer failure is defined by the following equation:

$$\text{Factor of Safety} = \frac{\text{Resisting Forces}}{\text{Driving Forces}} = \frac{[\cos\alpha - a_{\max} \sin\alpha] \tan\phi}{\sin\alpha + a_{\max} \cos\alpha}$$

in which:

$\alpha$  = slope angle

$\phi$  = limiting interface friction coefficient

$a_{\max}$  = maximum horizontal acceleration (MHA)

For the maximum slope of 2.2 H:1V and considering a critical interface friction angle of 22.6 degrees (based on the lowest laboratory test value from the ash), the calculated factor of safety is 0.65. Therefore, we expect the cover will slip/slough during the design seismic event and will require subsequent repair.

If the value is unacceptable, a factor of safety equal to 1.0 can be obtained for the same slope configuration by increasing the critical interface friction angle to 33 degrees. This value may be attainable through compaction of the upper layers of the ash and use of a cap membrane designed with a higher strength.

## **9.0 LIMITATIONS**

The analyses described in this report are based on LAW's understanding of the subsurface conditions at the site, proposed geometries, and the expectation that the additional ash to be added to the storage area will have properties similar to those previously tested from the site. If subsurface conditions, final configuration, or the nature of the additional ash change, the information contained in this report should be reviewed.

**APPENDIX A**  
**FIELD EXPLORATORY PROCEDURES**

## **FIELD EXPLORATORY PROCEDURES**

### **Soil Test Boring (Hollow Stem)**

All boring and sampling operations were conducted in general accordance with ASTM D 1586. The borings were advanced by mechanically twisting continuous steel hollow-stem auger flights into the ground. At regular intervals, soil samples were obtained with a standard 1.4-inch I.D., 2-inch O.D., split-tube sampler. The sampler was first seated 6 inches to penetrate any loose cuttings and then driven an additional foot with blows of a 140-pound hammer falling 30 inches. The number of hammer blows required to drive the sampler the final foot of penetration was recorded and is designated the "standard penetration resistance (SPT)." Proper evaluation of the penetration resistance provides an index to the soil's strength, density, and ability to support foundations.

Representative portions of the soil samples obtained from the split-tube sampler were sealed in glass jars and transported to our laboratory, where they were examined by our engineer to verify the driller's field classifications. Test Boring Logs are attached, graphically showing the soil descriptions and penetration resistances.

### **Undisturbed Sampling**

The relatively undisturbed samples were obtained by pushing a section of 3-inch O.D., 16-gauge steel tubing into the soil at the desired sampling level. The sampling procedure is described by ASTM D 1587. The tube, together with the encased soils, was carefully removed from the ground, made airtight, and transported to our laboratory.

**APPENDIX B**






**BORING LOCATION/SUBSURFACE SECTION PLAN**

**APPENDIX C  
KEY SHEET,  
TEST BORING LOGS,  
AND  
SUBSURFACE PROFILE SECTIONS**


















# **CORRELATION OF PENETRATION RESISTANCE WITH RELATIVE DENSITY AND CONSISTENCY**

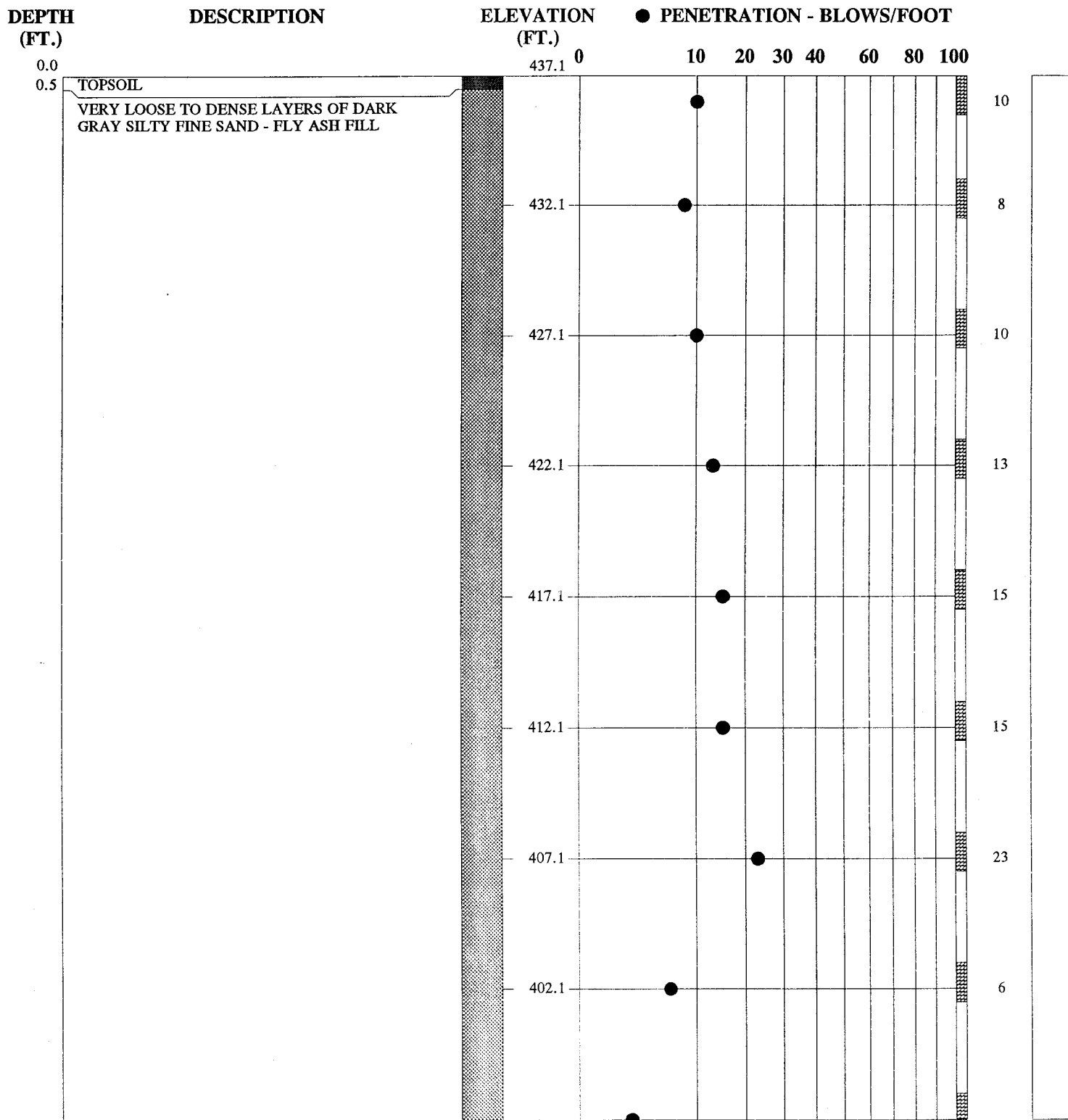
NO. OF BLOWS, N		RELATIVE DENSITY	PARTICLE SIZE IDENTIFICATION	
SANDS:	0-4	Very Loose	BOULDERS:	Greater than 300 mm
	5-10	Loose	COBBLES:	75 mm to 300 mm
	11-30	Firm	GRAVEL: Coarse -	19.0 mm to 75 mm
	31-50	Dense	Fine -	4.75 mm to 19.0 mm
	OVER 50	Very Dense	SANDS: Coarse -	2.00 mm to 4.75 mm
SILTS & CLAYS:	0-2	CONSISTENCY	Medium -	0.425 mm to 2.00 mm
	3-4		Fine -	0.075 mm to 0.425 mm
	5-8		SILTS & CLAYS:	Less than 0.075 mm
	9-15			
	16-30			
	31-50			
	OVER 50			
		Very Soft		
		Soft		
		Firm		
		Stiff		
		Very stiff		
		Hard		
		Very Hard		

## **KEY TO DRILLING SYMBOLS**

	Undisturbed Sample		Water Table 24 HR.	45/83 = RQD/Recovery
	Split Spoon Sample		Water Table at Time of Drilling	 Rock Coring

## **KEY TO SOIL AND ROCK CLASSIFICATIONS**

	TOPSOIL		DOLOMITE
	ASPHALT AND GRAVEL		LIMESTONE
	CONCRETE AND GRAVEL		SHALE
	FILL		LIMESTONE/SHALE - Limestone with shale interbeds
	ALLUVIUM		SANDSTONE
	RESIDUUM - Soft to firm		GRANITE
	RESIDUUM - Stiff to very hard		SILTSTONE
	AUGER BORING		SLATE
	UNDISTURBED SAMPLE ATTEMPT		



REMARKS:

STANDARD PENETRATION RESISTANCE  
TESTING PERFORMED USING AN  
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COORDINATES ~~1632°N, 2028°E~~

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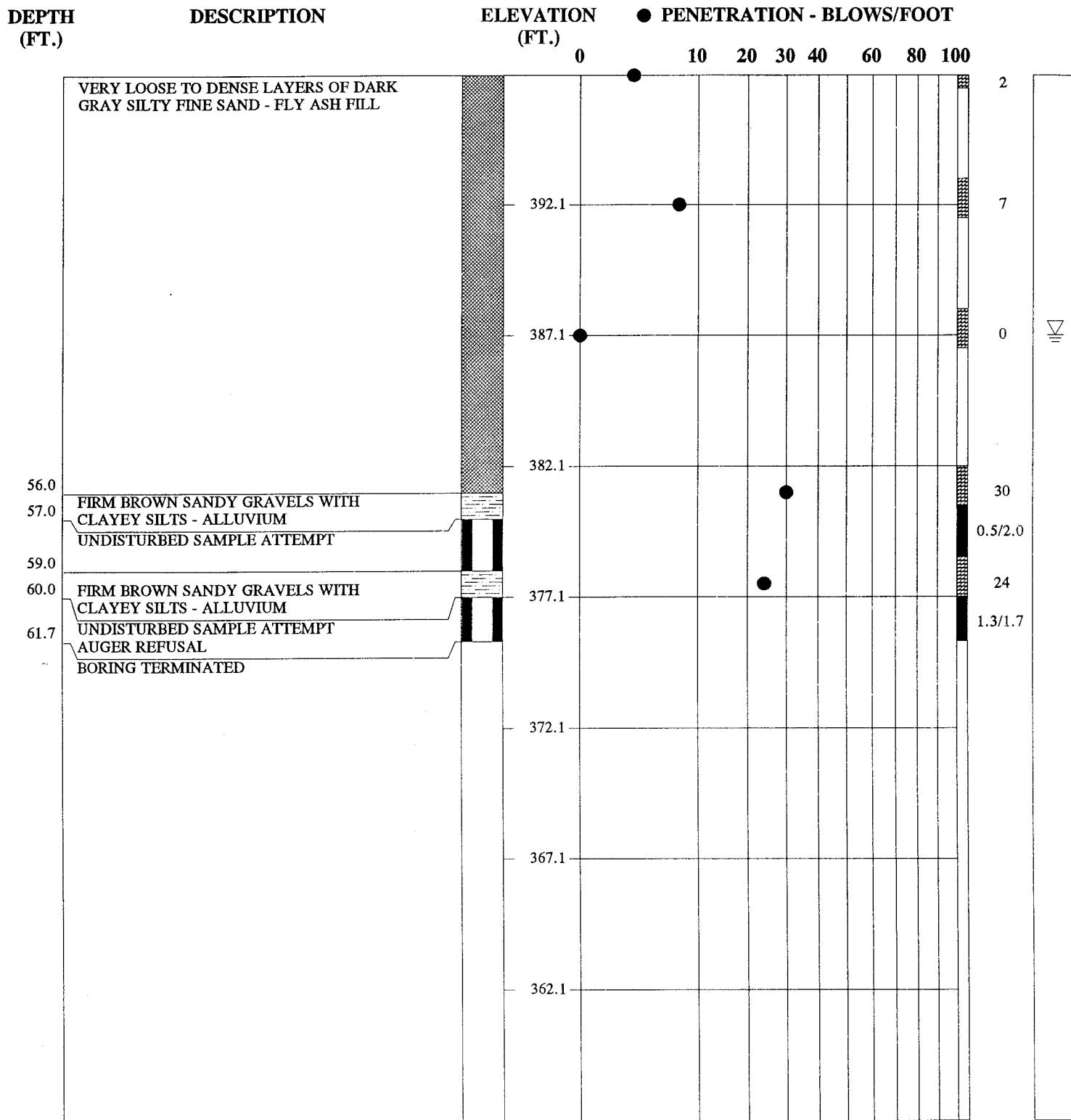
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TEST BORING LOG

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0.5

440.7 0

10 20 30 40 60 80 100

STIFF TAN-BROWN SANDY CLAYEY SILT  
AND GRAVEL - FILL

VERY LOOSE TO FIRM DARK GRAY SILTY  
FINE SAND - FLY ASH FILL

435.7

10

430.7

6

425.7

4

420.7

3

415.7

5

410.7

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405.7

6

2

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TESTING PERFORMED USING AN  
AUTOMATIC HAMMER. TVA PLANT  
COORDINATES ~~1822°N, 2023°E~~

-1955°N, 2116°E

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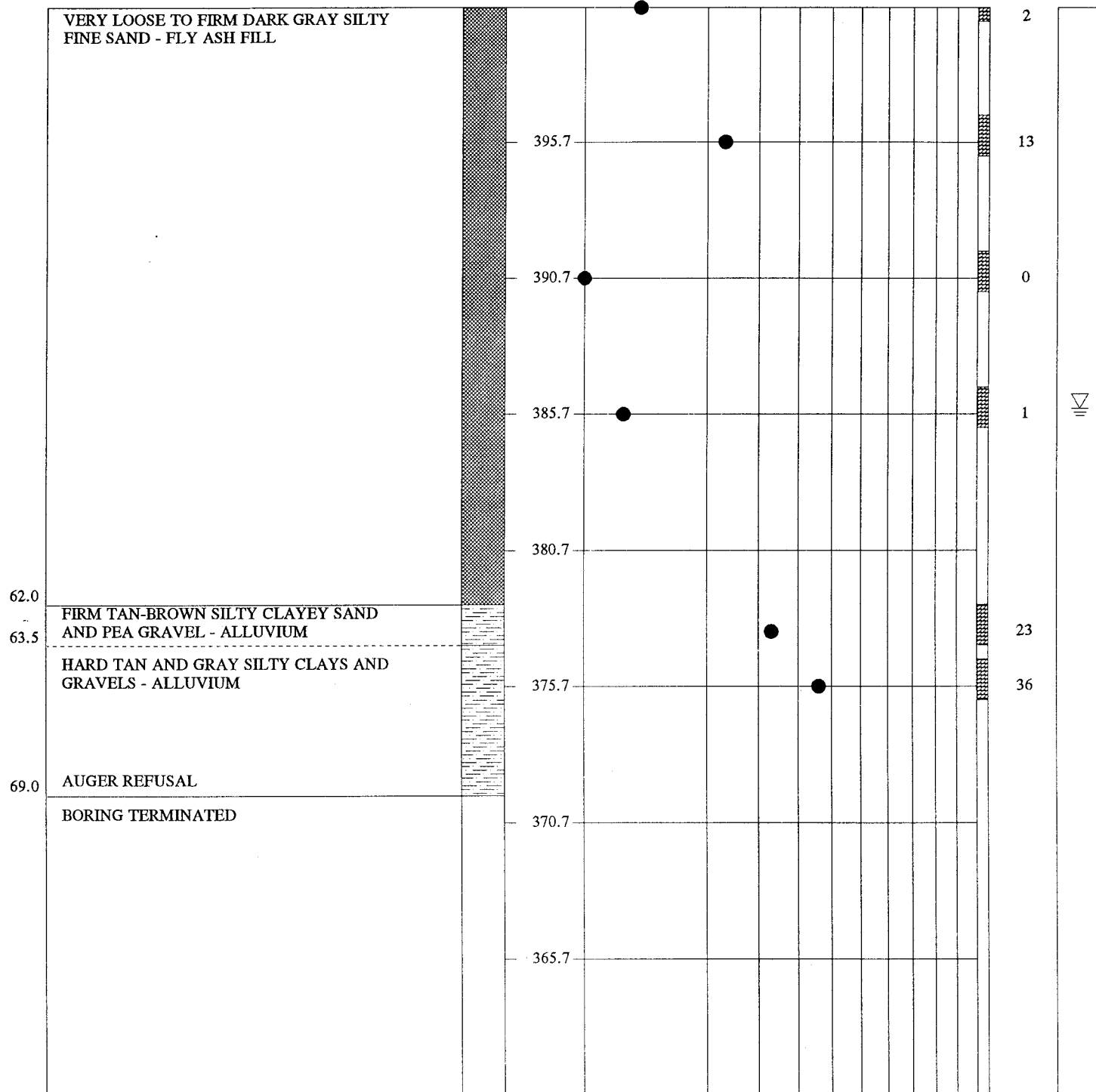
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TESTING PERFORMED USING AN  
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-1955°N, 2116°E

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● PENETRATION - BLOWS/FOOT

0.0  
0.3

438.9 0

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TAN BROWN CLAYEY SILT - TOPSOIL  
VERY LOOSE TO HARD DARK GRAY SILTY  
FINE SAND WITH SOME PEA GRAVEL SIZE  
PIECES OF CINDERS AND SLAG - FLY ASH  
FILL

433.9

428.9

423.9

418.9

413.9

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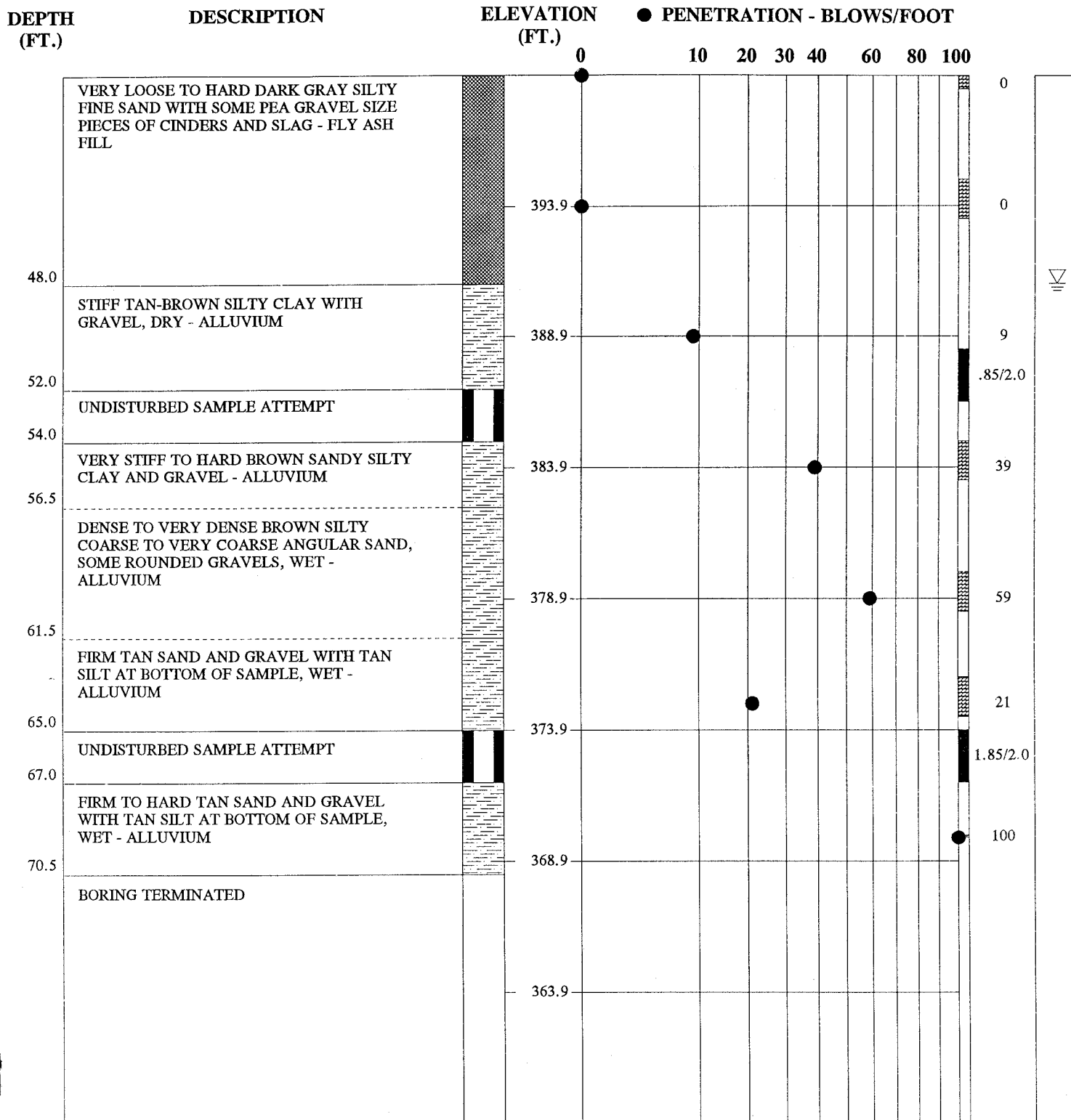
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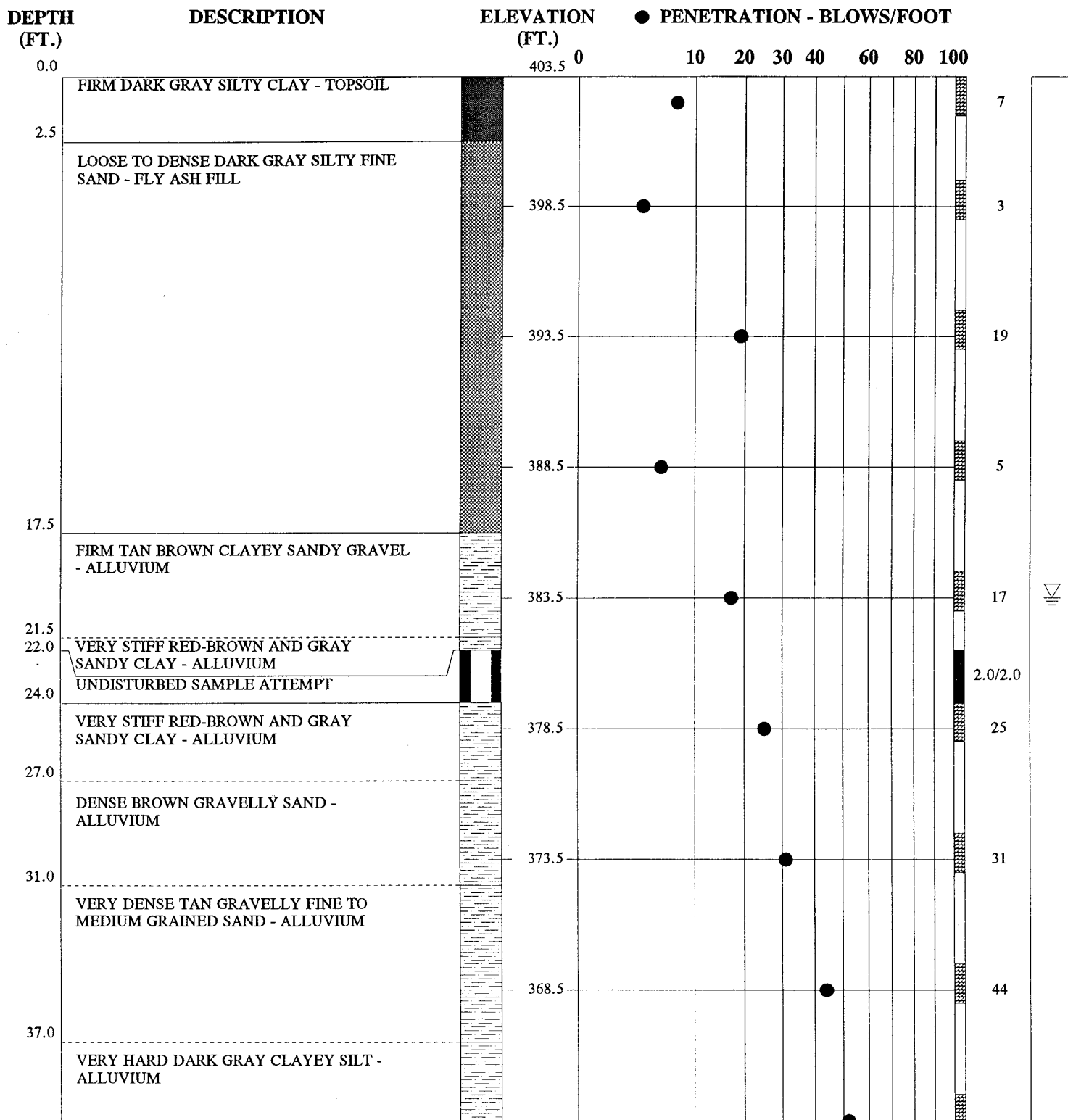
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COORDINATES ~~2337'N, 2448'E~~  
-2300'N, 2504'E

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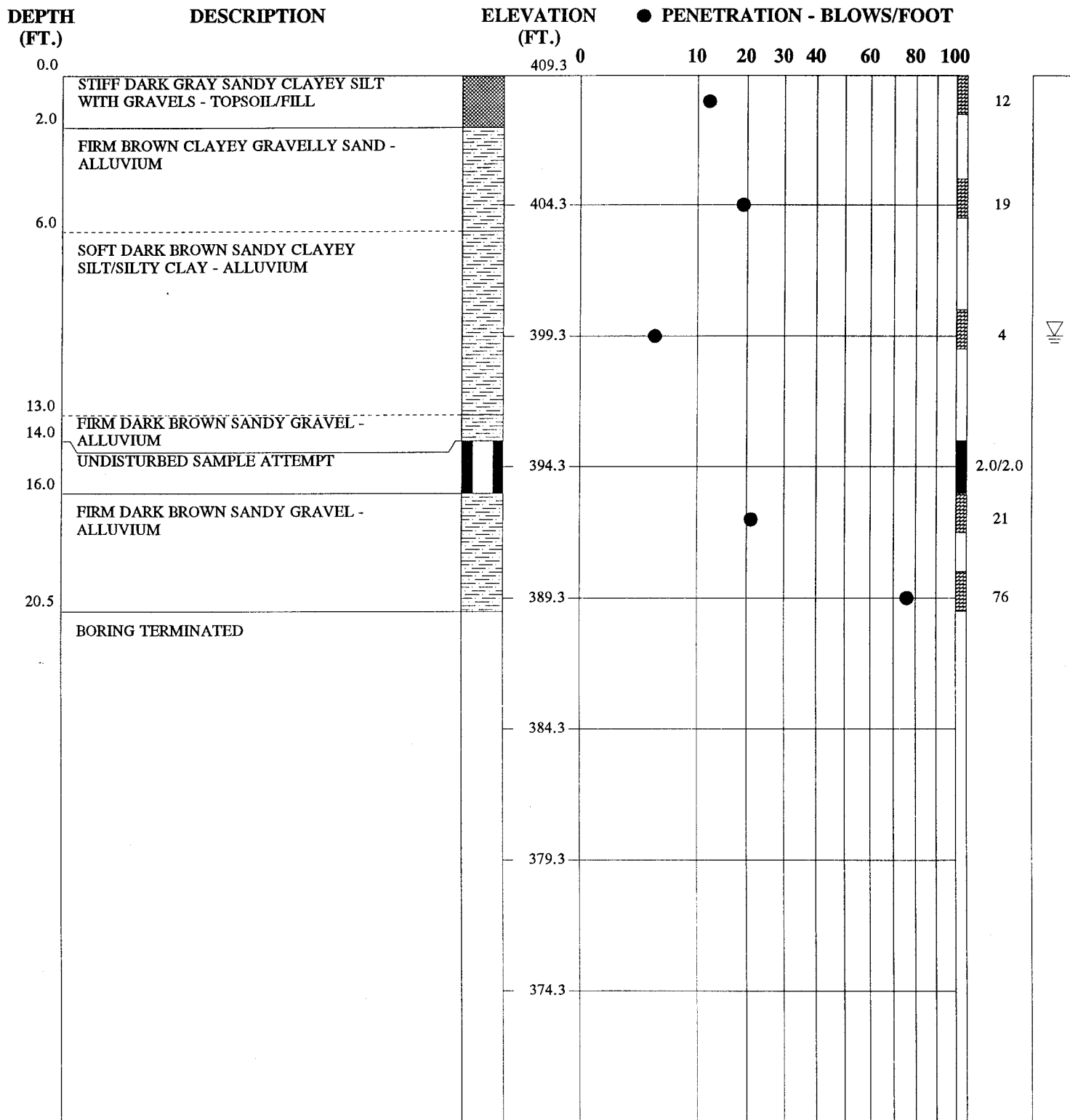
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COORDINATES ~~2107°N, 2358°E~~  
- 2540°N, 2374°E

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● PENETRATION - BLOWS/FOOT

0.0

409.3 0

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AUGER BORING TO OBTAIN UNDISTURBED  
SAMPLE

8.0

404.3

UNDISTURBED SAMPLE ATTEMPT

2.0/2.0

10.0

399.3

BORING TERMINATED

394.3

389.3

384.3

379.3

374.3

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TESTING PERFORMED USING AN  
AUTOMATIC HAMMER. NO GROUND  
WATER ENCOUNTERED AT TIME OF  
EXPLORATION.

TEST BORING LOG

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40

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80

100

VERY LOOSE TO FIRM DARK GRAY SILTY  
FINE SAND - FLY ASH FILL

425.1

420.1

415.1

410.1

405.1

400.1

32.0

UNDISTURBED SAMPLE ATTEMPT

34.0

VERY LOOSE TO FIRM DARK GRAY SILTY  
FINE SAND - FLY ASH FILL

395.1

9

13

7

3

1

7

13

2.0/2.0

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TESTING PERFORMED USING AN  
AUTOMATIC HAMMER. TVA PLANT  
COORDINATES ~~2532°N, 3298°E~~

-2405°N, 3349°E

TEST BORING LOG

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(FT.)

● PENETRATION - BLOWS/FOOT

0 10 20 30 40 60 80 100

42.0

DENSE BROWN SILTY CLAY WITH GRAVEL  
- ALLUVIUM

44.0

UNDISTURBED SAMPLE ATTEMPT

46.0

385.1

2.0/2.0

48.0

DENSE BROWN SILTY CLAY WITH GRAVEL  
- ALLUVIUM

41

UNDISTURBED SAMPLE ATTEMPT

50.0

380.1

1.7/2.0

DENSE BROWN SILTY CLAY WITH GRAVEL  
- ALLUVIUM

40

375.1

35

370.1

62.0

BORING TERMINATED

365.1

360.1

355.1

31

REMARKS:

STANDARD PENETRATION RESISTANCE  
TESTING PERFORMED USING AN  
AUTOMATIC HAMMER. TVA PLANT  
COORDINATES ~~-2532'N, 3298'E~~  
-2405'N, 3349'E

TEST BORING LOG

BORING NUMBER (97)B- 8  
DATE DRILLED July 1, 1997  
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DEPTH  
(FT.)

DESCRIPTION

ELEVATION  
(FT.)

● PENETRATION - BLOWS/FOOT

0.0  
0.5

434.8 0 10 20 30 40 60 80 100

TOPSOIL

VERY LOOSE TO DENSE DARK GRAY SILTY  
FINE SAND - FLY ASH FILL

429.8

424.8

419.8

414.8

409.8

404.8

399.8

13

8

3

2

2

0

3

0

REMARKS:

STANDARD PENETRATION RESISTANCE  
TESTING PERFORMED USING AN  
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COORDINATES ~~2342'N, 2198'E~~

-2521'N, 3236'E

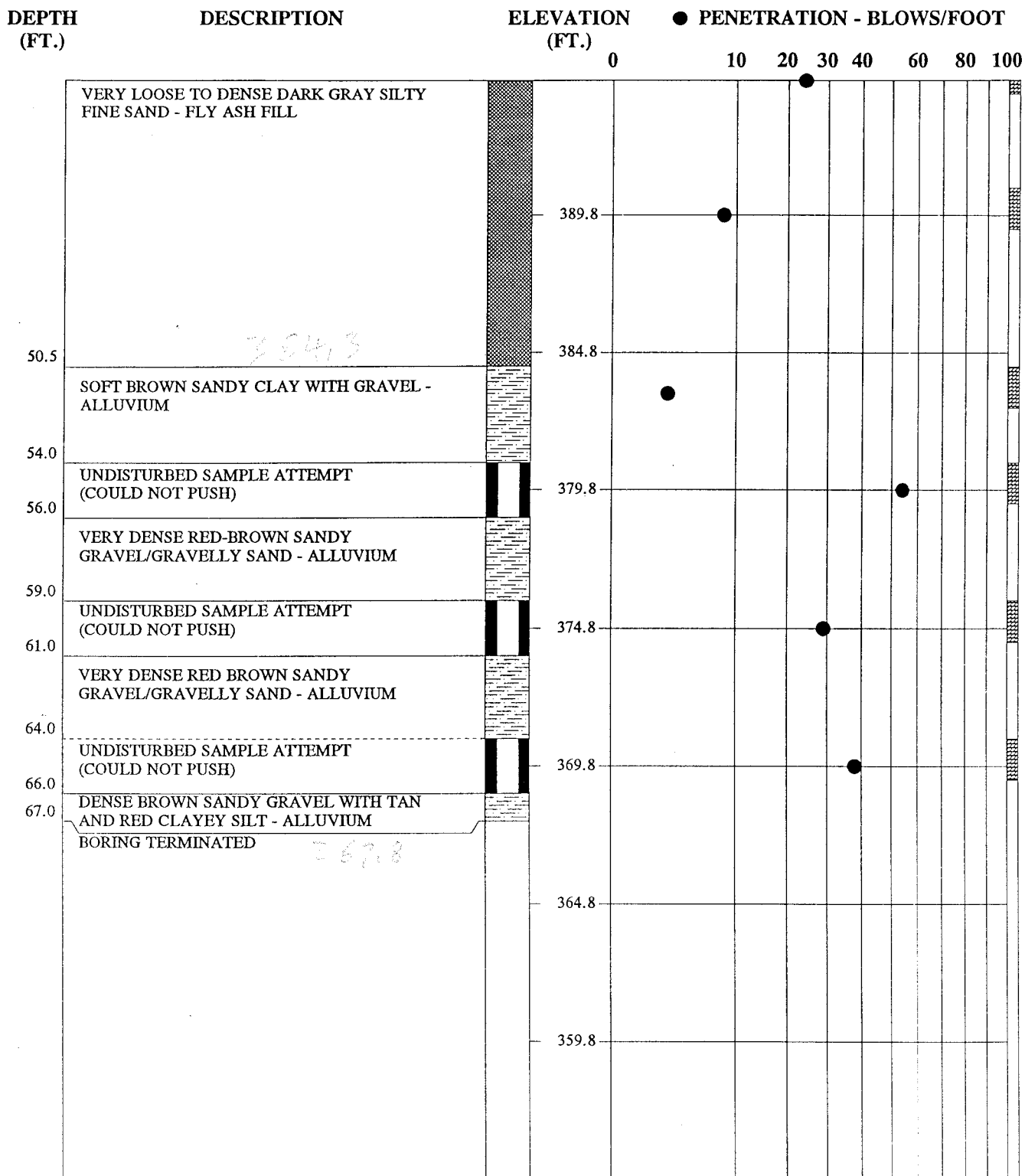
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PROJECT TVA Johnsonville  
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REMARKS:

STANDARD PENETRATION RESISTANCE TESTING PERFORMED USING AN AUTOMATIC HAMMER. TVA PLANT COORDINATES ~~2342'N, 2198'E~~  
-2521'N, 3236'E

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TEST BORING LOG

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DEPTH  
(FT.)

DESCRIPTION

ELEVATION  
(FT.)

● PENETRATION - BLOWS/FOOT

0.0  
0.5

433.9 0

10 20 30 40 60 80 100

TOPSOIL

VERY LOOSE TO DENSE DARK GRAY SILTY  
FINE SAND - FLY ASH FILL

428.9

423.9

418.9

413.9

408.9

403.9

398.9

14

20

6

1

3

4

0

2

REMARKS:

STANDARD PENETRATION RESISTANCE  
TESTING PERFORMED USING AN  
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-2677'N, 3124'E

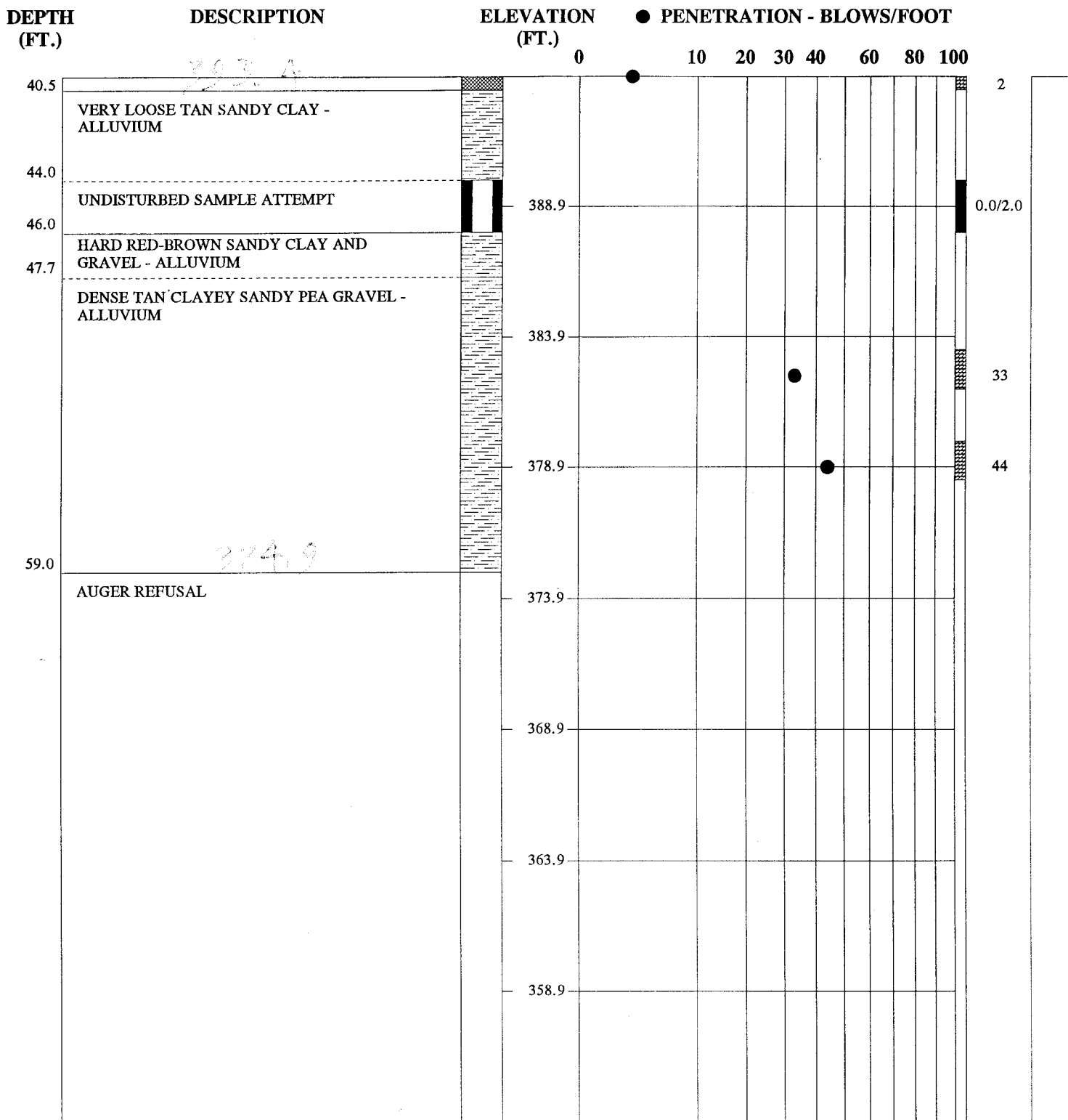
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**REMARKS:**

STANDARD PENETRATION RESISTANCE  
TESTING PERFORMED USING AN  
AUTOMATIC HAMMER. TVA PLANT  
COORDINATES ~~2212°N, 3118°E~~  
-2677N, 3124°E

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**TEST BORING LOG**

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DEPTH  
(FT.)

DESCRIPTION

ELEVATION  
(FT.)

● PENETRATION - BLOWS/FOOT

0.0

422.6 0 10 20 30 40 60 80 100

VERY LOOSE TO DENSE SILTY FINE SAND -  
FLY ASH FILL

12

417.6

8

412.6

24

407.6

6

402.6

4

397.6

1

30.0

392.6

25

32.0

HARD RED-BROWN GRAY AND MOTTLED  
SLIGHTLY SANDY SILTY CLAY - ALLUVIUM

UNDISTURBED SAMPLE ATTEMPT  
(COULD NOT PUSH)

34.0

35.0

HARD RED BROWN GRAY AND MOTTLED  
SLIGHTLY SANDY SILTY CLAY - ALLUVIUM

UNDISTURBED SAMPLE ATTEMPT  
(COULD NOT PUSH)

37.0

39.0

VERY DENSE TO DENSE RED-BROWN  
GRAVELLY SAND - ALLUVIUM

UNDISTURBED SAMPLE ATTEMPT

66

REMARKS:

STANDARD PENETRATION RESISTANCE  
TESTING PERFORMED USING AN  
AUTOMATIC HAMMER. TVA PLANT  
COORDINATES ~~2062'N, 2973'E~~

-2805'N, 2968'E

TEST BORING LOG

BORING NUMBER (97)B-11  
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DEPTH  
(FT.)

DESCRIPTION

ELEVATION  
(FT.)

● PENETRATION - BLOWS/FOOT

0 10 20 30 40 60 80 100

41.0

(COULD NOT PUSH)

DENSE TAN CLAYEY GRAVELLY SAND -  
ALLUVIUM

377.6

50.5

BORING TERMINATED

372.6

367.6

362.6

357.6

352.6

347.6

38

41

36

REMARKS:

STANDARD PENETRATION RESISTANCE  
TESTING PERFORMED USING AN  
AUTOMATIC HAMMER. TVA PLANT  
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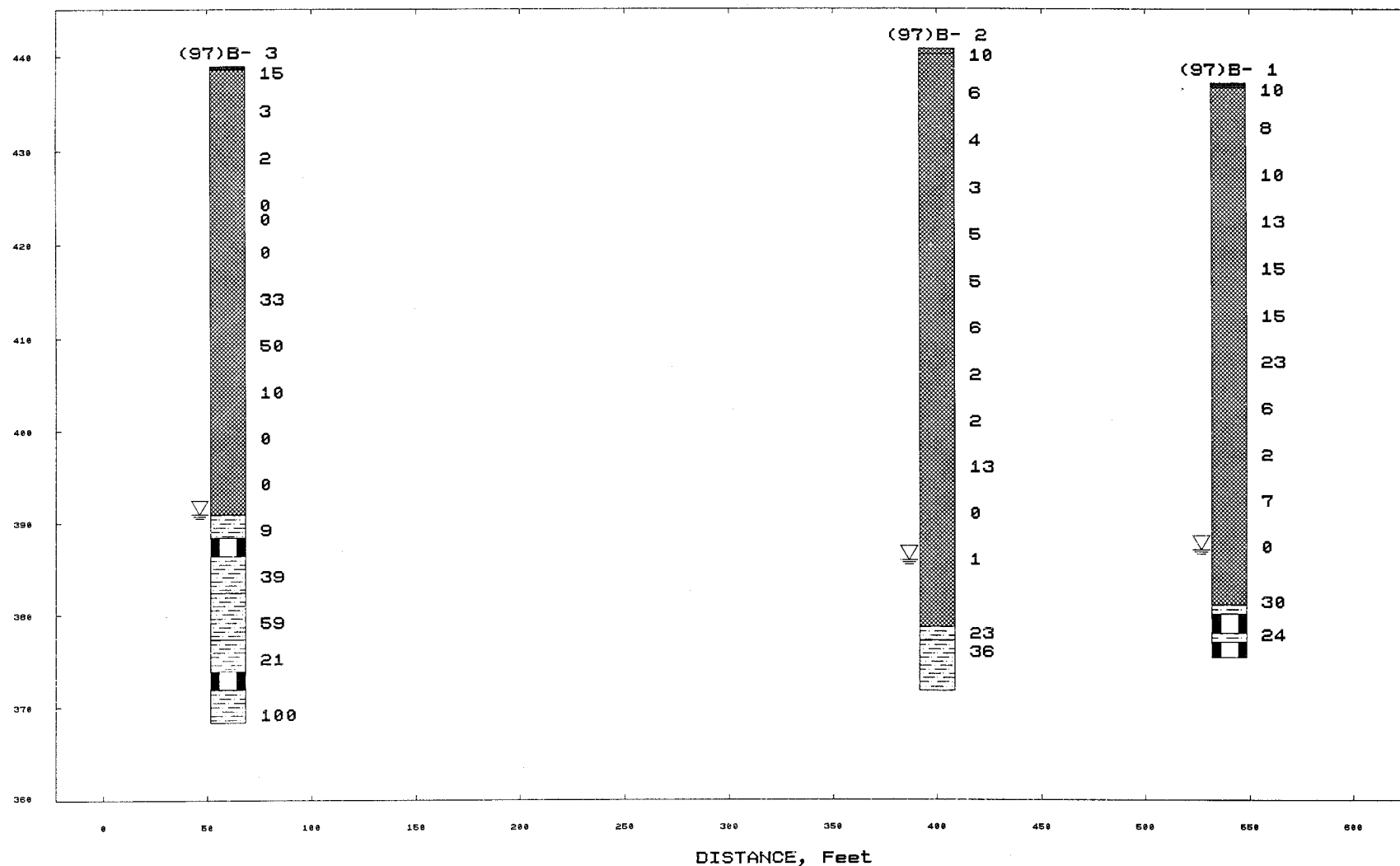
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ELEVATION, Feet



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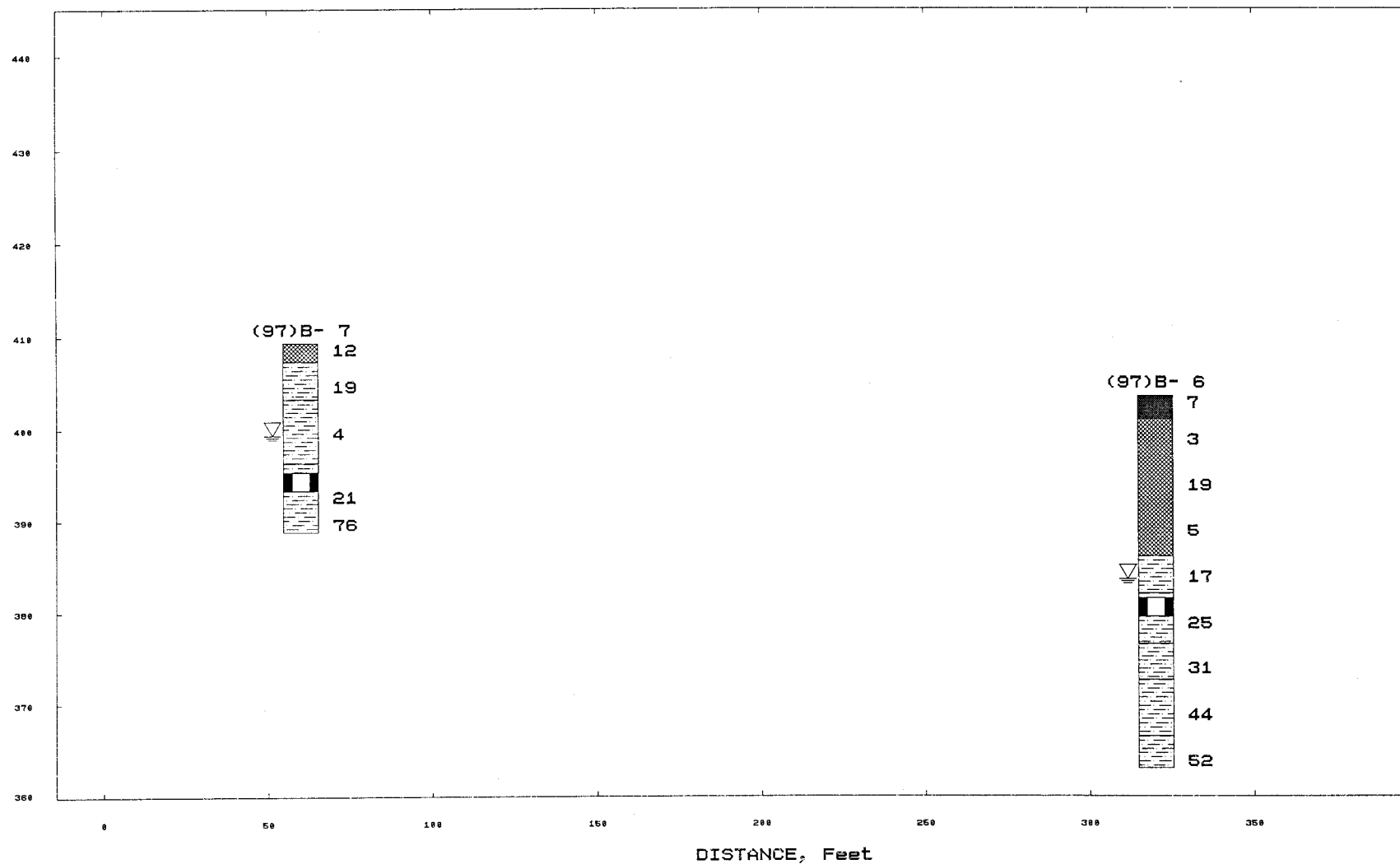
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FIGURE 1

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ELEVATION, Feet



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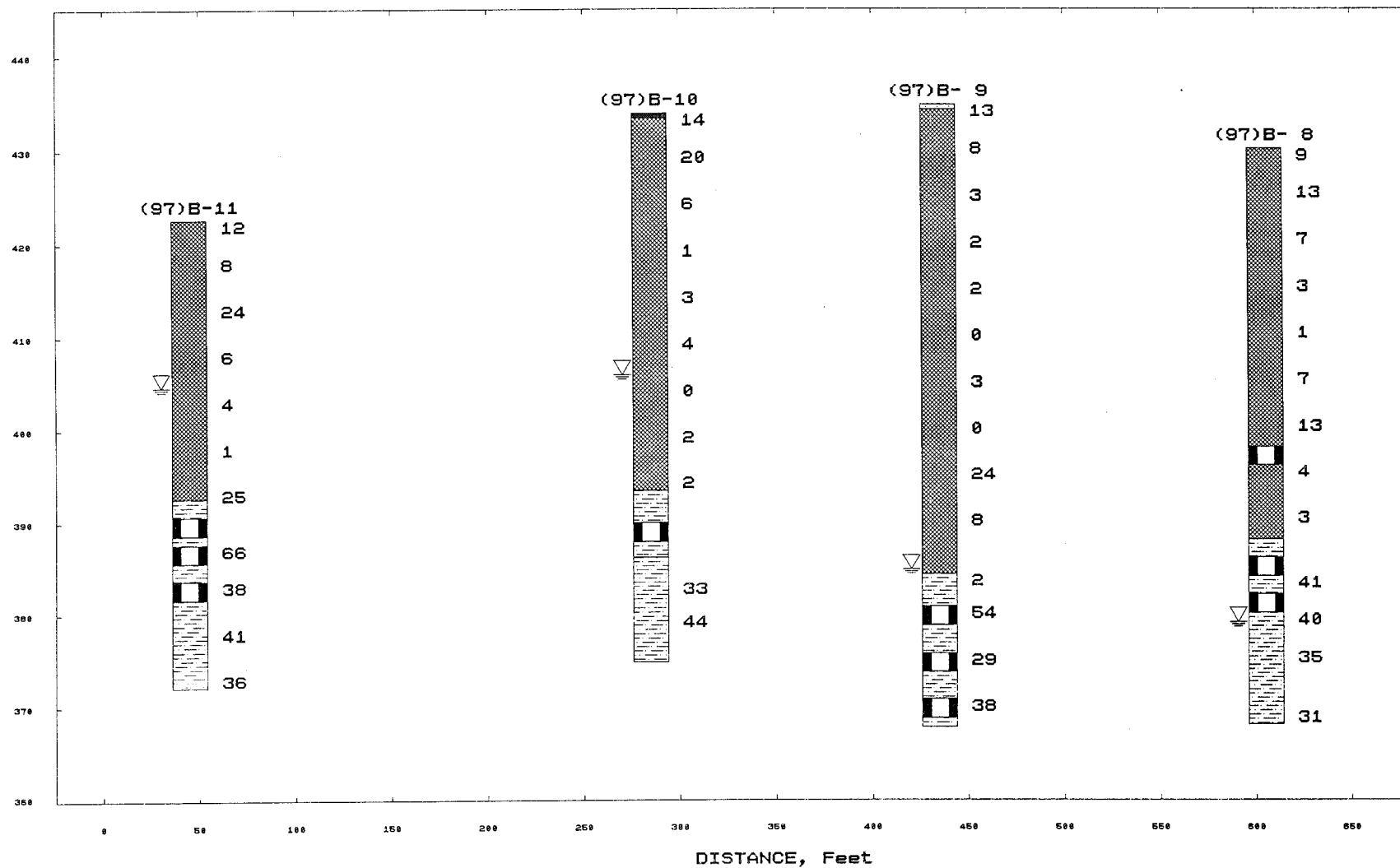
SUBSURFACE PROFILE SECTION 2-2'

FIGURE 2

PROJECT TVA Johnsonville  
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ELEVATION, Feet



NOTES:

SUBSURFACE PROFILE SECTION 3-3'

FIGURE 3

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**APPENDIX D**  
**LABORATORY TEST PROCEDURES**  
**AND**  
**TEST RESULTS**

## LABORATORY TEST PROCEDURES

### Moisture Content

The moisture content in a given mass of soil is the ratio, expressed as a percentage, of the weight of the water to the weight of the solid particles. This test was conducted in accordance with ASTM D 2216.

### Triaxial Shear Tests

Triaxial shear tests are used to determine the strength characteristics and friction angle of a given soil sample. Triaxial tests are also used to determine the elastic properties of the soil specimen.

Triaxial shear tests are performed on several sections of a relatively undisturbed sample extruded from the sampling tube. The samples are trimmed into cylinders 1.4 to 2.8 inches in diameter and encased in rubber membranes. Each is then placed in a compression chamber and confined by all-around air pressure. The test results are presented in the form of stress-strain curves and Mohr envelopes, or p-q plots on the accompanying Triaxial Shear Test Sheets.

One of three types of triaxial tests is normally performed, the most suitable type being determined by the loading conditions imposed on the soil in the field and the soil characteristics.

1. Consolidated-Undrained (Designated as a CU or R Test)
2. Consolidated-Drained (designated as a CD or S Test)
3. Unconsolidated-Undrained (designated as a UU or Q Test)

### Falling Head Permeability Test

The test sample was taken from the bottom of the undisturbed sample. The physical dimensions and weight were obtained and the sample was encased in a rubber membrane and placed in a triaxial chamber. The sample was then back-pressure saturated until a B value of 0.95 or greater was reached. After saturation was obtained, the sample was consolidated under 10-psi confining stress. Upon completion of consolidation, a falling head permeability test was performed.

## **Grain Size Distribution**

Grain Size Tests are performed to aid in determining the soil classification and the grain size distribution. The soil samples are prepared for testing according to ASTM D 421 (dry preparation) or ASTM D 2217 (wet preparation). If only the grain size distribution of soils coarser than a number 200 sieve (0.074-mm opening) is desired, the grain size distribution is determined by washing the sample over a number 200 sieve and, after drying, passing the samples through a standard set of nested sieves. If the grain size distribution of the soils finer than the number 200 sieve is also desired, the grain size distribution of the soils coarser than the number 10 sieve is determined by passing the sample through a set of nested sieves. Materials passing the number 10 sieve are dispersed with a dispersing agent and suspended in water, and the grain size distribution calculated from the measured settlement rate of the particles. These tests are conducted in accordance with ASTM D 422.

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## HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY

Project No. **50385-5-0400**Project Name **Johnsonville Fossil Plant**Boring No. **B-3**Sample No. **Ud**Sample Depth **52-54 Ft.**

Sample Description

Tested By **JTM**Test Date **07/16/97**Reviewed By **HEJ**Review Date **07/25/97**

### *ASTM D5084 - Falling Head*

Sample Type:	<i>Ud</i>
Sample Orientation:	<i>Vertical</i>
Initial Water Content, %:	<i>19.6</i>
Wet Unit Weight, pcf:	<i>123.6</i>
Dry Unit Weight, pcf:	<i>103.4</i>
Compaction, %:	<i>N/A</i>
Hydraulic Conductivity, cm/sec. @20 °C	<i>2.0E-08</i>

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## HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY

Project No. **50385-5-0400**  
Project Name **Johnsonville Fossil Plant**  
Boring No. **B-10**  
Sample No. **Ud**  
Sample Depth **44-46 Ft.**  
Sample Description

Tested By **JTM**  
Test Date **07/16/97**  
Reviewed By **HEJ**  
Review Date **07/25/97**

### *ASTM D5084 - Falling Head*

Sample Type:	<i>Ud</i>
Sample Orientation:	<i>Vertical</i>
Initial Water Content, %:	<i>21.3</i>
Wet Unit Weight, pcf:	<i>127.1</i>
Dry Unit Weight, pcf:	<i>104.7</i>
Compaction, %:	<i>N/A</i>
Hydraulic Conductivity, cm/sec. @20 °C	<i>6.9E-08</i>

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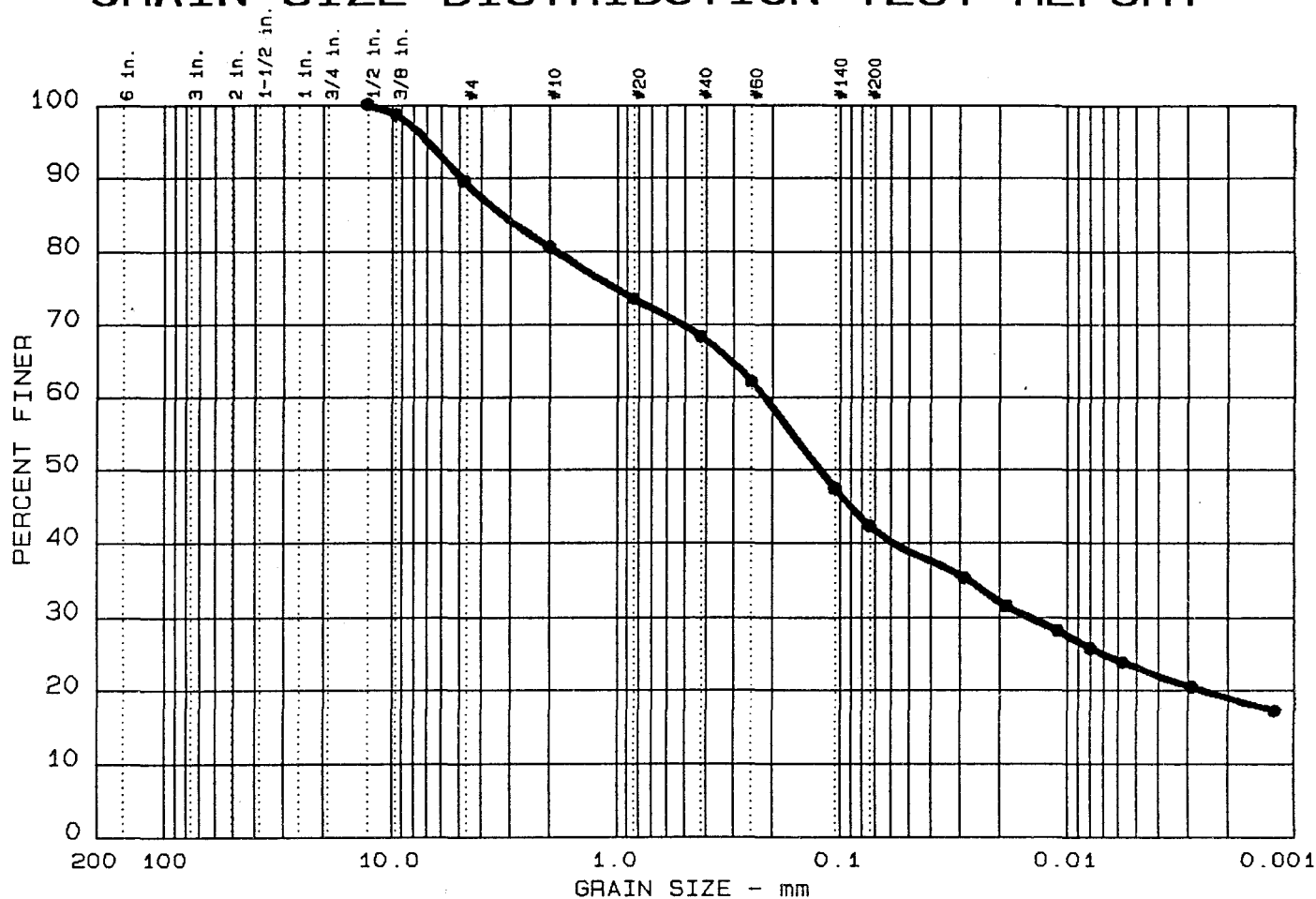
GRAIN SIZE - mm

Grain Size (mm)	Percent Finer (%)
200	100
100	100
60	100
40	100
30	100
20	100
15	100
12.5	100
10	92
7.5	79
6	65
4.75	55
3.75	48
3	43
2.5	40
2	37
1.5	36
1.18	31
0.85	28
0.6	23
0.425	21
0.3	19
0.25	16
0.2	15

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Project No.: 50385-5-0400 Project: TVA Johnsonville Fossil Plant ● Location: B-3 Ud @ 52-54 Ft.	Remarks: Tested by: JTM Reviewed by: HS
Date: Aug. 1, 1997	
GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION TEST REPORT <b>LAW ENGINEERING, INC.</b>	Figure No.

# GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION TEST REPORT



The graph displays the grain size distribution of a test material. The y-axis represents the percentage of material finer than a given grain size, ranging from 0 to 100. The x-axis represents the grain size in millimeters on a logarithmic scale, ranging from 200 mm to 0.001 mm. The curve shows that approximately 100% of the material is finer than 200 mm, and the percentage finer decreases as the grain size decreases, reaching about 13% finer than 0.075 mm.

Grain Size (mm)	Percent Finer (%)
200	100
100	100
50	100
25	100
12.5	100
6.3	86
3.15	81
1.6	64
0.85	52
0.425	45
0.25	39
0.15	35
0.075	31
0.0475	30
0.03	28
0.015	25
0.0075	21
0.00475	19
0.003	18
0.0015	15
0.00075	14

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Project No.: 50385-5-0400  
Project: TVA Johnsonville Fossil Plant  
● Location: B-7 Ud @ 14-16 Ft.  
  
Date: Aug. 1, 1997

Figure No.

GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION TEST REPORT  
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Grain size distribution plot showing Percent Finer versus Grain Size (mm). The curve indicates a well-graded soil.

Grain Size (mm)	Percent Finer (%)
200	100
100	100
60	100
40	100
30	100
20	100
15	100
12.5	100
10	100
7.5	90
6	85
4.75	78
3.75	70
3.0	62
2.5	55
2.0	52
1.5	48
1.18	45
0.85	42
0.75	38
0.6	33
0.425	30
0.3	28
0.25	25
0.2	23
0.15	23
0.125	20
0.106	18
0.075	15

	Test	% +3"	% GRAVEL	% SAND	% SILT	% CLAY
●	17	0.0	21.2	36.8	18.5	23.5

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MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	USCS	AASHTO
● Brown Silty Clayey Sand with Gravel	SC	A-6 (3.2)

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Project: TVA Johnsonville Fossil Plant  
● Location: B-8 Ud @ 44-46 Ft.

Date: Aug. 1, 1997

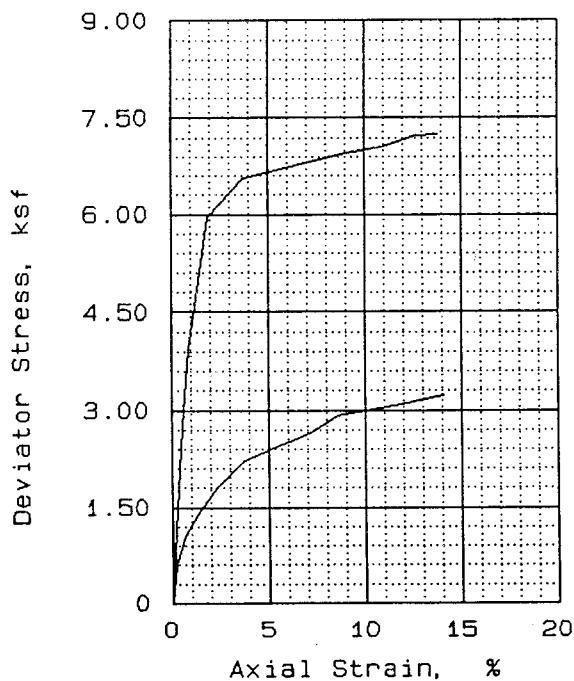
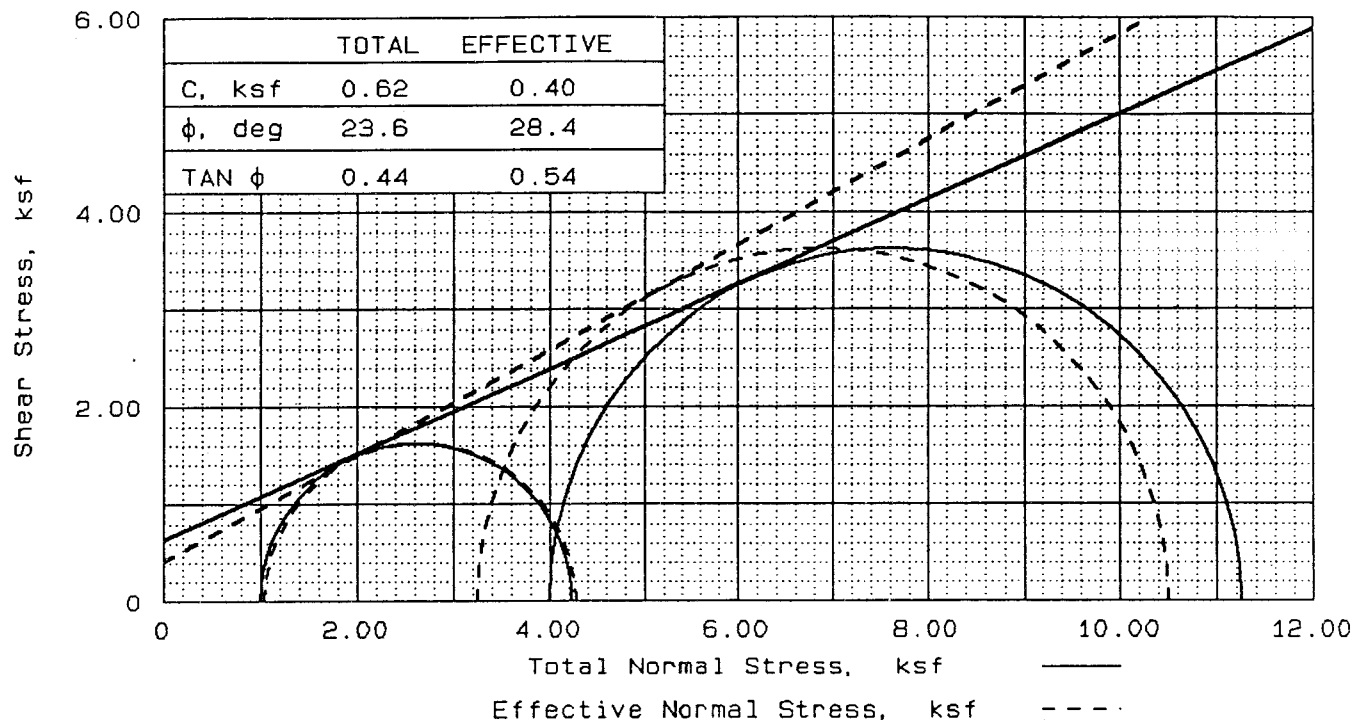
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LAW ENGINEERING, INC.

Remarks:

Tested by: JTM

Reviewed by: *tb*

Figure No.



SAMPLE NO.		1	2
INITIAL	WATER CONTENT, %	20.7	19.7
	DRY DENSITY, pcf	103.9	106.1
	SATURATION, %	90.1	90.5
	VOID RATIO	0.622	0.589
	DIAMETER, in	2.88	2.88
	HEIGHT, in	5.99	5.97
AT TEST	WATER CONTENT, %	21.7	20.6
	DRY DENSITY, pcf	106.2	108.4
	SATURATION, %	100.0	100.0
	VOID RATIO	0.587	0.555
	DIAMETER, in	2.85	2.86
	HEIGHT, in	5.98	5.94
BACK PRESSURE, ksf		2.92	2.92
CELL PRESSURE, ksf		3.92	6.92
FAILURE STRESS, ksf		3.24	7.25
PORE PRESSURE, ksf		2.88	3.67
STRAIN RATE, %/min.		0.010	0.010
ULTIMATE STRESS, ksf			
PORE PRESSURE, ksf			
$\bar{\sigma}_1$ FAILURE, ksf		4.28	10.50
$\bar{\sigma}_3$ FAILURE, ksf		1.04	3.25

TYPE OF TEST:

CU with pore pressures

SAMPLE TYPE: UD

DESCRIPTION:

LL= PL= PI=

SPECIFIC GRAVITY= 2.70

REMARKS: Tested by: Jm

Reviewed by: H

FIG. NO.

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PROJECT: Johnsonville Fossil Plant

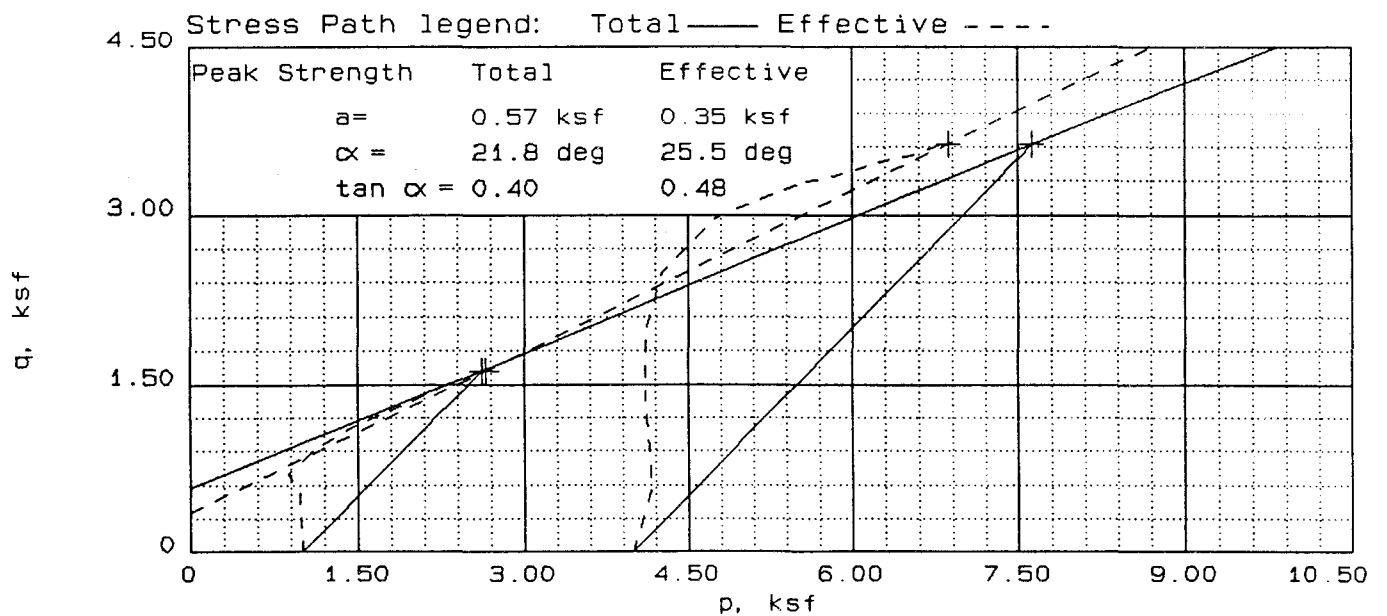
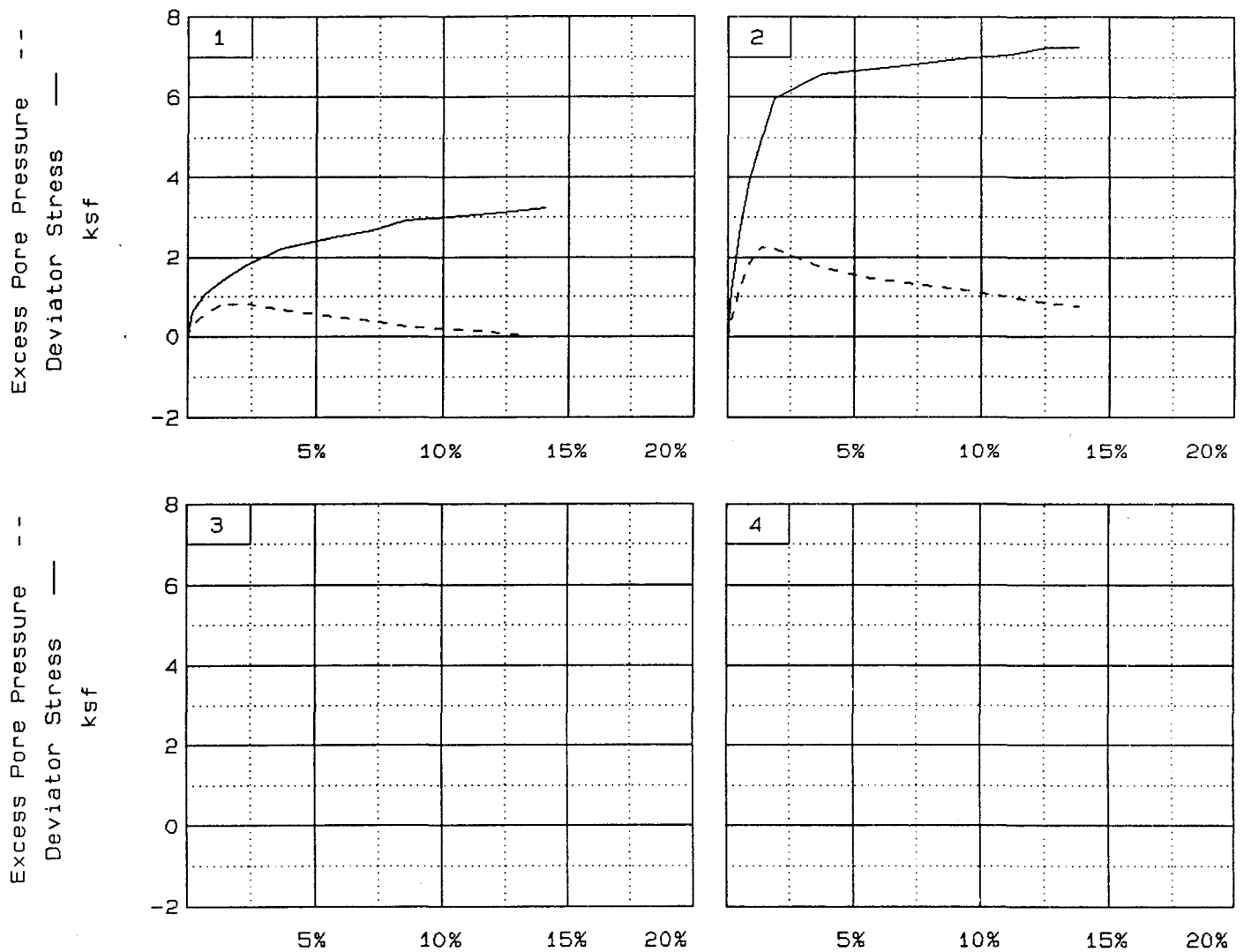
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PROJ. NO.: 503850400

DATE: July 27, 1997

TRIAxIAL COMPRESSION TEST

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Project: Johnsonville Fossil Plant

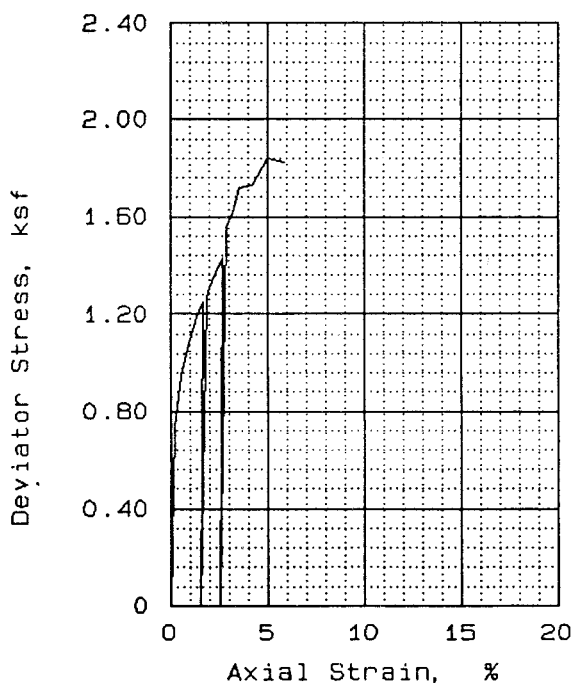
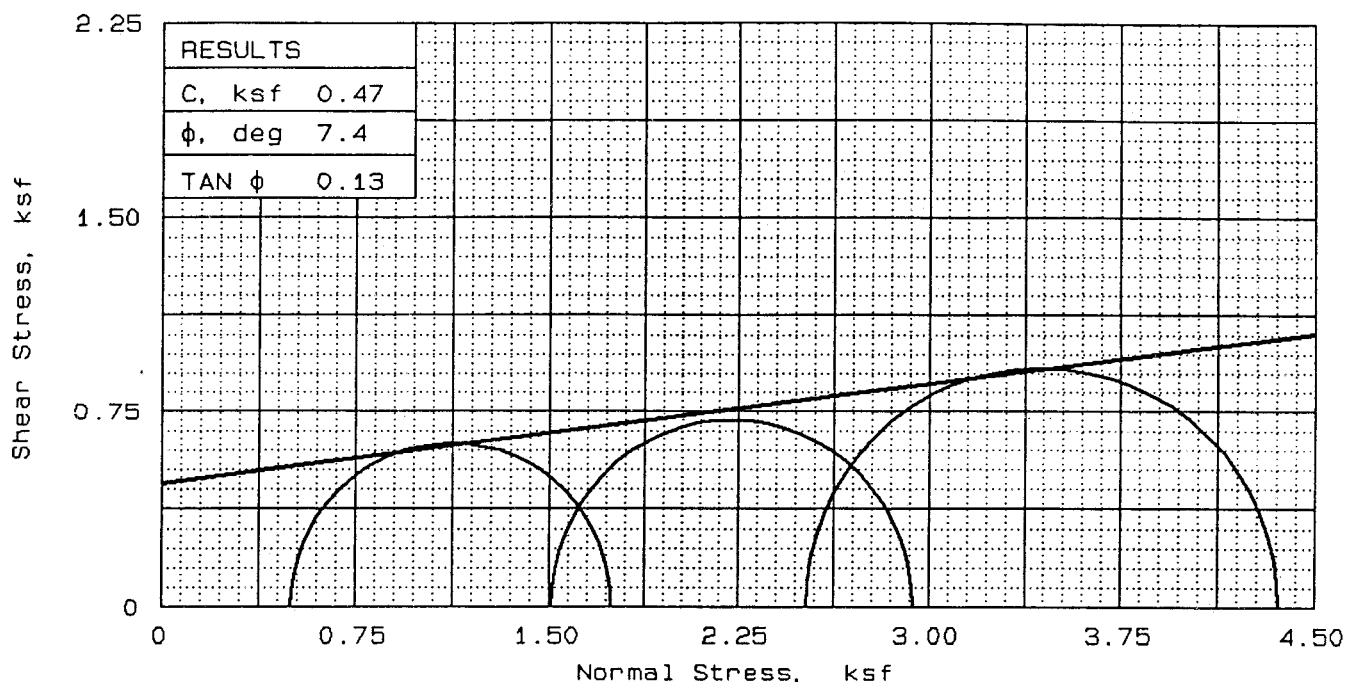
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SAMPLE NO.		1	2	3
INITIAL	WATER CONTENT, %	15.3	15.3	15.3
	DRY DENSITY, pcf	116.9	116.9	116.9
	SATURATION, %	93.4	93.4	93.4
	VOID RATIO	0.441	0.441	0.441
	DIAMETER, in	2.87	2.87	2.87
	HEIGHT, in	6.00	6.00	6.00
AT TEST	WATER CONTENT, %	15.3	15.3	15.3
	DRY DENSITY, pcf	116.9	116.9	116.9
	SATURATION, %	93.4	93.4	93.4
	VOID RATIO	0.441	0.441	0.441
	DIAMETER, in	2.87	2.87	2.87
	HEIGHT, in	6.00	6.00	6.00
BACK PRESSURE, ksf		0.00	0.00	0.00
CELL PRESSURE, ksf		0.50	1.51	2.52
FAILURE STRESS, ksf		1.25	1.43	1.84
PORE PRESSURE, ksf				
STRAIN RATE, %/min.		1.000	1.000	1.000
ULTIMATE STRESS, ksf				
PORE PRESSURE, ksf				
$\sigma_1$ FAILURE, ksf		1.75	2.94	4.36
$\sigma_3$ FAILURE, ksf		0.5	1.51	2.52

TYPE OF TEST:

Unconsolidated undrained

SAMPLE TYPE: Ud

DESCRIPTION:

LL= PL= PI=

SPECIFIC GRAVITY= 2.70

REMARKS: Tested by: *Jm*

Reviewed by: *H*

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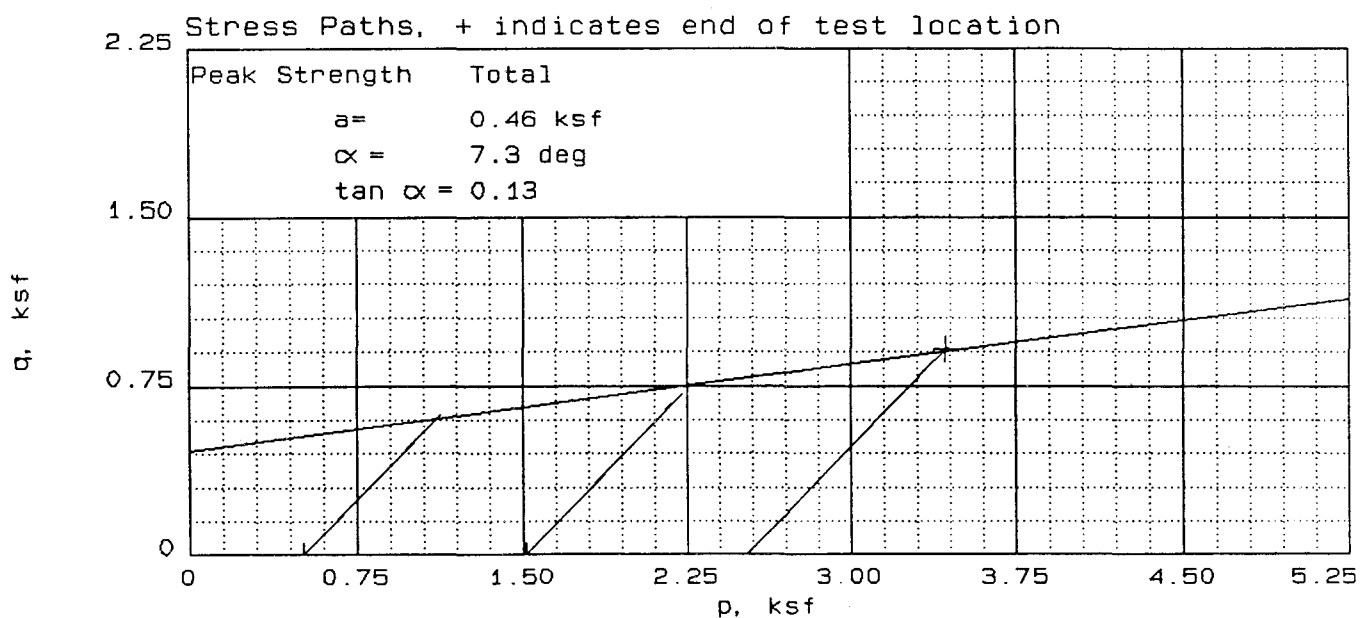
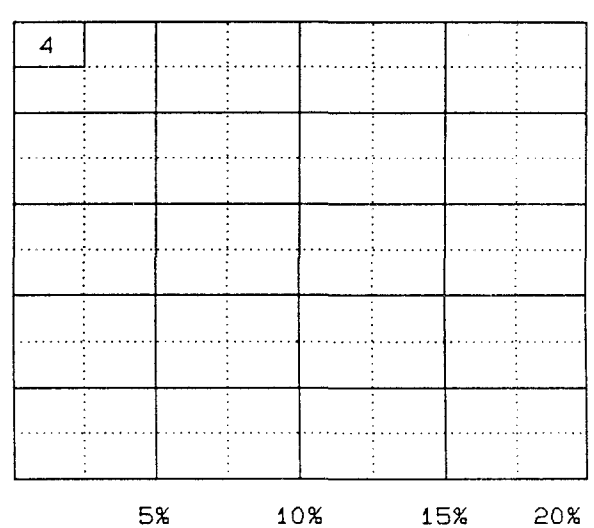
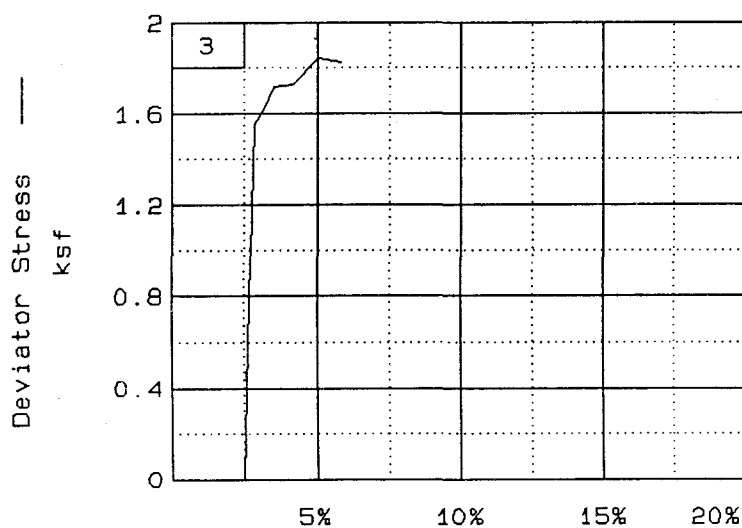
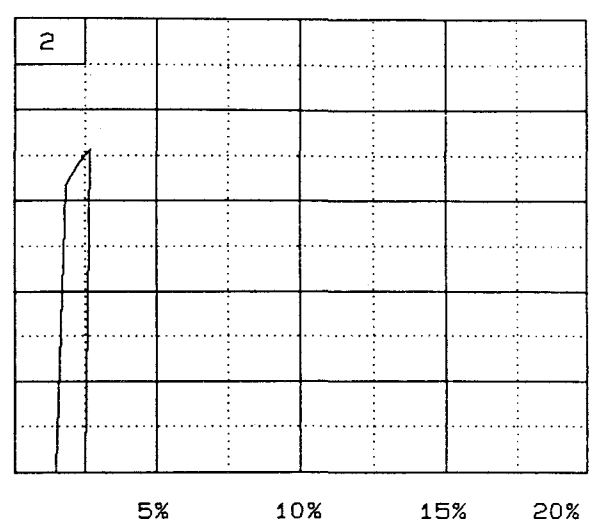
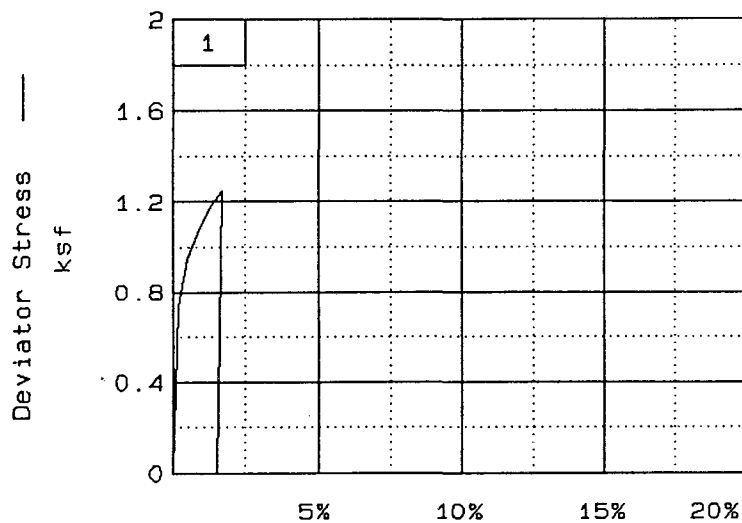
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SAMPLE LOCATION: B-7 Ud @ 14-16 Ft

PROJ. NO.: 5038550400 DATE: July 27, 1997

TRIAXIAL COMPRESSION TEST

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Project: Johnsonville Fossil Plant

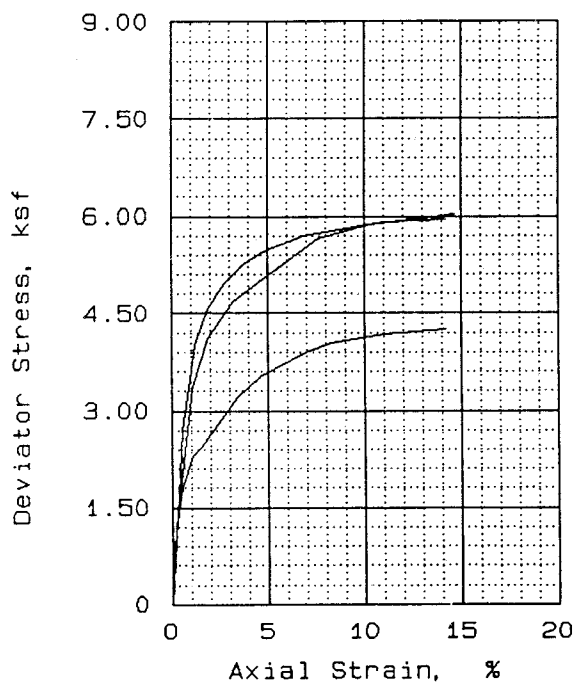
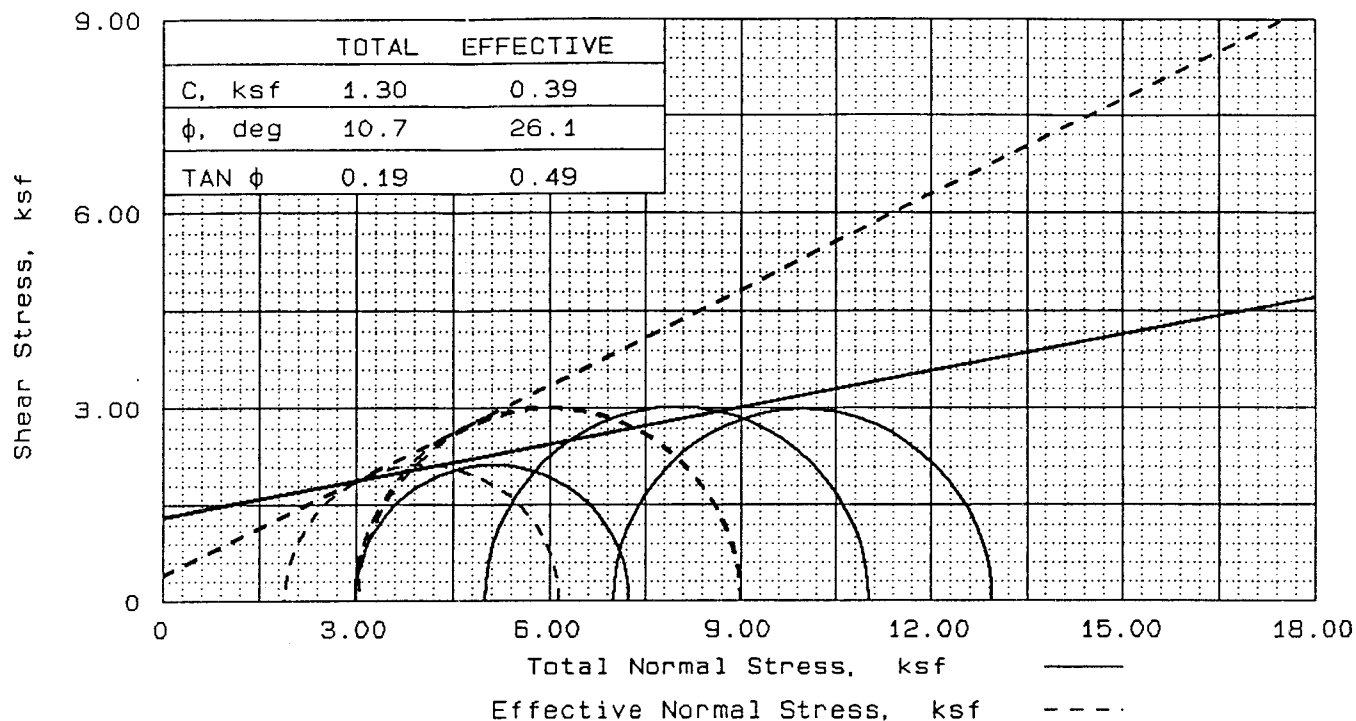
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SAMPLE NO.		1	2	3
INITIAL	WATER CONTENT, %	22.9	22.5	21.0
	DRY DENSITY, pcf	100.0	101.9	103.4
	SATURATION, %	90.2	92.7	89.9
	VOID RATIO	0.685	0.655	0.631
	DIAMETER, in	2.89	2.87	2.87
	HEIGHT, in	5.96	5.98	5.97
AT TEST	WATER CONTENT, %	24.0	22.7	21.9
	DRY DENSITY, pcf	102.3	104.5	105.9
	SATURATION, %	100.0	100.0	100.0
	VOID RATIO	0.648	0.612	0.591
	DIAMETER, in	2.86	2.85	2.85
	HEIGHT, in	5.93	5.94	5.91
BACK PRESSURE, ksf		2.92	2.92	2.85
CELL PRESSURE, ksf		5.92	7.92	9.85
FAILURE STRESS, ksf		4.25	6.03	5.96
PORE PRESSURE, ksf		4.02	4.94	6.81
STRAIN RATE, %/min.		0.010	0.010	0.010
ULTIMATE STRESS, ksf				
PORE PRESSURE, ksf				
$\bar{\sigma}_1$ FAILURE, ksf		6.15	9.01	8.99
$\bar{\sigma}_3$ FAILURE, ksf		1.9	2.98	3.04

TYPE OF TEST:

CU with pore pressures

SAMPLE TYPE: Ud

DESCRIPTION:

LL= PL= PI=

SPECIFIC GRAVITY= 2.70

REMARKS: Tested by: *JM*

Reviewed by: *HS*

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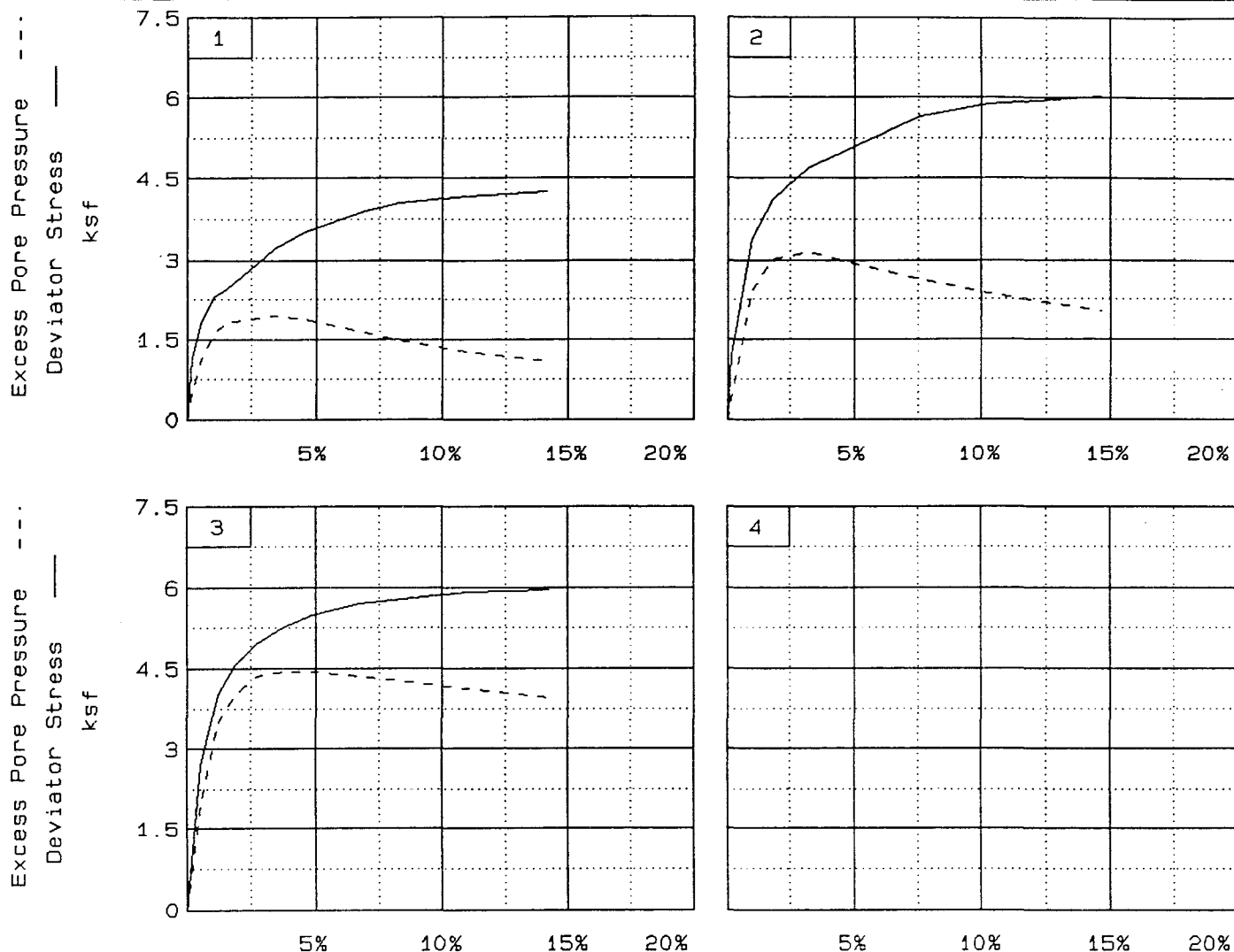
PROJECT: Johnsonville Fossil Plant

SAMPLE LOCATION: B-B Ud @ 44-45 Ft.

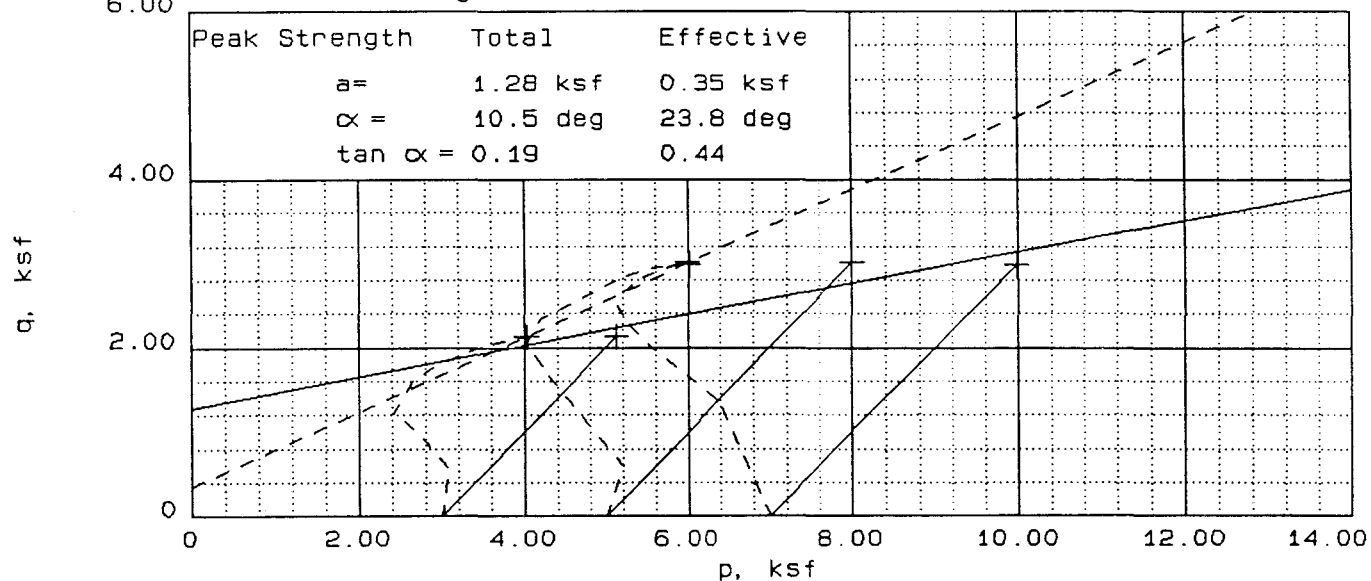
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Stress Path legend: Total—— Effective ----



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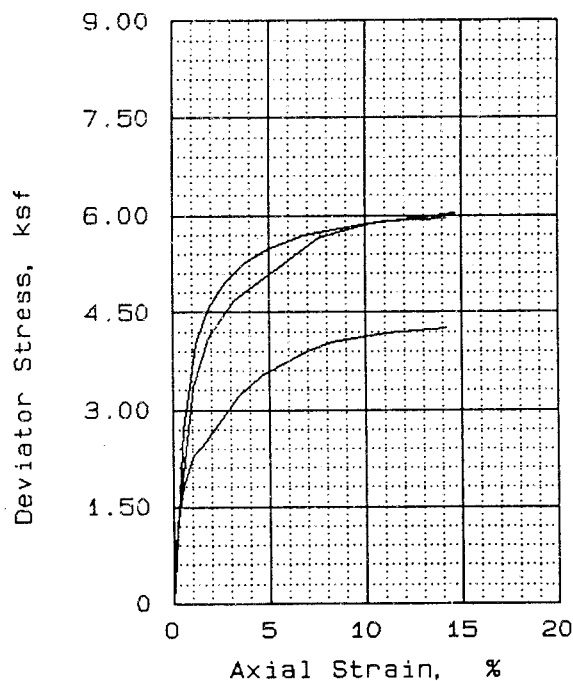
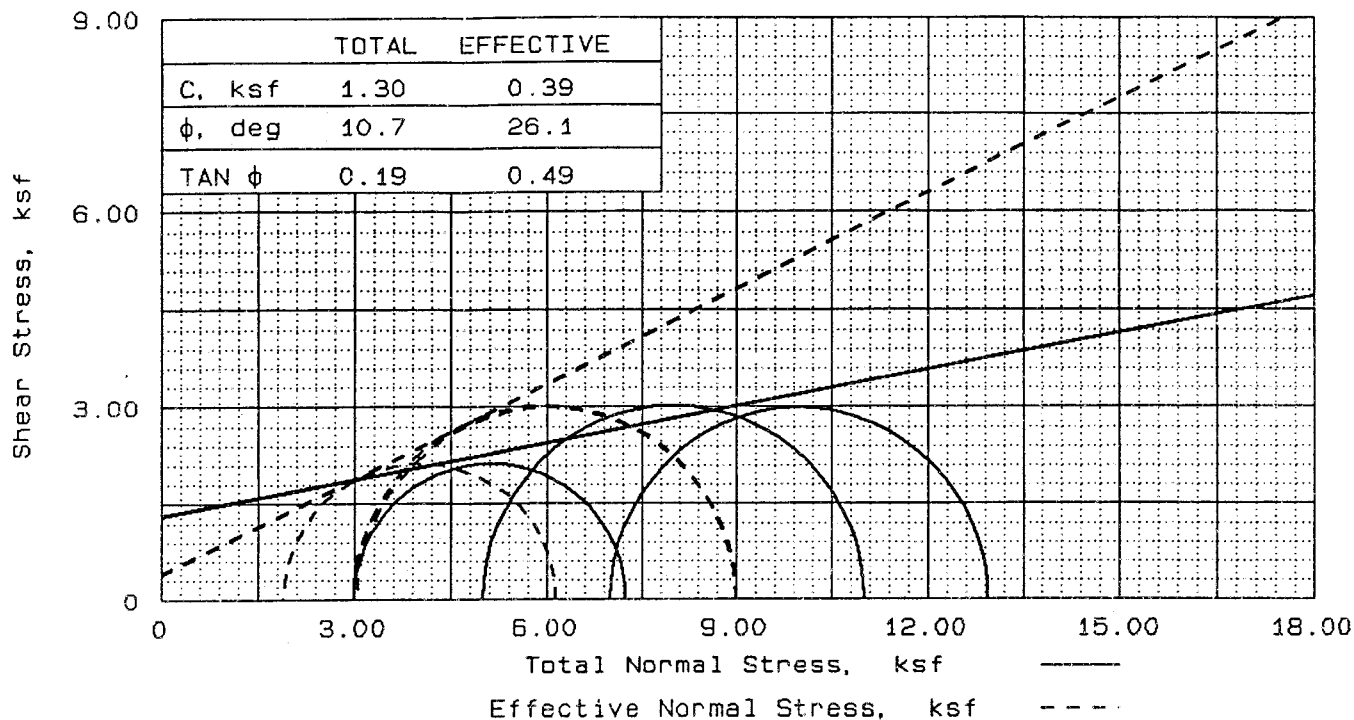
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INITIAL	WATER CONTENT, %	22.9	22.5	21.0
	DRY DENSITY, pcf	100.0	101.9	103.4
	SATURATION, %	90.2	92.7	89.9
	VOID RATIO	0.685	0.655	0.631
	DIAMETER, in	2.89	2.87	2.87
	HEIGHT, in	5.96	5.98	5.97
AT TEST	WATER CONTENT, %	24.0	22.7	21.9
	DRY DENSITY, pcf	102.3	104.5	105.9
	SATURATION, %	100.0	100.0	100.0
	VOID RATIO	0.648	0.612	0.591
	DIAMETER, in	2.86	2.85	2.85
	HEIGHT, in	5.93	5.94	5.91
BACK PRESSURE, ksf		2.92	2.92	2.85
CELL PRESSURE, ksf		5.92	7.92	9.85
FAILURE STRESS, ksf		4.25	6.03	5.96
PORE PRESSURE, ksf		4.02	4.94	6.81
STRAIN RATE, %/min.		0.010	0.010	0.010
ULTIMATE STRESS, ksf				
PORE PRESSURE, ksf				
$\bar{\sigma}_1$ FAILURE, ksf		6.15	9.01	8.99
$\bar{\sigma}_3$ FAILURE, ksf		1.9	2.98	3.04

TYPE OF TEST:  
CU with pore pressures  
SAMPLE TYPE: Ud  
DESCRIPTION:

LL= PL= PI=  
SPECIFIC GRAVITY= 2.70  
REMARKS: Tested by: *JM*

Reviewed by: *HS*

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