# **CLECO POWER LLC**

# BRAME ENERGY CENTER LENA, RAPIDES PARISH, LOUISIANA



# CCR COMPLIANT UPPERMOST AQUIFER LOCATION RESTRICTION DEMONSTRATION

# ASH MANAGEMENT LANDFILL CELL 4

**AGENCY INTEREST NO. 2922** 

D-079-0390/P-0379-R1-M2

**DECEMBER 2023** 





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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

On April 17, 2015, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the final version of the federal coal combustion residuals rule (CCR Rule) to regulate the disposal of CCR materials generated at coal-fired units. The rule is being administered as part of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §6901 et seq.), using the Subtitle D approach.

Cleco Power LLC (Cleco) operates an existing coal combustion residuals (CCR) landfill referred to as the Ash Management Landfill at the Brame Energy Center (BEC) located near Boyce, Rapides Parish, Louisiana. The landfill is considered a Type I Industrial Facility by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and operates under solid waste permit P-0379-R1-M3. Cells 1-3 of the Ash Management Landfill were active prior to the effective date of the CCR Rule. On October 11, 2021, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) approved a minor modification for design changes to Cell 4 to comply with CCR design requirements. These changes included raising the excavation grades in Cell 4, changes to final waste grades, raising the perimeter levee elevations, and reorientation of the leachate collection trenches. Cleco contracted and completed the design and construction of the lateral expansion for Cell 4 of the Ash Management Landfill. This report is to certify that Cell 4 of the Ash Management Landfill was designed, operates and meets the criteria outlined in 40 CFR 257.60(a).

Per 40 CFR §257.60(b), Cleco must obtain certification from a qualified professional engineer that the evaluation of the Placement above the Uppermost Aquifer Location Restriction meets the requirements of 40 CFR 257.60(a) and is included in **Appendix A**.

#### 2.0 PLACEMENT ABOVE THE UPPERMOST AQUIFER ASSESSMENT

40 CFR 257.60 (a) states:

New CCR landfills, existing and new CCR surface impoundments, and all lateral expansions of CCR units must be constructed with a base that is located no less than 1.52 meters (five feet) above the upper limit of the uppermost aquifer, or must demonstrate that there will not be an intermittent, recurring, or sustained hydraulic connection between any portion of the base of the CCR unit and the uppermost aquifer due to normal fluctuations in groundwater elevations (including the seasonal high water table).

The owner or operator of a new CCR landfill, or any lateral expansion of a CCR unit, must obtain a certification from a qualified professional engineer stating that the demonstration meets the requirements of the uppermost aquifer assessment no later than the date of initial receipt of CCR in the CCR unit.

The BEC facility is located across two different geomorphologic features consisting of Intermediate Terrace deposits of Pleistocene age to the north and northwest and alluvium and natural levee deposits of Holocene age to the south and southeast. The mapped boundary of the Intermediate Terrace and the alluvium/natural levee deposits is displayed on **Figure 1**. Cell 4 is located primarily on the Intermediate Terrace deposits.

A review of existing hydrogeological information for the uppermost water bearing zone and its relationship to Cell 4 was performed. Boring logs, geological cross sections from the solid waste

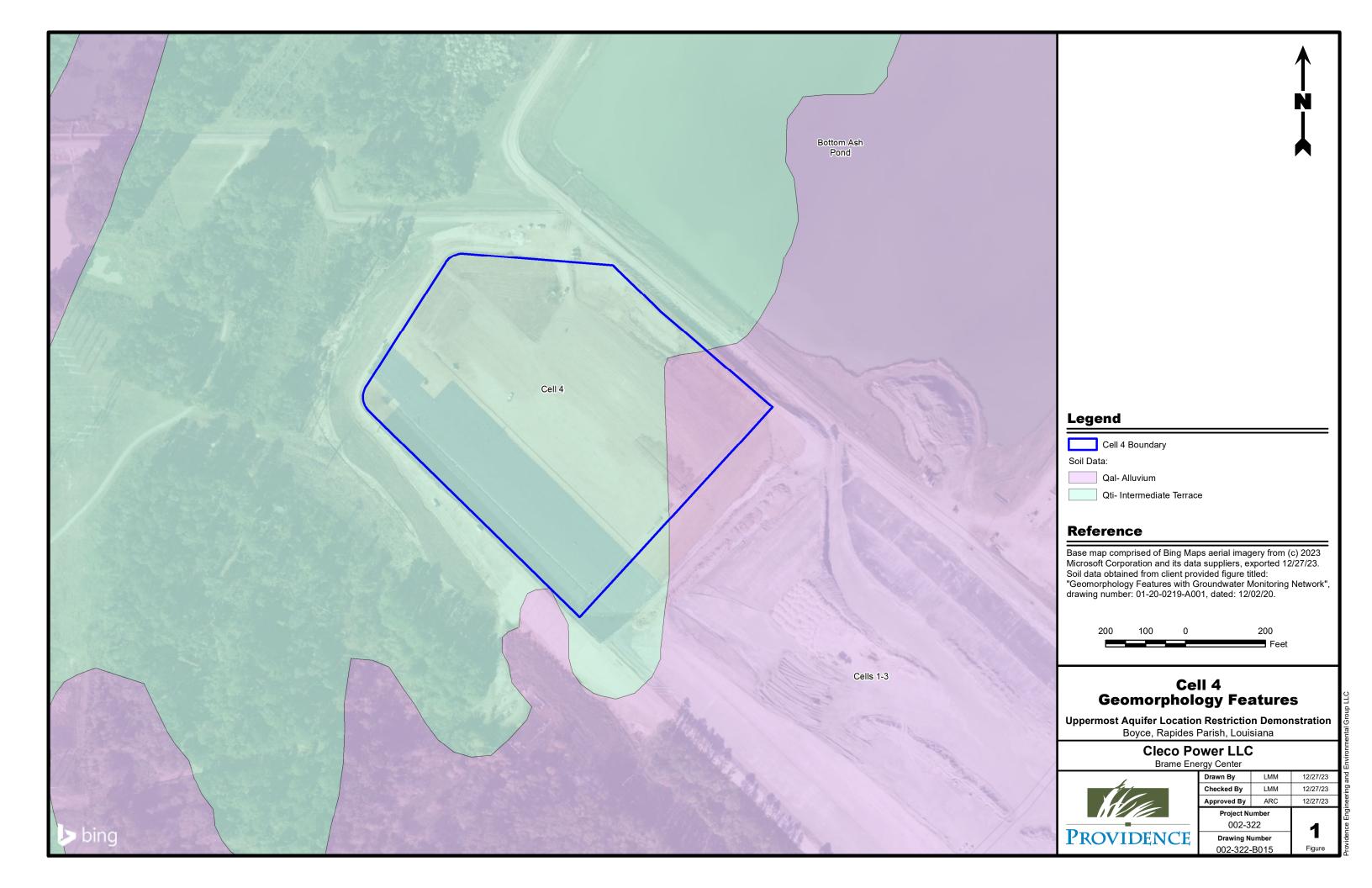
permit (Attachment 1), water level measurements (Attachment 2) and the Eagle Environmental Services, Inc. (Eagle) report for the 2019 Fatal Flaws Location (Attachment 3) restrictions report were reviewed. Eagle noted in their report that Cell 4 is located primarily on Intermediate Terrace deposits. Based on additional water level measurements, the potentiometric surface is 105 feet NGVD in the Terrace and 77 feet NGVD in the Alluvium.

Cell 4 was recently constructed to meet the requirements of 257.60. The base of excavation in Cell 4 was raised to 110 NGVD to ensure it was constructed at least five feet above the upper limit of the uppermost aquifer. Other changes included raising the perimeter levee elevations, changes to final waste grades, and reorientation of the leachate collection trenches.

#### 3.0 CONCLUSION

Based on the results of the uppermost aquifer location restriction demonstration, Providence concludes that Cell 4 was constructed at least five feet above the upper limit of the uppermost aquifer. Cell 4 meets the requirements at 257.60 of the CCR regulations.

# FIGURE 1 CELL 4 GEOMORPHOLOGY FEATURES



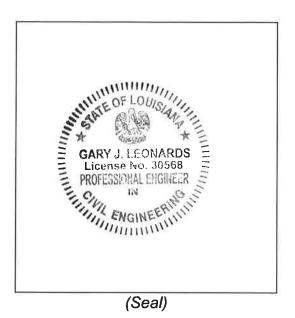
# **APPENDIX A**

**CERTIFICATION** 

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that this Uppermost Aquifer fulfills the minimum requirements of 40 CFR 257.60 as applicable. This certification is based on my review of the Cleco Brame Aquifer and operational information about the CCR units.

Gary J. Leonards, P.E.		
Name		
30568	Louisiana	
Registration No.	State	
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Signature		
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# **ATTACHMENT 1**

BORING LOGS, GEOLOGICAL CROSS SECTIONS FROM THE SOLID WASTE PERMIT



Boyce, Louisiana

01-17-0173

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CLIENT:

Notes:

SITE LOCATION:

PROJECT NO.:

LOGGED BY:

# **SOIL BORING LOG**

**BORING/WELL NO.:** W-25

TOTAL DEPTH: 60 Feet

TOP OF CASING ELEV.: **124.74 Ft NGVD** 

**GROUND SURFACE ELEV.: 121.32 Ft NGVD** 

DRILLING CO.: Cleco BEC **C&S Lease Service** PROJECT: **Ash Ponds** DRILLER: Michael Dodson

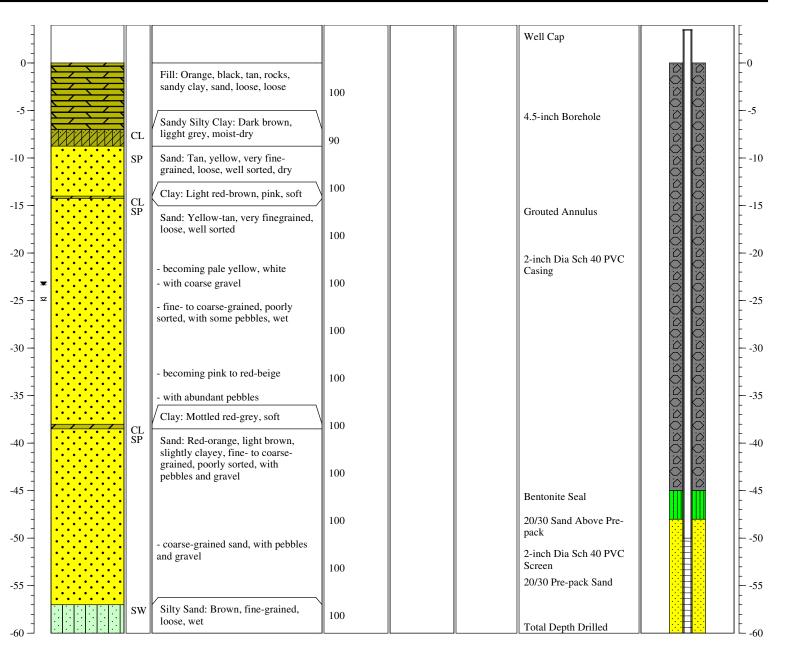
> METHOD OF DRILLING: **DPT SAMPLING METHODS: DPT**

DATES DRILLED: 11/06/2017

> Water level during drilling: 25 ft bgs

Water level in completed well: 23.35 ft bgs

DEPTH	SOIL SYMBOLS	USCS	SOIL DESCRIPTION	CORE RECOVERY (Percent)	STIFFNESS (Kg/cm^2)	SAMPLE TAKEN	BORING DESCRIPTION	WELL CONSTRUCTION
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**Ash Ponds** 

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Boyce, Louisiana

**CLIENT:** 

Notes:

PROJECT:

SITE LOCATION:

PROJECT NO.:

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# **SOIL BORING LOG**

BORING/WELL NO.: W-26
TOTAL DEPTH: 60 Feet

TOP OF CASING ELEV.: 129.42 Ft NGVD

GROUND SURFACE ELEV.: 125.89 Ft NGVD

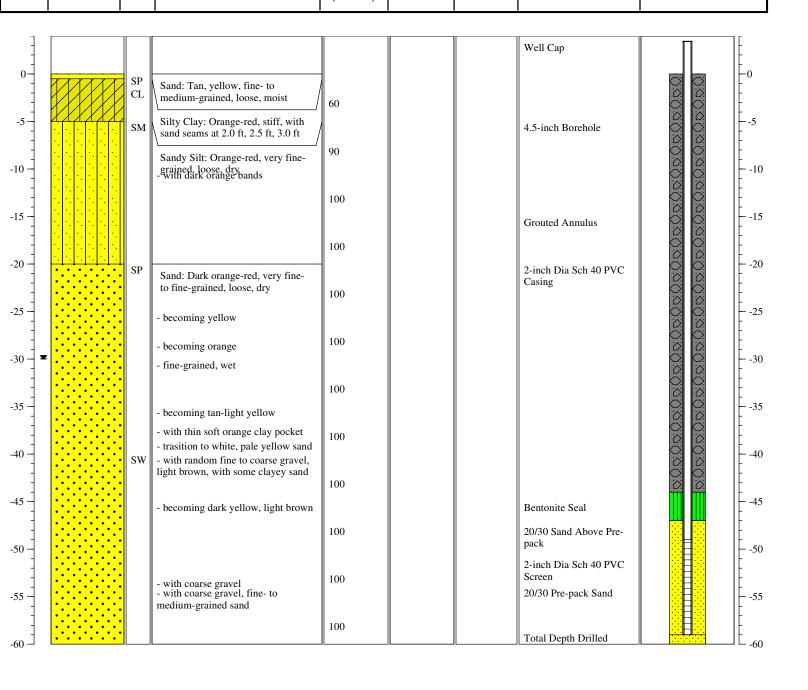
DRILLING CO.: C&S Lease Service
DRILLER: Michael Dodson

METHOD OF DRILLING: **DPT** SAMPLING METHODS: **DPT** 

DATES DRILLED: 11/07/2017

✓ Water level during drilling: 30 ft bgs✓ Water level in completed well: 29.93 ft bgs

CORE **STIFFNESS** SOIL **SAMPLE BORING** WELL **DEPTH** USCS SOIL DESCRIPTION RECOVERY **SYMBOLS** CONSTRUCTION DESCRIPTION (Kg/cm<sup>2</sup>) **TAKEN** (Percent)





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**CLIENT:** 

Notes:

PROJECT:

PROJECT NO.:

LOGGED BY:

# **SOIL BORING LOG**

**BORING/WELL NO.:** W-27

TOTAL DEPTH: 60 Feet

TOP OF CASING ELEV.: 119.43 Ft NGVD

**GROUND SURFACE ELEV.:** 116.92 Ft NGVD

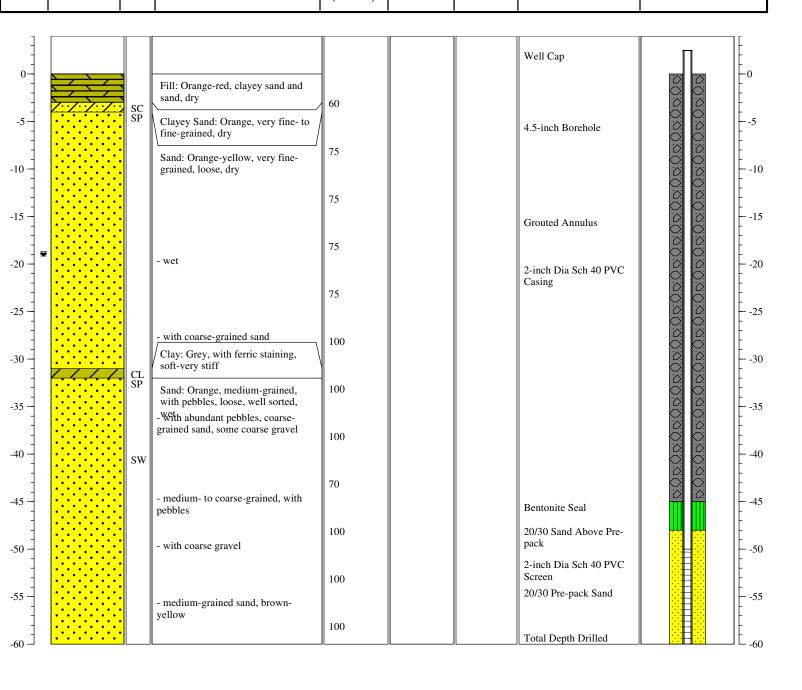
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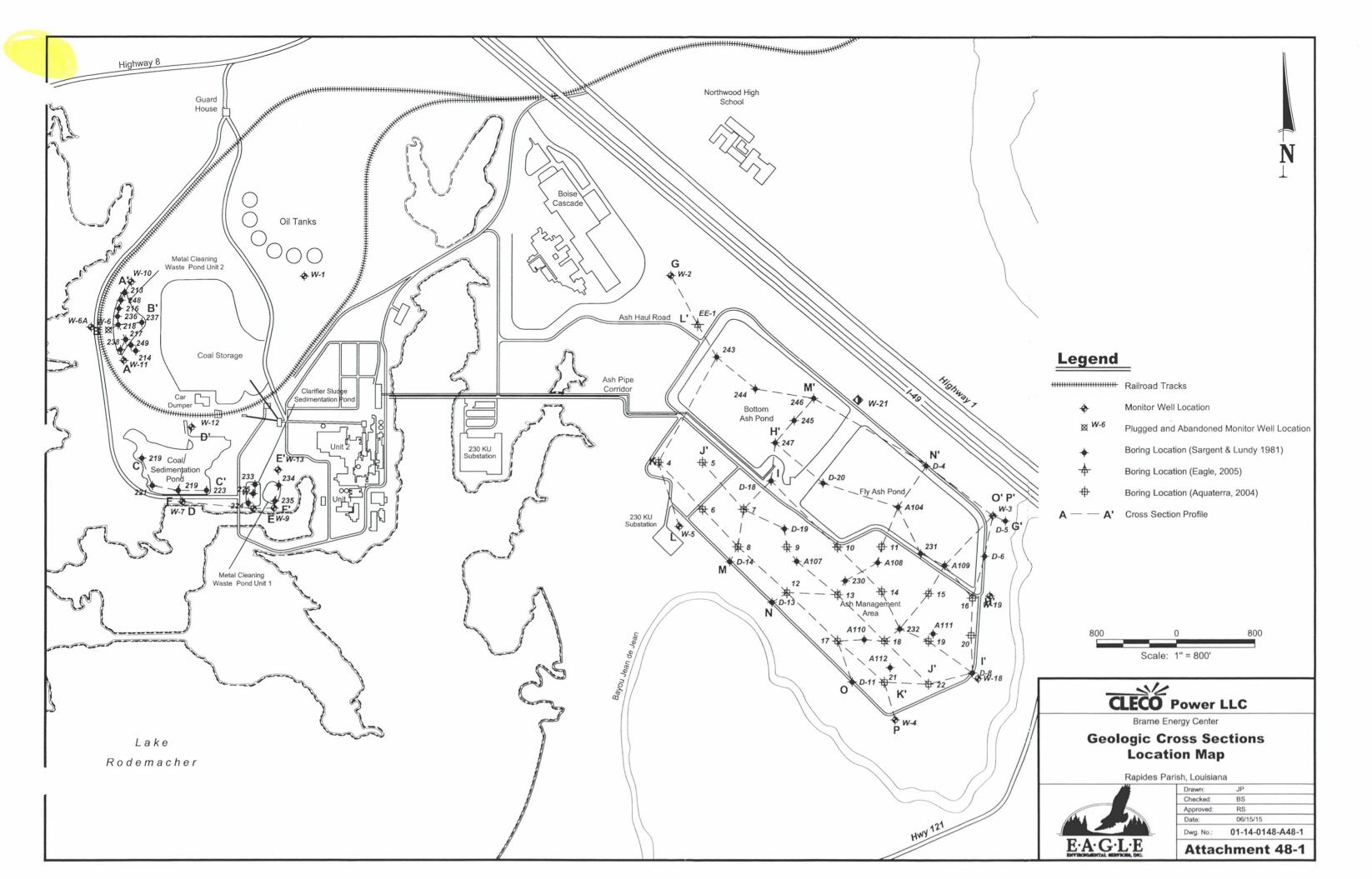
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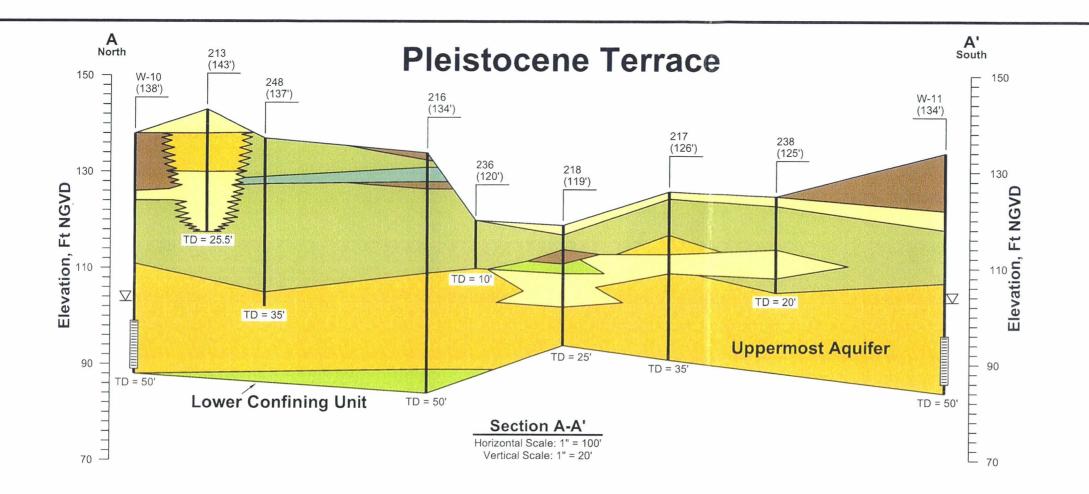
DATES DRILLED: 11/08/2017

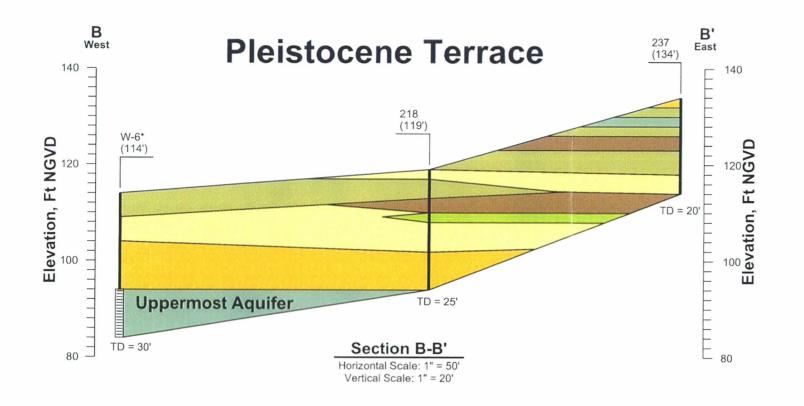
Water level during drilling: 19 ft bgs Water level in completed well: 19.15 ft bgs

CORE **STIFFNESS** SOIL **SAMPLE BORING** WELL RECOVERY **DEPTH** USCS SOIL DESCRIPTION **SYMBOLS** CONSTRUCTION DESCRIPTION (Kg/cm<sup>2</sup>) **TAKEN** (Percent)









Sand

Silty Sand / Sandy Silt / Silt

Sandy Clay / Silty Sandy Clay

Silty Clay

Clay

Clayey Silt / Clayey Silty Sand / Sandy Silty Clay / Clayey Sandy Silt

Clayey Sand

Screen Interval

(114') Elevation, Ft NGVD

TD Total Depth

✓ High Potentiometric Surface (2010-2015)

#### Note:

Stratigraphy between boring are inferred. Actual conditions may vary.

\* Well W-6 was plugged and abandoned.



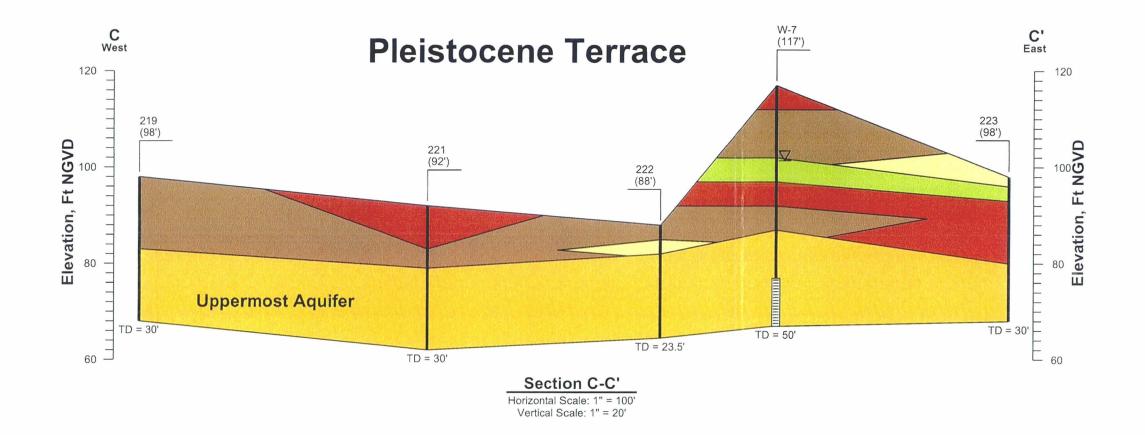
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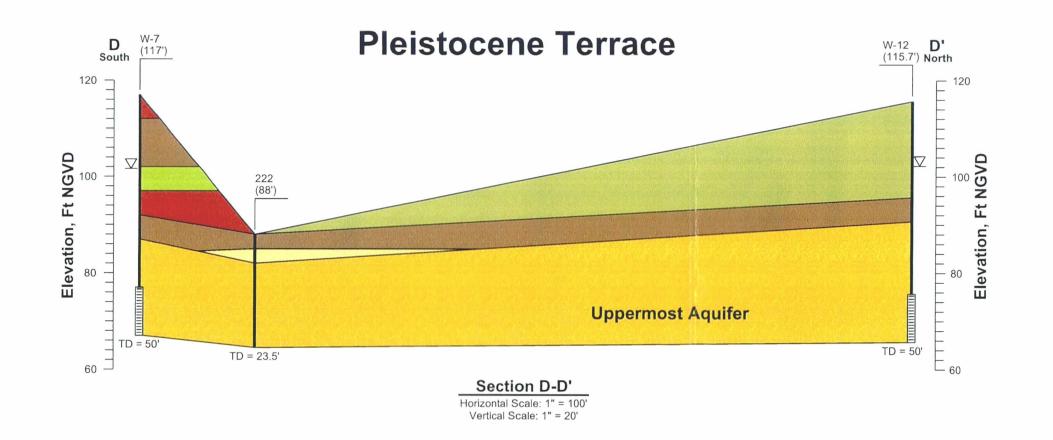
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Sand

Silty Sand / Sandy Silt / Silt

Sandy Clay / Silty Sandy Clay

Silty Clay

Clay

Clayey Silt / Clayey Silty Sand / Sandy Silty Clay / Clayey Sandy Silt

Clayey Sand

Screen Interval

(114') Elevation, Ft NGVD

TD Total Depth

High Potentiometric Surface Elevation (2010-2015)

#### Note:

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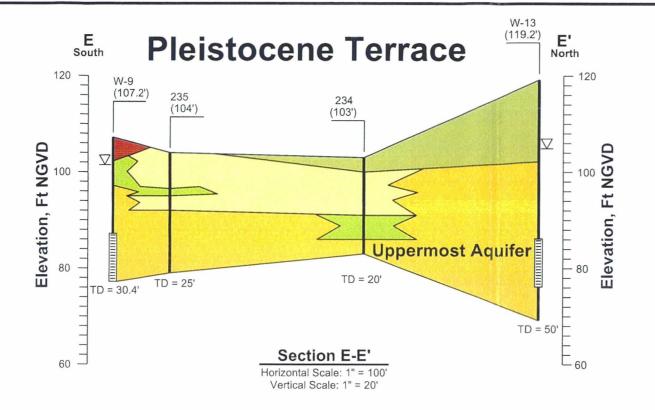
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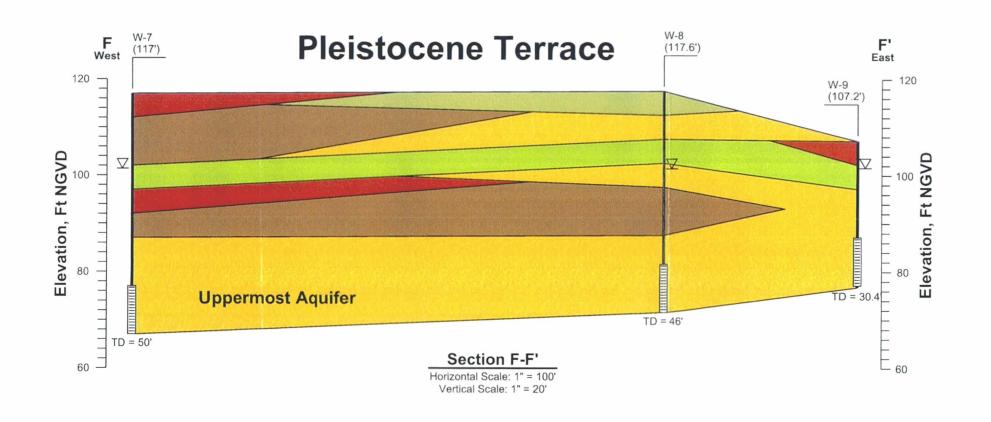
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Sand

Silty Sand / Sandy Silt / Silt

Sandy Clay / Silty Sandy Clay

Silty Clay

Clay

Clayey Silt / Clayey Silty Sand / Sandy Silty Clay / Clayey Sandy Silt

Clayey Sand

Screen Interval

(114') Elevation, Ft NGVD

TD Total Depth

High Potentiometric Surface Elevation (2010-2015)

#### Note:

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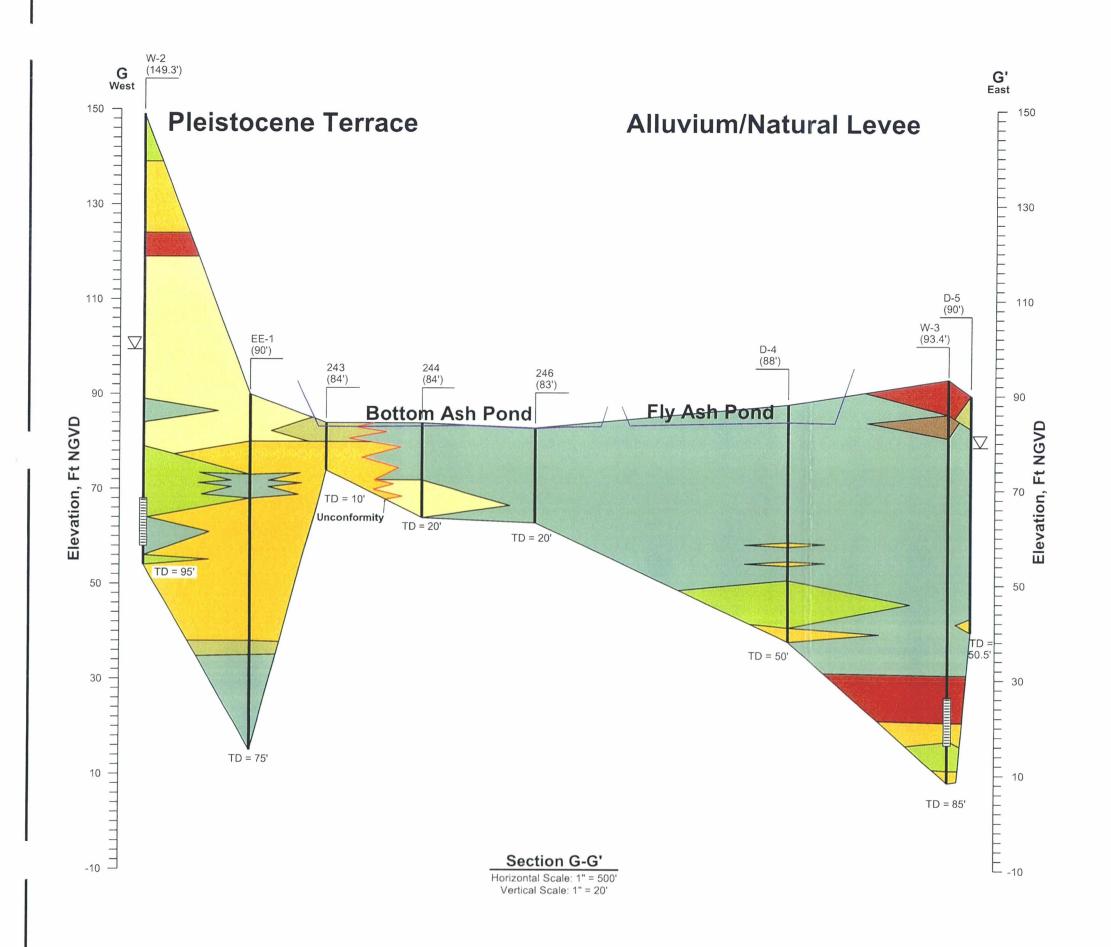
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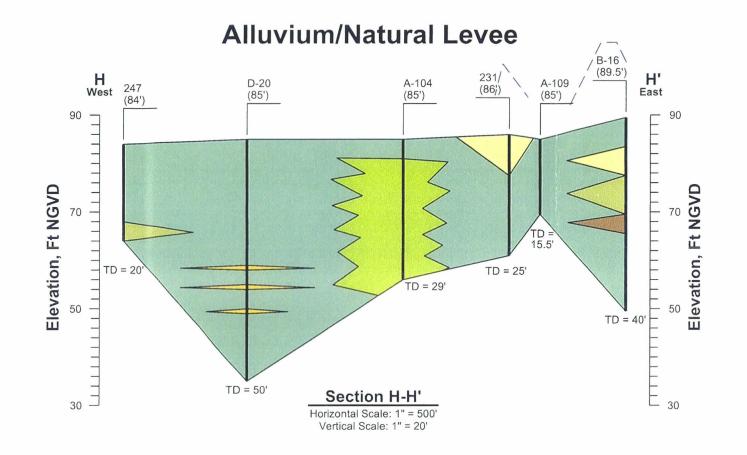
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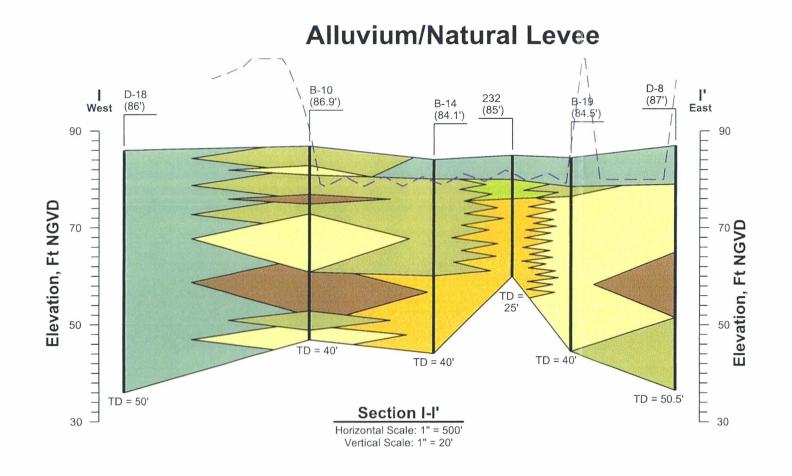
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Screen Interval

(85') Elevation, Ft NGVD

TD Total Depth

— Landfill Cells 1-4 and Pond Subgrade

#### Note:

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# Reference

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### Geologic Cross Sections H-H' and I-I'

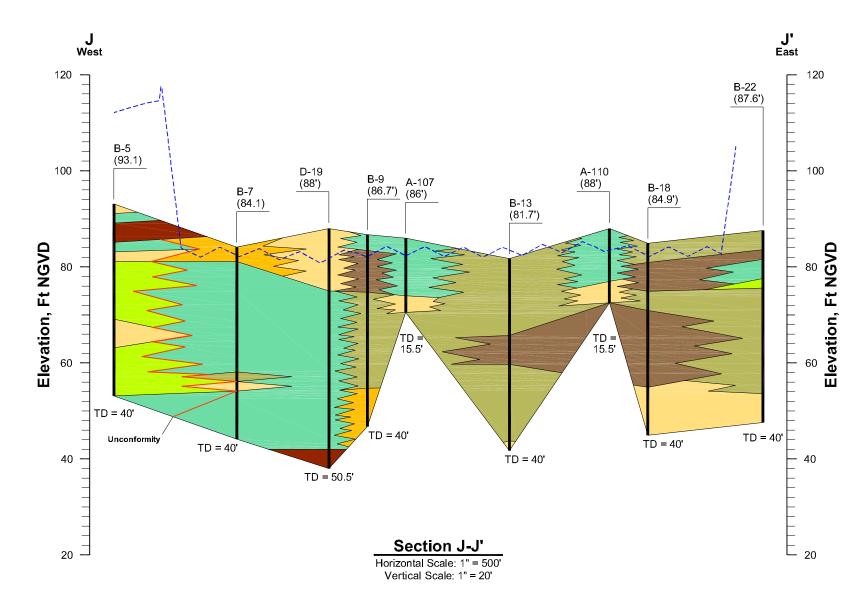
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# **Pleistocene Terrace**

### Alluvium/Natural Levee



#### Legend

San

Silty Sand / Sandy Silt / Silt

Sandy Clay / Silty Sandy Clay

Silty Clay

Cla

Clayey Silt / Clayey Silty Sand / Sandy Silty Clay / Clayey Sandy Silt

Clayey Sand

Screen Interval

(114') Elevation, Ft NGVD

Total Depth

----- Cells 1-4 and Pond Subgrade

Pleistocene Terrace and
Alluvium/Natural Levee Boundary

#### **Note:**

Stratigraphy between boring are inferred. Actual conditions may vary.

#### Reference

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#### **Geologic Cross Section J-J'**

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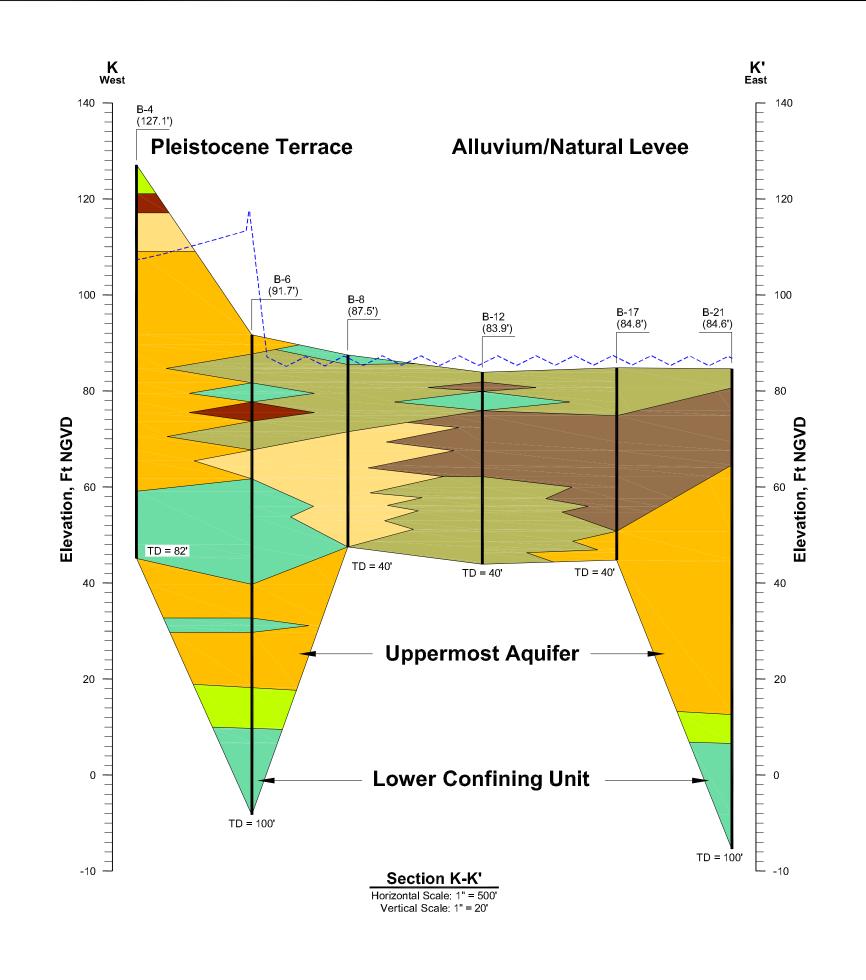
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# Note:

Stratigraphy between boring are inferred. Actual conditions may vary.

# Reference

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# **Geologic Cross Section K-K'**

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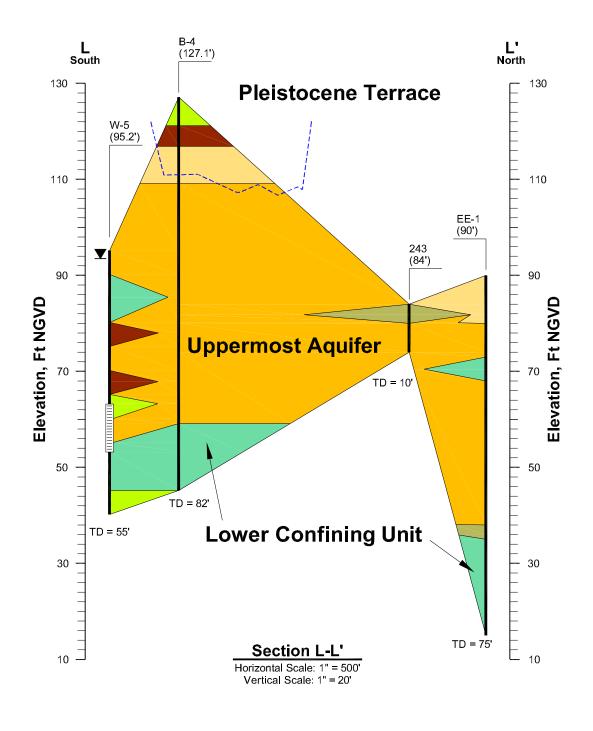
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San

Silty Sand / Sandy Silt / Silt

Sandy Clay / Silty Sandy Clay

Silty Clay

Clay

Clayey Silt / Clayey Silty Sand / Sandy Silty Clay / Clayey Sandy Silt

Clayey Sand

Screen Interval

(114') Elevation, Ft NGVD

D Total Depth

---- Cells 1-4 and Pond Subgrade

High Potentiometric Surface Elevations (2010-2015)

# Note:

Stratigraphy between boring are inferred. Actual conditions may vary.

# Reference

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# **Geologic Cross Section L-L'**

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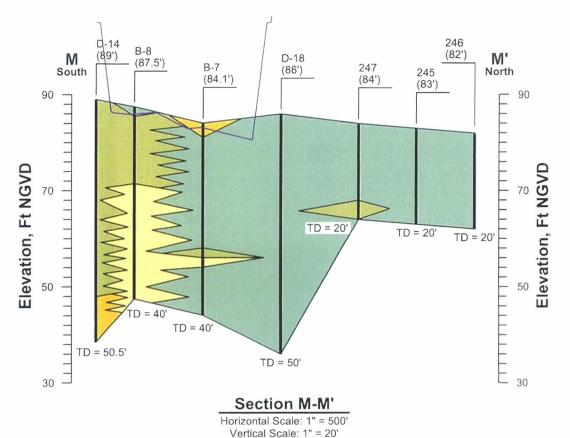
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# Alluvium/Natural Levee



### Legend

Sand

Silty Sand / Sandy Silt / Silt

Sandy Clay / Silty Sandy Clay

Silty Clay

Clay

Clayey Silt / Clayey Silty Sand / Sandy Silty Clay / Clayey Sandy Silt

Clayey Sand

Screen Interval

89') Elevation, Ft NGVD

TD Total Depth

— Landfill Cells 1-4 and Pond Subgrade

#### Note:

Stratigraphy between borings are inferred. Actual conditions may vary.

# Reference

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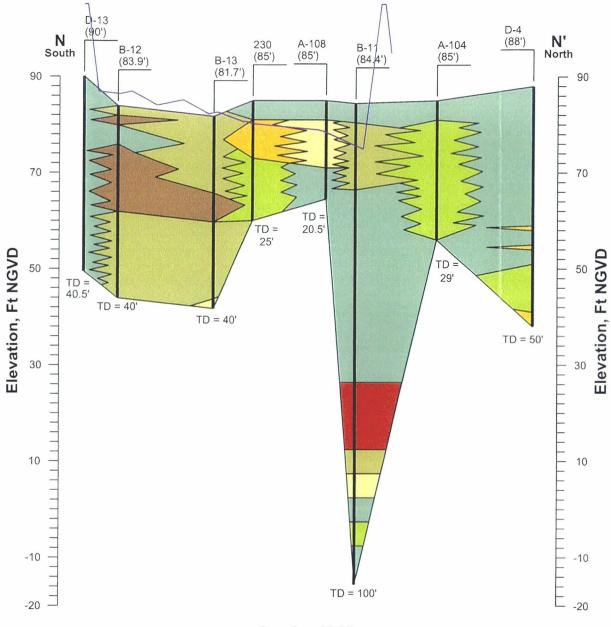
# Geologic Cross Section M-M'

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# Alluvium/Natural Levee



#### Section N-N'

Horizontal Scale: 1" = 500' Vertical Scale: 1" = 20'

#### Legend

Sand

Silty Sand / Sandy Silt / Silt

Sandy Clay / Silty Sandy Clay

Silty Clay

Cla

Clayey Silt / Clayey Silty Sand / Sandy Silty Clay / Clayey Sandy Silt

Clayey Sand

Screen Interval

(90') Elevation, Ft NGVD

TD Total Depth

— Landfill Cells 1-4 and Pond Subgrade

# Note:

Stratigraphy between borings are inferred. Actual conditions may vary.

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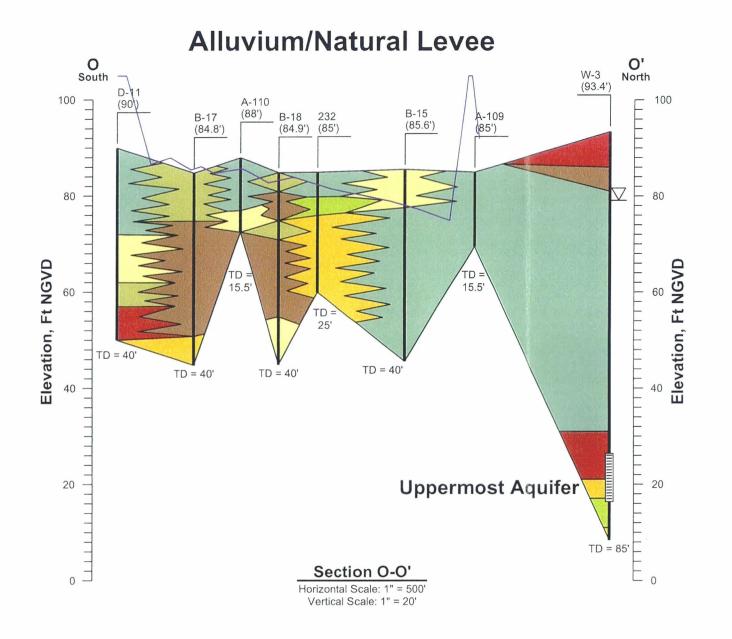
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# Geologic Cross Section N-N'

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(90') Elevation, Ft NGVD

TD Total Depth

Landfill Cells 1-4 and Pond Subgrade

☐ High Potentiometric Surface Elevations (2010-2015)

#### Note:

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# Reference

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#### Geologic Cross Section O-O'

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# Alluvium/Natural Levee B-20 (95.2') W-3 (93.4') North South (94.8')D-6 100 B-22 (87.6') (90')(89.5') B-21 (84.6') $\nabla$ $\vdash$ 80 80 60 Elevation, Ft NGVD Ft NGVD TD = 45.1' TD = 40'TD = 40.5' Elevation, TD = 50.5'20 Uppermost Aquifer-20 TD = 85'

Section P-P'
Horizontal Scale: 1" = 500'
Vertical Scale: 1" = 20'

\_ -20

**Lower Confining Unit** 

-20

#### Legend

Sand

Silty Sand / Sandy Silt / Silt

Sandy Clay / Silty Sandy Clay

Silty Clay

Clay

Clayey Silt / Clayey Silty Sand / Sandy Silty Clay / Clayey Sandy Silt

Clayey Sand

Screen Interval

90') Elevation, Ft NGVD

(50) Lievation, 11140v

TD Total Depth

Landfill Cells 1-4 and Pond Subgrade

High Potentiometric Surface Elevation (2010-2015)

#### Note:

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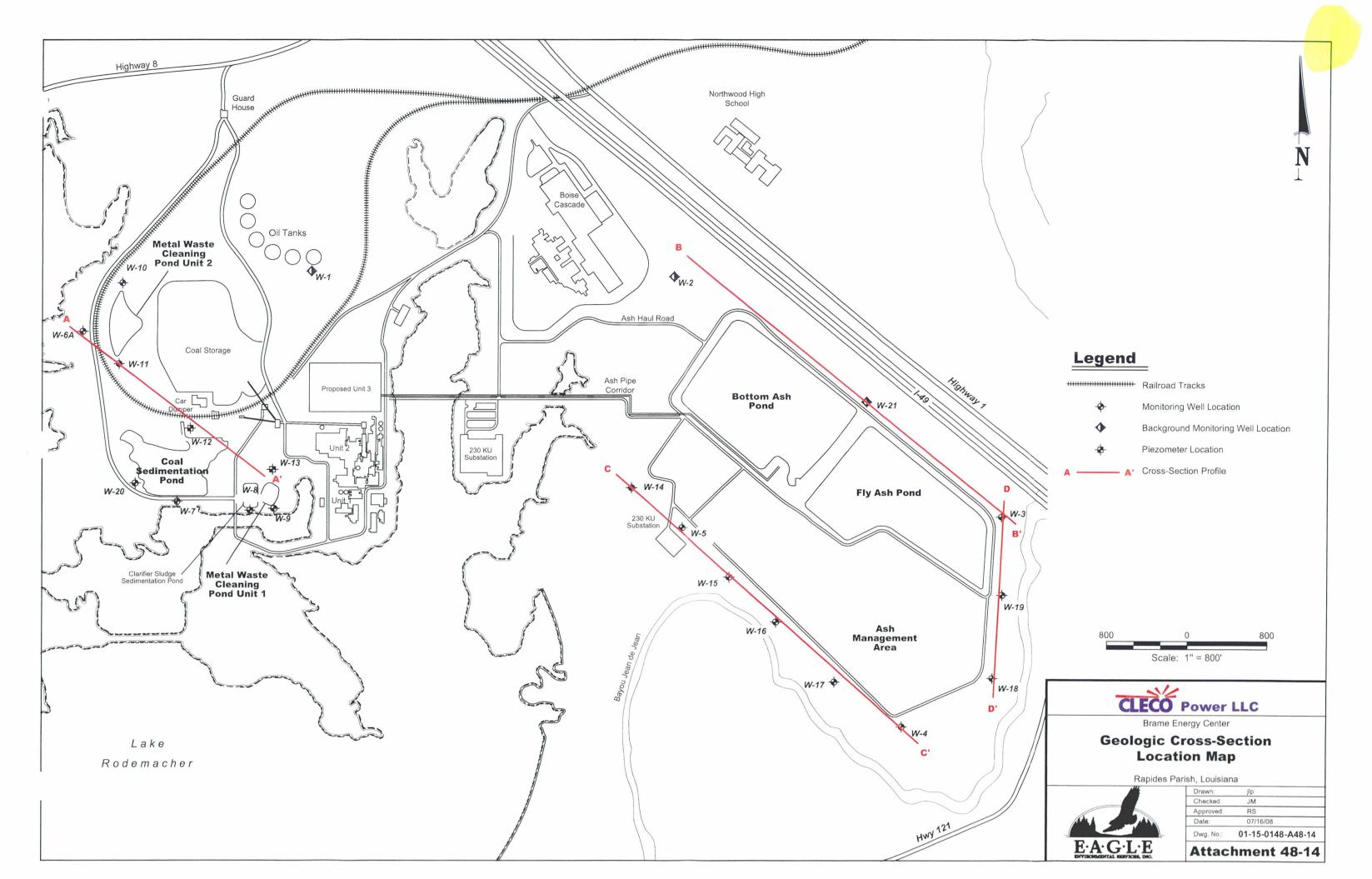
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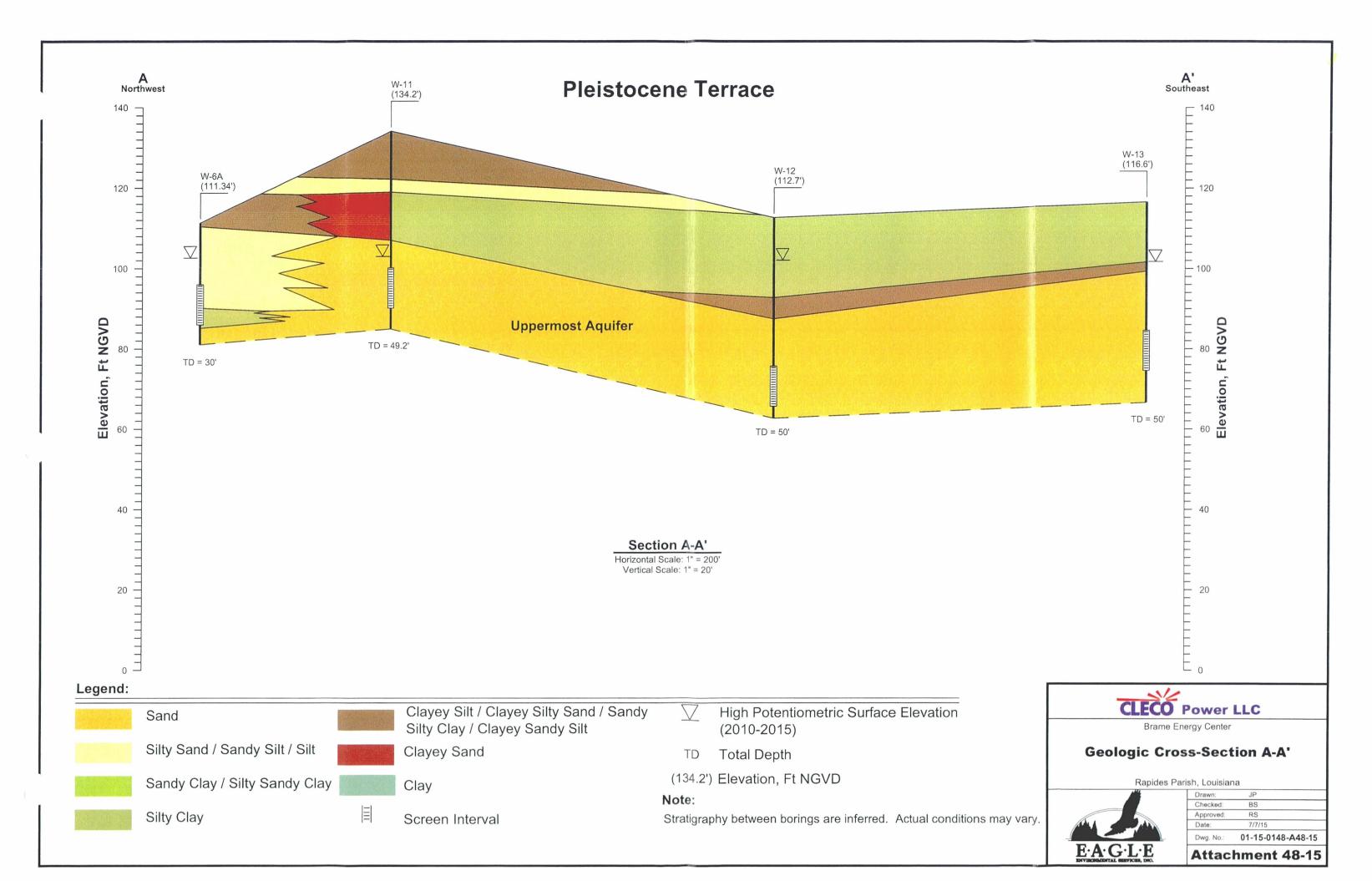
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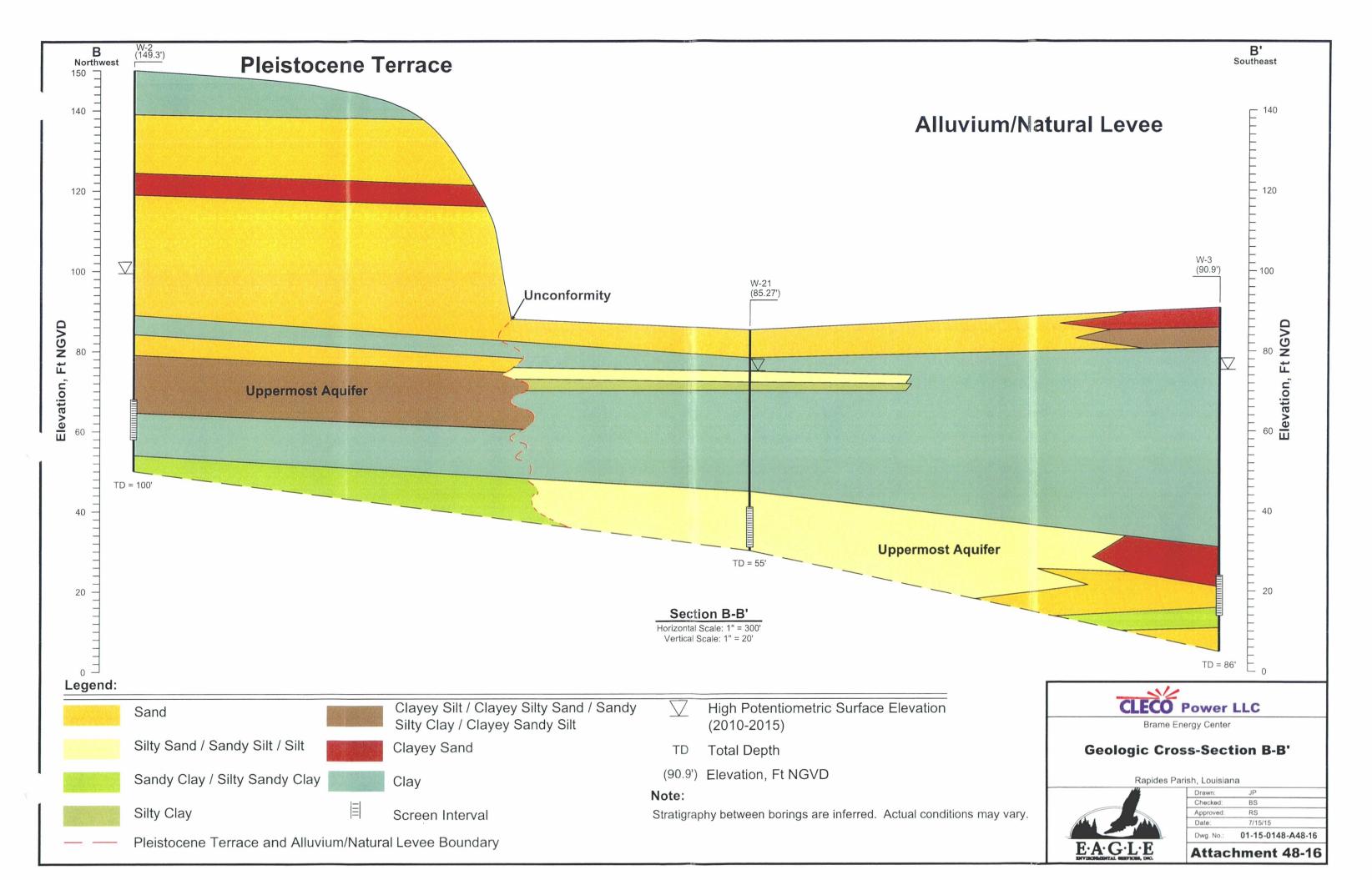
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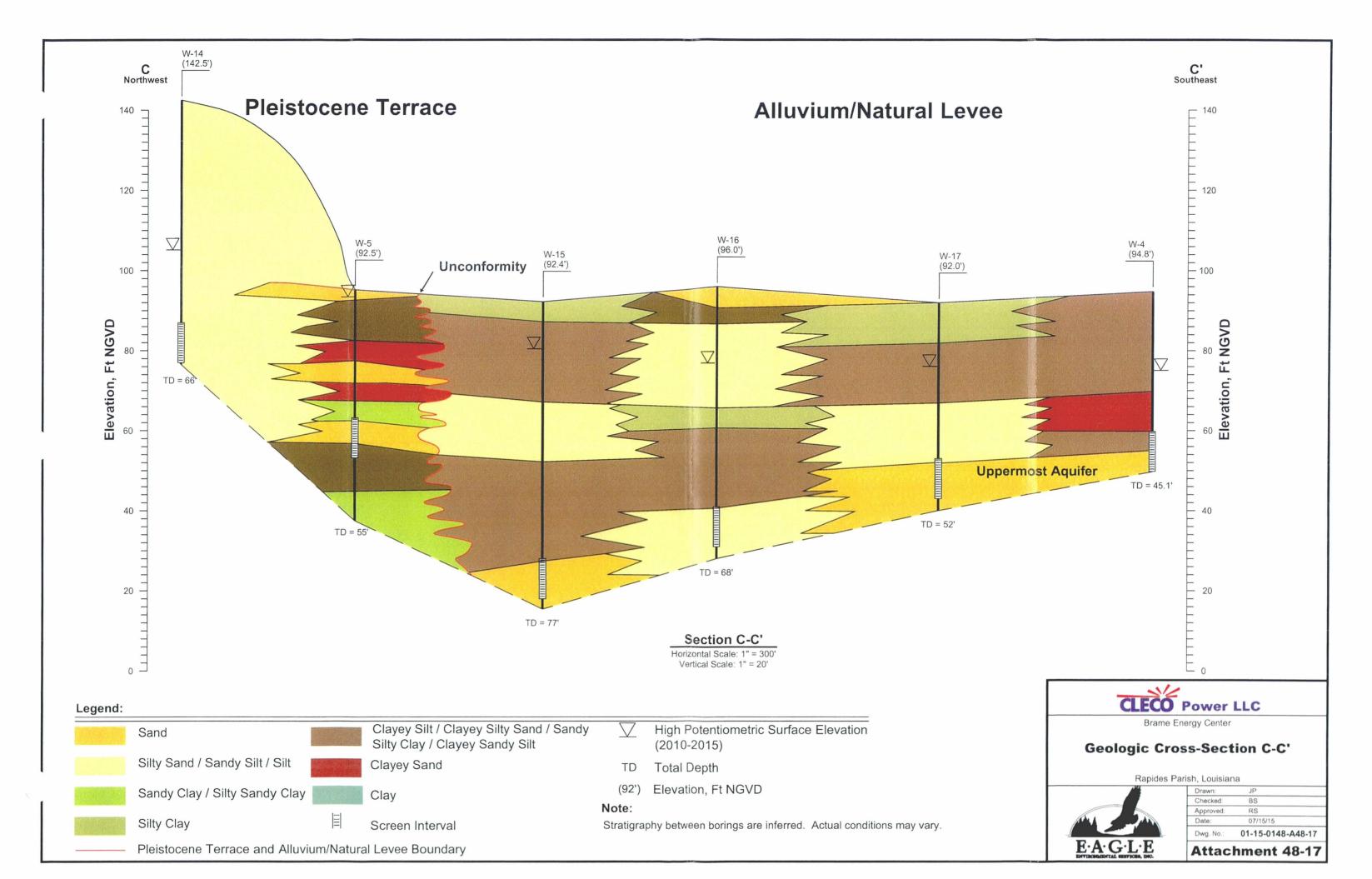


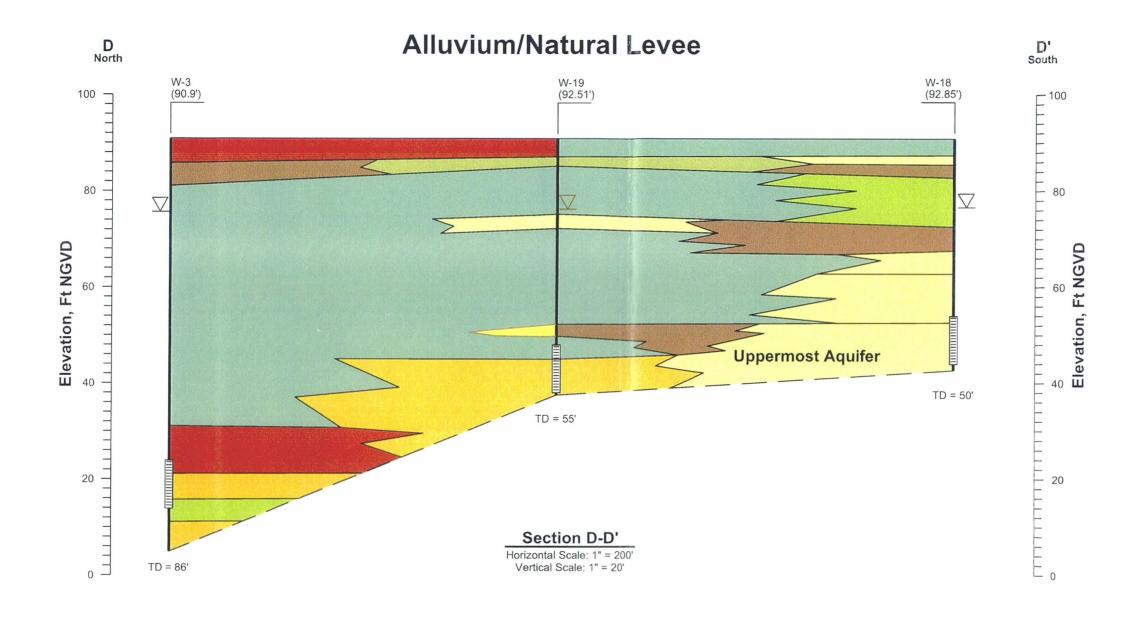
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# Geologic Cross-Section D-D'

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# ATTACHMENT 2 WATER LEVEL MEASUREMENTS

#### CLECO BRAME ENERGY CENTER SUMMARY OF WATER LEVELS

	TOP OF CASING ELEVATION	6/3/2022		6/17/2022		7/7/2022		7/22/2022		8/5/2022		8/17/2022		9/2/2022		9/16/2022	
WELL		DEPTH TO WATER	GROUNDWATER ELEVATION														
	FT NGVD	FT	FT NGVD	FT	FT NGVD	FT	FT NGVD	FT	FT NGVD	FT	FT NGVD	FT	FT NGVD	FT	FT NGVD	FT	FT NGVD
W-15	94.95	19.23	75.72	19.80	75.15	20.40	74.55	20.85	74.10	20.94	74.01	21.50	73.45		#VALUE!	20.21	74.74
W-21	87.86	21.11	66.75	20.15	67.71	21.70	66.16	21.80	66.06	21.59	66.27	21.70	66.16		#VALUE!	21.77	66.09
W-25	129.42	25.53	103.89	25.65	103.77	25.70	103.72	25.85	103.57	25.71	103.71	25.60	103.82	25.47	103.95	25.53	103.89
W-26	124.74	31.63	93.11	31.70	93.04	31.70	93.04	31.80	92.94	31.63	93.11	31.40	93.34	31.21	93.53	30.92	93.82
W-27	119.43	20.39	99.04	20.50	98.93	20.60	98.83	20.75	98.68	20.55	98.88	20.45	98.98	20.32	99.11	20.44	98.99
	TOP OF CASING	9/30/2022		10	10/14/2022		11/4/2022		/18/2022	12	/5/2022	1	/27/2023		2/10/2023	3	/10/2023
WELL	ELEVATION	DEPTH TO WATER	GROUNDWATER ELEVATION														
	FT NGVD	FT	FT NGVD	FT	FT NGVD	FT	FT NGVD	FT	FT NGVD	FT	FT NGVD	FT	FT NGVD	FT	FT NGVD	FT	FT NGVD
W-15	94.95	20.80	74.15	21.20	73.75	-	#VALUE!	21.21	73.74	20.93	74.02		#VALUE!	15.33	79.62	-	#VALUE!
W-21	87.86	21.83	66.03	21.75	66.11	-	#VALUE!	21.65	66.21	21.17	66.69		#VALUE!	12.62	75.24	-	#VALUE!
W-25	129.42	25.59	103.83	25.63	103.79	25.66	103.76	25.67	103.75	25.47	103.95	25.11	104.31	24.83	104.59	24.77	104.65
W-26	124.74	31.07	93.67	31.18	93.56	31.33	93.41	31.31	93.43	31.05	93.69	30.54	94.20	30.17	94.57	30.07	94.67
W-27	119.43	20.46	98.97	20.48	98.95	20.51	98.92	20.51	98.92	20.32	99.11	20.01	99.42	19.73	99.70	19.67	99.76
	TOP OF CASING ELEVATION	3/24/2023		4	4/28/2023		5/19/2023										
WELL		DEPTH TO WATER	GROUNDWATER ELEVATION	DEPTH TO WATER	GROUNDWATER ELEVATION	DEPTH TO WATER	GROUNDWATER ELEVATION										
	FT NGVD	FT	FT NGVD	FT	FT NGVD	FT	FT NGVD										
W-15	94.95	,	#VALUE!	16.98	77.97	17.29	77.66										
W-21	87.86	12.69	75.17	19.59	68.27	18.45	69.41										
W-25	129.42	24.75	104.67	24.76	104.66	24.84	104.58										
W-26	124.74	30.07	94.67	30.24	94.50	30.34	94.40										
W-27	119.43	19.67	99.76	19.65	99.78	19.74	99.69										

### **ATTACHMENT 3**

EAGLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. (EAGLE) REPORT FOR THE 2019 FATAL FLAWS LOCATION



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Ash Management Area *Placement above the Uppermost Aquifer* Evaluation

This preliminary evaluation summarizes a hydrogeological evaluation of the uppermost water bearing zone using current data and its relationship with the Ash Management Area unit in accordance with §257.60 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule for the *Placement above the Uppermost Aquifer* Location Restriction This evaluation is also focused on the transfer of the Ash Management Area to a disposal facility for Coal Combustion Rule (CCR) materials.

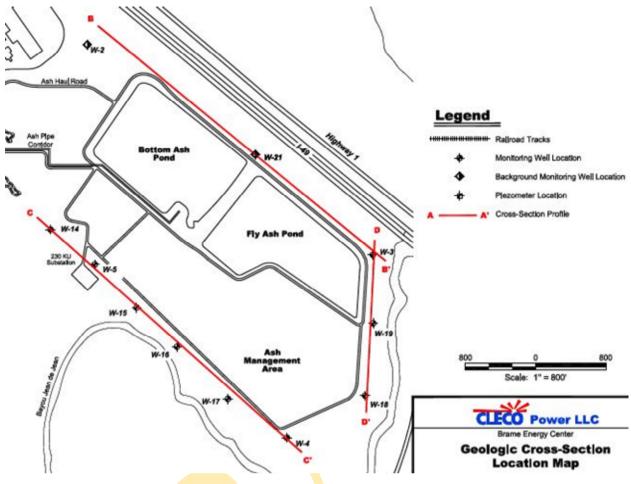
The Ash Management Area is separated into 4 separate cells with Cells 1, 2, and 3 constructed and Cell 4 proposed for construction. The Cells are oriented in a linear pattern from south to north with Cell 1 in the south and Cell 4 in the north. The lowest known subgrade elevation of the landfill is 74.91 NAVD 88 for Cells 1, 2, and 3.

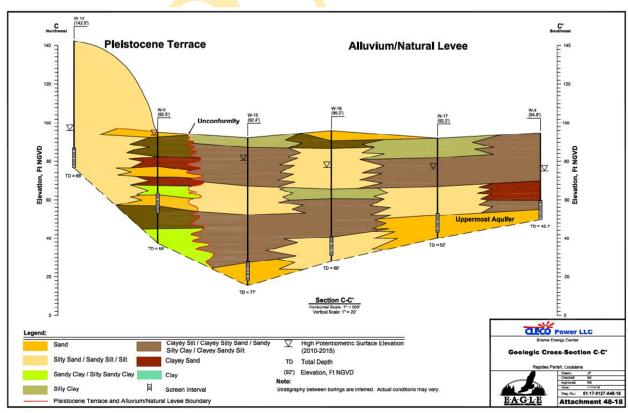
#### Geomorphology

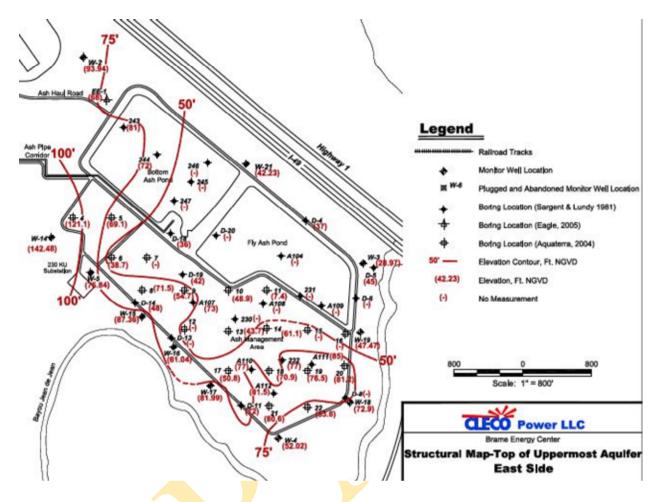
As noted in previous evaluations of the BEC facility, BEC is located across two different geomorphologic features that consist of Intermediate Terrace deposits of Pleistocene age to the north and northwest and alluvium and natural levee deposits of Holocene age to the south and southeast. The mapped boundary of the Intermediate Terrace and the alluvium/natural levee deposits is adjacent to the northern end (Cell 4) of the Ash Management Area. Cell 4 of the Ash Management Area is located primarily on the Intermediate Terrace deposits and the remainder of the Ash Management Area (Cells 1, 2, and 3) are located on the alluvium/natural levee deposits.

#### Geology

Numerous soil borings have been completed in the vicinity of the Ash Management Area as part of historical solid waste permitting activities for the facility. Geologic cross sections and other geologic maps have been constructed from these data. A cropped selection of these drawings is shown below. Please note that these drawings were constructed prior to CCR application to these facilities. Editing of the terminology and interpretation may be necessary in lieu of the CCR application to the facility geology.







#### Hydrogeology

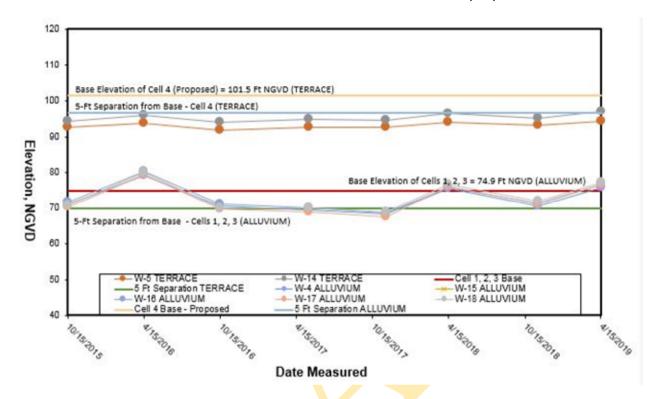
Seven (7) monitoring wells are currently positioned along the west and south ends of the Ash Management Area. Soil boring logs for existing monitoring wells were evaluated that included the following wells and their relationship to the geomorphology of the site and their proximity to cells of the Ash Management Area.

This is summarized below:

Monitoring Well	Cell Proximity	Geomorphology	Ground Surface Elevation Feet NGVD	Well Total Depth Feet BGS
W-14	4	Terrace	142.48	66
W-5	4/3	Terrace	91.84	42.6
W-15	3	Alluvium	92.36	74
W-16	3/2	Alluvium	96.04	65.1
W-17	2	Alluvium	91.99	49.4
W-4	1	Alluvium	92.02	45.1
W-18	1/SW Pond	Alluvium	92.90	48.5

Groundwater surface elevations determined from monitoring wells screened in the uppermost water bearing zone in the alluvium/natural levee deposits and the terrace deposits were used to construct a hydrograph from data measured since 2015 as shown below. The hydrograph also includes the base depth of Cells 1, 2, and 3 at 74.9 Ft

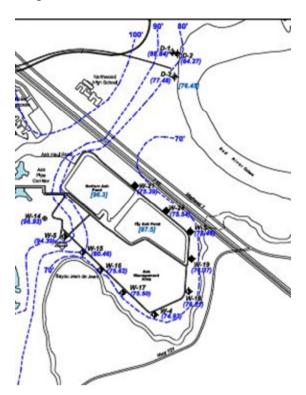
NGVD in the alluvium and an estimated base elevation for Cell 4 in the terrace deposits of 101.5 Ft NGVD. A 5-foot buffer distance below this liner base is shown at 69.9 Ft NGVD for Cells 1, 2, and 3 and an estimated 96.5 Ft NGVD for proposed Cell 4.



This hydrograph illustrates the fluctuations of the water table over the last 5 years and shows the groundwater surface approaching the 5-foot buffer below the base of the units. The 2015, 2018 and 2019 data reflect record high flood stages of the Red River and its tributary Bayou Jean de Jean. As shown in the hydrograph, the response to the high river stages is more evident in the alluvium than the terrace.

The July 2019 potentiometric 'surface of the uppermost aquifer in the area of the Ash Management Area is shown below. This interpretation of the potentiometric surface in the terrace in the proximity of Cell 4 indicates a potentiometric surface of approximately 95 feet NGVD. This elevation would necessitate construction with a base of Cell 4 exceeding 100 feet NGVD. Please note that the groundwater surface is estimated in the area of Cell 4 and should be verified with actual geotechnical data.

The evaluation of these data indicates the importance of clarifying the nature of the potentiometric surface in regard to this surface being in a confined, semi-confined or water table condition. A few select borings would confirm this relationship. Often, the water surface measured in a completed well does not reflect the first occurrence of water but reflects the pressure head of the water in the permeable zone and can be at a much higher elevation, while the presence of the saturate soils is at a deeper depth.



#### **Proposed Action Items**

Amendment of the hydrograph with all historical data for the monitoring wells listed above in the summary table with comparison to the base of the Cells. Data is available since 1987 of a select group of these wells.

Completion of soil borings adjacent to existing wells W-4 and W-5. These are existing wells and the records for the soil boring logs for these monitoring wells are incomplete. The termination depths of the soil borings would coincide with the top of the uppermost water bearing zone. This activity would occur over a maximum 1-day field exercise. Additionally, these soil borings would confirm the confined potential of the water surface in the subsurface as compared to the water surface in a completed well.

For the Cell 4 evaluation, a temporary well in the terrace in this area would assist in determining the equilibrated water surface. This activity would occur over a maximum 2-day field exercise and would include the installation of one (1) 2-inch diameter polyvinyl chloride (pvc) temporary well constructed with its screen interval in the sand of the terrace deposits.

Please note that the groundwater in the terrace can be managed by withdrawal via a horizontal extraction well with beneficial recharge to the lake water levels of the captured groundwater. This would assist with lowering of the floor elevation of a cell in this area.

Please review the summarized decisions included in this memo and let me know if you have any corrections or questions regarding our current understanding. We greatly

appreciate the opportunity to assist with this important project and are committed to making this a successful project.

