

**CLECO POWER LLC  
BRAME ENERGY CENTER**

**BOTTOM ASH POND  
AND  
FLY ASH POND  
LENA, LA**

**Application to Submit  
Alternate Liner Demonstrations  
Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 257.71(d)(1)**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.71(d)(1)(i), Cleco Power LLC (Cleco) has prepared this application requesting the opportunity to submit Alternate Liner Demonstrations for both the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond at Brame Energy Center (BEC), which is located at 275 Rodemacher Road, Lena, Louisiana 71447.<sup>1</sup> As this application describes, “there is no reasonable probability that continued operation of [the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond] will result in adverse effects to human health or the environment.”<sup>2</sup>

As required by 40 C.F.R. § 257.71(d)(1)(i), this application includes the following elements:

- A. A certification signed by Cleco that the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond are in full compliance with this subpart except for § 257.71(a)(1).
- B. Documentation supporting the certification which includes:
  1. Documentation that the groundwater monitoring network meets all the requirements of § 257.91, including documentation that the existing network of groundwater monitoring wells is sufficient to ensure detection of any groundwater contamination resulting from the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond, based on direction of flow, well location, screening depth and other relevant factors. Specifically, it includes:
    - i. Maps of groundwater monitoring well locations in relation to the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond that depict the elevation of the potentiometric surface and the direction(s) of groundwater flow across the site;
    - ii. Well construction diagrams and drilling logs for all groundwater monitoring wells;
    - iii. Maps that characterize the direction of groundwater flow accounting for temporal variations; and
    - iv. Other data and analyses Cleco relied upon when determining the design and location of the groundwater monitoring network.
  2. Documentation that the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond remain in detection monitoring pursuant to § 257.94. This includes documentation that the groundwater monitoring program meets the requirements of §§ 257.93 and 257.94, including:

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<sup>1</sup> While Cleco is submitting an application for an Alternate Liner Demonstration for each of the ash ponds, much of the documentation for the Fly Ash Pond and Bottom Ash Pond is the same. Accordingly, Cleco has packaged them together for submittal.

<sup>2</sup> See 40 C.F.R. § 257.71(d).

- i. Data of constituent concentrations, summarized in table format, at each groundwater monitoring well monitored during each sampling event; and
  - ii. Documentation of the most recent statistical tests conducted, analyses of the tests, and the rationale for the methods used in these comparisons. As part of this rationale, Cleco provides all data and analyses relied upon to comply with each requirement.
3. Documentation that the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond meet all the location restrictions under §§ 257.60 through 257.64.
4. The most recent structural stability assessments required at § 257.73(d); and
5. The most recent safety factor assessments required at § 257.73(e).
- C. Documentation of the design specifications for any engineered liner components, as well as all data and analyses Cleco relied on when determining that the materials are suitable for use and that the construction of the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond liners are of good quality and in-line with proven and accepted engineering practices.
- D. Demonstration that there is no reasonable probability that a complete and direct transport pathway (i.e., not mediated by groundwater) can exist between the Bottom Ash Pond and/or Fly Ash Pond and any nearby water body.

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Regulatory Background

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated the Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule on April 17, 2015.<sup>3</sup> Under the original rule, CCR surface impoundments with clay liners were considered “lined” and were permitted to continue operating.<sup>4</sup> On August 21, 2018, however, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (D.C. Circuit) mandated that EPA revise the CCR Rule to classify clay-lined impoundments as unlined.<sup>5</sup> The D.C. Circuit’s ruling also called for the closure of all unlined surface impoundments, including clay-lined impoundments.

In response to this decision, EPA recently finalized two rules. The first rule, known as “Part A,” requires all unlined surface impoundments to cease receipt of CCR and/or non-CCR wastestreams and initiate closure by April 11, 2021.<sup>6</sup> The second rule, known as “Part B,” reclassifies clay-lined surface impoundments as unlined as required by the D.C. Circuit’s ruling. Part B, however, also provides owners and operators of clay-lined surface impoundments the opportunity to demonstrate “that based on the construction of the unit and surrounding site conditions, that there is no reasonable probability that continued operation of the surface impoundment will result in adverse effects to human health or the environment.”<sup>7</sup> This is the regulatory framework under which Cleco has prepared this application requesting the opportunity to submit Alternate Liner Demonstrations for the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond.

The CCR Rule includes a two-step process to allow for facilities to demonstrate to EPA that based on groundwater data and the design of a particular surface impoundment, the unit(s) has and will continue to have no probability of adverse effects on human health or the environment. First, the owner or operator must submit an application requesting to submit an Alternate Liner Demonstration (ALD). If the application is approved, the owner or operator must then submit the ALD itself.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 257.71(d)(1)(i), Cleco has prepared this ALD application for the Bottom Ash Bottom and the Fly Ash Pond located at the Brame Energy Center (BEC). This application serves as notice that Cleco intends to submit an ALD under 40 C.F.R. § 257.71(d)(1)(ii) to the EPA to demonstrate that the designs of both the Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond liner systems perform equivalent to a composite liner as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 257.70(b). The ALD application was prepared in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.71(d)(1)(i) of EPA’s *Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System: Disposal of CCR; A Holistic Approach to Closure Part B: Alternate Demonstration for Unlined Surface Impoundments* (85 Federal Register 72506 (November 12, 2020)).

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<sup>3</sup> 80 Fed. Reg. 21,302 (Apr. 17, 2015).

<sup>4</sup> 40 C.F.R. 257.71(a)(1)(i) (2015).

<sup>5</sup> USWAG v. EPA, 901 F.3d at 431-432.

<sup>6</sup> 85 Fed. Reg. 53,516 (Aug. 28, 2020).

<sup>7</sup> 85 Fed. Reg. 72,506 (Nov. 12, 2020); 40 C.F.R. 257.71(d) (effective Dec. 14, 2020).

## 1.2 Facility Name and Location

Cleco owns and operates BEC, located at 275 Rodemacher Road, Lena, Louisiana 71447. BEC is located near Lena, Louisiana, along the west side of US Interstate Highway 49 (I49) in Rapides Parish, Louisiana.

## 1.3 CCR Units and Location

Currently, two CCR surface impoundments operate at BEC—the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond. The Bottom Ash Pond is 45.8 acres and Fly Ash Pond is 43.3 acres. These units are contiguous to one another and operate in accordance with Permit No. P-0005 issued by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) Waste Permits Division.

The Bottom Pond and Fly Ash Pond have high quality clay liners that were constructed with suitable materials and in accordance proven and accepted engineering practices. They also share an extensive groundwater monitoring network capable of detecting any potential groundwater impacts resulting from potential releases from the Bottom Ash Pond or Fly Ash Pond. The fact that both units remain in detection monitoring pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 257.94 demonstrates the effectiveness of the clay liners and the groundwater monitoring network. It is important to note that a LDEQ-approved groundwater monitoring program has been in place for the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond since 1983.

As the following sections describe in greater detail, there is no reasonable probability that continued operation of the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond will result in adverse effects to human health or the environment. Accordingly, Cleco respectfully requests that EPA provide Cleco the opportunity to submit an Alternate Liner Demonstration for the Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond, collectively or individually.

A request for approval of a site-specific alternative deadline to initiate closure pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 257.103(f)(2)—“Permanent Cessation of a Coal-Fired Boiler(s) by a Date Certain”—for the Bottom Ash Pond was submitted to EPA on November 25, 2020. The request for approval of an alternative deadline to initiate closure would allow for the Bottom Ash Pond to continue to receive CCR wastestreams after April 11, 2021 and complete closure by no later than October 17, 2028.

The locations of these units are provided in **Appendix A**.

## 2.0 OWNER’S CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH 40 C.F.R. § 257, SUBPART D, OTHER THAN 40 C.F.R. § 257.71(A)(1)

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.71(d)(1)(i)(A), Cleco has included in **Appendix B** a signed certification that the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond are in full compliance with the CCR Rule, except for § 257.71(a)(1).

### 3.0 DOCUMENTATION SUPPORTING THE COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.71(d)(1)(i)(B), Cleco is providing the following documentation.

#### 3.1 Documentation that the Groundwater Monitoring Network for the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond Meets All the Requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 257.91.

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.71(d)(1)(i)(B)(1)(i)–(iv), Cleco has included in **Appendices C–F**, the following materials documenting “that the existing network of groundwater monitoring wells is sufficient to ensure detection of any groundwater contamination resulting from the [Fly Ash Pond or Bottom Ash Pond], based on direction of flow, well location, screening depth and other relevant factors:”

- Maps of groundwater monitoring well locations in relation to the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond (**Appendix C**);
- Well construction diagrams and drilling logs for all groundwater monitoring wells (**Appendix D**);
- Maps that characterize the direction of groundwater flow accounting for temporal (seasonal) variations (**Appendix E**); and
- Other data and analyses to design the groundwater monitoring well network is provided as a narrative describing site characterization for the groundwater monitoring well network, as well as geologic cross sections and other supporting geologic maps (**Appendix F**).

#### 3.2 Documentation that the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond Remain in Detection Monitoring Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 257.94

To demonstrate that the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond have remained in detection monitoring, 40 C.F.R. § 257.71(d)(1)(i)(B)(2) requires that Cleco submit documentation that the groundwater monitoring program meets the requirements of 40 C.F.R. §§ 257.93–94. To fulfill this requirement, Cleco has provided the following:

- A table showing data of constituent concentrations at each groundwater monitoring well monitored during each sampling event, as well as a narrative describing this data. (**Appendix G.1**.) The narrative is presented below for the groundwater monitoring data;
- The most recent groundwater monitoring report for BEC, which was posted to Cleco’s CCR website on January 31, 2019 (**Appendix G.2**. and available [here](#));
- Annual reports that were prepared in 2017 and 2018 (**Appendix G.3**.); and
- The Monitoring Well Certification for the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond (**Appendix G.4**.); and
- The Certification of Statistical Methodology, which was posted to Cleco’s CCR website on October 17, 2017 (**Appendix G.5**).

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 257.91, BEC has a multi-unit groundwater monitoring well system to evaluate the groundwater quality conditions near the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond. The Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond complies with the Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action requirements in 40 C.F.R. §§ 257.90–.98 as described below.

The monitoring system is a multi-unit groundwater monitoring program consists of newly installed monitoring wells and monitoring wells installed previously to conduct groundwater monitoring required by BEC’s LDEQ solid waste permit. A total of nine monitoring wells have been installed per applicable portions of 40 C.F.R. § 257.91. five of these monitoring wells are background wells and four are detection monitoring wells.

BEC straddles two geomorphologic features: 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 northern portion of BEC is located on the Intermediate Terrace deposits and the remainder of BEC is located on the alluvium/natural levee deposits. The northern wall of the Bottom Ash Pond abuts the terrace deposits and the remainder of the unit overlying the alluvium deposits. Locations of the monitoring wells can be found on **Figure A-2 in Appendix A** and **Appendix C**. Additional information, including a table of monitoring well construction details (**Table 1 in Appendix C**) and well construction diagrams are provided in in the October 17, 2017 Groundwater Certification report, which is included as **Appendix C** and also available [here](#). Drilling logs and monitoring well construction diagrams for all groundwater monitoring wells for the Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond are included as **Appendix D**, which is available [here](#).

Groundwater monitoring has been performed for the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond since 1983 as part of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ)-permitted groundwater monitoring program. These Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond have been permitted by the LDEQ since November 19, 1981 as part of Solid Waste Permit No. P-0005. LDEQ has renewed the permit twice. The groundwater monitoring program for the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond are both included in the permit, and both units remain in detection monitoring as supervised and reviewed by LDEQ.

Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Reports were prepared for the Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond for 2017, 2018, and 2019. These reports are placed in the BEC operating record and posted to the CCR Unit website. A report is forthcoming for the 2020 semi-annual groundwater monitoring events and will be posted to the Cleco CCR website in January 2021.

A summary of analytical results of the groundwater monitoring data collected since 2016 is provided in Table 1 in **Appendix G.1**. Review of the summary table indicates concentrations of the detection monitoring parameters pH, barium, calcium, fluoride, chlorides, and sulfates in the background wells and downgradient monitoring wells. Review of this data focuses on the background wells and the downgradient for

statistical methods direction. There have been no alternative source demonstrations necessary to address groundwater quality for the Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond.

Results of the evaluations of upgradient groundwater quality at the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond indicate that there is significant natural spatial variation (NSV) in groundwater quality; thus, intrawell statistical evaluations are conducted for all detection monitoring parameters. This correlates with previous determinations by the LDEQ-Waste Permits Division that intrawell statistical analysis is appropriate at this site. Intrawell limit-based tests are recommended when there is evidence of NSV in groundwater quality, particularly among unimpacted upgradient wells, as it is inappropriate to pool those data across wells for the purpose of creating interwell limits for comparison with downgradient well data. Intrawell tests may be used at both new and existing facilities. Data used in intrawell limit-based tests are screened for outliers, which, if found, are removed from the background data set prior to constructing limits for each well/parameter pair. Statistical evaluations of groundwater data are performed in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.93(f). A copy of the most recent statistical tests conducted in 2019 for the groundwater monitoring program is included in **Appendix G.6**.

Cleco has conducted sufficient detection monitoring sampling events in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 257.93 and § 257.94. Potentiometric surface evaluation at the Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond indicates consistent groundwater flow to the south. Statistical evaluations of data conducted pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 257.93 indicate that no confirmed statistically significant increases (SSIs) over background levels of appendix III constituents have been generated in downgradient wells. As a result, the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond have remained in detection monitoring.

Implementation of an Assessment Monitoring Program has not been required at the Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond based on the detection monitoring results. Additionally, an Assessment of Corrective Measures, Selection of Remedy, and/or Implementation of Corrective Action Program has not been required at the Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond based on the detection monitoring results.

### **3.3 Documentation that the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond Meet All the Location Restrictions under 40 C.F.R. §§ 257.60 through 257.64**

A professional engineer-certified evaluation of the CCR units against the location restriction criteria for existing CCR surface impoundments described in 40 C.F.R. § 257.60 through 257.64 was completed in October 2018 and placed in the BEC operating record and posted to the facility's CCR public website. The location restriction evaluations concluded the following:

- The respective base of the Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond were determined to be a distance greater than 5 feet above the upper limit of the uppermost aquifer, satisfying the separation criteria in § 257.60.

- The Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond were determined to not be in wetlands as per § 257.61.
- The Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond were determined to not be located within 200 feet of the outermost damage zone of a fault that has had displacement in Holocene time as per § 257.62.
- The Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond were determined to not be located in a Seismic Impact Zone as per § 257.63.
- The Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond were determined to not be located in an Unstable Area as per § 257.64.

The Location Restrictions Demonstration Reports for the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond are included in **Appendix H**.

### **3.4 Structural Stability Assessments**

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 257.73(d), the structural stability assessments for the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond were prepared in October 2016. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.71(d)(1)(i)(B)(4), Cleco has included the structural stability assessments in **Appendix I**. The website link for the Bottom ash Pond is provided [here](#) and the Fly Ash Pond is provided [here](#).

### **3.5 Safety Factor Assessments**

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 257.73(e), the safety factor assessments for the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond were prepared in October 2016. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.71(d)(1)(i)(B)(5), Cleco has included the safety factor assessments in **Appendix J**. The website link for the Bottom Ash Pond is provided [here](#) and the Fly Ash Pond is provided [here](#).

### **3.6 Other Supporting Documentation**

#### **3.6.1 Liner Design Criteria for Existing CCR Surface Impoundments— 40 C.F.R. § 257.71**

The Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond are constructed with compacted clay liners measuring 3 feet thick in the base and sides that exhibits a hydraulic conductivity of no more than  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  centimeters second (cm/sec).

Liner construction documentation is discussed further in Section 4.0 below.

#### **3.6.2 Structural Integrity Criteria for Existing CCR Surface Impoundments— 40 C.F.R. § 257.73**

The Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond comply with the Structural Integrity Criteria for Existing CCR Surface Impoundments specified in 40 C.F.R. § 257.73 as described below.

**3.6.2.1 Identification Marker—40 C.F.R. § 257.73(a)(1)**

A permanent identification marker prepared in accordance with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 257.73(a)(1) has been installed at the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond.

**3.6.2.2 Hazard Potential Classification Assessment—  
40 C.F.R. § 257.73(a)(2)**

A Hazard Potential Classification Assessment report was completed in October 2016 for the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond. These are placed in the BEC operating record and posted to the facility's CCR public website. The website link for the Bottom Ash Pond is provided [here](#) and the Fly Ash Pond is provided [here](#).

Based on the results of the Maximum and Most Probable Loss scenarios, the Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond at BEC are classified as a significant hazard potential CCR surface impoundments due to the potential effects on Bayou Jean de Jean and the oxbow of the Red River.

**3.6.2.3 History of Construction—40 C.F.R. § 257.73(b) and (c)**

The construction of the Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond was initiated in 1978 and completed in 1982 for both units. The History of Construction document is posted on the BEC CCR website. The website link for the Bottom Ash Pond is provided [here](#) and the website link for the Fly Ash Pond is provided [here](#).

**3.6.3 Operating Criteria—40 C.F.R. § 257.80, § 257.82, § 257.83**

The Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond complies with the Operating Criteria specified in 40 C.F.R. § 257.80, § 257.82, and § 257.83 as described below.

**3.6.3.1 Air Criteria—40 C.F.R. § 257.80**

A Fugitive Dust Control Plan was prepared for BEC in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.80(b) in October 2015. The plan is placed in the BEC operating record and posted to the CCR public website ([here](#)). Annual fugitive dust control reports are prepared from BEC in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.80(c). These are placed in the BEC operating record and posted to the CCR public website.

### **3.6.3.2 Hydrologic and Hydraulic Capacity Requirements— 40 C.F.R. § 257.82**

An Inflow Design Flood Control System plan was prepared for the Cleco BEC facility in accordance with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 257.82(c) in October 2015. The plan is placed in the Cleco BEC facility's operating record and posted to the CCR public website for the Bottom Ash Pond [here](#) the Fly Ash Pond [here](#). A periodic inflow design flood control system plans in 2021 in accordance with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 257.82(c)(4). These will be placed in the Cleco BEC facility's operating record and posted to the CCR public website.

### **3.6.3.3 Inspection of CCR Surface Impoundments—40 C.F.R. § 257.83**

The Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond are inspected in accordance with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 257.83. Annual inspection reports have been completed for 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 are posted on the CCR website for both CCR units.

The Annual CCR Unit inspection Reports for the Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond conclude that no actual or potential structural weakness of the CCR units were observed and that no existing conditions are present that are disrupting or have the potential to disrupt the operation and safety of the CCR units.

### **3.6.4 Closure and Post-Closure Care—40 C.F.R. §§ 257.101–.104**

The Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond are active CCR surface impoundments. Upon closure, BEC will comply with the Closure and Post-Closure Care requirements for Existing CCR Surface Impoundments specified in 40 C.F.R. §§ 257.101–.104. Closure and Post-Closure Plans were completed in October 2016 for the Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond in accordance with the requirements of in 40 C.F.R. § 257.101 through 257.104. These were placed in the BEC operating record and posted to the CCR website. The website link for the closure plan for the Bottom Ash Pond is included [here](#) and the post-closure plan is included [here](#). The website link for the closure plan for the Fly Ash Pond is included [here](#) and the post-closure plan is included [here](#).

### **3.6.5 Recordkeeping, Notification, and Posting of Information to the Internet—40 C.F.R. § 257.107**

Cleco complies with the recordkeeping, notification, and posting of information to the internet requirements specified in 40 C.F.R. §§ 257.105–.107 for the Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond. Cleco maintains a publicly accessible Internet site for the Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond in accordance with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 257.107.

#### 4.0 DOCUMENTATION OF LINER CONSTRUCTION—40 C.F.R. § 257.71(d)(1)(i)(C)

The Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond were constructed of compacted clay liner (CCL) measuring 3 feet on the base and sides. The CCL exhibits a hydraulic conductivity of  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  cm/sec. In September 2016, a summary of liner construction reports was prepared to document construction of the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond liners in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.71(b). These documents were placed in the BEC operating record and posted on the CCR Units website. The Summary of Liner Construction Reports are included and for the Bottom Ash Pond [here](#) and for the Fly Ash Pond [here](#).

The construction of the Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond was initiated in 1978 and completed in 1982. Documentation of on-site testing, field testing and laboratory testing during construction are included in the History of Construction documents posted on the Facility's CCR website. The website link for the for the Bottom Ash Pond is provided [here](#) and the Fly Ash Pond is provided [here](#).

The conclusions from review of these documents includes the following:

- The Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond were constructed in accordance with the technical specifications and drawings prepared for the project.
- Material used to construct the CCL originated from on-site sources. Geotechnical testing was included in the above referenced reports. The CCL was constructed of high plasticity clay with average Plasticity Index of 41 and average Liquid Limit of 62.
- The CCL was constructed in parallel, uniform lifts not exceeding 8-10 inches, compacted with sheepsfoot compaction. Geotechnical testing was conducted in accordance with specifications in place at construction.

#### 5.0 SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT LOCATED ADJACENT TO WATER BODY—40 C.F.R. § 257.71(d)(1)(i)(D)

The Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond are not located immediately adjacent to water bodies but are located near Bayou Jean de Jean as shown in **Appendix A**. A Hazard Potential Classification Assessment report was completed in October 2016 for the Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond. Based on the results of the Maximum and Most Probable Loss scenarios, the Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond at Cleco BEC are classified as Significant Hazard Potential CCR Surface Impoundments due to the potential effects on Bayou Jean de Jean and the oxbow of the Red River. A Significant Hazard Potential CCR Surface Impoundment classification involves a situation where failure or mis-operation would result in no probable loss of human life, but could cause economic loss, environmental damage, disruption of lifeline facilities, or impact on other concerns.

The Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond are inspected in accordance with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 257.83. Annual inspection reports have been completed for 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 are posted on the CCR website for both CCR units. The Annual CCR Unit inspection reports for the Bottom Ash Pond and the Fly Ash Pond conclude that no actual or potential structural weakness of the CCR units were observed and that no existing

conditions are present that are disrupting or have the potential to disrupt the operation and safety of the CCR units.

The LDEQ Waste Permits Division oversees permitting of solid waste facilities and the LDEQ-approved solid waste permit also includes measures to construct and operate the units in a manner which safeguards against adversely impacting groundwater quality. Cleco has strategically positioned the LDEQ-approved monitoring well network to detect potential releases from the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond prior to impacting any potential receptors, including Bayou Jean de Jean. The measures to continue to limit any future releases to groundwater include continuation of the state and federal groundwater detection-monitoring programs in place and continued adherence to the EPA CCR Rule and LDEQ-approved solid waste permit. Additional operational actions that limit future releases beyond continued routine groundwater monitoring include application of non-recirculated, once-through water for sluicing of ash to the impoundment which minimizes concentration of solids in the impoundment water. Also there are the impoundment operational measures with integrity inspection of the physical status of the impoundment in regards to its perimeter levees, maintenance of vegetation growth on the perimeter levees, adequate freeboard protection, stormwater controls, routine removal of settled materials, facility security measures, and emergency response plan measures. Therefore, there is no reasonable probability that a complete and direct transport pathway (i.e., not mediated by groundwater) can exist between the Bottom Ash Pond and/or Fly Ash Pond and any nearby water body. If, however, any ongoing releases were to be identified, Cleco would address the releases in accordance with § 257.96(a).

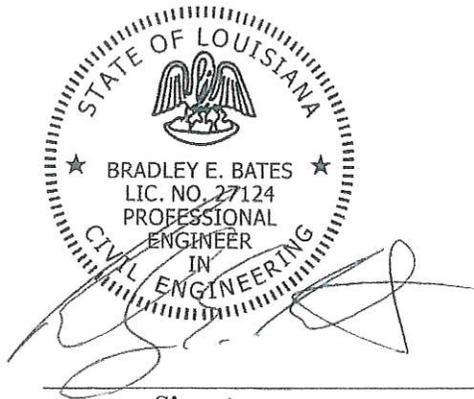
## **6.0 ALD APPLICATION IN FACILITY OPERATING RECORD - 40 C.F.R. § 257.71(d)(1)(i)(E)**

Upon submission of this application, Cleco will place this document in the facility's operating record as required by 40 C.F.R. § 257.105(f)(14).

7.0 SIGNATURE PAGE

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information in this document as noted in the above Report Index was assembled under my personal charge. This report is not intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by Cleco Power LLC or others without specific verification or adaptation by the Engineer. I am a duly licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Louisiana.



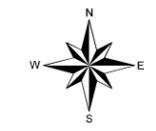
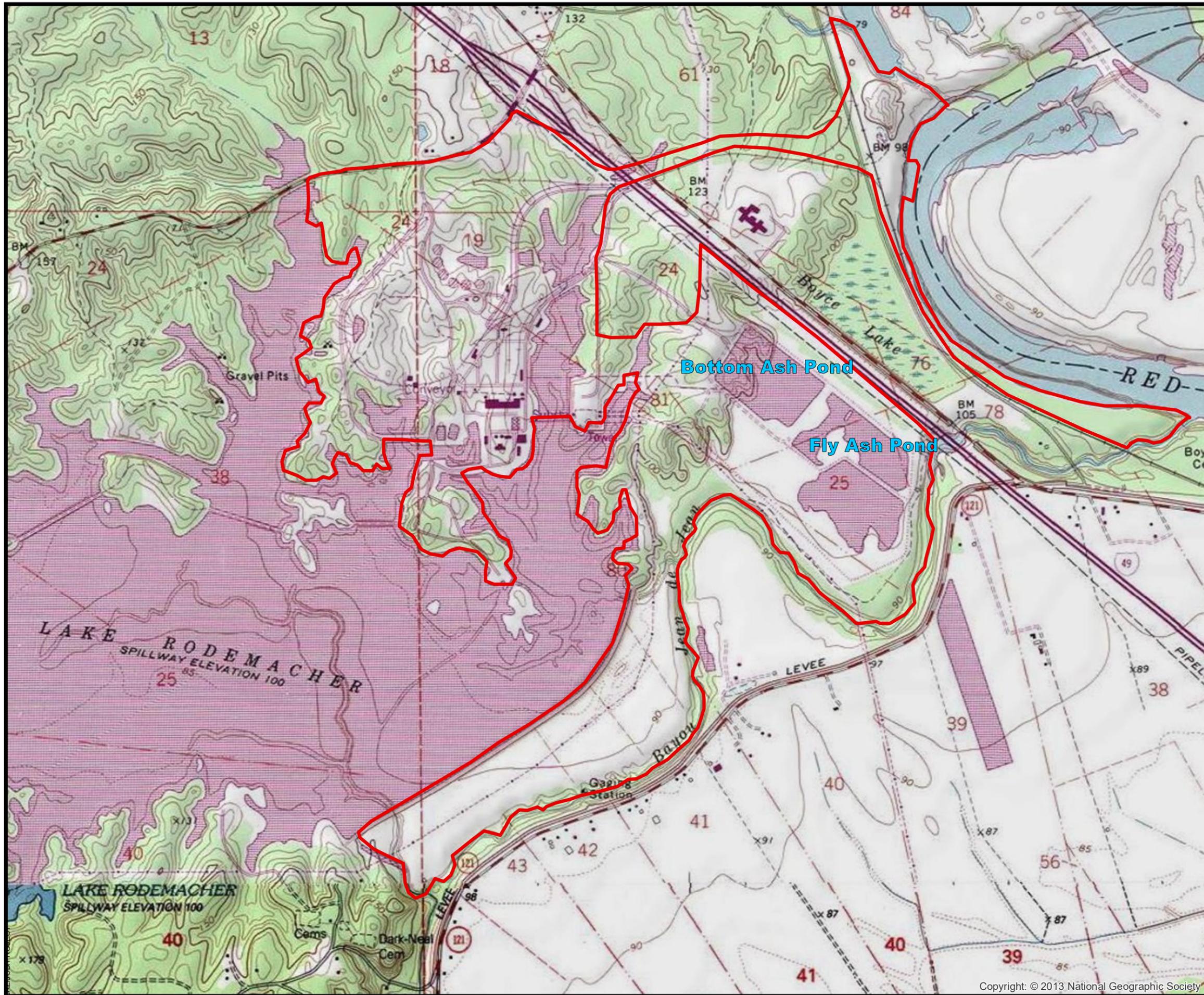
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_____ <i>Bradley E. Bates</i> <b>Name</b>	_____ <i>Professional Engineer</i> <b>Title</b>
_____ <i>Eagle Environmental Services, Inc.</i> <b>Company</b>	_____ <i>12/14/20</i> <b>Date</b>

PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST CERTIFICATION

_____ <i>Raymond Sturdivant Jr.</i> <b>Signature</b>	_____ 61 <b>PG Registration Number</b>
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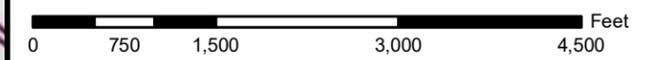
**APPENDIX A**

**SITE LOCATION MAPS**



### Legend

Property Boundary Line



**Reference**  
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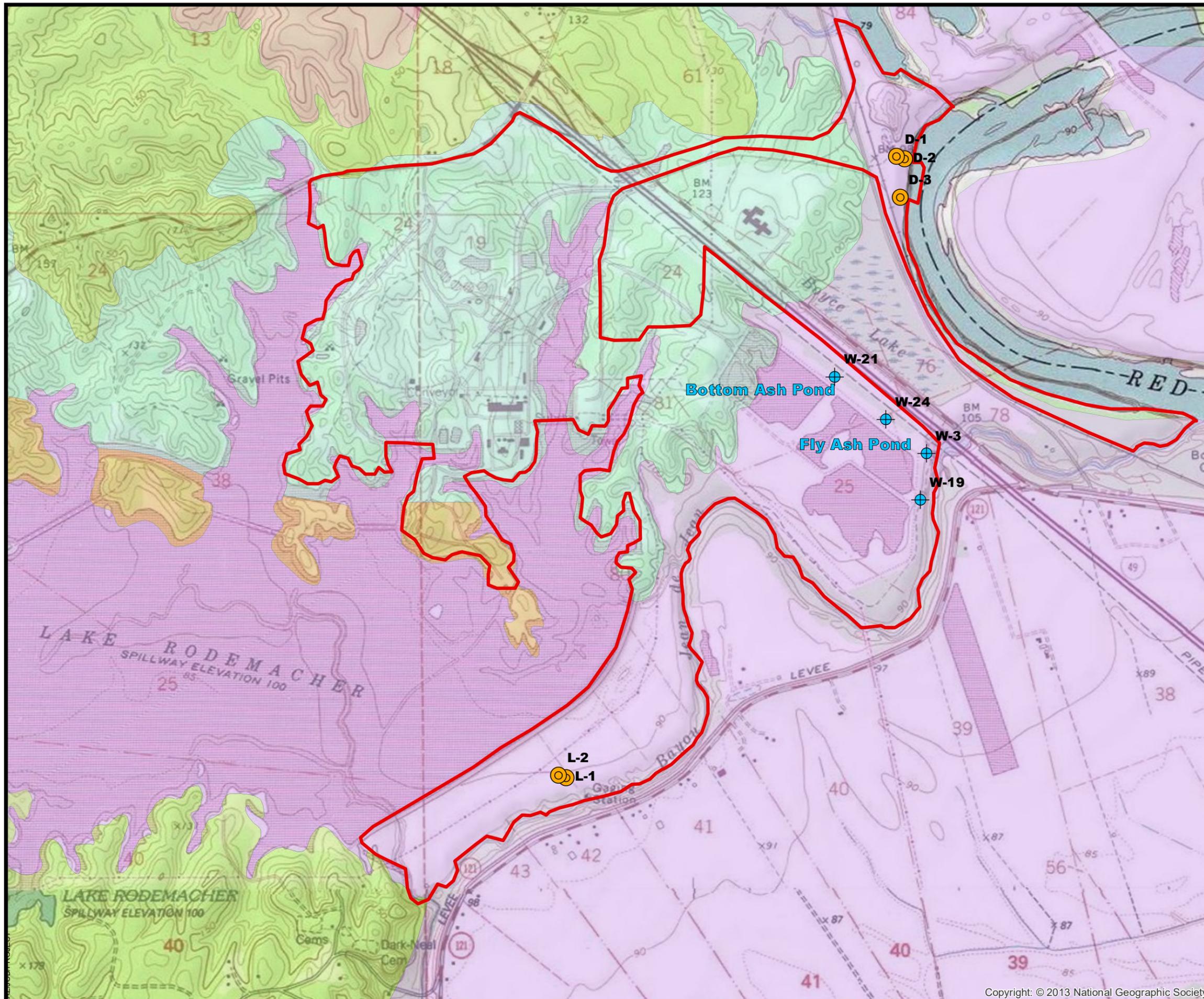
### Site Location Map

Rapides Parish, Louisiana



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**Figure A-1**



**Terraces**

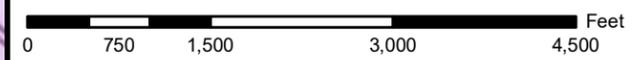
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**Alluvial**

- Qal - Alluvium; Qnl - Natural Levees

**Wells**

- + CCR Rule Compliance Wells
- o CCR Rule Background Wells



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**Geomorphology Features with CCR Groundwater Monitoring Network**

Rapides Parish, Louisiana



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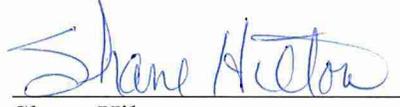
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**APPENDIX B**

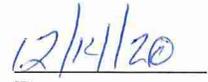
**OWNER'S CERTIFICATION**

**OWNER'S CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE**  
**40 C.F.R. § 257.71(d)(1)(i)(A)**

I hereby certify that, based on the information provided to me by and inquiry of the persons immediately responsible for compliance with the CCR rule, the Brame Energy Center (BEC) facility, including the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond, is in compliance with 40 C.F.R. Part 257, Subpart D—Standards for the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals in Landfills and Surface Impoundments, with the exception of 40 C.F.R. § 257.71(a)(1). [Cleco's CCR Rule Compliance Website](#) is up-to-date and contains all necessary documentation and notifications.



Shane Hilton  
President, Cleco Power LLC



Date

## **APPENDIX C**

### **MONITORING WELL LOCATIONS / MONITORING WELL NETWORK CERTIFICATION**



**BRAME ENERGY CENTER  
LENA, LOUISIANA**

**MONITORING WELL  
NETWORK CERTIFICATION**

## **MONITORING WELL NETWORK**

### **1.0 Introduction**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a final rule for the regulation and management of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The rule applies to the Cleco Power LLC Brame Energy Center (BEC). A site location map is provided in Figure 1. BEC has two permitted facilities that accept CCR: the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds, as shown in Figure 2.

The CCR Rule, 40 CFR Subpart D-Standards for the Disposal of CCRs, Section §257.91 requires a groundwater monitoring system that consists of sufficient number of wells at appropriate locations and depths based on site-specific technical information, to yield groundwater samples from the uppermost aquifer that:

- Accurately represent the quality of both background groundwater, and groundwater passing the boundary of the CCR unit; and
- Monitor potential contaminant pathways.

The groundwater monitoring system at BEC meets those requirements, as described below.

### **2.0 Site Hydrogeology Summary**

The Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds are situated on the aquifer recharge area for the Red River natural levee and/or Alluvial Aquifer, as well as Lake Rodemacher. Since the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds are located in the Red River Alluvium, all upgradient and downgradient monitoring wells for these CCR facilities have been installed in these deposits.

Review of geological reports indicates that Louisiana Alluvial Aquifer groundwater quality is reported by the USGS to be primarily limited to use for industrial and agricultural purposes. This is due to excessive concentrations of dissolved solids, hardness, iron, or localized salinity. The natural groundwater quality of these aquifer systems is generally considered not suitable for drinking water supply purposes without first undergoing appropriate water treatment. The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR) issued an advisory in 2009 addressing the recommended uses of these alluvial aquifers. Furthermore, it is reported that dissolved metals, namely arsenic, have been, and are expected to be, detected in groundwater in localized areas of these aquifers (LDNR, 2009).

Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, 2009. “General Water Quality Summary, Louisiana Groundwater - Alluvial Aquifer Systems”, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Baton Rouge, LA, 1 sheet.

### **3.0 Groundwater Monitoring System**

Groundwater monitoring wells have been installed in the uppermost, laterally continuous water bearing zone present beneath the CCR facilities at BEC. Since the areas immediately upgradient of the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds are situated on Terrace deposits, the background monitoring wells have been installed in alternative locations, per §257.91.1. Thus, all background and

compliance monitoring wells are screened in the Red River Alluvial deposits. Monitoring well information is included in Table 1, and the monitoring well locations are provided in Figure 2.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the groundwater monitoring system described in this report for the Brame Energy Center, owned and operated by Cleco Power, LLC, has been designed and constructed to meet the requirements of the Coal Combustion Residual Rule 40 CFR §257.91. I am a duly licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Louisiana.

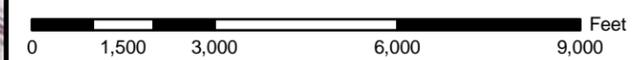
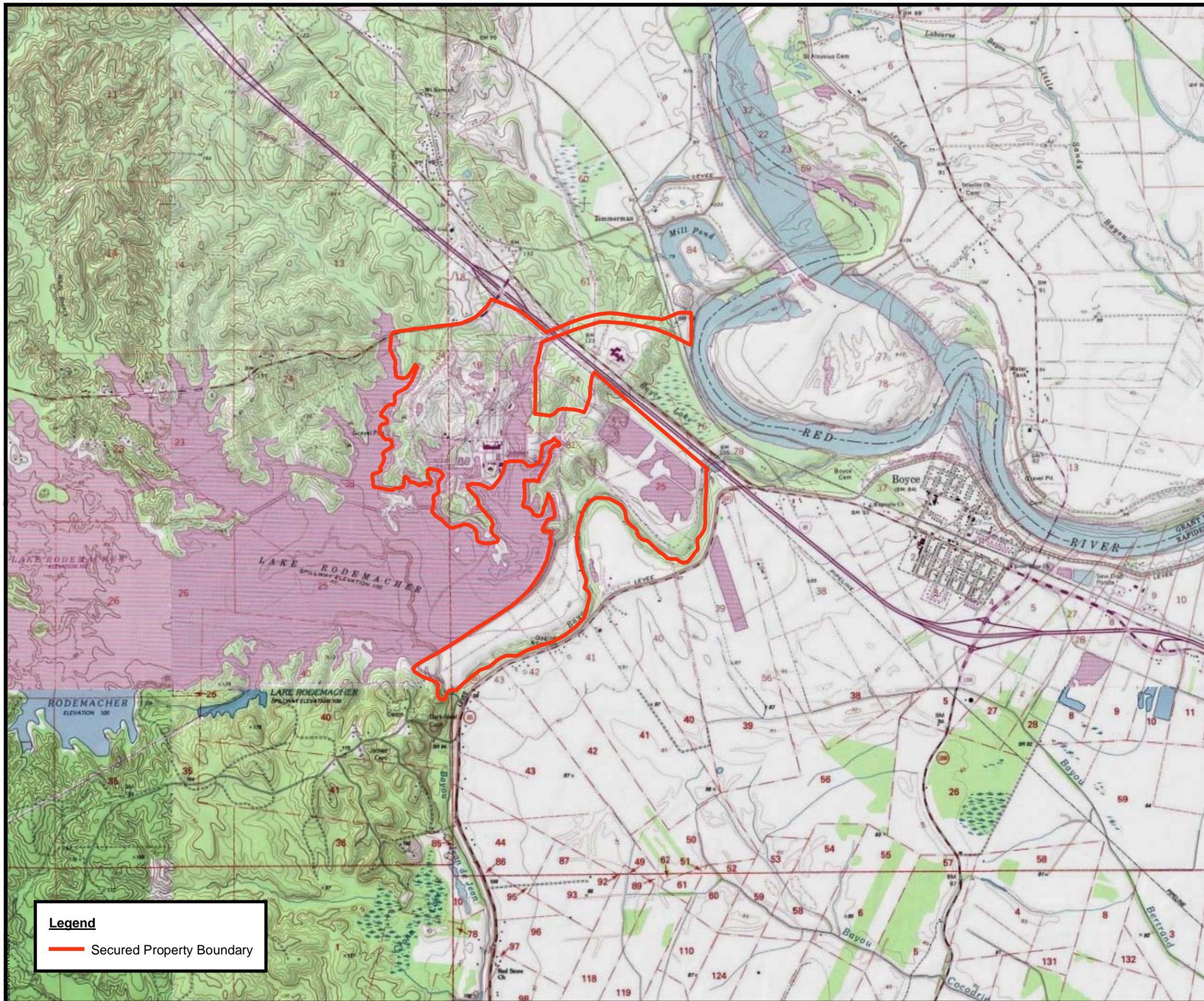


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Date: 3/7/17

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**Site Location Map**

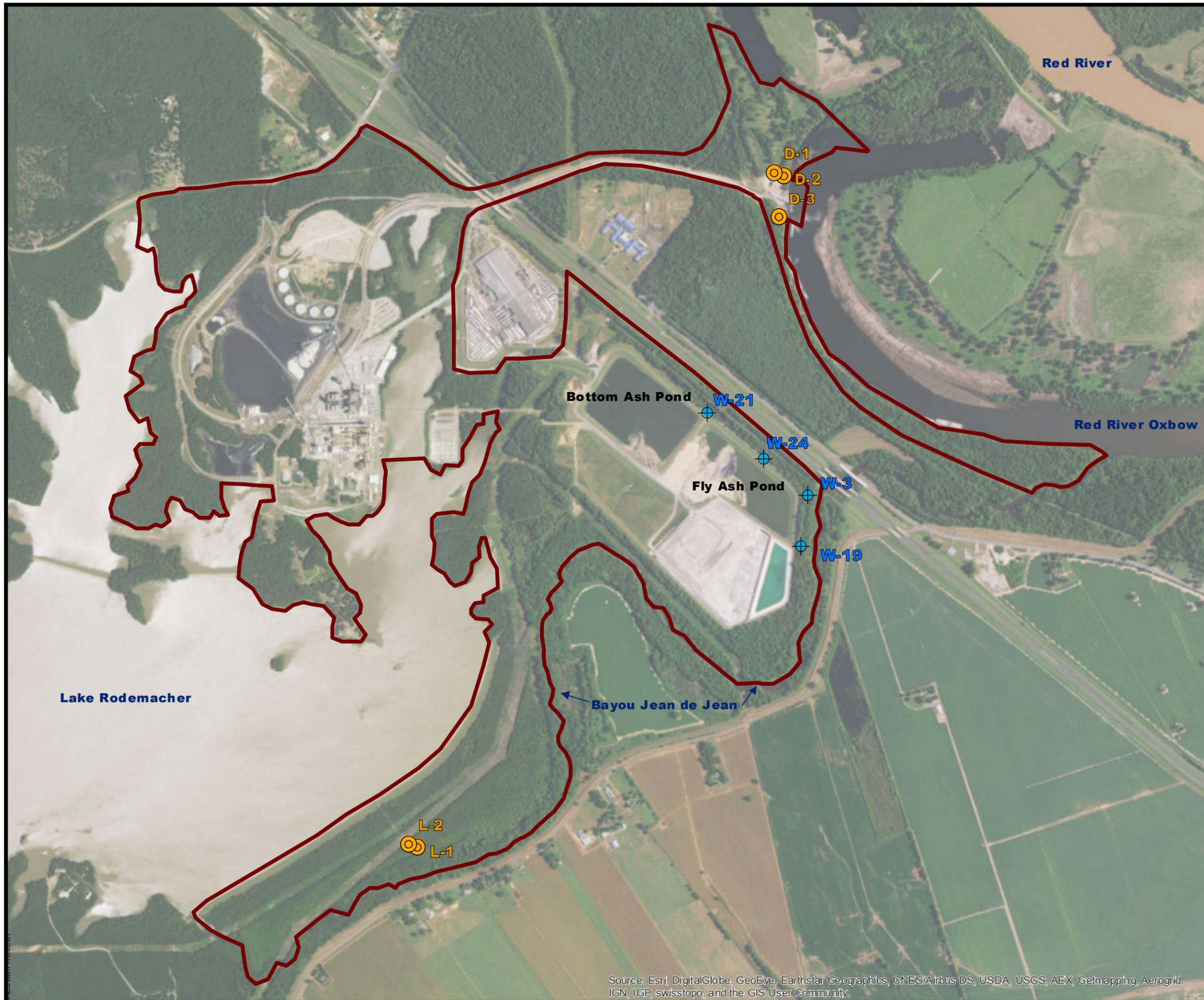
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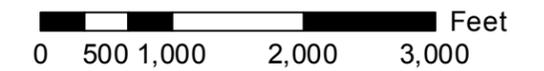
**Figure 1**

**Legend**  
 — Secured Property Boundary



**Legend**

-  CCR Rule Compliance Wells
-  CCR Rule Background Wells
-  Secured Property Boundary



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**CCR Rule  
Monitoring Well Location Map**  
Rapides Parish, Louisiana



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**Figure 2**

Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community



Table 1  
Monitoring Well Construction Data

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom and Fly Ash Ponds

Well Number	D-1	D-2	D-3	L-1	L-2
Background (B) or Compliance (C)	B	B	B	B	B
Latitude (dd°mm'ss")	31°24'23.84"	31°24'23.41"	31°24'17.52"	31°22'47.68"	31°22'48.17"
Longitude (dd°mm'ss")	92°41'53.62"	92°41'52.12"	92°41'52.95"	92°42'53.61"	92°42'55.01"
Casing Elevation (ft NGVD)	99.38	99.36	97.37	86.15	86.68
Concrete Pad Elevation (ft NGVD)	96.59	97.10	94.50	83.05	83.73
Well Depth (ft bgs)	40	46	35.5	36	40
Screen Length (ft)	10	10	10	10	10
Top of Screen (ft NGVD)	67.2	61.7	69.3	58.8	54.6
Bottom of Screen (ft NGVD)	57.2	51.7	59.3	48.8	44.6
Screen Slot Size (inches)	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010
Casing Diameter (inches) & Material	2" PVC				

Well Number	W-3	W-19	W-21	W-24
Background (B) or Compliance (C)	C	C	C	C
Latitude (dd°mm'ss")	31°23'37.79"	31°23'30.48"	31°23'49.57"	31°23'43.05"
Longitude (dd°mm'ss")	92°41'48.33"	92°41'50.26"	92°42'05.00"	92°41'55.61"
Casing Elevation (ft NGVD)	92.07	94.99	87.86	83.71
Concrete Pad Elevation (ft NGVD)	88.87	92.47	85.23	81.03
Well Depth (ft bgs)	77	55	54.5	55
Screen Length (ft)	10	10	10	10
Top of Screen (ft NGVD)	25.7	48.0	41.2	38.4
Bottom of Screen (ft NGVD)	15.7	38.0	31.2	28.4
Screen Slot Size (inches)	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010
Casing Diameter (inches) & Material	2" PVC	2" PVC	2" PVC	2" PVC

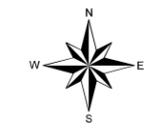
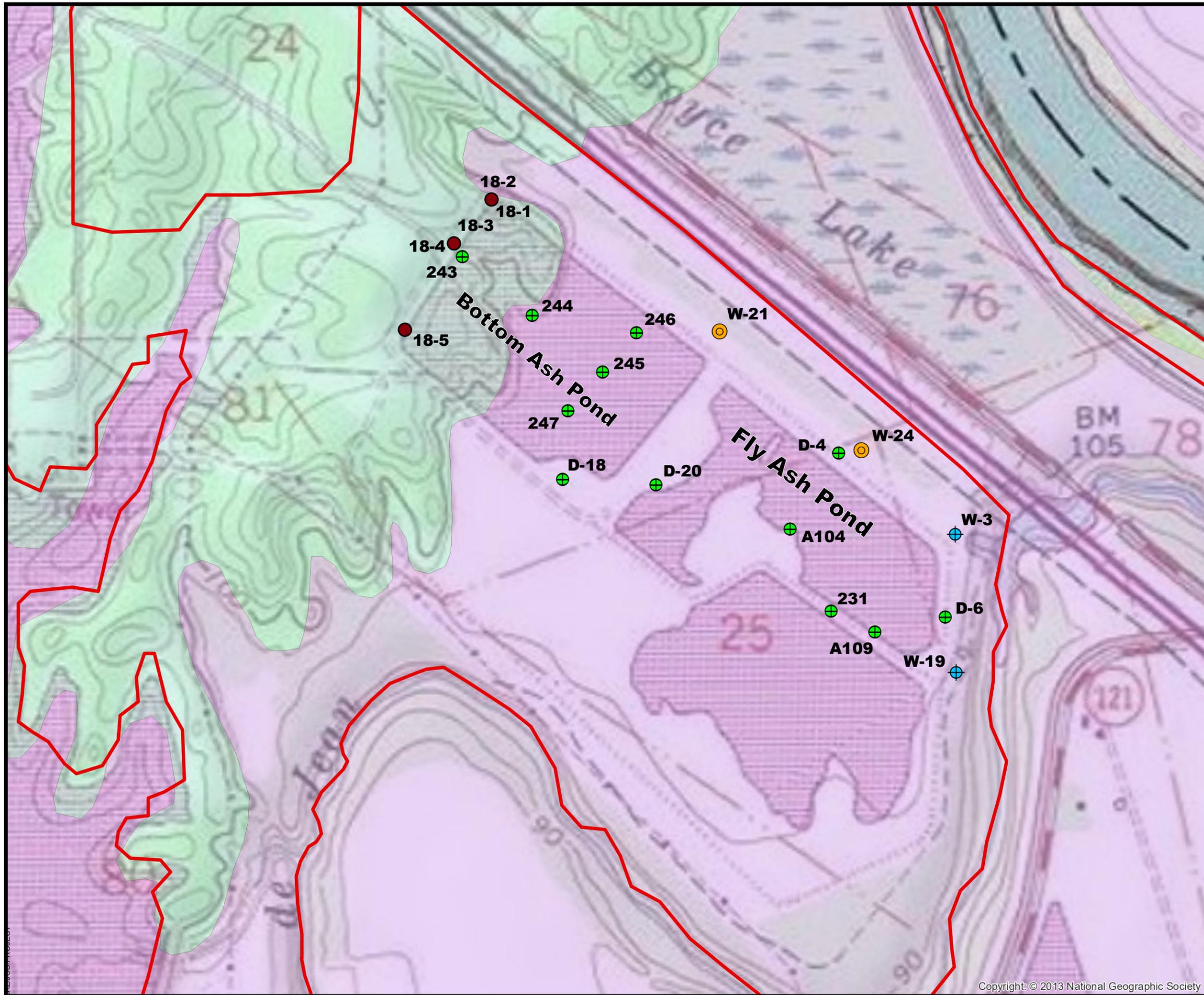
Notes:

bgs = below ground surface

PVC = polyvinyl chloride

## **APPENDIX D**

### **MONITORING WELL DETAILS AND SOIL BORING LOGS**



**Terraces**

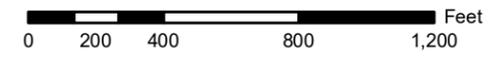
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- Qti - Intermediate Terrace

**Alluvial**

- Qal - Alluvium; Qnl - Natural Levees

**Wells**

- Boring Locations (Sargent & Lundy, 1981)
- Boring Locations (Eagle, 2018)
- Compliance Monitoring Well
- Background Monitoring Well



**Reference**

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**Geomorphology Features with Boring Locations**

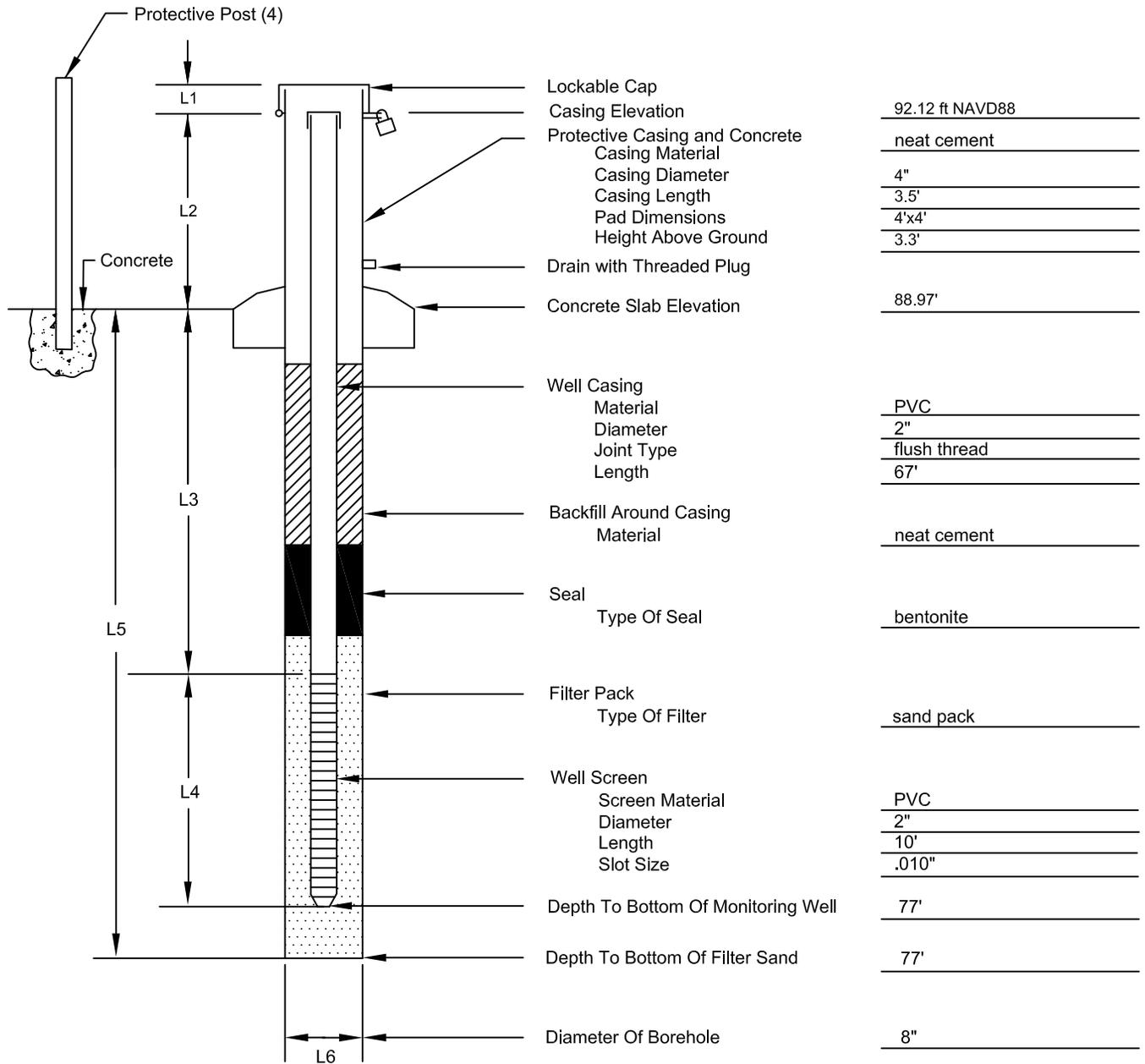
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**Figure D-1**

## Monitoring Well Construction Diagram Above Grade Well

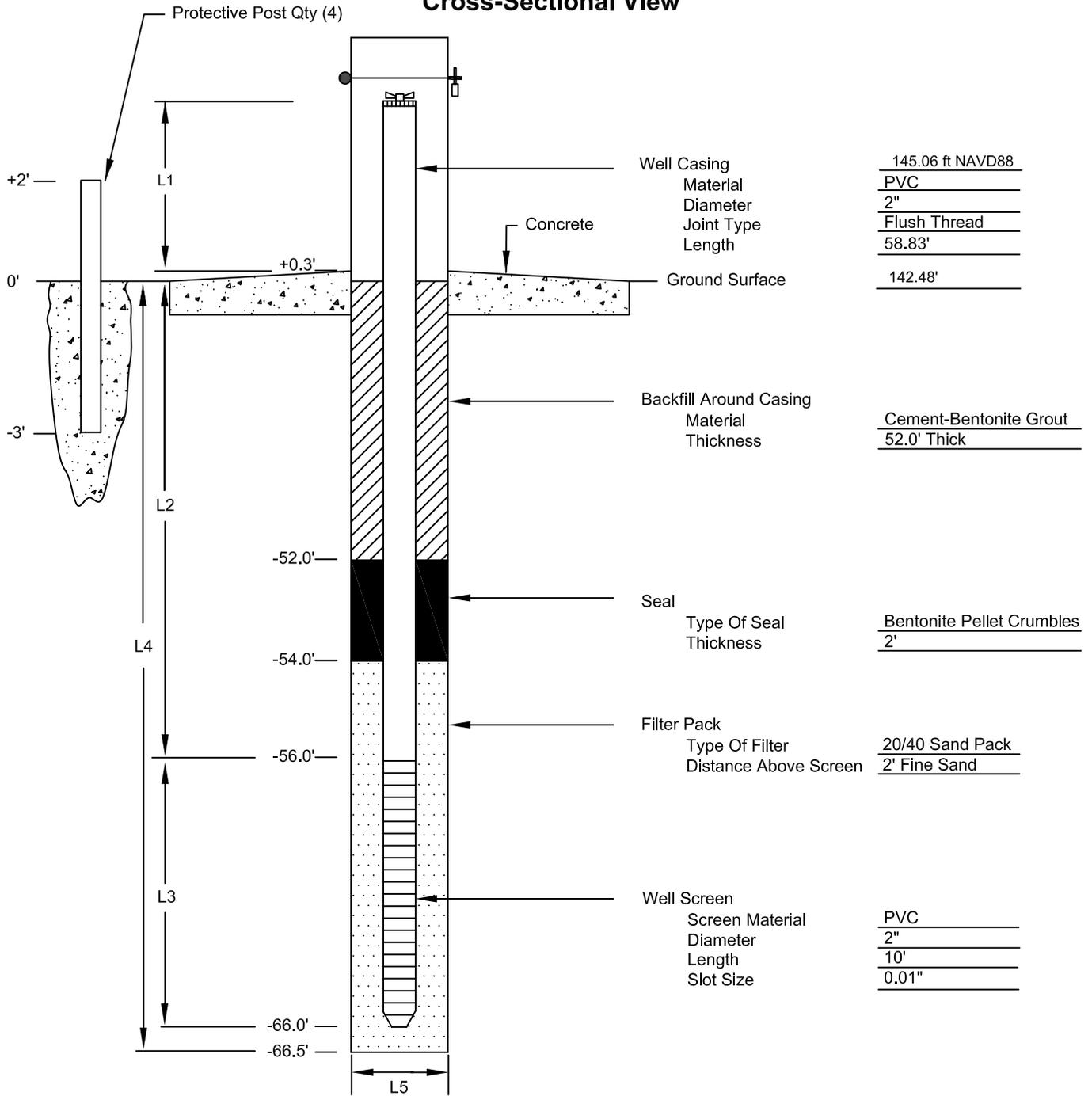


**Cross-Sectional  
View**

Project: <u>Brame Energy Center</u>	L1 = <u>0.2</u> Ft	
Project No: <u>01-14-0136</u>	L2 = <u>3.3</u> Ft	
Monitoring Well: <u>W-3</u>	L3 = <u>67</u> Ft	
Diagram Not To Scale	L4 = <u>10</u> Ft	
	L5 = <u>77</u> Ft	
	L6 = <u>0.75</u> Ft	

# Monitoring Well - W-14

## Monitoring Well Construction Diagram Above Grade Well Cross-Sectional View



Project: Brame Energy Center

Project No: 01-16-0162

Monitoring Well: **W-14**

Diagram Not To Scale

L1 = 2.53 Ft

L2 = 56.0 Ft

L3 = 10 Ft

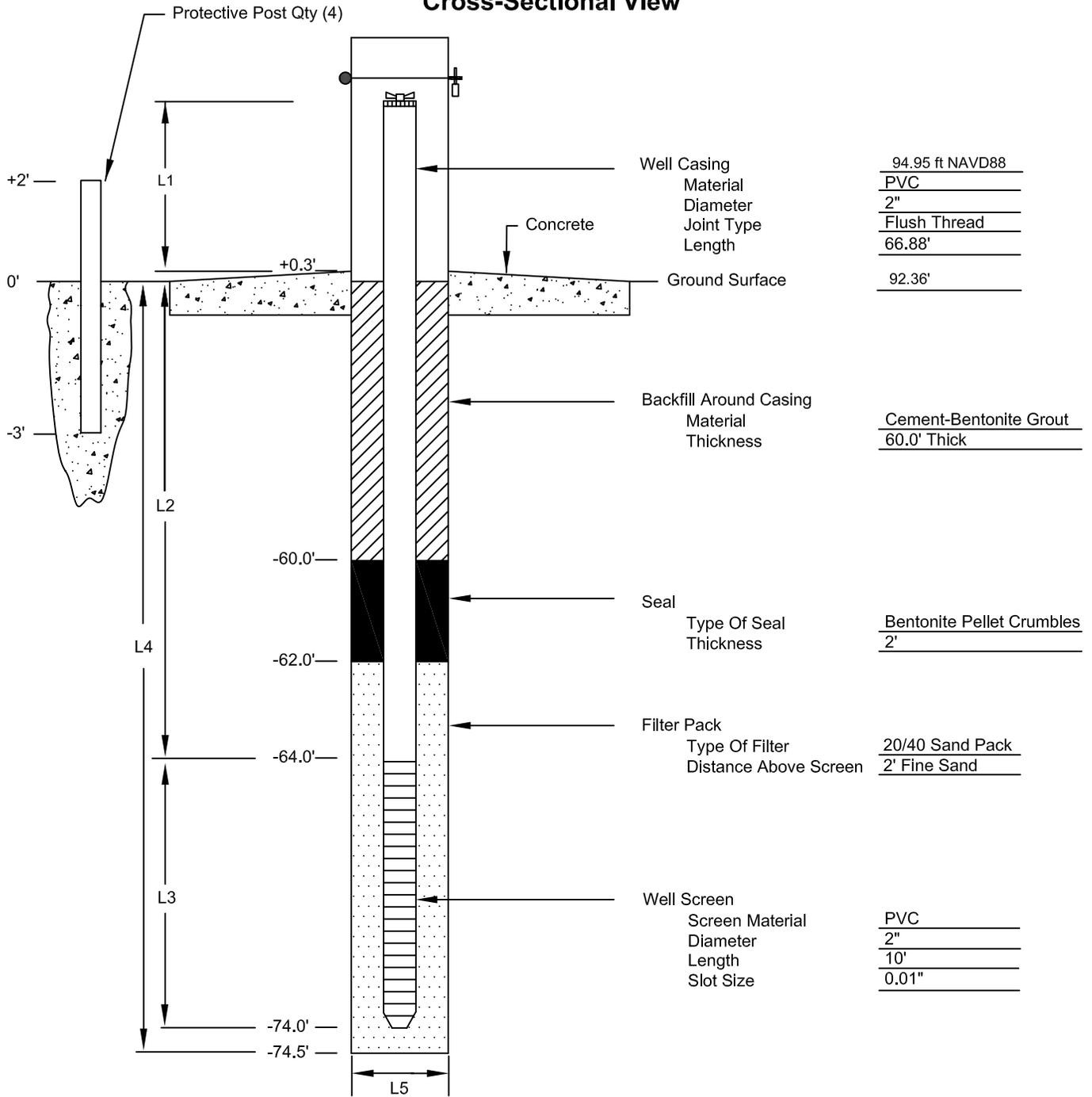
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## Monitoring Well Construction Diagram Above Grade Well Cross-Sectional View



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Project No: 01-16-0162

Monitoring Well: **W-15**

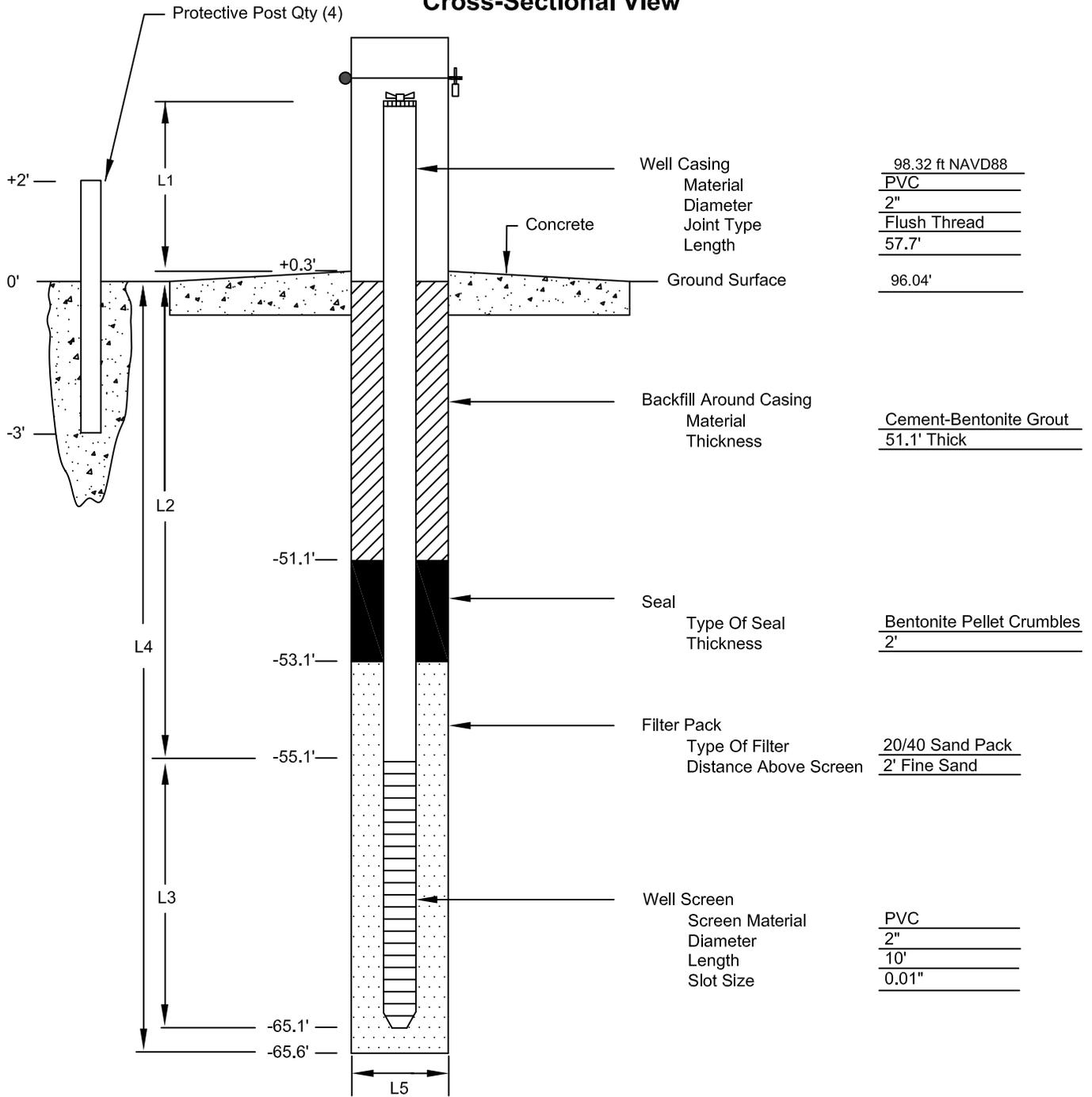
Diagram Not To Scale

L1 = 2.58 Ft  
 L2 = 64.0 Ft  
 L3 = 10 Ft  
 L4 = 74.5 Ft  
 L5 = 0.75 Ft



# Monitoring Well - W-16

## Monitoring Well Construction Diagram Above Grade Well Cross-Sectional View



Project: Brame Energy Center

Project No: 01-16-0162

Monitoring Well: **W-16**

Diagram Not To Scale

L1 = 2.30 Ft

L2 = 55.1 Ft

L3 = 10 Ft

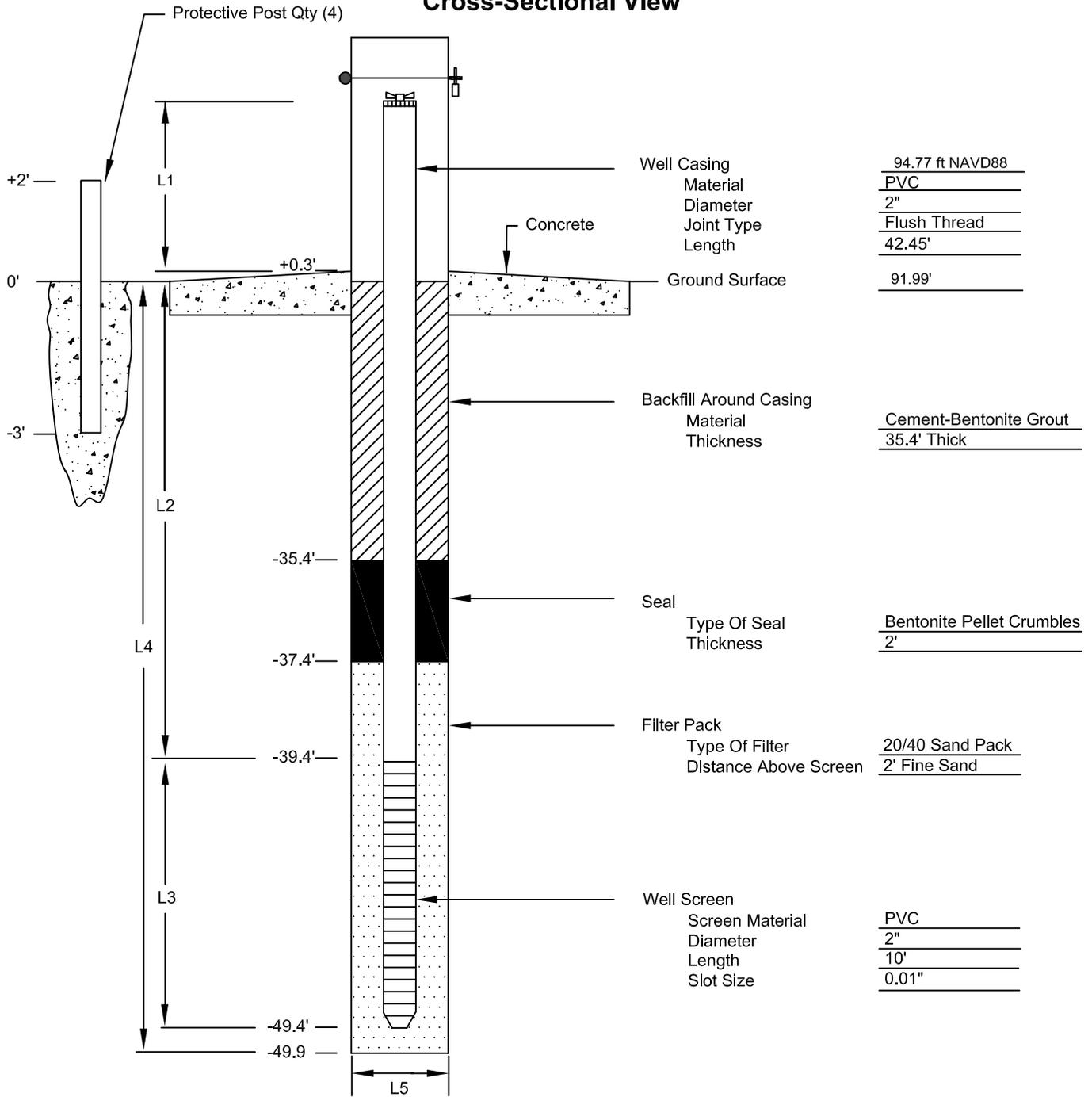
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# Monitoring Well - W-17

## Monitoring Well Construction Diagram Above Grade Well Cross-Sectional View



Project: Brame Energy Center

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Monitoring Well: **W-17**

Diagram Not To Scale

L1 = 2.75 Ft

L2 = 39.4 Ft

L3 = 10 Ft

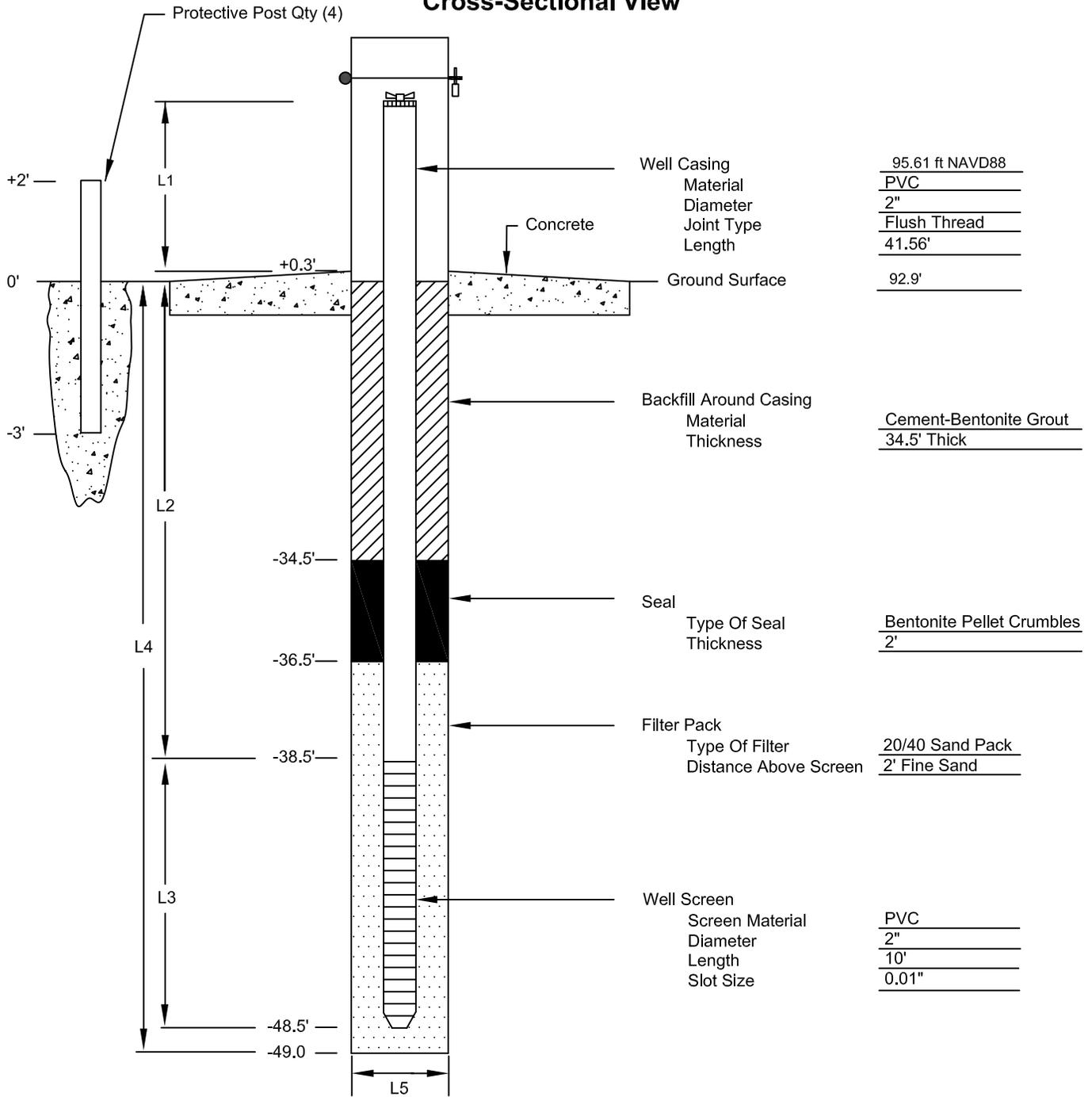
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L5 = 0.75 Ft.



# Monitoring Well - W-18

## Monitoring Well Construction Diagram Above Grade Well Cross-Sectional View



Project: Brame Energy Center

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Monitoring Well: **W-18**

Diagram Not To Scale

L1 = 2.76 Ft

L2 = 38.5 Ft

L3 = 10 Ft

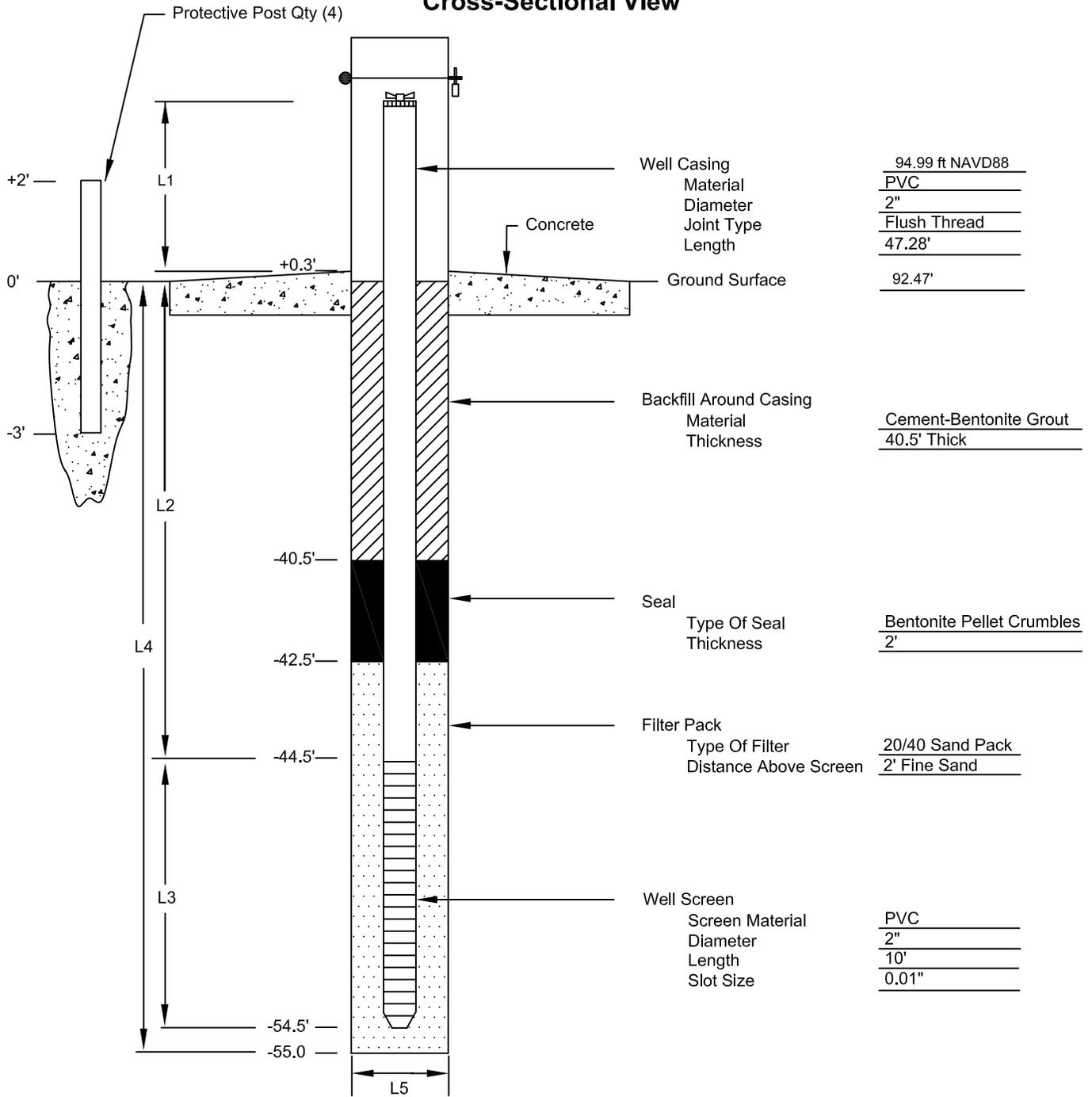
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L5 = 0.75 Ft.



# Monitoring Well - W-19

## Monitoring Well Construction Diagram Above Grade Well Cross-Sectional View



Project: Brame Energy Center

Project No: 01-14-0136

Monitoring Well: **W-19**

Diagram Not To Scale

L1 = 2.48 Ft

L2 = 44.5 Ft

L3 = 10 Ft

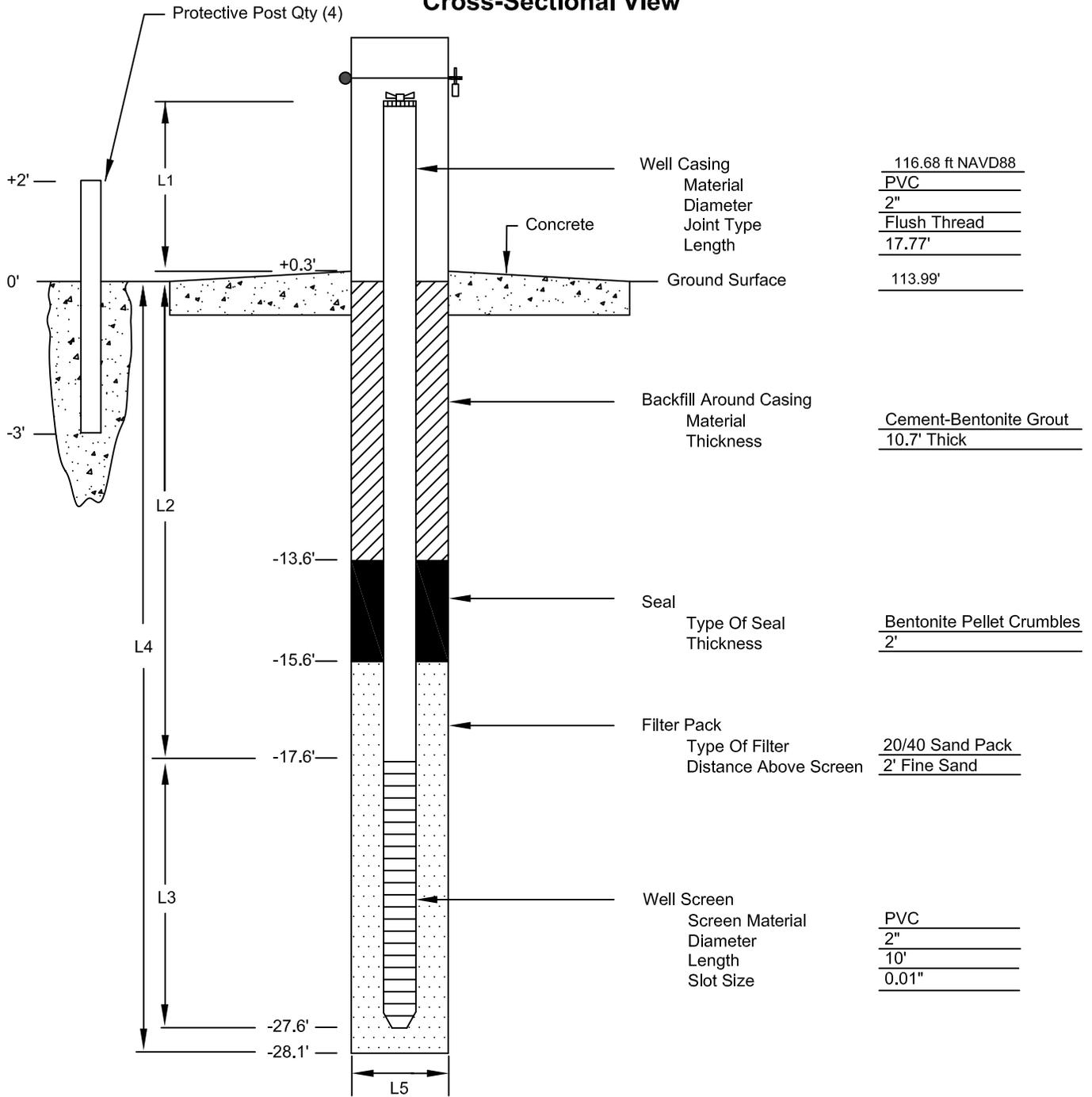
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# Monitoring Well - W-20

## Monitoring Well Construction Diagram Above Grade Well Cross-Sectional View



Project: Brame Energy Center

Project No: 01-16-0162

Monitoring Well: **W-20**

Diagram Not To Scale

L1 = 2.67 Ft

L2 = 14.8 Ft

L3 = 10 Ft

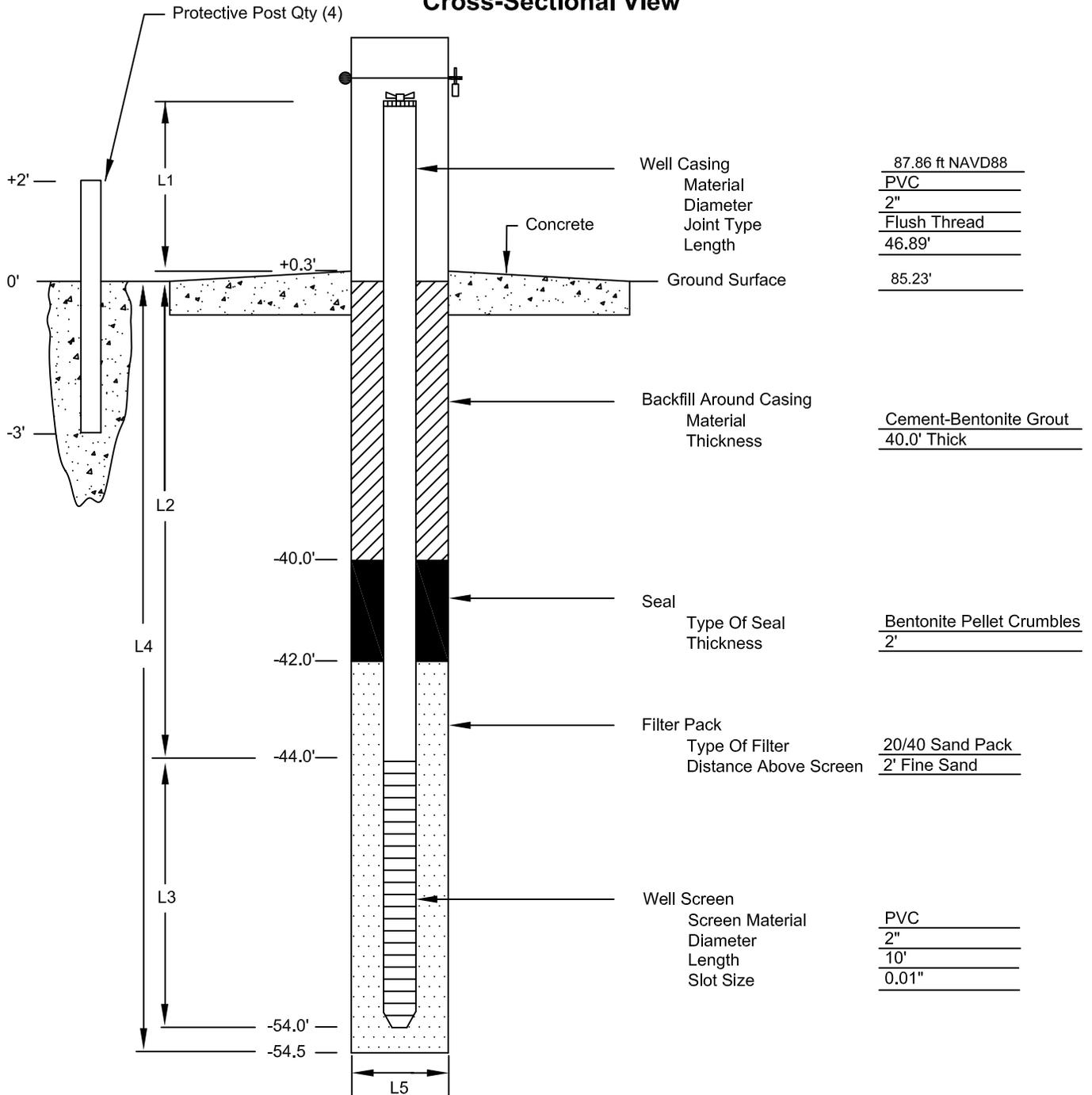
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# Monitoring Well - W-21

## Monitoring Well Construction Diagram Above Grade Well Cross-Sectional View



Project: Brane Energy Center

Project No: 01-14-0136

Monitoring Well: **W-21**

Diagram Not To Scale

L1 = 2.59 Ft

L2 = 44.0 Ft

L3 = 10 Ft

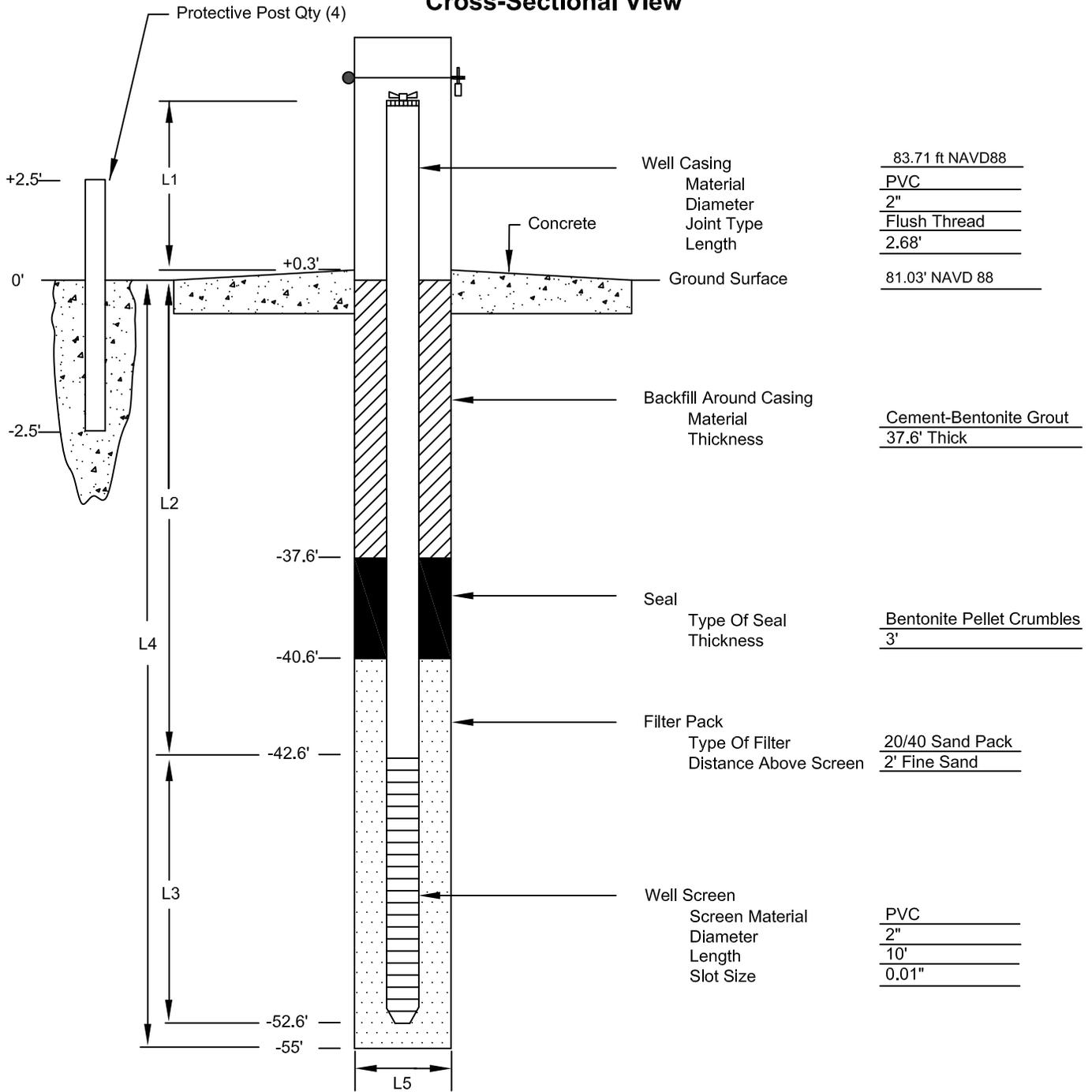
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# Monitoring Well - W-24

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Monitoring Well: **W-24**

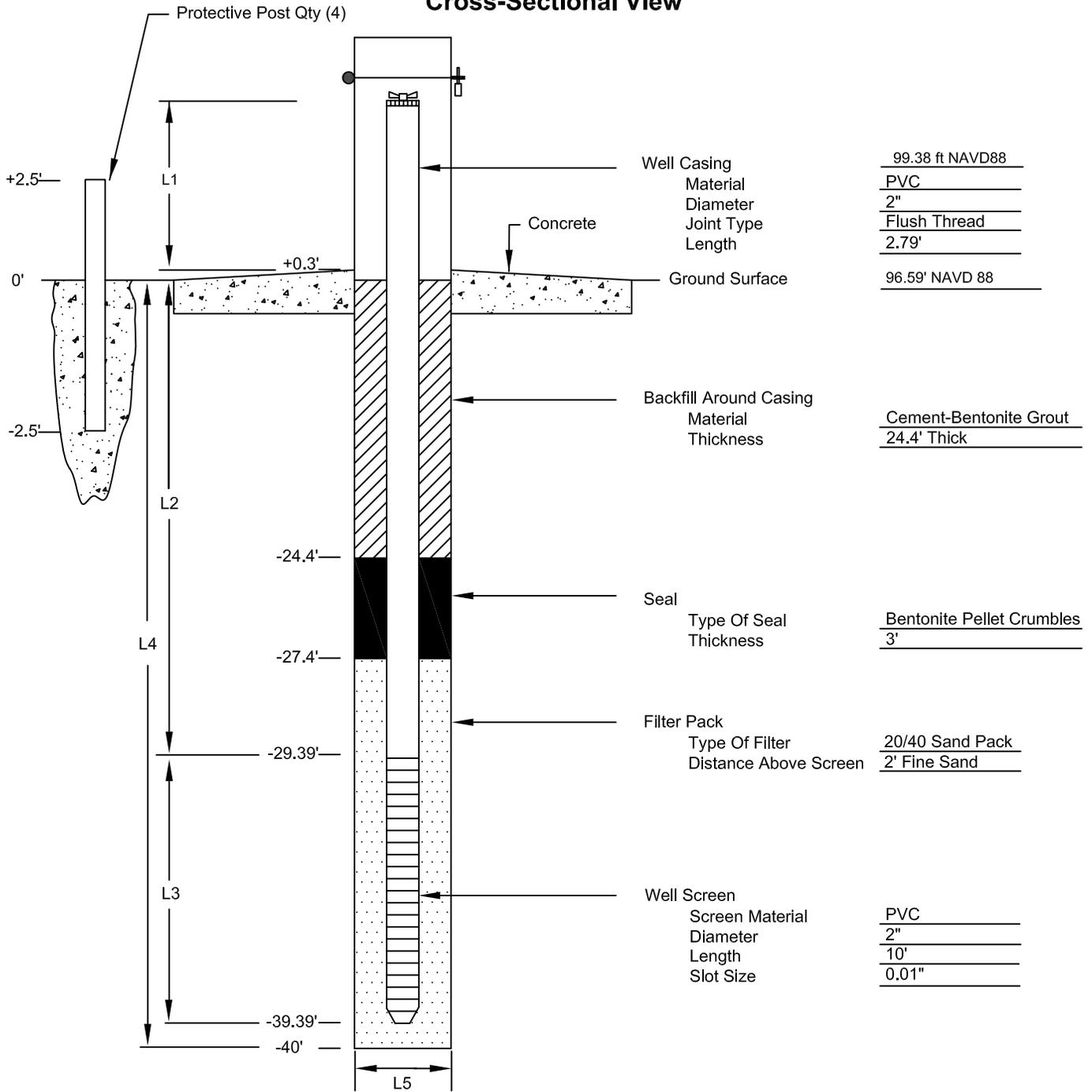
Diagram Not To Scale

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 L3 = 10 Ft  
 L4 = 55 Ft  
 L5 = 0.75 Ft



# Monitoring Well - D-1

## Monitoring Well Construction Diagram Above Grade Well Cross-Sectional View



Project: Brame Energy Center

Project No: 01-16-0162

Monitoring Well: D-1

Diagram Not To Scale

L1 = 2.79 Ft

L2 = 29.39 Ft

L3 = 10 Ft

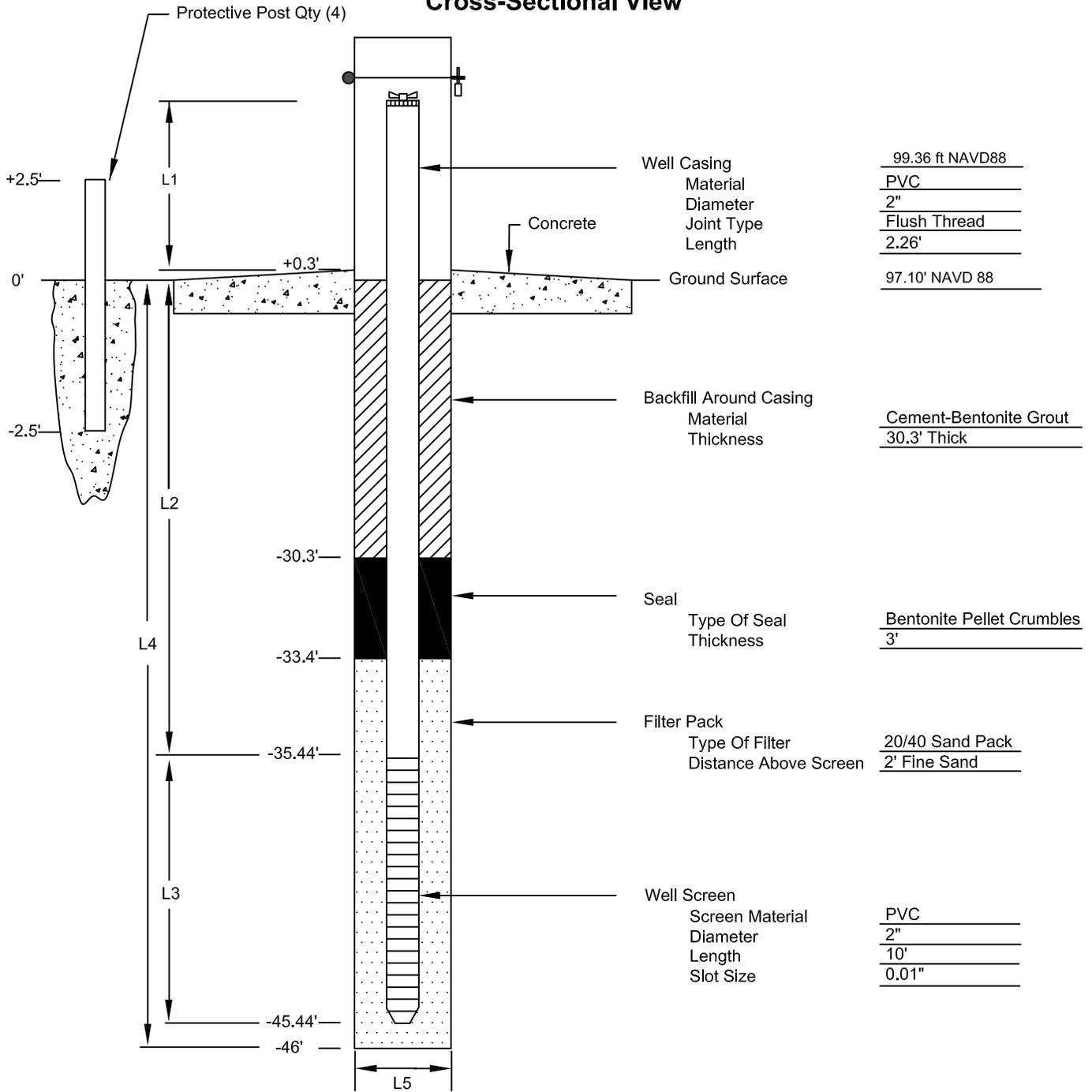
L4 = 40.0 Ft

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# Monitoring Well - D-2

## Monitoring Well Construction Diagram Above Grade Well Cross-Sectional View



Project: Brame Energy Center

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Monitoring Well: D-2

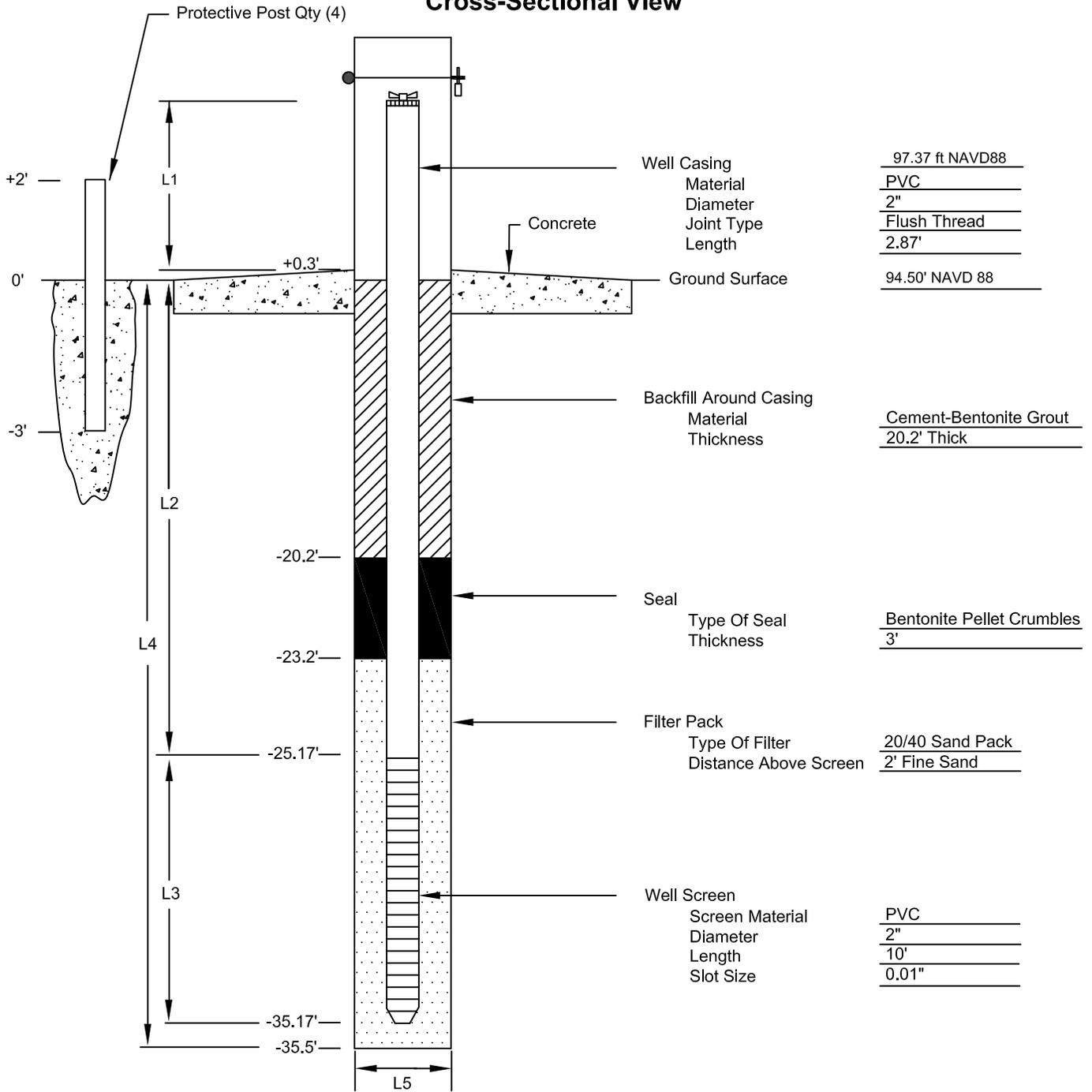
Diagram Not To Scale

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 L2 = 35.44 Ft  
 L3 = 10 Ft  
 L4 = 46 Ft  
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# Monitoring Well - D-3

## Monitoring Well Construction Diagram Above Grade Well Cross-Sectional View



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Project No: 01-16-0162

Monitoring Well: D-3

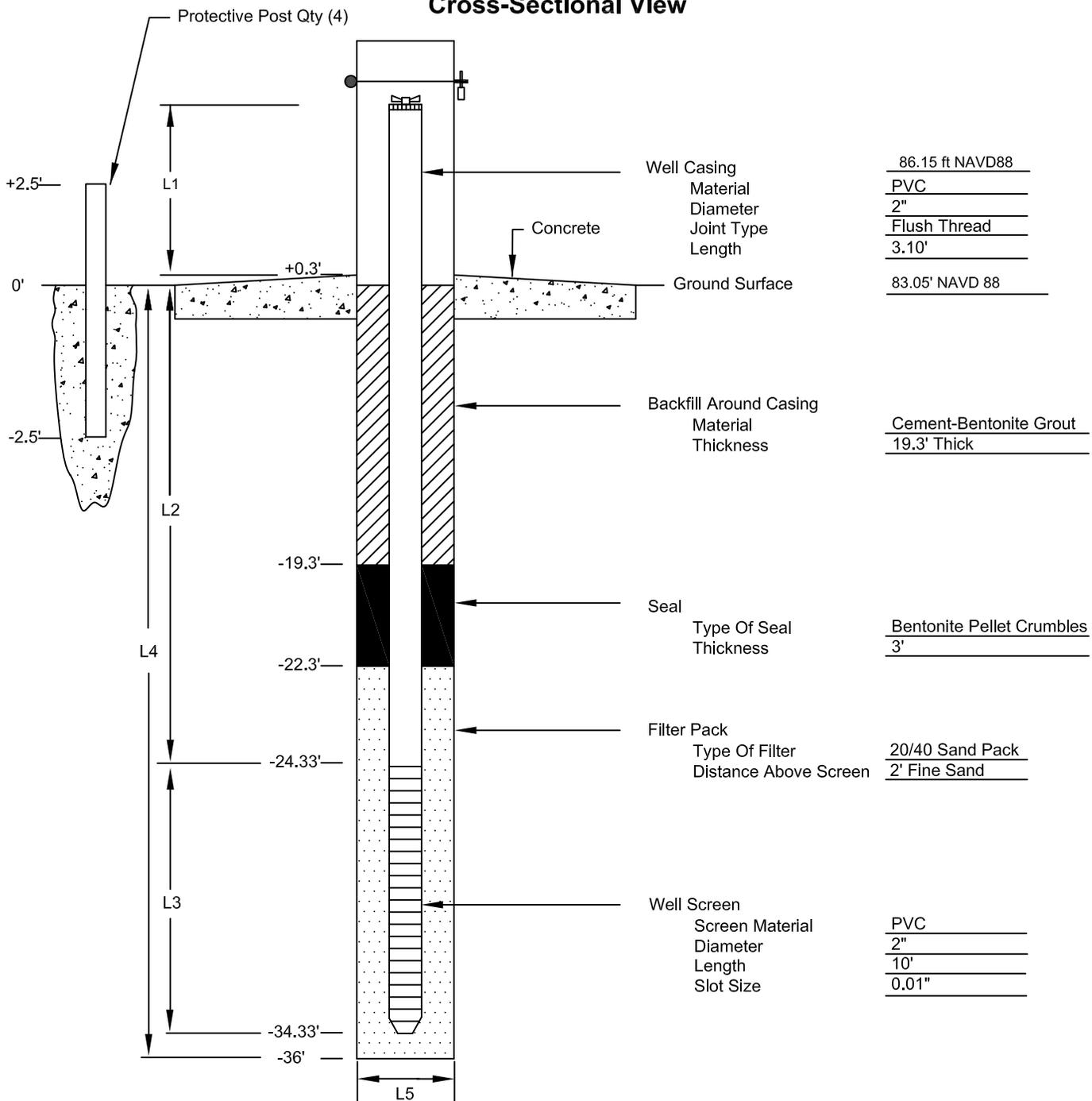
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# Monitoring Well - L-1

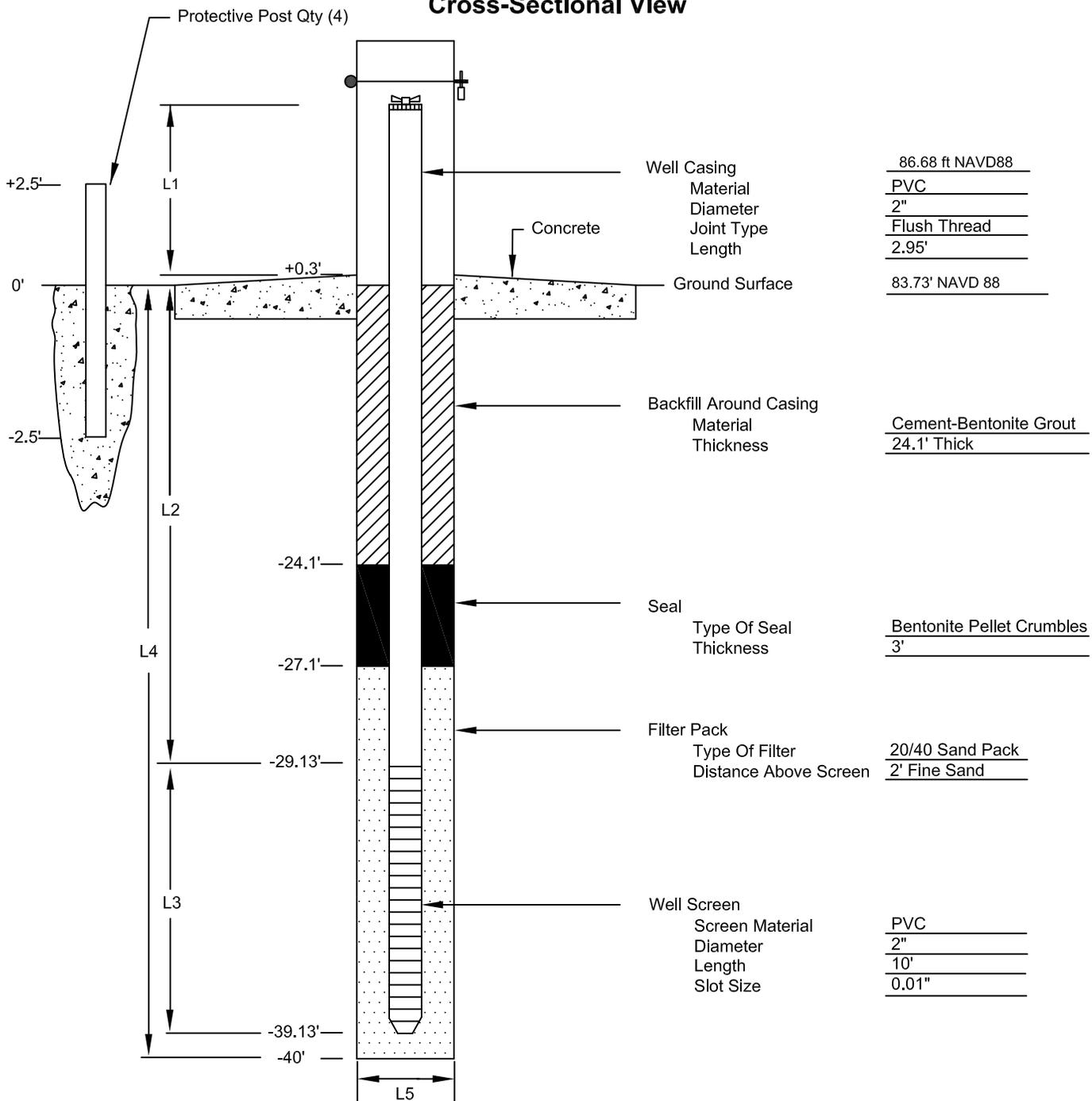
## Monitoring Well Construction Diagram Above Grade Well Cross-Sectional View



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Monitoring Well: <u>L-1</u>	L3 = <u>10</u> Ft	
Diagram Not To Scale	L4 = <u>36</u> Ft	
	L5 = <u>0.75</u> Ft	

# Monitoring Well - L-2

## Monitoring Well Construction Diagram Above Grade Well Cross-Sectional View



Project: Brame Energy Center

Project No: 01-16-0162

Monitoring Well: L-2

Diagram Not To Scale

L1 = 2.95 Ft

L2 = 29.13 Ft

L3 = 10 Ft

L4 = 40 Ft

L5 = 0.75 Ft.







LOG OF SOIL BORING:



File: W-19  
 Date: April 3, 2008  
 Logged By: Joseph Harrer  
 Driller: The Devonian Group  
 Rig: 6620 DT

FIELD DATA

Location: Cleco - Rodemacher

Surface Elevation:

Ground Water Level	Depth (feet)	Time	USCS	Color	Hardness	Soil Description
B		14:15	CH	Red-brown	Stiff	Dry clay
	5	14:30	CL	Red-brown	Firm	Wet, silty clay
			CH	Grey and Tan	Stiff	Dry, clay
	10	14:35	CH			
	15	14:40	CH			
			ML	Grey	Dense	Wet, very fine sandy silt
	20	14:45	CH	Grey	Stiff	Dry, Clay
	25	14:47	CH	Grey		
	30	15:00	CH	Grey		-- with roots
	35	15:05	CH	Grey		
		ML	Brown	Soft	Wet, clayey silt	
40						

Boring Completed at:

Ground Water Level Data	Boring Advancement Method	Notes
B-First occurrence of H <sub>2</sub> O in soil		
E-Equilibrated level of H <sub>2</sub> O	Boring Abandonment Method	

LOG OF SOIL BORING:



File: W-19  
 Date: April 1, 2008  
 Logged By: Joseph Harrer  
 Driller: The Devonian Group  
 Rig: 6620 DT

FIELD DATA

Location: Cleco - Rodemacher

Surface Elevation:

Ground Water Level	Depth (feet)	Time	USCS	Color	Hardness	Soil Description
		15:15	CH	Grey	Stiff	Dry, clay
	45	15:25	SC	Lt. Brown	Dense	Wet, silty, clayey very fine sand
	50	14:42	SC	Brown	Dense	
	55					<b>Boring Terminated at 55 Feet - bgs</b>
	60					
	65					
	70					
	75					
	80					

Boring Completed at:

Ground Water Level Data	Boring Advancement Method	Notes
B-First occurrence of H <sub>2</sub> O in soil		
E-Equilibrated level of H <sub>2</sub> O	Boring Abandonment Method	

**LOG OF SOIL BORING:**



File: W-21  
 Date: April 2, 2008  
 Logged By: Joseph Harrer  
 Driller: The Devonian Group  
 Rig: 6620 DT

**FIELD DATA**

Location: Cleco - Rodemacher

Surface Elevation:

Ground Water Level	Depth (feet)	Time	USCS	Color	Hardness	Soil Description
		14:15	SP	Tan	Dense	Damp, sand with very little gravel
	5	14:17	SP	Tan	Dense	Ver, sand grading to silty sand
		14:20	CH	Grey	Medium	Dry, clay with wood fragments
	10	14:25	SM	Tan	Loose	Wet, silty sand
		14:28	CL	Grey	Soft	Wet, sandy, silty clay
	15					
		14:35	CH	Red-brown	Very stiff	Dry Clay
	20	14:45	CH	Red-brown	Very stiff	
	25	14:47	CH	Red-brown	Very stiff	
	30	14:55	CH	Red-brown	Very stiff	
	35	15:05	CH	Red-brown	Very stiff	
	40					

Boring Completed at:

Ground Water Level Data	Boring Advancement Method	Notes
B-First occurrence of H <sub>2</sub> O in soil		
E-Equilibrated level of H <sub>2</sub> O	Boring Abandonment Method	

LOG OF SOIL BORING:



File: W-21  
 Date: April 2, 2008  
 Logged By: Joseph Harrer  
 Driller: The Devonian Group  
 Rig: 6620 DT

FIELD DATA

Location: Cleco - Rodemacher

Surface Elevation:

Ground Water Level	Depth (feet)	Time	USCS	Color	Hardness	Soil Description
		15:20	SM-CL	Tan and blue/green	Dense	Wet silty very fine sand alternating with sandy clay
	45	15:40	SM	Tan	Dense	Wet silty sand with a couple of 2" clay parts
	50	16:00	SM	Tan	Dense	-- no parts
	55	<b>Boring Terminated at 55 Feet - bgs</b>				
	60					
	65					
	70					
	75					
	80					

Boring Completed at:

Ground Water Level Data	Boring Advancement Method	Notes
B-First occurrence of H <sub>2</sub> O in soil		
E-Equilibrated level of H <sub>2</sub> O	Boring Abandonment Method	



# SOIL BORING LOG

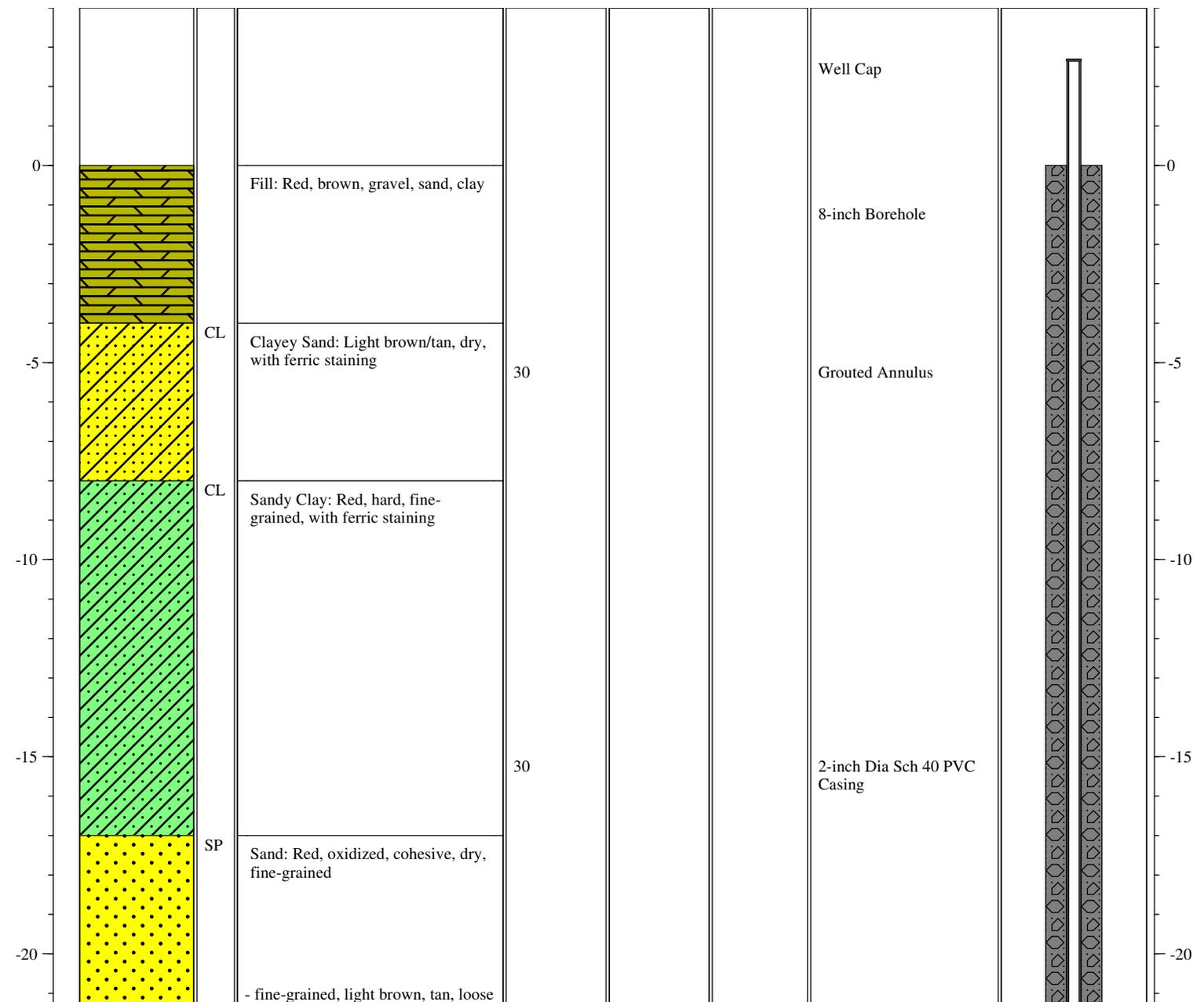
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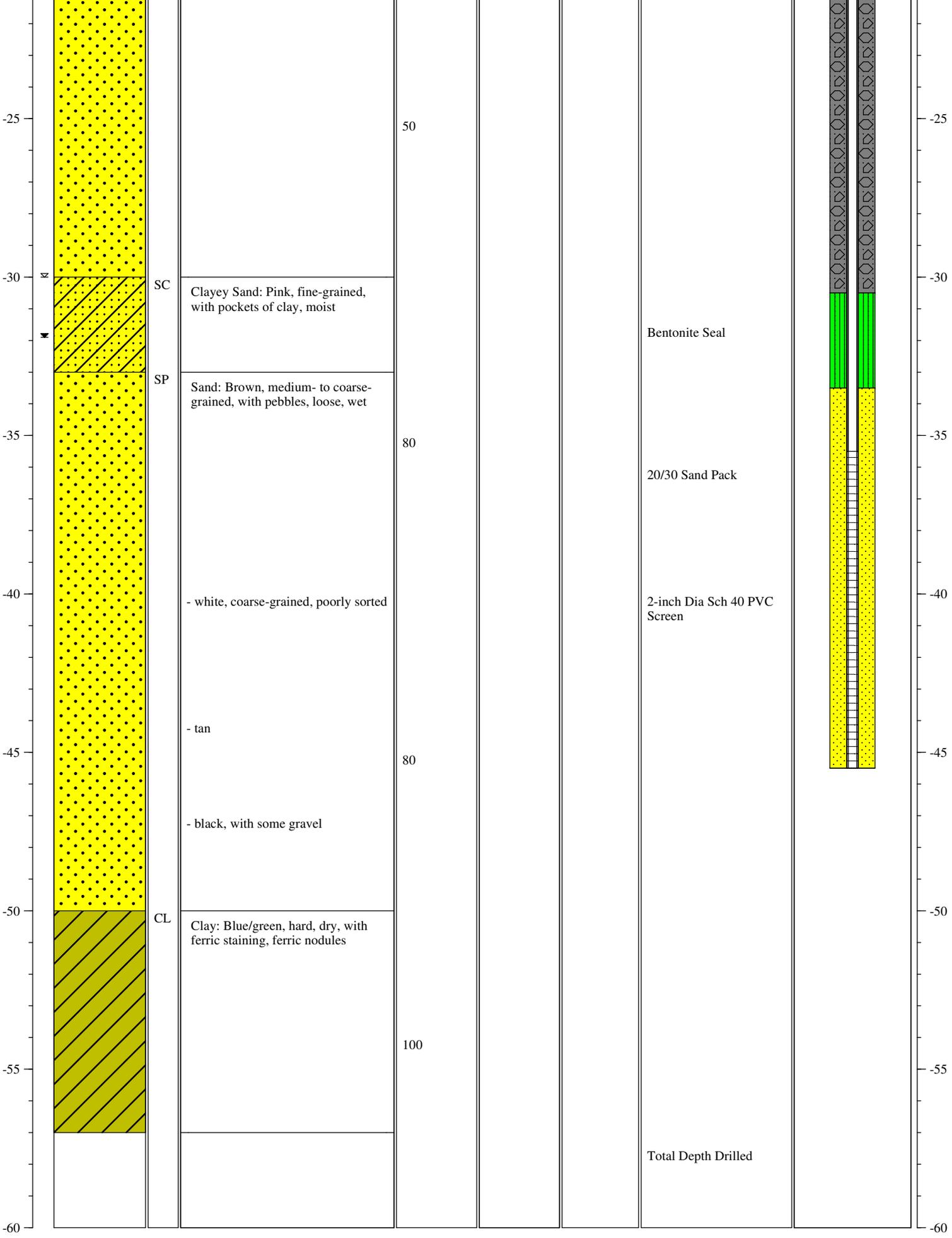
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 PROJECT: **SW Permitting**  
 SITE LOCATION: **Boyce, Louisiana**  
 PROJECT NO.: **01-16-0162**  
 LOGGED BY: **R Sturdivant**

DRILLING CO.: **Walker Hill Environmental**  
 DRILLER: **Rodney LaBrosse**  
 METHOD OF DRILLING: **Rotosonic**  
 SAMPLING METHODS: **Rotosonic**  
 DATES DRILLED: **06/15/2016**

Notes:  
 ☼ Water level during drilling: 30 ft bgs  
 ☼ Water level in completed well: 31.90 ft bgs

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

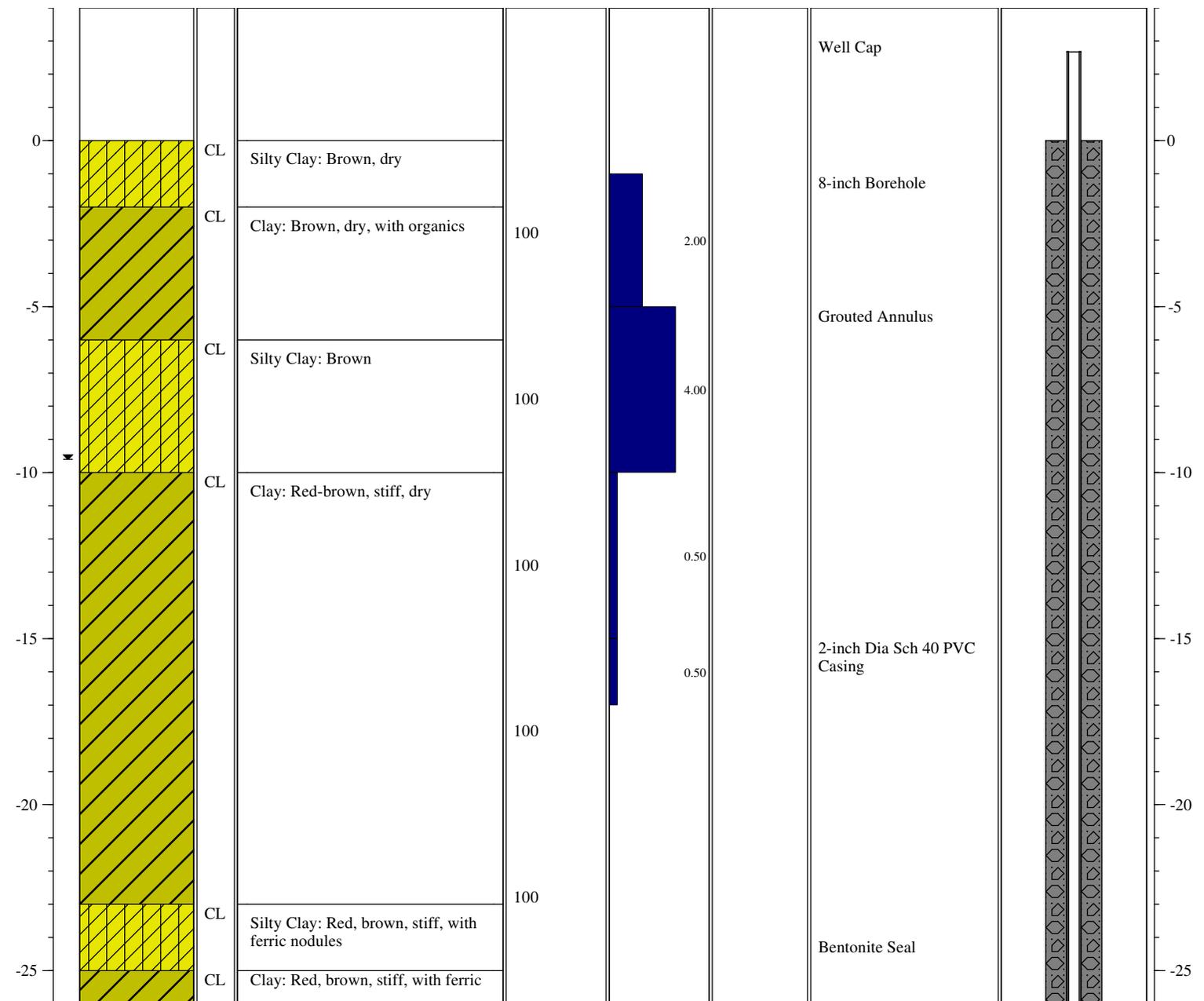
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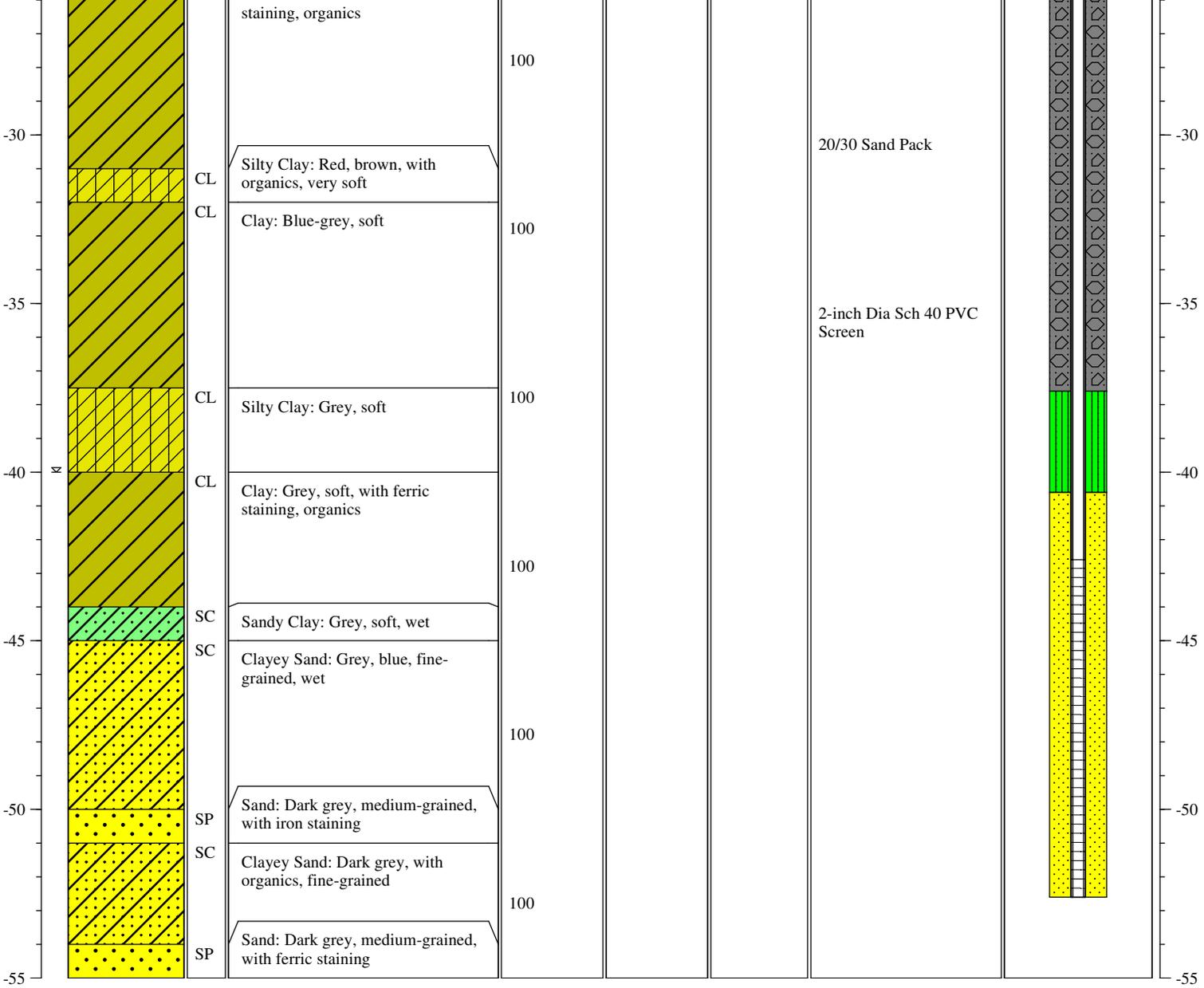
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 PROJECT NO.: **01-16-0162**  
 LOGGED BY: **R Sturdivant**

DRILLING CO.: **Devonian Group**  
 DRILLER: **C Hebert**  
 METHOD OF DRILLING: **Hollow Stem Auger**  
 SAMPLING METHODS: **DPT**  
 DATES DRILLED: **06/27/2016**

Notes:  
 ☼ Water level during drilling: 40 ft bgs  
 ▼ Water level in completed well: 9.60 ft bgs

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

BORING/WELL NO.: **D-1**  
 TOTAL DEPTH: **50 Feet**  
 TOP OF CASING ELEV.: **99.38 Ft NGVD**  
 GROUND SURFACE ELEV.: **96.59 Ft NGVD**

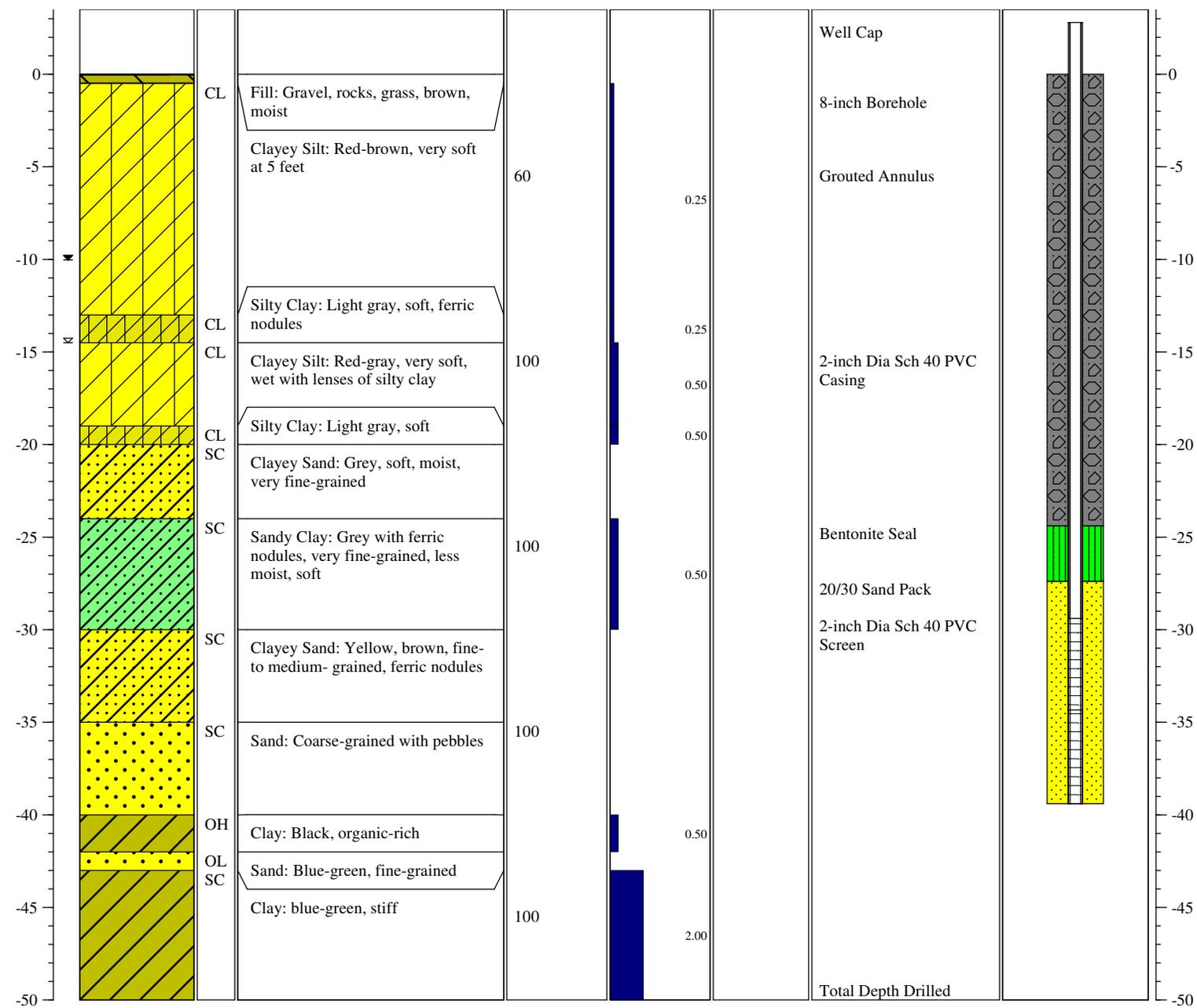
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DRILLING CO.: **Walker Hill Environmental**  
 DRILLER: **Rodney LaBrosse**  
 METHOD OF DRILLING: **Rotosonic**  
 SAMPLING METHODS: **Rotosonic**  
 DATES DRILLED: **06/14/2016**

Notes:

☼ Water level during drilling: -14.5 ft bgs  
 ☼ Water level in completed well: 10.04 ft bgs

DEPTH	SOIL SYMBOLS	USCS	SOIL DESCRIPTION	CORE RECOVERY (Percent)	STIFFNESS (Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	SAMPLE TAKEN	BORING DESCRIPTION	WELL CONSTRUCTION
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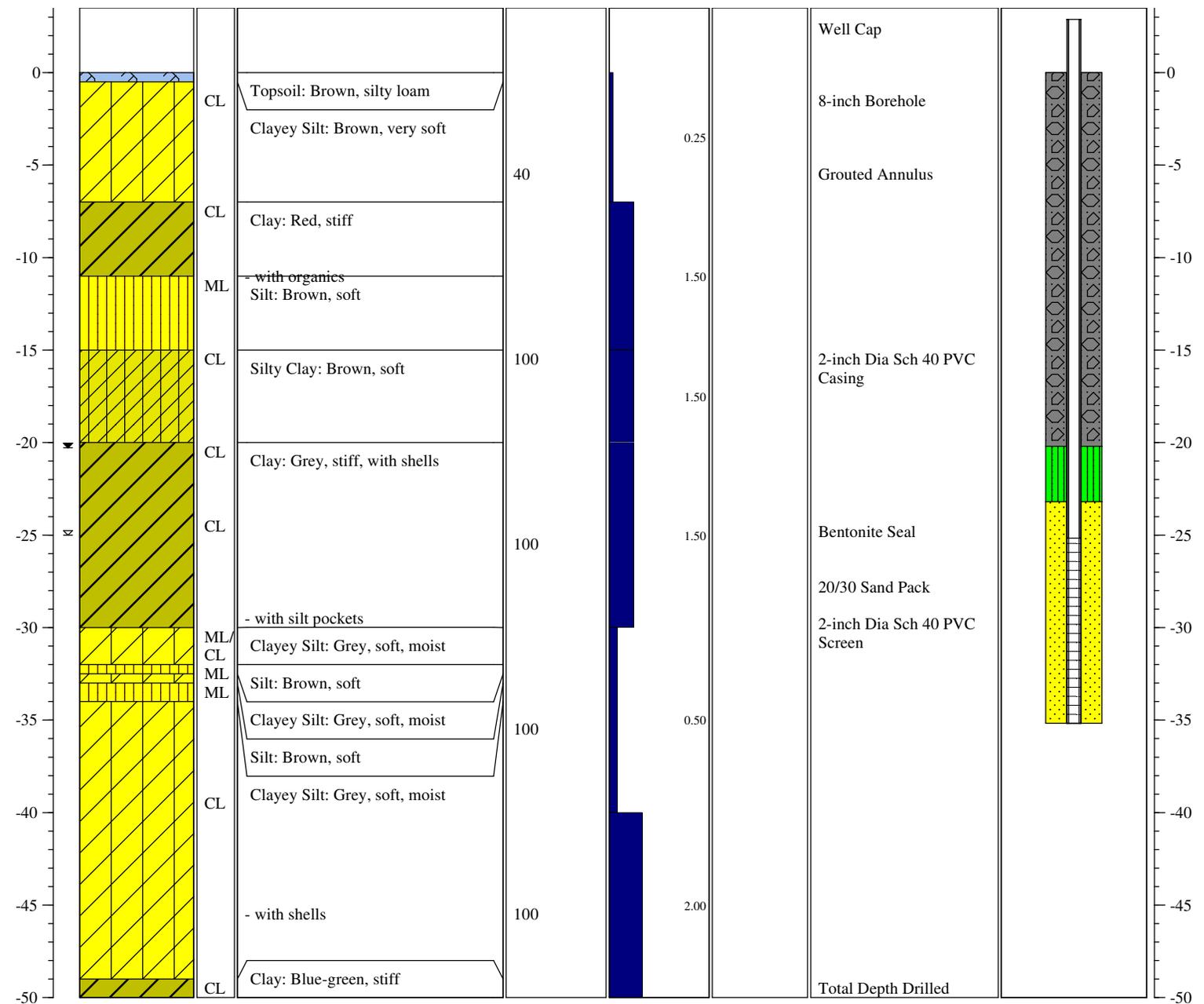
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 TOP OF CASING ELEV.: **97.37 Ft NGVD**  
 GROUND SURFACE ELEV.: **94.50 Ft NGVD**

CLIENT: **Cleco BEC**  
 PROJECT: **SW Permitting**  
 SITE LOCATION: **Boyce, Louisiana**  
 PROJECT NO.: **01-16-0162**  
 LOGGED BY: **R Sturdivant**

DRILLING CO.: **Walker Hill Environmental**  
 DRILLER: **Rodney LaBrosse**  
 METHOD OF DRILLING: **Rotosonic**  
 SAMPLING METHODS: **Rotosonic**  
 DATES DRILLED: **06/15/2016**

Notes:  
 ☼ Water level during drilling: 25 ft bgs  
 ☼ Water level in completed well: 20.28 ft bgs

DEPTH	SOIL SYMBOLS	USCS	SOIL DESCRIPTION	CORE RECOVERY (Percent)	STIFFNESS (Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	SAMPLE TAKEN	BORING DESCRIPTION	WELL CONSTRUCTION
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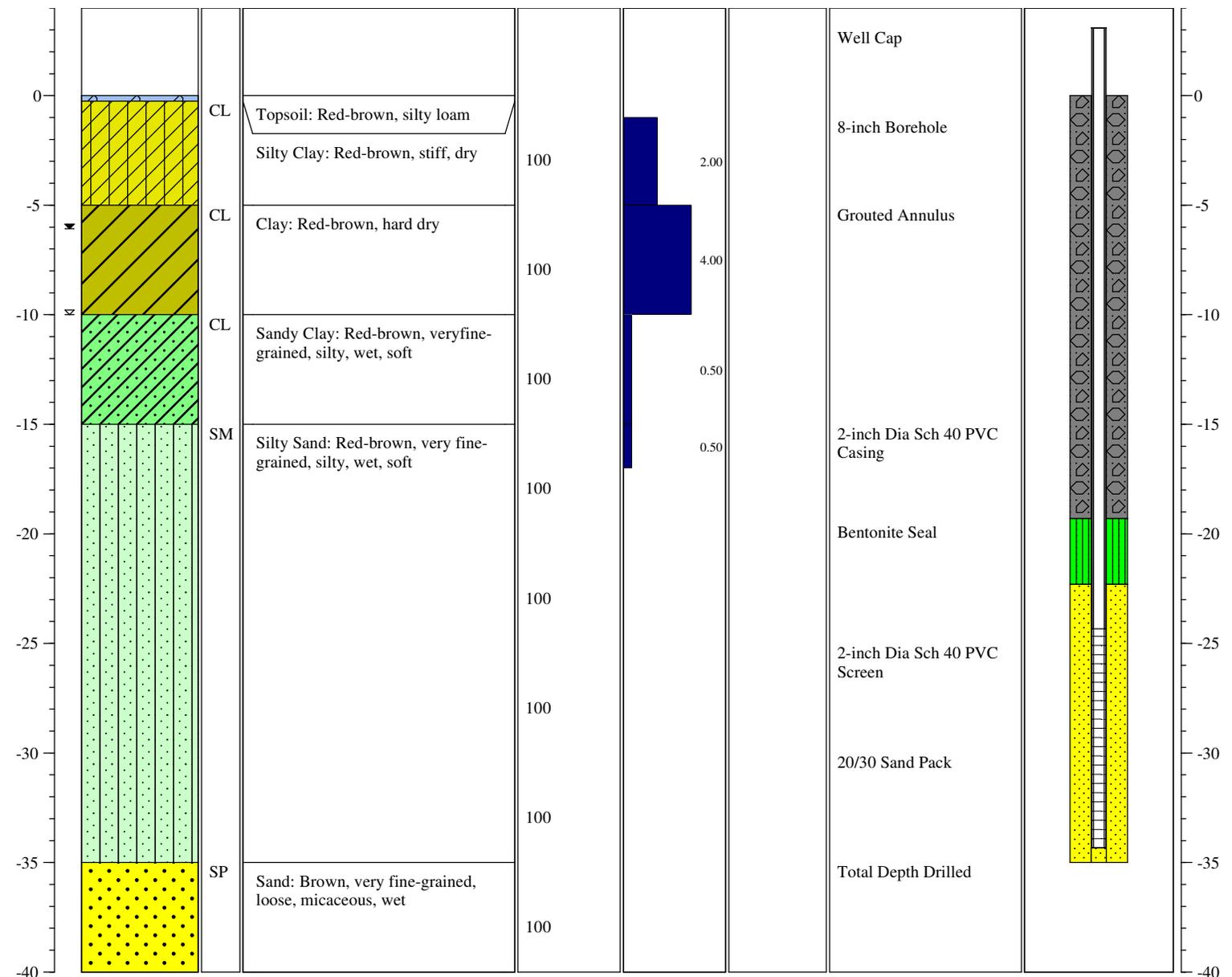
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 TOTAL DEPTH: 36 feet  
 TOP OF CASING ELEV.: 86.15 Ft NGVD  
 GROUND SURFACE ELEV.: 83.05 Ft NGVD

CLIENT: Cleco BEC  
 PROJECT: SW Permitting  
 SITE LOCATION: Boyce, Louisiana  
 PROJECT NO.: 01-16-0162  
 LOGGED BY: R Sturdivant

DRILLING CO.: Devonian Group  
 DRILLER: C Hebert  
 METHOD OF DRILLING: Hollow Stem Auger  
 SAMPLING METHODS: DPT  
 DATES DRILLED: 06/28/2016

Notes:  
 ☼ Water level during drilling: 10 ft bgs  
 ☼ Water level in completed well: 6.08 ft bgs

DEPTH	SOIL SYMBOLS	USCS	SOIL DESCRIPTION	CORE RECOVERY (Percent)	STIFFNESS (Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	SAMPLE TAKEN	BORING DESCRIPTION	WELL CONSTRUCTION
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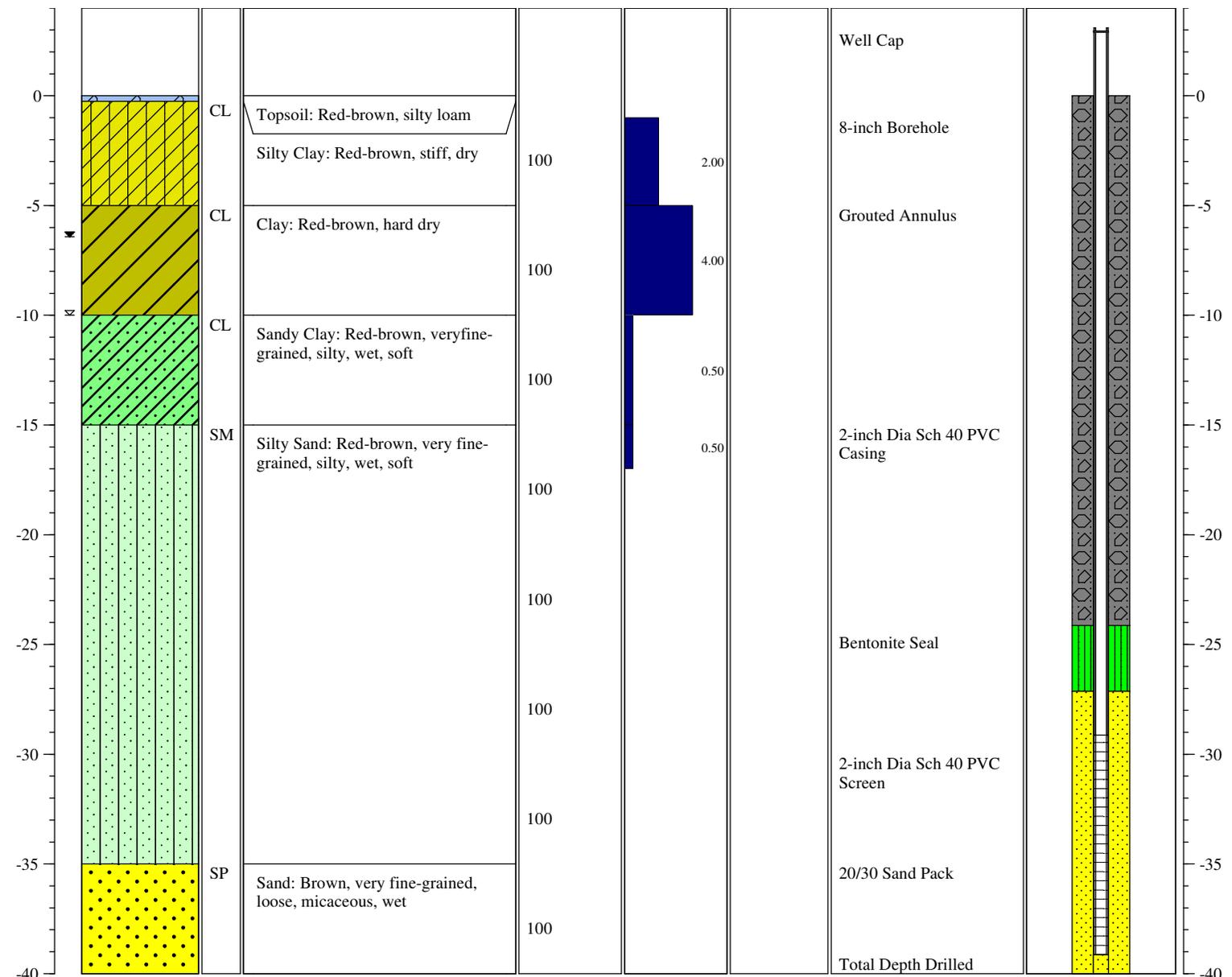
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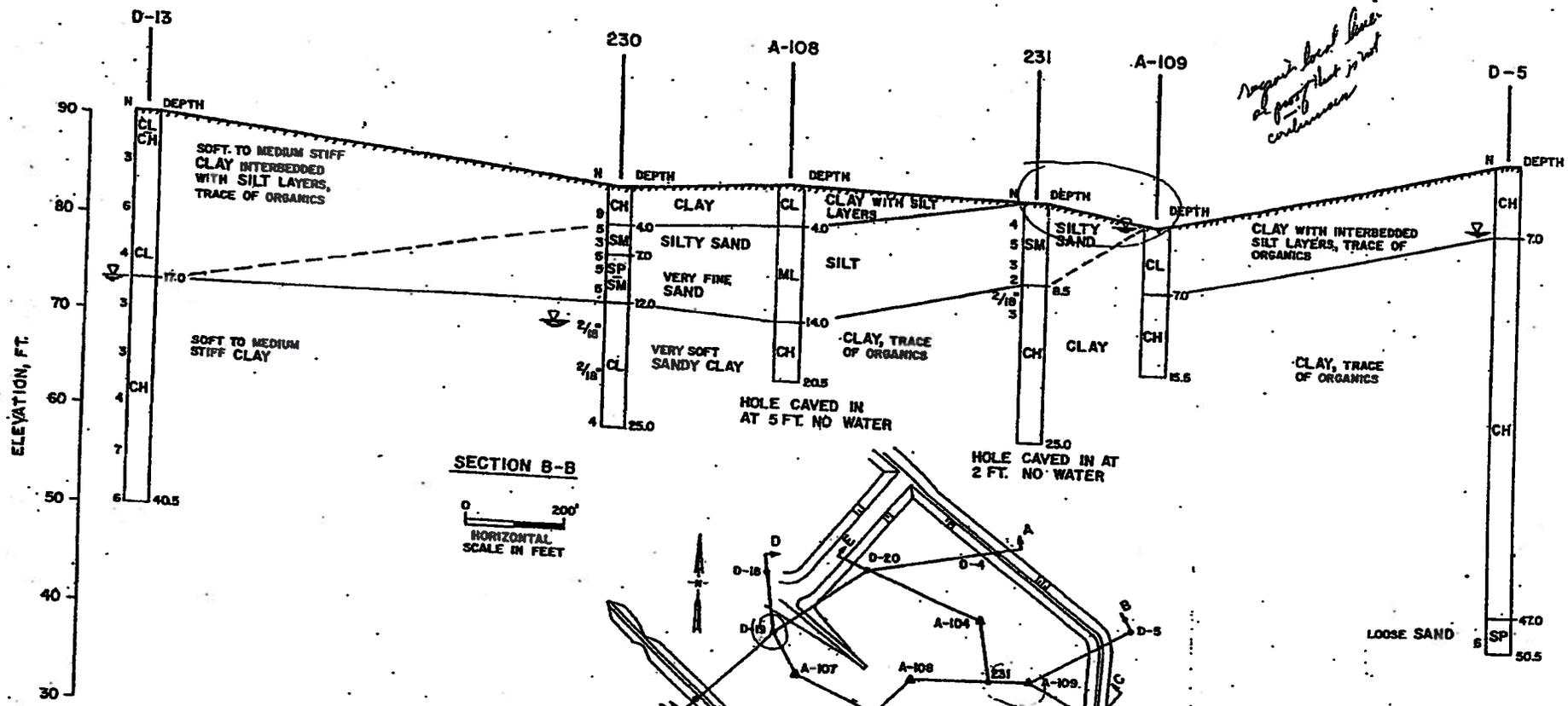
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 PROJECT NO.: 01-16-0162  
 LOGGED BY: R Sturdivant

DRILLING CO.: Devonian Group  
 DRILLER: C Hebert  
 METHOD OF DRILLING: Hollow Stem Auger  
 SAMPLING METHODS: DPT  
 DATES DRILLED: 06/29/2016

Notes:  
 ☼ Water level during drilling: 10 ft bgs  
 ☼ Water level in completed well: 6.43 ft bgs

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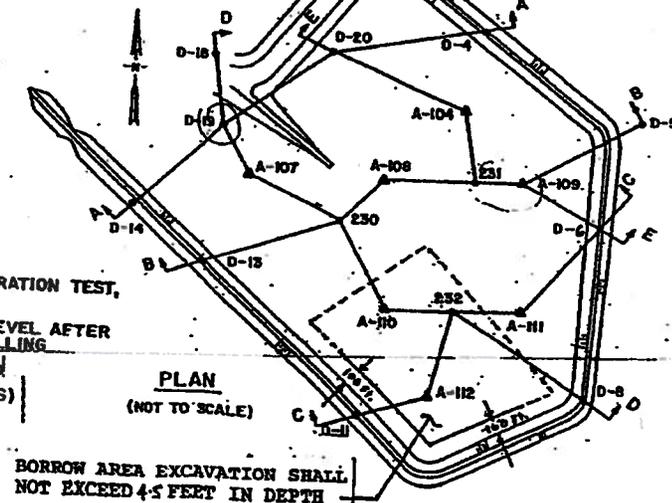




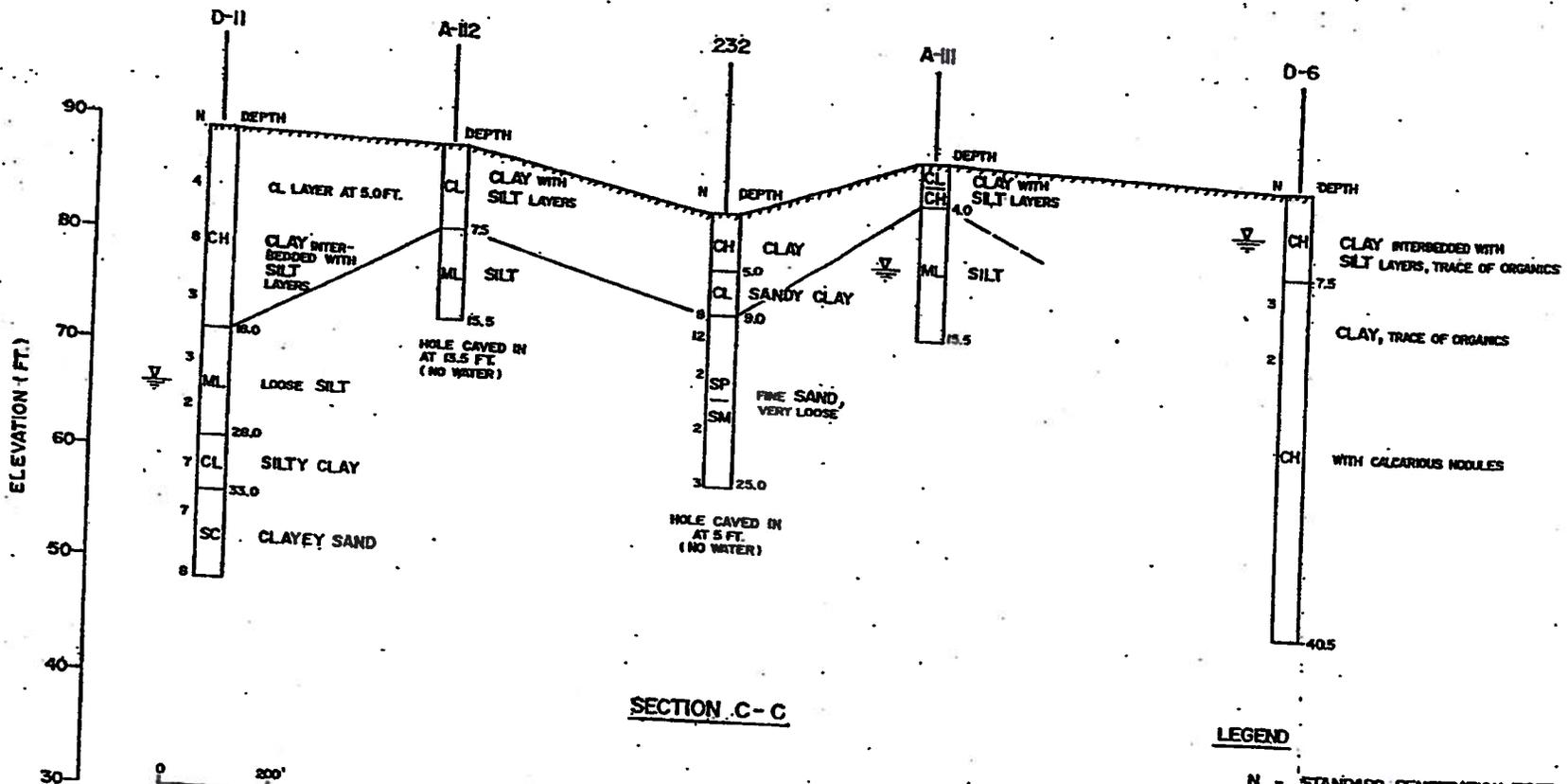
**SECTION B-B**



- LEGEND**
- N = STANDARD PENETRATION TEST, BLOWS PER FOOT
  - GROUND WATER LEVEL AFTER 24 HOURS OF DRILLING
  - BOTTOM OF POND (TOP OF BORINGS)



GENERALIZED SUBSURFACE DIAGRAM - SECTION B-B  
 FLY ASH POND  
 RODENACHER POWER STATION UNIT 2  
 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN  
 PERMIT APPLICATION  
 EXHIBIT FA 6.4.3.B.2-3



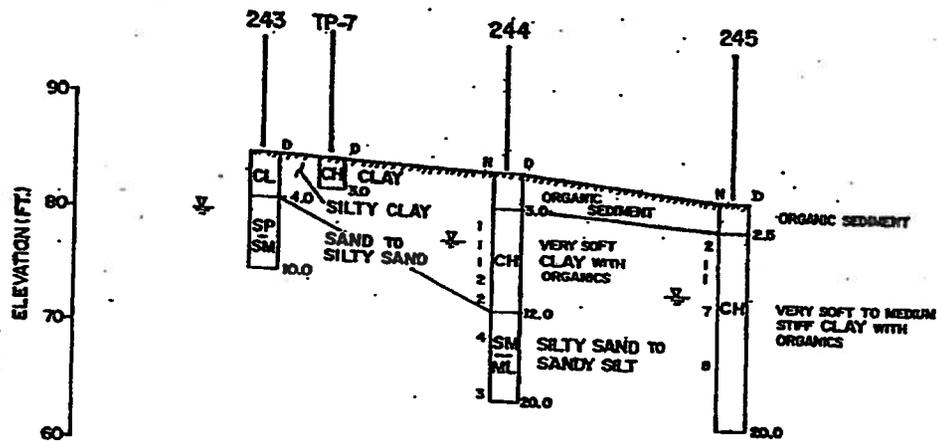
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FOR BORING LOCATION  
PLAN, SEE SECTION B-B

GENERALISED SUBSURFACE DIAGRAM -  
SECTION C-C  
FLY ASH POND

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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN  
PERMIT APPLICATION

EXHIBIT FA 6.4.3.B.2-4



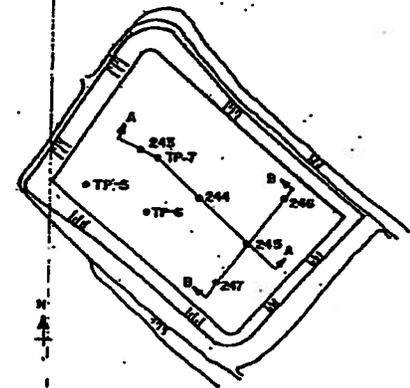


SECTION A-A



LEGEND

- TP = TEST PIT
- D = DEPT IN FEET
- N = STANDARD PENETRATION TEST, BLOWS PER FOOT
- = GROUND WATER LEVEL
- = BOTTOM OF POND (TOP OF BORINGS)

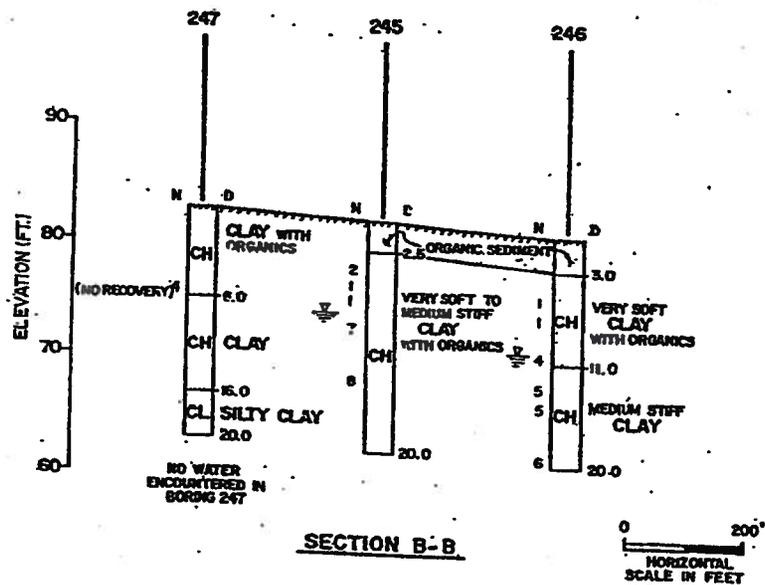


PLAN  
N.T.S.

GENERALIZED SUBSURFACE DIAGRAM -  
SECTION A-A  
BOTTOM ASH POND

RODEMACHER POWER STATION UNIT 2  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN  
PERMIT APPLICATION

EXHIBIT BA 6.4.3.B.2-2



**LEGEND**

- D = DEPTH IN FEET
- N = STANDARD PENETRATION TEST, BLOWS PER FOOT
- ▽ = GROUND WATER LEVEL
- = BOTTOM OF POND (TOP OF BORINGS)

**NOTE**

1. FOR BORING LOCATION PLAN, SEE SECTION A-A.

GENERALIZED SUBSURFACE DIAGRAM -  
SECTION B-B.  
BOTTOM ASH POND

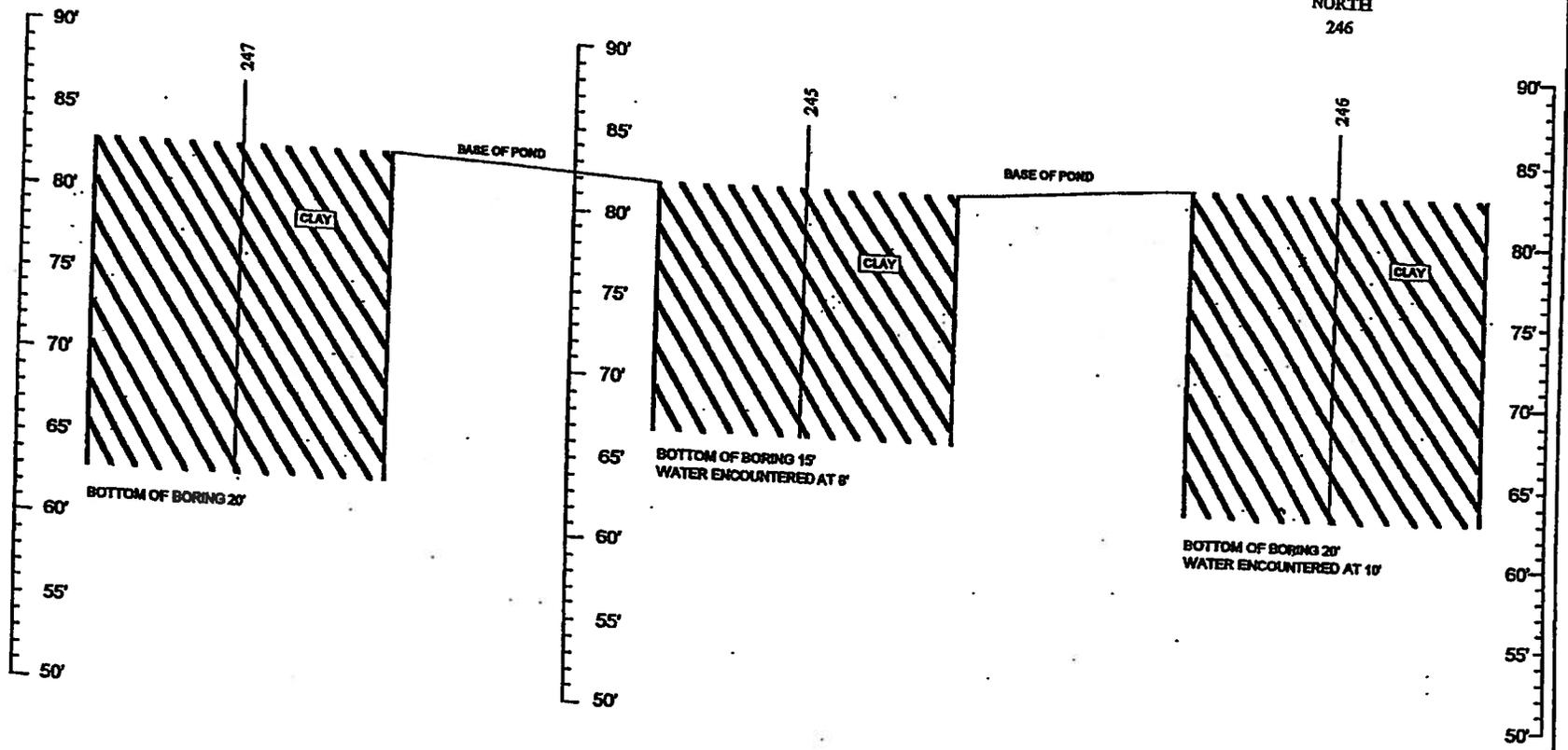
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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN  
PERMIT APPLICATION

EXHIBIT BA 6.4.3.B.2-3

CROSS SECTION  
C - C'  
247, 245, 246

C  
SOUTH  
247

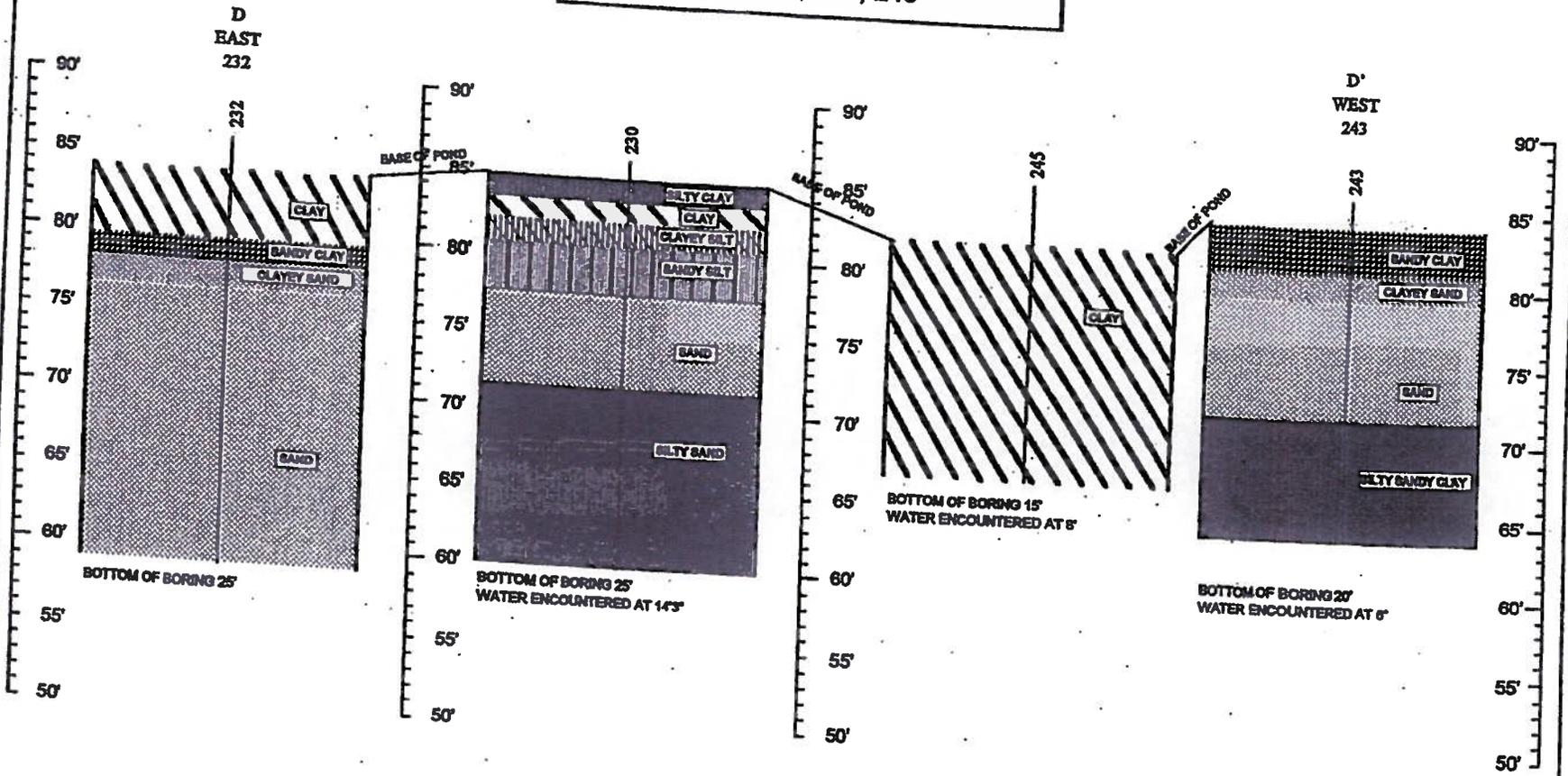
C'  
NORTH  
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VERTICAL SCALE: 1" = 5'

CLECO - Bottom Ash Pond  
CROSS SECTION C - C'  
BORING NOS. 247, 245, 246  
DATE: 10/15/99

**CROSS SECTION  
D - D'  
232, 230, 245, 243**



VERTICAL SCALE: 1" = 5'

CLECO - Fly Ash Pond & Bottom Ash Pond  
CROSS SECTION D - D'  
BORING NOS. 232, 230, 245, 243  
DATE: 10/15/99



# SOIL BORING LOG

**BORING/WELL NO.:** EE-1  
**TOTAL DEPTH:** 75 Feet  
**TOP OF CASING ELEV.:** NA Ft NGVD  
**GROUND SURFACE ELEV.:** 90 Ft NGVD

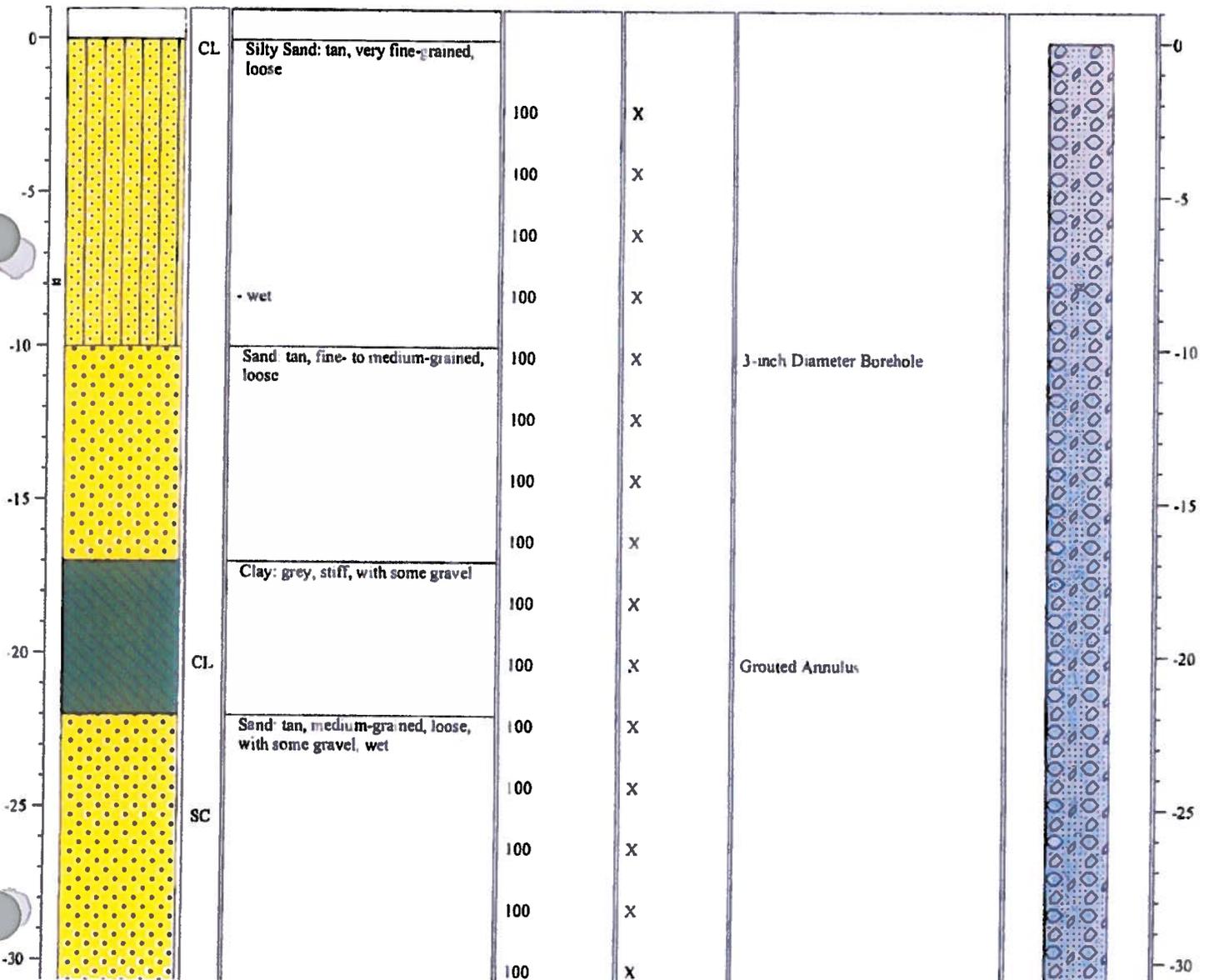
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**PROJECT:** Rodemacher Power Station  
**SITE LOCATION:** Boyce, Louisiana  
**PROJECT NO.:** 01-0009  
**LOGGED BY:** J. Mayeux

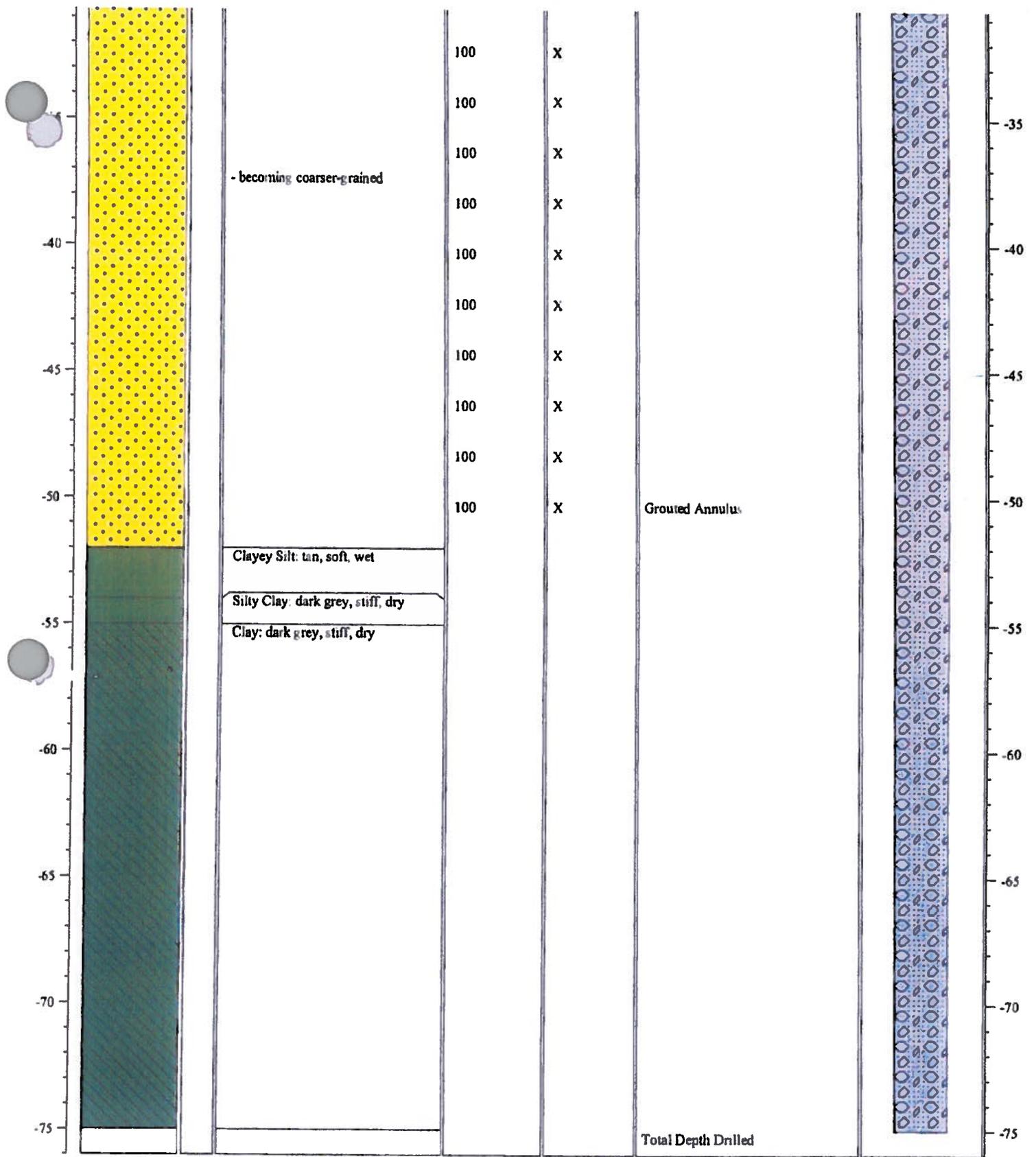
**DRILLING CO.:** EDI Environmental  
**DRILLER:** D. Sandoz  
**METHOD OF DRILLING:** DPT / HSA  
**SAMPLING METHODS:** DPT / Split Spoon  
**DATES DRILLED:** 04/13/2005

**NOTES:**

- Water level during drilling: 8.0 feet bgs

DEPTH	SOIL SYMBOLS	USCS	SOIL DESCRIPTION	CORE RECOVERY (Percent)	SAMPLE TAKEN	WELL DESCRIPTION	WELL CONSTRUCTION
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# SOIL BORING LOG

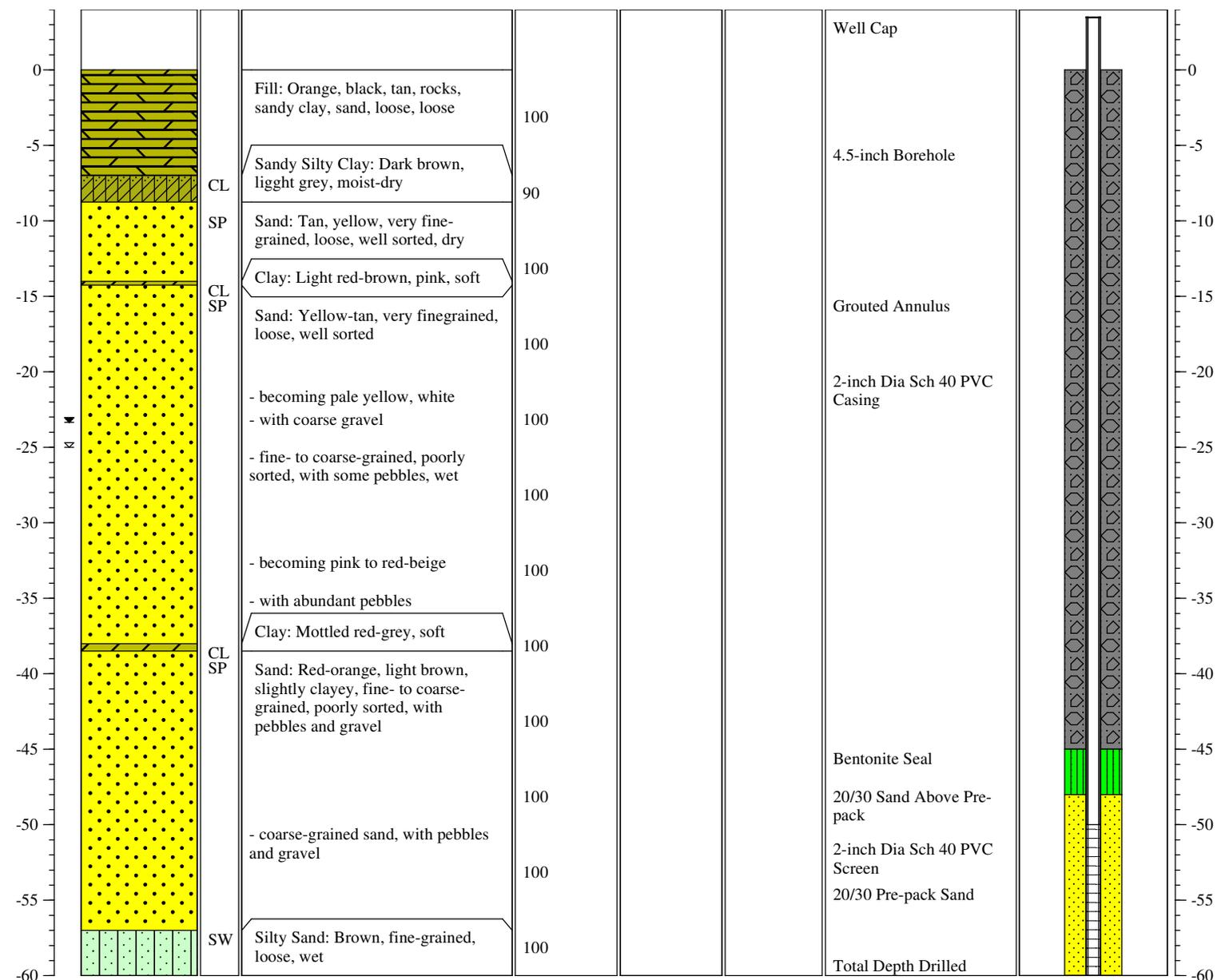
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 TOTAL DEPTH: **60 Feet**  
 TOP OF CASING ELEV.: **124.74 Ft NGVD**  
 GROUND SURFACE ELEV.: **121.32 Ft NGVD**

CLIENT: **Cleco BEC**  
 PROJECT: **Ash Ponds**  
 SITE LOCATION: **Boyce, Louisiana**  
 PROJECT NO.: **01-17-0173**  
 LOGGED BY: **R Sturdivant**

DRILLING CO.: **C&S Lease Service**  
 DRILLER: **Michael Dodson**  
 METHOD OF DRILLING: **DPT**  
 SAMPLING METHODS: **DPT**  
 DATES DRILLED: **11/06/2017**

Notes:  
 ☼ 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 <sup>2</sup> )	SAMPLE TAKEN	BORING DESCRIPTION	WELL CONSTRUCTION
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# SOIL BORING LOG

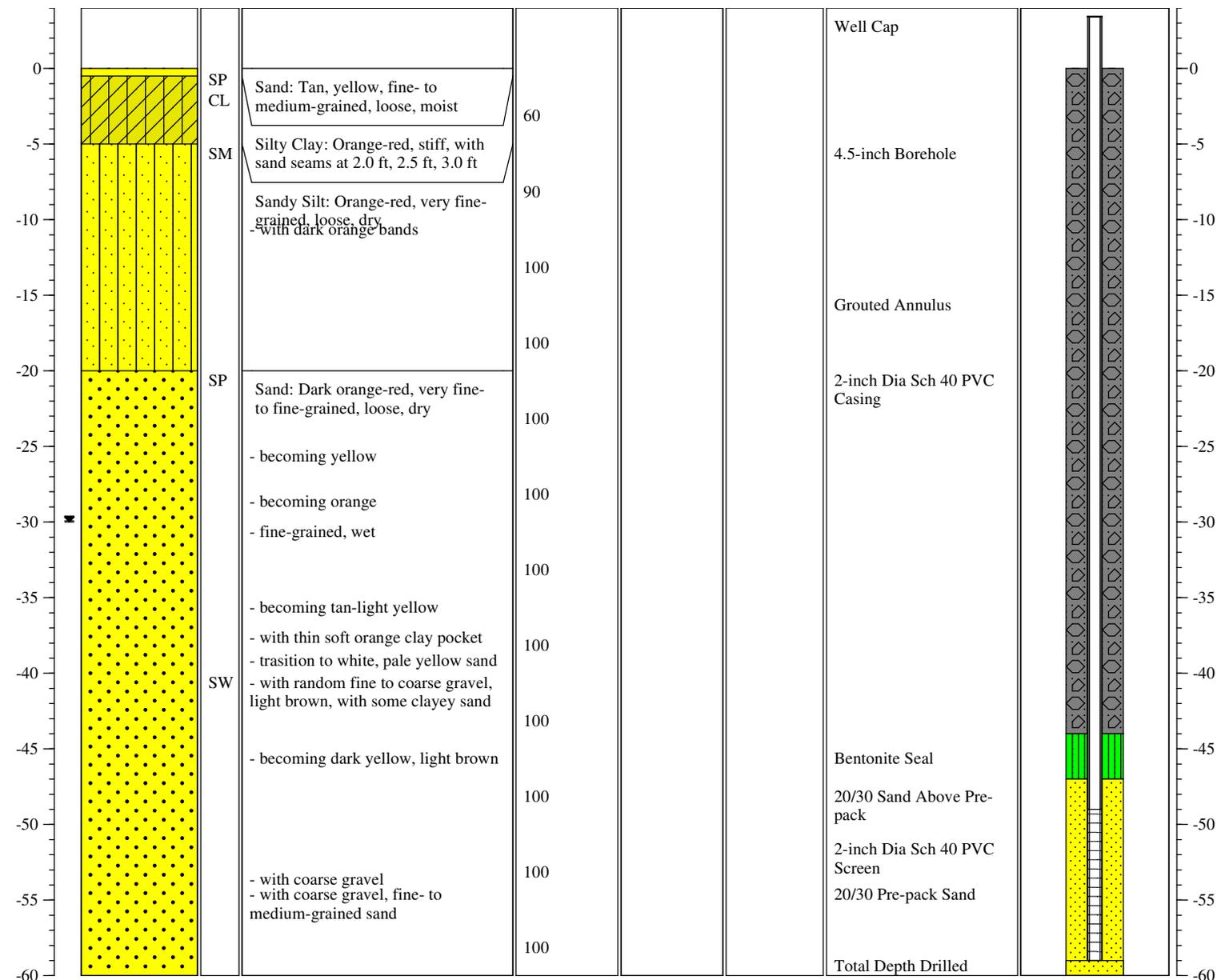
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 TOP OF CASING ELEV.: **129.42 Ft NGVD**  
 GROUND SURFACE ELEV.: **125.89 Ft NGVD**

CLIENT: **Cleco BEC**  
 PROJECT: **Ash Ponds**  
 SITE LOCATION: **Boyce, Louisiana**  
 PROJECT NO.: **01-17-0173**  
 LOGGED BY: **R Sturdivant**

DRILLING CO.: **C&S Lease Service**  
 DRILLER: **Michael Dodson**  
 METHOD OF DRILLING: **DPT**  
 SAMPLING METHODS: **DPT**  
 DATES DRILLED: **11/07/2017**

Notes:  
 ☼ Water level during drilling: 30 ft bgs  
 ■ Water level in completed well: 29.93 ft bgs

DEPTH	SOIL SYMBOLS	USCS	SOIL DESCRIPTION	CORE RECOVERY (Percent)	STIFFNESS (Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	SAMPLE TAKEN	BORING DESCRIPTION	WELL CONSTRUCTION
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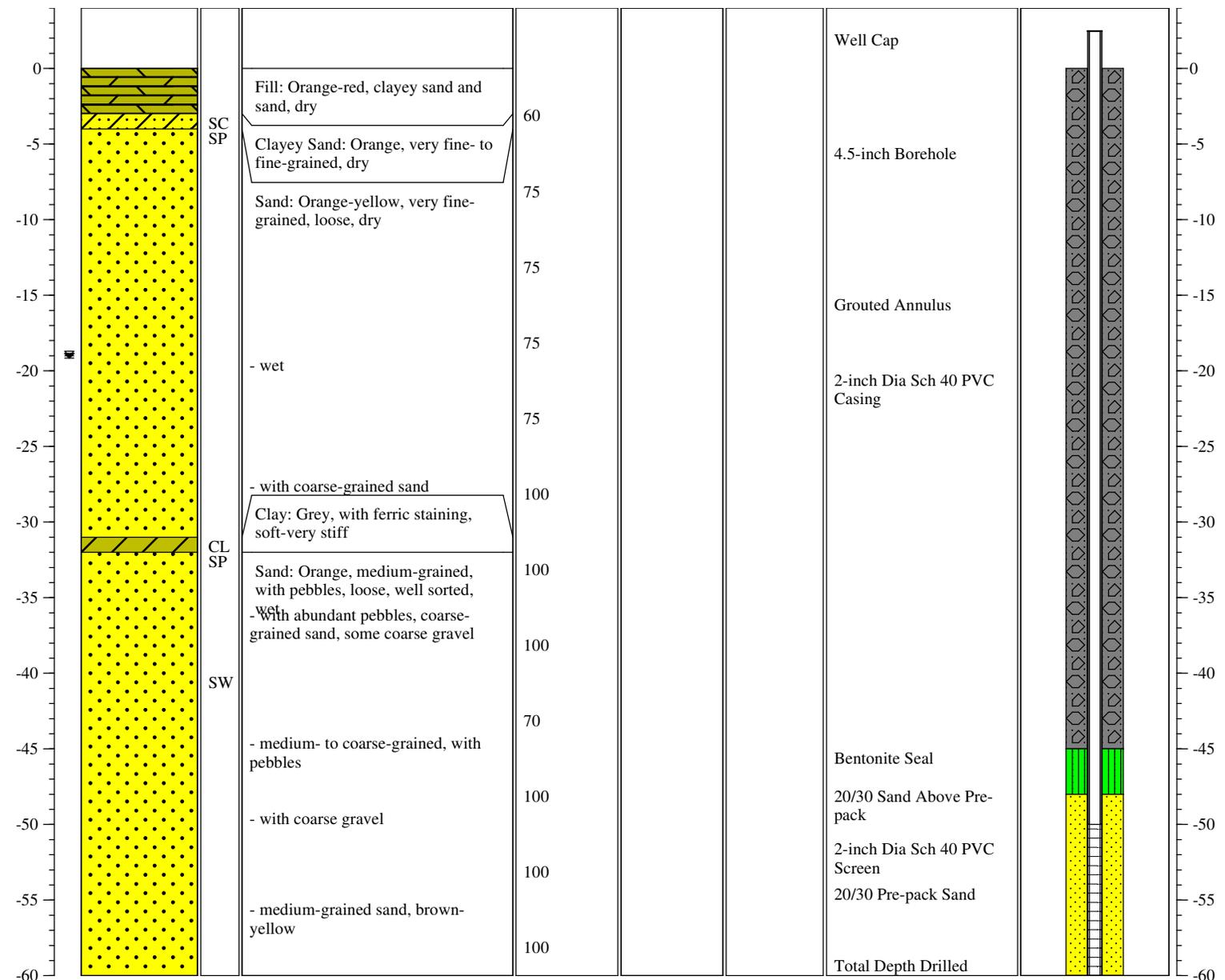
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 TOTAL DEPTH: **60 Feet**  
 TOP OF CASING ELEV.: **119.43 Ft NGVD**  
 GROUND SURFACE ELEV.: **116.92 Ft NGVD**

CLIENT: **Cleco BEC**  
 PROJECT: **Ash Ponds**  
 SITE LOCATION: **Boyce, Louisiana**  
 PROJECT NO.: **01-17-0173**  
 LOGGED BY: **R Sturdivant**

DRILLING CO.: **C&S Lease Service**  
 DRILLER: **Michael Dodson**  
 METHOD OF DRILLING: **DPT**  
 SAMPLING METHODS: **DPT**  
 DATES DRILLED: **11/08/2017**

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

DEPTH	SOIL SYMBOLS	USCS	SOIL DESCRIPTION	CORE RECOVERY (Percent)	STIFFNESS (Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	SAMPLE TAKEN	BORING DESCRIPTION	WELL CONSTRUCTION
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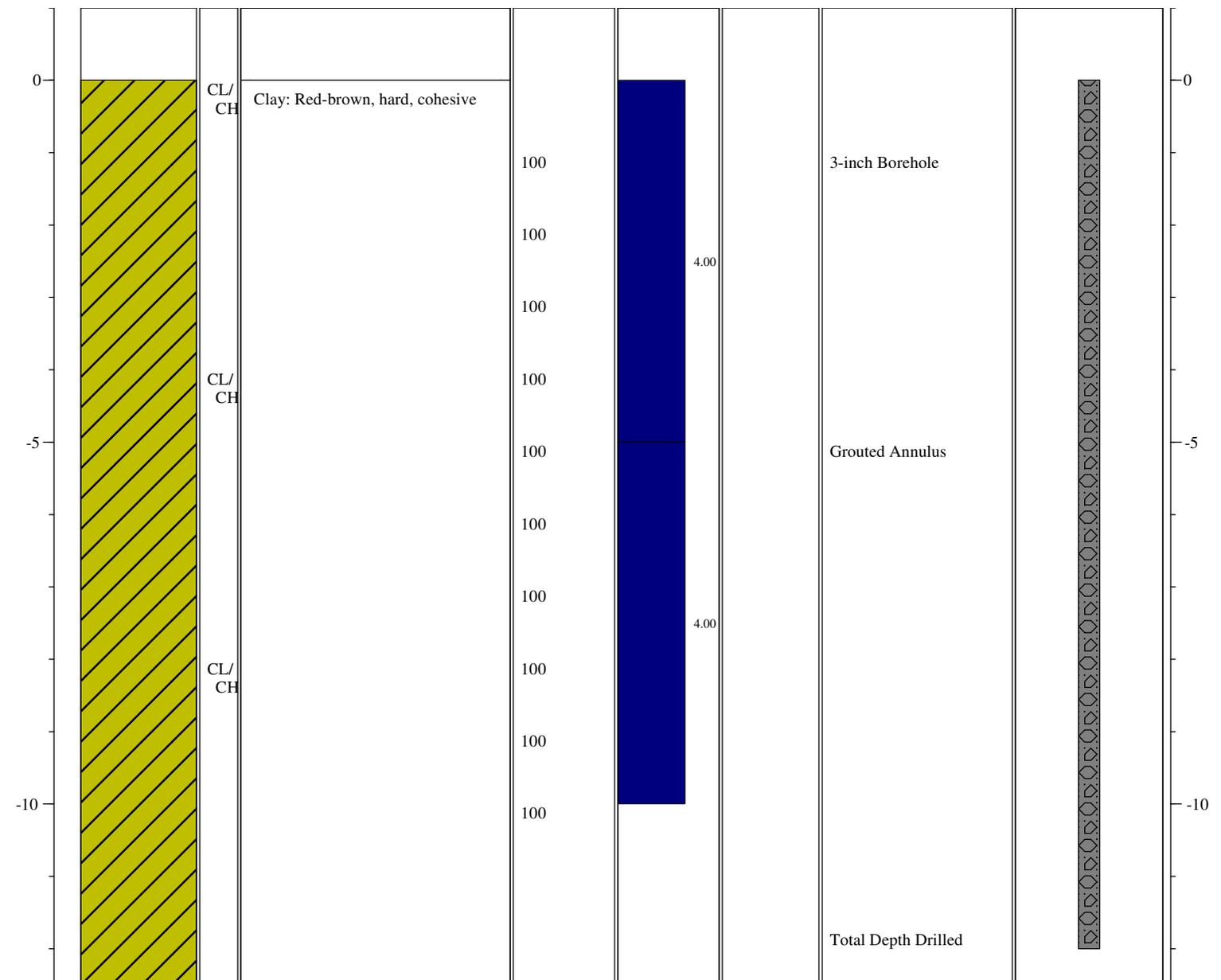
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 TOTAL DEPTH: **12.5 Feet**  
 TOP OF CASING ELEV.: **NA**  
 GROUND SURFACE ELEV.: **89.98 Ft NGVD**

CLIENT: **Cleco BEC**  
 PROJECT: **SW Permitting**  
 SITE LOCATION: **Boyce, Louisiana**  
 PROJECT NO.: **01-16-0162**  
 LOGGED BY: **R Sturdivant**

DRILLING CO.: **Devonian Group**  
 DRILLER: **C Hebert**  
 METHOD OF DRILLING: **Hand Auger**  
 SAMPLING METHODS: **Hand Auger**  
 DATES DRILLED: **12-18-2017**

Notes:  
 ☹ Water level during drilling: >TD  
 ☹ Water level in completed well: NA

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

BORING/WELL NO.: **B-18-2**  
 TOTAL DEPTH: **50 Feet**  
 TOP OF CASING ELEV.: **NA**  
 GROUND SURFACE ELEV.: **120.04 Ft NGVD**

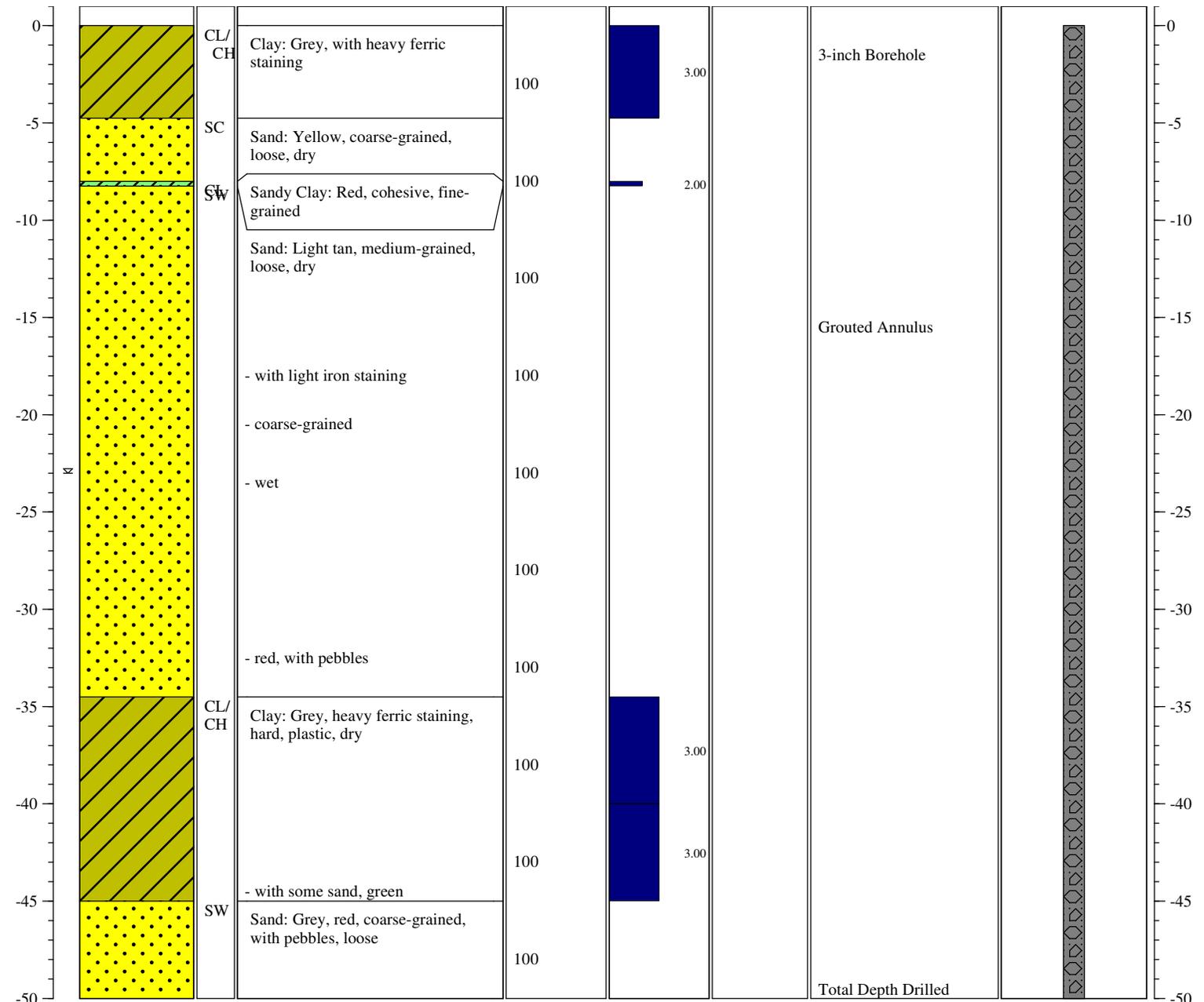
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 LOGGED BY: **R Sturdivant**

DRILLING CO.: **Devonian Group**  
 DRILLER: **C Hebert**  
 METHOD OF DRILLING: **Direct-Push Technology**  
 SAMPLING METHODS: **Direct-Push Technology**  
 DATES DRILLED: **01-08-2018**

Notes:

☒ Water level during drilling: >TD  
 ☒ Water level in completed well: NA

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

BORING/WELL NO.: **B-18-3**  
 TOTAL DEPTH: **50 Feet**  
 TOP OF CASING ELEV.: **NA**  
 GROUND SURFACE ELEV.: **121.14 Ft NGVD**

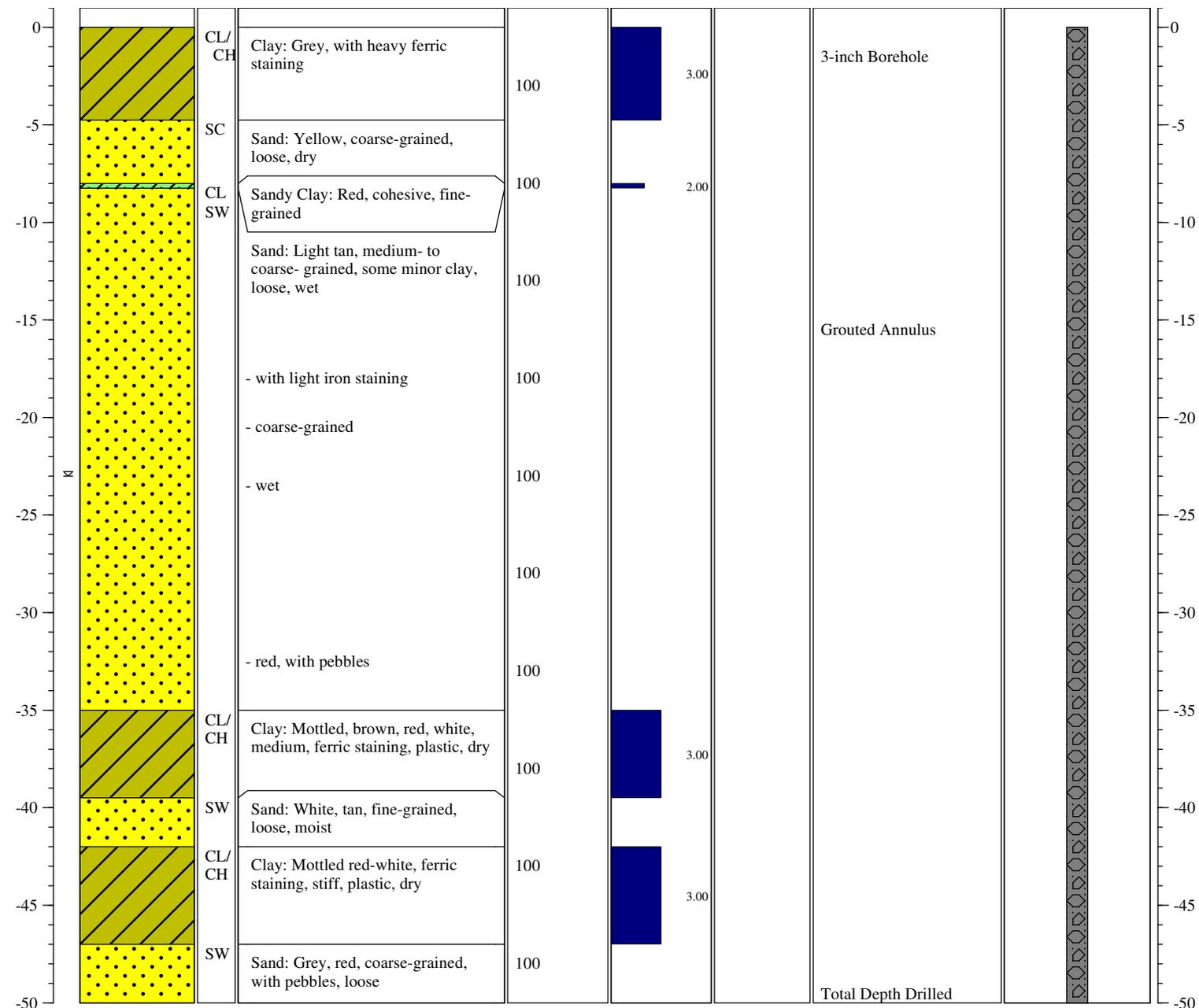
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 SITE LOCATION: **Boyce, Louisiana**  
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 LOGGED BY: **R Sturdivant**

DRILLING CO.: **Devonian Group**  
 DRILLER: **C Hebert**  
 METHOD OF DRILLING: **Direct-Push Technology**  
 SAMPLING METHODS: **Direct-Push Technology**  
 DATES DRILLED: **01-09-2018**

Notes:

☒ Water level during drilling: >TD  
 ☒ Water level in completed well: NA

DEPTH	SOIL SYMBOLS	USCS	SOIL DESCRIPTION	CORE RECOVERY (Percent)	STIFFNESS (Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	SAMPLE TAKEN	BORING DESCRIPTION	WELL CONSTRUCTION
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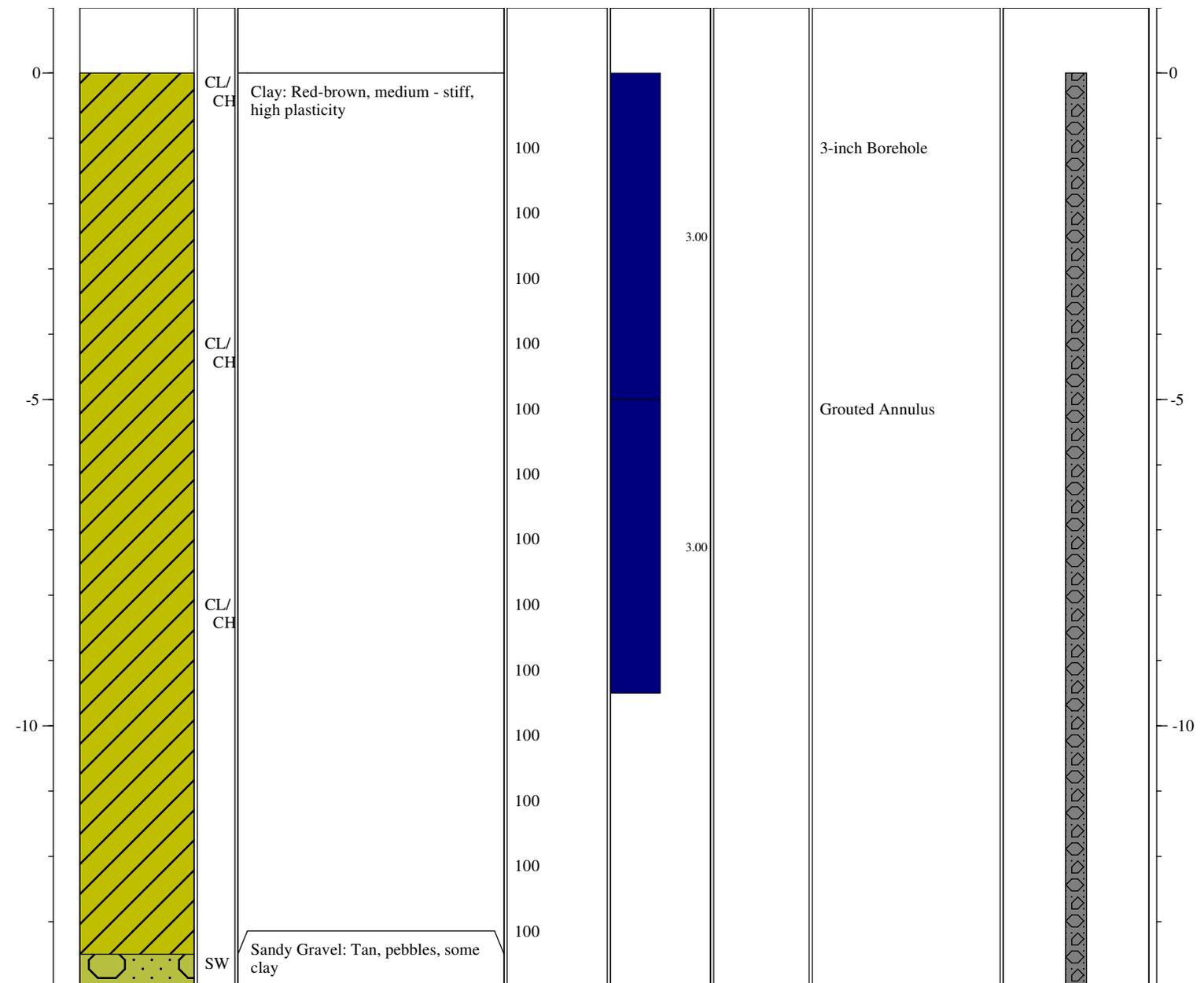
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CLIENT: **Cleco BEC**  
 PROJECT: **SW Permitting**  
 SITE LOCATION: **Boyce, Louisiana**  
 PROJECT NO.: **01-16-0162**  
 LOGGED BY: **R Sturdivant**

DRILLING CO.: **Devonian Group**  
 DRILLER: **C Hebert**  
 METHOD OF DRILLING: **Hand Auger**  
 SAMPLING METHODS: **Hand Auger**  
 DATES DRILLED: **01-08-2018**

Notes:  
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 ☹ Water level in completed well: NA

DEPTH	SOIL SYMBOLS	USCS	SOIL DESCRIPTION	CORE RECOVERY (Percent)	STIFFNESS (Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	SAMPLE TAKEN	BORING DESCRIPTION	WELL CONSTRUCTION
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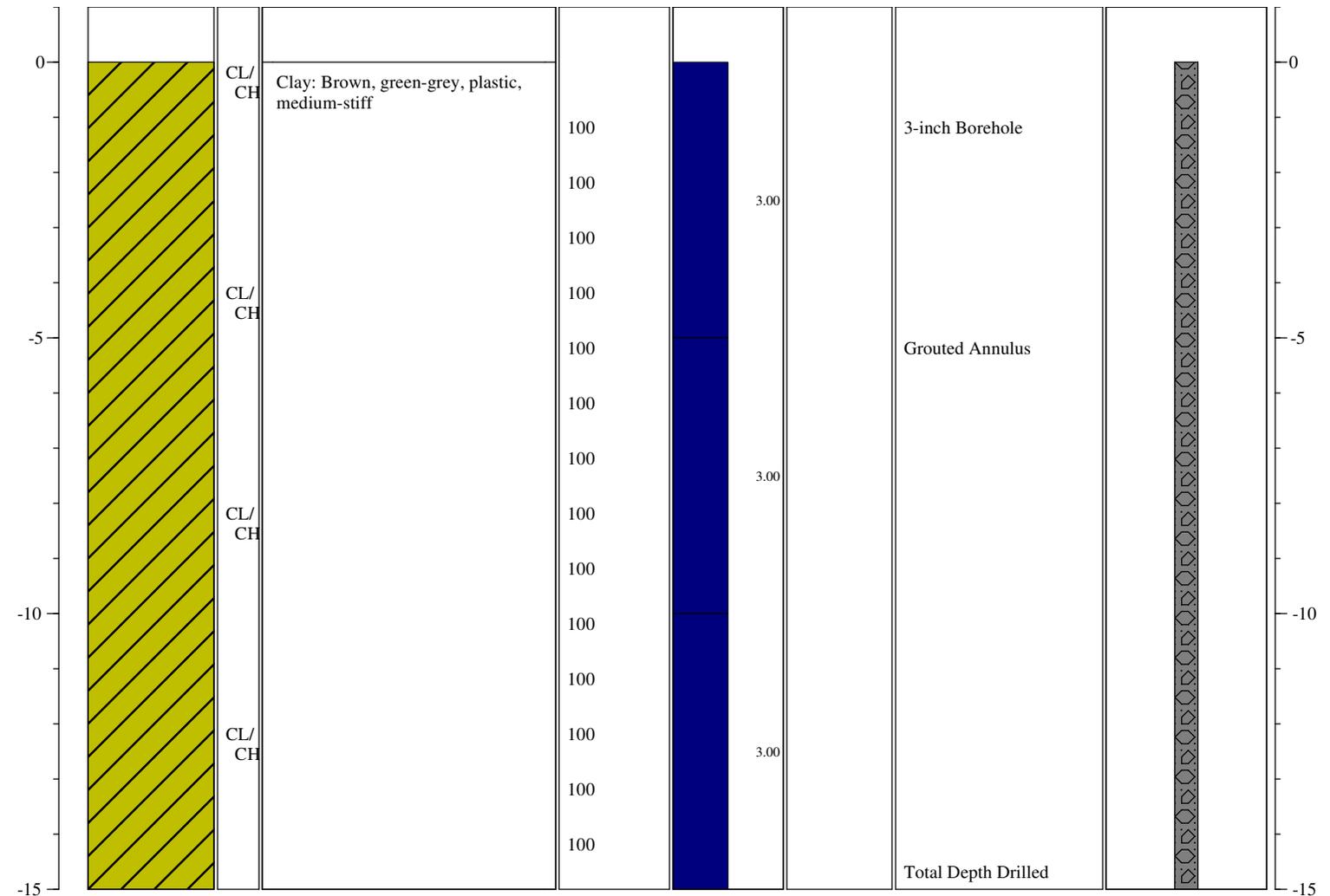
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CLIENT: **Cleco BEC**  
 PROJECT: **SW Permitting**  
 SITE LOCATION: **Boyce, Louisiana**  
 PROJECT NO.: **01-16-0162**  
 LOGGED BY: **R Sturdivant**

DRILLING CO.: **Devonian Group**  
 DRILLER: **C Hebert**  
 METHOD OF DRILLING: **Hand Auger**  
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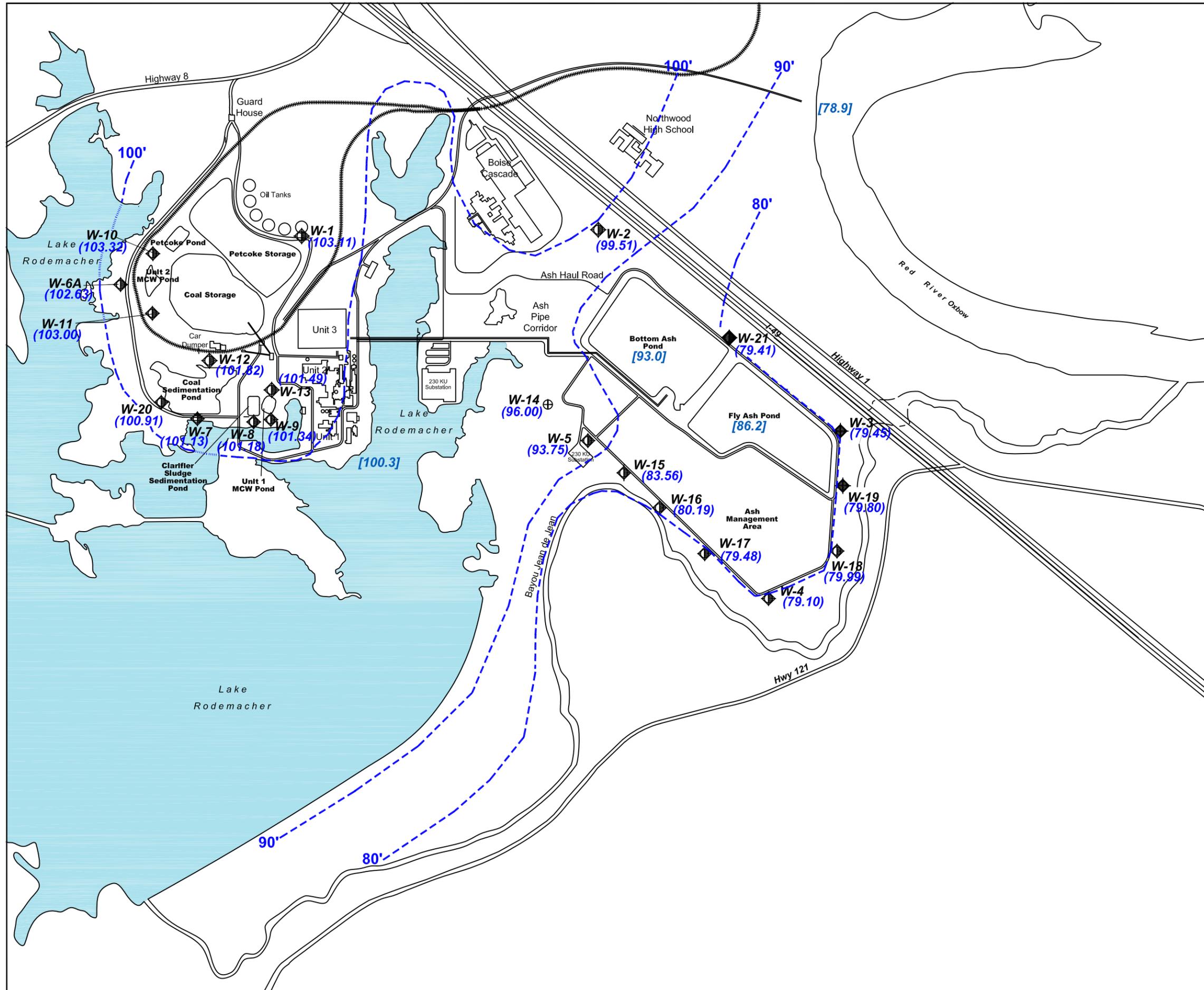
Notes:   
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 ☹ Water level in completed well: NA

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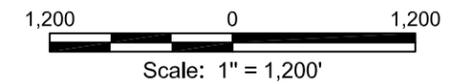
## **APPENDIX E**

### **POTENTIOMETRIC SURFACE MAPS**



### Legend

- +++++ Railroad Tracks
- ◆ CCR Compliance Well Location
- ◊ Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (79.10) Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70' Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - - Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [93.0] Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD



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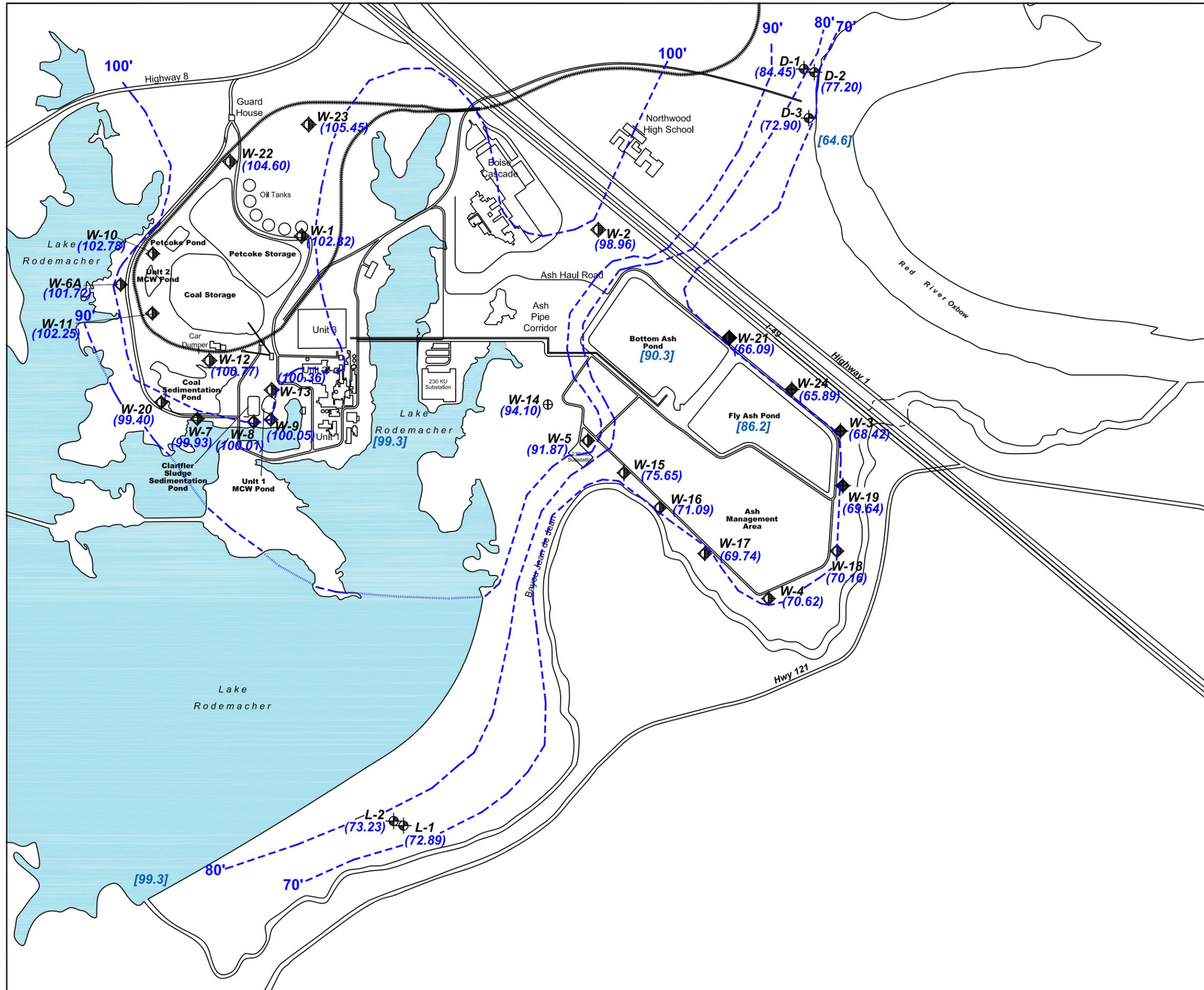
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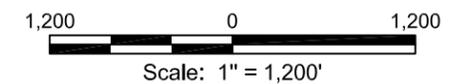
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**Figure E-1**



### Legend

- +++++ Railroad Tracks
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- ◆ CCR Compliance Well Location
- ◊ Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (70.62) Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'— Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - - Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [90.3] Surface Water Elevation, ft. NGVD



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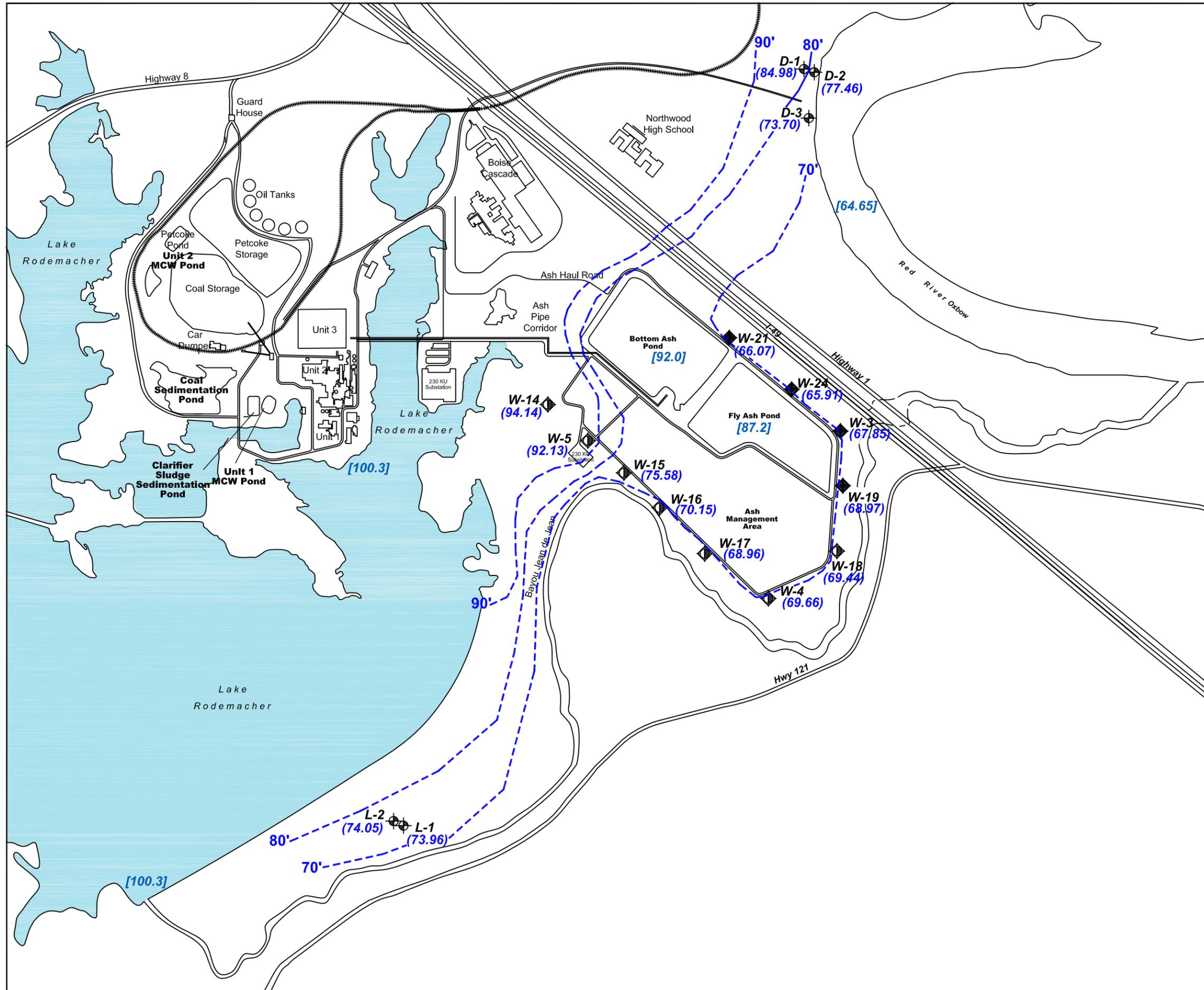
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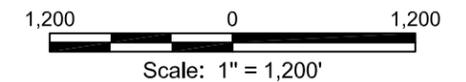
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Figure E-2



### Legend

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- CCR Compliance Well Location
- Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (68.97)** Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'** Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - -** Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [92.0]** Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD



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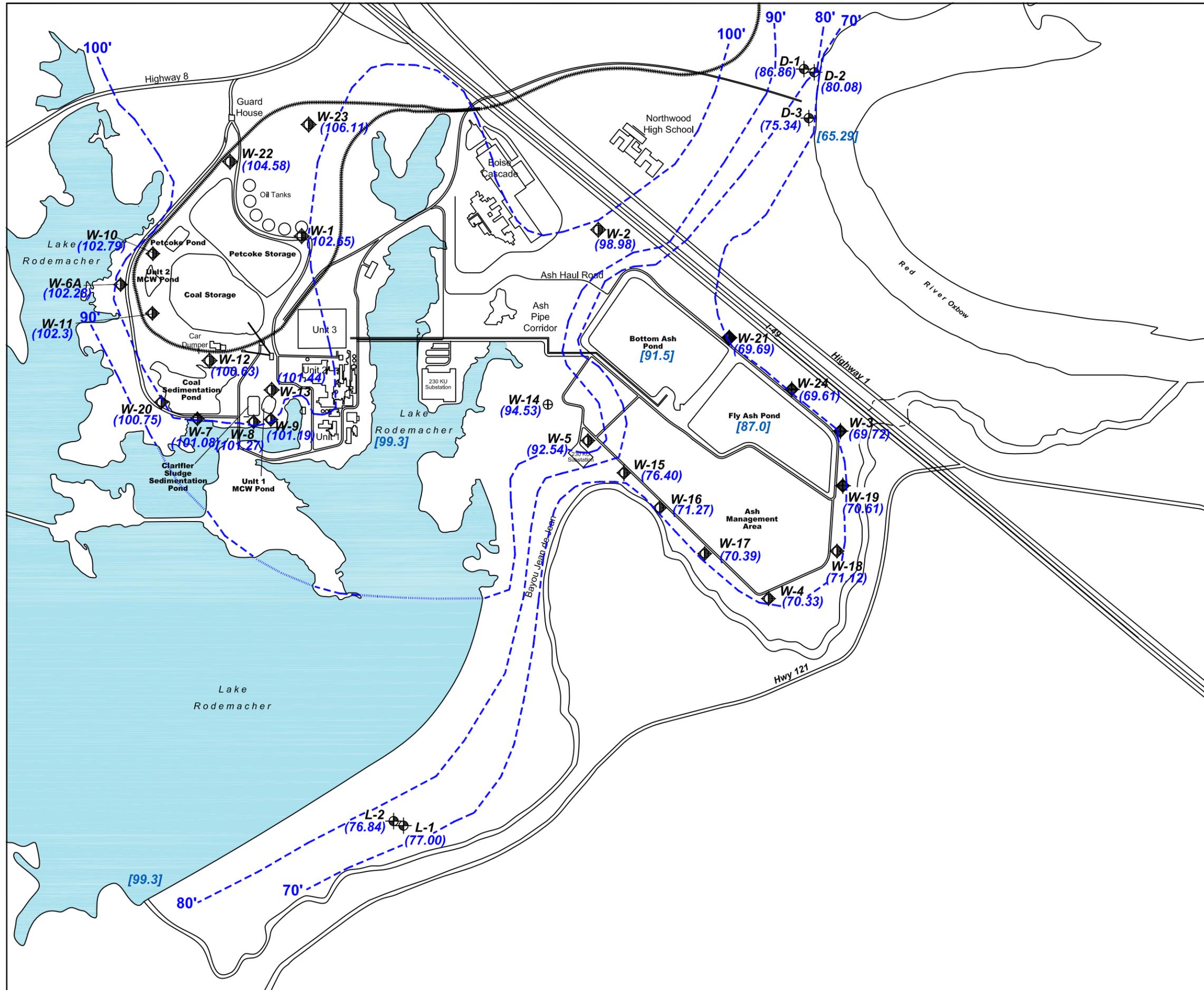
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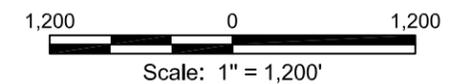
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Figure E-3



### Legend

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- CCR Background Well Location
- CCR Compliance Well Location
- Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (70.33)** Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'** Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - -** Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [91.5]** Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD



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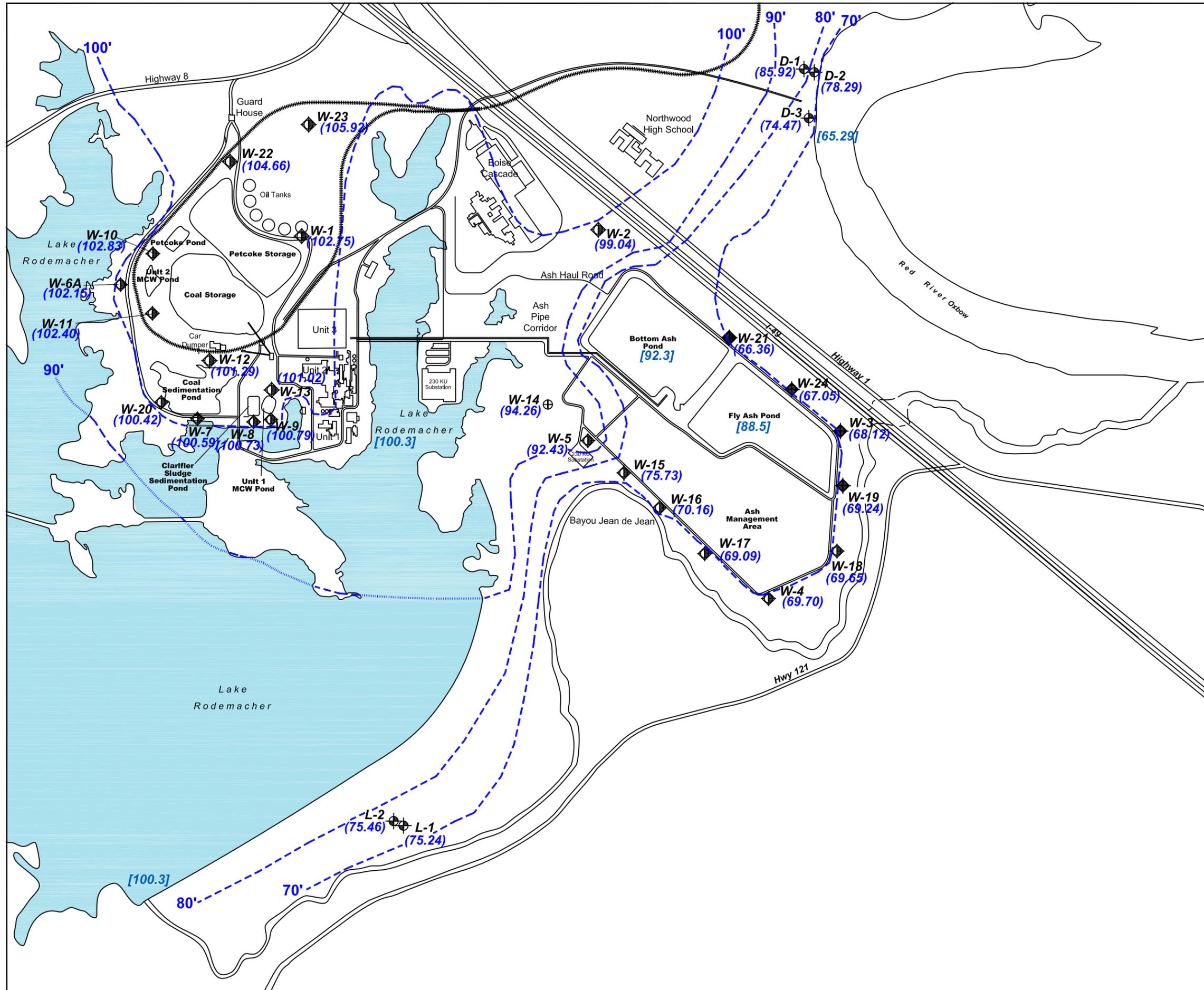
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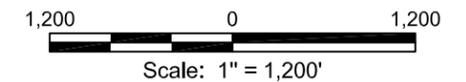
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**Figure E-4**



### Legend

- +++++ Railroad Tracks
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- CCR Compliance Well Location
- Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (69.24)** Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
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- [65.29]** Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD



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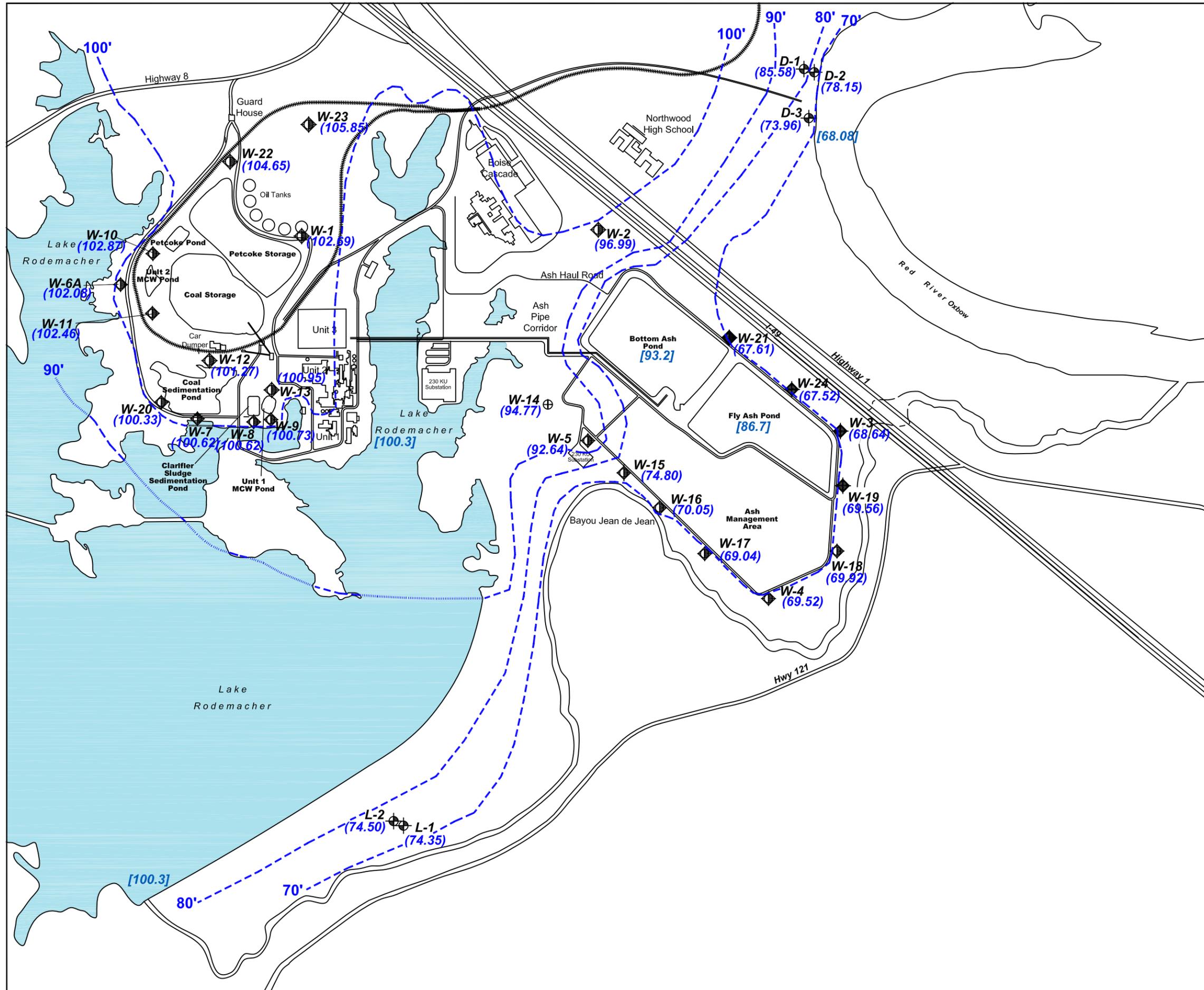
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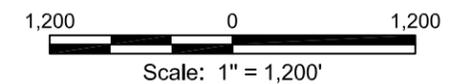
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**Figure E-5**



### Legend

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- ◆ CCR Compliance Well Location
- ◊ Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (69.52) Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'— Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - - Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [68.08] Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD



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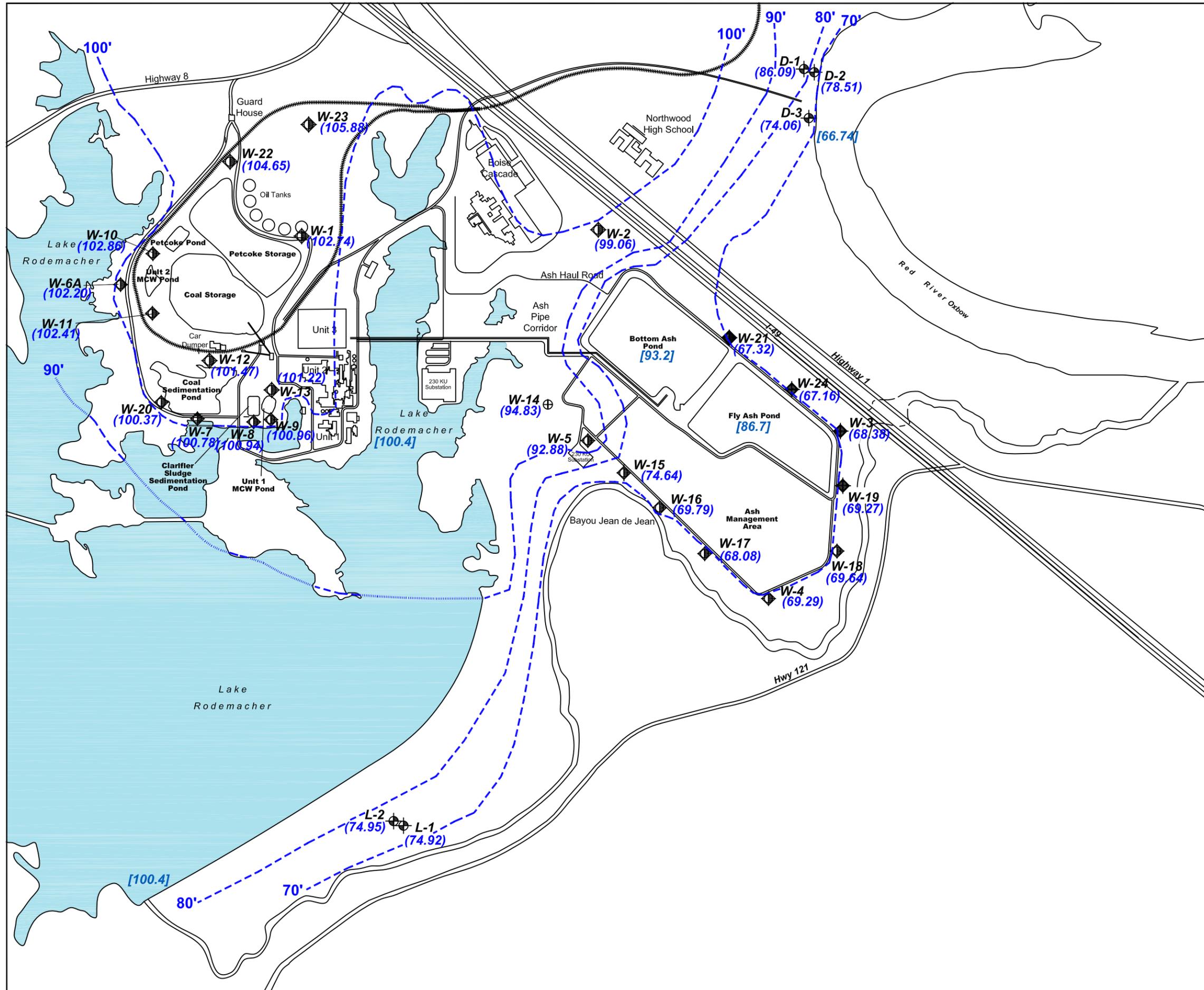
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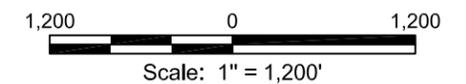
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Figure E-6



### Legend

- +++++ Railroad Tracks
- CCR Background Well Location
- CCR Compliance Well Location
- Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (69.27) Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'— Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - - Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [66.74] Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD



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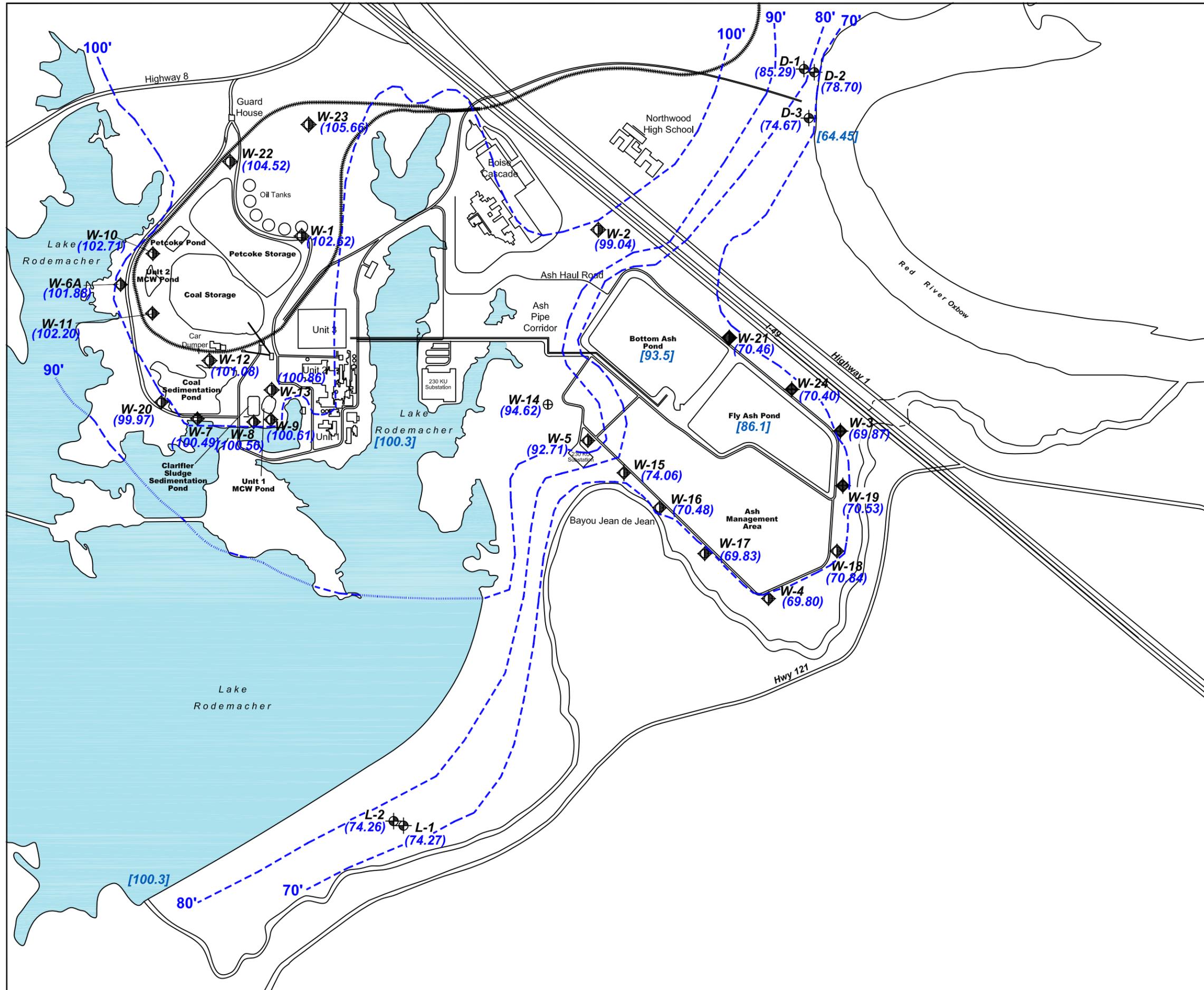
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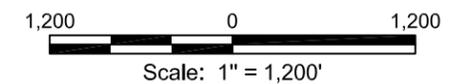
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**Figure E-7**



### Legend

- +++++ Railroad Tracks
- CCR Background Well Location
- CCR Compliance Well Location
- Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (70.46) Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'— Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - - Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [64.45] Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD



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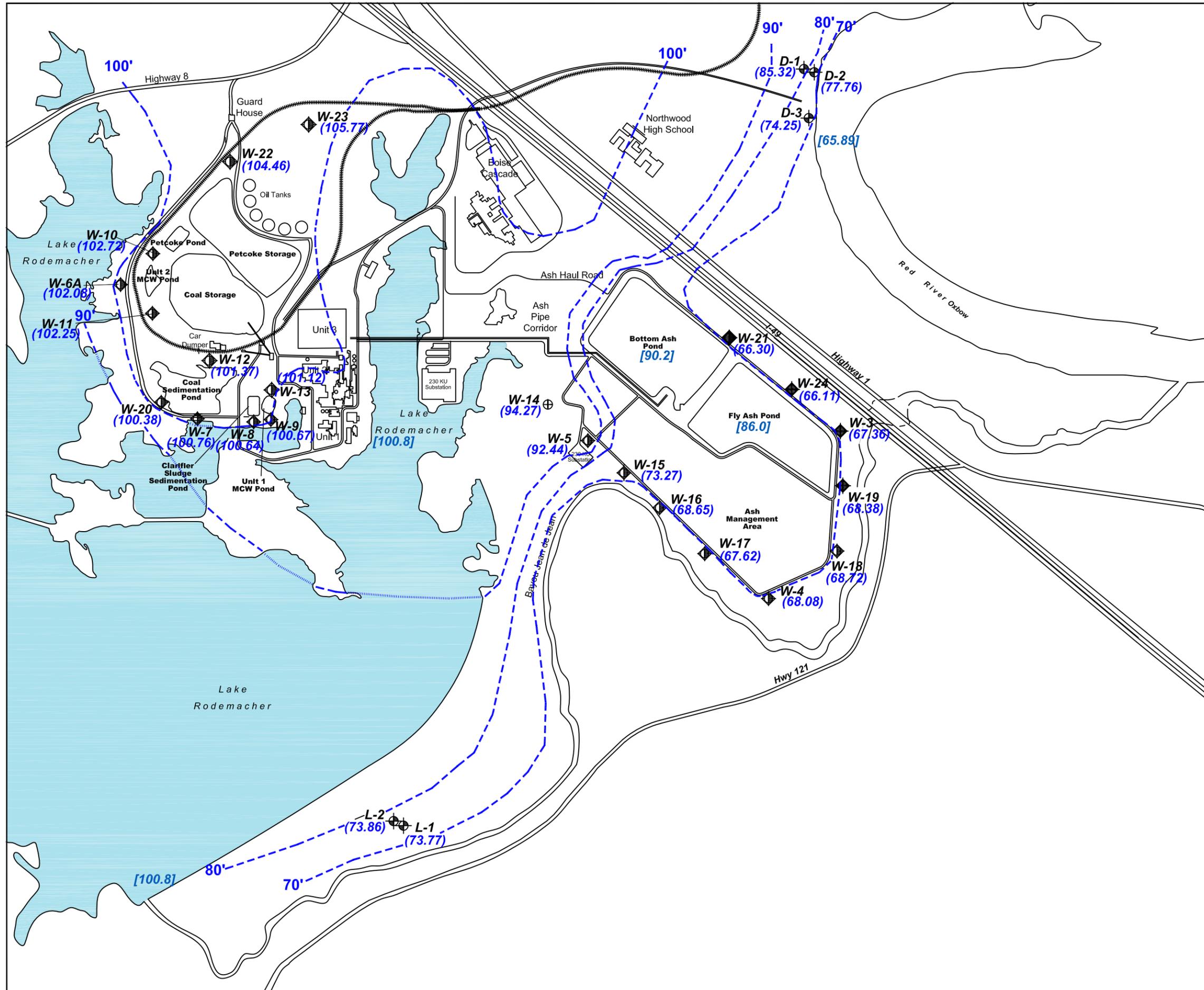
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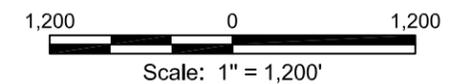
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Figure E-8



### Legend

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- CCR Background Well Location
- CCR Compliance Well Location
- Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (68.08)** Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'** Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - -** Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [90.2]** Surface Water Elevation, ft. NGVD



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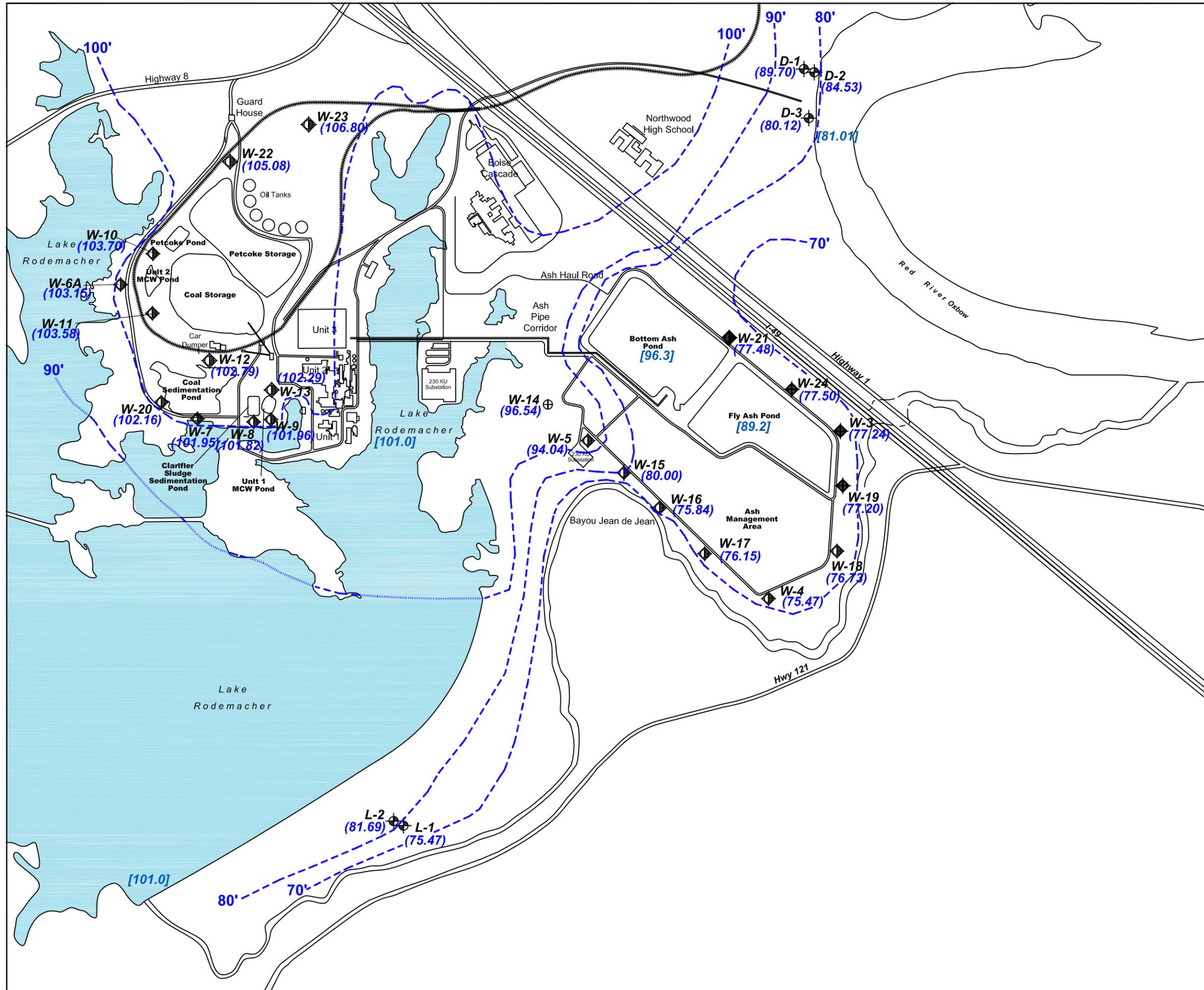
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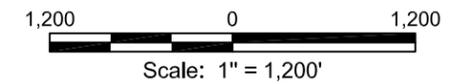
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**Figure E-9**



### Legend

- +++++ Railroad Tracks
- CCR Background Well Location
- CCR Compliance Well Location
- Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (77.48) Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'— Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - - Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [81.01] Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD



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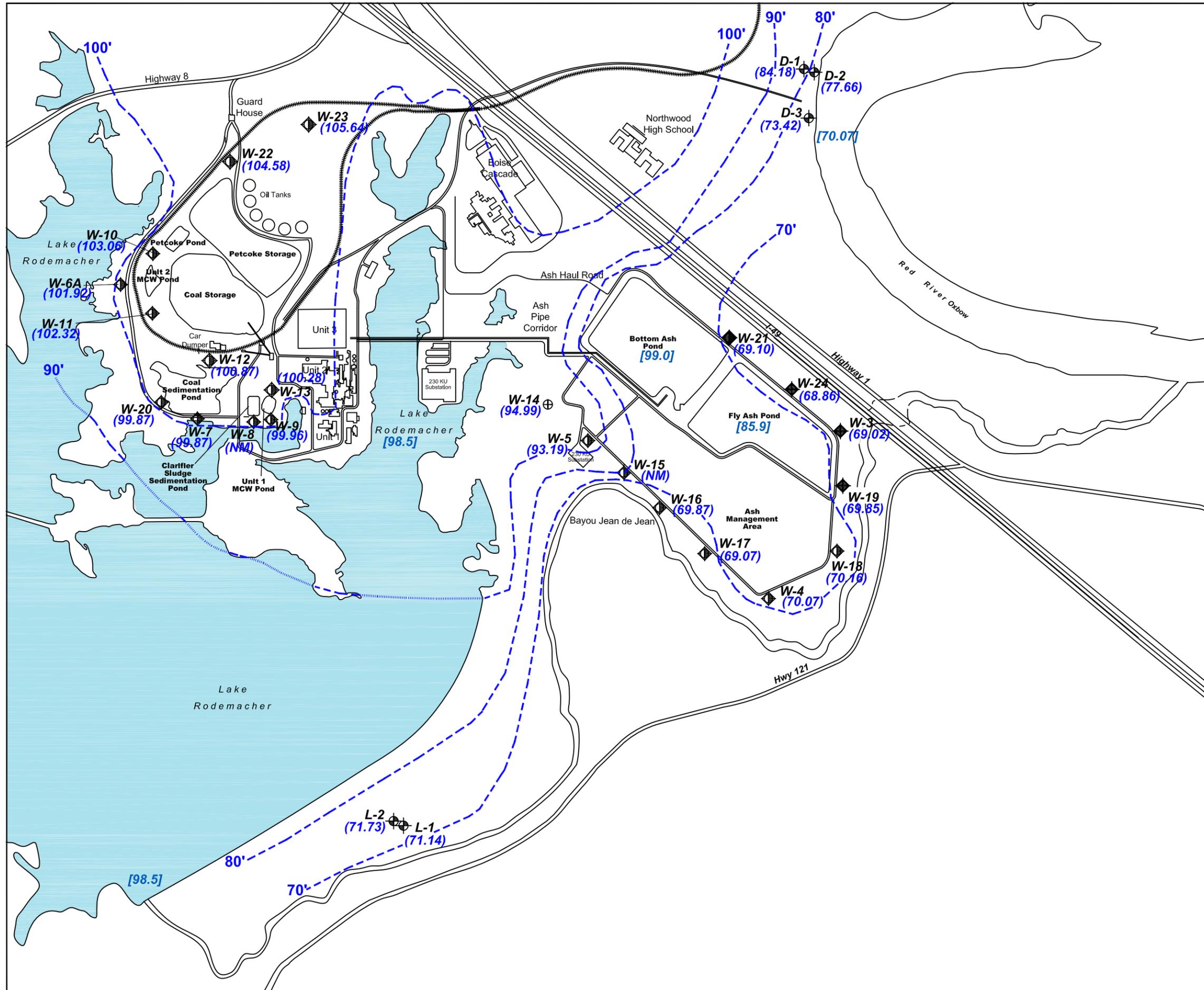
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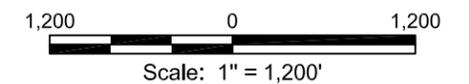
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**Figure E-10**



### Legend

- +++++ Railroad Tracks
- CCR Background Well Location
- CCR Compliance Well Location
- Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (73.42)** Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'** Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - -** Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [70.07]** Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD
- NM** Not Measured



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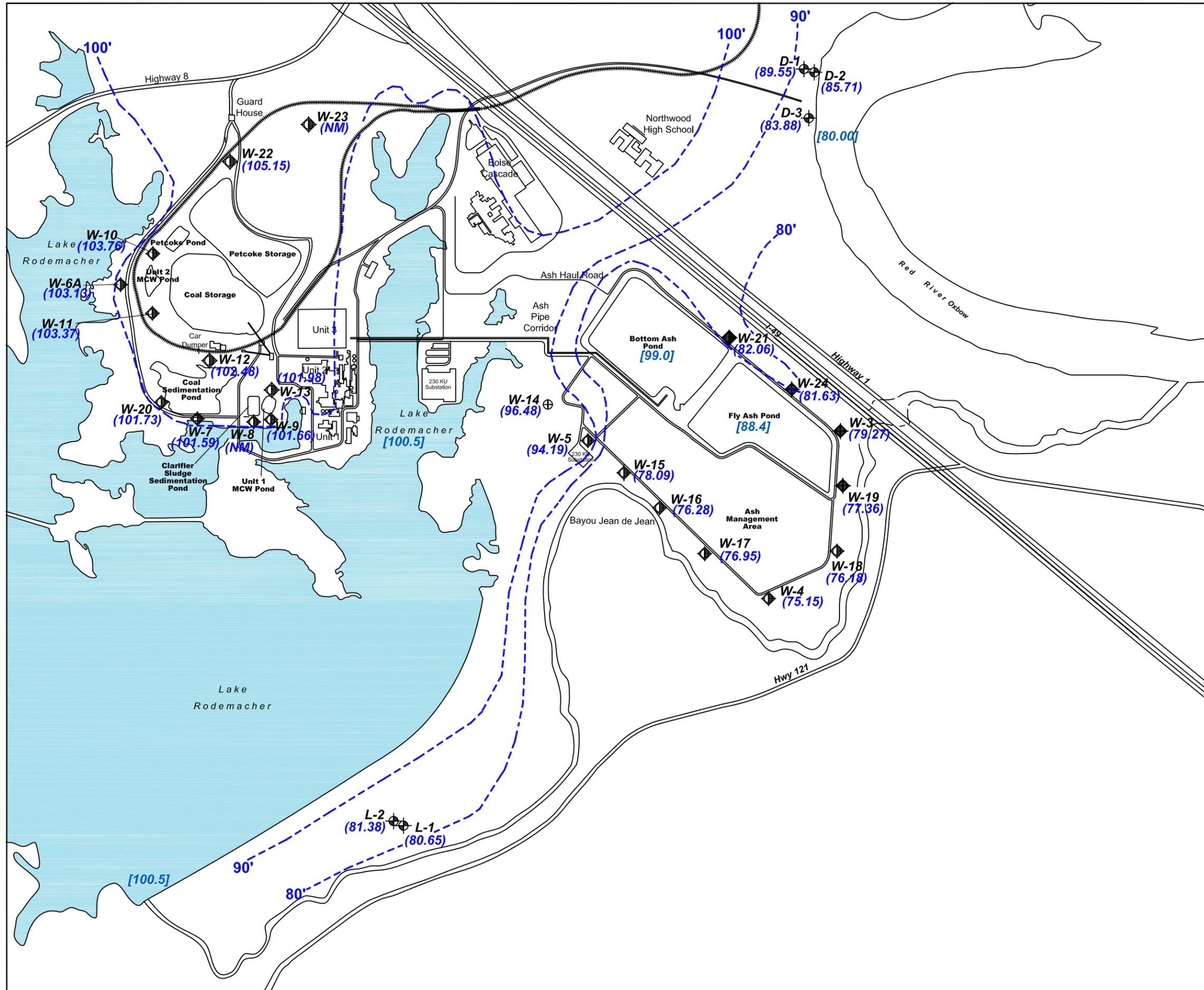
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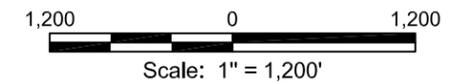
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### Legend

- +++++ Railroad Tracks
- ⊕ CCR Background Well Location
- ◆ CCR Compliance Well Location
- ◊ Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (80.65) Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 80'— Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - - Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [80.00] Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD
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Note: Red River elevation reflects difference of Red River at Lock & Dam No. 3 Lower and Red River at Alexandria, LA.



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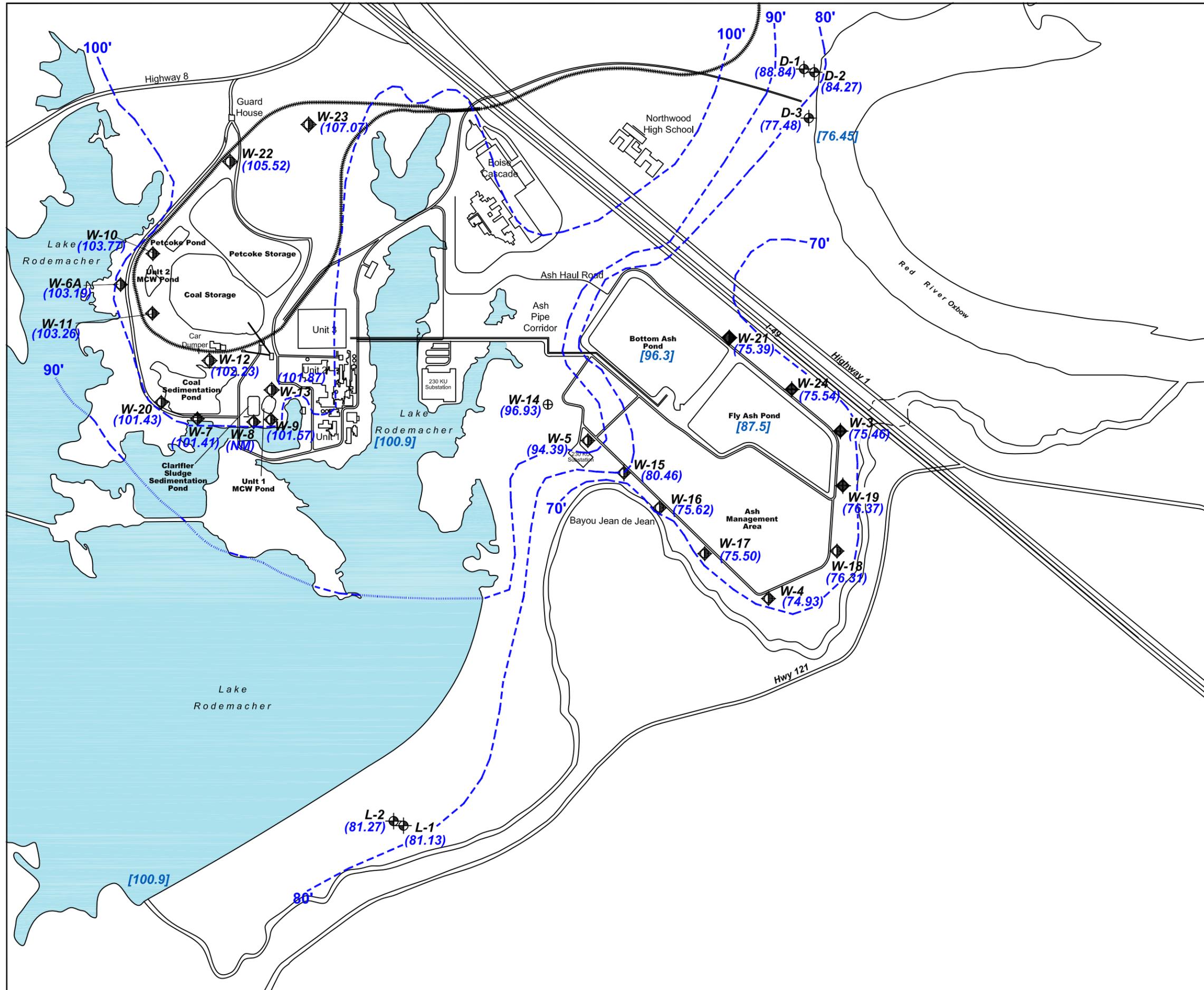
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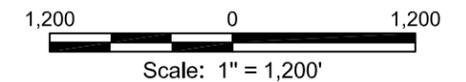
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**Legend**

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- ◊ Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (75.46) Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'— Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - - Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [76.45] Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD
- NM Not Measured

**Note: Red River elevation reflects difference of Red River at Lock & Dam No. 3 Lower and Red River at Alexandria, LA.**



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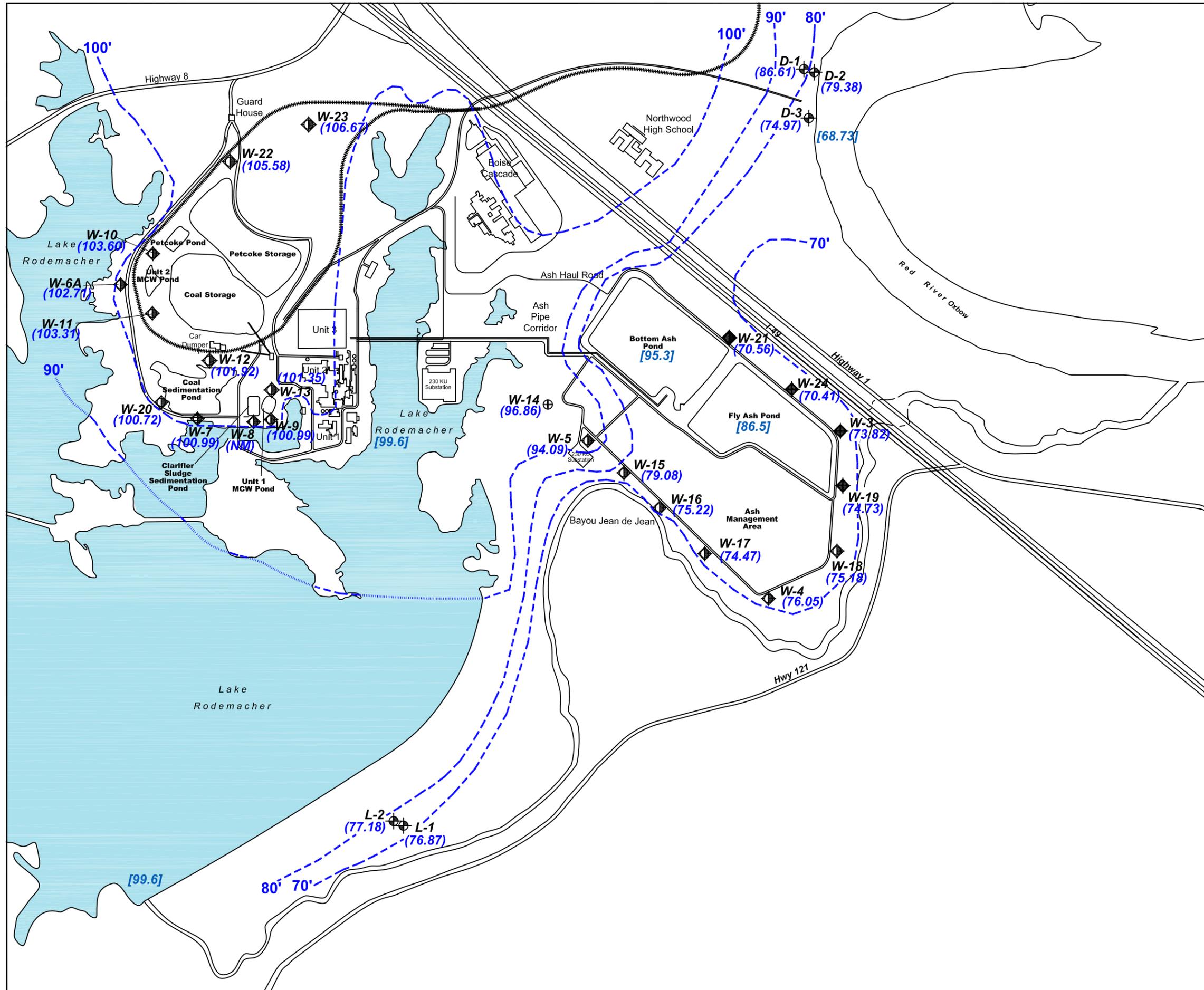
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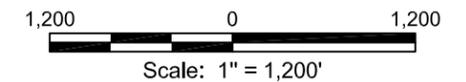
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### Legend

- +++++ Railroad Tracks
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- ◆ CCR Piezometer Location
- (75.18) Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'— Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - - Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [68.73] Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD
- NM Not Measured

**Note: Red River elevation reflects difference of Red River at Lock & Dam No. 3 Lower and Red River at Alexandria, LA.**



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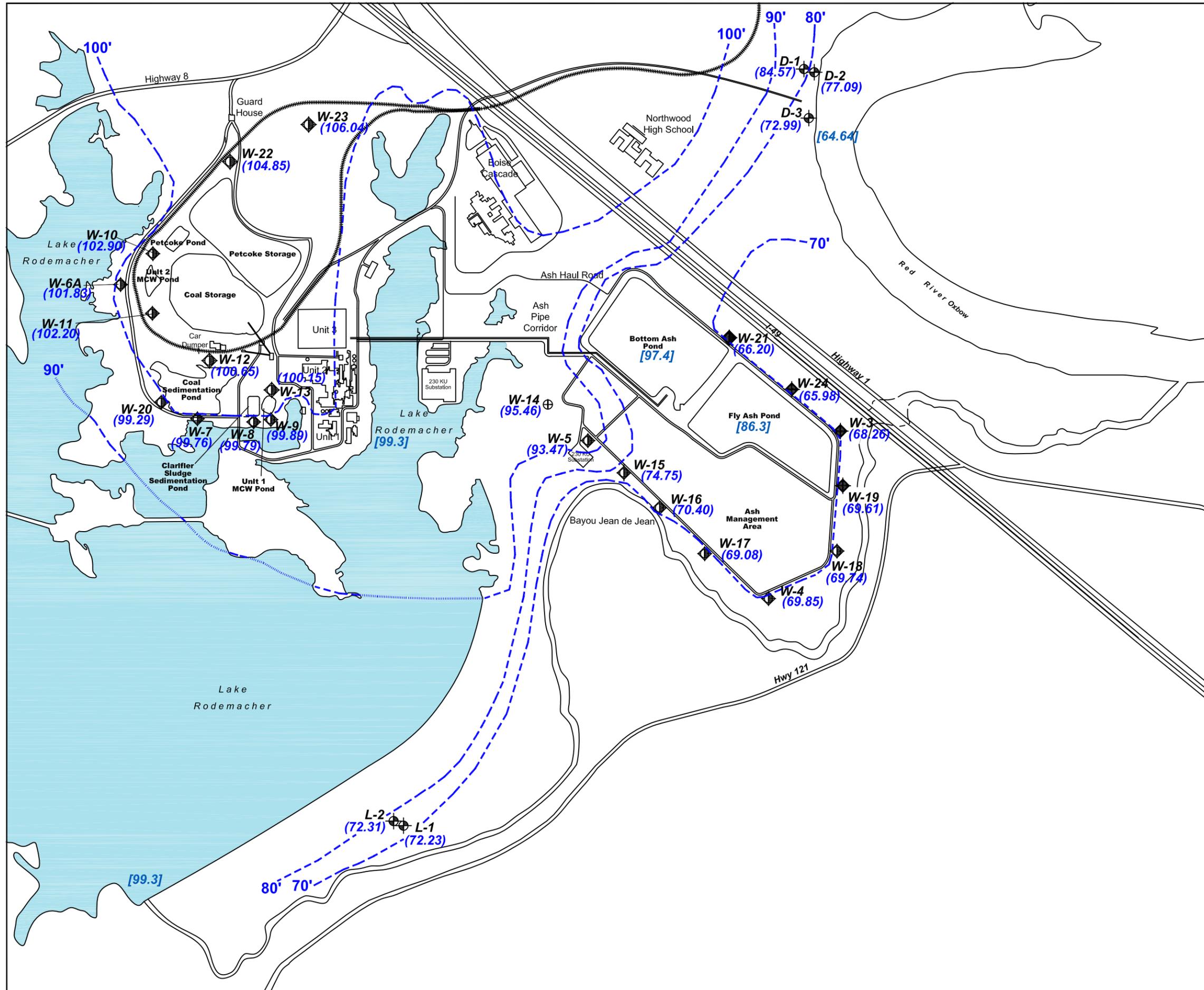
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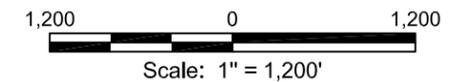
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- 70'— Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - - Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [64.64] Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD
- NM Not Measured

**Note: Red River elevation reflects difference of Red River at Lock & Dam No. 3 Lower and Red River at Alexandria, LA.**



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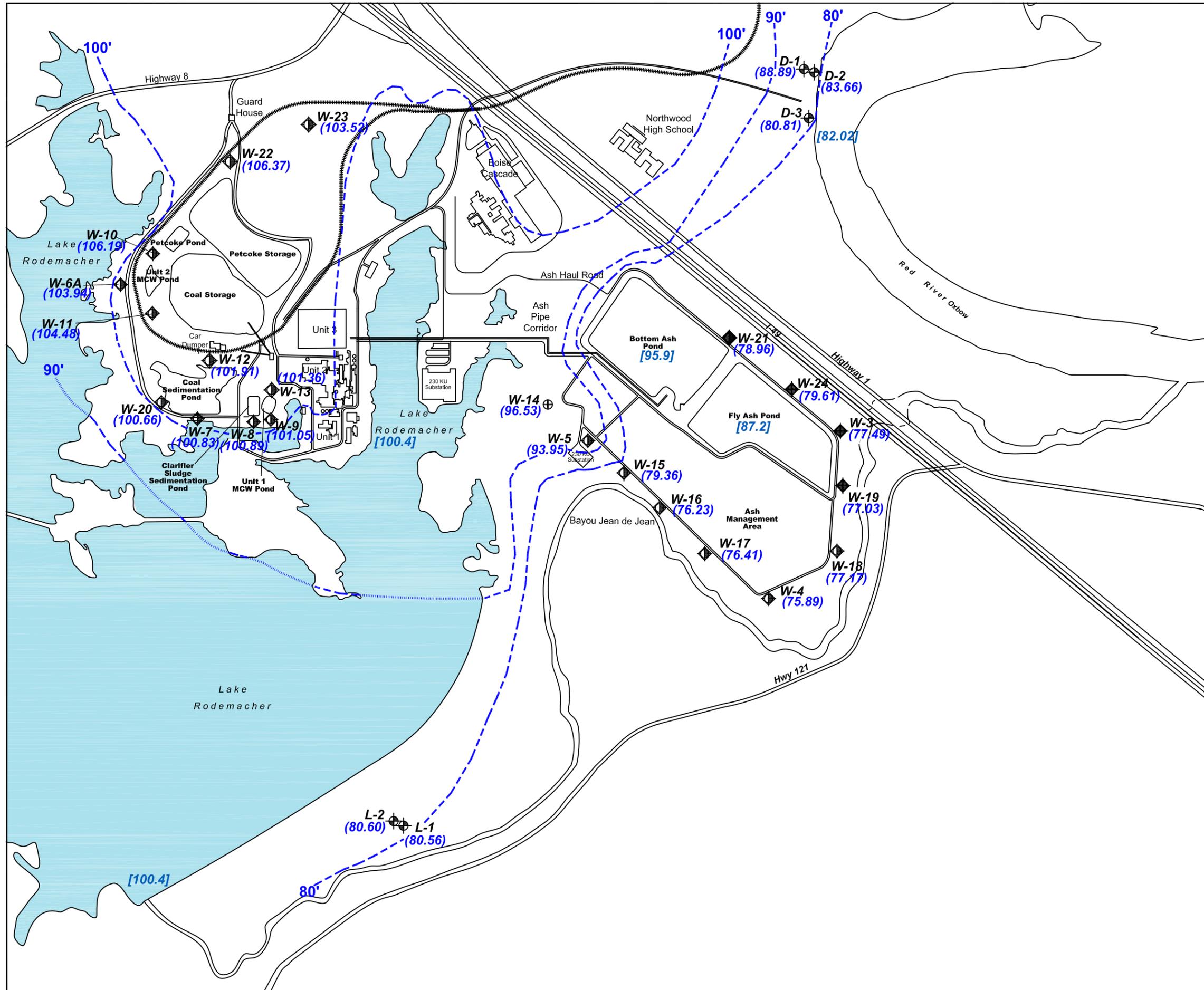
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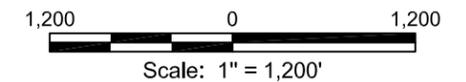
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**Legend**

- +++++ Railroad Tracks
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- ◊ Non-CCR Piezometer Location
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- 70'— Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - - Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [82.02] Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD
- NM Not Measured

**Note: Red River elevation reflects difference of Red River at Lock & Dam No. 3 Lower and Red River at Alexandria, LA.**



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**Figure E-16**

## **APPENDIX F**

### **SITE HYDROGEOLOGY AND GEOLOGIC CROSS SECTIONS**

# **SITE HYDROGEOLOGY AND GEOLOGIC CROSS SECTIONS**

## **HYDROGEOLOGIC SETTING**

BEC straddles two different geomorphologic features: 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 Intermediate Terraces include terraces formerly designated as Montgomery, Irene, and Bentley (LGS, 1984).

The mapped boundary of the Intermediate Terrace and the alluvium/natural levee deposits follows part of the northeast edge of the Bottom Ash Pond. The northern/northwestern portion of BEC is located on the Intermediate Terrace deposits and the remainder of BEC is located on the alluvium/natural levee deposits. Most of the Bottom Ash Pond is situated on the alluvium/natural levee deposits, with only its northeastern end on the Intermediate Terrace deposits while the Fly Ash Pond is situated entirely on the alluvium deposits. The uppermost aquifer is a fining upward sequence, with fine sand grading downward to coarse sand and gravel within the Intermediate Terrace deposits, and with silt and silty sand underlain by gravel within the alluvium/natural levee deposits. The aquifer is continuous beneath the site.

## **SITE GEOLOGY**

Geologic cross sections illustrate the difference in stratigraphy and depth to the uppermost water bearing zone between the Intermediate Terrace and alluvium/natural levee deposits. These geologic cross sections are constructed from soil borings trending in a general northwest-southeast direction across both the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Pond units. The profiles of these geologic cross sections and the geologic cross sections are included in **Appendix F**.

The uppermost water bearing zone has some gravel at its base, overlain by silt and silty sand within the alluvium/natural levee deposits beneath the Fly Ash Pond and the southeastern half of the Bottom Ash Pond. Within the Intermediate Terrace, beneath most of the northwestern half of the Bottom Ash Pond, the uppermost water bearing sand also has gravel at its base, with coarse sand fining upward to fine sand.

## **GROUNDWATER FLOW EVALUATION**

Horizontal groundwater flow was evaluated in the uppermost aquifer by construction of potentiometric surface maps (**Appendix E**) from data measured in monitoring wells at BEC in 2017 to 2019. An evaluation of groundwater potentiometric gradients indicates that horizontal groundwater flow at BEC is consistently towards local surface water bodies with flow towards Lake Rodemacher in the power station portion of the property and towards Bayou Jean de Jean in the area of the Bottom Ash Pond, Fly Ash Pond, and Ash Management Area. Based on USGS topographic quadrangles of the Lake Rodemacher area, the spillway elevation of Lake Rodemacher is 100 feet NGVD. Groundwater

elevations determined in monitoring wells near the lake are generally higher than this maximum lake elevation, supporting groundwater flow towards the lake.

The groundwater flow velocity is an average linear flow velocity that is calculated using the groundwater flow equation,  $v = [k (dh/dl)] / n_e$ . For this equation,  $v$  is groundwater flow velocity in ft/day,  $k$  is hydraulic conductivity in ft/day,  $dh/dl$  is hydraulic gradient in ft/ft, and  $n_e$  is effective porosity (unitless). Hydraulic conductivity ( $k$ ) value ranging from 10 to 100 ft/day was assumed (Heath, 1989) based on the silty sand and fine- to coarse-grained sand observed in soil cuttings from soil borings completed at the site. Hydraulic gradient ( $dh/dl$ ) value estimates from potentiometric surface maps representing each sampling event for the Ash Ponds areas are summarized below. An effective porosity ( $n_e$ ) of 0.2 was assumed based on the soil types of the uppermost water bearing zone (Fetter, 2001). Using these values, the groundwater flow rates ( $v$ ) are listed below.

Date	Hydraulic Gradient (feet/feet)	Estimated Groundwater Flow Velocity (feet/day)
January 2019	0.002	0.01 to 1.0
April 2019	0.00004 to 0.0002	0.0002 to 0.1
July 2019	0.0009 to 0.002	0.045 to 1.0
October 2019	0.0007 to 0.001	0.0035 to 0.5

It is important to note that this is an advective rate and does not account for potential geological heterogeneities, causing significant variability in geochemical and hydrogeologic parameters including adsorption, biodegradation, dispersion, fraction of organic carbon, and other retarding factors affecting groundwater fate and transport in this zone. Additionally, lateral geological heterogeneities may cause variations in advective flow.

#### **UPPERMOST AQUIFER CHARACTERIZATION**

A summary of results of the uppermost aquifer characterization include the following:

- The mapped boundary of the Intermediate Terrace and the alluvium/natural levee deposits follows part of the northeast edge of the Bottom Ash Pond. The northern/northwestern portion of BEC is located on the Intermediate Terrace deposits and the remainder of BEC is located on the alluvium/natural levee deposits. Most of the Bottom Ash Pond is situated on the alluvium/natural levee deposits, with only its northeastern end on the Intermediate Terrace deposits. The Fly Ash Pond is situated entirely on the alluvium deposits.
- The uppermost aquifer is laterally continuous and consists of Holocene alluvium and Pleistocene terrace deposits. The uppermost aquifer is a fining upward sequence, with fine sand grading downward to coarse sand and gravel within the Intermediate Terrace deposits, and with silt and silty sand underlain by gravel

within the alluvium/natural levee deposits. The aquifer is continuous beneath the site.

- Water use in the vicinity of the unit is via groundwater and surface water. Groundwater is primarily used from deeper aquifers for power supply operations.
- The LDNR issued an advisory in 2009 addressing the recommended uses of these alluvial aquifers. Furthermore, it is reported that dissolved metals, including arsenic, have been, and are expected to be, detected in groundwater in localized areas of these aquifers (LDNR, 2009).

Cleco concludes that groundwater monitoring of the uppermost aquifer underlying the Fly Ash Pond and the Bottom Ash Pond is conducted per applicable portions of 40 C.F.R. § 257.93.

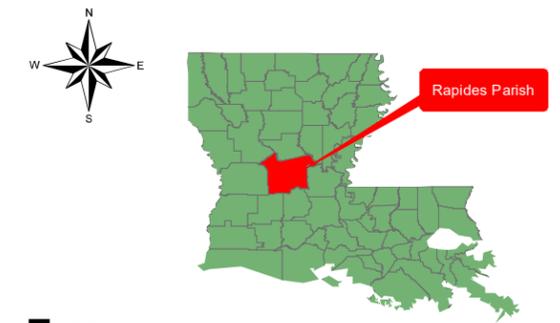
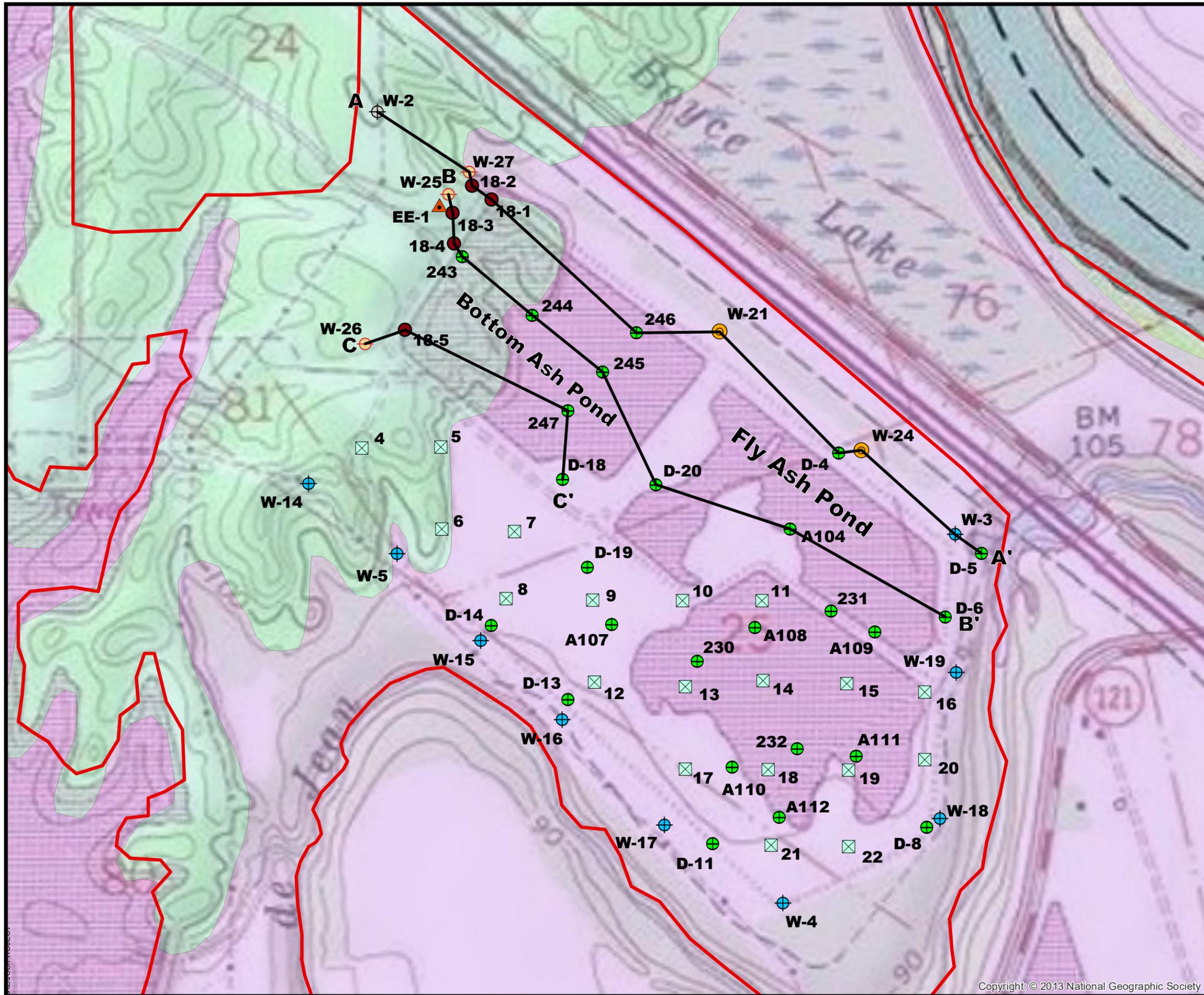
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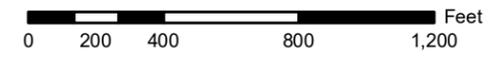
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- Terraces**
- Qtp - Prairie Terrace
  - Mfcb - Carnahan Bayou Member
  - Qth - High Terrace
  - Qti - Intermediate Terrace

- Alluvial**
- Qal - Alluvium; Qnl - Natural Levees

- Wells**
- Piezometer
  - Boring Locations (Sargent & Lundy, 1981)
  - Boring Locations (Aquaterra, 2004)
  - Boring Locations (Eagle, 2005)
  - Boring Locations (Eagle, 2018)
  - Plugged and Abandoned Well
  - Compliance Monitoring Well
  - Background Monitoring Well



**Reference**  
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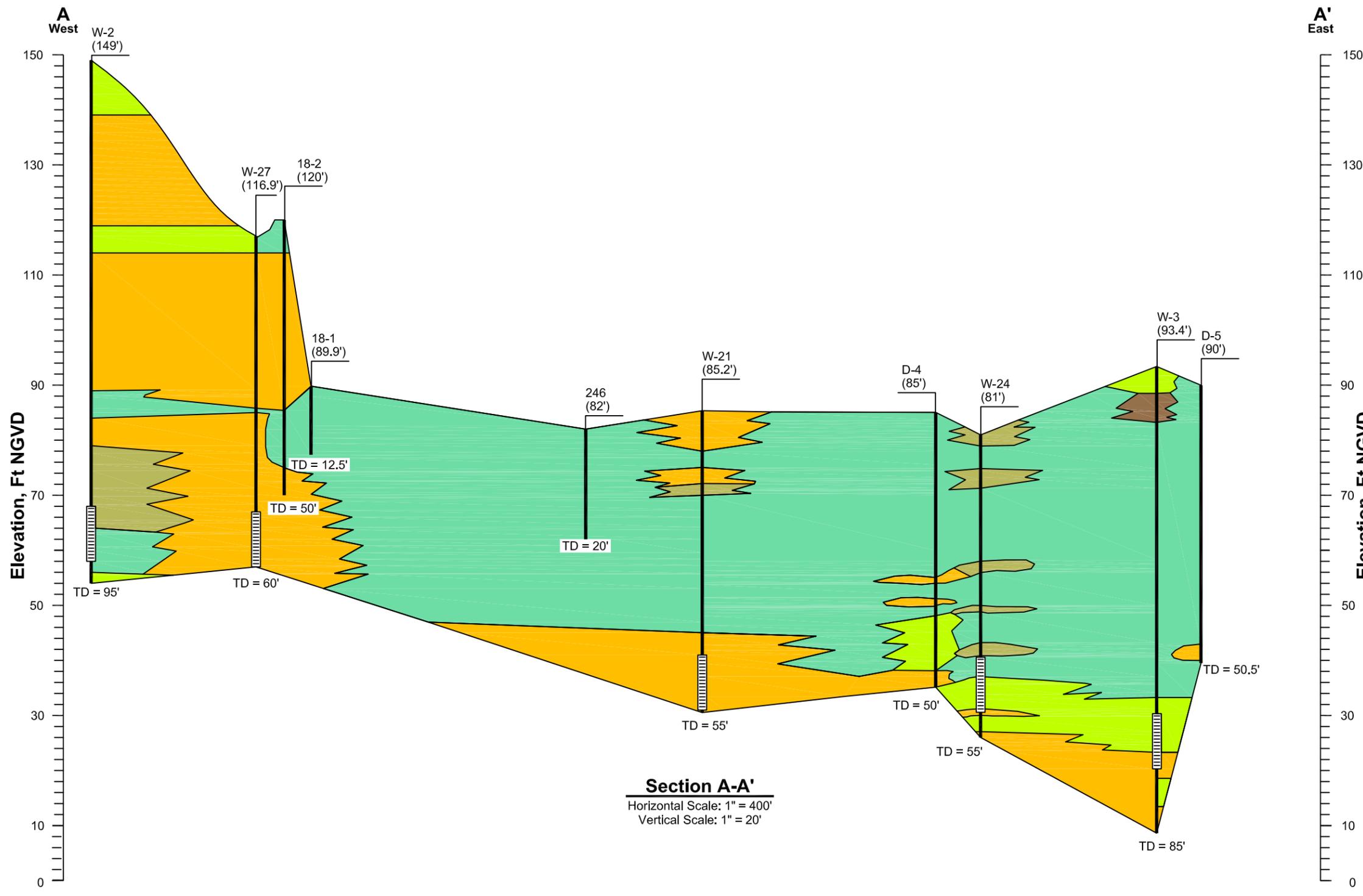
**Geologic Cross Section Profiles Map**

Rapides Parish, Louisiana



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**Figure F-1**



- Legend**
- Sand
  - Sandy Clay / Clayey Sand
  - Silty Clay
  - Clay
  - Clayey Silt
  - Screen Interval
  - (90') Elevation, Ft NGVD
  - TD Total Depth

**Reference**  
 Stratigraphy between borings are inferred. Actual conditions may vary.



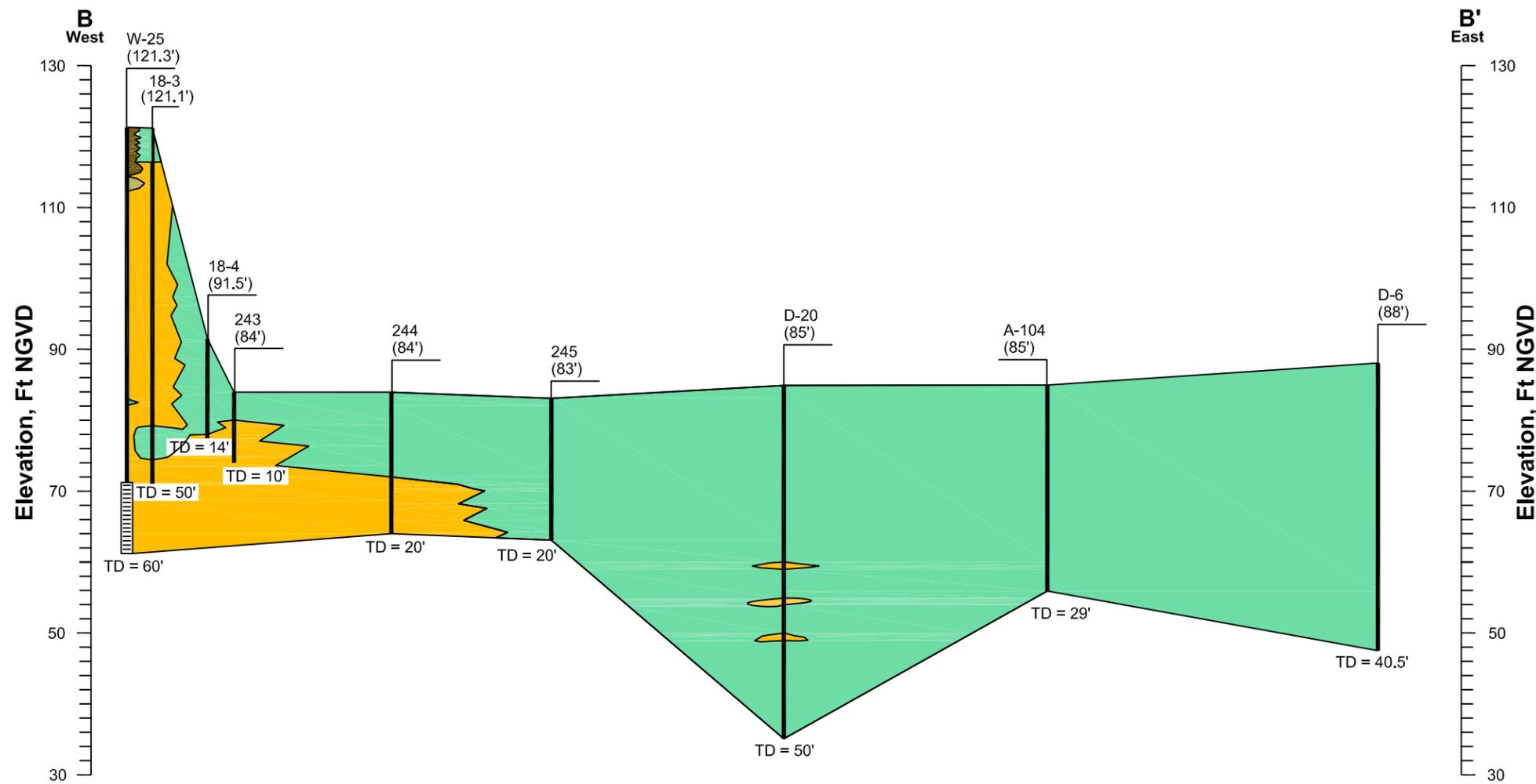
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**Geologic Cross Section A-A'**

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Figure F-2



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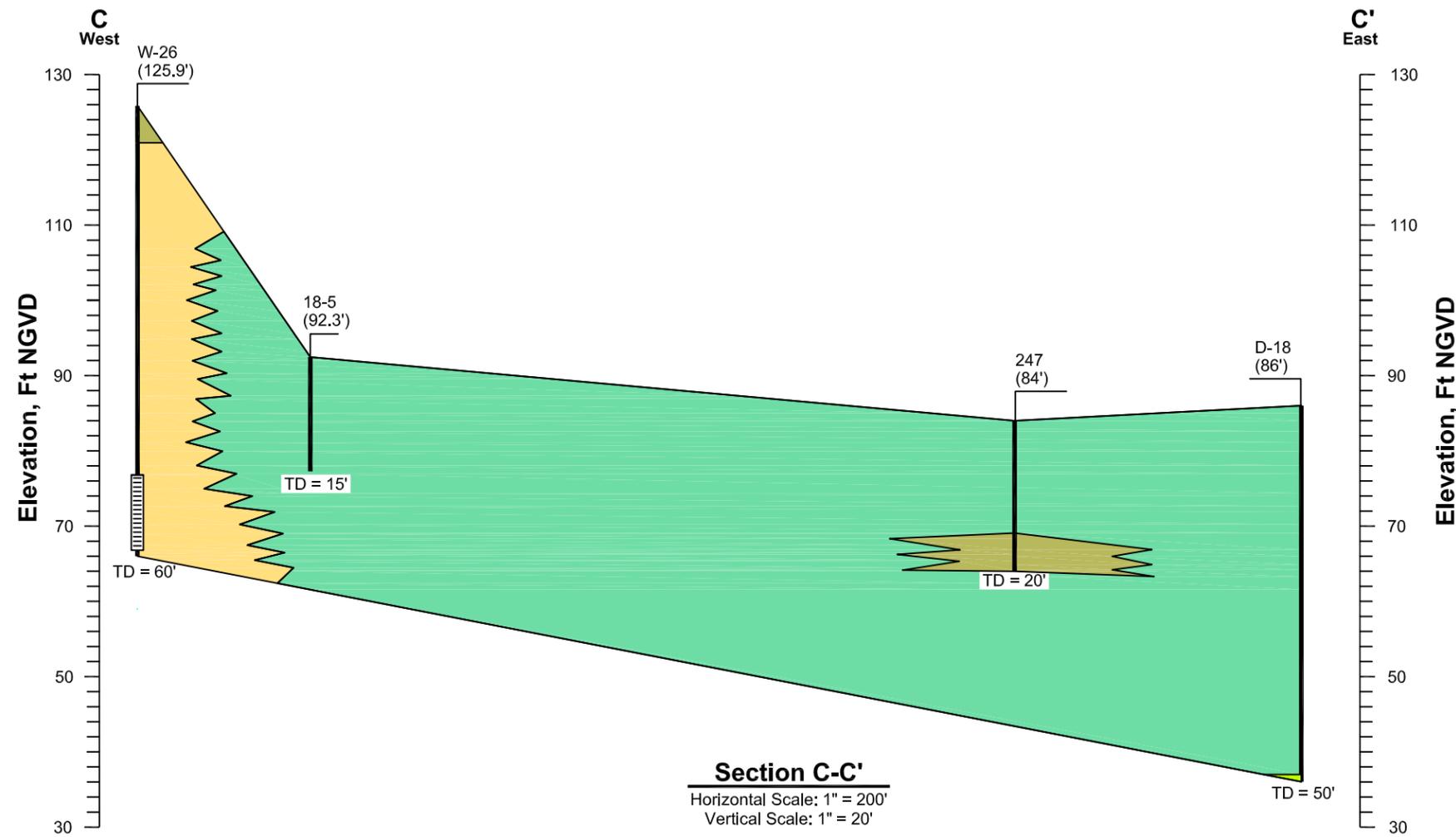
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- Sandy Clay / Clayey Sand
- Silty Clay
- Clay
- Clayey Silt
- Fill
- Screen Interval
- (90') Elevation, Ft NGVD
- TD Total Depth

**Reference**

Stratigraphy between borings are inferred. Actual conditions may vary.

**Section B-B'**  
 Horizontal Scale: 1" = 400'  
 Vertical Scale: 1" = 20'

	
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<b>Geologic Cross Section B-B'</b>	
Rapides Parish, Louisiana	
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<b>Figure F-3</b>	



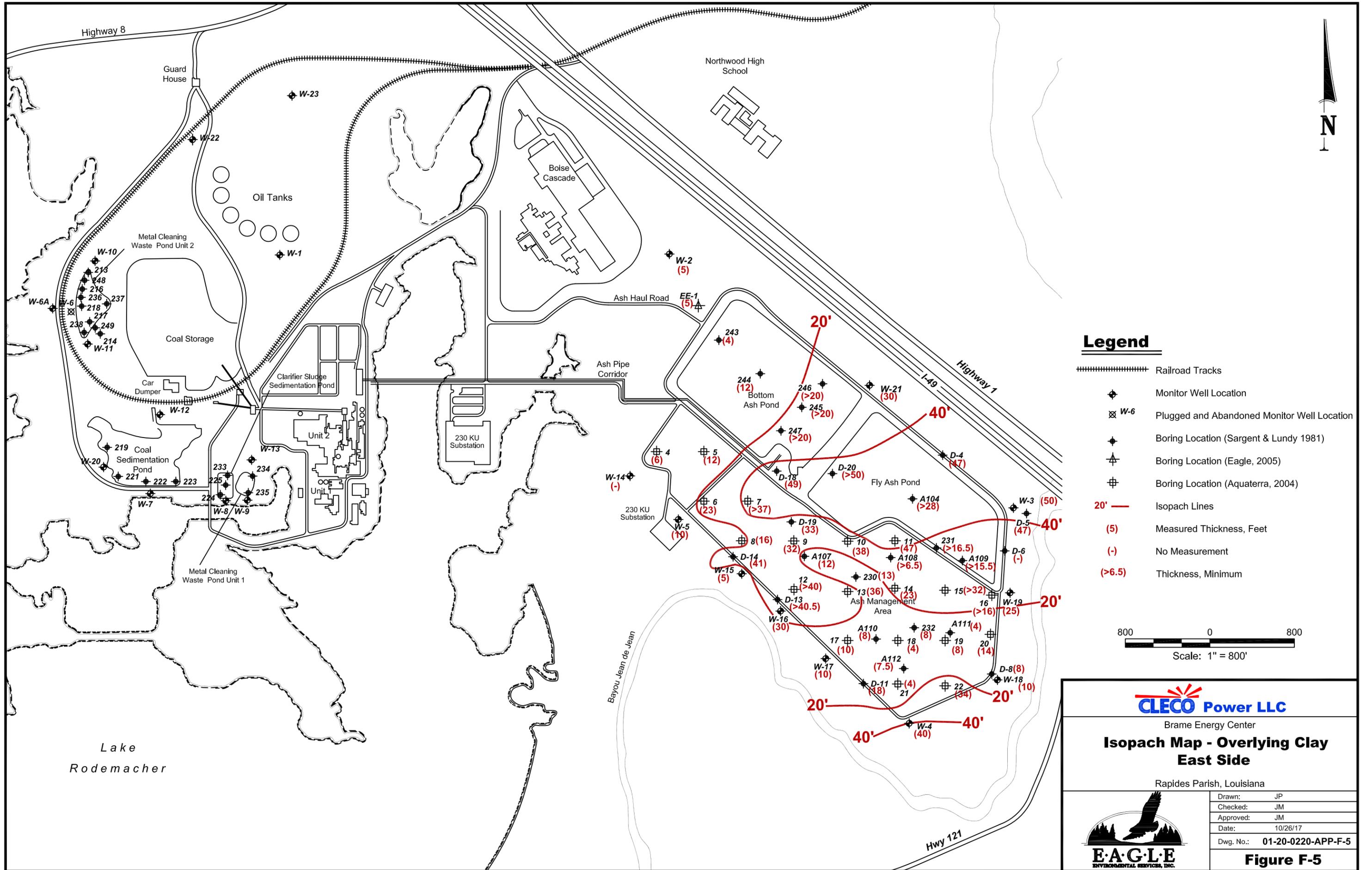
**Legend**

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- Clay
- Clayey Silt
- Fill
- Screen Interval
- (90') Elevation, Ft NGVD
- TD Total Depth

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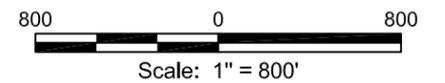
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<b>Figure F-4</b>											



**Legend**

- ⚡ Railroad Tracks
- ◆ Monitor Well Location
- ⊗ W-6 Plugged and Abandoned Monitor Well Location
- ◆ Boring Location (Sargent & Lundy 1981)
- ⚡ Boring Location (Eagle, 2005)
- ⊕ Boring Location (Aquaterra, 2004)
- 20' — Isopach Lines
- (5) Measured Thickness, Feet
- (-) No Measurement
- (>6.5) Thickness, Minimum





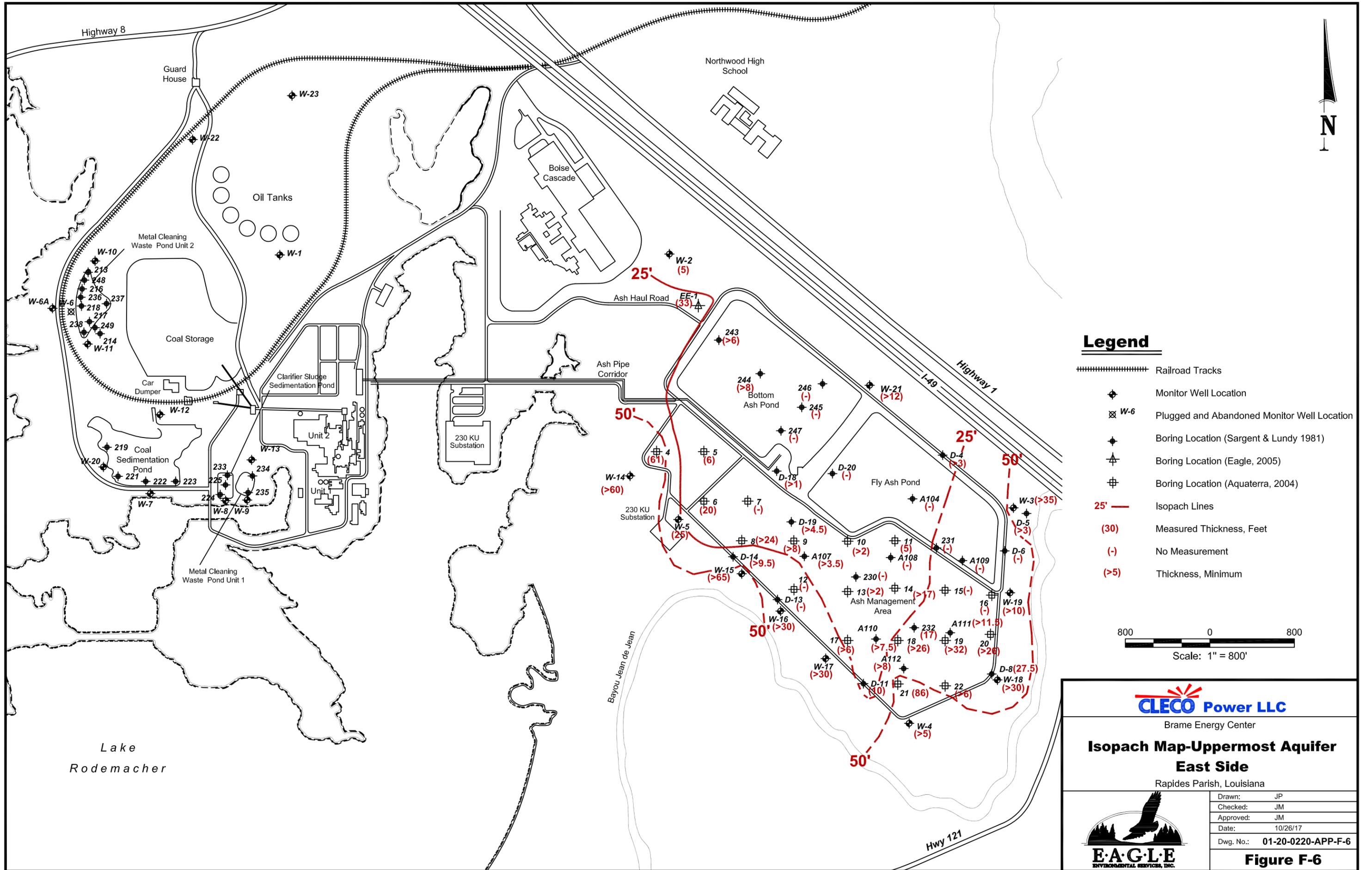
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**Isopach Map - Overlying Clay East Side**

Rapides Parish, Louisiana

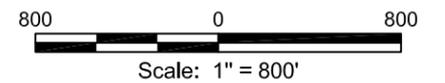
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**Figure F-5**



**Legend**

- ⚡ Railroad Tracks
- ◆ Monitor Well Location
- ⊗ W-6 Plugged and Abandoned Monitor Well Location
- ◆ Boring Location (Sargent & Lundy 1981)
- ⚡ Boring Location (Eagle, 2005)
- ⊕ Boring Location (Aquaterra, 2004)
- 25' — Isopach Lines
- (30) Measured Thickness, Feet
- (-) No Measurement
- (>5) Thickness, Minimum



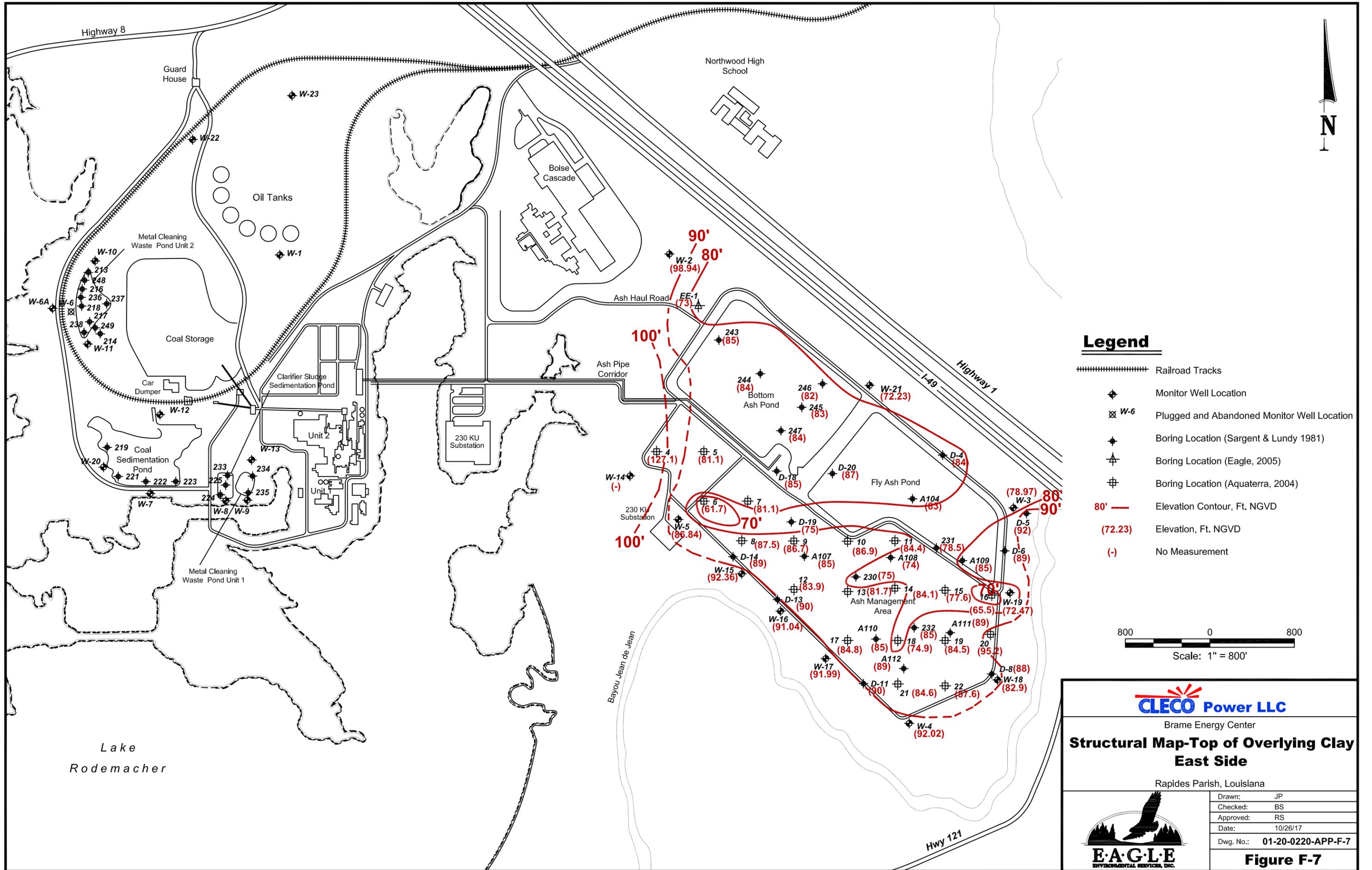


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**Isopach Map-Uppermost Aquifer  
East Side**  
Rapides Parish, Louisiana

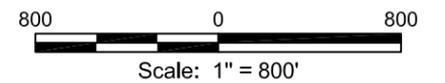
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Figure F-6



**Legend**

- +++++ Railroad Tracks
- ◆ Monitor Well Location
- ⊗ W-6 Plugged and Abandoned Monitor Well Location
- ◆ Boring Location (Sargent & Lundy 1981)
- ▲ Boring Location (Eagle, 2005)
- ⊕ Boring Location (Aquaterra, 2004)
- 80' — Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- (72.23) Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- (-) No Measurement





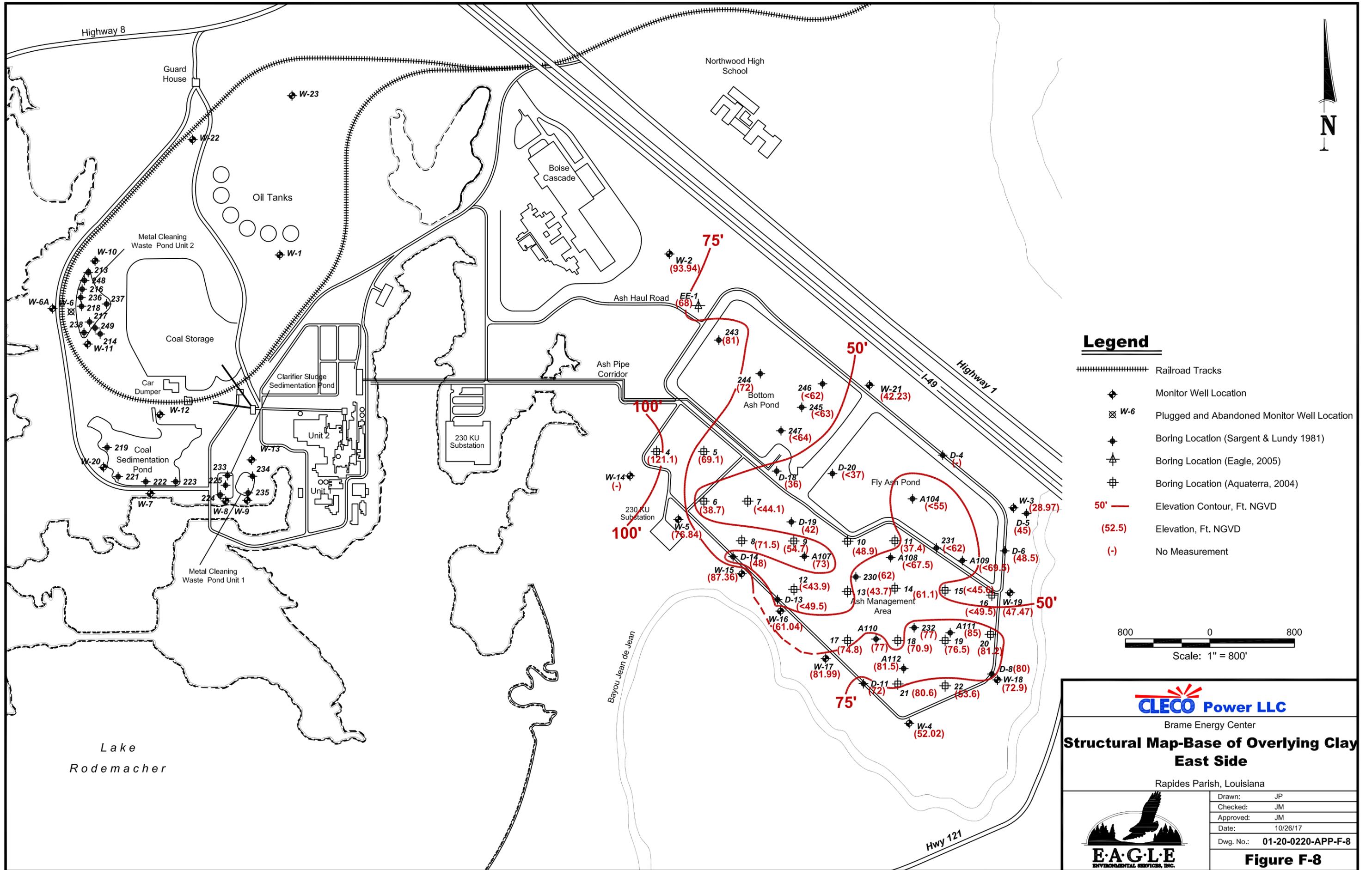
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**Structural Map-Top of Overlying Clay East Side**

Rapides Parish, Louisiana

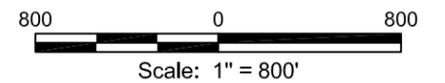
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**Figure F-7**



**Legend**

- +++++ Railroad Tracks
- ◆ Monitor Well Location
- ⊗ W-6 Plugged and Abandoned Monitor Well Location
- ◆ Boring Location (Sargent & Lundy 1981)
- ⊕ Boring Location (Eagle, 2005)
- ⊕ Boring Location (Aquaterra, 2004)
- 50' — Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- (52.5) Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- (-) No Measurement





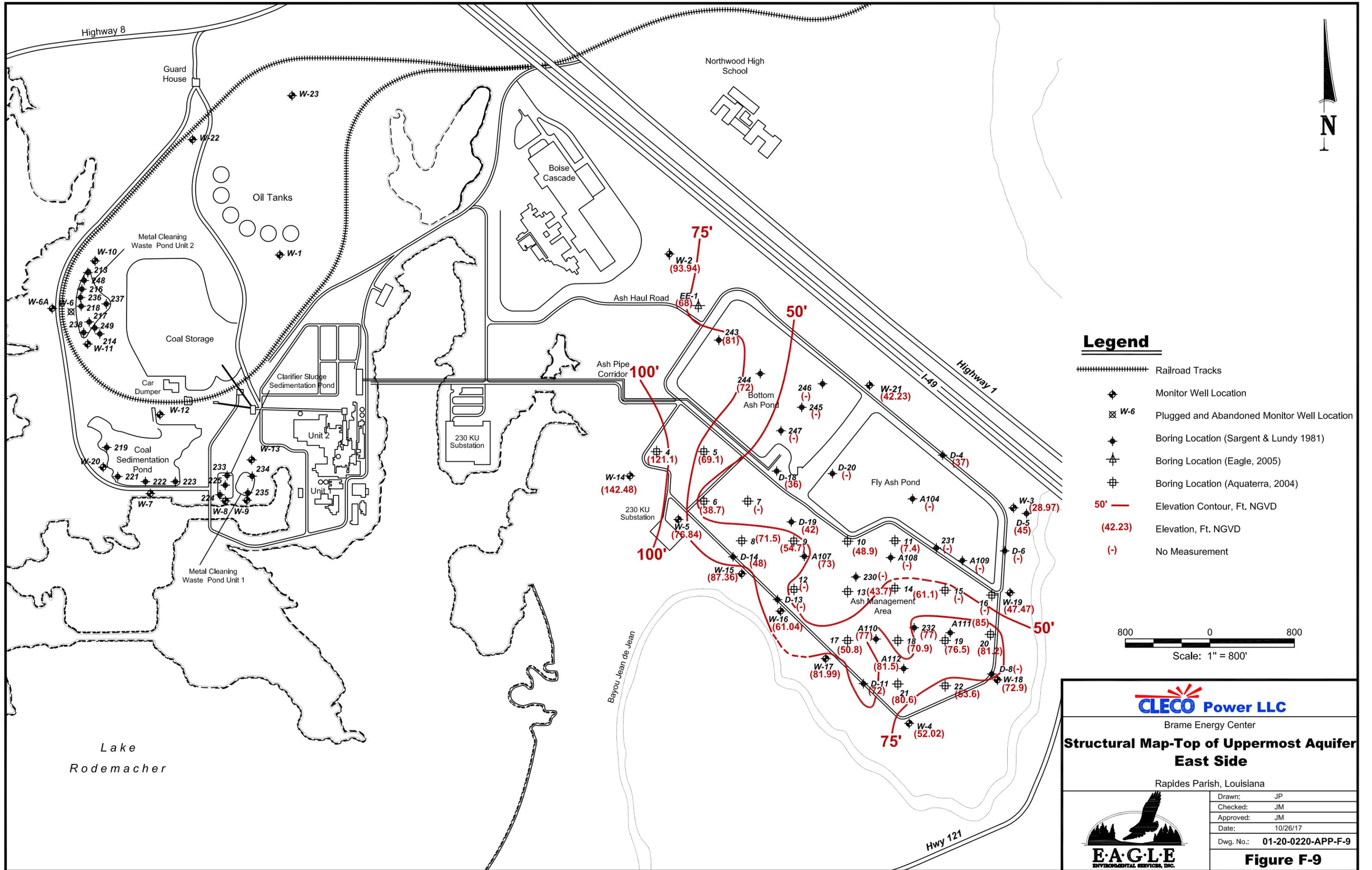
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**Structural Map-Base of Overlying Clay  
East Side**

Rapides Parish, Louisiana

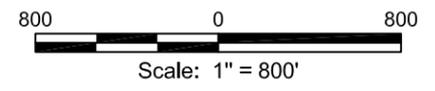
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Figure F-8



**Legend**

- ⚡ Railroad Tracks
- ◆ Monitor Well Location
- ⊗ W-6 Plugged and Abandoned Monitor Well Location
- ◆ Boring Location (Sargent & Lundy 1981)
- ⚡ Boring Location (Eagle, 2005)
- ⊕ Boring Location (Aquaterra, 2004)
- 50' — Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- (42.23) Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- (-) No Measurement





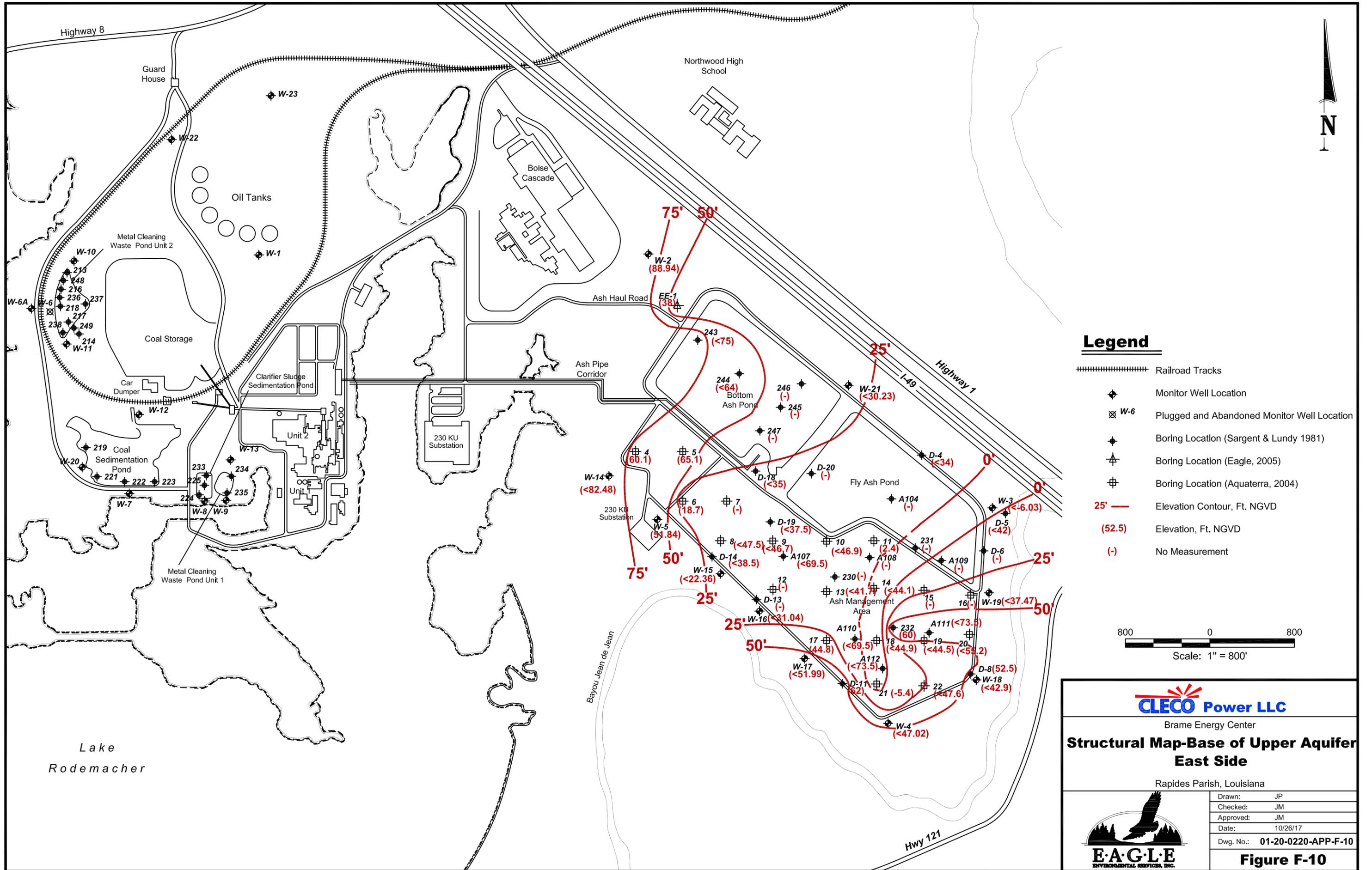
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**Structural Map-Top of Uppermost Aquifer  
East Side**

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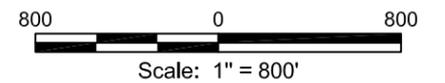
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**Figure F-9**



**Legend**

- ⚡ Railroad Tracks
- ◆ Monitor Well Location
- ⊗ W-6 Plugged and Abandoned Monitor Well Location
- ◆ Boring Location (Sargent & Lundy 1981)
- ⚡ Boring Location (Eagle, 2005)
- ⊕ Boring Location (Aquaterra, 2004)
- 25' — Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- (52.5) Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- (-) No Measurement





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**Structural Map-Base of Upper Aquifer  
East Side**

Rapides Parish, Louisiana

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**Figure F-10**

## **APPENDIX G**

### **GROUNDWATER QUALITY DATA**

## **APPENDIX G.1**

### **SUMMARY TABLE OF GROUNDWATER DATA**



**Table 1**  
2016-2020 Detection Analytical Data Summary

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds

Parameter/Well/Date	Boron (mg/l)	Calcium (mg/l)	Chloride (mg/l)	Fluoride (mg/l)	pH (S.U.)	Sulfate (mg/l)	TDS (mg/l)
<b>D-1 (BG)</b>	4/29/16	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	7/6/16	0.12	16.8	20.2	0.28	8.33	260
	10/25/16	0.057	8.6	13.9	<0.5	6.7	11.6
	12/19/16	0.053	5.9	13.5	0.13	6.8	10.4
	1/24/17	0.053	6.6	13.5	<0.1	7.05	9.8
	2/16/17	0.052	6.2	13.3	<0.1	6.68	9.8
	4/6/17	0.051	5.8	13	<0.1	5.48	10.7
	5/13/17	0.043	5.2	13.1	0.93	6.33	10.3
	6/28/17	0.048	5.2	12.9	0.84	6.99	10.5
	8/23/17	0.046	6	13.6	<0.2	6.4	11.1
	1/22/18	0.047	4.9	13.4	0.1	6.84	10.8
	4/10/18	0.049	8.7	13.3	0.15	7.55	8.8
	8/8/18	0.044	5.2	12.2	<0.1	7.61	10.5
	10/4/18	0.046	5.8	12.3	<0.1	6.57	10.7
	1/16/19	0.042	5.7	13.5	<0.1	6.29	10.1
	4/17/19	0.045	12.6	11.9	0.48	6.32	5.9
	7/19/19	0.045	8.2	11.9	0.23	6.28	9.3
	10/30/19	0.036	5	12.7	<0.1	5.92	10.4
	4/1/20	0.041	9.1	11.8	0.21	7.37	6.6
	9/17/20	0.037	5.8	12.7	0.17	6.47	9.8
<b>D-2 (BG)</b>	4/29/16	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	7/6/16	0.14	99.3	12.4	0.63	7.92	71.9
	10/25/16	0.13	92.2	8.8	<0.5	7.4	73.7
	12/19/16	0.12	91.8	9.5	0.42	7.04	75.2
	1/24/17	0.11	95.3	8.1	0.48	7.08	86.4
	2/16/17	0.12	103	8.6	0.43	7	80.7
	4/6/17	0.12	111	6.6	0.52	6.08	102
	5/13/17	1.1	101	8.1	0.43	6.74	97.8
	6/28/17	0.5	102	8.3	0.47	7.18	80.5
	8/23/17	0.11	106	7.6	0.61	7.15	95.3
	1/22/18	0.095	96	11.4	0.5	7.19	57.5
	4/10/18	0.11	109	8.3	0.35	7.35	89.1
	8/8/18	0.11	104	8.2	0.38	7.41	78.7
	10/4/18	0.11	108	6.8	0.4	6.81	88.4
	1/16/19	0.11	82.2	13.2	0.61	6.87	39.4
	4/17/19	0.25	88.3	11.4	0.91	6.68	53.2
	7/19/19	0.11	94.4	6.9	0.48	6.9	78.2
	10/30/19	0.092	93.4	9.6	0.54	6.87	69.6
	4/1/20	0.094	88	9.1	0.56	7.51	62
	9/17/20	0.1	96.7	8.9	0.41	6.81	65.6

**Notes:**

mg/l = milligrams per liter  
S.U. = standard units



**Table 1**  
2016-2020 Detection Analytical Data Summary

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds

Parameter/Well/Date	Boron (mg/l)	Calcium (mg/l)	Chloride (mg/l)	Fluoride (mg/l)	pH (S.U.)	Sulfate (mg/l)	TDS (mg/l)
<b>D-3 (BG)</b>	4/29/16	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	7/6/16	0.28	95.2	13.3	0.52	7.92	46
	10/25/16	0.27	87.6	11.5	0.52	7.1	45.5
	12/19/16	0.3	90.3	13.1	0.48	7.25	49.2
	1/24/17	0.29	86.2	11.8	0.52	7.35	48.3
	2/16/17	0.3	91.2	11.4	0.48	7.33	47.2
	4/6/17	0.31	88.2	12.7	0.46	5.76	53.8
	5/13/17	0.029	79.6	11.3	0.53	6.8	46.6
	6/28/17	0.47	92.2	10.5	0.53	7.39	46
	8/23/17	0.27	88.3	10.9	0.68	7.28	49.1
	1/22/18	0.31	91.5	11.2	0.49	7.28	50.2
	4/10/18	0.31	93.2	12.6	0.54	7.58	53.5
	8/8/18	0.29	86.4	10.7	1	7.4	49.1
	10/4/18	0.26	87	10.4	0.6	7.01	47.9
	1/16/19	0.35	90.9	13.6	1.1	7.16	58.6
	4/17/19	0.11	105	7.3	0.45	7.06	96.9
	7/19/19	0.27	79.7	10.9	0.98	7.13	48.7
	10/30/19	0.24	85.2	11.8	0.51	6.92	48.6
	4/1/20	0.25	86.2	9.9	0.36	7.51	47
9/17/20	0.24	88.1	11.9	0.48	6.67	51.5	
<b>L-1 (BG)</b>	4/29/16	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	7/6/16	0.12	120	10.7	0.25	8.04	21.5
	10/25/16	0.11	107	9.4	<0.5	7	15.4
	12/19/16	0.12	119	8.6	0.15	7.44	9
	1/24/17	0.11	109	8.3	0.27	7.18	7.9
	2/16/17	0.12	150	7.7	0.21	7.15	9.3
	4/6/17	0.12	121	6.9	0.2	6.4	10.6
	5/13/17	0.11	103	8.7	0.29	5.87	15.6
	6/28/17	0.12	117	7	0.29	7.07	5.5
	8/23/17	0.11	115	7	0.32	7.25	5.7
	1/22/18	0.12	121	5.3	0.28	7.52	13.1
	4/11/18	0.11	106	5.2	0.16	8.22	29.6
	8/8/18	0.13	117	6	0.18	7.34	11.6
	10/4/18	0.12	110	5.9	0.21	6	4.8
	1/15/19	0.088	66.9	3.7	0.2	6.89	23
	4/17/19	0.1	104	5.2	0.29	6.74	13.9
	7/19/19	0.099	84.4	4.8	0.27	7.19	10.2
	10/29/19	0.1	109	5.8	0.21	7.06	4.5
	4/1/20	0.099	112	3.9	0.14	7.57	22.5
9/17/20	0.09	108	6.4	0.38	6.96	25.7	

**Notes:**

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Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds

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L-2 (BG)	4/29/16	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	7/6/16	0.087	80.4	6.7	0.4	8.07	355
	10/25/16	0.085	65.7	5.9	<0.5	7.2	370
	12/19/16	0.1	79.2	6.1	0.44	7.46	400
	1/24/17	0.11	82.7	5.9	0.53	7.19	445
	2/16/17	0.093	126	6.3	0.37	7.18	490
	4/6/17	0.098	83.3	5.9	0.45	6.37	405
	5/13/17	0.11	72.7	5.8	0.52	6.22	380
	6/28/17	0.12	80.8	5.3	0.51	7.22	29
	8/23/17	0.095	66.4	5.2	0.64	7.28	27.9
	1/22/18	0.1	70.4	3.9	0.47	7.27	19.9
	4/11/18	0.092	74.7	3.5	0.24	7.9	20.4
	8/8/18	0.099	62.5	3.3	0.47	7.18	20.3
	10/4/18	0.093	62.8	3.2	0.48	6.87	20.4
	1/15/19	0.084	125	7.8	0.59	6.97	68
	4/17/19	0.086	150	10	0.43	6.83	98.2
	7/19/19	0.082	80.9	5.1	0.41	7.15	33.9
	10/29/19	0.082	79.4	2.4	0.52	7.06	15.9
	4/1/20	0.068	178	9.6	0.2	7.33	90.9
9/17/20	0.085	74.1	2.2	0.61	6.84	18	
W-3	4/29/16	0.075	25	45	<0.5	7.01	9.6
	7/6/16	0.14	54.1	109	0.2	7.44	3.9
	10/25/16	0.16	62	178	<0.5	6.9	<1.0
	12/19/16	0.16	64.4	174	<0.5	6.74	<1
	1/24/17	0.17	64.5	151	0.35	6.64	<1
	2/16/17	0.18	66.6	149	0.25	6.72	<1
	4/6/17	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	5/13/17	0.15	66.3	195	0.33	6.52	<1
	6/28/17	0.18	64.9	159	0.29	6.79	<1
	8/23/17	0.17	64	156	0.37	6.77	1.2
	1/23/18	0.17	67.5	161	0.43	7	<1
	4/11/18	0.18	69.9 / 65.2*	164	0.25	6.73	<1
	8/8/18	0.17	66.1	206	<1	7.31	3.9
	10/4/18	0.18	64	179	0.26	6.5	2.4
	1/15/19	0.18	58.1	144	0.28	6.67	3
	4/17/19	0.17	67.5	189	0.32	6.45	3.7
	7/19/19	0.18	59.8	154	0.31	6.57	4
	10/29/19	0.13	65.6	206	0.2	6.65	1.2
	4/1/20	0.16	64.8	178	0.26	6.8	1.5
9/17/20	0.17	64.3	219 / 207**	0.4	6.74	<1	

**Notes:**

mg/l = milligrams per liter  
S.U. = standard units



**Table 1**  
2016-2020 Detection Analytical Data Summary

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds

Parameter/Well/Date	Boron (mg/l)	Calcium (mg/l)	Chloride (mg/l)	Fluoride (mg/l)	pH (S.U.)	Sulfate (mg/l)	TDS (mg/l)	
W-19	4/29/16	0.18	126	43.8	<0.5	7.07	14.5	695
	7/6/16	0.19	122	48	0.31	7.45	2.3	695
	10/25/16	0.18	96.4	53.6	<0.5	7.1	<1	640
	12/19/16	0.18	111	59.4	0.26	7	<1	705
	1/24/17	0.19	103	54.2	0.31	7	<1	675
	2/16/17	0.19	102	54.4	0.28	7	<1	620
	4/6/17	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	5/13/17	0.17	91.5	56.2	0.32	6.62	<1	600
	6/28/17	0.19	99.2	55.9	0.28	7.01	<1	620
	8/23/17	0.18	96.7	60.7	0.37	7.07	<1	640
	1/23/18	0.19	99.6	59.5	0.38	7.24	<1	620
	4/11/18	0.2 / 0.18*	110	58.1	0.41	7.37	1.3	495
	8/8/18	0.19	102	59.5	0.22	7.06	<1	690
	10/4/18	0.19	97.4	64.7	0.24	6.72	<1	630
	1/15/19	0.21	95.9	66.7	0.59	6.91	<1	400
	4/17/19	0.19	113	58.7	0.31	6.65	<1	640
	7/19/19	0.2	101	52.1	0.33	6.87	<1	725
	10/29/19	0.16	96.9	74.7 / 52.8*	0.38	6.83	<1	605
	4/1/20	0.17	93.1	61.6	0.39	6.87	<1	480
9/17/20	0.18	96.6	69.8	0.25	6.57	<1	575	
W-21	4/29/16	0.063	22.8	8.7	<0.5	7	32.9	215
	7/6/16	0.093	37.2	13	0.19	7.82	49.4	435
	10/25/16	0.24	81.8	43	<0.5	6.9	177	920
	12/19/16	0.35	121	52.9	0.68	7	163	1230
	1/24/17	0.36	112	52.2	0.67	7.07	168	1,220
	2/16/17	0.38	146	51.2	0.61	7.1	162	1,240
	4/6/17	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	5/13/17	0.37	111	54.8	0.79	6.86	171	1,200
	6/28/17	0.47	125	52.4	0.83	7.15	167	1,280
	8/23/17	0.35	113	54.5	0.63	7.11	166	1,190
	1/23/18	0.36	125	56.8	0.51	7.17	180	1,280
	4/11/18	0.35	124	54.3	0.41	7.51	160	1,110
	8/8/18	0.39	124	51.3	0.42	7.73	172	1,120
	10/4/18	0.35	122	54	1.1	6.91	177	1,130
	1/15/19	0.38	114	54.2	0.75	7.06	166	1,120
	4/17/19	0.3	109	54.2	0.8	6.77	158	1,020
	7/19/19	0.36	108	37.3	0.62	6.93	113	940
	10/29/19	0.32	118	67.4 / 40.5*	0.48	6.92	173	1,080
	4/1/20	0.32	114	52.9	0.42	7.07	177	1,140
9/17/20	0.32	113	56	0.44	6.5	183	1,100	

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**Table 1**  
2016-2020 Detection Analytical Data Summary

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds

Parameter/Well/Date	Boron (mg/l)	Calcium (mg/l)	Chloride (mg/l)	Fluoride (mg/l)	pH (S.U.)	Sulfate (mg/l)	TDS (mg/l)	
W-24	4/29/16	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
	7/6/16	0.21	111	120	0.5	7.91	3.3	880
	10/25/16	0.14	13.7	65.9	<0.5	7.3	1.8	440
	12/19/16	0.19	127	156	0.46	6.9	1.8	1,100
	1/24/17	0.2	107	131	1.4	6.97	1.1	1,060
	2/16/17	0.18	158	139	0.45	7.08	6.3	1,040
	4/6/17	0.2	129	155	0.54	6.01	1.2	610
	5/13/17	0.17	125	166	0.47	6.67	<1	1,220
	6/28/17	0.19	137	175	0.5	7.2	<1	1,360
	8/23/17	0.19	115	130	0.51	7.06	<1	1,080
	1/23/18	0.19	138	175	0.34	7.21	1	1,310
	4/11/18	0.18	140	108	0.56	7.5	2.5	750
	8/8/18	0.2	117	96.2	0.27	7.51	2.4	920
	10/4/18	0.2	122	145	0.37	7.11	1	1,150
	1/15/19	0.086	62.6	27.2	0.15	7.43	11.2	540
	4/17/19	0.19	110	85.6	0.89	6.99	6.7	950
	7/19/19	0.23	95.2	89.2	0.58	7.14	3	910
	10/29/19	0.17	120	143	0.3	6.76	4.5	1,030
4/1/20	0.043	56.7	27.7	0.12	7.85	34.3 / 6.6*	400	
9/17/20	0.15	122	98.8	0.25	6.76	2.7	895	

\* 5/25/18 resampling result.

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**APPENDIX G.2**

**2019 ANNUAL GROUNDWATER MONITORING REPORT**

# **CLECO POWER LLC BRAME ENERGY CENTER**

**BOTTOM ASH POND AND  
FLY ASH POND  
LENA, LA**

**2019 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report  
for the Coal Combustion Residuals Rule**

**January 2020**



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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Cleco Power LLC (Cleco) hereby presents the 2019 Annual Groundwater Monitoring report for the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds at the Brame Energy Center (BEC) located in Lena, Louisiana (Figure 1). This report summarizes groundwater sampling and analysis activities completed in accordance with applicable portions of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule.

## 2.0 FACILITY INFORMATION

Cleco owns and operates the BEC located at 275 Rodemacher Road, Lena, Louisiana 71447. The Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds in service at the plant have been permitted to operate by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) Waste Permits Division. The materials handled by these facilities are non-hazardous, on-site-generated materials only.

As required by the CCR Rule part §257.90, BEC has a groundwater monitoring well system to evaluate the groundwater quality conditions near the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds. The monitoring system consists of recently installed monitoring wells, in addition to monitoring wells installed previously to conduct groundwater monitoring required by BEC's LDEQ approved solid waste permits. A total of nine monitoring wells have been installed per applicable portions of §257.91. Locations of the monitoring wells can be found on Figure 2, and a table of monitoring well construction details can be found in Table 1.

## 3.0 FIELD ACTIVITIES

Groundwater sampling events were conducted by Cleco approved contract personnel in accordance with applicable portions of §257.93. Semi-annual detection monitoring sampling events were conducted in April and October 2019, while additional voluntary baseline sampling events were conducted in January and July 2019. It is noted that due to flooding of the Red River during the spring of 2019, flood waters saturated the ground to the east of the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds. Risers were installed to prevent inundation of flood waters into the monitoring wells.

The depth-to-water below the top of each well casing was measured and recorded prior to purging each well during each sampling event. Water levels were measured to the nearest 0.01 foot from the top of casing using an electronic water level indicator. Total depth of each well was also measured to confirm that the screened interval was open to groundwater flow. Water level measurements were recorded in groundwater sampling forms. The water level measurements were subtracted from the top of casing elevations to obtain the groundwater elevations.

Groundwater purging and sampling activities were conducted using electric submersible pumps. These activities were conducted in accordance with applicable portions of Sections 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 8.1.4 of the *Standard Guide for Sampling Groundwater Monitoring Wells* (ASTM International, Publication D4448). Non-dedicated sampling equipment which came into contact with groundwater samples was decontaminated prior to sampling each well to reduce the potential for cross-contamination. Groundwater samples were collected by filling the sample containers directly from the disposable tubing connected to the pump or from a disposable bailer. Care was taken to minimize agitation of the samples. Samples were placed in laboratory-provided plastic containers with appropriate preservatives, per Section 9 of ASTM D4448. Samples were properly preserved on ice in the field and shipped to Pace Analytical Services, LLC of St. Rose, Louisiana, for analysis of the CCR groundwater detection monitoring parameters by the following methods: chloride, fluoride and sulfate by 300.0; total dissolved solids by 2540C; and metals by 6020. Full chain-of-custody protocols were observed

during sample collection, transportation, and analysis. Sample shipment/transport procedures were conducted per Sections 9.9 through 9.11 of ASTM D4448.

#### 4.0 GROUNDWATER FLOW EVALUATION

Horizontal groundwater flow was evaluated in the uppermost aquifer by construction of potentiometric surface maps (Figures 3 through 6) from data measured in monitoring wells at BEC. An evaluation of groundwater flow indicates that horizontal groundwater flow at BEC is consistently towards local surface water bodies with flow towards Lake Rodemacher in the power station portion of the property and towards Bayou Jean de Jean in the area of the Bottom Ash Pond, Fly Ash Pond, and Ash Management Area. Based on USGS topographic quadrangles of the Lake Rodemacher area, the spillway elevation of Lake Rodemacher is 100 feet NGVD. Groundwater elevations determined in monitoring wells near the lake are generally higher than this maximum lake elevation, supporting groundwater flow towards the lake.

Groundwater flow rate was evaluated using the groundwater flow equation,  $v = [k (dh/dl)] / n_e$ . For this equation,  $v$  is groundwater flow velocity in ft/day,  $k$  is hydraulic conductivity in ft/day,  $dh/dl$  is hydraulic gradient in ft/ft, and  $n_e$  is effective porosity (unitless).

Hydraulic conductivity ( $k$ ) value ranging from 10 to 100 ft/day was assumed (Heath, 1989) based on the silty sand and fine- to coarse-grained sand observed in soil cuttings from soil borings completed at the site. Hydraulic gradient ( $dh/dl$ ) value estimates from potentiometric surface maps representing each sampling event for the Ash Ponds areas are summarized below. An effective porosity ( $n_e$ ) of 0.2 was assumed based on the soil types of the uppermost water bearing zone (Fetter, 2001). Using these values, the groundwater flow rates ( $v$ ) are listed below.

Date	Hydraulic Gradient (feet/feet)	Estimated Groundwater Flow Velocity (feet/day)
January 2019	0.002	0.01 to 1.0
April 2019	0.00004 to 0.0002	0.0002 to 0.1
July 2019	0.0009 to 0.002	0.045 to 1.0
October 2019	0.0007 to 0.001	0.0035 to 0.5

It is important to note that this is an advective rate and does not take into account potential hydrogeological heterogeneities such as adsorption, biodegradation, dispersion, or other retarding factors in the groundwater flow in this zone. Additionally, variations in the advective flow may occur due to potential lateral geological heterogeneities.

#### 5.0 ANALYTICAL RESULTS

Groundwater samples collected at BEC were analyzed for the CCR Rule detection monitoring parameters pH, boron, calcium, chloride, fluoride, sulfate, and total dissolved solids (TDS) using appropriate EPA approved analytical methods. Results show frequent detections of all parameters in both up- and downgradient monitoring wells at BEC. Analytical results are presented in Table 2.

#### 6.0 STATISTICAL EVALUATION

Statistical evaluations of groundwater data have been performed per applicable portions of §257.93.f. The goal of the statistical evaluation is to determine if there is statistically significant evidence to show that facility operations may have adversely affected groundwater quality. Statistical evaluations are

conducted to determine if there are any statistically significant increases (SSIs) between groundwater quality upgradient and groundwater quality downgradient of the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds.

Due to statistically significant variation found in upgradient monitoring well data, all detection monitoring parameters were statistically evaluated using intrawell prediction limits. Intrawell tests are within well comparisons. In the case of limit-based tests, historical data from within a given monitoring well for a given parameter are used to construct a limit. Compliance points are compared to the limit to determine whether a change is occurring on a per-well/per-parameter basis. Normal distributions of data values use parametric methods. Non-normal distributions use non-parametric methods, in which case, the prediction limit is based on the highest value in the background data set.

Intrawell limit-based tests are recommended when there is evidence of spatial variation in groundwater quality, particularly among upgradient monitoring wells, as it is inappropriate to pool those data across monitoring wells for the purpose of creating interwell limits for comparison with compliance monitoring well data. Intrawell tests may be used at both new and existing facilities. Data used in the intrawell limit-based tests were screened for outliers, which, if found, were removed from the background data set prior to constructing limits for each well/parameter pair. Both upper and lower prediction limits were calculated for pH.

Verification resampling for SSIs is only conducted for SSIs generated in downgradient wells via intrawell methodology. Intrawell statistics have been performed on all wells; however, since the goal of the statistical evaluation is to determine if there is statistically significant evidence to show that facility operations may have adversely affected groundwater quality downgradient of the facilities, only downgradient wells are subject to verification resampling.

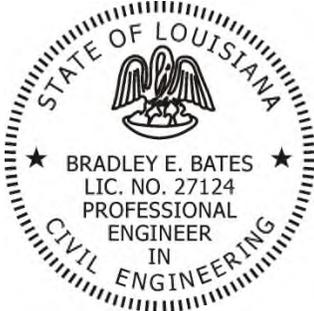
Intrawell statistical analysis of the 2019 detection monitoring groundwater data showed that SSIs were generated for chloride in downgradient/compliance wells W-19 and W-21. A verification resampling event was conducted for these well/parameter pairs in December 2019. The resampling results indicate that the referenced SSIs were not confirmed.

## **7.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

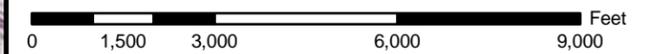
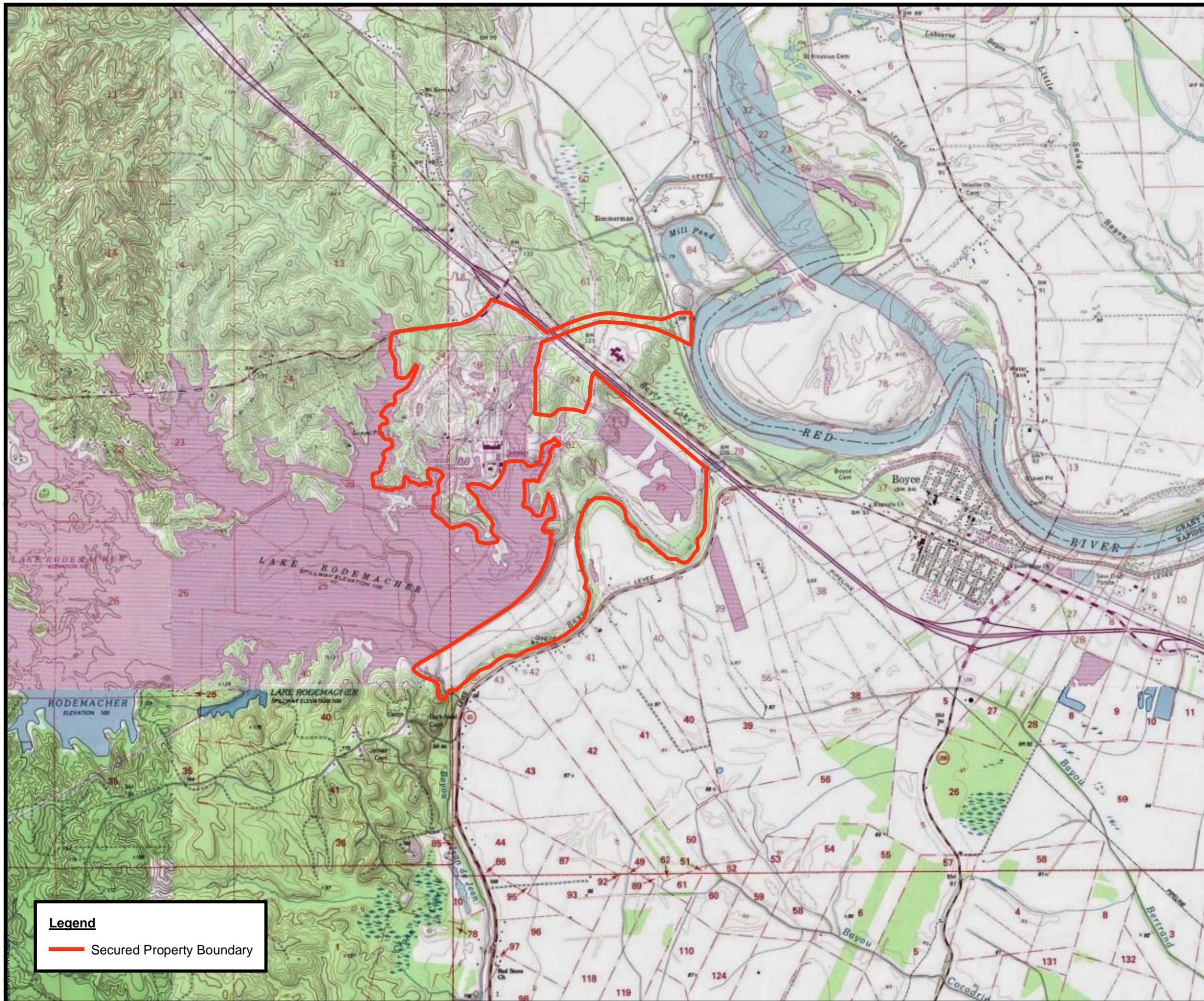
- Cleco BEC has a monitoring well system to monitor groundwater quality at the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds per applicable portions of §257.91. The network consists of five upgradient and four downgradient monitoring wells.
- Cleco conducted sufficient detection monitoring sampling events, per applicable portions of §257.93 and §257.94.
- Potentiometric surface evaluation at BEC indicates consistent groundwater flow towards local surface water bodies.
- Statistical evaluations of data conducted per applicable portions of §257.93 indicate that no confirmed SSIs were observed in downgradient/compliance wells at BEC.
- Semi-annual detection monitoring sampling events are tentatively scheduled for March and September 2020. Data generated during these sampling events will be included in the next annual report.

**8.0 CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify this annual groundwater monitoring report for Cleco Power LLC. I am a duly licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Louisiana.



_____ <b>Signature</b>	_____ 27124 <b>PE Registration Number</b>
_____ <i>Bradley E. Bates</i> <b>Name</b>	_____ <i>Professional Engineer</i> <b>Title</b>
_____ <i>Eagle Environmental Services, Inc.</i> <b>Company</b>	_____ <i>1/9/2020</i> <b>Date</b>



**Reference**

U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS "LENA, LOUISIANA", "BOYCE, LOUISIANA", "JERICO, LOUISIANA", AND "GARDNER, LOUISIANA."



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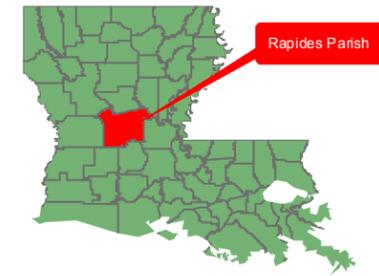
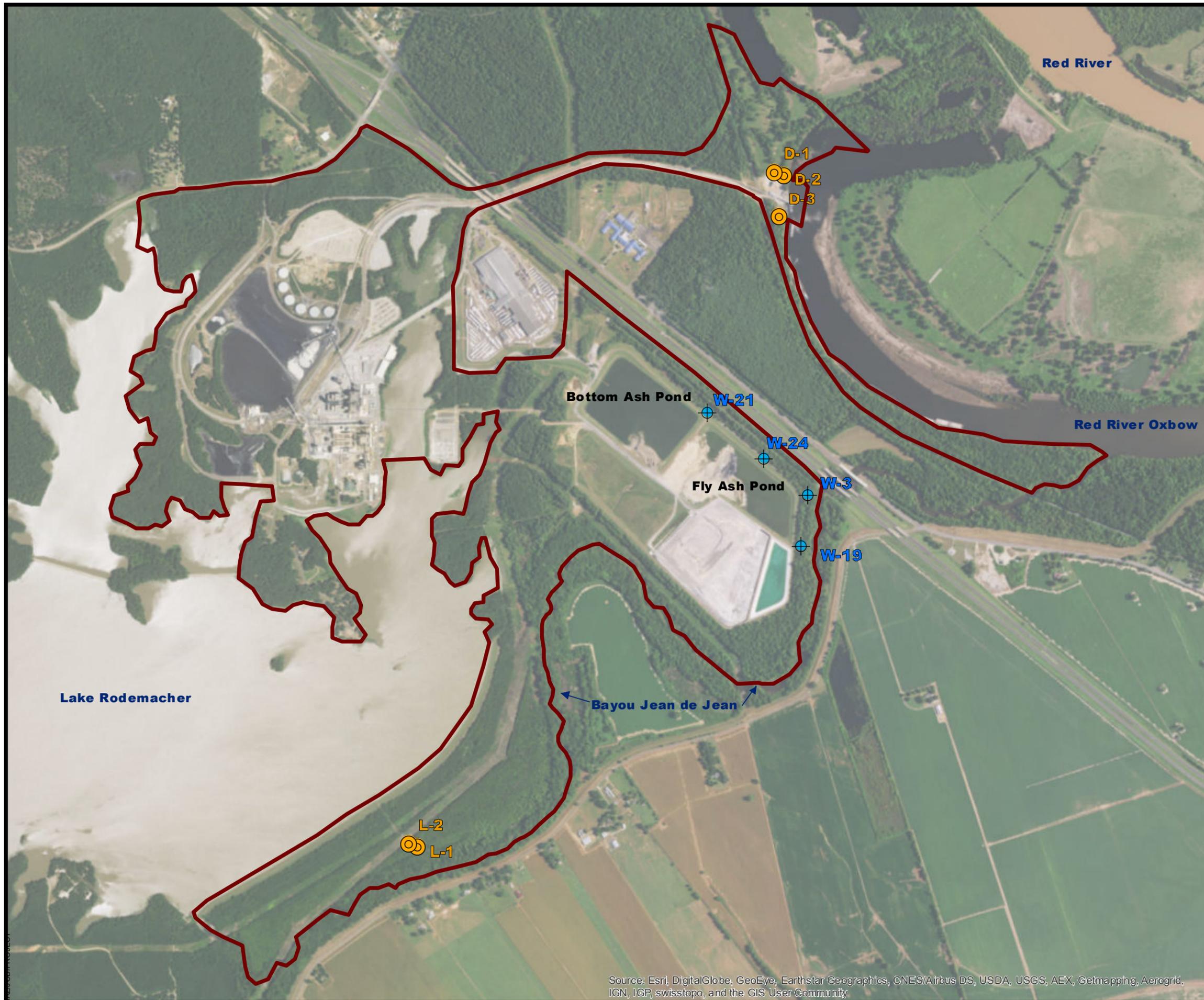
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**Figure 1**

**Legend**  
 Secured Property Boundary



**Legend**

-  CCR Rule Compliance Wells
-  CCR Rule Background Wells
-  Secured Property Boundary



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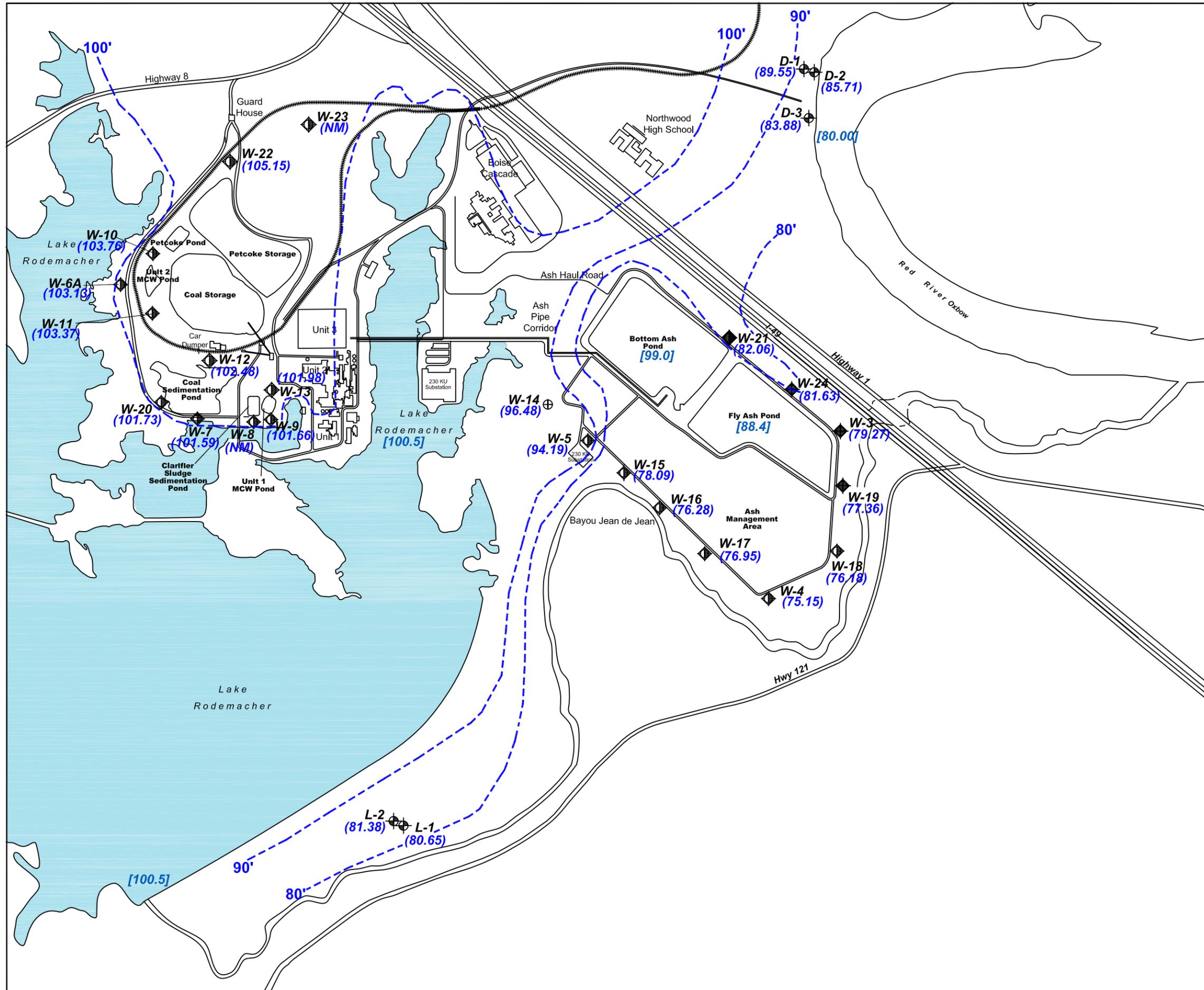
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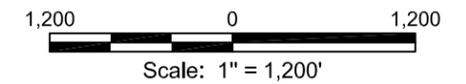
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### Legend

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- ⊕ CCR Background Well Location
- ◆ CCR Compliance Well Location
- ◊ Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (80.65) Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 80'— Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
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- [80.00] Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD
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Note: Red River elevation reflects difference of Red River at Lock & Dam No. 3 Lower and Red River at Alexandria, LA.



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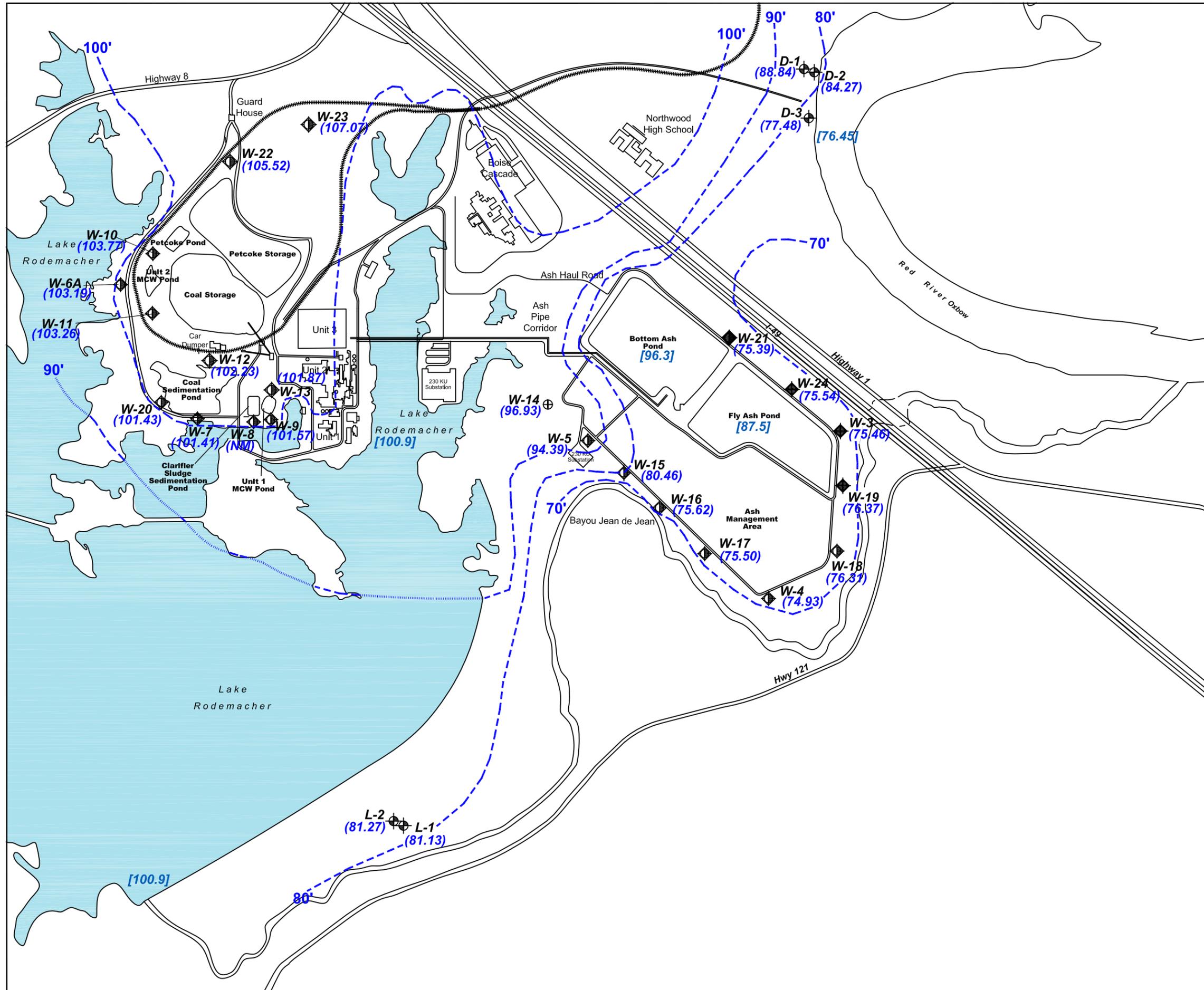
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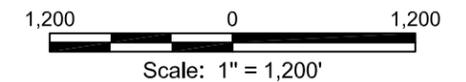
Figure 3



**Legend**

- +++++ Railroad Tracks
- ⊕ CCR Background Well Location
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- (75.46) Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'— Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
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**Note: Red River elevation reflects difference of Red River at Lock & Dam No. 3 Lower and Red River at Alexandria, LA.**



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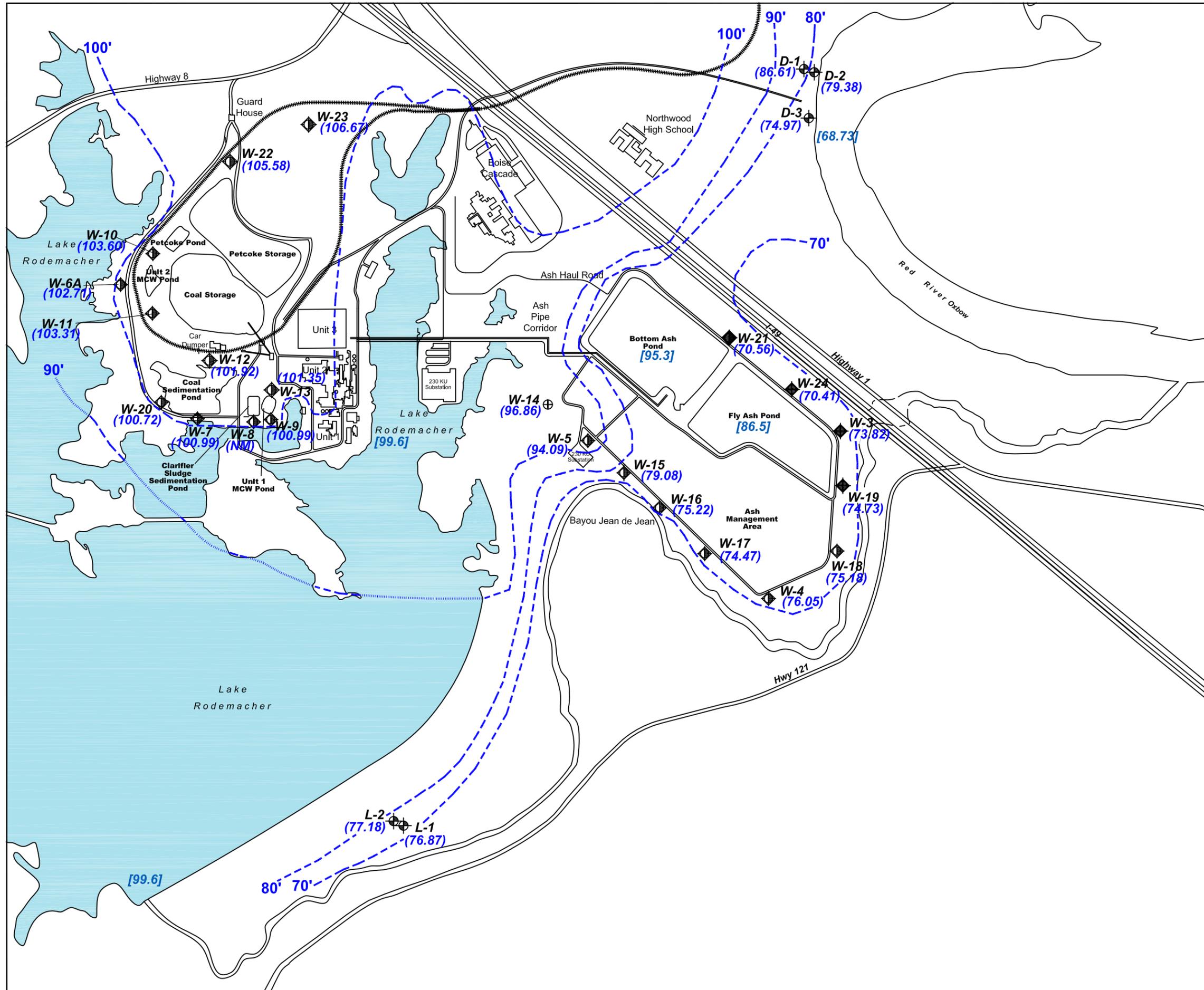
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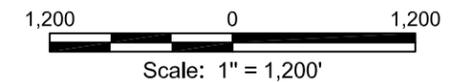
**Figure 4**



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- ◊ Non-CCR Piezometer Location
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**Note: Red River elevation reflects difference of Red River at Lock & Dam No. 3 Lower and Red River at Alexandria, LA.**



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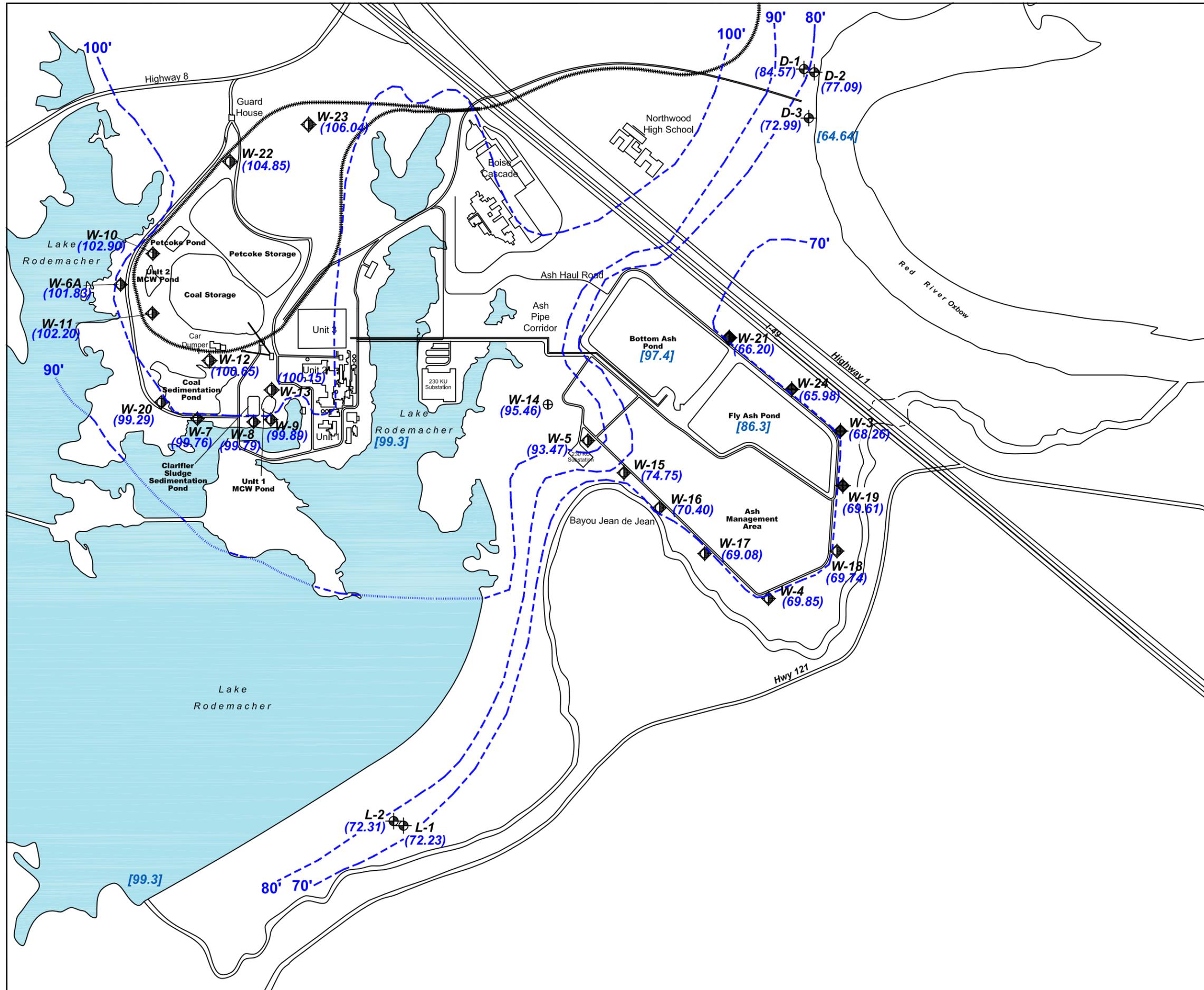
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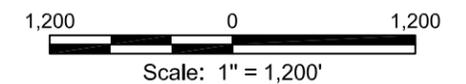
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- Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (69.61)** Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'** Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
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- [64.64]** Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD
- NM** Not Measured

**Note: Red River elevation reflects difference of Red River at Lock & Dam No. 3 Lower and Red River at Alexandria, LA.**



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## Cleco Brame Potentiometric Surface Contour Map October 2019

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**Figure 6**



Table 1  
Monitoring Well Information

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds

Well Number	D-1	D-2	D-3	L-1	L-2
Background (B) or Compliance (C)	B	B	B	B	B
Latitude (dd°mm'ss")	31°24'23.84"	31°24'23.41"	31°24'17.52"	31°22'47.68"	31°22'48.17"
Longitude (dd°mm'ss")	92°41'53.62"	92°41'52.12"	92°41'52.95"	92°42'53.61"	92°42'55.01"
Casing Elevation (ft NGVD)	99.38	99.36	97.37	86.15	86.68
Concrete Pad Elevation (ft NGVD)	96.59	97.10	94.50	83.05	83.73
Well Depth (ft bgs)	40	46	35.5	36	40
Screen Length (ft)	10	10	10	10	10
Top of Screen (ft NGVD)	67.2	61.7	69.3	58.8	54.6
Bottom of Screen (ft NGVD)	57.2	51.7	59.3	48.8	44.6
Screen Slot Size (inches)	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010
Casing Diameter (inches) & Material	2" PVC				

Well Number	W-3	W-19	W-21	W-24
Background (B) or Compliance (C)	C	C	C	C
Latitude (dd°mm'ss")	31°23'37.79"	31°23'30.48"	31°23'49.57"	31°23'43.05"
Longitude (dd°mm'ss")	92°41'48.33"	92°41'50.26"	92°42'05.00"	92°41'55.61"
Casing Elevation (ft NGVD)	92.07	94.99	87.86	83.71
Concrete Pad Elevation (ft NGVD)	88.87	92.47	85.23	81.03
Well Depth (ft bgs)	77	55	54.5	55
Screen Length (ft)	10	10	10	10
Top of Screen (ft NGVD)	25.7	48.0	41.2	38.4
Bottom of Screen (ft NGVD)	15.7	38.0	31.2	28.4
Screen Slot Size (inches)	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010
Casing Diameter (inches) & Material	2" PVC	2" PVC	2" PVC	2" PVC

Notes:

bgs = below ground surface

PVC = polyvinyl chloride



Table 2  
2019 Analytical Data Summary

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds

Parameter/Well/Date	Boron (mg/l)	Calcium (mg/l)	Chloride (mg/l)	Fluoride (mg/l)	pH (S.U.)	Sulfate (mg/l)	TDS (mg/l)	
D-1 (BG)	1/16/19	0.042	5.7	13.5	<0.1	6.29	10.1	60
	4/17/19	0.045	12.6	11.9	0.48	6.32	5.9	105
	7/19/19	0.045	8.2	11.9	0.23	6.28	9.3	145
	10/30/19	0.036	5	12.7	<0.1	5.92	10.4	175
D-2 (BG)	1/16/19	0.11	82.2	13.2	0.61	6.87	39.4	420
	4/17/19	0.25	88.3	11.4	0.91	6.68	53.2	630
	7/19/19	0.11	94.4	6.9	0.48	6.9	78.2	530
	10/30/19	0.092	93.4	9.6	0.54	6.87	69.6	405
D-3 (BG)	1/16/19	0.35	90.9	13.6	1.1	7.16	58.6	700
	4/17/19	0.11	105	7.3	0.45	7.06	96.9	465
	7/19/19	0.27	79.7	10.9	0.98	7.13	48.7	710
	10/30/19	0.24	85.2	11.8	0.51	6.92	48.6	625
L-1 (BG)	1/15/19	0.088	66.9	3.7	0.2	6.89	23	600
	4/17/19	0.1	104	5.2	0.29	6.74	13.9	370
	7/19/19	0.099	84.4	4.8	0.27	7.19	10.2	445
	10/29/19	0.1	109	5.8	0.21	7.06	4.5	460
L-2 (BG)	1/15/19	0.084	125	7.8	0.59	6.97	68	940
	4/17/19	0.086	150	10	0.43	6.83	98.2	565
	7/19/19	0.082	80.9	5.1	0.41	7.15	33.9	400
	10/29/19	0.082	79.4	2.4	0.52	7.06	15.9	435
W-3	1/15/19	0.18	58.1	144	0.28	6.67	3	900
	4/17/19	0.17	67.5	189	0.32	6.45	3.7	660
	7/19/19	0.18	59.8	154	0.31	6.57	4	640
	10/29/19	0.13	65.6	206	0.2	6.65	1.2	660
W-19	1/15/19	0.21	95.9	66.7	0.59	6.91	<1	400
	4/17/19	0.19	113	58.7	0.31	6.65	<1	640
	7/19/19	0.2	101	52.1	0.33	6.87	<1	725
	10/29/19	0.16	96.9	74.7 / 52.8*	0.38	6.83	<1	605
W-21	1/15/19	0.38	114	54.2	0.75	7.06	166	1,120
	4/17/19	0.3	109	54.2	0.8	6.77	158	1,020
	7/19/19	0.36	108	37.3	0.62	6.93	113	940
	10/29/19	0.32	118	67.4 / 40.5*	0.48	6.92	173	1,080
W-24	1/15/19	0.086	62.6	27.2	0.15	7.43	11.2	540
	4/17/19	0.19	110	85.6	0.89	6.99	6.7	950
	7/19/19	0.23	95.2	89.2	0.58	7.14	3	910
	10/29/19	0.17	120	143	0.3	6.76	4.5	1,030

\* 12/17/19 Resampling event.

Notes:

mg/l = milligrams per liter  
S.U. = standard units

**APPENDIX G.3**

**2017 AND 2018 ANNUAL  
GROUNDWATER MONITORING REPORTS**

# **CLECO POWER LLC BRAME ENERGY CENTER**

**BOTTOM ASH POND AND  
FLY ASH POND  
LENA, LA**

**2017 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report  
for the Coal Combustion Residuals Rule**

**January 2018**



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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Cleco Power LLC (Cleco) hereby presents the 2017 Annual Groundwater Monitoring report for the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds at the Brame Energy Center (BEC) located in Lena, Louisiana (Figure 1). This report summarizes groundwater sampling and analysis activities completed in accordance with applicable portions of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule.

## 2.0 FACILITY INFORMATION

Cleco owns and operates the BEC located at 275 Rodemacher Road, Lena, Louisiana 71447. The Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds in service at the plant have been permitted to operate by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) Waste Permits Division. The materials handled by these facilities are non-hazardous, on-site-generated materials only.

As required by the CCR Rule part §257.90, BEC has a groundwater monitoring well system to evaluate the groundwater quality conditions near the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds. The monitoring system consists of recently installed monitoring wells, in addition to monitoring wells installed previously to conduct groundwater monitoring required by BEC's LDEQ approved solid waste permits. A total of nine monitoring wells have been installed per applicable portions of §257.91. Locations of the monitoring wells can be found on Figure 2, and a table of monitoring well construction details can be found in Table 1.

## 3.0 FIELD ACTIVITIES

Groundwater sampling events were conducted by Cleco approved contract personnel between April 2016 and August 2017, in accordance with applicable portions of §257.93.

Prior to purging and sampling activities, the depth-to-water below the top of each well casing was measured and recorded prior to purging each well during each sampling event. Water levels were measured to the nearest 0.01 foot from the top of casing using an electronic water level indicator. Total depth of each well was also measured to confirm that the screened interval was open to groundwater flow. Water level measurements were recorded in groundwater sampling forms. The water level measurements were subtracted from the top of casing elevations to obtain the groundwater elevations.

Groundwater purging and sampling activities were conducted using electric submersible pumps. These activities were conducted in accordance with applicable portions of Sections 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 8.1.4 of the *Standard Guide for Sampling Groundwater Monitoring Wells* (ASTM International, Publication D4448). Non-dedicated sampling equipment which came into contact with groundwater samples was decontaminated prior to sampling each well to reduce the potential for cross-contamination. Groundwater samples were collected by filling the sample containers directly from the disposable tubing connected to the pump or from a disposable bailer. Care was taken to minimize agitation of the samples. Samples were placed in laboratory-provided plastic containers with appropriate preservatives, per Section 9 of ASTM D4448. Samples were properly preserved on ice in the field and shipped to Pace Analytical Services, LLC of St. Rose, Louisiana, for analysis of the CCR groundwater monitoring parameters by the following methods: chloride, fluoride and sulfate by 300.0; total dissolved solids by 2540C; metals by 6020, mercury by 7470, radium 226 by 903.1, and radium 228 by 904. Full chain-of-custody protocols were observed during sample collection, transportation, and analysis. Sample shipment/transport procedures were conducted per Sections 9.9 through 9.11 of ASTM D4448.

#### 4.0 GROUNDWATER FLOW EVALUATION

Horizontal groundwater flow was evaluated in the uppermost aquifer by construction of potentiometric surface maps (Figures 3 through 12) from data measured in monitoring wells at BEC. An evaluation of groundwater flow indicates that horizontal groundwater flow at BEC is consistently towards local surface water bodies with flow towards Lake Rodemacher in the power station portion of the property and towards Bayou Jean de Jean in the area of the Bottom Ash Pond, Fly Ash Pond, and Ash Management Area. Based on USGS topographic quadrangles of Lake Rodemacher area, the spillway elevation of Lake Rodemacher is 100 feet NGVD. Groundwater elevations determined in monitoring wells near the lake are generally higher than this maximum lake elevation, supporting groundwater flow towards the lake.

Groundwater flow rate was evaluated using the groundwater flow equation,  $v = [k (dh/dl)] / n_e$ . For this equation,  $v$  is groundwater flow velocity in ft/day,  $k$  is hydraulic conductivity in ft/day,  $dh/dl$  is hydraulic gradient in ft/ft, and  $n_e$  is effective porosity (unitless).

Hydraulic conductivity ( $k$ ) value ranging from 10 to 100 ft/day was assumed (Heath, 1989) based on the silty sand and fine- to coarse-grained sand observed in soil cuttings from soil borings completed at the site. Hydraulic gradient ( $dh/dl$ ) value estimates from potentiometric surface maps representing each sampling event for the Ash Ponds areas are summarized below. An effective porosity ( $n_e$ ) of 0.2 was assumed based on the soil types of the uppermost aquifer (Fetter, 2001). Using these values, the groundwater flow rate ( $v$ ) is estimated to range from 0.0001 to 1.5 feet/day as listed below.

Date	Hydraulic Gradient (feet/feet)	Estimated Groundwater Flow Velocity (feet/day)
April 2016	0.00002 to 0.002	0.0001 to 1
July 2016	0.002	0.1 to 1
October 2016	0.001 to 0.002	0.05 to 1
December 2016	0.001 to 0.003	0.05 to 1.5
January 2017	0.00002 to 0.003	0.001 to 1.5
February 2017	0.001 to 0.002	0.05 to 1
May 2017	0.0006 to 0.002	0.03 to 1
June 2017	0.0006 to 0.002	0.03 to 1
August 2017	0.0003 to 0.002	0.015 to 1

It is important to note that this is an advective rate and does not take into account potential hydrogeological heterogeneities such as adsorption, biodegradation, dispersion, or other retarding factors in the groundwater flow in this zone. Additionally, variations in the advective flow may occur due to potential lateral geological heterogeneities.

#### 5.0 ANALYTICAL RESULTS

Groundwater samples collected at BEC were analyzed for the CCR Rule detection monitoring parameters pH, boron, calcium, chloride, fluoride, sulfate, and total dissolved solids (TDS) using appropriate EPA approved analytical methods. Results show frequent detections of all parameters in both up- and downgradient monitoring wells at BEC. Analytical results summary tables are provided in Tables 2 through 11.

## 6.0 STATISTICAL EVALUATION

Statistical evaluations of groundwater data have been performed per applicable portions of §257.93.f. The goal of the statistical evaluation is to determine if there is statistically significant evidence to show that facility operations may have adversely affected groundwater quality. Statistical evaluations are conducted to determine if there are any statistically significant increases (SSIs) between groundwater quality upgradient and groundwater quality downgradient of the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds.

Statistical evaluations at BEC were performed using interwell prediction limits for pH. The interwell prediction limits were performed using the Sanitas v9<sup>®</sup> software package. Prediction limits were constructed from the upgradient well data and based on the distribution of that data for each parameter. If the assumption of normality was not rejected for the upgradient data set, then a parametric prediction limit was calculated. If the assumption of normality was rejected for the upgradient data set, then a non-parametric prediction limit was calculated, in which case, the prediction limit was based on the highest value in the upgradient data set. The most recent result for each downgradient well for each parameter was compared to the applicable prediction limit.

Results of the interwell prediction limits for the August 2017 sampling event at BEC indicated that no SSIs were generated for pH.

Due to statistically significant variation found in upgradient monitoring well data, all detection monitoring parameters except pH were statistically evaluated using intrawell prediction limits. Intrawell tests are within well comparisons. In the case of limit-based tests, historical data from within a given monitoring well for a given parameter are used to construct a limit. Compliance points are compared to the limit to determine whether a change is occurring on a per-well/per-parameter basis. If the assumption of normality was not rejected for the background data set, then a parametric prediction limit was calculated. If the assumption of normality was rejected for the background data set, then a non-parametric prediction limit was calculated, in which case, the prediction limit was based on the highest value in the background data set.

Intrawell limit-based tests are recommended when there is evidence of spatial variation in groundwater quality, particularly among upgradient monitoring wells, as it is inappropriate to pool those data across monitoring wells for the purpose of creating interwell limits for comparison with compliance monitoring well data. Intrawell tests may be used at both new and existing facilities. Data used in the intrawell limit-based tests were screened for outliers, which, if found, were removed from the background data set prior to constructing limits for each well/parameter pair.

Verification resampling for SSIs will only be conducted for SSIs generated in downgradient wells via intrawell methodology. Intrawell statistics have been performed on all wells; however, since the goal of the statistical evaluation is to determine if there is statistically significant evidence to show that facility operations may have adversely affected groundwater quality downgradient of the facilities, only downgradient wells will be subject to verification resampling.

Intrawell statistical analysis of the August 2017 data showed that SSIs were generated for fluoride in upgradient wells D-3 and L-2. As stated above, verification resampling will not be conducted for intrawell SSIs generated in upgradient wells. Given the increasing concentrations of fluoride observed in upgradient locations, these conditions will be monitored in downgradient locations in future reports. No SSIs were generated in downgradient wells via intrawell statistical analysis.

**7.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

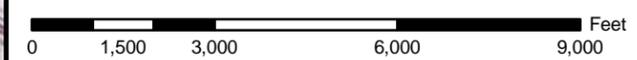
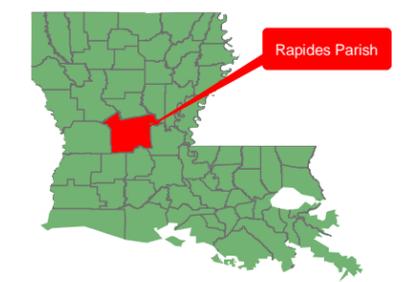
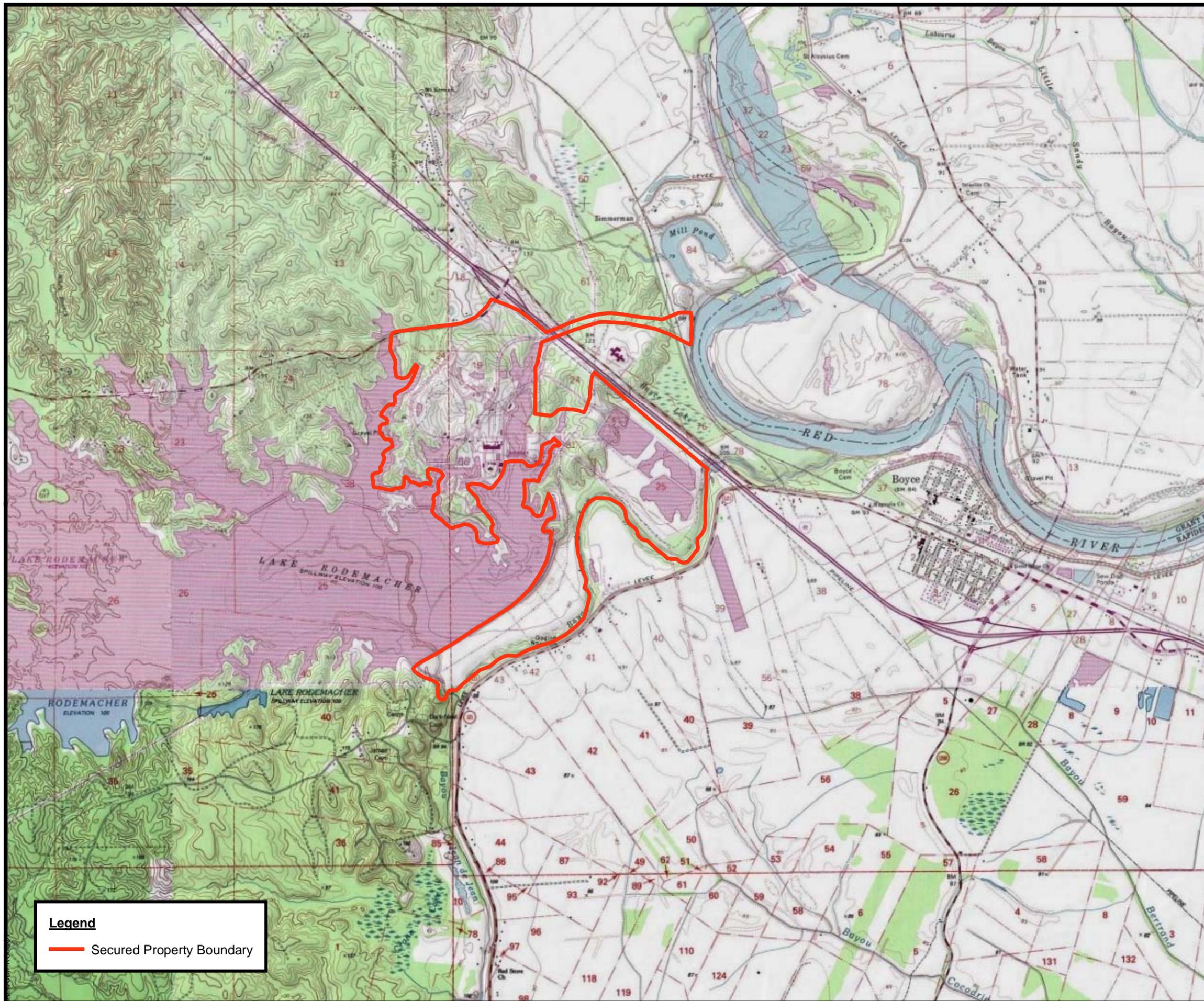
- Cleco BEC has a monitoring well system to monitor groundwater quality at the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds per applicable portions of §257.91. The network consists of five upgradient and four downgradient monitoring wells.
- Cleco conducted sufficient detection monitoring sampling events, per applicable portions of §257.93 and §257.94.
- Potentiometric surface evaluation at BEC indicates consistent groundwater flow towards local surface water bodies.
- Statistical evaluations of data conducted per applicable portions of §257.93 indicate that no SSIs have been generated in downgradient wells.
- Semi-annual detection monitoring sampling events are tentatively scheduled for April and October of 2018. Data generated during these sampling events will be included in the next annual report.

**8.0 CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify this annual groundwater monitoring report for Cleco Power LLC. I am a duly licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Louisiana.



<u>Signature</u>	<u>27124</u>
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<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
<u>Eagle Environmental Services, Inc.</u>	<u>1/10/18</u>
<b>Company</b>	<b>Date</b>



**Reference**  
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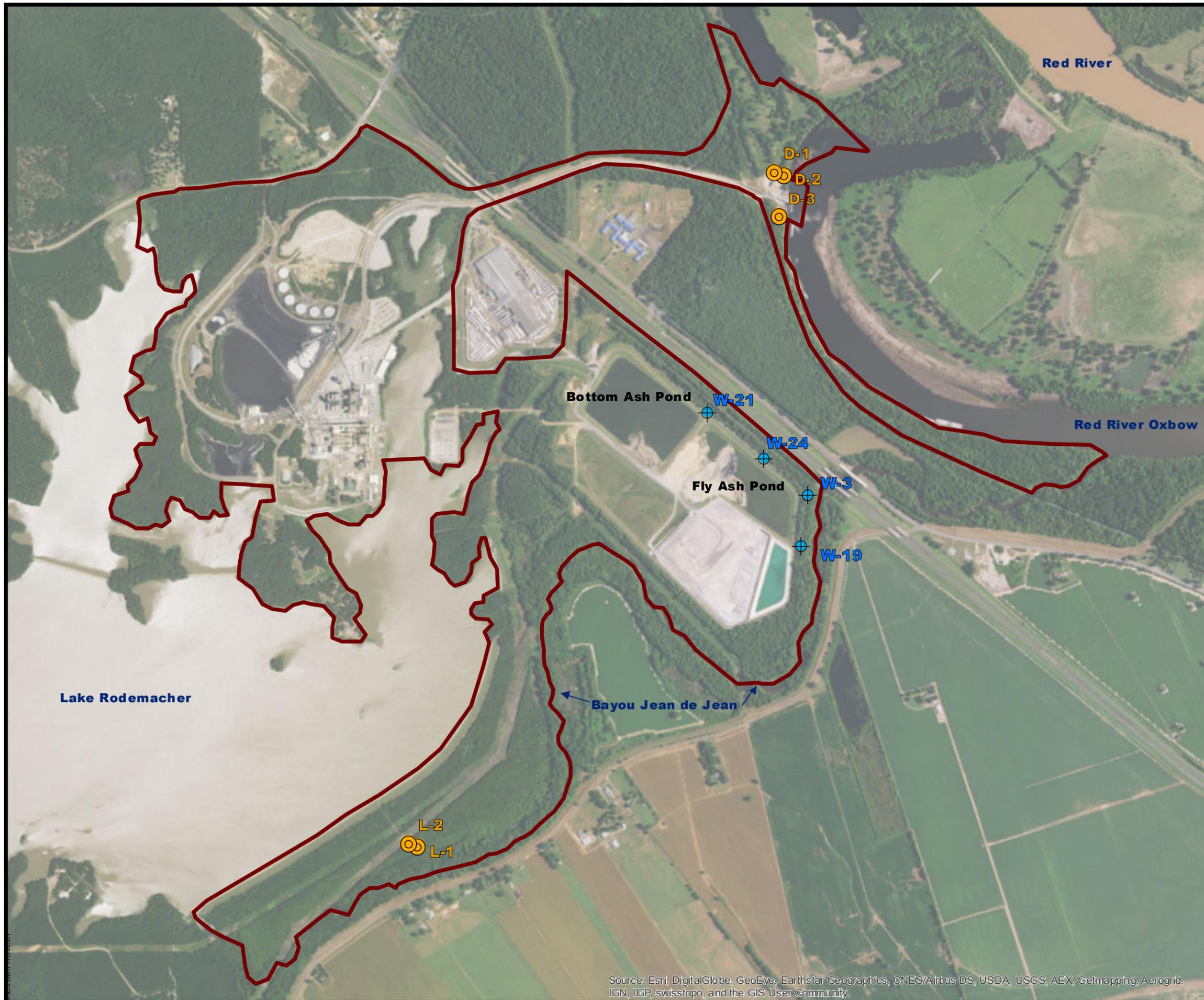
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**Figure 1**



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-  CCR Rule Compliance Wells
-  CCR Rule Background Wells
-  Secured Property Boundary



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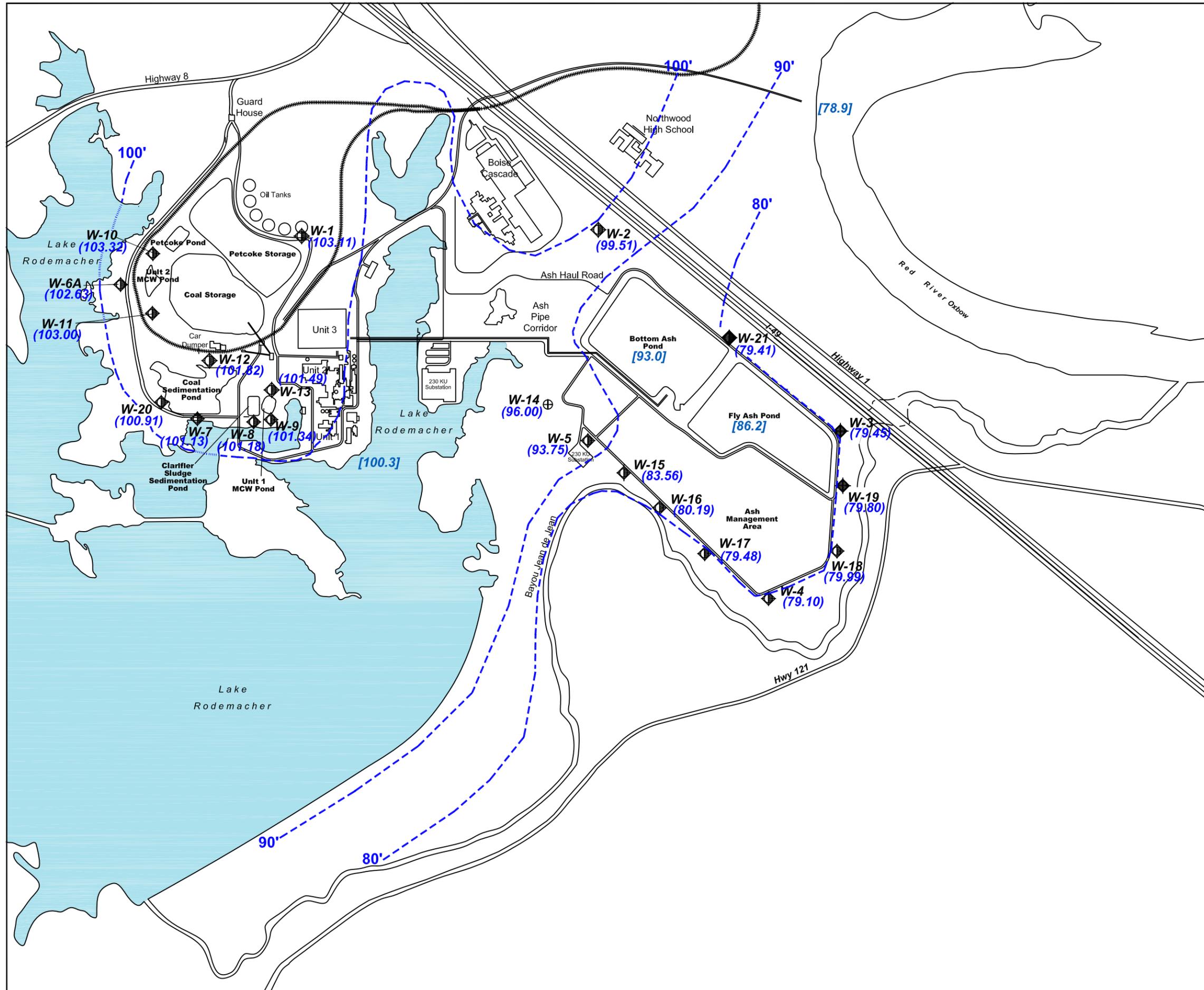
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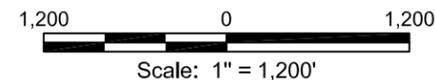
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**Legend**

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- ◆ CCR Compliance Well Location
- ◊ Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (79.10) Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
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- [93.0] Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD

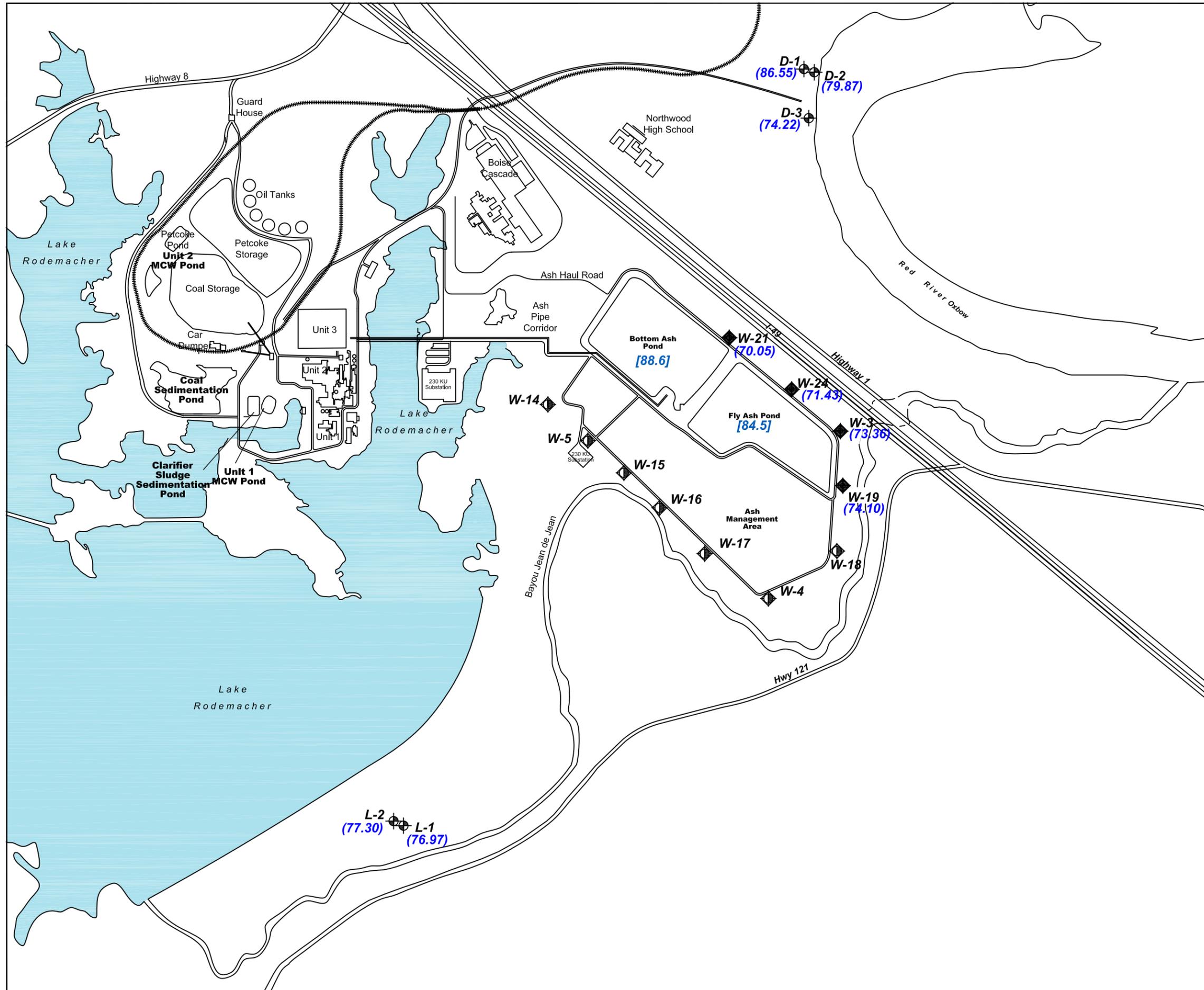


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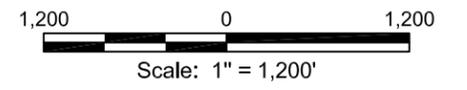
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**Figure 3**



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- [88.6] Surface Water Elevation, Ft. NGVD

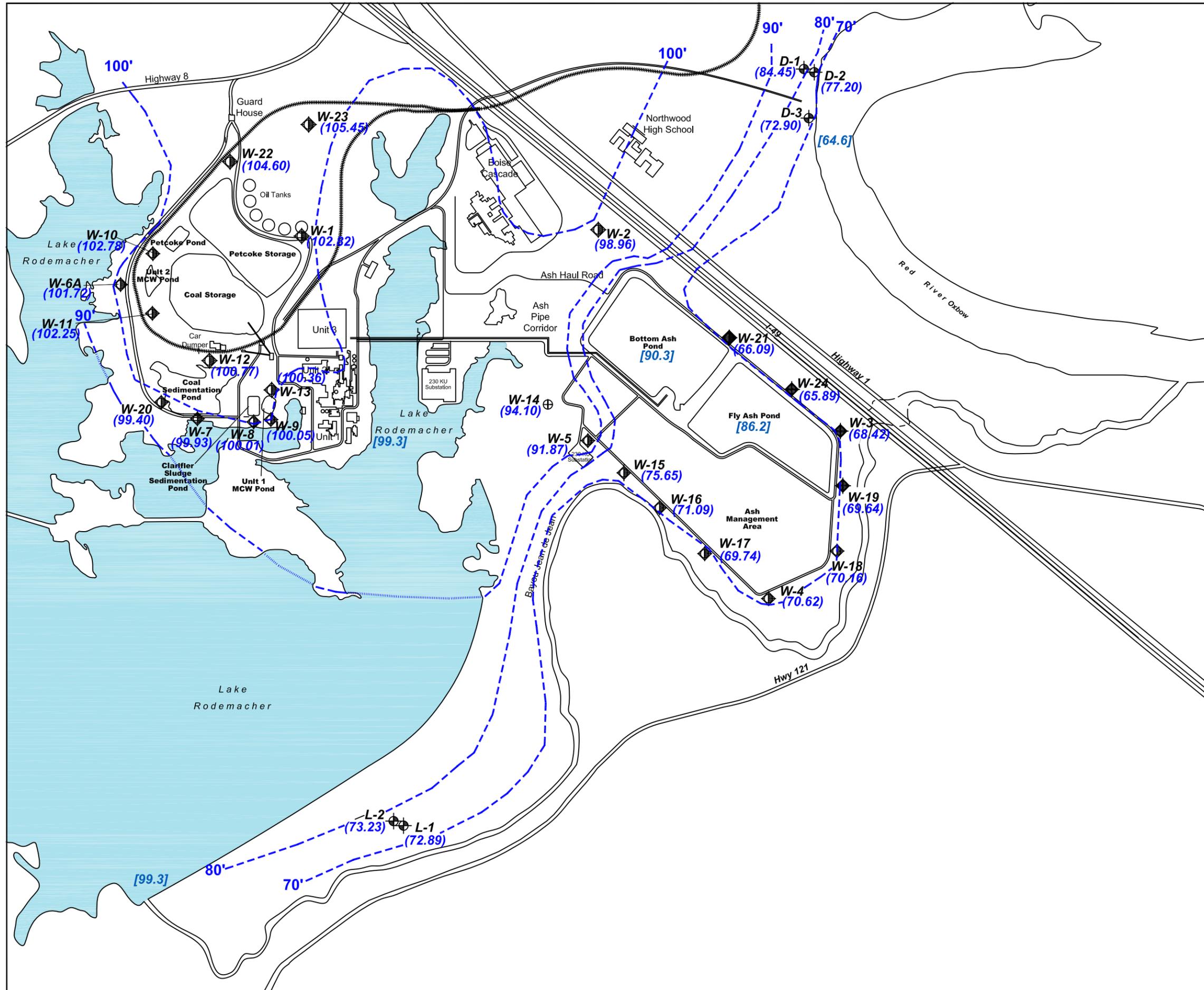


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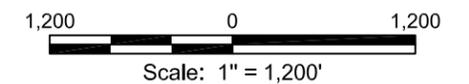
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**Figure 4**



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- +++++ Railroad Tracks
- CCR Background Well Location
- CCR Compliance Well Location
- Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (70.62)** Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'** Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
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- [90.3]** Surface Water Elevation, ft. NGVD



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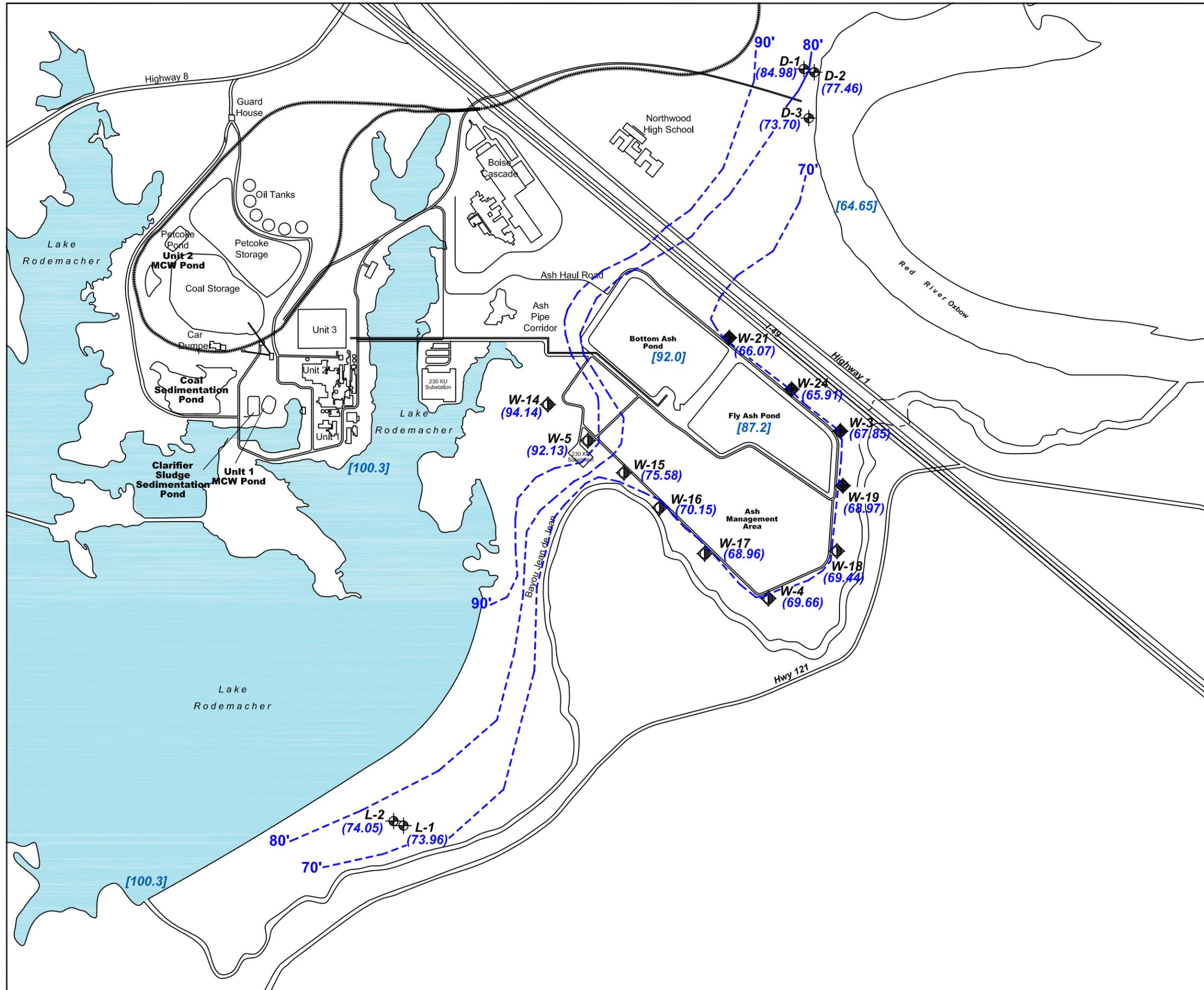
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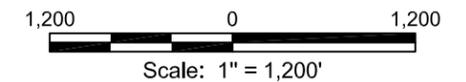
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Figure 5



### Legend

- Railroad Tracks
- CCR Background Well Location
- CCR Compliance Well Location
- Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (68.97)** Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'** Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
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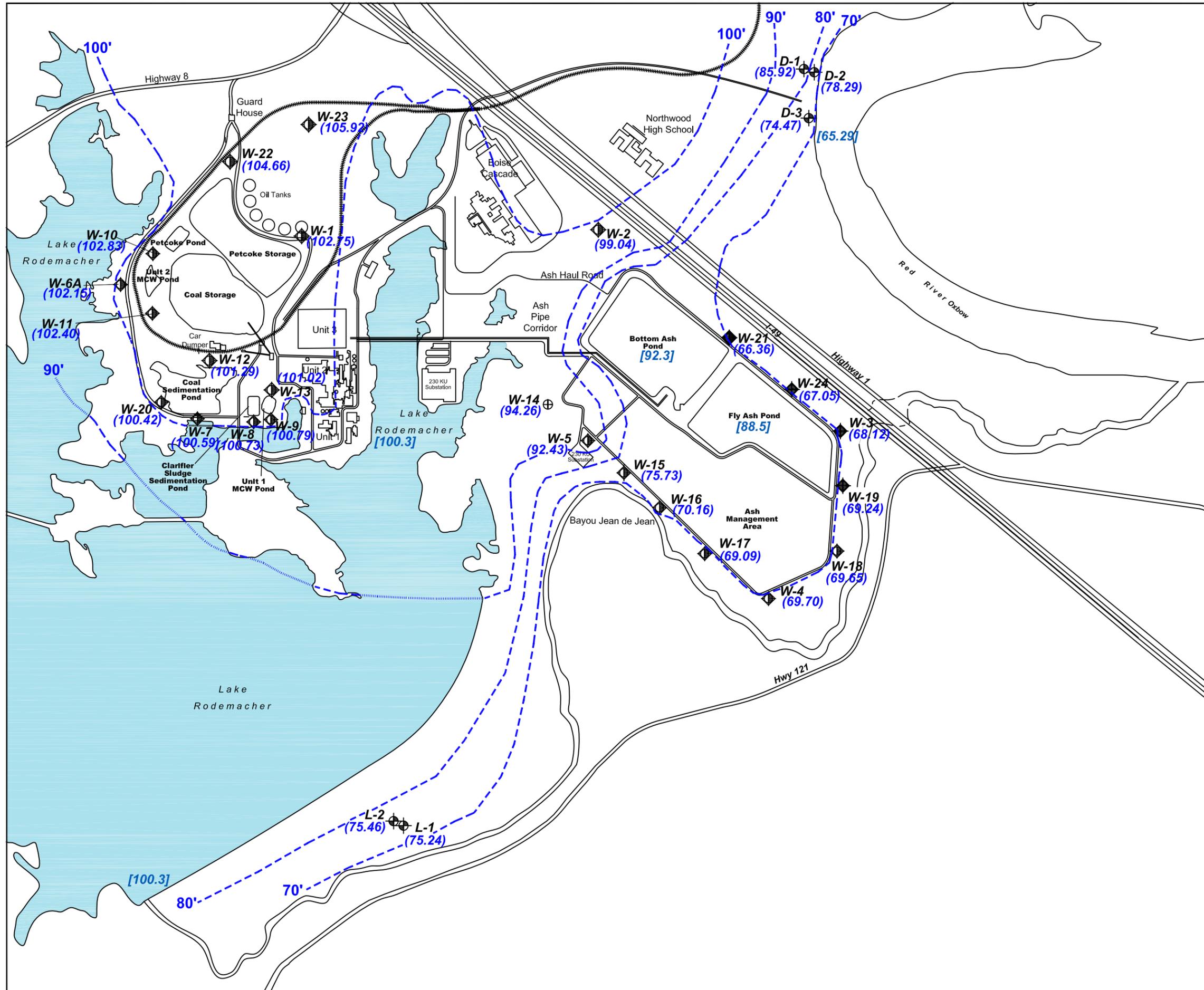
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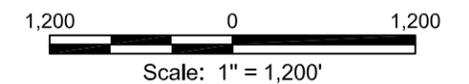
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### Legend

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- CCR Compliance Well Location
- Non-CCR Piezometer Location
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- 70'— Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
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- [65.29] Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD



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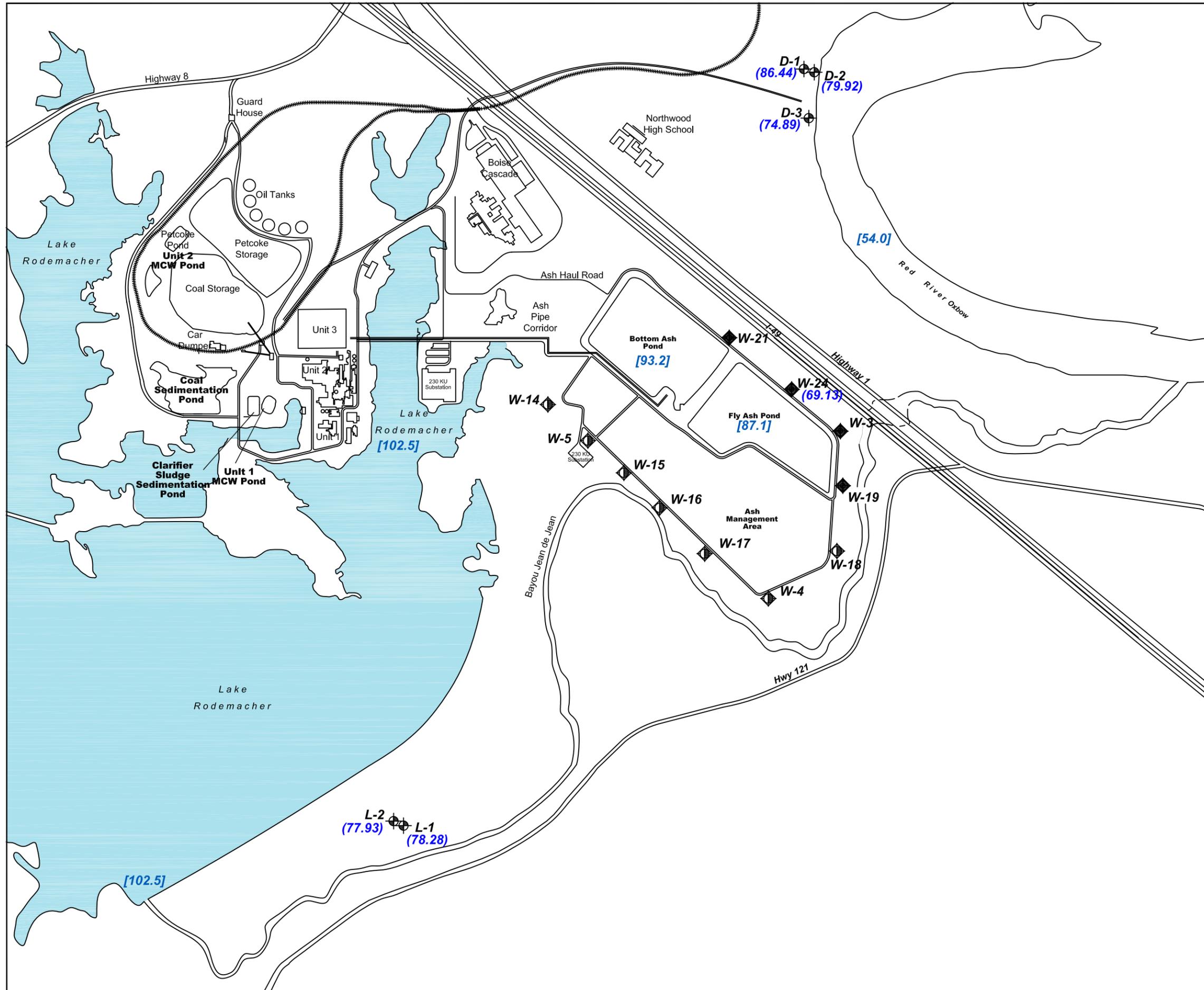
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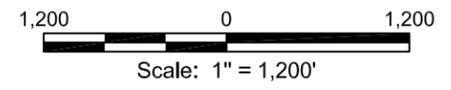
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**Figure 8**



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- ◆ CCR Compliance Well Location
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- (69.13) Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- [87.1] Surface Water Elevation, Ft. NGVD

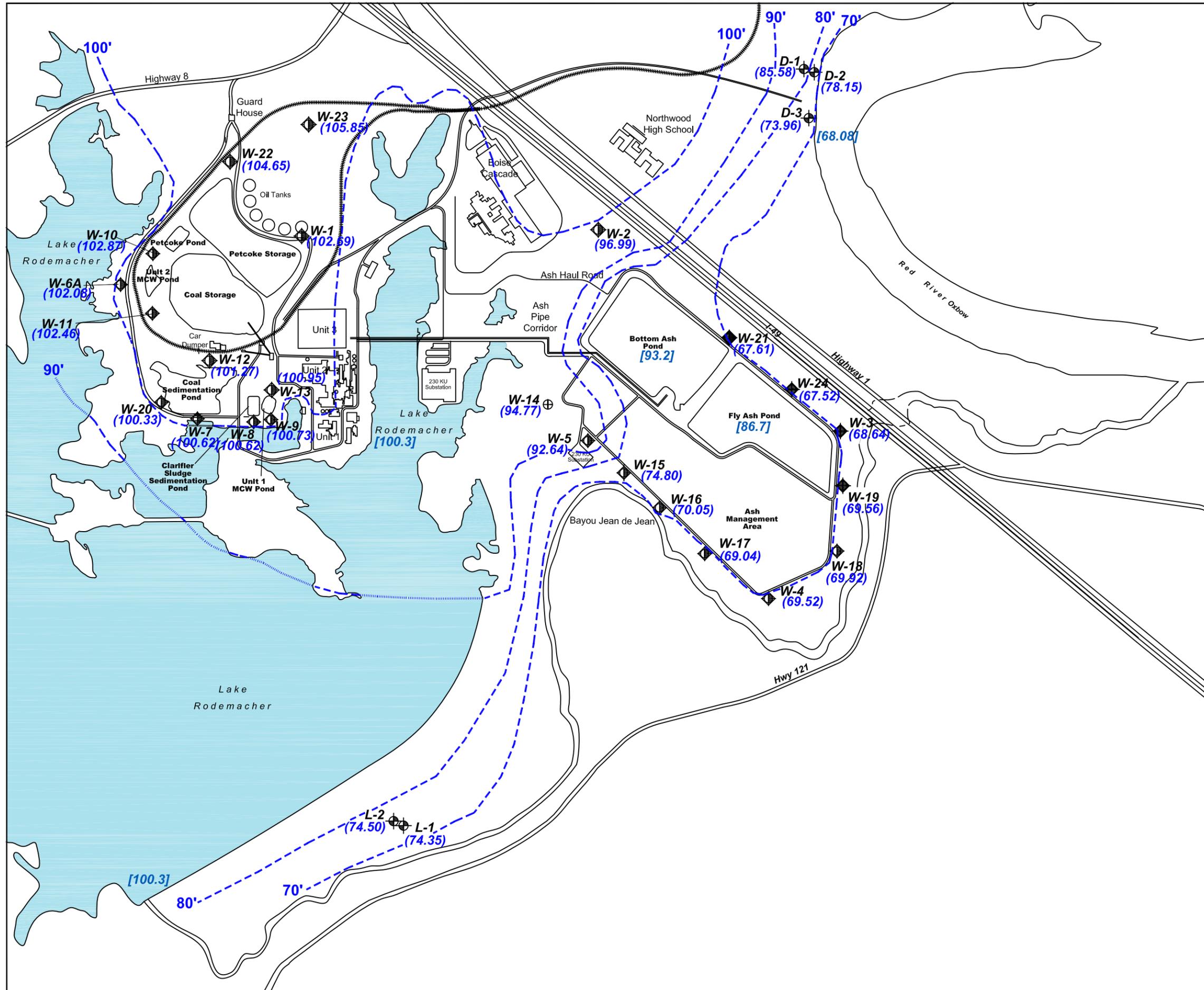


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**CCR Rule Wells  
 Potentiometric Surface Contour Map**  
 April 2017  
 Rapides Parish, Louisiana



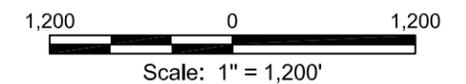
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**Figure 9**



### Legend

- +++++ Railroad Tracks
- CCR Background Well Location
- CCR Compliance Well Location
- Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (69.52) Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'— Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - - Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [68.08] Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD



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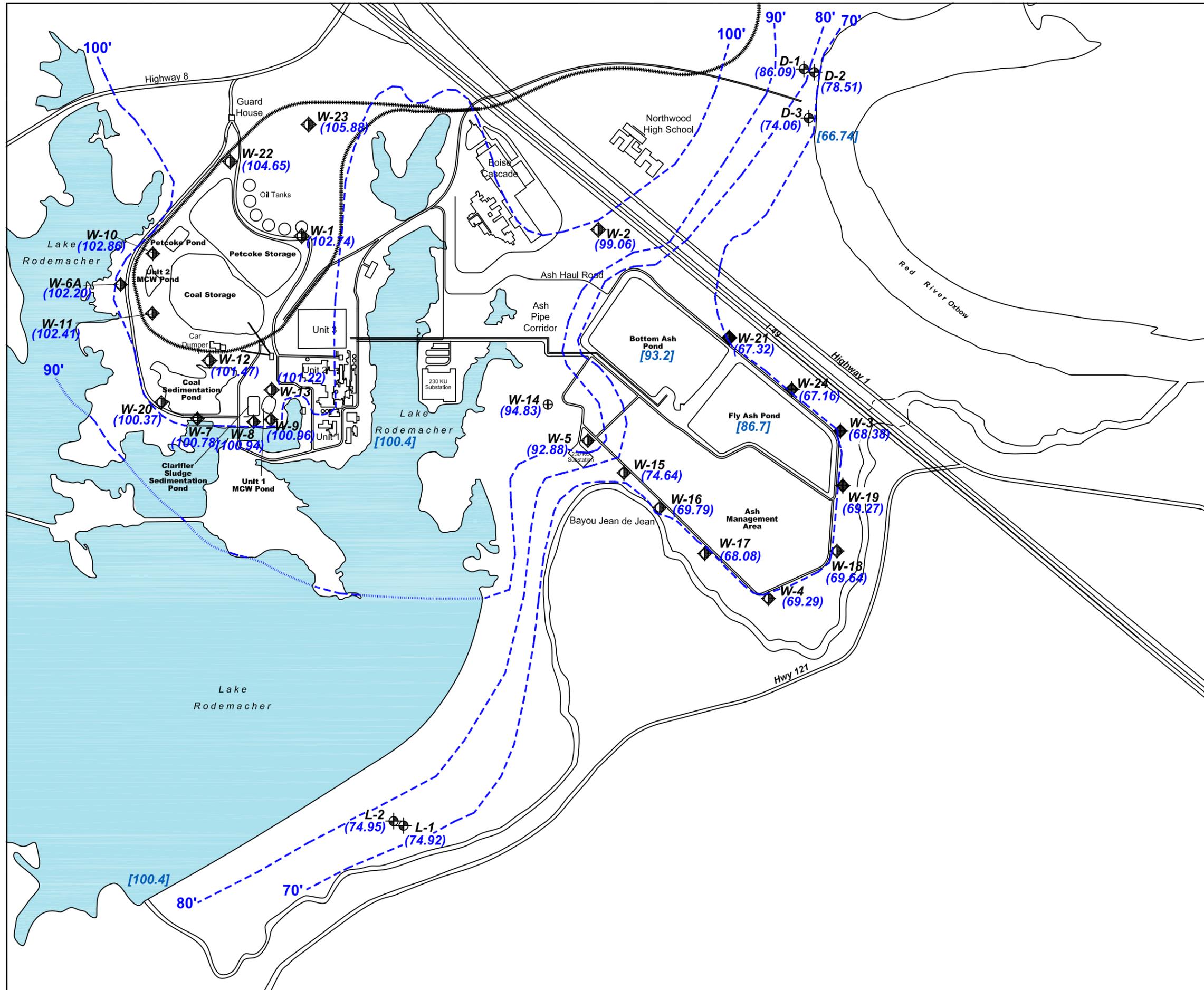
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Rapides Parish, Louisiana



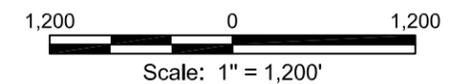
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**Figure 10**



### Legend

- +++++ Railroad Tracks
- CCR Background Well Location
- CCR Compliance Well Location
- Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (69.27) Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'— Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - - Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [66.74] Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD



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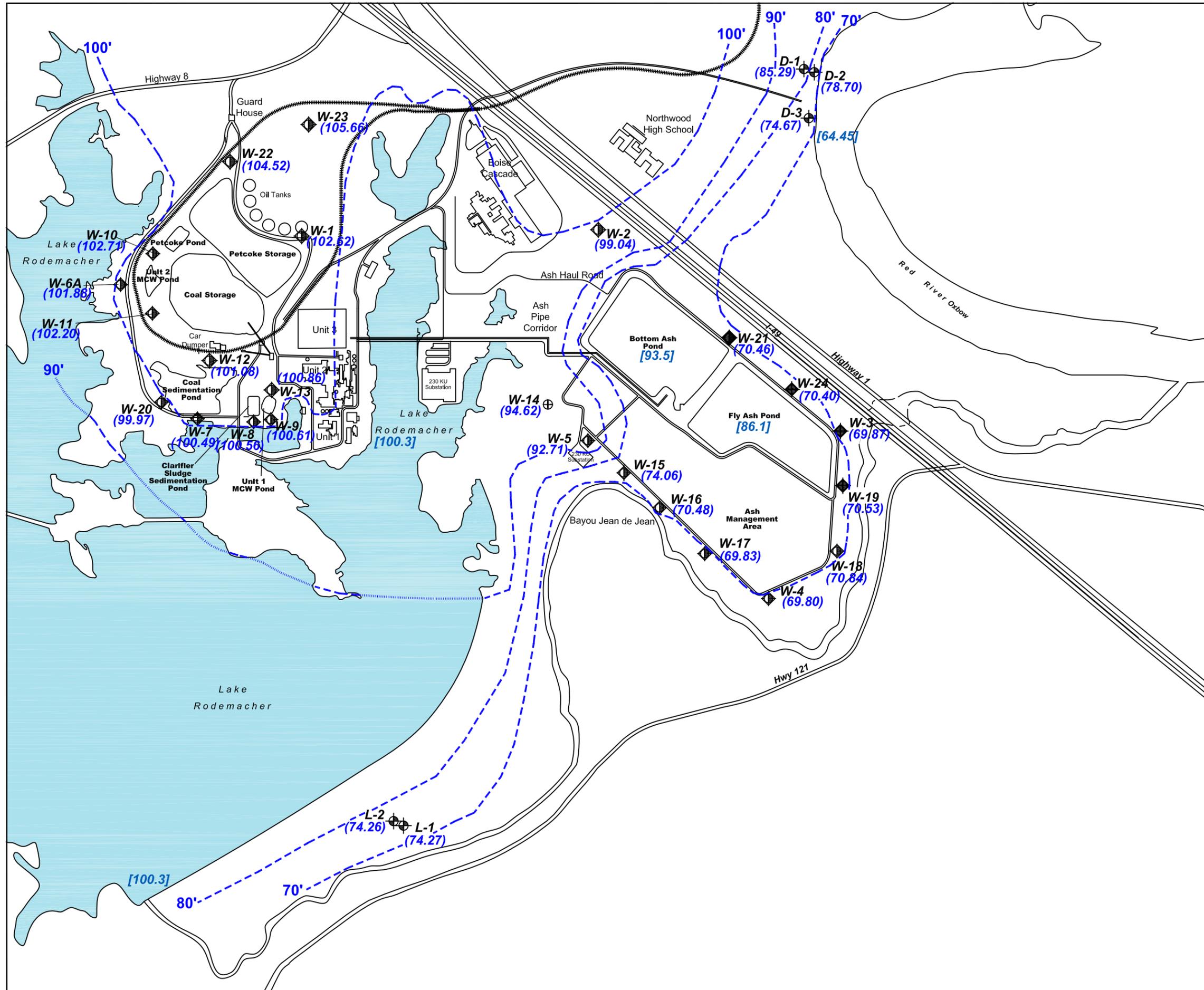
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Rapides Parish, Louisiana



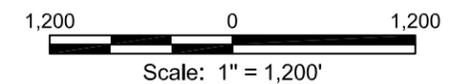
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Approved:	JM
Date:	7/5/17
Dwg. No.:	01-17-0169-A009

**Figure 11**



**Legend**

- +++++ Railroad Tracks
- ⊕ CCR Background Well Location
- ◆ CCR Compliance Well Location
- ◊ Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (70.46) Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'— Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - - Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [64.45] Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD



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**Cleco Brame  
Potentiometric Surface Contour Map  
August 2017**

Rapides Parish, Louisiana



Drawn:	JP
Checked:	RS
Approved:	JM
Date:	8/30/17
Dwg. No.:	01-17-0169-A010

**Figure 12**



Table 1  
Monitoring Well Information

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds

Well Number	D-1	D-2	D-3	L-1	L-2
Background (B) or Compliance (C)	B	B	B	B	B
Latitude (dd°mm'ss")	31°24'23.84"	31°24'23.41"	31°24'17.52"	31°22'47.68"	31°22'48.17"
Longitude (dd°mm'ss")	92°41'53.62"	92°41'52.12"	92°41'52.95"	92°42'53.61"	92°42'55.01"
Casing Elevation (ft NGVD)	99.38	99.36	97.37	86.15	86.68
Concrete Pad Elevation (ft NGVD)	96.59	97.10	94.50	83.05	83.73
Well Depth (ft bgs)	40	46	35.5	36	40
Screen Length (ft)	10	10	10	10	10
Top of Screen (ft NGVD)	67.2	61.7	69.3	58.8	54.6
Bottom of Screen (ft NGVD)	57.2	51.7	59.3	48.8	44.6
Screen Slot Size (inches)	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010
Casing Diameter (inches) & Material	2" PVC				

Well Number	W-3	W-19	W-21	W-24
Background (B) or Compliance (C)	C	C	C	C
Latitude (dd°mm'ss")	31°23'37.79"	31°23'30.48"	31°23'49.57"	31°23'43.05"
Longitude (dd°mm'ss")	92°41'48.33"	92°41'50.26"	92°42'05.00"	92°41'55.61"
Casing Elevation (ft NGVD)	92.07	94.99	87.86	83.71
Concrete Pad Elevation (ft NGVD)	88.87	92.47	85.23	81.03
Well Depth (ft bgs)	77	55	54.5	55
Screen Length (ft)	10	10	10	10
Top of Screen (ft NGVD)	25.7	48.0	41.2	38.4
Bottom of Screen (ft NGVD)	15.7	38.0	31.2	28.4
Screen Slot Size (inches)	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010
Casing Diameter (inches) & Material	2" PVC	2" PVC	2" PVC	2" PVC

Notes:

bgs = below ground surface

PVC = polyvinyl chloride



Table 2  
April 2016 Analytical Data Summary

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds

Parameter/Well/ Date	MCL	W-3	W-19	W-21
		4/29/16	4/29/16	4/29/16
<i>Detection Monitoring Parameters</i>				
Boron (mg/l)	NA	0.075	0.18	0.063
Calcium (mg/l)	NA	25	126	22.8
Chloride (mg/l)	NA	45	43.8	8.7
Fluoride (mg/l)	4	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
pH (S.U.)	NA	7.01	7.07	7
Sulfate (mg/l)	NA	9.6	14.5	32.9
TDS (mg/l)	NA	245	695	215
<i>Assessment Monitoring Parameters</i>				
Antimony (mg/l)	0.006	0.0026	0.0044	<0.001
Arsenic (mg/l)	0.01	0.0034	0.022	0.0031
Barium (mg/l)	2	0.23	0.66	0.094
Beryllium (mg/l)	0.004	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Cadmium (mg/l)	0.005	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Chromium (mg/l)	0.1	0.0017	0.0013	<0.001
Cobalt (mg/l)	NA	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Lead (mg/l)	0.015	0.0021	0.0026	0.0011
Lithium (mg/l)	NA	0.0056	0.008	0.0037
Mercury (mg/l)	0.002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002
Molybdenum (mg/l)	NA	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Selenium (mg/l)	0.05	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Thallium (mg/l)	0.002	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005
Radium-226 (pCi/l)	5	0.719	0.177	0.217
Radium-228 (pCi/l)	5	0.785	0.74	0.434

Notes:

mg/l = milligrams per liter

S.U. = standard units

pCi/l = picocuries per liter



Table 3  
July 2016 Analytical Data Summary

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds

Parameter/Well/ Date	MCL	D-1 (BG)	D-2 (BG)	D-3 (BG)	L-1 (BG)	L-2 (BG)	W-3	W-19	W-21	W-24
		7/6/16	7/6/16	7/6/16	7/6/16	7/6/16	7/6/16	7/6/16	7/6/16	7/6/16
<b>Detection Monitoring Parameters</b>										
Boron (mg/l)	NA	0.12	0.14	0.28	0.12	0.087	0.14	0.19	0.093	0.21
Calcium (mg/l)	NA	16.8	99.3	95.2	120	80.4	54.1	122	37.2	111
Chloride (mg/l)	NA	20.2	12.4	13.3	10.7	6.7	109	48	13	120
Fluoride (mg/l)	4	0.28	0.63	0.52	0.25	0.4	0.2	0.31	0.19	0.5
pH (S.U.)	NA	8.33	7.92	7.92	8.04	8.07	7.44	7.45	7.82	7.91
Sulfate (mg/l)	NA	11.9	71.9	46	21.5	25.4	3.9	2.3	49.4	3.3
TDS (mg/l)	NA	260	585	705	425	355	565	695	435	880
<b>Assessment Monitoring Parameters</b>										
Antimony (mg/l)	0.006	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0014	<0.001
Arsenic (mg/l)	0.01	0.0031	0.009	0.0022	0.0025	0.029	0.001	0.0045	0.0045	0.0049
Barium (mg/l)	2	0.15	0.25	0.21	0.4	0.2	0.38	0.45	0.13	0.56
Beryllium (mg/l)	0.004	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Cadmium (mg/l)	0.005	<0.004	<0.004	<0.004	<0.004	<0.004	<0.004	<0.004	<0.004	<0.004
Chromium (mg/l)	0.1	0.0025	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0037	<0.001
Cobalt (mg/l)	NA	0.0057	0.0025	0.0021	0.0021	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0014	0.0012
Lead (mg/l)	0.015	<0.012	<0.012	<0.012	<0.012	<0.012	<0.012	<0.012	<0.012	<0.012
Lithium (mg/l)	NA	0.012	0.016	0.023	0.013	0.0049	0.012	0.0082	0.007	0.0087
Mercury (mg/l)	0.002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002
Molybdenum (mg/l)	NA	0.0081	0.0045	0.0045	0.0039	0.0034	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	0.01
Selenium (mg/l)	0.05	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Thallium (mg/l)	0.002	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005
Radium-226 (pCi/l)	5	0.258	-0.351	0.132	0.166	0.283	0.554	0.218	0.506	0.998
Radium-228 (pCi/l)	5	0.758	0.977	1.36	0.62	1.16	0.812	0.662	0.404	1.28

Notes:

mg/l = milligrams per liter

S.U. = standard units

pCi/l = picocuries per liter



Table 4  
October 2016 Analytical Data Summary

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds

Parameter/Well/ Date	MCL	D-1 (BG)	D-2 (BG)	D-3 (BG)	L-1 (BG)	L-2 (BG)	W-3	W-19	W-21	W-24
		10/27/16	10/27/16	10/27/16	10/25/16	10/25/16	10/25/16	10/25/16	10/25/16	10/25/16
<b>Detection Monitoring Parameters</b>										
Boron (mg/l)	NA	0.057	0.13	0.27	0.11	0.085	0.16	0.18	0.24	0.14
Calcium (mg/l)	NA	8.6	92.2	87.6	107	65.7	62	96.4	81.8	13.7
Chloride (mg/l)	NA	13.9	8.8	11.5	9.4	5.9	178	53.6	43	65.9
Fluoride (mg/l)	4	<0.5	<0.5	0.52	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
pH (S.U.)	NA	6.7	7.4	7.1	7	7.2	6.9	7.1	6.9	7.3
Sulfate (mg/l)	NA	11.6	73.7	45.5	15.4	30.3	<1.0	<1.0	177	1.8
TDS (mg/l)	NA	150	600	745	475	370	700	640	920	440
<b>Assessment Monitoring Parameters</b>										
Antimony (mg/l)	0.006	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0021	0.0014
Arsenic (mg/l)	0.01	0.0021	0.012	0.0047	0.0053	0.052	0.0026	0.0016	0.0067	0.0026
Barium (mg/l)	2	0.12	0.29	0.27	0.43	0.15	0.52	0.42	0.14	0.061
Beryllium (mg/l)	0.004	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Cadmium (mg/l)	0.005	<0.004	<0.004	<0.004	<0.004	<0.004	<0.004	<0.004	<0.004	<0.004
Chromium (mg/l)	0.1	<0.001	<0.001	0.011	<0.001	0.0011	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0013
Cobalt (mg/l)	NA	0.0077	0.0021	0.0074	0.0016	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0015	<0.001
Lead (mg/l)	0.015	<0.012	<0.012	<0.012	<0.012	<0.012	<0.012	<0.012	<0.012	<0.012
Lithium (mg/l)	NA	0.0079	0.015	0.038	0.011	0.0061	0.014	0.0084	0.013	0.022
Mercury (mg/l)	0.002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002
Molybdenum (mg/l)	NA	0.0031	<0.003	0.0031	0.0037	0.01	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	0.056
Selenium (mg/l)	0.05	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Thallium (mg/l)	0.002	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005
Radium-226 (pCi/l)	5	0.592	0.188	0.291	0.3	0.314	0.428	0.235	0	0.2
Radium-228 (pCi/l)	5	1.05	1.25	0.176	0.971	0.211	0.784	0.96	1.44	0.422

**Notes:**

mg/l = milligrams per liter

S.U. = standard units

pCi/l = picocuries per liter



Table 5  
December 2016 Analytical Data Summary

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds

Parameter/Well/ Date	MCL	D-1 (BG)	D-2 (BG)	D-3 (BG)	L-1 (BG)	L-2 (BG)	W-3	W-19	W-21	W-24
		12/20/16	12/20/16	12/20/16	12/19/16	12/19/16	12/19/16	12/19/16	12/19/16	12/19/16
<b>Detection Monitoring Parameters</b>										
Boron (mg/l)	NA	0.053	0.12	0.3	0.12	0.1	0.16	0.18	0.35	0.19
Calcium (mg/l)	NA	5.9	91.8	90.3	119	79.2	64.4	111	121	127
Chloride (mg/l)	NA	13.5	9.5	13.1	8.6	6.1	174	59.4	52.9	156
Fluoride (mg/l)	4	0.13	0.42	0.48	0.15	0.44	<0.50	0.26	0.68	0.46
pH (S.U.)	NA	6.8	7.04	7.25	7.44	7.46	6.74	7	7	6.9
Sulfate (mg/l)	NA	10.4	75.2	49.2	9	29.4	<1	<1	163	1.8
TDS (mg/l)	NA	145	715	805	360	400	695	705	1230	1100
<b>Assessment Monitoring Parameters</b>										
Antimony (mg/l)	0.006	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.002	<0.001	<0.001
Arsenic (mg/l)	0.01	<0.001	0.011	0.0069	0.0067	0.047	0.0028	0.0058	0.015	0.027
Barium (mg/l)	2	0.15	0.4	0.2	0.57	0.34	0.57	0.65	0.13	1.4
Beryllium (mg/l)	0.004	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0046
Cadmium (mg/l)	0.005	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Chromium (mg/l)	0.1	<0.001	0.0076	0.0048	0.0073	0.015	<0.001	0.008	<0.001	0.058
Cobalt (mg/l)	NA	0.0069	0.0073	0.0035	0.0049	0.01	<0.001	0.0036	0.0017	0.021
Lead (mg/l)	0.015	<0.001	0.0056	0.003	0.0053	0.013	<0.001	0.0096	<0.001	0.081
Lithium (mg/l)	NA	0.0082	0.015	0.025	0.022	0.025	0.014	0.014	0.017	0.056
Mercury (mg/l)	0.002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002
Molybdenum (mg/l)	NA	<0.003	<0.003	0.0031	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Selenium (mg/l)	0.05	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0015
Thallium (mg/l)	0.002	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005
Radium-226 (pCi/l)	5	0.0769	0.637	0.482	-0.073	0.365	0.159	1.12	0.75	3.28
Radium-228 (pCi/l)	5	0.823	1.39	0.605	0.997	1.08	0.645	0.427	0.43	3.56

**Notes:**

mg/l = milligrams per liter

S.U. = standard units

pCi/l = picocuries per liter



Table 6  
January 2017 Analytical Data Summary

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds

Parameter/Well/ Date	MCL	D-1 (BG)	D-2 (BG)	D-3 (BG)	L-1 (BG)	L-2 (BG)	W-3	W-19	W-21	W-24
		1/25/17	1/25/17	1/25/17	1/24/17	1/24/17	1/24/17	1/24/17	1/24/17	1/24/17
<b>Detection Monitoring Parameters</b>										
Boron (mg/l)	NA	0.053	0.11	0.29	0.11	0.11	0.17	0.19	0.36	0.2
Calcium (mg/l)	NA	6.6	95.3	86.2	109	82.7	64.5	103	112	107
Chloride (mg/l)	NA	13.5	8.1	11.8	8.3	5.9	151	54.2	52.2	131
Fluoride (mg/l)	4	<0.1	0.48	0.52	0.27	0.53	0.35	0.31	0.67	1.4
pH (S.U.)	NA	7.05	7.08	7.35	7.18	7.19	6.64	7	7.07	6.97
Sulfate (mg/l)	NA	9.8	86.4	48.3	7.9	28.9	<1	<1	168	1.1
TDS (mg/l)	NA	165	595	805	500	445	710	675	1,220	1,060
<b>Assessment Monitoring Parameters</b>										
Antimony (mg/l)	0.006	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Arsenic (mg/l)	0.01	0.0023	0.014	0.005	0.0079	0.051	0.0033	0.0025	0.016	0.011
Barium (mg/l)	2	0.13	0.34	0.2	0.51	0.39	0.61	0.46	0.14	0.87
Beryllium (mg/l)	0.004	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0012	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Cadmium (mg/l)	0.005	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Chromium (mg/l)	0.1	<0.001	0.0023	0.0083	<0.001	0.016	<0.001	0.0026	<0.001	0.0083
Cobalt (mg/l)	NA	0.0042	0.0034	0.004	0.0015	0.0092	<0.001	<0.001	0.0017	0.0038
Lead (mg/l)	0.015	<0.001	<0.001	0.0037	<0.001	0.013	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0085
Lithium (mg/l)	NA	0.0072	0.012	0.029	0.012	0.028	0.014	0.0071	0.018	0.014
Mercury (mg/l)	0.002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002
Molybdenum (mg/l)	NA	<0.003	<0.003	0.0035	0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Selenium (mg/l)	0.05	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Thallium (mg/l)	0.002	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005
Radium-226 (pCi/l)	5	0.256	0.27	0.6	0	0.777	0.583	0.382	0.571	0.926
Radium-228 (pCi/l)	5	0.668	0.504	2.31	2.36	3.24	2.23	0.396	0.239	2.94

**Notes:**

mg/l = milligrams per liter

S.U. = standard units

pCi/l = picocuries per liter



Table 7  
February 2017 Analytical Data Summary

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds

Parameter/Well/ Date	MCL	D-1 (BG)	D-2 (BG)	D-3 (BG)	L-1 (BG)	L-2 (BG)	W-3	W-19	W-21	W-24
		2/17/17	2/17/17	2/17/17	2/16/17	2/16/17	2/16/17	2/16/17	2/16/17	2/16/17
<b>Detection Monitoring Parameters</b>										
Boron (mg/l)	NA	0.052	0.12	0.3	0.12	0.093	0.18	0.19	0.38	0.18
Calcium (mg/l)	NA	6.2	103	91.2	150	126	66.6	102	146	158
Chloride (mg/l)	NA	13.3	8.6	11.4	7.7	6.3	149	54.4	51.2	139
Fluoride (mg/l)	4	<0.10	0.43	0.48	0.21	0.37	0.25	0.28	0.61	0.45
pH (s.u.)	NA	6.68	7	7.33	7.15	7.18	6.72	7	7.1	7.08
Sulfate (mg/l)	NA	9.8	80.7	47.2	9.3	35.9	<1	<1	162	6.3
TDS (mg/l)	NA	130	530	665	500	490	700	620	1,240	1,040
<b>Assessment Monitoring Parameters</b>										
Antimony (mg/l)	0.006	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Arsenic (mg/l)	0.01	<0.001	0.013	0.0033	0.0073	0.036	0.0033	0.0021	0.015	0.036
Barium (mg/l)	2	0.12	0.34	0.19	0.63	0.33	0.59	0.44	0.13	2.7
Beryllium (mg/l)	0.004	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.012
Cadmium (mg/l)	0.005	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Chromium (mg/l)	0.1	<0.001	0.0013	0.0082	0.011	0.0092	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.09
Cobalt (mg/l)	NA	0.0046	0.0033	0.0044	0.008	0.0074	<0.001	<0.001	0.0017	0.045
Lead (mg/l)	0.015	<0.001	<0.001	0.0049	0.0089	0.0081	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.16
Lithium (mg/l)	NA	0.0077	0.0098	0.032	0.028	0.019	0.014	0.0068	0.018	0.086
Mercury (mg/l)	0.002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	0.0002
Molybdenum (mg/l)	NA	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Selenium (mg/l)	0.05	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0025
Thallium (mg/l)	0.002	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	0.00058
Radium-226 (pCi/l)	5	0.611	0.759	-0.511	1.21	0.346	0.733	0.347	4	-0.212
Radium-228 (pCi/l)	5	-0.14	0.907	1.59	0.832	1.04	0.765	0.644	0.391	6.65

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Table 8  
April 2017 Analytical Data Summary

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds

Parameter/Well/ Date	MCL	D-1 (BG)	D-2 (BG)	D-3 (BG)	L-1 (BG)	L-2 (BG)	W-24
		4/6/17	4/6/17	4/6/17	4/6/17	4/6/17	4/6/17
<i>Detection Monitoring Parameters</i>							
Boron (mg/l)	NA	0.051	0.12	0.31	0.12	0.098	0.2
Calcium (mg/l)	NA	5.8	111	88.2	121	83.3	129
Chloride (mg/l)	NA	13	6.6	12.7	6.9	5.9	155
Fluoride (mg/l)	4	<0.1	0.52	0.46	0.2	0.45	0.54
pH (S.U.)	NA	5.48	6.08	5.76	6.4	6.37	6.01
Sulfate (mg/l)	NA	10.7	102	53.8	10.6	33.3	1.2
TDS (mg/l)	NA	80	645	740	510	405	610
<i>Assessment Monitoring Parameters</i>							
Antimony (mg/l)	0.006	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Arsenic (mg/l)	0.01	<0.001	0.014	0.0081	0.01	0.062	0.019
Barium (mg/l)	2	0.12	0.32	0.19	0.56	0.23	1.5
Beryllium (mg/l)	0.004	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0042
Cadmium (mg/l)	0.005	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Chromium (mg/l)	0.1	<0.001	<0.001	0.006	0.0083	0.0034	0.057
Cobalt (mg/l)	NA	0.0051	0.0022	0.0039	0.0052	0.002	0.019
Lead (mg/l)	0.015	<0.001	<0.001	0.0052	0.0049	0.0023	0.073
Lithium (mg/l)	NA	0.0082	0.014	0.026	0.021	0.0087	0.052
Mercury (mg/l)	0.002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002
Molybdenum (mg/l)	NA	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	0.0042	0.0034	<0.003
Selenium (mg/l)	0.05	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0025
Thallium (mg/l)	0.002	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005
Radium-226 (pCi/l)	5	0.342	0.678	0.533	0.572	0.775	2.44
Radium-228 (pCi/l)	5	0.199	0.684	0.314	0.974	0.482	2.86

Notes:

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Table 9  
May 2017 Analytical Data Summary

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds

Parameter/Well/ Date	MCL	D-1 (BG)	D-2 (BG)	D-3 (BG)	L-1 (BG)	L-2 (BG)	W-3	W-19	W-21	W-24
		5/31/17	5/31/17	5/31/17	5/30/17	5/30/17	5/31/17	5/31/17	5/31/17	5/31/17
<b>Detection Monitoring Parameters</b>										
Boron (mg/l)	NA	0.043	1.1	0.029	0.11	0.11	0.15	0.17	0.37	0.17
Calcium (mg/l)	NA	5.2	101	79.6	103	72.7	66.3	91.5	111	125
Chloride (mg/l)	NA	13.1	8.1	11.3	8.7	5.8	195	56.2	54.8	166
Fluoride (mg/l)	4	0.93	0.43	0.53	0.29	0.52	0.33	0.32	0.79	0.47
pH (S.U.)	NA	6.33	6.74	6.8	5.87	6.22	6.52	6.62	6.86	6.67
Sulfate (mg/l)	NA	10.3	97.8	46.6	15.6	30.8	<1	<1	171	<1
TDS (mg/l)	NA	125	595	780	445	380	715	600	1,200	1,220
<b>Assessment Monitoring Parameters</b>										
Antimony (mg/l)	0.006	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Arsenic (mg/l)	0.01	0.0012	0.011	0.0025	0.0067	0.045	0.0018	0.0015	0.014	0.0093
Barium (mg/l)	2	0.096	0.28	0.18	0.44	0.39	0.53	0.4	0.15	0.97
Beryllium (mg/l)	0.004	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0017	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Cadmium (mg/l)	0.005	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Chromium (mg/l)	0.1	0.0015	<0.001	0.0091	0.0026	0.021	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0092
Cobalt (mg/l)	NA	0.0044	0.0017	0.0052	0.002	0.014	<0.001	<0.001	0.0018	0.0035
Lead (mg/l)	0.015	<0.001	0.0016	0.0058	0.0016	0.018	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0084
Lithium (mg/l)	NA	0.0089	0.015	0.036	0.014	0.039	0.016	0.0081	0.019	0.019
Mercury (mg/l)	0.002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002
Molybdenum (mg/l)	NA	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	0.005	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	0.0068
Selenium (mg/l)	0.05	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0017	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Thallium (mg/l)	0.002	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005
Radium-226 (pCi/l)	5	0.0793	0.495	0.876	0.693	1.61	1.06	0.683	0.727	0.835
Radium-228 (pCi/l)	5	0.6	0.584	1.29	0.86	1.44	0.376	0.726	0.892	1.99

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Table 10  
June 2017 Analytical Data Summary

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds

Parameter/Well/ Date	MCL	D-1 (BG)	D-2 (BG)	D-3 (BG)	L-1 (BG)	L-2 (BG)	W-3	W-19	W-21	W-24
		6/28/17	6/28/17	6/28/17	6/27/17	6/27/17	6/28/17	6/27/17	6/28/17	6/27/17
<b>Detection Monitoring Parameters</b>										
Boron (mg/l)	NA	0.048	0.5	0.47	0.12	0.12	0.18	0.19	0.47	0.19
Calcium (mg/l)	NA	5.2	102	92.2	117	80.8	64.9	99.2	125	137
Chloride (mg/l)	NA	12.9	8.3	10.5	7	5.3	159	55.9	52.4	175
Fluoride (mg/l)	4	0.84	0.47	0.53	0.29	0.51	0.29	0.28	0.83	0.5
pH (S.U.)	NA	6.99	7.18	7.39	7.07	7.22	6.79	7.01	7.15	7.2
Sulfate (mg/l)	NA	10.5	80.5	46	5.5	29	<1	<1	167	<1
TDS (mg/l)	NA	125	585	805	535	375	675	620	1,280	1,360
<b>Assessment Monitoring Parameters</b>										
Antimony (mg/l)	0.006	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Arsenic (mg/l)	0.01	<0.001	0.013	0.0029	0.0081	0.041	0.0029	0.0024	0.015	0.017
Barium (mg/l)	2	0.13	0.37	0.2	0.58	0.57	0.6	0.46	0.13	1.3
Beryllium (mg/l)	0.004	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0025	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0013
Cadmium (mg/l)	0.005	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Chromium (mg/l)	0.1	0.0016	0.0019	0.0081	0.011	0.032	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.019
Cobalt (mg/l)	NA	0.004	0.0024	0.0044	0.0063	0.026	<0.001	<0.001	0.0017	0.0081
Lead (mg/l)	0.015	<0.001	<0.001	0.0054	0.0068	0.033	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.023
Lithium (mg/l)	NA	0.0087	0.01	0.035	0.025	0.058	0.015	0.007	0.018	0.025
Mercury (mg/l)	0.002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002
Molybdenum (mg/l)	NA	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Selenium (mg/l)	0.05	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0027	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0014
Thallium (mg/l)	0.002	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005
Radium-226 (pCi/l)	5	0.602	0.444	1.93	0.152	0.396	0.0622	0.777	0.37	1.47
Radium-228 (pCi/l)	5	0.962	1.19	1.88	1.13	2.95	1.57	1.05	0.892	1.78

**Notes:**

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Table 11  
August 2017 Analytical Data Summary

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds

Parameter/Well/ Date	MCL	D-1 (BG)	D-2 (BG)	D-3 (BG)	L-1 (BG)	L-2 (BG)	W-3	W-19	W-21	W-24
		8/23/17	8/23/17	8/23/17	8/23/17	8/23/17	8/23/17	8/23/17	8/23/17	8/23/17
<b>Detection Monitoring Parameters</b>										
Boron (mg/l)	NA	0.046	0.11	0.27	0.11	0.095	0.17	0.18	0.35	0.19
Calcium (mg/l)	NA	6	106	88.3	115	66.4	64	96.7	113	115
Chloride (mg/l)	NA	13.6	7.6	10.9	7	5.2	156	60.7	54.5	130
Fluoride (mg/l)	4	<0.2	0.61	0.68	0.32	0.64	0.37	0.37	0.63	0.51
pH (S.U.)	NA	6.4	7.15	7.28	7.25	7.28	6.77	7.07	7.11	7.06
Sulfate (mg/l)	NA	11.1	95.3	49.1	5.7	27.9	1.2	<1	166	<1
TDS (mg/l)	NA	145	615	745	495	395	690	640	1,190	1,080
<b>Assessment Monitoring Parameters</b>										
Antimony (mg/l)	0.006	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Arsenic (mg/l)	0.01	<0.001	0.009	0.0016	0.0074	0.057	0.0025	0.0013	0.01	0.0064
Barium (mg/l)	2	0.097	0.36	0.13	0.45	0.16	0.53	0.42	0.14	0.79
Beryllium (mg/l)	0.004	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Cadmium (mg/l)	0.005	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Chromium (mg/l)	0.1	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Cobalt (mg/l)	NA	0.0049	0.0019	<0.001	0.0012	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0024	<0.001
Lead (mg/l)	0.015	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Lithium (mg/l)	NA	0.0075	0.013	0.025	0.01	0.0051	0.014	0.0078	0.017	0.0083
Mercury (mg/l)	0.002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002
Molybdenum (mg/l)	NA	<0.003	<0.003	0.0039	<0.003	0.0044	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003	0.0036
Selenium (mg/l)	0.05	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Thallium (mg/l)	0.002	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005
Radium-226 (pCi/l)	5	0.175	0.344	0.0679	0.159	0.182	0.53	0.571	0.317	0.886
Radium-228 (pCi/l)	5	0.559	0.695	0.627	0.565	0.747	1.65	0.502	0.285	0.905

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# **CLECO POWER LLC BRAME ENERGY CENTER**

**BOTTOM ASH POND AND  
FLY ASH POND  
LENA, LA**

**2018 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report  
for the Coal Combustion Residuals Rule**

**January 2019**



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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Cleco Power LLC (Cleco) hereby presents the 2018 Annual Groundwater Monitoring report for the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds at the Brame Energy Center (BEC) located in Lena, Louisiana (Figure 1). This report summarizes groundwater sampling and analysis activities completed in accordance with applicable portions of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule.

## 2.0 FACILITY INFORMATION

Cleco owns and operates the BEC located at 275 Rodemacher Road, Lena, Louisiana 71447. The Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds in service at the plant have been permitted to operate by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) Waste Permits Division. The materials handled by these facilities are non-hazardous, on-site-generated materials only.

As required by the CCR Rule part §257.90, BEC has a groundwater monitoring well system to evaluate the groundwater quality conditions near the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds. The monitoring system consists of recently installed monitoring wells, in addition to monitoring wells installed previously to conduct groundwater monitoring required by BEC's LDEQ approved solid waste permits. A total of nine monitoring wells have been installed per applicable portions of §257.91. Locations of the monitoring wells can be found on Figure 2, and a table of monitoring well construction details can be found in Table 1.

## 3.0 FIELD ACTIVITIES

Groundwater sampling events were conducted by Cleco approved contract personnel in accordance with applicable portions of §257.93. Semi-annual detection monitoring sampling events were conducted in April and October 2018, while additional voluntary baseline sampling events were conducted in January and August 2018.

It is noted that due to flooding of the Red River during the spring of 2018, flood waters inundated monitoring well W-24. Redevelopment activities were initiated at W-24 prior to the April 2018 sampling event to ensure that representative groundwater could be purged and sampled.

Prior to purging and sampling activities, the depth-to-water below the top of each well casing was measured and recorded prior to purging each well during each sampling event. Water levels were measured to the nearest 0.01 foot from the top of casing using an electronic water level indicator. Total depth of each well was also measured to confirm that the screened interval was open to groundwater flow. Water level measurements were recorded in groundwater sampling forms. The water level measurements were subtracted from the top of casing elevations to obtain the groundwater elevations.

Groundwater purging and sampling activities were conducted using electric submersible pumps. These activities were conducted in accordance with applicable portions of Sections 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 8.1.4 of the *Standard Guide for Sampling Groundwater Monitoring Wells* (ASTM International, Publication D4448). Non-dedicated sampling equipment which came into contact with groundwater samples was decontaminated prior to sampling each well to reduce the potential for cross-contamination. Groundwater samples were collected by filling the sample containers directly from the disposable tubing connected to the pump or from a disposable bailer. Care was taken to minimize agitation of the samples. Samples were placed in laboratory-provided plastic containers with appropriate preservatives, per Section 9 of ASTM D4448. Samples were properly preserved on ice in the field and shipped to Pace Analytical Services, LLC of St. Rose, Louisiana, for analysis of the CCR groundwater

detection monitoring parameters by the following methods: chloride, fluoride and sulfate by 300.0; total dissolved solids by 2540C; and metals by 6020. Full chain-of-custody protocols were observed during sample collection, transportation, and analysis. Sample shipment/transport procedures were conducted per Sections 9.9 through 9.11 of ASTM D4448.

#### 4.0 GROUNDWATER FLOW EVALUATION

Horizontal groundwater flow was evaluated in the uppermost aquifer by construction of potentiometric surface maps (Figures 3 through 6) from data measured in monitoring wells at BEC. An evaluation of groundwater flow indicates that horizontal groundwater flow at BEC is consistently towards local surface water bodies with flow towards Lake Rodemacher in the power station portion of the property and towards Bayou Jean de Jean in the area of the Bottom Ash Pond, Fly Ash Pond, and Ash Management Area. Based on USGS topographic quadrangles of the Lake Rodemacher area, the spillway elevation of Lake Rodemacher is 100 feet NGVD. Groundwater elevations determined in monitoring wells near the lake are generally higher than this maximum lake elevation, supporting groundwater flow towards the lake.

Groundwater flow rate was evaluated using the groundwater flow equation,  $v = [k (dh/dl)] / n_e$ . For this equation,  $v$  is groundwater flow velocity in ft/day,  $k$  is hydraulic conductivity in ft/day,  $dh/dl$  is hydraulic gradient in ft/ft, and  $n_e$  is effective porosity (unitless).

Hydraulic conductivity ( $k$ ) value ranging from 10 to 100 ft/day was assumed (Heath, 1989) based on the silty sand and fine- to coarse-grained sand observed in soil cuttings from soil borings completed at the site. Hydraulic gradient ( $dh/dl$ ) value estimates from potentiometric surface maps representing each sampling event for the Ash Ponds areas are summarized below. An effective porosity ( $n_e$ ) of 0.2 was assumed based on the soil types of the uppermost water bearing zone (Fetter, 2001). Using these values, the groundwater flow rates ( $v$ ) are listed below.

Date	Hydraulic Gradient (feet/feet)	Estimated Groundwater Flow Velocity (feet/day)
January 2018	0.0007 to 0.001	0.01 to 0.5
April 2018	0.0002 to 0.001	0.035 to 0.5
August 2018	0.001	0.05 to 0.5
October 2018	0.0001 to 0.00005	0.0025 to 0.05

It is important to note that this is an advective rate and does not take into account potential hydrogeological heterogeneities such as adsorption, biodegradation, dispersion, or other retarding factors in the groundwater flow in this zone. Additionally, variations in the advective flow may occur due to potential lateral geological heterogeneities.

#### 5.0 ANALYTICAL RESULTS

Groundwater samples collected at BEC were analyzed for the CCR Rule detection monitoring parameters pH, boron, calcium, chloride, fluoride, sulfate, and total dissolved solids (TDS) using appropriate EPA approved analytical methods. Results show frequent detections of all parameters in both up- and downgradient monitoring wells at BEC. Analytical results are presented in Table 2.

## 6.0 STATISTICAL EVALUATION

Statistical evaluations of groundwater data have been performed per applicable portions of §257.93.f. The goal of the statistical evaluation is to determine if there is statistically significant evidence to show that facility operations may have adversely affected groundwater quality. Statistical evaluations are conducted to determine if there are any statistically significant increases (SSIs) between groundwater quality upgradient and groundwater quality downgradient of the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds.

Statistical evaluations at BEC were performed using interwell prediction limits for pH. The interwell prediction limits were performed using the Sanitas v9<sup>®</sup> software package. Prediction limits were constructed from the upgradient well data and based on the distribution of that data for each parameter. Normal distributions of data values use parametric methods. Non-normal distributions use non-parametric methods, in which case, the prediction limit is based on the highest value in the background data set. The most recent result for each downgradient well for each parameter was compared to the applicable prediction limit.

Results of the interwell prediction limits for the 2018 detection monitoring sampling events at BEC indicated that no SSIs were generated for pH.

Due to statistically significant variation found in upgradient monitoring well data, all detection monitoring parameters except pH were statistically evaluated using intrawell prediction limits. Intrawell tests are within well comparisons. In the case of limit-based tests, historical data from within a given monitoring well for a given parameter are used to construct a limit. Compliance points are compared to the limit to determine whether a change is occurring on a per-well/per-parameter basis. Normal distributions of data values use parametric methods. Non-normal distributions use non-parametric methods, in which case, the prediction limit is based on the highest value in the background data set.

Intrawell limit-based tests are recommended when there is evidence of spatial variation in groundwater quality, particularly among upgradient monitoring wells, as it is inappropriate to pool those data across monitoring wells for the purpose of creating interwell limits for comparison with compliance monitoring well data. Intrawell tests may be used at both new and existing facilities. Data used in the intrawell limit-based tests were screened for outliers, which, if found, were removed from the background data set prior to constructing limits for each well/parameter pair.

Verification resampling for SSIs is only conducted for SSIs generated in downgradient wells via intrawell methodology. Intrawell statistics have been performed on all wells; however, since the goal of the statistical evaluation is to determine if there is statistically significant evidence to show that facility operations may have adversely affected groundwater quality downgradient of the facilities, only downgradient wells are subject to verification resampling.

Intrawell statistical analysis of the 2018 detection monitoring groundwater data showed that no confirmed SSIs were generated in downgradient wells at BEC. As stated above, verification resampling will not be conducted for intrawell SSIs generated in upgradient wells.

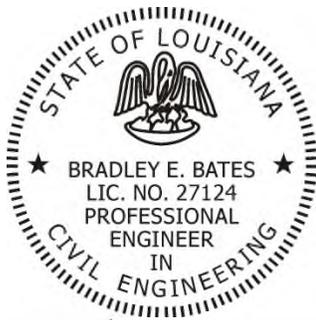
## 7.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Cleco BEC has a monitoring well system to monitor groundwater quality at the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds per applicable portions of §257.91. The network consists of five upgradient and four downgradient monitoring wells.

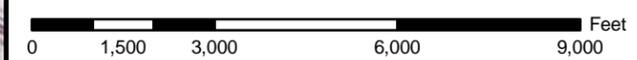
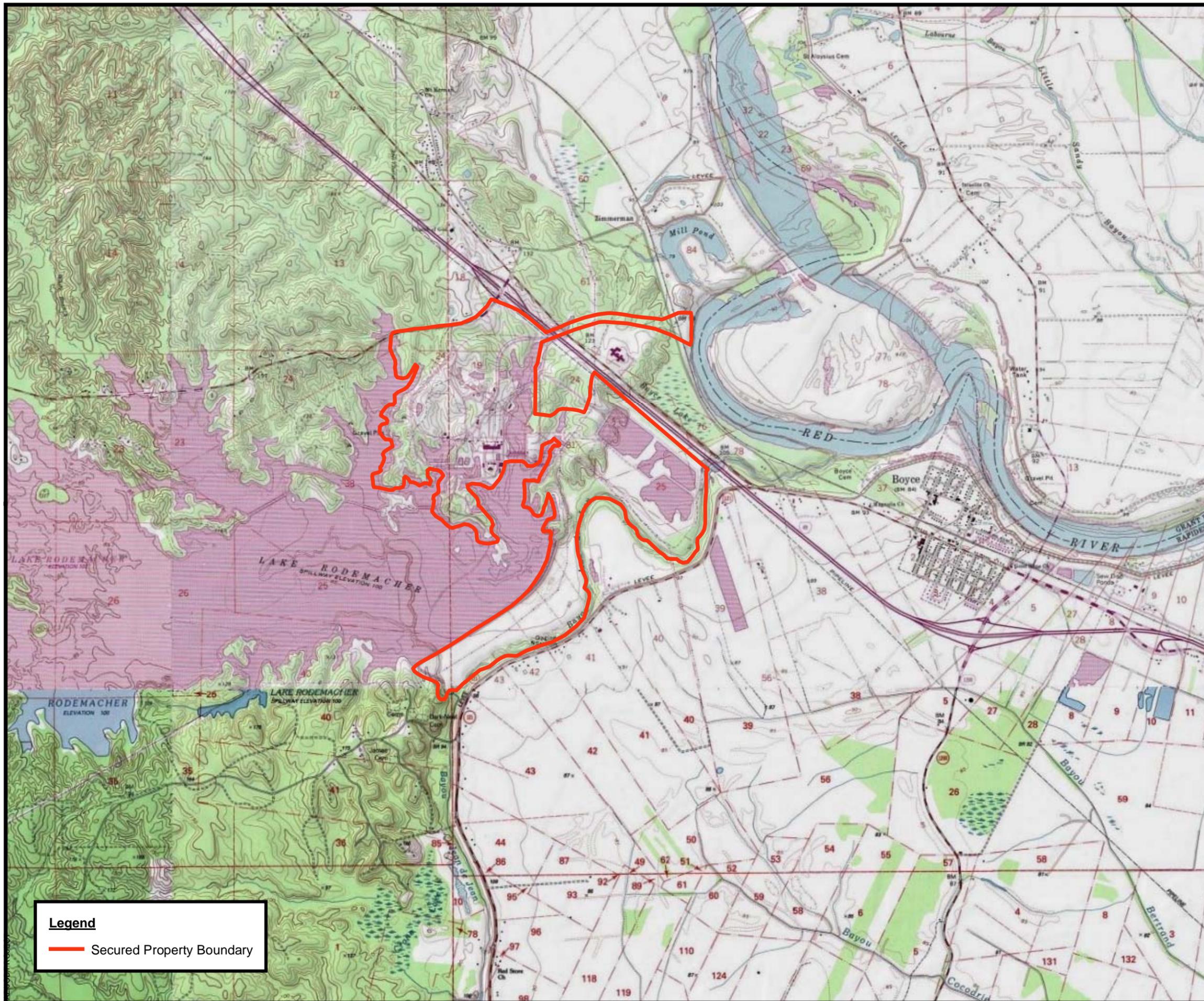
- Cleco conducted sufficient detection monitoring sampling events, per applicable portions of §257.93 and §257.94.
- Potentiometric surface evaluation at BEC indicates consistent groundwater flow towards local surface water bodies.
- Statistical evaluations of data conducted per applicable portions of §257.93 indicate that no SSIs have been generated in downgradient wells.
- Semi-annual detection monitoring sampling events are tentatively scheduled for April and October of 2019. Data generated during these sampling events will be included in the next annual report.

**8.0 CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify this annual groundwater monitoring report for Cleco Power LLC. I am a duly licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Louisiana.



<u>Signature</u>	<u>27124</u>
<u>Bradley E. Bates</u>	<u>PE Registration Number</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Professional Engineer</u>
<u>Eagle Environmental Services, Inc.</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>Company</u>	<u>12/13/2018</u>
	<u>Date</u>



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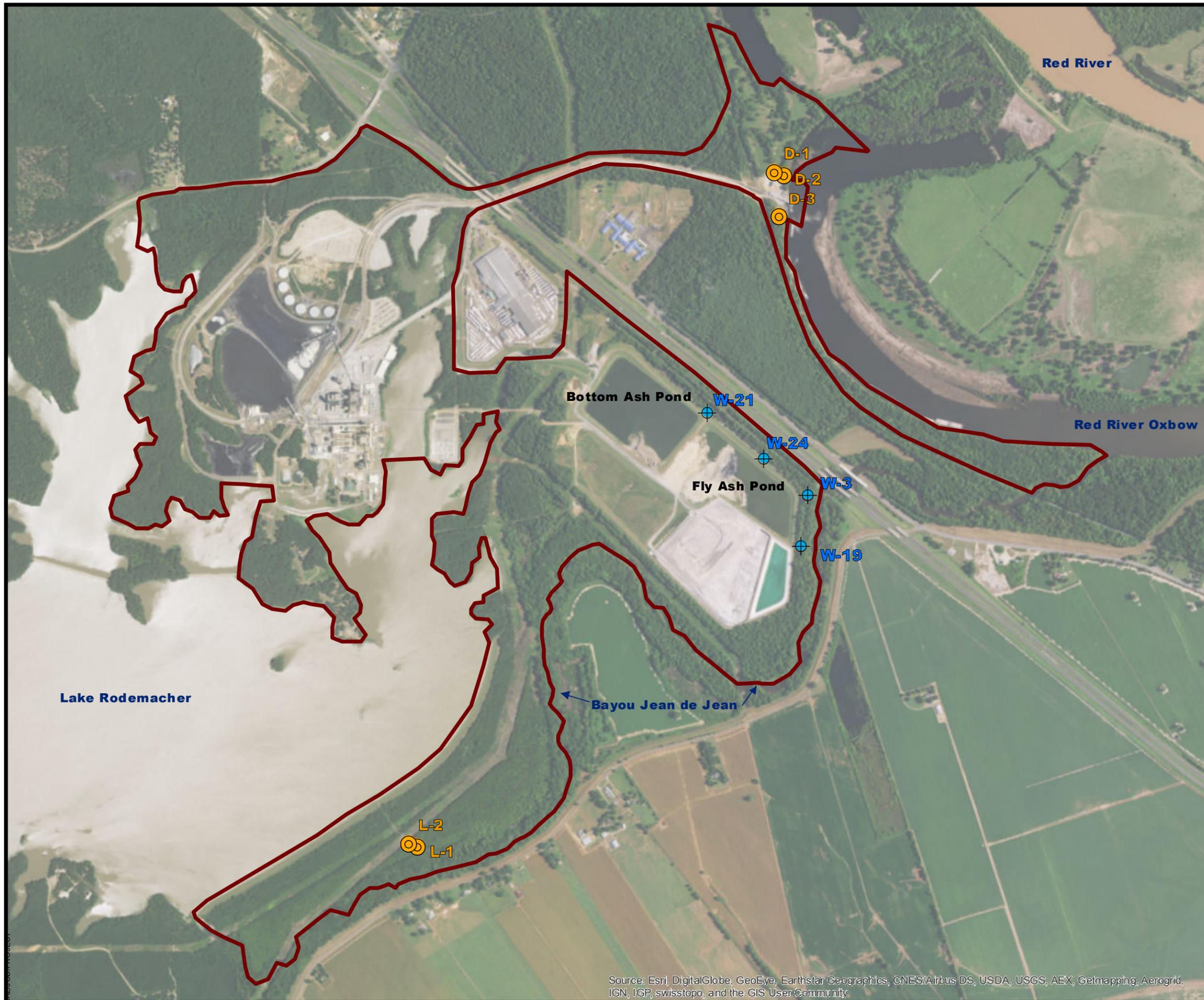
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**Figure 1**

**Legend**  
 — Secured Property Boundary



**Legend**

-  CCR Rule Compliance Wells
-  CCR Rule Background Wells
-  Secured Property Boundary



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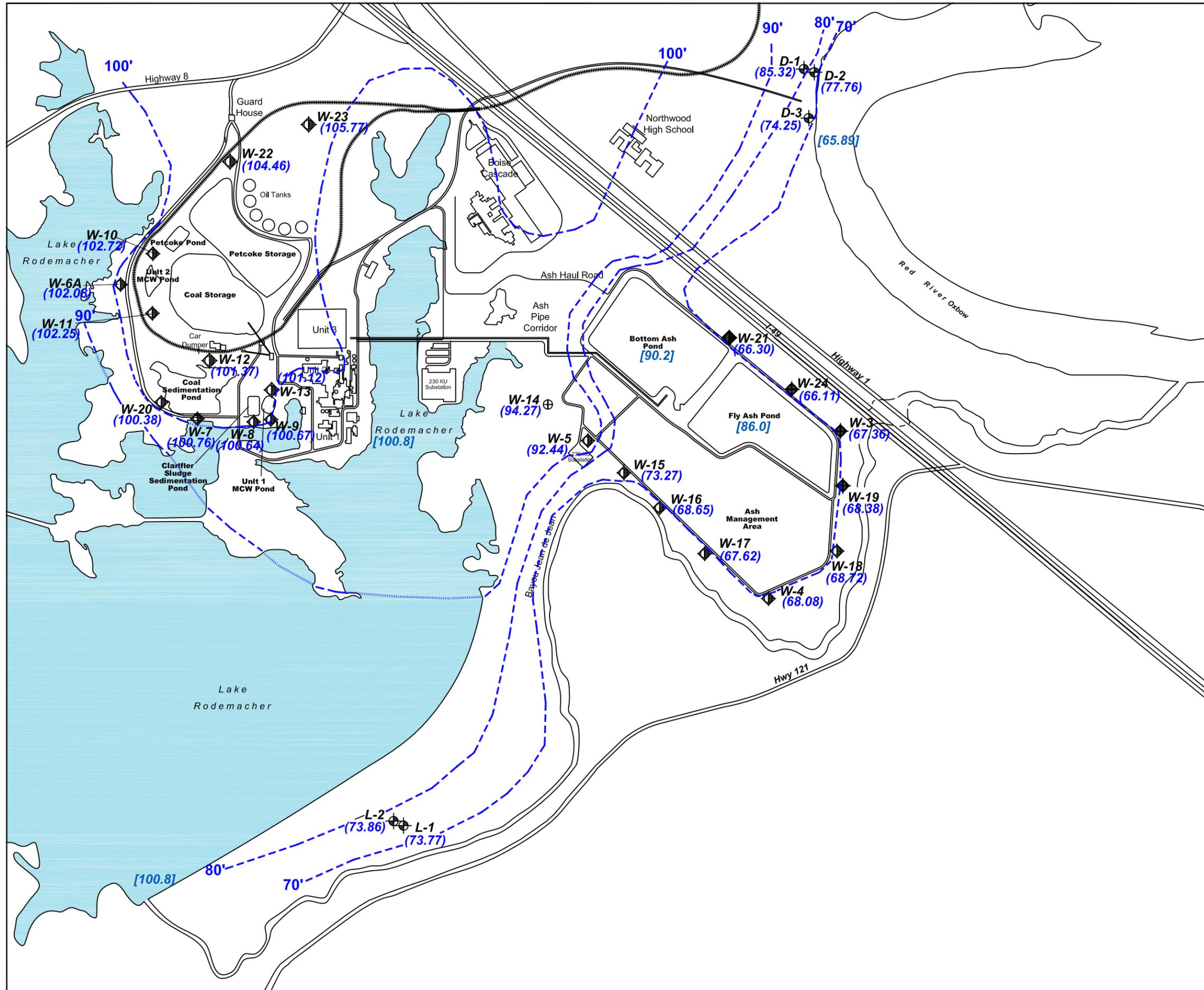
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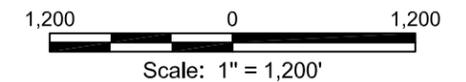
**Figure 2**

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**Legend**

- +++++ Railroad Tracks
- ⊕ CCR Background Well Location
- ◆ CCR Compliance Well Location
- ◊ Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (68.08) Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'— Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - - Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [90.2] Surface Water Elevation, ft. NGVD



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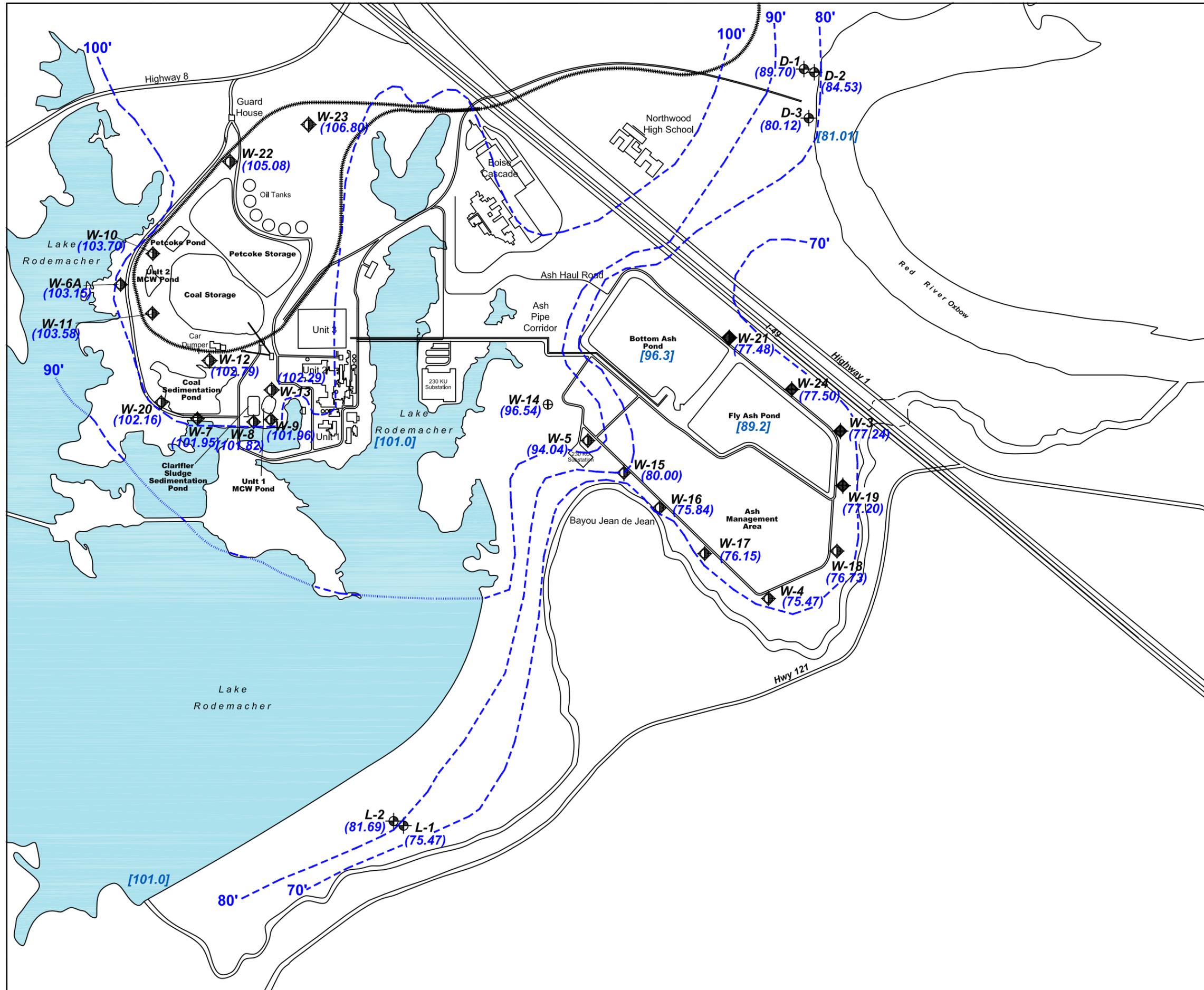
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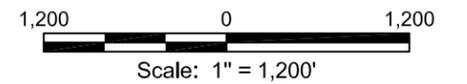
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**Figure 3**



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- +++++ Railroad Tracks
- ⊕ CCR Background Well Location
- ◆ CCR Compliance Well Location
- ◊ Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (77.48) Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'— Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - - Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [81.01] Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD



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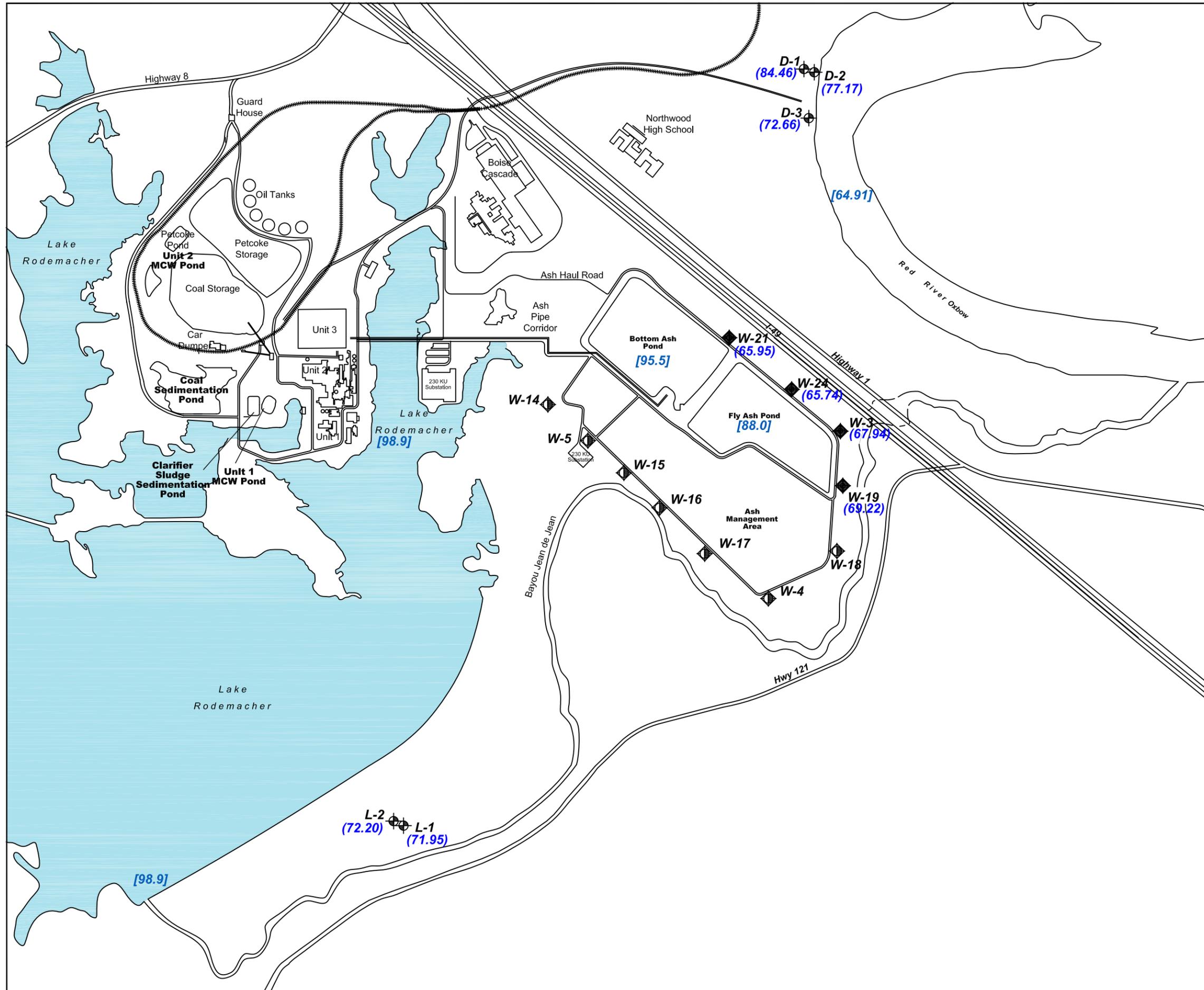
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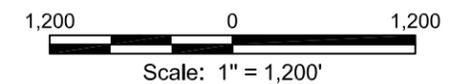
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**Figure 4**



### Legend

- ===== Railroad Tracks
- ⊕ CCR Background Well Location
- ◆ CCR Compliance Well Location
- ◊ Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (84.46) Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- [95.5] Surface Water Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- [98.9] Lake Rodemacher Water Elevation, Ft. NGVD



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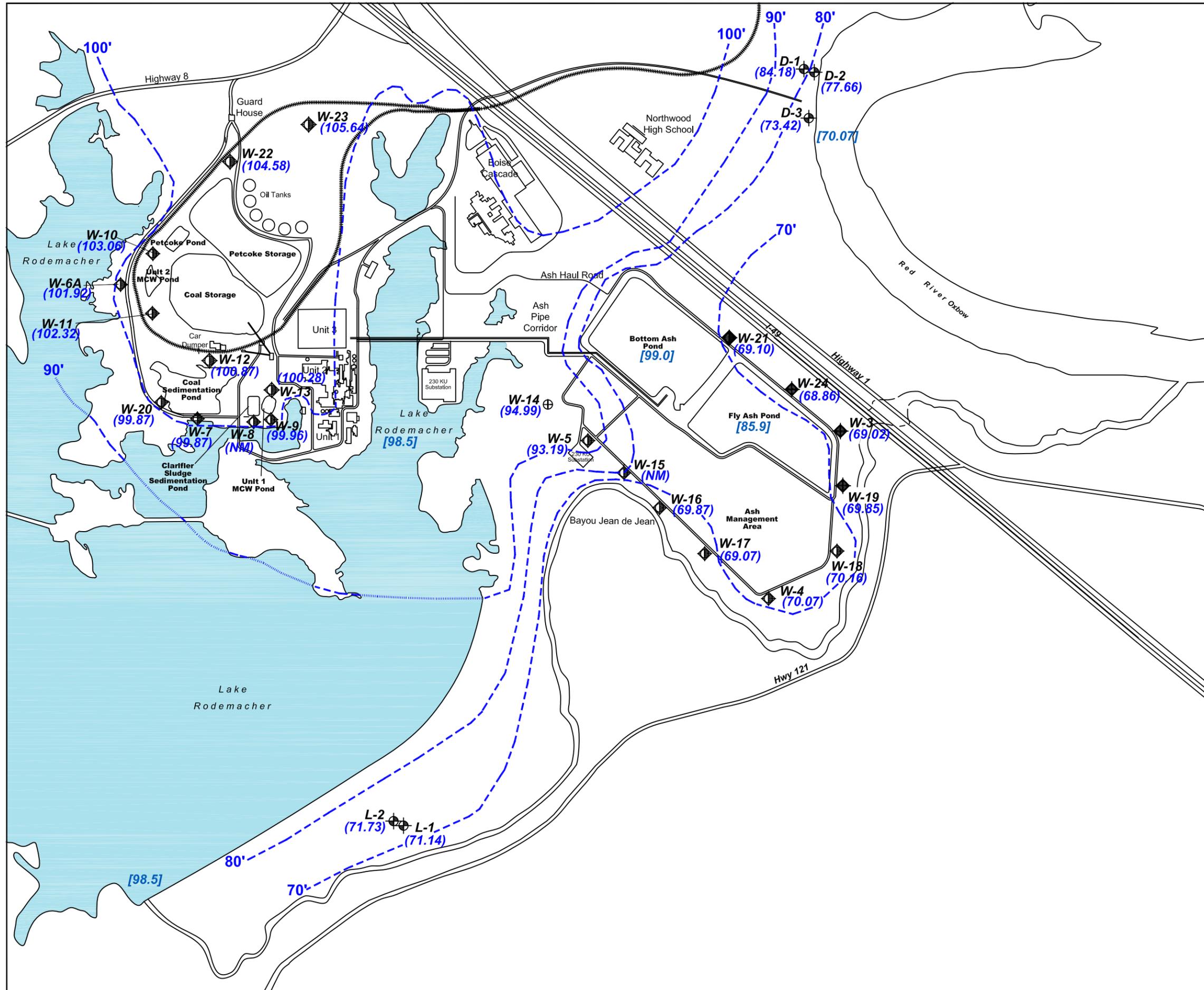
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Rapides Parish, Louisiana



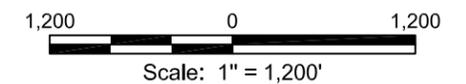
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**Figure 5**



### Legend

- +++++ Railroad Tracks
- CCR Background Well Location
- CCR Compliance Well Location
- Non-CCR Piezometer Location
- (73.42) Potentiometric Surface Elevation, Ft. NGVD
- 70'— Potentiometric Surface Elevation Contour, Ft. NGVD
- - - - - Inferred Potentiometric Surface Contour, Ft. NGVD
- [70.07] Surface Water Elevation ft. NGVD
- NM Not Measured



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## Cleco Brame Potentiometric Surface Contour Map October 2018

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Figure 6



Table 1  
Monitoring Well Information

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds

Well Number	D-1	D-2	D-3	L-1	L-2
Background (B) or Compliance (C)	B	B	B	B	B
Latitude (dd°mm'ss")	31°24'23.84"	31°24'23.41"	31°24'17.52"	31°22'47.68"	31°22'48.17"
Longitude (dd°mm'ss")	92°41' 53.62"	92°41'52.12"	92°41'52.95"	92°42'53.61"	92°42'55.01"
Casing Elevation (ft NGVD)	99.38	99.36	97.37	86.15	86.68
Concrete Pad Elevation (ft NGVD)	96.59	97.10	94.50	83.05	83.73
Well Depth (ft bgs)	40	46	35.5	36	40
Screen Length (ft)	10	10	10	10	10
Top of Screen (ft NGVD)	67.2	61.7	69.3	58.8	54.6
Bottom of Screen (ft NGVD)	57.2	51.7	59.3	48.8	44.6
Screen Slot Size (inches)	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010
Casing Diameter (inches) & Material	2" PVC	2" PVC	2" PVC	2" PVC	2" PVC

Well Number	W-3	W-19	W-21	W-24
Background (B) or Compliance (C)	C	C	C	C
Latitude (dd°mm'ss")	31°23'37.79"	31°23'30.48"	31°23'49.57"	31°23'43.05"
Longitude (dd°mm'ss")	92°41'48.33"	92°41'50.26"	92°42'05.00"	92°41'55.61"
Casing Elevation (ft NGVD)	92.07	94.99	87.86	83.71
Concrete Pad Elevation (ft NGVD)	88.87	92.47	85.23	81.03
Well Depth (ft bgs)	77	55	54.5	55
Screen Length (ft)	10	10	10	10
Top of Screen (ft NGVD)	25.7	48.0	41.2	38.4
Bottom of Screen (ft NGVD)	15.7	38.0	31.2	28.4
Screen Slot Size (inches)	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010
Casing Diameter (inches) & Material	2" PVC	2" PVC	2" PVC	2" PVC

Notes:

bgs = below ground surface

PVC = polyvinyl chloride



Table 2  
2018 Analytical Data Summary

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds

Parameter/Well/Date	Boron (mg/l)	Calcium (mg/l)	Chloride (mg/l)	Fluoride (mg/l)	pH (S.U.)	Sulfate (mg/l)	TDS (mg/l)	
D-1 (BG)	1/22/18	0.047	4.9	13.4	0.1	6.84	10.8	135
	4/10/18	0.049	8.7	13.3	0.15	7.55	8.8	120
	8/8/18	0.044	5.2	12.2	<0.1	7.61	10.5	150
	10/4/18	0.046	5.8	12.3	<0.1	6.57	10.7	110
D-2 (BG)	1/22/18	0.095	96	11.4	0.5	7.19	57.5	475
	4/10/18	0.11	109	8.3	0.35	7.35	89.1	435
	8/8/18	0.11	104	8.2	0.38	7.41	78.7	575
	10/4/18	0.11	108	6.8	0.4	6.81	88.4	525
D-3 (BG)	1/22/18	0.31	91.5	11.2	0.49	7.28	50.2	915
	4/10/18	0.31	93.2	12.6	0.54	7.58	53.5	740
	8/8/18	0.29	86.4	10.7	1	7.4	49.1	680
	10/4/18	0.26	87	10.4	0.6	7.01	47.9	455
L-1 (BG)	1/22/18	0.12	121	5.3	0.28	7.52	13.1	475
	4/11/18	0.11	106	5.2	0.16	8.22	29.6	200
	8/8/18	0.13	117	6	0.18	7.34	11.6	500
	10/4/18	0.12	110	5.9	0.21	6	4.8	440
L-2 (BG)	1/22/18	0.1	70.4	3.9	0.47	7.27	19.9	315
	4/11/18	0.092	74.7	3.5	0.24	7.9	20.4	235
	8/8/18	0.099	62.5	3.3	0.47	7.18	20.3	340
	10/4/18	0.093	62.8	3.2	0.48	6.87	20.4	370
W-3	1/23/18	0.17	67.5	161	0.43	7	<1	685
	4/11/18	0.18	69.9 / 65.2*	164	0.25	6.73	<1	595
	8/8/18	0.17	66.1	206	<1	7.31	3.9	910
	10/4/18	0.18	64	179	0.26	6.5	2.4	700
W-19	1/23/18	0.19	99.6	59.5	0.38	7.24	<1	620
	4/11/18	0.2 / 0.18*	110	58.1	0.41	7.37	1.3	495
	8/8/18	0.19	102	59.5	0.22	7.06	<1	690
	10/4/18	0.19	97.4	64.7	0.24	6.72	<1	630
W-21	1/23/18	0.36	125	56.8	0.51	7.17	180	1,280
	4/11/18	0.35	124	54.3	0.41	7.51	160	1,110
	8/8/18	0.39	124	51.3	0.42	7.73	172	1,120
	10/4/18	0.35	122	54	1.1	6.91	177	1,130
W-24	1/23/18	0.19	138	175	0.34	7.21	1	1,310
	4/11/18	0.18	140	108	0.56	7.5	2.5	750
	8/8/18	0.2	117	96.2	0.27	7.51	2.4	920
	10/4/18	0.2	122	145	0.37	7.11	1	1,150

\* 5/25/18 resampling result.

Notes:

mg/l = milligrams per liter  
S.U. = standard units

**APPENDIX G.4**

**MONITORING WELL CERTIFICATION REPORT**



**BRAME ENERGY CENTER  
LENA, LOUISIANA**

**MONITORING WELL  
NETWORK CERTIFICATION**

## **MONITORING WELL NETWORK**

### **1.0 Introduction**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a final rule for the regulation and management of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The rule applies to the Cleco Power LLC Brame Energy Center (BEC). A site location map is provided in Figure 1. BEC has two permitted facilities that accept CCR: the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds, as shown in Figure 2.

The CCR Rule, 40 CFR Subpart D-Standards for the Disposal of CCRs, Section §257.91 requires a groundwater monitoring system that consists of sufficient number of wells at appropriate locations and depths based on site-specific technical information, to yield groundwater samples from the uppermost aquifer that:

- Accurately represent the quality of both background groundwater, and groundwater passing the boundary of the CCR unit; and
- Monitor potential contaminant pathways.

The groundwater monitoring system at BEC meets those requirements, as described below.

### **2.0 Site Hydrogeology Summary**

The Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds are situated on the aquifer recharge area for the Red River natural levee and/or Alluvial Aquifer, as well as Lake Rodemacher. Since the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds are located in the Red River Alluvium, all upgradient and downgradient monitoring wells for these CCR facilities have been installed in these deposits.

Review of geological reports indicates that Louisiana Alluvial Aquifer groundwater quality is reported by the USGS to be primarily limited to use for industrial and agricultural purposes. This is due to excessive concentrations of dissolved solids, hardness, iron, or localized salinity. The natural groundwater quality of these aquifer systems is generally considered not suitable for drinking water supply purposes without first undergoing appropriate water treatment. The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR) issued an advisory in 2009 addressing the recommended uses of these alluvial aquifers. Furthermore, it is reported that dissolved metals, namely arsenic, have been, and are expected to be, detected in groundwater in localized areas of these aquifers (LDNR, 2009).

Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation, 2009. “General Water Quality Summary, Louisiana Groundwater - Alluvial Aquifer Systems”, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Baton Rouge, LA, 1 sheet.

### **3.0 Groundwater Monitoring System**

Groundwater monitoring wells have been installed in the uppermost, laterally continuous water bearing zone present beneath the CCR facilities at BEC. Since the areas immediately upgradient of the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds are situated on Terrace deposits, the background monitoring wells have been installed in alternative locations, per §257.91.1. Thus, all background and

compliance monitoring wells are screened in the Red River Alluvial deposits. Monitoring well information is included in Table 1, and the monitoring well locations are provided in Figure 2.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the groundwater monitoring system described in this report for the Brame Energy Center, owned and operated by Cleco Power, LLC, has been designed and constructed to meet the requirements of the Coal Combustion Residual Rule 40 CFR §257.91. I am a duly licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Louisiana.

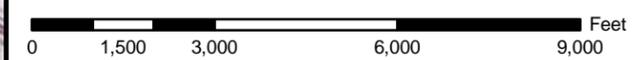
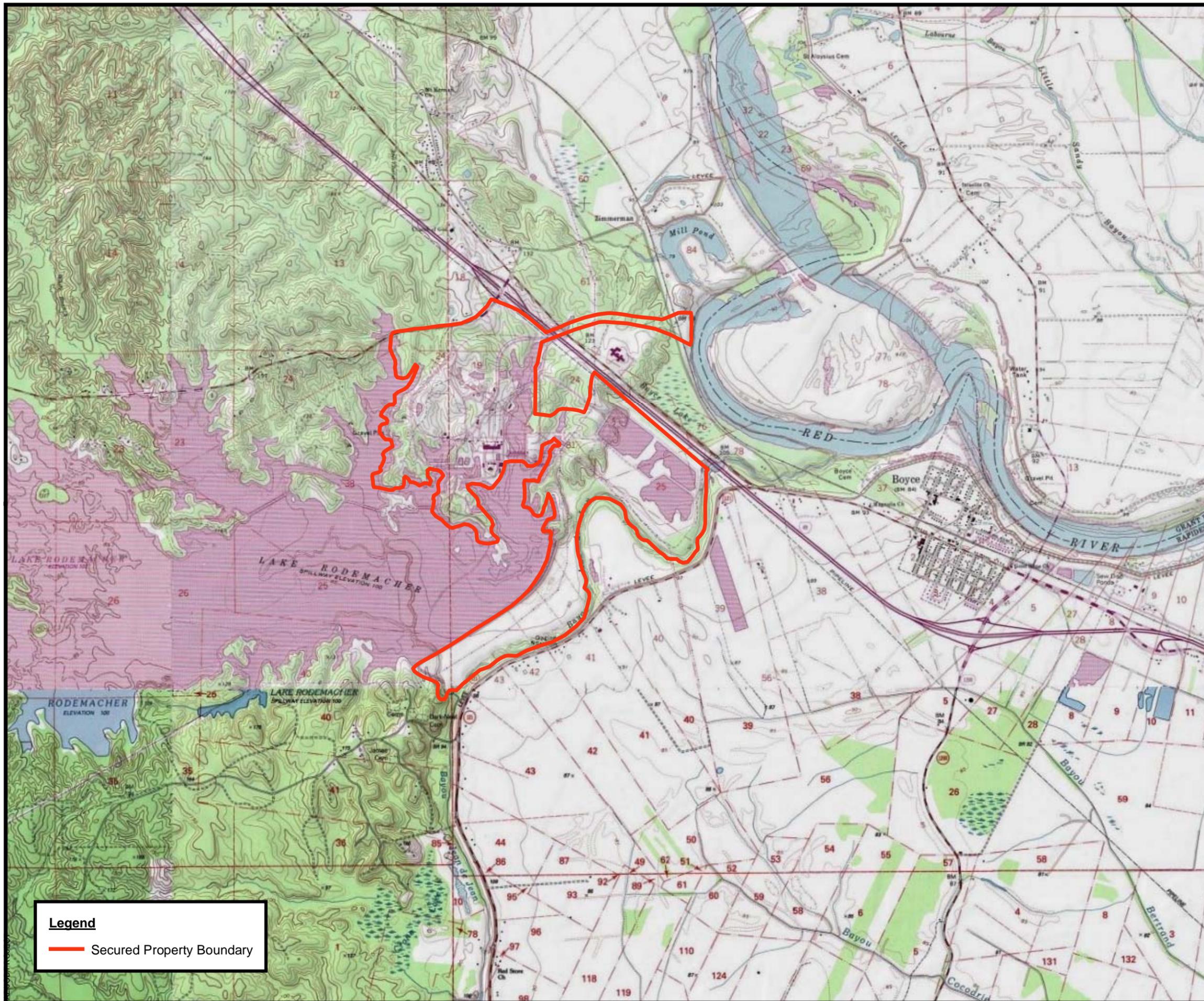


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**Site Location Map**

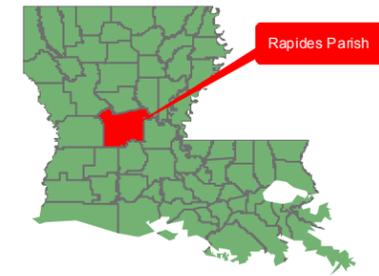
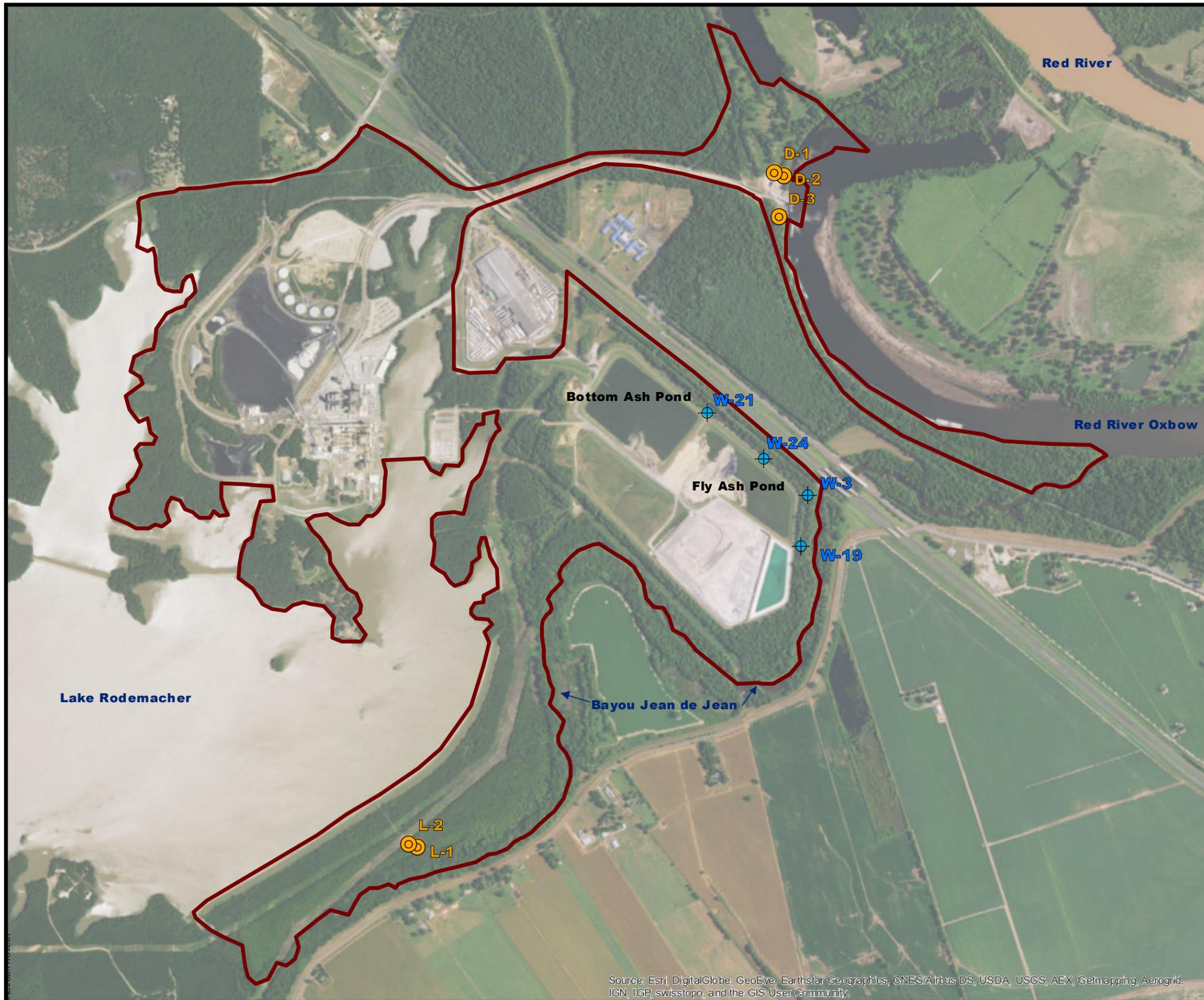
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**Figure 1**

**Legend**  
 — Secured Property Boundary



**Legend**

-  CCR Rule Compliance Wells
-  CCR Rule Background Wells
-  Secured Property Boundary



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**CCR Rule  
Monitoring Well Location Map**

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**Figure 2**

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Table 1  
Monitoring Well Construction Data

Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Bottom and Fly Ash Ponds

Well Number	D-1	D-2	D-3	L-1	L-2
Background (B) or Compliance (C)	B	B	B	B	B
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Well Depth (ft bgs)	40	46	35.5	36	40
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Screen Slot Size (inches)	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010
Casing Diameter (inches) & Material	2" PVC				

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Concrete Pad Elevation (ft NGVD)	88.87	92.47	85.23	81.03
Well Depth (ft bgs)	77	55	54.5	55
Screen Length (ft)	10	10	10	10
Top of Screen (ft NGVD)	25.7	48.0	41.2	38.4
Bottom of Screen (ft NGVD)	15.7	38.0	31.2	28.4
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Casing Diameter (inches) & Material	2" PVC	2" PVC	2" PVC	2" PVC

Notes:

bgs = below ground surface

PVC = polyvinyl chloride

## **APPENDIX G.5**

### **CERTIFICATION OF STATISTICAL METHODOLOGY**



**BRAME ENERGY CENTER  
LENA, LOUISIANA**

**CERTIFICATION OF  
STATISTICAL METHODOLOGY**

## STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Statistical evaluations of groundwater monitoring data for the permitted Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) facilities will be performed using prediction limits per §257.93.F. These statistical evaluations will be conducted per performance criteria outlined in applicable portions of §275.93.G and the *Statistical Analysis of Groundwater Monitoring Data at RCRA Facilities Unified Guidance* (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, March, 2009). The number of samples collected, the frequency of collection, and the management of non-detect data will be consistent with the statistical method selected. The data set to be considered in the statistical analysis will include data generated from the implementation of the CCR groundwater monitoring program.

The goal of the statistical evaluation is to determine if there is statistically significant evidence to show that facility operations may have adversely affected groundwater quality downgradient of the CCR facility. As shown in the decision logic flowchart for detection monitoring (Figure 1), an evaluation of upgradient well data will be performed first before determining which statistical evaluation approach will be selected. If the background wells are not impacted by a release from any CCR facility and have groundwater quality statistically similar to downgradient wells (assuming no impacts from the CCR facility in the downgradient wells), then interwell statistical evaluation will be performed. If the initial sampling results indicate that background groundwater is statistically dissimilar to downgradient groundwater, then intrawell statistical evaluation will be performed. These techniques are discussed below.

- Interwell statistical evaluations involve an upgradient/downgradient comparison to determine if there are any statistically significant increases (SSIs) between groundwater quality upgradient and groundwater quality downgradient of the CCR facility. Interwell prediction limits will be constructed from the upgradient well data and based on the distribution of that data for each parameter. If the assumption of normality is not rejected for the upgradient data set, then a parametric prediction limit will be calculated. If the assumption of normality is rejected for the upgradient data set, then a non-parametric prediction limit will be calculated, in which case, the prediction limit will be based on the highest value in the upgradient data set. The most recent result for each downgradient well for each parameter will be compared to the applicable prediction limit.
- Intrawell statistical evaluations are within well comparisons. In the case of intrawell prediction limits, historical data from within a given well for a given parameter will be used to construct a limit. Compliance points will be compared to the limit to determine whether a change is occurring on a per-well/per-parameter basis. If the assumption of normality is not rejected for the background data set, then a parametric prediction limit will be calculated. If the assumption of normality is rejected for the background data set, then a non-parametric prediction limit will be calculated, in which case, the prediction limit will be based on the highest value in the background data set. (Note that both upper and lower prediction limits will be used for intrawell evaluations of pH.)

Intrawell limit-based tests are recommended when there is evidence of natural spatial variability in groundwater quality, particularly among unimpacted upgradient wells, as it is inappropriate to pool those data across wells for the purpose of creating interwell limits

for comparison with downgradient well data. Intrawell tests may be used at both new and existing facilities. Data used in intrawell limit-based tests will be screened for outliers, which, if found, will be removed from the background data set prior to constructing limits for each well/parameter pair.

An integral part of using prediction limits for statistical evaluation of groundwater data is the selection of a verification resampling strategy. For the Cleco Power, LLC sites, a 1/2 verification resampling strategy will be used to lower the site-wide false positive rate (SWFPR). Verification resampling is mathematically incorporated into the prediction limit calculations, which improves statistical power while maintaining the SWFPR. Note that in the event intrawell statistical evaluations are performed that verification resampling for SSIs will only be conducted for SSIs generated in downgradient wells. Intrawell statistics will be performed on all wells; however, since the goal of the statistical evaluation is to determine if there is statistically significant evidence to show that facility operations may have adversely affected groundwater quality downgradient of the CCR facility, only downgradient wells will be subject to verification resampling.

In the event that SSIs are reported, verification resampling will be conducted for the appropriate well/parameter pairs. If SSIs are confirmed through verification resampling, the timelines listed in either §257.94.E.1 or §257.94.E.2 will be followed.

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the selected statistical methodology as described above is appropriate for evaluating the groundwater monitoring data for the CCR management areas at the Cleco Power, LLC Brame Energy Center. I am a duly licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Louisiana.



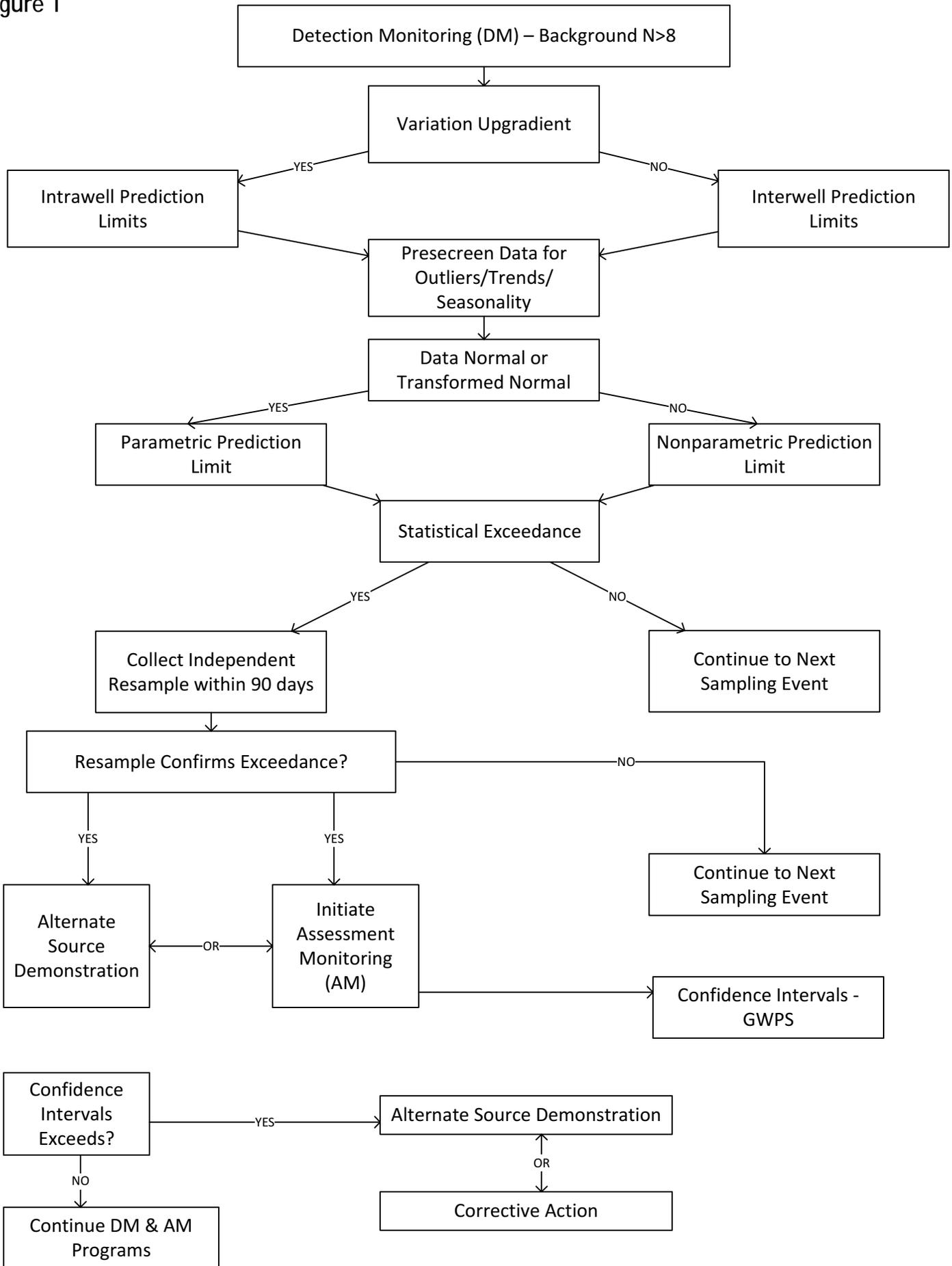
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, P.E.

Date: 10/12/17

Louisiana Registration No.: 27124

Figure 1



**APPENDIX G.6**

**STATISTICAL ANALYSIS - 2019**



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Brent Croom, Jacob Hudson  
**FROM:** Jared Mayeux  
**DATE:** January 3, 2020  
**RE:** BEC CCR Groundwater Statistics

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Information related to the CCR groundwater monitoring program for the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Ponds is attached. Evaluations of data distribution for the CCR parameters in upgradient wells at the CCR facilities are included.

Results of the evaluations of upgradient groundwater quality at the CCR facilities indicate that there is significant natural spatial variation (NSV) in groundwater quality; thus, intrawell statistical evaluations will be conducted for all detection monitoring parameters. This correlates with previous determinations by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Waste Permits Division that intrawell statistical analysis is appropriate at this site.

Intrawell limit-based tests are recommended when there is evidence of NSV in groundwater quality, particularly among unimpacted upgradient wells, as it is inappropriate to pool those data across wells for the purpose of creating interwell limits for comparison with downgradient well data. Intrawell tests may be used at both new and existing facilities. Data used in intrawell limit-based tests will be screened for outliers, which, if found, will be removed from the background data set prior to constructing limits for each well/parameter pair.

An integral part of using prediction limits for statistical evaluation of groundwater data is the selection of a verification resampling strategy. For the Cleco Power, LLC sites, a 1/2 verification resampling strategy will be used to lower the site-wide false positive rate (SWFPR). Verification resampling is mathematically incorporated into the prediction limit calculations, which improves statistical power while maintaining the SWFPR. Note that in the event intrawell statistical evaluations are performed that verification resampling for SSIs will only be conducted for SSIs generated in downgradient wells. Intrawell statistics will be performed on all wells; however, since the goal of the statistical evaluation is to determine if there is statistically significant evidence to show that facility operations may have adversely affected groundwater quality downgradient of the CCR facilities, only downgradient wells will be subject to verification resampling.

In the event that SSIs are reported, verification resampling will be conducted for the appropriate well/parameter pairs. If SSIs are confirmed through verification resampling, the timelines listed in either §257.94.E.1 or §257.94.E.2 will be followed.

**BEC BOTTOM ASH AND FLY ASH PONDS**

**BACKGROUND VARIATION**

# Non-Parametric ANOVA

Constituent: Boron Analysis Run 12/12/2019 11:24

Cleco Brame Energy Center Client: Eagle Environmental Services, Inc. Data: BEC CCR

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For observations made between 7/6/2016 and 10/30/2019, the non-parametric analysis of variance test indicates a DIFFERENCE between the medians of the groups tested at the 5% significance level. Because the calculated Kruskal-Wallis statistic is greater than the Chi-squared value, we conclude that at least one group has a significantly different median concentration of this constituent when compared to another group.

Calculated Kruskal-Wallis statistic = 55.2

Tabulated Chi-Squared value = 9.488 with 4 degrees of freedom at the 5% significance level.

There were 16 groups of ties in the data, consequently the Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H) was adjusted. The adjusted statistic (H') was utilized to determine if the medians were equal.

Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H) = 54.73

Adjusted Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H') = 55.2

# Non-Parametric ANOVA

Constituent: Calcium Analysis Run 12/12/2019 11:24  
Cleco Brame Energy Center Client: Eagle Environmental Services, Inc. Data: BEC CCR

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For observations made between 7/6/2016 and 10/30/2019, the non-parametric analysis of variance test indicates a DIFFERENCE between the medians of the groups tested at the 5% significance level. Because the calculated Kruskal-Wallis statistic is greater than the Chi-squared value, we conclude that at least one group has a significantly different median concentration of this constituent when compared to another group.

Calculated Kruskal-Wallis statistic = 57.54

Tabulated Chi-Squared value = 9.488 with 4 degrees of freedom at the 5% significance level.

There were 11 groups of ties in the data, consequently the Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H) was adjusted. The adjusted statistic (H') was utilized to determine if the medians were equal.

Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H) = 57.53

Adjusted Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H') = 57.54

# Non-Parametric ANOVA

Constituent: Chloride Analysis Run 1/3/2020 08:39  
Cleco Brame Energy Center Client: Eagle Environmental Services, Inc. Data: BEC CCR

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For observations made between 7/6/2016 and 10/30/2019, the non-parametric analysis of variance test indicates a DIFFERENCE between the medians of the groups tested at the 5% significance level. Because the calculated Kruskal-Wallis statistic is greater than the Chi-squared value, we conclude that at least one group has a significantly different median concentration of this constituent when compared to another group.

Calculated Kruskal-Wallis statistic = 63.85

Tabulated Chi-Squared value = 9.488 with 4 degrees of freedom at the 5% significance level.

There were 19 groups of ties in the data, consequently the Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H) was adjusted. The adjusted statistic (H') was utilized to determine if the medians were equal.

Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H) = 63.82

Adjusted Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H') = 63.85

# Non-Parametric ANOVA

Constituent: Fluoride Analysis Run 12/12/2019 11:24  
Cleco Brame Energy Center Client: Eagle Environmental Services, Inc. Data: BEC CCR

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For observations made between 7/6/2016 and 10/30/2019, the non-parametric analysis of variance test indicates a DIFFERENCE between the medians of the groups tested at the 5% significance level. Because the calculated Kruskal-Wallis statistic is greater than the Chi-squared value, we conclude that at least one group has a significantly different median concentration of this constituent when compared to another group.

Calculated Kruskal-Wallis statistic = 41.96

Tabulated Chi-Squared value = 9.488 with 4 degrees of freedom at the 5% significance level.

There were 18 groups of ties in the data, consequently the Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H) was adjusted. The adjusted statistic (H') was utilized to determine if the medians were equal.

Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H) = 41.87

Adjusted Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H') = 41.96

# Non-Parametric ANOVA

Constituent: pH Analysis Run 12/12/2019 11:24  
Cleco Brame Energy Center Client: Eagle Environmental Services, Inc. Data: BEC CCR

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For observations made between 7/6/2016 and 10/30/2019, the non-parametric analysis of variance test indicates a DIFFERENCE between the medians of the groups tested at the 5% significance level. Because the calculated Kruskal-Wallis statistic is greater than the Chi-squared value, we conclude that at least one group has a significantly different median concentration of this constituent when compared to another group.

Calculated Kruskal-Wallis statistic = 10.29

Tabulated Chi-Squared value = 9.488 with 4 degrees of freedom at the 5% significance level.

There were 15 groups of ties in the data, consequently the Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H) was adjusted. The adjusted statistic (H') was utilized to determine if the medians were equal.

Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H) = 10.29

Adjusted Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H') = 10.29

## Non-Parametric ANOVA

Constituent: Sulfate Analysis Run 12/12/2019 11:24  
Cleco Brame Energy Center Client: Eagle Environmental Services, Inc. Data: BEC CCR

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For observations made between 7/6/2016 and 10/30/2019, the non-parametric analysis of variance test indicates a DIFFERENCE between the medians of the groups tested at the 5% significance level. Because the calculated Kruskal-Wallis statistic is greater than the Chi-squared value, we conclude that at least one group has a significantly different median concentration of this constituent when compared to another group.

Calculated Kruskal-Wallis statistic = 69.53

Tabulated Chi-Squared value = 9.488 with 4 degrees of freedom at the 5% significance level.

There were 9 groups of ties in the data, consequently the Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H) was adjusted. The adjusted statistic (H') was utilized to determine if the medians were equal.

Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H) = 69.53

Adjusted Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H') = 69.53

## Non-Parametric ANOVA

Constituent: Total Dissolved Solids Analysis Run 12/12/2019 11:24  
Cleco Brame Energy Center Client: Eagle Environmental Services, Inc. Data: BEC CCR

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For observations made between 7/6/2016 and 10/30/2019, the non-parametric analysis of variance test indicates a DIFFERENCE between the medians of the groups tested at the 5% significance level. Because the calculated Kruskal-Wallis statistic is greater than the Chi-squared value, we conclude that at least one group has a significantly different median concentration of this constituent when compared to another group.

Calculated Kruskal-Wallis statistic = 63.84

Tabulated Chi-Squared value = 9.488 with 4 degrees of freedom at the 5% significance level.

There were 17 groups of ties in the data, consequently the Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H) was adjusted. The adjusted statistic (H') was utilized to determine if the medians were equal.

Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H) = 63.82

Adjusted Kruskal-Wallis statistic (H') = 63.84

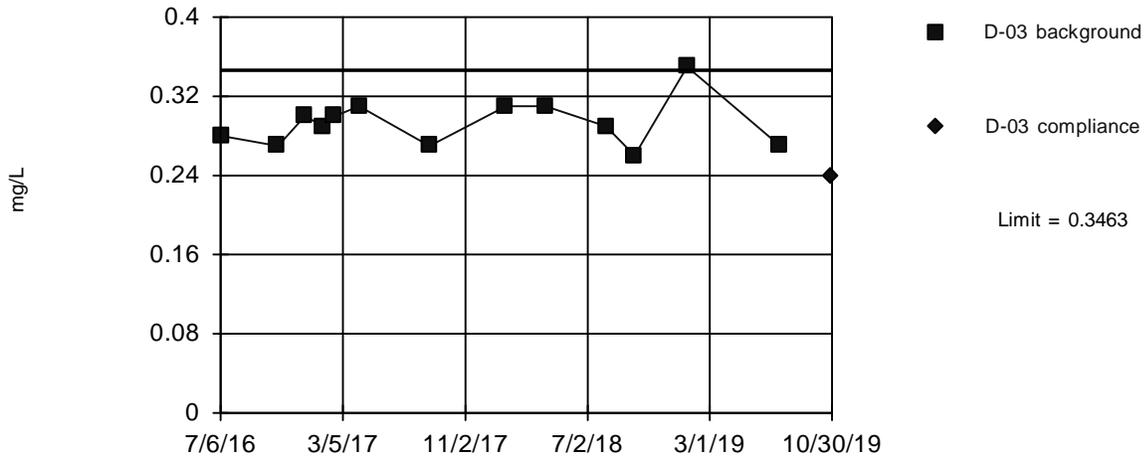
**BEC BOTTOM ASH AND FLY ASH PONDS**

**STATISTICAL EVALUATIONS**



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Intrawell Parametric

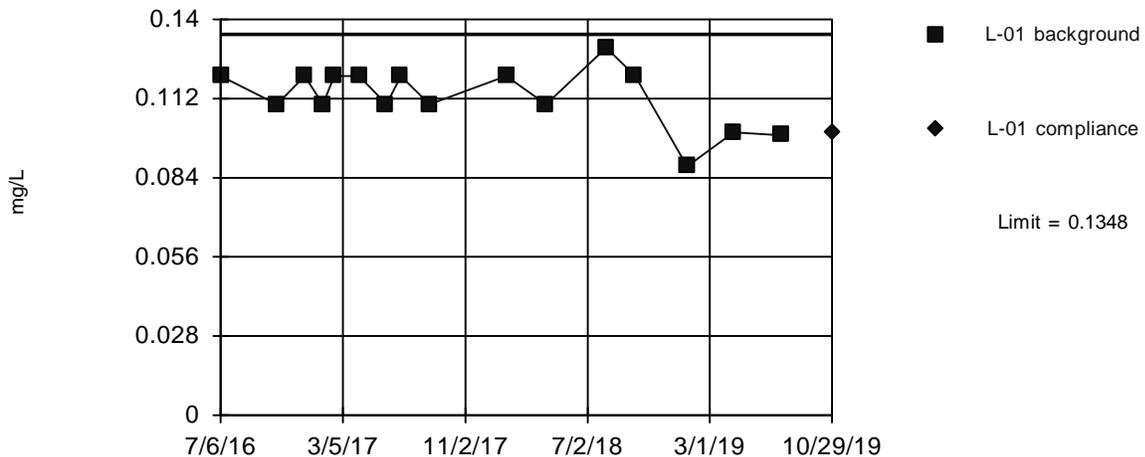


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Within Limit

Prediction Limit  
Intrawell Parametric

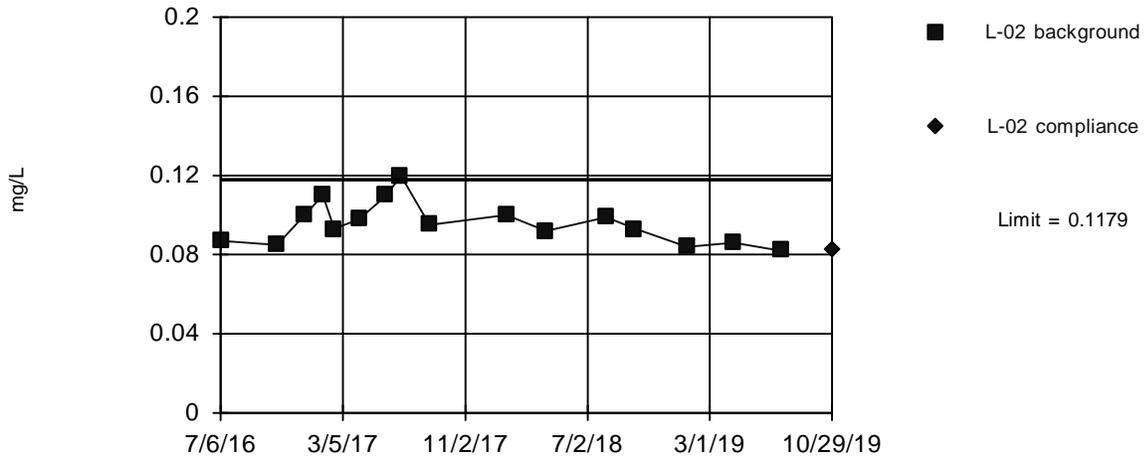


Background Data Summary: Mean=0.1129, Std. Dev.=0.01054, n=16. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence. Normality test: Shapiro Wilk @alpha = 0.01, calculated = 0.883, critical = 0.844. Kappa = 2.076 (c=7, w=4, 1 of 2, event alpha = 0.05132). Report alpha = 0.00188. After outlier removal distribution was non-normal, so outlier results were invalidated.

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Within Limit

Prediction Limit  
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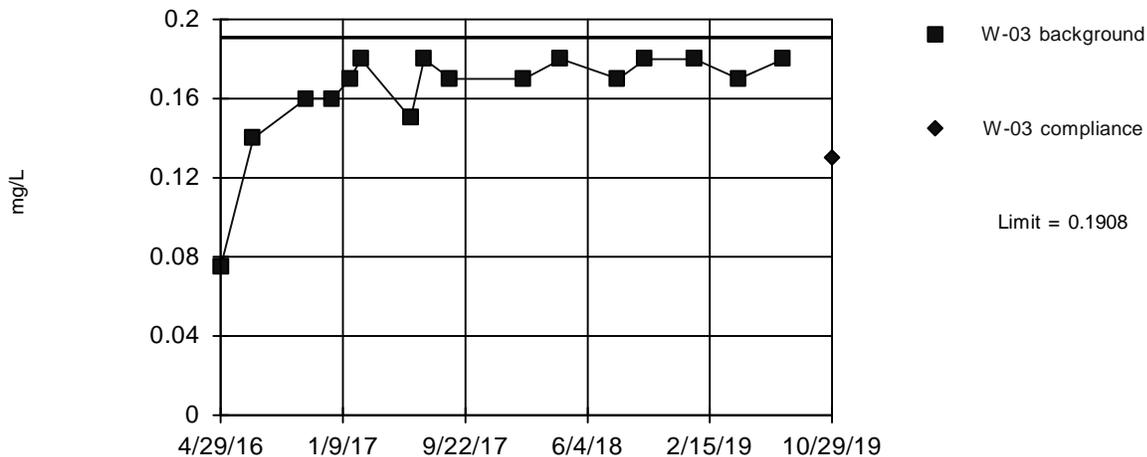


Background Data Summary: Mean=0.09588, Std. Dev.=0.01061, n=16. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence. Normality test: Shapiro Wilk @alpha = 0.01, calculated = 0.9329, critical = 0.844. Kappa = 2.076 (c=7, w=4, 1 of 2, event alpha = 0.05132). Report alpha = 0.00188. EPA 1989 outlier screening was performed on the background data (to establish suspected outliers for Dixon's/Rosner's). No background outliers were found.

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Within Limit

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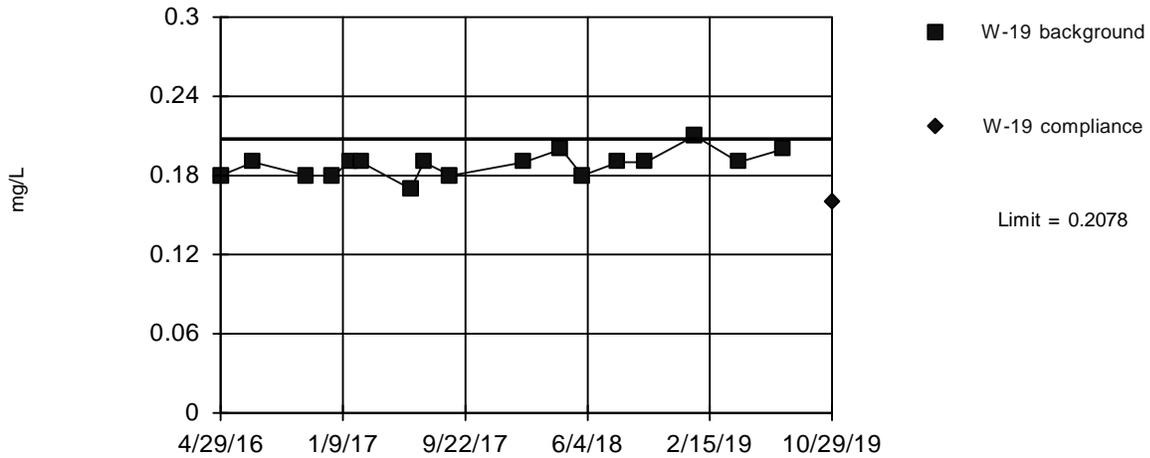


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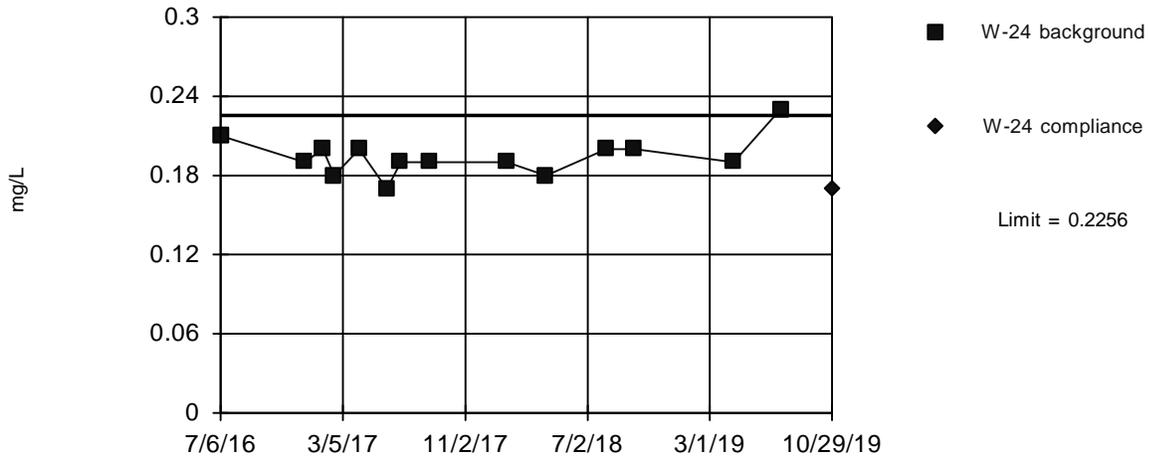
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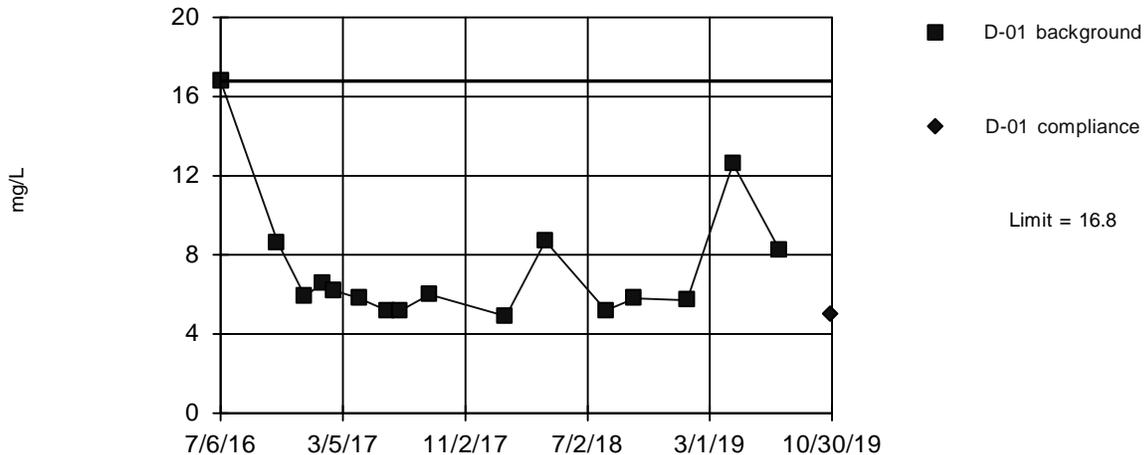
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Cleco Brame Energy Center Client: Eagle Environmental Services, Inc. Data: BEC CCR

Within Limit

Prediction Limit  
Intrawell Non-parametric



Non-parametric test used in lieu of parametric prediction limit because the Shapiro Wilk normality test showed the data to be non-normal at the 0.01 alpha level. Limit is highest of 16 background values. Well-constituent pair annual alpha = 0.01287. Individual comparison alpha = 0.006456 (1 of 2). After outlier removal distribution was non-normal, so outlier results were invalidated. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence.

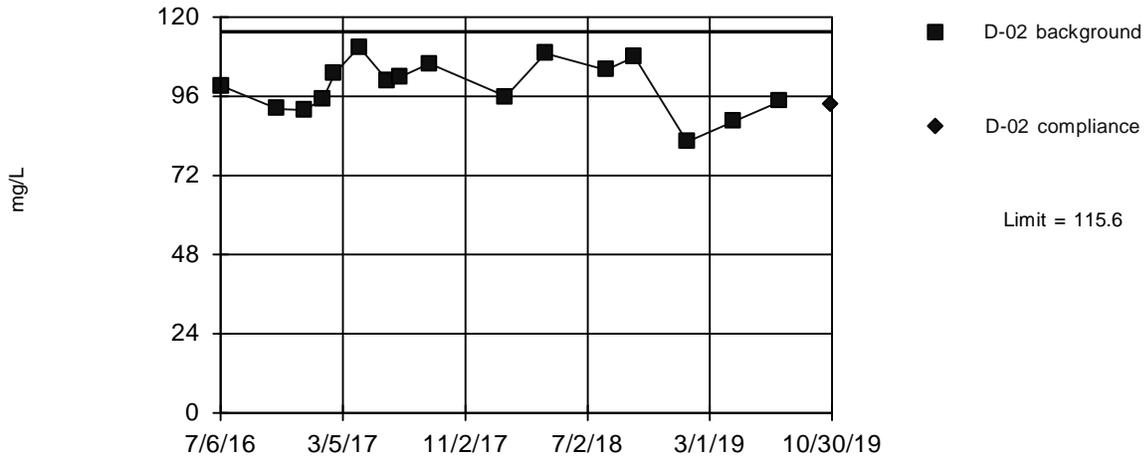
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Within Limit

Prediction Limit

Intrawell Parametric



Background Data Summary: Mean=98.97, Std. Dev.=8.028, n=16. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence. Normality test: Shapiro Wilk @alpha = 0.01, calculated = 0.9739, critical = 0.844. Kappa = 2.076 (c=7, w=4, 1 of 2, event alpha = 0.05132). Report alpha = 0.00188. EPA 1989 outlier screening was performed on the background data (to establish suspected outliers for Dixon's/Rosner's). No background outliers were found.

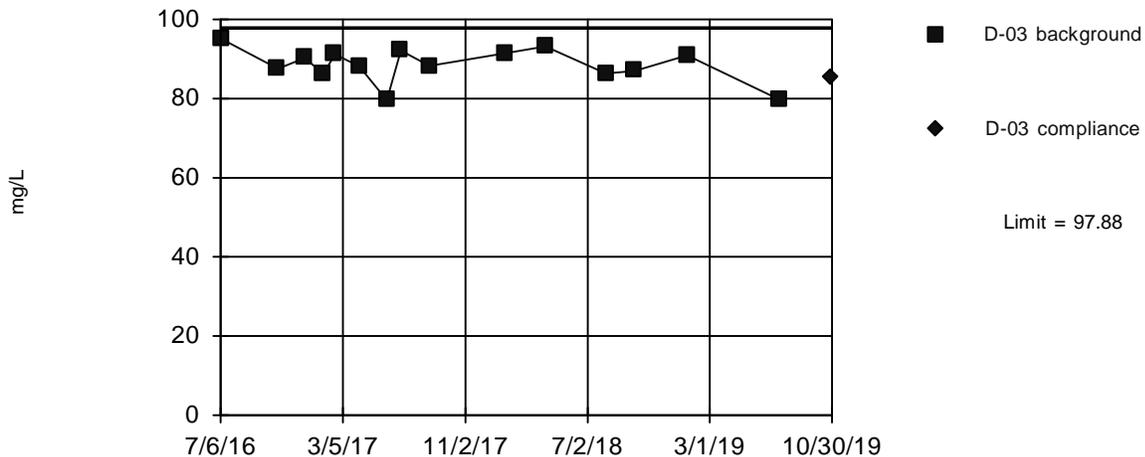
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Within Limit

Prediction Limit

Intrawell Parametric



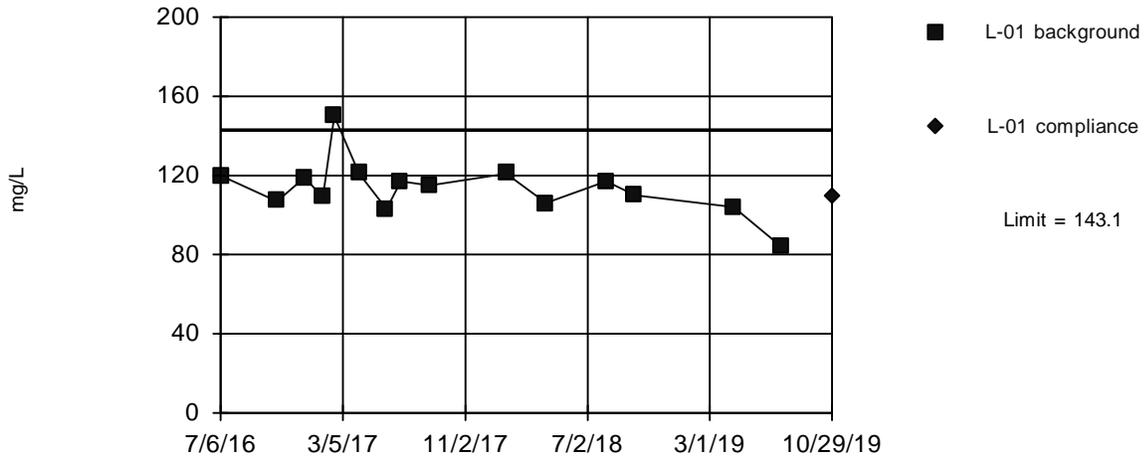
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Within Limit

Prediction Limit  
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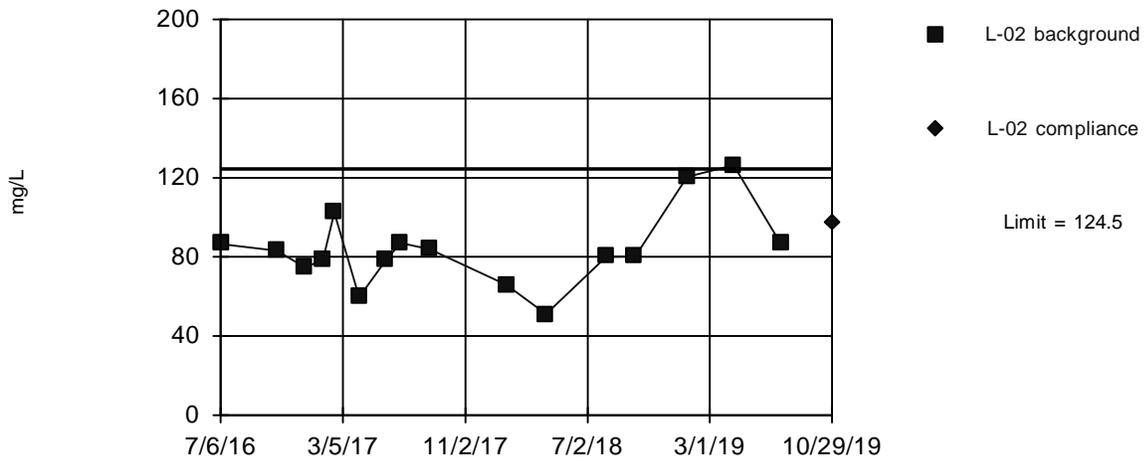
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Within Limit

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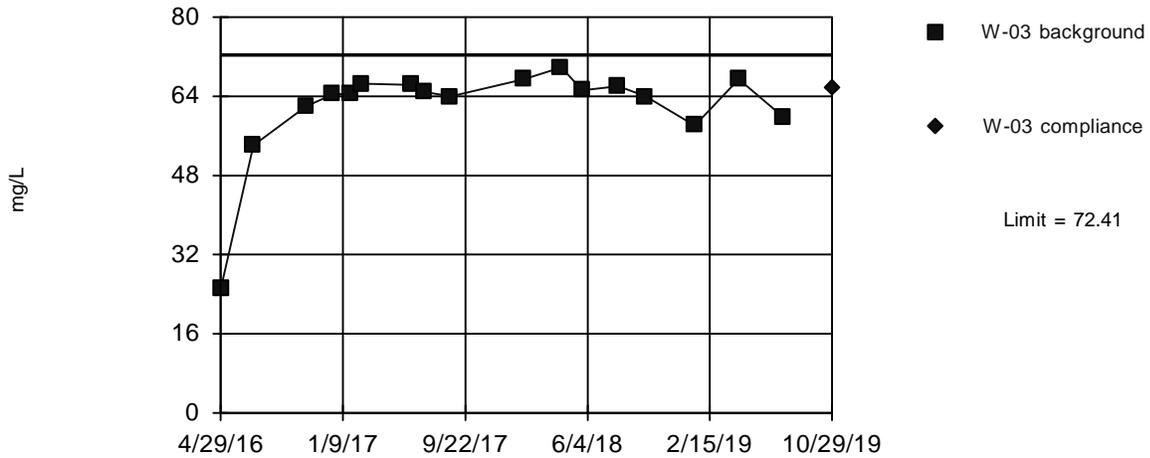
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Prediction Limit  
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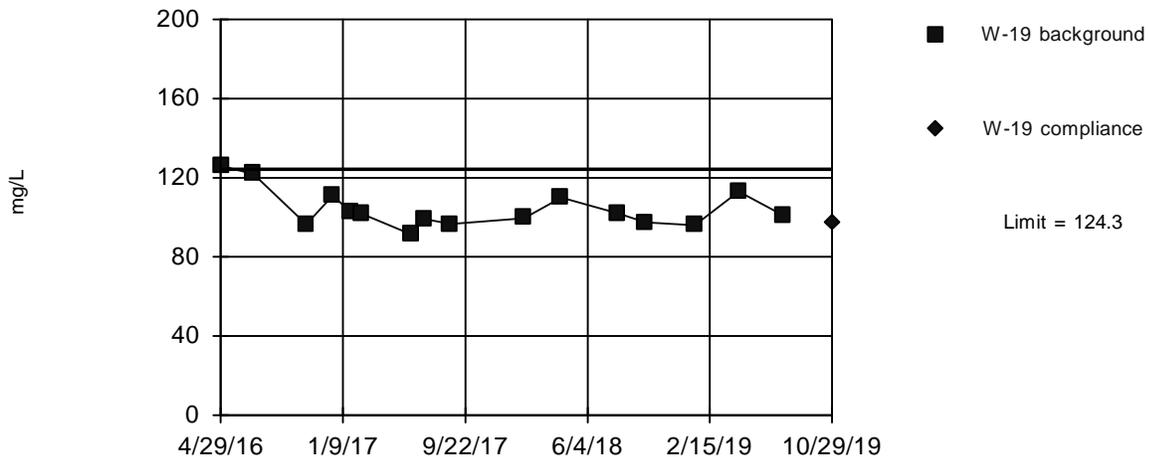
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Cleco Brame Energy Center Client: Eagle Environmental Services, Inc. Data: BEC CCR

Within Limit

Prediction Limit  
Intrawell Parametric



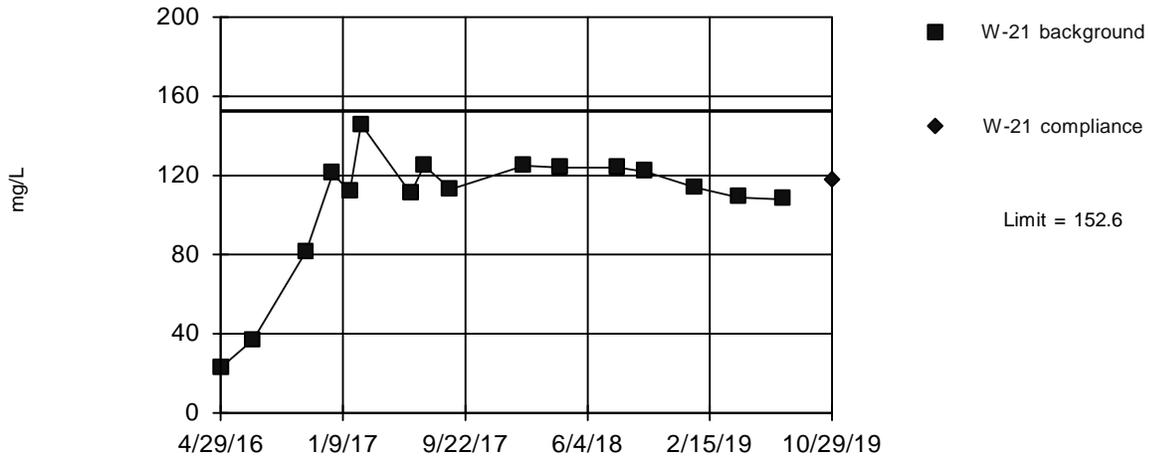
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Cleco Brame Energy Center Client: Eagle Environmental Services, Inc. Data: BEC CCR

Within Limit

Prediction Limit  
Intrawell Parametric



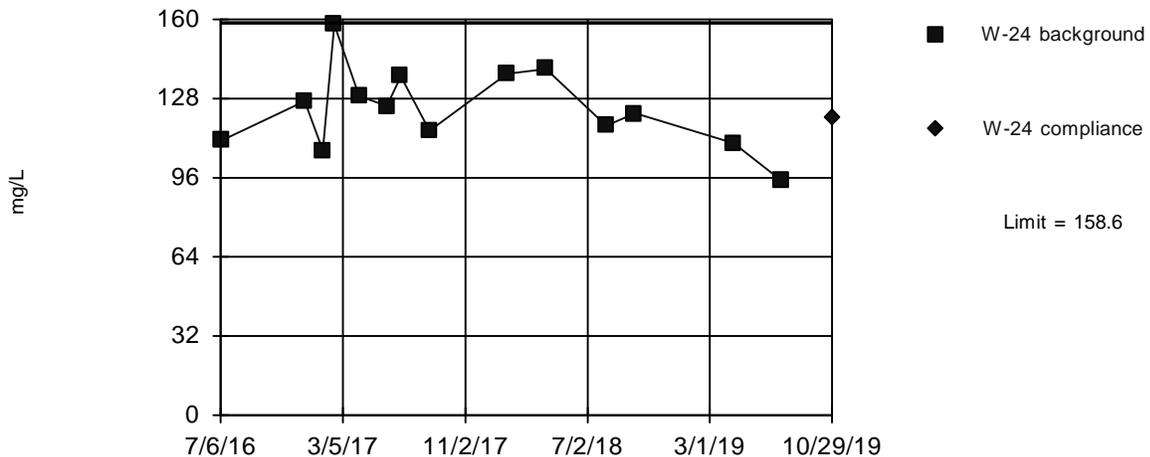
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Cleco Brame Energy Center Client: Eagle Environmental Services, Inc. Data: BEC CCR

Within Limit

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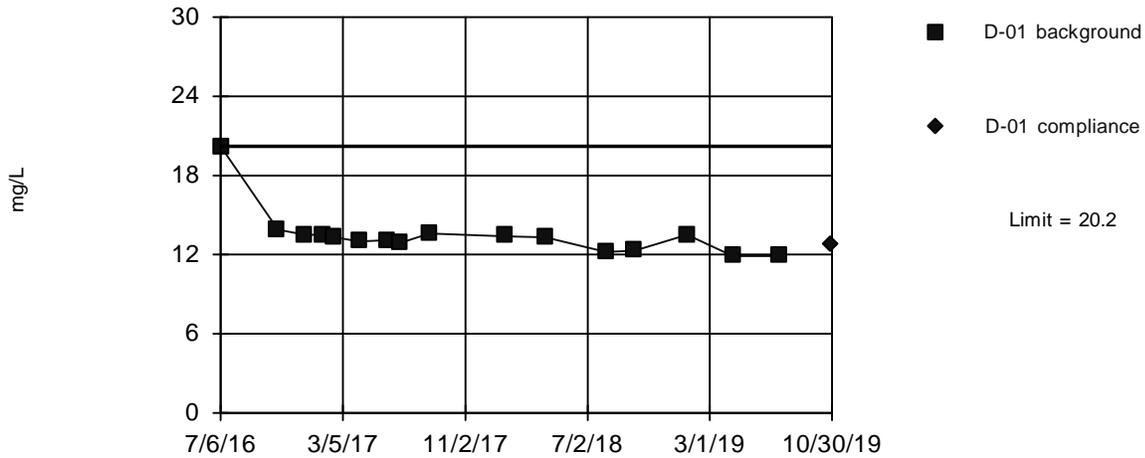
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Within Limit

### Prediction Limit Intrawell Non-parametric

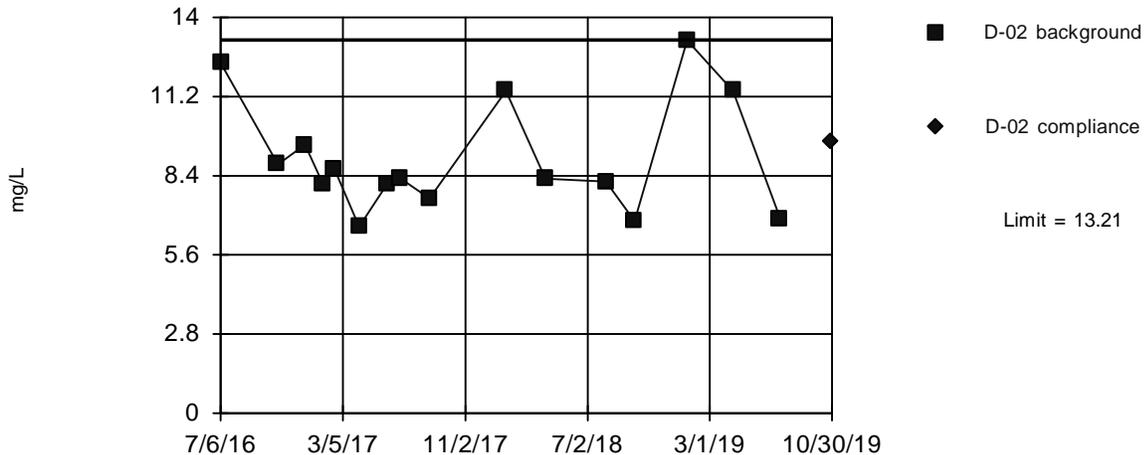


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Constituent: Chloride    Analysis Run 12/12/2019 11:31  
Cleco Brame Energy Center    Client: Eagle Environmental Services, Inc.    Data: BEC CCR

Within Limit

### Prediction Limit Intrawell Parametric



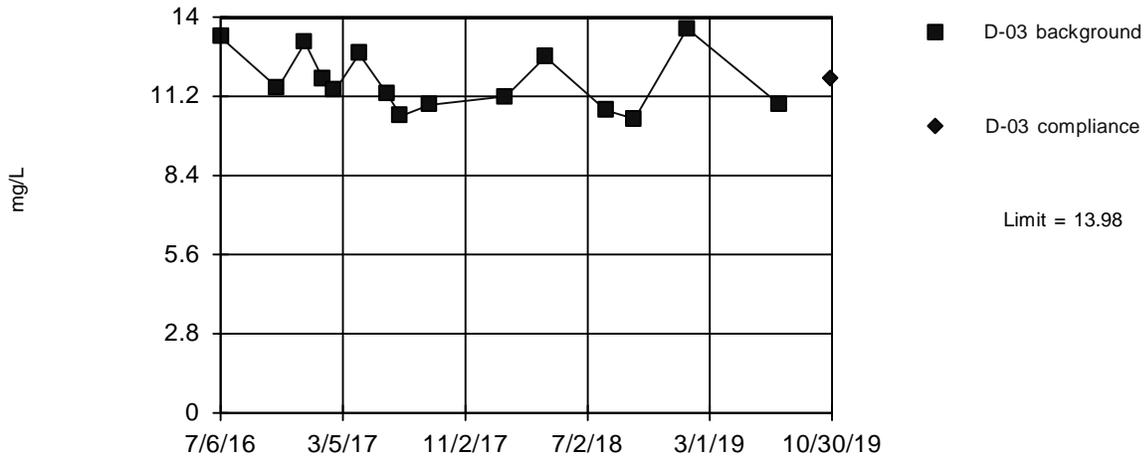
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Constituent: Chloride    Analysis Run 12/12/2019 11:31  
Cleco Brame Energy Center    Client: Eagle Environmental Services, Inc.    Data: BEC CCR

Within Limit

Prediction Limit

Intrawell Parametric



Background Data Summary: Mean=11.73, Std. Dev.=1.065, n=15. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence. Normality test: Shapiro Wilk @alpha = 0.01, calculated = 0.9097, critical = 0.835. Kappa = 2.115 (c=7, w=4, 1 of 2, event alpha = 0.05132). Report alpha = 0.00188. Dixon's outlier test was performed on the background data. One background outlier was removed: 7.3 (4/17/2019).

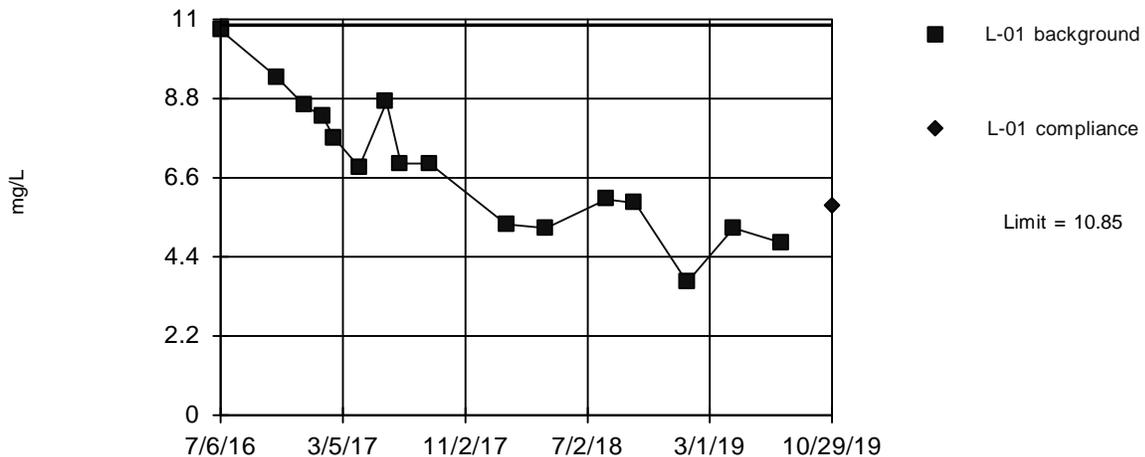
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Cleco Brame Energy Center Client: Eagle Environmental Services, Inc. Data: BEC CCR

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Prediction Limit

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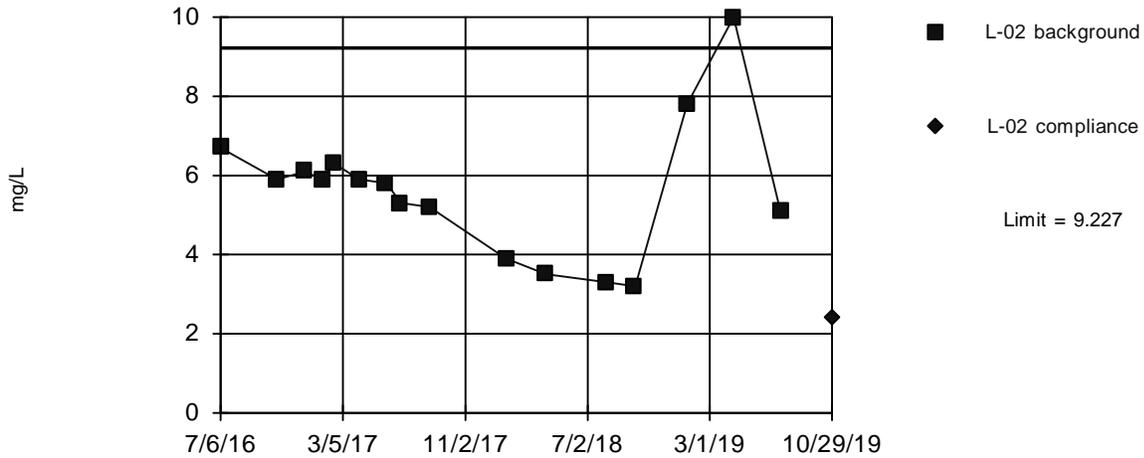
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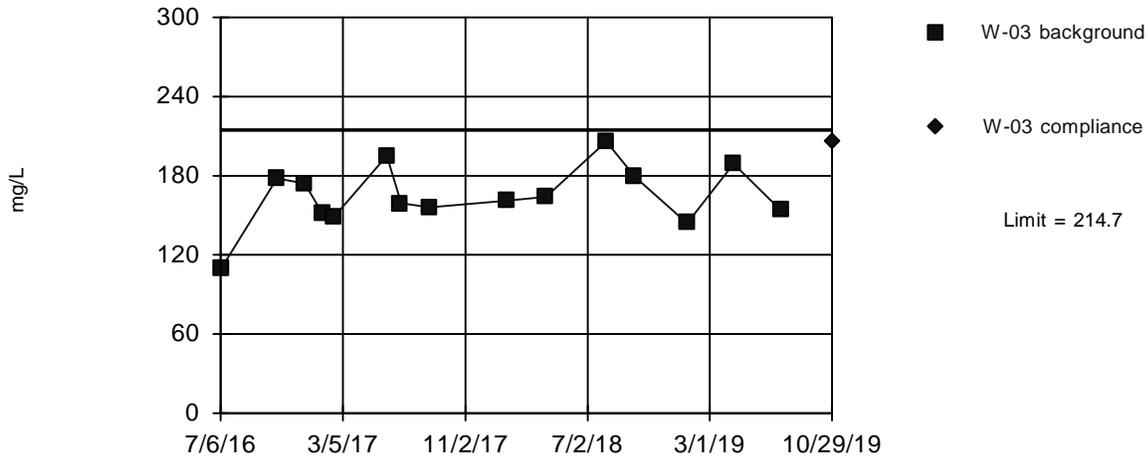
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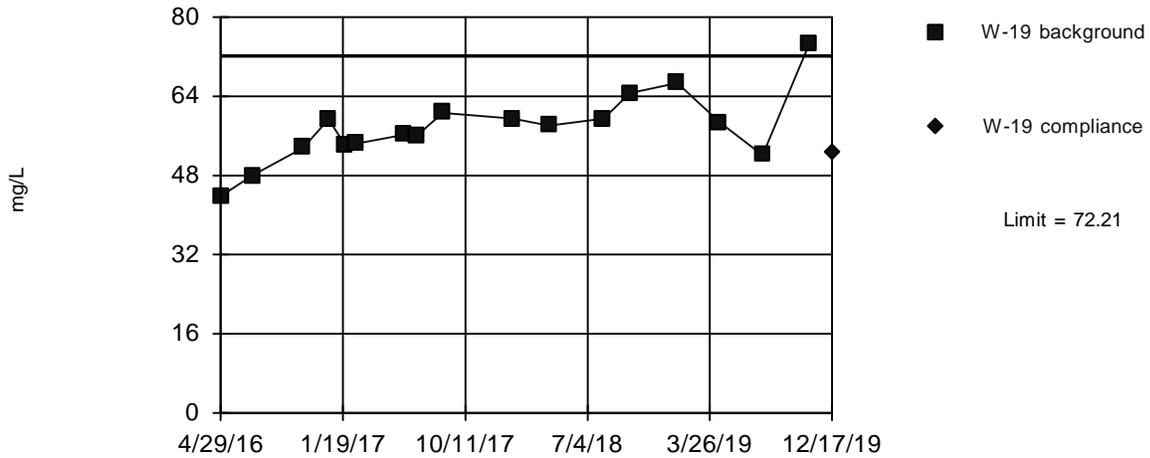
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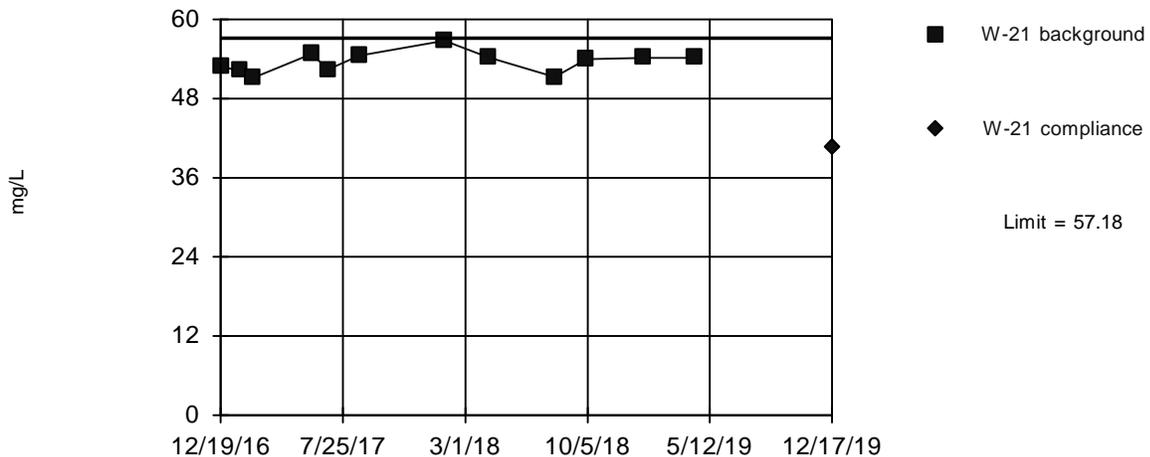
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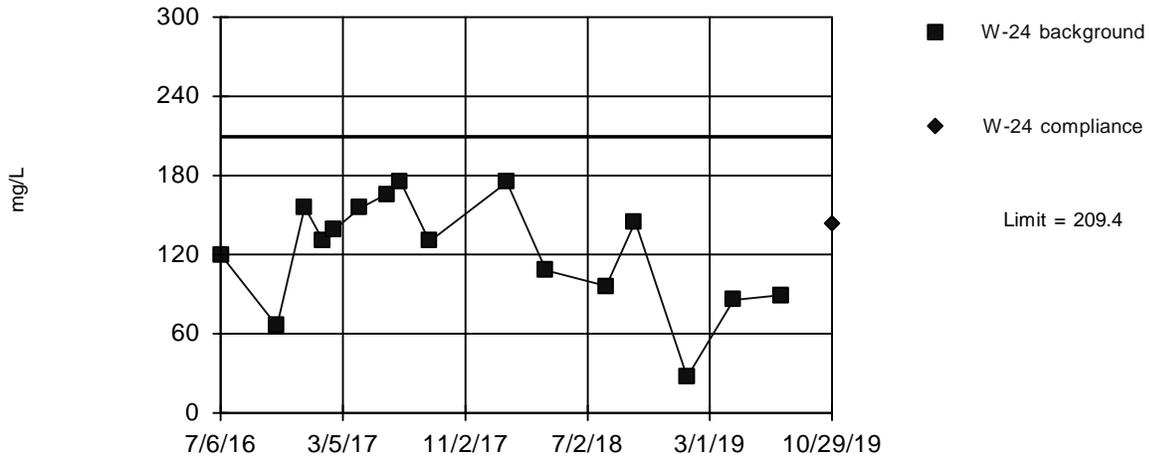
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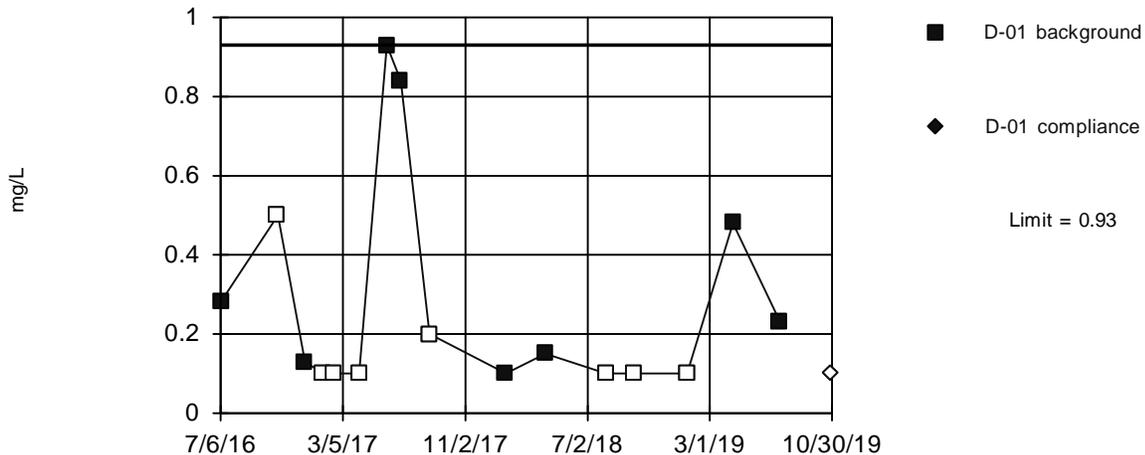
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Within Limit

Prediction Limit  
Intrawell Non-parametric



Non-parametric test used in lieu of parametric prediction limit because the Shapiro Wilk normality test showed the data to be non-normal at the 0.01 alpha level. Limit is highest of 16 background values. 50% NDs. Well-constituent pair annual alpha = 0.01287. Individual comparison alpha = 0.006456 (1 of 2). Distribution was found to be non-normal after removal of suspect values, so outliers could not be identified. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence.

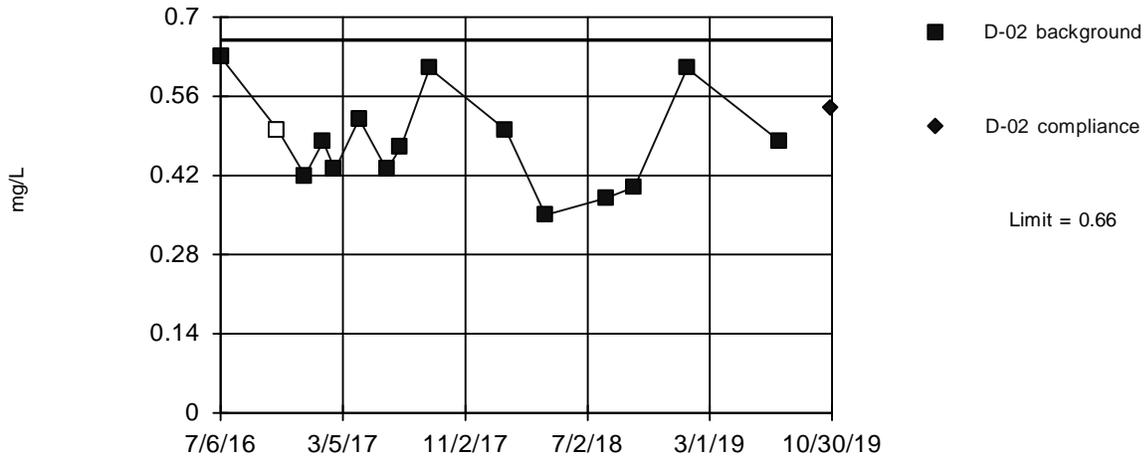
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Cleco Brame Energy Center Client: Eagle Environmental Services, Inc. Data: BEC CCR

Within Limit

### Prediction Limit

Intrawell Parametric



Background Data Summary: Mean=0.4807, Std. Dev.=0.08481, n=15, 6.667% NDs. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence. Normality test: Shapiro Wilk @alpha = 0.01, calculated = 0.9389, critical = 0.835. Kappa = 2.115 (c=7, w=4, 1 of 2, event alpha = 0.05132). Report alpha = 0.00188. Dixon's outlier test was performed on the background data. One background outlier was removed: 0.91 (4/17/2019).

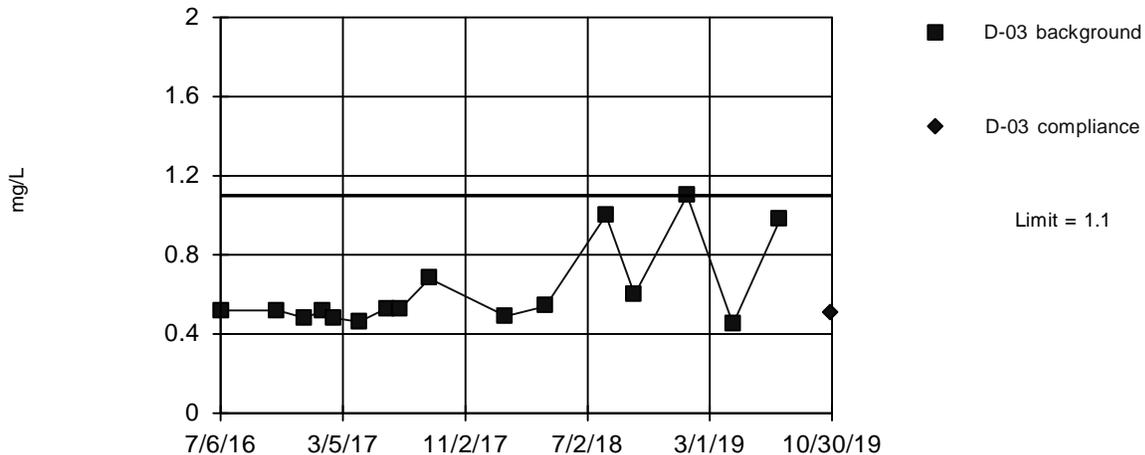
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Within Limit

### Prediction Limit

Intrawell Non-parametric



Non-parametric test used in lieu of parametric prediction limit because the Shapiro Wilk normality test showed the data to be non-normal at the 0.01 alpha level. Limit is highest of 16 background values. Well-constituent pair annual alpha = 0.01287. Individual comparison alpha = 0.006456 (1 of 2). Distribution was found to be non-normal after removal of suspect values, so outliers could not be identified. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence.

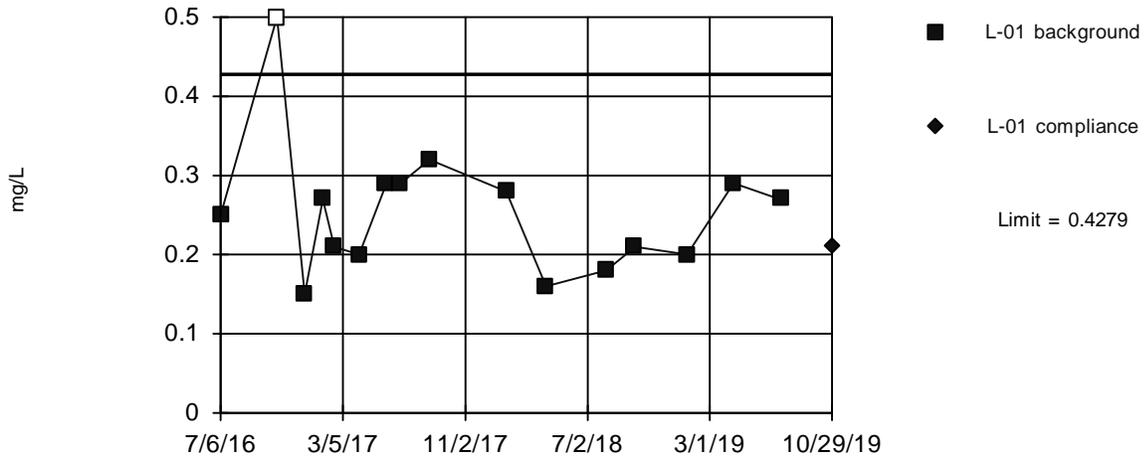
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Within Limit

### Prediction Limit

Intrawell Parametric



Background Data Summary: Mean=0.2544, Std. Dev.=0.08358, n=16, 6.25% NDs. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence. Normality test: Shapiro Wilk @alpha = 0.01, calculated = 0.8519, critical = 0.844. Kappa = 2.076 (c=7, w=4, 1 of 2, event alpha = 0.05132). Report alpha = 0.00188. EPA 1989 outlier screening was performed on the background data (to establish suspected outliers for Dixon's/Rosner's). No background outliers were found.

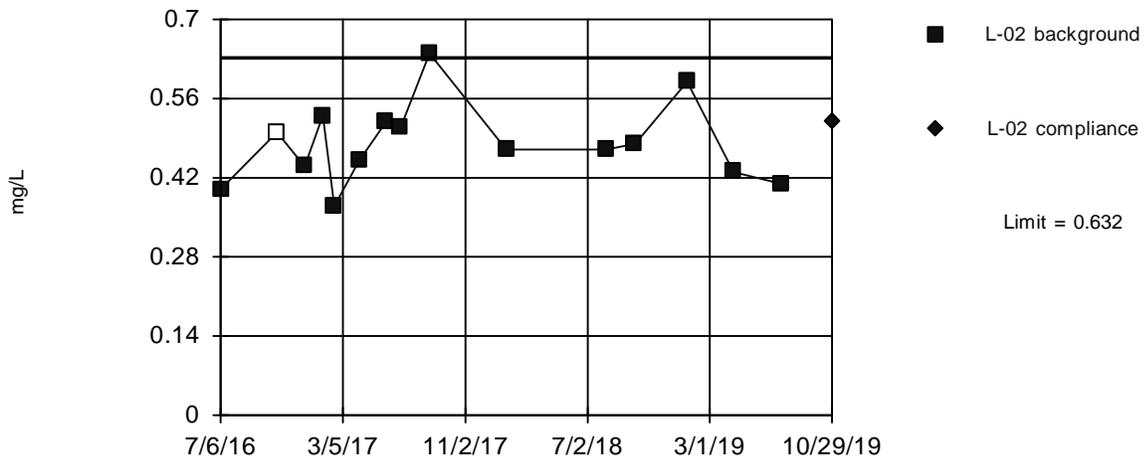
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Cleco Brame Energy Center Client: Eagle Environmental Services, Inc. Data: BEC CCR

Within Limit

### Prediction Limit

Intrawell Parametric



Background Data Summary: Mean=0.4807, Std. Dev.=0.07156, n=15, 6.667% NDs. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence. Normality test: Shapiro Wilk @alpha = 0.01, calculated = 0.9649, critical = 0.835. Kappa = 2.115 (c=7, w=4, 1 of 2, event alpha = 0.05132). Report alpha = 0.00188. Dixon's outlier test was performed on the background data. One background outlier was removed: 0.24 (4/11/2018).

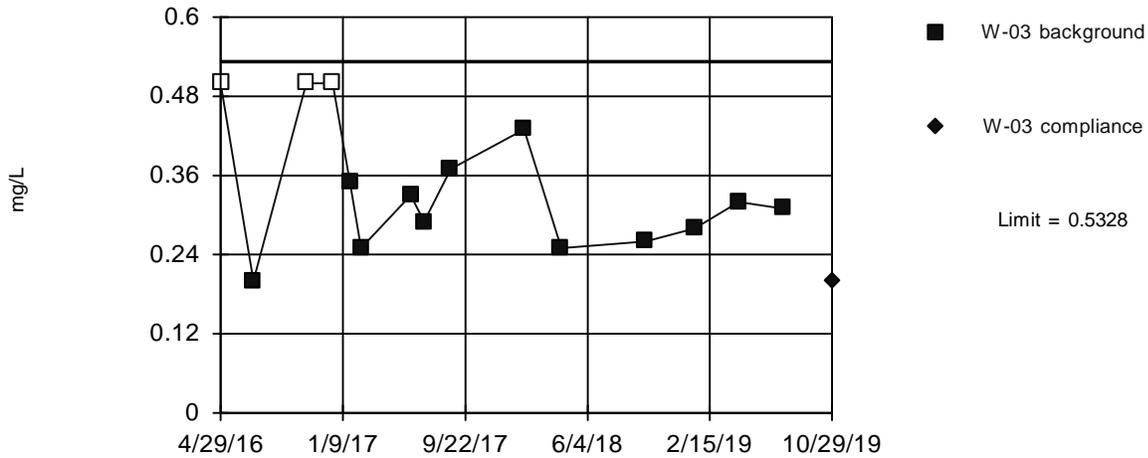
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Within Limit

### Prediction Limit

Intrawell Parametric



Background Data Summary (after Aitchison's Adjustment): Mean=0.2427, Std. Dev.=0.1372, n=15, 20% NDs. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence. Normality test: Shapiro Wilk @alpha = 0.01, calculated = 0.9029, critical = 0.835. Kappa = 2.115 (c=7, w=4, 1 of 2, event alpha = 0.05132). Report alpha = 0.00188. Dixon's outlier test was performed on the background data. One background outlier was removed: <1 (8/8/2018).

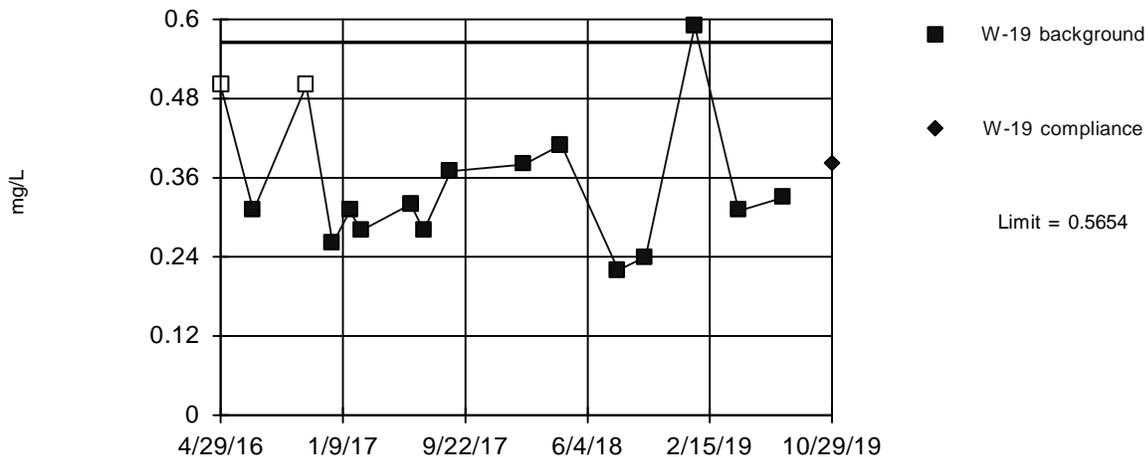
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Within Limit

### Prediction Limit

Intrawell Parametric



Background Data Summary: Mean=0.3506, Std. Dev.=0.1034, n=16, 12.5% NDs. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence. Normality test: Shapiro Wilk @alpha = 0.01, calculated = 0.9007, critical = 0.844. Kappa = 2.076 (c=7, w=4, 1 of 2, event alpha = 0.05132). Report alpha = 0.00188. EPA 1989 outlier screening was performed on the background data (to establish suspected outliers for Dixon's/Rosner's). No background outliers were found.

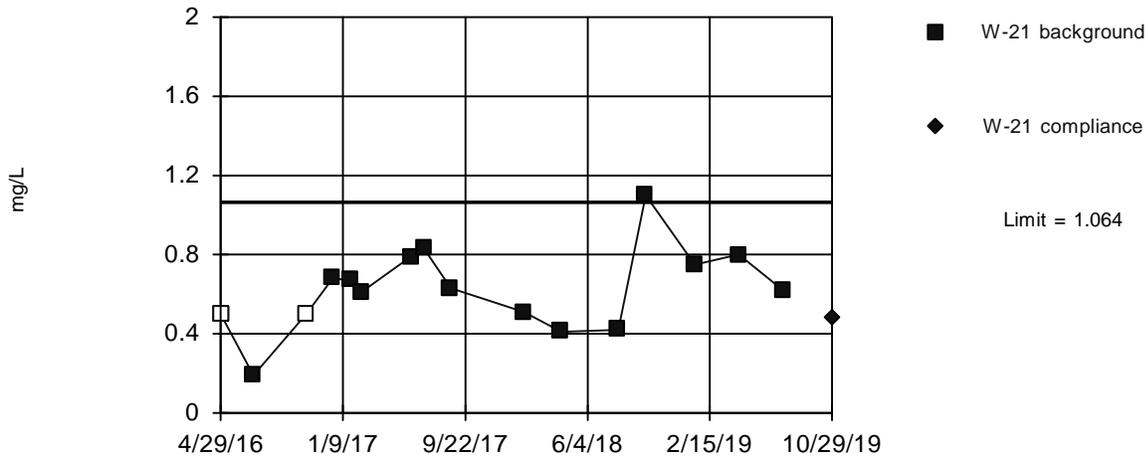
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Within Limit

### Prediction Limit

Intrawell Parametric



Background Data Summary: Mean=0.6256, Std. Dev.=0.2111, n=16, 12.5% NDs. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence. Normality test: Shapiro Wilk @alpha = 0.01, calculated = 0.9751, critical = 0.844. Kappa = 2.076 (c=7, w=4, 1 of 2, event alpha = 0.05132). Report alpha = 0.00188. Dixon's outlier test was performed on the background data. No background outliers were found.

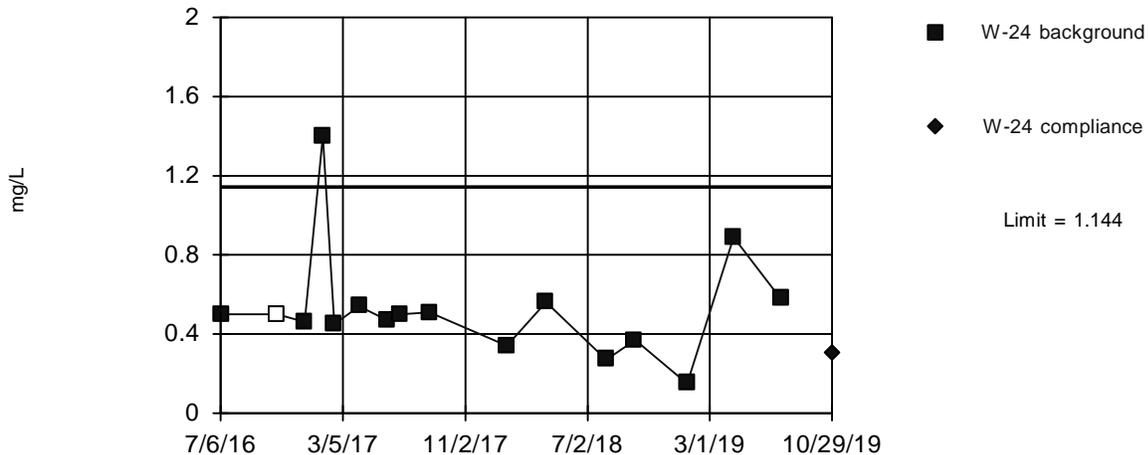
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Within Limit

### Prediction Limit

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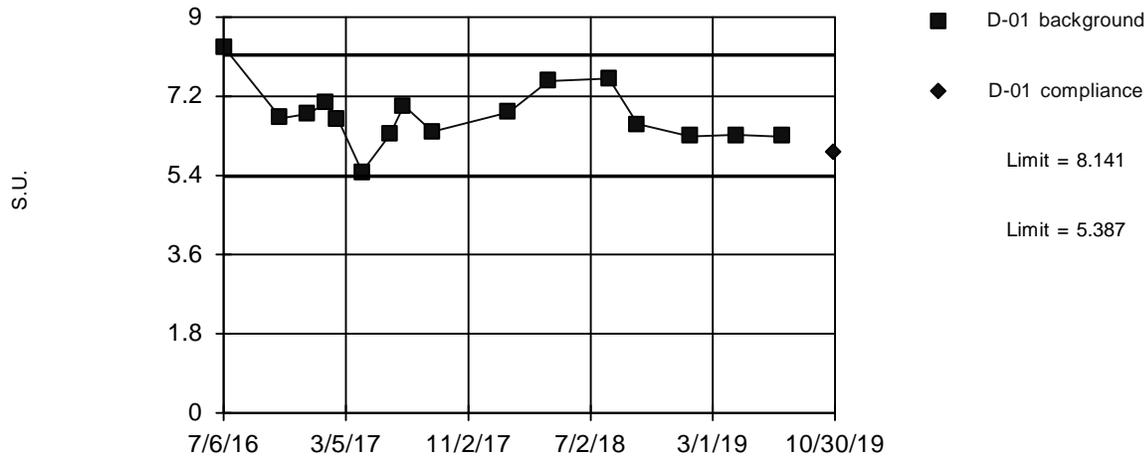
Background Data Summary (based on square root transformation): Mean=0.7087, Std. Dev.=0.1738, n=16, 6.25% NDs. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence. Normality test: Shapiro Wilk @alpha = 0.01, calculated = 0.8707, critical = 0.844. Kappa = 2.076 (c=7, w=4, 1 of 2, event alpha = 0.05132). Report alpha = 0.00188. EPA 1989 outlier screening was performed on the background data (to establish suspected outliers for Dixon's/Rosner's). No background outliers were found.

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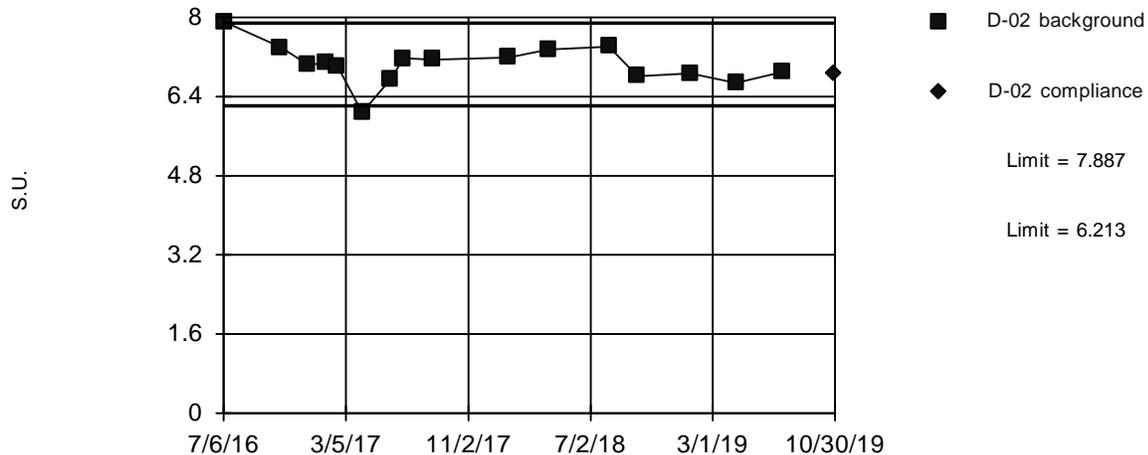
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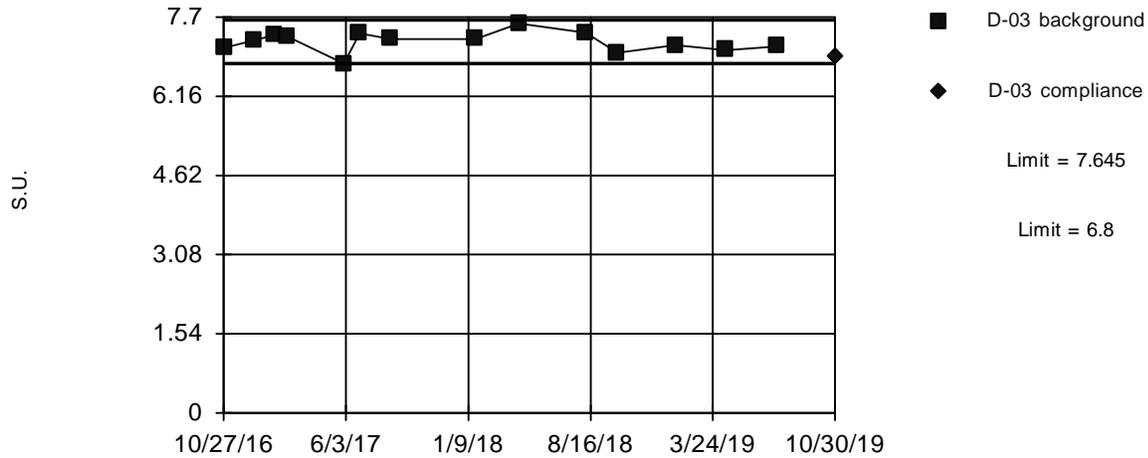
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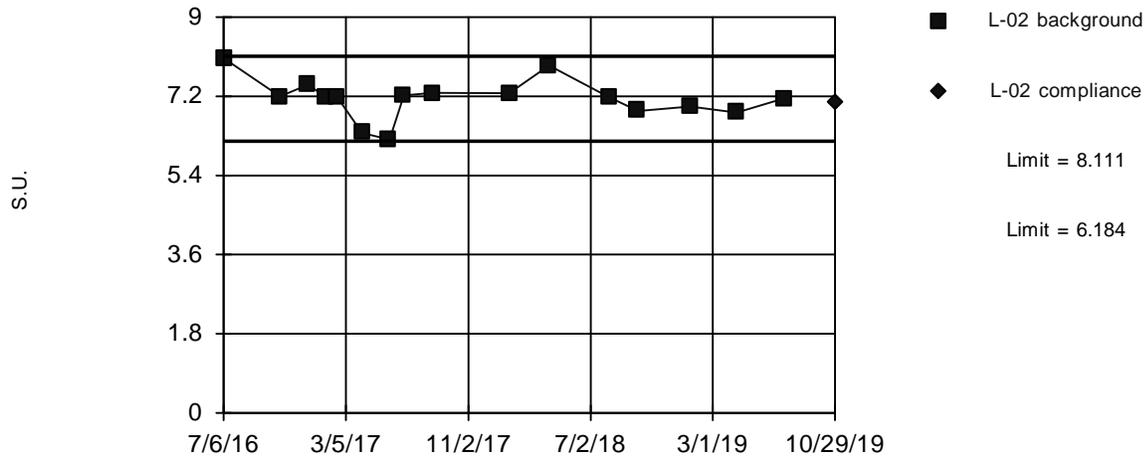
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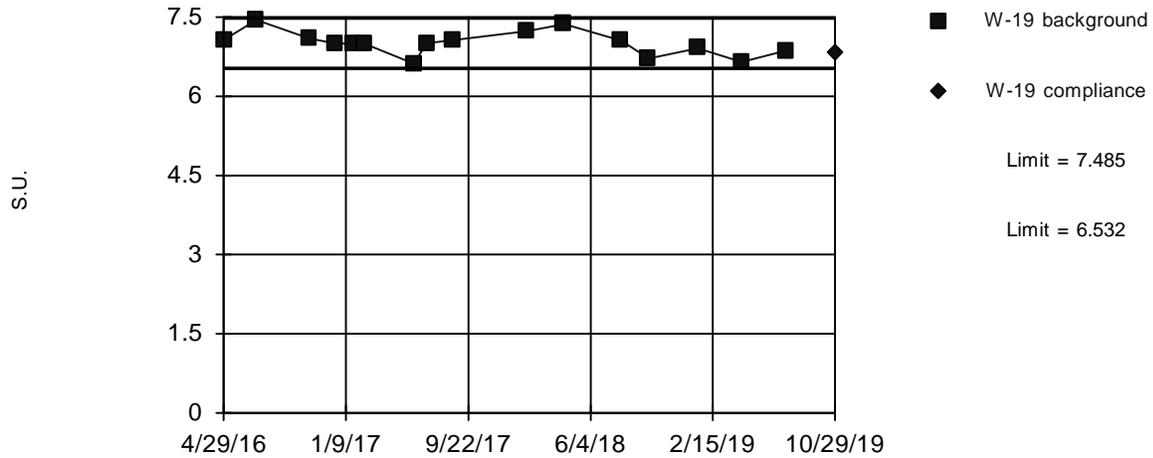
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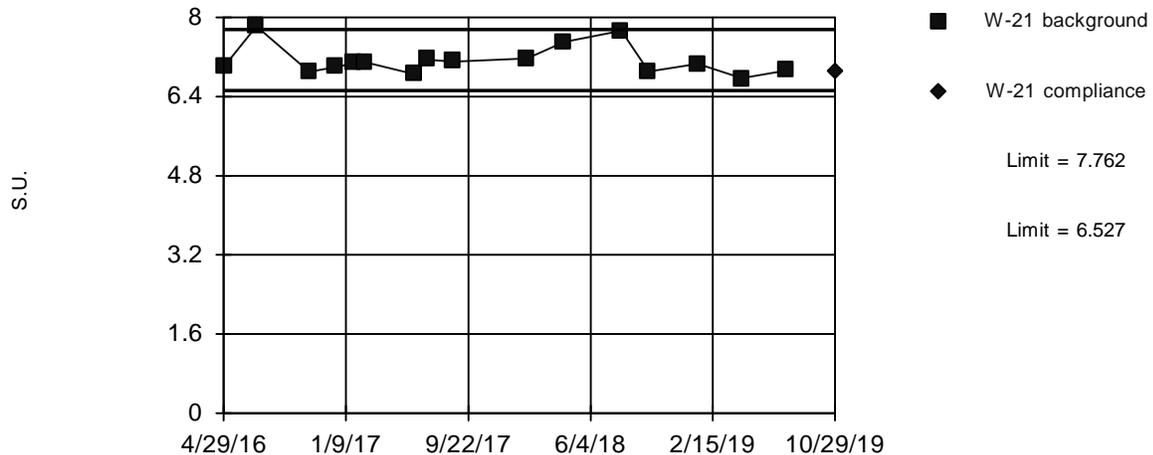
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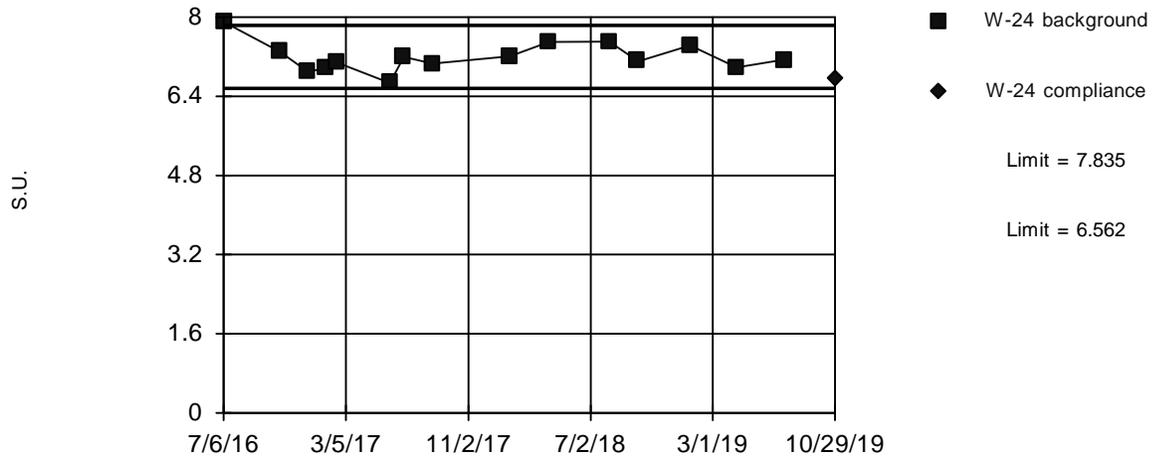
Background Data Summary (based on cube root transformation): Mean=1.924, Std. Dev.=0.02676, n=16. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence. Normality test: Shapiro Wilk @alpha = 0.01, calculated = 0.8443, critical = 0.844. Kappa = 2.076 (c=7, w=4, 1 of 2, event alpha = 0.05132). Report alpha = 0.00188. Distribution was found to be non-normal after removal of suspect values, so outliers could not be identified.

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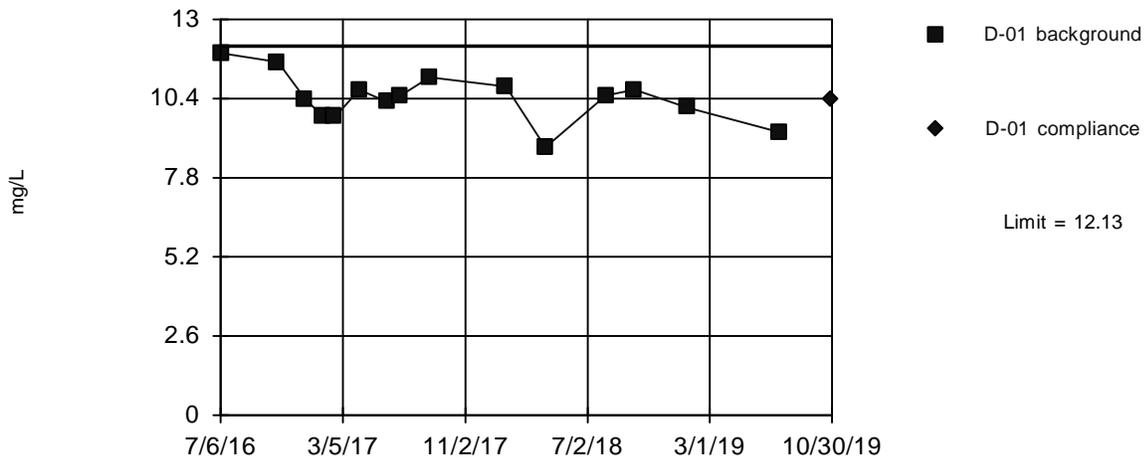
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Within Limit

Prediction Limit  
Intrawell Parametric



Background Data Summary: Mean=10.42, Std. Dev.=0.8073, n=15. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence. Normality test: Shapiro Wilk @alpha = 0.01, calculated = 0.9797, critical = 0.835. Kappa = 2.115 (c=7, w=4, 1 of 2, event alpha = 0.05132). Report alpha = 0.00188. Dixon's outlier test was performed on the background data. One background outlier was removed: 5.9 (4/17/2019).

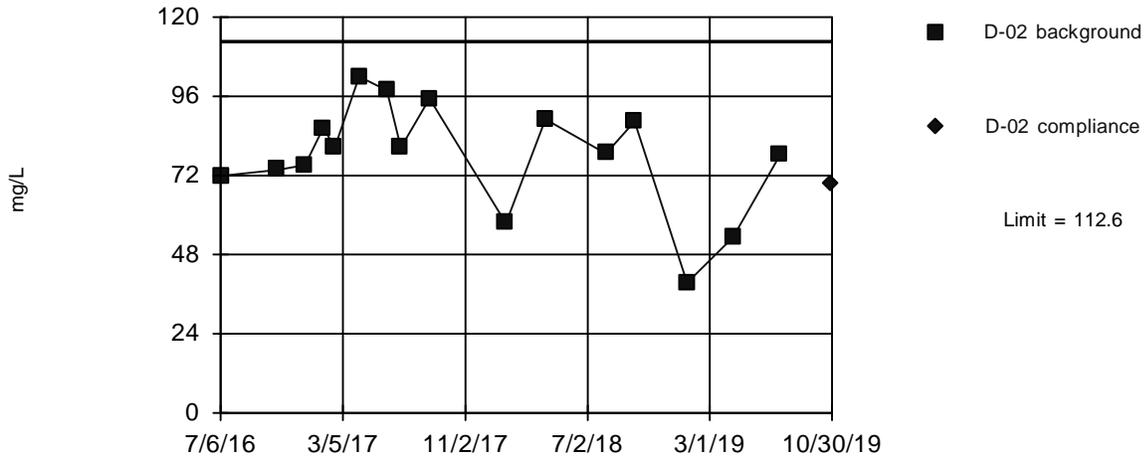
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Within Limit

Prediction Limit

Intrawell Parametric



Background Data Summary: Mean=78, Std. Dev.=16.68, n=16. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence. Normality test: Shapiro Wilk @alpha = 0.01, calculated = 0.94, critical = 0.844. Kappa = 2.076 (c=7, w=4, 1 of 2, event alpha = 0.05132). Report alpha = 0.00188. Dixon's outlier test was performed on the background data. No background outliers were found.

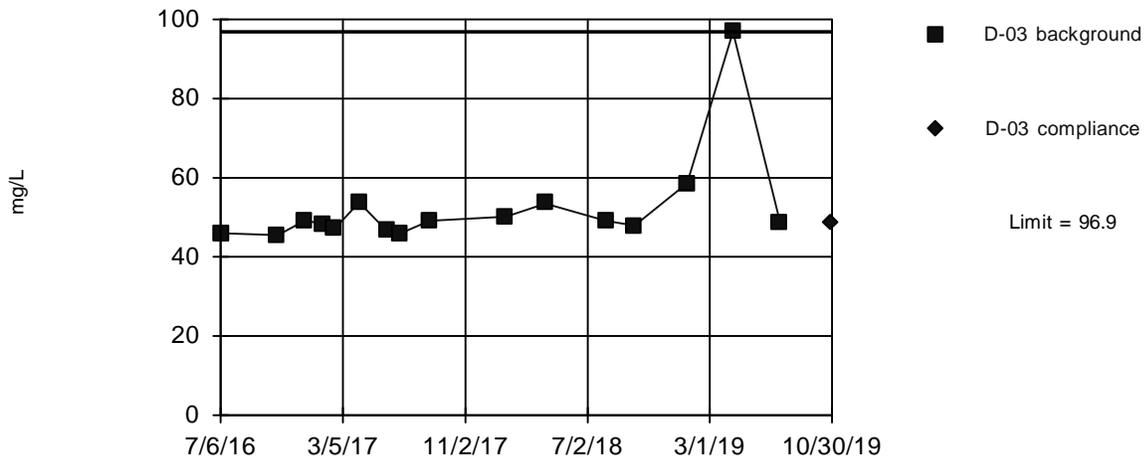
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Prediction Limit

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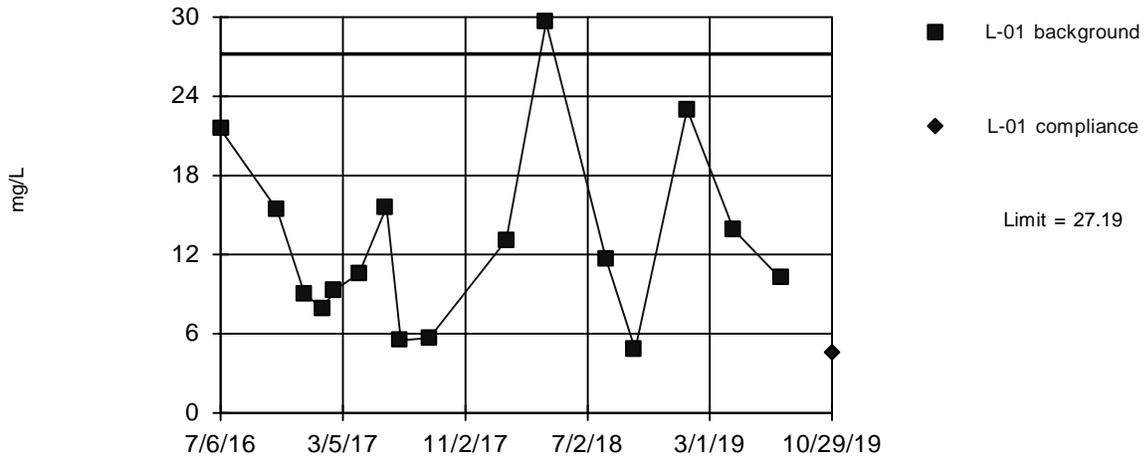
Non-parametric test used in lieu of parametric prediction limit because the Shapiro Wilk normality test showed the data to be non-normal at the 0.01 alpha level. Limit is highest of 16 background values. Well-constituent pair annual alpha = 0.01287. Individual comparison alpha = 0.006456 (1 of 2). Distribution was found to be non-normal after removal of suspect values, so outliers could not be identified. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence.

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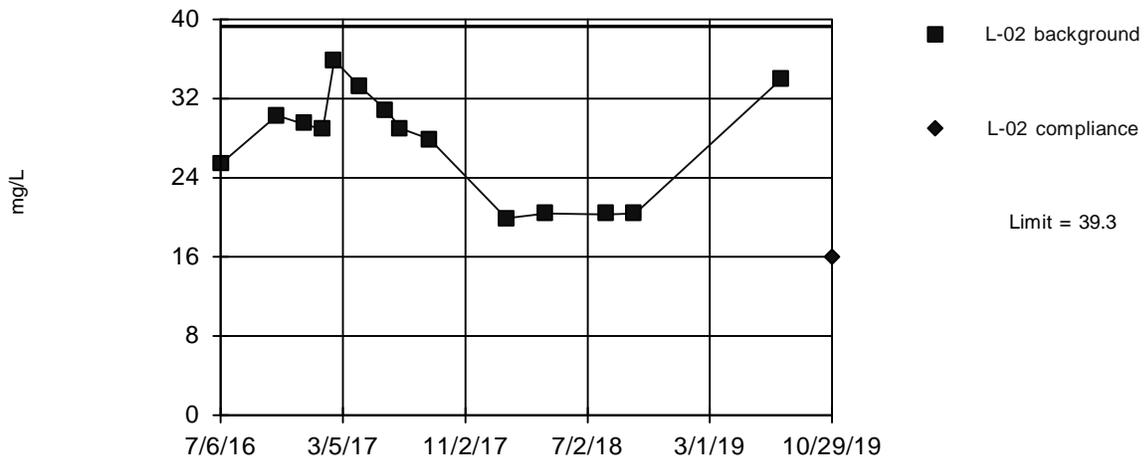
Background Data Summary: Mean=12.92, Std. Dev.=6.875, n=16. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence. Normality test: Shapiro Wilk @alpha = 0.01, calculated = 0.9065, critical = 0.844. Kappa = 2.076 (c=7, w=4, 1 of 2, event alpha = 0.05132). Report alpha = 0.00188. EPA 1989 outlier screening was performed on the background data (to establish suspected outliers for Dixon's/Rosner's). No background outliers were found.

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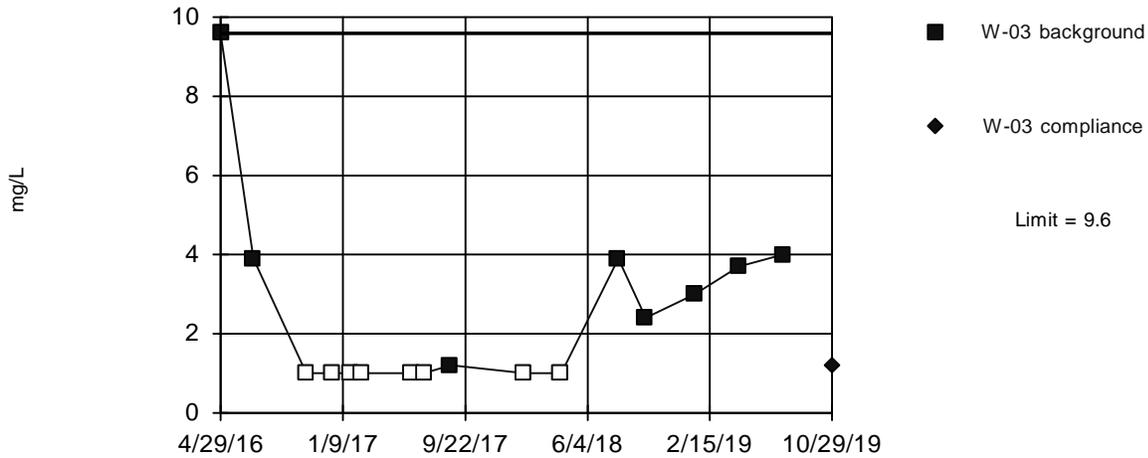
Background Data Summary: Mean=27.56, Std. Dev.=5.454, n=14. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence. Normality test: Shapiro Wilk @alpha = 0.01, calculated = 0.9025, critical = 0.825. Kappa = 2.154 (c=7, w=4, 1 of 2, event alpha = 0.05132). Report alpha = 0.00188. Dixon's outlier test was performed on the background data. Two background outliers were removed: 68 (1/15/2019); 98.2 (4/17/2019).

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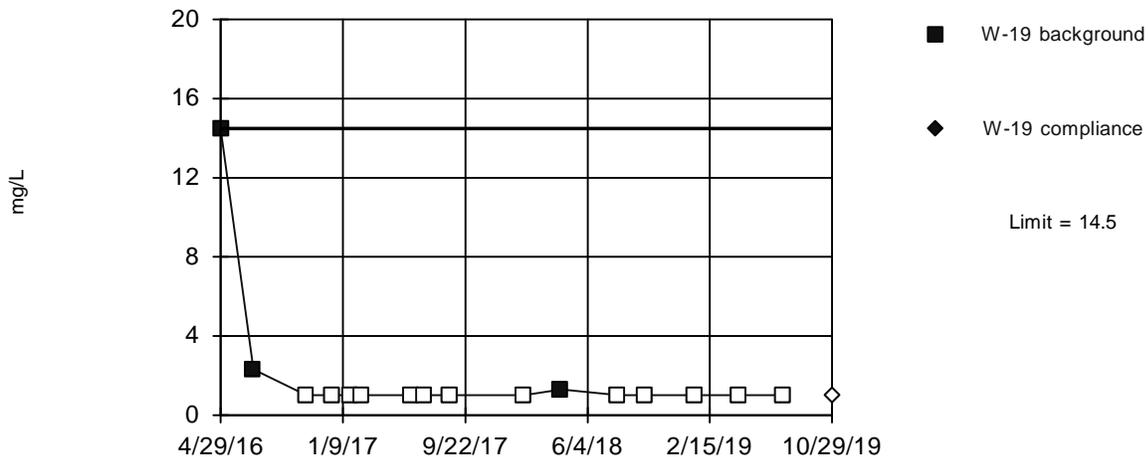


Non-parametric test used in lieu of parametric prediction limit because the Shapiro Wilk normality test showed the data to be non-normal at the 0.01 alpha level. Limit is highest of 16 background values. 50% NDs. Well-constituent pair annual alpha = 0.01287. Individual comparison alpha = 0.006456 (1 of 2). Distribution was found to be non-normal after removal of suspect values, so outliers could not be identified. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence.

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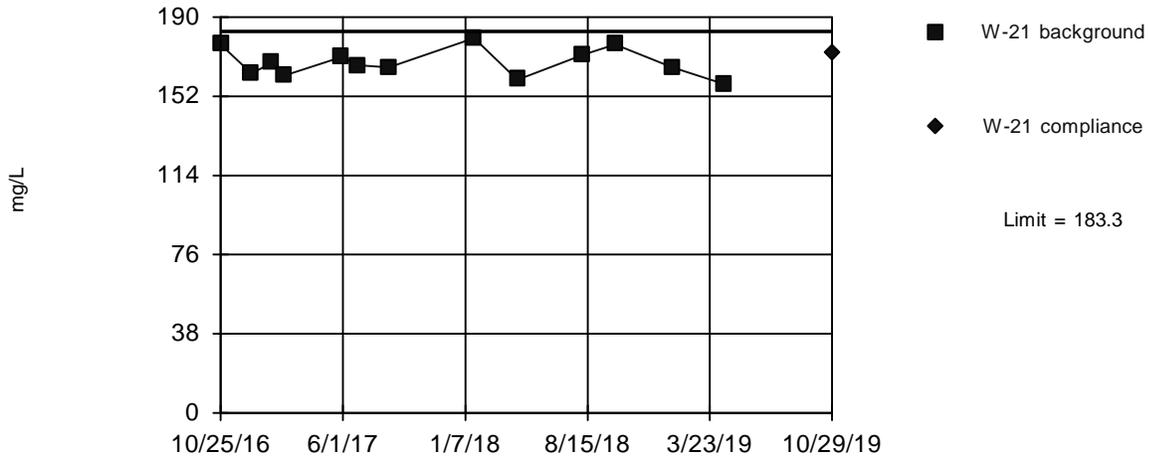


Non-parametric test used in lieu of parametric prediction limit because censored data exceeded 50%. Limit is highest of 16 background values. 81.25% NDs. Well-constituent pair annual alpha = 0.01287. Individual comparison alpha = 0.006456 (1 of 2). After outlier removal distribution was non-normal, so outlier results were invalidated. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence.

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Within Limit

Prediction Limit  
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Background Data Summary: Mean=168.2, Std. Dev.=6.858, n=13. Insufficient data to test for seasonality: data were not deseasonalized. Normality test: Shapiro Wilk @alpha = 0.01, calculated = 0.9582, critical = 0.814. Kappa = 2.193 (c=7, w=4, 1 of 2, event alpha = 0.05132). Report alpha = 0.00188. Dixon's outlier test was performed on the background data. Three background outliers were removed: 32.9 (4/29/2016); 49.4 (7/6/2016); 113 (7/19/2019).

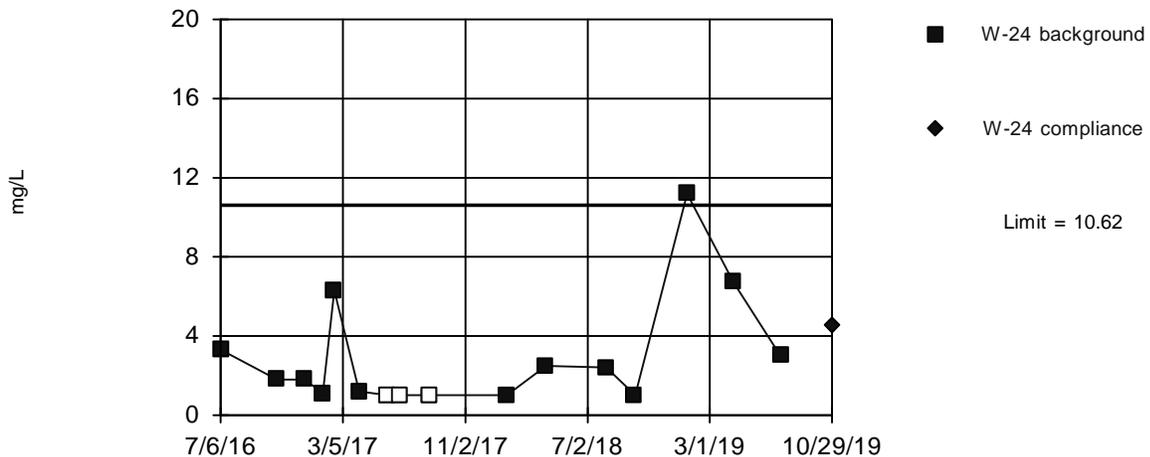
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Hollow symbols indicate censored values.

Within Limit

Prediction Limit  
Intrawell Parametric



Background Data Summary (based on natural log transformation) (after Aitchison's Adjustment): Mean=0.731, Std. Dev.=0.7859, n=16, 18.75% NDs. Seasonality was not detected with 95% confidence. Normality test: Shapiro Wilk @alpha = 0.01, calculated = 0.8617, critical = 0.844. Kappa = 2.076 (c=7, w=4, 1 of 2, event alpha = 0.05132). Report alpha = 0.00188. Distribution was found to be non-normal after removal of suspect values, so outliers could not be identified.

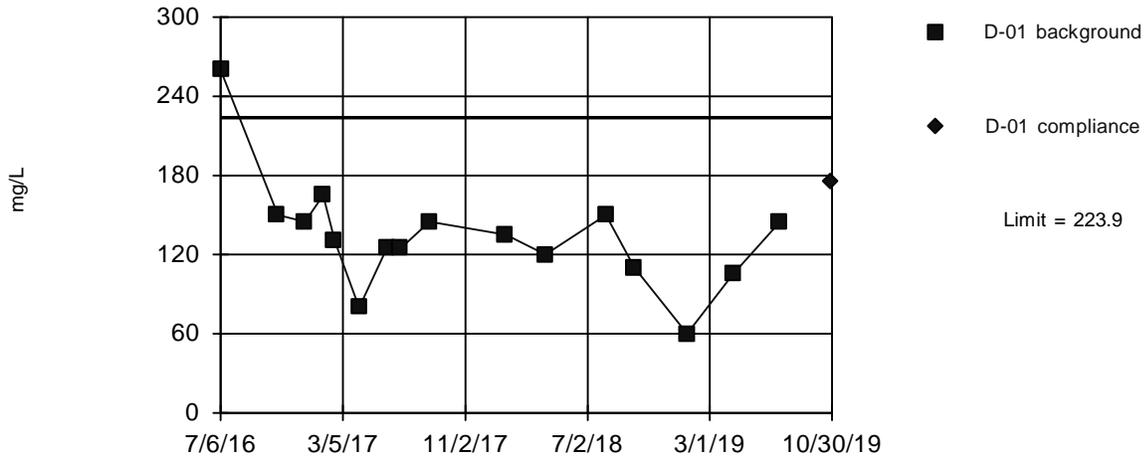
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Within Limit

Prediction Limit

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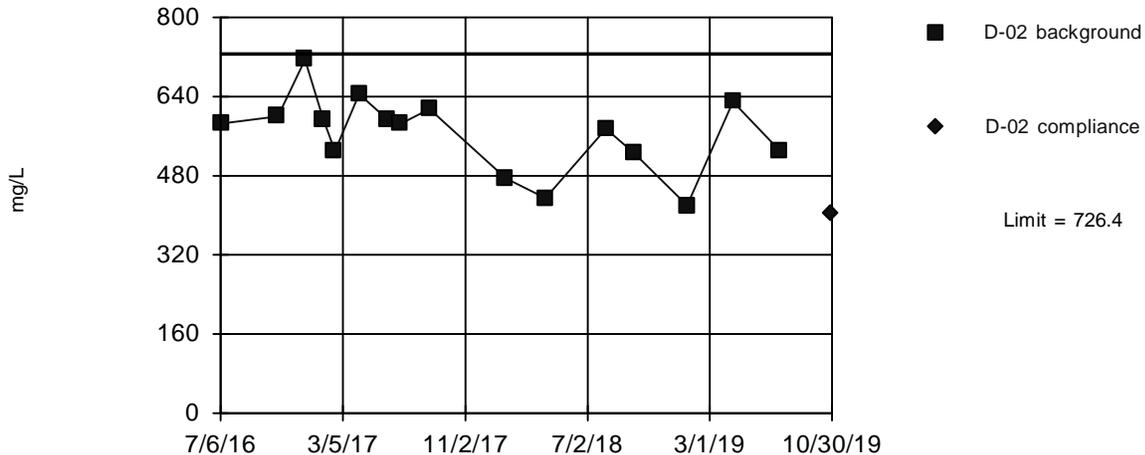
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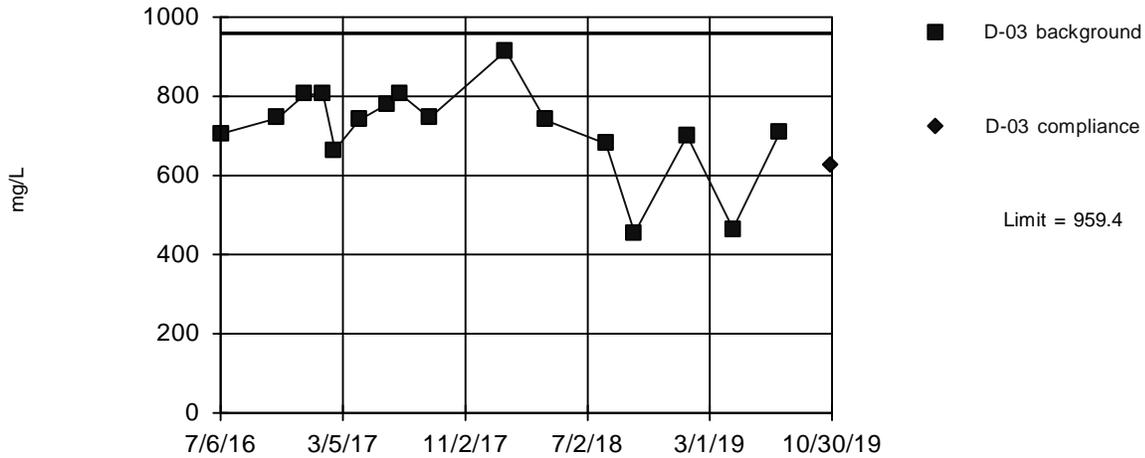
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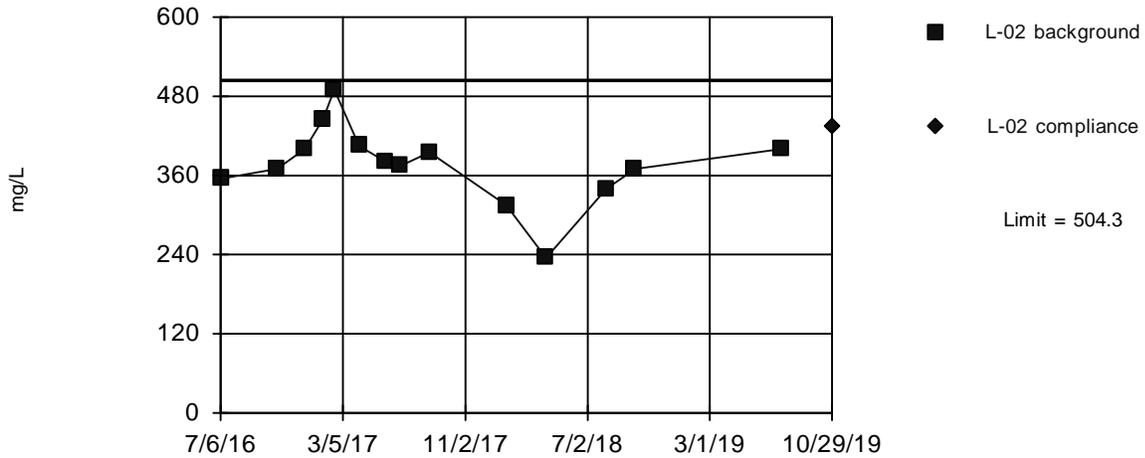
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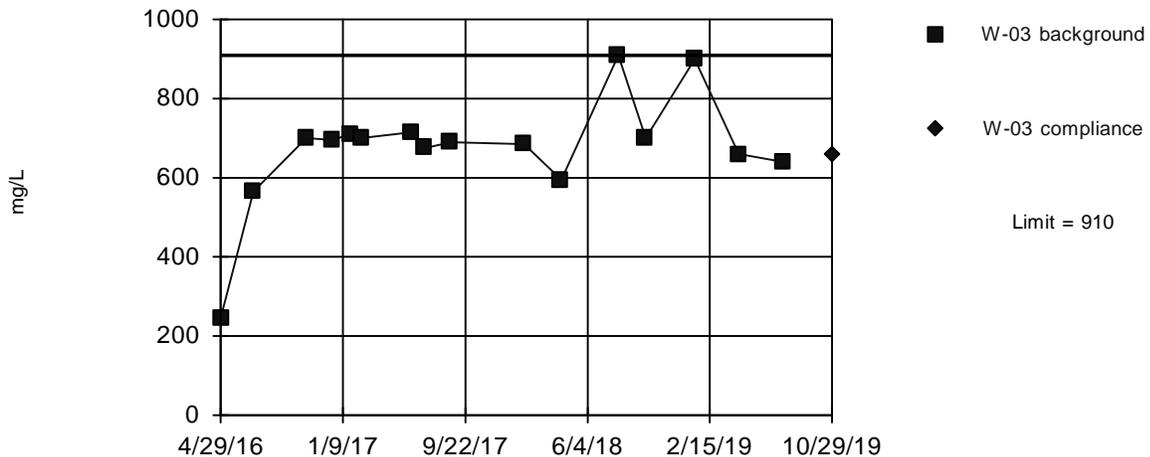
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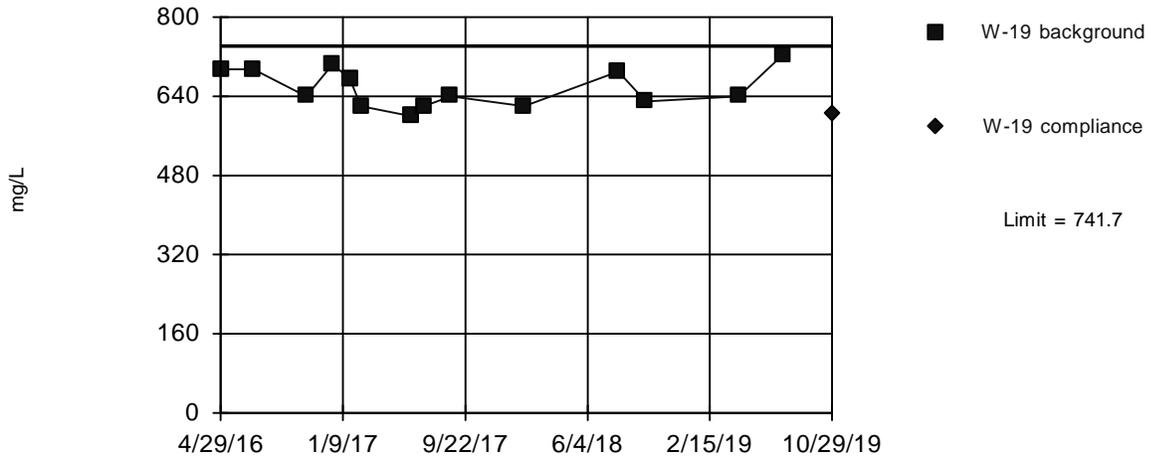
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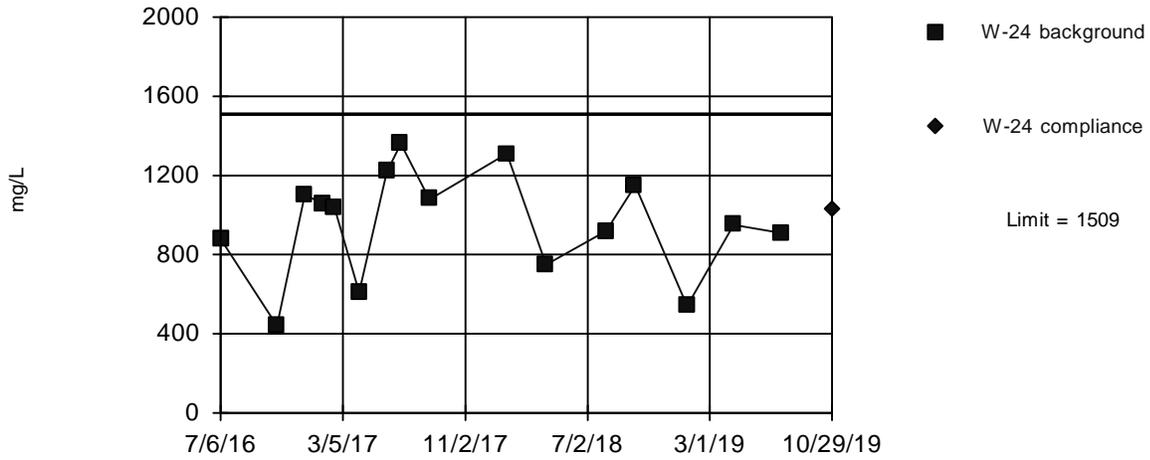
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## **APPENDIX H**

### **LOCATION RESTRICTIONS DEMONSTRATIONS**

## **BOTTOM ASH POND**

**CLECO POWER LLC  
BRAME ENERGY CENTER**

**BOTTOM ASH POND  
LENA, LA**

**Placement Above Uppermost Aquifer  
Location Restriction Demonstration  
for the Coal Combustion Residuals Rule**

**October 2018**



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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Cleco Power LLC (Cleco) hereby presents the evaluation for the Placement above the Uppermost Aquifer Location Restriction for the Bottom Ash Pond unit at the Brame Energy Center (BEC) located in Lena, Louisiana (Figure 1). This report summarizes a hydrogeological evaluation of the uppermost water bearing zone and its relationship with the Bottom Ash Pond unit in accordance with §257.60 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule.

## 2.0 FACILITY INFORMATION

Cleco owns and operates BEC which is located at 275 Rodemacher Road, Lena, Louisiana 71447. Per “Annual CCR Inspection for Bottom Ash Pond” (January 13, 2017) the base of the Bottom Ash Pond is 85 feet Mean Sea Level (MSL). Based on this determination, the base of the two-foot thick clay liner is estimated at 83 feet MSL.

## 3.0 HYDROGEOLOGIC SETTING

Characterization of BEC has included the geomorphologic, geologic and hydrogeologic evaluation of the soils at BEC and are presented in this section. The site layout with the CCR unit identified is shown in Figure 2.

### Geomorphology

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 side of the Bottom Ash Pond. The northern portion of BEC is located on the Intermediate Terrace deposits and the remainder of BEC is located on the alluvium/natural levee deposits. The Bottom Ash Pond unit is situated overlying the alluvium/natural levee deposits, with only its northern end adjacent to the Intermediate Terrace deposits. The geomorphology features are shown in Figure 2.

### Geologic Characterization

Geologic cross sections illustrate the difference in stratigraphy and depth to the uppermost water bearing zone for both the Intermediate Terrace deposits and the alluvium/natural levee deposits. These geologic cross sections are constructed from soil borings trending in a north-south profile across the Bottom Ash Pond unit. The profiles of these geologic cross sections are shown in Figure 2. The geologic cross sections are included in Figure 3.

The uppermost water bearing zone within the Intermediate Terrace deposits consists of an upper fine-grained sand grading downward to coarse-grained sand with gravel. Note that the Intermediate Terrace deposits are hydraulically upgradient of the Bottom Ash Pond unit. The uppermost water bearing zone within the alluvium/natural levee deposits is described as sandy silt to silty sand with some gravel in its base, often underlain by sandy clay and clay. The geologic cross sections show extensive clay deposits underlying the Bottom Ash Pond.

### Hydrographs of Alluvium Potentiometric Surface

Groundwater surface elevations determined from monitoring wells screened in the uppermost water bearing zone in the alluvium/natural levee deposits were used to construct a hydrograph from data measured since 1987 as shown in the hydrograph in Figure 4. The hydrograph also includes the base depth of the Bottom Ash Pond unit liner at 83 feet MSL. A 5-foot buffer distance below this liner base is shown at 78 feet MSL.

This hydrograph illustrates the fluctuations of the water table over a 31-year monitoring period and shows the groundwater surface approaching the 5-foot buffer below the base of the units only in 2009 and 2016. This coincides with record high flood stages of the Red River and its tributary Bayou Jean de Jean in 2009 and 2016. The high river stage of the Red River in 2009 and 2016 are considered anomalous and not normal fluctuations. The 2016 spring flood stage is the highest ever recorded for the nearest Red River United States Geological Survey stage gages which are named 'Red River @ Lock & Dam No. 3 Lower' and 'Red River @ Alexandria'. These two river gages are immediately upstream and downstream of BEC along the Red River. Even with these extremely high river stages in 2009 and 2016, the groundwater surface did not encounter the base liner elevation of the Bottom Ash Pond unit.

#### 4.0 PLACEMENT ABOVE THE UPPERMOST AQUIFER LOCATION RESTRICTION DETERMINATION

The hydrogeological data presented in this evaluation indicate that the Bottom Ash Pond unit meets the criteria of the Location Restriction, Placement above the Uppermost Aquifer. The Bottom Ash Pond unit is predominantly over only the alluvium deposits with only the northern wall encountering the terrace deposits. The geologic cross sections show extensive clay deposits underlying the Bottom Ash Pond.

The hydrograph in Figure 4 illustrates the relationship of the base of the CCR unit with the groundwater surface of the uppermost water bearing zone and clearly shows significant separation (>5 ft) predominantly over the extensive 31-year period of monitoring data.

#### 5.0 CONCLUSIONS

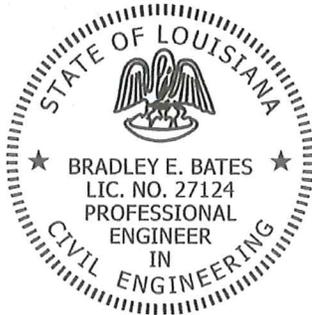
Cleco BEC has completed its evaluation of §257.60, the Placement above the Uppermost Aquifer Location Restriction. As required by the CCR Rule part §257.60, BEC hereby demonstrates that the Bottom Ash Pond unit meets the following criteria:

- §257.60 Placement Above the Uppermost Aquifer Location Restriction**  
§257.60 (a) The evaluation of the Bottom Ash Pond unit, indicates that the existing CCR unit, meets and exceeds the minimum requirements in this standard for separation distance of the placement of CCR waste above the uppermost aquifer.

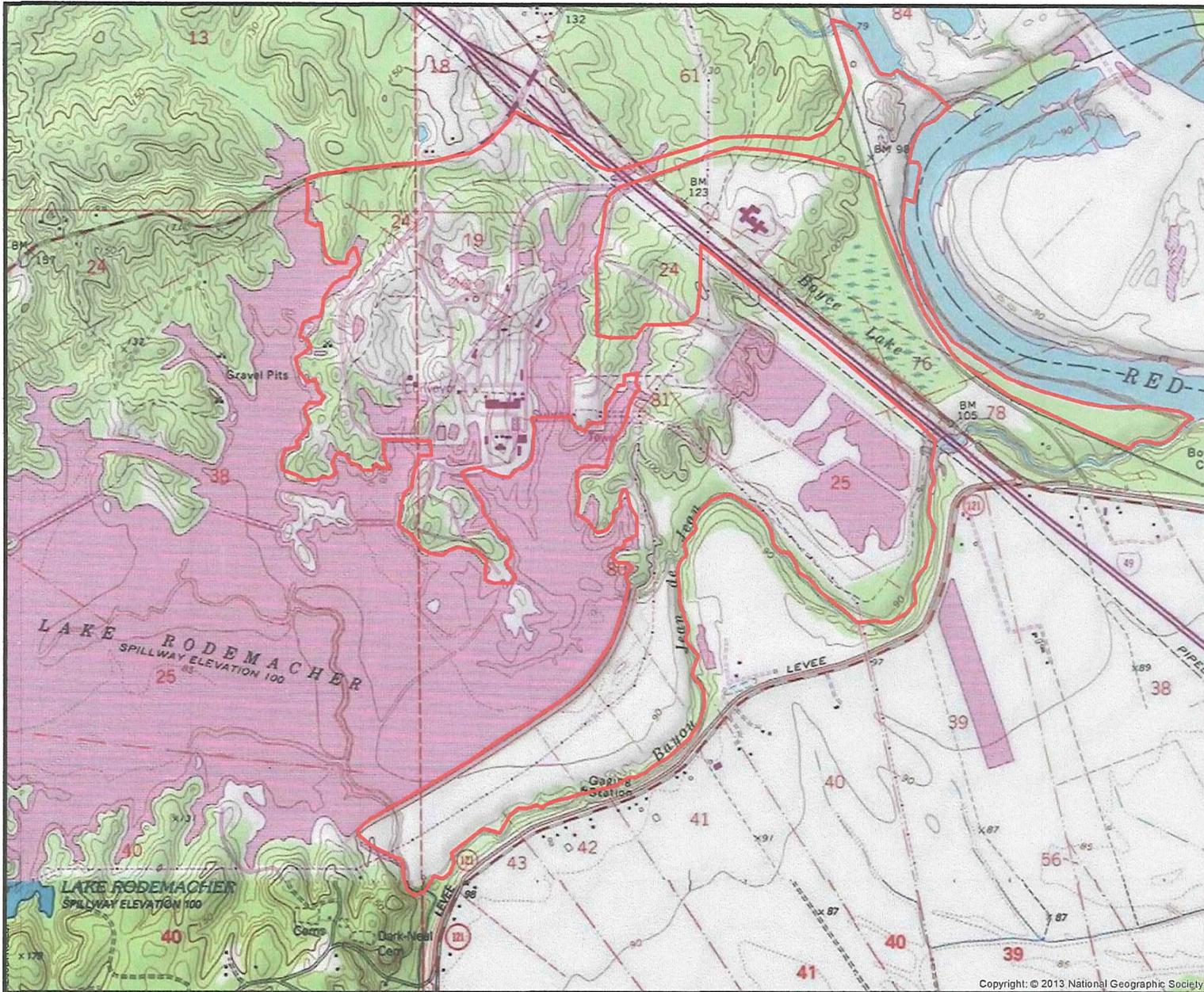
This evaluation has concluded that the Bottom Ash Pond unit meets the criteria for §257.60.

6.0 CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this location restriction evaluation for Cleco Power LLC. I am a duly licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Louisiana.



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_____ <b>Name</b>	_____ <b>Title</b>
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### Legend

— Property Boundary Line



### Reference

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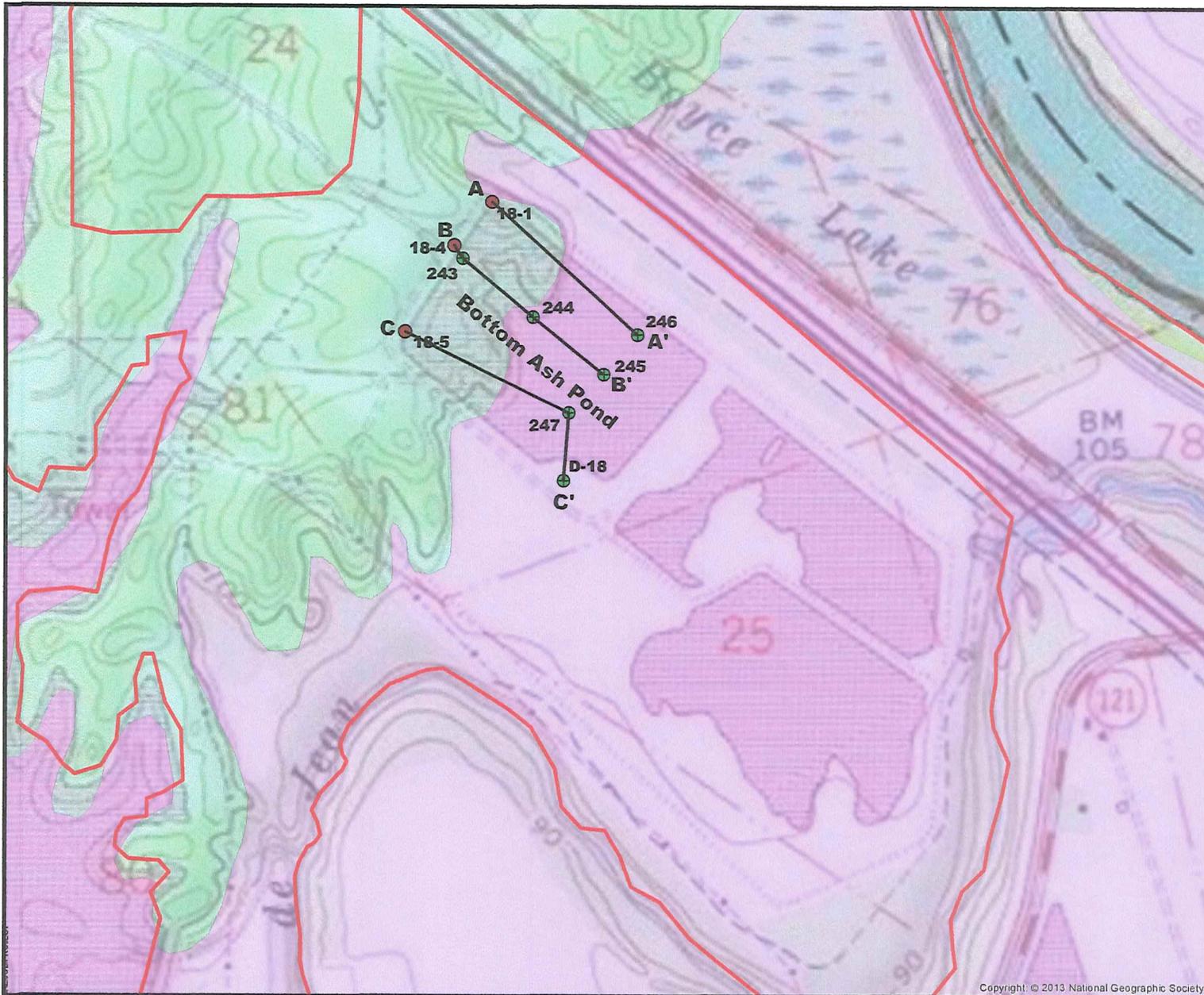
### Site Location Map

Rapides Parish, Louisiana



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**Figure 1**



**Terraces**

- Qtp - Prairie Terrace
- Mfcb - Carnahan Bayou Member
- Qth - High Terrace
- Qti - Intermediate Terrace

**Alluvial**

- Qal - Alluvium; Qnl - Natural Levees

**Wells**

- Boring Locations (Sargent & Lundy, 1981)
- Boring Locations (Eagle, 2018)

**Cross Section Profile Location**

- Cross Section Profile Line



**Reference**

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Bottom Ash Pond

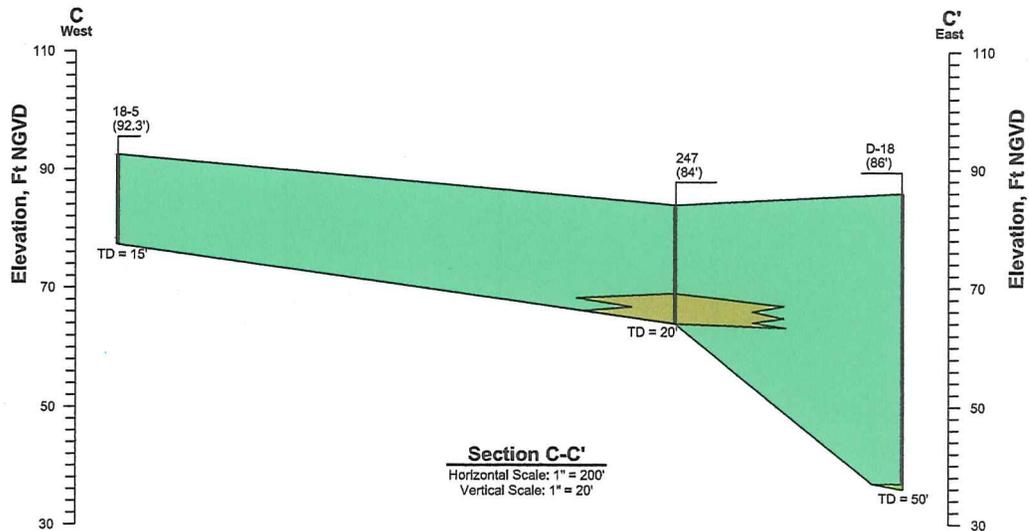
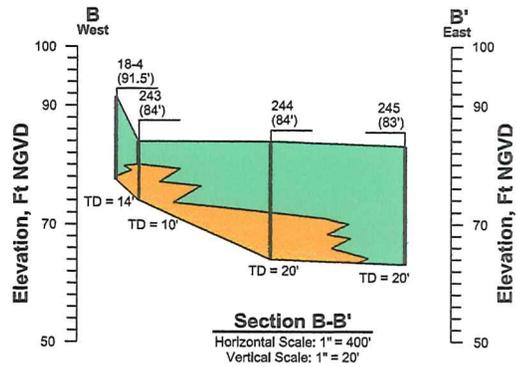
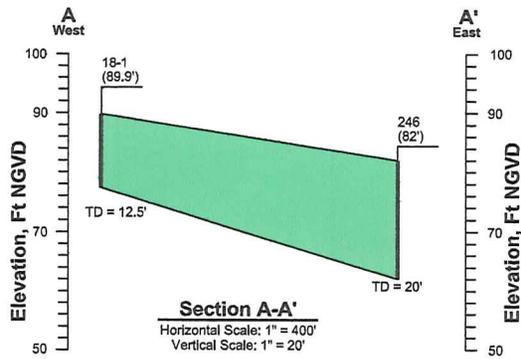
**Geologic Cross Section Profiles Map**

Rapides Parish, Louisiana



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**Figure 2**



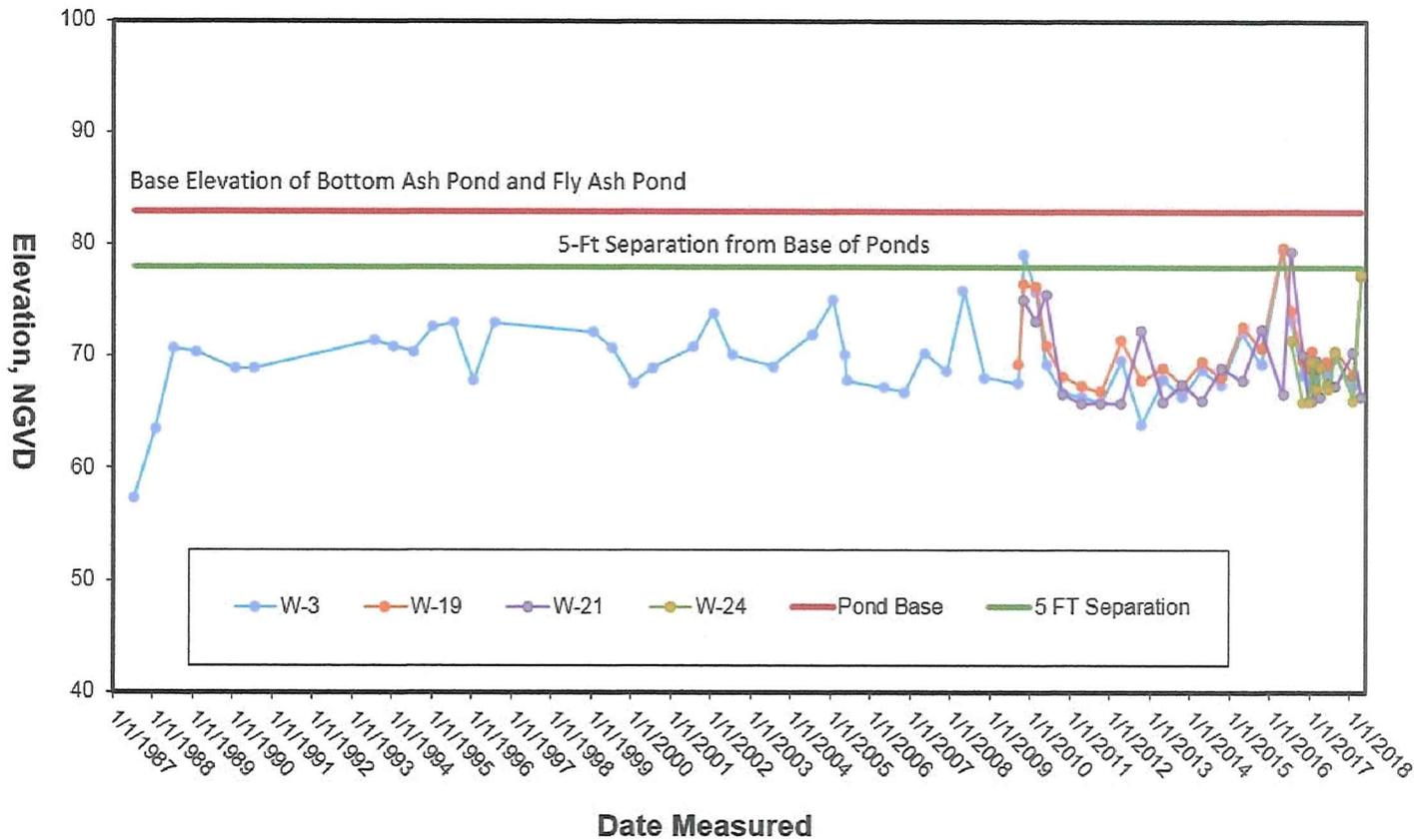
**Legend**

- Sand
- Sandy Clay / Clayey Sand
- Silty Clay
- Clay
- (84') Elevation, Ft NGVD
- TD Total Depth

**Reference**

Stratigraphy between borings are inferred. Actual conditions may vary.

 Brame Energy Center <b>Bottom Ash Pond</b> <b>Geologic Cross Sections</b> <b>A-A', B-B', and C-C'</b> Rapides Parish, Louisiana											
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**Hydrograph of Alluvium Wells**

Rapides Parish, Louisiana



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**Figure 4**

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## WETLANDS ASSESSMENT

## BOTTOM ASH POND

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Providence was contracted by Cleco Power LLC (Cleco) to conduct a wetlands assessment of the Bottom Ash Pond at Cleco's Brame Energy Center. Recent Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) regulations at 40 CFR 257.61 established requirements for owners and operators to conduct a wetlands assessment by a qualified professional engineer.

40 CFR 257.61 (a) states that *new CCR landfills, existing and new CCR surface impoundments, and all lateral expansions of CCR units must not be located in wetlands, as defined in Section 232.2 of this chapter, unless the owner or operator demonstrates by the dates specified in paragraph (c) of this section that the CCR unit meets the requirements of paragraphs below:*

- *Where applicable under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act or applicable state wetlands laws, a clear and objective rebuttal of the presumption that an alternative to the CCR unit is reasonably available that does not involve wetlands.*
- *The construction and operation of the CCR unit will not cause or contribute to any of the following:*
  - *A violation of any applicable state or federal water quality standard;*
  - *A violation of any applicable toxic effluent standard or prohibition under section 307 of the Clean Water Act;*
  - *Jeopardize the continued existence of endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of a critical habitat, protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; and*
  - *A violation of any requirement under the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 for the protection of marine sanctuary.*
- *The CCR unit will not cause or contribute to significant degradation of wetlands by addressing all of the following factors:*
  - *Erosion, stability, and migration potential of native wetland soils, muds, and deposits used to support the CCR unit;*
  - *Erosion, stability, and migration potential of dredged and fill materials used to support the CCR unit;*
  - *The volume and chemical nature of the CCR;*
  - *Impacts of fish, wildlife, and other aquatic resources and their habitat from release of CCR;*
  - *The potential effects of catastrophic release of CCR to the wetland and the resulting impacts on the environment; and*
  - *Any additional factors, as necessary, to demonstrate that ecological resources in the wetland are sufficiently protected.*
- *To the extent required under section 404 of the Clean Water Act or applicable state wetlands laws, steps have been taken to attempt to achieve no net loss of wetlands (as defined by acreage and function) by first avoiding impacts to wetlands to the maximum extent reasonable as required by paragraphs (a)(1) through (3) of this section, then minimizing unavoidable impacts to the maximum extent reasonable, and finally offsetting remaining unavoidable wetland impacts through all appropriate and reasonable compensatory mitigation actions (e.g., restoration of existing degraded wetlands or creation of man-made wetlands); and*
- *Sufficient information is available to make a reasoned determination with respect to the demonstrations in paragraphs (a)(1) through (4) of this section.*

The Cleco Brame Energy Center is near Lena in Rapides Parish, Louisiana. A site location map showing the Brame Energy Center is included as **Figure 1**.

This wetlands and ecological assessment pertains to the Bottom Ash surface impoundment (Pond) utilized for the Unit 2 coal-fired generation unit. A site map for the Bottom Ash Pond is included as **Figure 2**. For an existing CCR surface impoundment, the wetland assessment must be completed no later than October 17, 2018.

## 2.0 WETLANDS AND ECOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

### Wetlands

On May 29, 1977, Cleco was issued a Section 10/404 permit (Permit Number *LMNOD-SP (Bayou Jean de Jean)*) by the New Orleans District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for dredge and fill activities for installation and maintenance of fill and a levee system for construction of a private ash pond off Bayou Jean de Jean at the current Brame Energy Center in Rapides Parish, Louisiana. The permit was specifically for dredge and fill associated with Bayou Jean de Jean and the areas within the constructed ash pond were not considered jurisdictional wetlands during the permit review process.

As part of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting process, discharges from the Bottom Ash Pond were evaluated and assessed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prior to issuance of the facility's original NPDES permit which became effective on July 27, 1981. In this permit, EPA established limitations for discharges from the Bottom Ash Pond to ensure compliance with applicable water quality criteria. Compliance with the effluent limitations ensures that the discharges from the Bottom Ash Pond will not cause or contribute to an exceedance of a water quality criterion.

Furthermore, the effluent compliance history and supplemental application data on the quality of the effluent discharged from the Bottom Ash Pond has been evaluated during each permit renewal by the EPA and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ). Review of the data during every renewal term ensures that the continued discharge from the Bottom Ash Pond has not and will not cause or contribute to an exceedance of the applicable water quality criteria. In addition, the NPDES permit requires compliance with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants. At no time during evaluation and reissuance of each NPDES permit has LDEQ or EPA documented or demonstrated that effluent exceedances or the discharge of toxics has occurred which has resulted in the violation of any applicable water quality criteria. There has been no violation of any applicable water quality criteria associated with the Bottom Ash Pond.

### Endangered Species

Federally-listed threatened and/or endangered species in Rapides Parish include:

- Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*)
- Louisiana pearlshell mussel (*Margaritifera hembeli*)
- Pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*)
- Interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum athalassos*)
- Red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*)

Habitat requirements for listed species is described in the following sections.

**Northern long-eared bat.** Wintering northern long-eared bats prefer caves and mines with large passages and entrances, constant temperatures, and high humidity with no air currents. During the summer months the species prefer to roost underneath bark, in cavities, or in crevices of live and dead trees. Some males and non-reproductive females can also be found in caves and mines due

to cooler temperatures. Breeding begins in late summer or early fall. The species can be found in the eastern and north central United States.

The **Louisiana pearlshell mussel** prefers small sandy streams featuring stable sand and gravel substrates in clear-flowing shallow water within mixed pine hardwood forests. The species is currently restricted to two sub-populations on opposite sides of the Red River drainage in central Louisiana.

**Pallid sturgeon** adults and sub-adults may be found in those rivers and streams until November, and in estuarine or marine waters during the remainder of the year. Sturgeon less than two years old appear to remain in riverine habitats and estuarine areas throughout the year, rather than migrate to marine waters. In Louisiana, pallid sturgeons are known to occur in the Mississippi and Atchafalaya Rivers. Spawning occurs in coastal rivers between late winter and early spring (i.e., March to May).

Preferred nesting habitat for the **interior least tern** includes bare or sparsely vegetated sand, shell, and gravel beaches, sandbars, islands, and salt flats. The species prefer open habitat avoiding thick vegetation and narrow beaches. They have also been observed using sand and gravel pits, ash disposal areas of power plants, reservoir shorelines, and other manmade sites due to the scarceness of preferred nesting habitat. The species can be found along the shorelines of the Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, Ohio, Red, and Rio Grande river systems and along the rivers of Texas. Interior least tern colonies are known to occur along the Red River in northwestern and central Louisiana.

Suitable **red-cockaded woodpecker** (RCW) foraging habitat is defined as a contiguous 10-acre stand of pine or pine-hardwood forest in which 50% or more of the dominant trees are pines with a minimum age of 30 years. Suitable RCW nesting habitat was defined as foraging habitat containing any pines 60 years of age or older. The pines could be scattered or clumped within younger stands. Old age pines have thinner sapwood and a larger heartwood diameter and have a greater chance of being affected by a fungus which results in the heartwood decaying and makes excavation easier for drilling nesting and roosting cavities.

Based on habitat requirements of the listed species, adverse impacts to those species as well as impacts to critical habitats are not likely to occur.

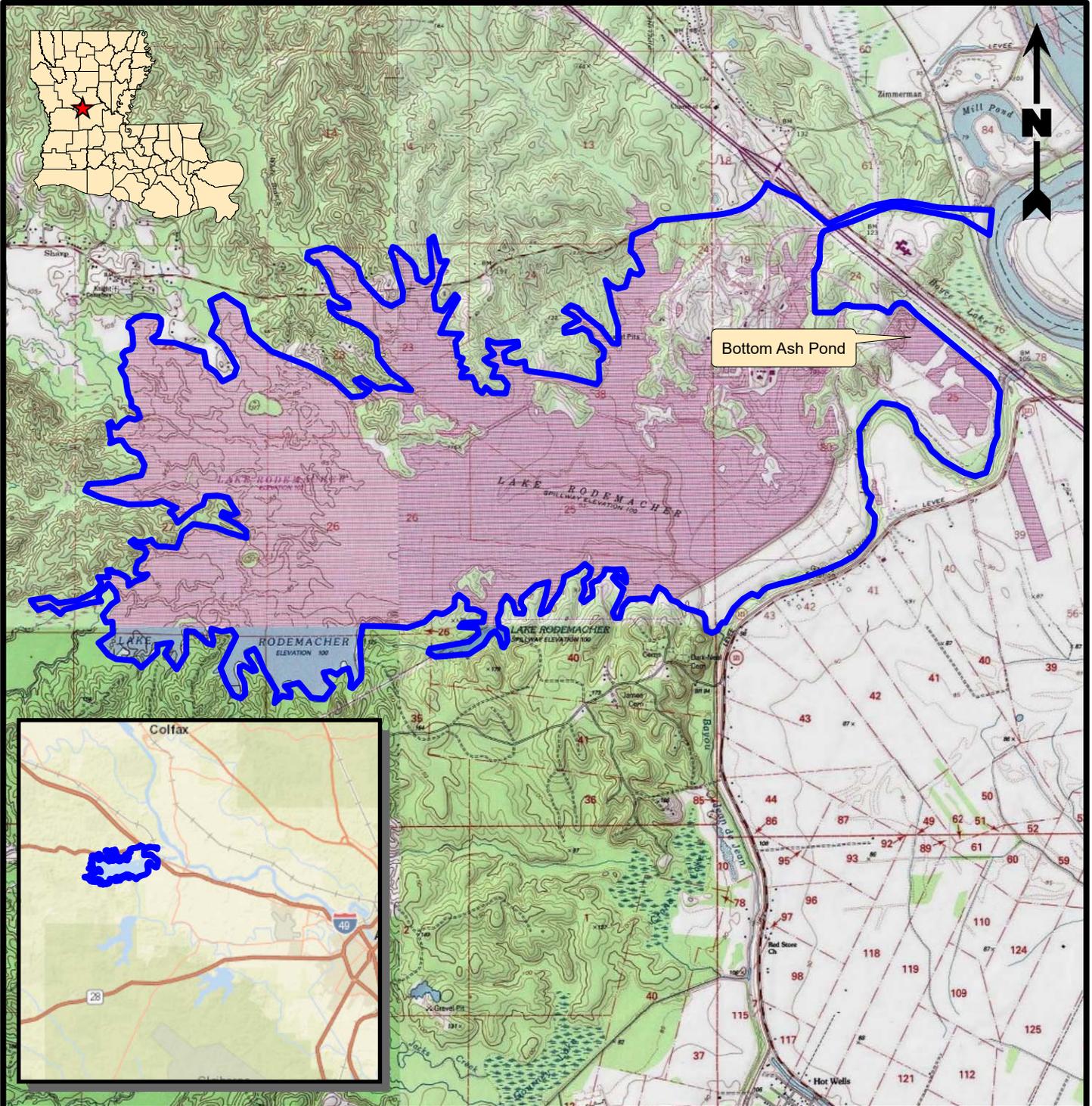
Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act

The Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act is not applicable at this site.

### 3.0 CONCLUSIONS

Based on the results of the wetlands assessment, the Bottom Ash Pond was not constructed in wetlands under the jurisdiction of the USACE and that significant degradation of wetlands is not occurring. The NPDES permit requires compliance with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants. At no time during evaluation and reissuance of each NPDES permit has LDEQ or EPA documented or demonstrated that effluent exceedances or the discharge of toxics has occurred which has resulted in the violation of any applicable water quality criteria. Based on the habitat requirements for the species listed as threatened and/or endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the continued existence of listed species and/or their critical habitat is not jeopardized. **Appendix A** contains a P.E. Certification that attests to this assessment.

**FIGURE 1**  
**SITE LOCATION MAP**



**Legend**

 Property Boundary

**Reference**

Base map comprised of U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute topographic maps, "Lena, LA", "Boyce, LA", "Jericho, LA", and "Gardner, LA".

**Site Location Map**

**Wetlands Assessment - Bottom Ash Pond**  
Boyce, Rapides Parish, Louisiana

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Brame Energy Center



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**FIGURE 2**  
**SITE MAP**



**Legend**

- Property Boundary
- Bottom Ash Pond

**Reference**

Base map comprised of Google Earth aerial imagery from 10/03/14.



**Site Map**

**Wetlands Assessment - Bottom Ash Pond**  
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**APPENDIX A**  
**P.E. CERTIFICATION**

**CLECO BRAME ENERGY CENTER  
BOTTOM ASH POND  
CCR WETLANDS ASSESSMENT**

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that I have performed a wetlands assessment for Cleco's Brame Energy Center Bottom Ash Pond in accordance with the 40 CFR 257.61 CCR requirements. Based on the results from the wetlands assessment it appears that the Bottom Ash Pond was not constructed in wetlands under the jurisdiction of the USACE and that significant degradation of wetlands is not occurring. The NPDES permit requires compliance with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants. At no time during evaluation and reissuance of each NPDES permit has LDEQ or EPA documented or demonstrated that effluent exceedances or the discharge of toxics has occurred which has resulted in the violation of any applicable water quality criteria. Based on the habitat requirements for the species listed as threatened and/or endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the continued existence of listed species and/or their critical habitat is not jeopardized.

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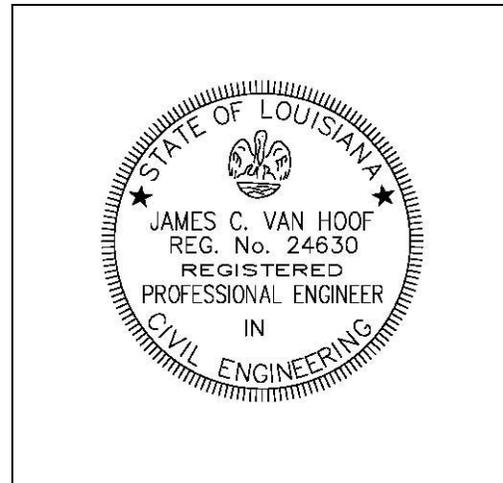
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Signature

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Providence was contracted by Cleco Power LLC (Cleco) to conduct a fault areas assessment of the Bottom Ash Pond at Cleco's Brame Energy Center. Recent Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) regulations at 40 CFR 257.62 established requirements for owners and operators to conduct a fault areas assessment by a qualified professional engineer.

40 CFR 257.62 (a) states:

*New CCR landfills, existing and new CCR surface impoundments, and all lateral expansions of CCR units must not be located within 60 meters (200 feet) of the outermost damage zone of a fault that has had displacement in Holocene time unless the owner or operator demonstrates by the dates specified in paragraph (c) of this section that an alternative setback distance of less than 60 meters (200 feet) will prevent damage to the structural integrity of the CCR unit.*

The Cleco Brame Energy Center is located near Lena in Rapides Parish, Louisiana. A site location map showing the Brame Energy Center is included as **Figure 1**.

This fault areas assessment pertains to the Bottom Ash surface impoundment (Pond) utilized for the Unit 2 coal-fired generation unit. A site map for the Bottom Ash Pond is included as **Figure 2**. For an existing CCR surface impoundment, the fault areas assessment must be completed no later than October 17, 2018.

## 2.0 FAULT AREAS ASSESSMENT

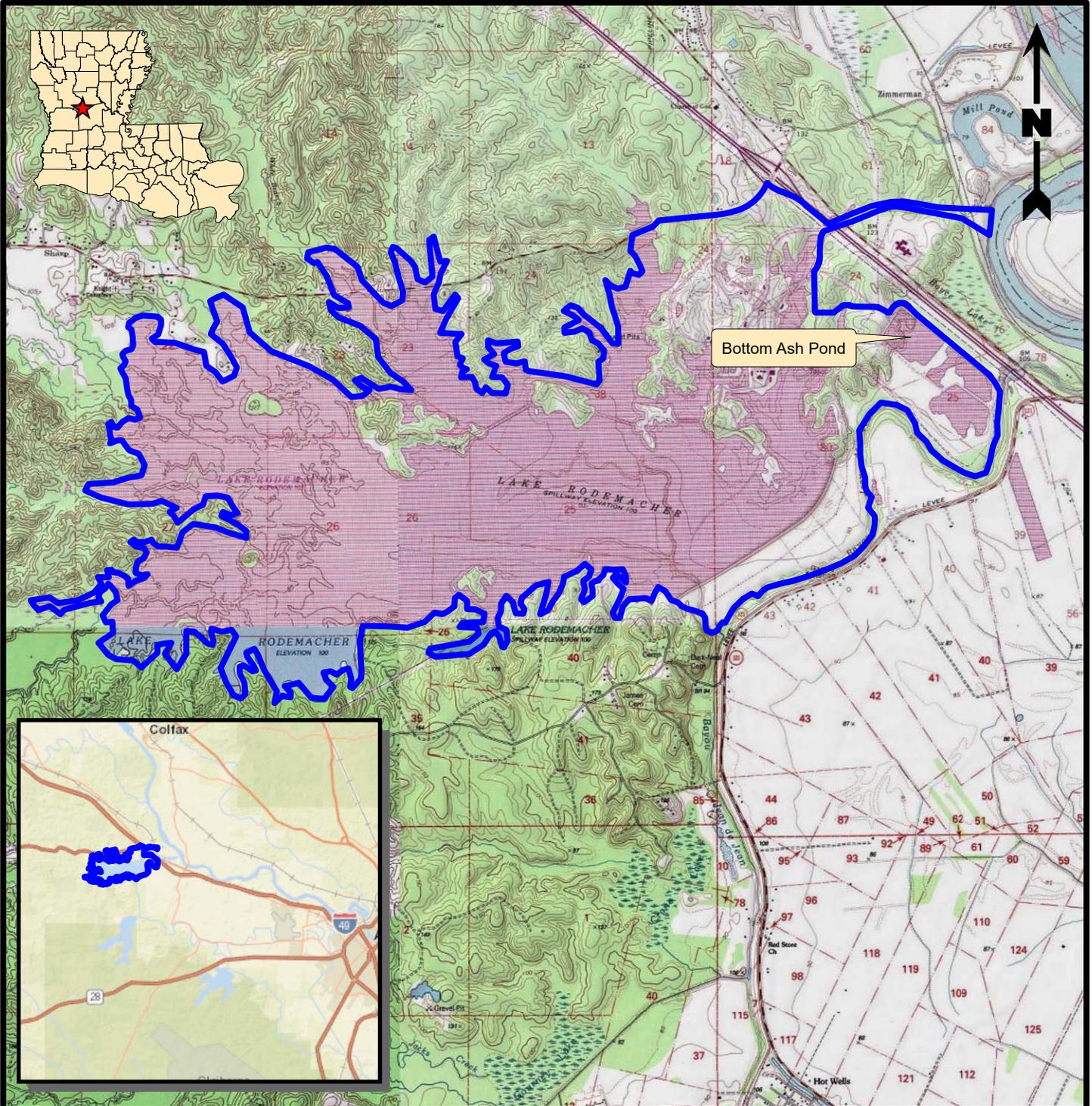
40 CFR 257.53 states that a fault is a fracture or a zone of fractures in any material along which strata on one side have been displaced with respect to that on the other side. It also states that Holocene means the most recent epoch of the Quaternary period, extending from the end of the Pleistocene Epoch, at 11,700 years before present, to present.

The fault locator map created on the USGS website, Mineral Resources, Online Spatial Data, By State (<https://mrddata.usgs.gov/geology/state/state.php?state=LA>) indicates no faults located within 60 meters (200 feet). This 200-foot buffer is shown in **Figure 3**.

## 3.0 CONCLUSION

Based on the results from the fault areas assessment for the Bottom Ash Pond, Providence concludes that the surface impoundment is not located within 60 meters (200 feet) of the outermost damage zone of a fault that has had displacement in Holocene time. The Bottom Ash Pond meets the requirements at 257.62 of the CCR regulations. **Appendix A** contains a P.E. Certification that attests to this assessment.

**FIGURE 1**  
**SITE LOCATION MAP**



**Legend**

Property Boundary

**Reference**

Base map comprised of U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute topographic maps, "Lena, LA", "Boyce, LA", "Jericho, LA", and "Gardner, LA".

**Site Location Map**

**Fault Areas Assessment - Bottom Ash Pond**  
Boyce, Rapides Parish, Louisiana

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**FIGURE 2**  
**SITE MAP**



**Legend**

- Property Boundary
- Bottom Ash Pond

**Reference**

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**Site Map**

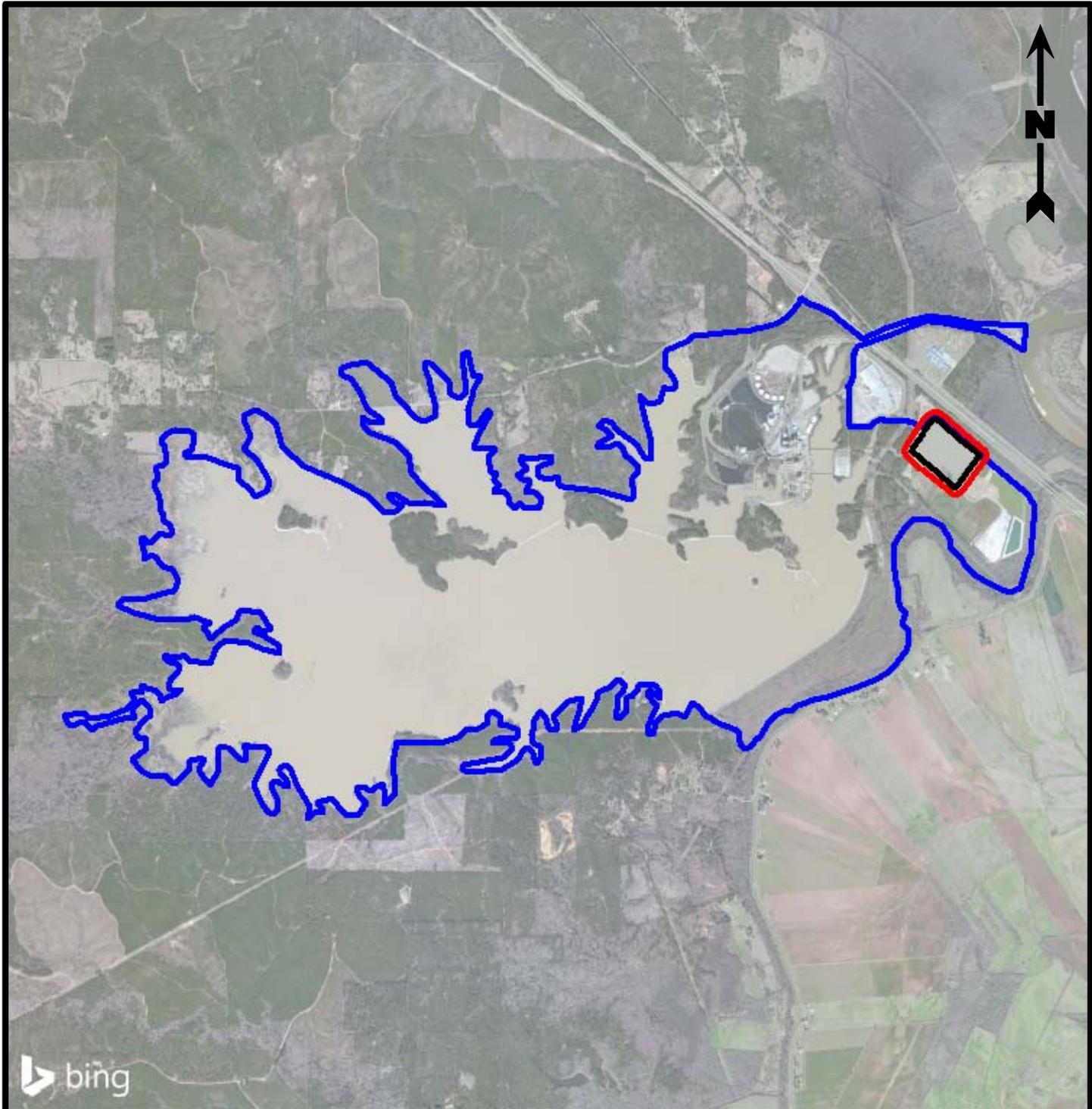
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**FIGURE 3**  
**FAULT LOCATION MAP**



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**Legend**

- Property Boundary
- 200' Buffer
- Bottom Ash Pond

**Note**

There are no faults located within a 200' buffer of the Bottom Ash Pond.

**Reference**

Base map comprised of Bing Maps aerial imagery from (c) 2017 Microsoft Corporation and its data suppliers. Fault data obtained from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) database.

**Fault Location Map**

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**P.E. CERTIFICATION**

**CLECO BRAME ENERGY CENTER  
BOTTOM ASH POND  
CCR FAULT AREAS ASSESSMENT**

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that I have performed a fault areas assessment for Cleco's Brame Energy Center Bottom Ash Pond in accordance with the 40 CFR 257.62 CCR requirements. Based on the results from the fault areas assessment, the Bottom Ash Pond is not located within 60 meters (200 feet) of the outermost damage zone of a fault that has had displacement in Holocene time.

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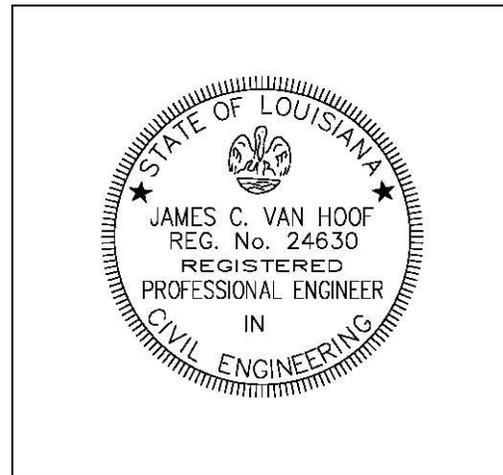
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## SEISMIC IMPACT ZONES ASSESSMENT

## BOTTOM ASH POND

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40 CFR 257.63 (a) states:

*New CCR landfills, existing and new CCR surface impoundments, and all lateral expansions of CCR units must not be located in seismic impact zones unless the owner or operator demonstrates by the dates specified in paragraph (c) of this section that all structural components including liners, leachate collection and removal systems, and surface water control systems, are designed to resist the maximum horizontal acceleration in lithified earth material for the site."*

The Cleco Brame Energy Center is located near Lena in Rapides Parish, Louisiana. A site location map showing the Brame Energy Center is included as **Figure 1**.

This seismic impact zones assessment pertains to the Bottom Ash surface impoundment (Pond) utilized for the Unit 2 coal-fired generation unit. A site map for the Bottom Ash Pond is included as **Figure 2**. For an existing CCR surface impoundment, the seismic impact zones assessment must be completed no later than October 17, 2018.

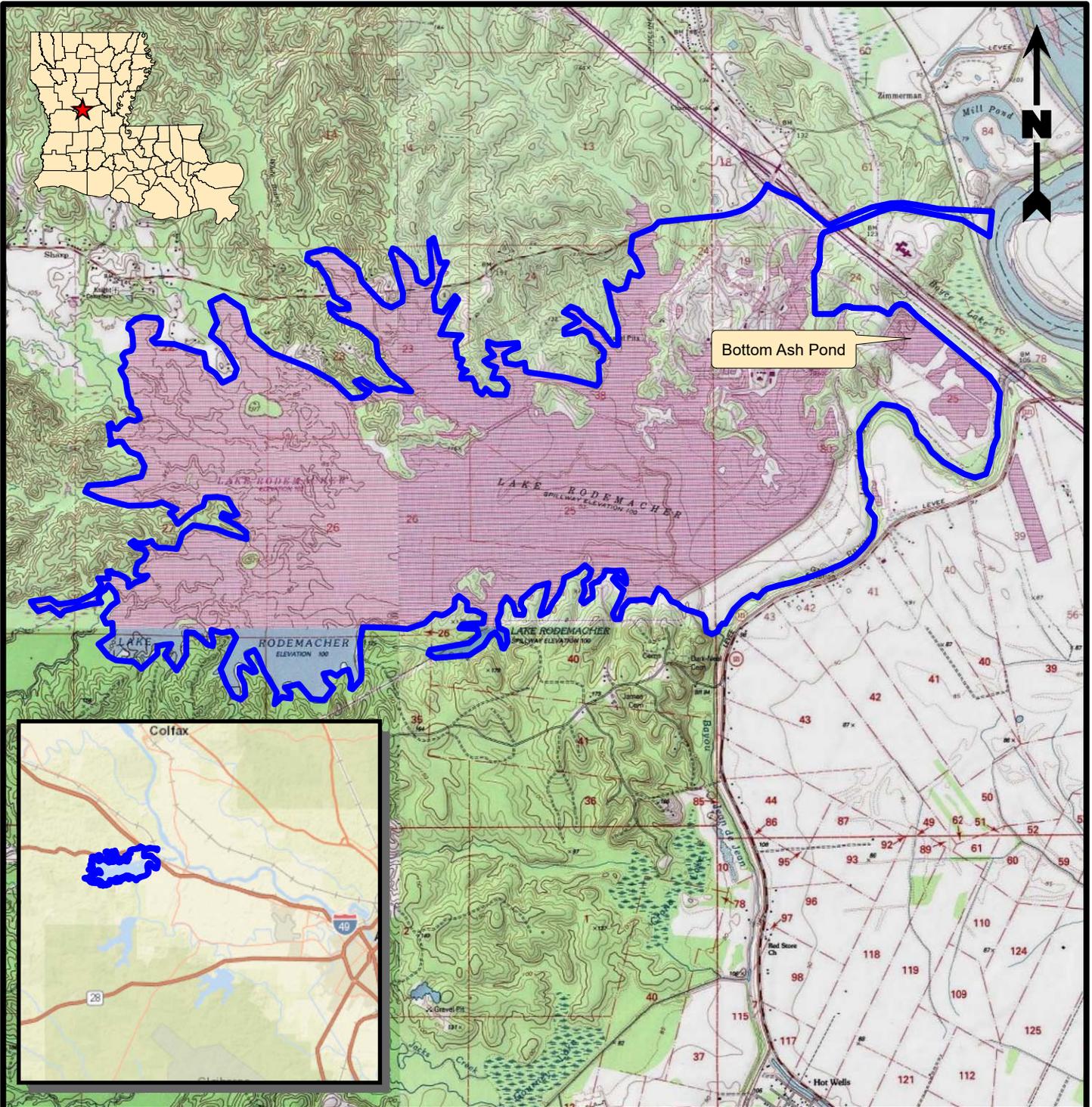
## 2.0 SEISMIC IMPACT ZONES ASSESSMENT

40 CFR 257.53 states that a seismic impact zone is defined as an area having 2% or greater probability that the maximum expected horizontal acceleration, expressed as a percentage of the earth's gravitational pull (g), will exceed 0.10 g in 50 years. The 2% probability seismic map created on the USGS website, Earthquake Hazards Program, Information By Region - Louisiana, (<https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/byregion/louisiana-haz.php>) indicates between 4% g (0.04 g) and 8% g (0.08 g) for the facility, which is below the specified 0.10 g noted in the regulation.

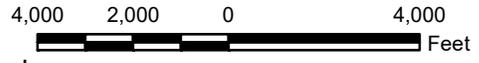
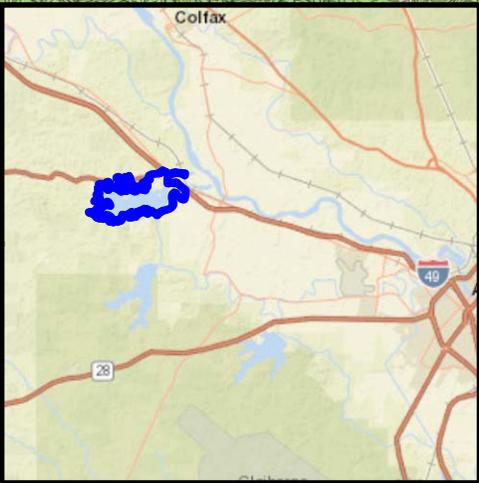
## 3.0 CONCLUSION

Based on the results from the seismic impact zones assessment for the Bottom Ash Pond, Providence concludes that the surface impoundment is not located in a seismic impact zone that will exceed 0.10 g in 50 years. The Bottom Ash Pond meets the requirements at 257.63 of the CCR regulations. **Appendix A** contains a P.E. Certification that attests to this assessment.

**FIGURE 1**  
**SITE LOCATION MAP**



Bottom Ash Pond



**Legend**

 Property Boundary

**Reference**

Base map comprised of U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute topographic maps, "Lena, LA", "Boyce, LA", "Jericho, LA", and "Gardner, LA".

**Site Location Map**

**Seismic Impact Zones Assessment - Bottom Ash Pond**  
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**FIGURE 2**  
**SITE MAP**



**Legend**

- Property Boundary
- Bottom Ash Pond

**Reference**

Base map comprised of Google Earth aerial imagery from 10/03/14.



**Site Map**

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CCR SEISMIC IMPACT ZONES ASSESSMENT**

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I hereby certify that I have performed a seismic impact zones assessment for Cleco's Brame Energy Center Bottom Ash Pond in accordance with the 40 CFR 257.63 CCR requirements. Based on the results from the seismic impact zones assessment for the Bottom Ash Pond, Providence concludes that the surface impoundment is not located in a seismic impact zone that will exceed 0.10 g in 50 years. The Bottom Ash Pond meets the requirements at 257.63 of the CCR regulations.

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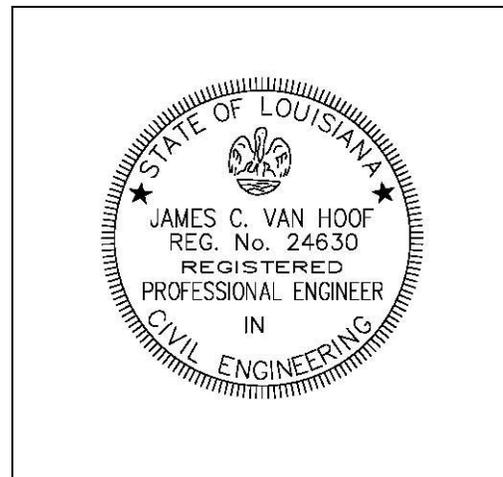
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## UNSTABLE AREAS ASSESSMENT

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

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40 CFR 257.64 (a) states:

*An existing or new CCR landfill, existing or new CCR surface impoundment, or any later expansion of a CCR unit must not be located in an unstable area unless the owner or operator demonstrates by the dates specified in paragraph (d) of this section that recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices have been incorporated into the design of the CCR unit to ensure that the integrity of the structural components of the CCR unit will not be disrupted.*

This assessment must, at a minimum, consider the following factors when determining whether an area is unstable:

- On-site or local soil conditions that may result in significant differential settling
- On-site or local geologic or geomorphologic features
- On-site or local human-made features or events (both surface and subsurface)

The Cleco Brame Energy Center is located near Lena in Rapides Parish, Louisiana. A site location map showing the Brame Energy Center is included as **Figure 1**.

This unstable area assessment pertains to the Bottom Ash surface impoundment (Pond) utilized for the Unit 2 coal-fired generation unit. A site map for the Bottom Ash Pond is included as **Figure 2**. For an existing CCR surface impoundment, the unstable areas assessment must be completed no later than October 17, 2018.

## 2.0 UNSTABLE AREAS ASSESSMENT

40 CFR 257.53 states that an unstable area means a location that is susceptible to natural or human-induced events or forces capable of impairing the integrity, including some or all of the structural components of the CCR unit that are responsible for preventing releases from such unit. Unstable areas can include poor foundation conditions, areas susceptible to mass movements, and karst terrains.

### **On-site or Local Soil Conditions**

Providence reviewed the existing soil borings that were completed for the initial design of the Bottom Ash Pond. Providence also completed soil borings in the existing levee associated with the surface impoundment. Providence reviewed the soil conditions in the boring logs and determined that the soil conditions are stable and should not cause excessive differential settlement to the extent that the stability of the CCR impoundment, or its associated features, will be compromised.

The Bottom Ash Pond is underlain with clays that extends 20 feet (terminal depth of the borings) in all of the borings except one. For that boring, the clay extends 12 feet. This provides a firm and secure foundation that maintains its integrity and will not be disrupted as a result of uneven settlement induced by hydrocompaction. Also, the clay liner provides a foundation that prevents sudden differential movement resulting from CCR placement. These areas have not been subject to mass movement in the past and are not expected to be in the future.

### **On-site or Local Geologic or Geomorphic Features**

Providence has inspected the site, reviewed geological reports, reviewed boring logs, and reviewed topographic maps to evaluate the local geologic and geomorphic features that could cause the CCR unit to be unstable. No features were found that would cause the CCR unit to be unstable. The Bottom Ash Pond is not located in karst terrain, therefore sinkholes, vertical shafts, sinking streams, caves, seeps, large springs, and blind valleys are not expected.

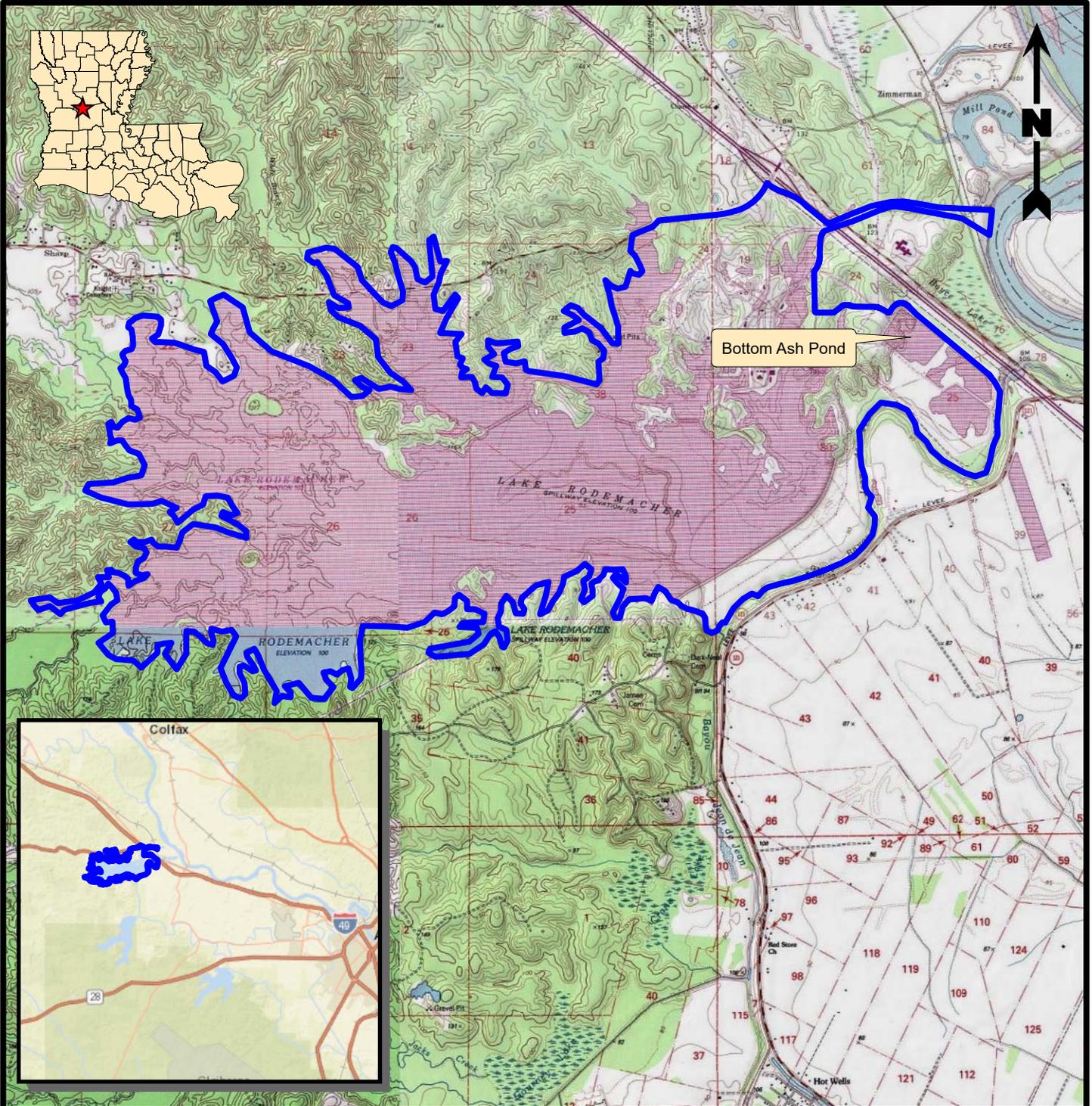
### **On-site or Local Human-made Features or Events**

Providence reviewed the man-made features and activities associated with the CCR unit with respect to cut and fill, installation of culverts and piping, and any associated man-made features of the Bottom Ash Pond. The dikes were mechanically compacted to a density sufficient to withstand the range of loading conditions for the daily operation of the unit. The structural stability assessment was consistent with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices. No anthropogenic features were found that would adversely affect the stability of the CCR unit.

## **3.0 CONCLUSION**

Based on the results from the unstable areas assessment, the Bottom Ash Pond's on-site or local soil conditions, geologic or geomorphologic features, and human-made features or events, Providence concludes that the surface impoundment is not located in unstable areas. The Bottom Ash Pond meets the requirements at 257.64 of the CCR regulations. **Appendix A** contains a P.E. Certification that attests to this assessment.

**FIGURE 1**  
**SITE LOCATION MAP**



**Legend**

 Property Boundary

**Reference**

Base map comprised of U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute topographic maps, "Lena, LA", "Boyce, LA", "Jericho, LA", and "Gardner, LA".

**Site Location Map**

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**FIGURE 2**  
**SITE MAP**



**Legend**

-  Property Boundary
-  Bottom Ash Pond

**Reference**

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**Site Map**

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**APPENDIX A**  
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BOTTOM ASH POND  
CCR UNSTABLE AREAS ASSESSMENT**

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I hereby certify that I have performed an unstable areas assessment for Cleco's Brame Energy Center Bottom Ash Pond in accordance with the 40 CFR 257.64 CCR requirements. Based on the results from the unstable areas assessment, the Bottom Ash Pond is not located in unstable areas.

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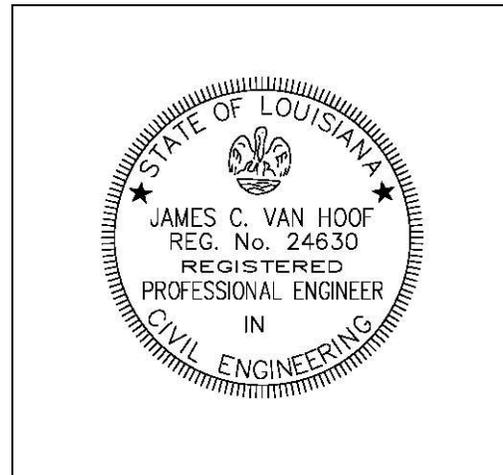
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## **FLY ASH POND**

# **CLECO POWER LLC BRAME ENERGY CENTER**

**FLY ASH POND  
LENA, LA**

**Placement Above Uppermost Aquifer  
Location Restriction Demonstration  
for the Coal Combustion Residuals Rule**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Cleco Power LLC (Cleco) hereby presents the evaluation for the Placement above the Uppermost Aquifer Location Restriction for the Fly Ash Pond unit at the Brame Energy Center (BEC) located in Lena, Louisiana (Figure 1). This report summarizes a hydrogeological evaluation of the uppermost water bearing zone and its relationship with the Fly Ash Pond unit in accordance with §257.60 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule.

## 2.0 FACILITY INFORMATION

Cleco owns and operates BEC located at 275 Rodemacher Road, Lena, Louisiana 71447. Per “Annual CCR Inspection for the Fly Ash Pond” (January 13, 2017) the base of the Fly Ash Pond unit is 85 feet Mean Sea Level (MSL). Based on this determination, the base of the two-foot thick clay liner is estimated at 83 feet MSL.

## 3.0 HYDROGEOLOGIC SETTING

Characterization of BEC has included the geomorphologic, geologic and hydrogeologic evaluation of the soils at BEC and are presented in this section. The site layout with the CCR unit identified is shown in Figure 2.

### **Geomorphology**

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 northern portion of BEC is located on the Intermediate Terrace deposits and the remainder of BEC is located on the alluvium/natural levee deposits. The Fly Ash Pond unit is situated entirely on the alluvium deposits. The geomorphology features are shown in Figure 2.

### **Geologic Characterization**

Geologic cross sections illustrate the difference in stratigraphy and depth to the uppermost water bearing zone for the alluvium/natural levee deposits. These geologic cross sections are constructed from soil borings trending in a north-south profile across the Fly Ash Pond unit. The profiles of these geologic cross sections are shown in Figure 2. The geologic cross sections are included in Figure 3.

The uppermost water bearing zone within the alluvium/natural levee deposits is described as sandy silt to silty sand with some gravel in its base, often underlain by sandy clay and clay. The geologic cross sections show extensive clay deposits underlying the Fly Ash Pond unit. The thickness of the clay is greater than 5 feet below the base of the CCR units.

### **Hydrographs of Alluvium Potentiometric Surface**

Groundwater surface elevations determined from monitoring wells screened in the uppermost water bearing zone in the alluvium/natural levee deposits were used to construct a hydrograph from data measured since 1987 as shown in the hydrograph in Figure 4. The hydrograph also includes the base depth of the Fly Ash Pond units at 83 feet MSL and the 5-foot buffer distance below this liner base is shown at 78 feet MSL.

This hydrograph illustrates the fluctuations of the water table over a 31-year monitoring period and shows the groundwater surface approaching the 5-foot buffer below the base of the units only in 2009 and 2016. This coincides with record high flood stages of the Red River and its tributary Bayou Jean de Jean in 2009 and 2016. The high river stage of the Red River in 2009 and 2016 are

considered anomalous and not normal fluctuations. The 2016 spring flood stage is the highest ever recorded for the nearest Red River United States Geological Survey stage gages which are named 'Red River @ Lock & Dam No. 3 Lower' and 'Red River @ Alexandria'. These two river gages are immediately upstream and downstream of BEC along the Red River. Even with these extremely high river stages in 2009 and 2016, the groundwater surface did not encounter the base liner elevation of the Fly Ash Pond unit.

#### 4.0 PLACEMENT ABOVE THE UPPERMOST AQUIFER LOCATION RESTRICTION DETERMINATION

The hydrogeological data presented in this evaluation indicate that the Fly Ash Pond unit meets the criteria of the Location Restriction, Placement above the Uppermost Aquifer. The Fly Ash Pond is entirely over only the alluvium deposits of which the monitoring wells included in the hydrograph (Figure 4). This hydrograph illustrates the relationship of the base of the CCR unit with the groundwater surface of the uppermost water bearing zone and clearly shows significant separation (>5 ft) over the extensive 31-year period of monitoring data. The geologic cross sections show extensive clay deposits underlying the Fly Ash Pond with a thickness of the clay greater than 5 feet below the base of the CCR unit.

#### 5.0 CONCLUSIONS

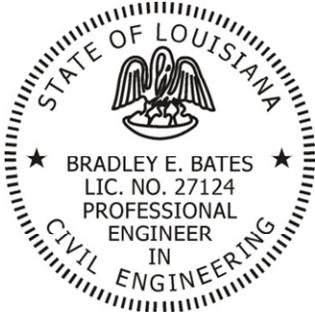
Cleco BEC has completed its evaluation of §257.60, the Placement above the Uppermost Aquifer Location Restriction. As required by the CCR Rule part §257.60, BEC hereby demonstrates that the Fly Ash Pond unit meets the following criteria:

- §257.60 Placement Above the Uppermost Aquifer Location Restriction**  
§257.60 (a) The evaluation of the Fly Ash Pond unit, indicates that the existing CCR unit, meets and exceeds the minimum requirements in this standard for separation distance of the placement of CCR waste above the uppermost aquifer.

This evaluation has concluded that the Fly Ash Pond unit meets the criteria for §257.60.

**6.0 CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify this location restriction evaluation for Cleco Power LLC. I am a duly licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Louisiana.



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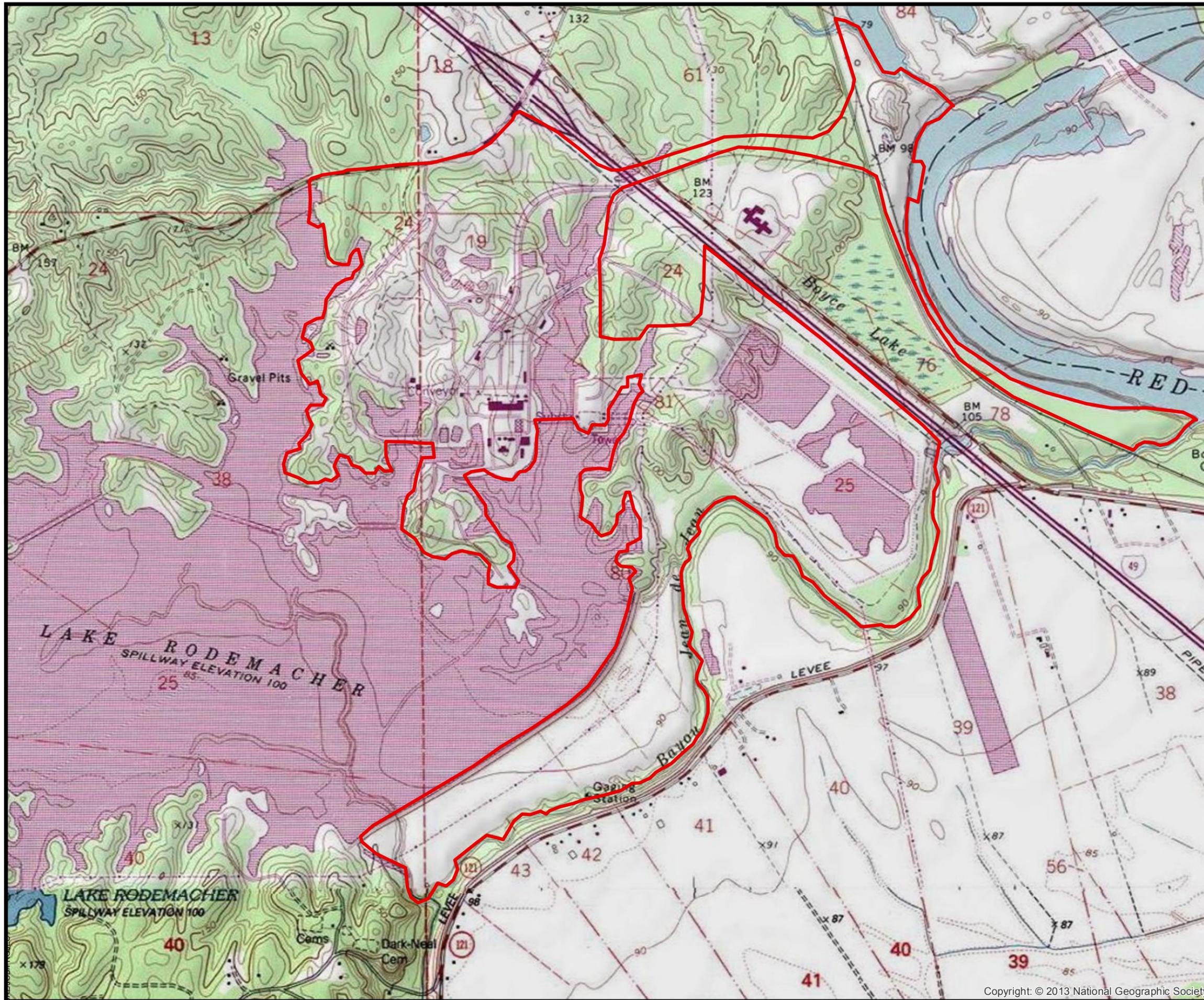
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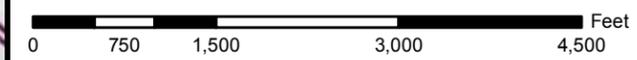
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### Legend

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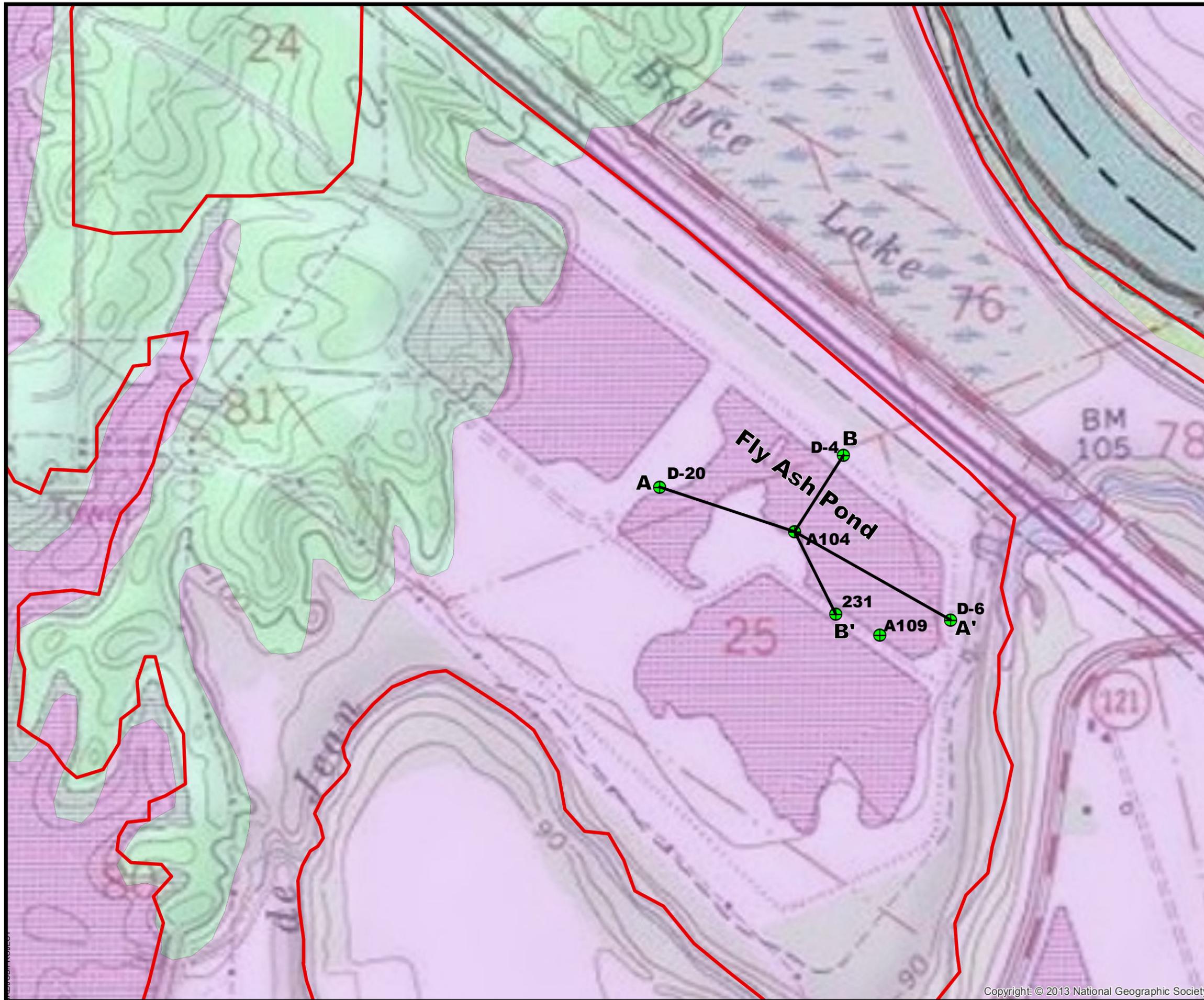
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**Figure 1**



**Terraces**

- Qtp - Prairie Terrace
- Mfcb - Carnahan Bayou Member
- Qth - High Terrace
- Qti - Intermediate Terrace

**Alluvial**

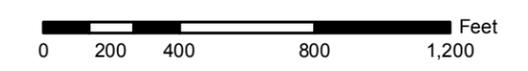
- Qal - Alluvium; Qnl - Natural Levees

**Wells**

- Boring Locations (Sargent & Lundy, 1981)

**Cross Section Profile Location**

- Cross Section Profile Line



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Fly Ash Pond

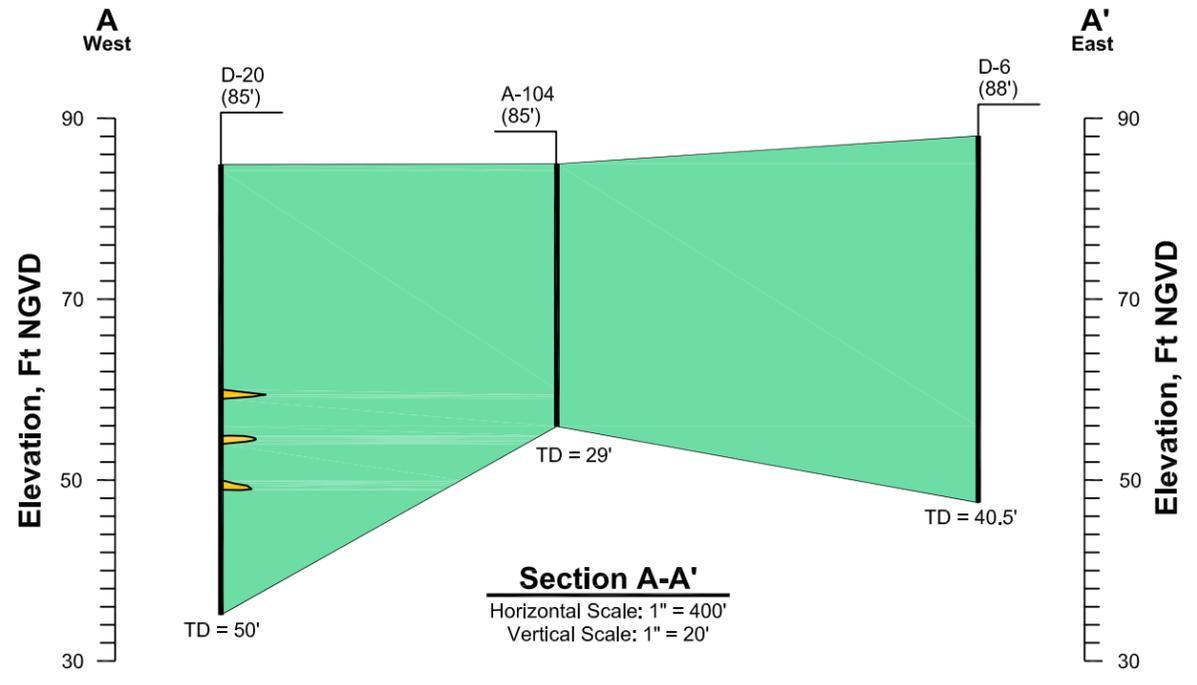
**Geologic Cross Section Profiles Map**

Rapides Parish, Louisiana



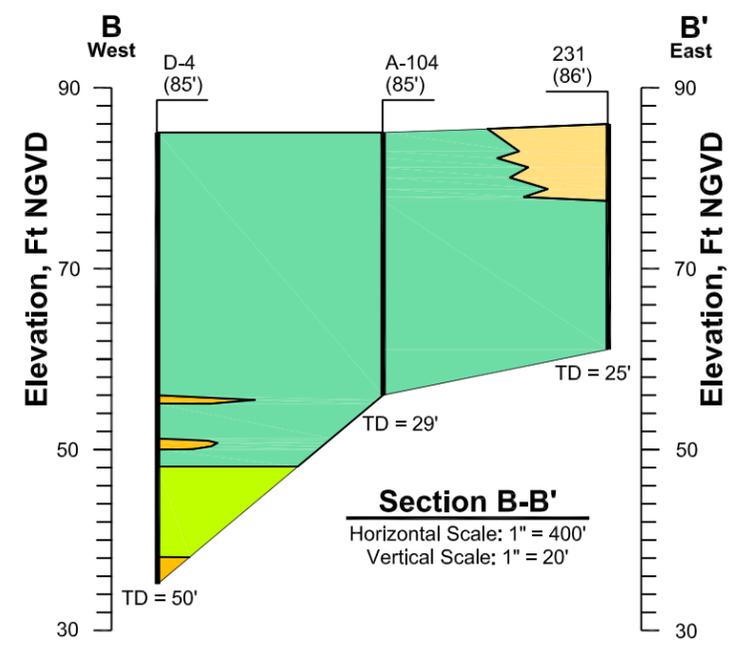
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**Figure 2**



- Legend**
- Sand
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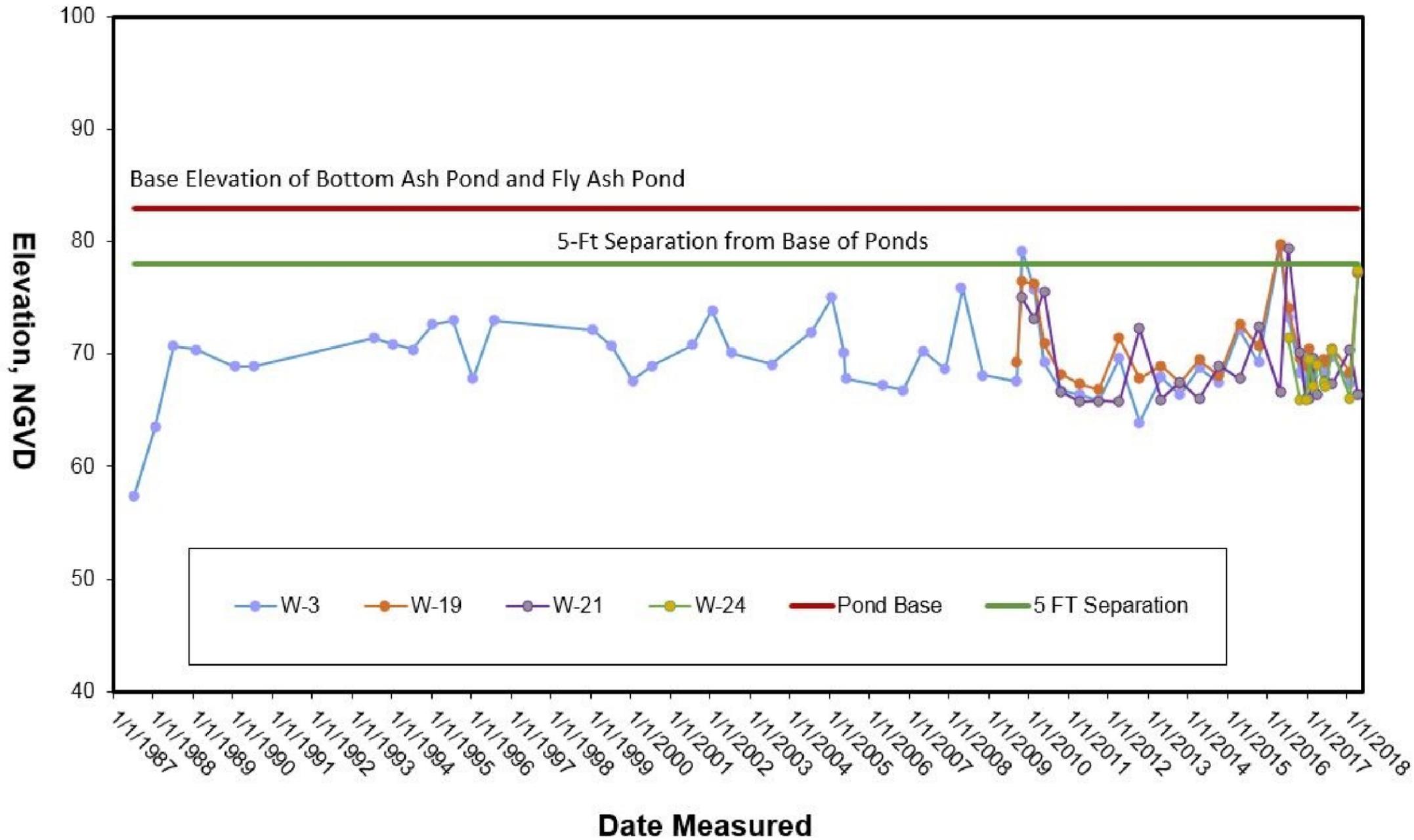
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Stratigraphy between borings are inferred. Actual conditions may vary.





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**Fly Ash Pond**  
**Geologic Cross Sections**  
**A-A' and B-B'**  
Rapides Parish, Louisiana

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### Hydrograph of Alluvium Wells

Rapides Parish, Louisiana



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**Figure 4**

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WETLANDS  
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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Providence was contracted by Cleco Power LLC (Cleco) to conduct a wetlands and ecological assessment of the Bottom Ash Pond at Cleco's Brame Energy Center. Recent Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) regulations at 40 CFR 257.61 established requirements for owners and operators to conduct a wetlands assessment by a qualified professional engineer.

40 CFR 257.61 (a) states that *new CCR landfills, existing and new CCR surface impoundments, and all lateral expansions of CCR units must not be located in wetlands, as defined in Section 232.2 of this chapter, unless the owner or operator demonstrates by the dates specified in paragraph (c) of this section that the CCR unit meets the requirements of paragraphs below:*

- *Where applicable under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act or applicable state wetlands laws, a clear and objective rebuttal of the presumption that an alternative to the CCR unit is reasonably available that does not involve wetlands.*
- *The construction and operation of the CCR unit will not cause or contribute to any of the following:*
  - *A violation of any applicable state or federal water quality standard;*
  - *A violation of any applicable toxic effluent standard or prohibition under section 307 of the Clean Water Act;*
  - *Jeopardize the continued existence of endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of a critical habitat, protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; and*
  - *A violation of any requirement under the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 for the protection of marine sanctuary.*
- *The CCR unit will not cause or contribute to significant degradation of wetlands by addressing all of the following factors:*
  - *Erosion, stability, and migration potential of native wetland soils, muds, and deposits used to support the CCR unit;*
  - *Erosion, stability, and migration potential of dredged and fill materials used to support the CCR unit;*
  - *The volume and chemical nature of the CCR;*
  - *Impacts of fish, wildlife, and other aquatic resources and their habitat from release of CCR;*
  - *The potential effects of catastrophic release of CCR to the wetland and the resulting impacts on the environment; and*
  - *Any additional factors, as necessary, to demonstrate that ecological resources in the wetland are sufficiently protected.*
- *To the extent required under section 404 of the Clean Water Act or applicable state wetlands laws, steps have been taken to attempt to achieve no net loss of wetlands (as defined by acreage and function) by first avoiding impacts to wetlands to the maximum extent reasonable as required by paragraphs (a)(1) through (3) of this section, then minimizing unavoidable impacts to the maximum extent reasonable, and finally offsetting remaining unavoidable wetland impacts through all appropriate and reasonable compensatory mitigation actions (e.g., restoration of existing degraded wetlands or creation of man-made wetlands); and*
- *Sufficient information is available to make a reasoned determination with respect to the demonstrations in paragraphs (a)(1) through (4) of this section.*

The Cleco Brame Energy Center is near Lena in Rapides Parish, Louisiana. A site location map showing the Brame Energy Center is included as **Figure 1**.

This wetlands and ecological assessment pertains to the Fly Ash surface impoundment (Pond) utilized for the Unit 2 coal-fired generation unit. A site map for the Fly Ash Pond is included as **Figure 2**. For an existing CCR surface impoundment, the wetland and ecological assessment must be completed no later than October 17, 2018.

## 2.0 WETLANDS AND ECOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

### Wetlands

On March 29, 1977, Cleco was issued a Section 10/404 permit (Permit Number *LMNOD-SP (Bayou Jean de Jean)*) by the New Orleans District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for dredge and fill activities for installation and maintenance of fill and a levee system for construction of a private ash pond off Bayou Jean de Jean at the current Brame Energy Center in Rapides Parish, Louisiana. The permit was specifically for dredge and fill associated with Bayou Jean de Jean and the areas within the constructed ash pond were not considered jurisdictional wetlands during the permit review process.

As part of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting process, discharges from the Fly Ash Pond were evaluated and assessed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prior to issuance of the facility's original NPDES permit which became effective on July 27, 1981. In this permit, EPA established limitations for discharges from the Fly Ash Pond to ensure compliance with applicable water quality criteria. Compliance with the effluent limitations ensures that the discharges from the Fly Ash Pond will not cause or contribute to an exceedance of a water quality criterion.

Furthermore, the effluent compliance history and supplemental application data on the quality of the effluent discharged from the Fly Ash Pond has been evaluated during each permit renewal by the EPA and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ). Review of the data during every renewal term ensures that the continued discharge from the Fly Ash Pond has not and will not cause or contribute to an exceedance of the applicable water quality criteria. In addition, the NPDES permit requires compliance with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants. At no time during evaluation and reissuance of each NPDES permit has LDEQ or EPA documented or demonstrated that effluent exceedances or the discharge of toxics has occurred which has resulted in the violation of any applicable water quality criteria. There has been no violation of any applicable water quality criteria associated with the Fly Ash Pond.

### Endangered Species

Federally-listed threatened and/or endangered species in Rapides Parish include:

- Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*)
- Louisiana pearlshell mussel (*Margaritifera hembeli*)
- Pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*)
- Interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum athalassos*)
- Red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*)

Habitat requirements for listed species is described in the following sections.

**Northern long-eared bat.** Wintering northern long-eared bats prefer caves and mines with large passages and entrances, constant temperatures, and high humidity with no air currents. During the summer months the species prefer to roost underneath bark, in cavities, or in crevices of live and dead trees. Some males and non-reproductive females can also be found in caves and mines due

to cooler temperatures. Breeding begins in late summer or early fall. The species can be found in the eastern and north central United States.

The **Louisiana pearlshell mussel** prefers small sandy streams featuring stable sand and gravel substrates in clear-flowing shallow water within mixed pine hardwood forests. The species is currently restricted to two sub-populations on opposite sides of the Red River drainage in central Louisiana.

**Pallid sturgeon** adults and sub-adults may be found in those rivers and streams until November, and in estuarine or marine waters during the remainder of the year. Sturgeon less than two years old appear to remain in riverine habitats and estuarine areas throughout the year, rather than migrate to marine waters. In Louisiana, pallid sturgeons are known to occur in the Mississippi and Atchafalaya Rivers. Spawning occurs in coastal rivers between late winter and early spring (i.e., March to May).

Preferred nesting habitat for the **interior least tern** includes bare or sparsely vegetated sand, shell, and gravel beaches, sandbars, islands, and salt flats. The species prefer open habitat avoiding thick vegetation and narrow beaches. They have also been observed using sand and gravel pits, ash disposal areas of power plants, reservoir shorelines, and other manmade sites due to the scarceness of preferred nesting habitat. The species can be found along the shorelines of the Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, Ohio, Red, and Rio Grande river systems and along the rivers of Texas. Interior least tern colonies are known to occur along the Red River in northwestern and central Louisiana.

Suitable **red-cockaded woodpecker** (RCW) foraging habitat is defined as a contiguous 10-acre stand of pine or pine-hardwood forest in which 50% or more of the dominant trees are pines with a minimum age of 30 years. Suitable RCW nesting habitat was defined as foraging habitat containing any pines 60 years of age or older. The pines could be scattered or clumped within younger stands. Old age pines have thinner sapwood and a larger heartwood diameter and have a greater chance of being affected by a fungus which results in the heartwood decaying and makes excavation easier for drilling nesting and roosting cavities.

Based on habitat requirements of the listed species, adverse impacts to those species as well as impacts to critical habitats are not likely to occur.

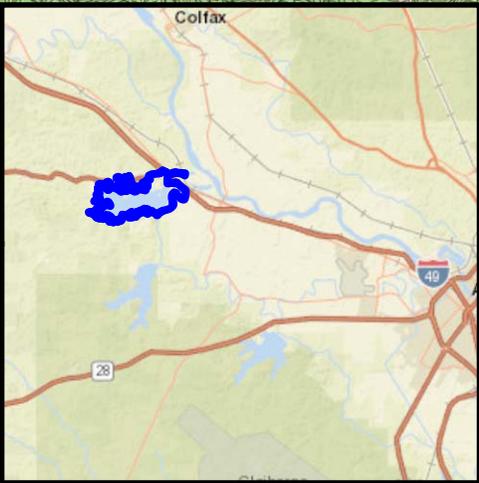
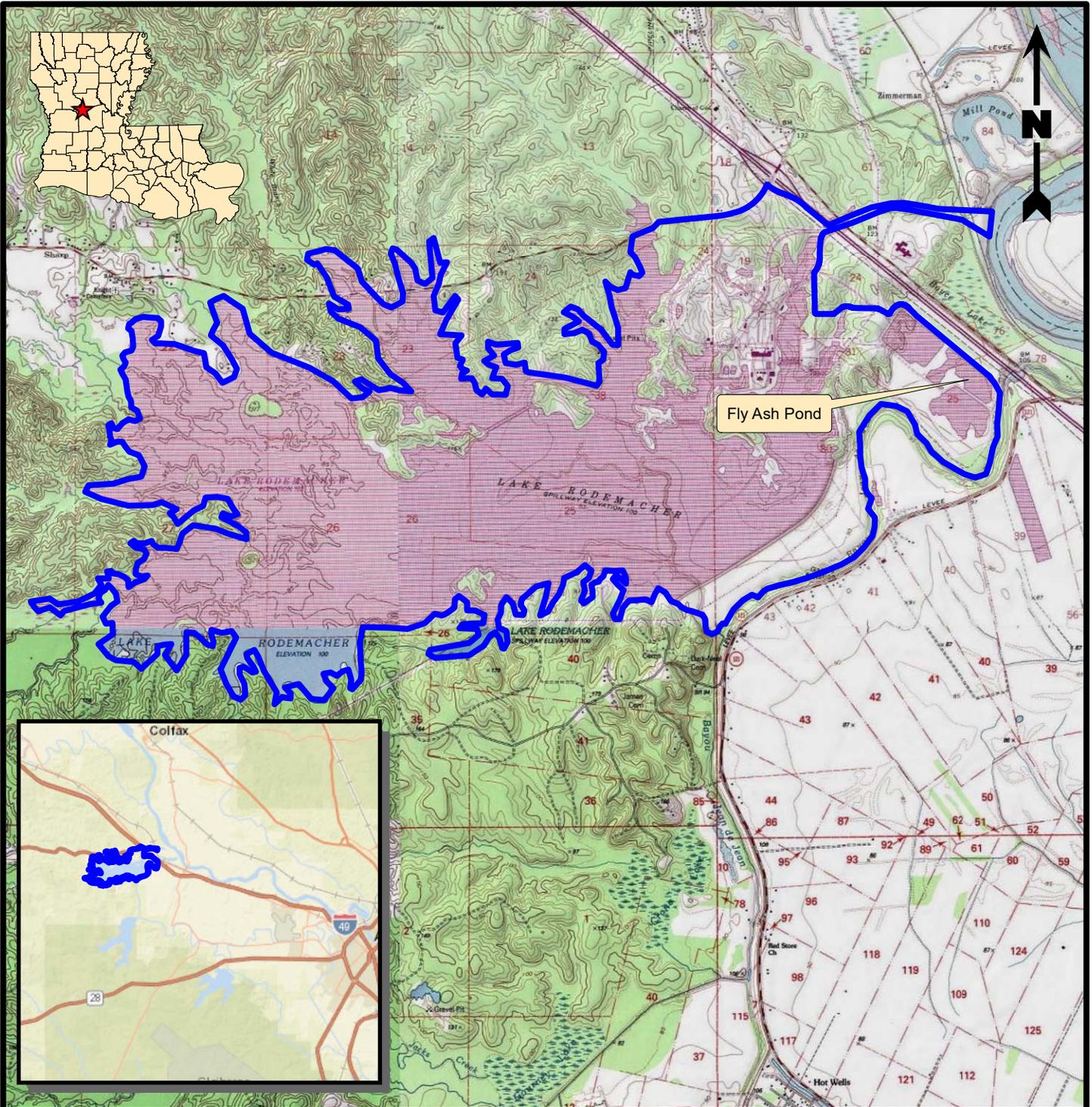
#### Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act

The Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act is not applicable at this site.

### 3.0 CONCLUSIONS

Based on the results of the wetlands assessment, the Fly Ash Pond was not constructed in wetlands under the jurisdiction of the USACE and that significant degradation of wetlands is not occurring. The NPDES permit requires compliance with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants. At no time during evaluation and reissuance of each NPDES permit has LDEQ or EPA documented or demonstrated that effluent exceedances or the discharge of toxics has occurred which has resulted in the violation of any applicable water quality criteria. Based on the habitat requirements for the species listed as threatened and/or endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the continued existence of listed species and/or their critical habitat is not jeopardized. **Appendix A** contains a P.E. Certification that attests to this assessment.

**FIGURE 1**  
**SITE LOCATION MAP**



**Legend**

 Property Boundary

**Reference**

Base map comprised of U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute topographic maps, "Lena, LA", "Boyce, LA", "Jericho, LA", and "Gardner, LA".

**Site Location Map**

**Wetlands Assessment - Fly Ash Pond**  
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**FIGURE 2**  
**SITE MAP**



**Legend**

- Property Boundary
- Fly Ash Pond

**Reference**

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**Site Map**

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**APPENDIX A**  
**P.E. CERTIFICATION**

**CLECO BRAME ENERGY CENTER  
FLY ASH POND  
CCR WETLANDS ASSESSMENT**

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that I have performed a wetlands assessment for Cleco's Brame Energy Center Fly Ash Pond in accordance with the 40 CFR 257.61 CCR requirements. Based on the results from the wetlands assessment it appears that the Fly Ash Pond was not constructed in wetlands under the jurisdiction of the USACE and that significant degradation of wetlands is not occurring. The NPDES permit requires compliance with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants. At no time during evaluation and reissuance of each NPDES permit has LDEQ or EPA documented or demonstrated that effluent exceedances or the discharge of toxics has occurred which has resulted in the violation of any applicable water quality criteria. Based on the habitat requirements for the species listed as threatened and/or endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the continued existence of listed species and/or their critical habitat is not jeopardized.

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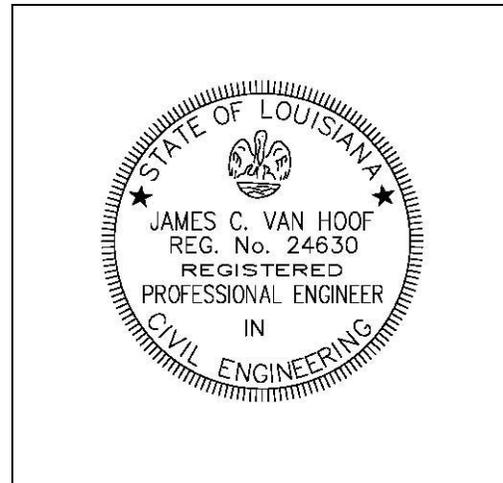
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## FAULT AREAS ASSESSMENT

## FLY ASH POND

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Providence was contracted by Cleco Power LLC (Cleco) to conduct a fault areas assessment of the Fly Ash Pond at Cleco's Brame Energy Center. Recent Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) regulations at 40 CFR 257.62 established requirements for owners and operators to conduct a fault areas assessment by a qualified professional engineer.

40 CFR 257.62 (a) states:

*New CCR landfills, existing and new CCR surface impoundments, and all lateral expansions of CCR units must not be located within 60 meters (200 feet) of the outermost damage zone of a fault that has had displacement in Holocene time unless the owner or operator demonstrates by the dates specified in paragraph (c) of this section that an alternative setback distance of less than 60 meters (200 feet) will prevent damage to the structural integrity of the CCR unit.*

The Cleco Brame Energy Center is located near Lena in Rapides Parish, Louisiana. A site location map showing the Brame Energy Center is included as **Figure 1**.

This fault areas assessment pertains to the Fly Ash surface impoundment (Pond) utilized for the Unit 2 coal-fired generation unit. A site map for the Fly Ash Pond is included as **Figure 2**. For an existing CCR surface impoundment, the fault areas assessment must be completed no later than October 17, 2018.

## 2.0 FAULT AREAS ASSESSMENT

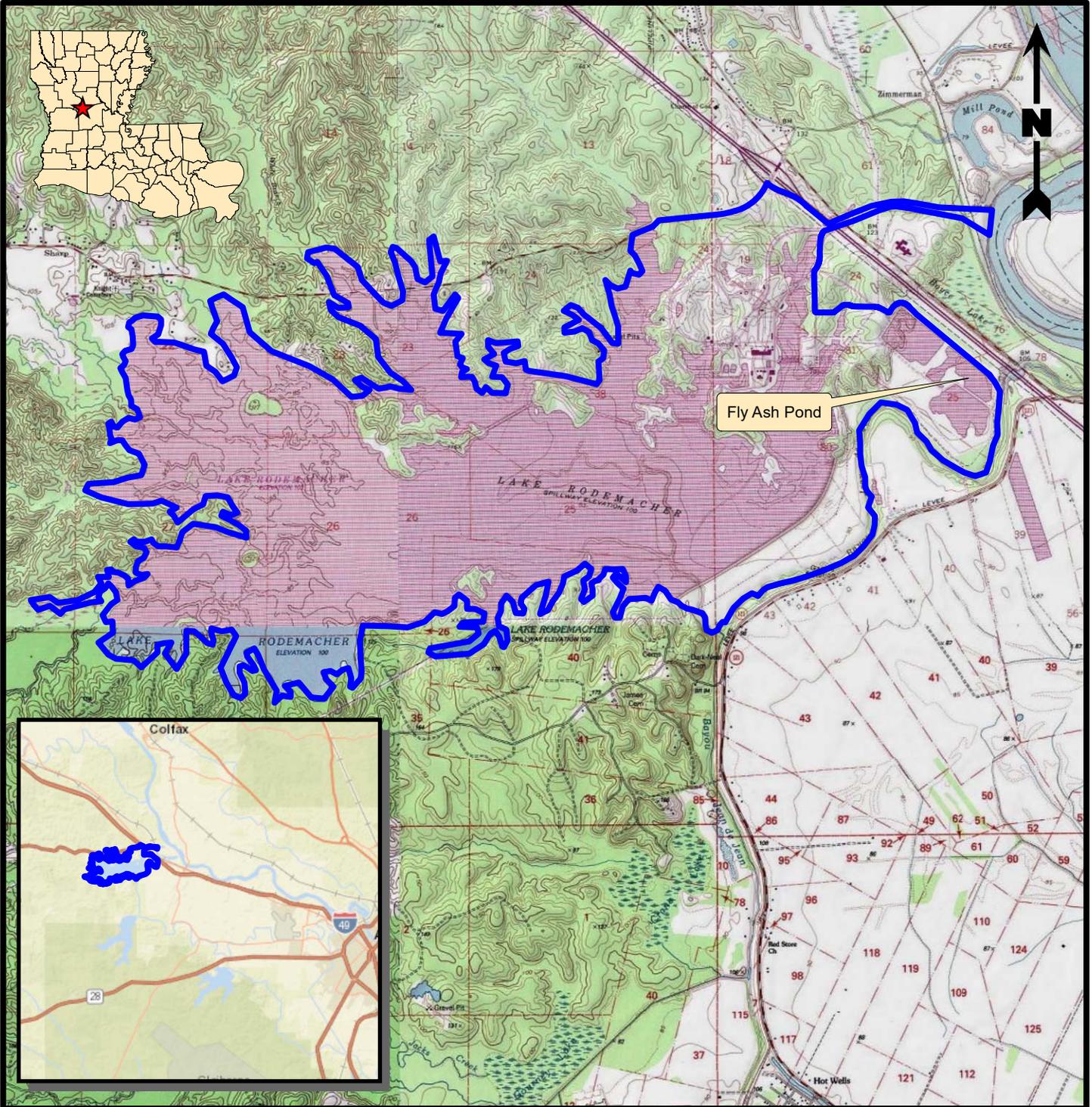
40 CFR 257.53 states that a fault is a fracture or a zone of fractures in any material along which strata on one side have been displaced with respect to that on the other side. It also states that Holocene means the most recent epoch of the Quaternary period, extending from the end of the Pleistocene Epoch, at 11,700 years before present, to present.

The fault locator map created on the USGS website, Mineral Resources, Online Spatial Data, By State (<https://mrdata.usgs.gov/geology/state/state.php?state=LA>) indicates no faults located within 60 meters (200 feet). This 200-foot buffer is shown in **Figure 3**.

## 3.0 CONCLUSION

Based on the results from the fault areas assessment for the Fly Ash Pond, Providence concludes that the surface impoundment is not located within 60 meters (200 feet) of the outermost damage zone of a fault that has had displacement in Holocene time. The Fly Ash Pond meets the requirements at 257.62 of the CCR regulations. **Appendix A** contains a P.E. Certification that attests to this assessment.

**FIGURE 1**  
**SITE LOCATION MAP**



**Legend**

 Property Boundary

**Reference**

Base map comprised of U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute topographic maps, "Lena, LA", "Boyce, LA", "Jericho, LA", and "Gardner, LA".

**Site Location Map**

**Fault Areas Assessment - Fly Ash Pond**  
Boyce, Rapides Parish, Louisiana

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**FIGURE 2**  
**SITE MAP**



**Legend**

- Property Boundary
- Fly Ash Pond

**Reference**

Base map comprised of Google Earth aerial imagery from 10/03/14.



**Site Map**

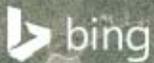
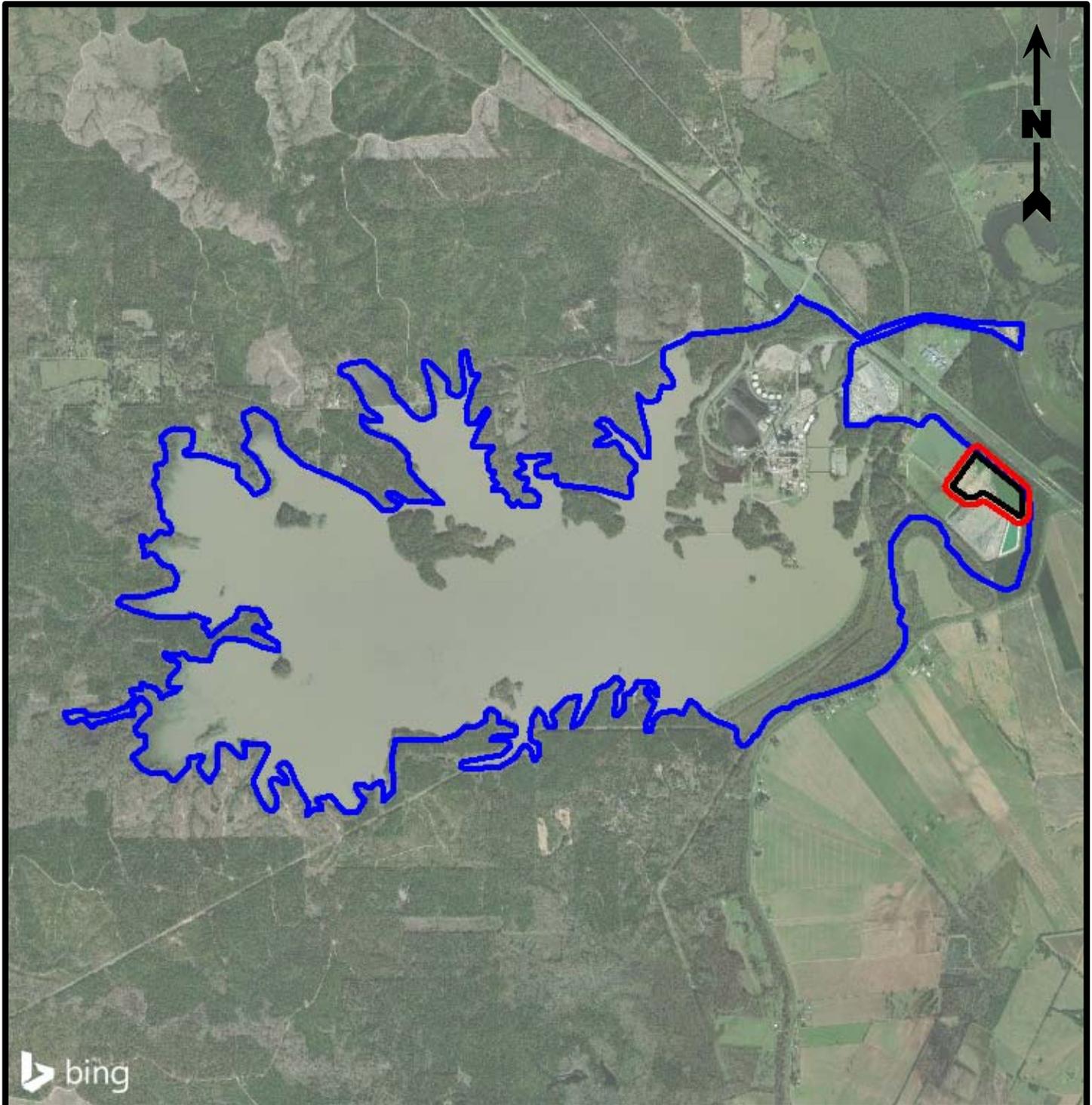
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**FIGURE 3**  
**FAULT LOCATION MAP**



**Legend**

- Property Boundary
- 200' Buffer
- Fly Ash Pond

**Note**

There are no faults located within a 200' buffer of the Fly Ash Pond.

**Reference**

Base map comprised of Bing Maps aerial imagery from (c) 2017 Microsoft Corporation and its data suppliers. Fault data obtained from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) database.

**Fault Location Map**

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**APPENDIX A**  
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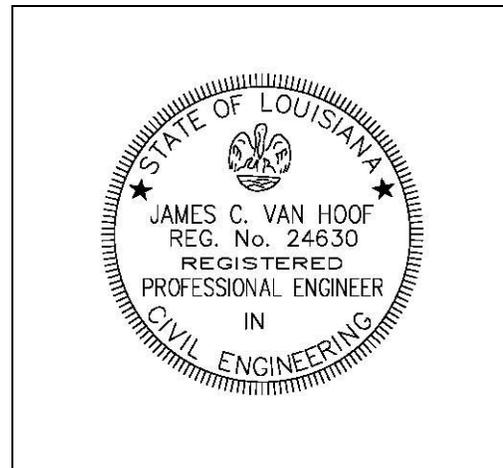
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## SEISMIC IMPACT ZONES ASSESSMENT

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Providence was contracted by Cleco Power LLC (Cleco) to conduct a seismic impact zones assessment of the Fly Ash Pond at Cleco's Brame Energy Center. Recent Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) regulations at 40 CFR 257.63 established requirements for owners and operators to conduct a seismic impact zones assessment by a qualified professional engineer.

40 CFR 257.63 (a) states:

*New CCR landfills, existing and new CCR surface impoundments, and all lateral expansions of CCR units must not be located in seismic impact zones unless the owner or operator demonstrates by the dates specified in paragraph (c) of this section that all structural components including liners, leachate collection and removal systems, and surface water control systems, are designed to resist the maximum horizontal acceleration in lithified earth material for the site."*

The Cleco Brame Energy Center is located near Lena in Rapides Parish, Louisiana. A site location map showing the Brame Energy Center is included as **Figure 1**.

This seismic impact zones assessment pertains to the Fly Ash surface impoundment (Pond) utilized for the Unit 2 coal-fired generation unit. A site map for the Fly Ash Pond is included as **Figure 2**. For an existing CCR surface impoundment, the seismic impact zones assessment must be completed no later than October 17, 2018.

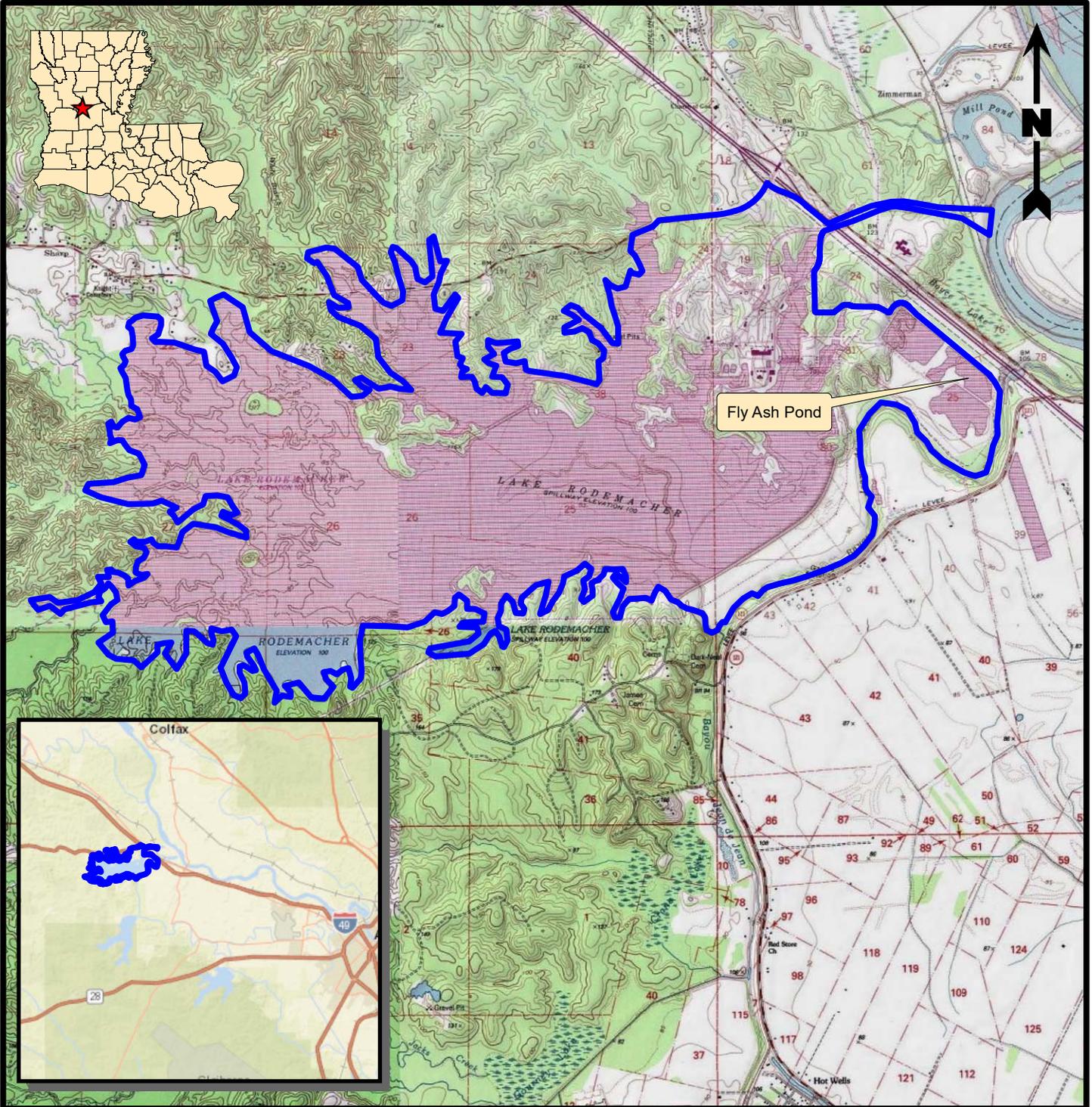
## 2.0 SEISMIC IMPACT ZONES ASSESSMENT

40 CFR 257.53 states that a seismic impact zone is defined as an area having 2% or greater probability that the maximum expected horizontal acceleration, expressed as a percentage of the earth's gravitational pull (g), will exceed 0.10 g in 50 years. The 2% probability seismic map created on the USGS website, Earthquake Hazards Program, Information By Region - Louisiana, (<https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/byregion/louisiana-haz.php>) indicates between 4% g (0.04 g) and 8% g (0.08 g) for the facility, which is below the specified 0.10 g noted in the regulation.

## 3.0 CONCLUSION

Based on the results from the seismic impact zones assessment for the Fly Ash Pond, Providence concludes that the surface impoundment is not located in a seismic impact zone that will exceed 0.10 g in 50 years. The Fly Ash Pond meets the requirements at 257.63 of the CCR regulations. **Appendix A** contains a P.E. Certification that attests to this assessment.

**FIGURE 1**  
**SITE LOCATION MAP**



**Legend**

 Property Boundary

**Reference**

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**Site Location Map**

**Seismic Impact Zones Assessment - Fly Ash Pond**  
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**FIGURE 2**  
**SITE MAP**



**Legend**

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- Fly Ash Pond

**Reference**

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**Site Map**

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I hereby certify that I have performed a seismic impact zones assessment for Cleco's Brame Energy Center Fly Ash Pond in accordance with the 40 CFR 257.63 CCR requirements. Based on the results from the seismic impact zones assessment for the Fly Ash Pond, Providence concludes that the surface impoundment is not located in a seismic impact zone that will exceed 0.10 g in 50 years. The Fly Ash Pond meets the requirements at 257.63 of the CCR regulations.

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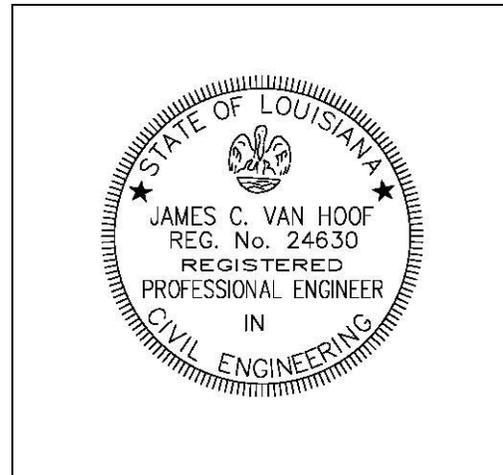
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## UNSTABLE AREAS ASSESSMENT

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Providence was contracted by Cleco Power LLC (Cleco) to conduct an unstable areas assessment of the Fly Ash Pond at Cleco's Brame Energy Center. Recent Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) regulations at 40 CFR 257.64 established requirements for owners and operators to conduct an unstable areas assessment by a qualified professional engineer.

40 CFR 257.64 (a) states:

*An existing or new CCR landfill, existing or new CCR surface impoundment, or any later expansion of a CCR unit must not be located in an unstable area unless the owner or operator demonstrates by the dates specified in paragraph (d) of this section that recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices have been incorporated into the design of the CCR unit to ensure that the integrity of the structural components of the CCR unit will not be disrupted.*

This assessment must, at a minimum, consider the following factors when determining whether an area is unstable:

- On-site or local soil conditions that may result in significant differential settling
- On-site or local geologic or geomorphologic features
- On-site or local human-made features or events (both surface and subsurface)

The Cleco Brame Energy Center is located near Lena in Rapides Parish, Louisiana. A site location map showing the Brame Energy Center is included as **Figure 1**.

This unstable area assessment pertains to the Fly Ash surface impoundment (Pond) utilized for the Unit 2 coal-fired generation unit. A site map for the Fly Ash Pond is included as **Figure 2**. For an existing CCR surface impoundment, the unstable areas assessment must be completed no later than October 17, 2018.

## 2.0 UNSTABLE AREAS ASSESSMENT

40 CFR 257.53 states that an unstable area means a location that is susceptible to natural or human-induced events or forces capable of impairing the integrity, including some or all of the structural components of the CCR unit that are responsible for preventing releases from such unit. Unstable areas can include poor foundation conditions, areas susceptible to mass movements, and karst terrains.

### **On-site or Local Soil Conditions**

Providence reviewed the existing soil borings that were completed for the initial design of the Fly Ash Pond. Providence also completed soil borings in the existing levee associated with the surface impoundment. Providence reviewed the soil conditions in the boring logs and determined that the soil conditions are stable and should not cause excessive differential settlement to the extent that the stability of the CCR impoundment, or its associated features, will be compromised.

The Fly Ash Pond is underlain with clays that extend from 3 to 13 feet. This provides a firm and secure foundation that maintains its integrity and will not be disrupted as a result of uneven settlement induced by hydrocompaction. Also, the clay liner provides a foundation that prevents sudden differential movement resulting from CCR placement. These areas have not been subject to mass movement in the past and are not expected to be in the future.

### **On-site or Local Geologic or Geomorphic Features**

Providence has inspected the site, reviewed geological reports, reviewed boring logs, and reviewed topographic maps to evaluate the local geologic and geomorphic features that could cause the CCR unit to be unstable. No features were found that would cause the CCR unit to be unstable. The Fly Ash Pond is not located in karst terrain, therefore sinkholes, vertical shafts, sinking streams, caves, seeps, large springs, and blind valleys are not expected.

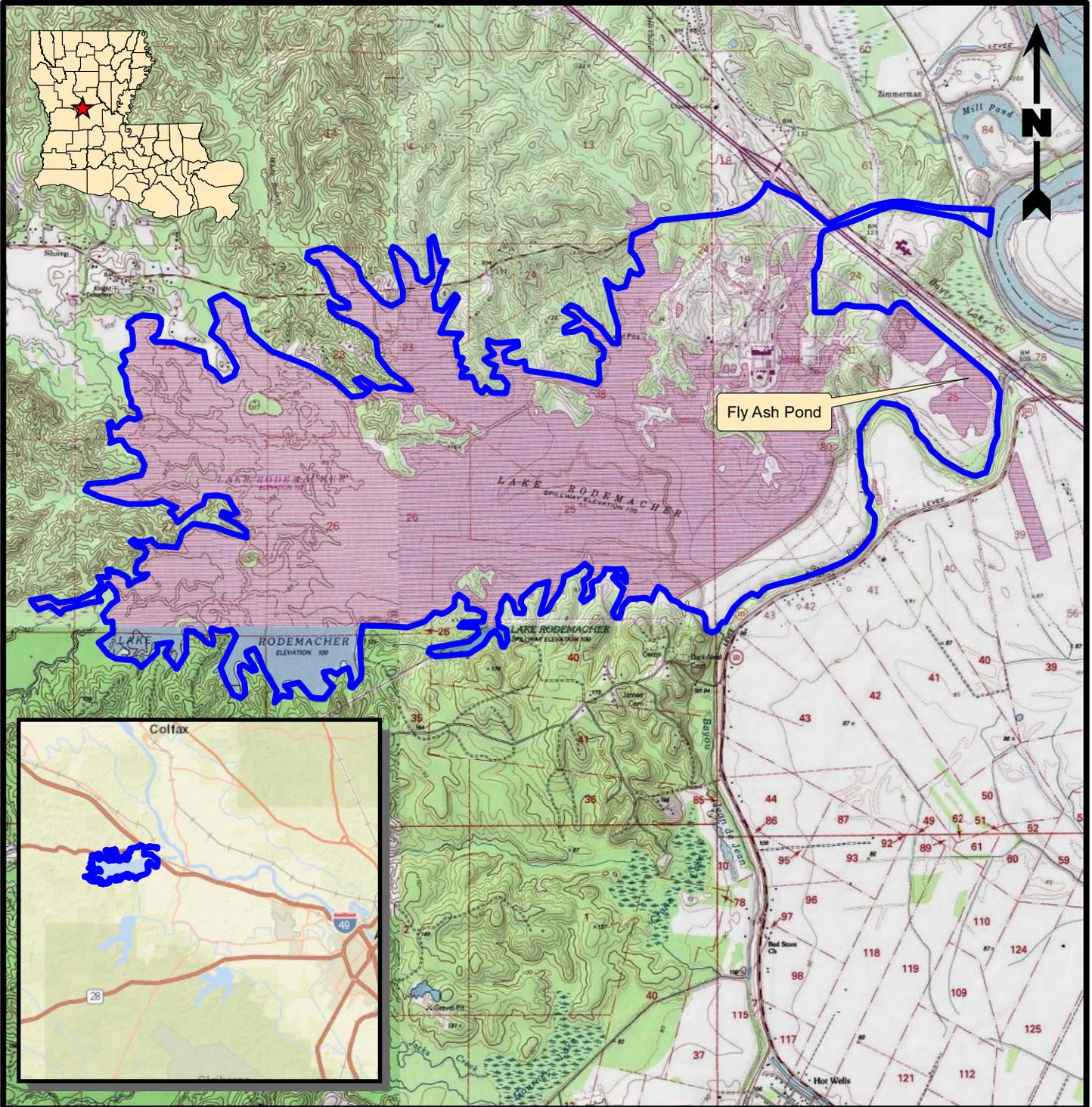
### **On-site or Local Human-made Features or Events**

Providence reviewed the man-made features and activities associated with the CCR unit with respect to cut and fill, installation of culverts and piping, and any associated man-made features of the Fly Ash Pond. The dikes were mechanically compacted to a density sufficient to withstand the range of loading conditions for the daily operation of the unit. The structural stability assessment was consistent with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices. No anthropogenic features were found that would adversely affect the stability of the CCR unit.

## **3.0 CONCLUSION**

Based on the results from the unstable areas assessment, the Fly Ash Pond's on-site or local soil conditions, geologic or geomorphologic features, and human-made features or events, Providence concludes that the surface impoundment is not located in unstable areas. The Fly Ash Pond meets the requirements at 257.64 of the CCR regulations. **Appendix A** contains a P.E. Certification that attests to this assessment.

**FIGURE 1**  
**SITE LOCATION MAP**



**Legend**

 Property Boundary

**Reference**

Base map comprised of U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute topographic maps, "Lena, LA", "Boyce, LA", "Jericho, LA", and "Gardner, LA".

**Site Location Map**

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**FIGURE 2**  
**SITE MAP**



**Legend**

-  Property Boundary
-  Fly Ash Pond

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**Site Map**

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**P.E. CERTIFICATION**

**CLECO BRAME ENERGY CENTER  
FLY ASH POND  
CCR UNSTABLE AREAS ASSESSMENT**

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that I have performed an unstable areas assessment for Cleco's Brame Energy Center Fly Ash Pond in accordance with the 40 CFR 257.64 CCR requirements. Based on the results from the unstable areas assessment, the Fly Ash Pond is not located in unstable areas.

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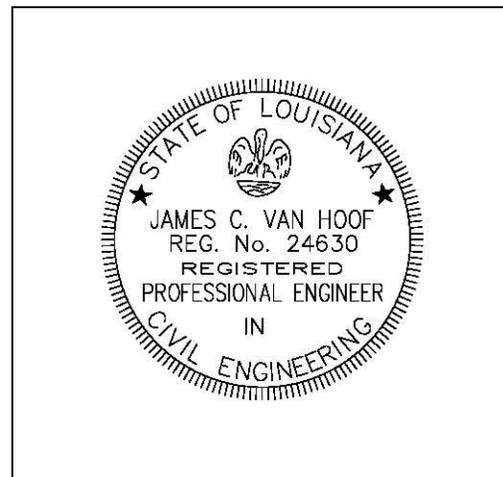
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## **APPENDIX I**

### **STRUCTURAL STABILITY ASSESSMENT**

## **BOTTOM ASH POND**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Providence was contracted by Cleco Power LLC (Cleco) to conduct a structural stability assessment of the Bottom Ash Pond at Cleco's Brame Energy Center. Recent Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) regulations at 40 CFR 257.73(d)(1) established requirements for owners and operators to conduct a structural stability assessment by a qualified professional engineer to document whether the design, construction, operation and maintenance is consistent with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices. This assessment must, at a minimum, document whether the CCR unit has been designed, constructed, operated, and maintained with:

- Stable foundations and abutments.
- Adequate slope protection to protect against surface erosion, wave action, and adverse effects of sudden drawdown.
- Dikes mechanically compacted to a density sufficient to withstand the range of loading conditions in the CCR unit.
- A single spillway or a combination of spillways designed, operated, and maintained to adequately manage flow during a 1,000-year flood for a significant hazard potential CCR surface impoundment.
- Hydraulic structures underlying the base of the CCR unit or passing through the dike of the CCR unit that maintain structural integrity and are free of significant deterioration, deformation, distortion, bedding deficiencies, sedimentation, and debris which may negatively affect the operation of the hydraulic structure.
- For CCR units with downstream slopes which can be inundated by the pool of an adjacent water body, such as a river, stream or lake, downstream slopes that maintain structural stability during low pool of the adjacent water body or sudden drawdown of the adjacent water body.

The Cleco Brame Energy Center is located near Lena in Rapides Parish, Louisiana. A site location map showing the Brame Energy Center is included as **Figure 1**. This structural stability assessment pertains to the Bottom Ash surface impoundment (Pond) utilized for the Unit 2 coal-fired generation unit. A site map for the Bottom Ash Pond is included as **Figure 2**. Providence reviewed the construction drawings and operational plan, and reviewed the inspection and maintenance procedures for the Bottom Ash Pond.

## 2.0 STRUCTURAL STABILITY

### **Stable Foundations and Abutments**

Providence modeled a short-term slope stability analysis for the pond using a scenario where the facility allows the pond to fill to the freeboard level for the Bottom Ash surface impoundment. This scenario represents the flood/heavy

rainfall conditions. The new elevation was determined using 2.5 feet of freeboard from the lowest levee crown elevation for this pond.

Based on the results of the short-term slope stability analysis, the following minimum factors of safety were obtained:

**Table 1 Short-Term Factors of Safety**

Surface Impoundment	Section Number	Soil Boring No.	Maximum Water Elevation (feet NAVD 88)	Analysis	Factor of Safety
Bottom Ash	Section 1	B-13	103.5	Spencer Method Deep Failure	1.52
Bottom Ash	Section 2	B-12	103.5	Spencer Method Deep Failure	1.52
Bottom Ash	Section 3	B-3	103.5	Spencer Method Deep Failure	1.54

The calculated short-term static factor of safety under maximum surcharge pool loading conditions is greater than 1.40, therefore these safety factors are adequate.

It must be noted that Cleco keeps the operating water levels in the Bottom Ash Pond at low levels with a pumping system. The low operating levels for this pond do not adversely affect the structural stability of the perimeter levees around the Bottom Ash Pond. The normal operating water level in the Bottom Ash Pond ranges from 90 to 96 feet NAVD 88. These levels are significantly lower than the modeled flooded/heavy rainfall conditions.

The interior and exterior slopes of the perimeter levees are on a three horizontal to one vertical and were compacted during the construction of the levees.

**Adequate Slope Protection to Protect Against Surface Erosion, Wave Action, and Adverse Effects of Sudden Drawdown**

The levees have adequate slope protection against surface erosion, wave action, and adverse effects of a sudden drawdown. The levees have a minimum three-foot thick layer of clay on the interior, exterior, and crest of the levee. Vegetation is adequate on the top of the levee where it may be exposed to the elements. As part of Cleco’s operational plan, they inspect the levees weekly for any erosion due to weather, animals, or other elements and promptly correct any deficiencies.

**Dikes Mechanically Compacted to a Density Sufficient to Withstand the Range of Loading Conditions in the CCR Unit**

The dikes were mechanically compacted to a density sufficient to withstand the range of loading conditions for the daily operation of the unit.

**A Single Spillway or a Combination of Spillways Designed, Operated, and Maintained to Adequately Manage Flow During a 1,000-Year Flood for a Significant Hazard Potential CCR Surface Impoundment**

Water discharges from the Bottom Ash Pond by means of a series of pumps on the northern end of the pond. An overflow control structure also exists near the pumps should the need arise. This water discharges into Lake Rodemacher, thence to Bayou Jean de Jean, thence to the Red River. This impoundment does not have an emergency spillway, but the water elevation is controlled through three floating pumps that are designed to pump approximately 5,000 gallons per minute (gpm). For normal operation, these pumps keep the water elevation below the existing control structure.

The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) Type III rain distribution for a 1,000-year, 24-hour rain event would cause a precipitation depth of 22.6 inches. Based on the operating water levels and the pumping system in the pond, the facility would adequately manage the rainfall for a 1,000-year flood event.

**Hydraulic Structures Underlying the Base of the CCR Unit or Passing Through the Dike of the CCR Unit that Maintain Structural Integrity and are Free of Significant Deterioration, Deformation, Distortion, Bedding Deficiencies, Sedimentation, and Debris Which May Negatively Affect the Operation of the Hydraulic Structure**

As part of the structural evaluation, Providence reviewed the presence of any culverts or pipes buried in the levees of the Bottom Ash Pond. Based on the survey of the pond levees, several site inspections, review of solid waste permit files, and discussions with Cleco personnel, Providence determined that the following culverts/pipes exist within the levees surrounding the Bottom Ash Pond:

- 24" Corrugated Metal Pipe near the southwest corner of the Bottom Ash Pond. This pipe is connected to a surface storm water ditch along the northwest perimeter of the Bottom Ash Pond.
- 24" Corrugated Metal Pipe on the west side of the Bottom Ash Pond. This pipe is the gravity overflow pipe for the Bottom Ash Pond.
- 6" HDPE pipe in the levee between the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond. This pipe is connected to a pump on the Fly Ash Pond side of the levee. Water is pumped from the Fly Ash Pond to the Bottom Ash Pond through this Pipe.

These drain pipes are in satisfactory condition and do not pose a threat to the levee system. These pipes have maintained their structural integrity and are free from significant deterioration, deformation, distortion, bedding deficiencies,

sedimentation, and debris. None of the known pipes lead to offsite locations on the surface or to public drainage systems or waterways or pose any significant risks to Cleco as a result of their operation.

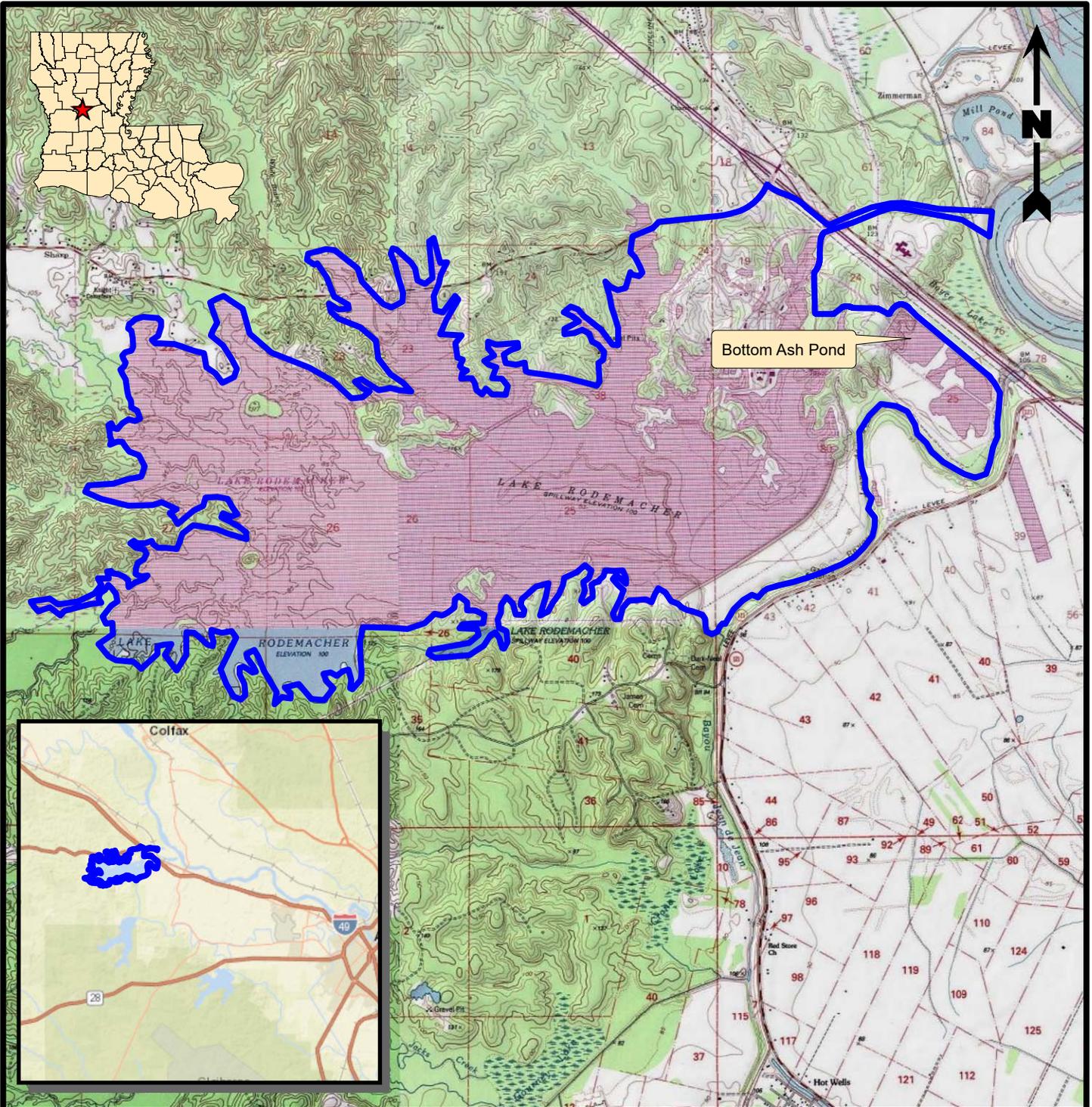
**For CCR Units with Downstream Slopes Which Can Be Inundated By The Pool of an Adjacent Water Body, Such as a River, Stream or Lake, Downstream Slopes Must Maintain Structural Stability During Low Pool of the Adjacent Water Body or Sudden Drawdown of the Adjacent Water Body**

During normal operation of the Bottom Ash Pond, the levees are not inundated by surface waters from adjacent features. Occasionally, Bayou Jean de Jean will cause water to backup along the northernmost levee during high water events. However, when it does happen, the backwater levels occur as a gradual rise and/or a gradual drawdown, therefore, the levees are not negatively impacted.

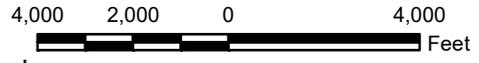
### **3.0 CONCLUSION**

Based on the results from the structural stability assessment, the Bottom Ash Pond's design, construction, operation and maintenance is consistent with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices. The Bottom Ash Pond meets the requirements at 257.73(d)(1) of the CCR regulations. **Appendix A** contains a P.E. Certification that attests to this assessment.

**FIGURE 1**  
**SITE LOCATION MAP**



Bottom Ash Pond



**Legend**

Property Boundary

**Reference**

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**Site Location Map**

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**FIGURE 2**  
**SITE MAP**



**Legend**

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**Site Map**

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**CLECO BRAME ENERGY CENTER  
BOTTOM ASH POND  
CCR STRUCTURAL STABILITY ASSESSMENT**

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that I have performed a structural stability assessment for Cleco's Brame Energy Center Bottom Ash Pond in accordance with the 40 CFR 257.73(d)(1) CCR requirements. This structural stability assessment has determined that the Bottom Ash Pond's design, construction, operation and maintenance is consistent with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices. It has been designed, constructed, operated, and maintained with:

- Stable foundations and abutments.
- Adequate slope protection to protect against surface erosion, wave action, and adverse effects of sudden drawdown.
- Dikes mechanically compacted to a density sufficient to withstand the range of loading conditions in the CCR unit.
- The discharge structures are designed, operated, and maintained to adequately manage rainfall during a 1,000-year flood for a significant hazard potential CCR surface impoundment.
- Hydraulic structures underlying the base of the CCR unit or passing through the dike of the CCR unit that maintain structural integrity and are free of significant deterioration, deformation, distortion, bedding deficiencies, sedimentation, and debris which may negatively affect the operation of the hydraulic structure.
- For CCR units with downstream slopes which can be inundated by the pool of an adjacent water body, such as a river, stream or lake, downstream slopes must maintain structural stability during low pool of the adjacent water body or sudden drawdown of the adjacent water body.

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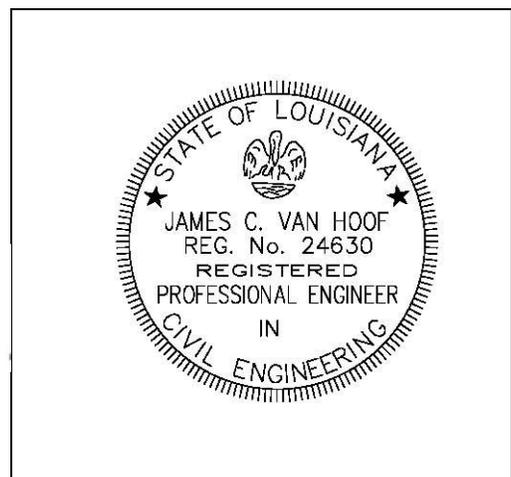
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- Stable foundations and abutments.
- Adequate slope protection to protect against surface erosion, wave action, and adverse effects of sudden drawdown.
- Dikes mechanically compacted to a density sufficient to withstand the range of loading conditions in the CCR unit.
- A single spillway or a combination of spillways designed, operated, and maintained to adequately manage flow during a 1000-year flood for a significant hazard potential CCR surface impoundment.
- Hydraulic structures underlying the base of the CCR unit or passing through the dike of the CCR unit that maintain structural integrity and are free of significant deterioration, deformation, distortion, bedding deficiencies, sedimentation, and debris which may negatively affect the operation of the hydraulic structure.
- For CCR units with downstream slopes which can be inundated by the pool of an adjacent water body, such as a river, stream or lake, downstream slopes that maintain structural stability during low pool of the adjacent water body or sudden drawdown of the adjacent water body.

The Cleco Brame Energy Center is located near Lena in Rapides Parish, Louisiana. A site location map showing the Brame Energy Center is included as **Figure 1**. This structural stability assessment pertains to the Fly Ash surface impoundment (Pond) utilized for the Unit 2 coal-fired generation unit. A site map for the Fly Ash Pond is included as **Figure 2**. Providence reviewed the construction drawings and operational plan, and reviewed the inspection and maintenance procedures for the Fly Ash Pond.

## 2.0 STRUCTURAL STABILITY

### **Stable Foundations and Abutments**

Providence modeled a short-term slope stability analysis for the pond using a scenario where the facility allows the pond to fill to the freeboard level for the Fly Ash surface impoundment. This scenario represents the flood/heavy rainfall conditions. The new elevation was determined using 2.5 feet of freeboard from the lowest levee crown elevation for this pond.

Based on the results of the short-term slope stability analysis, the following minimum factors of safety were obtained:

**Table 1 Short-Term Factors of Safety**

Surface Impoundment	Section Number	Soil Boring No.	Maximum Water Elevation (feet NAVD 88)	Analysis	Factor of Safety
Fly Ash	Section 1	B-15	102.5	Spencer Method Deep Failure	1.56
Fly Ash	Section 2	B-6	102.5	Spencer Method Deep Failure	1.80
Fly Ash	Section 3	B-8	102.5	Spencer Method Deep Failure	2.71

The calculated short-term static factor of safety under maximum surcharge pool loading conditions is greater than 1.40, therefore these safety factors are adequate.

It must be noted that Cleco keeps the operating water levels in the Fly Ash Pond at low levels with a pumping system. The low operating levels for this pond do not adversely affect the structural stability of the perimeter levees around the Fly Ash Pond. The normal operating water level in the Fly Ash Pond ranges from 86 to 92 feet NAVD 88. These levels are significantly lower than the modeled flooded/heavy rainfall conditions.

The interior and exterior slopes of the perimeter levees are on a three horizontal to one vertical and were compacted during the construction of the levees.

**Adequate Slope Protection to Protect Against Surface Erosion, Wave Action, and Adverse Effects of Sudden Drawdown**

The levees have adequate slope protection against surface erosion, wave action, and adverse effects of a sudden drawdown. The levees have a minimum three-foot thick layer of clay on the interior, exterior, and crest of the levee. Vegetation is adequate on the top of the levee where it may be exposed to the elements. As part of Cleco’s operational plan, they inspect the levees weekly for any erosion due to weather, animals, or other elements and promptly correct any deficiencies.

**Dikes Mechanically Compacted to a Density Sufficient to Withstand the Range of Loading Conditions in the CCR Unit**

The dikes were mechanically compacted to a density sufficient to withstand the range of loading conditions for the daily operation of the unit.

**A Single Spillway or a Combination of Spillways Designed, Operated, and Maintained to Adequately Manage Flow During a 1,000-Year Flood for a Significant Hazard Potential CCR Surface Impoundment**

Water discharges from the Fly Ash Pond by means of a pumping system (normal operating pump discharges 250 gpm and the backup pump discharges 1,600 gpm) that pumps through a pipe in the western levee to the Bottom Ash Pond with its own pumps on the northern end of the pond. This water discharges into Lake Rodemacher, thence to Bayou Jean de Jean, thence to the Red River. These impoundments do not have an emergency spillway, but the water elevation is controlled through the Fly Ash Pond pumping system. An emergency pump is also available to reduce the pond water level, if needed. For normal operation, these pumps keep the water elevation below the existing control structure.

The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) Type III rain distribution for a 1,000-year, 24-hour rain event would cause a precipitation depth of 22.6 inches. Based on the operating water levels and the pumping system in the pond, the facility would adequately manage the rainfall for a 1,000-year flood event.

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As part of the structural evaluation, Providence reviewed the presence of any culverts or pipes buried in the levees of the Fly Ash Pond. Based on the survey of the pond levees, several site inspections, review of solid waste permit files, and discussions with Cleco personnel, Providence determined that the following culverts/pipes exist within the levees surrounding the Fly Ash Pond:

- 6" HDPE pipe in the levee between the Bottom Ash Pond and Fly Ash Pond. This pipe is connected to a pump on the Fly Ash Pond side of the levee. Water is pumped from the Fly Ash Pond to the Bottom Ash Pond through this Pipe.
- Metal Pipe in southeast corner of the Fly Ash Pond. This pipe previously drained towards the Leachate Pond/Landfill area. This pipe was capped and does not pose a risk to the Fly Ash Pond.

These drain pipes are in satisfactory condition and do not pose a threat to the levee system. These pipes have maintained their structural integrity and are free from significant deterioration, deformation, distortion, bedding deficiencies, sedimentation, and debris. None of the known pipes lead to offsite locations on the surface or to public drainage systems or waterways or pose any significant risks to Cleco as a result of their operation.

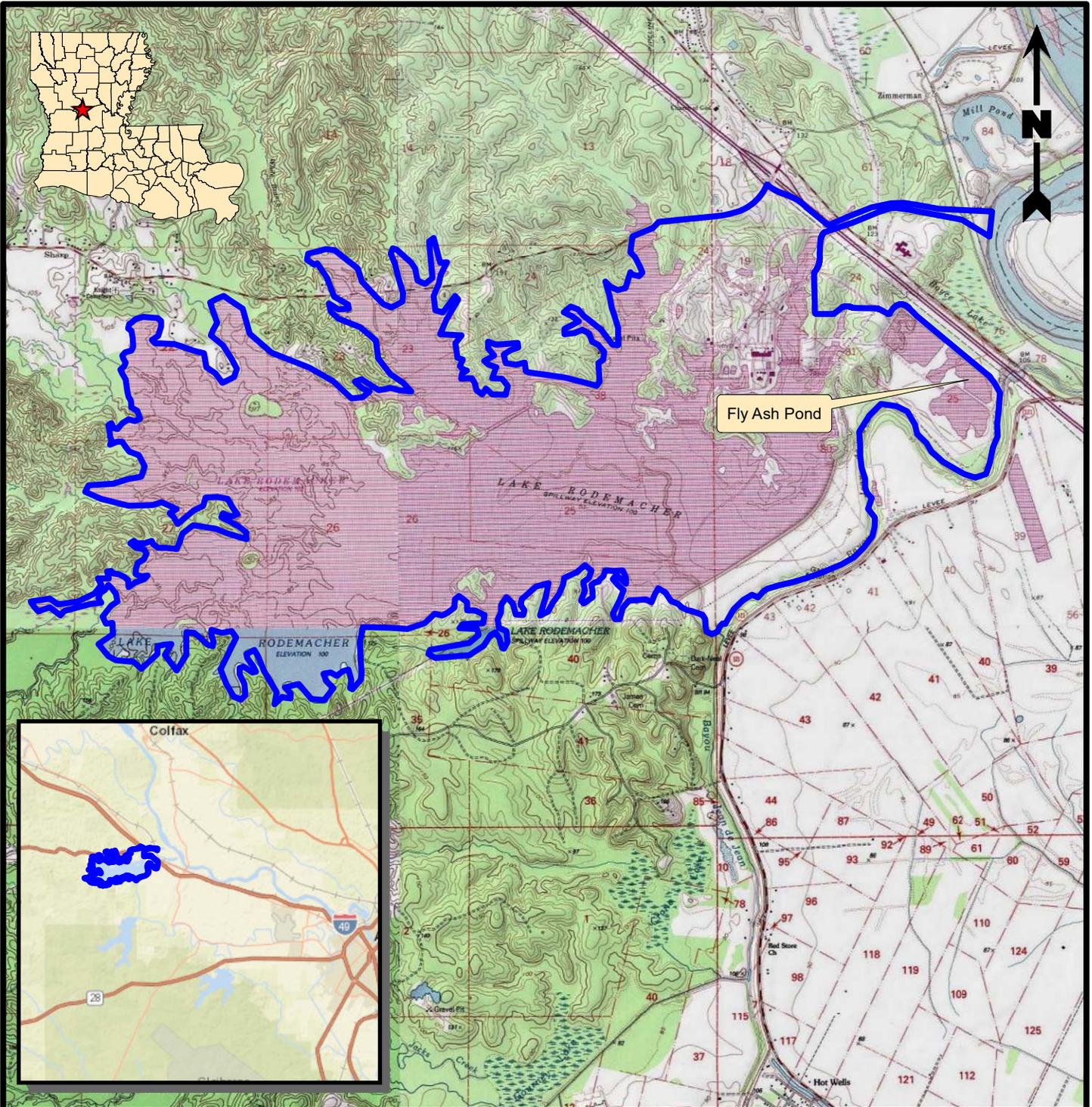
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During normal operation of the Fly Ash Pond, the levees are not inundated by surface waters from adjacent features. Occasionally, Bayou Jean de Jean will cause water to backup along the northernmost levee during high water events. However, when it does happen, the backwater levels occur as a gradual rise and/or a gradual drawdown, therefore, the levees are not impacted negatively.

### **3.0 CONCLUSION**

Based on the results from the structural stability assessment, the Fly Ash Pond's design, construction, operation and maintenance is consistent with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices. The Fly Ash Pond meets the requirements at 257.73(d)(1) of the CCR regulations. **Appendix A** contains a P.E. Certification that attests to this assessment.

**FIGURE 1**  
**SITE LOCATION MAP**



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**Legend**

Property Boundary

**Reference**

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**Site Location Map**

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**FIGURE 2**  
**SITE MAP**



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FLY ASH POND  
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- Stable foundations and abutments.
- Adequate slope protection to protect against surface erosion, wave action, and adverse effects of sudden drawdown.
- Dikes mechanically compacted to a density sufficient to withstand the range of loading conditions in the CCR unit.
- A discharge pumping system designed, operated, and maintained to adequately manage rainfall during a 1,000-year flood for a significant hazard potential CCR surface impoundment.
- Hydraulic structures underlying the base of the CCR unit or passing through the dike of the CCR unit that maintain structural integrity and are free of significant deterioration, deformation, distortion, bedding deficiencies, sedimentation, and debris which may negatively affect the operation of the hydraulic structure.
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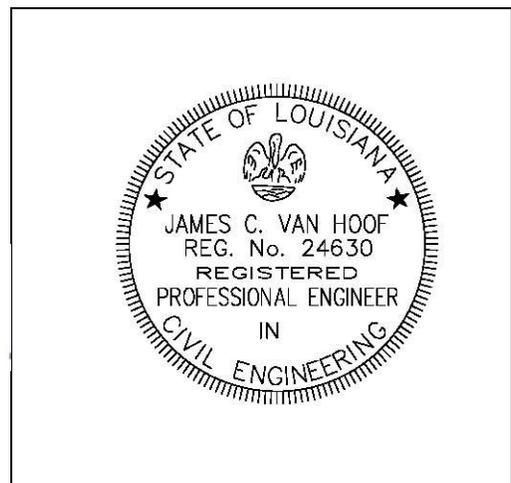
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## **APPENDIX J**

### **SAFETY FACTOR ASSESSMENT**

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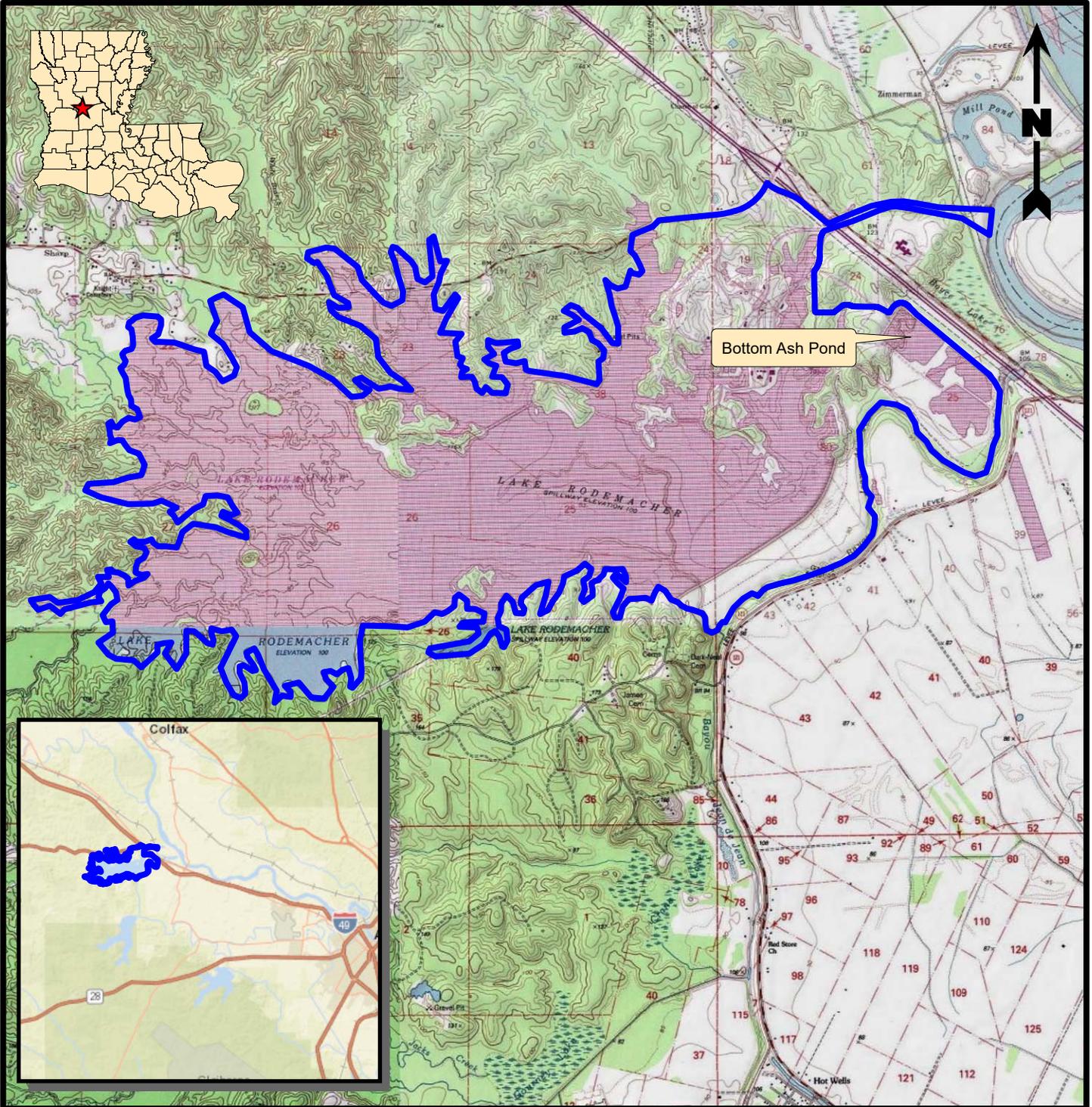
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**APPENDIX A**  
**SAFETY FACTOR ANALYSIS**

**PROVIDENCE**

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**Attn: Mr. Gary Leonards, P.E.**

**Re: Slope Stability Analysis of Bottom Ash Pond  
Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Lena, Louisiana**

**Dear Mr. Leonards:**

APS Engineering and Testing, LLC has completed slope stability analysis of the Bottom Ash Pond located at Cleco Brame Energy Center in Lena, Louisiana. Authorization to proceed with this work was received from **Mr. Gary Leonards** via email on July 18, 2016. Our analysis was performed based on the soil boring log data provided by the client. Our scope of services included performing landside stability of the existing levee with maximum water elevation, as requested by the client. All sections were modeled and analyzed based on the survey data and soil boring data provided by the client. This report presents the results of Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Bottom Ash Pond.

**Background**

The Bottom Ash Pond at the Brame Energy Center was initially constructed in 1981. The facility was expanded in 1982 when an additional coal fired boiler system (Unit #2) came on line. The bottom ash is sluiced to the Bottom Ash Pond. The Bottom Ash Pond is an existing unit that is essential for the management of solid residuals generated at the Brame Energy Center.

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<b>Pond</b>	<b>Section #</b>	<b>Soil boring # (Report No.) *</b>	<b>Boring Depth (Feet)</b>	<b>Average Top of Levee Elevation (feet, NAVD88)</b>	<b>Pond Max. Water Elevation (feet, NAVD 88)</b>
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	Section 3	B-3 (06-11-090)	80	107.9	103.5

\*Boring data was obtained from Reports prepared by Geotechnical Testing Laboratory (GTL), Inc.

All three sections achieved the minimum desired factor of safety of 1.50. Please refer to *Attachments* of this report.

### Assumptions and Observations:

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- Soil layers encountered in Levee Centerline boring were used for the analysis.
- Cross section profiles limits were extended horizontally on the land side, whenever the failure plane passes the limits.

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**TABLE 2.0**

Soil Type	Phi	Cohesion (psf)
Silt (ML)	28°	0
Clay (CL/CH)	28°	0
Sand (SP / SM)	37°	0

**TABLE 3.0**

Pond	Section #	Condition	Flood Side Water Elevation (feet, NAVD88)	Factor of Safety Obtained	Notes
Bottom Ash Pond	1	Short Term	103.5	1.53	--
	1	Long Term	103.5	1.68	--
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If you have any questions pertaining to this report, or if we may be of further service, please contact our office.

Respectfully submitted,  
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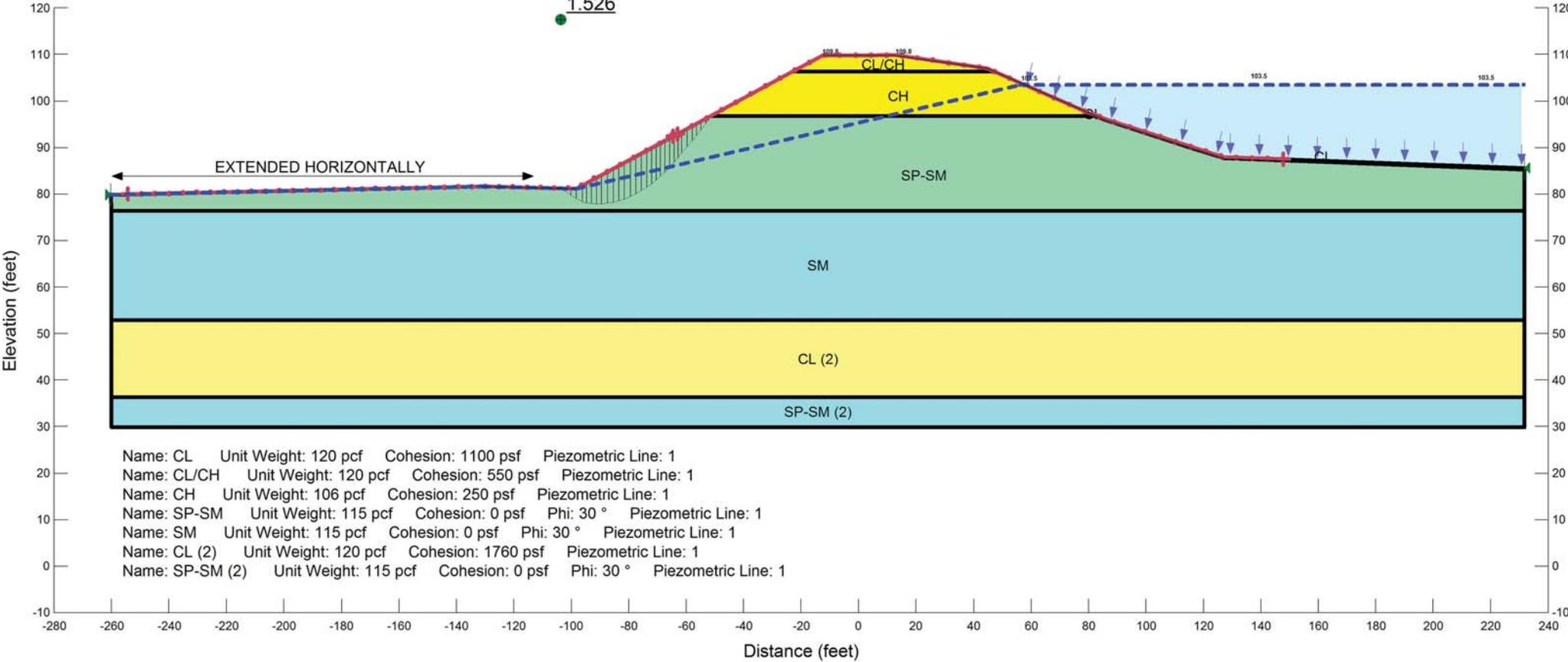
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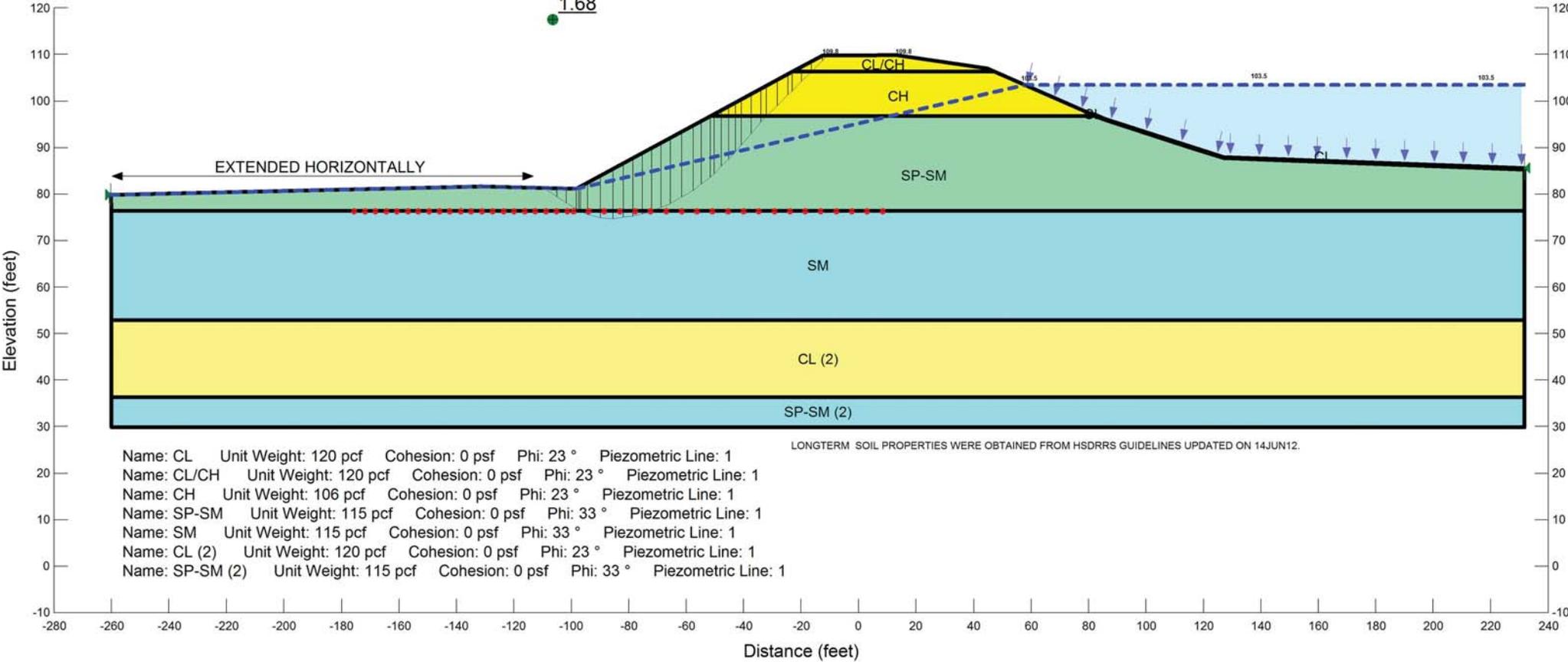


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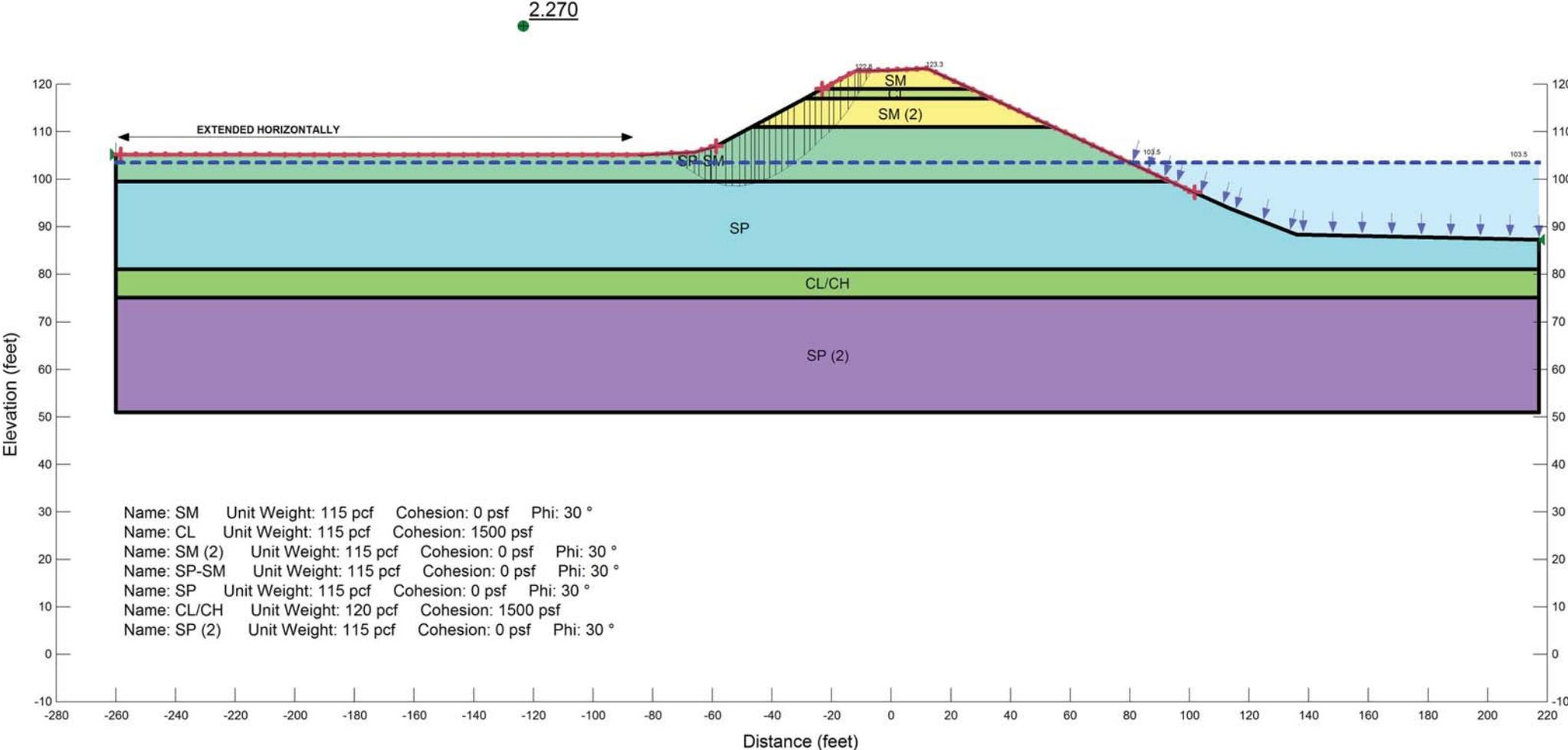
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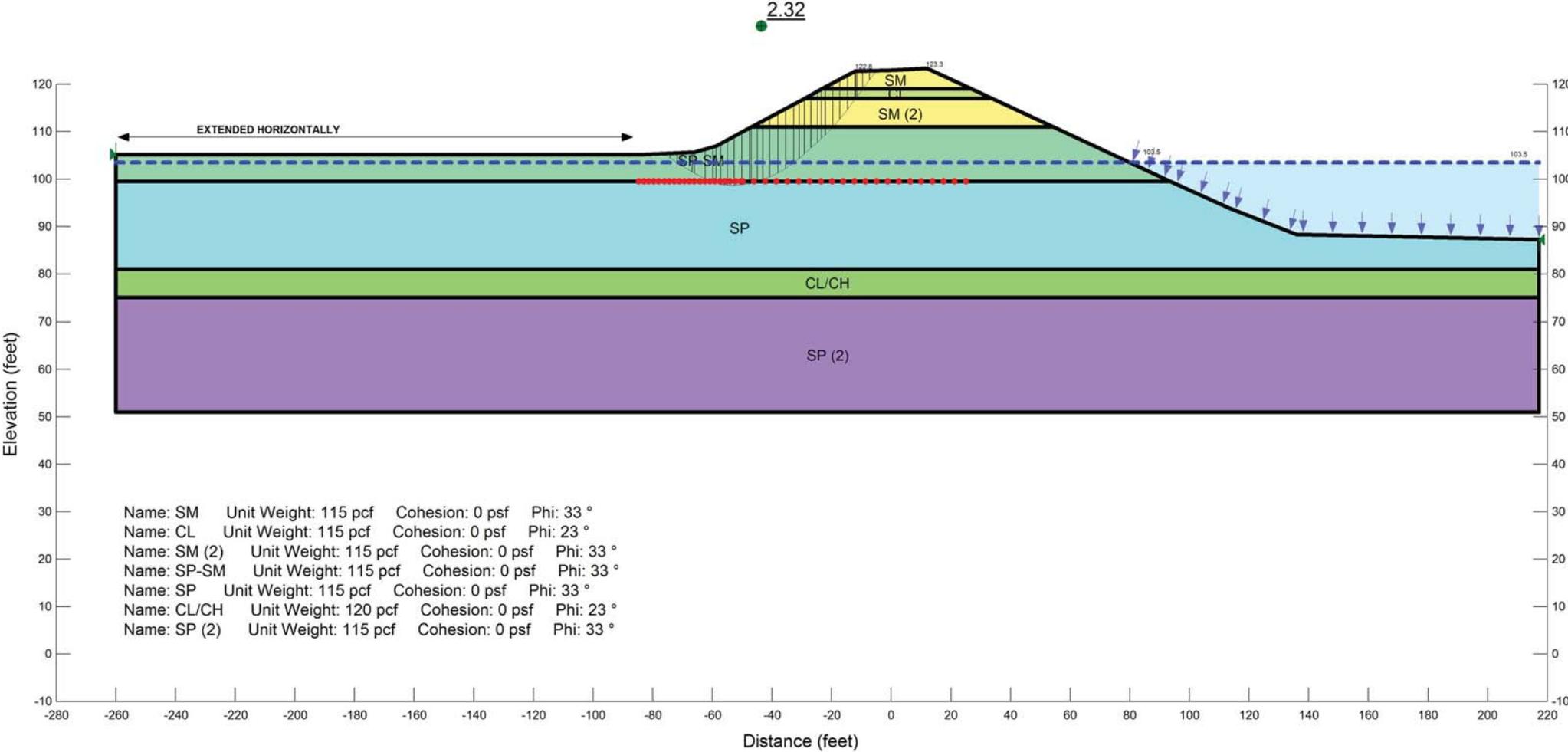
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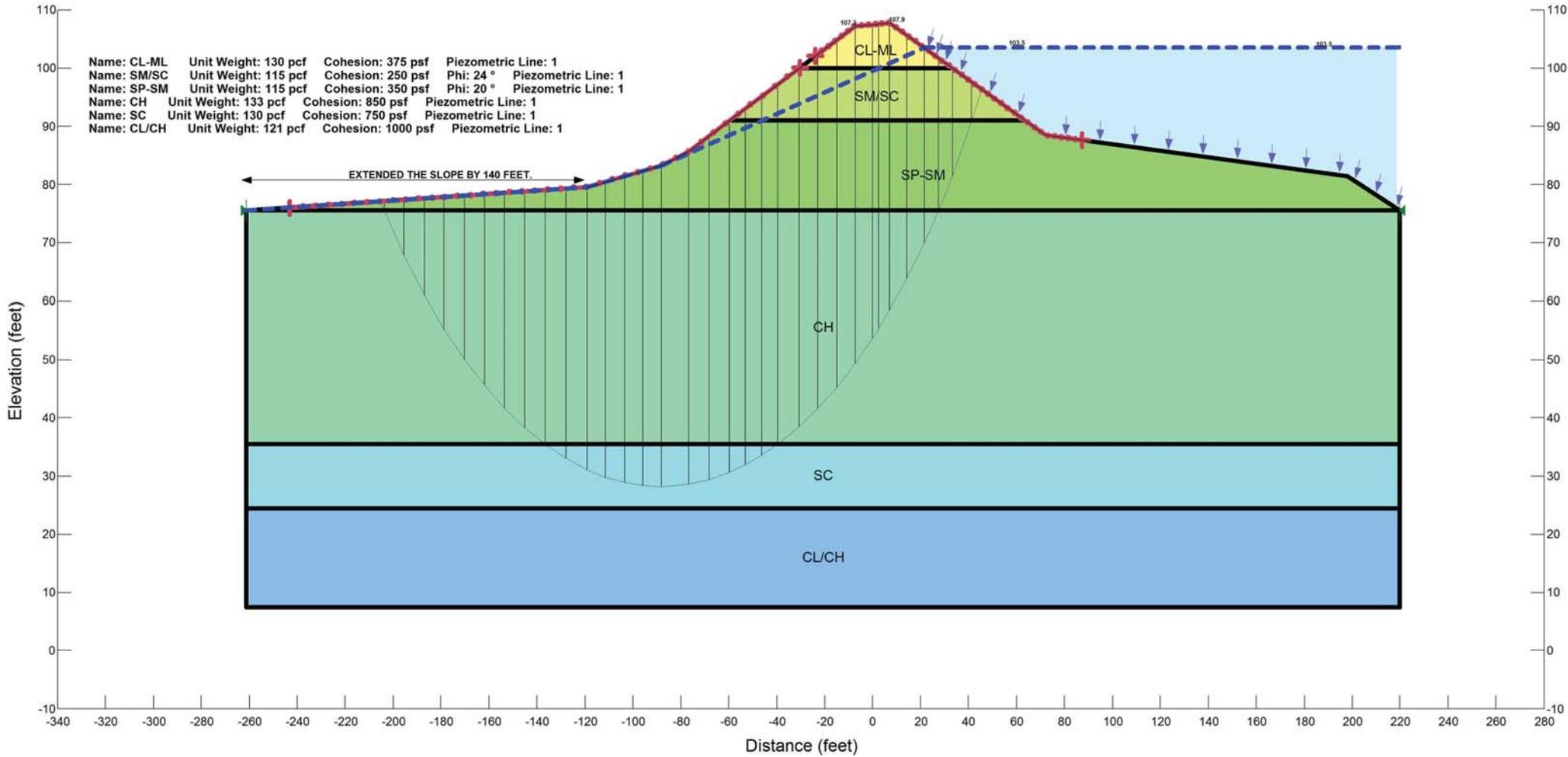


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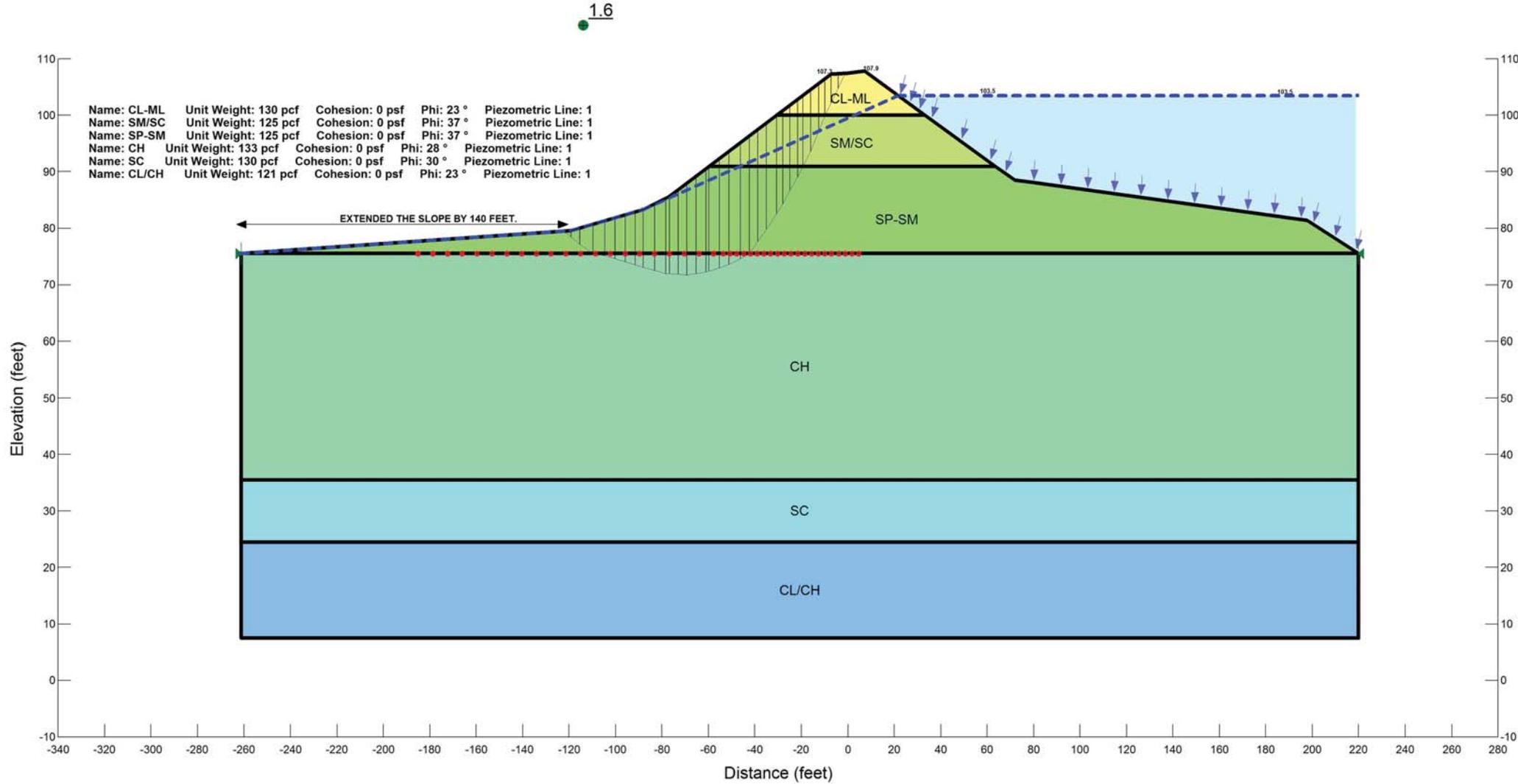


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**APPENDIX B**  
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**CLECO BRAME ENERGY CENTER  
BOTTOM ASH POND  
CCR SAFETY FACTOR ASSESSMENT**

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER CERTIFICATION**

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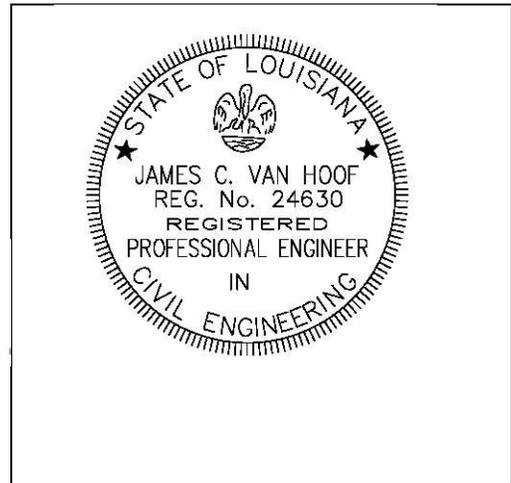
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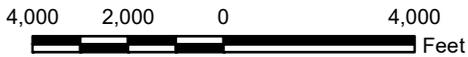
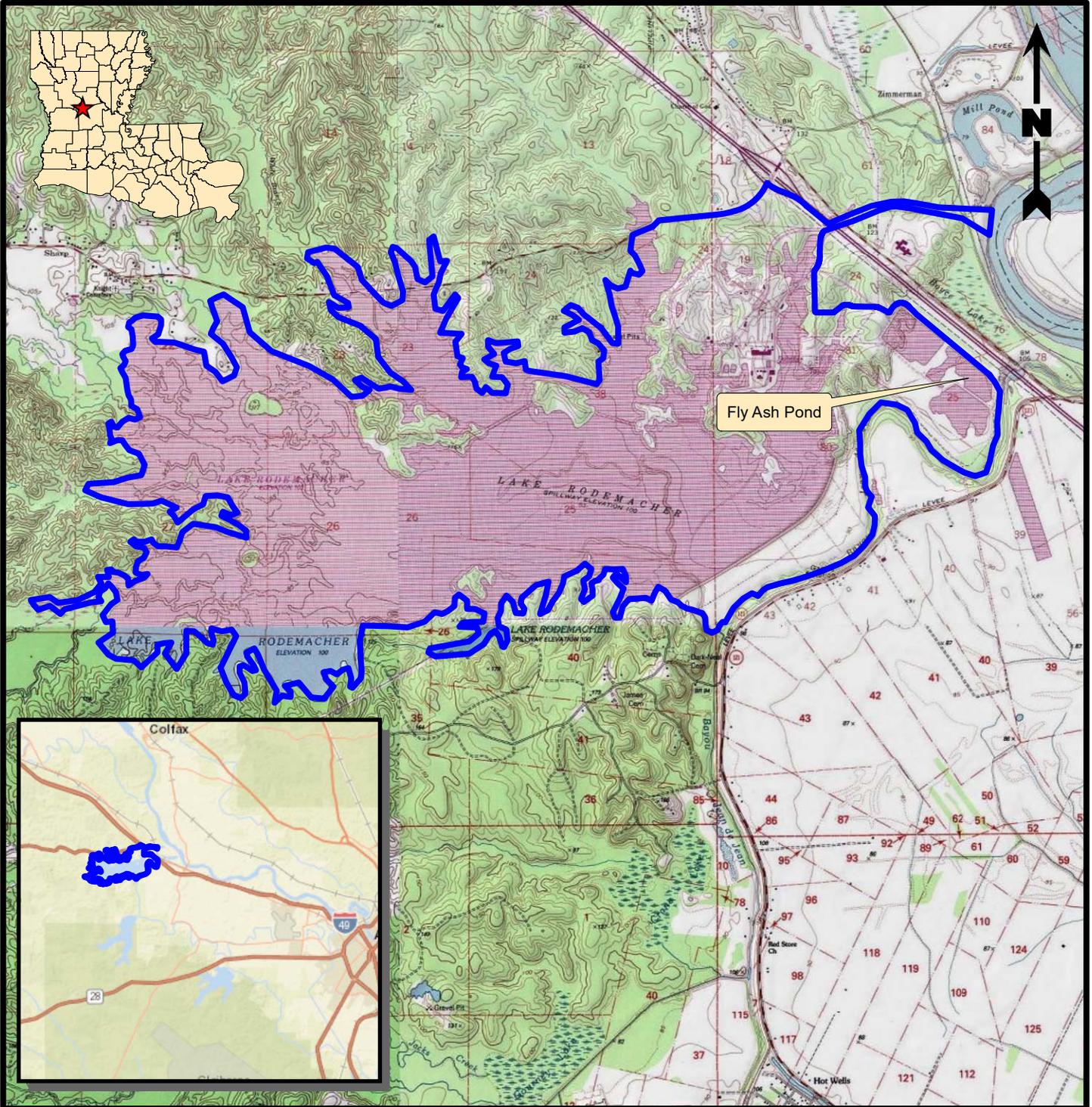
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**Safety Factor Assessment - Fly Ash Pond**  
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**FIGURE 2**  
**SITE MAP**



**Legend**

 Property Boundary

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**APPENDIX A**  
**SAFETY FACTOR ANALYSIS**

**PROVIDENCE**

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**Attn: Mr. Gary Leonards, P.E.**

**Re: Slope Stability Analysis of Fly Ash Pond  
Cleco Brame Energy Center  
Lena, Louisiana**

**Dear Mr. Leonards:**

APS Engineering and Testing, LLC has completed slope stability analysis of the Fly Ash Pond located at Cleco Brame Energy Center in Lena, Louisiana. Authorization to proceed with this work was received from **Mr. Gary Leonards** via email on July 18, 2016. Our analysis was performed based on the soil boring log data provided by the client. Our scope of services included performing landside stability of the existing levee with maximum water elevation, as requested by the client. All sections were modeled and analyzed based on the survey data and soil boring data provided by the client. This report presents the results of Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Fly Ash Pond.

**Background**

The Fly Ash Pond at the Brame Energy Center was initially constructed in 1981. The facility was expanded in 1982 when an additional coal fired boiler system (Unit #2) came on line. The Fly Ash Pond levee along the southern side was added in 1984 to reduce the size of the original pond. The fly ash is trucked to the Fly Ash Pond. The Fly Ash Pond is an existing unit that is essential for the management of solid residuals generated at the Brame Energy Center.

**TABLE 1.0**

Pond	Section #	Soil boring # (Report No.) *	Boring Depth (Feet)	Average Top of Levee Elevation (feet, NAVD88)	Pond Max. Water Elevation (feet, NAVD88)
Fly Ash	Section 1	B-15 (04-16-061)	80	105.0	102.5
	Section 2	B-6 (06-11-090)	80	104.0	102.5
	Section 3	B-8 (06-11-090)	80	103.5	102.5

\*Boring data was obtained from Reports prepared by Geotechnical Testing Laboratory (GTL), Inc.

All three sections achieved the minimum desired factor of safety of 1.50. Please refer to *Attachments* of this report.

### Assumptions and Observations:

- Soil layers are horizontal with uniform thickness.
- Soil layers encountered in Levee Centerline boring were used for the analysis.
- Cross section profiles limits were extended horizontally on the land side, whenever the failure plane passes the limits.

### Slope Stability Analysis Results

Slope stability analysis was performed using Spencer method for both the short term and long term conditions as requested by the client. Changes in slopes, structural loadings, and other conditions may affect the results of slope stability analysis. Factors of safety (FoS) obtained from slope stability analysis results do meet 1.50 according to HSDRRS guidelines for Steady Water Level conditions.

**TABLE 2.0**

Soil Type	Phi	Cohesion (psf)
Silt (ML)	28°	0
Clay (CL/CH)	28°	0
Sand (SP / SM)	37°	0

**TABLE 3.0**

Pond	Section #	Condition	Flood Side Water Elevation (feet, NAVD88)	Factor of Safety Obtained	Notes
Fly Ash Pond	1	Short Term	102.5	1.56	Landfill Material is required on the protected side of the levee to achieve min. FS.
	1	Long Term	102.5	2.48	--
	2	Short Term	102.5	1.80	--
	2	Long Term	102.5	1.53	--
	3	Short Term	102.5	2.71	--
	3	Long Term	102.5	1.79	--

Based on the results presented in the above table, all three sections of the Fly Ash Pond meet minimum required factor of safety with the projected maximum water elevation as shown in above table for both short term and long term conditions. This is based on the soil boring data provided by the client.

### Liquefaction

Clayey soils encountered at the Fly Ash Pond site are not susceptible to liquefaction.

If you have any questions pertaining to this report, or if we may be of further service, please contact our office.

Respectfully submitted,  
**APS ENGINEERING AND TESTING, LLC**



Sairam Eddanapudi, P.E.  
Project Manager



Sergio Aviles, P.E.  
President

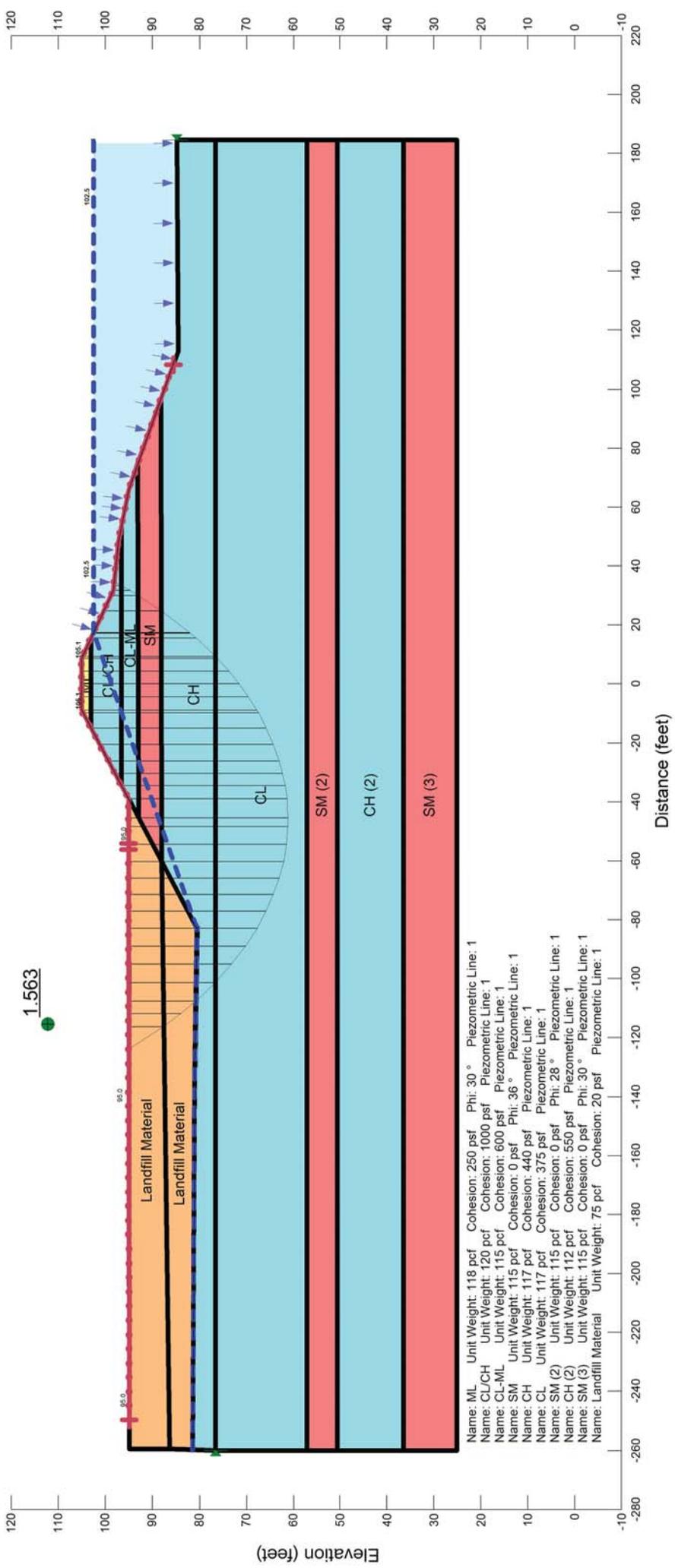
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Boring Location Plan  
Slope Stability Analysis Results

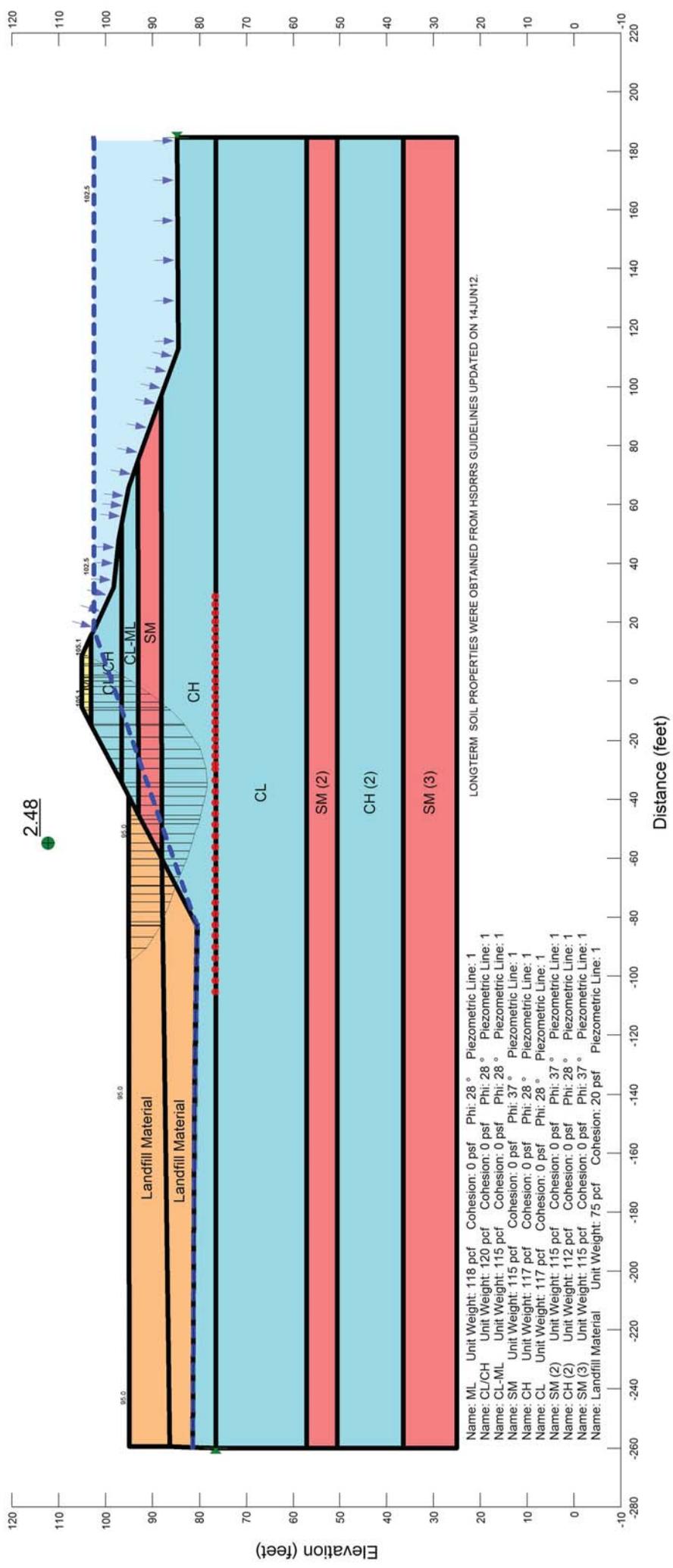


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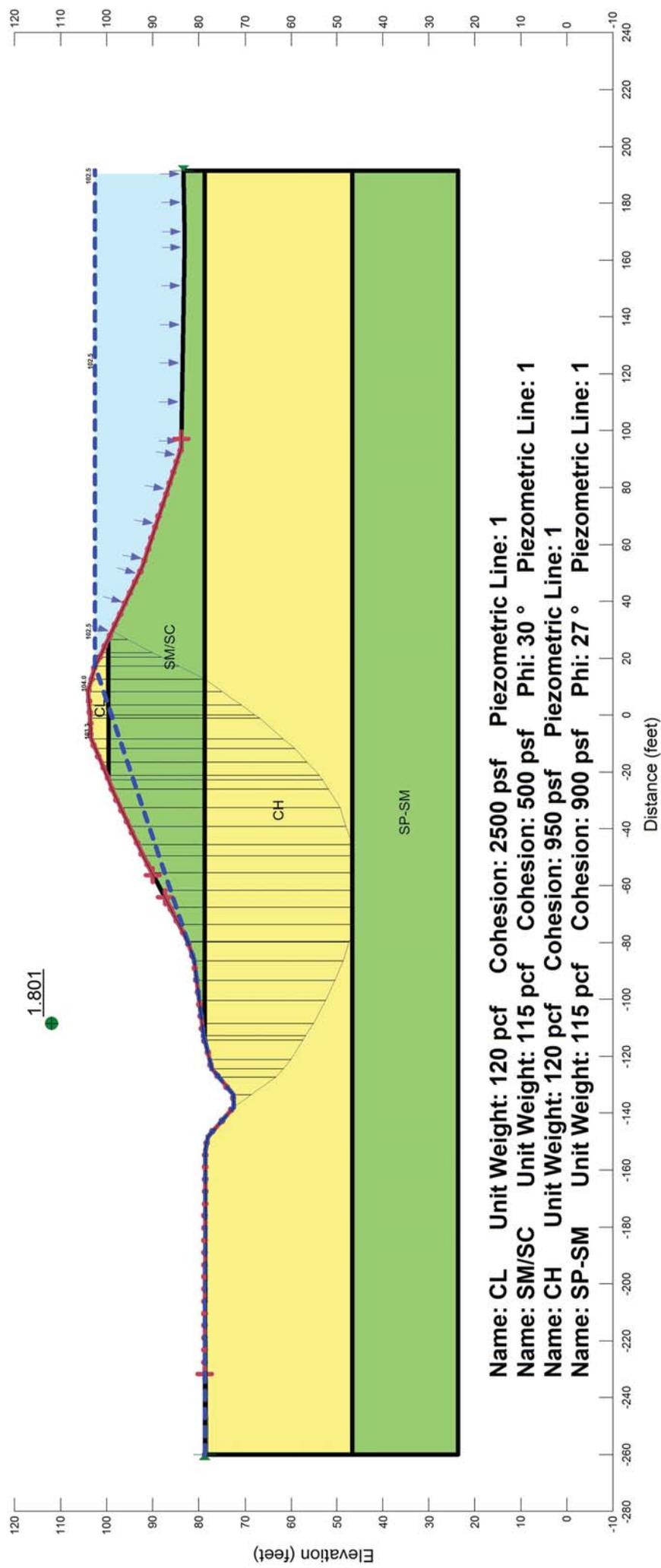
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 FLY ASH POND - SECTION 1  
 SHORT TERM SLOPE STABILITY ANALYSIS  
 SOIL BORING B-15 (FROM GTL REPORT NO.: 04-16-061)**



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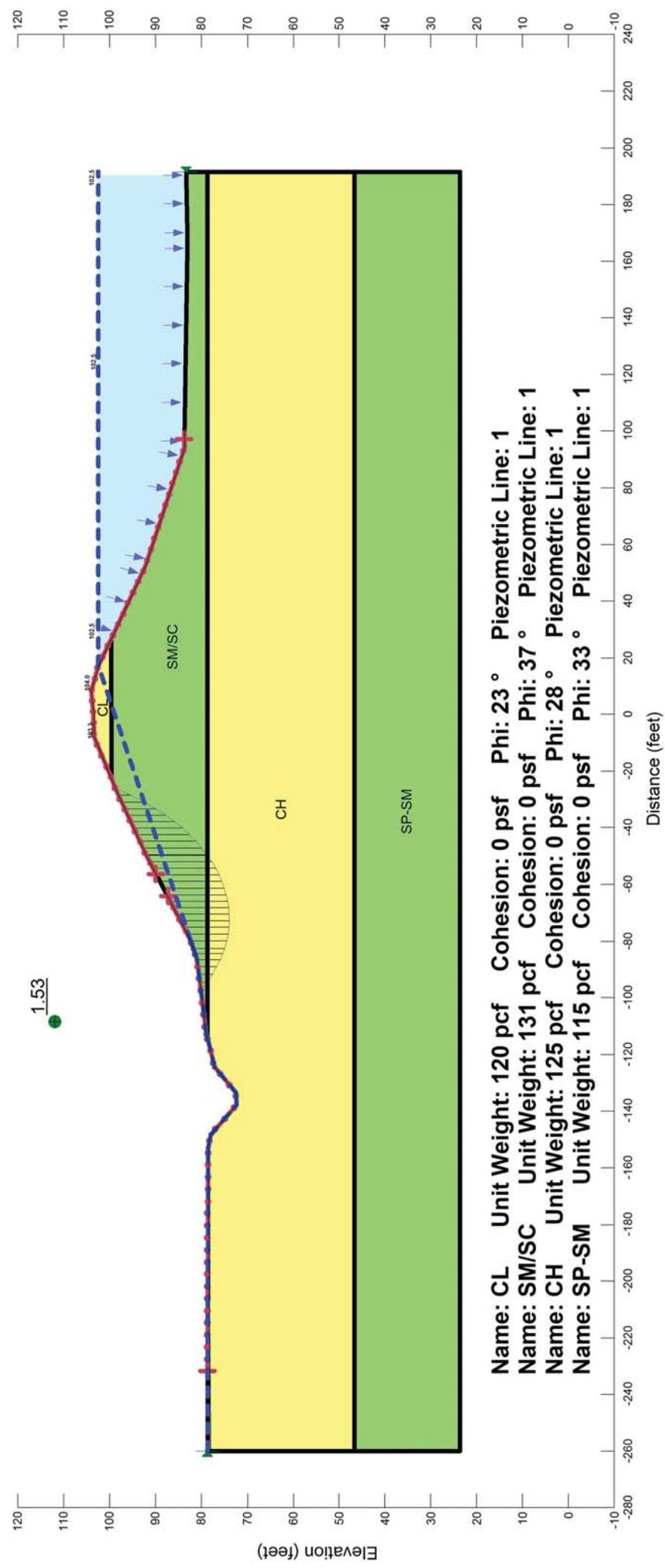


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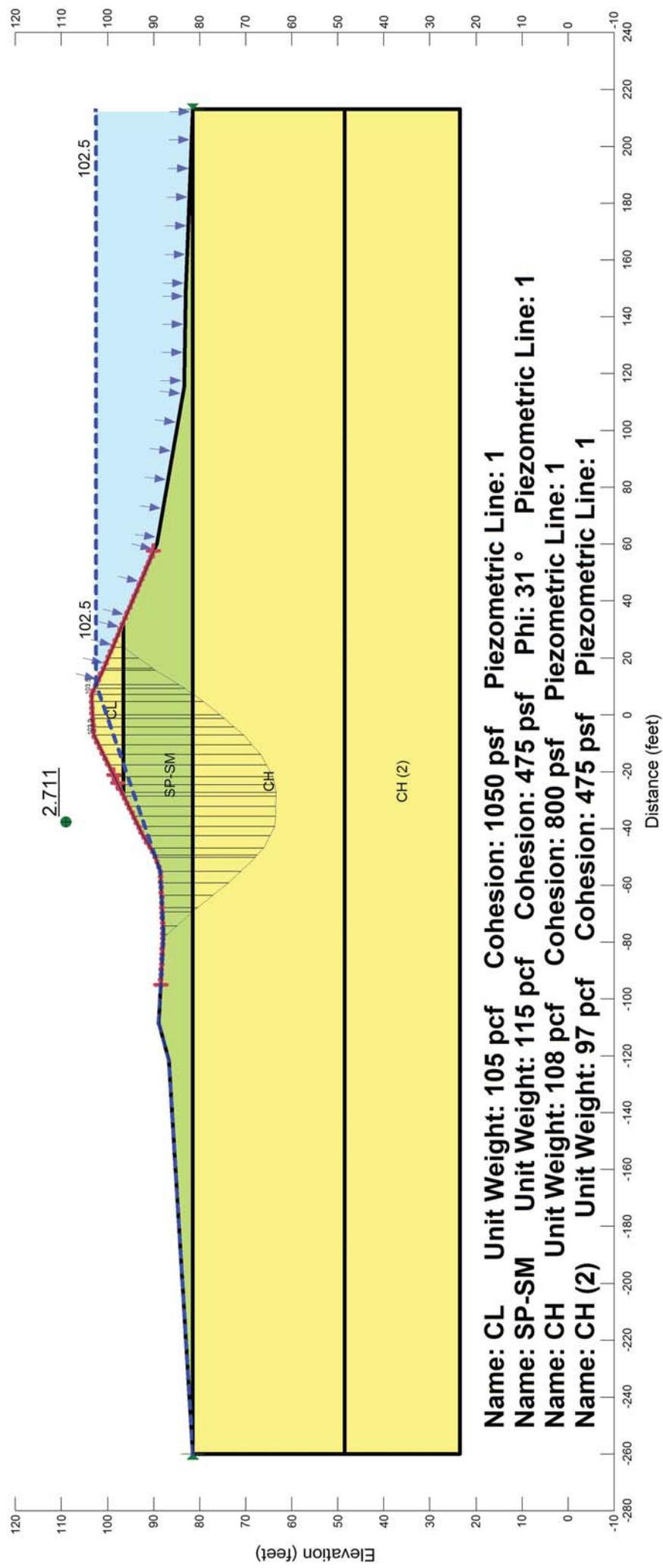


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**Name: SM/SC Unit Weight: 115 pcf Cohesion: 500 psf Phi: 30 ° Piezometric Line: 1**  
**Name: CH Unit Weight: 120 pcf Cohesion: 950 psf Piezometric Line: 1**  
**Name: SP-SM Unit Weight: 115 pcf Cohesion: 900 psf Phi: 27 ° Piezometric Line: 1**

**CLECO BRAME ENERGY CENTER**  
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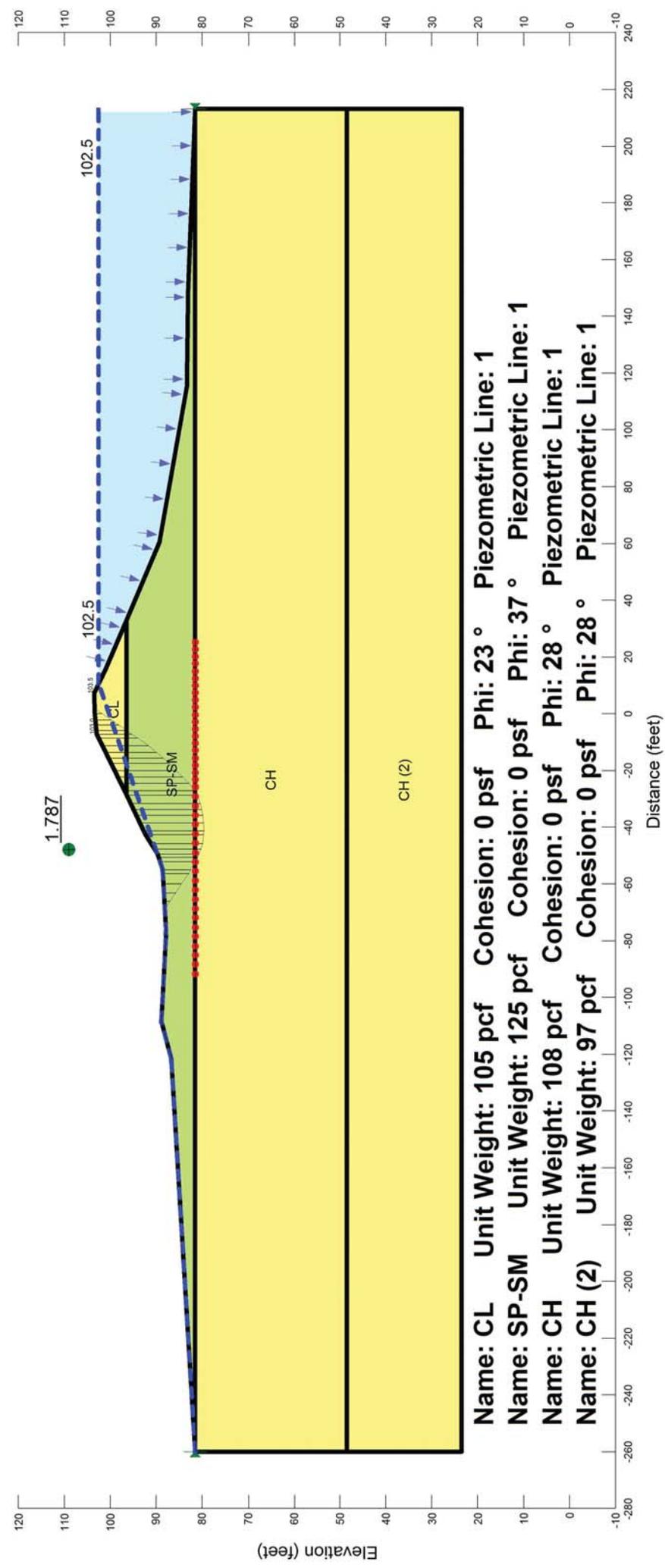


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**FLY ASH POND - SECTION 3**  
**SHORT TERM SLOPE STABILITY ANALYSIS**  
**SOIL BORING B-8 (FROM GTL REPORT NO.: 06-11-090)**



**Name: CL    Unit Weight: 105 pcf    Cohesion: 1050 psf    Piezometric Line: 1**  
**Name: SP-SM    Unit Weight: 115 pcf    Cohesion: 475 psf    Phi: 31 °    Piezometric Line: 1**  
**Name: CH    Unit Weight: 108 pcf    Cohesion: 800 psf    Piezometric Line: 1**  
**Name: CH (2)    Unit Weight: 97 pcf    Cohesion: 475 psf    Piezometric Line: 1**

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 FLY ASH POND - SECTION 3  
 LONG TERM SLOPE STABILITY ANALYSIS (S-CASE)  
 SOIL BORING B-8 (FROM GTL REPORT NO.: 06-11-090)**



- Name: CL    Unit Weight: 105 pcf    Cohesion: 0 psf    Phi: 23 °    Piezometric Line: 1**
- Name: SP-SM    Unit Weight: 125 pcf    Cohesion: 0 psf    Phi: 37 °    Piezometric Line: 1**
- Name: CH    Unit Weight: 108 pcf    Cohesion: 0 psf    Phi: 28 °    Piezometric Line: 1**
- Name: CH (2)    Unit Weight: 97 pcf    Cohesion: 0 psf    Phi: 28 °    Piezometric Line: 1**

**APPENDIX B**  
**P.E. CERTIFICATION**

**CLECO BRAME ENERGY CENTER  
FLY ASH POND  
CCR SAFETY FACTOR ASSESSMENT**

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that I have performed a safety factor assessment for Cleco's Brame Energy Center Fly Ash Pond in accordance with the 40 CFR 257.73(e)(1) CCR requirements. This safety factor assessment has determined that the Fly Ash Pond has met the following requirements:

- The calculated static factor of safety under the long-term, maximum storage pool loading condition must equal or exceed 1.50.
- The calculated static factor of safety under the maximum surcharge pool loading condition must equal or exceed 1.40.

And that these requirements were not applicable based on the findings:

- The calculated seismic factor of safety must equal or exceed 1.00.
- For dikes constructed of soils that have susceptibility to liquefaction, the calculated liquefaction factor of safety must equal or exceed 1.20.

**James C. Van Hoof**

Name

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Registration No.

**LA**

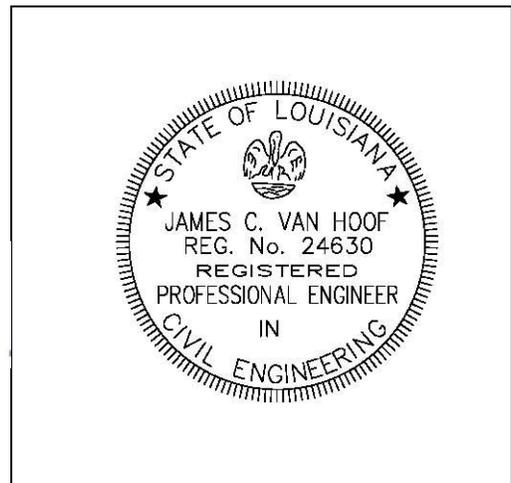
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*James C. Van Hoof, P.E.*

Signature

10/17/2016

Date



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## **APPENDIX K**

### **SUMMARY OF LINER CONSTRUCTION REPORTS**

## **BOTTOM ASH POND**

OCTOBER 2016

# CLECO POWER LLC Brame Energy Center



## BOTTOM ASH POND CCR LINER VERIFICATION

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Effective October 17, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) implemented final rule, 40 CFR 257, the Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) regulations. Included in the final rule is 40 CFR 257.71, the liner requirements for CCR surface impoundments.

Cleco Power LLC (Cleco) has consulted with Providence Engineering and Environmental Group LLC (Providence) to determine if the bottom liner system in the Bottom Ash Pond CCR surface impoundment at the Brame Energy Center in Lena, Louisiana meets the liner requirements of the newly promulgated CCR regulations.

A Site Location Map and a Site Plan showing the location of the Bottom Ash surface impoundment within the facility is provided as **Figures 1** and **2**.

## 2.0 SUMMARY OF 40 CFR 257.71 LINER REQUIREMENTS

No later than October 17, 2016, the owner or operator of an existing CCR surface impoundment must document whether or not such unit was constructed with any one of the following:

- a. A liner consisting of a minimum of two feet of compacted soil with a hydraulic conductivity of no more than  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  cm/sec
- b. A composite liner that meets the requirements of 257.70(b), or
- c. An alternative composite liner that meets the requirements of 257.70(c)

The hydraulic conductivity of the compacted soil must be determined using recognized and generally accepted methods.

An existing CCR surface impoundment is considered to be an existing unlined CCR surface impoundment if either:

1. The owner or operator of the CCR unit is not constructed with a liner that meets the requirements of a, b, or c above, or
2. The owner or operator of the CCR unit fails to document whether the CCR unit was constructed with a liner that meets the requirements of a, b, or c above.

EPA defines a CCR surface impoundment in Part 257 as “a natural topographic depression, manmade excavation, or diked area, which is designed to hold an accumulation of CCR and liquids, and the unit treats, stores and disposes of CCR”.

The owner or operator of the CCR unit must obtain a certification from a qualified professional engineer attesting that the documentation meets the requirements of 257.71.

### 3.0 BOTTOM ASH POND FACTS

As noted in the excerpts below from the 1981 solid waste permit application (**Attachment 1**) and the drawings within the application that were submitted to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Solid Waste Management Division (LDNR), “the in situ clay in the upland terrace area that extended to about midway east/west of the Bottom Ash Pond met the permeability requirements”.

A three-foot thick clay liner was placed over the exposed granular soils beyond the upland terrace area. The clay was placed in lifts of 8 to 10 inches and compacted with a “sheeps foot” roller. Laboratory permeability results on the recompacted samples ranged from  $1.1 \times 10^{-7}$  to  $2.1 \times 10^{-8}$  cm/sec. The liner permeability requirements as contained in the CCR rule were not met in all cases as shown with the  $1.1 \times 10^{-7}$  cm/sec data. No additional permeability verification laboratory results are available.

#### 6.4.3.B.4) Geological Characteristics

- a) Exhibits BA6.4.3.B.2-2 and 3 present the generalized soil conditions beneath the Bottom Ash Pond. The depth to ground water varies from 6 to 10 feet below grade. There is a very soft to medium stiff clay which extends to 20 feet (terminal depth of borings) in all of the borings except Boring 244. In that boring, the clay extended to 12 feet with a silty sand to sandy silt beneath. The laboratory coefficient of permeability for
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the in situ clay varies from  $1.3 \times 10^{-8}$  to  $3.5 \times 10^{-8}$  cm/sec. As was shown in Exhibit BA6.4.3.B.1-1, the approximate limit of the insitu clay barrier is about midway of the Bottom Ash Pond. A 3 foot thick compacted clay layer was placed over the exposed granular soils on the bottom of the Bottom Ash Pond. The extent of the clay blanket was determined in the field by ensuring that the in situ clay had a minimum thickness of 3 feet. Laboratory permeability tests on recompacted samples of the clay varied from  $1.1 \times 10^{-7}$  to  $2.1 \times 10^{-8}$  cm/sec. and the Plasticity Index averaged 41 with an average liquid limit of 62 which classifies the soil as CH according to the Unified Soil Classification System. The clay liner was placed in horizontal lifts of 8 to 10 inches and was compacted with "sheeps foot" compaction equipment. The 3 foot compacted clay liner coupled with the in situ clay layer should form an effective barrier to liquid waste migration to the ground water.

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However, as shown below in the responses to the DNR, (**Attachment 2**), Cleco responded that "if it cannot be shown that these permeable soils are isolated by impermeable soils, they will be replaced with an impermeable liner." Also, it should be noted that the boring locations D-19 and 231 are actually located in the Fly Ash Pond area and this was supposed to be corrected with the second phase of the construction of the Fly Ash Pond.

Bottom Ash Pond

Section 6.4.3.B.4

Q) Where is the bottom contour of the Bottom Ash Pond in relation to the subsurface diagram?

A) Revised diagrams showing the bottom contour were distributed.

Section 6.4.3.C.3.b.i

Q) What portions of the Bottom Ash Pond would the 3-foot clay liner be placed on?

A) The lining will be placed on the portion of the Bottom Ash Pond cut into what was the original upland terrace.

Q) There are localized areas of permeable soils at boring locations D-19 and 231. Can these be excavated and replaced with liner material?

A) If it cannot be shown that these permeable soils are isolated by impermeable soils, they will be replaced with an impermeable liner.

**4.0 BOTTOM ASH POND LINER PERMEABILITIES**

Cleco's 1981 Bottom Ash Pond solid waste permit application (**Attachment 1**) contains the following information:

Section 6.4.3.B.4.a of permit application:

- Soft to medium stiff clay is at least 12 feet thick below the Bottom Ash Pond
- Laboratory coefficient of permeability for the in situ clay varies from  $1.3 \times 10^{-8}$  to  $3.5 \times 10^{-8}$  cm/sec
- The approximate limit of the in situ clay barrier is about midway east/west of the Bottom Ash Pond
- 3 foot-thick clay layer was placed over the exposed granular soils on the bottom of the Bottom Ash Pond
- The extent of the clay blanket was determined in the field by ensuring that the in situ clay had a minimum thickness of 3 feet
- Laboratory permeability tests on recompacted samples of the clay varied from  $1.1 \times 10^{-7}$  to  $2.1 \times 10^{-8}$  cm/sec
- Soils were classified as CH according to the Unified Soil Classification System
- Clay liner was placed in horizontal lifts of 8 to 10 inches and was compacted with "sheeps foot" compaction equipment

Work was certified by the engineering firm of Sargent & Lundy and the Professional Engineer "supervised preparation of the design, plans, and

specifications for the Unit 2 Bottom Ash Pond and equipment associated with such ponds”. And to the best of his knowledge, “the design, plans, and specifications of the above mentioned waste disposal facilities at Rodemacher Power Station, Unit 2, meet applicable requirements of the Louisiana Solid Waste Rules and Regulations”.

## 5.0 CLAY LINER SAMPLING ACTIVITIES

In order to verify the clay liner thickness and permeabilities in those locations that Cleco did not have enough verifiable information, seven Shelby tubes were installed in the clay liner for the collection of clay liner samples in the Bottom Ash Pond as shown on **Figure 3**.

The specific methods that were followed for the collection of the clay liner samples are summarized in the following sections.

### 5.1 Clay Liner Sampling

Providence contracted a Louisiana licensed driller to provide personnel and equipment, including a drilling rig mounted on a track propelled marsh buggy, to collect undisturbed samples of the clay liner in the bottom of the Bottom Ash Pond. The marsh buggy was positioned at the sample locations based on survey data points.

A temporary surface casing was used to compliment sampling and retraction grouting procedures. The materials at the mud-line were hand probed. If soft unconsolidated material was present, a 4” nominal diameter temporary surface casing was lightly pressed into place. If harder materials were present, they were broken up in order to place the temporary surface casing. For mechanical breaking of the surface material, the driller utilized Geoprobe “pre-probing tools”, followed by, or in combination with, a frost auger or other solid/hollow stem auger. The express intent of this action was to only break hardened sediments (and not significantly penetrate the clay liner) such that the surface casing could be installed.

As stated above, Cleco collected seven (7) samples of the clay liner in the Bottom Ash Pond. A temporary surface casing was used at each sampling location. Undisturbed Shelby tubes were pushed to collect unconsolidated and consolidated soil matrices from the bottom of the pond, not impoundment sediments. Shelby tube samples were collected in approximately two foot intervals.

All sample locations were plugged and abandoned using CETCO 3/8 diameter coated bentonite pellets. The coated pellets are designed to “drop” through water and hydrate once they “fall” in-place. The pellets were dropped through the temporary surface casing described above. The amount placed was calculated based on the diameter of the soil boring and

depth of penetration below the sediment line. Once the pellets were in-place, the surface casing was removed.

## 5.2 Sample Collection and Handling

### *Sample Handling*

The Shelby tubes containing the undisturbed soil samples were capped on the tops and bottoms, and retained in as vertical position as possible and the samples were handled with care in order to minimize disturbance. The Shelby tubes were not opened in the field but were brought to the contract geotechnical laboratory where they were opened and examined for overall sample quality. A representative sample of the material in the Shelby tube was collected for the permeability testing and Atterberg limit determination.

## 6.0 LABORATORY ANALYSES

Providence subcontracted to APS Engineering and Testing (APS) geotechnical testing laboratory to conduct Atterberg limit determinations for the clay liner material obtained from each sample from the bottom of the pond in accordance with ASTM D 4318 and to conduct hydraulic conductivity analysis (permeability) on the samples of the clay liner material obtained from the bottom of the pond in accordance with ASTM D 5084. The results of the Atterberg limit determinations and hydraulic conductivity analysis were compared to the liner requirements for CCR facilities contained in the recently promulgated regulations.

## 7.0 DATA EVALUATION AND REPORTING

The geotechnical data from the original application and follow-up information to LDNR is shown in **Table 1** below for the Bottom Ash Pond.

**Table 1 Bottom Ash Pond Permeabilities (Historical)**

Boring ID	Unified Soil Classification	Liquid Limit	Plastic Limit	Plasticity Index	Permeability cm/sec
246	CH	69	22	47	$1.3 \times 10^{-8}$
247	CH	87	24	63	$2.3 \times 10^{-8}$

APS completed the Atterberg limit determinations and the permeability analysis for the samples obtained from the Bottom Ash Pond which are shown in **Attachment 3**. Photos depicting samples of the clay liner material obtained from the bottom of the Bottom Ash pond are shown in **Attachment 4**. All of the samples tested met the permeability requirements as shown in **Table 2** below. Based on the sample specimens obtained, the liner met or exceeded the two feet of compacted clay required by the CCR regulations for the Bottom Ash Pond. This data reinforces the data from the original permit application and any follow-up information provided to LDNR.

**Table 2 Bottom Ash Pond Permeabilities (Additional Data)**

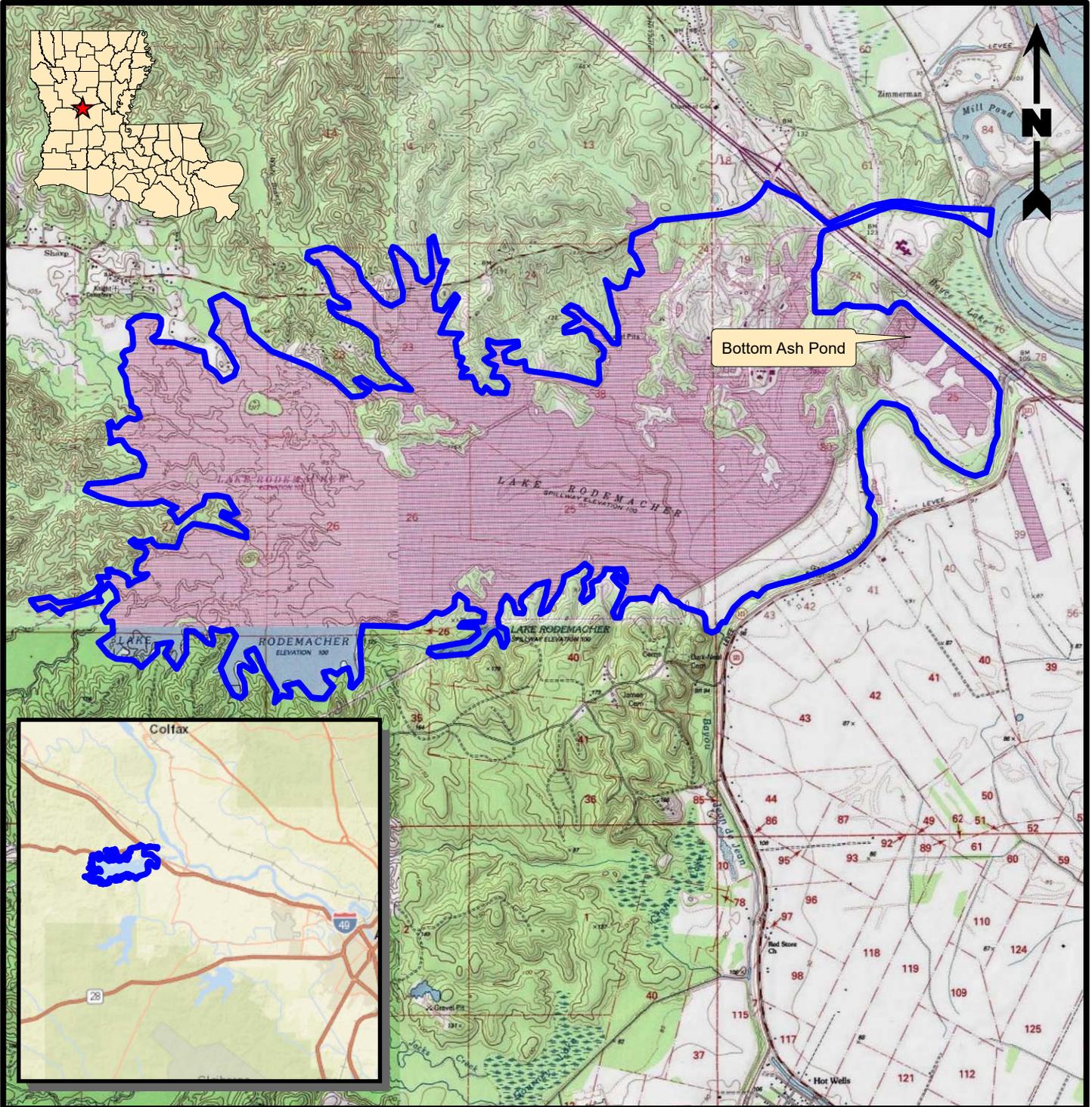
Boring ID	Clay Type	Liquid Limit	Plastic Limit	Plasticity Index	Permeability cm/sec
AB-1	Grayish Brown Clay	64	20	44	$3.4 \times 10^{-8}$
AB-2	Grayish Brown Clay	69	24	45	$8.1 \times 10^{-8}$
AB-3.1	Brown Clay	71	26	45	$6.5 \times 10^{-8}$
AB-4.1	Yellowish Brown Clay	51	22	29	$6.6 \times 10^{-8}$
AB-5	Dark Brown Clay	81	26	55	$4.5 \times 10^{-8}$
AB-6	Yellowish Brown Clay	102	37	65	$8.9 \times 10^{-8}$
AB-7	Dark Brown Clay	96	36	60	$8.1 \times 10^{-8}$

## 8.0 CONCLUSIONS

Providence reviewed the existing information that was completed when the Bottom Ash Pond was constructed and noted that Cleco intended to have a three-foot “compacted” clay liner in place for the Bottom Ash Pond that met the regulatory permeability requirements at the time of construction. Available information for the Bottom Ash Pond is noted in **Table 1**. Providence could not locate all of the laboratory permeability results for the liner in the Bottom Ash Pond, therefore, additional undisturbed samples of the clay liner were obtained to verify the thickness of the clay liner and to verify the permeability of the bottom liner system. Based on the information in **Table 1**, along with the additional data in **Table 2**, Providence confirms that a liner consisting of a minimum of two feet of compacted soil with a hydraulic conductivity of no more than  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  cm/sec is in-place for the Bottom Ash Pond at Brame Energy Center.

Based on the results for the liner verification, the existing clay liner for the Bottom Ash Pond meets the liner verification requirements of the CCR regulations at 40 CFR 257.71. **Attachment 5** contains a P.E. Certification that attests to this assessment.

**FIGURE 1**  
**SITE LOCATION MAP**



**Legend**

 Property Boundary

**Reference**

Base map comprised of U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute topographic maps, "Lena, LA", "Boyce, LA", "Jericho, LA", and "Gardner, LA".

**Site Location Map**

**Liner Verification - Bottom Ash Pond**  
Boyce, Rapides Parish, Louisiana

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**FIGURE 2**  
**SITE MAP**



**Legend**

 Property Boundary

**Reference**

Base map comprised of Google Earth aerial imagery from 10/03/14.



**Site Map**

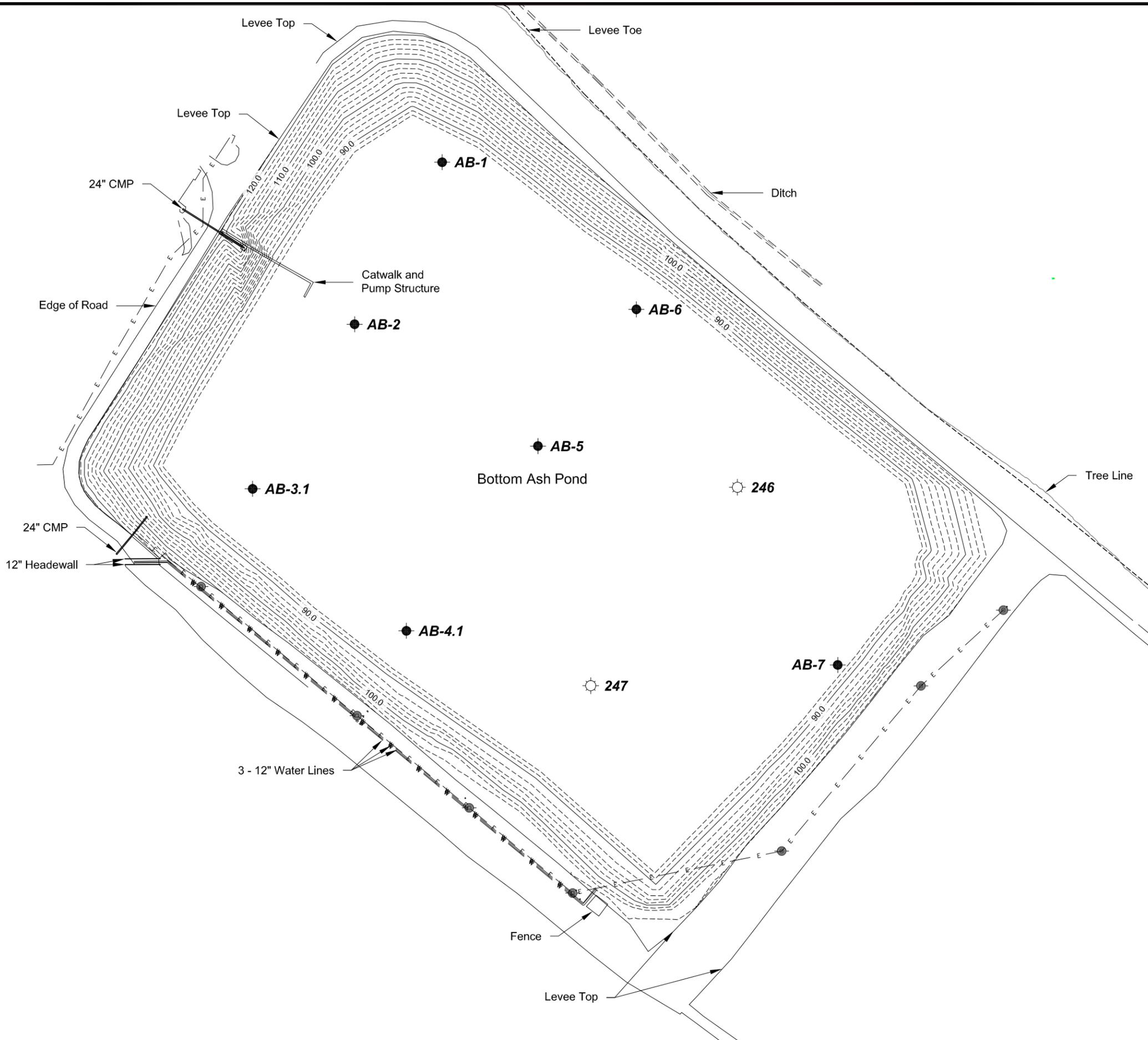
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**FIGURE 3**  
**BOTTOM ASH POND LINER VERIFICATION**

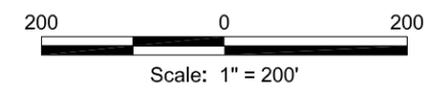


**Legend**

- Major Contour (10' Interval)
- - - - Minor Contour (2' Interval)
- E — Overhead Electric Line
- W — Water Line
- Power Pole
- Boring Location
- ☼ Boring Location Taken at Time of Construction

**Note**

Above grade contours and features presented are comprised of survey data obtained in June of 2015. The survey contours for the ash material were removed to depict the bottom contours of the pond. The pond contours underneath the ash material and in the pond bottom are a combination of survey data collected in June of 2015 and elevation data obtained from historical figures.



**Bottom Ash Pond  
Liner Verification**

Clay Liner Verification  
Boyce, Rapides Parish, Louisiana

**Cleco Power LLC**  
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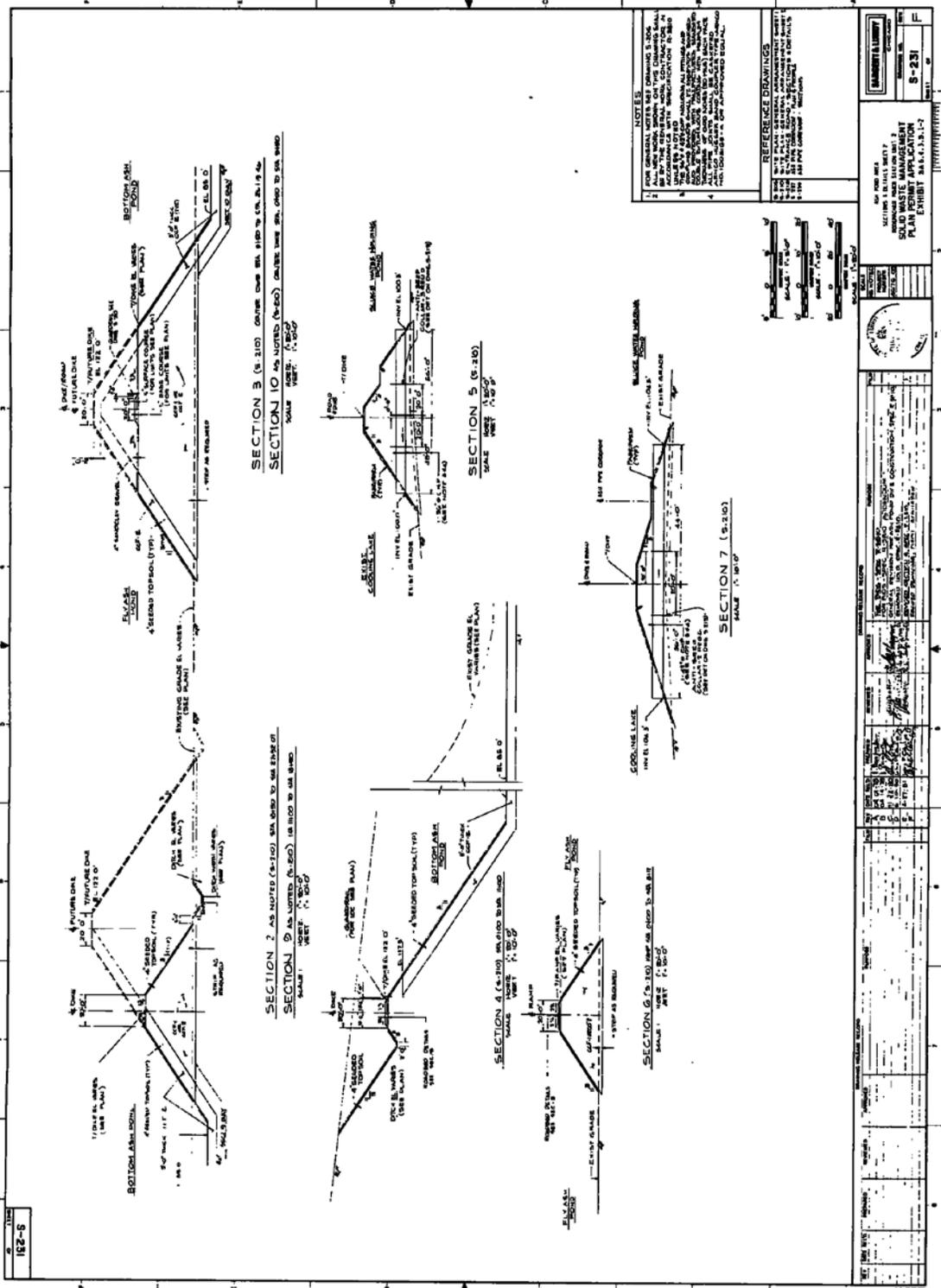
**1981 PERMIT APPLICATION BOTTOM ASH POND SECTION**

#### 6.4.3.B SITE MASTER PLAN FOR UNIT 2, BOTTOM ASH POND

##### 6.4.3.B.1) Site Plan for Bottom Ash Pond

- a) Exhibit BA6.4.3.B.1-1 shows the Bottom Ash Pond with original and final contours. The Bottom Ash Pond is located on both alluvial and terrace deposits. The surface area of the pond is 36 acres at elevation 106. The dikes built for the pond have a slope of 3 horizontal to 1 vertical. Four inches of seeded top soil are placed on the outward portions of the dikes for erosion control. The limits of excavation were controlled by the required design size. The ash pipe corridor is also shown in Exhibit BA6.4.3.B.1-1 along with the discharge channel to the NPDES discharge point. Cross sections of the bottom ash dikes and other details are shown in Exhibit BA6.4.3.B.1-2.
- b) Peripheral fencing is not planned for the Bottom Ash Pond since the disposal facility is within the station proper and access is controlled.
- c) The size of the pond was designed to accommodate the bottom ash sludge expected to be generated over the lifetime of Unit 2. It is not planned to monitor the daily quantities put into the Bottom Ash Pond beyond normal plant engineering practice of every few years recording an elevation of the top of the sludge and computing the remaining volume versus projected disposal volumes.
- d) The waste in the Bottom Ash Pond is non-combustible, thus no special fire protection facilities are planned.
- e) The surface area of the Bottom Ash Pond is 36 acres at elevation 106 with a storage volume of 740 acre feet. The bottom ash waste will be disposed of by sluicing versus sequential filling because the facility is a pond rather than a landfill.
- f) No leachate collection or treatment facilities are needed for the liquid waste pumped to the Bottom Ash Pond. The design of the facility incorporates an impermeable silty clay liner





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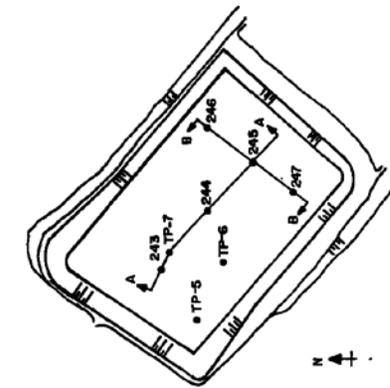
within the dike and over the western portion (see Exhibit BA6.4.3.B.1-1 for limits) with a natural silty clay liner along the remaining bottom portion of the pond.

- g) A wind rose applicable to the entire setting of the station is shown on Exhibit 6.4.3.A.1-1.
- h) The waste to the Bottom Ash Pond will be a slurry so no provisions are necessary for litter control.
- i) The design of the facility is such that all trees surrounding the pond have been left not only for erosion control but also as a landscape consideration. The exterior embankments of the impoundment have been seeded. Users of LA Highways #1 and #8 and boaters on Lake Rodemacher cannot see the Bottom Ash Pond.

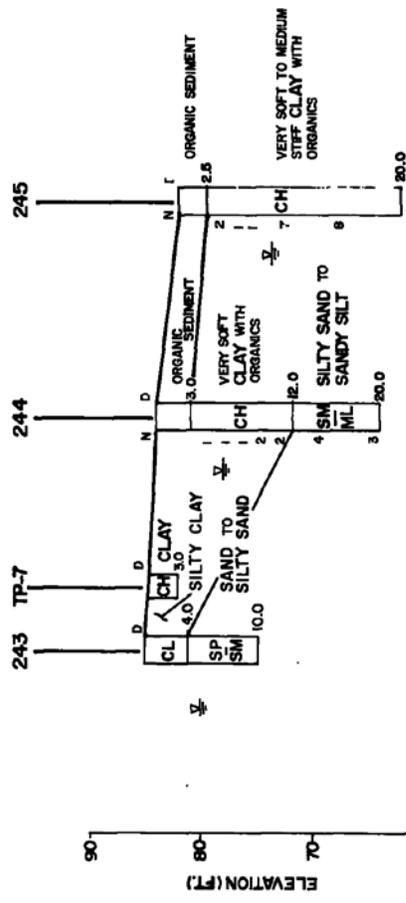
6.4.3.B.2) Hydrological Characteristics for Bottom Ash Pond:

- a) The locations of the five borings in the Bottom Ash Pond are shown on Exhibit BA6.4.3.B.2-1. The borings, spaced between 150 and 200 feet apart, extended to 20 feet below construction grade. A northwest to southeast cross section is shown as section A-A on Exhibit BA6.4.3.B.2-2 and a southwest to northeast soil profile is shown on Exhibit BA6.4.3.B.2-3. The regional direction of ground water flow is generally to the east-southeast which is the direction of ground water flow under the Bottom Ash Pond. The borings, which were drilled to confirm the thickness of available clay liner, are within the Red River alluvial deposits and the ground water at this facility is probably hydrologically connected to the bayou. There is no evidence, however, to hydraulically connect this upper aquifer to the much deeper aquifer in the Miocene deposits which are used as a source of drinking water in the vicinity.
- b) Section 6.4.3.A.2 presents further details on the ground water withdrawal rates as well as major users in the vicinity. There are irrigation wells within the vicinity of the Bottom Ash Pond but no drinking water wells.





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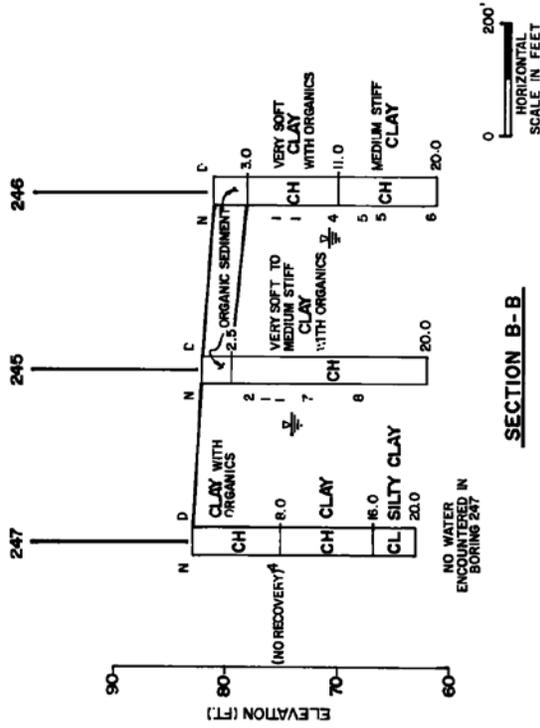
SECTION A-A



LEGEND

- TP = TEST PIT
- D = DEPT IN FEET
- N = STANDARD PENETRATION TEST, BLOWS PER FOOT
- ▽ = GROUND WATER LEVEL

GENERALIZED SUBSURFACE DIAGRAM - SECTION A-A BOTTOM ASH POND
RODEMACHER POWER STATION UNIT 2 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN PERMIT APPLICATION EXHIBIT BA 6.4.3.B.2-2



**NOTE**

- FOR BORING LOCATION PLAN, SEE SECTION A-A.

**LEGEND**

- D = DEPTH IN FEET
- N = STANDARD PENETRATION TEST, BLOWS PER FOOT
- $\frac{D}{N}$  = GROUND WATER LEVEL

GENERALIZED SUBSURFACE DIAGRAM - SECTION B-B BOTTOM ASH POND
RODEMACHER POWER STATION UNIT 2 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN PERMIT APPLICATION
EXHIBIT BA 6.4.3.B.2-3

- c) The uppermost freshwater aquifer beneath the Bottom Ash Pond, as recorded in the boring logs, is between 6 feet and 9 feet below grade. The depth to the nearest aquifer used for drinking water should be between 50 and 200 feet below grade.

#### 6.4.3.B.3) Surface Drainage Information

- a) There will be no surface streams directed through the Bottom Ash Pond. The pond is a completely diked facility except on the northwestern portion where excavation into a hillside was necessary. There is a perimeter interceptor ditch on the northwestern portion of the pond which should divert surface water run on.
- b) Above-ground pipes carry the bottom ash sludge to the Bottom Ash Pond. The decanted water will overflow via the discharge channel to the NPDES permitted discharge point number 004. (For further details on NPDES permit conditions and discharge points, see the attachment to Part I of this application.)
- c) The 25-year, 24-hour maximum rainfall for the Bottom Ash Pond is 9 inches according to U.S. Weather Bureau data. Any rainfall event up to or exceeding the 25-year, 24-hour maximum will flow out of the pond at its outfall.
- d) Discharge water from the Bottom Ash Pond will be handled by a weir box pipe structure and channel located on the northwest side. There is no need for a dewatering plan beyond the normal operating procedures.

#### 6.4.3.B.4) Geological Characteristics

- a) Exhibits BA6.4.3.B.2-2 and 3 present the generalized soil conditions beneath the Bottom Ash Pond. The depth to ground water varies from 6 to 10 feet below grade. There is a very soft to medium stiff clay which extends to 20 feet (terminal depth of borings) in all of the borings except Boring 244. In that boring, the clay extended to 12 feet with a silty sand to sandy silt beneath. The laboratory coefficient of permeability for

the in situ clay varies from  $1.3 \times 10^{-8}$  to  $3.5 \times 10^{-8}$  cm/sec. As was shown in Exhibit BA6.4.3.B.1-1, the approximate limit of the insitu clay barrier is about midway of the Bottom Ash Pond. A 3 foot thick compacted clay layer was placed over the exposed granular soils on the bottom of the Bottom Ash Pond. The extent of the clay blanket was determined in the field by ensuring that the in situ clay had a minimum thickness of 3 feet. Laboratory permeability tests on recompacted samples of the clay varied from  $1.1 \times 10^{-7}$  to  $2.1 \times 10^{-8}$  cm/sec. and the Plasticity Index averaged 41 with an average liquid limit of 62 which classifies the soil as CH according to the Unified Soil Classification System. The clay liner was placed in horizontal lifts of 8 to 10 inches and was compacted with "sheeps foot" compaction equipment. The 3 foot compacted clay liner coupled with the in situ clay layer should form an effective barrier to liquid waste migration to the ground water.

A summary of the laboratory test results is presented in Table BA6.4.3.B.4-1.

6.4.3.B.5) Environmental Characteristics for Bottom Ash Pond:

- a) There are no known historical or archaeological sites within 1000 feet of the Bottom Ash Pond. No habitats for endangered species or other sensitive ecological species are within 1000 feet of the Bottom Ash Pond.

The basis for the statements is the 1972-1973 ecological studies of the environment at the Rodemacher Station. The survey addressed in detail the terrestrial wildlife, the aquatic life, and vegetation in the area. Since that time the station and lake have been constructed and the immediate area of the station, including the Bottom Ash Pond, is one of an industrial setting.

TABLE BA 6.4.3.B.4-1

SUMMARY OF LABORATORY TESTS  
BOTTOM ASH POND

Feature	Boring No. Sample No.	Bottom of Sample Depth, Ft.	Particle Size Analysis				Atterberg Limits (3)		Unified Soil Classification Symbol	Natural Water Content (%)(4)	Dry Density lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	Laboratory Permeability (5) cm/sec
			No. 4 Sieve	No. 10 Sieve	No. 40 Sieve	No. 200 Sieve	Liquid Limit (%)(2)	Plasticity Index				
Bottom Ash Pond	263	1.5				91	47	20	37	CL	21.8	
		3.0				89	47	19	36	CL	21.7	
		7.5				9	21	M.P.	M.P.	SP-CH	26.6	
	264	4.5				96	69	22	47	CH	97.8 <sup>9</sup>	
		6.0				97	81	23	38	CH	78.1	
		7.5				94	77	23	34	CH	74.2	
		9.0				98	69	22	47	CH	83.3	
		10.5				97	71	23	48	CH	85.4	
		15.0				50	20	37	3	EM-ML	18.2	
		20.0				50	39	M.P.(6)	M.P.	SM-ML	18.0	
		4.0				93	61	22	39	CH		
		5.5				94	74	22	32	CH		
	265	7.5				100	65	21	44	CH		
		10.0				98	82	23	39	CH	63.3	
		15.0				98	-	-	-			
	266	4.5				95	70	23	47	CH	82.3	
		6.0				97	60	21	39	CH	98.2	
		8.0				95	85	23	62	CH	60.9	
		9.5				7	69	22	47	CH	37.6	
		11.0				99	64	22	42	CH	31.5	
		15.0				100	69	22	47	CH	35.6	
		20.0									78.0	1.3 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
												1.3 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
	267	4.0				100	76	21	37	CH	45.0	2.3 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>
		6.0				100	87	24	43	CH	64.0	3.5 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>
		10.0				98	94	20	34	CH	60.8	
		15.0				87	70	23	47	CH	20.8	
		20.0				98	40	20	20	CH	81.8	

TABLE BA 6.4.3.B.4-1 (Continued)

SUMMARY OF LABORATORY TESTS  
BOTTOM ASH POND

Feature	Boring No. Sample No.	Bottom of Sample Depth, Ft.	Particle Size Analysis			Atterberg Limits (1)		Unified Soil Classification Symbol	Natural Water Content (%)(4)	Dry Density lbs/ft <sup>3</sup>	Laboratory Permeability (5) cm/sec
			No. 4 Sieve	No. 10 Sieve	No. 40 Sieve	Liquid Limit (%)(2)	Plastic Limit (%)(3)				
Bottom Ash Pond (CONT'D.)	TP-3, 1 2 3	1-0	-	-	-	60	20	CH	28.4	-	-
		2-0	-	-	-	64	21	CH	28.0	-	-
		3-0	-	-	-	60	21	CH	27.6	-	-
	TP-4, 1 2 3	1-0	-	-	-	65	20	CH	24.8	-	-
		2-0	-	-	-	61	22	CH	25.1	-	-
		3-0	-	-	-	60	21	CH	22.4	-	-
	TP-7, 1 2 3	1-0	-	-	-	98	21	CH	26.1	-	-
		2-0	-	-	-	70	24	CH	33.4	-	-
		3-0	-	-	-	65	22	CH	32.8	-	-
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	232, 1 3 5	1-5	100	100	100	62	20	CH	32.3	-	-
		4-5	-	-	-	58	19	CH	36	-	-
		7-5	-	-	-	29	18	CL	24.1	-	-

2.1 x 10<sup>-6</sup> (A)  
3.1 x 10<sup>-7</sup> (A)

NOTE: A) Two Permeability Tests performed on composite material of all samples from TP-3, TP-4, and TP-7.

GENERAL NOTES:

- (1) Laboratory Testing performed by Southwestern Laboratories, Inc., Shreveport, Louisiana
- (2) Laboratory Particle Size Analysis Tests performed in accordance with ASTM D422 and ASTM D1400
- (3) Laboratory Atterberg Limit Tests performed in accordance with ASTM D431 and ASTM D434
- (4) Laboratory Water Content Tests of Soils performed in accordance with ASTM D2216. Most of Water Content Tests performed on undisturbed Shelby tube samples unless otherwise noted.
- (5) Laboratory Vertical Permeability Test performed on undisturbed Shelby tube samples unless otherwise noted. Samples tested using Falling Head Test procedure in accordance with EN 1110-2-1966.
- (6) H.P. = Non Plastic

- b) The operation of the Bottom Ash Pond will have no adverse impact upon the use of the lake the quality of the lake environment.

#### 6.4.3.C FACILITY PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS - BOTTOM ASH POND

- 1) Design, Plans, and Specifications: The plans submitted herein for the Bottom Ash Pond were prepared and sealed by Professional Engineers with the required expertise in processing or disposing of solid waste as defined by the Solid Waste Management Plan.
- 2) Certification: Exhibit BA 6.4.3.C.2-1 is a certification that the facility meets the requirements outlined in the state regulations.
- 3) Special Requirements:
  - a) Incineration. Incineration is not planned as a disposal option in the operation of the Bottom Ash Pond.
  - b) Sanitary Landfills.
    - b.i) Typical cross sections of the above ground structures for the Bottom Ash Pond are shown in Exhibits BA 6.4.3.B.1-1, 2 and 3. No daily fill or cover is necessary for the liquid waste to be placed in the pond. The ground water table is at least 6 feet below construction grade and the 6 feet of soil between the ground water and the bottom of the pond is a CH material. In the northwestern part of the Bottom Ash Pond and in the surrounding dikes, the minimum thickness of compacted clay is 3 feet. The natural impermeability of the in situ soils and the compacted clay liner form a suitable protective barrier to the ground water.
    - b.ii) The soil types underlying the Bottom Ash Pond comprised a minimum of 3 feet of compacted clay over silty to clayey sands or very plastic in situ clay (CH). Cross sections of the subsurface conditions are shown in Exhibits BA 6.4.3.B.2-2 and 3.

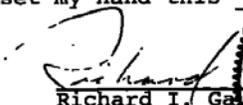
CERTIFICATE OF SARGENT & LUNDY ENGINEERS

I, Richard I. Gavin, make this certification as a registered Professional Engineer on behalf of Sargent & Lundy Engineers for the benefit of all persons interested in the application of Central Louisiana Electric Company, Inc. for a Solid Waste Disposal Permit from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of Environmental Affairs.

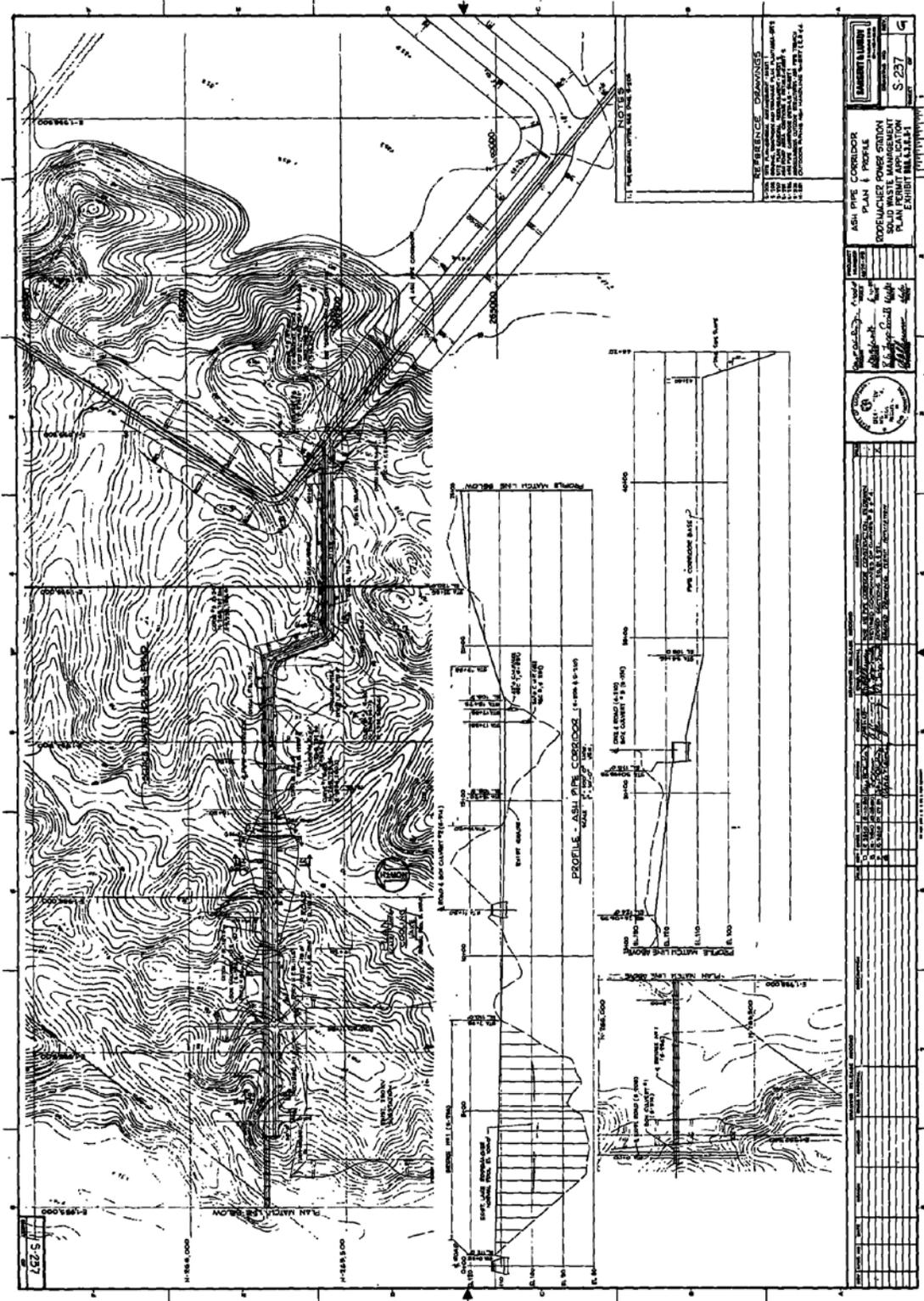
I do hereby certify as follows:

1. I am a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Louisiana.
2. I have supervised preparation of the design, plans, and specifications for the Unit 2 Boiler Cleaning Waste Pond, Bottom Ash Pond, Fly Ash Pond, Clarifier Sludge Pond, and equipment associated with such waste ponds.
3. To the best of my knowledge, the design, plans, and specifications for the above mentioned waste disposal facilities at Rodemacher Power Station, Unit 2, meet applicable requirements of the Louisiana Solid Waste Rules and Regulations.
4. To the extent that this certification is based upon information and data prepared and analyzed by Sargent & Lundy personnel other than myself, I have reviewed this certification with such personnel to confirm its completeness and accuracy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 1981.

  
Richard I. Gavin, Partner  
Sargent & Lundy Engineers





- b.iii) Section 6.4.3.D.2 discusses the characteristics of the wastes to be placed in the Bottom Ash Pond. Given the relatively harmless nature of the waste and the clay barrier in the pond, ground water quality should not be affected by operation of the Bottom Ash Pond.
- b.iv) No cover material will be needed in the daily operation of the Bottom Ash Pond since the waste is in a liquid form.
- b.v) A detailed description of the equipment to be used in the overall operation of the Bottom Ash Pond is presented in Section 6.4.3.D.2.
- b.vi) No leachate collection and/or treatment system is planned for the Bottom Ash Pond since it is designed to contain liquids.
- b.vii) The ground water monitoring strategy for the Bottom Ash Pond is tied to the down gradient monitoring wells for the Fly Ash Pond. The proximity of these two ponds as shown on Exhibit BA 6.4.3.B.2-1 is such that the two monitoring wells shown on Exhibit 6.4.3.A.2-2 should serve as indicators if contamination should occur. This decision also considers the relatively clean characteristics of the bottom ash waste and its relatively harmless influence on the environment. The two wells shown for the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash ponds are keyed to the network of monitoring wells for the Rodemacher Station. There are two background wells proposed in the northern portion of the station and at least two downgradient from each of waste disposal facilities. A typical cross section of a monitoring well is shown in Exhibit BA 6.4.3.C.3-1. The two monitoring wells for the Bottom Ash and Fly Ash ponds would extend below the protective clay liner into the more sandy soils or at least 10 to 15 feet into the CH soils of the area.

As a contingency plan to the above minimum monitoring program, if a significant increase (or pH decrease) shows

up in the chemical parameters being monitored (see Section 7.3.3.G.3) then additional ground water samples from the affected wells would be immediately obtained following the same sampling procedure outlined in Section 7.3.3.G.3. The samples would be split and tested to first determine if the change was the result of laboratory error. If no laboratory error was found then at least two additional borings would be drilled and soil samples obtained on continuous intervals to a depth corresponding to the level where contamination was recorded. Depths to the ground water surface would be recorded.

Field permeability tests (packer tests) would be performed, at least one per boring, at a depth determined by the geologist/geohydrologist responsible for the field program. The locations would depend upon the log of boring and depth from which the contaminated samples had been obtained. At least three laboratory permeability tests would be performed upon samples from the new borings.

Leachate tests on at least three soil samples, at different depths, should be conducted and laboratory tests (parameters to be determined based on parameters that increased) performed. As a part of the laboratory testing, moisture and density tests on undisturbed samples, Atterburg Limits and grain size analysis would be conducted (the number to be determined).

Statistical evaluation of the new laboratory data would be made and compared to previously reported data for trends. Detailed cross sections with all data would be prepared showing both physical and chemical parameters.

A simple "first estimate" model of the subsurface conditions would be evaluated using EPA or state approved modeling programs. The data would be evaluated and

**ATTACHMENT 2**  
**BA RESPONSE TO DNR 1981**

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Mr. John Koury, Administrator  
Solid Waste Management Division  
Department of Natural Resources  
P. O. Box 44066  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Re: Responses to DNR Questions on Solid Waste Disposal Permit  
Application for Rodemacher Power Station Surface Impoundments

Dear Mr. Koury:

In accordance with instructions from Ms. Barbara Delatte, Solid Waste Specialist, we are hereby submitting responses to comments and questions presented by your staff during the October 29, 1981, review meeting for the Solid Waste Disposal Permit Application for the Rodemacher Power Station. We understand that this letter will be appended to our application filing in lieu of actually changing the application in response to DNR comments and questions.

The responses are organized below according to their respective subsection of the Louisiana Solid Waste Management Program Rules and Regulations.

Boiler Cleaning Waste Pond

Section 6.4.3.B.4

- Q) The Plasticity Index is low for the materials on the slopes of the Unit 2 Boiler Cleaning Waste Pond. Will it be adequate for a liner?
- A) The specification for the liner requires a Plasticity Index of 15 or more. The specification will be adhered to.
- Q) Where is the bottom contour of the Unit 2 Boiler Cleaning Waste Pond in relation to the subsurface diagram?
- A) Revised diagrams showing the bottom contour were distributed.
- Q) Is there a need for an additional liner on the upper slopes of the Unit 2 Boiler Cleaning Waste Pond in the areas lacking natural clay?
- A) S&L indicated that an adequate liner was being provided on the upper slopes as shown in the plans.

Bottom Ash Pond

Section 6.4.3.B.4

- Q) Where is the bottom contour of the Bottom Ash Pond in relation to the subsurface diagram?
- A) Revised diagrams showing the bottom contour were distributed.

Section 6.4.3.C.3.b.i

- Q) What portions of the Bottom Ash Pond would the 3-foot clay liner be placed on?
- A) The lining will be placed on the portion of the Bottom Ash Pond cut into what was the original upland terrace.
- Q) There are localized areas of permeable soils at boring locations D-19 and 231. Can these be excavated and replaced with liner material?
- A) If it cannot be shown that these permeable soils are isolated by impermeable soils, they will be replaced with an impermeable liner.

Fly Ash Pond

Section 6.4.3.C.3.b.i

- Q) Exhibit FA6.4.3.B.1-2 is missing.
- A) The reference should be to Exhibit BA6.4.3.B.1-2 presented in the Bottom Ash Pond subsection.

Section 6.4.3.C.3.b.vii

- Q) Due to groundwater flow, a monitoring well should be placed on the eastern dike between the Fly Ash Pond and Bayou Jean de Jean.
- A) A monitoring well will be placed as requested.

Clarifier Sludge Pond

Section 6.4.3.B.4

- Q) Will the 1.5-foot bentonite/soil mixture be equivalent to a 3-foot natural clay liner?
- A) The permeability tests on the bentonite/soil mixtures have indicated that the permeability of a 7% bentonite mixture is low enough to assure that 1.5 feet of the mixture is more than equivalent to 3 feet of natural clay. A set of calculations demonstrating the adequacy of the bentonite/soil mixture was distributed.

Mr. John Koury  
Department of Natural Resources  
November 2, 1981  
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Clarifier Sludge Pond (Cont'd)

Section 6.4.3.B.4 (Cont'd)

- Q) Can it be shown that the bentonite/soil mixture will be adequate after placement?
- A) Tests will be taken after liner placement and compaction to demonstrate compliance with the permeability and thickness requirements.

We trust that the above responses will adequately address any concerns expressed by your staff during their review of the Solid Waste Disposal Permit Application. We look forward to your written confirmation of the adequacy of these responses and the eventual issuance of a permit to operate the new surface impoundments at Rodemacher Power Station.

Very truly yours,

*J. T. Simms, Jr.*

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Manager Power Plant Engineering  
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**ATTACHMENT 3**  
**BOTTOM ASH POND PERMEABILITY TESTS**



**HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY OF SATURATED POROUS MATERIAL USING A FLEXIBLE WALL PERMEAMETER BY ASTM D 5084**

Client:	Providence
Project Name:	Bottom Ash Pond at Brame Energy Center
Visual Description:	Moist Dark Grayish Brown Clay
Boring No.:	-----
Sample:	AB-1
Sample Length (inches):	30.0"
Sample Type:	Intact
Permeant Fluid:	De-aired Distilled Water
Orientation:	Vertical
Cell:	6/7
Sample Preparation:	Cut, trimmed and placed into permeameter at as received density and moisture content .Trimming moisture content =27.4 %
Assumed Specific Gravity:	2.65
Atterbergs:	LL: 64 PL:20 PI: 44

Parameter	Initial	Final
Height, in	2.85	2.80
Diameter, in	3.00	2.97
Area, in <sup>2</sup>	7.07	6.93
Volume, in <sup>3</sup>	20.1	19.4
Mass, g	618	618
Bulk Density, pcf	117	121
Moisture Content, %	25.7	25.7
Dry Density, pcf	92.8	96.4
Degree of Saturation, %	87.0	95.0

**B COEFFICIENT DETERMINATION**

Cell Pressure, psi: 97.04      Cell Pressure Increment, psi : 4.95      Increased Cell Pressure, psi : 101.99  
 Sample Pressure, psi: 87.03      Corresponding Sample Pressure, psi: 91.56      B Coefficient: 0.91  
 Sample Pressure Increment, psi: 4.53      (β value did not increase with increase in pressure. Final degree of saturation > 95%)

**FLOW DATA**

Date	Trial	Pressure, psi		Manometer Readings			Elapsed Time, sec	Gradient	Permeability K, cm/sec	Temp., °C	R <sub>t</sub>	Permeability K @ 20 °C cm/sec
		Cell	Sample	Z <sub>1</sub>	Z <sub>2</sub>	Z <sub>1</sub> -Z <sub>2</sub>						
8/30	1	97.0	87.0	16.5	16.3	0.2	132	29.2	3.7E-08	20.2	0.995	3.6E-08
8/30	2	97.0	87.0	16.5	16.3	0.2	139	29.2	3.5E-08	20.2	0.995	3.5E-08
8/30	3	97.0	87.0	16.3	16.3	0.2	144	29.2	3.4E-08	20.2	0.995	3.3E-08
8/30	4	97.0	87.0	16.3	16.3	0.2	149	29.2	3.2E-08	20.2	0.995	3.2E-08

**TEST RESULTS: PERMEABILITY AT 20 °C: 3.4 x10<sup>-8</sup> cm/sec (@ 10 psi effective stress)**



**HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY OF SATURATED POROUS MATERIAL USING A FLEXIBLE WALL PERMEAMETER BY ASTM D 5084**

Client:	Providence
Project Name:	Bottom Ash Pond at Brame Energy Center
Visual Description:	Moist Very Dark Grayish Brown Clay
Boring No.:	-----
Sample:	AB-2
Sample Length (inches):	24.0"
Sample Type:	Intact
Permeant Fluid:	De-aired Distilled Water
Orientation:	Vertical
Cell:	12/2
Sample Preparation:	Cut, trimmed and placed into permeameter at as received density and moisture content .Trimming moisture content =36.4 %
Assumed Specific Gravity:	2.65
Atterbergs:	LL: 69 PL:24 PI:45

Parameter	Initial	Final
Height, in	3.16	3.07
Diameter, in	2.90	2.86
Area, in <sup>2</sup>	6.61	6.42
Volume, in <sup>3</sup>	20.9	19.7
Mass, g	598	596
Bulk Density, pcf	109	115
Moisture Content, %	33.5	33.0
Dry Density, pcf	81.6	86.4
Degree of Saturation, %	86.0	96.0

**B COEFFICIENT DETERMINATION**

Cell Pressure, psi: 94.96      Cell Pressure Increment, psi : 5.18      Increased Cell Pressure, psi : 100.14  
 Sample Pressure, psi: 85.02      Corresponding Sample Pressure, psi: 90.03      B Coefficient: 0.97  
 Sample Pressure Increment, psi: 5.01

**FLOW DATA**

Date	Trial	Pressure, psi		Manometer Readings			Elapsed Time, sec	Gradient	Permeability K, cm/sec	Temp., °C	R <sub>t</sub>	Permeability K @ 20 °C cm/sec
		Cell	Sample	Z <sub>1</sub>	Z <sub>2</sub>	Z <sub>1</sub> -Z <sub>2</sub>						
8/30	1	95.0	85.0	18.0	17.8	0.2	60	29.1	8.7E-08	20.2	0.995	8.7E-08
8/30	2	95.0	85.0	18.0	17.8	0.2	62	29.1	8.5E-08	20.2	0.995	8.4E-08
8/30	3	95.0	85.0	18.0	17.8	0.2	67	29.1	7.8E-08	20.2	0.995	7.8E-08
8/30	4	95.0	85.0	18.0	17.8	0.2	70	29.1	7.5E-08	20.2	0.995	7.5E-08

**TEST RESULTS: PERMEABILITY AT 20 °C: 8.1 x10<sup>-8</sup> cm/sec (@ 10 psi effective stress)**



**HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY OF SATURATED POROUS MATERIAL USING A FLEXIBLE WALL PERMEAMETER BY ASTM D 5084**

Client:	Providence
Project Name:	Bottom Ash Pond at Brame Energy Center
Visual Description:	Moist Brown Clay
Boring No.:	----
Sample:	AB-3.1
Sample Length (inches):	33.0"
Sample Type:	Intact
Permeant Fluid:	De-aired Distilled Water
Orientation:	Vertical
Cell:	11/1
Sample Preparation:	Cut, trimmed and placed into permeameter at as received density and moisture content .Trimming moisture content =34.9 %
Assumed Specific Gravity:	2.65
Atterbergs:	LL:71 PL:26 PI: 45

Parameter	Initial	Final
Height, in	3.00	2.94
Diameter, in	2.88	2.87
Area, in <sup>2</sup>	6.51	6.47
Volume, in <sup>3</sup>	19.5	19.0
Mass, g	579	580
Bulk Density, pcf	113	116
Moisture Content, %	31.9	32.1
Dry Density, pcf	85.4	87.7
Degree of Saturation, %	90.0	96.0

**B COEFFICIENT DETERMINATION**

Cell Pressure, psi: 97.03      Cell Pressure Increment, psi : 4.91      Increased Cell Pressure, psi : 101.94  
 Sample Pressure, psi: 87.03      Corresponding Sample Pressure, psi: 91.51      B Coefficient: 0.91  
 Sample Pressure Increment, psi: 4.48      (β value did not increase with increase in pressure. Final degree of saturation > 95%)

**FLOW DATA**

Date	Trial	Pressure, psi		Manometer Readings			Elapsed Time, sec	Gradient	Permeability K, cm/sec	Temp., °C	R <sub>t</sub>	Permeability K @ 20 °C cm/sec
		Cell	Sample	Z <sub>1</sub>	Z <sub>2</sub>	Z <sub>1</sub> -Z <sub>2</sub>						
8/30	1	97.0	87.0	17.0	16.8	0.2	71	28.7	7.4E-08	20.2	0.995	7.4E-08
8/30	2	97.0	87.0	17.0	16.8	0.2	80	28.7	6.6E-08	20.2	0.995	6.6E-08
8/30	3	97.0	87.0	17.0	16.8	0.2	86	28.7	6.1E-08	20.2	0.995	6.1E-08
8/30	4	97.0	87.0	17.0	16.8	0.2	92	28.7	5.7E-08	20.2	0.995	5.7E-08

**TEST RESULTS: PERMEABILITY AT 20 °C: 6.5 x10<sup>-8</sup> cm/sec (@ 10 psi effective stress)**



**HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY OF SATURATED POROUS MATERIAL USING A FLEXIBLE WALL PERMEAMETER BY ASTM D 5084**

Client:	Providence
Project Name:	Bottom Ash Pond at Brame Energy Center
Visual Description:	Moist Light Yellowish Brown Clay
Boring No.:	-----
Sample:	AB-4.1
Sample Length (inches):	37.0"
Sample Type:	Intact
Permeant Fluid:	De-aired Distilled Water
Orientation:	Vertical
Cell:	1/6
Sample Preparation:	Cut, trimmed and placed into permeameter at as received density and moisture content .Trimming moisture content =21.4%
Assumed Specific Gravity:	2.65
Atterbergs:	LL: 51 PL: 22 PI: 29

Parameter	Initial	Final
Height, in	3.01	3.22
Diameter, in	2.86	2.91
Area, in <sup>2</sup>	6.42	6.65
Volume, in <sup>3</sup>	19.3	21.4
Mass, g	600	699
Bulk Density, pcf	118	124
Moisture Content, %	6.2	23.9
Dry Density, pcf	111.0	100.2
Degree of Saturation, %	33.0	97.0

**B COEFFICIENT DETERMINATION**

Cell Pressure, psi: 94.98      Cell Pressure Increment, psi : 4.96      Increased Cell Pressure, psi : 99.94  
 Sample Pressure, psi: 84.98      Corresponding Sample Pressure, psi: 89.76      B Coefficient: 0.96  
 Sample Pressure Increment, psi: 4.78

**FLOW DATA**

Date	Trial	Pressure, psi		Manometer Readings			Elapsed Time, sec	Gradient	Permeability K, cm/sec	Temp., °C	R <sub>t</sub>	Permeability K @ 20 °C cm/sec
		Cell	Sample	Z <sub>1</sub>	Z <sub>2</sub>	Z <sub>1</sub> -Z <sub>2</sub>						
8/22	1	95.0	85.0	17.5	17.3	0.2	73	27.0	7.5E-08	20.1	0.998	7.5E-08
8/22	2	95.0	85.0	17.5	17.3	0.2	81	27.0	6.7E-08	20.1	0.998	6.7E-08
8/22	3	95.0	85.0	17.5	17.3	0.2	88	27.0	6.2E-08	20.1	0.998	6.2E-08
8/22	4	95.0	85.0	17.5	17.3	0.2	94	27.0	5.8E-08	20.1	0.998	5.8E-08

**TEST RESULTS: PERMEABILITY AT 20 °C: 6.6 x10<sup>-8</sup> cm/sec (@ 10 psi effective stress)**



**HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY OF SATURATED POROUS MATERIAL USING A FLEXIBLE WALL PERMEAMETER BY ASTM D 5084**

Client:	Providence
Project Name:	Bottom Ash Pond at Brame Energy Center
Visual Description:	Moist Dark Brown Clay
Boring No.:	-----
Sample:	AB-5
Sample Length (inches):	33.0"
Sample Type:	Intact
Permeant Fluid:	De-aired Distilled Water
Orientation:	Vertical
Cell:	7/3
Sample Preparation:	Cut, trimmed and placed into permeameter at as received density and moisture content .Trimming moisture content =47.2%
Assumed Specific Gravity:	2.70
Atterbergs:	LL:81 PL: 26 PI: 55

Parameter	Initial	Final
Height, in	2.75	2.73
Diameter, in	2.97	2.89
Area, in <sup>2</sup>	6.93	6.56
Volume, in <sup>3</sup>	19.1	17.9
Mass, g	533	533
Bulk Density, pcf	106	113
Moisture Content, %	36.2	36.1
Dry Density, pcf	78.1	83.1
Degree of Saturation, %	84.0	95.0

**B COEFFICIENT DETERMINATION**

Cell Pressure, psi: 97.01      Cell Pressure Increment, psi : 4.93      Increased Cell Pressure, psi : 101.94  
 Sample Pressure, psi: 87.01      Corresponding Sample Pressure, psi: 91.54      B Coefficient: 0.92  
 Sample Pressure Increment, psi: 4.53      (β value did not increase with increase in pressure. Final degree of saturation > 95%)

**FLOW DATA**

Date	Trial	Pressure, psi		Manometer Readings			Elapsed Time, sec	Gradient	Permeability K, cm/sec	Temp., °C	R <sub>t</sub>	Permeability K @ 20 °C cm/sec
		Cell	Sample	Z <sub>1</sub>	Z <sub>2</sub>	Z <sub>1</sub> -Z <sub>2</sub>						
8/22	1	97.0	87.0	16.0	15.8	0.2	103	29.1	5.0E-08	20.1	0.998	5.0E-08
8/22	2	97.0	87.0	16.0	15.8	0.2	111	29.1	4.6E-08	20.1	0.998	4.6E-08
8/22	3	97.0	87.0	16.0	15.8	0.2	117	29.1	4.4E-08	20.1	0.998	4.4E-08
8/22	4	97.0	87.0	16.0	15.8	0.2	124	29.1	4.1E-08	20.1	0.998	4.1E-08

**TEST RESULTS: PERMEABILITY AT 20 °C: 4.5 x10<sup>-8</sup> cm/sec (@ 10 psi effective stress)**



**HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY OF SATURATED POROUS MATERIAL USING A FLEXIBLE WALL PERMEAMETER BY ASTM D 5084**

Client:	Providence
Project Name:	Bottom Ash Pond at Brame Energy Center
Visual Description:	Moist Dark Yellowish Brown Clay
Boring No.:	-----
Sample:	AB-6
Depth:	30.0'
Sample Type:	Intact
Permeant Fluid:	De-aired Distilled Water
Orientation:	Vertical
Cell:	7/3
Sample Preparation:	Cut, trimmed and placed into permeameter at as received density and moisture content .Trimming moisture content =78.0%
Assumed Specific Gravity:	2.65
Atterbergs:	LL: 102 PL:37 PI: 65

Parameter	Initial	Final
Height, in	3.07	3.01
Diameter, in	2.83	2.80
Area, in <sup>2</sup>	6.29	6.16
Volume, in <sup>3</sup>	19.3	18.5
Mass, g	465	460
Bulk Density, pcf	91	94
Moisture Content, %	74.8	73.2
Dry Density, pcf	52.3	54.5
Degree of Saturation, %	92.0	95.0

**B COEFFICIENT DETERMINATION**

Cell Pressure, psi: 95.01      Cell Pressure Increment, psi : 5.11      Increased Cell Pressure, psi : 100.12  
 Sample Pressure, psi: 85.01      Corresponding Sample Pressure, psi: 90.05      B Coefficient: 0.99  
 Sample Pressure Increment, psi: 5.04

**FLOW DATA**

Date	Trial	Pressure, psi		Manometer Readings			Elapsed Time, sec	Gradient	Permeability K, cm/sec	Temp., °C	R <sub>t</sub>	Permeability K @ 20 °C cm/sec
		Cell	Sample	Z <sub>1</sub>	Z <sub>2</sub>	Z <sub>1</sub> -Z <sub>2</sub>						
8/31	1	95.0	85.0	14.0	13.8	0.2	71	23.1	9.7E-08	19.7	1.008	9.8E-08
8/31	2	95.0	85.0	14.0	13.8	0.2	77	23.1	9.0E-08	19.7	1.008	9.0E-08
8/31	3	95.0	85.0	14.0	13.8	0.2	80	23.1	8.6E-08	19.7	1.008	8.7E-08
8/31	4	95.0	85.0	14.0	13.8	0.2	85	23.1	8.1E-08	19.7	1.008	8.2E-08

**TEST RESULTS: PERMEABILITY AT 20 °C: 8.9 x10<sup>-8</sup> cm/sec (@ 10 psi effective stress)**



**HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY OF SATURATED POROUS MATERIAL USING A FLEXIBLE WALL PERMEAMETER BY ASTM D 5084**

Client:	Providence
Project Name:	Bottom Ash Pond at Brame Energy Center
Visual Description:	Moist Dark Brown Clay
Boring No.:	-----
Sample:	AB-7
Sample Length (inches):	39.0'
Sample Type:	Intact
Permeant Fluid:	De-aired Distilled Water
Orientation:	Vertical
Cell:	19/2
Sample Preparation:	Cut, trimmed and placed into permeameter at as received density and moisture content .Trimming moisture content =56.2%
Assumed Specific Gravity:	2.65
Atterbergs:	LL:96 PL:36 PI: 60

Parameter	Initial	Final
Height, in	2.90	2.82
Diameter, in	2.90	2.87
Area, in <sup>2</sup>	6.61	6.47
Volume, in <sup>3</sup>	19.2	18.2
Mass, g	482	476
Bulk Density, pcf	96	99
Moisture Content, %	61.1	59.1
Dry Density, pcf	59.3	62.3
Degree of Saturation, %	91.0	95.0

**B COEFFICIENT DETERMINATION**

Cell Pressure, psi: 95.02      Cell Pressure Increment, psi : 4.92      Increased Cell Pressure, psi : 99.94  
 Sample Pressure, psi: 85.01      Corresponding Sample Pressure, psi: 89.35      B Coefficient: 0.88  
 Sample Pressure Increment, psi: 4.34      (β value did not increase with increase in pressure. Final degree of saturation > 95%)

**FLOW DATA**

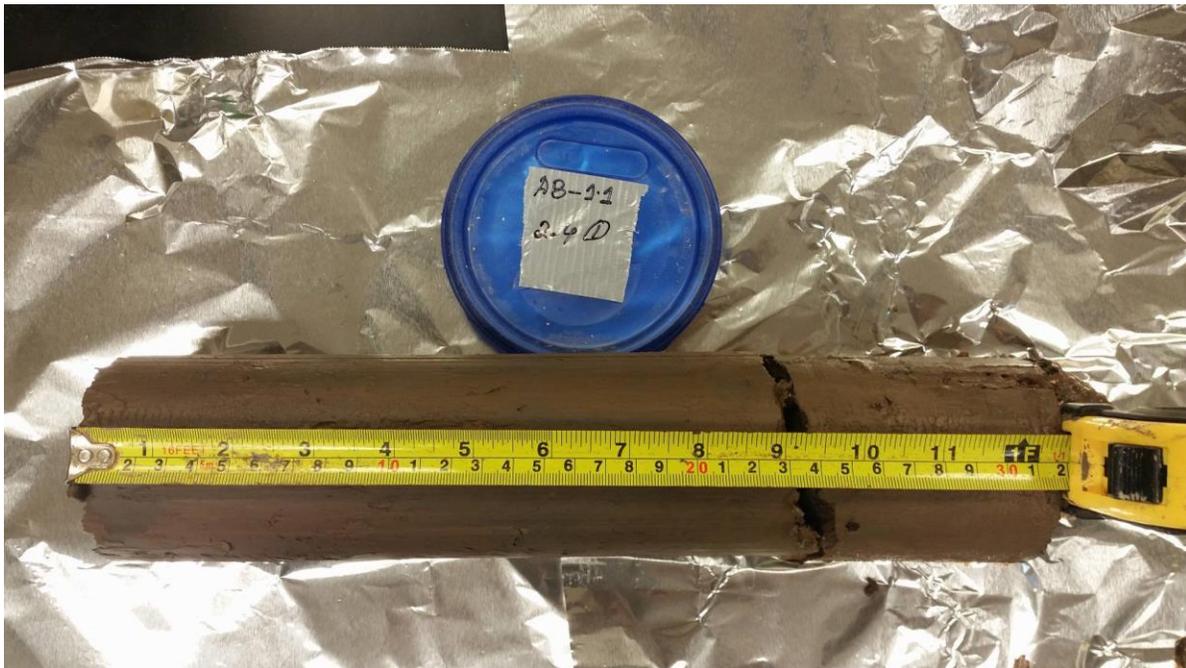
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		Cell	Sample	Z <sub>1</sub>	Z <sub>2</sub>	Z <sub>1</sub> -Z <sub>2</sub>						
8/31	1	95.0	85.0	14.0	13.8	0.2	72	24.6	8.6E-08	19.7	1.008	8.6E-08
8/31	2	95.0	85.0	14.0	13.8	0.2	74	24.6	8.3E-08	19.7	1.008	8.4E-08
8/31	3	95.0	85.0	14.0	13.8	0.2	78	24.6	7.9E-08	19.7	1.008	8.0E-08
8/31	4	95.0	85.0	14.0	13.8	0.2	82	24.6	7.5E-08	19.7	1.008	7.6E-08

**TEST RESULTS: PERMEABILITY AT 20 °C: 8.1 x10<sup>-8</sup> cm/sec (@ 10 psi effective stress)**

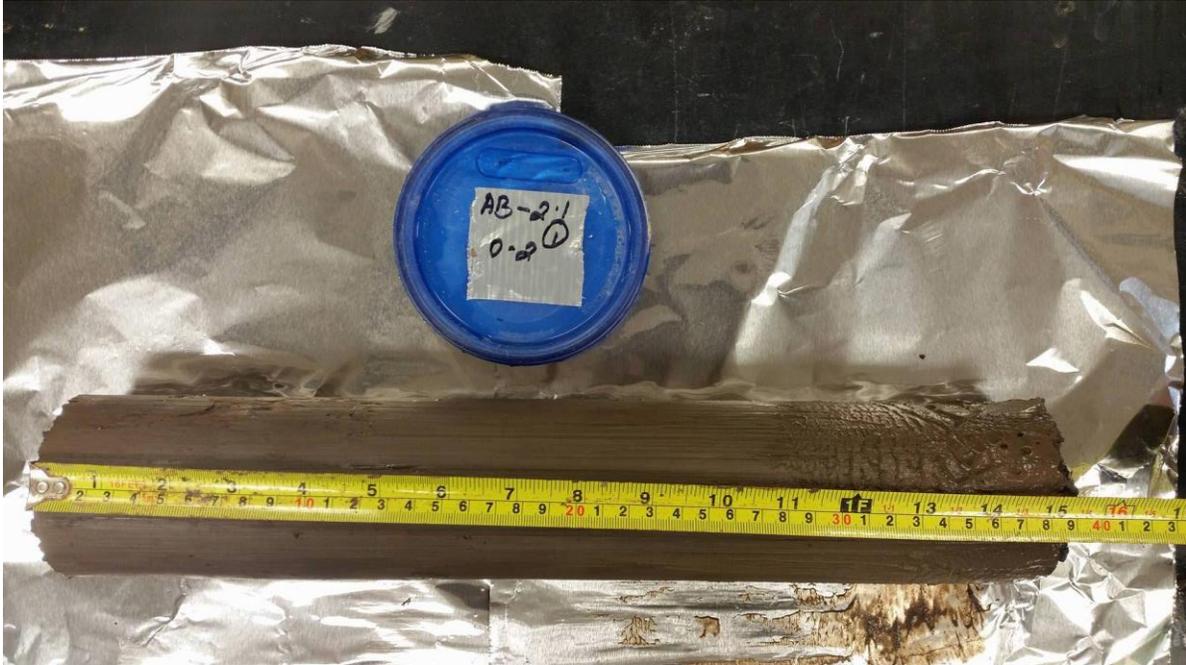
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**BOTTOM ASH POND BORING PHOTOS**



**PHOTOGRAPH 1**  
Bottom Ash Pond - Typical Geotechnical Drilling Rig Setup.



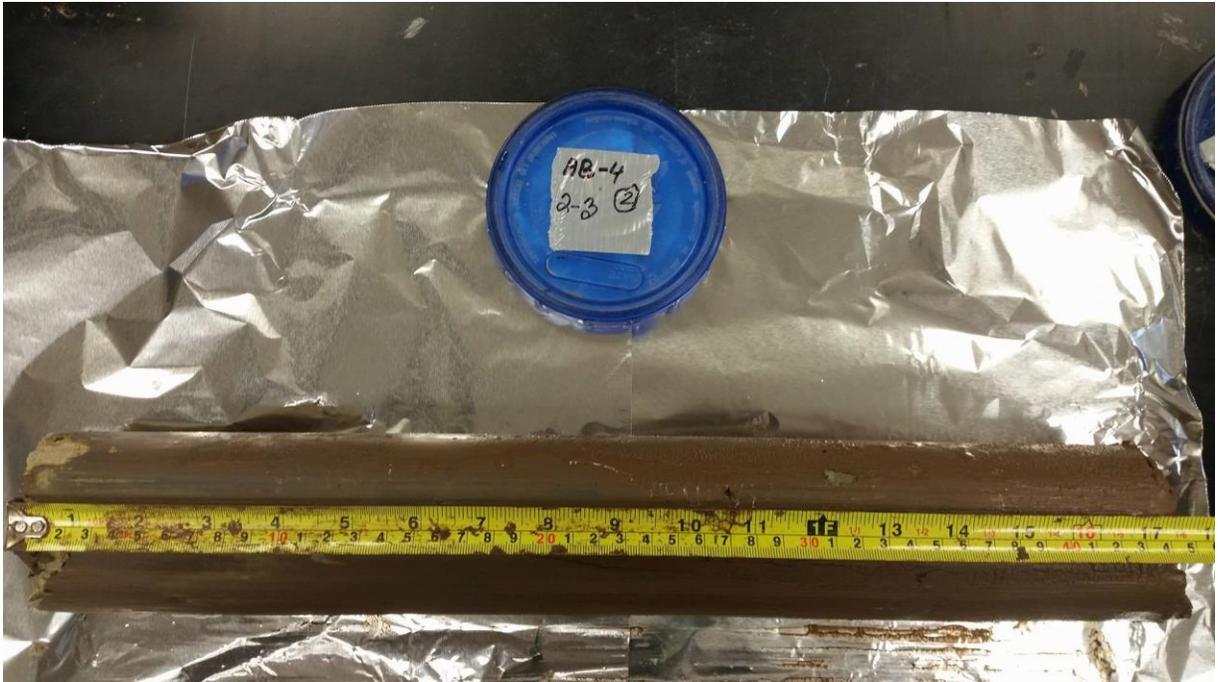
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Bottom Ash Pond Undisturbed Soil Sample AB-1.



**PHOTOGRAPH 3**  
Bottom Ash Pond Undisturbed Soil Sample AB-2.



**PHOTOGRAPH 4**  
Bottom Ash Pond Undisturbed Soil Sample AB-3.



**PHOTOGRAPH 5**  
Bottom Ash Pond Undisturbed Soil Sample AB-4.



**PHOTOGRAPH 6**  
Bottom Ash Pond Undisturbed Soil Sample AB-5.



**PHOTOGRAPH 7**  
Bottom Ash Pond Undisturbed Soil Sample AB-6.



**PHOTOGRAPH 8**  
Bottom Ash Pond Undisturbed Soil Sample AB-7.

**ATTACHMENT 5**  
**BOTTOM ASH POND P.E. CERTIFICATION**

**CLECO BRAME ENERGY CENTER  
BOTTOM ASH POND  
CCR LINER VERIFICATION ASSESSMENT**

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that I have performed a liner verification assessment for Cleco's Brame Energy Center Bottom Ash Pond in accordance with the 40 CFR 257.71 CCR requirements. This liner verification assessment has determined that the Bottom Ash Pond has met the following requirement:

- A liner consisting of a minimum of two feet of compacted soil with a hydraulic conductivity of no more than  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  cm/sec

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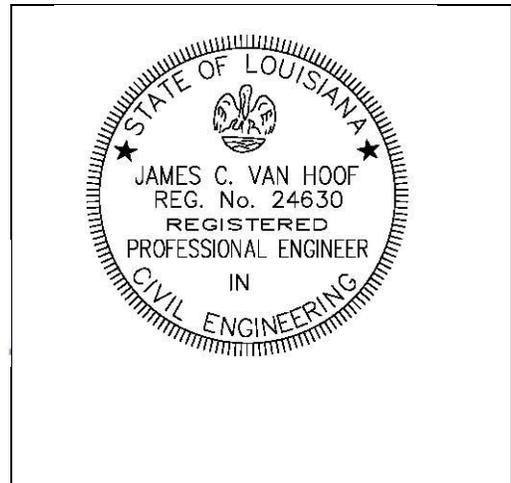
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## **FLY ASH POND**

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## FLY ASH POND CCR LINER VERIFICATION

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Effective October 17, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) implemented final rule, 40 CFR 257, the Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) regulations. Included in the final rule is 40 CFR 257.71, the liner requirements for CCR surface impoundments.

Cleco Power LLC (Cleco) has consulted with Providence Engineering and Environmental Group LLC (Providence) to determine if the bottom liner system in the Fly Ash Pond CCR surface impoundment at the Brame Energy Center in Lena, Louisiana meets the liner requirements of the newly promulgated CCR regulations.

A Site Location Map and a Site Plan showing the location of the Fly Ash surface impoundment within the facility is provided as **Figures 1** and **2**.

## 2.0 SUMMARY OF 40 CFR 257.71 LINER REQUIREMENTS

No later than October 17, 2016, the owner or operator of an existing CCR surface impoundment must document whether or not such unit was constructed with any one of the following:

- a. A liner consisting of a minimum of two feet of compacted soil with a hydraulic conductivity of no more than  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  cm/sec
- b. A composite liner that meets the requirements of 257.70(b), or
- c. An alternative composite liner that meets the requirements of 257.70(c)

The hydraulic conductivity of the compacted soil must be determined using recognized and generally accepted methods.

An existing CCR surface impoundment is considered to be an existing unlined CCR surface impoundment if either:

1. The owner or operator of the CCR unit is not constructed with a liner that meets the requirements of a, b, or c above, or
2. The owner or operator of the CCR unit fails to document whether the CCR unit was constructed with a liner that meets the requirements of a, b, or c above.

EPA defines a CCR surface impoundment in Part 257 as “a natural topographic depression, manmade excavation, or diked area, which is designed to hold an accumulation of CCR and liquids, and the unit treats, stores and disposes of CCR”.

The owner or operator of the CCR unit must obtain a certification from a qualified professional engineer attesting that the documentation meets the requirements of 257.71.

### 3.0 FLY ASH POND FACTS

Historical documents relating to Cleco's Fly Ash Pond includes the following information:

- Per attached letter (**Attachment 1**) dated August 1, 1983, from J.T. Simms (Cleco) to Mr. John Koury (LDNR Solid Waste Division) the Fly Ash Pond permit issued under Louisiana Solid Waste Division on November 19, 1981, it was discovered by Cleco personnel that there appeared to be insufficient clay in certain areas of the Fly Ash Pond to meet the liner requirements of the Solid Waste Rules and Regulations. This was subsequently verified in the field and the cause was determined to be over-borrowing of the in-situ clay.
- The problem was explained to Mr. Koury in a meeting in his office on April 22, 1982 (noted in **Attachment 1**). A proposal was made to use a small area (ABIH) of the Fly Ash Pond (Drawing AP-13 in **Attachment 1**) which did have sufficient liner until a permanent solution could be formulated. Mr. Koury approved the temporary use of the small area in a letter dated May 11, 1982 (noted in **Attachment 1**).
- Alternative liner substances for the area not having sufficient liner were determined to be economically or administratively unacceptable.
- In a letter dated December 13, 1982, (noted in **Attachment 1**) Cleco proposed an alternative to enclose 30 acres of the original 104 acres with the construction of a new dike within the original perimeter dikes. Most of the 30 acres already contained an acceptable liner. Those that did not would be repaired to meet the liner specifications of the Solid Waste Rules and Regulations.
- Three feet of clay liner was added to the interior slope of the levee as well as areas of the bottom liner that needed repair.
- Drawings AP-10 and AP-11 (**Attachment 1**) shows the extension of the dike (approximately 1,685 ft.).

Below is from a letter from Cleco to LDNR Solid Waste Management Division dated December 22, 1983 referencing the Fly Ash Pond (**Attachment 2 Fly Ash Pond Modification Soil Borings**).

The new interior dike has been placed as close as possible to the existing in situ clay which allows use of the maximum area for disposal and required the least amount of construction effort. The three-foot layer of clay on the interior slope of the new dike was made continuous with the clay already on the bottom of the new active disposal area.

After the clay was placed on the slope of the new dike, soil borings were made to verify the continuity of the clay liner along the bottom of the new active area. The borings were made along the edge of the new dike near suspected silty areas. The borings were located from 100 to 300 feet apart which is sufficient to predict accurately the continuous clay liner. The latest soil borings, together with those taken in the Fly Ash Pond where it was first constructed, establish the fact that there is clay of sufficient thickness and permeability over the entire bottom of the new active disposal area.

#### 4.0 FLY ASH POND LINER PERMEABILITIES

Cleco's 1981 Fly Ash Pond solid waste permit application states the following:

Section 6.4.3.C.3.bii of the solid waste permit application (**Attachment 3**)

- Beneath most of the Fly Ash Pond and underlying the top clay stratum is approximately 25 to 40 feet of clay
- Laboratory coefficient of permeability for the in situ clay at boring 232 is  $1.1 \times 10^{-8}$  cm/sec
- 3-foot-thick clay layer was placed over the bottom of the Fly Ash Pond
- The extent of the clay blanket was determined in the field by ensuring that the in situ clay had a minimum thickness of 3 feet
- Laboratory permeability tests on recompacted samples of the clay along the dike extension varied from  $1.4 \times 10^{-8}$  to  $8.9 \times 10^{-9}$  cm/sec
- Soils were classified as CH according to the Unified Soil Classification System, except for boring 231 which was SM (silty sand)
- Clay liner was placed in horizontal lifts of 8 to 10 inches and was compacted with "sheeps foot" compaction equipment

No additional permeability verification laboratory results are available for the general area of the Fly Ash Pond.

#### 5.0 CLAY LINER SAMPLING ACTIVITIES

In order to verify the clay liner thickness and permeabilities in those locations that Cleco did not have enough verifiable information, six (6) Shelby tubes were installed in the Fly Ash Pond as shown in **Figure 3**.

The specific methods that were followed for the collection of the clay liner samples are summarized in the following sections.

## 5.1 Clay Liner Sampling

Providence contracted a Louisiana licensed driller to provide personnel and equipment, including a drilling rig mounted on a track propelled marsh buggy, to collect undisturbed samples of the clay liner in the bottom of the Fly Ash Pond. The marsh buggy was positioned at the sample locations based on survey data points.

A temporary surface casing was used to compliment sampling and retraction grouting procedures. The materials at the mud-line were hand probed. If soft unconsolidated material was present, a 4" nominal diameter temporary surface casing was lightly pressed into place. If harder materials were present, they were broken up in order to place the temporary surface casing. For mechanical breaking of the surface material, the driller utilized Geoprobe "pre-probing tools", followed by, or in combination with, a frost auger or other solid/hollow stem auger. The express intent of this action was to only break hardened sediments (and not significantly penetrate the clay liner) such that the surface casing could be installed.

As stated above, Cleco collected six (6) samples of the clay liner in the Fly Ash Pond. A temporary surface casing was used at each sampling location. Undisturbed Shelby tubes were pushed to collect unconsolidated and consolidated soil matrices from the bottom of the pond, not impoundment sediments. Shelby tube samples were collected in approximately two foot intervals.

All sample locations were plugged and abandoned using CETCO 3/8 diameter coated bentonite pellets. The coated pellets are designed to "drop" through water and hydrate once they "fall" in-place. The pellets were dropped through the temporary surface casing described above. The amount placed was calculated based on the diameter of the soil boring and depth of penetration below the sediment line. Once the pellets were in-place, the surface casing was removed.

## 5.2 Sample Collection and Handling

### *Sample Handling*

The Shelby tubes containing the undisturbed soil samples were capped on the tops and bottoms, and retained in as vertical position as possible and the samples were handled with care in order to minimize disturbance. The Shelby tubes were not opened in the field but were brought to the contract geotechnical laboratory where they were opened and examined for overall sample quality. A representative sample of the material in the Shelby tube was collected for the permeability testing and Atterberg limit determination.

## 6.0 LABORATORY ANALYSES

Providence subcontracted to APS Engineering and Testing (APS) geotechnical testing laboratory to conduct Atterberg limit determinations for the clay liner material obtained from each sample from the bottom of the pond in accordance with ASTM D 4318 and to conduct hydraulic conductivity analysis (permeability) on the samples of the clay liner material obtained from the bottom of the pond in accordance with ASTM D 5084. The results of the Atterberg limit determinations and hydraulic conductivity analysis were compared to the liner requirements for CCR facilities contained in the recently promulgated regulations.

## 7.0 DATA EVALUATION AND REPORTING

The geotechnical data from the original application and follow-up information to LDNR is shown in **Table 1** below for the Fly Ash Pond.

**Table 1 Fly Ash Pond Permeabilities (Historical)**

Boring ID	Clay Type	Liquid Limit	Plastic Limit	Plasticity Index	Permeability cm/sec
SA-1	Brown Clay	71	25	46	$3.3 \times 10^{-9}$
SA-2	Brown Clay	60	21	39	$5.5 \times 10^{-9}$
SA-3	Brown Clay	42	16	26	$7.8 \times 10^{-9}$
SA-4	Brown Clay	40	16	24	$1.7 \times 10^{-8}$
SA-5	Brown Clay	39	16	23	$6.6 \times 10^{-9}$
SA-7	Brown Clay	39	19	20	$1.4 \times 10^{-8}$

These Boring ID locations are shown in **Attachment 3**.

APS completed the Atterberg limit determinations and the permeability analysis for the samples obtained from the Fly Ash Pond which is shown in **Attachment 4**. Photos depicting samples of the clay liner material obtained from the bottom of the Fly Ash pond are shown in **Attachment 5**. All of the samples tested met the permeability requirements as shown in **Table 2** below. Based on the sample specimens obtained, the liner met or exceeded the two feet of compacted clay required by the CCR regulations for the Fly Ash Pond. This data reinforces the data from the original permit application and any follow-up information provided to LDNR.

**Table 2 Fly Ash Pond Permeabilities (Additional Data)**

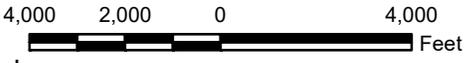
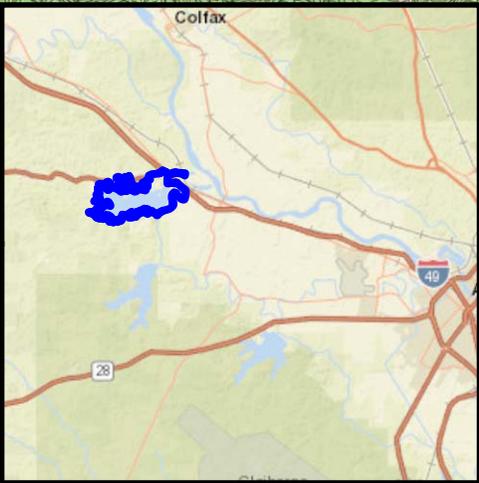
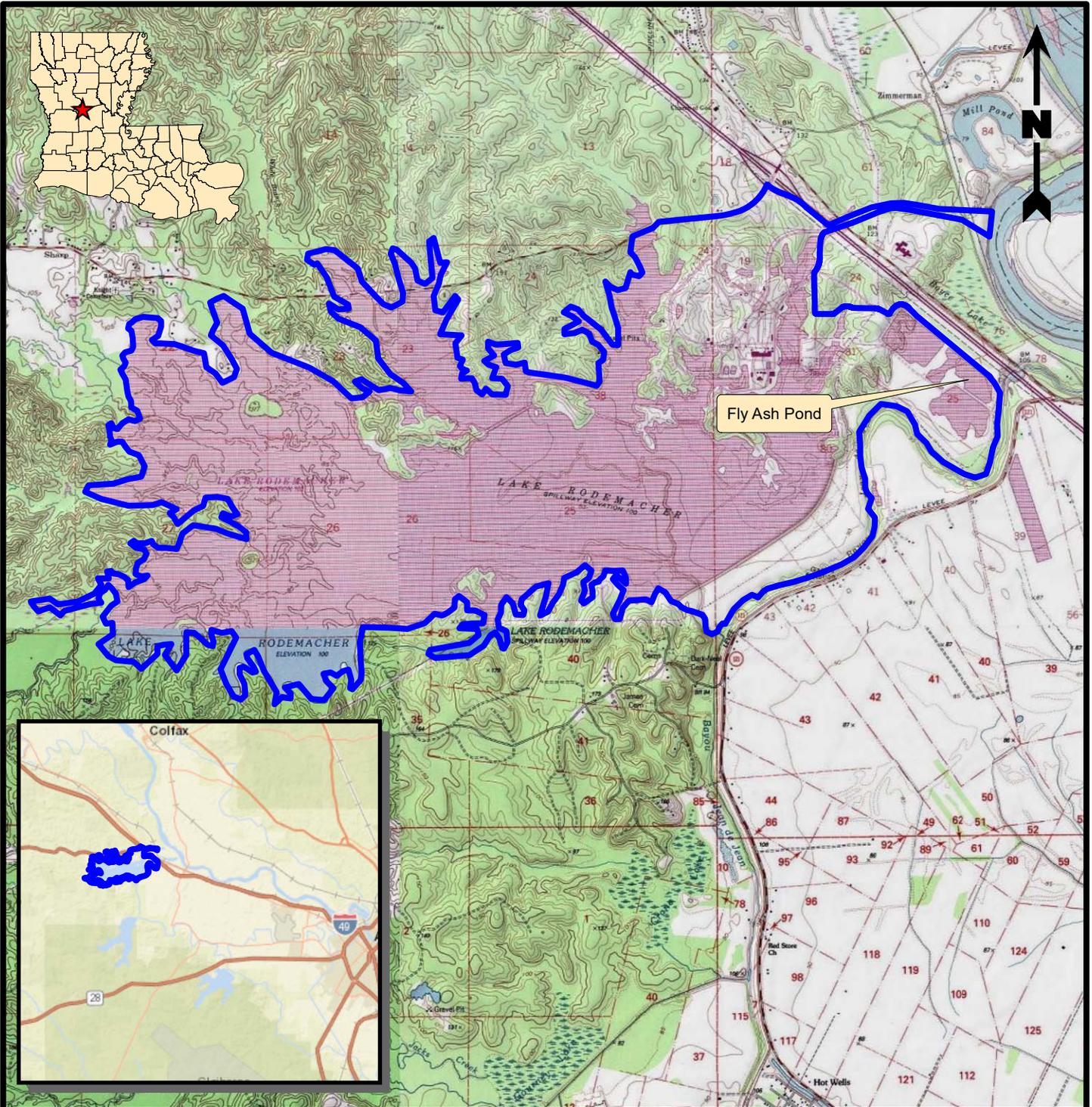
Boring ID	Clay Type	Liquid Limit	Plastic Limit	Plasticity Index	Permeability cm/sec
FA-1	Grayish Brown Clay	91	40	51	$2.4 \times 10^{-8}$
FA-2	Grayish Brown Clay	118	28	90	$4.9 \times 10^{-8}$
FA-3	Grayish Brown Clay	73	31	42	$5.2 \times 10^{-8}$
FA-4	Grayish Brown Clay	117	38	79	$8.9 \times 10^{-8}$
FA-5	Grayish Brown Clay	91	33	58	$5.2 \times 10^{-8}$
FA-6	Grayish Brown Clay	87	30	57	$3.5 \times 10^{-8}$

## 8.0 CONCLUSIONS

Providence reviewed the existing information that was completed when the Fly Ash Pond was constructed and noted that Cleco intended to have a three-foot “compacted” clay liner in place for the Fly Ash Pond that met the regulatory permeability requirements at the time of construction. Available information for the pond is noted in **Table 1**. Providence could not locate all of the laboratory permeability results for the liner in the Fly Ash Pond, therefore, additional undisturbed samples of the clay liner were obtained to verify the thickness of the clay liner and to verify the permeability of the bottom liner system. Based on the information in **Table 1**, along with the additional data in **Table 2**, Providence confirms that a liner consisting of a minimum of two feet of compacted soil with a hydraulic conductivity of no more than  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  cm/sec is in-place for the Fly Ash Pond at Brame Energy Center.

Based on the results for the liner verification, the existing clay liner for the Fly Ash Pond meets the liner verification requirements of the CCR regulations at 40 CFR 257.71. **Attachment 6** contains a P.E. Certification that attests to this assessment.

**FIGURE 1**  
**SITE LOCATION MAP**



**Legend**

 Property Boundary

**Reference**

Base map comprised of U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute topographic maps, "Lena, LA", "Boyce, LA", "Jericho, LA", and "Gardner, LA".

**Site Location Map**

**Liner Verification - Fly Ash Pond**  
Boyce, Rapides Parish, Louisiana

**Cleco Power LLC**  
Brame Energy Center



Drawn By	LMM	10/04/16
Checked By	LMH	10/04/16
Approved By	CVH	10/04/16

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**FIGURE 2**  
**SITE MAP**



**Legend**

 Property Boundary

**Reference**

Base map comprised of Google Earth aerial imagery from 10/03/14.



**Site Map**

**Liner Verification - Fly Ash Pond**  
Boyce, Rapides Parish, Louisiana

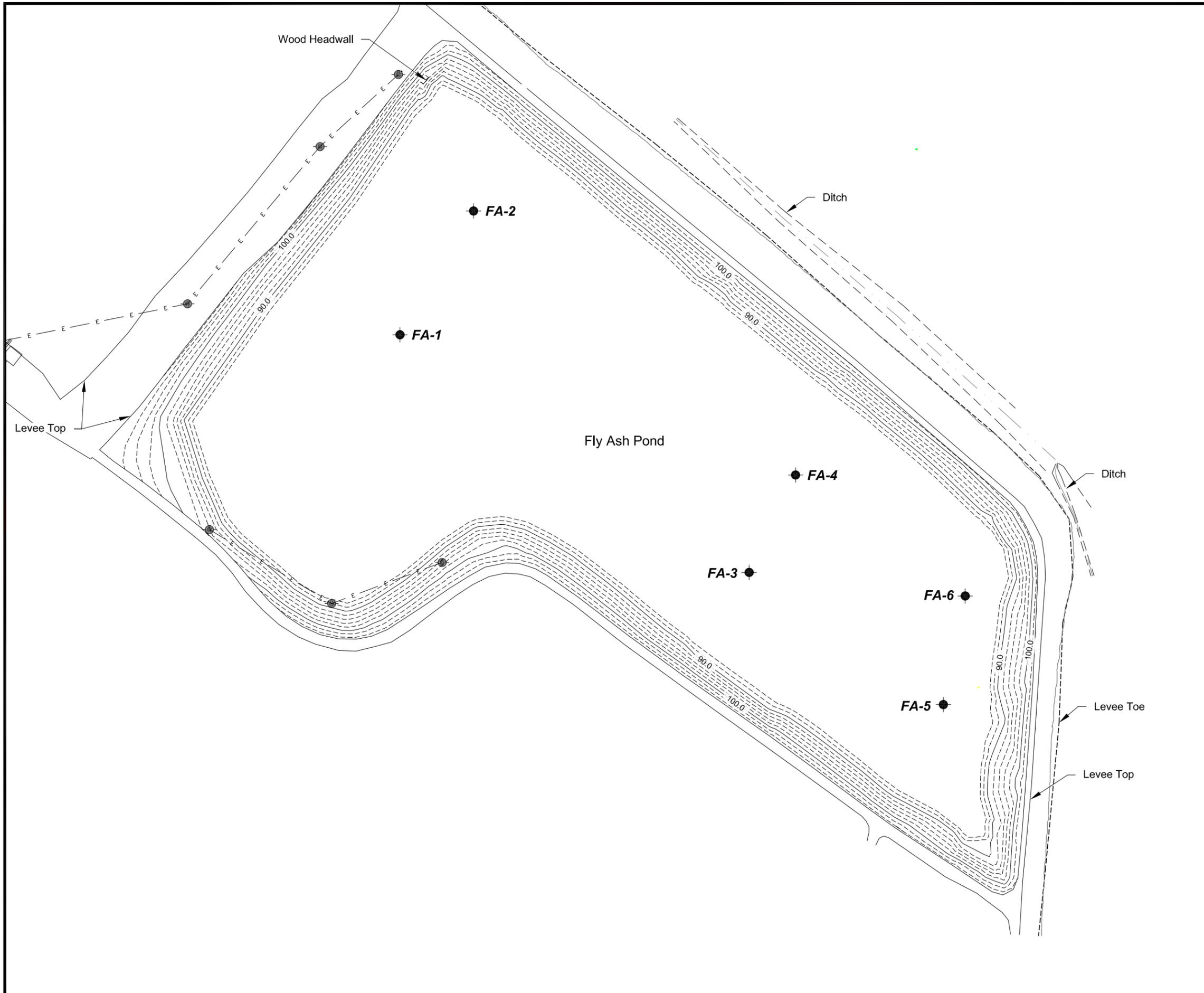
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**FIGURE 3**  
**FLY ASH POND LINER VERIFICATION**

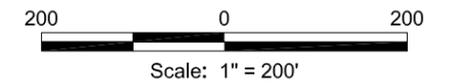


**Legend**

- Major Contour (10' Interval)
- - - - Minor Contour (2' Interval)
- E — Water Line
- Power Pole
- Boring Location

**Note**

Above grade contours and features presented are comprised of survey data obtained in June of 2015. The survey contours for the ash material were removed to depict the bottom contours of the pond. The pond contours underneath the ash material and in the pond bottom are a combination of survey data collected in June of 2015 and elevation data obtained from historical figures.



**Fly Ash Pond  
Liner Verification**

Clay Liner Verification  
Boyce, Rapides Parish, Louisiana

**Cleco Power LLC**  
Brame Energy Center



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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**FLY ASH POND MODIFICATION FROM ORIGINAL  
CONSTRUCTION**



August 1, 1983

Mr. John Koury, Administrator  
Solid Waste Division  
P. O. Box 44066  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Mr. Koury:

Enclosed please find three copies of a proposal which CLECO is submitting for the repair and rearrangement of the Fly Ash Pond at Rodemacher Power Station Unit 2. This is a request that you modify permit number P-0005 to reflect the information contained in the proposal. We trust that the information and drawings supplied are sufficient for a complete review by your staff.

It is important that construction of this project begin well in advance of the wet winter months. For this reason, we would appreciate an expeditious reply to this request.

Very truly yours,

J. T. Simms, Jr., Manager  
Resource Development Division

JTSjr/PJT:aw  
Enclosures

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L. G. Fontenot  
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A PROPOSAL FOR FLY ASH POND REPAIR  
RODEMACHER POWER STATION UNIT 2  
CENTRAL LOUISIANA ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.  
AUGUST 1983

I. BACKGROUND

The Fly Ash Pond at Rodemacher Station is a 104-acre facility which is permitted under Louisiana Solid Waste Permit number P-0005. This permit was issued by the Solid Waste Division on November 19, 1981, for solid waste disposal facilities associated with Rodemacher Power Station Unit 2, including the Fly Ash Pond, Bottom Ash Pond, Clarifier Sludge Pond, and Unit 2 Boiler Cleaning Waste Pond.

Prior to the final inspection by Solid Waste Division staff, it was discovered by CLECO personnel that there appeared to be insufficient clay in certain areas of the Fly Ash Pond to meet the liner requirements of the Solid Waste Rules and Regulations. This was subsequently verified in the field and the cause was determined to be over borrowing of the in-situ clay.

The problem was explained to Mr. John Koury in a meeting in his office on April 22, 1982, and a proposal was made to use a small area of the Fly Ash Pond which did have sufficient liner until a permanent solution could be formulated. Mr. Koury approved the temporary use of the small area in a letter dated May 11, 1982, provided that periodic progress reports of our plans for a permanent solution were made to him. The

substance of this meeting was confirmed in a letter to Mr. Koury dated April 16, 1982, and signed by J. T. Simms, Jr. Since this initial meeting and explanation, CLECO has used only the small area which was approved for the disposal of fly ash, and has made the required progress reports.

## II. PROGRESS

Since the problem with the liner was discovered, CLECO has been actively seeking a solution to the problem. We have sought administrative relief from the requirement to have a complete liner; we have investigated the use of alternative liner substances including fly ash and soil bentonite combinations. These alternatives were found to be economically or administratively unacceptable. This left one alternative as the most practical approach to the problem. This alternative was explained to Mr. Koury in a letter dated December 13, 1982, and basically provides for the construction of a new dike within the original perimeter dikes. The new disposal area would enclose approximately 30 acres of the original Fly Ash Pond. Most of these 30 acres contain an acceptable liner. Those portions which do not have an acceptable liner will be repaired to meet the liner specifications of the Solid Waste Rules and Regulations.

Before this plan could be implemented, the weather began to cause a serious problem in the pond. Heavy rains during the winter of 1982 caused extensive flooding in the Fly Ash Pond. We were allowed to pump this water from the pond per the terms of an Administrative Order

issued by EPA in January of 1983. Spring rains have caused another large volume of water to accumulate in the pond. The water in the Fly Ash Pond has delayed the implementation of our plans and continues to trouble us as evaporation may not give sufficient relief before another wet season is upon us. The disposition of the water in the Fly Ash Pond has become a part of our overall plan, as explained below.

#### PROPOSED SOLUTION

CLECO's proposal to solve the problem in the Fly Ash Pond consists of two phases. Reference will be made to the following enclosed drawings to assist in understanding the proposal:

M-1	Property Plat of Rodemacher Station
M-2-1	Property Plat Showing Location of Monitor Wells
AP-10	Fly Ash Pond General Arrangement
AP-11 Sheet 1	Plan of Fly Ash Pond Disposal Enlargement
AP-11 Sheet 2	Fly Ash Pond Dike Section
AP-12 Sheet 1	Plan of Fly Ash Pond Discharge Pipe
AP-12 Sheet 2	Fly Ash Pond Discharge Pipe Section
AP-13	New Fly Ash Pond Arrangement

Drawing M-1 shows the relationship of the Fly Ash Pond to the area at Rodemacher Station. At present, fly ash is disposed of in the area ABIH as shown on drawing AP-13. There is a temporary dike which also serves as a road along line BDE. Phase 1 of the plan is to construct a new permanent dike along line GEDC. This new dike would enclose an area of approximately 30 acres. The general arrangement of the new disposal area is shown on drawing AP-10. The soil will be studied in this new area and any part of the bottom which is deficient in clay liner will be repaired to conform to

the Solid Waste Rules and Regulations. Construction details are shown on AP-11, sheets 1 and 2.

There is a substantial amount of water standing in the Fly Ash Pond except in the active disposal area (ABIH). In order for construction of the new dike to proceed, this water will be moved in the following manner. A temporary dike will be constructed from the present temporary dike at point D to a point C on the perimeter dike. Once completed, any remaining water within the area BCDI will be pumped to the inactive area. This water has never been in contact with fly ash and is essentially collected rainwater. Once this water is removed, soil samples will be taken to determine which areas within BCDI will require additional clay liner. Those areas requiring additional clay will be repaired and construction will begin on the new permanent dike (GEDC). The temporary dike from EDC will become part of the fill for the permanent dike (GEDC). The relationship of the temporary dike and the permanent dike is shown in cross section on drawing AP-11, sheet 2. Some water has collected near the present active disposal area (ABIH). At some point during or after the construction of the new permanent dike GEDC, this water will be released to the entire new disposal area (ABCDEFH). This will be accomplished by breaching the present temporary dike at some point along DIB. This action will not be taken until GEDC is sufficiently complete to prevent this water from getting to the inactive area. When the new dike (GEDC) is completed, fly ash will be disposed of only within area ABCDEFH. Runoff which falls in this area will be totally contained therein.

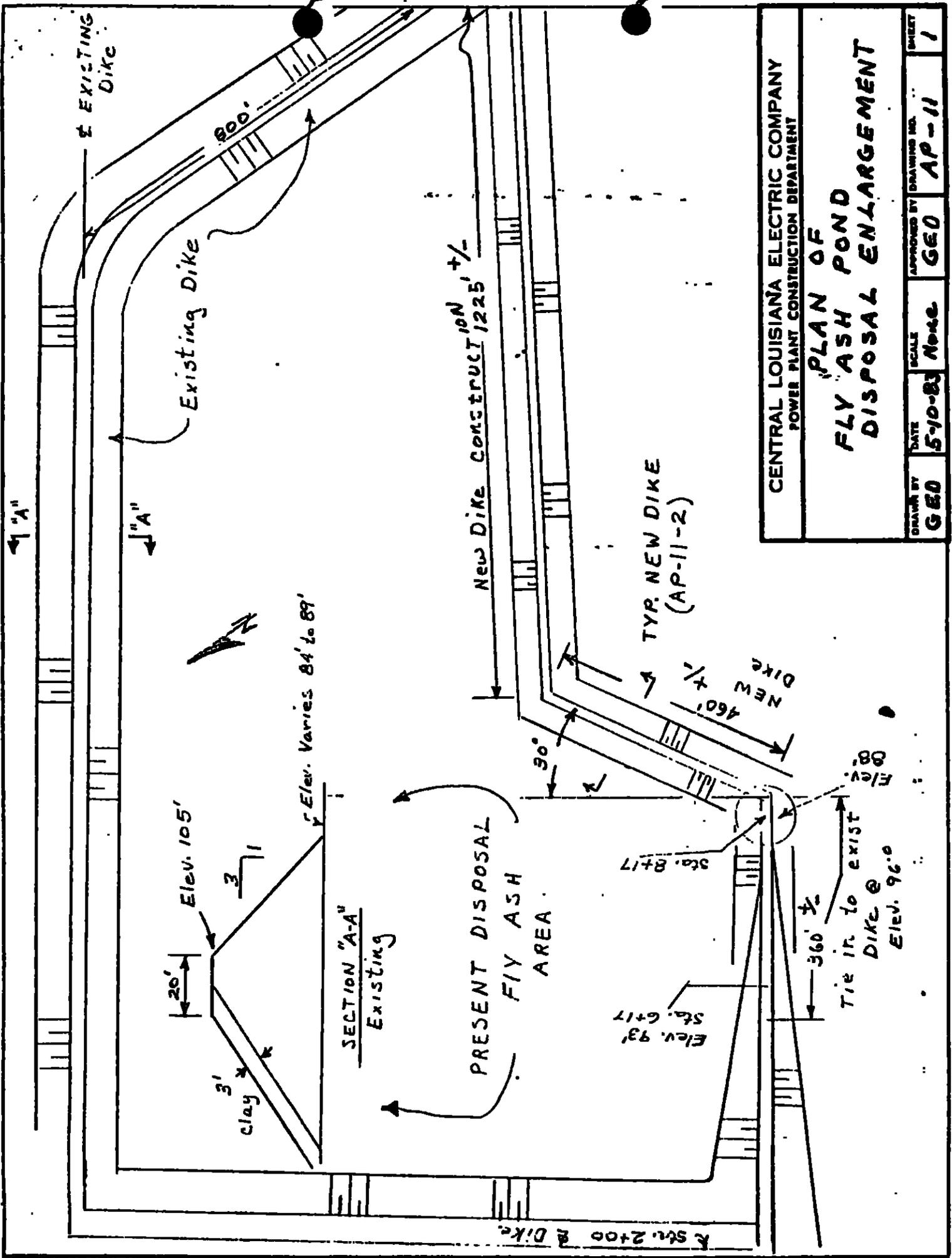
During the construction of the new permanent dike, GEDC, or shortly after its completion, Phase 2 will begin and will provide for the disposal of the water in the inactive area. Water which is presently in the inactive area has not been in contact with the disposed fly ash. A 12" steel discharge pipe will be pushed through the perimeter dike to allow rainwater which has collected in the inactive area to drain to Bayou Jean de Jean. If this work is completed before the new temporary dike (DC) is finished, water in area BCDI will drain naturally toward the inactive area, and will not have to be pumped. As mentioned earlier, the water which is presently in BCDI is merely rainwater runoff. The proposed location of the discharge pipe is shown on drawing AP-13. The arrangement of the discharge pipe in the perimeter dike is shown on AP-12, sheet 1. A cross section of the perimeter dike showing the discharge pipe is shown on drawing AP-12, sheet 2.

CLECO believes that this proposal is environmentally sound and will cause no adverse impacts. The provisions outlined in the original permit application are still applicable and no changes are required since this modification involves only a change in size of the disposal facility. The substantive provisions which demonstrate compliance with Section 6.4.3. of the Solid Waste Rules and Regulations are unchanged. Drawing M-2-1 shows the location of the groundwater monitoring wells at Rodemacher Station. The location of wells W-3, W-4 and W-5 is such that they will detect any groundwater contamination of the new proposed arrangement of the Fly Ash Pond.

CLECO wishes to reserve the right to use the inactive area for fly ash disposal at some future date. Should it become necessary in the future

to use the inactive area, CLECO will make all repairs necessary so that the area complies fully with the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Solid Waste Rules and Regulations. Any plans to repair and use the inactive area for fly ash disposal will not begin without first obtaining the permission of the Solid Waste Division.

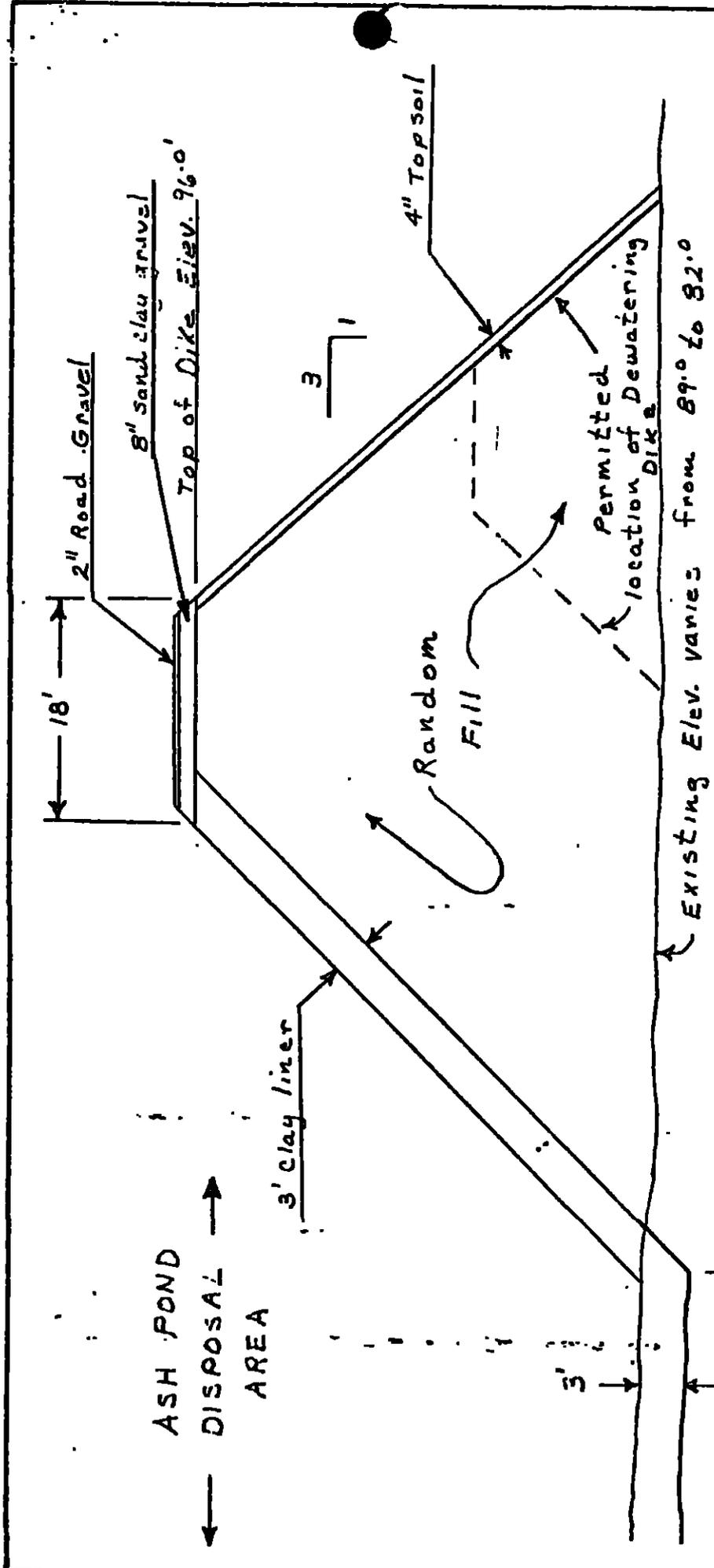




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POWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

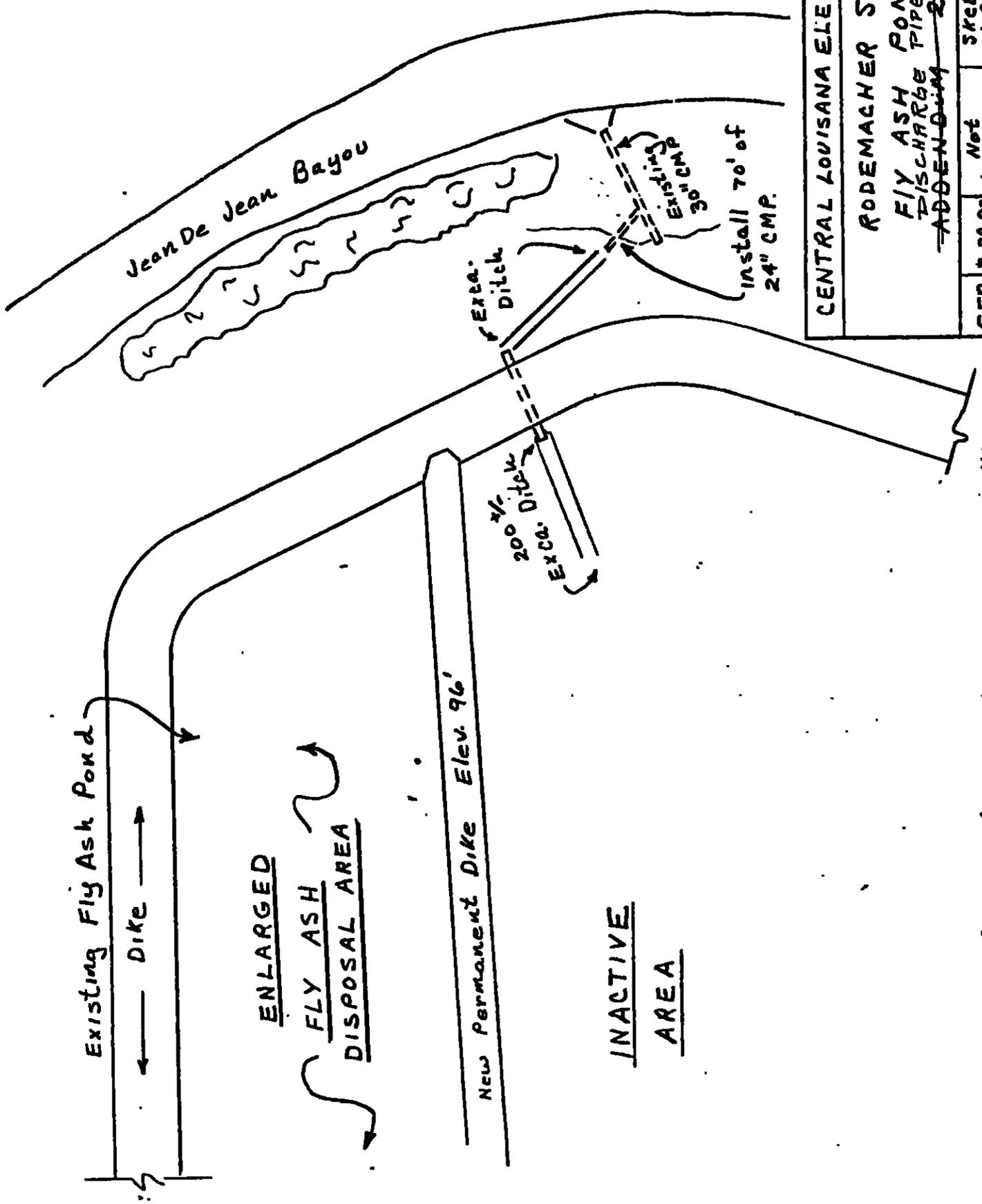
PLAN OF  
FLY ASH POND  
DISPOSAL ENLARGEMENT

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TYPICAL SECTION  
NEW DIKE  
 (AP-11 sheet 1)

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Dike Section			
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CENTRAL LOUISIANA ELECTRIC CO.	
RODEMACHER STATION	
FLY ASH POND	
<del>PISCHARGE PIPE</del>	
<del>ADDENDUM 2</del>	
GED	7-28-83
Not to SCALE	SKETCH
	AP-12
	1

FLY ASH POND

Existing  
Dike

Elev. 105'

3

Elev. 90'

Invert Elev. 81.5'

Invert Elev. 81.0'

Excavate Ditch to allow drainage of work area approx. 200'

Excavate Ditch & install 24" C.M.P. as shown below.

Install 140' of 12" steel coated & wrapped pipe as per specifications contained in Addendum 2.

Existing ground

Invert Elev. 86'

Tie-in 24" C.M.P. @ Elev. 80.5' see AP-12 sheet 2

Invert EL. 77'

75' ±

Existing 30" C.M.P. 14 Gage

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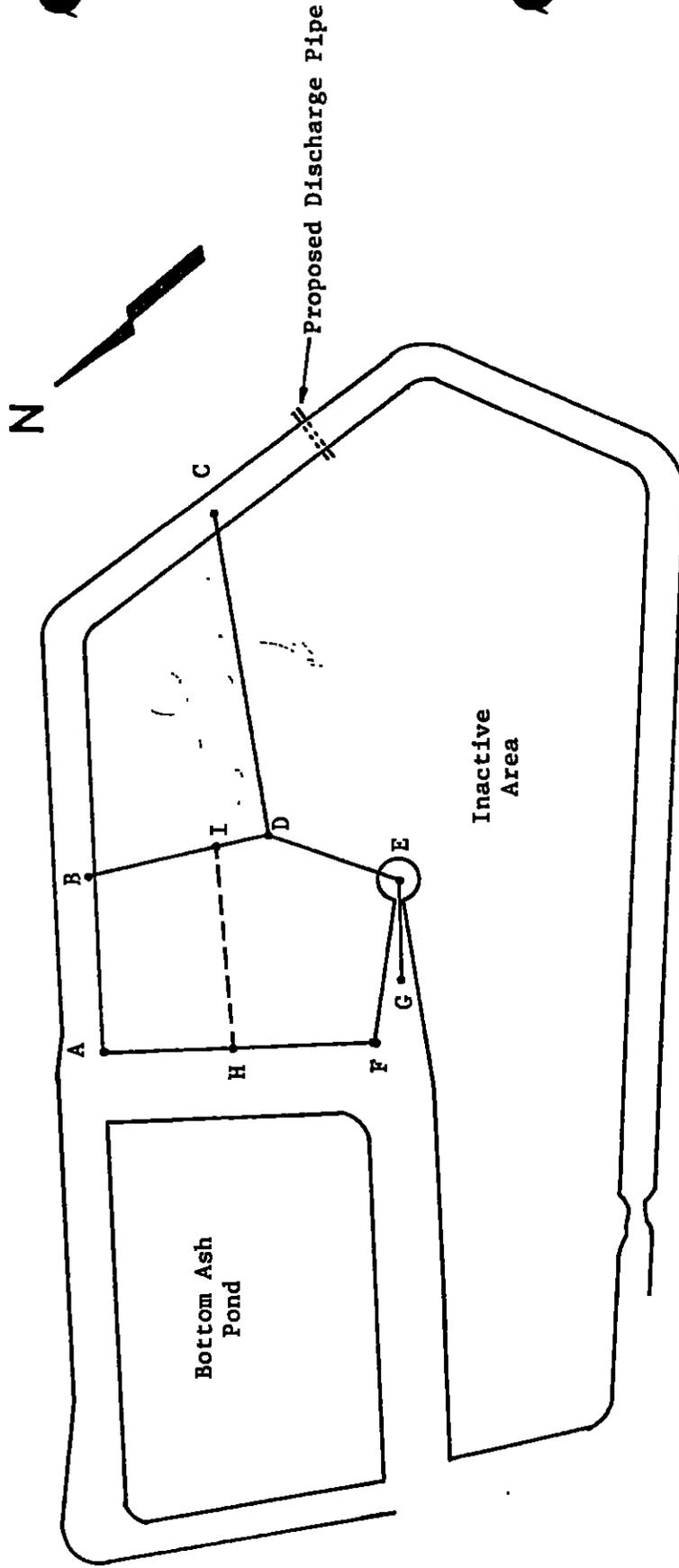
RODEMACHER STATION

FLY ASH POND  
PNEUMATIC PIPE SECTION  
ADDENDUM 2

GED	7-28-83	Not to scale	Sketch
			AP-12
			2

**LEGEND:**

- ABIH - Present Disposal Area
- EDB - Present Temporary Dike and Road
- DC - Proposed New Temporary Dike
- GEDC - Proposed New Permanent Dike
- ABCDEFH - Proposed New Permanent Disposal Area



CENTRAL LOUISIANA ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.			
NEW FLY ASH POND ARRANGEMENT			
PJT	7/29/83	NTS	AP-13
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**ATTACHMENT 2**  
**FLY ASH POND MODIFICATION SOIL BORINGS**



December 22, 1983

Mr. John Koury, Administrator  
Solid Waste Management Division  
P. O. Box 44066  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4066

Dear Mr. Koury:

Rodemacher Power Station Unit 2  
Fly Ash Pond Rearrangement

Central Louisiana Electric Company, Inc. is in the process of rearranging the Fly Ash Pond at Rodemacher Power Station in Rapides Parish. As you are aware, the need for this rearrangement came about when it was discovered that there was insufficient acceptable clay liner in certain parts of the original Fly Ash Pond. The problem was first brought to your attention in a letter dated April 16, 1982. In that letter, we requested that we be allowed to use a small corner of the original pond which met the criteria of the Solid Waste Rules and Regulations until a permanent solution could be implemented. Permission was given to use that corner and to this date, all fly ash has been disposed of in that area.

In a December 13, 1982 letter to you, a preliminary plan for solving the problem was outlined. This letter made the first mention of rearranging the Fly Ash Pond and using only that area with sufficient acceptable clay liner for fly ash disposal. A final, more detailed plan for the rearrangement was submitted to your office on August 1, 1983. Your acceptance of the final plan dated August 22, 1983, obliged us to advise your office prior to placing any fly ash in the reworked areas of the pond and to keep you advised of our progress. This letter is intended to advise you of our progress and to request permission to begin using the rearranged area for fly ash disposal.

Construction work began in the Fly Ash Pond on September 9, 1983, to rearrange the disposal area according to the August 1, 1983 proposal. Progress has been satisfactory, but it soon became apparent that the entire project could not be completed before wet weather caused all construction activity to stop. The following has been accomplished to date:

1. Installation of a 12-inch drain pipe through the perimeter dike in order to drain the inactive area of the Fly Ash Pond.
2. Began construction of the new interior dike which defines the new active disposal area. Placed random fill to a height of 4-5 feet for the dike. Placed three feet of acceptable clay liner on interior slope of the new dike.

3. Made soil borings from new active disposal area at the edge of the new interior dike.

The new interior dike has been placed as close as possible to the existing in situ clay which allows use of the maximum area for disposal and required the least amount of construction effort. The three-foot layer of clay on the interior slope of the new dike was made continuous with the clay already on the bottom of the new active disposal area.

After the clay was placed on the slope of the new dike, soil borings were made to verify the continuity of the clay liner along the bottom of the new active area. The borings were made along the edge of the new dike near suspected silty areas. The borings were located from 100 to 300 feet apart which is sufficient to predict accurately the continuous clay liner. The latest soil borings, together with those taken in the Fly Ash Pond where it was first constructed, establish the fact that there is clay of sufficient thickness and permeability over the entire bottom of the new active disposal area.

The new dike has been constructed to a height of approximately five feet. We will not be able to complete construction on this dike until the spring. When completed, the new dike will be approximately eleven feet above existing ground level.

After the borings were made and soil from them sent for analysis, we requested an inspection of this completed work by a member of your staff. The inspection was requested at that time in order to obtain approval to use the new active area for disposal as soon as the soil boring analysis verified the permeability of the clay liner. Also, it was important that the reworked areas of the Fly Ash Pond be inspected prior to the onset of wet weather. Once covered by rain water, some of the newly constructed areas might not be as accessible again. On November 29, 1983, Mr. Claude Chachere toured the Fly Ash Pond and inspected the completed facilities mentioned above. After his inspection, Mr. Chachere indicated to us that he was satisfied with the construction which had been completed and that we should make a progress report to you once we received the soil boring data.

We have recently received the last of the soil data from the laboratory and include the following for your review:

- Attachment 1 - Plan of Fly Ash Pond Showing Soil Boring Locations
- Attachment 2 - Dike Section Showing Proximity of Soil Borings
- Attachment 3 - Summary of Laboratory Data
- Attachment 4 - Lab Results of Clay Placed on Slope of New Dike
- Attachment 5 - Lab Results from Soil Borings SA-1, SA-2, SA-3, SA-4, SA-4-1, SA-4-2, SA-5, SA-6, SA-7, SA-8, CB-1

Mr. John Koury

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December 22, 1983

As the laboratory data demonstrates, the permeabilities of the in situ clay from all borings meet or exceed the  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  cm/sec required. The Atterburg limits also show that the clay which was placed on the interior slope of the new dike meets the permeability requirements of the Solid Waste Rules and Regulations.

As mentioned earlier, the wet weather has caused a cessation of construction activity. However, the only remaining item to be completed is to build up the dike to its final height of approximately eleven feet. We expect to be able to complete this task in early spring. Since the top of the new dike will have no effect on disposal in the new active disposal area, and the liner in the new disposal area has been shown to meet the requirements of the Solid Waste Rules and Regulations, we are requesting that we be allowed to begin disposal of fly ash in the new area. Your concurrence will be appreciated.

Should you require additional information in this matter, do not hesitate to contact us. An expeditious reply would be appreciated.

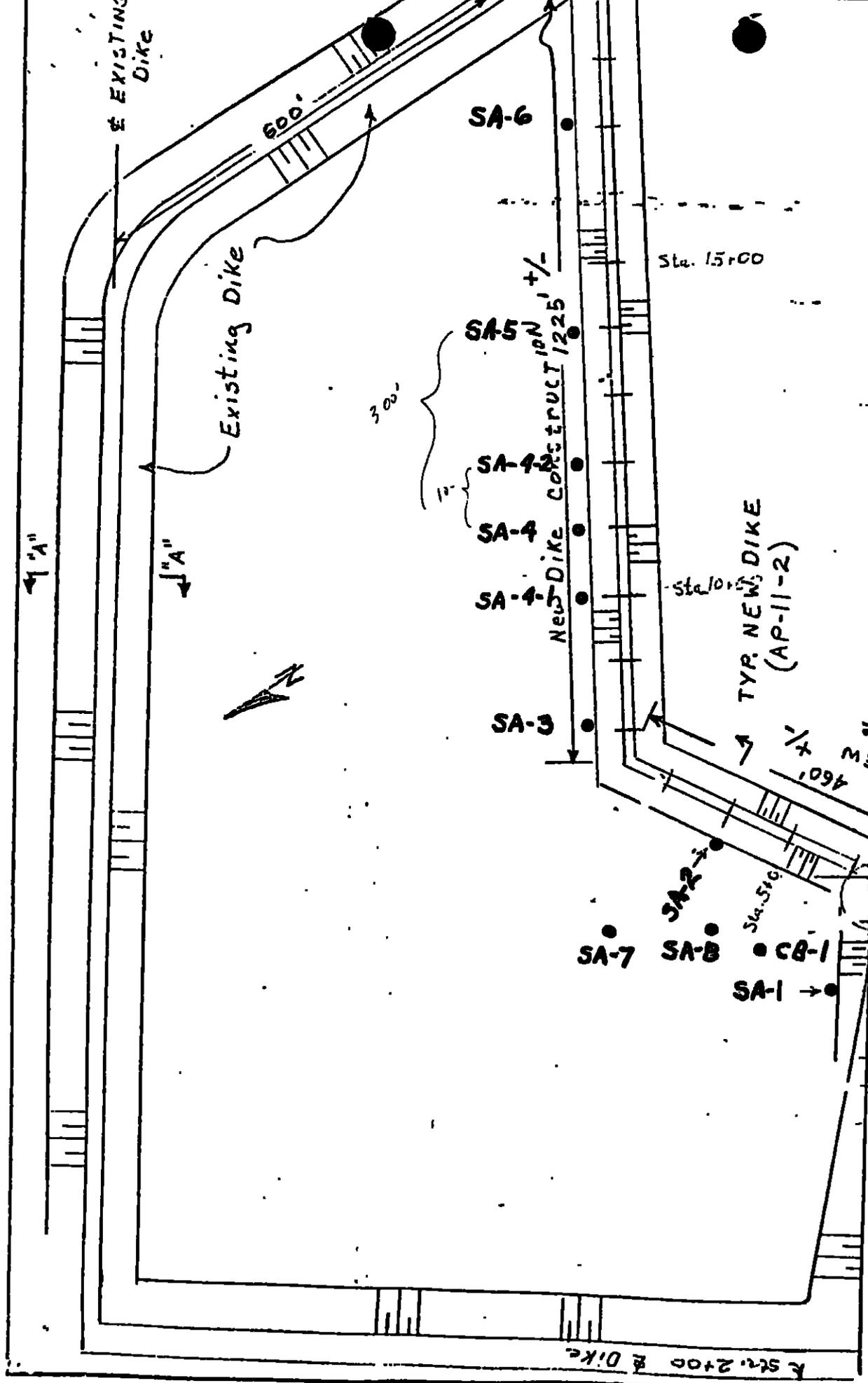
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J. T. Simms, Jr., Manager  
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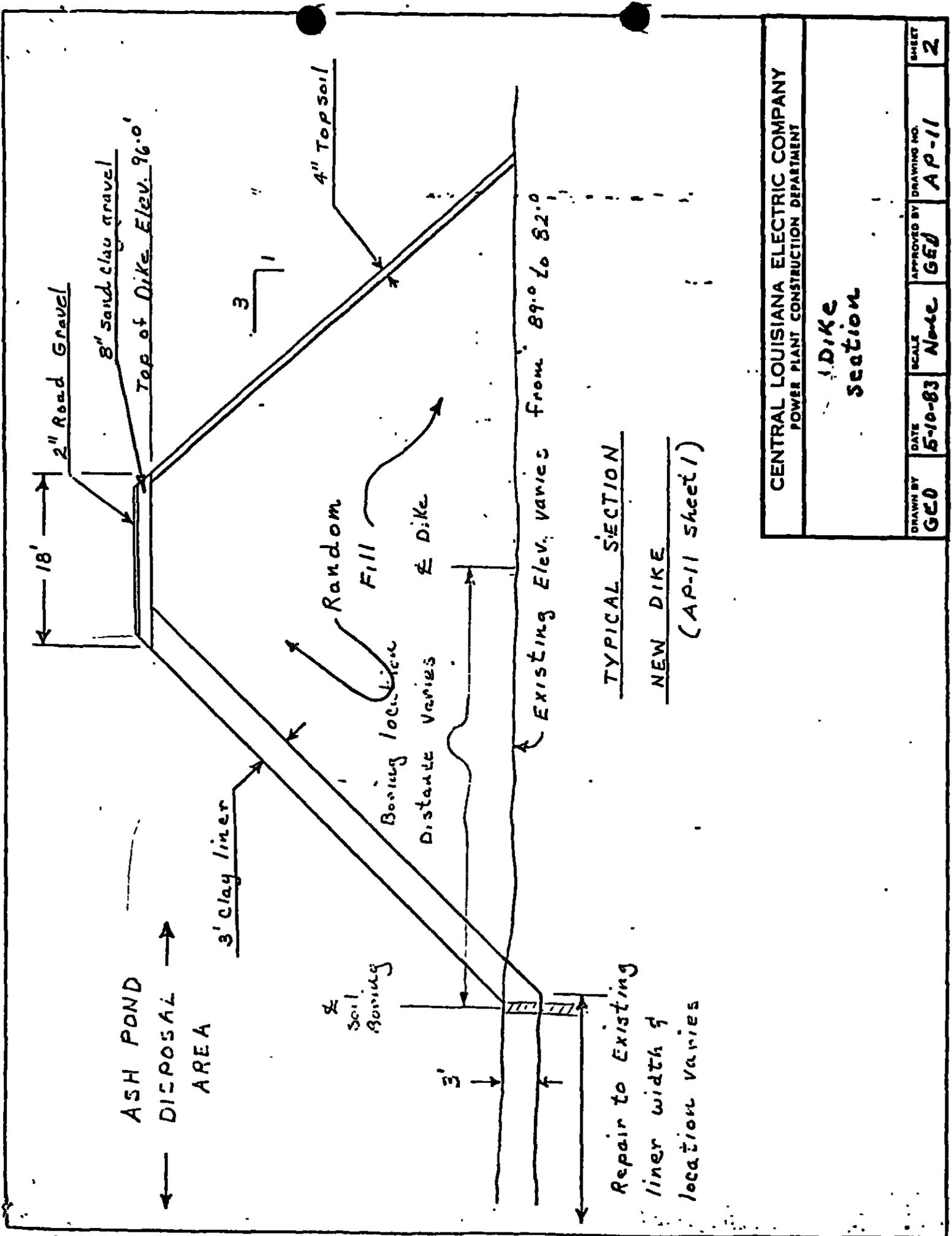


CENTRAL LOUISIANA ELECTRIC COMPANY  
POWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

**PLAN OF  
FLY ASH POND  
DISPOSAL ENLARGEMENT  
SOIL BORING LOCATION**

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CENTRAL LOUISIANA ELECTRIC COMPANY POWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT			
DIKE SECTION			
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			SHEET 2

ATTACHMENT 2: DIKE SECTION SHOWING PROXIMITY OF SOIL BORINGS

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY

ATTERBERG LIMITS

SOIL SAMPLE Brown Clay

Lab No. 13-3753

LOCATION Sta 4 + 00

Date 11-18-83

Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth \_\_\_\_\_

Tested by R.L.

Contractor Cleco

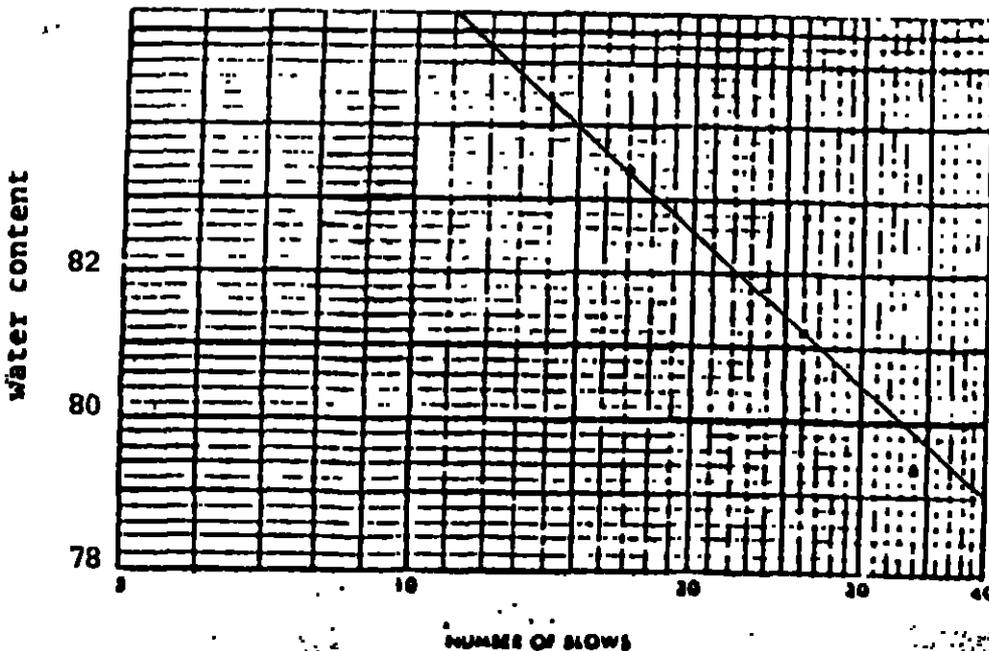
PLASTIC LIMIT

Can No.	A-15		
Wet Wt.	8.58		
Dry Wt.	7.0		
Wt. Water	1.58		
T.W.	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	5.46		
% Water	28.9		

NATURAL WATER CONTENT


LIQUID LIMIT

No. of Blows	34	26	17
Can No.	AL	A-7	A-5
Wet Wt.	13.01	15.61	14.49
Dry Wt.	7.97	9.35	8.64
Wt. Water	5.04	6.26	5.85
T.W.	1.54	1.54	1.54
Wt. Dry Soil	6.43	7.81	7.1
% Water	78.4	80.2	82.4



81 \_\_\_\_\_  
 29 \_\_\_\_\_  
 52 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Symbol from plasticity chart

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY

ATTERBERG LIMITS

SOIL SAMPLE Brown Clay Lab No. 13-3753

LOCATION Sta 6 + 00 Date 11-18-83  
 Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Tested by R.L.  
 Contractor Cleco

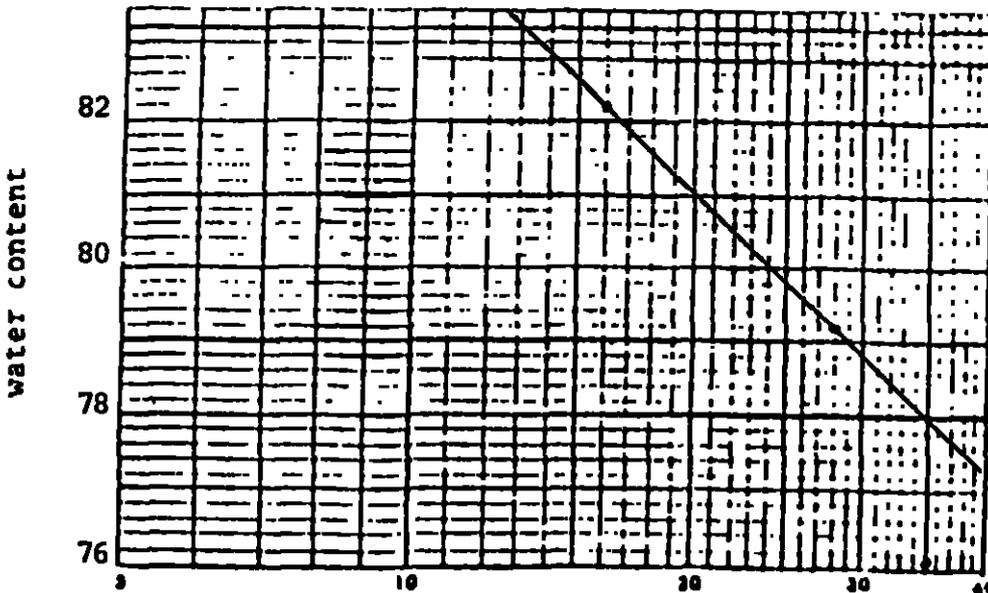
PLASTIC LIMIT

Can No.	AV		
Wet Wt.	10.09		
Dry Wt.	8.37		
Wt. Water	1.72		
T.W.	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	6.83		
% Water	25.2		

NATURAL WATER CONTENT


LIQUID LIMIT

No. of Blows	35	28	16
Can No.	A-21	AA	A-12
Wet Wt.	15.03	16.02	15.26
Dry Wt.	9.2	9.62	9.07
Wt. Water	5.83	6.4	6.19
T.W.	1.54	1.54	1.54
Wt. Dry Soil	7.66	8.08	7.53
% Water	76.1	79.2	82.2



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 Symbol from plasticity chart



SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES  
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING DIVISION

FILE NUMBER 9101550

DATE 12-02-83

TO: Cleco

REPORT OF: LABORATORY SIEVE ANALYSIS OF Material Finer than #200  
(AND) PLASTICITY INDEX

FOR: Cleco

IDENTIFICATION MARKS  
(PROJECT TITLE & LOCATION) Fly Ash Pond Enlargement Sta # 6 + 25

A (REPRESENTATIVE) SAMPLE OF Brown Clay

(WAS SECURED FROM, WAS DELIVERED TO THE LABORATORY) BY ~~(AS REPRESENTATIVE OF SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES)~~ contractor in Alexandria, LA ON December 2, 1983

TO DETERMINE THE GRADATION AND PLASTICITY INDEX. THE TEST RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>U. S. SIEVE SIZE</u>	<u>% RETAINED/PASSING</u>	<u>SPEC. REQUIREMENTS</u>
<u>#10 0</u>	<u>0/100</u>	<u></u>
<u>#40 7.6</u>	<u>6.2/93.8</u>	<u></u>
<u>#200 16.8</u>	<u>13.6/80.2</u>	<u></u>
<u>-200 98.7</u>	<u>80.2</u>	<u></u>

WT. OF TOTAL  
SAMPLE 123.1

ATTERBERG LIMITS DETERMINATION  
(ASTM D-424)

REMARKS:

REQUIREMENTS

TECHNICIAN: Roxanne Lawson

LIQUID LIMIT: 63

%

PLASTICITY INDEX: 43

%

LAB. NO. 13-3760

SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES

Bob Adair  
BOB ADAIR, Manager



### LOG OF BORING

PROJECT: 9101550  
 CLIENT: Cleco

BORING NO.: SA-1  
 LOCATION: Rodemacher Power Sta.

Date: 10-25-83

Type: Auger

Ground Elevation: 86.0

Depth, Feet	Symbol	Sample	Legend:
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sample                          X Penetration                          ▼ Water
Description of Stratum			
			Brown Clay.
			Brown Clay.
5			Brown Clay.
		X	1-2-2 (4 B/F) Tan and Brown Silty Sand.
10		X	
			BOTTOM OF HOLE - 10'
			WATER = 8'
15			
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35			
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45			
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**SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES**  
**SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**

**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

**SOIL SAMPLE** Brown Clay

**Lab No.** 13-3713

**LOCATION** SA-1

**Date** 10-26-83

**Boring No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sample Depth** 0-2

**Tested by** R.L.

**Contractor** Cleco

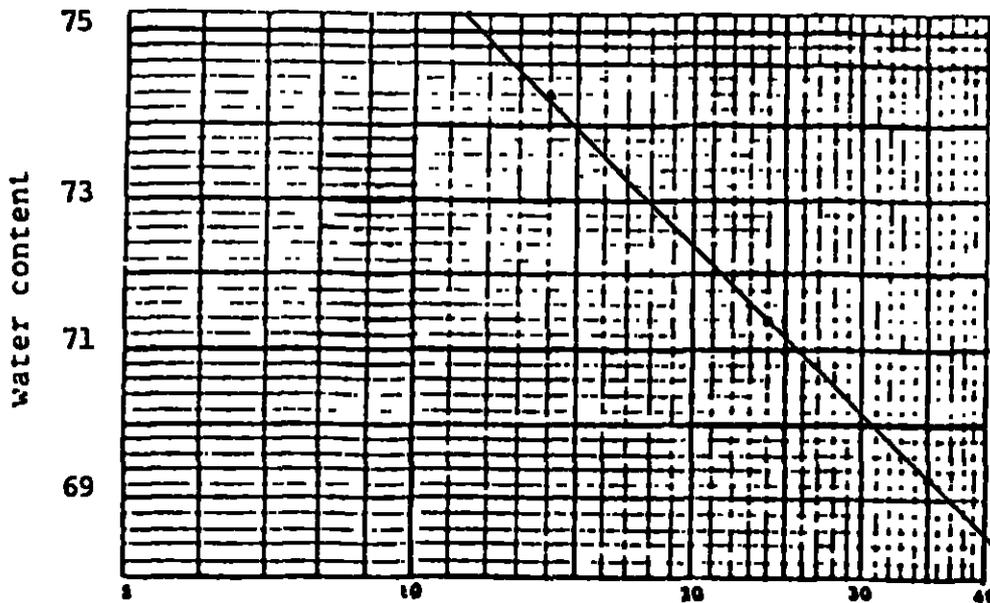
**PLASTIC LIMIT**

Can No.	A-14		
Wet Wt.	8.28		
Dry Wt.	6.94		
Wt. Water	1.34		
T.W.	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	5.4		
% Water	24.8		

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**


**LIQUID LIMIT**

No. of Blows	35	24	14		
Can No.	A-1	A-3	AK		
Wet Wt.	17.35	17.93	18.3		
Dry Wt.	10.88	11.1	11.15		
Wt. Water	6.47	6.83	7.15		
T.W.	1.54	1.54	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	9.34	9.56	9.61		
% Water	69.3	71.4	74.4		



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Symbol from plasticity chart

**SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES**  
**SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**

**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

SOIL SAMPLE Brown Clay

Lab No. 13-3713

LOCATION SA-1

Date 10-26-83

Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth 2-4

Tested by R.L.

Contractor Cleco

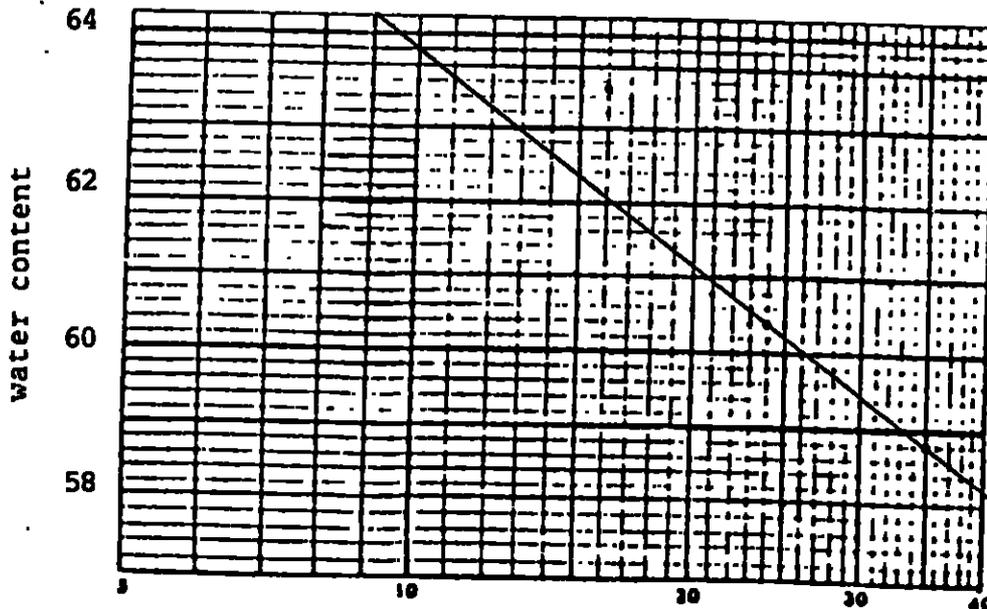
**PLASTIC LIMIT**

Can No.	A-16		
Wet Wt.	9.52		
Dry Wt.	8.25		
Wt. Water	1.27		
T.W.	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	6.71		
% Water	18.9		

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**


**LIQUID LIMIT**

No. of Blows	35	24	16		
Can No.	AX	AE	A-15		
Wet Wt.	17.4	18.11	18.29		
Dry Wt.	11.53	11.87	11.78		
Wt. Water	5.87	6.24	6.51		
T.W.	1.54	1.54	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	9.99	10.33	10.24		
% Water	58.8	60.4	63.5		



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 Symbol from plasticity chart

**SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES**  
**SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**

**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

SOIL SAMPLE Brown Clay

Lab No. 17-3713

LOCATION SA-1  
 Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth 4-6  
 Contractor Cleco

Date 10-26-83  
 Tested by R.L.

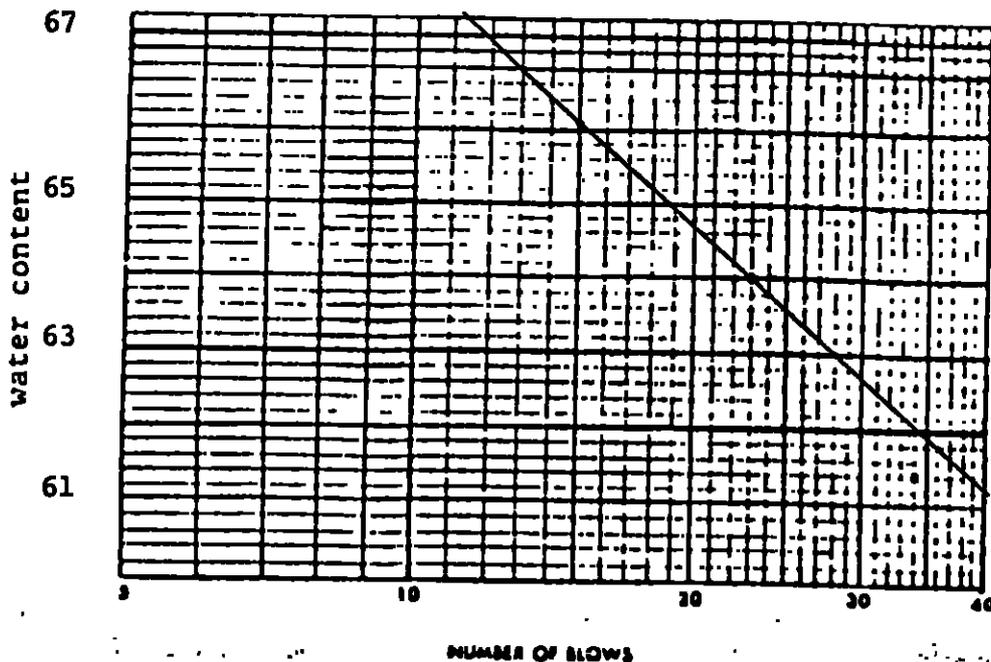
**PLASTIC LIMIT**

Can No.	A-5		
Wet Wt.	9.23		
Dry Wt.	7.98		
Wt. Water	1.25		
T.W.	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	6.44		
% Water	19.4		

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**


**LIQUID LIMIT**

No. of Blows	34	23	15		
Can No.	A-19	AW	A-4		
Wet Wt.	17.15	18.56	18.42		
Dry Wt.	11.21	11.92	11.7		
Wt. Water	5.94	6.64	6.72		
T.W.	1.54	1.54	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	9.67	10.38	10.16		
% Water	61.4	64.0	66.1		



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 Symbol from  
 plasticity chart

# LOG OF BORING

PROJECT: 9101550  
 CLIENT: Cleco

BORING NO.: SA-2  
 LOCATION: Rodemacher Power Sta.

Date: 10-25-83

Type: Auger

Ground Elevation: 87.0

Depth, Feet	Symbol	Sample	Description of Stratum
			<b>Legend:</b> <span style="display: inline-block; width: 10px; height: 10px; background-color: black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Sample <span style="margin-left: 100px;">X Penetration</span> <span style="margin-left: 100px;">▼ Water</span>
			Brown Clay
			Brown Clay.
-5			Brown Clay.
		X	4-4-3-7 B/F Brown Clay.
-10		X	3-4-5-9 B/F Brown Clay.
			Bottom of Hole - 10'
-15			Free Water - 6'
-20			
-25			
-30			
-35			
-40			
-45			
-50			

**SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES**  
**SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**

**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

SOIL SAMPLE Brown Clay

Lab No. 13-3713

LOCATION SA-2

Date 10-26-83

Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth 0-2

Tested by \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor Cleco

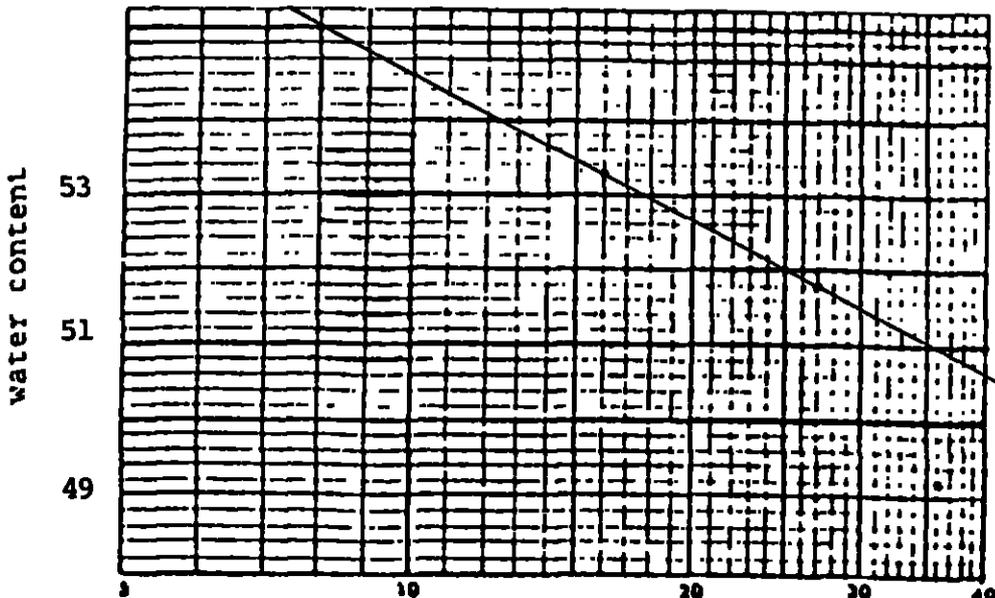
**PLASTIC LIMIT**

Can No.	AL		
Wet Wt.	10.02		
Dry Wt.	8.74		
Wt. Water	1.28		
T.W.	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	7.2		
% Water	17.8		

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**


**LIQUID LIMIT**

No. of Blows	36	27	16		
Can No.	A-2	AV	A-18		
Wet Wt.	19.04	19.64	20.08		
Dry Wt.	13.27	13.46	13.63		
Wt. Water	5.77	6.18	6.45		
T.W.	1.54	1.54	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	11.73	11.92	12.09		
% Water	49.2	51.8	53.3		



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 Symbol from plasticity chart

**SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES**  
**SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**

**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

SOIL SAMPLE Brown Clay

Lab No. 13-3713

LOCATION Sa-2  
 Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth 2-4  
 Contractor Cleco

Date 10-26-83  
 Tested by R.L.

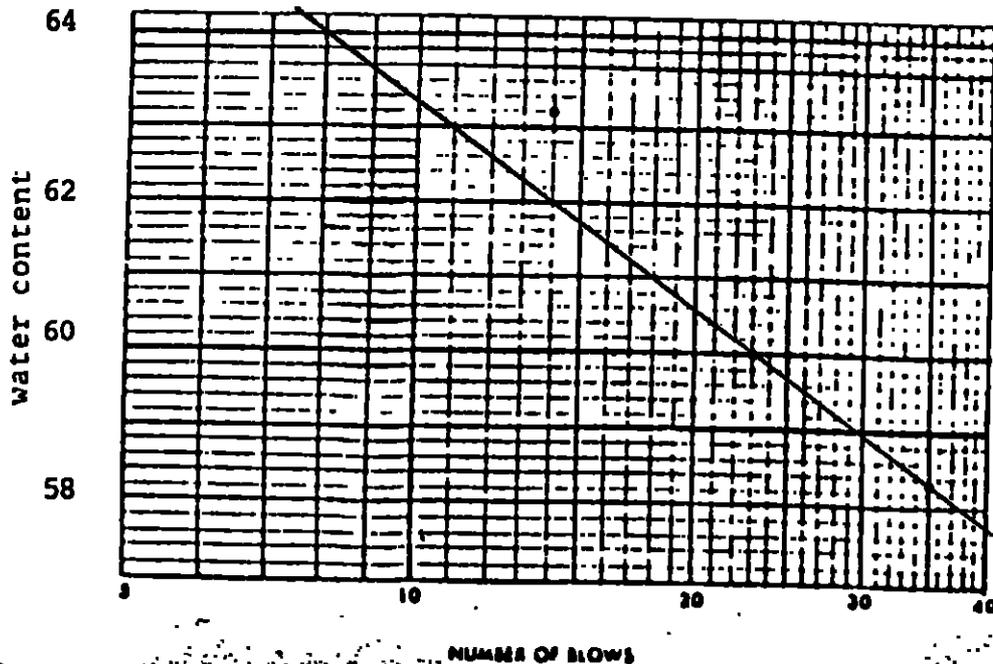
**PLASTIC LIMIT**

Can No.	<u>A-12</u>		
Wet Wt.	<u>7.34</u>		
Dry Wt.	<u>6.33</u>		
Wt. Water	<u>1.01</u>		
T.W.	<u>1.54</u>		
Wt. Dry Soil	<u>4.79</u>		
% Water	<u>21.1</u>		

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**


**LIQUID LIMIT**

No. of Blows	<u>35</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>14</u>		
Can No.	<u>AE</u>	<u>AH</u>	<u>AI</u>		
Wet Wt.	<u>15.28</u>	<u>15.73</u>	<u>16.21</u>		
Dry Wt.	<u>10.22</u>	<u>10.41</u>	<u>10.53</u>		
Wt. Water	<u>5.06</u>	<u>5.32</u>	<u>5.68</u>		
T.W.	<u>1.54</u>	<u>1.54</u>	<u>1.54</u>		
Wt. Dry Soil	<u>8.68</u>	<u>8.87</u>	<u>8.99</u>		
% Water	<u>58.3</u>	<u>60.0</u>	<u>63.2</u>		



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 Symbol from plasticity chart

# LOG OF BORING

PROJECT: 9101550  
 CLIENT: Cleco

BORING NO.: SA-3  
 LOCATION: Rodemacher Power Sta.

Date: 10-25-83

Type: Auger

Ground Elevation: 85.0

Depth, Feet	Symbol	Sample	Description of Stratum
			<b>Legend:</b> ■ Sample                      X Penetration                      ▼ Water
			Dark Brown Clay.
			Brown Clay.
-5			Brown Clayey Silt.
			Brown Clayey Silt.
-10			Brown Clay.
			Bottom of Hole = 10'
-15			Free Water - 6'
-20			
-25			
-30			
-35			
-40			
-45			
-50			

**SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES**  
**SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**

**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

**SOIL SAMPLE** Dark Brown Clay

**Lub No.** 13-3713

**LOCATION** SA-3

**Date** 10-26-83

**Boring No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sample Depth** 0-2

**Tested by** R.L.

**Contractor** Cleco

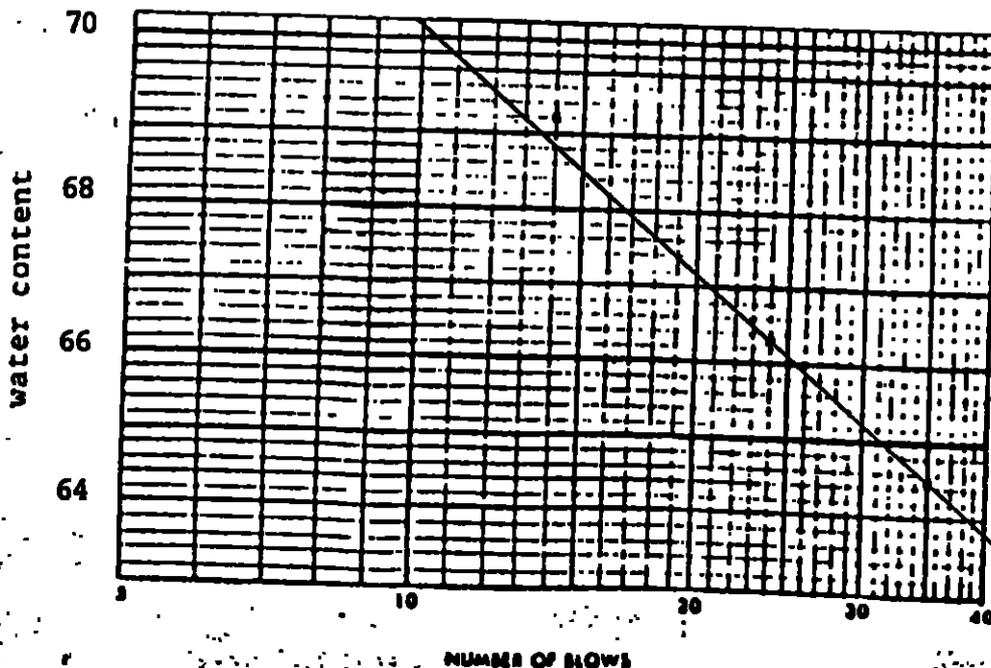
**PLASTIC LIMIT**

<b>Can No.</b>	<u>AX</u>	
<b>Wet Wt.</b>	<u>9.01</u>	
<b>Dry Wt.</b>	<u>7.55</u>	
<b>Wt. Water</b>	<u>1.46</u>	
<b>T.W.</b>	<u>1.54</u>	
<b>Wt. Dry Soil</b>	<u>6.01</u>	
<b>% Water</b>	<u>24.3</u>	

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**


**LIQUID LIMIT**

<b>No. of Blows</b>	<u>35</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>14</u>
<b>Can No.</b>	<u>A-1</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A-14</u>
<b>Wet Wt.</b>	<u>13.53</u>	<u>14.13</u>	<u>14.7</u>
<b>Dry Wt.</b>	<u>8.83</u>	<u>9.11</u>	<u>9.32</u>
<b>Wt. Water</b>	<u>4.7</u>	<u>5.02</u>	<u>5.38</u>
<b>T.W.</b>	<u>1.54</u>	<u>1.54</u>	<u>1.54</u>
<b>Wt. Dry Soil</b>	<u>7.29</u>	<u>7.57</u>	<u>7.78</u>
<b>% Water</b>	<u>64.5</u>	<u>66.3</u>	<u>69.2</u>



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 plasticity chart

# SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES

## SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY

### ATTERBERG LIMITS

SOIL SAMPLE Brown Clay

Lab No. 13-3713

LOCATION SA-3

Date 10-26-83

Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth 2-4

Tested by R.L.

Contractor Cleco

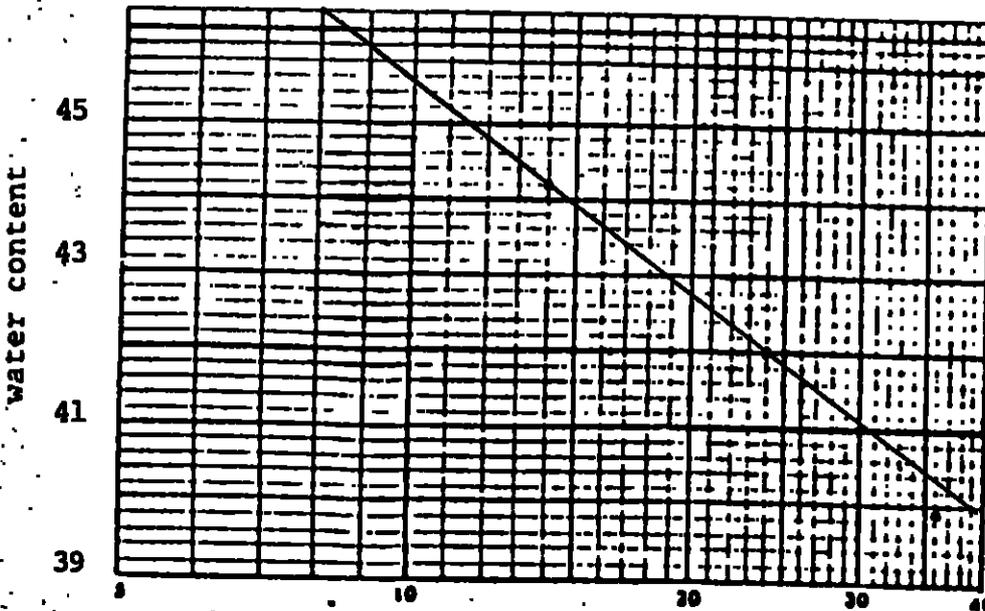
#### PLASTIC LIMIT

Can No.	A-1		
Wet Wt.	9.17		
Dry Wt.	8.12		
Wt. Water	1.05		
T.W.	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	6.58		
% Water	16.0		

#### NATURAL WATER CONTENT


#### LIQUID LIMIT

No. of Blows	36	24	14		
Can No.	A-16	A-3	A-7		
Wet Wt.	15.54	15.94	16.35		
Dry Wt.	11.55	11.68	11.81		
Wt. Water	3.99	4.26	4.54		
T.W.	1.54	1.54	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	10.01	10.14	10.27		
% Water	39.9	42.0	44.2		



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**SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES**

**SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**

**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

SOIL SAMPLE Brown Clayey Silt

Lab No. 13-3713

LOCATION SA-3

Date 10-26-83

Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth 4-6

Tested by R.L.

Contractor Cleco

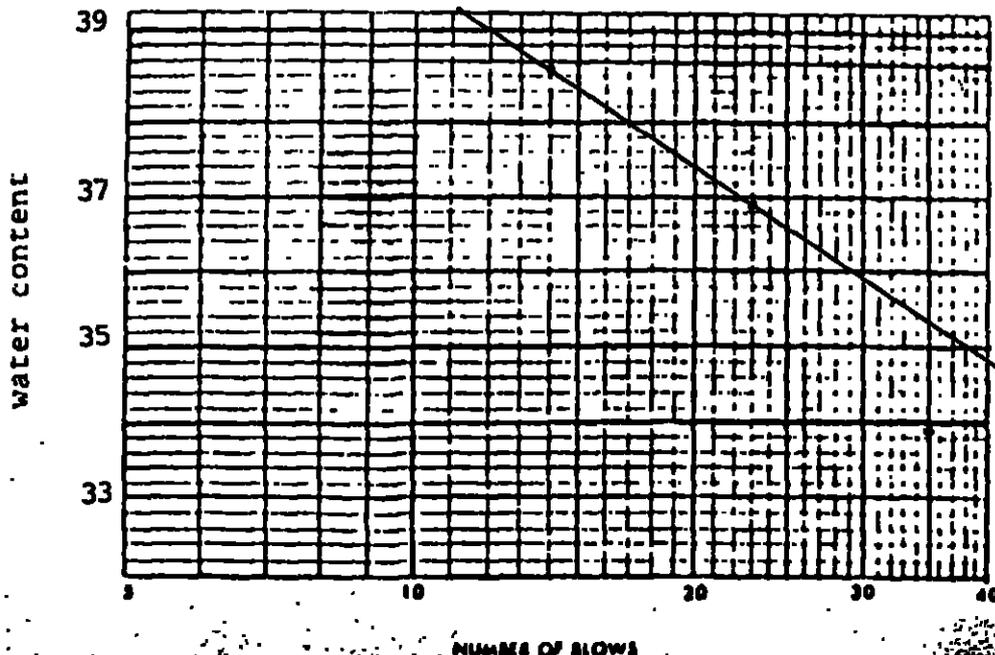
**PLASTIC LIMIT**

Can No.	AL	4	
Wet Wt.	10.22		
Dry Wt.	9.11		
Wt. Water	1.11		
T.W.	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	7.57		
% Water	14.7		

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**


**LIQUID LIMIT**

No. of Blows	35	23	14		
Can No.	AP	AI	A-26		
Wet Wt.	19.37	19.53	20.06		
Dry Wt.	14.86	14.68	14.89		
Wt. Water	4.51	4.85	5.17		
T.W.	1.54	1.54	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	13.32	13.14	13.35		
% Water	33.9	36.9	38.7		



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**SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES**  
**SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**

**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

SOIL SAMPLE Brown Clay Lab No. 13-3713

LOCATION SA-4 Date 10-26-83  
 Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth 2'-4' Tested by R.L.  
 Contractor Cleco

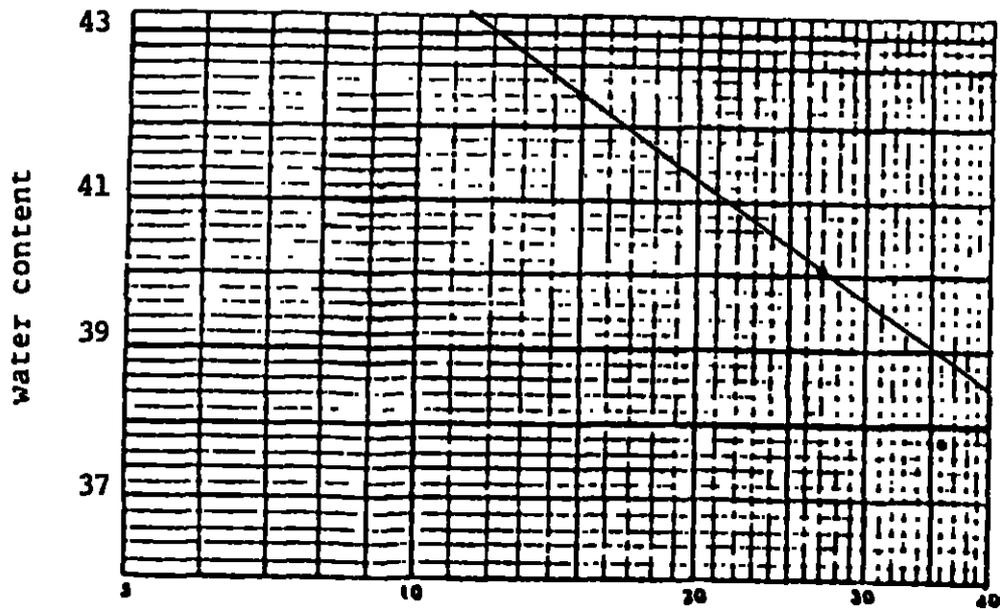
**PLASTIC LIMIT**

Can No.	AX		
Wet Wt.	9.79		
Dry Wt.	8.66		
Wt. Water	1.13		
T.W.	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	7.12		
% Water	15.9		

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**


**LIQUID LIMIT**

No. of Blows	36	27	15		
Can No.	A-24	AD	AE		
Wet Wt.	17.46	18.46	19.04		
Dry Wt.	13.09	13.67	13.83		
Wt. Water	4.37	4.84	5.21		
T.W.	1.54	1.54	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	11.55	12.08	12.29		
% Water	37.8	40.1	42.4		



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 Symbol from plasticity chart

# LOG OF BORING

PROJECT: 9101550  
 CLIENT: Cleco

BORING NO.: SA-4-1  
 LOCATION: Rodemacher Power Sta.

Date: 10-25-83

Type: Auger

Ground Elevation: 85.0

Depth, Feet	Symbol	Sample	Description of Stratum
			<b>Legend:</b> <span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Sample <span style="margin-left: 100px;">X Penetration</span> <span style="margin-left: 100px;">▼ Water</span>
			Brown Clay.
			Brown Clayey Sand.
5			Brown Clay.
			Brown Silty Clay.
10		X	1-2-2-4- B/F Brown and Tan Sandy Clay.
			BOTTOM OF HOLE = 10'  WATER = 9'
15			
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**SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES**  
**SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**

**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

SOIL SAMPLE Brown Clay Lab No. 13-3713

LOCATION SA-4-1 Date 10-26-83  
 Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth 0-2 Tested by R.L.  
 Contractor Cleco

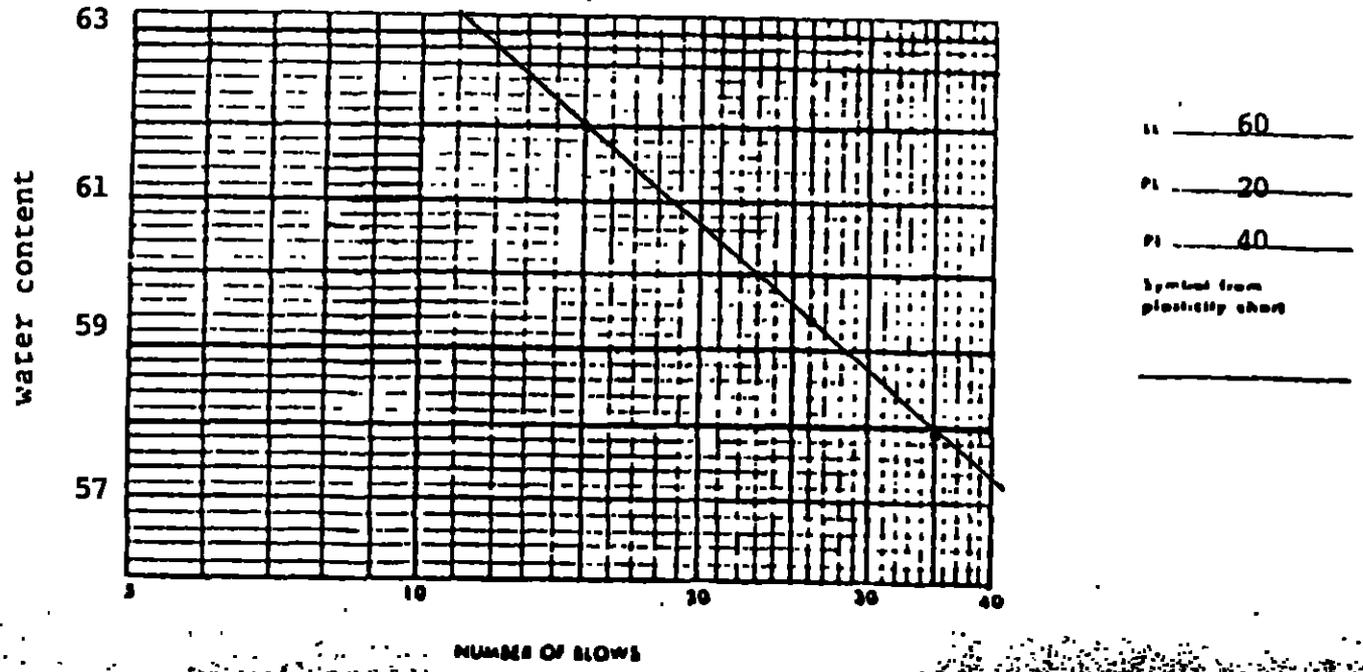
**PLASTIC LIMIT**

Can No.	A-1		
Wet Wt.	9.64		
Dry Wt.	8.31		
Wt. Water	1.33		
T.W.	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	6.77		
% Water	19.6		

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**


**LIQUID LIMIT**

No. of Blows	35	26	15		
Can No.	A-19	A-23	AC		
Wet Wt.	16.35	17.19	17.46		
Dry Wt.	10.93	11.36	11.37		
Wt. Water	5.42	5.83	6.09		
T.W.	1.54	1.54	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	9.36	9.82	9.83		
% Water	57.9	59.4	62.0		



**SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES**  
**SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**

**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

SOIL SAMPLE Brown Clayey Sand

Lab No. 13-3713

LOCATION SA-4-1

Date 10-26-83

Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth 2' - 4'

Tested by R.L.

Contractor Cleco

**PLASTIC LIMIT**

Can No.	AC	
Wet Wt.	10.74	
Dry Wt.	9.34	
Wt. Water	1.4	
T.W.	1.54	
Wt. Dry Soil	7.8	
Z Water	17.9	

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**


**LIQUID LIMIT**

No. of Blows	35	23	14	
Can No.	A-16	AH	AX	
Wet Wt.	23.09	24.03	22.8	
Dry Wt.	17.37	17.74	16.67	
Wt. Water	5.72	6.29	6.13	
T.W.	1.54	1.54	1.54	
Wt. Dry Soil	15.83	16.2	15.13	
Z Water	36.1	38.8	40.5	



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**SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES**  
SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY

**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

SOIL SAMPLE Brown Clay

Lab No. 13-3713

LOCATION SA-4-1

Date 10-26-83

Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth 4-6

Tested by R.J.

Contractor Cleco

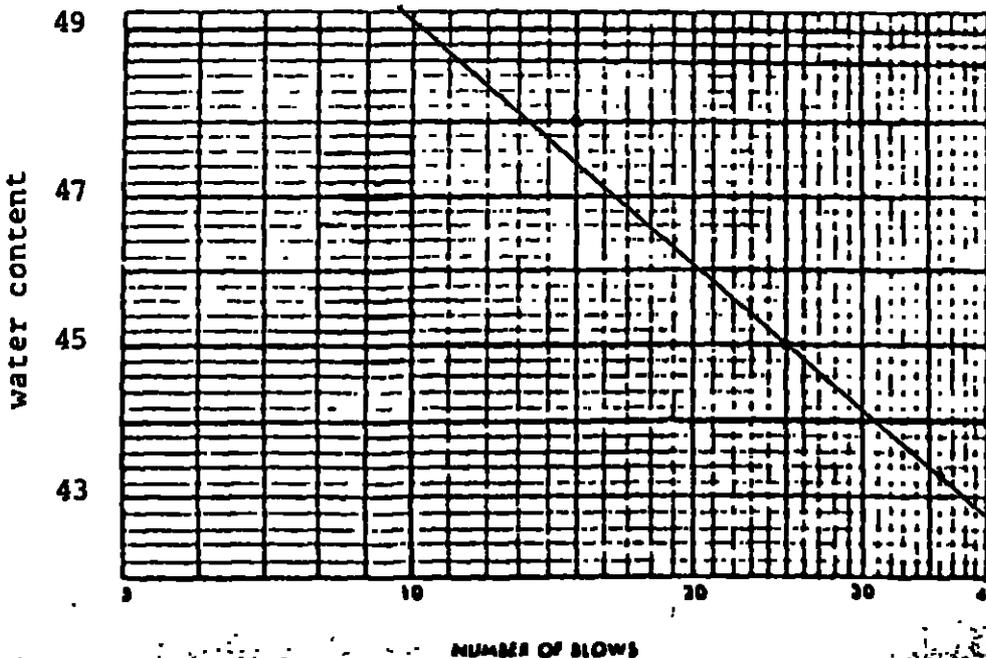
**PLASTIC LIMIT**

Can No.	A-7		
Wet Wt.	10.53		
Dry Wt.	9.39		
Wt. Water	1.14		
T.W.	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	7.85		
% Water	14.5		

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**


**LIQUID LIMIT**

No. of Blows	36	25	15		
Can No.	AM	A-26	A-5		
Wet Wt.	20.22	20.84	21.5		
Dry Wt.	14.58	14.85	15.03		
Wt. Water	5.64	5.99	6.47		
T.W.	1.54	1.54	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	13.04	13.31	13.49		
% Water	43.3	45.0	48.0		



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**SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES**

**SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**

**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

SOIL SAMPLE Brown Clay

Lab No. 13-3713

LOCATION SA-4-2

Date 10-26-83

Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth 0-2

Tested by R.L.

Contractor Cleco

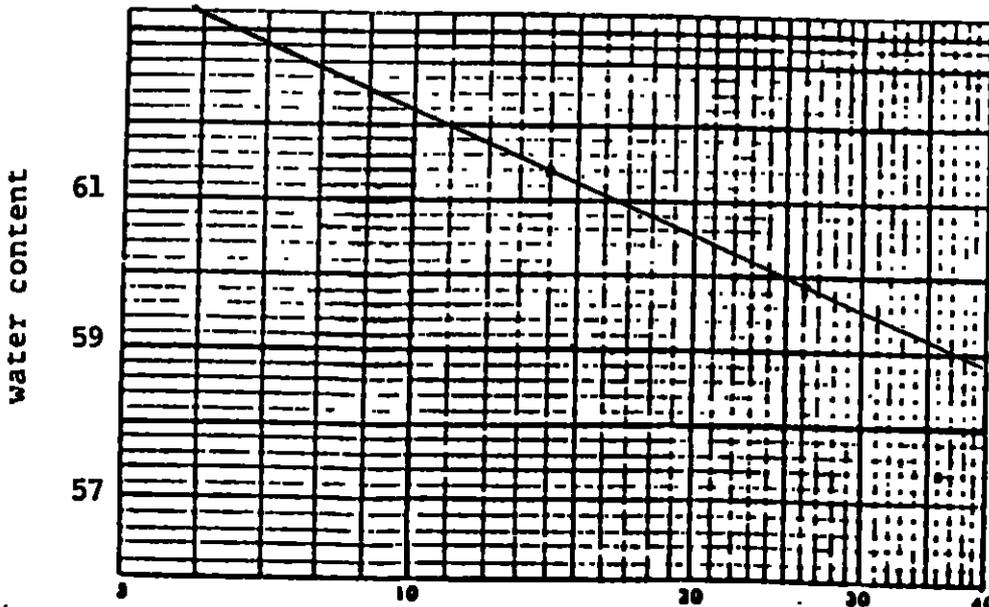
**PLASTIC LIMIT**

Can No.	AW		
Wet Wt.	9.1		
Dry Wt.	7.61		
Wt. Water	1.49		
T.W.	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	6.07		
% Water	24.5		

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**


**LIQUID LIMIT**

No. of Blows	36	26	14		
Can No.	A-26	A-11	A-32		
Wet Wt.	15.77	16.2	16.07		
Dry Wt.	10.58	10.71	10.54		
Wt. Water	5.19	5.49	5.53		
T.W.	1.54	1.54	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	9.04	9.17	9.0		
% Water	57.4	59.9	61.4		



U \_\_\_\_\_ 60  
 PL \_\_\_\_\_ 25  
 PI \_\_\_\_\_ 35  
 Symbol from plasticity chart

# LOG OF BORING

PROJECT: 9101550  
 CLIENT: Cleco

BORING NO.: SA-5  
 LOCATION: Rodemacher Power Sta.

Date: 10-26-83

Type: Auger

Ground Elevation: 84.0

Depth, Feet	Symbol	Sample	Description of Stratum
			Legend: ■ Sample                      X Penetration                      ▼ Water
			Brown Clay.
			Brown Clayey Silt.
5		X	4-8-12-20 B/F Brown Sand.
		X	2-8-14-22 B/F Brown Silty Sand.
10		X	2-7-12-19 B/F Brown Silty Sand.
			BOTTOM OF HOLE = 10'
15			WATER = 8'
20			
25			
30			
35			
40			
45			
50			

**SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES**  
**SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**

**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

SOIL SAMPLE Brown Clay

Lab No. 13-3713

LOCATION SA-5  
 Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth 0-2  
 Contractor Cleco

Date 10-26-83  
 Tested by R.J.

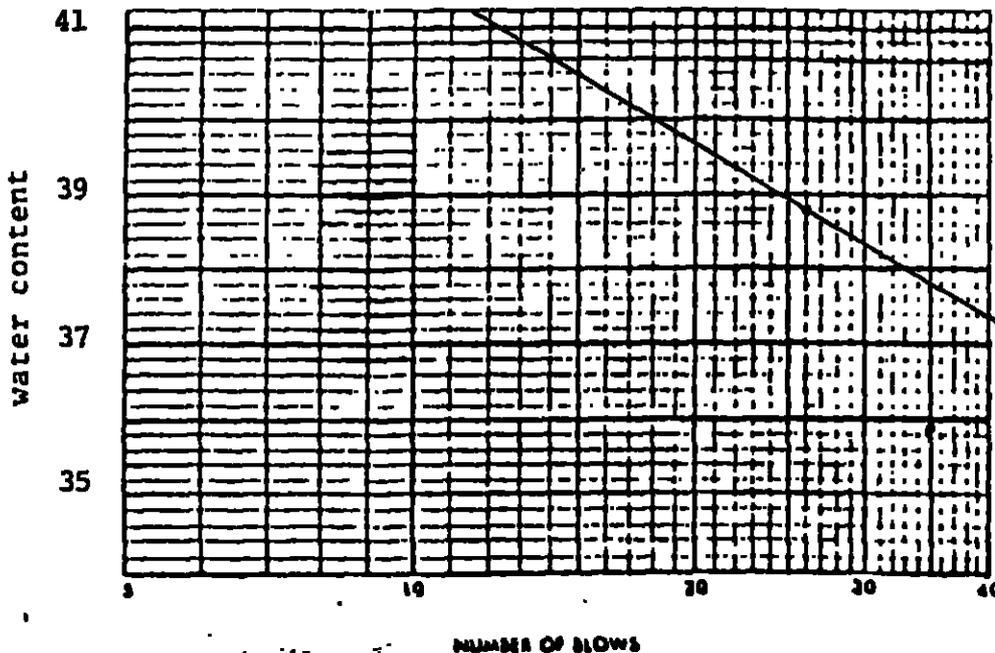
**PLASTIC LIMIT**

Can No.	AG		
Wet Wt.	8.39		
Dry Wt.	7.43		
Wt. Water	.96		
T.W.	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	5.89		
% Water	16.3		

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**


**LIQUID LIMIT**

No. of Blows	35	26	14		
Can No.	AX	AY	A-3		
Wet Wt.	21.22	19.47	19.1		
Dry Wt.	16.29	14.46	14.01		
Wt. Water	4.93	5.01	5.09		
T.W.	1.54	1.54	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	14.75	12.92	12.47		
% Water	35.9	38.8	40.8		



**SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES**  
**SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**

**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

SOIL SAMPLE Brown Clayey Silt

Lab No. 13-3713

LOCATION SA-5

Date 10-26-83

Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth 2-4

Tested by R.L.

Contractor Cleco

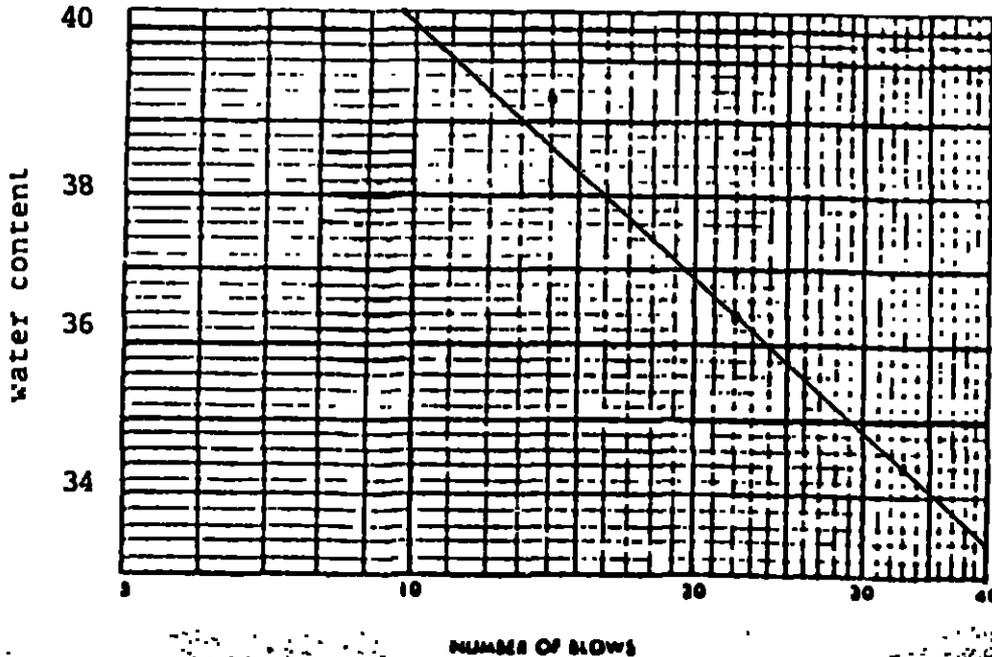
**PLASTIC LIMIT**

Can No.	<u>A-24</u>		
Wet Wt.	<u>10.48</u>		
Dry Wt.	<u>9.33</u>		
Wt. Water	<u>1.15</u>		
T.W.	<u>1.54</u>		
Wt. Dry Soil	<u>7.79</u>		
% Water	<u>14.8</u>		

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**


**LIQUID LIMIT**

No. of Blows	<u>33</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>14</u>		
Can No.	<u>A-10</u>	<u>A-2</u>	<u>AS</u>		
Wet Wt.	<u>14.99</u>	<u>15.37</u>	<u>15.43</u>		
Dry Wt.	<u>11.55</u>	<u>11.68</u>	<u>11.51</u>		
Wt. Water	<u>3.44</u>	<u>3.69</u>	<u>3.92</u>		
T.W.	<u>1.54</u>	<u>1.54</u>	<u>1.54</u>		
Wt. Dry Soil	<u>10.01</u>	<u>10.14</u>	<u>9.97</u>		
% Water	<u>34.4</u>	<u>36.4</u>	<u>39.3</u>		



" 36  
 PL 15  
 PL 21  
 Symbol from plasticity chart

# LOG OF BORING

PROJECT: 9101550  
 CLIENT: Cleco

BORING NO.: SA-6  
 LOCATION: Rodemacher Power Sta.

Date: 10-26-83

Type: Auger

Ground Elevation: 82.0

Depth, Feet	Symbol	Sample	Legend:
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			Description of Stratum
			Brown Clay.
5			Brown Sand.
10			Brown Clay.
15			BOTTOM OF HOLE - 10'
			NO WATER
20			
25			
30			
35			
40			
45			
50			

**SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES**  
SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY

**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

SOIL SAMPLE : Brown Clay

Lab No. 13-3713

LOCATION SA-6

Date 10-26-83

Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth 0-3

Tested by R.L.

Contractor Cleco

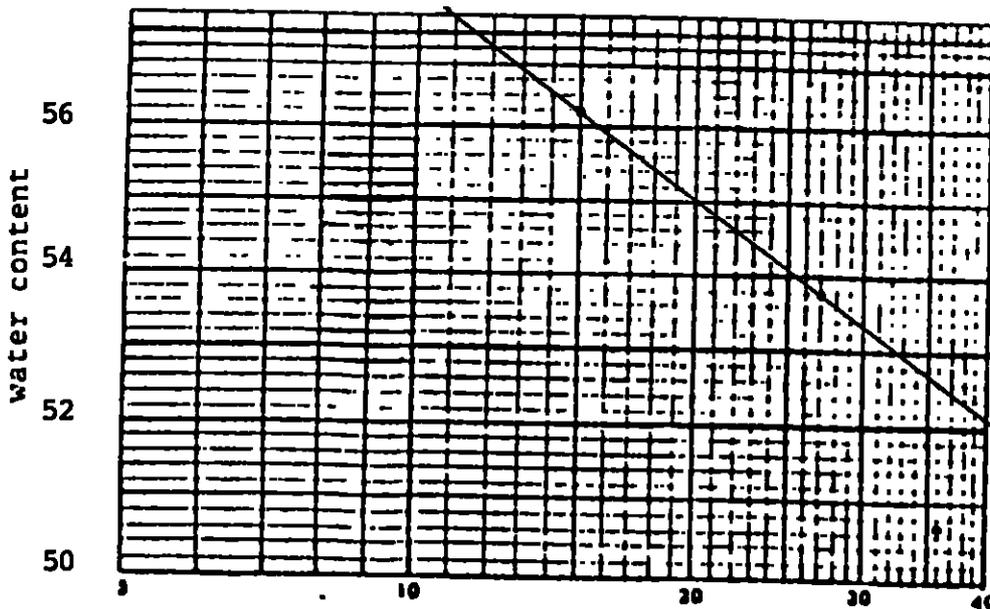
**PLASTIC LIMIT**

Can No.	<u>AJ</u>		
Wet Wt.	<u>8.06</u>		
Dry Wt.	<u>6.79</u>		
Wt. Water	<u>1.27</u>		
T.W.	<u>1.54</u>		
Wt. Dry Soil	<u>5.25</u>		
% Water	<u>24.2</u>		

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**


**LIQUID LIMIT**

No. of Blows	<u>36</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>15</u>		
Can No.	<u>AB</u>	<u>A-3</u>	<u>A-9</u>		
Wet Wt.	<u>16.78</u>	<u>16.87</u>	<u>17.83</u>		
Dry Wt.	<u>11.65</u>	<u>11.51</u>	<u>11.97</u>		
Wt. Water	<u>5.13</u>	<u>5.36</u>	<u>5.86</u>		
T.W.	<u>1.54</u>	<u>1.54</u>	<u>1.54</u>		
Wt. Dry Soil	<u>10.11</u>	<u>9.97</u>	<u>10.43</u>		
% Water	<u>50.7</u>	<u>53.8</u>	<u>56.2</u>		



" 54  
 PL 24  
 PL 30  
 Symbol from  
 plasticity chart

**SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES**  
**SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**

**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

SOIL SAMPLE Brown Clay

Lab No. 13-3713

LOCATION SA-6  
Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth 6-10  
Contractor Cleco

Date 10-26-83  
Tested by R.L.

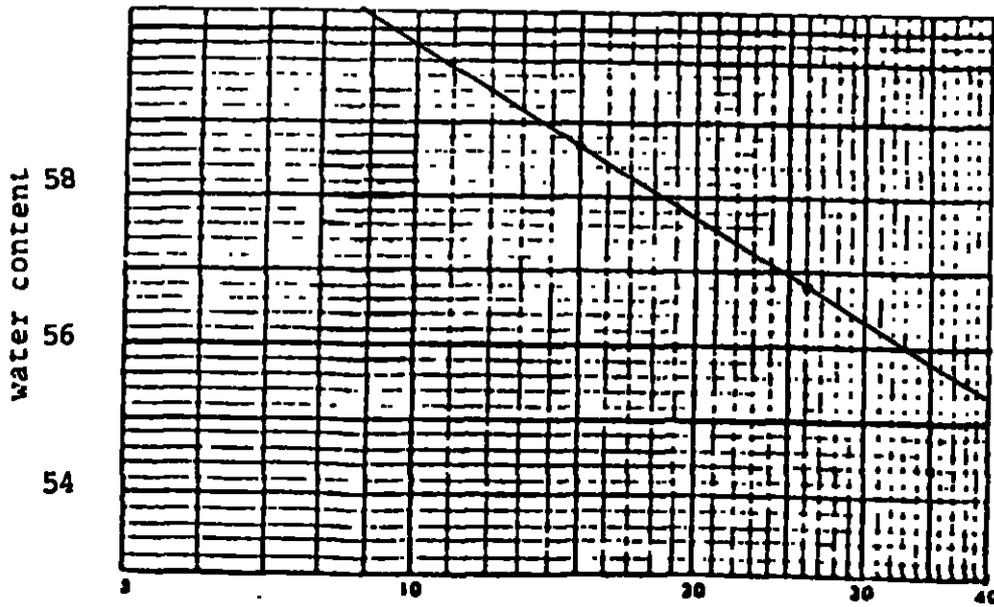
**PLASTIC LIMIT**

Can No.	<u>AW</u>		
Wet Wt.	<u>8.85</u>		
Dry Wt.	<u>7.65</u>		
Wt. Water	<u>1.2</u>		
T.W.	<u>1.54</u>		
Wt. Dry Soil	<u>6.11</u>		
% Water	<u>19.6</u>		

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**


**LIQUID LIMIT**

No. of Blows	35	26	15		
Can No.	<u>AF</u>	<u>AE</u>	<u>AT</u>		
Wet Wt.	<u>14.96</u>	<u>15.56</u>	<u>16.11</u>		
Dry Wt.	<u>10.23</u>	<u>10.48</u>	<u>10.72</u>		
Wt. Water	<u>4.73</u>	<u>5.08</u>	<u>5.39</u>		
T.W.	<u>1.54</u>	<u>1.54</u>	<u>1.54</u>		
Wt. Dry Soil	<u>8.69</u>	<u>8.94</u>	<u>9.18</u>		
% Water	<u>54.4</u>	<u>56.8</u>	<u>58.7</u>		



U 57  
 PL 20  
 PI 37  
 Symbol from plasticity chart



**SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES**  
**SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**

**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

SOIL SAMPLE Brown Clay Lab No. 13-3713  
 LOCATION SA-7 Date 10-26-83  
 Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth 2-4 Tested by R.L.  
 Contractor Cleco

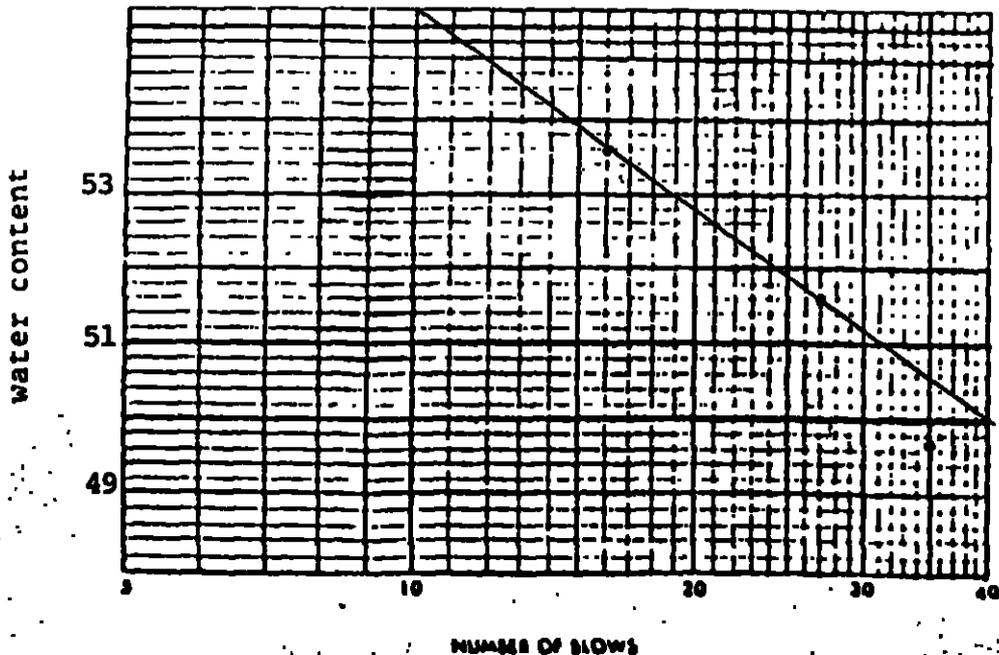
**PLASTIC LIMIT**

Can No.	AW	
Wet Wt.	10.05	
Dry Wt.	8.44	
Wt. Water	1.61	
T.W.	1.54	
Wt. Dry Soil	6.9	
% Water	23.3	

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**


**LIQUID LIMIT**

No. of Blows	35	27	16
Can No.	AS	A-6	AP
Wet Wt.	17.38	17.15	17.84
Dry Wt.	12.12	11.84	12.15
Wt. Water	5.26	5.31	5.69
T.W.	1.54	1.54	1.54
Wt. Dry Soil	10.58	10.3	10.61
% Water	49.7	51.6	53.6



W 52  
 PL 23  
 PI 29  
 Symbol from  
 plasticity chart

SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES  
SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY

ATTERBERG LIMITS

SOIL SAMPLE Brown Clay

Lab No. 13-3713

LOCATION SA-7

Date 10-26-83

Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth 4-6

Tested by \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor Cleco

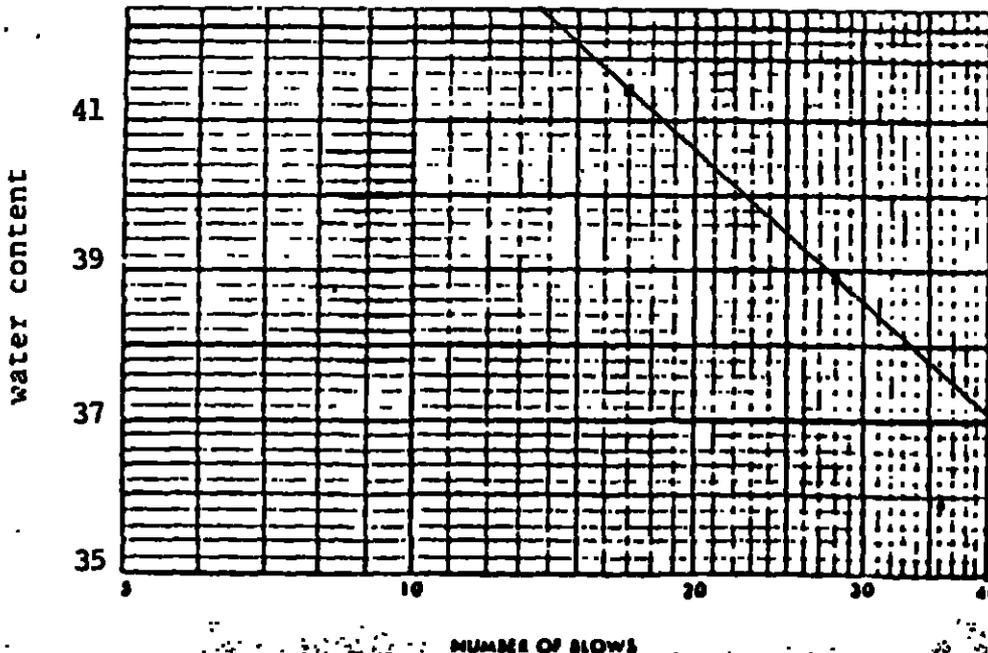
PLASTIC LIMIT

Can No.	A-14		
Wet Wt.	9.74		
Dry Wt.	8.46		
Wt. Water	1.28		
T.W.	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	6.92		
% Water	18.5		

NATURAL WATER CONTENT


LIQUID LIMIT

No. of Blows	36	28	17		
Can No.	A-19	A-12	AZ		
Wet Wt.	15.59	15.56	16.09		
Dry Wt.	11.88	11.63	11.83		
Wt. Water	3.71	3.93	4.26		
T.W.	1.54	1.54	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	10.34	10.09	10.29		
% Water	35.9	38.9	41.4		



LL 39  
 PL 19  
 PI 20  
 Symbol from plasticity chart

## LOG OF BORING

PROJECT: 9101550  
 CLIENT: Cleco

BORING NO.: SA-8  
 LOCATION: Rodemacher Power Sta.

Date: 10-26-83

Type: Auger

Ground Elevation: 83.0

Depth, Feet	Symbol	Sample	Description of Stratum
			Legend: ■ Sample                      X Penetration                      ▼ Water
			Brown Clay.
5			Brown Clay.
			Brown Clay.
10			Brown Clay.
			Bottom of Hole = 12'
15			NO WATER
20			
25			
30			
35			
40			
45			
50			

# LOG OF BORING

PROJECT: 9101550  
 CLIENT: Cleco

BORING NO.: CB-1  
 LOCATION: Rodemacher Power Sta.

Date: 10-26-83

Type: Auger

Ground Elevation: 87.0

Depth, Feet	Symbol	Sample	Description of Stratum
			Legend: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <span>■ Sample</span> <span>X Penetration</span> <span>▼ Water</span> </div>
			Brown Clay
5			Brown Sandy Clay.
			Brown Silty Sand.
10			Brown Silty Sand.
			Bottom of Hole = 12'
15			NO WATER
20			
25			
30			
35			
40			
45			
50			

SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES  
SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY

ATTERBERG LIMITS

SOIL SAMPLE Reddish Brown Clay

Lab No. 13-3713

LOCATION CB-1

Date 10-26-83

Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth 0-3

Tested by R.L.

Contractor Cleco

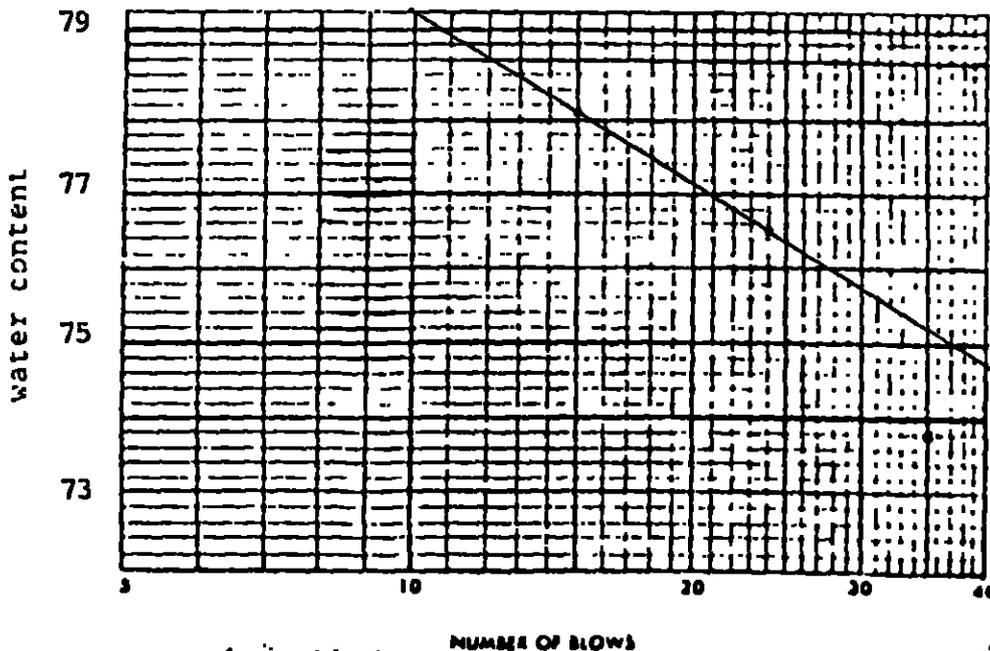
PLASTIC LIMIT

Can No.	A-4		
Wet Wt.	8.18		
Dry Wt.	6.9		
Wt. Water	1.28		
T.W.	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	5.36		
% Water	23.9		

NATURAL WATER CONTENT


LIQUID LIMIT

No. of Blows	35	24	15		
Can No.	AD	AM	A-26		
Wet Wt.	14.61	14.71	15.13		
Dry Wt.	9.06	9.0	9.17		
Wt. Water	5.51	5.71	5.96		
T.W.	1.54	1.54	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	7.52	7.46	7.63		
% Water	73.8	76.5	78.1		



LL 76  
 PI 24  
 PI 52  
 Symbol from plasticity chart

SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES  
SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY

ATTERBERG LIMITS

SOIL SAMPLE Reddish Brown Clayey Silt

Lab No. 13-3713

LOCATION CB-1

Date 10-26-83

Boring No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sample Depth 3-6

Tested by R.L.

Contractor Cleco

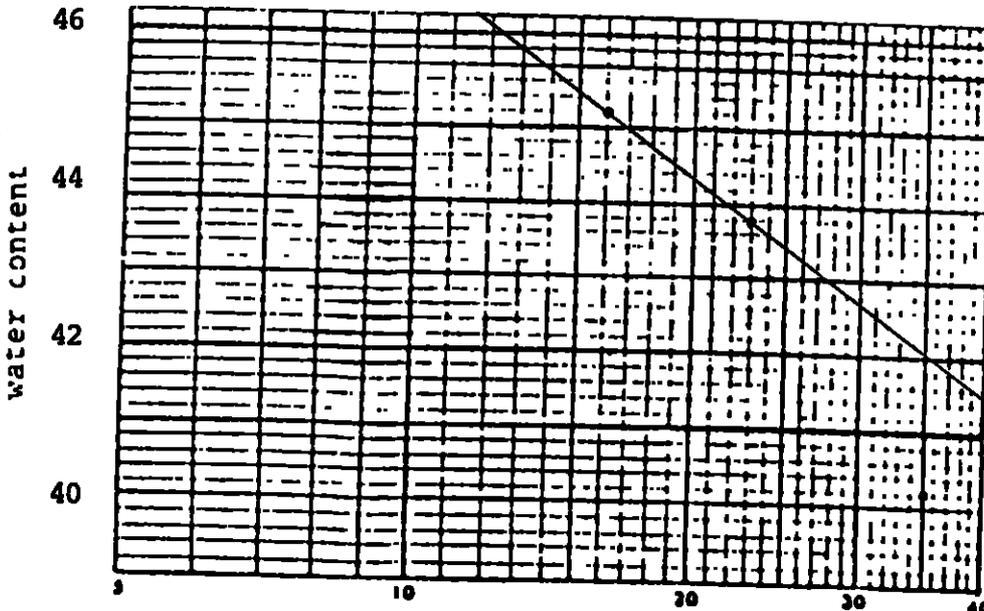
PLASTIC LIMIT

Can No.	AD		
Wet Wt.	9.64		
Dry Wt.	8.42		
Wt. Water	1.22		
T.W.	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	6.88		
% Water	17.7		

NATURAL WATER CONTENT


LIQUID LIMIT

No. of Blows	35	23	16		
Can No.	A-15	AN	AE		
Wet Wt.	14.83	14.81	15.41		
Dry Wt.	11.02	10.77	11.09		
Wt. Water	3.81	4.04	4.32		
T.W.	1.54	1.54	1.54		
Wt. Dry Soil	9.48	9.23	9.55		
% Water	40.2	43.8	45.2		



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 PI 25  
 Symbol from  
 plasticity chart

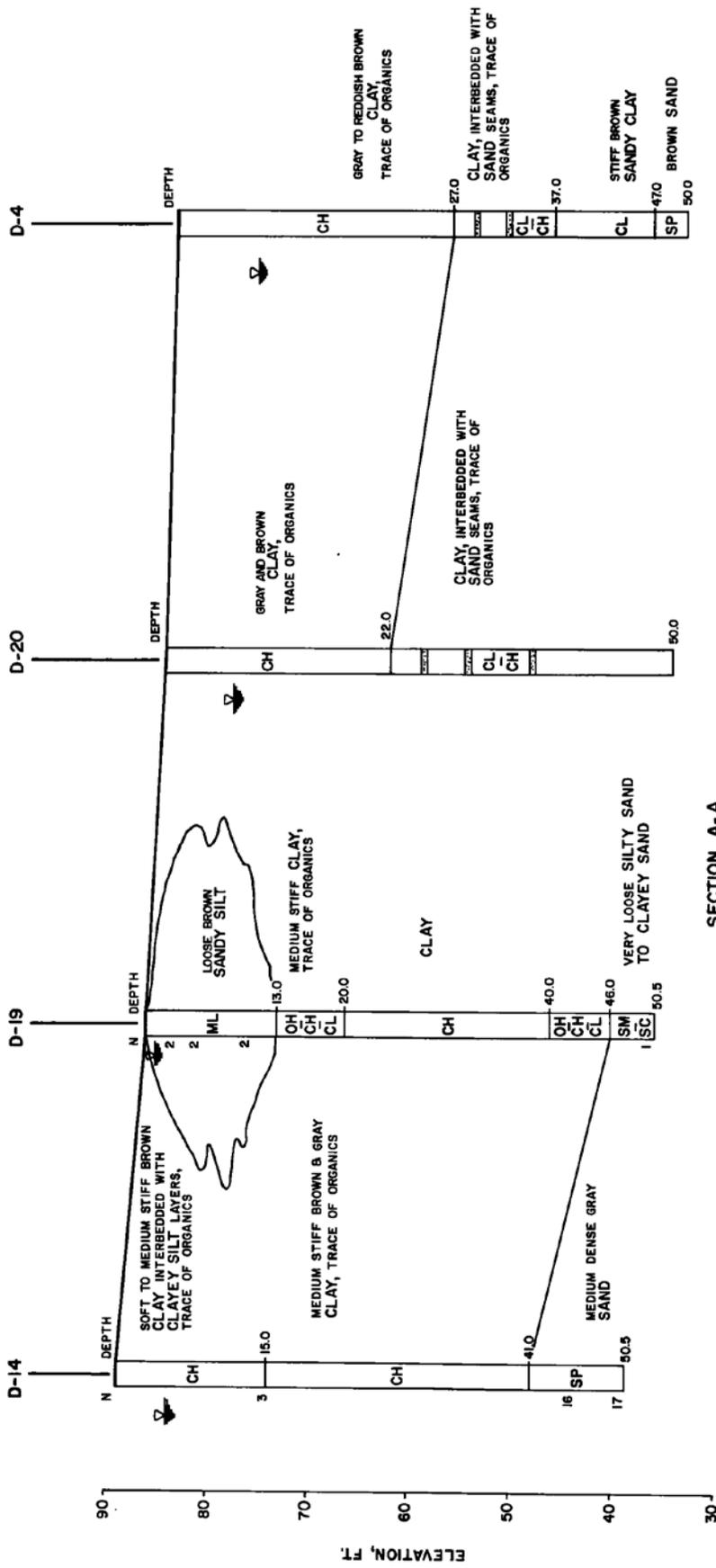
**ATTACHMENT 3**  
**1981 PERMIT APPLICATION FLY ASH POND SECTION**

#### 6.4.3.B SITE MASTER PLAN - FLY ASH POND

##### 6.4.3.B.1) Site Plan for Fly Ash Pond

- a) Exhibit FA6.4.3.B.1-1 illustrates the Fly Ash Pond with original and final topographic contours. The Fly Ash Pond is located predominately in alluvial deposits of the Red River Valley. The pond was constructed by building a 20 foot wide dike around the area to be used. At elevation 103, the surface area of the pond will be 109 acres. The slope of the dikes are 3 horizontal to 1 vertical. The interior side of the dikes have a minimum 3 foot thick layer of compacted clay. There is an effective horizontal clay layer of about 10 feet.
- b) Peripheral fencing is not planned for the Fly Ash Pond since the disposal facility is within the station proper and access is controlled.
- c) It is not planned to monitor the daily quantity of dry ash put into the ash pond beyond normal plant engineering practice of every few years recording an elevation of the top of the sludge and computing the remaining volume versus projected disposal volumes. The volume of fly ash will be computed by using the amount of coal burned. The size of the pond was designed to accommodate the fly ash expected to be generated over the life time of Unit 2.
- d) The waste in the Fly Ash Pond is non-combustible, thus no special fire protection facilities are planned.
- e) The storage volume of the Fly Ash Pond is 1,560 acre-feet at elevation 103. The fly ash will be transported from the storage bin to the disposal site by truck. At the pond, the fly ash will be spread and moistened with water to prevent dust and cause a pozzolanic reaction.
- f) No leachate collection or treatment facilities are planned for the relatively dry waste spread in the Fly Ash Pond. The design of the facility incorporates an impermeable silty clay





**SECTION A-A**

GENERALIZED SUBSURFACE DIAGRAM -  
SECTION A-A  
FLY ASH POND

RODEMACHER POWER STATION UNIT 2  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN  
PERMIT APPLICATION

EXHIBIT FA 6.4.3.B.2-2

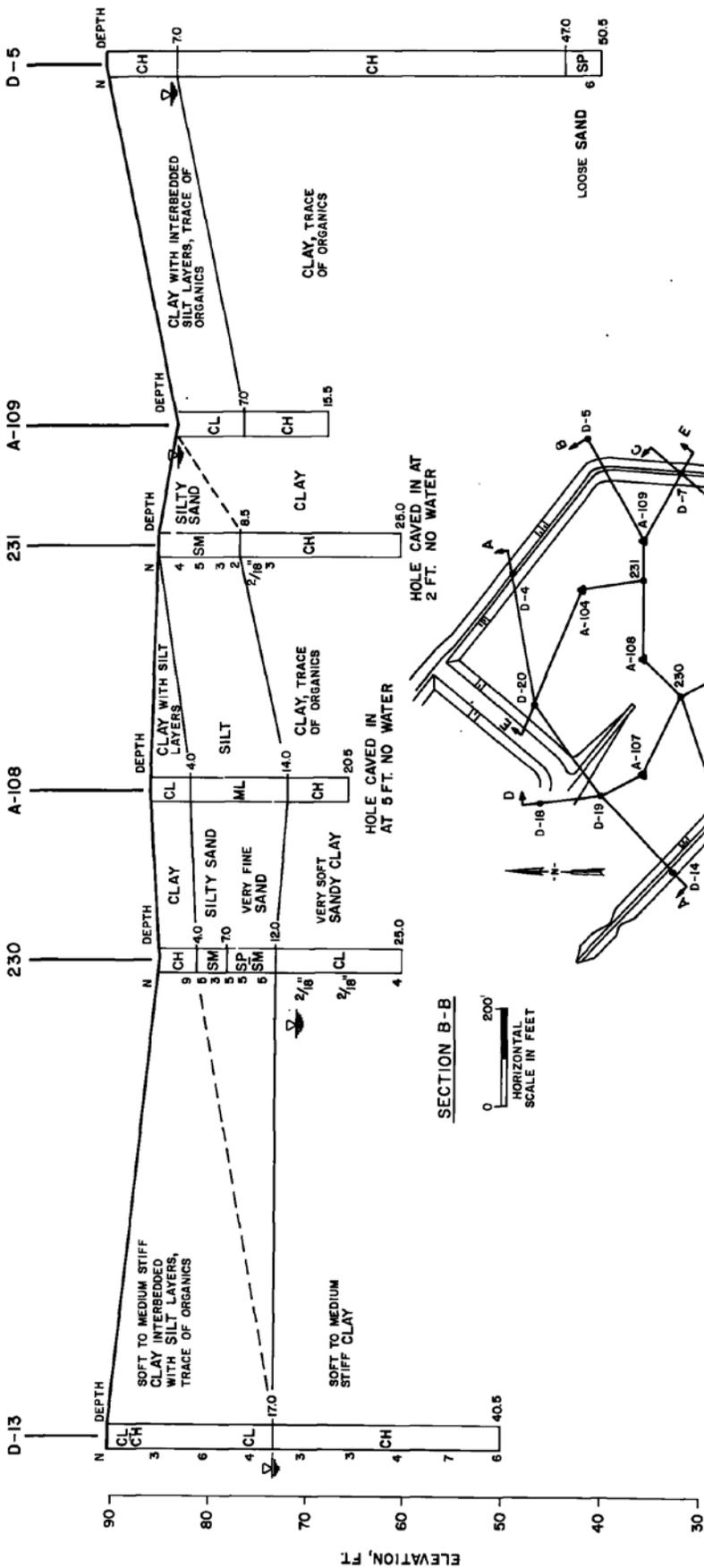
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N = STANDARD PENETRATION TEST,  
BLOWS PER FOOT

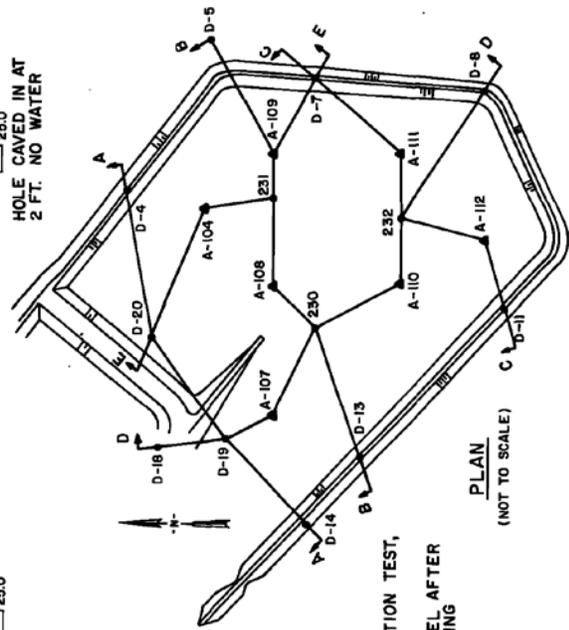
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24 HOURS OF DRILLING

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HORIZONTAL  
SCALE IN FEET

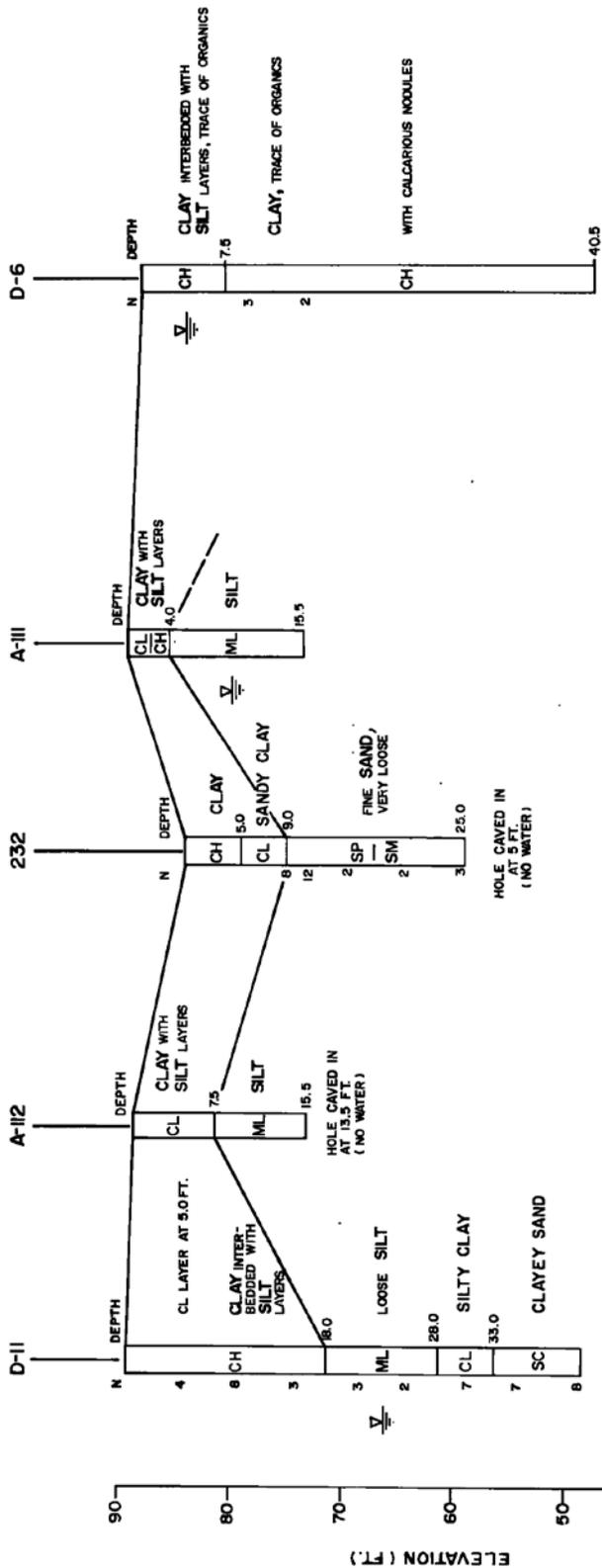
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FOR BORING LOCATION  
PLAN SEE SECTION B-B



GENERALIZED SUBSURFACE DIAGRAM -  
SECTION B-B  
FLY ASH POND  
RODEMACHER POWER STATION UNIT 2  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN  
PERMIT APPLICATION  
EXHIBIT FA 6.4.3.B.2-3



**LEGEND**  
N = STANDARD PENETRATION TEST,  
BLOWS PER FOOT  
▽ = GROUND WATER LEVEL AFTER  
24 HOURS OF DRILLING



**LEGEND**

- N - STANDARD PENETRATION TEST, BLOWS PER FOOT
- ∇ - GROUND WATER LEVEL AFTER 24 HRS OF DRILLING

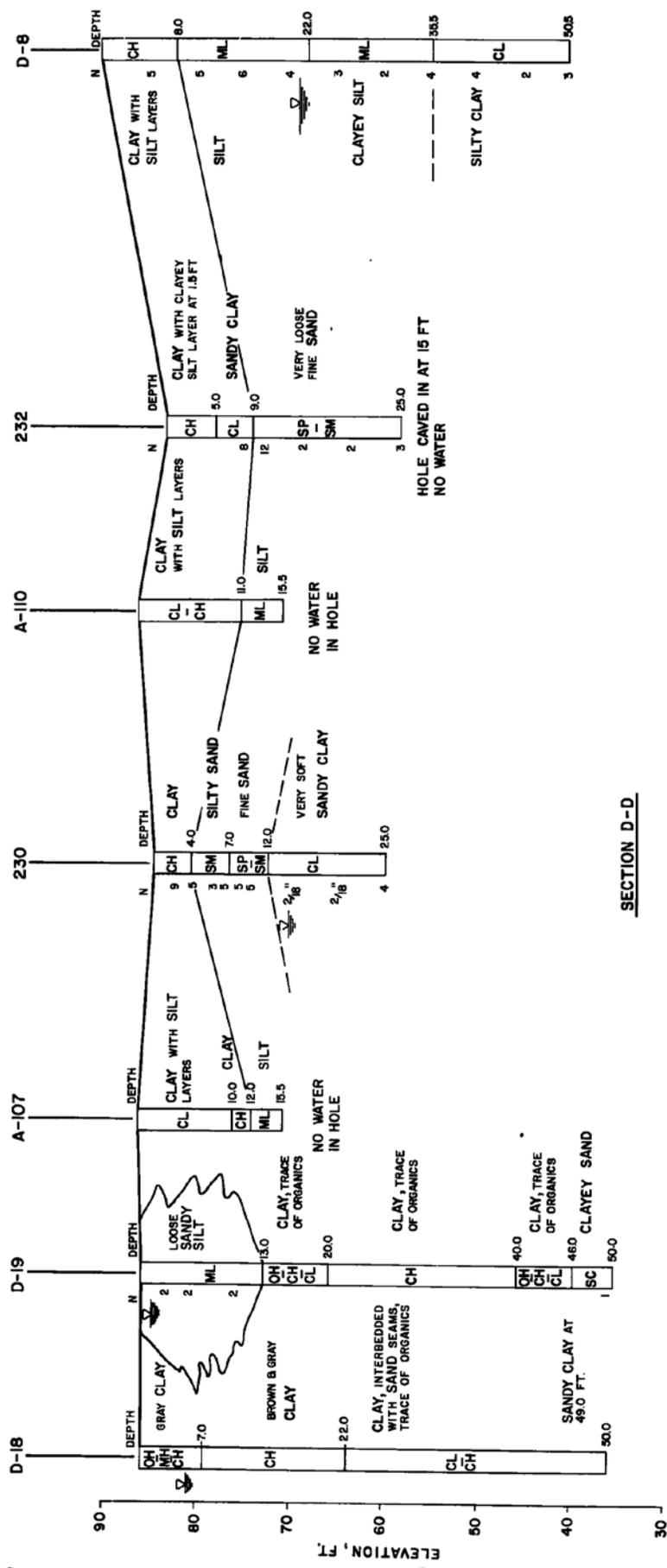
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GENERALIZED SUBSURFACE DIAGRAM -  
SECTION C-C  
FLY ASH POND

RODEMACHER POWER STATION UNIT 2  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN  
PERMIT APPLICATION

EXHIBIT PA 6.4.3.B.2-4

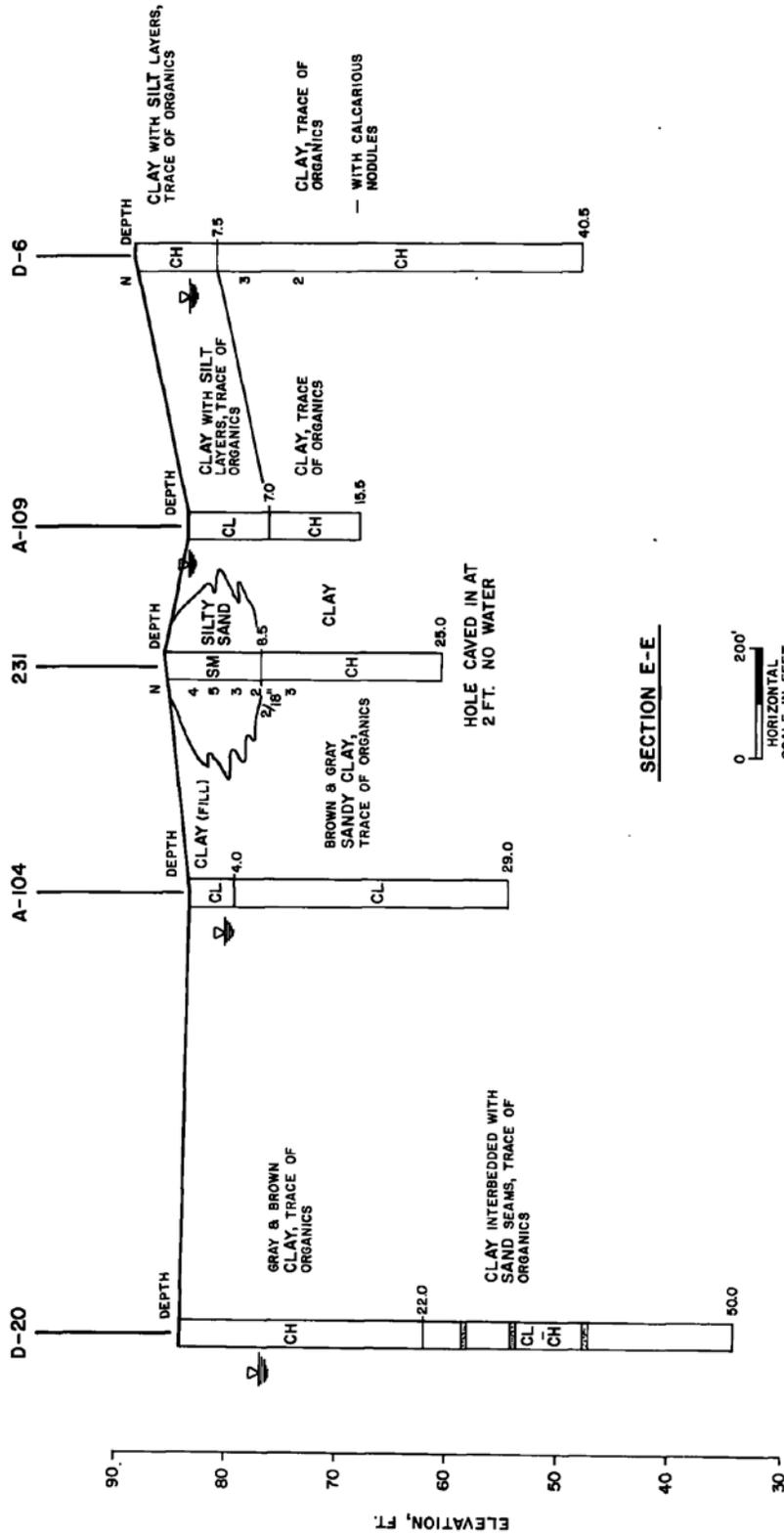


**LEGEND**

- N = STANDARD PENETRATION TEST,
- BLOWS PER FOOT
- GROUND WATER LEVEL AFTER 24 HOURS OF DRILLING

NOTE:  
FOR BORING LOCATION  
PLAN, SEE SECTION B-B

GENERALIZED SUBSURFACE DIAGRAM - SECTION D-D FLY ASH POND
RODEMACHER POWER STATION UNIT 2 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN PERMIT APPLICATION
EXHIBIT PA 6.4.3.B.2-5



GENERALIZED SUBSURFACE DIAGRAM -  
SECTION E-E  
FLY ASH POND

RODEMACHER POWER STATION UNIT 2  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN  
PERMIT APPLICATION

EXHIBIT FA 6.4.3.B.2-6

6.4.3.8.4) Geological Characteristics

- a) Exhibits FA 6.4.3.8.2-2 through 6 present representative soil conditions for the Fly Ash Pond. These borings were done before excavation of clay materials used to form a three foot thick compacted liner for the dikes. After excavation, the Fly Ash Pond will be underlain by a 3 foot to 13 foot top layer of reddish-brown clay to gray clay which grades in some areas to a silt/sandy silt. Beneath most of the Fly Ash Pond and underlying the top clay stratum is approximately 25 to 40 feet of clay below which are sands and clayey sands 10 feet or more in thickness. Laboratory permeability of the clay tested at  $1.1 \times 10^{-8}$  cm/sec. The Atterburg Limit values for Plasticity Index averaged 29 with an average liquid limit of 49 which classifies the clay as a CH according to the Unified Soil Classification System.

Compaction and Atterburg Limits tests were/and are being performed on the clay liner of the Fly Ash Pond dike. The minimum specified Plasticity Index is 15 with 60 percent passing the #200 sieve and compaction is 95 percent of modified proctor test. The clay liner is being placed in 8 to 10 inch layers and compacted with "sheep's foot" equipment. Given these criteria and knowing the in situ characteristics of the clay which is being excavated (Average Plasticity Index 29), an effective protective layer should be present for the ground water.

Table FA 6.4.3.8.4-1 is a summary of representative laboratory tests on soils from the Fly Ash Pond area.

After clay liner material is borrowed from the Fly Ash Pond area, hand auger borings will be performed to confirm that a 3 foot thickness of clay remains over the bottom of the Fly Ash Pond.

TABLE FA 6.4.3.B.4-1

SUMMARY OF LABORATORY TESTS  
FLY ASH POND

Feature	Boring No. Sample No.	Bottom of Sample Depth, ft	Particle Size Analysis (% Passing) <sup>2</sup>				Atterberg Limits <sup>3</sup>			Unified Soil Classification Symbol	Natural <sup>4</sup> Water Content (%)	Dry Density lbs/ft <sup>3</sup>	Laboratory <sup>5</sup> (Vertical) Permeability cm/sec
			No. 4 Sieve	No. 10 Sieve	No. 40 Sieve	No. 200 Sieve	Liquid Limit (\$)	Plastic Limit (\$)	Plasticity Index				
Fly Ash Pond (Dry) Storage Area	230, 2	3.0	100	100	100	100	58	20	38	CH	25.6	-	-
	230, 8	15.0	-	-	100	66	27	19	8	CL	27.4	-	-
	231, 2	3.0	-	-	-	37	N.P. <sup>6</sup>	N.P.	N.P.	SM	17.7	-	-
	231, 4	6.0	-	-	-	15	N.P.	N.P.	N.P.	SM	25.1	-	-
	9	20.0	-	-	-	99	61	20	41	CH	38.9	-	-
	232, 1	1.5	100	100	100	100	62	20	42	CH	35.5	-	-
	232, 3	4.5	100	100	100	98	58	19	39	CH	36	-	-
	5	7.5	-	-	-	89	29	18	11	CL	24.1	-	1.1 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>

1 Laboratory testing performed by Southwestern Laboratories, Inc., Shreveport, Louisiana.  
 2 Laboratory Particle Size Analysis Tests Performed in accordance with ASTM D422 and ASTM D1140.  
 3 Laboratory Atterberg Limit Tests of Soils performed in accordance with ASTM D425 and ASTM D424.  
 4 Laboratory Water Content Tests of Soils performed in accordance with ASTM D2216.  
 5 Laboratory Permeability Test performed on undisturbed Shelby to be sample.  
 6 Sample Tested using Falling Head Test procedure in accordance with EM 1110-2-1906.  
 N.P. = Non Plastic

6.4.3.B.5) Environmental Characteristics for Fly Ash Pond:

- a) There are no known historical or archaeological sites within 1000 feet of the Fly Ash Pond. No habitats for endangered species or other sensitive ecological species are within 1000 feet of the Fly Ash Pond.

The basis for these statements is the 1972-1973 ecological studies of the environment at the Rodemacher Station. The survey addressed in detail the terrestrial wildlife, the aquatic life, and vegetation in the area. Since that time the station and lake have been constructed and the immediate area of the station, including the Fly Ash Pond, is one of an industrial setting.

- b) The operation of the Fly Ash Pond will have no adverse impact upon the use of the lake nor impair the quality of the lake environment.

6.4.3.C FACILITY PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS - FLY ASH POND

- 1) Design, Plans, and Specifications: The plans submitted herein for the Fly Ash Pond were prepared and sealed by Professional Engineers with the required expertise in processing or disposing of solid waste as defined by the Solid Waste Management Plan.
- 2) Certification: Exhibit FA6.4.3.C.2-1 is a certification that the facility meets the requirements outlined in the state regulations.
- 3) Special Requirements:
- a) Incineration. Incineration is not planned as a disposal option in the operation of the Fly Ash Pond.
- b) Sanitary Landfills.
- b.i) Typical cross sections of the Fly Ash Pond are similar to those of the adjacent Bottom Ash Pond and are shown in Exhibit FA6.4.3.B.1-2. The dry fly ash trucked to the pond will be spread and sprayed for dust control as well as for compaction by dozers spreading the material. Rain water

CERTIFICATE OF SARGENT & LUNDY ENGINEERS

I, Richard I. Gavin, make this certification as a registered Professional Engineer on behalf of Sargent & Lundy Engineers for the benefit of all persons interested in the application of Central Louisiana Electric Company, Inc. for a Solid Waste Disposal Permit from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of Environmental Affairs.

I do hereby certify as follows:

1. I am a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Louisiana.
2. I have supervised preparation of the design, plans, and specifications for the Unit 2 Boiler Cleaning Waste Pond, Bottom Ash Pond, Fly Ash Pond, Clarifier Sludge Pond, and equipment associated with such waste ponds.
3. To the best of my knowledge, the design, plans, and specifications for the above mentioned waste disposal facilities at Rodemacher Power Station, Unit 2, meet applicable requirements of the Louisiana Solid Waste Rules and Regulations.
4. To the extent that this certification is based upon information and data prepared and analyzed by Sargent & Lundy personnel other than myself, I have reviewed this certification with such personnel to confirm its completeness and accuracy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23 day  
of October, 1981.

  
Richard I. Gavin, Partner  
Sargent & Lundy Engineers

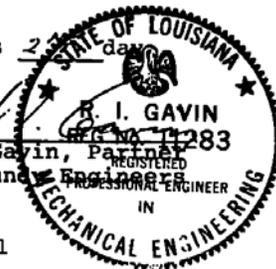


EXHIBIT FA 6.4.3.C.2-1

which will pond on the lowest sections of the Fly Ash Pond will be used for spraying the ash. The bottom of the Fly Ash Pond and completed dikes will have a minimum 3 foot thickness of relatively impermeable clay. This should protect the underlying ground water. Furthermore, the waste characteristics of the ash are such that no harmful effects should occur to the quality of ground water.

- b.ii) Very plastic clay soils underlay the Fly Ash Pond and excavation of these soils is underway to form a 3 foot thick layer for the diked Fly Ash Pond. The soil liner is a CH material. Cross sections showing soil profiles are illustrated in Exhibits FA 6.4.3.B.2-2 through 6.
- b.iii) Section 6.4.3.D.2 describes the characteristics of dry fly ash to be disposed of. Operation of the Fly Ash Pond should pose no harmful effects to the ground water.
- b.iv) No cover material is planned during operation of the Fly Ash Pond. The dry ash will be spread and sprayed with water.
- b.v) No special operations equipment will be needed for the disposal operations at the Fly Ash Pond.
- b.vi) No leachate collection and/or treatment system is planned for the Fly Ash Pond since it is designed to contain liquids.
- b.vii) As was discussed in Section 6.4.3.C.2.bvii for the Bottom Ash Pond, the ground water monitoring strategy for the Fly Ash and Bottom Ash Ponds is tied to down gradient monitoring wells. The proximity of these two ponds as shown on Exhibit FA 6.4.3.B.2-1 is such that the two monitoring wells shown on Exhibit 6.4.3.A.2-2 should serve as indicators if contamination should occur. This decision also considers the relatively clean characteristics of the bottom ash and fly ash waste and their relatively harmless influence on the environment. The two wells shown for the

**ATTACHMENT 4**  
**FLY ASH POND PERMEABILITY TESTS**



**HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY OF SATURATED POROUS MATERIAL USING A FLEXIBLE WALL PERMEAMETER BY ASTM D 5084**

Client:	Providence
Project Name:	Fly Ash Pond at Brame Energy Center
Visual Description:	Moist Dark Grayish Brown Clay
Boring No.:	-----
Sample:	FA-1
Sample Length (inches):	39.0''
Sample Type:	Intact
Permeant Fluid:	De-aired Distilled Water
Orientation:	Vertical
Cell:	6/7
Sample Preparation:	Cut, trimmed and placed into permeameter at as received density and moisture content .Trimming moisture content =62.0 %
Assumed Specific Gravity:	2.70
Atterbergs:	LL: 91 PL: 40 PI: 51

Parameter	Initial	Final
Height, in	2.38	2.33
Diameter, in	2.90	2.85
Area, in <sup>2</sup>	6.61	6.38
Volume, in <sup>3</sup>	15.7	14.9
Mass, g	410	401
Bulk Density, pcf	99	103
Moisture Content, %	56.6	53.4
Dry Density, pcf	63.2	66.9
Degree of Saturation, %	92.0	95.0

**B COEFFICIENT DETERMINATION**

Cell Pressure, psi: 89.98      Cell Pressure Increment, psi : 4.98      Increased Cell Pressure,psi : 94.96  
 Sample Pressure, psi: 80.01      Corresponding Sample Pressure, psi: 84.66      B Coefficient: 0.93  
 Sample Pressure Increment, psi: 4.65      (β value did not increase with increase in pressure. Final degree of saturation > 95 %)

**FLOW DATA**

Date	Trial	Pressure, psi		Manometer Readings			Elapsed Time, sec	Gradient	Permeability K, cm/sec	Temp., °C	R <sub>t</sub>	Permeability K @ 20 °C cm/sec
		Cell	Sample	Z <sub>1</sub>	Z <sub>2</sub>	Z <sub>1</sub> -Z <sub>2</sub>						
8/8	1	90	80	13.5	13.3	0.2	196	28.7	2.7E-08	20	1.000	2.7E-08
8/8	2	90	80	13.5	13.3	0.2	217	28.7	2.5E-08	20	1.000	2.5E-08
8/8	3	90	80	13.5	13.3	0.2	233	28.7	2.3E-08	20	1.000	2.3-08
8/8	4	90	80	13.5	13.3	0.2	255	28.7	2.1E-08	20	1.000	2.1E-08

**TEST RESULTS: PERMEABILITY AT 20 °C: 2.4 x10<sup>-8</sup> cm/sec (@ 10 psi effective stress)**



**HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY OF SATURATED POROUS MATERIAL USING A FLEXIBLE WALL PERMEAMETER BY ASTM D 5084**

Client:	Providence
Project Name:	Fly Ash Pond at Brame Energy Center
Visual Description:	Moist Dark Grayish Brown Clay
Boring No.:	-----
Sample:	FA-2
Sample Length (inches):	24.0''
Sample Type:	Intact
Permeant Fluid:	De-aired Distilled Water
Orientation:	Vertical
Cell:	19/2
Sample Preparation:	Cut, trimmed and placed into permeameter at as received density and moisture content. Trimming moisture content =73.3 %
Assumed Specific Gravity:	2.70
Atterbergs:	LL: 118 PL: 28 PI: 90

Parameter	Initial	Final
Height, in	2.33	2.26
Diameter, in	2.91	2.80
Area, in <sup>2</sup>	6.65	6.16
Volume, in <sup>3</sup>	15.5	13.9
Mass, g	381	359
Bulk Density, pcf	93	98
Moisture Content, %	74.4	64.2
Dry Density, pcf	53.6	59.7
Degree of Saturation, %	94.0	95.0

**B COEFFICIENT DETERMINATION**

Cell Pressure, psi: 91.99      Cell Pressure Increment, psi : 6.18      Increased Cell Pressure,psi : 98.17  
 Sample Pressure, psi: 82.01      Corresponding Sample Pressure, psi: 87.75      B Coefficient: 0.93  
 Sample Pressure Increment, psi: 5.74      ( $\beta$  value did not increase with increase in pressure. Final degree of saturation > 95 %)

**FLOW DATA**

Date	Trial	Pressure, psi		Manometer Readings			Elapsed Time, sec	Gradient	Permeability K, cm/sec	Temp., °C	R <sub>t</sub>	Permeability K @ 20 °C cm/sec
		Cell	Sample	Z <sub>1</sub>	Z <sub>2</sub>	Z <sub>1</sub> -Z <sub>2</sub>						
8/8	1	92	82	13.5	13.3	0.2	100	29.6	5.4E-08	20.2	0.995	5.4E-08
8/8	2	92	82	13.5	13.3	0.2	108	29.6	5.0E-08	20.2	0.995	5.0E-08
8/8	3	92	82	13.5	13.3	0.2	115	29.6	4.7E-08	20.2	0.995	4.7E-08
8/8	4	92	82	13.5	13.3	0.2	121	29.6	4.4E-08	2.02	0.995	4.4E-08

**TEST RESULTS: PERMEABILITY AT 20 °C: 4.9 x10<sup>-8</sup> cm/sec (@ 10 psi effective stress)**



**HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY OF SATURATED POROUS MATERIAL USING A FLEXIBLE WALL PERMEAMETER BY ASTM D 5084**

Client:	Providence
Project Name:	Fly Ash Pond at Brame Energy Center
Visual Description:	Moist Dark Grayish Brown Clay
Boring No.:	----
Sample:	FA-3
Sample Length (inches):	34.0"
Sample Type:	Intact
Permeant Fluid:	De-aired Distilled Water
Orientation:	Vertical
Cell:	6/7
Sample Preparation:	Cut, trimmed and placed into permeameter at as received density and moisture content. Trimming moisture content =77.2%
Assumed Specific Gravity:	2.70
Atterbergs:	LL: 73 PL: 31 PI: 42

Parameter	Initial	Final
Height, in	2.63	2.51
Diameter, in	2.86	2.81
Area, in <sup>2</sup>	6.42	6.20
Volume, in <sup>3</sup>	16.9	15.6
Mass, g	415	394
Bulk Density, pcf	93	96
Moisture Content, %	75.6	66.7
Dry Density, pcf	53.2	57.8
Degree of Saturation, %	95.0	95.0

**B COEFFICIENT DETERMINATION**

Cell Pressure, psi: 90.01      Cell Pressure Increment, psi : 4.97      Increased Cell Pressure,psi : 94.98  
 Sample Pressure, psi: 80.01      Corresponding Sample Pressure, psi: 84.71      B Coefficient: 0.95  
 Sample Pressure Increment, psi: 4.71

**FLOW DATA**

Date	Trial	Pressure, psi		Manometer Readings			Elapsed Time, sec	Gradient	Permeability K, cm/sec	Temp., °C	R <sub>t</sub>	Permeability K @ 20 °C cm/sec
		Cell	Sample	Z <sub>1</sub>	Z <sub>2</sub>	Z <sub>1</sub> -Z <sub>2</sub>						
8/10	1	90	80	15.0	14.8	0.2	94	29.6	5.7E-08	19.6	1.010	5.7E-08
8/10	2	90	80	15.0	14.8	0.2	102	29.6	5.2E-08	19.6	1.010	5.3E-08
8/10	3	90	80	15.0	14.8	0.2	107	29.6	5.0E-08	19.6	1.010	5.0E-08
8/10	4	90	80	15.0	14.8	0.2	111	29.6	4.8E-08	19.6	1.010	4.9E-08

**TEST RESULTS: PERMEABILITY AT 20 °C: 5.2 x10<sup>-8</sup> cm/sec (@ 10 psi effective stress)**



**HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY OF SATURATED POROUS MATERIAL USING A FLEXIBLE WALL PERMEAMETER BY ASTM D 5084**

Client:	Providence
Project Name:	Fly Ash Pond at Brame Energy Center
Visual Description:	Moist Dark Grayish Brown Clay
Boring No.:	----
Sample:	FA-4
Sample Length (inches):	36.0"
Sample Type:	Intact
Permeant Fluid:	De-aired Distilled Water
Orientation:	Vertical
Cell:	11/1
Sample Preparation:	Cut, trimmed and placed into permeameter at as received density and moisture content .Trimming moisture content =103.0 %
Assumed Specific Gravity:	2.65
Atterbergs:	LL:117 PL: 38 PI: 79

Parameter	Initial	Final
Height, in	2.69	2.55
Diameter, in	3.01	2.95
Area, in <sup>2</sup>	7.12	6.83
Volume, in <sup>3</sup>	19.1	17.4
Mass, g	471	454
Bulk Density, pcf	94	99
Moisture Content, %	72.0	66.0
Dry Density, pcf	54.4	59.7
Degree of Saturation, %	94.0	99.0

**B COEFFICIENT DETERMINATION**

Cell Pressure, psi: 89.98      Cell Pressure Increment, psi : 5.09      Increased Cell Pressure,psi : 95.07  
 Sample Pressure, psi: 80.02      Corresponding Sample Pressure, psi: 84.86      B Coefficient: 0.95  
 Sample Pressure Increment, psi: 4.84

**FLOW DATA**

Date	Trial	Pressure, psi		Manometer Readings			Elapsed Time, sec	Gradient	Permeability K, cm/sec	Temp., °C	R <sub>t</sub>	Permeability K @ 20 °C cm/sec
		Cell	Sample	Z <sub>1</sub>	Z <sub>2</sub>	Z <sub>1</sub> -Z <sub>2</sub>						
8/11	1	90.0	80.0	12.0	11.8	0.2	69	23.3	8.9E-08	20.5	0.988	8.8E-08
8/11	2	90.0	80.0	12.0	11.8	0.2	68	23.3	9.1E-08	20.5	0.988	8.9E-08
8/11	3	90.0	80.0	12.0	11.8	0.2	68	23.3	9.1E-08	20.5	0.988	8.9E-08
8/11	4	90.0	80.0	12.0	11.8	0.2	70	23.3	8.8E-08	20.5	0.988	8.7E-08

**TEST RESULTS: PERMEABILITY AT 20 °C: 8.9 x10<sup>-8</sup> cm/sec (@ 10 psi effective stress)**



**HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY OF SATURATED POROUS MATERIAL USING A FLEXIBLE WALL PERMEAMETER BY ASTM D 5084**

Client:	Providence
Project Name:	Fly Ash Pond at Brame Energy Center
Visual Description:	Moist Dark Grayish Brown Clay
Boring No.:	-----
Sample:	FA-5
Sample Length (inches):	33.0"
Sample Type:	Intact
Permeant Fluid:	De-aired Distilled Water
Orientation:	Vertical
Cell:	1/6
Sample Preparation:	Cut, trimmed and placed into permeameter at as received density and moisture content .Trimming moisture content =42.9 %
Assumed Specific Gravity:	2.65
Atterbergs:	LL:91 PL: 33 PI: 58

Parameter	Initial	Final
Height, in	3.01	2.99
Diameter, in	2.93	2.88
Area, in <sup>2</sup>	6.74	6.51
Volume, in <sup>3</sup>	20.3	19.5
Mass, g	563	550
Bulk Density, pcf	105	107
Moisture Content, %	46.1	42.8
Dry Density, pcf	72.2	75.2
Degree of Saturation, %	94.0	95.0

**B COEFFICIENT DETERMINATION**

Cell Pressure, psi: 91.95      Cell Pressure Increment, psi : 5.12      Increased Cell Pressure,psi : 97.07  
 Sample Pressure, psi: 82.02      Corresponding Sample Pressure, psi: 86.77      B Coefficient: 0.93  
 Sample Pressure Increment, psi: 4.75      (β value did not increase with increase in pressure. Final degree of saturation > 95 %)

**FLOW DATA**

Date	Trial	Pressure, psi		Manometer Readings			Elapsed Time, sec	Gradient	Permeability K, cm/sec	Temp., °C	R <sub>t</sub>	Permeability K @ 20 °C cm/sec
		Cell	Sample	Z <sub>1</sub>	Z <sub>2</sub>	Z <sub>1</sub> -Z <sub>2</sub>						
8/22	1	92.0	82.0	17.5	17.3	0.2	89	29.0	5.8E-08	20.1	0.998	5.8E-08
8/22	2	92.0	82.0	17.5	17.3	0.2	97	29.0	5.3E-08	20.1	0.998	5.3E-08
8/22	3	92.0	82.0	17.5	17.3	0.2	104	29.0	5.0E-08	20.1	0.998	5.0E-08
8/22	4	92.0	82.0	17.5	17.3	0.2	111	29.0	4.7E-08	20.1	0.998	4.7E-08

**TEST RESULTS: PERMEABILITY AT 20 °C: 5.2 x10<sup>-8</sup> cm/sec (@ 10 psi effective stress)**



**HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY OF SATURATED POROUS MATERIAL USING A FLEXIBLE WALL PERMEAMETER BY ASTM D 5084**

Client:	Providence
Project Name:	Fly Ash Pond at Brame Energy Center
Visual Description:	Moist Dark Grayish Brown Clay
Boring No.:	-----
Sample:	FA-6
Sample Length (inches):	32.0'
Sample Type:	Intact
Permeant Fluid:	De-aired Distilled Water
Orientation:	Vertical
Cell:	3
Sample Preparation:	Cut, trimmed and placed into permeameter at as received density and moisture content .Trimming moisture content =36.7 %
Assumed Specific Gravity:	2.65
Atterbergs:	LL:87 PL: 30 PI: 57

Parameter	Initial	Final
Height, in	2.76	2.72
Diameter, in	3.10	2.87
Area, in <sup>2</sup>	7.55	6.47
Volume, in <sup>3</sup>	20.8	17.6
Mass, g	563	511
Bulk Density, pcf	103	110
Moisture Content, %	52.7	38.7
Dry Density, pcf	67.3	79.6
Degree of Saturation, %	96.0	95.0

**B COEFFICIENT DETERMINATION**

Cell Pressure, psi: 95.02      Cell Pressure Increment, psi : 5.01      Increased Cell Pressure,psi : 100.03  
 Sample Pressure, psi: 85.01      Corresponding Sample Pressure, psi: 89.76      B Coefficient: 0.95  
 Sample Pressure Increment, psi: 4.75

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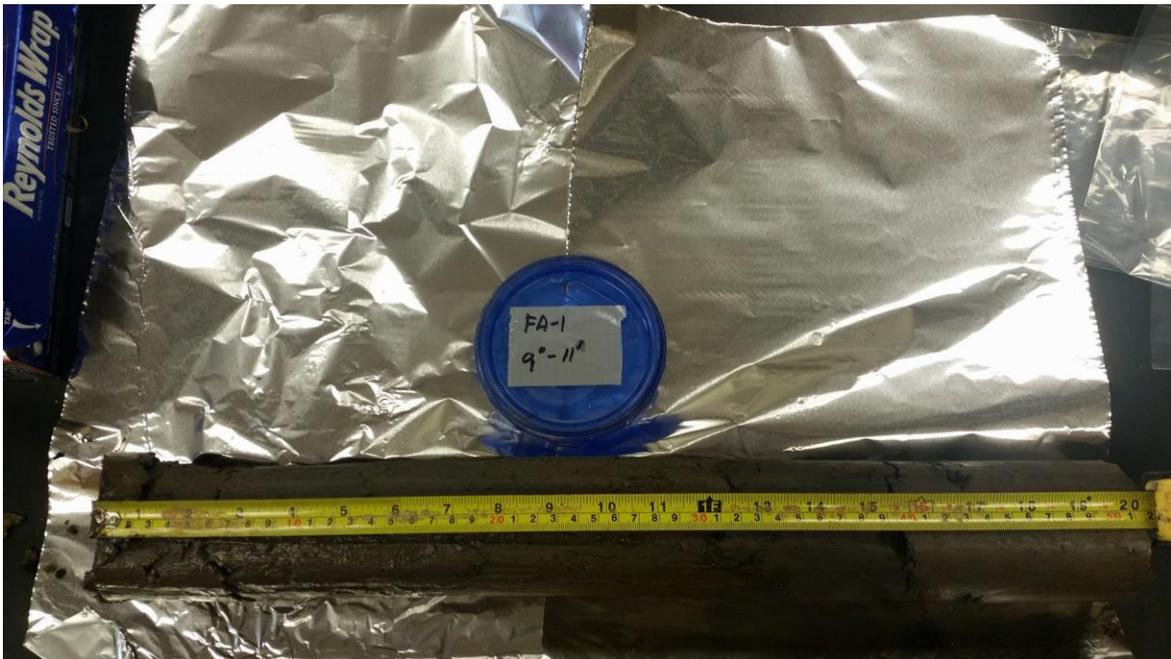
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		Cell	Sample	Z <sub>1</sub>	Z <sub>2</sub>	Z <sub>1</sub> -Z <sub>2</sub>						
8/22	1	95.0	85.0	16.0	15.8	0.2	136	29.2	3.8E-08	20.1	0.998	3.8E-08
8/22	2	95.0	85.0	16.0	15.8	0.2	145	29.2	3.6E-08	20.1	0.998	3.6E-08
8/22	3	95.0	85.0	16.0	15.8	0.2	152	29.2	3.4E-08	20.1	0.998	3.4E-08
8/22	4	95.0	85.0	16.0	15.8	0.2	157	29.2	3.3E-08	20.1	0.998	3.3E-08

**TEST RESULTS: PERMEABILITY AT 20 °C: 3.5 x10<sup>-8</sup> cm/sec (@ 10 psi effective stress)**

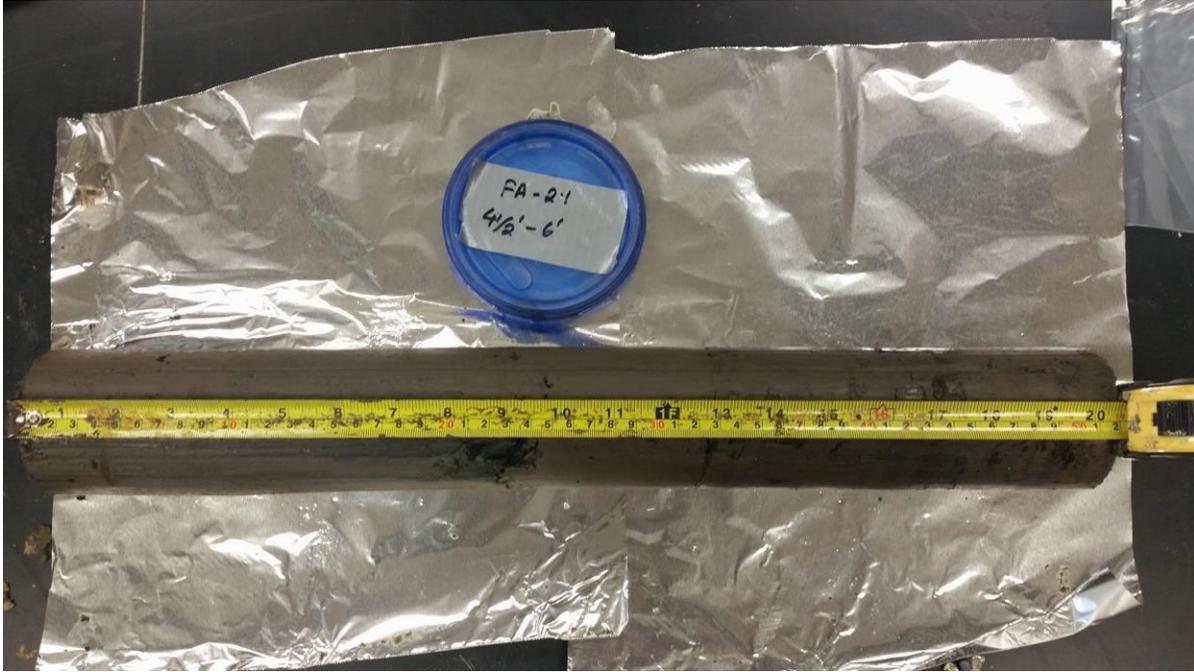
**ATTACHMENT 5**  
**FLY ASH POND BORING PHOTOS**



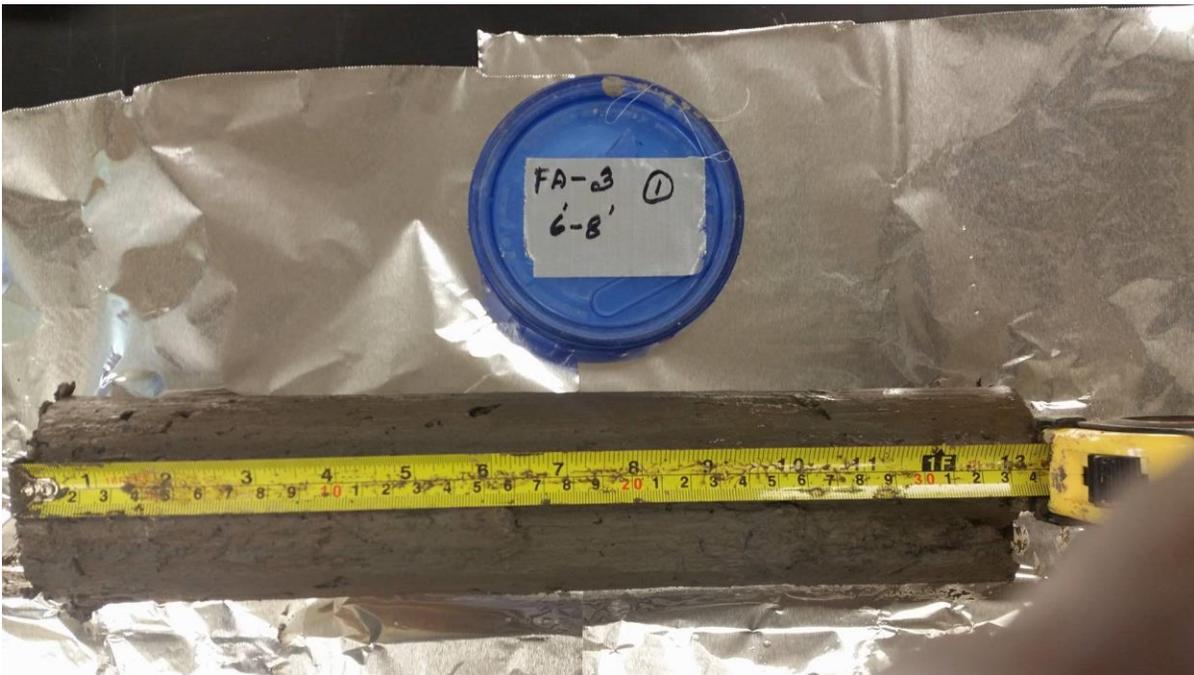
**PHOTOGRAPH 1**  
Fly Ash Pond - Typical Geotechnical Drilling Rig Setup.



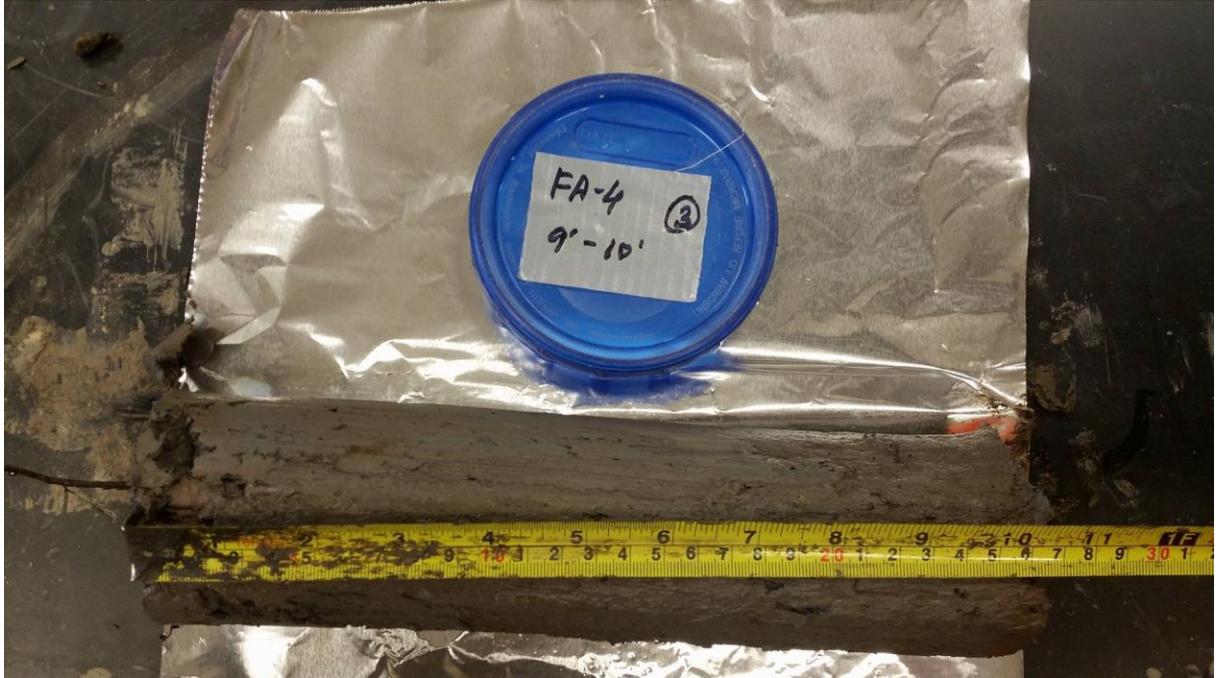
**PHOTOGRAPH 2**  
Fly Ash Pond Undisturbed Soil Sample FA-1.



**PHOTOGRAPH 3**  
Fly Ash Pond Undisturbed Soil Sample FA-2.



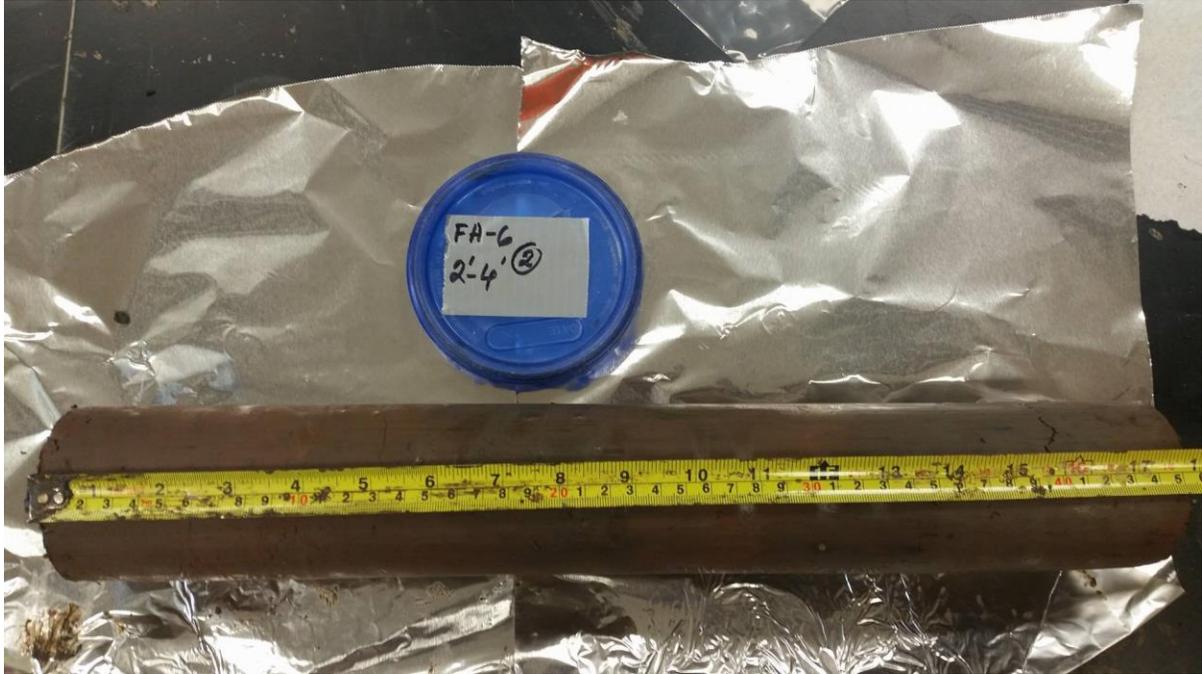
**PHOTOGRAPH 4**  
Fly Ash Pond Undisturbed Soil Sample FA-3.



**PHOTOGRAPH 5**  
Fly Ash Pond Undisturbed Soil Sample FA-4.



**PHOTOGRAPH 6**  
Fly Ash Pond Undisturbed Soil Sample FA-5.



**PHOTOGRAPH 7**  
Fly Ash Pond Undisturbed Soil Sample FA-6.

**ATTACHMENT 6**  
**FLY ASH POND P.E. CERTIFICATION**

**CLECO BRAME ENERGY CENTER  
FLY ASH POND  
CCR LINER VERIFICATION ASSESSMENT**

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that I have performed a liner verification assessment for Cleco's Brame Energy Center Fly Ash Pond in accordance with the 40 CFR 257.71 CCR requirements. This liner verification assessment has determined that the Fly Ash Pond has met the following requirement:

- A liner consisting of a minimum of two feet of compacted soil with a hydraulic conductivity of no more than  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  cm/sec

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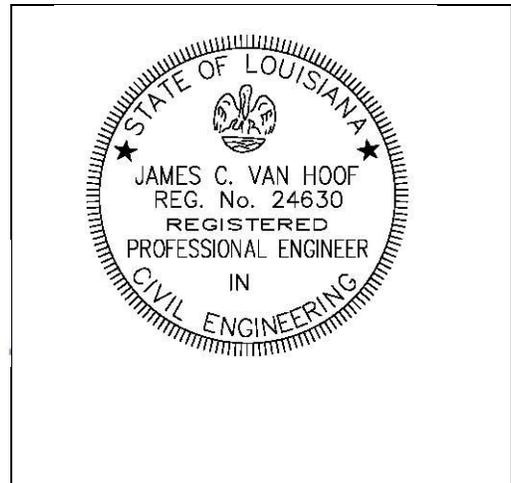
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