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**RE: GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM REPORT
TRI-CITY WATER RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY
SOLIDS HANDLING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
CLACKAMAS COUNTY, OREGON**

Dear Mr. Hyland:

This letter presents our field explorations, laboratory test results, and groundwater level monitoring data for the Solids Handling Improvement Project at the Tri-City Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) in Clackamas County, Oregon. The project location is shown on the Vicinity Map, Figure 1. Clackamas County Water Environment Services (WES) is planning the improvements to the Tri-City WRRF with their engineering consultant, MWH Global, Inc. (MWH). As a subconsultant to MWH, Shannon & Wilson, Inc., is providing geotechnical services to support the project under Master Consulting Services Subcontract, No. MSA-S&WINC-05202011. We performed our services in accordance with Task Order T10508587-104357-OM, dated January 20, 2016. Our current scope of services, called Phase 700.2, Groundwater Monitoring Program, focused on establishing a groundwater monitoring program and included:

- Drilling two 70-foot deep borings in the vicinity of the proposed solids handling facility;
- Installing 2-inch diameter wells in the boreholes;
- Developing the wells and installing automated dataloggers in them to monitor the groundwater level through October 2016;
- Performing laboratory testing of select samples from the borings; and
- Preparing this report.

FIELD EXPLORATIONS

The field exploration program included two geotechnical borings, designated SH-1 and SH-2. The borings were drilled to depths of 70 feet below the existing ground surface, in the vicinity of

the proposed solids handling facility. Locations of the borings were measured in the field relative to existing site features, and their approximate locations are shown on the Site and Exploration Plan, Figure 2. Drilling was accomplished on January 27 and 28, 2016, using a track-mounted Boart Longyear Mini-Sonic drill rig provided and operated by Cascade Drilling, LP, of Clackamas, Oregon. Shannon & Wilson geology staff were on site during drilling to locate the borings, log the materials encountered, and collect samples. Observation wells were installed to depths of 50 feet below the ground surface in each boring, to allow ongoing collections of groundwater level measurements. On January 29, 2016, a Shannon & Wilson engineering geologist developed the wells and installed fully encapsulated dataloggers that were programmed to record groundwater level measurements at one hour intervals. Details of the field exploration program, including techniques used to advance and sample the borings, as well as logs and photographs of the materials encountered, are presented in Appendix A, Field Explorations. Groundwater level data recorded in the observation wells are presented in Figure 3, Groundwater Level Data.

LABORATORY TESTING

The 4-inch diameter sonic core samples obtained during our field explorations were boxed and transported to the lower level of the Tri-City WRRF Screenings Building for further evaluation and long-term storage. During a site visit to review and photograph the sonic core, we selected representative samples for a suite of laboratory tests. The testing program included particle-size analyses and unconfined compressive strength tests. Particle-size analyses were performed by Shannon & Wilson. Unconfined compressive strength testing was performed by FEI Testing and Inspection, Inc. (FEI) of Corvallis, Oregon. All test procedures were performed in accordance with applicable ASTM International (ASTM) standards. Results of the laboratory tests and brief descriptions of the test procedures are presented in Appendix B, Laboratory Test Results.

SUBSURFACE UNITS AND GROUNDWATER

Subsurface Units

We grouped the materials encountered in the geotechnical borings into five geotechnical units. Generalized descriptions of the units are as follows:

- **Fill:** Soft to medium stiff Lean Clay (CL) and Silt (ML) with varying amounts of sand; trace roots and organics; few pockets of Silty Sand (SM); includes pavement sections.

- **Fine-Grained Alluvium:** Soft to medium stiff Silt with Sand to Sandy Silt (ML); stratified with few interbeds of Silty Sand (SM); micaceous.
- **Sand Alluvium:** Loose Silty Sand (SM); micaceous.
- **Gravel Alluvium:** Medium dense to very dense Silty Gravel with Sand and Cobbles (GM) to Poorly Graded Gravel with Silt and Sand, with Cobbles (GP-GM); Well-Graded Gravel with Sand, with Cobbles; trace 12-inch-thick layers of Lean Clay (CL); trace layers of mostly cobbles.
- **Sandy River Mudstone:** Stiff to hard Lean Clay (CL), Elastic Silt (MH), and Fat Clay (CH) with varying amounts of sand; lesser amounts of Clayey Sand (SC); contains zones with relict vesicular basalt texture; contains trace strong to very strong (R4-R5) basaltic and granitic cobbles and boulders.

These geotechnical units were grouped based on their engineering properties, geologic origins, and their distribution in the subsurface as encountered in the borings. Contacts between the units may be more gradational than shown on the boring logs in Appendix A, and may vary significantly between the borings.

Groundwater

Observation wells were installed in borings SH-1 and SH-2 to allow ongoing groundwater level measurements. Shannon & Wilson staff developed the wells to improve communication with the aquifer and then installed automated dataloggers, set to record groundwater levels at one hour intervals. Data collected from January 29, 2016 to October 13, 2016, are presented in Figure 3, Groundwater Level Data.

Based on the materials we encountered in the borings and the apparent correlation between recorded groundwater levels and nearby river gauge data, we infer that the groundwater table throughout the site is hydraulically connected to the Clackamas River. Groundwater levels should be expected to vary with changes in precipitation as well as river levels. Shallower zones of perched water may be present within the Fine-Grained Alluvium. Groundwater highs typically occur from late winter to spring, and groundwater lows typically occur in the early to mid-fall season, before the onset of significant rainfall.

LIMITATIONS

This report provides a compilation of field exploration, laboratory data, and preliminary groundwater level data, for use by MWH in the Tri-City WRRF Solids Handling Improvement Project. Interpretations contained in this report are based on site conditions as interpreted from the explorations. We have assumed that the explorations are representative of the subsurface conditions at the site of the proposed improvements and that subsurface conditions everywhere are not significantly different from those disclosed by the explorations.

This report was prepared for the exclusive use of MWH and their design team. It should be made available to prospective contractors for data information only. This report is not a warranty of subsurface conditions, such as those interpreted from the exploration logs, including interpretations of subsurface conditions in this report. We make no warranty, either express or implied.

If, during final design and construction, subsurface conditions different from those encountered in the field explorations are observed or appear to be present, we should be advised at once so that we can review these conditions and reconsider our interpretations where necessary. If there is substantial lapse of time between the submission of this report and completion of the final design and the start of work at the site, or if conditions have changed because of natural or manmade forces, we recommend that this report be reviewed with respect to the time lapse or changed conditions. If we are not consulted after factors that were considered in the development of the report change, we cannot accept responsibility for problems that may occur.

Unanticipated soil conditions are commonly encountered and cannot fully be determined by merely taking soil samples from borings. Such unexpected conditions frequently require that additional expenditures be made to attain properly constructed projects. Therefore, some contingency fund is recommended to accommodate the potential for extra costs.

The scope of our geotechnical services did not include any environmental assessment or evaluation regarding the presence or absence of hazardous or toxic materials in the soil, surface water, groundwater, or air, on or below the site, or for evaluation of disposal of contaminated soils or groundwater, should any be encountered, except as noted in this report.

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Shannon & Wilson, Inc., has prepared a document, "Important Information About Your Geotechnical/Environmental Report," to assist you and others in understanding the use and limitations of our report. This document is included in Appendix C.

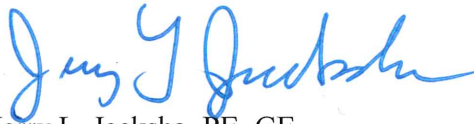
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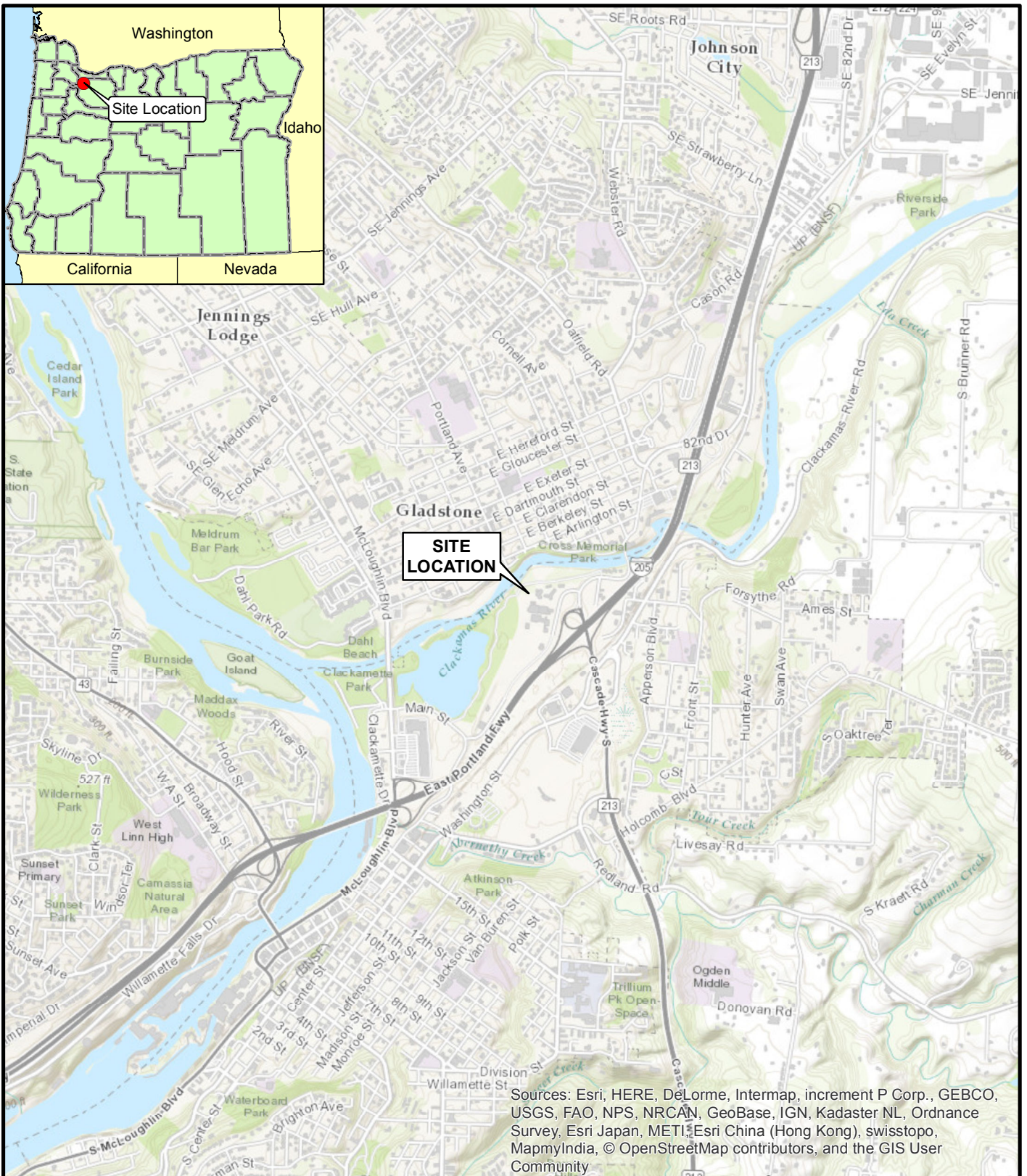


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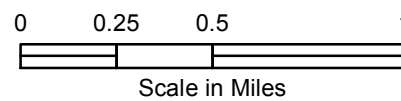
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VICINITY MAP

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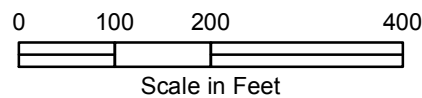
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FIG. 1



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SH-1  **LEGEND**
Designation and Approximate Location
of Boring with Observation Well

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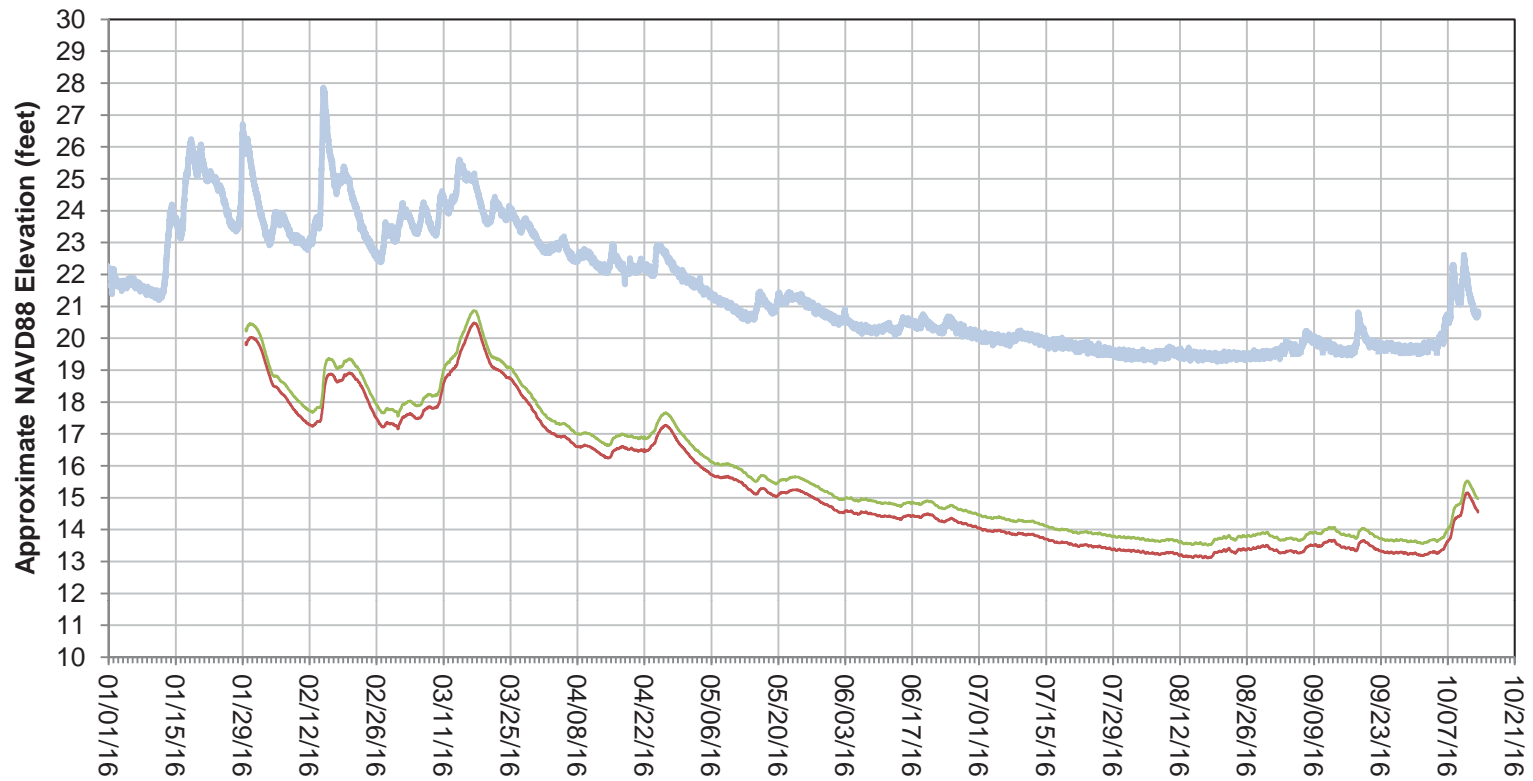
SITE AND EXPLORATION PLAN

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FIG. 2



Note: Data last collected October 13, 2016

- SH-1 (assumed NAVD88 ground surface elevation = 49.0 feet)
- SH-2 (assumed NAVD88 ground surface elevation = 49.0 feet)
- Clackamas River Gauge (0.8 miles upstream)

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GROUNDWATER LEVEL DATA

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FIELD EXPLORATIONS

A.1 GENERAL

Shannon & Wilson, Inc., explored subsurface conditions at the project site with two geotechnical borings, designated SH-1 and SH-2. Borehole locations were measured in the field relative to existing site features using a tape-measure. Approximate locations of the explorations are shown on the Site and Exploration Plan, Figure 2. This appendix describes the techniques used to advance and sample the borings and presents logs and photographs of the materials encountered.

A.2 SONIC DRILLING AND SAMPLING

The geotechnical borings were drilled between January 27 and January 28, 2016, using a track-mounted Boart Longyear Mini-Sonic drill rig provided and operated by Cascade Drilling, L.P. (Cascade), of Clackamas, Oregon. The borings were advanced to depths of 70 feet below the existing ground surface using sonic drilling techniques. A Shannon & Wilson geologist was present during the explorations to locate the borings, observe the drilling, collect soil and rock core samples, and log the materials encountered.

Sonic drilling combines high frequency vibrations, downward pressure, and relatively slow rotations to advance through and sample soil and rock. Typically, a core barrel is advanced first. Then, to maintain borehole integrity, a larger-diameter outer casing is advanced over the core barrel. If the borehole will reliably remain open, the outer casing is not required. Hardened steel casing shoe-type bits are attached to the bottom of both the core barrel and the outer drill casing. The bits have several carbide buttons around the tips and outer edges that cut through the soil and rock as the drill string is vibrated and rotated. Drilling can be completed without the use of drill fluids, but water is commonly used to flush material from the annular space between the core barrel and outer casing, while the outer casing is driven.

To retrieve core sample, the core barrel is withdrawn from the hole and the sample is extruded into tubular plastic bags using vibration. During this exploration program, the boreholes were advanced in five-foot intervals while continuously core sampling. The bags of approximately 4-inch diameter core were placed into wooden boxes. A Shannon & Wilson geologist labeled the boxes, cut open the plastic bags, collected sealed jar samples at selected depths, and recorded a preliminary log of the materials encountered. Pieces of intact Sandy River Mudstone were carefully wrapped in plastic to retain native moisture and integrity for unconfined compressive

strength testing. The wooden core boxes were loaded onto pallets and transported to the lower level of the Screenings Building at the Tri-City Water Resource Recovery Facility for further evaluation, photographing (discussed below), and long-term storage.

A.3 OBSERVATION WELL INSTALLATIONS

Observation wells were installed in both boring SH-1 and boring SH2 to allow ongoing groundwater level measurements. The wells were each installed to depths of approximately 50 feet below the existing ground surface using 2-inch diameter schedule 40 polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe. Portions of the hole below approximately 50 feet were backfilled with bentonite chips. The bottom 20 feet of the pipes (approximately) were machine slotted to allow groundwater to enter. The annuli around the screened sections were backfilled with sand filter packs. Above the screened section, the annuli around the solid PVC pipes were backfilled with additional bentonite chips. The wells are protected at the surface with flush-mount monuments set in concrete. Well construction details and measured water levels are shown on the Logs of Borings in this appendix.

On January 29, 2016, after the observation wells were installed, we developed them by running a surge block up and down the screened sections and purging numerous well-volumes of water. This improves the consistency of the communication between the wells and the aquifer. After well development, we installed a fully encapsulated groundwater level datalogger (Solinst Levellogger[®]) in each well. The dataloggers were programmed to record groundwater level measurements at 1-hour intervals. Data obtained from the dataloggers are presented in Figure 3 of the main text.

A.4 MATERIAL DESCRIPTIONS

Soil samples were described and identified visually in the field in general accordance with ASTM D2488, Standard Practice for Description and Identification of Soils (Visual-Manual Procedure). The specific terminology used is defined in the Soil Description and Log Key, Figure A1. Consistency, color, relative moisture, degree of plasticity, peculiar odors, and other distinguishing characteristics of the samples were noted. The samples were re-examined at the Tri-City Water pollution Control Plant facility after drilling, and the field descriptions and identifications were modified where necessary.

A.5 BORING LOGS AND CORE PHOTOGRAPHS

Summary logs of borings are presented in Figures A2 and A3. Material descriptions and interfaces on the logs are interpretive, and actual changes may be gradual. The left-hand portion of the boring logs gives our description, identification, and geotechnical unit designation for the materials encountered in the boring. The right-hand portion of the boring logs shows a graphic log, sample locations and designations, and a graphical representation sample recovery, moisture content, and fines content. Photographs of the continuous sonic core samples are presented in Figures A4 and A5. Some sonic core runs recovered less than 100 percent of the depth interval sampled. This may occur in loose material or when a cobble becomes lodged in the cutting shoe, preventing material from entering the core barrel. In sonic core runs where less than 100 percent sample recovery was achieved, some empty spaces or gaps are apparent in the core box photographs.

Shannon & Wilson, Inc. (S&W), uses a soil identification system modified from the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS). Elements of the USCS and other definitions are provided on this and the following pages. Soil descriptions are based on visual-manual procedures (ASTM D2488) and laboratory testing procedures (ASTM D2487), if performed.

S&W INORGANIC SOIL CONSTITUENT DEFINITIONS

CONSTITUENT ²	FINE-GRAINED SOILS (50% or more fines) ¹	COARSE-GRAINED SOILS (less than 50% fines) ¹
Major	Silt, Lean Clay, Elastic Silt, or Fat Clay³	Sand or Gravel⁴
Modifying (Secondary) Precedes major constituent	30% or more coarse-grained: Sandy or Gravelly⁴	More than 12% fine-grained: Silty or Clayey³
Minor Follows major constituent	15% to 30% coarse-grained: with Sand or with Gravel⁴ 30% or more total coarse-grained and lesser coarse-grained constituent is 15% or more: with Sand or with Gravel⁵	5% to 12% fine-grained: with Silt or with Clay³ 15% or more of a second coarse-grained constituent: with Sand or with Gravel⁵

¹All percentages are by weight of total specimen passing a 3-inch sieve.

²The order of terms is: *Modifying Major with Minor*.

³Determined based on behavior.

⁴Determined based on which constituent comprises a larger percentage.

⁵Whichever is the lesser constituent.

MOISTURE CONTENT TERMS

Dry	Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touch
Moist	Damp but no visible water
Wet	Visible free water, from below water table

STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (SPT) SPECIFICATIONS

Hammer:	140 pounds with a 30-inch free fall. Rope on 6- to 10-inch-diam. cathead 2-1/4 rope turns, > 100 rpm
Sampler:	10 to 30 inches long Shoe I.D. = 1.375 inches Barrel I.D. = 1.5 inches Barrel O.D. = 2 inches
N-Value:	Sum blow counts for second and third 6-inch increments. Refusal: 50 blows for 6 inches or less; 10 blows for 0 inches.
NOTE: Penetration resistances (N-values) shown on boring logs are as recorded in the field and have not been corrected for hammer efficiency, overburden, or other factors.	













PARTICLE SIZE DEFINITIONS

DESCRIPTION	SIEVE NUMBER AND/OR APPROXIMATE SIZE
FINES	< #200 (0.075 mm = 0.003 in.)
SAND Fine Medium Coarse	#200 to #40 (0.075 to 0.4 mm; 0.003 to 0.02 in.) #40 to #10 (0.4 to 2 mm; 0.02 to 0.08 in.) #10 to #4 (2 to 4.75 mm; 0.08 to 0.187 in.)
GRAVEL Fine Coarse	#4 to 3/4 in. (4.75 to 19 mm; 0.187 to 0.75 in.) 3/4 to 3 in. (19 to 76 mm)
COBBLES	3 to 12 in. (76 to 305 mm)
BOULDERS	> 12 in. (305 mm)

RELATIVE DENSITY / CONSISTENCY

COHESIONLESS SOILS		COHESIVE SOILS	
N, SPT, BLOWS/FT.	RELATIVE DENSITY	N, SPT, BLOWS/FT.	RELATIVE CONSISTENCY
< 4	Very loose	< 2	Very soft
4 - 10	Loose	2 - 4	Soft
10 - 30	Medium dense	4 - 8	Medium stiff
30 - 50	Dense	8 - 15	Stiff
> 50	Very dense	15 - 30	Very stiff
		> 30	Hard

WELL AND BACKFILL SYMBOLS

	Bentonite		Surface Cement Seal
	Cement Grout		Asphalt or Cap
	Bentonite Grout		Slough
	Bentonite Chips		Inclinometer or Non-perforated Casing
	Silica Sand		Vibrating Wire Piezometer
	Gravel		
	Perforated or Screened Casing		

PERCENTAGES TERMS^{1,2}

Trace	< 5%
Few	5 to 10%
Little	15 to 25%
Some	30 to 45%
Mostly	50 to 100%

¹Gravel, sand, and fines estimated by mass. Other constituents, such as organics, cobbles, and boulders, estimated by volume.

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SOIL DESCRIPTION AND LOG KEY

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UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (USCS) (Modified From USACE Tech Memo 3-357, ASTM D2487, and ASTM D2488)					
MAJOR DIVISIONS			GROUP/GRAPHIC SYMBOL		TYPICAL IDENTIFICATIONS
COARSE-GRAINED SOILS (more than 50% retained on No. 200 sieve)	Gravels (more than 50% of coarse fraction retained on No. 4 sieve)	Gravel (less than 5% fines)	GW		Well-Graded Gravel; Well-Graded Gravel with Sand
			GP		Poorly Graded Gravel; Poorly Graded Gravel with Sand
		Silty or Clayey Gravel (more than 12% fines)	GM		Silty Gravel; Silty Gravel with Sand
			GC		Clayey Gravel; Clayey Gravel with Sand
	Sands (50% or more of coarse fraction passes the No. 4 sieve)	Sand (less than 5% fines)	SW		Well-Graded Sand; Well-Graded Sand with Gravel
			SP		Poorly Graded Sand; Poorly Graded Sand with Gravel
		Silty or Clayey Sand (more than 12% fines)	SM		Silty Sand; Silty Sand with Gravel
			SC		Clayey Sand; Clayey Sand with Gravel
FINE-GRAINED SOILS (50% or more passes the No. 200 sieve)	Silts and Clays (liquid limit less than 50)	Inorganic	ML		Silt; Silt with Sand or Gravel; Sandy or Gravelly Silt
			CL		Lean Clay; Lean Clay with Sand or Gravel; Sandy or Gravelly Lean Clay
		Organic	OL		Organic Silt or Clay; Organic Silt or Clay with Sand or Gravel; Sandy or Gravelly Organic Silt or Clay
	Silts and Clays (liquid limit 50 or more)	Inorganic	MH		Elastic Silt; Elastic Silt with Sand or Gravel; Sandy or Gravelly Elastic Silt
			CH		Fat Clay; Fat Clay with Sand or Gravel; Sandy or Gravelly Fat Clay
		Organic	OH		Organic Silt or Clay; Organic Silt or Clay with Sand or Gravel; Sandy or Gravelly Organic Silt or Clay
HIGHLY-ORGANIC SOILS	Primarily organic matter, dark in color, and organic odor		PT		Peat or other highly organic soils (see ASTM D4427)
FILL	Placed by humans, both engineered and nonengineered. May include various soil materials and debris.				The Fill graphic symbol is combined with the soil graphic that best represents the observed material

NOTE: No. 4 size = 4.75 mm = 0.187 in.; No. 200 size = 0.075 mm = 0.003 in.

NOTES

- Dual symbols (symbols separated by a hyphen, i.e., SP-SM, Sand with Silt) are used for soils with between 5% and 12% fines or when the liquid limit and plasticity index values plot in the CL-ML area of the plasticity chart.
- Borderline symbols (symbols separated by a slash, i.e., CL/ML, Lean Clay to Silt; SP-SM/SM, Sand with Silt to Silty Sand) indicate that the soil properties are close to the defining boundary between two groups.
- The soil graphics above represent the various USCS identifications (i.e., GP, SM, etc.) and may be augmented with additional symbology to represent differences within USCS designations. Sandy Silt (ML), for example, may be accompanied by the ML soil graphic with sand grains added.

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FIG. A1
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GRADATION TERMS

Poorly Graded	Narrow range of grain sizes present or, within the range of grain sizes present, one or more sizes are missing (Gap Graded). Meets criteria in ASTM D2487, if tested.
Well-Graded	Full range and even distribution of grain sizes present. Meets criteria in ASTM D2487, if tested.

CEMENTATION TERMS¹

Weak	Crumbles or breaks with handling or slight finger pressure
Moderate	Crumbles or breaks with considerable finger pressure
Strong	Will not crumble or break with finger pressure

PLASTICITY²

DESCRIPTION	VISUAL-MANUAL CRITERIA	APPROX. PLASTICITY INDEX RANGE
Nonplastic	A 1/8-in. thread cannot be rolled at any water content.	< 4%
Low	A thread can barely be rolled and a lump cannot be formed when drier than the plastic limit.	4 to 10%
Medium	A thread is easy to roll and not much time is required to reach the plastic limit. The thread cannot be rerolled after reaching the plastic limit. A lump crumbles when drier than the plastic limit.	10 to 20%
High	It take considerable time rolling and kneading to reach the plastic limit. A thread can be rerolled several times after reaching the plastic limit. A lump can be formed without crumbling when drier than the plastic limit.	> 20%

ADDITIONAL TERMS

Mottled	Irregular patches of different colors.
Bioturbated	Soil disturbance or mixing by plants or animals.
Diamict	Nonsorted sediment; sand and gravel in silt and/or clay matrix.
Cuttings	Material brought to surface by drilling.
Slough	Material that caved from sides of borehole.
Sheared	Disturbed texture, mix of strengths.

PARTICLE ANGULARITY AND SHAPE TERMS¹

Angular	Sharp edges and unpolished planar surfaces.
Subangular	Similar to angular, but with rounded edges.
Subrounded	Nearly planar sides with well-rounded edges.
Rounded	Smoothly curved sides with no edges.
Flat	Width/thickness ratio > 3.
Elongated	Length/width ratio > 3.

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ATD	At Time of Drilling
approx.	Approximate/Approximately
Diam.	Diameter
Elev.	Elevation
ft.	Feet
FeO	Iron Oxide
gal.	Gallons
Horiz.	Horizontal
HSA	Hollow Stem Auger
I.D.	Inside Diameter
in.	Inches
lbs.	Pounds
MgO	Magnesium Oxide
mm	Millimeter
MnO	Manganese Oxide
NA	Not Applicable or Not Available
NP	Nonplastic
O.D.	Outside Diameter
OW	Observation Well
pcf	Pounds per Cubic Foot
PID	Photo-Ionization Detector
PMT	Pressuremeter Test
ppm	Parts per Million
psi	Pounds per Square Inch
PVC	Polyvinyl Chloride
rpm	Rotations per Minute
SPT	Standard Penetration Test
USCS	Unified Soil Classification System
q _u	Unconfined Compressive Strength
VWP	Vibrating Wire Piezometer
Vert.	Vertical
WOH	Weight of Hammer
WOR	Weight of Rods
Wt.	Weight

STRUCTURE TERMS¹

Interbedded	Alternating layers of varying material or color with layers at least 1/4-inch thick; singular: bed.
Laminated	Alternating layers of varying material or color with layers less than 1/4-inch thick; singular: lamination.
Fissured	Breaks along definite planes or fractures with little resistance.
Slickensided	Fracture planes appear polished or glossy; sometimes striated.
Blocky	Cohesive soil that can be broken down into small angular lumps that resist further breakdown.
Lensed	Inclusion of small pockets of different soils, such as small lenses of sand scattered through a mass of clay.
Homogeneous	Same color and appearance throughout.

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**SOIL DESCRIPTION
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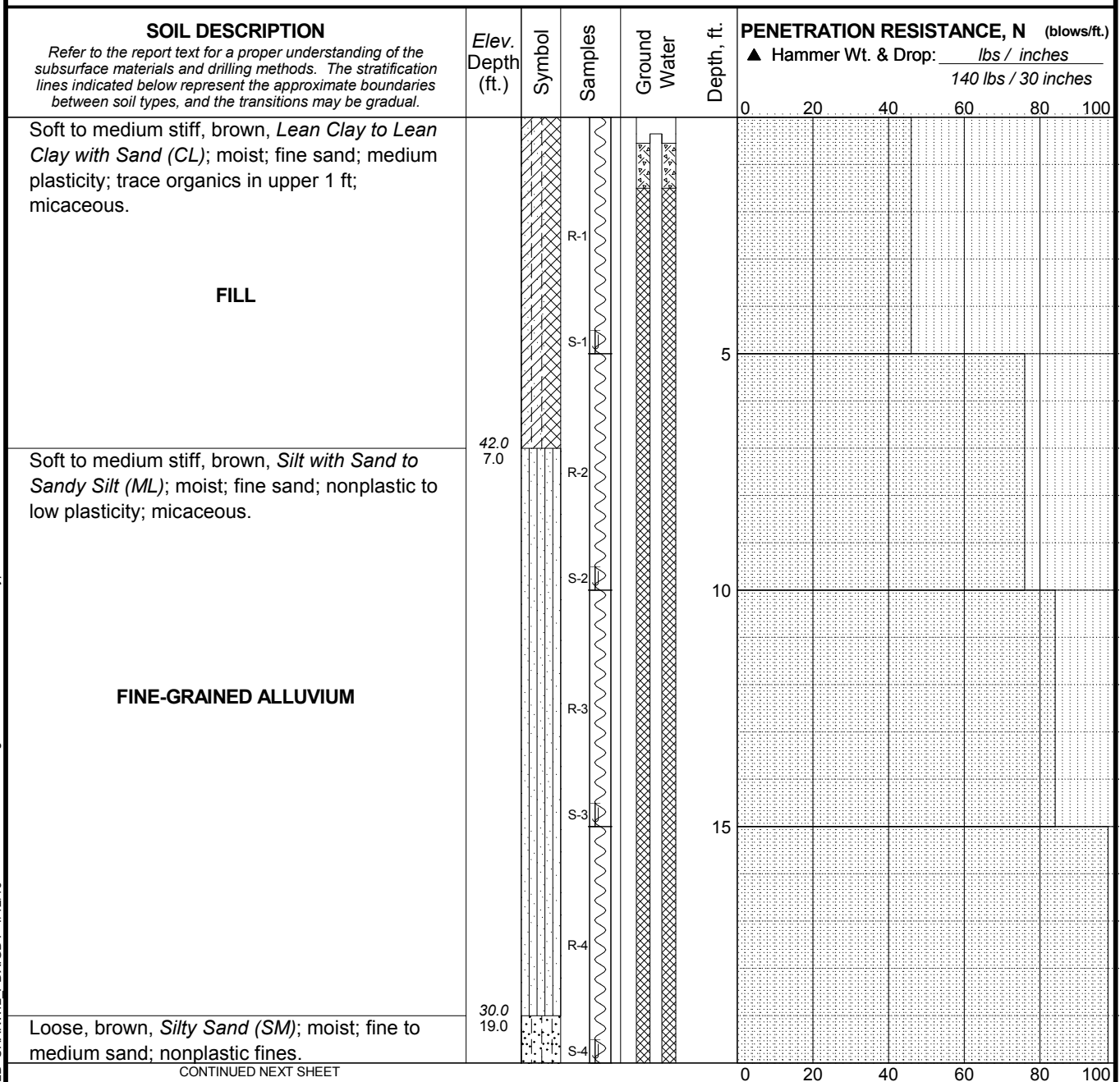
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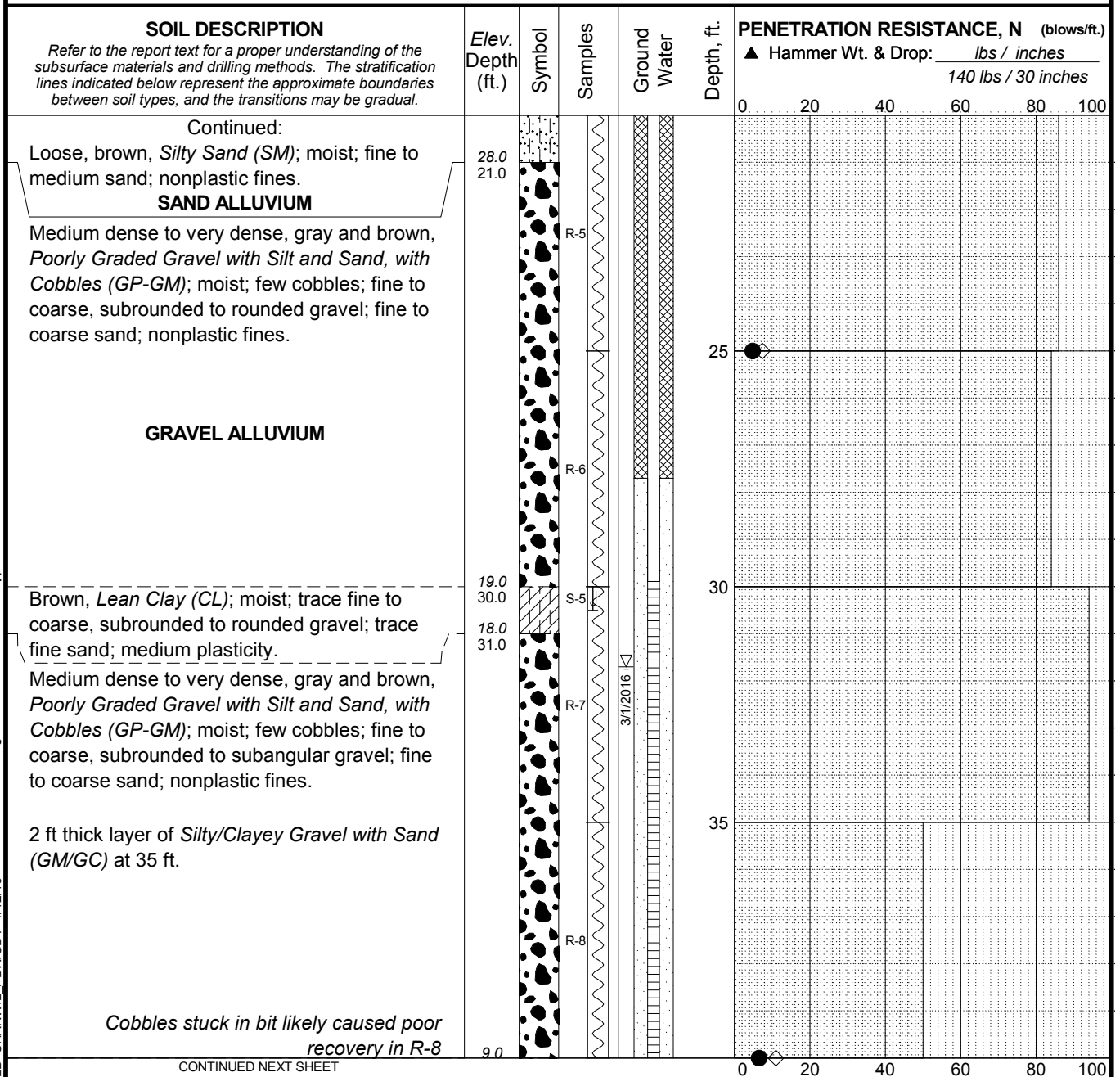
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- ☐ Jar Sample
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▽ Groundwater Level on Date Shown

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◇ % Fines (<0.075mm)

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Plastic Limit ——— Liquid Limit

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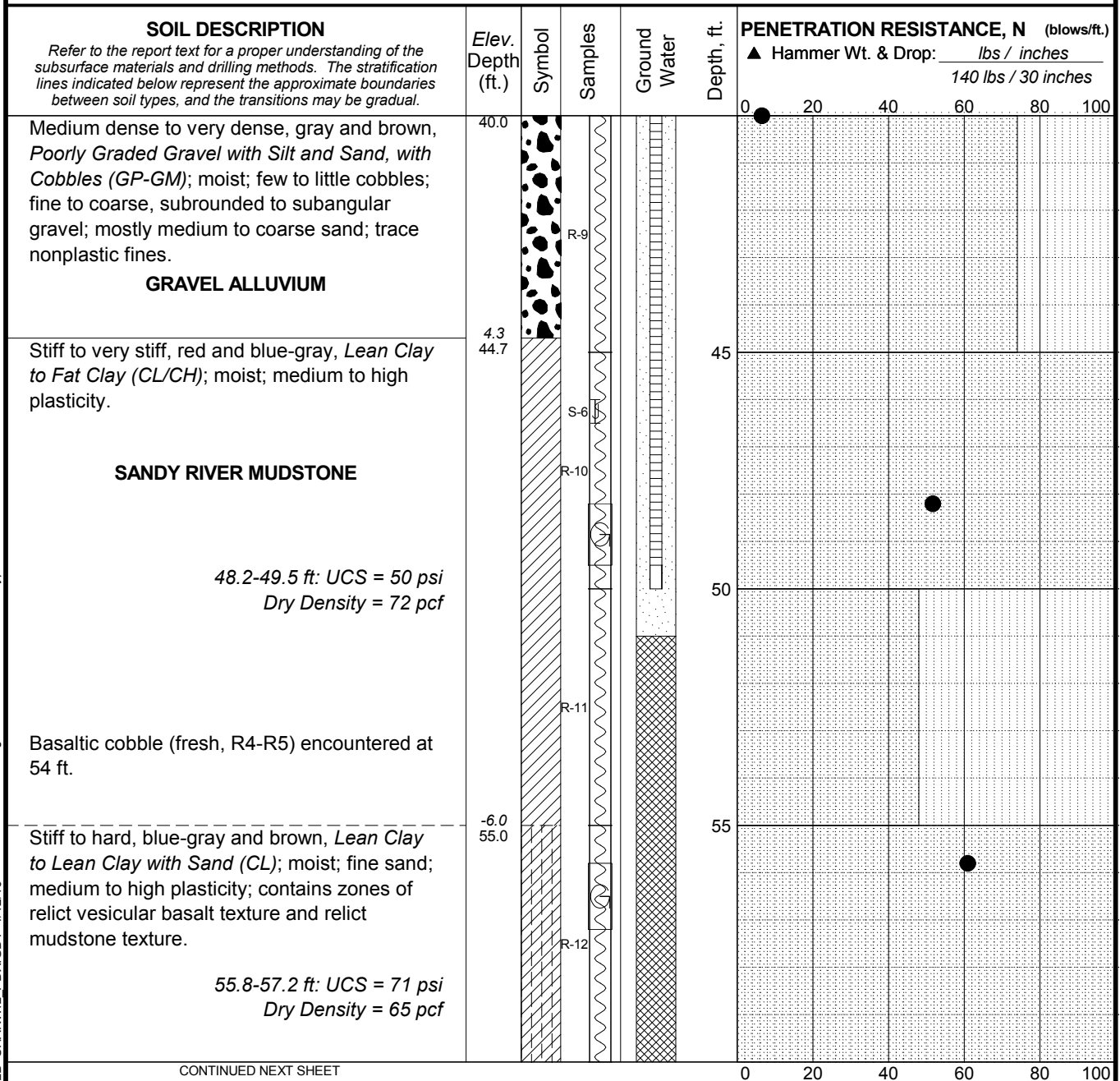
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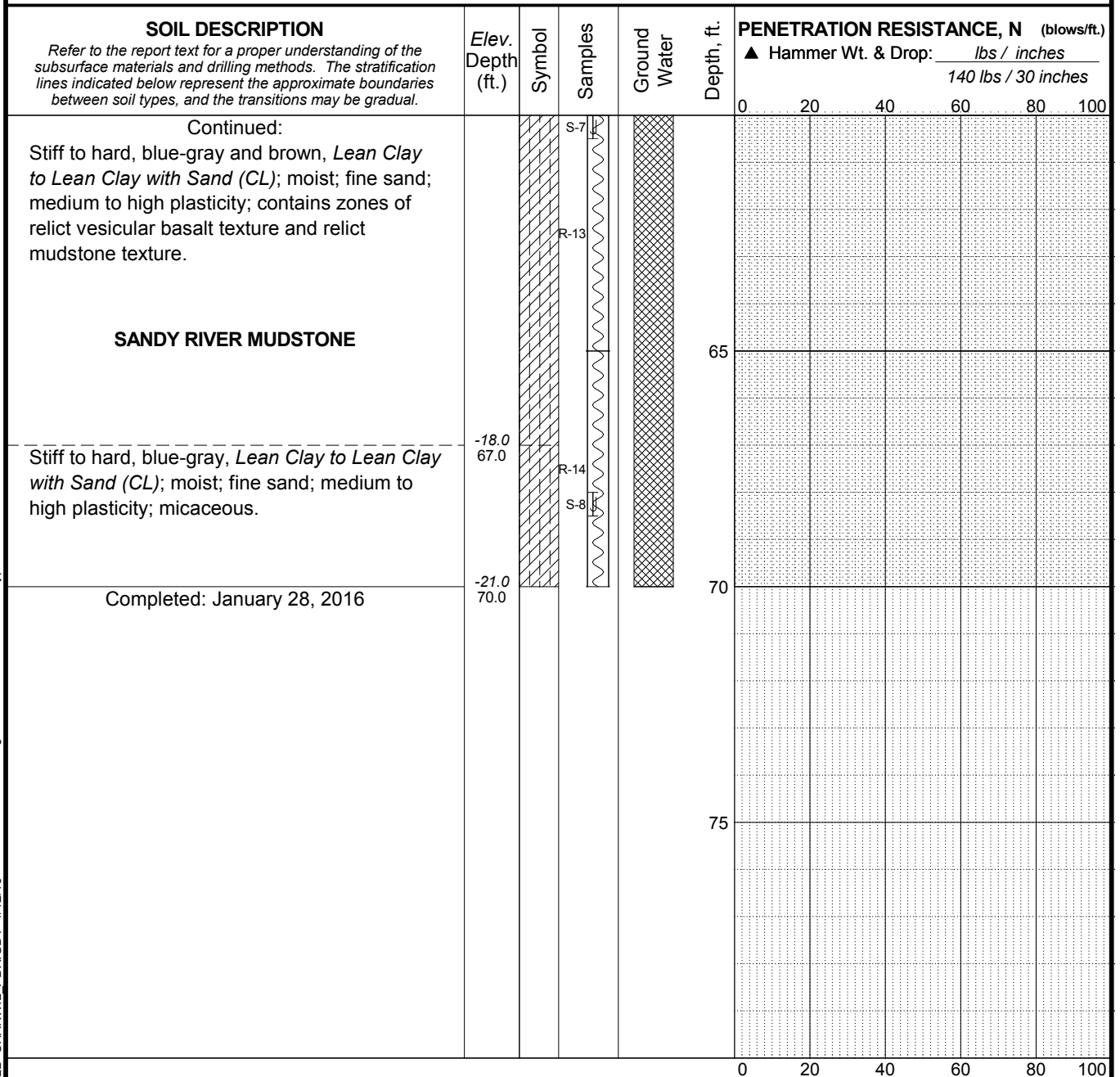
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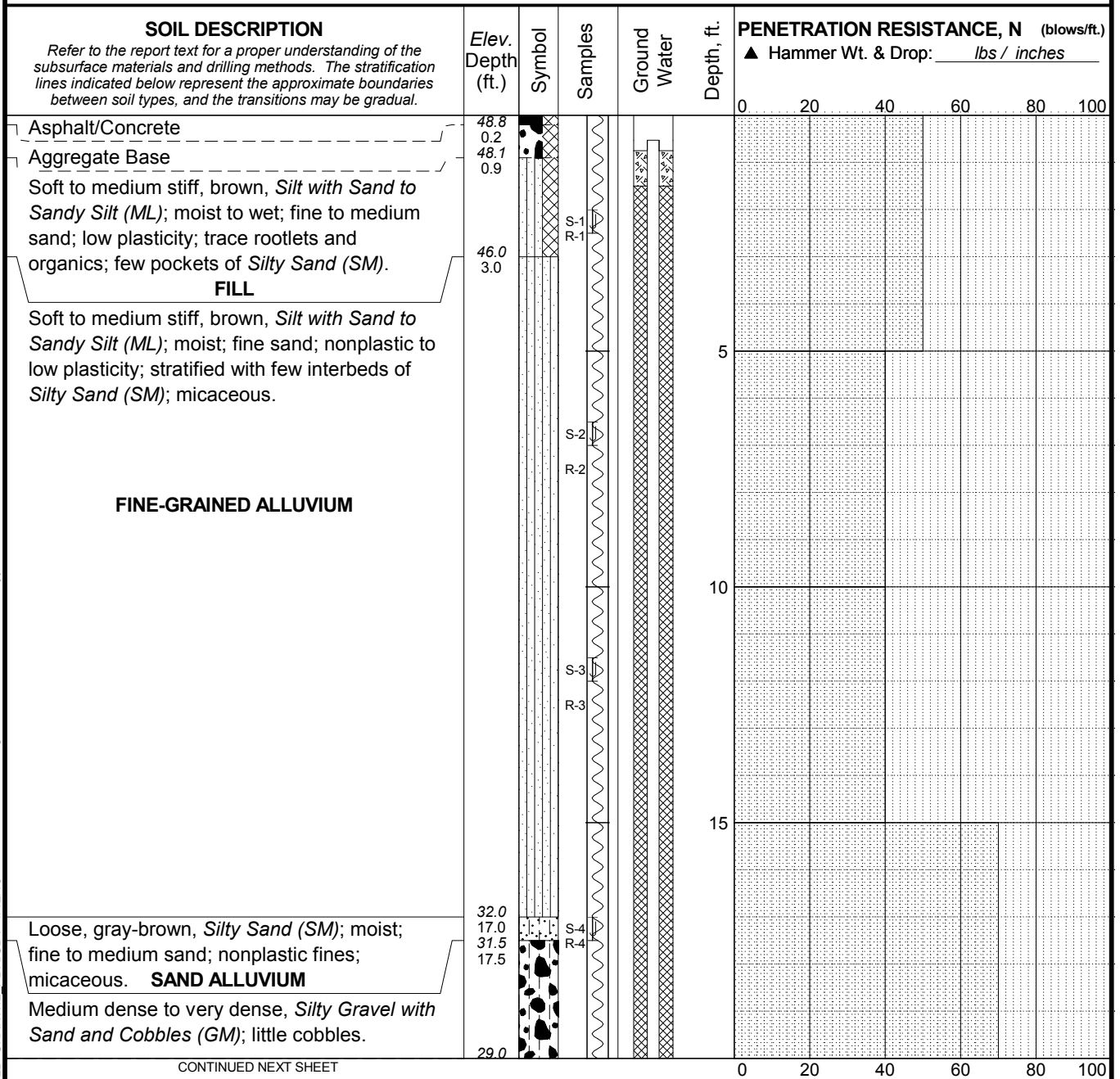
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LEGEND

- Soil Core - Sonic
- Jar Sample
- Grab Sample

Groundwater Level on Date Shown

Recovery (%)

% Fines (<0.075mm)

% Water Content

Plastic Limit Liquid Limit

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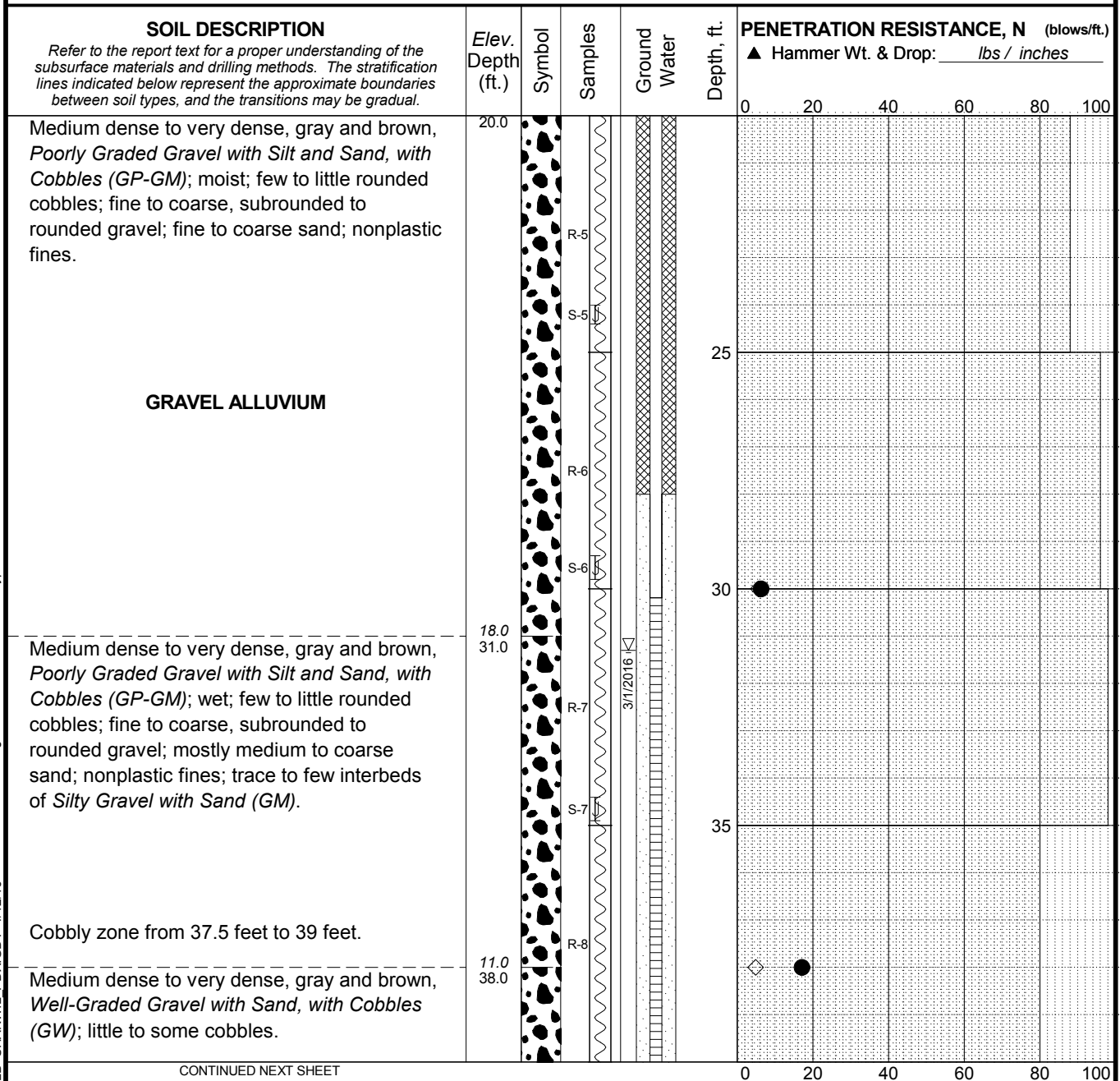
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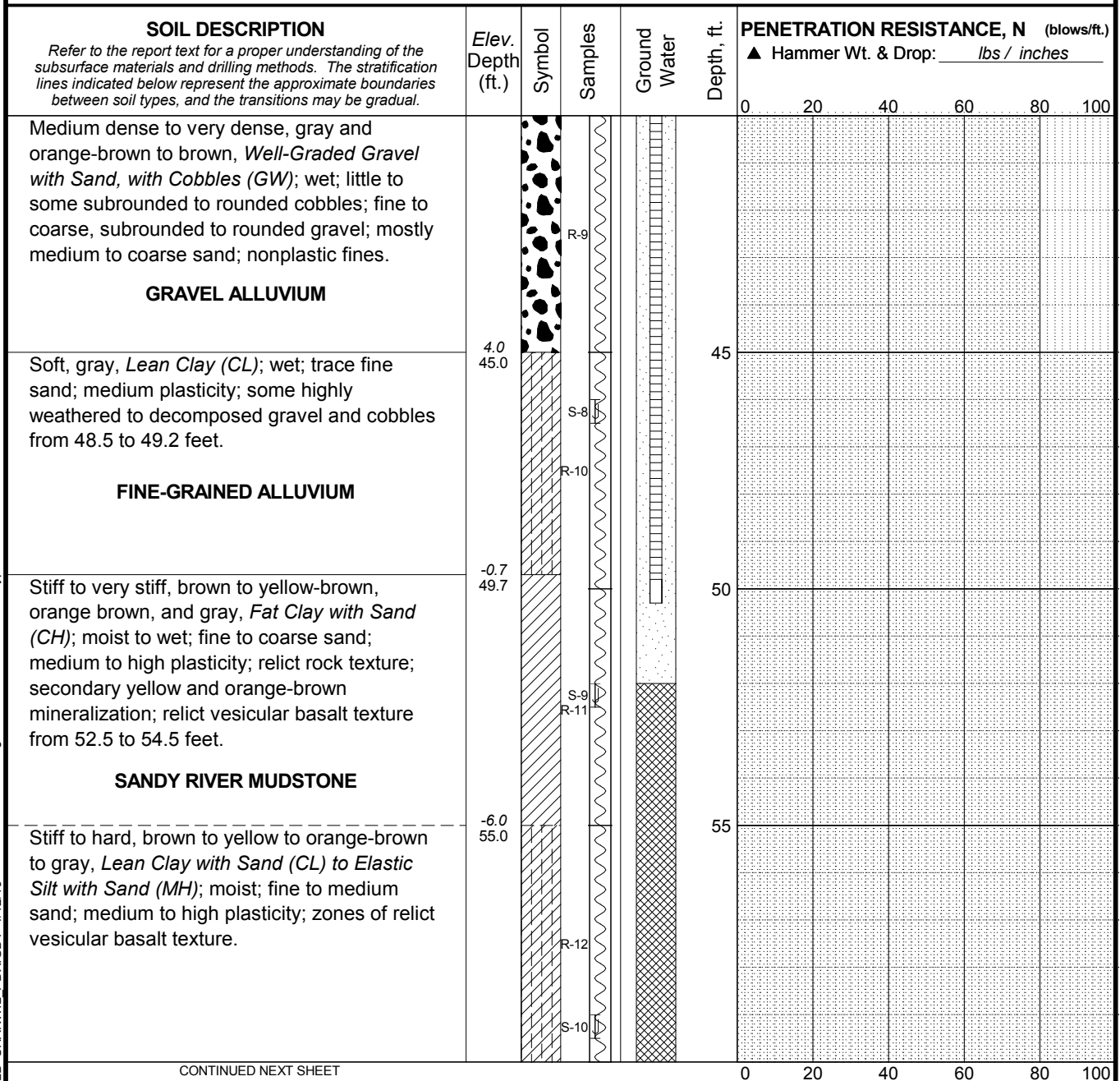
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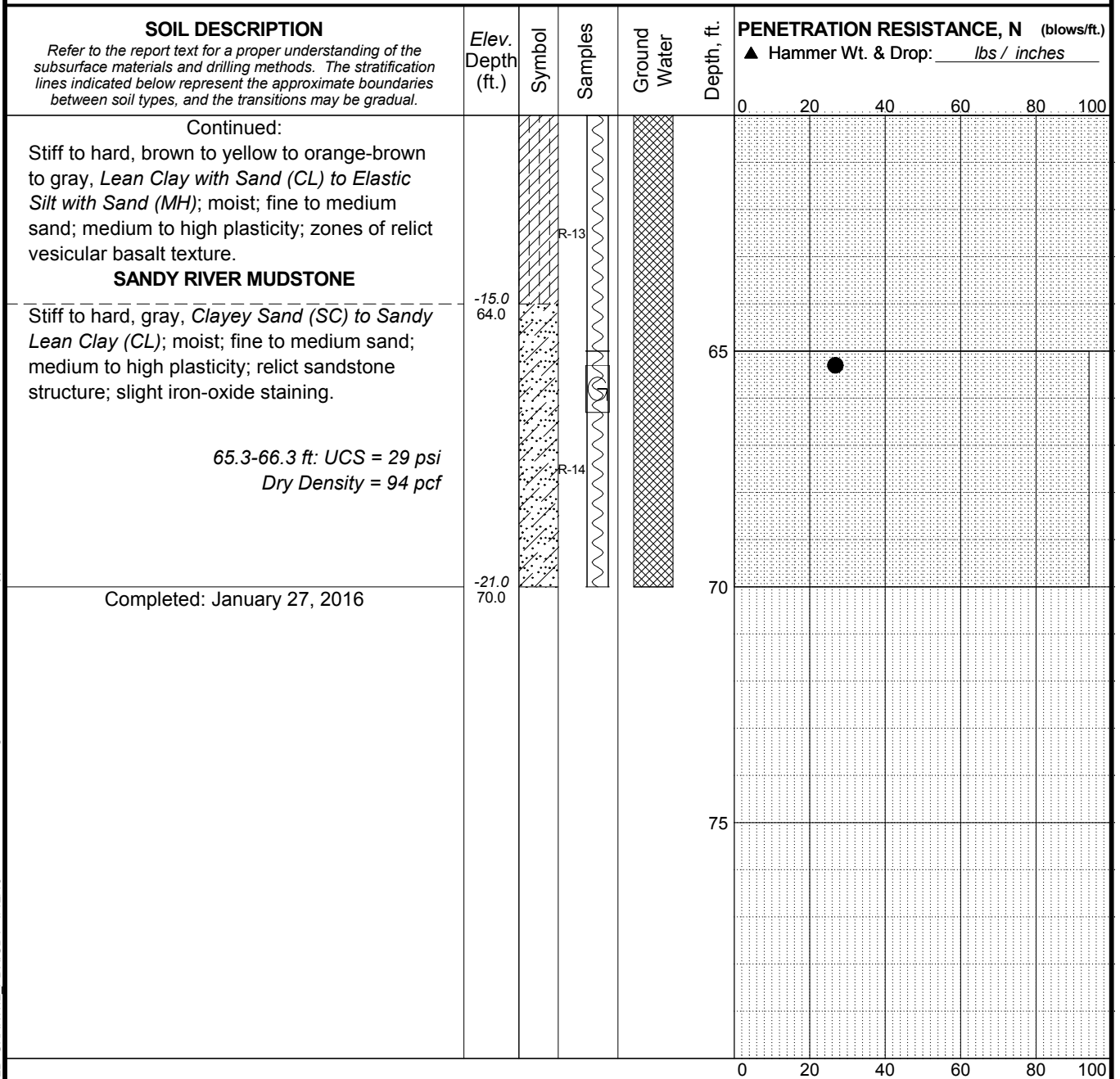
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LEGEND

Soil Core - Sonic	Groundwater Level on Date Shown	Recovery (%)
Jar Sample		% Fines (<0.075mm)
Grab Sample		% Water Content
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DEPTH
(feet)

0 to 5



5 to 10



10 to 15



15 to 20



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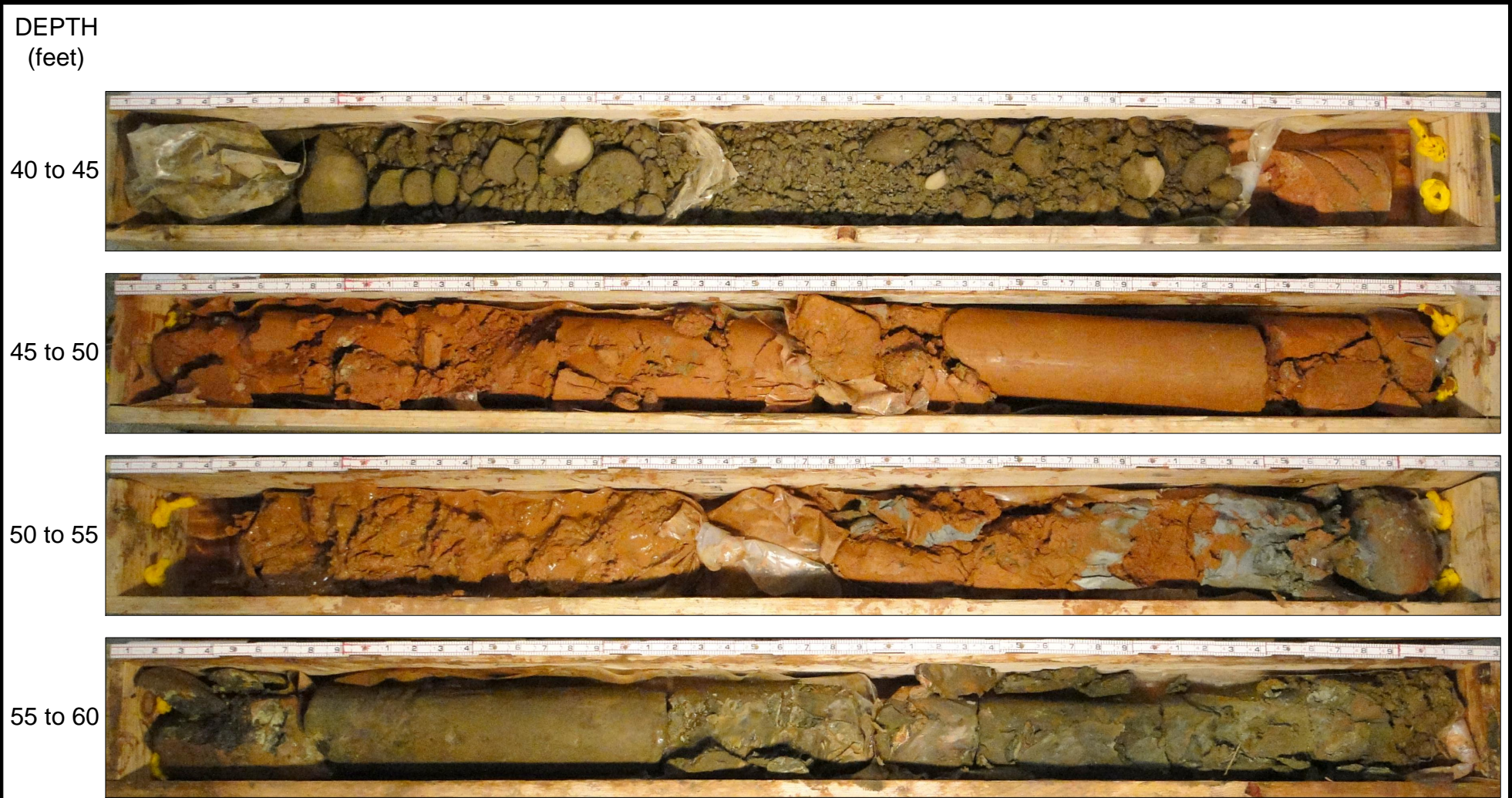
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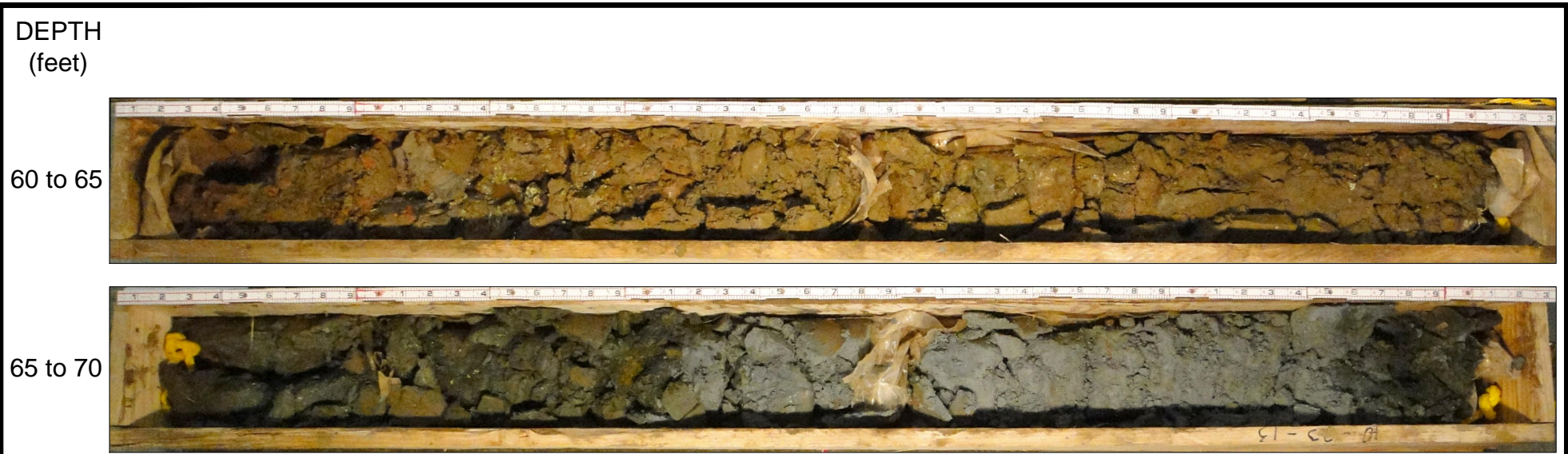


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DEPTH
(feet)

0 to 5



5 to 10



10 to 15



15 to 20



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FIGURES

B1 Grain Size Distribution

ATTACHMENTS

FEI Testing & Inspection, Inc., Laboratory Testing Results, dated February 16, 2016

APPENDIX B

LABORATORY TEST RESULTS

B.1 GENERAL

The soil samples obtained during the field explorations were described and identified in the field in general accordance with the Standard Practice for Description and Identification of Soils (Visual-Manual Procedure), ASTM D2488. The specific terminology used is presented in Appendix A, Figure A1. The samples were reviewed at the Tri-City Water pollution Control Plant after drilling. The physical characteristics of the samples were noted, and the field descriptions and identifications were modified where necessary in accordance with terminology presented in Appendix A, Figure A1. After core photographs were taken, representative samples were selected for various laboratory tests. We refined our visual-manual soil descriptions and identifications based on the results of the laboratory tests, using elements of the Standard Practice for Classification of Soils for Engineering Purposes (Unified Soil Classification System), ASTM D2487. The refined descriptions and identifications were then incorporated into the Logs of Borings, presented in Appendix A. Note that ASTM D2487 was not followed in full because it requires that a suite of tests be performed to fully classify a single sample.

The soil testing program included moisture content tests, unit weight determinations, particle-size analyses, and unconfined compressive strength testing. Particle-size analyses and associated moisture content tests were performed by Shannon & Wilson, Inc. Unconfined compressive strength testing, and associated unit weight and moisture content tests, were performed by FEI Testing & Inspection, Inc. (FEI), of Corvallis, Oregon. All test procedures were performed in accordance with applicable ASTM International (ASTM) standards. General testing procedures are summarized in the following paragraphs.

B.2 SOIL TESTING

B.2.1 Moisture (Natural Water) Content

Natural moisture content analyses were performed, in accordance with ASTM D2216, on samples that were selected for particle-size analyses and unconfined compressive strength testing. The natural moisture content is a measure of the amount of moisture in the soil at the time the explorations are performed, and is defined as the ratio of water weight to dry soil weight, expressed as a percentage. The results of all moisture content analyses are presented graphically on the Logs of Borings in Appendix A. Results of moisture content analyses performed by Shannon & Wilson as part of the particle-size analyses are also shown on Figure B1, Grain Size Distribution. Results of moisture content analyses performed by FEI as part of

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the unconfined compressive strength tests are also shown in the FEI Testing Results attached to this appendix.

B.2.2 Unit Weight Determinations

Some unit weights were determined during the course of FEI's unconfined compressive strength testing. The results of all unit weight determinations are presented on the Logs of Borings in Appendix A and in the FEI Testing Results attached to this appendix.

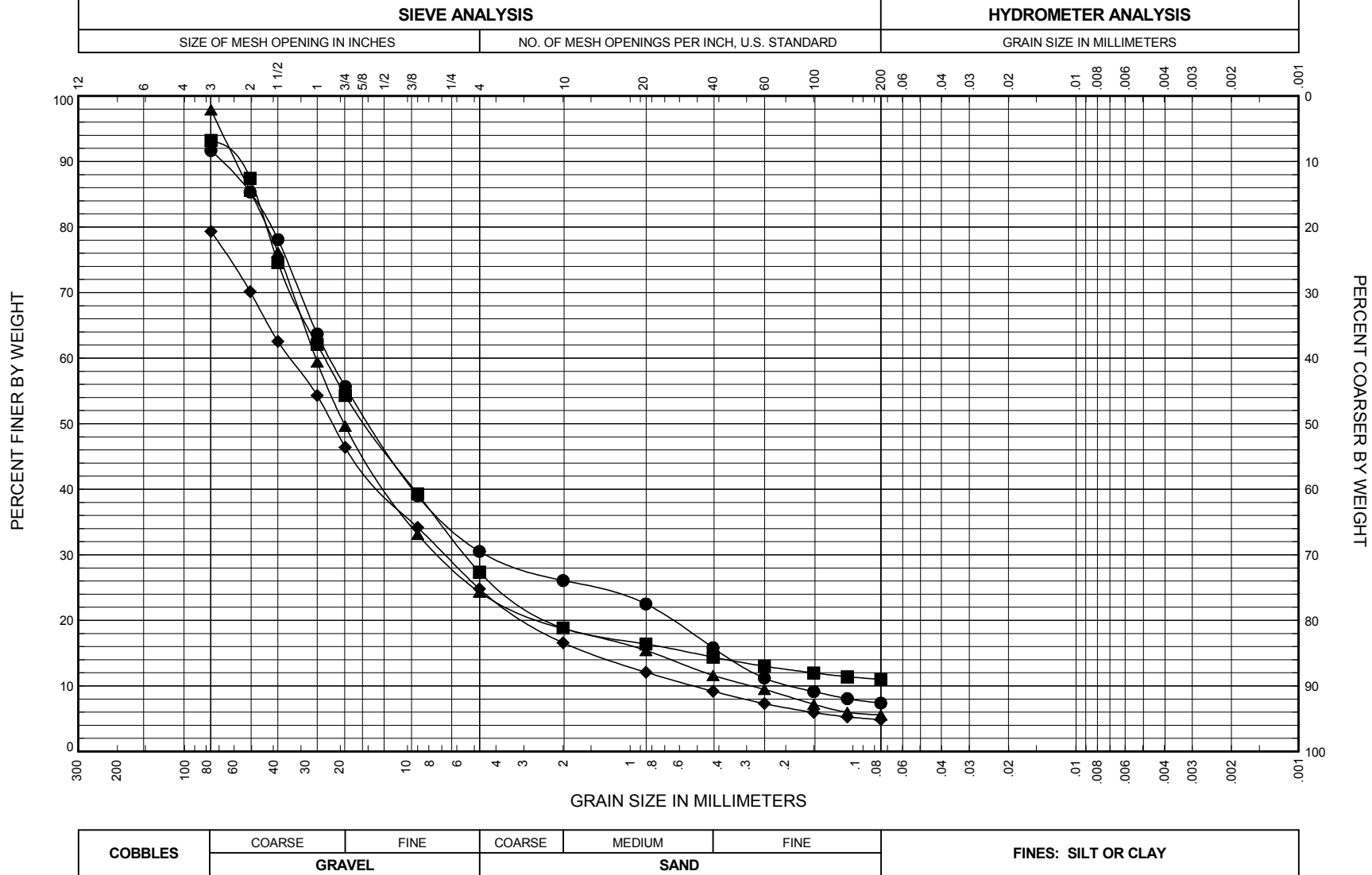
B.2.3 Particle-Size Analysis

Particle-size analyses were conducted on select samples in accordance with ASTM D6913. A wet sieve analysis was performed to determine a percentage (by weight) of the sample passing the No. 200 (0.075 mm) sieve. The material retained on the No. 200 sieve was shaken through a series of sieves to determine the distribution of the plus No. 200 fraction. The results of all particle-size analyses are plotted on Figure B1, Grain Size Distribution, and the amount of material passing the No. 200 sieve for each tested sample is indicated on the Logs of Borings in Appendix A.

B.2.4 Compressive Strength Testing

Selected sonic core samples of the Sandy River Mudstone were tested using ASTM D7012 (Method C), the Compressive Strength of Intact Rock Core Specimens. The test consists of placing a rock core specimen between two bearing plates and applying and measuring an axial load increasing at a constant rate until failure. During the application of increasing axial load, strain of the core sample is continuously measured with a dial indicator placed between the two bearing blocks, measuring the decreasing length of the rock core. The highest load achieved, and the length of the rock core at failure, are recorded. Measurements made during the test are used to calculate the uniaxial compressive strength, C_o , in psi. Results of the unconfined compressive strength tests are presented on the Logs of Borings in Appendix A and in the FEI Testing Results attached to this appendix.

NOTES:
1) Sieve analyses were performed in general accordance with ASTM D6913, sieve with hydrometer analyses were performed in general accordance with ASTM D422, and amount finer than #200 sieve analyses were performed in general accordance with ASTM D1140 unless otherwise noted in the report.
2) Group Name and Group Symbol are in accordance with ASTM D2488 and are refined in accordance with ASTM D2487 where appropriate laboratory tests are performed.



BORING AND SAMPLE NO.	DEPTH (feet)	GROUP SYMBOL ²	GROUP NAME ²	GRAVEL %	SAND %	FINES %	NAT. W.C. %	DRY DENSITY PCF
● SH-1, R-6	25.0	GP-GM	Poorly Graded Gravel with Silt and Sand, with Cobbles	61	23	7	5	
■ SH-1, R-9	40.0	GP-GM	Poorly Graded Gravel with Silt and Sand, with Cobbles	66	16	11	7	
▲ SH-2, R-7	30.0	GP-GM	Poorly Graded Gravel with Silt and Sand, with Cobbles	74	19	6	6	
◆ SH-2, R-8/R-9	38.0	GW	Well-Graded Gravel with Sand, with Cobbles	55	20	5	17	

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FIG. B1

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Project No.: 2166028-900

Report No.: C-34645

Re: Tri-City Solids WWTP

To: Shannon & Wilson, Inc.
3990 Collins Way, Suite 100
Lake Oswego, OR 97035

Attn:

Enclosed are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Report | <input type="checkbox"/> Drawings | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Test Results (4 Pages Total Incl. Cover) |
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Remarks: Requested laboratory testing results attached. Please call if you have any questions.

Copy to:

Signature:



Rachel Rucker
President

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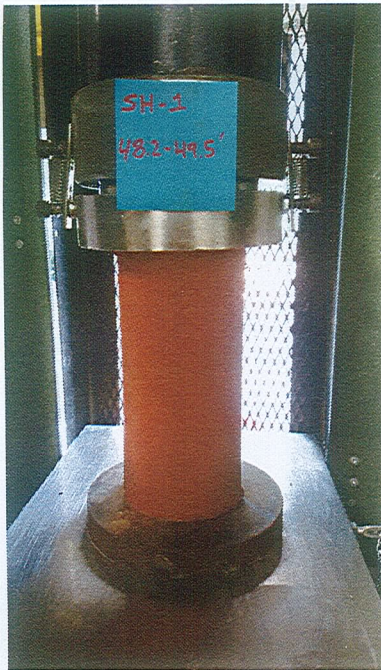
Table 1. Unconfined Compression (ASTM D 7012)

Sample Number*	Sample Depth (ft)	Length (in)	Diameter (in)	Corrected Area (in ²)	Water Content (percent)	Load (lbs)	Compressive Strength (psi)
SH-1	48.2-49.5	8.90	4.18	13.72	51.7	690	50
SH-1	55.8-57.2	8.45	4.18	13.72	60.9	980	71
SH-2	65.3-66.3	9.26	4.16	13.59	26.8	400	29

Table 2. Unit Weight

Sample Number*	Sample Depth (feet)	Wet Density (pcf)	Dry Density (pcf)
SH-1	48.2-49.5	109.3	72.0
SH-1	55.8-57.2	104.5	64.9
SH-2	65.3-66.3	119.0	93.8

*FEI Sample No. 5964



48.2 – 49.5 (before)



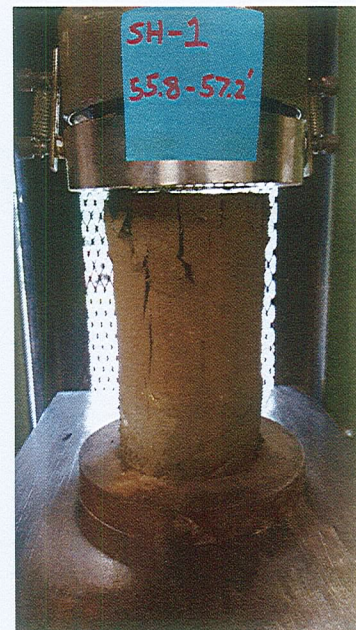
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APPENDIX C

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR
GEOTECHNICAL / ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**



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CONSULTING SERVICES ARE PERFORMED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES AND FOR SPECIFIC CLIENTS.

Consultants prepare reports to meet the specific needs of specific individuals. A report prepared for a civil engineer may not be adequate for a construction contractor or even another civil engineer. Unless indicated otherwise, your consultant prepared your report expressly for you and expressly for the purposes you indicated. No one other than you should apply this report for its intended purpose without first conferring with the consultant. No party should apply this report for any purpose other than that originally contemplated without first conferring with the consultant.

THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT IS BASED ON PROJECT-SPECIFIC FACTORS.

A geotechnical/environmental report is based on a subsurface exploration plan designed to consider a unique set of project-specific factors. Depending on the project, these may include: the general nature of the structure and property involved; its size and configuration; its historical use and practice; the location of the structure on the site and its orientation; other improvements such as access roads, parking lots, and underground utilities; and the additional risk created by scope-of-service limitations imposed by the client. To help avoid costly problems, ask the consultant to evaluate how any factors that change subsequent to the date of the report may affect the recommendations. Unless your consultant indicates otherwise, your report should not be used: (1) when the nature of the proposed project is changed (for example, if an office building will be erected instead of a parking garage, or if a refrigerated warehouse will be built instead of an unrefrigerated one, or chemicals are discovered on or near the site); (2) when the size, elevation, or configuration of the proposed project is altered; (3) when the location or orientation of the proposed project is modified; (4) when there is a change of ownership; or (5) for application to an adjacent site. Consultants cannot accept responsibility for problems that may occur if they are not consulted after factors which were considered in the development of the report have changed.

SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS CAN CHANGE.

Subsurface conditions may be affected as a result of natural processes or human activity. Because a geotechnical/environmental report is based on conditions that existed at the time of subsurface exploration, construction decisions should not be based on a report whose adequacy may have been affected by time. Ask the consultant to advise if additional tests are desirable before construction starts; for example, groundwater conditions commonly vary seasonally.

Construction operations at or adjacent to the site and natural events such as floods, earthquakes, or groundwater fluctuations may also affect subsurface conditions and, thus, the continuing adequacy of a geotechnical/environmental report. The consultant should be kept apprised of any such events, and should be consulted to determine if additional tests are necessary.

MOST RECOMMENDATIONS ARE PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENTS.

Site exploration and testing identifies actual surface and subsurface conditions only at those points where samples are taken. The data were extrapolated by your consultant, who then applied judgment to render an opinion about overall subsurface conditions. The actual interface between materials may be far more gradual or abrupt than your report indicates. Actual conditions in areas not sampled may differ from those predicted in your report. While nothing can be done to prevent such situations, you and your consultant can work together to help reduce their impacts. Retaining your consultant to observe subsurface construction operations can be particularly beneficial in this respect.

A REPORT'S CONCLUSIONS ARE PRELIMINARY.

The conclusions contained in your consultant's report are preliminary because they must be based on the assumption that conditions revealed through selective exploratory sampling are indicative of actual conditions throughout a site. Actual subsurface conditions can be discerned only during earthwork; therefore, you should retain your consultant to observe actual conditions and to provide conclusions. Only the consultant who prepared the report is fully familiar with the background information needed to determine whether or not the report's recommendations based on those conclusions are valid and whether or not the contractor is abiding by applicable recommendations. The consultant who developed your report cannot assume responsibility or liability for the adequacy of the report's recommendations if another party is retained to observe construction.

THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT IS SUBJECT TO MISINTERPRETATION.

Costly problems can occur when other design professionals develop their plans based on misinterpretation of a geotechnical/environmental report. To help avoid these problems, the consultant should be retained to work with other project design professionals to explain relevant geotechnical, geological, hydrogeological, and environmental findings, and to review the adequacy of their plans and specifications relative to these issues.

BORING LOGS AND/OR MONITORING WELL DATA SHOULD NOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE REPORT.

Final boring logs developed by the consultant are based upon interpretation of field logs (assembled by site personnel), field test results, and laboratory and/or office evaluation of field samples and data. Only final boring logs and data are customarily included in geotechnical/environmental reports. These final logs should not, under any circumstances, be redrawn for inclusion in architectural or other design drawings, because drafters may commit errors or omissions in the transfer process.

To reduce the likelihood of boring log or monitoring well misinterpretation, contractors should be given ready access to the complete geotechnical engineering/environmental report prepared or authorized for their use. If access is provided only to the report prepared for you, you should advise contractors of the report's limitations, assuming that a contractor was not one of the specific persons for whom the report was prepared, and that developing construction cost estimates was not one of the specific purposes for which it was prepared. While a contractor may gain important knowledge from a report prepared for another party, the contractor should discuss the report with your consultant and perform the additional or alternative work believed necessary to obtain the data specifically appropriate for construction cost estimating purposes. Some clients hold the mistaken impression that simply disclaiming responsibility for the accuracy of subsurface information always insulates them from attendant liability. Providing the best available information to contractors helps prevent costly construction problems and the adversarial attitudes that aggravate them to a disproportionate scale.

READ RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSES CLOSELY.

Because geotechnical/environmental engineering is based extensively on judgment and opinion, it is far less exact than other design disciplines. This situation has resulted in wholly unwarranted claims being lodged against consultants. To help prevent this problem, consultants have developed a number of clauses for use in their contracts, reports, and other documents. These responsibility clauses are not exculpatory clauses designed to transfer the consultant's liabilities to other parties; rather, they are definitive clauses that identify where the consultant's responsibilities begin and end. Their use helps all parties involved recognize their individual responsibilities and take appropriate action. Some of these definitive clauses are likely to appear in your report, and you are encouraged to read them closely. Your consultant will be pleased to give full and frank answers to your questions.

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