

**ADDENDUM 4-C**  
**SLOPE STABILITY AND SEISMIC DEFORMATION REPORT**

# ***REVISED* Slope Stability and Seismic Deformation Report**

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Plan Sheet C-3.4 Showing Cross Section H-H  
Hazard Curve Screen Print

**APPENDIX B – PRINTOUTS OF CRITICAL CROSS-SECTION ANALYSES**

Cross-section H-H

## **INTRODUCTION**

A static and pseudo-static slope stability analysis was performed on the proposed backup storage pond at the proposed Reno Creek In-situ uranium processing plant. An embankment settlement analysis was also performed. The stability analysis and embankment settlement analysis were performed in accordance with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Regulatory Guide 3.11.

## **PROJECT INFORMATION**

We understand that a backup storage pond, having approximate dimensions of 100 feet by 200 feet, is anticipated to consist of a HDPE geomembrane liner placed above a drainage geonet for leak detection. The depth of the pond is 8 feet while the operating level will be 6 feet. The pond will be constructed on a sloping site, with the majority of the pond within excavation and the down slope embankment being approximately 7 feet of fill.

The slope stability analysis was performed for the final construction condition. In addition, the pond was analyzed in the full condition with high groundwater and pseudo-static state to check the embankment stability under wet conditions as well.

## **CRITICAL SECTION**

The critical section for the proposed pond construction was determined to be that of H-H, shown on plan sheet C-3.4 of the TREC, Inc plans dated October 2, 2012 located in Appendix A. Cross-section H-H was determined critical based on the length of the slope and height of the embankment in comparison with the other cross section. The analysis included the proposed embankment soil however, the geosynthetic layers were not included in the stability analyses. Typically, geosynthetics add strength to the soil therefore removing them from the model is considered conservative.

## **MATERIAL PROPERTIES**

Material classifications for the site soils were determined from the subsurface exploration and geotechnical engineering report dated July 9, 2012. Strength parameters were correlated to the material classifications to determine input values for the slope stability analyses. In addition, consolidation information for the site soils was determined from the above mentioned report.

Table 1. Properties for all soil and MSW modeled within the cross-sections.

<b><i>Material</i></b>	<b><i>Model Color</i></b>	<b><i>Friction angle (<math>\phi</math>)</i></b>	<b><i>Cohesion (<math>lb/ft^2</math>)</i></b>	<b><i>Density (<math>lb/ft^3</math>)(wet)</i></b>
Native Sandy Clay	Brown	20	300	125
Compacted Sandy Clay	Tan	20	400	135
Very Stiff Clay	Olive	10	1,000	135

## **PEAK HORIZONTAL GROUND ACCELERATION**

The site was determined to be within a seismic impact zone according to the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Seismic Hazard Mapping Project Map, 2012 edition. The Peak Horizontal Ground Acceleration (PHGA) was determined from the web based USGS Seismic Hazard Analysis Tools-Hazard Curve Application version 1.0.1. The Hazard Curve Application can be located at this web address <http://geohazards.usgs.gov/hazardtool/application.php>. Latitude and longitude for the center of the site were input into the web based application and the PHGA value was determined to be 0.1447 for a 2% probability of exceedance in 50 years. A screen print of the analysis is included in Appendix A.

**STABILITY EVALUATION OF CRITICAL CROSS-SECTIONS**

The global stability of the proposed pond was modeled using Slope/W in the Geostudio 2012 suite of software. A slope stability analysis was run on the critical cross-section of the proposed embankment using Morgenstern-Price methodology. The Morgenstern-Price methodology meets the requirements within the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Regulatory Guide 3.11 for equilibrium and will produce factors of safety with less than five percent error. The observed minimum factors of safety for static and pseudo-static were 3.19 and 1.84, respectively.

**REFERENCES**

Inberg-Miller Engineers "Subsurface Exploration and Geotechnical Engineering Report – Reno Creek Project Campbell County, Wyoming", July 9, 2012

Nuclear Regulatory Commission "Regulatory Guide 3.11 – Design, Construction, and Inspection of Embankment Retention Systems at Uranium Recovery Facilities" January 2008.

**CLOSURE**

This report has been prepared for the exclusive use of our client, AUC LLC, for a slope stability and settlement evaluation of the proposed Reno Creek in-situ uranium recovery facility. Any future written documents that address comments or questions regarding this report, constitute the "entire report". Inberg-Miller Engineers' conclusions, opinions, and recommendations are based on the entire report.

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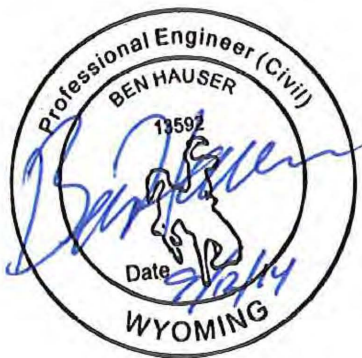
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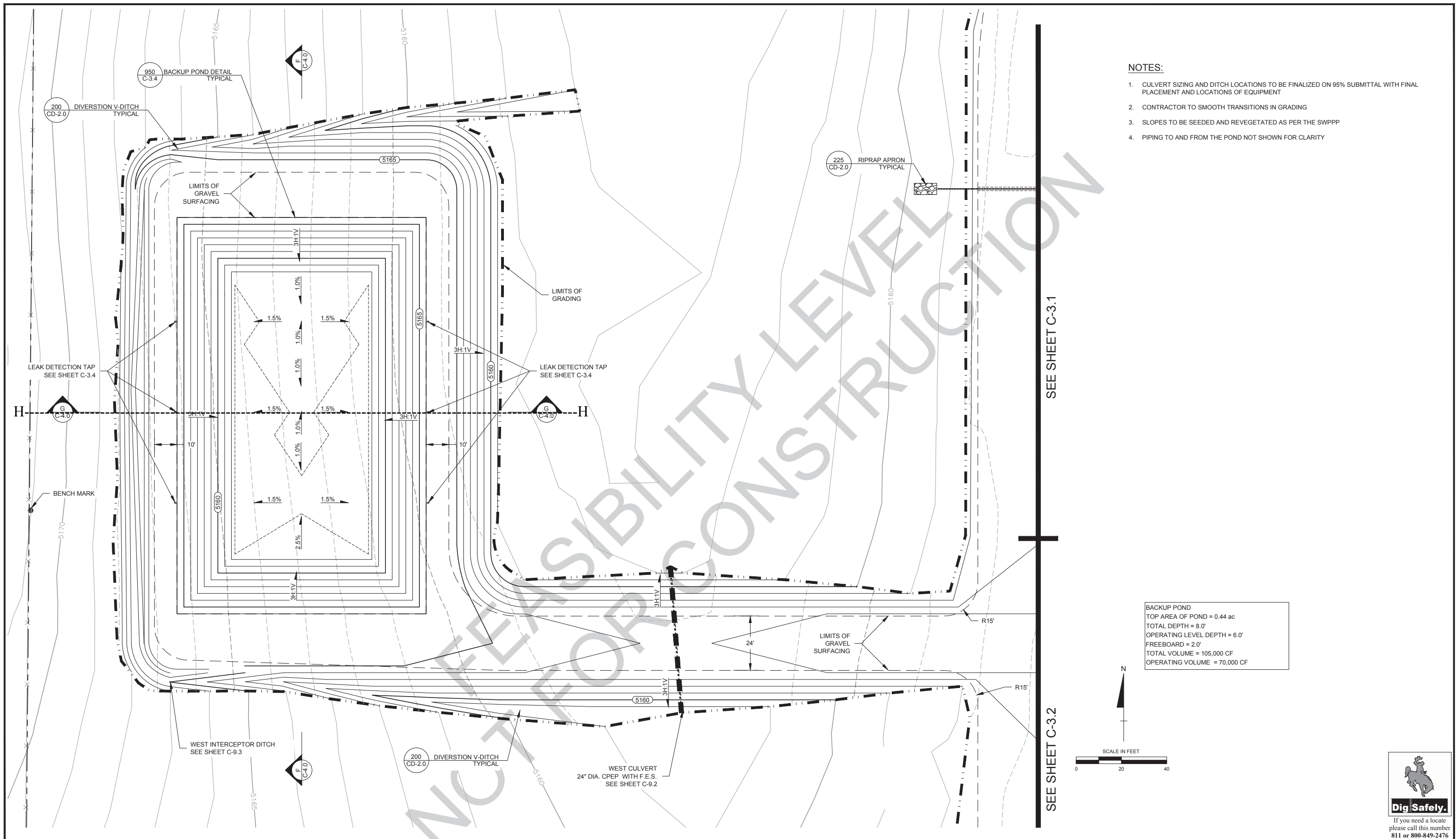


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## **APPENDIX A**



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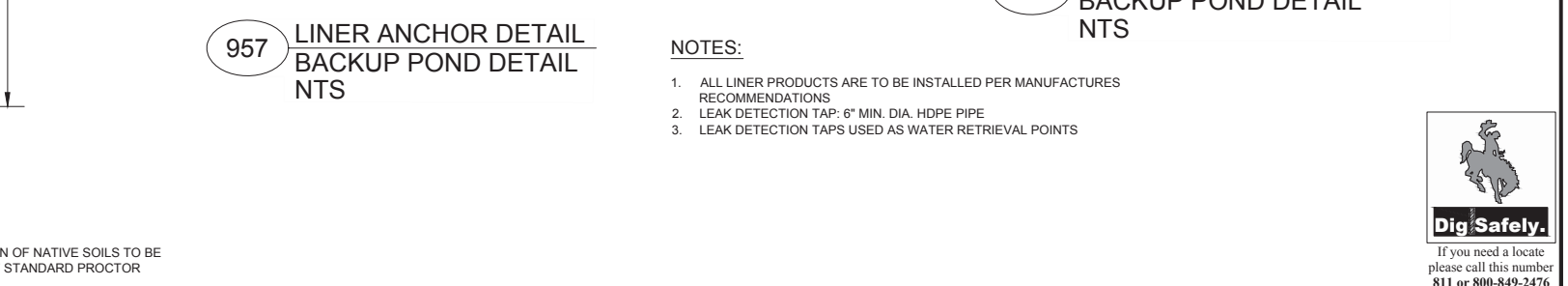
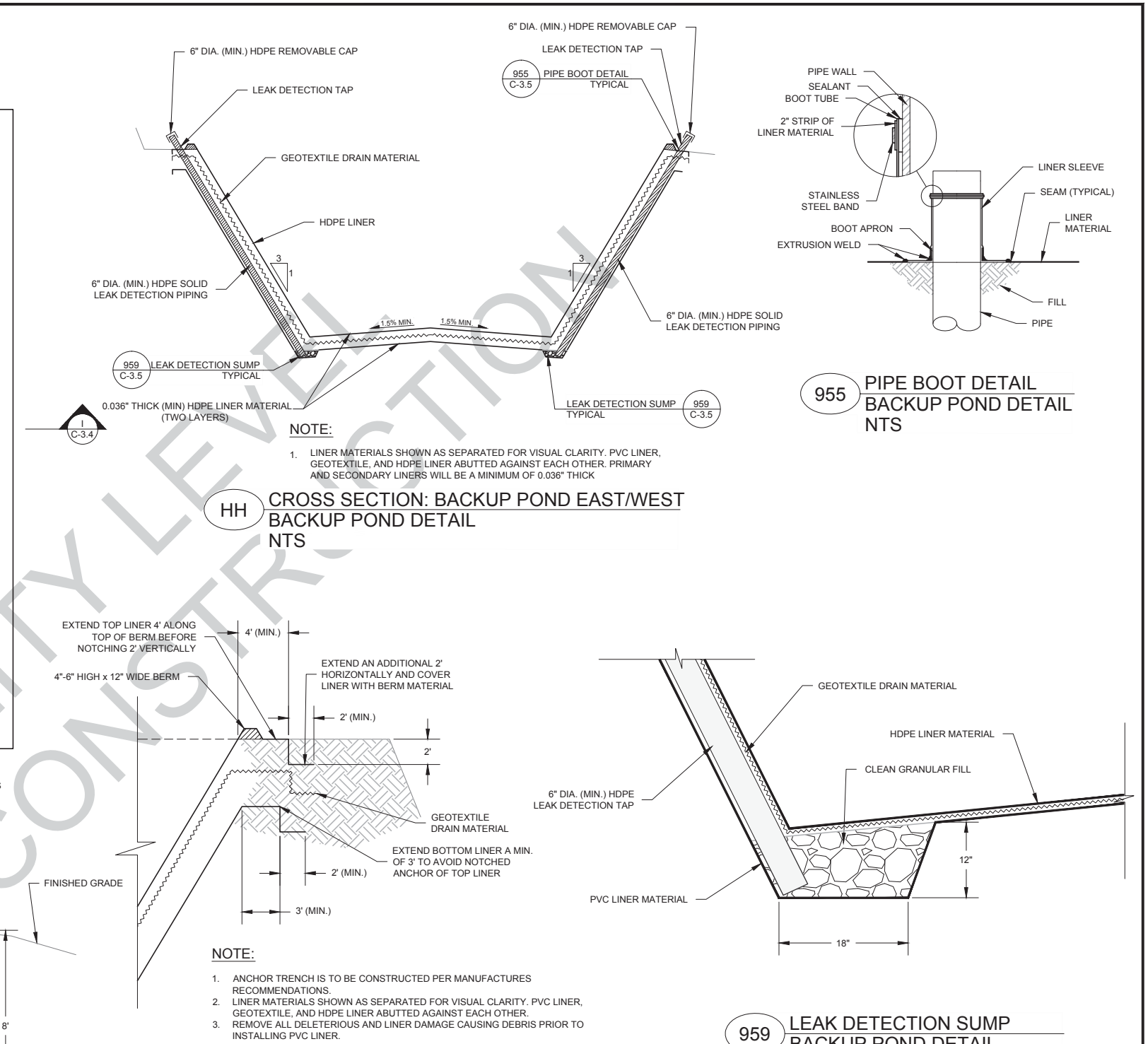
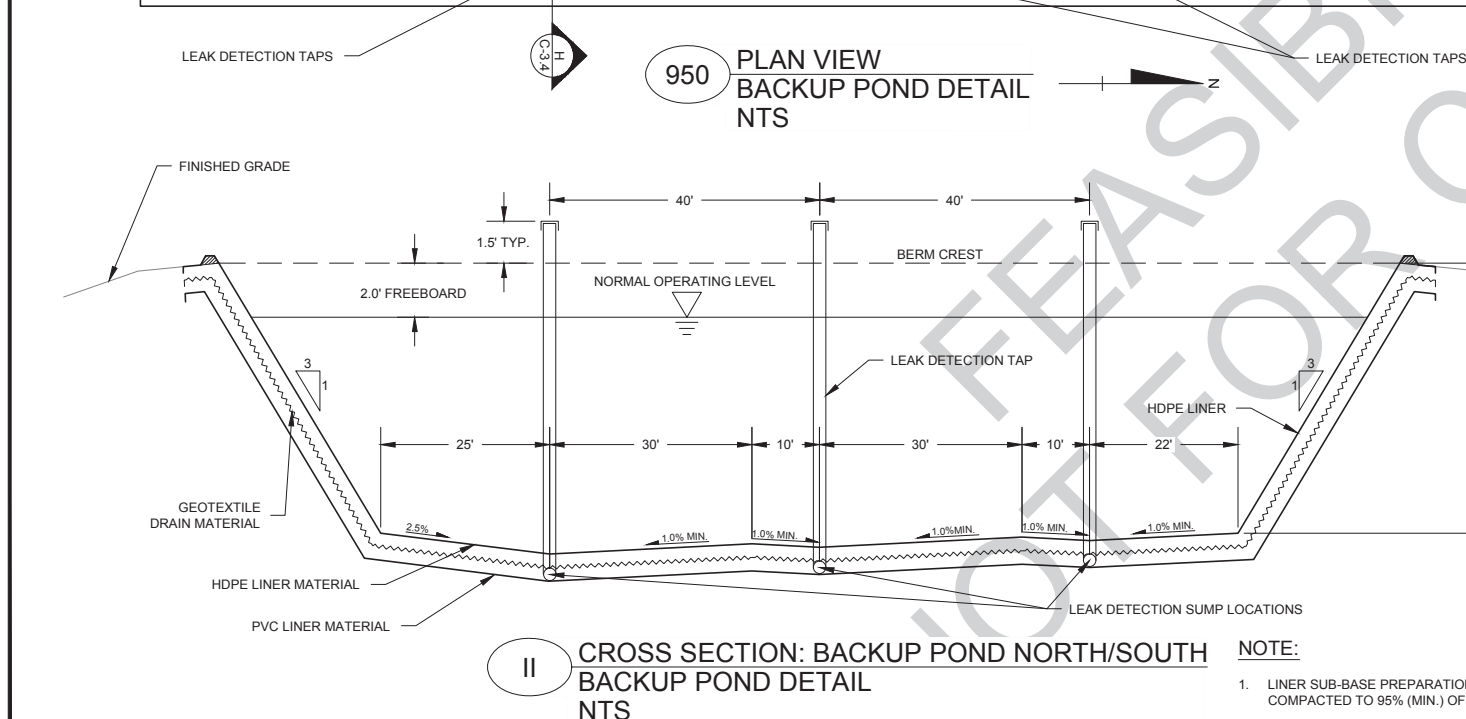
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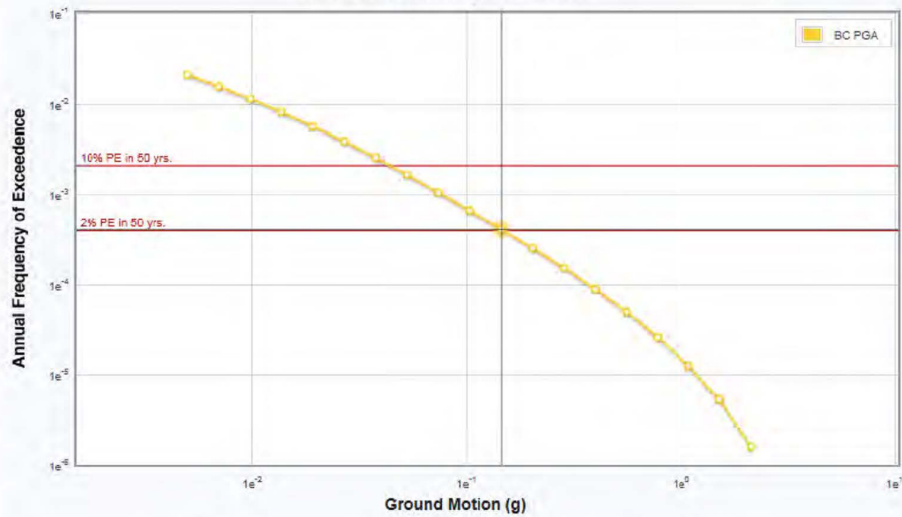
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AFE vs. Site Class

Data Access

Help & Info

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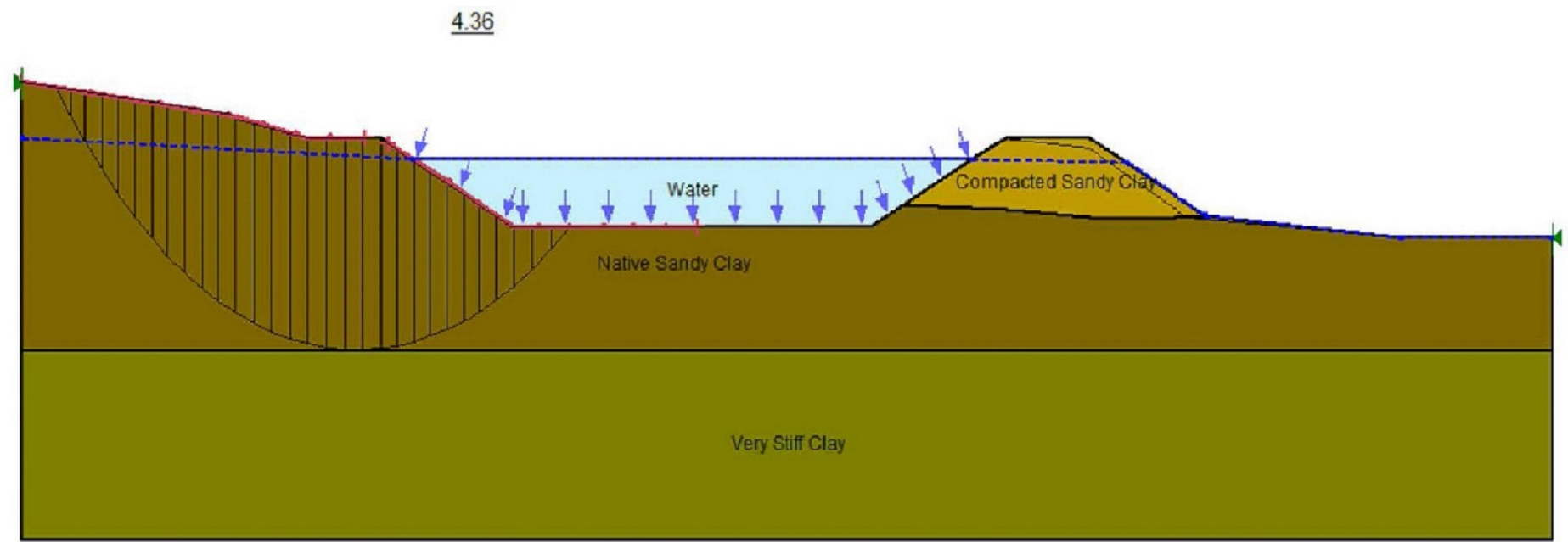
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## **Appendix B**

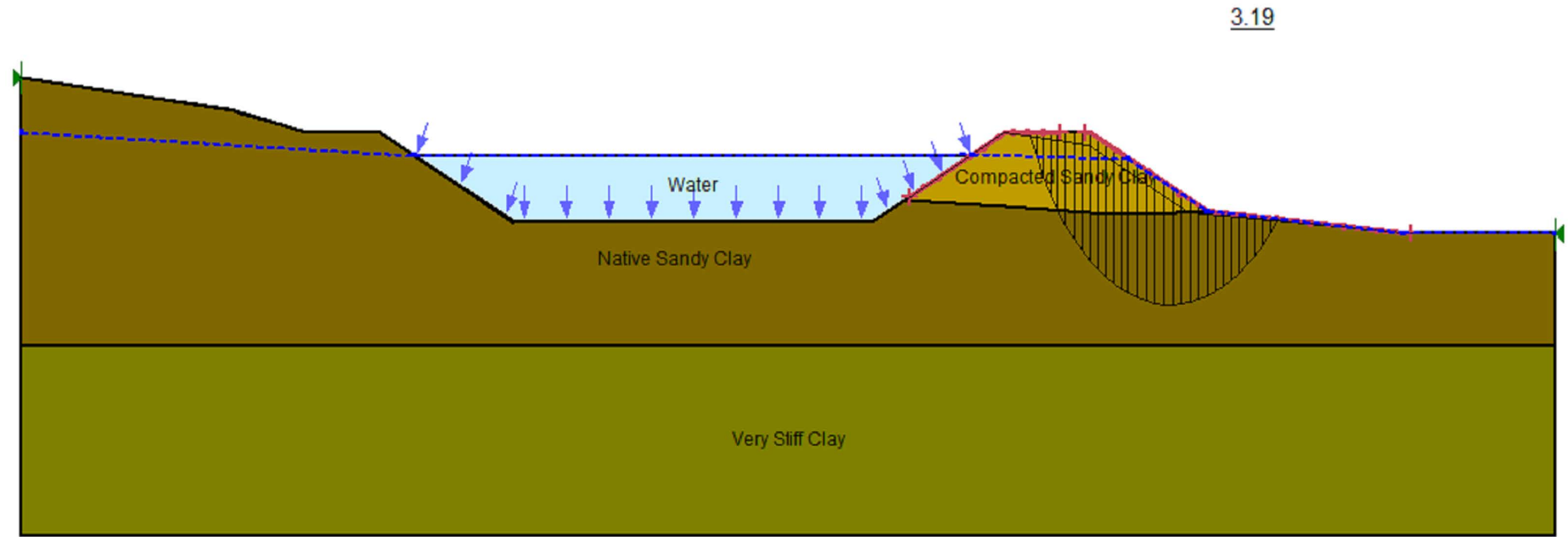
Static analysis for cross-section H-H using the Morgenstern-Price methodology  
(Entry and Exit) (July 29, 2014) (Not to scale)



Material properties

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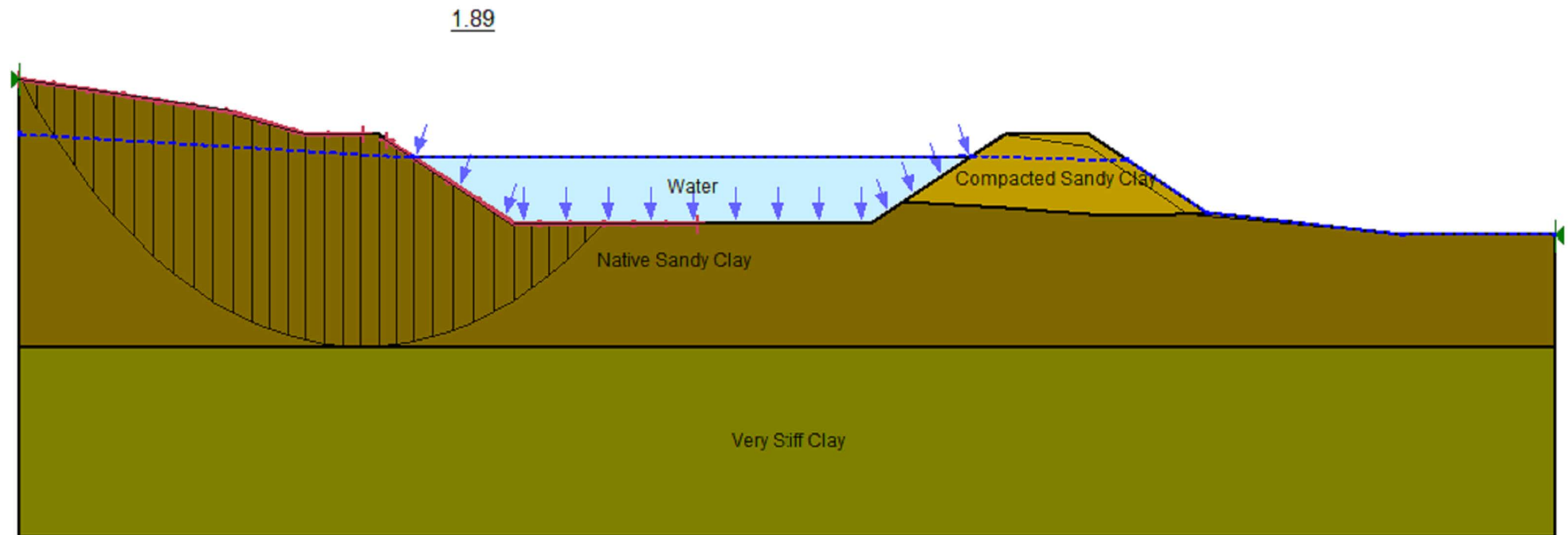
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**Pseudo-static analysis (PHGA = 0.1447) for cross-section H-H using the Morgenstern-Price methodology  
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**Very Stiff Clay**

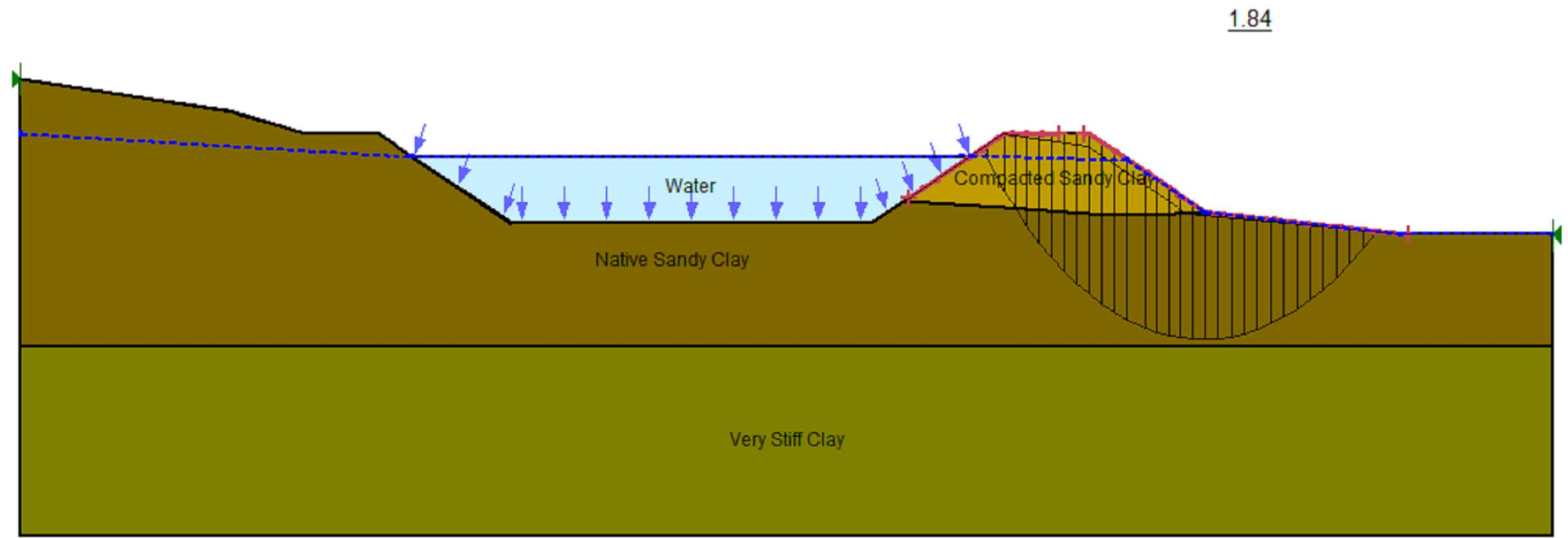
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