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  2. USAR, Section 14.6.1
  3. USAR, Section 6.3.2
  4. USAR, Section 6.3
  5. USAR, Section 10.4.2
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In the event of a loss of offsite power, the loss of the motor driven pumps result in lowering discharge header pressure. When the low pressure setpoint is reached, the associated diesel driven pump for the pressure switch starts and will provide adequate cooling to the associated Unit 1 diesel generator and other cooling system loads. One diesel driven pump is sufficient to meet all the cooling system loads of both units.

#### **10.4.1.2.1 Auxiliary Building and Containment Chilled Water System**

A common non-safety related chilled water system was added for both units 1 and 2. The system provides chilled water during normal plant operation for the containment atmosphere recirculation coolers and the control rod drive mechanism shroud cooling coils, as well as for the new and existing unit coolers located within the auxiliary building. The chilled water system was integrated with the cooling water system. The combined system provides chilled water during normal plant operation but upon loss of power or safety signal actuation, the system will return to its original design integrity and configuration by isolating the chilled water system from the cooling water equipment.

#### **10.4.1.2.2 Emergency Cooling Water Intake**

The Emergency Cooling Water Intake provides water to maintain safe shutdown for both units for reactor shutdown cooling after a Design Operational Basis Earthquake, assuming that the Circulating Water Intake Canal is blocked and Lock and Dam No. 3 downstream of the plant is destroyed. This intake is a 36-in. pipe buried approximately 40 feet below the Circulating Water Intake Canal water level in nonliquefiable soil, connecting the screenwell to a submerged intake crib in a branch channel of the Mississippi River. This Emergency Cooling Water Intake is a Class I structure as is the Approach canal



which supplies its intake crib from the main channel of the Mississippi. The intake crib is designed to exclude trash, and means are provided for back flushing. This emergency intake supplies a bay in the screenwell which has Class I traveling screens and which provides suction for the Class I cooling water pumps. ~~The emergency cooling water intake line has been designed to deliver no less than 18,000 gpm with a crib submergence of no more than 4.5 feet caused by the failure of Lock and Dam No. 3. Specific hydraulic analysis has shown that with the expected lowest river level, the 36I intake line should be capable of delivering at least 22,500 gpm, and with the Lock and Dam No. 3 intact, could deliver at least 30,000 gpm. The design criteria for Class I structures and equipment are described in Section 12.~~

To maintain both units in safe shutdown, the safeguards cooling water pumps must provide sufficient flow to remove heat from the required components. The supply to the safeguards pumps' suction must be greater than or equal to that demand. In the event of a design basis seismic event, non-seismic qualified components cannot be relied upon to maintain safe shutdown. The effect on the cooling water system is that only the safeguards pumps are available, off-site power is lost, and the instrument air system is not available. Since many control valves fail to the open position upon loss of air or control power, the flow demand in the cooling water increases. If two safeguards cooling water pumps are operating, the cooling water system demand will exceed the supply capacity of the emergency intake line.

At the onset of the seismic event, the emergency intake line and the intake canal both supply the suction of the safeguards pumps. The design basis seismic event assumes that Lock & Dam No. 3 is destroyed by the seismic event. Failure of the Lock & Dam No. 3 causes the upstream and downstream pools to equalize. Over time the upstream pool level is postulated to decrease to 666'-6", the normal level of the downstream pool. This provides 4.5 feet of submergence above the emergency intake line. Original design calculations predict a minimum supply capacity of 18,000 gpm. However, preoperational testing, when extrapolated for minimum submergence, demonstrated that only 15,000 gpm is actually available.

Upon occurrence of the design basis seismic event, the cooling water system flow demand is calculated to be 29,759 gpm (calculation ENG-ME-302). This is with the two diesel driven safeguards cooling water pumps operating, since this creates the highest demand on the suction supply. Initially, the supply to the safeguards cooling water pumps is from both the intake canal and the emergency intake line. The intake canal has been evaluated and determined to remain intact during a design basis seismic event (ENG-CS-100). The volume in the intake canal provides approximately 25 minutes per foot of water depth for a cooling water flow demand of 29,759 gpm.

Assuming no make up from the river to the intake canal, the volume in the intake canal is depleted in approximately 3 1/2 hours. At this time, the emergency intake line will be the sole supply of water to the cooling water pumps. It is necessary for the operators to reduce the cooling water system flow demand to a value within the capacity of the emergency intake line. Procedural guidance directs the operator which cooling water system loads to secure to reduce demand. Instrumentation provides the operator with

cooling water header flow and pressure. The procedure ensures components needed to maintain safe shutdown are available.

The basic design intent for the emergency pipe was to provide enough flexibility in the system to withstand earthquakes. This was accomplished by introducing four flexonics expansion joints, two near the screenhouse and the other two in the pipe riser at the intake crib. The articulation provided by the joints is expected to act in a fashion similar to paired flexible joints in steam lines.

In order for the emergency intake pipe to behave elastically, as intended, the portion of the pipe embedded in the screenhouse was wrapped with rodoform to alleviate localized stresses due to the settlement of the soil. Special backfill material was placed around the pipe to prevent liquification of the soil which would result in flotation of the pipe. All natural material has been replaced by nonliquifiable backfill materials up to the liquefaction level in accordance with the recommendations of Dames & Moore.

The design of the 36" emergency intake pipe and the approach canal are based upon recommendations by earthquake consultants J. A. Blume & Associates and Dame & Moore. Professor H. Bolton Seed of the University of California at Berkeley, in his letter dated June 3, 1970 to Mr. Garrison Kost of John A. Blume & Associates in San Francisco, stipulates the following minimum criteria to insure that the emergency service water intake pipe at Prairie Island would not be disrupted by displacements due to soil liquefaction:

- a. "The slope of any liquefiable material should not exceed about 1 degree.
- b. The pipe line should be supported or protected against settlement or uplift due to liquefaction of the underlying soils.
- c. The pipe should be located at least 25 times the height of any bank beyond the toe of the bank in order to protect it from lateral forces due to movement of liquefied soil."

Professor Seed then proceeds to make the following specific recommendations: It will be possible to design:

- a. "A section near the plant where the pipe would be placed in non-liquefiable soils.
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~~The PS&E design of the 36" emergency intake pipe and the approach canal applies to all of the three criteria outlined above and utilizes the first and third of Dr. Seeds specific~~



recommendations. The specific recommendations were applied in the following manner; the following criteria:

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RE: Intake Canal Liquefaction Analysis for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (PINGP), Welch, Minnesota - STS Project No. 28723

Dear Mr. Fraser:

In accordance with your authorization and our proposal dated January 19, 1996, STS Consultants, Ltd. (STS) is pleased to provide the following results from the subsurface exploration, laboratory testing and liquefaction analysis which was performed for the above referenced project.

#### Exploration Program

Our results are based upon three soil borings, laboratory testing of soil samples, and electronic Cone Penetration Tests (CPT) which were performed at 8 locations along the banks of the Intake Canal. The CPT tests were extended to refusal at depths on the order of 43 to 46 feet below grade while the borings were extended to a maximum depth of 67 feet below grade. Laboratory testing consisted of visual classification, water content, dry density determinations, sieve analysis, and minimum and maximum relative density tests.

The use of the CPT test and borings allowed for cross-correlation of information and redundant data to be obtained. The CPT tip resistance values are used to correlate to the SPT blow counts (N values) from the soil sampling operations. Pore pressure measurements within the CPT test provides a redundant measurement of the water table level and verifies the drained characteristics of the project sands. Laboratory sieve analysis and classification was used to establish the fines content of the project sands and verify the CPT generated soil behavior types. SPT blow counts and laboratory test data are summarized on the attached boring logs. Computer generated CPT plots and print-outs are also attached.

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### Liquefaction Analysis

The CPT test log includes a column which indicates the Cyclic Stress Ratio (CSR) to cause liquefaction based upon the tip resistance data obtained in the cone test. The (CSR) is the ratio of cyclic shear stress divided by the effective overburden pressure which results in liquefaction for clean sands (sands with less than 5% fines) subjected to an earthquake magnitude of 7.5 on the Richter scale. This information is generated from Seed and De Alba (1986) which is summarized in Figure 1. The figure is based upon a review of sites around the world which have and have not liquefied during an earthquake. Thus, the CSR column shown on the attached CPT logs represents the cyclic strength of the PINGP site.

The Seismic Stress Ratio (SSR) which would result from the postulated site earthquake was computed utilizing the simplified formula,  $SSR = 0.65 (A_{max}/g) (\sigma_v/\sigma'_v) r_d/C_m$

Where:

- $A_{max} = 0.12 g$
- $g$  = acceleration of gravity.
- $\sigma_v$  = total overburden pressure,
- $\sigma'_v$  = effective overburden pressure,
- $r_d$  = depth correction factor,
- $C_m$  = magnitude correction factor (1.5 for PINGP)

Based upon information available in the Final Safety Analysis Report prepared by Dames and Moore for PINGP, the Maximum Credible Earthquake (MCE) for the site will be a magnitude 5 earthquake with a maximum peak surface acceleration of 0.12g. Based upon Seed et. al. (1985) the magnitude correction factor for a Magnitude 5 earthquake is 1.5. A summary of the Seismic Stress Ratio (SSR) for the PINGP site as a function of depth is shown in Table 1.

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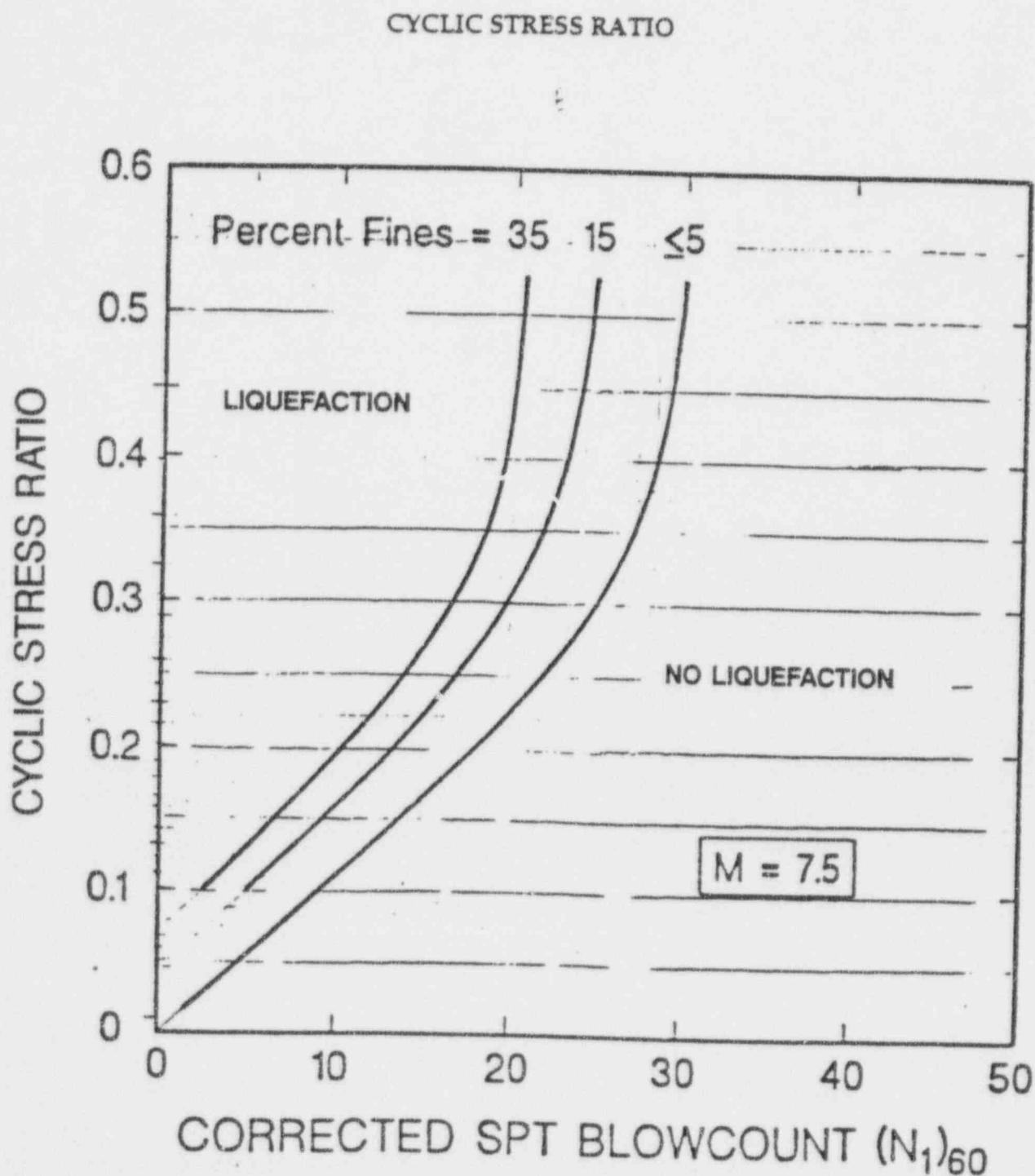


FIG. 1. Relationship between Seismic Shear-Stress Ratio Triggering Liquefaction and  $(N_1)_{60}$ -Values for Clean and Silty Sand and  $M = 7.5$  Earthquakes [after Seed and De Alba (1986)]

TABLE 1  
PINGP SITE LIQUEFACTION POTENTIAL

Depth (Ft)	$\sigma_v$ (tsf)	$\sigma'_v$ (tsf)	$\sigma/\sigma'_v$	$r_d$	SSR (M=5.0)	SSR (M=7.5)
20.5	1.23	1.21	1.02	.93	.074	.049
22.5	1.35	1.27	1.06	.92	.077	.051
24.5	1.47	1.33	1.11	.91	.080	.053
26.5	1.59	1.39	1.14	.91	.081	.054
28.5	1.71	1.44	1.19	.90	.083	.055
30.5	1.83	1.50	1.22	.89	.084	.056
32.5	1.95	1.56	1.25	.88	.086	.057
34.5	2.07	1.62	1.28	.87	.087	.058
36.5	2.19	1.67	1.31	.87	.088	.059
38.5	2.31	1.73	1.34	.86	.090	.060
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50	3.00	2.07	1.45	.82	.093	.062
55	3.30	2.21	1.49	.80	.093	.062
60	3.60	2.36	1.52	.78	.093	.062
65	3.90	2.50	1.56	.76	.093	.062

The values in Table 1 are presented from a depth of 20 to 65 feet below existing grade. The 20 foot depth corresponds to the normal pool elevation of 673.5. The soil above this elevation would not be saturated and would thus not be subjected to liquefaction.

Inspection of the last column in Table 1 indicates that the maximum SSR for the PINGP site is approximately 0.062. This value has been corrected to an earthquake magnitude  $M = 7.5$  so that the SSR will be directly comparable to the CSR values indicated on the CPT print-outs. Inspection of the CPT print-outs indicates that the minimum cyclic strength (CSR) at the CPT test locations below a depth of 20 feet is approximately 0.08 while most values at other depths and locations are considerably greater. The Factor of Safety against soil liquefaction can be defined as the site cyclic strength (CSR) divided by the site seismic stress (SSR).  $F.S._{uq} = CSR/SSR$ . This Factor of Safety varies and is computed as a function of depth.

Inspection of the CPT printouts indicates that the minimum Factor of Safety against soil liquefaction is at least 1.5 or greater. A Factor of Safety of 1.5 or greater indicates that the site soils will not lose strength during the Maximum Credible Earthquake. For this reason, static shear strengths may be used in a pseudo-static slope stability analysis to determine canal wall stability.



### Slope Stability Analysis

The pseudo-static slope stability analysis has been completed for the typical intake canal cross-section as shown in Figure 2 using the XSTABL computer program. Results of the three runs are attached. The first analysis was performed with the Bishop method of slices which uses a searching technique with a circular failure surface to locate the most critical potential sliding surface. This search of 400 randomly selected slip surfaces indicates that the minimum Factor of Safety under static conditions is 1.7. A Factor of Safety of 1.5 is considered adequate.

Once the critical failure surface is identified, the more rigorous Spencer's procedure is used to calculate the Factor of Safety for the critical slip surface. Spencer's procedure satisfies both moment and force equilibrium of the sliding wedge. This analysis resulted in a Factor of Safety of 1.7 also.

Finally, a third analysis was performed to conservatively model the inertial forces of the MCE on the Intake Canal Walls. Some researchers would consider this step unnecessary since the liquefaction analysis indicated no loss of soil strength during the MCE. However, due to the importance of the structure the analysis was performed using an equivalent static horizontal inertial force equal to 65% of the peak postulated horizontal ground acceleration. The reduction from the peak acceleration is made since the peak acceleration (and the entire earthquake) are in effect only for a short time. Thus, the final analysis was performed using Spencer's procedure with a static horizontal acceleration of  $0.12 \times 0.65 = 0.078g$ . This analysis resulted in a Factor of Safety of 1.25. The minimum acceptable Factor of Safety for this conservative analysis would be 1.0.

### Conclusions

Based on our analysis and the preceding discussions, we conclude that the Intake Canal Walls consist of clean loose to dense sands which will not liquefy or lose strength during the Maximum Credible Earthquake with the canal at normal pool operating level.

A pseudo-static slope stability analysis indicates that the minimum static Factor of Safety of 1.7 exists for the Intake Canal Wall slopes. The minimum Factor of Safety under earthquake loads was computed to be 1.25. These Factors of Safety are considered adequate for the structure. Hence, no remedial measures are necessary based on the results of our analysis.

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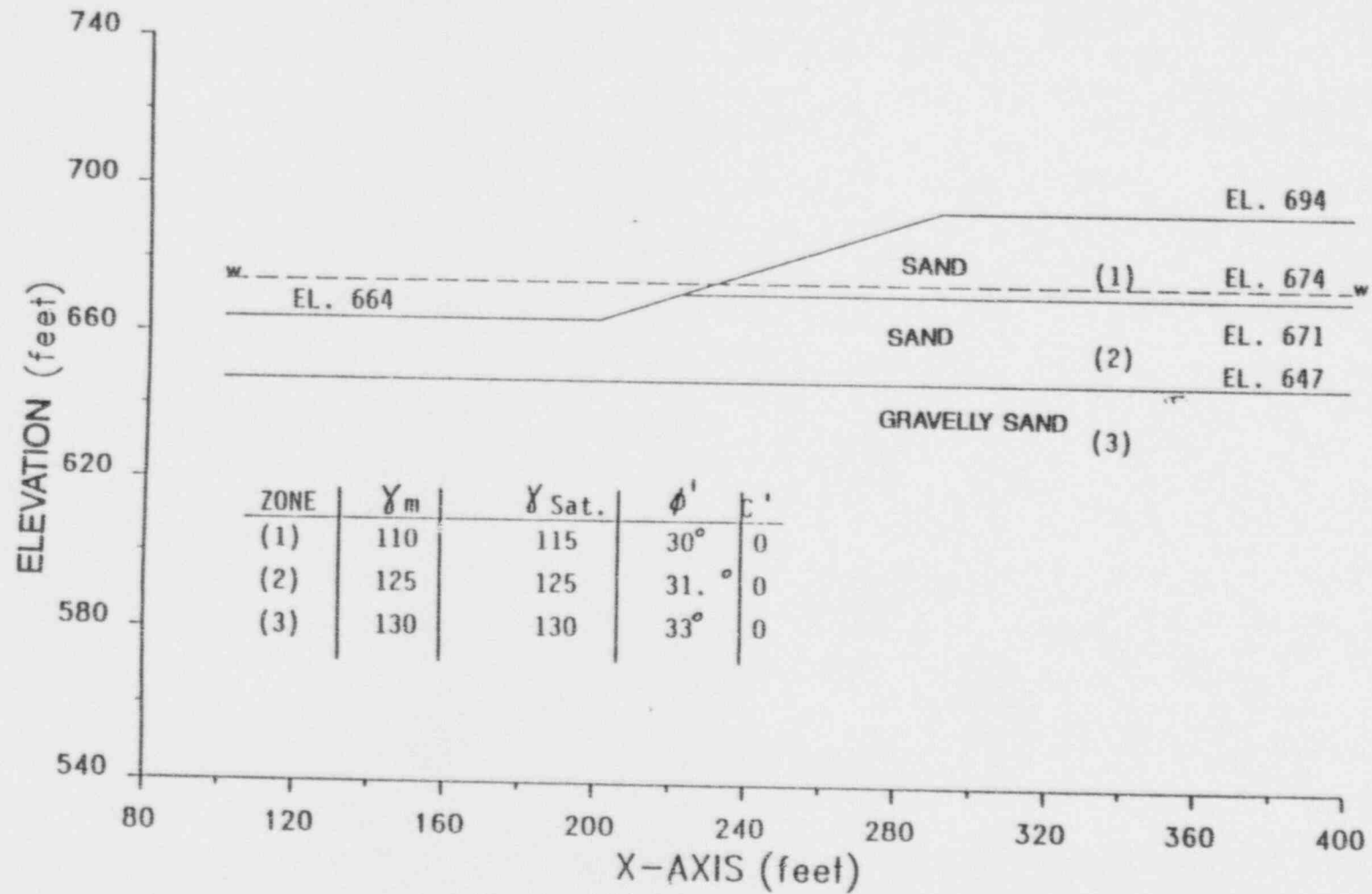


FIGURE 2