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I INTRODUCTION

The initial foundation investigation at the Eagle River Crossing was carried out in April 1972, and a report was submitted by the undersigned in June 1972. Due to the complex permafrost conditions at the site, a foundation design for the bridge could not be resolved and it was decided that additional deep borings were required to expand and confirm the original data. These borings were completed during March 1974, and the results of both drilling programs are included herein.

Portions of the 1972 report dealing with the site description and conditions are included in this report with some revisions as a result of the additional borehole data.

All borings and laboratory analysis for this project were undertaken by D.P.W., Whitehorse.

II DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

The Eagle River drains the western slopes of the southern Richardson Mountains and the south-eastern portion of the Eagle Plain. According to the Geological Survey Memoir 247, the Eagle Plain is 'a low plateau, uplifted some 200 to 400 feet above the Porcupine River where it leaves the Plain.' The mode of deposition of the plain is not

defined -- the area has apparently not been glaciated and the Plain is assumed to be lacustrine in origin.

At the proposed crossing site (roughly Mile 237 on the Dempster Highway - Lat. $66^{\circ} 26' 30''$ North, Long. $136^{\circ} 43' 30''$ West) the Eagle River is entrenched in the Plain and has formed a relatively broad (3,000'+) flat bottomed valley. The River exhibits a marked meander pattern within the valley with numerous ox-bows and meander scars evident. Permafrost is predominant in the area and test drilling on the valley slopes has revealed much of the subsoil to be exceedingly ice rich, at least in the surface 10 to 20 feet. Helicopter reconnaissance of the area and airphoto study reveal several small slump areas or soil flows caused by thermal erosion on the steeper valley walls and on the walls of narrow steep-sided, V-shaped tributary valleys. Inspection of the outside of a meander loop roughly 1,000' downstream from the proposed crossing site in the summer of 1971, following lateral bank erosion by spring runoff waters, revealed numerous ice wedges in the eroded face.

The proposed crossing site is located on a straight stretch of river roughly 1,500' in length, between two meander loops. Ox-bow cutoffs are evident on both sides of the straight section suggesting silts or similar water laid

sediments at the abutment locations. Data available on the hydraulic aspects of the River is meagre - the high water level was estimated at approximately elevation 1,069 (estimated discharge 11,000 cfs) by J.Y.C. Quong, but recent estimates by others have placed the high-water level as high as elevation 1076. Some driftwood (trees) are carried by the River during flood stages.

At the time of the 1972 investigation, the tentative bridge design included a central pier with two 120' spans. The current design has eliminated the central pier and is a single 300' span with abutments at stations 5091 + 60 and 5094 + 60.

III EVALUATION OF SUBSOIL CONDITIONS

A. Field and Laboratory Investigations

A total of 14 test holes were drilled in the 1972 investigation - 8 relatively deep holes (30' to 60') at the anticipated locations of the bridge pier and abutments, and 6 shallow holes (15') adjacent to the stream channel on centerline, to assess the subsoil in the areas of the approach fills. In 1974 an additional 6 holes were advanced - 3 on each side of the River near the abutment locations. Five of these six holes were drilled to depths in excess of 95', with a maximum of 110'.

In addition a thermistor probe was installed near each proposed abutment location to provide ground

temperature data to assist in foundation design and to assess the effects of bridge construction on the thermal regime adjacent to the stream channel.

Installation of the thermistors and continued data gathering and analysis is under the direction of Mr.

G. H. Johnston of the National Research Council. To date one set of temperature readings has been obtained and are included herein.

Logs of all boreholes with laboratory test data are included in Appendix II -- the borehole locations are shown on the site plan in Appendix III.

B. Subsoil Profile

The boreholes and the approximate subsoil profile at the crossing site are shown on the site plan in Appendix III. This subsoil profile presents a generalized grouping of the soil types encountered and borehole logs should be consulted for detail. Permafrost is variable across the site and the approximate delineation of frozen and thaw zones is also shown on the site plan.

Four distinctive strata were encountered and are summarized below.

1) Surficial silty clay -- On either side of the River channel is a surficial stratum of ice rich silty clay extending to a maximum depth of roughly 10', or to elevation 1060'. These materials have probably been deposited by the River during flood stages. The clays contain organic material and are saturated with ice and ice lenses (moisture contents to 88%) and undoubtedly contain ice wedges as reported previously in similar flood plain deposits 1,000' downstream.

2) Silt-sand-gravel -- Extending from elevation 1060' to approximately elevation 1020' is layer of intermixed silts, sands and gravels. These are water-laid deposits and the test drilling indicated some stratification, however, for the most part, precise changes in subsoil could not be identified during drilling. The materials are low plastic and variable in composition. Where permafrost does not exist, penetration tests indicate a loose to medium dense state (blow counts in the 20 to 25 blows per foot range). Where permafrost is present, ice lensing is not excessive and moisture contents are not appreciably higher than in unfrozen zones (approximately 20%).

3) Sand-clay-silt -- Below approximate elevation 1020 are extensive deposits of finer grained soils varying

from sandy silt to silty clay. At the north abutment these silts and clays extended to the bottom of the drill holes at elevation 960; at the south abutment the deposits terminated at an elevation of approximately 970. Three distinctive strata of the fine grained soil were delineated on the south side of the channel, and are shown on the subsoil profile in Appendix III, however, they are grouped together for discussion here. The deposits are layered throughout and are also water deposited. They are generally of low plasticity with some thin strata of higher plasticity. Moisture contents in both frozen and unfrozen areas are normally in the 25 to 30% range and are near or above the liquid limit of the materials for the most part. Where unfrozen, these deposits are in a stiff state -- penetration resistance varied from roughly 20 to 30 blows per foot, and unconfined compressive strength tests yielded results in the order of 3.0 to 3.5 kips/ft². Ice content in the permafrost zone is in the form of small lenses or crystals.

4) Silt-sand-gravel -- Below approximate elevation 970 at the south abutment and extending at least 15' to the bottom of the drill holes, is a very dense clay-silt-sand-gravel mix. The mode of deposition of this deposit is not known -- the granular components cover a wide

range of rock types which are not common to the area, and this, plus the lack of sorting and the dense nature of the material, suggest a glacial till.

Penetration resistance below elevation 970 was extremely high (in excess of 100 blows/foot in many cases) and drill refusal with augers was encountered. Moisture contents were generally low.

C. Permafrost

Permafrost is variable across the River channel and herein lies the main problem in foundation design at this site. The test borings reveal a recession in the permafrost level below the present River channel and the 'thaw lines' shown on the subsoil profile in Appendix III outline at least the partial limits of the thaw zone as of April, 1974. The north bank of the River is completely frozen and hole 74-6 indicates the permafrost-thaw interface extends very sharply below the river bottom -- i.e. there is no 'thaw-bulb' effect (This is consistent with data obtained from borings in the winter of 1973-74 at several Rivers on the Mackenzie Highway north of Ft. Good Hope). On the south bank there is a shallow surface layer of permafrost near the present channel which gradually thickens with the horizontal distance away from the River.

This thaw configuration is not unrealistic when the meander pattern and profile of the River at the crossing site are considered. From airphotos it is evident the River has, in very recent geologic time, cut off an ox-bow on the south side of the present channel and, at the crossing site, the River is tending to migrate toward the north -- i.e. the profile indicates a near vertical erosion force on the north bank and a deposition area on the south side. The south abutment is in an area which was at one time at mid-channel, hence the underlying subsoil was thawed to an undetermined depth, and following lateral movement of the channel to the north, 'new' permafrost has only been re-established to date in a shallow surface layer. On the north side, however, the thaw zone is migrating with the River channel, and the equilibrium position of the permafrost is possibly lagging slightly behind the River movement.

The following table summarizes the initial temperature data obtained from the thermistor installations at the Eagle River on June 7, 1974.

<u>DEPTH</u>	<u>TEMPERATURE °F</u>	
	<u>SOUTH BANK</u> <u>STA 5091+80</u>	<u>NORTH BANK</u> <u>STA 5094+35</u>
5	30.6	26.0
10	30.7	22.9
20	31.95	24.4
30	32.06	27.0
40	32.2	28.2
50	32.2	28.5
60	32.1	28.6
70	32.1	28.8
80	32.0	28.7
90	32.3	29.0
100	32.1	29.1

These initial readings provide several points for discussion particularly on the south bank. On the north bank the 'old' permafrost is relatively cold near the surface and gradually increases in temperature with depth as would be expected. On the south bank the 'new' permafrost is much warmer near the surface than the 'old' permafrost on the north bank, and the temperature of the 'thawed' subsoil below the shallow permafrost layer is constant near 32.0°F with depth.

At the south bank the temperature at the 5' level is 30.6°F vs. 26.0°F on the north bank -- this temperature

difference seems rather large in that the temperature of the near surface soil varies with the season (with some time lag), and at such a shallow depth it would seem logical that the temperature on both sides of the river should be approximately the same.

The thickness of the frozen zone at the south abutment as determined by drilling roughly coincides with the 32°F isotherm as determined from the temperature data -- i.e. approximately 20'. Below the 20' level the soil temperature remains at or very near the 32°F mark, with no temperature increase to a depth of at least 100 feet. This lack of a temperature gradient suggests that permafrost still exists at some depth greater than 100' under the south bank and this cold layer 'shields' the subsoil above it from the warming effect of the earth.

The field borehole logs did not report frozen ground in holes 74-1 (thermistor location) or 74-A on the south bank, but the possibility of frozen ground was suggested in hole 74-2 below a depth of approximately 52 feet. Penetration test results in hole 74-2 are higher below the 50' level than in holes 74-1 and 74-A which supports the premise that the subsoil is frozen. In addition, drill holes near mid-span of the proposed bridge in 1972 reported frozen subsoil near the 50'

level. The thermistor readings show a slight drop below 50' and this, plus the borehole data, suggests that much of the subsoil below approximately 50' under the present channel and the south abutment area is in a semi-thawed state rather than a completely thawed condition. Thus the soil behaves in a semi-plastic manner but a portion of the pore-water is frozen. Semi-disturbed samples taken at depth and examined in the laboratory after complete thawing revealed minute pockets of wet soil in the mass which suggests small ice crystals or lenses, and hence at least partially frozen soil, in situ.

IV FOUNDATION SUPPORT OF BRIDGE STRUCTURE

A. Proposed Bridge Foundations

A considerable amount of discussion and exchange of ideas has taken place within the Department since the 1972 investigation at the Eagle River and a foundation design has been resolved for the proposed bridge. The design will utilize steel H-piles (12BP53) at both abutments. At the south abutment an 18" diameter hole will be drilled through the shallow surface permafrost layer to a depth of approximately 20', the pile installed and driven to refusal on the dense clay-silt-sand-gravel stratum below elevation 970. The void space around the pile in the drill holes will be filled with sand after pile installation in the hole, but prior to driving, to gain the benefit

of densification during driving.

At the North abutment it is proposed to install the piles in 18" diameter holes drilled to a depth of 65', and backfilled with dry sand for roughly 20'. The piles will be driven into the sand, and possibly into the underlying permafrost soil, until practical refusal is reached. The void space around the pile will then be filled with a sand-slurry which will subsequently freeze and provide load-carrying capacity through tangential adfreezing.

B. South Abutment

The undersigned is in complete agreement with the proposed foundation design at the South Abutment. It is recommended the sand backfill in the pileholes be placed at a moisture content of approximately 8-9% in order that as much densification as possible will occur during drilling. Some artesian pressure was reported during test drilling at the South abutment and it is considered likely that water will rise up through the sand backfill during or following driving and thereby saturated the sand prior to freezing in the permafrost zone.

C. North Abutment

The undersigned is in agreement with the proposed pile installation method at this abutment but is of the opinion that the foundation is overdesigned.

The abutment will be placed at station 5094+60 or roughly 50' back from the edge of the stream channel and the thaw zone. It is understood armour banks are proposed at the crossing site in order to maintain the channel banks at their present location, and this being the case, it is the author's opinion that the thaw-permafrost interface will migrate very little to the North within the life of the structure. Thus since the permafrost soils will support the bridge loadings on relatively short piles (35') it is unnecessary to use 65'+ piles. The theory of a thaw 'bulb' extending below the North bank has been the basis for using long piles (there is no reason to expect deterioration of the permafrost at the surface) however if such a bulb did develop it would be the lower portion of 65'+ piles that would be in a thaw zone at station 5094+60 hence the additional pile length is of little or no value as a safety factor.

The thermistor data on the North bank indicates an average permafrost temperature of approximately 26°F to a depth of 40'. Test data obtained by the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory in pile load tests in Alaska, indicate a sustained adfreeze strength for a silt-water slurry backfill and steel of more than 30psi at 28°F. In addition, adfreeze strengths for a saturated, well-graded sand slurry vibrated in place are at least 50% higher. Therefore, if a design adfreeze strength of 10psi is assumed, the average factor of safety will be at least 3 for a sand slurry backfill. At the Eagle River,

the 12"BP53 H-piles will develop a load carrying capacity through adfreezing of $1440 \text{ psf} \times 4 = 5760 \text{ lbs}$ per foot of pile, and only 15 feet of effective pile length will be required to support the 40 ton design loads.

It is recommended a well-graded sand with a 100% passing the #4 sieve and less than 15% passing the #200 sieve be utilized for slurry material. Sufficient water should be added to completely saturate the sand but excess water should be avoided. A concrete mixer will serve to mix the slurry and the temperature of the slurry should be as cold as possible. It is estimated the water content of a well-saturated, well-graded sand will be in the order of 20% and the volumetric latent heat will be in the order of 3000 BTU/cu.ft. For an 18" pile hole the latent heat per foot of pile will be approximately 5500 BTU/foot. Based upon CRREL test data, a single pile installed in an 18" hole with a slurry as outlined above, would completely freeze-back within 5 - 6 days at the Eagle River to a depth of 40 feet. Freeze-back time for a group of piles would be greater and would depend upon the pile spacing and configuration, but as the pile spacing is apparently small (3 - 6" c.c.) at the proposed abutment, it is considered worthwhile to gain some immediate load carrying capacity by driving the H piles into sand at the base of the 18" hole as proposed. The sand placed in the hole prior to driving should be well-graded and at

a moisture content of no more than 8%.

To summarize, at the North abutment, the proposed foundation design utilizing 65'+ piles will provide an oversized foundation. A safe and economical foundation for the design pile loadings of 40 tons can be obtained by utilizing 35' steel H piles (12 BP 53), driven into 15' of dry sand (8% moisture) at the base of an 18" diameter hole, with the remaining void space backfilled with a completely saturated, well-graded sand slurry, vibrated in place. It is estimated the piles will develop a shaft friction of at least 2 kips/foot when driven into the dry confined sand, which should provide sufficient bearing until complete slurry freeze-back. The design also allows for at least 5' of possible active layer below the abutment.

D. Installation Records

Inasmuch as some aspects of the pile foundation design are unique and innovative, and may provide a basis for further bridge designs on the Mackenzie Highway, it is recommended that detailed records, including a photographic record of all phases of pile installation, be obtained at both abutments (including driving records in the confined sand at the base of the lead holes into permafrost.) The undersigned would appreciate a copy of all such data upon completion.

E. Approach Fills

The height of approach fills adjacent to the bridge will be in the order of 12 - 14' on both sides of the River. On the North side it is anticipated the permafrost table will rise into the embankment and only minor sloughing at the toe of slope is anticipated.

On the South approach, test holes #9 and #10 indicated only surface frost at the time of drilling with no indication of permafrost to a depth of 15'. These boreholes appear to be in the old cut-off river channel (ox-bow) which floods annually thus inhibiting establishment of permafrost. Some fill settlement will probably occur through this area, however, as the fill height will be relatively shallow, the settlement which occurs will probably be small and can be taken care of during routine maintenance.



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APPENDIX I

EXPLANATION OF TERMS & SYMBOLS

TERMS USED IN THE REPORT
CLASSIFICATION BY PARTICLE SIZE

	<u>.002</u>		<u>.06</u>		<u>.2</u>		<u>.5</u>		<u>2.0</u>											
mm																				
	CLAY	SILT	FINE SAND	MEDIUM SAND	COARSE SAND	FINE GRAVEL	COARSE GRAVEL	COBBLES	BOULDERS											
SIEVE SIZES			# 270	# 200	# 140	# 60	# 40	# 20	# 10	# 4	1/2"	3/4"	3"	5"						

DESCRIPTIVE SOIL TERMS

- Glacial Till An unstratified Glacial deposit of clay, silt, sand, gravel, cobbles, and boulders in any combination.
- Peat A fibrous mass of organic matter in various stages of decomposition.
- Well-Graded Having wide range of grain sizes and substantial amounts of all intermediate sizes.
- Poorly Graded Predominantly of one grain size.
- Stratified Containing layers of different soil types.
- Desiccated Dried by moisture evaporation - desiccated clays are sometimes described as fissured or as having nugget structure.
- Sensitive Exhibiting loss of strength on remolding.
- Slickensided Refers to a clay that, following shear movements, exhibits planes that are slick and glossy in appearance.

DENSITY OF SANDS & GRAVELS

<u>Descriptive Term</u>	<u>Relative Density</u>	<u>Standard Penetration Test</u>
Very Loose	0 - 20%	0 - 4 blows per foot
Loose	20 - 40%	4 - 10 blows per foot
Medium Dense	40 - 70%	10 - 30 blows per foot
Dense	70 - 90%	30 - 50 blows per foot
Very Dense	90 - 100%	Over 50 blows per foot

CONSISTENCY OF CLAYS AND SILTS

<u>Descriptive Term</u>	<u>Unconfined Compressive Strength - Kips/ft.²</u>	<u>Standard Penetration Test Blows Per Foot</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Very Soft	Less than 0.5	Less than 2	Can Penetrate with Fist
Soft	0.5 - 1.0	2 - 4	Can Indent with Fist
Firm	1.0 - 2.0	4 - 8	Can Penetrate with Thumb
Stiff	2.0 - 4.0	8 - 15	Can Indent with Thumb
Very Stiff	4.0 - 8.0	15 - 30	Can Indent with Thumb-Nail
Hard	Over 8.0	Over 30	Difficult to Indent with Thumb-Nail

NOTE: Standard Penetration Test employs 140 lb. weight, 30 inch drop, 2" O. D. Sampler. All Shelby Tube Samples are 2" O. D.

CONSISTENCY LIMITS

<u>Descriptive Term</u>	<u>Plasticity Index</u>
Non Plastic	0 - 3
Low Plastic	4 - 9
Medium Plastic	9 - 30
Highly Plastic	Over 30

APPENDIX II

BOREHOLE LOGS

RECORD OF SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION AND LABORATORY TESTING PROGRAM.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, WESTERN REGION, EDMONTON, ALBERTA.

PROPOSED STRUCTURE NORTH ABUTMENT - EAGLE RIVER BRIDGE	HOLE No. 3	LOCATION DEMPSTER HIGHWAY - YUKON	DATE OF BORING April 25/72	CHECKED
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ELEVATION OF GROUND -	DATUM	PENETRATION RESISTANCE - N 2" DIA. SPLIT TUBE 2" DIA. CONE	CONSISTENCY NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT LIQUID LIMIT PLASTIC LIMIT	PHYSICAL PROPERTIES				UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH								
SAMPLING METHOD 2" DIA. SPLIT TUBE - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2" DIA. SHELBY TUBE - <input type="checkbox"/> BAG SAMPLE - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		DEPTH IN FEET TO: GROUND WATER BOTTOM OF HOLE 30' ROCK		UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (QU) -			CONSISTENCY LIMITS LIQUID LIMIT w_L PLASTIC LIMIT w_p PLASTICITY INDEX I_p			MECHANICAL ANALYSIS CLAY SILT SAND GRAVEL			STRENGTH AS RECEIVED REMOLED STRENGTH SENSITIVITY			SULPHATE

SAMPLE NO	TYPE	SYMBOLS	SOIL DESCRIPTION	DEPTH FT	PENETRATION RESISTANCE - N		CONSISTENCY				NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT %	BULK DENSITY LBS/FT	CONSISTENCY LIMITS				MECHANICAL ANALYSIS				UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH			SULPHATE PPM OR %		
					QU	K S. F	MOISTURE CONTENT - w %						w_L	w_p	I_p	CLAY %	SILT %	SAND %	GRAVEL %	q_u K. S. F	q_v K. S. F	St				
					BLOWS/FT		15	30	45	60	75															
4443	CL		SILTY CLAY - MEDIUM PLASTIC - ICE RICH (LENSES)	9'							102.4		27.3	27.3	10.5	18	67	15	0							
4444			SILTY SAND - - LOW PLASTIC	10'							18.0		27.2	23.0	4.2	5	5	51	39							
4445			- SOME FINE GRAVEL	20'							23.7		-	-	-	6	10	50	34							
4446			- SOME ICE LENSES EVIDENT BUT GENERALLY LOW MOISTURE (ICE) CONTENT	20'							22.2		-	-	-	10	20	61	9							
4447			BOTTOM OF HOLE - 20'	30'							9.3		-	-	-	-	25	45	30							

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PROPOSED STRUCTURE: SOUTH ABUTMENT - ELGAR RIVER BRIDGE
 HOLE No. 7
 LOCATION: DEMPSTER HIGHWAY - VUKON
 DATE OF BORING: MAY 10/72
 CHECKED:

ELEVATION OF GROUND - DATUM
 SAMPLING METHOD: 2" DIA SPLIT TUBE, 2" DIA SHELBY TUBE, BAG SAMPLE
 DEPTH IN FEET TO: GROUND WATER, BOTTOM OF HOLE 49, ROCK
 PENETRATION RESISTANCE - N: 2" DIA SPLIT TUBE, 2" DIA. CONE, STRENGTH, UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (QU) - @
 CONSISTENCY: NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT, LIQUID LIMIT, PLASTIC LIMIT
 PHYSICAL PROPERTIES: NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT, BULK DENSITY, CONSISTENCY LIMITS (LIQUID LIMIT, PLASTIC LIMIT, PLASTICITY INDEX), MECHANICAL ANALYSIS (CLAY, SILT, SAND, GRAVEL)
 UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH: STRENGTH AS RECEIVED, REMOLDED STRENGTH, SENSITIVITY, SULPHATE

SAMPLE NO	TYPE	SYMBOLS	SOIL DESCRIPTION	DEPTH FT	QU. K S F					MOISTURE CONTENT - w %					w	γ	w _L	w _p	I _p	CLAY %	SILT %	SAND %	GRAVEL %	Q _u K S F	Q _u ' K S F	S _r	PPM
					10	20	30	40	BLOWS/FT	10	20	30	40	50													

4474	GM	SC	SILT-SAND-GRAVEL MIX - - LOW PLASTIC - STRATIFIED WITH LAYERS OF CLAY-SILT, SILTY SAND AND SILTY GRAVEL. - SEVERAL GRAVEL SEAMS FROM 21 TO 31' - MAX SIZE 1/4" TO 3" - MEDIUM DENSE	10											19.1													
4475	CL			15											11.9													
4476	SM			20											26.1		30.4	21.6	8.8	25	50	21	4					
4477				25											21.8													
4478				30											16.4		26.7	18.6	8.1	18	60	22						
4479				35											16.7		21.3	15.9	5.4	12	46	42						
4480			40											13.8														
4479			40											13.9		23.8	19.3	4.5	18	34	48							
4481			45											28.8														
4481			45																									
4503			49											25.5														
4492			49																									

Bottom of hole - 49'
 NOTE: - No PERMAFROST INDICATED IN HOLE

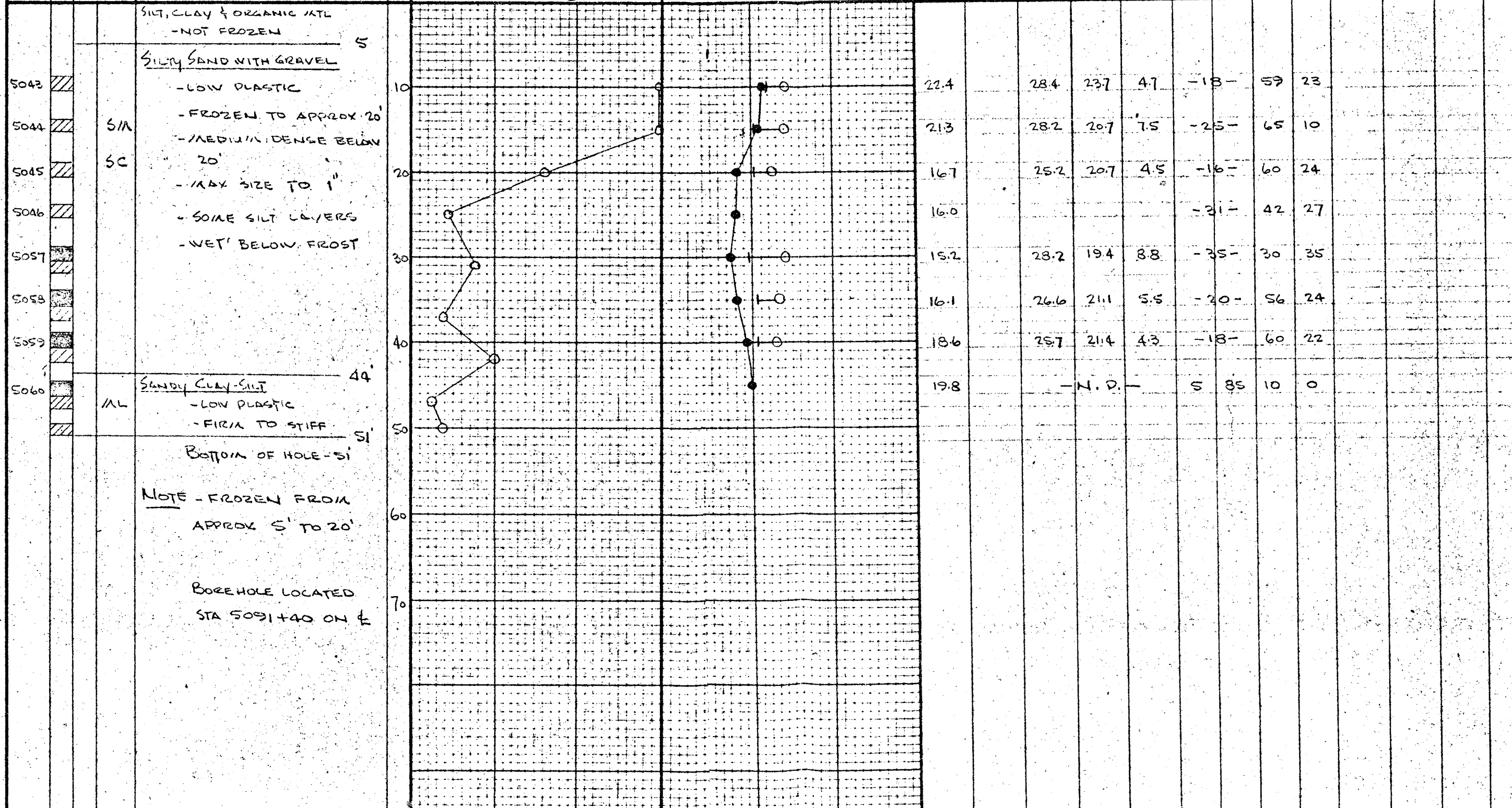
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PROPOSED STRUCTURE EAGLE RIVER BRIDGE	HOLE No. LR-12	LOCATION MILE 237 DENAPSTER HIGHWAY	DATE OF BORING July 1972	CHECKED
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ELEVATION OF GROUND -	DATUM	PENETRATION RESISTANCE - N 2" DIA. SPLIT TUBE 2" DIA. CONE	CONSISTENCY NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT LIQUID LIMIT PLASTIC LIMIT	PHYSICAL PROPERTIES				UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH			SULPHATE
SAMPLING METHOD 2" DIA. SPLIT TUBE - 2" DIA. SHELBY TUBE - BAG SAMPLE -	DEPTH IN FEET TO: GROUND WATER BOTTOM OF HOLE 51' ROCK	STRENGTH UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (QU) -		NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT	BULK DENSITY	CONSISTENCY LIMITS LIQUID LIMIT PLASTIC LIMIT PLASTICITY INDEX	MECHANICAL ANALYSIS CLAY SILT SAND GRAVEL	STRENGTH AS RECEIVED	REMOLED STRENGTH	SENSITIVITY	

SAMPLE NO	TYPE	SYMBOLS	SOIL DESCRIPTION	DEPTH FT	QU	K.S.F	MOISTURE CONTENT - w %	w	γ	w _L	w _p	I _p	CLAY	SILT	SAND	GRAVEL	q _u	q _u	S _t	PPM OR %
					N		10 20 30 40 50	%	LBS/FT	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	K.S.F	K.S.F		



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PROPOSED STRUCTURE <i>SOUTH ABUTMENT - EAGLE RIVER BRIDGE</i>	HOLE No. <i>LR-14</i>	LOCATION <i>DEMPSTER HIGHWAY - YUKON</i>	DATE OF BORING <i>JULY 10/72</i>	CHECKED
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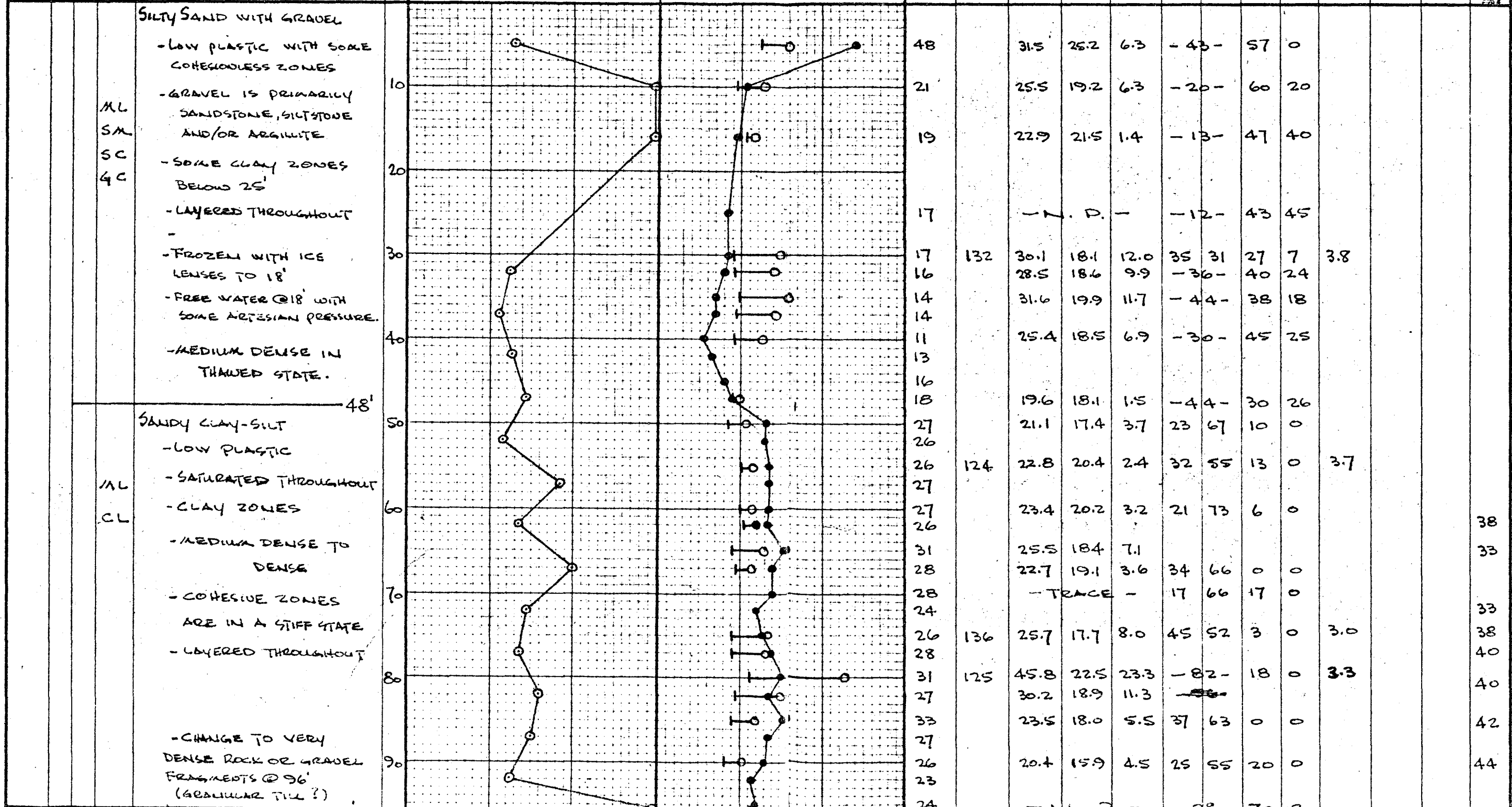
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SAMPLING METHOD 2" DIA SPLIT TUBE - <input type="checkbox"/> 2" DIA SHELBY TUBE - <input type="checkbox"/> BAG SAMPLE - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		DEPTH IN FEET TO: GROUND WATER BOTTOM OF HOLE <i>S2'</i> ROCK		STRENGTH UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (QU) - \oplus		LIQUID LIMIT PLASTIC LIMIT		CONSISTENCY LIMITS LIQUID LIMIT PLASTIC LIMIT PLASTICITY INDEX		MECHANICAL ANALYSIS CLAY SILT SAND GRAVEL		STRENGTH AS RECEIVED	REMOVED STRENGTH	SENSITIVITY

SAMPLE NO.	TYPE	SYMBOLS	SOIL DESCRIPTION	DEPTH FT.	PENETRATION RESISTANCE - N					MOISTURE CONTENT - w %					w	Y	w _L	w _p	I _p	CLAY %	SILT %	SAND %	GRAVEL %	Q _u K.S.F.	Q _u ' K.S.F.	S _t	PPM OR %
					10	20	30	40	BLOWS/FT	10	20	30	40	50													

			ORGANIC SILT	2																												
		CI	CLAY-SILT	6																												
S153			SILT-SAND-GRAVEL	10																												
			- LOW PLASTIC																													
S154		SW	- SOME CLAY																													
			- GRAVEL TO 2"																													
S155		SIA	- MEDIUM DENSE																													
			- SAND LENSES																													
S156				15																												
S157				20																												
S158				25																												
S159				30																												
S160			SILT - LOW PLASTIC	45																												
			- STIFF																													
S161				52'																												
					BOTTOM OF HOLE - <i>S2'</i>																											
					NOTE - PERMAFROST FROM APPROX 2' TO APPROX 22'. ICE CRYSTALS EVIDENT.																											

PROPOSED STRUCTURE EAGLE RIVER BRIDGE - STN 5091 + 80	HOLE No. 74-1	LOCATION MILE 230 - DEANSTER HWY	DATE OF BORING MARCH 15/1974.	CHECKED
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ELEVATION OF GROUND -	DATUM	PENETRATION RESISTANCE - N 2" DIA. SPLIT TUBE 2" DIA. CONE	CONSISTENCY NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT LIQUID LIMIT PLASTIC LIMIT	PHYSICAL PROPERTIES				UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH			Sub-Sol. Temp.						
SAMPLING METHOD 2" DIA SPLIT TUBE - 2" DIA SHELBY TUBE - BAG SAMPLE -	DEPTH IN FEET TO: GROUND WATER BOTTOM OF HOLE ROCK	STRENGTH UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (QU) -	MOISTURE CONTENT - w %	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT	BULK DENSITY	CONSISTENCY LIMITS			MECHANICAL ANALYSIS				STRENGTH AS RECEIVED	REMOVED STRENGTH	SENSITIVITY	TEMP.	
SAMPLE NO.	SYMBOLS	SOIL DESCRIPTION	QU. K S.F.	MOISTURE CONTENT - w %	w	Y	w _L	w _p	I _p	CLAY	SILT	SAND	GRAVEL	q _u K S.F.	q _u K S.F.	SI	°F



SILTY SAND WITH GRAVEL

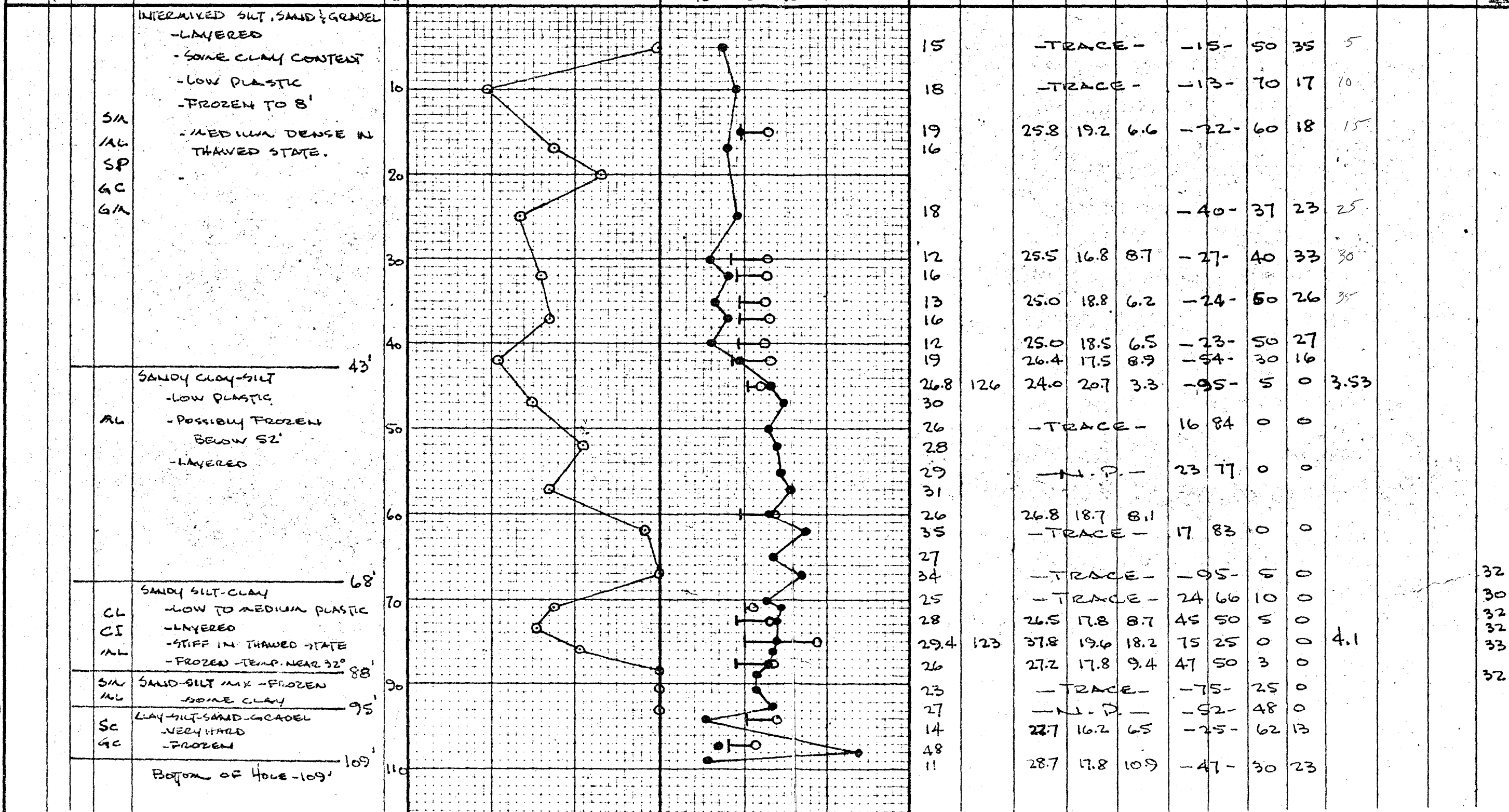
- LOW PLASTIC WITH SOME COHESIONLESS ZONES
- GRAVEL IS PRIMARILY SANDSTONE, SILTSTONE AND/OR ARGILLITE
- SOME CLAY ZONES BELOW 25'
- LAYERED THROUGHOUT
- FROZEN WITH ICE LENSES TO 18'
- FREE WATER @ 18' WITH SOME ARTESIAN PRESSURE.
- MEDIUM DENSE IN THAWED STATE.

SANDY CLAY-SILT

- LOW PLASTIC
- SATURATED THROUGHOUT
- CLAY ZONES
- MEDIUM DENSE TO DENSE
- COHESIVE ZONES ARE IN A STIFF STATE
- LAYERED THROUGHOUT
- CHANGE TO VERY DENSE ROCK OR GRAVEL FRAGMENTS @ 96' (GRAVULAR TILL?)

PROPOSED STRUCTURE: **EAGLE RIVER BRIDGE - STN. 5092+24**
 HOLE No.: **74-2**
 LOCATION: **MILE 236-DEMPSTER Hvy.**
 DATE OF BORING: **MARCH 19/74.**
 CHECKED: _____

ELEVATION OF GROUND -		DATUM		PENETRATION RESISTANCE - N		CONSISTENCY		PHYSICAL PROPERTIES								UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH			Sub-Soil Temp.								
SAMPLING METHOD		DEPTH IN FEET TO:		2" DIA. SPLIT TUBE		2" DIA. CONE		NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT		CONSISTENCY LIMITS			MECHANICAL ANALYSIS					STRENGTH AS RECEIVED	REMOLED STRENGTH	SENSITIVITY	TEMP.						
2" DIA SPLIT TUBE - <input type="checkbox"/>		GROUND WATER		2" DIA SHELBY TUBE - <input type="checkbox"/>		UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (QU) - <input type="checkbox"/>		LIQUID LIMIT		LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	CLAY	SILT	SAND	GRAVEL	q _u	q _u '	SI								
BAG SAMPLE - <input type="checkbox"/>		BOTTOM OF HOLE		ROCK		MOISTURE CONTENT - w %		PLASTIC LIMIT		w	γ	w _L	w _p	I _p	%	%	%	%	K S F	K S F		° F					
SAMPLE NO.	TYPE	SOIL DESCRIPTION		DEPTH FT.	QU	K. S. F.	BLOWS/FT		10		20	30	40	50	%	LBS/FT	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	K S F	K S F		



INTERMIXED SILT, SAND & GRAVEL
 - LAYERED
 - SOME CLAY CONTENT
 - LOW PLASTIC
 - FROZEN TO 8'
 - MEDIUM DENSE IN THAWED STATE.

SM
ML
SP
GC
GM

43'

SANDY CLAY-SILT
 - LOW PLASTIC
 - POSSIBLY FROZEN BELOW 52'
 - LAYERED

ML

68'

SANDY SILT-CLAY
 - LOW TO MEDIUM PLASTIC
 - LAYERED
 - STIFF IN THAWED STATE
 - FROZEN - TEMP. NEAR 32°

CL
CI
ML

88'

SAND-SILT MIX - FROZEN
 - SOME CLAY

SM
ML

95'

CLAY-SILT-SAND-GRANDEL
 - VERY HARD
 - FROZEN

SC
GC

109'

BOTTOM OF HOLE - 109'

PROPOSED STRUCTURE EAGLE RIVER BRIDGE - STA 5091+48	HOLE No. 74-BH-A	LOCATION MILE 236-DEMPSTER HGW.	DATE OF BORING MARCH 21/1974.	CHECKED
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ELEVATION OF GROUND -		DATUM	PENETRATION RESISTANCE - N		CONSISTENCY		PHYSICAL PROPERTIES								UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH			Sub. Soil Temp.		
SAMPLING METHOD		DEPTH IN FEET TO:	2" DIA. SPLIT TUBE	2" DIA. CONE	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT		NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT	BULK DENSITY	CONSISTENCY LIMITS			MECHANICAL ANALYSIS				STRENGTH AS RECEIVED	REMOLED STRENGTH	SENSITIVITY	Soil Temp.	
2" DIA. SPLIT TUBE	2" DIA. SHELBY TUBE	GROUND WATER	STRENGTH		LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT			W _L	W _p	I _p	CLAY	SILT	SAND	GRAVEL					q _u
SAMPLE NO.	TYPE	SOIL DESCRIPTION	DEPTH FT.	QU	K. S. F.	MOISTURE CONTENT - w %	w	γ	w _L	w _p	i _p	CLAY	SILT	SAND	GRAVEL	q _u	q _u	SI	° F	
				N	BLOWS/FT	10 20 30 40 50	%	LBS/FT	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	K. S. F.	K. S. F.			
	CL	SANDY CLAY-SILT																		
	ML	-LOW PLASTIC																		
		-ORGANIC MTL																		
		-FROZEN-ICE LENSES	7'																	
		SILT-GRAVEL-SAND																		
		-LAYERED																		
		-VARIABLE COMPOSITION																		
		-LOW PLASTIC																		
		-FROZEN TO APPROX 25'																		
		WITH ICE LENSES &																		
		CRYSTALS EVIDENT.																		
		-MEDIUM DENSE																		
		IN THAWED STATE.																		
			45'																	
		SANDY CLAY-SILT.																		
		-LOW PLASTIC																		
		-MEDIUM DENSE																		
		-SATURATED																		
			73'																	
	CI	SANDY SILTY CLAY																		
	CL	-MEDIUM PLASTIC																		
		-STIFF OR DENSE.																		
		-LAYERED																		
			82'																	
	SI	SAND-SILT MIX.																		
	ML	-LOW PLASTIC																		
		-LAYERED																		
		-MEDIUM DENSE																		
			92'																	
	SC	CLAY-SILT-SAND GRAVEL MIX																		
	GC	-VERY HARD.																		
			105'																	

BOTTOM OF HOLE - 105'

RECORD OF SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION AND LABORATORY TESTING PROGRAM.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, WESTERN REGION, EDMONTON, ALBERTA.

PROPOSED STRUCTURE
EAGLE RIVER BRIDGE - STN 5094 +35

HOLE No.
74-BH-Da

LOCATION
MILE 236 - DEMPSTER Hwy.

DATE OF BORING
MARCH 26/1974

CHECKED

ELEVATION OF GROUND -		DATUM		PENETRATION RESISTANCE - N				CONSISTENCY				PHYSICAL PROPERTIES								UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH																																
SAMPLING METHOD		DEPTH IN FEET TO:		2" DIA. SPLIT TUBE				2" DIA. CONE				NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT				CONSISTENCY LIMITS				MECHANICAL ANALYSIS				STRENGTH AS RECEIVED			REMOLED STRENGTH			SENSITIVITY			SULPHATE																			
2" DIA. SPLIT TUBE -		GROUND WATER		STRENGTH				UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (QU) -				LIQUID LIMIT				PLASTIC LIMIT				CLAY				SILT				SAND				GRAVEL				q _u			q _u '			S _r			PPM							
2" DIA. SHELBY TUBE -		BOTTOM OF HOLE		UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (QU) -				UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (QU) -				MOISTURE CONTENT - w %				w _L				w _p				I _p				CLAY				SILT				SAND				GRAVEL				K.S.F.			K.S.F.			%		
BAG SAMPLE -		ROCK		UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (QU) -				UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (QU) -				MOISTURE CONTENT - w %				w _L				w _p				I _p				CLAY				SILT				SAND				GRAVEL				K.S.F.			K.S.F.			%		
SAMPLE NO		SYMBOLS		SOIL DESCRIPTION		DEPTH FT		QU		K.S.F		MOISTURE CONTENT - w %		w		γ		w _L		w _p		I _p		CLAY		SILT		SAND		GRAVEL		q _u			q _u '			S _r			PPM											
NO		TYPE		SOIL DESCRIPTION		DEPTH FT		N		10		20		30		40		50		%		LBS/FT		%		%		%		%		%		K.S.F.			K.S.F.			%												
				HOLE NOT SAMPLED TO 65'		10																																														
				DRILL LOG INDICATES SILTY GRAVELLY SAND TO 55'		20																																														
				55'		30																																														
				SANDY CLAY-SILT		40																																														
				-LOW PLASTIC		50																																														
				-FROZEN WITH ICE LENSES AND CRYSTALS.		60																																														
				-CLAY LAYER @ APPROX. 105'		70																																														
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						90																																														
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CH				BOTTOM OF HOLE - 110'		110																																														

PROPOSED STRUCTURE
EAGLE RIVER BRIDGE. - STN. 5094 +75

HOLE No
74-BH-F.

LOCATION
MILE 236-DEMPSTER HGY.

DATE OF BORING
MARCH 28/1974.

CHECKED

ELEVATION OF GROUND -		DATUM		PENETRATION RESISTANCE - N		CONSISTENCY		PHYSICAL PROPERTIES								UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH			Sub. SOIL TEMP	
SAMPLING METHOD		DEPTH IN FEET TO :		2" DIA. SPLIT TUBE		NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT		NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT	BULK DENSITY	CONSISTENCY LIMITS			MECHANICAL ANALYSIS				STRENGTH AS RECEIVED	REMOLED STRENGTH	SENSITIVITY	TEMP
2" DIA. SPLIT TUBE -	2" DIA. SHELBY TUBE -	BAG SAMPLE -	GROUND WATER	2" DIA. CONE	STRENGTH	LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT			LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	CLAY	SILT	SAND	GRAVEL				
SAMPLE NO	TYPE	SYMBOLS	SOIL DESCRIPTION	DEPTH FT	QU	K S F	MOISTURE CONTENT - w %	w	γ	w _L	w _p	I _p	%	%	%	%	K S F	K S F	° F	
					N	BLOWS/FT	10 20 30 40 50	%	LBS/FT	%	%	%	%	%	%	%				
		CL CI	SILTY CLAY - SOME ORGANIC LAYERS - FROZEN - ICE LENSES	7'																
		SM SP	SILTY SAND - VARIABLE GRAVEL CONTENT - GRAVELLY LAYER FROM APPROX 20-28' - LOW PLASTIC - FROZEN WITH ICE COATINGS ON PARTICLES & SOME ICE LENSES.	10				47.0		- N.P. -	- 36 -	64	0						25	
				20				28.5		- N.P. -	- 5 -	75	20						25	
				30				28.0		24.9	17.8	17.1	- 23 -	70	7				26	
				35				28.5		26.2	19.7	6.5	- 77 -	23	0				31	
		ML	SANDY SILT - VARIABLE CLAY CONTENT - VERY LOW PLASTIC - SOME GRAVEL CONTENT FROM APPROX 35'-45' - FROZEN THROUGHOUT WITH ICE LENSES	40				18.2		25.2	17.8	7.4								
				50				27.9		- N.P. -	- 75 -	25	0						29	
				55				28.3		- TRACE -	- 90 -	10	0							
				60				27.9		- N.P. -	- 89 -	11	0							
				65				28.0		- TRACE -	- 95 -	5	0						28	
				70				26.0		- TRACE -	20	75	5	0					30	
				75				26.5		- TRACE -	- 96 -	4	0						30	
				80				26.9		23.4	21.4	2.0	- 95 -	5	0				31	
				85				27.5		- N.P. -	18	70	12	0					31	
				90				29.6		- TRACE -	- 95 -	5	0						25	
			BOTTOM OF HOLE - 94 1/2'					28.8		- N.P. -	15	78	7	0					30	

GRANULARITE WITH INDICATED 20%

APPENDIX III

SITE PLAN

58.0

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NOTE:
THIS SPOT ELEVATION
PROVIDED BY DRILL CREW
NOT ESTABLISHED BY SURVEY
CREW BECAUSE OF RIVER ICE.

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72-3

74-D

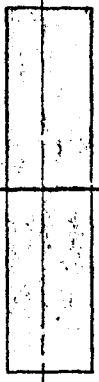
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SEE NOTE

5094



⊕ NORTH ABUTMENT
5094 + 60

FORT McPHERSON →

EAGLE RIVER



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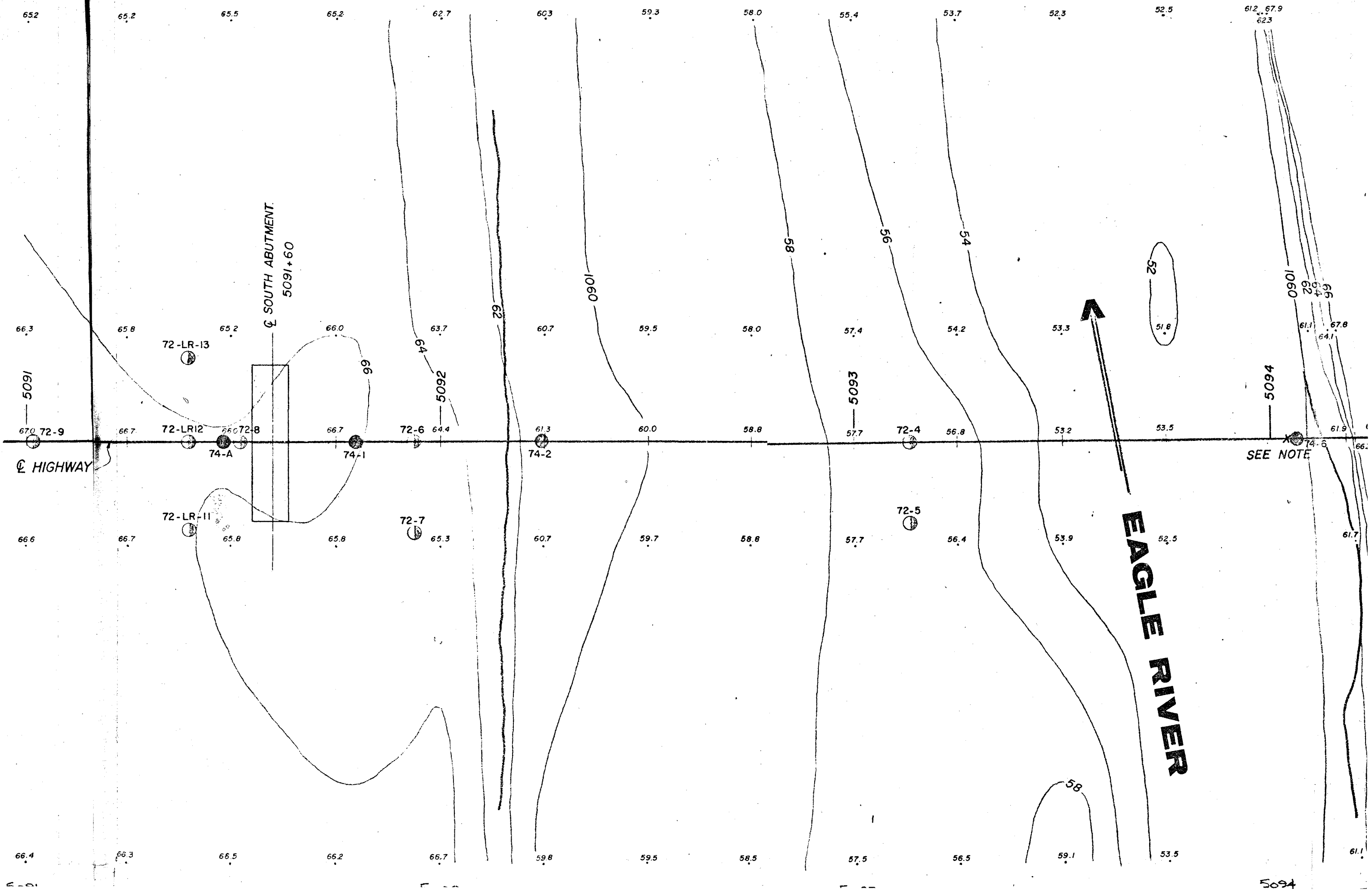
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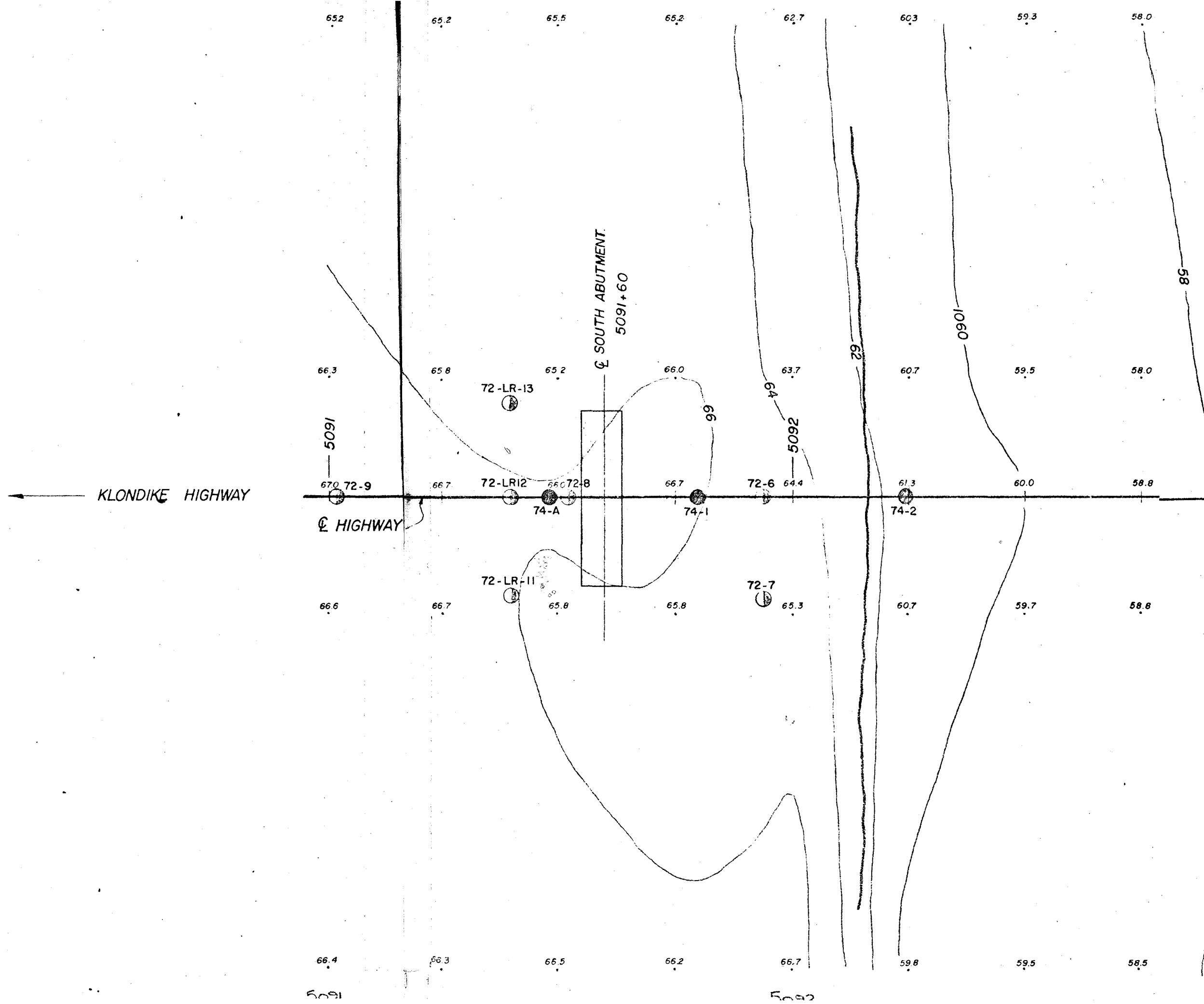
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APPROXIMATE DECK ELEVATION

WATER LEVEL - 1076

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74-6

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72-3

72-11

74-F

72-12

ICE

WATER

SILTY CLAY
- FROZEN - ICE RICH

LEAN - GRAVEL MIX
MEDIUM DENSE
STRATIFIED
FINE

APPROXIMATE
THAW LINE

SANDY - CLAY - SILT
- FROZEN

SILTY CLAY

1080

1070

1060

1050

1040

1030

1020

1010

1000

990

980

970

960

950

940

930

FOOT

APPROXIMATE DECK ELEVATION.

ESTIMATED GROUND WATER LEVEL - 1076

74-2 74-5

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LR-11
LR-12
LR-13 74-A 72-E

74-1 72-617

74-2

72-415

74-6

SILT CLAY
FROZEN ICE RICH

VEL MIX

ICE

WATER

SILT AND GRAVEL MIX
MEDIUM DENSE
STRATIFIED
THAWED

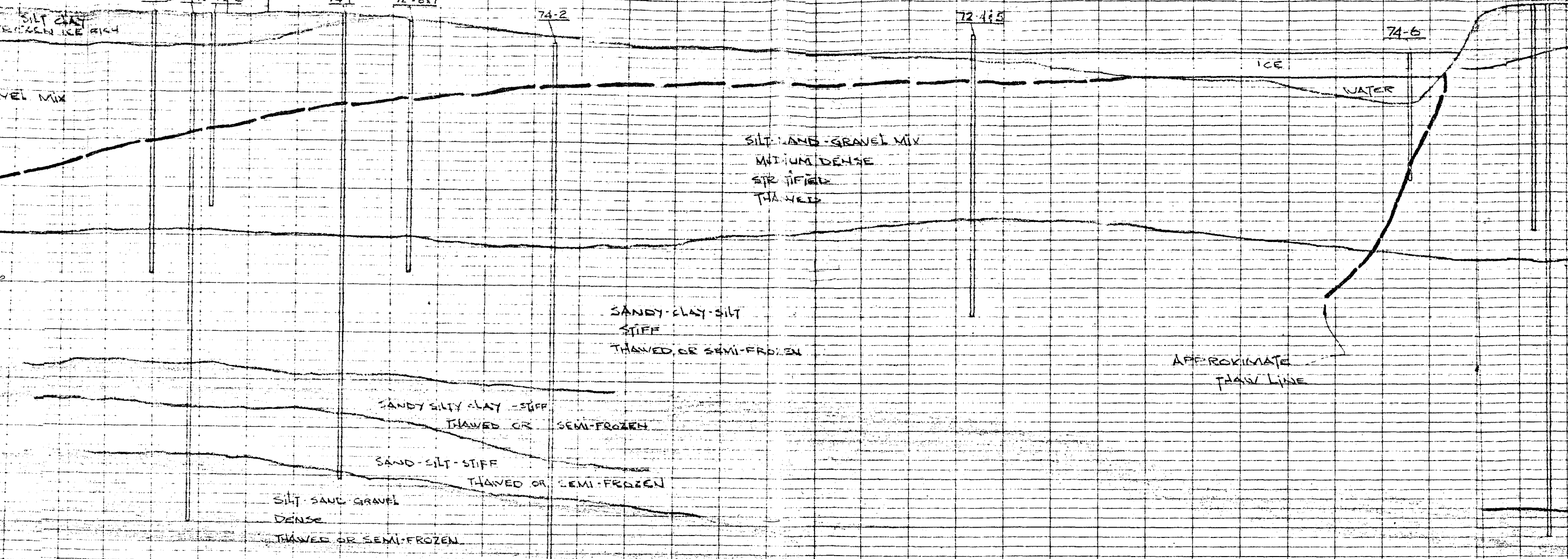
SANDY CLAY SILT
STIFF
THAWED OR SEMI-FROZEN

APPROXIMATE
THAW LINE

SANDY SILTY CLAY - STIFF
THAWED OR SEMI-FROZEN

SAND SILT - STIFF
THAWED OR SEMI-FROZEN

SILT SAND GRAVEL
DENSE
THAWED OR SEMI-FROZEN



ESTIMATED THAW LINE

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LR-11
LR-12
LR-13

72-3

SILT CLAY
FRESH ICE RICH

74 A 72-8

74-1

72-637

74-2

SILT SAND-GRAVEL MIX
FROZEN

APPROXIMATE
THAW LINE

SILT SAND
MEDIUM
STRATIFIED
THAWED

SANDY CLAY-SILT
STIFF
THAWED OR SEMI-FROZEN

SANDY SILTY CLAY - STIFF
THAWED OR SEMI-FROZEN

SAND-SILT-STIFF
THAWED OR SEMI-FROZEN

SILT SAND GRAVEL
DENSE
THAWED OR SEMI-FROZEN

