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1992 S. Military Highway  
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Attn: Ian Johnston, P.E. – VDOT Project Manager

Subject: Summary of Geotechnical Stability and Settlement Analysis  
PSA Greenwich Road, PSA Ramps and Channel, and PSA I-64, D7, and Bridge  
I-64 / I-264 Interchange Project, Norfolk and VA Beach, VA

Dear Mr. Johnston,

In preparation for our meeting with VDOT and its designers for the above-referenced project scheduled for November 17, 2010, HDR is submitting this summary of our geotechnical stability and settlement analyses completed for the Greenwich Road Flyover Bridge, Ramps and Channel, and I-64, D7, and Bridge Project Study Areas (PSAs). Previously, HDR submitted our Draft Geotechnical Data packages for the Ramps and Channel and I-64, D7, and Bridge PSAs on November 1, 2010. Our draft Geotechnical Data Report for PSA Greenwich was provided on September 24, 2010.

In general, embankment and ramp widening and bridge approach fills of up to approximately 32 feet are planned as part of the proposed interchange improvements. To date, HDR has completed its proposed subsurface exploration programs at PSAs Greenwich Road and I-64, D7, and Bridge, and has completed most of its exploration for PSA Ramps and Channel. Following our exploration programs, HDR completed settlement and slope stability analyses to aid in evaluating the impacts that observed subsurface conditions might have on the proposed improvements. Table 1 provides a summary of the analyses completed for the three PSA's referenced above.

**Table 1 – Geotechnical Analyses Completed for I-64/I-264 Interchange Project**

PSA	Station	Proposed Fill Geometry	Slope Stability Analysis	Settlement Analysis
Greenwich Road	17+50	Fill Height = 23 ft Fill Width = 150 ft Slope	X	
	24+90	Fill Height = 30 ft Fill Width = 116 ft Slope / Wall	X	X
	32+50	Fill Height = 20 ft Fill Width = 116 ft Slope / Wall	X	X
Ramps and Channel	10+00	Fill Height = 32 ft Fill Width = 105 ft Wall	X	
	16+00	Fill Height = 26 ft Fill Width = 105 ft Wall / Slope		X

PSA	Station	Proposed Fill Geometry	Slope Stability Analysis	Settlement Analysis
Ramps and Channel	19+00	Fill Height = 15 ft Fill Width = 130 ft Wall	X	
	30+00	Fill Height = 27 ft Fill Width = 75 ft Wall / Slope	X	X
I-64, D7, and Bridge	18+00	Fill Height = 17 ft Fill Width = 45 ft Wall		X
	22+00	Fill Height = 28 ft Fill Width = 50 ft Wall	X	

Attached Drawings 1 through 3 show the locations of our analyses with respect to the proposed improvements and our recent subsurface explorations.

- Drawing 1 – PSA Greenwich Road – Locations of Geotechnical Analyses
- Drawing 2 – PSA Ramps and Channel – Locations of Geotechnical Analyses
- Drawing 3 – PSA I-64, D7, and Bridge – Locations of Geotechnical Analyses

### **Subsurface Conditions Impacting Construction**

Attached Drawings 4 through 7 show subsurface cross sections and soil stratum boundaries interpreted by HDR. In our opinion, the cross sections show “representative” subsurface conditions at the different PSAs and in the vicinity of our settlement and stability analyses.

- Drawing 4 – PSA Greenwich Road – Subsurface Stratigraphy – Station 15+00 through 25+00
- Drawing 5 – PSA Ramps and Channel – Subsurface Stratigraphy – Station 16+00 through 22+00
- Drawing 6 – PSA Ramps and Channel – Subsurface Stratigraphy – Station 34+00 through 41+00
- Drawing 7 – PSA I-64, D7, & Bridge – Subsurface Stratigraphy – Station 15+00 through 25+00

The different soil strata are labeled on the drawings with names that are commonly referred to in our analyses (Upper Norfolk clays, Lower Norfolk clays, Yorktown Formation, etc.).

### **Slope Stability Analysis**

HDR completed global stability analyses for soil slopes and vertical-faced walls in both the short-term (undrained) and long-term (drained) conditions at the locations shown in Table 1. To complete our analyses, we used the computer program Slope/W (2007, Version 7, Geo-Slope International). Strength parameters for the onsite soils were based on the soil test borings, CPT soundings, laboratory test results, and our experience with similar soils in the area. Based on experience with similar transportation projects, we recommend factors of safety (FS) against stability failure of FS = 1.3 for the short-term case and FS = 1.5 for the long-term case.

At PSA Greenwich, the currently proposed bridge approach embankments consist of a combination of soil slopes and vertical-faced walls (MSE walls). At PSA Ramps and Channel and I-64, D7, and Bridge, the proposed embankment and ramp widening will generally be constructed against the existing soil

slopes and require a wall on the far side. Where vertical-faced walls were analyzed, HDR only evaluated slip surfaces located behind the anticipated reinforced zone of the MSE wall, which extends to a distance of approximately  $0.7H$  behind the face (where  $H$  = total wall height).

The results of our analyses are summarized in the following attached sheets:

- Tables 2 and 3 – Summary of Stability Analyses
- Summary Points Related to Slope Stability
- Plots – Factor of Safety vs. Fill Pressure (3)
- Plots – Factor of Safety vs. Fill Unit Weight (2)

### **Settlement Analysis**

HDR completed magnitude and time rate of settlement analyses for the proposed embankment fills shown in Table 1. Consolidation parameters for the onsite soils were based on laboratory 1-dimensional consolidation tests and our experience with similar soils in the area. We completed our magnitude and time rate analyses using the computer program CONSOL (version 3.0, CGPR, Virginia Tech).

In general, we plotted our settlement magnitude results against “fill pressure.” For the purposes of our analyses, we have defined fill pressure as the height of the fill multiplied by the unit weight of the fill. This gives the designer the flexibility to choose fill materials of various unit weights (expanded shale aggregate, VDOT No. 57 aggregate, etc.) and estimate the resulting settlement.

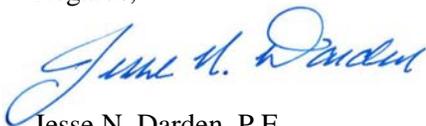
The results of our analyses are summarized in the following attached sheets:

- Table 4 – Summary of Settlement and Time Rate Analyses
- Summary Points Related to Settlement
- Plot – Fill Load vs. Embankment Height for Various Fill Soils (1)
- Plots – Settlement Magnitude and Time Rate Results for Various Fill Heights (5 locations)
- Plot – Settlement Magnitude at Various Distances from Fill Centerline (1)
- Plot – Effect of Widening on Existing Embankment Settlement (1)

### **Conclusion**

HDR completed slope stability and settlement analyses to aid in the evaluation of constructing the currently proposed fill / widening embankments at the three PSAs. Based on the results of the analyses, subsurface conditions at the project sites will present challenges in terms of both slope stability and settlement to the construction of tall embankment fills required for the proposed interchange improvements. We look forward to meeting with you on November 17 to discuss these challenges in an effort to provide future direction to the design team.

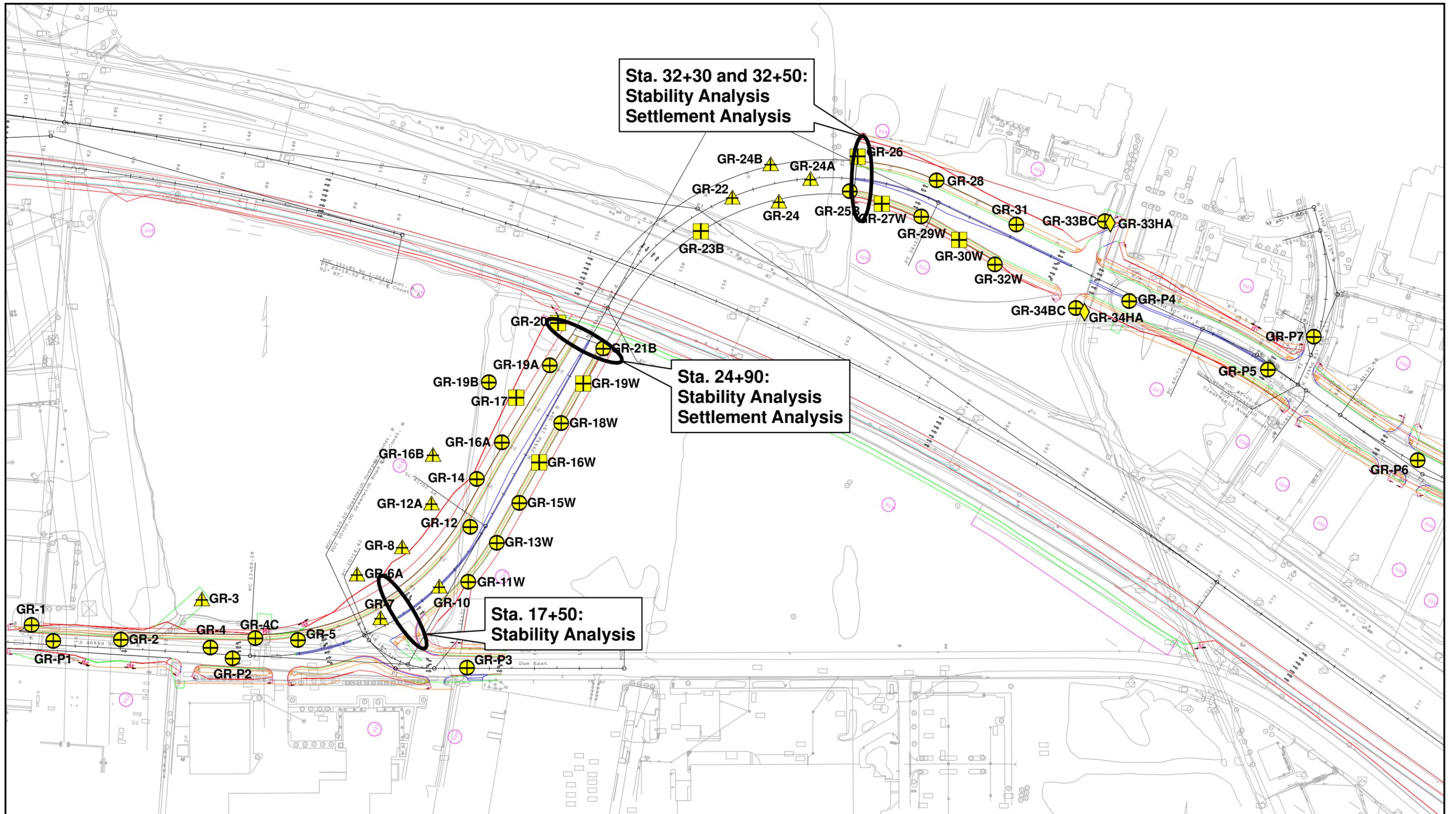
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**Sta. 32+30 and 32+50:  
Stability Analysis  
Settlement Analysis**

**Sta. 24+90:  
Stability Analysis  
Settlement Analysis**

**Sta. 17+50:  
Stability Analysis**



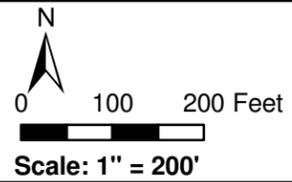
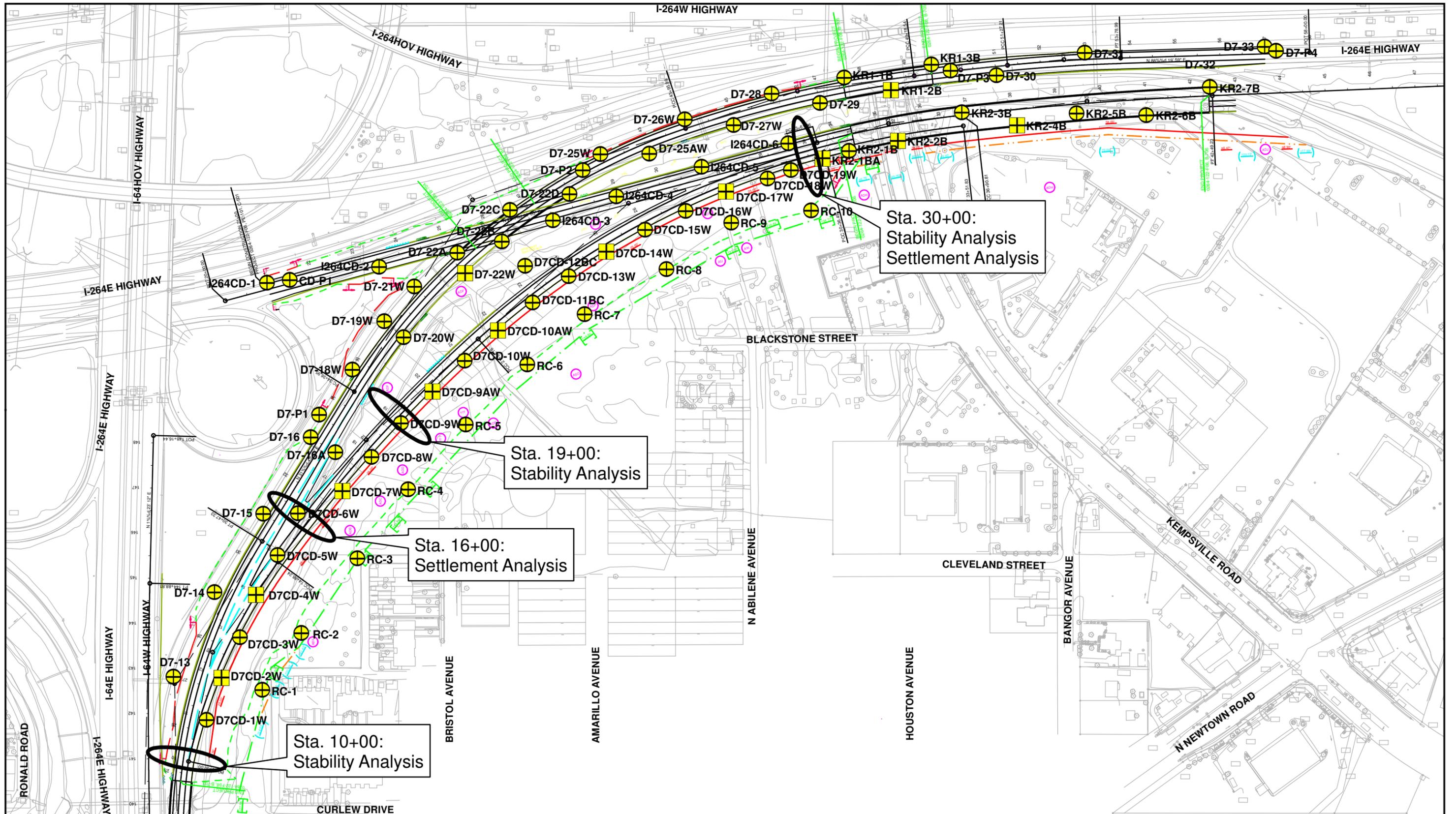
- ⊕ Over Land (SPT)    ▲ Over Water (SPT/CPT)
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**Project Study Area  
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**Drawing 1: Locations of  
Geotechnical Analyses**

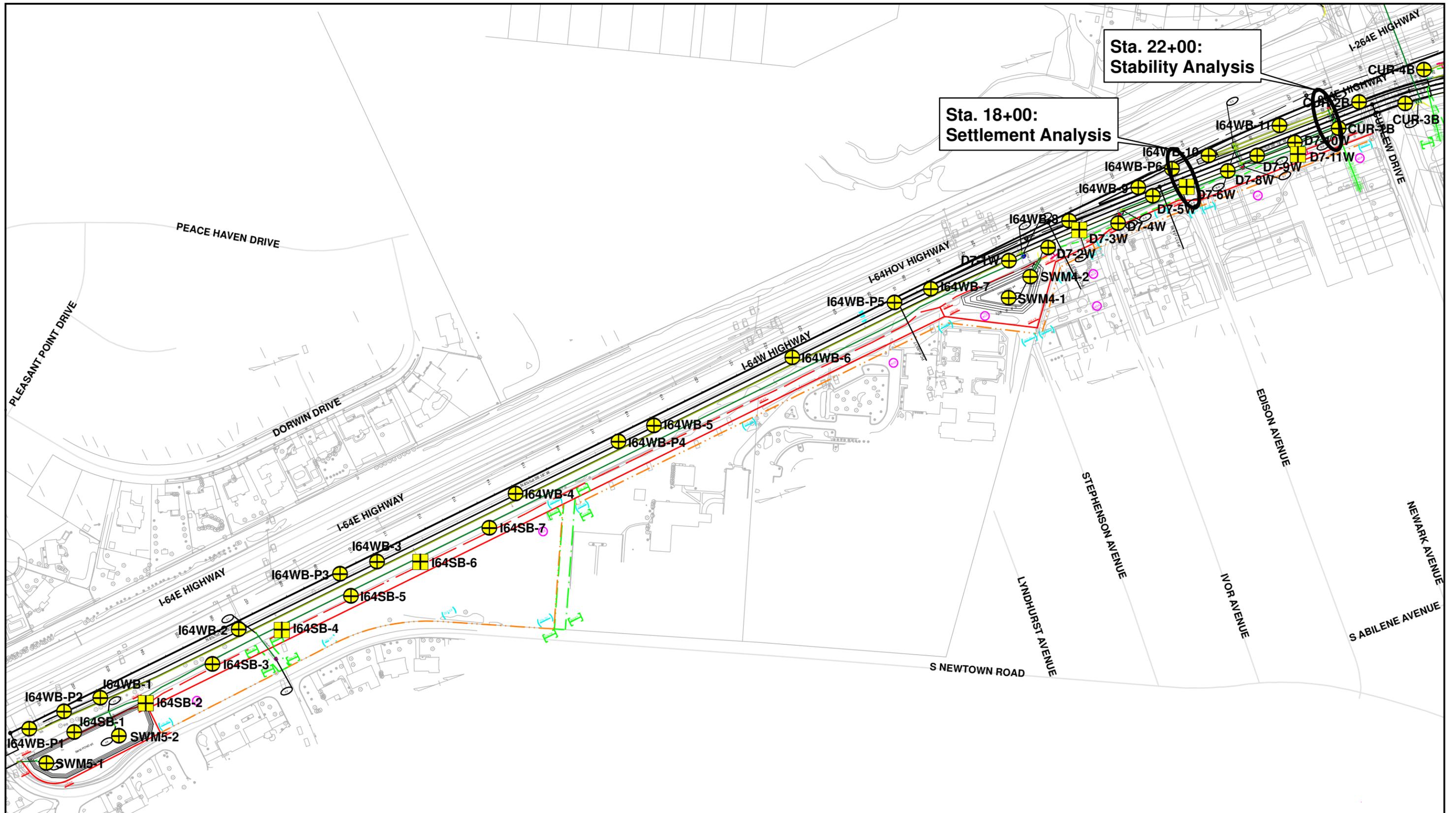


- Ramps and Channel Borings
- Over Land (SPT)
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**Project Study Area  
 Ramps and Channel**  
**Drawing 2: Locations of  
 Geotechnical Analyses**



- I64, D7, and Bridge Borings
- Over Land (SPT)
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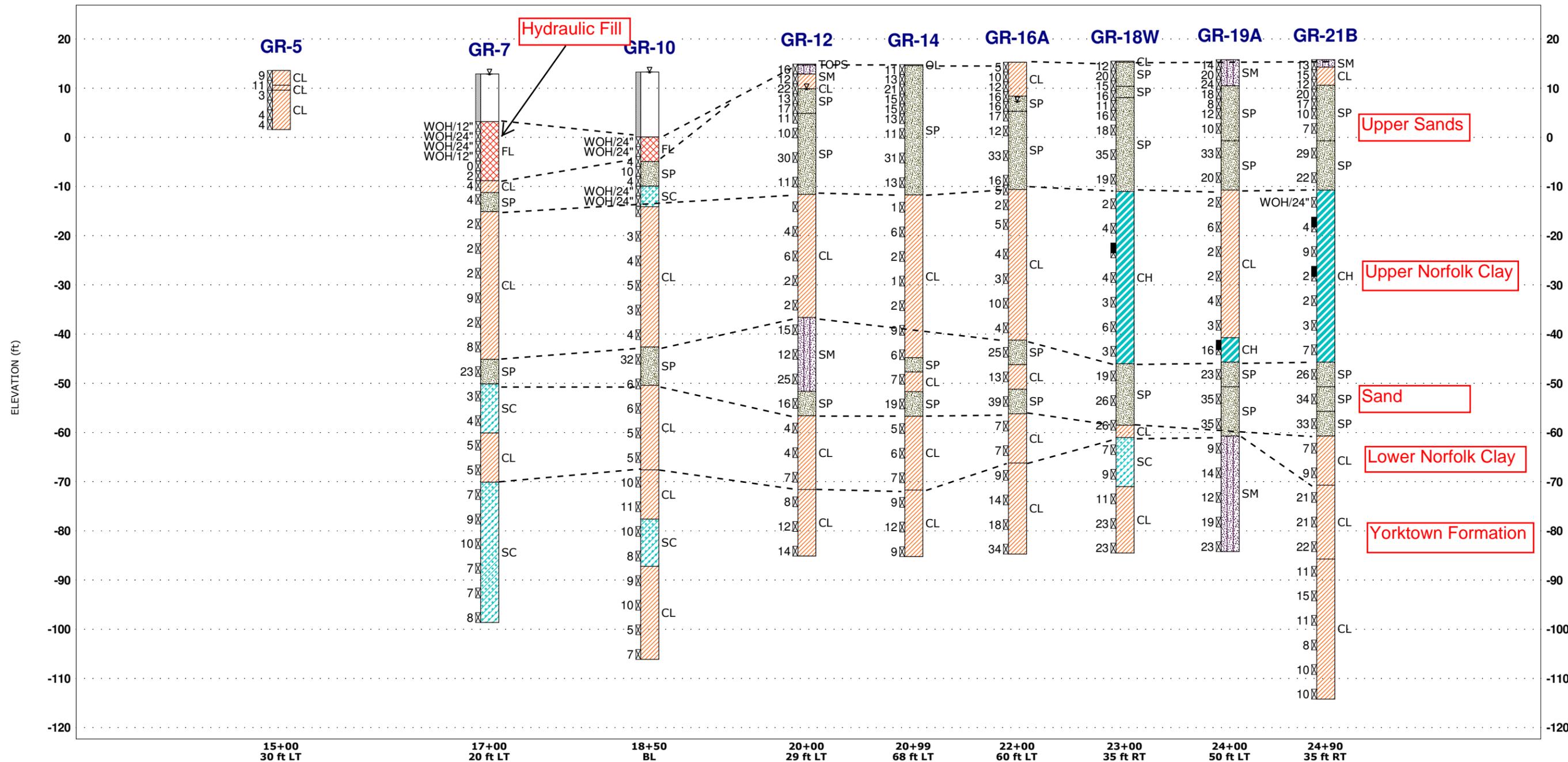
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 Geotechnical Analyses

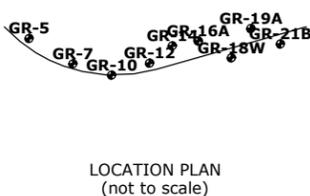
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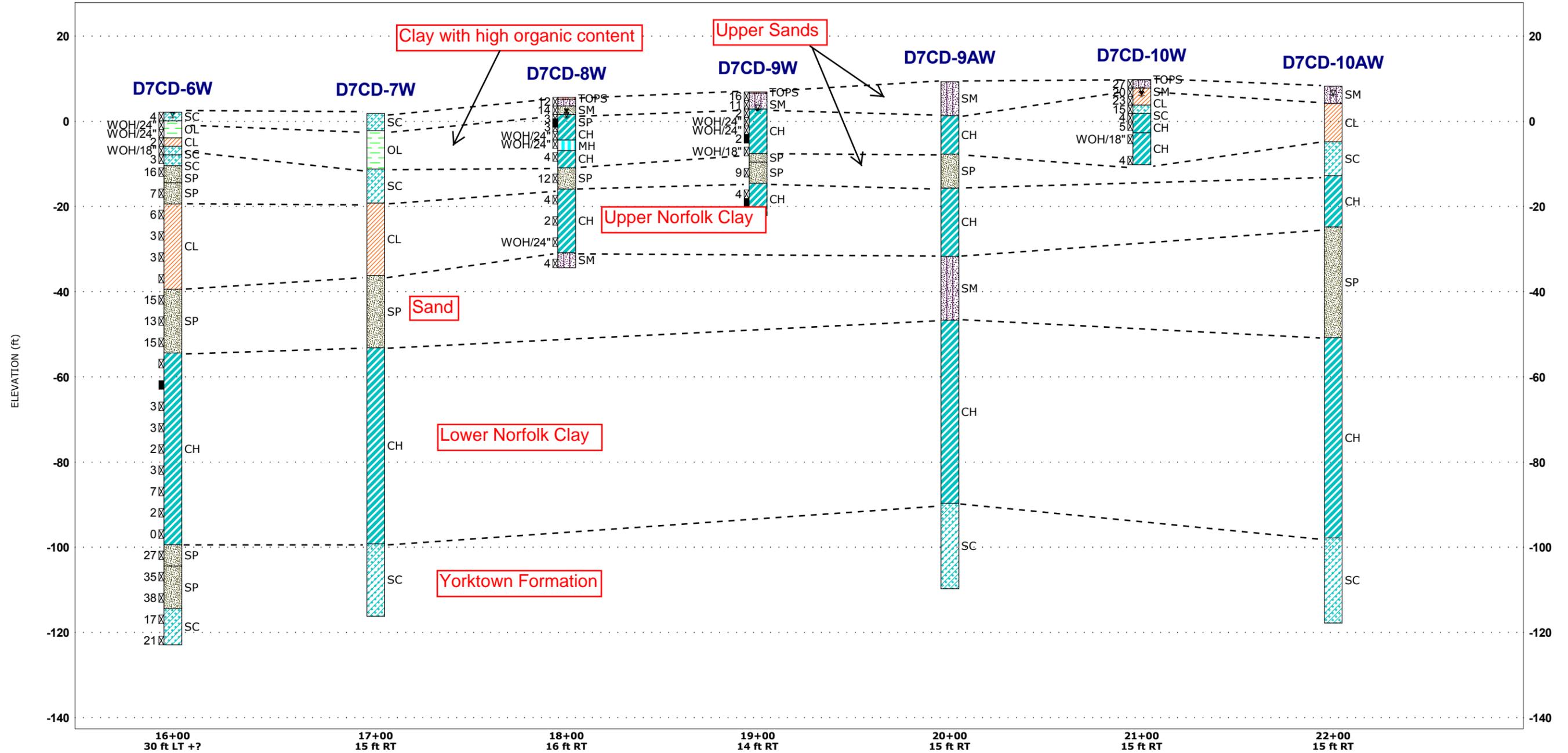
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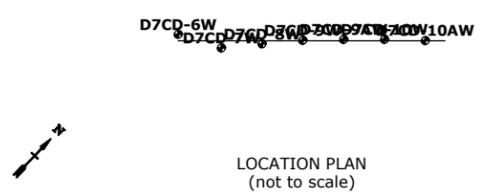
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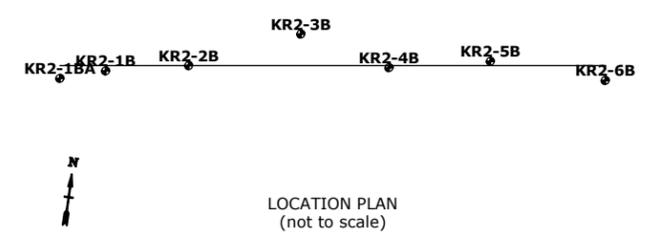
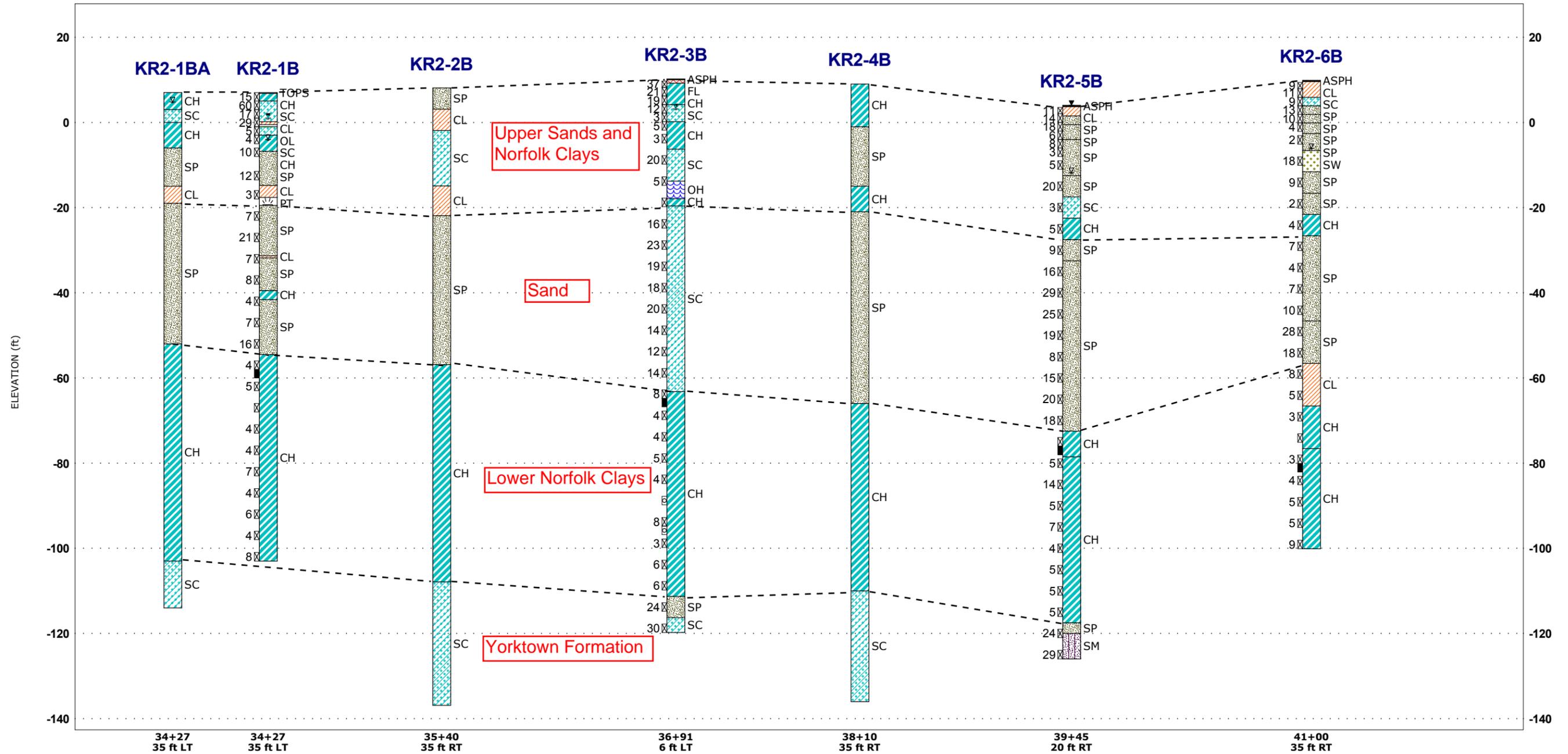


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## PSA RAMPS AND CHANNEL BRIDGE: I264 EB CD AT KEMPSVILLE



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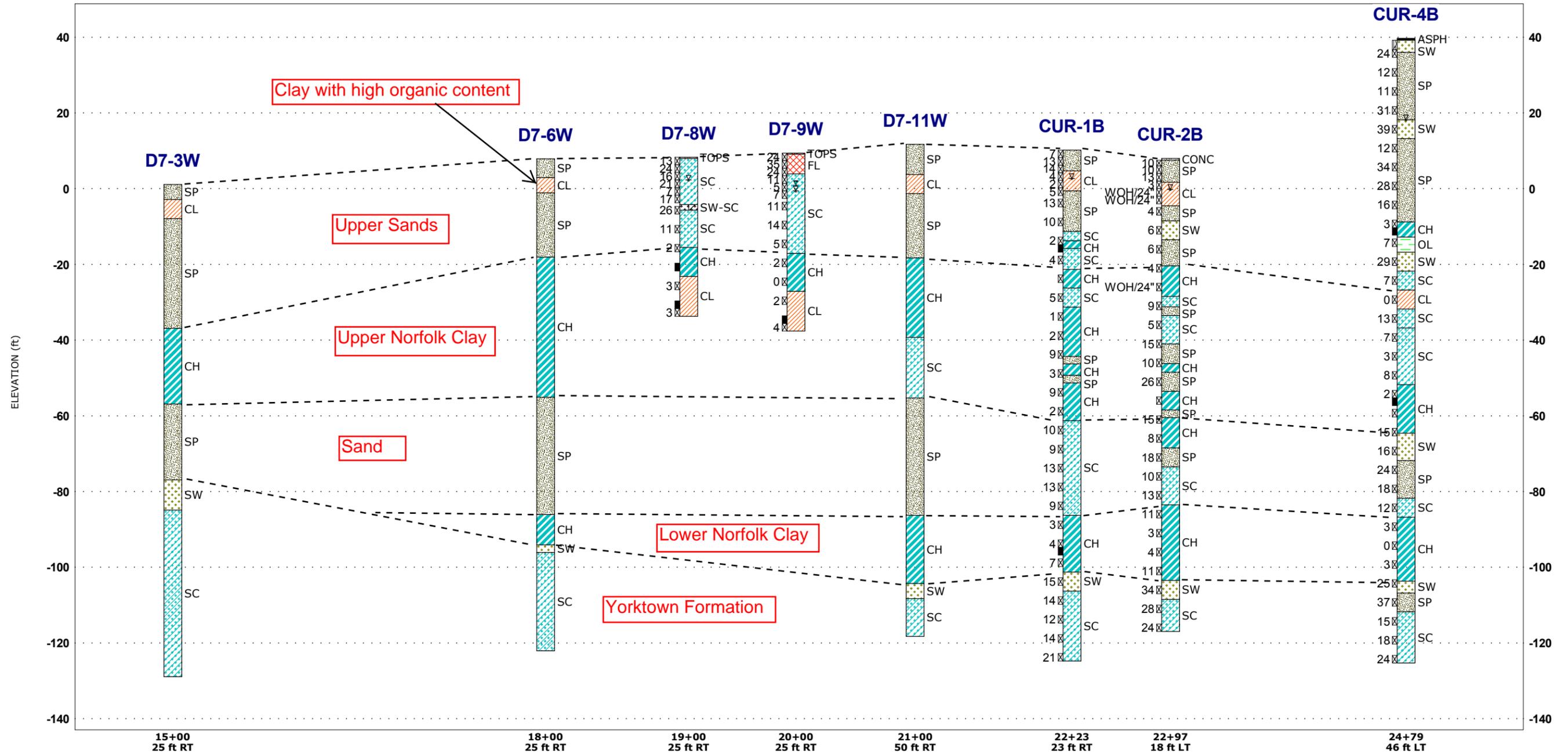
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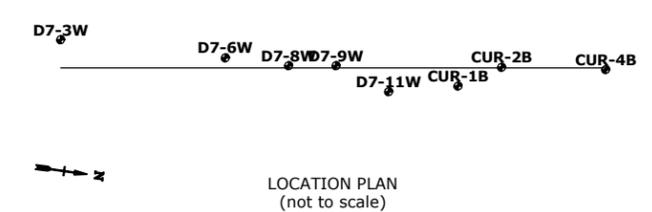
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## PSA I64, D7, AND BRIDGE D7 WALL AND BRIDGE



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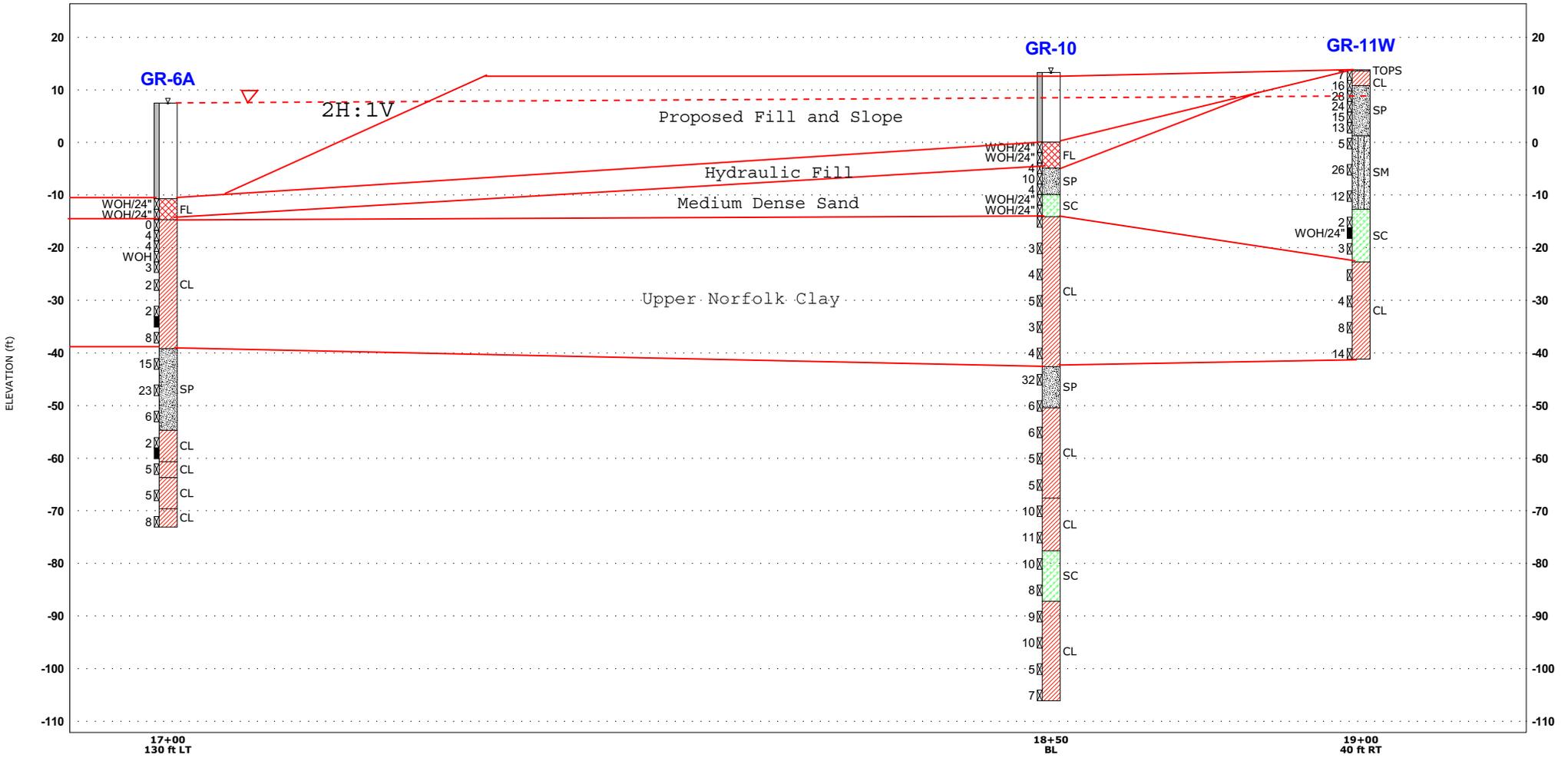


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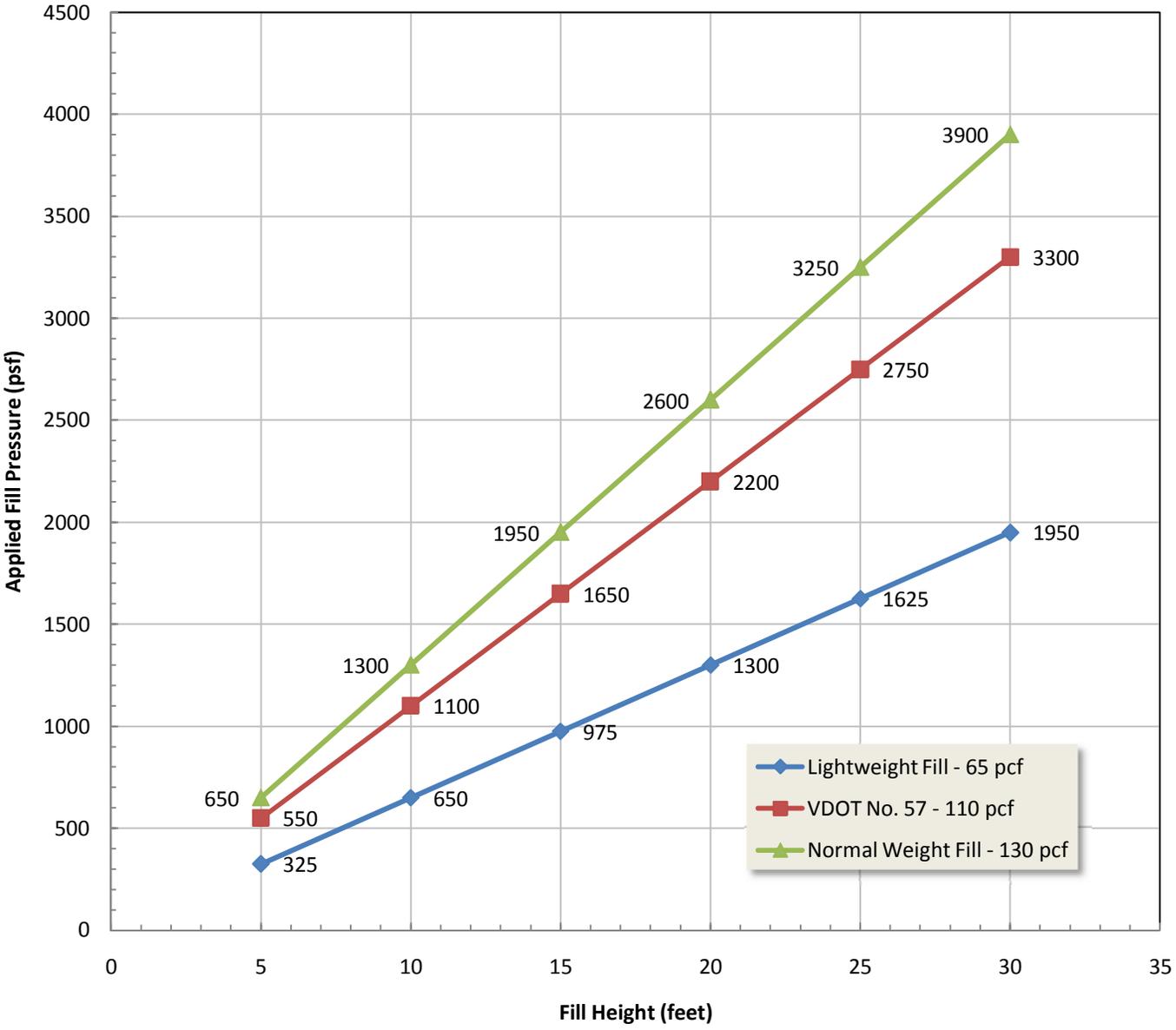
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Drawing 8:PSA GREENWICH- STA. 17+50 SLOPE STABILITY



### Applied Fill Pressures for Different Materials



**TABLE 2 – SUMMARY OF SLOPE (2H:1V) STABILITY ANALYSES FOR I-64/264 INTERCHANGE PROJECT USING CURRENT GEOMETRY AND NORMAL WEIGHT FILL (UNIT WEIGHT = 130 PCF)**

PSA	Station	Proposed Fill Geometry	Susceptible Subsurface Conditions	Estimated Factor of Safety Against Slope Stability Failure	Comments
Greenwich	17+50 (South Abutment)	Fill Height = 23 ft Width of Fill = 150 ft Slope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 ft of hydraulic fill</li> <li>• 25 ft of upper Norfolk clay</li> </ul>	Short-term = 0.9 Long-term = 1.5	Hydraulic fill is weak material and susceptible to failure; long-term analysis predicated on assumption that strength of the hydraulic fill increases ( $\phi=28^\circ$ ). See Drawing 8.
	17+50 Dredged (South Abutment)	Fill Height = 23 ft Width of Fill = 150 ft Slope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 ft of upper Norfolk clay</li> </ul>	Short-term = 1.5 Long-term = 1.5	Hydraulic fill has been removed. A flattened slope (2.5H:1V) is also recommended to ensure Long-term FS > 1.5. See Drawing 8.
	24+90 (South Abutment)	Fill Height = 30 ft Width of Fill = 116 ft Slope/Wall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26 ft of upper medium dense sand</li> <li>• 37 ft of upper Norfolk clay</li> </ul>	Short-term = 1.8 Long-term = 2.5	Short and long-term factors of safety are higher than recommended values.
Note: The recommended factors of safety for short-term and long-term stability are 1.3 and 1.5 respectively.					

**TABLE 3 – SUMMARY OF GLOBAL STABILITY ANALYSES OF MSE RETAINING WALLS FOR I-64/264 INTERCHANGE PROJECT USING CURRENT GEOMETRY AND NORMAL WEIGHT FILL (UNIT WEIGHT = 130 PCF)**

PSA	Station	Proposed Fill Geometry	Susceptible Subsurface Conditions	Estimated Factor of Safety	Comments
Greenwich	24+90 (South Abutment)	Fill Height = 27 ft Width of Fill = 116 ft Slope/Wall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26 ft of medium dense sand</li> <li>37 ft of upper Norfolk clay</li> </ul>	FS = 1.4 (short-term equals long-term)	Failure occurs through upper medium dense sand; short-term and long-term factors of safety are equal.
	32+30 (North Abutment-Along baseline)	Fill Height = 17 ft Fill runs length of road Slope/Wall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26 ft of medium dense sand</li> <li>37 ft of upper Norfolk clay</li> </ul>	FS = 1.4 (short-term equals long-term)	Failure occurs through upper medium dense sand; short-term and long-term factors of safety are equal.
	32+50 (North Abutment-cross-section)	Fill Height = 15 ft Width of Fill = 116 ft Slope/Wall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26 ft of medium dense sand</li> <li>37 ft of upper Norfolk clay</li> </ul>	FS = 1.6 (short-term equals long-term)	Failure occurs through upper medium dense sand; short-term and long-term factors of safety are equal.
Ramps and Channels	10+00	Fill Height = 32 ft Widening = 105 ft Wall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30 ft of interbedded medium dense sand and shallow clays with high organic concentrations</li> <li>8 ft of upper Norfolk clay</li> </ul>	Short-term = 0.6 Long-term = 1.3	Failure occurs through shallow clays, retaining wall constructed into slope, and berm in front of wall in long-term.
	19+00	Fill Height = 15 ft Width of Fill = 130 ft Wall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30 ft of interbedded medium dense sand and shallow clays with high organic concentrations</li> <li>8 ft of upper Norfolk clay</li> </ul>	Short-term = 1.0 Long-term = 1.7	Failure occurs through shallow clays, retaining wall constructed away from slope, and berm in front of wall in long-term.
	30+00 (Kempsville Rd Bridge)	Fill Height = 23 ft Width of Fill = 75 ft Wall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30 ft of interbedded medium dense sand and shallow clays with high organic concentrations</li> <li>8 ft of upper Norfolk clay</li> </ul>	Short-term = 0.9 Long-term = 1.4	Failure occurs through shallow clays, retaining wall constructed away from slope, and berm in front of wall in long-term.
I-64, D7, and Bridge	22+00	Fill Height = 28 ft Widening = 50 ft Wall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30 ft of interbedded medium dense sand and shallow clays with high organic concentrations</li> <li>8 ft of upper Norfolk clay</li> </ul>	Short-term = 0.7 Long-term = 1.2	Failure occurs through shallow clays, retaining wall constructed into slope, and no berm in front of wall in long-term.
I-64, D7, and Bridge	22+00 (with Berm)	Fill Height = 28 ft Widening = 50 ft Wall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30 ft of interbedded medium dense sand and shallow clays with high organic concentrations</li> <li>8 ft of upper Norfolk clay</li> </ul>	Short-term = 0.7 Long-term = 1.4	A berm that is 5-foot tall and 10-foot wide is constructed in front of wall.

Note: The recommended factors of safety for short-term and long-term stability are 1.3 and 1.5 respectively.

## **SUMMARY OF POINTS RELATED TO SLOPE STABILITY**

### **Susceptible Subsurface Conditions**

- Hydraulic Fill (PSA Greenwich)
  - 5 to 15 feet thick (typical elevations between +16 ft and -10 ft)
  - Weak material
  - Susceptible to both short-term and long-term instability
- Shallow clays with high organic concentrations (Most prevalent in PSA Ramps and Channel)
  - 5 to 15 feet thick (typical elevations between +5 ft and -10 ft)
  - Very soft material with low shear strength
  - Susceptible to both short-term and long-term instability
- Medium dense sands (All PSAs)
  - 10 to 30 feet thick (typical elevations below +20 ft and above -20 ft)
  - Interbedded with shallow clays
  - Medium dense material with relatively low friction angle ( $\phi = 32^\circ$ )
- Upper Norfolk clays (All PSAs)
  - 10 to 40 feet thick (typical elevations below -10 ft and above -50 to -60 ft)
  - Soft material
  - Based on current analysis, only impacts stability in PSA Greenwich where overlying medium dense sands have been excavated

### **Slope Stability Analysis- PSA Greenwich**

- Short-term slope stability
  - Failure through hydraulic fill is major concern
  - Hydraulic fill is generally present in cross-sections where slope is constructed into lake especially Sta. 17+00 through Sta. 22+00
  - At higher fill heights (> 10 feet) with normal unit weight fill, estimated FS decreases and becomes less than recommended FS
  - Stability can be improved (dredging, staged construction, subgrade improvement, flatter slopes, lightweight materials, etc.)
- Long-term slope stability
  - Failure occurs through medium dense sand and/or hydraulic fill
  - Generally not a concern
  - Stability can be improved (flattening slope to 2.5H:1V, etc.)

### **Global Stability Analysis of MSE Retaining Walls- PSA Greenwich**

- Short-term global stability
  - Failure generally occurs through medium dense sand
  - Equal to long-term FS
  - Estimated FS is generally above recommended FS
- Long-term global stability
  - Failure generally occurs through medium dense sand
  - Equal to short-term FS
  - At higher fill heights (> 15 feet) with normal unit weight fill, estimated FS decreases and becomes less than recommended FS
  - Stability can be improved (subgrade improvement, lightweight materials, etc.)

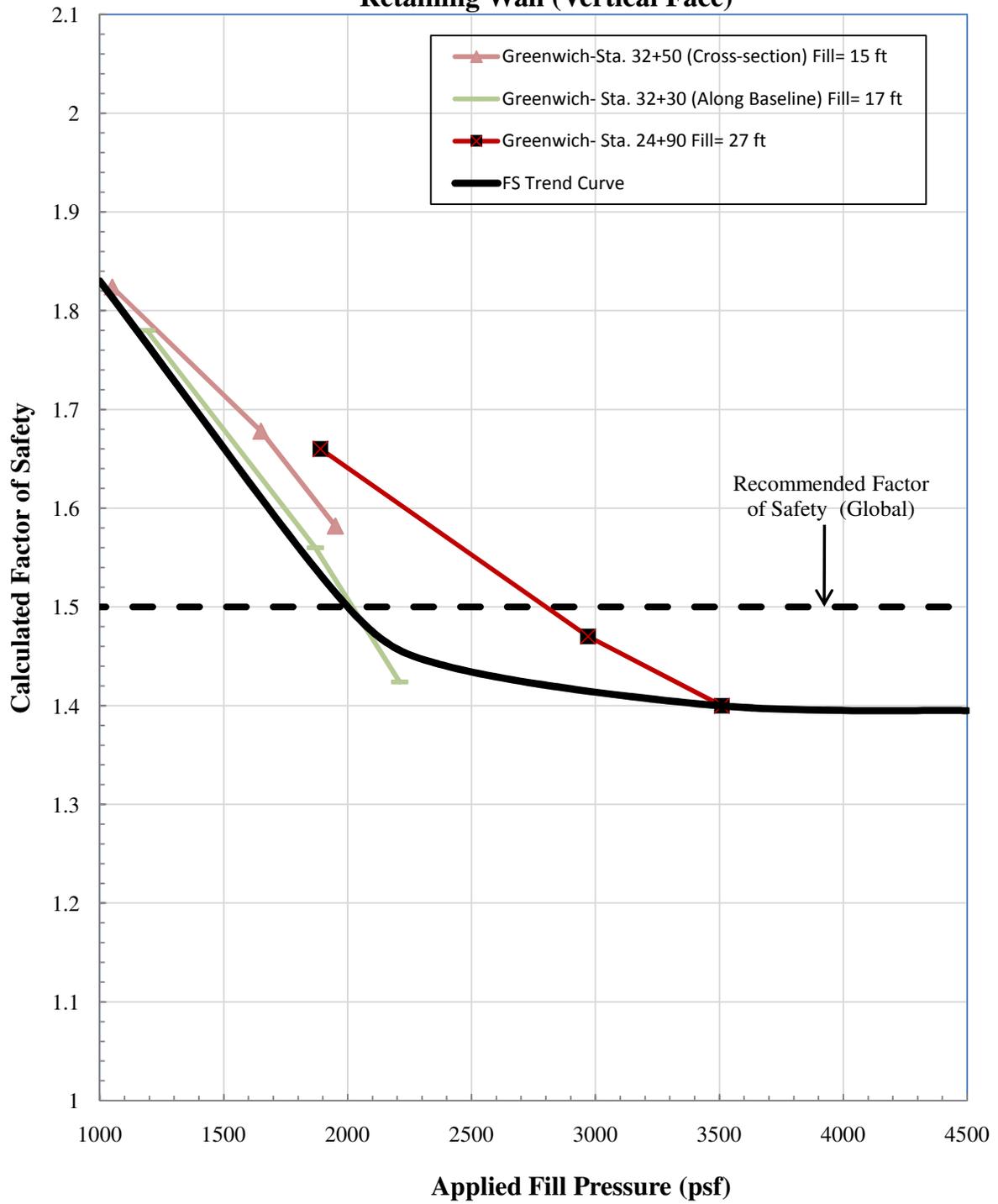
### **Global Stability Analysis of MSE Retaining Walls- PSA I64, D7, and Bridge and PSA Ramps and Channel**

- Short-term global stability
  - Similar stratigraphy observed across both PSA I64, D7, and Bridge and PSA Ramps and Channel
  - Failure generally occurs through shallow clay with high organic content
  - At higher fill heights (> 8 feet) with normal weight fill, estimated FS decreases and becomes less than recommended FS
  - When the MSE Retaining Wall width is twice the MSE Retaining Wall height and fill with a unit weight of 70 PCF is used, the estimated short-term factor of safety is generally above 1.3
  - Stability can be improved (lightweight materials, subgrade improvement, widening the retaining wall, staged construction, construction of berms, etc.)
- Long-term slope stability
  - Similar stratigraphy observed across both PSA I64, D7, and Bridge and PSA Ramps and Channel
  - Failure generally occurs through shallow clay with high organic content
  - Berms constructed for relocated channel in front of retaining walls in PSA Ramps and Channel, but not PSA I64, D7, and Bridge
  - Stability improves with construction of berm in front of retaining wall in PSA I64, D7, and Bridge and may be necessary
  - At higher fill heights (> 20 feet) with normal weight fill, estimated FS decreases and becomes less than recommended FS
  - Long-term slope stability can be improved (subgrade improvement, lightweight materials, increasing width of retaining wall, construction of berms, etc.)

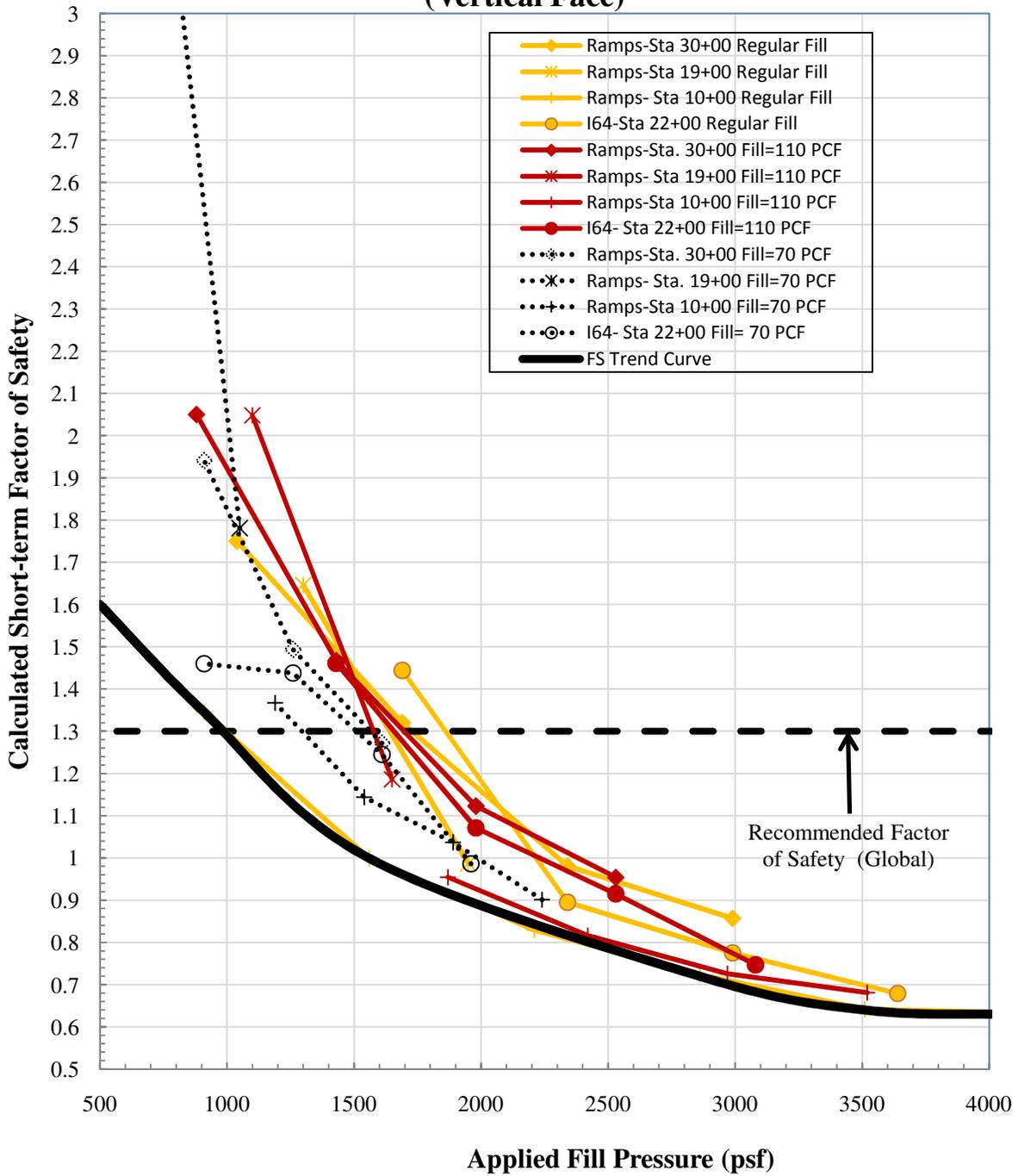
**Examples of Usage of Lightweight Fill and Construction of Berm in Front of Retaining Walls**

Location	Short-term Factor of Safety			Long-term Factor of Safety		
	Fill Wt = 130 PCF	Fill Wt= 110 PCF	Fill Wt= 70 PCF	Fill Wt = 130 PCF	Fill Wt= 110 PCF	Fill Wt= 70 PCF
Greenwich Rd Station 24+90 (South Abutment)	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.7
Ramps and Channel Station 30+00 (North Abutment)	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.8
Ramps and Channels Station 10+00	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.3	1.4	1.6
I64, D7, and Bridge Station 22+00 (no berm)	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.4
I64, D7, and Bridge Station 22+00 (with 5-ft high and 10-ft wide berm in front of wall for short and long-term analysis)	0.7	0.8	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.8
<p><b>General Conclusion:</b> Lightweight fill can be used in the construction of embankments to help increase the estimated factor of safety and decrease susceptibility to stability failure. Berms are present only in the long-term analysis at the Ramps and Channel Stations 30+00 and 10+00, but are not present at any other stations unless specifically stated.</p>						

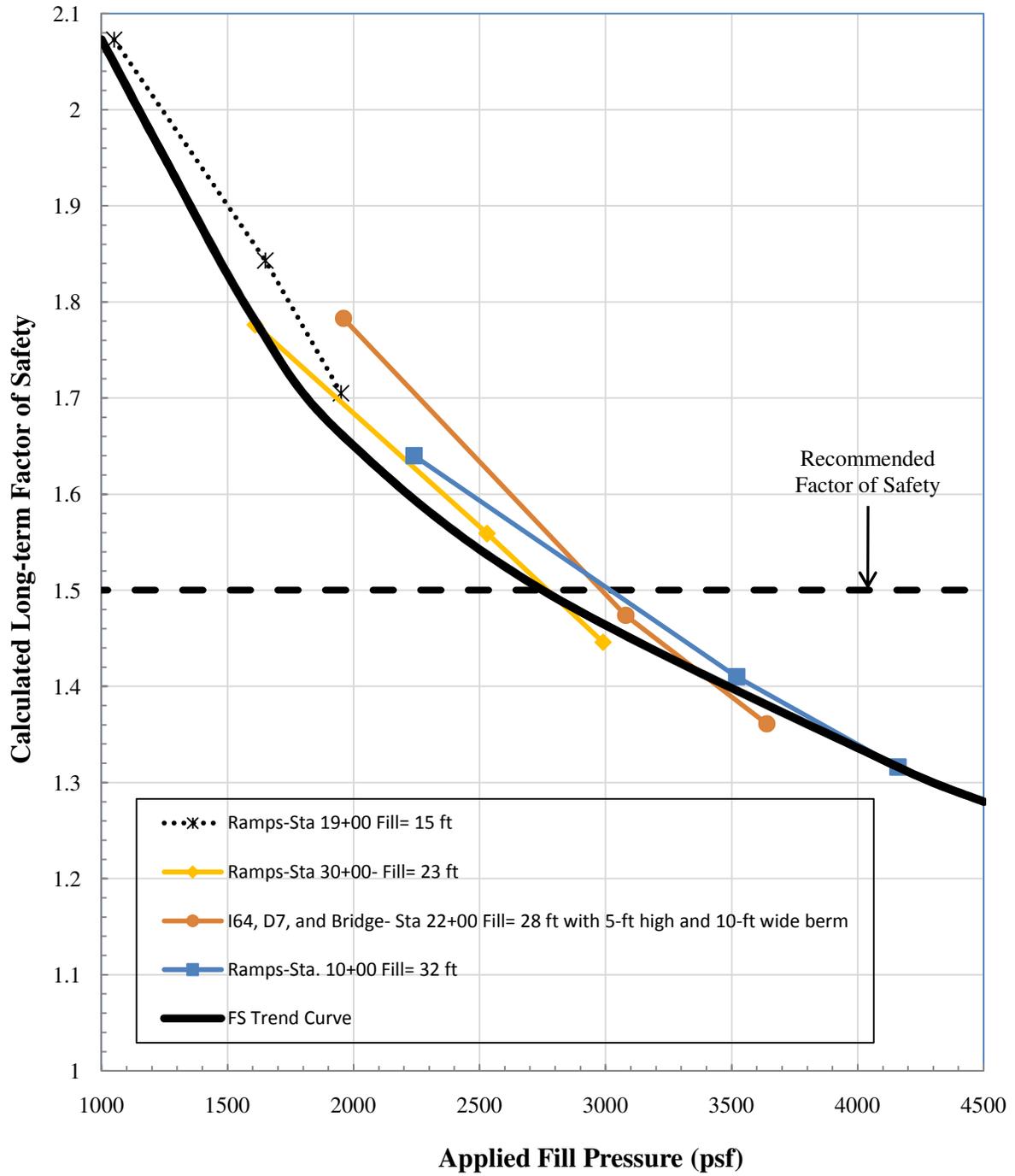
**Plot 1: PSA Greenwich- Short and Long-term Stability of MSE Retaining Wall (Vertical Face)**



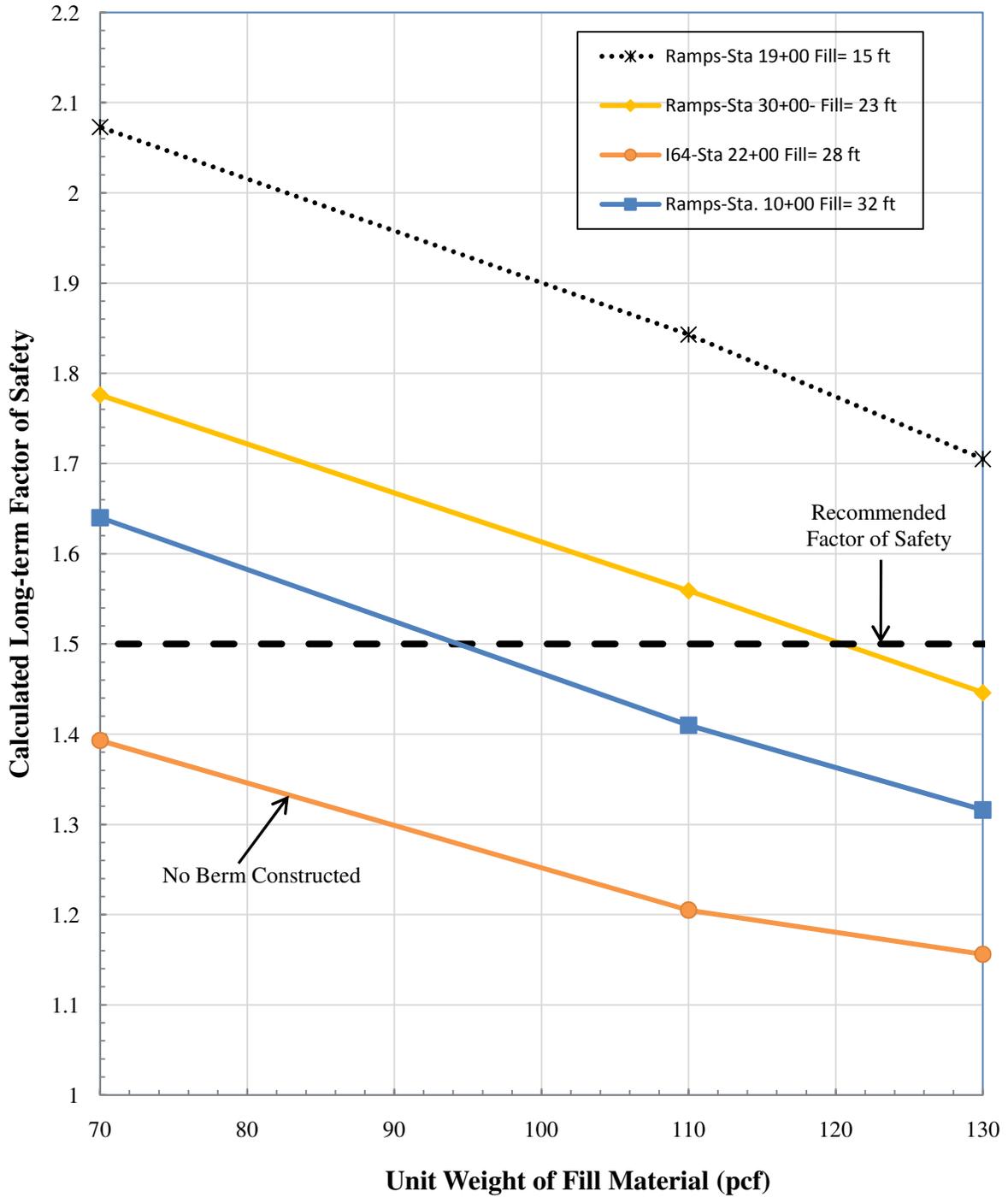
**Plot 2: PSA Ramps and Channel and PSA I64, D7, and Bridge- Short-term Stability of MSE Retaining Wall (Vertical Face)**



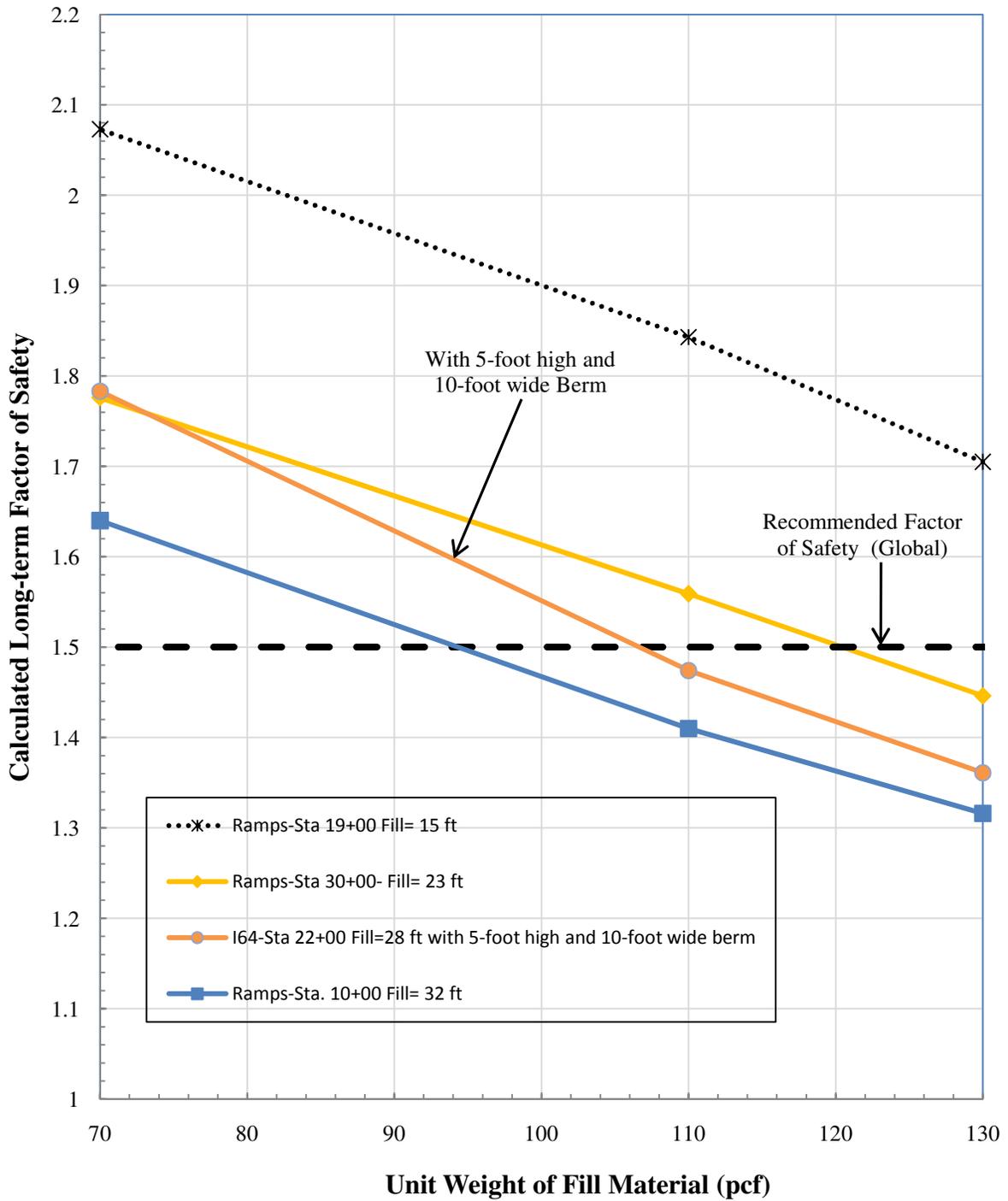
**Plot 3: PSA Ramps and Channel and PSA I64, D7, and Bridge-  
Long-term Stability of MSE Retaining Wall (Vertical Face)**



**Plot 4: PSA Ramps and Channel and PSA I64, D7, and Bridge-  
Long-term Stability of MSE Retaining Wall (Vertical Face)**



**Plot 5: PSA Ramps and Channel and PSA I64, D7, and Bridge-  
Long-term Stability of MSE Retaining Wall (Vertical Face)**



**TABLE 4 – SUMMARY OF SETTLEMENT MAGNITUDE AND TIME RATE ANALYSES FOR I-64/264 INTERCHANGE PROJECT**

PSA	Station	Proposed Fill Geometry	Compressible Subsurface Conditions	Representative Exploration	Estimated Maximum Settlement (Fill Wt = 130 pcf)	Estimated Time Rate of Settlement (No Improvement)	Comments on Settlement
Greenwich	24+90 (South Abutment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fill Height = 30 ft</li> <li>• Width of Fill = 116 ft</li> <li>• Wall / Slope</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 37 ft of upper clay (with 2 sand seams)</li> <li>• 7 ft of lower clay</li> <li>• Yorktown at El. -68 ft</li> </ul>	GR-19W	<u>24 inches total</u> 10 inches rapid 14 inches over time	t < 3 in = 7 months t < 1 in = 1.3 years	2 sand seams speed up consolidation
	32+50 (North Abutment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fill Height = 20 ft</li> <li>• Width of Fill = 116 ft</li> <li>• Wall / Slope</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 36 ft of upper clay (with 1 sand seam)</li> <li>• 16 ft of lower clay</li> <li>• Yorktown at El. -66 ft</li> </ul>	GR-26 and GR-27W	<u>17 inches total</u> 6 inches rapid 11 inches over time	t < 3 in = 1 year t < 1 in = 2.5 years	1 sand seam, slower compared to south side
Ramps and Channels	16+00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fill Height = 26 ft</li> <li>• Widening = 105 ft</li> <li>• Wall / Slope</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 29 ft of upper clay (interbedded with sand)</li> <li>• 44 ft of lower clay</li> <li>• Yorktown at El. -99 ft</li> </ul>	D7CD-6W and D7CD-7W	<u>30 inches total</u> 8 inches rapid 22 inches over time	t < 3 in = 1 year t < 1 in = 2 years	Thinner upper clay than Greenwich, but no sand seams
	30+00 (West Abut. Kempsville Rd Bridge)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fill Height = 27 ft</li> <li>• Width of Fill = 75 ft</li> <li>• Wall / Slope</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 ft of upper clay (interbedded with sand)</li> <li>• 51 ft of lower clay</li> <li>• Yorktown at El. -103 ft</li> </ul>	KR2-1BA	<u>19 inches total</u> 10 inches rapid 9 inches over time	t < 3 in = 2 months t < 1 in = 1 year	Relatively thin upper clay
I-64, D7, and Bridge	18+00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fill Height = 17 ft</li> <li>• Widening = 45 ft</li> <li>• Wall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 37 ft of upper clay</li> <li>• 8 ft of lower clay</li> <li>• Yorktown at El. -94 ft</li> </ul>	D7-6W	<u>9 inches total</u> 5 inches rapid 4 inches over time	t < 3 in = 1 month t < 1 in = 6 months	Relatively low fill height and narrow widening, limited influence

## SUMMARY POINTS RELATED TO SETTLEMENT

### Compressible Subsurface Conditions

- Shallow clays with high organic concentrations
  - 5 to 15 feet thick (typical elevations between +5 ft and -10 ft)
  - Observed most prevalently at Ramps and Channels
  - Highly compressible, most likely OCR = 1 to 2
  - Secondary compression can be an issue in organic clays
- Upper Norfolk clays
  - 10 to 40 feet thick (typical elevations below -10 ft and above -50 to -60 ft)
  - Observed at all PSAs
  - Moderately to highly compressible, preconsolidated to 3,000 to 4,000 psf (typical OCR = 1.2 to 2.2)
- Lower Norfolk clays
  - 5 to 50 feet thick (typical elevations below -50 to -60 ft and above Yorktown Formation)
  - Observed at all PSAs
  - Highly compressible, preconsolidated to 8,000 psf (typical OCR = 1.8 to 2.1)

### Magnitude of Settlement- Example at Ramps and Channels, Station 16+00

- Total Settlement = 30 inches
  - Shallow clay w/organics = 13 inches = 43%
  - Upper Norfolk Clay = 7 inches = 23%
  - Lower Norfolk Clay = 4 inches = 13%
  - Sands (combined) = 6 inches = 21%
- Most settlement comes from upper clays (shallow organic + upper Norfolk) – about 65%
  - Embankment heights (normal weight fill) higher than about 10 to 15 feet push these clays into normally consolidated stress range and greater settlement
- Less settlement comes from lower clays – 15%
  - Tallest embankment heights (about 30 feet with normal weight fill) typically keep lower clays in recompression stress range and result in less settlement

**Time Rate of Settlement**

- Settlement occurs over time in soft, saturated clays as excess pore water pressure induced by stress increases is dissipated
  - Occurs slowly in thicker layers because drainage path is longer
  - Occurs slowly in clays in normally consolidated stress range, more quickly in recompression stress range
  - Sand seams interbedded in clay layers greatly accelerate time rate of settlement
- Note: Estimates are limited in their accuracy – actual settlements must be monitored in the field with settlement plates and accurate, timely survey measurements to adjust initial estimates
- Prefabricated Vertical (PV) Drains (wick drains) can be used to accelerate the time rate of settlement by providing shorter, lateral drainage paths

**Examples of PV Drains at Three Locations**

Location	Estimated Maximum Settlement (Fill Wt = 130 pcf)	Time to < 3 inches			Time to < 1 inch		
		No PV Drains	With PV Drains 5 ft spacing	% Increase in Rate	No PV Drains	With PV Drains 5 ft spacing	% Increase in Rate
Greenwich Rd Station 24+90 (South Abutment)	<u>24 inches total</u> 10 inches rapid 14 inches over time	7 months →	2 months	350 %	1.3 years →	3 months	500 %
Greenwich Rd Station 32+50 (North Abutment)	<u>17 inches total</u> 6 inches rapid 11 inches over time	1 year →	2 months	600 %	2.5 years →	4 months	750 %
Ramps and Channels Station 16+00	<u>30 inches total</u> 8 inches rapid 22 inches over time	1 year →	3 months	400 %	2 years →	4 months	600 %
<b><u>General Conclusion:</u></b> PV Drains can be installed through the upper clays at a reasonable spacing of about 5 feet to accelerate the time rate of settlement. The time to less than 3 inches of settlement should be less than about 3 months. The time to less than 1 inch of settlement might be less than about 6 months.							

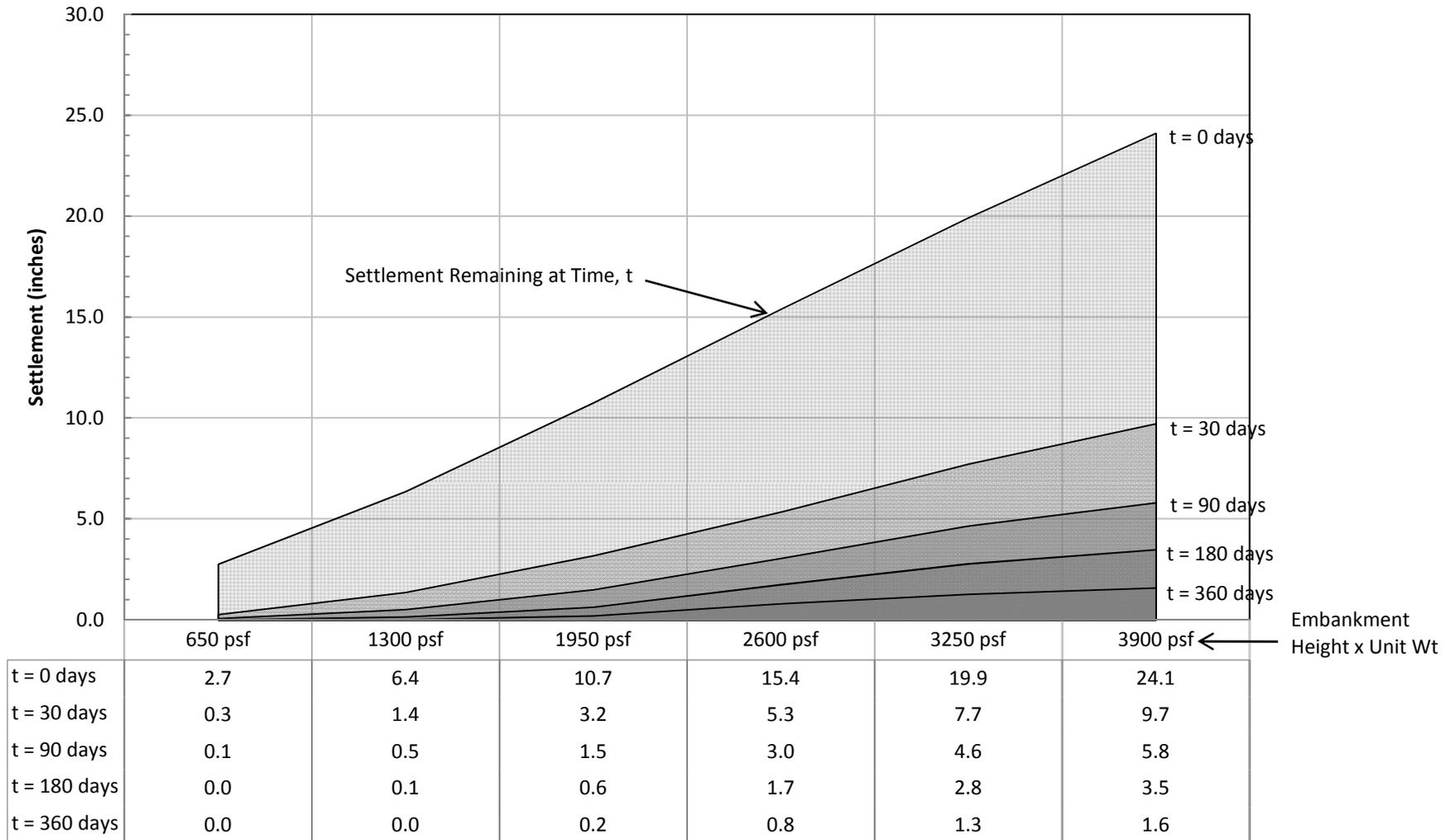
### Secondary Compression

- Secondary compression occurs over long periods of time with no additional change in vertical stress, after primary consolidation settlements are complete ( > 95% consolidation)
- Is generally an issue with normally consolidated clays, and more so with clay with high organic content
- Is not generally an issue with clays in the recompression range
- Is a function of the soil type, layer thickness, and time – but not the magnitude of the load

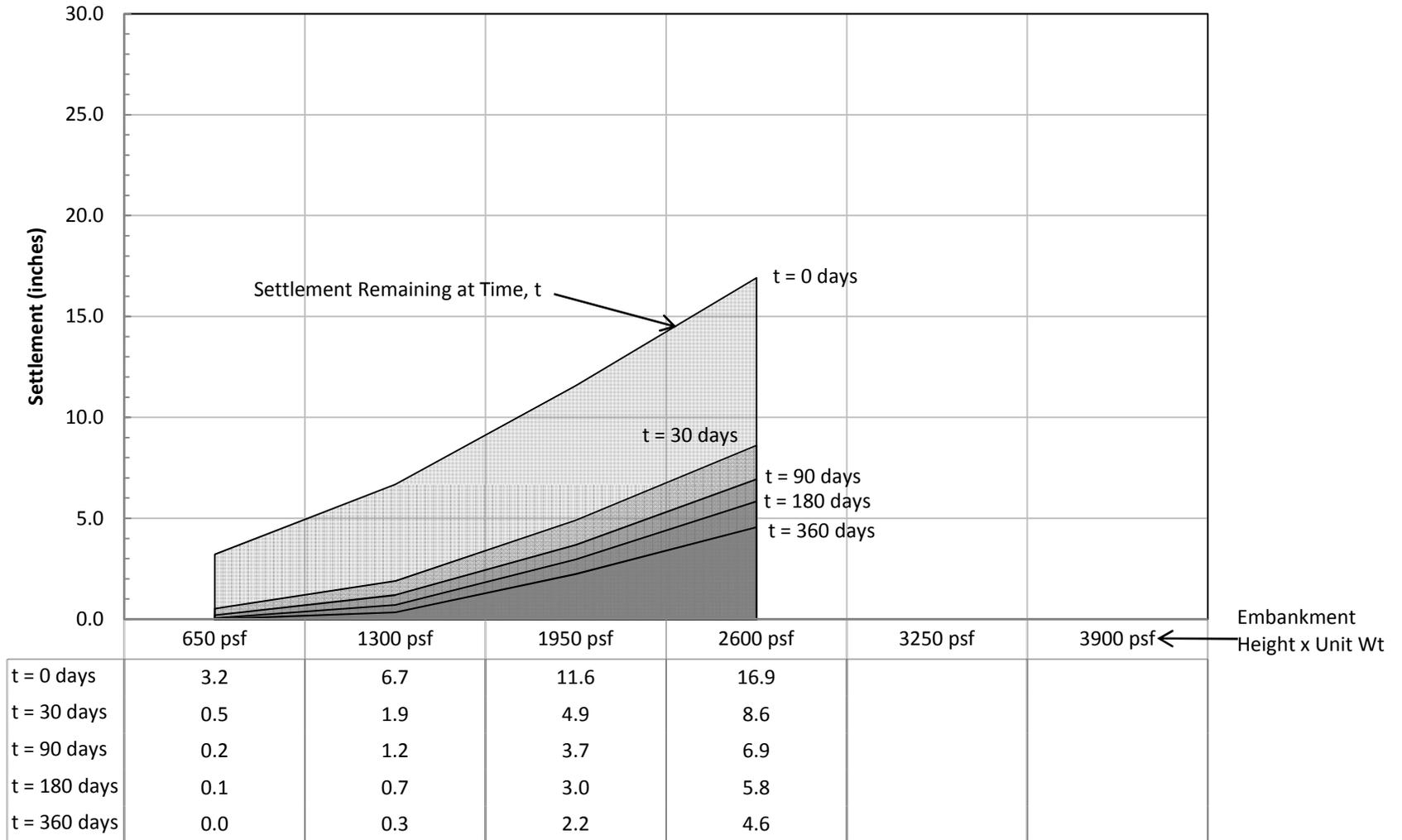
### Example of Secondary Compression at PSA Ramps and Channels, Station 16+00:

- 29 feet of upper clay (20 feet of upper Norfolk clay + 9 feet of clay with high organic content)
- Assume time to end of primary consolidation settlement with PV drains = 6 months
- Assume design life of embankment = 75 years
- Estimate secondary compression is approximately = 5 inches in 75 years

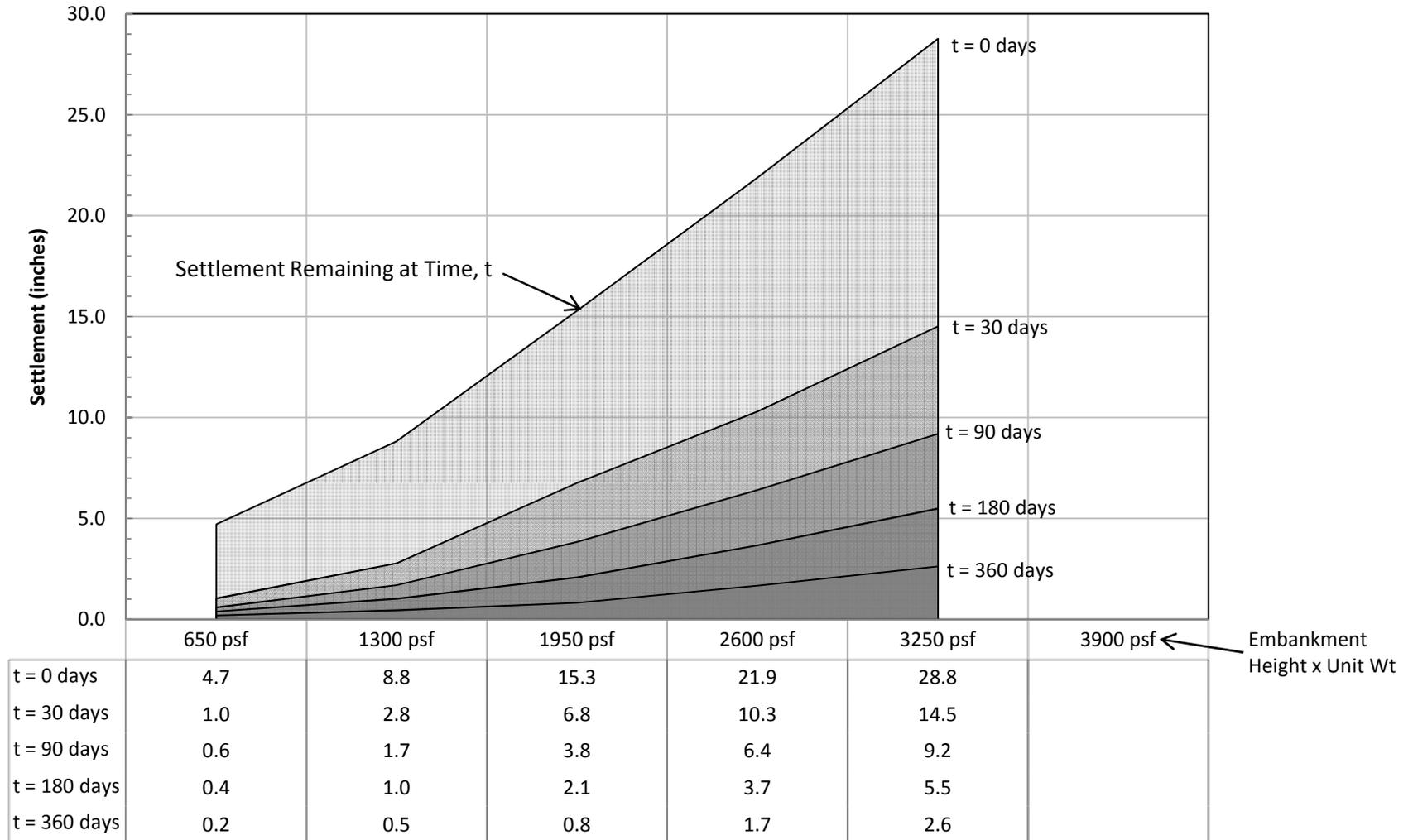
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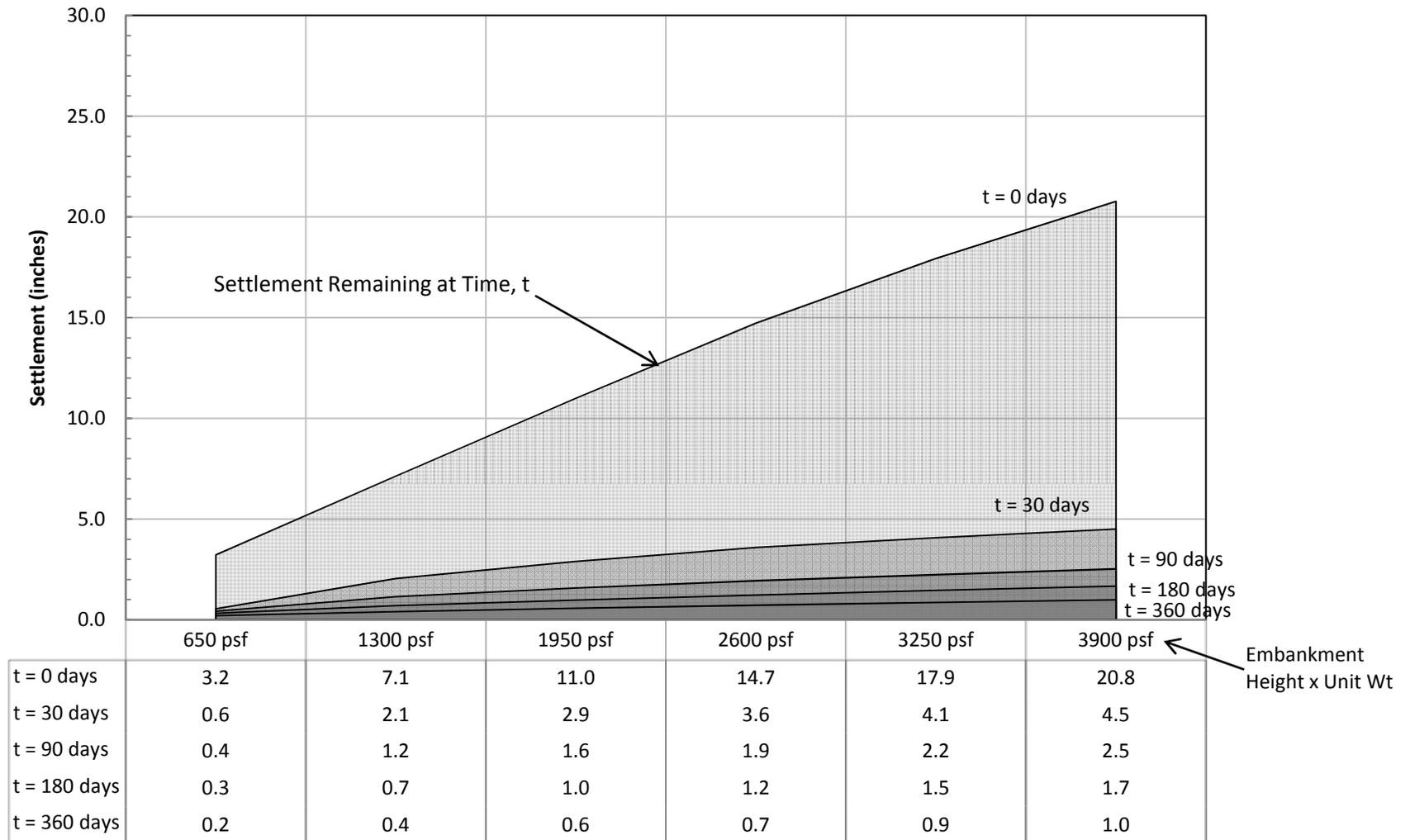
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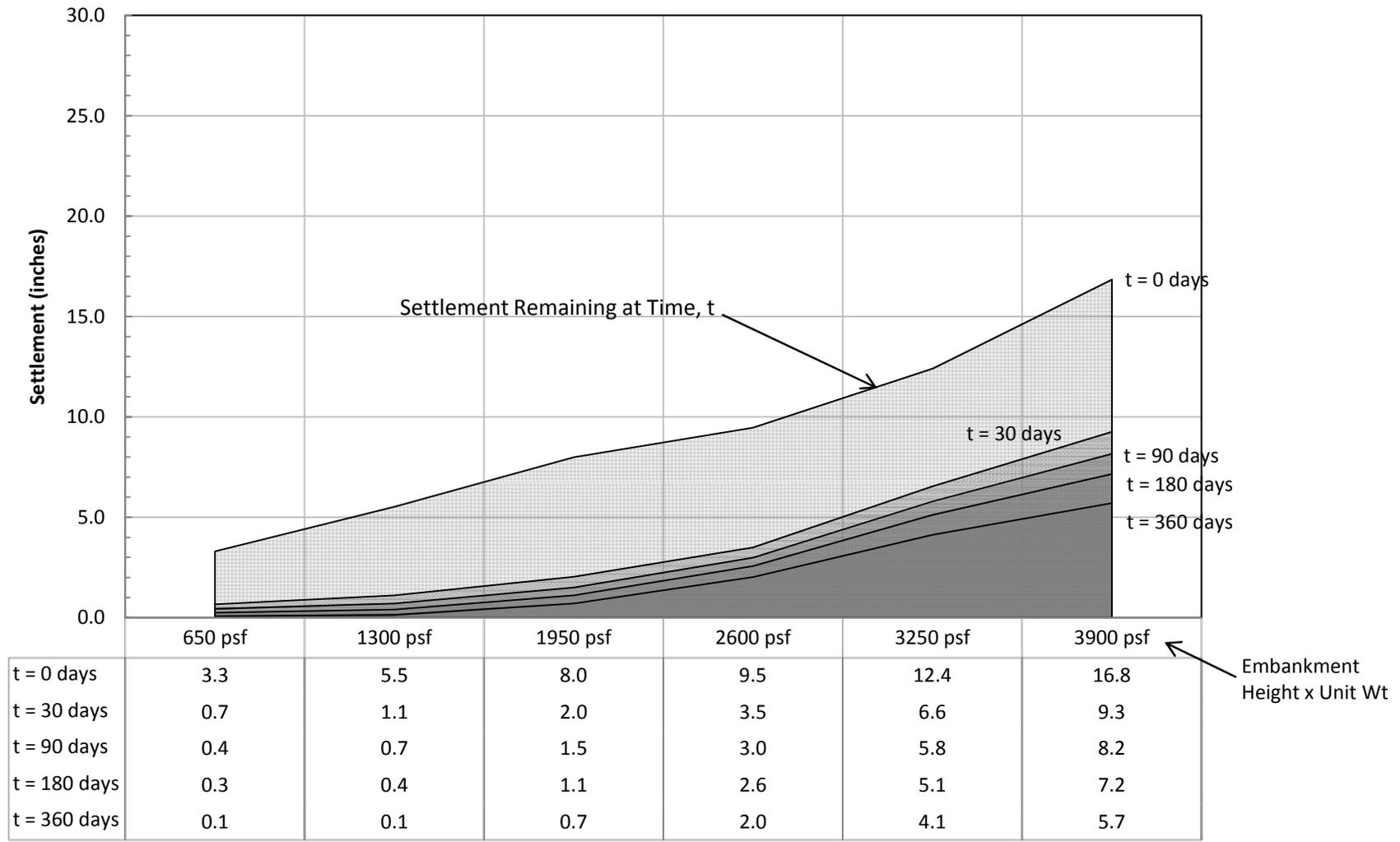
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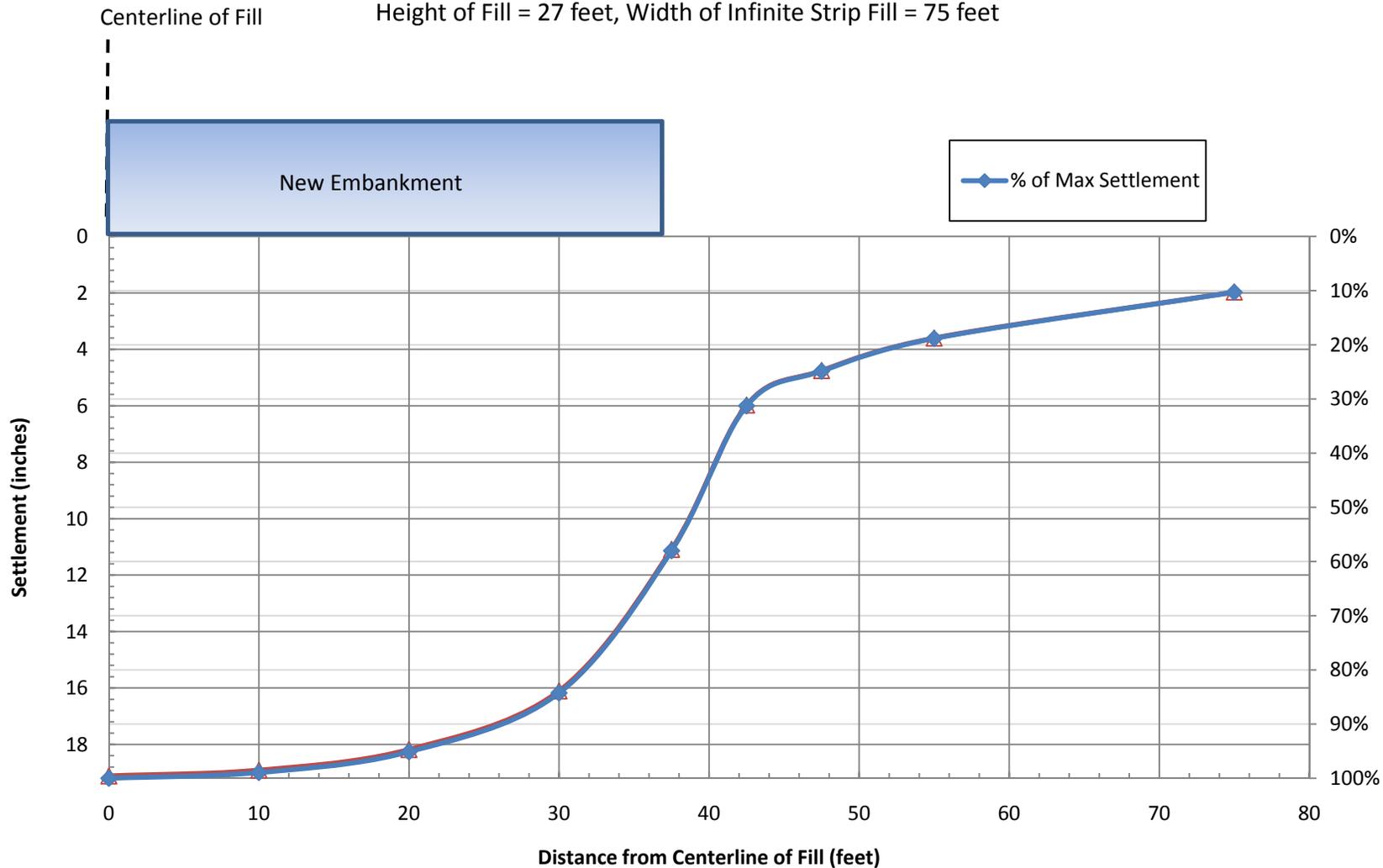
**Time Rate of Settlement Analysis  
PSA Ramps and Channels / Station 30+00**



### Time rate of Settlement Analysis PSA I-64, D7, and Bridge / Station 18+00



**Magnitude of Settlement Analysis**  
 PSA Ramps and Channels  
 Dissipation of Settlement Beyond Edge of Fill  
 Height of Fill = 27 feet, Width of Infinite Strip Fill = 75 feet



**Magnitude of Settlement Analysis**  
PSA Ramps and Channels  
Effect of Widening on Existing Embankment Settlement  
Height of Fill = 30 feet, Width of Widening = 95 feet

