

**INITIAL SAFETY FACTOR ASSESSMENT**  
**40 C.F.R. PART 257.73**  
**PLANT WANSLEY ASH POND 1 (AP-1)**  
**GEORGIA POWER COMPANY**

EPA's "Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities" Final Rule (40 C.F.R. Part 257 and Part 261), §257.73(e), requires the owner or operator of an existing CCR surface impoundment to conduct initial and periodic safety factor assessments. The owner or operator of the CCR unit must conduct an assessment and document that the minimum safety factors outlined in §257.73(e)(1)(i) through (iv) for the critical cross-section of the embankment are achieved.

The CCR surface impoundment known as Plant Wansley AP-1 is located on Plant Wansley property, south of Carrollton, Georgia. AP-1 is formed by engineered cross-valley embankments. The foundations and abutments generally consist of Piedmont Physiographic Province residual soils consisting of silt, silty sand, sandy clay, and silty clay. A transitional layer of partially weathered rock is present between the residual soils and the underlying bedrock. The bedrock consists primarily of graphitic schist, biotite schist, schist with interlayered mafic units, amphibolite/hornblende gneiss, granitic gneiss, and feldspathic quartzite. The critical cross-section of AP-1 has been determined to be located on the southern third section of the embankment at the maximum height of fill.

The analyses used to determine the minimum safety factor for the critical section resulted in the following minimum safety factors:

Loading Condition	Minimum Calculated Safety Factor	Minimum Required Safety Factor
Long-term Maximum Storage Pool (Static)	1.8	1.5
Maximum Surcharge Pool (Static)	1.7	1.4
Seismic	2.0	1.0

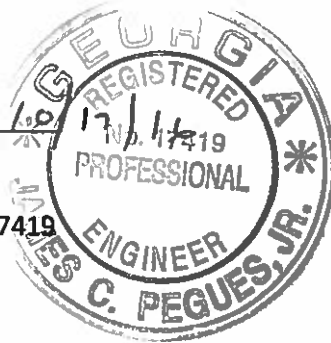
The embankments of AP-1 are not constructed of soils that are susceptible to liquefaction. Therefore, a minimum liquefaction safety factor determination was not required.

This assessment is supported by appropriate engineering calculations which are attached.

I hereby certify that the safety factor assessment was conducted in accordance with 40 C.F.R. Part 257.73 (e)(1).

  
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## Engineering and Construction Services Calculation

**Calculation Number:**  
**TV-WN-GPC603330 591-001**

<b>Project/Plant:</b> Plant Wansley Ash Pond	<b>Unit(s):</b> Units 1-2	<b>Discipline/Area:</b> ESFS
<b>Title/Subject:</b> Slope Stability Analyses of Ash Pond Separator Dike		
<b>Purpose/Objective:</b> Analyze slope stability of Ash Pond Separator Dike		
<b>System or Equipment Tag Numbers:</b> NA	<b>Originator:</b> Alexandria R. Wild	

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### Revision Record

<b>Rev. No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Originator Initial / Date</b>	<b>Reviewer Initial / Date</b>	<b>Approver Initial / Date</b>
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**Notes:**

## Purpose of Calculation

Plant Wansley currently disposes of coal combustion residuals (CCR) in the Ash Pond located directly northwest of the plant generating facility and separated from the Storage Water Pond by a Separator Dike. The Plant Wansley Ash Pond was commissioned in 1975, and the Separator Dike was constructed to a crest elevation of 805 ft. with 2.3 (H):1(V) and 3(H): 1(V) upstream and downstream slopes, intermediate berms at elevations 775 ft. and 745 ft. The maximum height of the Ash Pond Separator Dike is approximately 105 ft.

The purpose of this calculation is to check the stability of the dike of Ash Pond 1 using current software.

## Methodology

The calculation was performed using the following methods and software:

GeoStudio 2012 (Version 8.15, Build 11777), Copyright 1991-2016, GEO-SLOPE International, Ltd

Strata (Version alpha, Revision 0.2.0), Geotechnical Engineering Center, Department of Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering, University of Texas.

Morgenstern-Price analytical method was reported.

## Criteria and Assumptions

The slope stability models were run using the following assumptions and design criteria:

- Seismic site response was determined using a one-dimensional equivalent linear site response analysis. The analysis was performed using Strata and utilizing random vibration theory. The input motion consisted of the USGS published 2008 Uniform Hazard Response Spectrum (UHRS) for Site Class B/C at a 2% Probability of Exceedance in 50 years. The UHRS was converted to a Fourier Amplitude Spectrum, and propagated through a representative one dimensional soil column using linear wave propagation with strain-dependent dynamic soil properties. The input soil properties and layer thickness were randomized based on defined statistical distributions to perform Monte Carlo simulations for 100 realizations, which were used to generate a median estimate of the surface ground motions.
- The median surface ground motions were then used to calculate a pseudostatic seismic coefficient for utilization in the stability analysis using the approach suggested by Bray and Tavasrou (2009). The procedure calculates the seismic coefficient for an allowable seismic displacement and a probability exceedance of the displacement. For this analysis, an allowable displacement of 0.5 ft, and a probability of exceedance of 16% were conservatively selected, providing a seismic coefficient of 0.026g for use as a horizontal acceleration in the stability analysis.

- The stability of the Plant Wansley Separator Dike is based on the safety factor requirements from EPA's "Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities Final Rule (40 C.F.R. Part 257 and Part 261) subsection §257.73(e).
- The soil and CCR material properties for unit weight, phi angle, and cohesion were obtained from the summary table of material properties in the Ash Pond Closure Feasibility Study by Geosyntec Consultants (Geosyntec). The estimated material properties are a result of laboratory testing conducted for the feasibility study completed in 2016.
- A surcharge load is applied to the sluiced ash due to the short-term gypsum cell berm located adjacent to the Separator Dike. The short-term gypsum cells were constructed on the ash delta in 2008.

### Ash Pond 1

- The cross-section of the dike was obtained using the original design drawings H12399 and H12365, Section G-G.
- The cross-section of the sluiced CCR was obtained from the 2014 bathymetric survey of the Ash Pond.
- Material properties were obtained from recent material testing conducted by Geosyntec Consultants (Geosyntec) for the Ash Pond Closure Feasibility Study completed in 2016.

### **Input Data**

The CCR and soil material properties for unit weight, phi angle, and cohesion were obtained from recent material testing conducted by Geosyntec for the Ash Pond Closure Feasibility Study completed in 2016. The final recommended parameters used in the study and therefore also used in this analysis are shown in Appendix B from Geosyntec's Ash Pond Closure Feasibility Study final deliverable.

Based on Georgia Power's (GP) Land Department Drawing P355-6 (1), Plant Wansley Ash Pond 2014 Survey, top of the ash in the impoundment is at an elevation of approximately 800 ft.

### **Hydraulic Considerations**

The normal pool elevation of the Ash Pond is 795 ft., based on plant operations. The maximum storage water elevation is based on the calculation package DC-WN-WAN16030-001 Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study for the Ash Pond dated 8/19/16 prepared by Southern Company Services, Inc. This calculation states the Plant Wansley Ash Pond is capable of handling the 100-year 24-hour storm event with a maximum surcharge pool elevation of 800 ft.

The normal (and maximum) pool elevation of the Storage Water Pond is 780 ft. This maximum level constraint has been established to minimize the occurrence of excessive seepage conditions along the downstream slope / toe of the dike.

The following hydraulic information identified in Table 1 is a summary of the hydraulic data identified in the slope stability analyses:

Table 1: Pool Level Elevations for the Ash Pond and Storage Water Pond.

	Normal Pool Level Elevation (ft.)	Maximum Pool Level Elevation (ft.)
Ash Pond	795	800
Storage Water Pond	780	780

### Loading Condition

The Separator Dike for the Plant Wansley Ash Pond was evaluated for the loading conditions indicated in the Table 2.

### Summary of Conclusions

The following table lists the factors of safety for various slope stability failure conditions and the minimum required values as provided in EPA's 40 C.F.R. Part 257.

Table 2: Summary of the Minimum Calculated Safety Factor and the Minimum Required Safety Factor for the Critical Section of the Dike.

Loading Condition	Minimum Calculated Safety Factor	Minimum Required Safety Factor
Long-term Maximum Storage Pool (Static)	1.8	1.5
Maximum Surcharge Pool (Static)	1.7	1.4
Seismic	2.0	1.0

Safety factors for all cases were acceptable and exceeded the minimum safety factors required. Therefore, the analyses show the separation dike is stable in all cases.

### Design Inputs/References

USGS Earthquake Hazards website, <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/hazards/hazmaps/>.

Bray, J. D. and Travasarou, T., *Pseudostatic Coefficient for Use in Simplified Seismic Slope Stability Evaluation*, Journal of Geotechnical and Environmental Engineering, American Society of Civil Engineers, September 2009

Calculation package DC-WN-WAN16030-001 Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study for the Ash Pond prepared by Southern Company Services, Inc

GPC Land Department Drawing P355-6 (1), Plant Wansley Ash Pond 2014 Survey

GPC Drawing H10027 - Project Location Map

GPC Drawing H12363 - Plant Wansley Ash Pond Discharge Structure General Arrangement

GPC Drawing H12364 - Plant Wansley Separation Dike Construction

GPC Drawing H12365 - Plant Wansley Separation Dike section and Details

GPC Drawing H12366 - Plant Wansley Separation Dike Construction

GPC Drawing H12399 - Plant Wansley Separation Dike General Arrangement

GPC Drawing E1C11102 - Short Term Gypsum Disposal General Arrangement and Site Plan

### **Body of Calculation**

Calculation consists of Slope/W modeling attached.

Plant Wansley Ash Pond Separation Dam Stability Analysis

Long-Term Maximum Storage Pool (Static)

Material Properties

Sluiced Ash

- Effective Unit Weight = 80 pcf
- Effective Friction Angle = 10 degrees
- Effective Cohesion = 0 psf

Embankment Fill / Separator Dike

- Effective Unit Weight = 123 pcf
- Effective Friction Angle = 32 degrees
- Effective Cohesion = 140 psf

Foundation Soil (Residual)

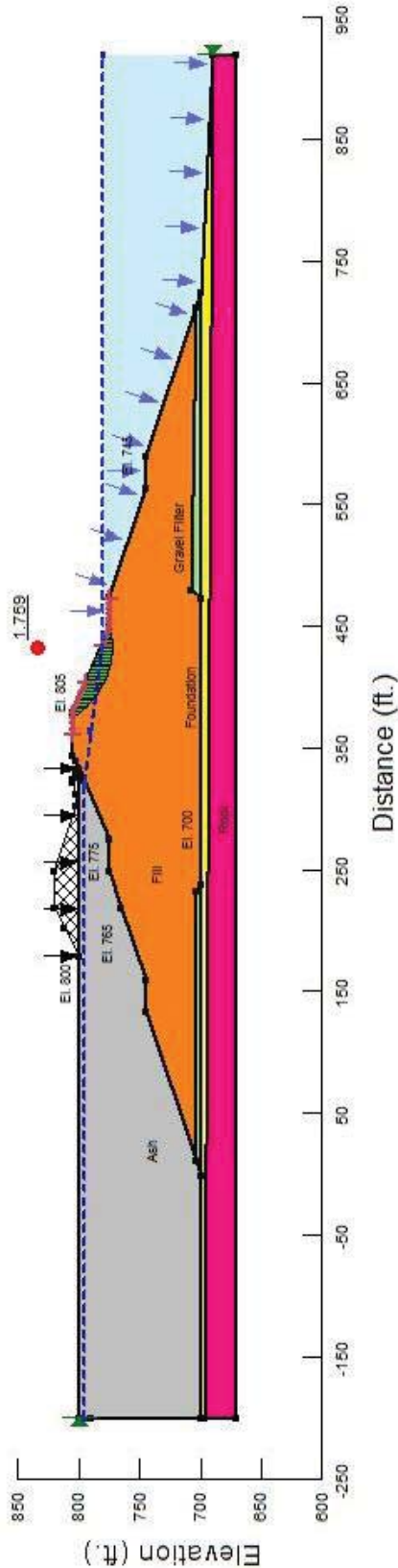
- Effective Unit Weight = 112 pcf
- Effective Friction Angle = 37 degrees
- Effective Cohesion = 0 psf

Foundation 2 (Filter Gravel)

- Effective Unit Weight = 130 pcf
- Effective Friction Angle = 40 degrees
- Effective Cohesion = 0 psf

Rock

- Effective Unit Weight = 150 pcf
- Effective Friction Angle = 40 degrees
- Effective Cohesion = 3,000 psf





Plant Wansley Ash Pond Separation Dam Stability Analysis

Maximum Surcharge Pool (Static)

Material Properties

Sluiced Ash

Effective Unit Weight = 80 pcf  
Effective Friction Angle = 10 degrees  
Effective Cohesion = 0 psf

Embankment Fill / Separator Dike

Effective Unit Weight = 123 pcf  
Effective Friction Angle = 32 degrees  
Effective Cohesion = 140 psf

Foundation Soil (Residual)

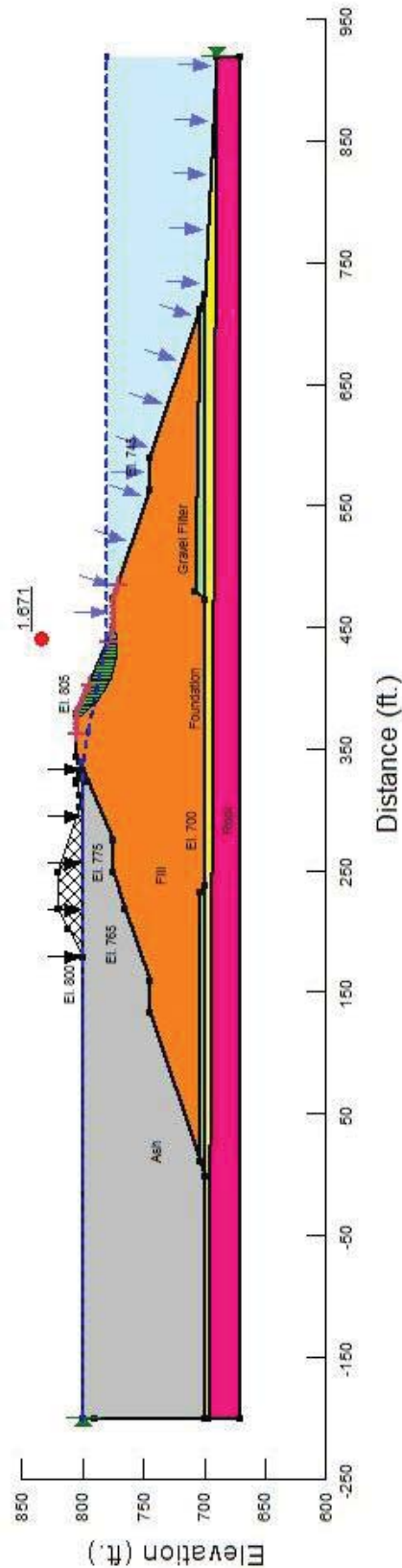
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Foundation 2 (Filter Gravel)

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Rock

Effective Unit Weight = 150 pcf  
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Effective Cohesion = 3,000 psf



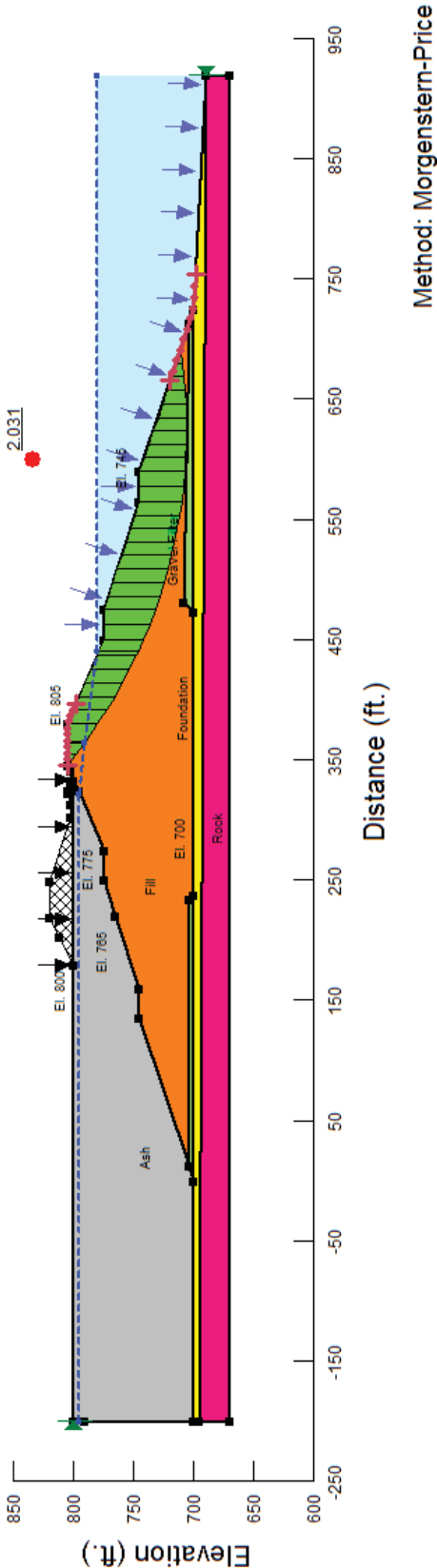
Method: Morgenstern-Price

Plant Wansley Ash Pond Separation Dam Stability Analysis

Seismic (0.5 ft max. displacement)

Material Properties

- Sluiced Ash
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  - Effective Friction Angle = 10 degrees
  - Effective Cohesion = 0 psf
- Embankment Fill / Separator Dike
  - Effective Unit Weight = 123 pcf
  - Effective Friction Angle = 32 degrees
  - Effective Cohesion = 140 psf
- Foundation Soil (Residual)
  - Effective Unit Weight = 112 pcf
  - Effective Friction Angle = 37 degrees
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  - Effective Unit Weight = 130 pcf
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# Attachment A

## Geosyntec Estimated Material Properties



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 Client: SCS Project: Plant Wansley Project No: GW6007

Table 1. Estimated Material Properties of the Ash Pond Closure and Subsurface Soils

Material	Unit Weight (pcf)	Drained		Undrained		
		Effective Friction Angle (degrees)	Cohesion (psf)	Effective Friction Angle (degrees)	Cohesion (psf)	Undrained Shear Strength Ratio <sup>[1]</sup>
Sluiced Ash	80	10 <sup>[2]</sup>	0	-	-	0.12 <sup>[3,4]</sup>
Dry Ash	80	25	0	25	0	-
Gypsum	120	35	0	35	0	-
Embankment Fill/Separator Dike	123	32	140	29	400	-
Foundation Soil	112	37	0	24	80	-
Rock	150	40	3,000	40	3,000	-
Concrete	150	55	0	55	0	-
Stabilized Ash	100	0	7,200 <sup>[5]</sup>	0	7,200 <sup>[5]</sup>	-

Notes: [1] The listed value has been reduced by 20% to account for shear strength reduction in pseudo-static stability analyses.

[2] Increased to 25 degrees as part of the sensitivity analyses.

[3] Increased to 0.4 (i.e., reduced value of 0.32) as part of the sensitivity analyses.

[4] The undrained shear strength ratio was estimated based on in situ cone penetrometer tests; all other properties were based on previous analyses completed by Southern Company Services.

[5] Changed to 3,240 and 10,800 psf as part of the sensitivity analyses.

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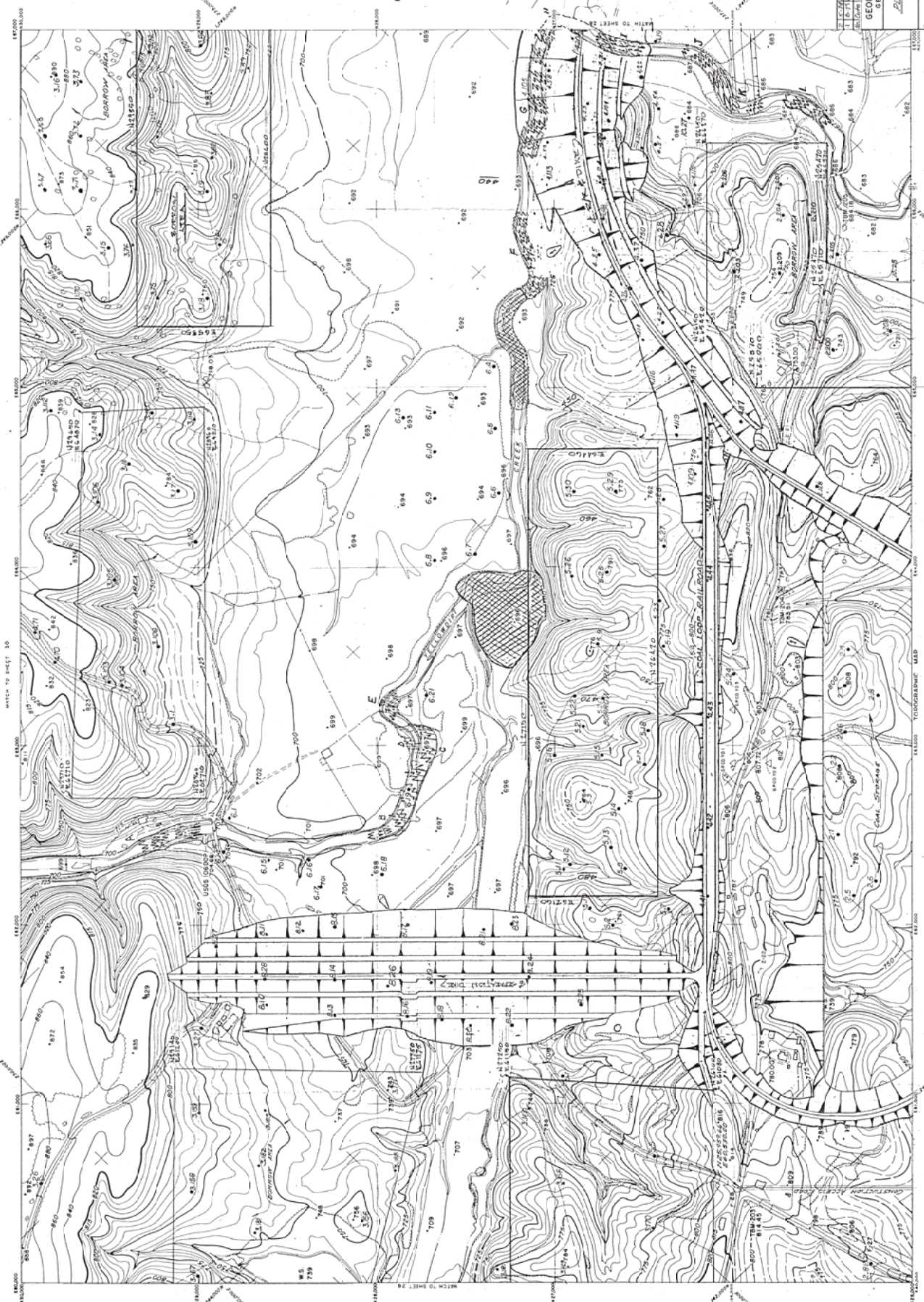
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### Reference Drawings

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AVAILABLE SANDS AND  
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Area of Investigation  
Potential Area



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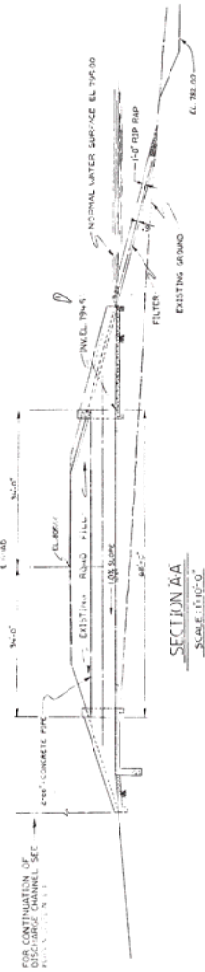
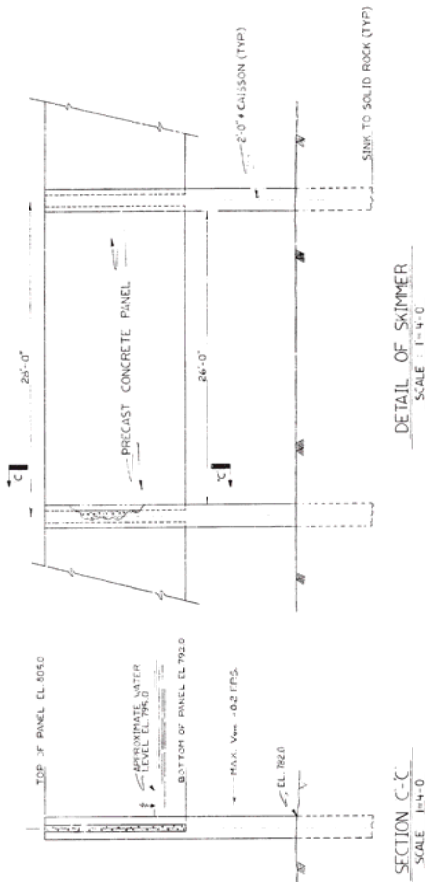
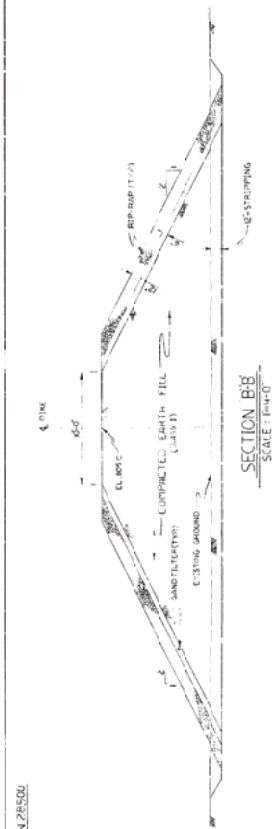
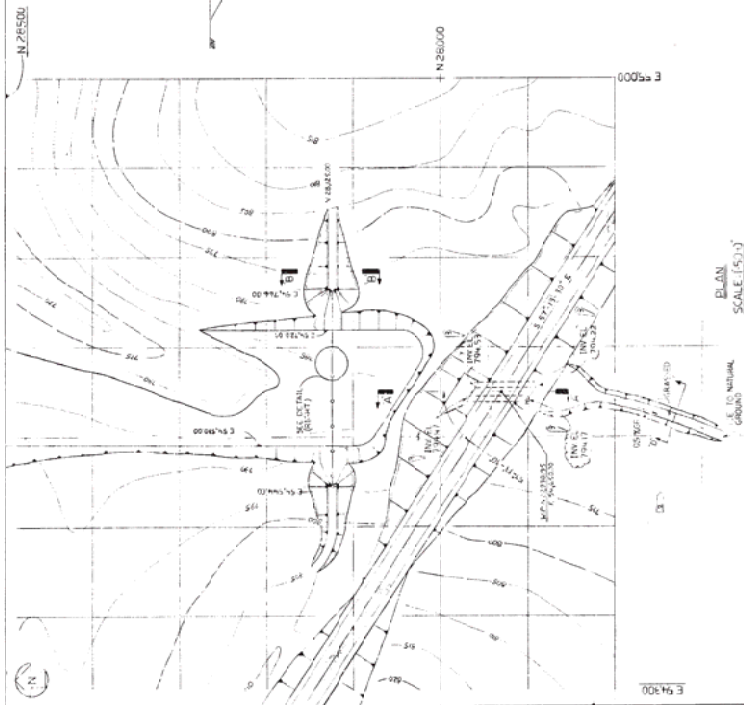


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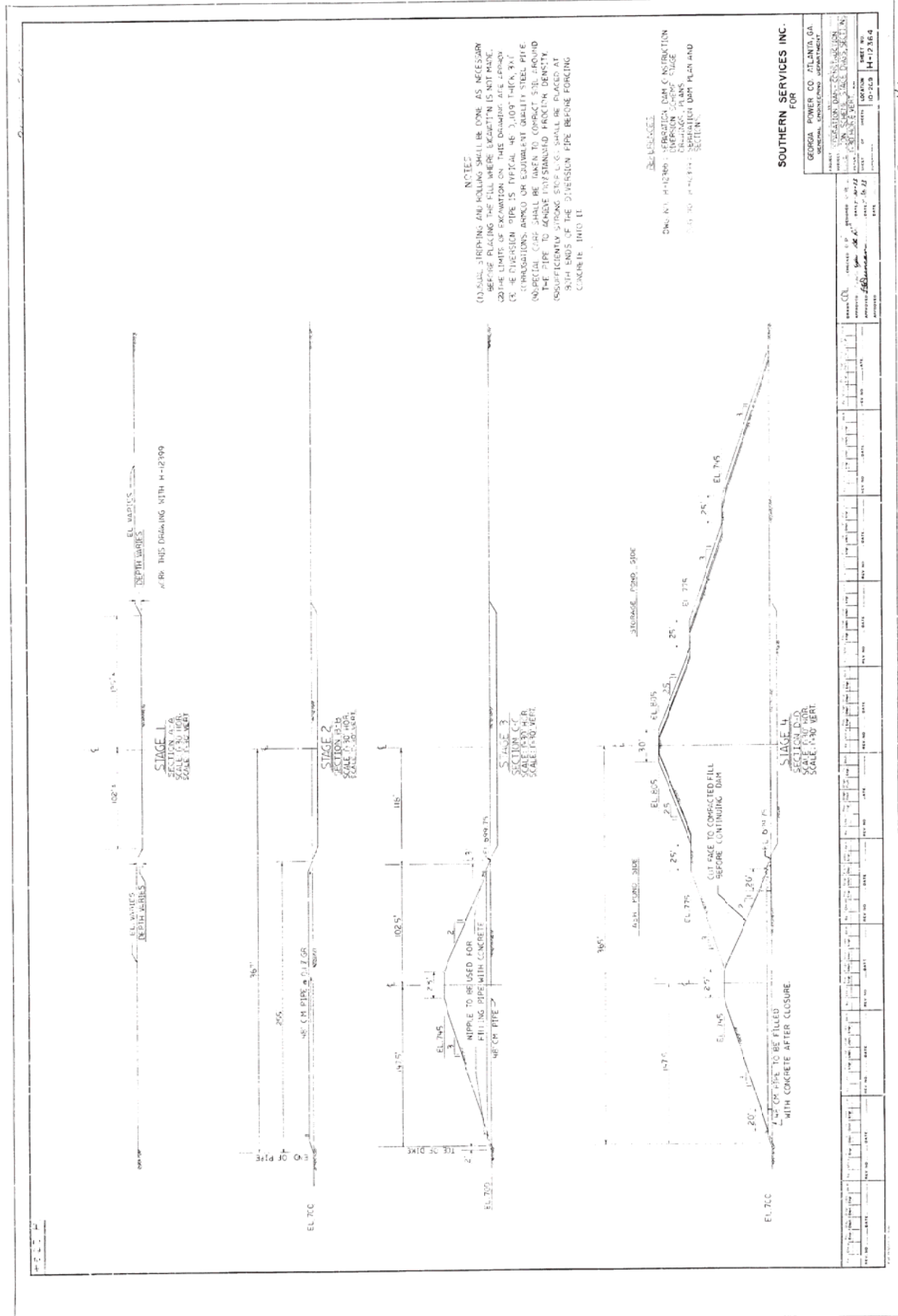
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NOTES:  
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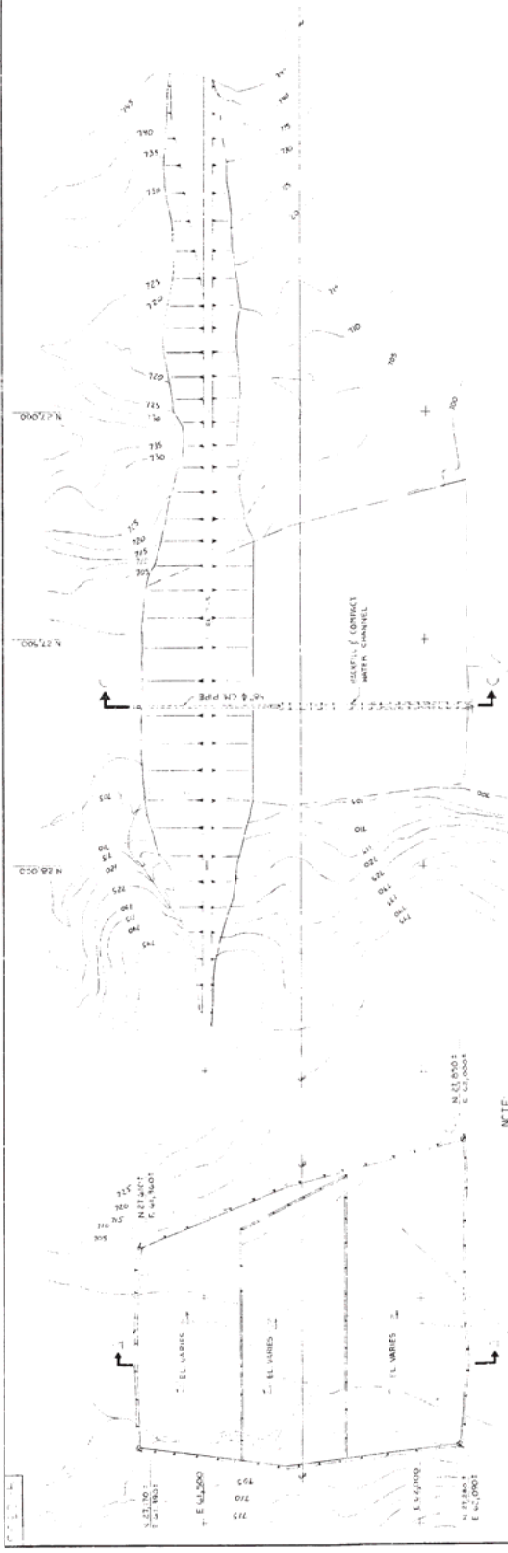
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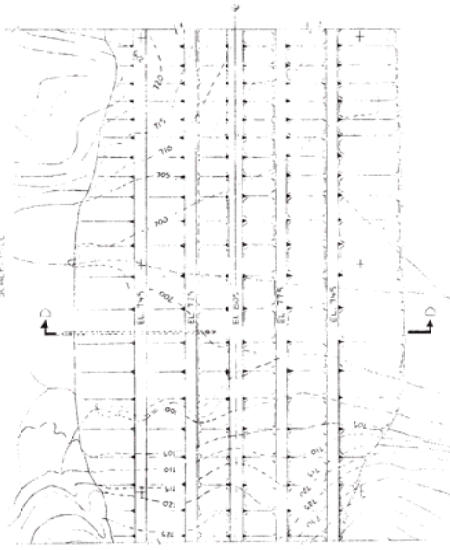
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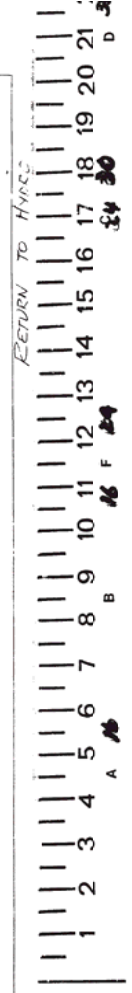
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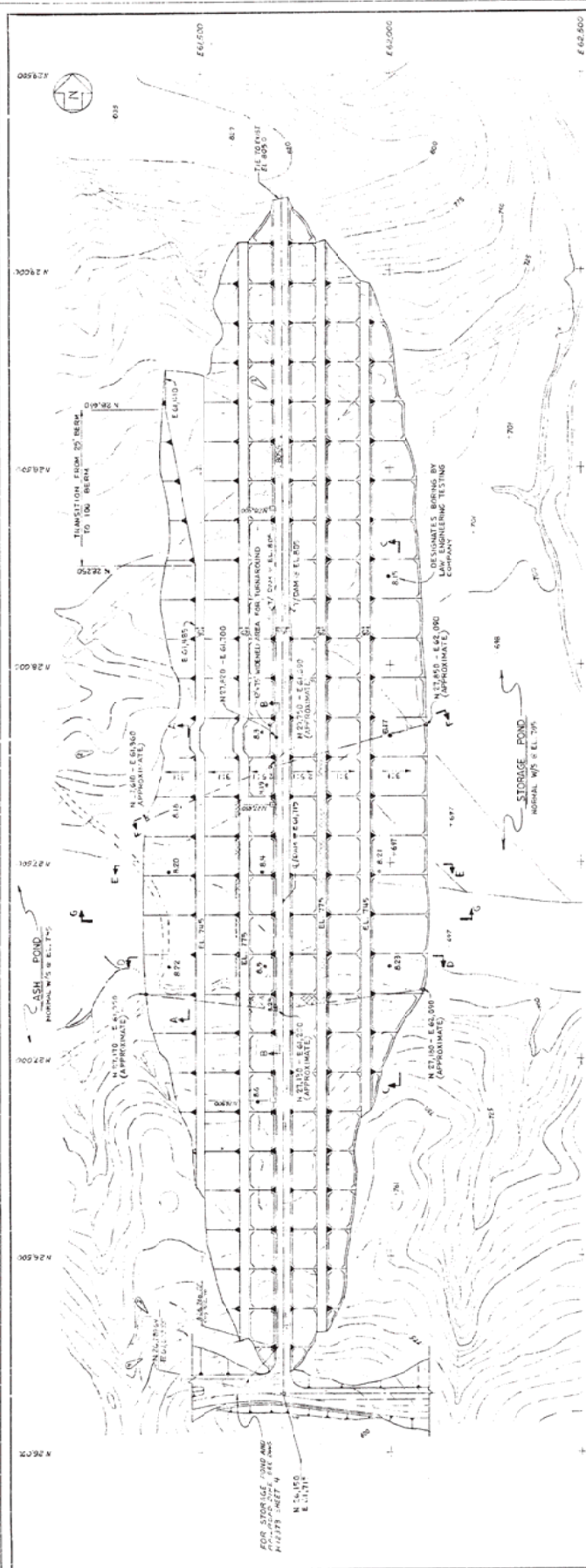
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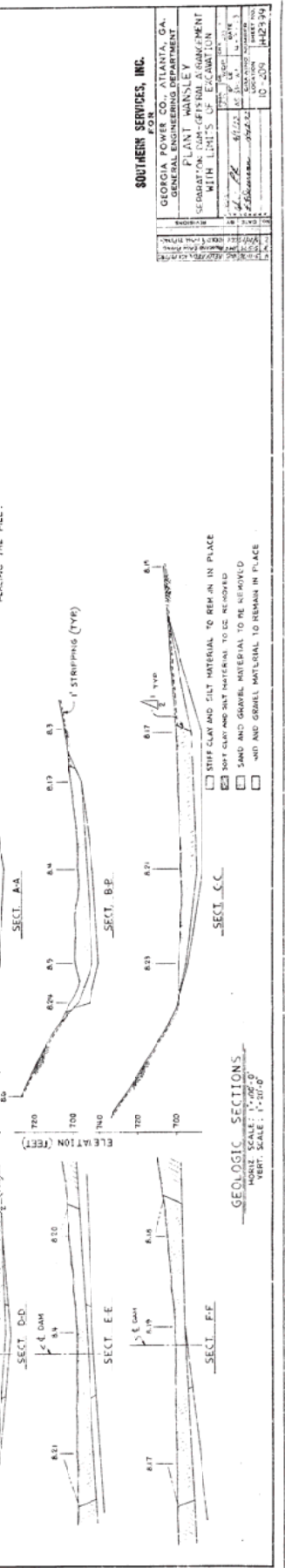
**NOTE 1:**

- SOFT TO VERY SOFT ALLUVIAL CLAY AND SILT IS TO BE REMOVED TO THE PROPOSED ELEVATION OF THE DAM. THE APPROXIMATE BOUNDARY IS SHOWN BY THE SHADDED AREA. LEAVE STIFF CLAY AND SILT IN PLACE.
- SAND AND GRAVEL LAYERS BELOW THE CLAY AND SILT ARE TO BE REMOVED TO THE PROPOSED ELEVATION OF THE DAM. ONLY THE BEST MATERIAL IS TO BE USED AS A DRAINAGE BLANKET.
- FOR GEOLOGIC CROSS SECTIONS AND OTHER RELATED DETAILS, THE LOCATION OF THE DAM IS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE ACTUAL EXAMINATION OF THE MATERIAL TO BE REMOVED. THE LOCATION OF THE DAM IS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE ACTUAL EXAMINATION OF THE MATERIAL TO BE REMOVED.
- USUAL STRIPPING SHOULD BE DONE AS NECESSARY BEFORE PLACING THE FILL.

**PLAN OF SEPARATION DAM**  
1" = 100'-0"

**REFERENCES - SEPARATION DAM**

- BOOK - DESIGN - SCHEM - SIZE DRAWINGS & NOTES
- BOOK - SECTION & DETAILS
- BOOK - CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS - 1948
- BOOK - DRAINAGE & PLOTS
- BOOK - STABILITY ANALYSIS, SHEET 1 OF 3
- BOOK - STABILITY ANALYSIS, SHEET 2 OF 3
- BOOK - STABILITY ANALYSIS, SHEET 3 OF 3
- BOOK - GEN. UNIFORMITY, DAM TYPE DRAIN



**GEOLOGIC SECTIONS**  
HORIZONTAL SCALE 1" = 100'-0"  
VERTICAL SCALE 1" = 20'-0"

**LEGEND**

- STIFF CLAY AND SILT MATERIAL TO REMAIN IN PLACE
- SOFT CLAY AND SILT MATERIAL TO BE REMOVED
- SAND AND GRAVEL MATERIAL TO BE REMOVED
- SAND AND GRAVEL MATERIAL TO REMAIN IN PLACE

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