

# PRELIMINARY GEOTECHNICAL EXPLORATION HELENA HARBOR SITE CERTIFICATION HELENA, ARKANSAS

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Preliminary Geotechnical Exploration

Helena Harbor Site Certification

Helena, Arkansas

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Dear Mr. Lowery:

Presented in this report are the results of our preliminary geotechnical exploration performed by Geotechnology, Inc. for the referenced project. The report includes our understanding of the project, observed site conditions, conclusions and/or recommendations, and support data as listed in the Table of Contents.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide geotechnical services for this project. If you have any questions regarding this report, or if we can be of any additional service to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

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### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Geotechnology, Inc. has prepared this preliminary geotechnical report for Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas, for the potential development of an approximately 2,000-acre tract located north of the Mississippi River in Helena, Arkansas. Our services in this report were provided in general accordance with the scope of services described in our Proposal P034421.01, dated February 5, 2021. Our services were authorized by your signed acceptance of our terms for services on February 23, 2021.

The purposes of the preliminary geotechnical exploration were to develop a general subsurface profile at the site and prepare preliminary geotechnical recommendations as defined in our proposal. A design phase geotechnical exploration is required to finalize the geotechnical recommendations. Our scope of services included site reconnaissance, geotechnical borings, laboratory testing, engineering analyses, and preparation of this report.

A copy of "Important Information about This Geotechnical-Engineering Report," published by the Geotechnical Business Council (GBC) of the Geoprofessional Business Association (GBA), is included in Appendix A for your review. The publication discusses report limitations and ways to manage risk associated with subsurface conditions.

### 2.0 SITE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The approximately 2,000-acre area is located north of the Mississippi River, in the northwest corner of the intersection of Road 418 and AR-20 Spur in Helena, Arkansas as shown on Figure 1 (Site Location and Topography) in Appendix B. The site is bordered to the north and west by agricultural fields, to the east by AR-20 Spur and agricultural fields, and to the south by Road 418, Phillips Road 422, and the Mississippi River. Two ponds are located approximately ½-mile north of the site.

The site is currently undeveloped and used for agricultural purposes with the exception of the northern corners which have been developed. Based on available imagery and site reconnaissance performed by our personnel, the northwestern corner consists of several silos, buildings, and other structures with associated access drives; the northeastern corner consists of several buildings and associated access drives. Several field access roads and drainage ditches cross the site. The ground surface across the site is covered with grass and fine-grained soil and relatively flat with the exception of the southeast portion where the ground surface slopes



downward towards the Mississippi River. It is our understanding the preliminary subsurface information is needed for potential future development.

### 3.0 PRELIMINARY GEOTECHNICAL EXPLORATION

The preliminary geotechnical exploration consisted of 15 borings, designated as Borings B-1 through -15. The borings were located in the field by a representative of Geotechnology using a GPS unit and coordinates. The boring locations shown on Figure 2 (Aerial Photograph of Site and Boring Locations) in Appendix B are approximate; if elevations or more precise locations are required, the client should retain a registered surveyor to establish boring locations and elevations.

The borings were drilled between April 23 and May 15, 2021 with ATV and track-mounted rotary drill rigs (CME 550X and Diedrich D-50) using hollow-stem augers and wash-rotary drilling methods, as indicated on the boring logs presented in Appendix C. Soil sampling was accomplished ahead of the augers at the depths indicated on the boring logs using 2-inch-outside-diameter (O.D.) split-spoon or 3-inch-O.D., thin-walled Shelby tube samples in general accordance with the procedures outlined by ASTM D1586 and ASTM D1587, respectively. Standard Penetration Tests (SPTs) were performed on the split-spoon samples using an automatic hammer to obtain the standard penetration resistance, or N-value<sup>1</sup>, of the sampled material.

The drill crew kept a log of the subsurface profile noting the soil types and stratifications, groundwater, SPT results, and other pertinent data. Observations for groundwater were made in the borings during drilling.

Representative portions of the split-spoon samples were placed in glass jars to preserve sample moisture. The Shelby tubes were capped and taped at their ends to preserve the sample moisture and unit weight, and the tubes were transported and stored in an upright position. The glass jars and Shelby tubes were marked and labeled in the field for identification, then returned to our laboratory in Memphis.

### 4.0 LABORATORY REVIEW AND TESTING

Laboratory testing was performed on soil samples to assess engineering and index properties. The soil testing consisted of moisture contents (ASTM D2216), Atterberg limits (ASTM D4318), grain size (sieve) analyses (ASTM D6913), and unconsolidated-undrained triaxial compression (UU; ASTM D2850). Most of the laboratory test results are presented on the boring logs in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The standard penetration resistance, or N-value, is defined as the number of blows required to drive the split-spoon sampler 12 inches with a 140-pound hammer falling 30 inches. Since the split spoon sampler is driven 18 inches or until refusal, the blows for the first 6 inches are for seating the sampler, and the number of blows for the final 12 inches is the N-value. Additionally, "refusal" of the split-spoon sampler occurs when the sampler is driven less than 6 inches with 50 blows of the hammer.



Appendix C. Plots of the Atterberg limit. grain size analyses, and UU tests are also presented in Appendix D.

The boring logs were prepared by a project geotechnical engineer from the field logs, visual classification of the soil samples in the laboratory, and laboratory test results. Terms and symbols used on the boring logs are presented in the Boring Log: Terms and Symbols in Appendix C. Stratification lines on the boring logs indicate approximate changes in strata. The transition between strata could be abrupt or gradual.

### **5.0 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

### 5.1 Geology

In general, the geology of the site consists of alluvial deposits of sand, silt, and clay from the Mississippi River.

### **5.2 Stratigraphy**

The ground surface at the locations of the borings was covered with topsoil and fine-grained soil. Based on the borings, the stratigraphy generally consisted of predominately fine-grained soils underlain by predominantly coarse-grained soils to the maximum depth of exploration (100 feet). The fine-grained stratum extended to the boring termination depths in Borings B-5 and -12. Interlayered fine-grained layers were encountered in the coarse-grained stratum in Borings B-13 and -14. More specific descriptions of the soil layers are provided below and in the boring logs in Appendix C. A generalized subsurface profile that includes all of the borings drilled during this exploration is provided in Appendix B.

<u>Predominately Fine-Grained Soil</u>. From the ground surface and underlying the topsoil, fine-grained layers comprised of soils classified as very soft to very stiff, low plasticity silt (ML) and lean clay (CL) and high plasticity, fat clay (CH) with varying amounts of sand were encountered to a maximum depth of 98 feet. Moisture contents of the tested samples ranged from approximately 21 to 80 percent. Atterberg limits performed on select samples yielded liquid limits (LL) of 28 to 80 percent and plasticity indices (PI) of 4 to 64 percent. The UU tests performed on relatively undisturbed Shelby tube samples recovered in this stratum yielded undrained shear strengths of 860 and 640 pounds per square foot (psf). The SPT N-values measured in the fine-grained soils ranged from 0 to 20 bpf.

<u>Predominately Coarse-Grained Soil</u>. Soils classified as very loose to very dense silty sand (SM), clayey sand (SC), and intermixed sand (SP, SP-SM, and SP-SC) were encountered below the fine-grained stratum and extended to the maximum boring termination depth of approximately 100 feet. The SPT N-values measured in the coarse-grained soils ranged from 3 to greater than 50 bpf.

#### 5.3 Groundwater

Groundwater was encountered during drilling in Borings B-1 through -5, -7, -10, -11, and -15 at approximate depths ranging from 9 to 13 feet. Groundwater levels will vary over time due to the



effects of seasonal variation in precipitation, influence to the Mississippi River, or other factors not evident at the time of exploration.

### 6.0 PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 6.1 Summary of Site Conditions for Potential Development

In general, based on the information from the borings, the site is suitable for development from a geotechnical standpoint, but soil improvement may be required. Based on the results of the field and laboratory testing, soft soils and expansive soils are present at varying depths across the site. If lightly loaded structures are planned, measures may be required to mitigate soft soils and expansive clays. If heavier structures are planned, deep foundations will likely be required. Soil improvement may be required below shallow foundations to separate foundations from soft or expansive clays. Additionally, there may be a potential for liquefaction during seismic events. This can be assessed during a design phase geotechnical exploration.

The site is currently used for agricultural purposes and will require stripping of vegetation, topsoil, and organic material. If the structures in the northern corners of the site are to be demolished, all materials associated with past construction should be removed. The following site preparation and earthwork recommendations are preliminary and will be revised based on future development plans and the results of the design-phase exploration.

### **6.2 Site Preparation and Earthwork**

<u>Initial Site Preparation</u>. In general, cut areas and areas to receive new fill should be stripped of topsoil, vegetation, soft soils, and other deleterious materials. Topsoil should be placed in landscape areas or disposed of off-site. Vegetation and tree roots should be over-excavated.

<u>Proofroll.</u> In general, after performing site preparation and excavations in the cut areas, the exposed subgrade should be proofrolled using a heavily loaded truck (18,000 pounds per axle) under the review of the project geotechnical engineer or a representative thereof. This requirement may be waived if the geotechnical engineer determines that proofrolling would disturb an otherwise acceptable subgrade. Soft or yielding soils should be stabilized as directed by the geotechnical engineer. Any undercut should be backfilled with new compacted fill satisfying the material and compaction requirements presented in this section. The undercut soils can be reused provided that they conform to the recommendations contained in this report regarding acceptable fill materials.

<u>Cut Areas</u>. Based on the stratigraphy encountered in the borings, excavations will terminate in low plasticity, sandy soils. These soils are classified as OSHA soil type C. After excavation, the top 6 inches of the resulting subgrade should be compacted to a minimum of 98% of the maximum dry unit weight as determined by a standard Proctor test (ASTM D698).

<u>Suitable Fill</u>. Fill materials should consist of natural soils classifying as lean clay, silty sand, or clayey sand (CL, SM, or SC), have a maximum LL of 45 and a PI of no more than 20 percent. Such materials should be free from organic matter, debris, or other deleterious materials, and



have a maximum particle size of 2 inches. The onsite, high plasticity clays are not suitable for use as fill unless modified to reduce the PI such that it meets the previously discussed criteria.

<u>Fill Placement and Compaction</u>. Fill and backfill should be placed in level lifts, up to 8 inches in loose thickness. For soils that exhibit a well-defined moisture density relationship, each lift should be moisture-conditioned to within the acceptable moisture content range provided in Table 1, and compacted with a sheepsfoot roller or self-propelled compactor to at least the minimum percent compaction indicated in Table 1. Moisture-conditioning can include: aeration and drying of wetter soils; wetting drier soils; and/or mixing wetter and drier soils into a uniform blend. For granular soils that do not exhibit a well-defined moisture density relationship, the soils should be compacted to at least the minimum relative densities indicated in Table 2. Thinner lifts should be used for lighter compaction equipment. The backfill should not be flushed or jetted with water in an attempt to obtain compaction.

Table 1. Percent Compaction and Moisture-Conditioning Requirements for Fill and Backfill.

Area	Minimum Percent Compaction <sup>a,b</sup>	Acceptable Moisture Content Range <sup>c</sup>
Structural <sup>d</sup>	95%	±2%
Non-Structural	92%	±2%
Pavement Subgrades	98%	±2%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> In reference to the standard Proctor maximum dry unit weight measured by ASTM D698.

Table 2. Relative Density Compaction Requirements for Granular Fill and Backfill.

Area	Minimum Relative Density <sup>a,b</sup>
Structural <sup>c</sup>	70%
Non-structural	70%
Pavement Base Course	75%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Relative density evaluated from the maximum and minimum index densities measured by ASTM D4253 and D4254, respectively.

Moisture-Sensitive Soils. Maintaining the moisture content of bearing and subgrade soils within the acceptable ranges provided in Table 1 is important during and after construction for the proposed structures. The clayey bearing and subgrade soils should not be allowed to become wet or dry during or after construction, and measures should be taken to hinder water from ponding on these soils and to reduce drying of these soils during droughts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> For granular soils that do not exhibit a well-defined moisture-density relationship, refer to Table 2 for minimum relative density requirements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> In reference to optimum moisture content as measured by ASTM D698.

d Structural Fill and backfill for foundations are defined as fill and backfill located within the zones of influence of structures. The zone of influence of a structure is defined as the area below the footprint and 1V:1H outward and downward projections from the bearing elevation of the structure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> For granular soils that exhibit a well-defined moisture density relationship, refer to Table 1 for minimum percent compaction and moisture-conditioning requirements.

c Structural fill and backfill for foundations are defined as fill and backfill located within the zone of influence of structures. The zone of influence of a structure is defined as the area below the footprint of the structure and 1V:1H outward and downward projections from the bearing elevation of the structure.



<u>Shallow Groundwater</u>. Groundwater was encountered at relatively shallow depths ranging from 9 to 13 feet. If excavations will be required for future developments, dewatering systems may be required to lower the groundwater level. The depth to groundwater will vary overtime, and design-phase geotechnical explorations should be performed for future developments to better establish groundwater levels and to develop recommendations for managing groundwater if required for the project.

<u>Site Water Management</u>. Managing site water is important in successful performance of the pavement and foundation systems. Water from surface runoff, downspouts, and subsurface drains should be collected and discharged through a site drainage system. Final grades should be sloped away from building foundations.

Additional Considerations. Trees and other, deep-rooted vegetation should not be planted within 1.5 times their projected mature foliage radius from foundations, as their roots extract moisture from plastic and low-plastic soils alike, causing them to shrink, which can potentially create foundation settlement issues. Shrubs and flowerbeds should be located a minimum of 5 feet away from the perimeter of shallow foundations.

We recommend that earthwork operations be carried out during drier times of the year and that a grade be maintained at the ground surface to reduce ponding of surface water. Asphalt, concrete, or fill should not be placed over frozen or saturated soils, and frozen or saturated soils should not be used as compacted fill or backfill.

Upon completion of earthwork, disturbed areas should be stabilized. It is also recommended that riprap and/or armoring placed over a separation geofabric be used at the outlets of storm sewers and headwalls to reduce flow velocities and protect against erosion.

### 6.3 Seismic Considerations

The site lies within the influence of the New Madrid Seismic Zone (NMSZ). We have assumed the projects for this site will be designed in accordance with the 2015 International Building Code (IBC) and ASCE 7-10. The 2015 IBC / ASCE 7-10 stipulates structures be designed based on an earthquake event with a probability of exceedance of 2% in 50 years. Based on the results of the field and laboratory testing, the variability of the soils encountered in the borings, and our interpretation of the 2015 IBC / ASCE 7-10, the site class and seismic parameters may vary across the property. If there is a potential for liquefaction in the proposed development area, the site is classified as Site Class F and will require a site-specific response analysis to determine the seismic accelerations. Additionally, some borings resulted in Site Class E and others resulted in Site Class D. Presented in Table 3 are parameters for Site Classes D and E.



Table 3. Site Class and Seismic Parameters (2% Probability of Exceedance in 50 Years).

Category/ Parameter	Site Class D Designation/ Value	Site Class E Designation/ Value	Site Class F Designation/ Value**	Reference
Ss	0.529g*	0.529g*		Latitude 34.402704°N
S <sub>1</sub>	0.208g*	0.208g*		Longitude 90.663960°W
Fa	1.376	1.641		2015 IBC Table 1613.3.3(1)
F <sub>v</sub>	1.985	3.169		2015 IBC Table 1613.3.3(2)
$F_{PGA}$	1.236	1.291		ASCE 7-10 Table 11.8-1
S <sub>MS</sub>	0.729g	0.869g		2015 IBC Equation 16-37
S <sub>M1</sub>	0.412g	0.658g		2015 IBC Equation 16-38
S <sub>DS</sub>	0.486g	0.579g		2015 IBC Equation 16-39
S <sub>D1</sub>	0.275g	0.439g		2015 IBC Equation 16-40
PGA	0.282g	0.282g		ASCE 7-10 Figure 22-7
PGA <sub>M</sub>	0.348g	0.364g		ASCE 7-10 Equation 11.8-1

<sup>\*</sup> S<sub>S</sub> and S<sub>1</sub> were computed using the web-based U.S. Seismic Design Maps (<a href="https://hazards.atcouncil.org/">https://hazards.atcouncil.org/</a>) using the indicated latitude and longitude coordinates of the project site.

<u>Liquefaction and Dynamic Settlement.</u> Liquefaction can occur in loose, saturated, cohesionless soil deposits subjected to earthquake motions. Soils meeting these criteria are present at the site. Based on the results of preliminary analysis, there is liquefaction potential at the site. Liquefaction potential and estimated dynamic settlement amounts can be addressed during the design-phase geotechnical exploration. Please note, the site will classify as Site Class F if there is a potential for liquefaction and will require a site-specific response analysis. It should also be noted that some movement of foundations should be anticipated during seismic events, and dynamic settlements can occur regardless of the occurrence of liquefaction.

### 6.4 Preliminary Foundations

### 6.4.1 Shallow Foundations

For preliminary design and budgeting purposes, shallow foundations can be proportioned using a maximum net allowable bearing capacity of 1,400 pounds per square foot (psf) for spread and strip footings. We anticipate this allowable bearing pressure will be suitable for typical warehouse construction. However, mitigating the in situ, soft soils and high plasticity clays will be critical to the performance and life of structures supported on shallow foundations. Settlement analyses can be addressed once a design-phase geotechnical exploration is performed and structural loads are provided.

### 6.4.2 Ground Improvement

Depending on the anticipated structural loads for future developments at the site, ground improvement (such as aggregate piers) may be considered to facilitate the use of shallow foundations. Ground improvement may be used to increase bearing capacity, reduce potential settlement, and/or mitigate soils susceptible to liquefaction. Specialty design/build contractors can

<sup>\*\*</sup> Site-specific response analysis required.



design and install ground improvement using data from this subsurface exploration report and specific details of column loads and layouts for the structure.

### 6.4.3 Deep Foundations

If future developments will include relatively heavy structural loads, deep foundations can be considered. Suitable deep foundation types generally include driven, steel H-piles or pipe piles. Drilled shafts or augercast piles are also suitable deep foundation types. In general, if deep foundations are required for a future development, the pile lengths will likely terminate in dense sandy soils which vary in depth across the site. Pile capacities can be provided once a design-phase geotechnical exploration is performed and structural loads are provided.

### 7.0 RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL SERVICES

We recommend Geotechnology be contacted for additional geotechnical exploration services if plans are developed for the site. Geotechnology can provide design-phase geotechnical services after reviewing plans for the area.

### **8.0 LIMITATIONS**

This report has been prepared on behalf of, and for the exclusive use of, the client for specific application to the named project as described herein. If this report is provided to other parties, it should be provided in its entirety with all supplementary information. In addition, the client should make it clear that the information is provided for factual data only, and not as a warranty of subsurface conditions presented in this report. The contents of this report can only be used for budgeting or preliminary design purposes. A design-phase study will be required before final design is completed.

Geotechnology has attempted to conduct the services reported herein in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the profession currently practicing in the same locality and under similar conditions. The recommendations and conclusions contained in this report are professional opinions. The report is not a bidding document and should not be used for that purpose.

Our scope for this phase of the project did not include any environmental assessment or investigation for the presence or absence of wetlands or hazardous or toxic materials in the soil, surface water, groundwater, or air, on or below or around this site. Any statements in this report or on the boring logs regarding odors noted or unusual or suspicious items or conditions observed are strictly for the information of our client. Our scope did not include an assessment of the effects of flooding and erosion of creeks or rivers adjacent to or on the project site.

Our scope did not include: any services to investigate or detect the presence of mold or any other biological contaminants (such as spores, fungus, bacteria, viruses, and the by-products of such organisms) on and around the site; or any services, designed or intended, to prevent or lower the risk of the occurrence of an infestation of mold or other biological contaminants.



The analyses, conclusions, and recommendations contained in this report are based on the data obtained from the geotechnical exploration. The field exploration methods used indicate subsurface conditions only at the specific locations where samples were obtained, only at the time they were obtained, and only to the depths penetrated. Consequently, subsurface conditions could vary gradually, abruptly, and/or nonlinearly between sample locations and/or intervals.

The conclusions or recommendations presented in this report should not be used without Geotechnology's review and assessment if the nature, design, or location of the facilities is changed, if there is a lapse in time between the submittal of this report and the start of work at the site, or if there is a substantial interruption or delay during work at the site. If changes are contemplated or delays occur, Geotechnology must be allowed to review them to assess their impact on the findings, conclusions, and/or design recommendations given in this report. Geotechnology will not be responsible for any claims, damages, or liability associated with any other party's interpretations of the subsurface data or with reuse of the subsurface data or engineering analyses in this report.

The recommendations included in this report have been based in part on assumptions about variations in site stratigraphy that can be evaluated further during earthwork and foundation construction. Geotechnology should be retained to perform construction observation and continue its geotechnical engineering service using observational methods. Geotechnology cannot assume liability for the adequacy of its recommendations when they are used in the field without Geotechnology being retained to observe construction.



APPENDIX A - IMPORTA	ANT INFORMATION ABOUT	THIS GEOTECHNICAL-	<b>ENGINEERING</b>
	REPORT		

# **Important Information about This**

# Geotechnical-Engineering Report

Subsurface problems are a principal cause of construction delays, cost overruns, claims, and disputes.

While you cannot eliminate all such risks, you can manage them. The following information is provided to help.

The Geoprofessional Business Association (GBA) has prepared this advisory to help you - assumedly a client representative - interpret and apply this geotechnical-engineering report as effectively as possible. In that way, you can benefit from a lowered exposure to problems associated with subsurface conditions at project sites and development of them that, for decades, have been a principal cause of construction delays, cost overruns, claims, and disputes. If you have questions or want more information about any of the issues discussed herein, contact your GBA-member geotechnical engineer. Active engagement in GBA exposes geotechnical engineers to a wide array of risk-confrontation techniques that can be of genuine benefit for everyone involved with a construction project.

### Understand the Geotechnical-Engineering Services Provided for this Report

Geotechnical-engineering services typically include the planning, collection, interpretation, and analysis of exploratory data from widely spaced borings and/or test pits. Field data are combined with results from laboratory tests of soil and rock samples obtained from field exploration (if applicable), observations made during site reconnaissance, and historical information to form one or more models of the expected subsurface conditions beneath the site. Local geology and alterations of the site surface and subsurface by previous and proposed construction are also important considerations. Geotechnical engineers apply their engineering training, experience, and judgment to adapt the requirements of the prospective project to the subsurface model(s). Estimates are made of the subsurface conditions that will likely be exposed during construction as well as the expected performance of foundations and other structures being planned and/or affected by construction activities.

The culmination of these geotechnical-engineering services is typically a geotechnical-engineering report providing the data obtained, a discussion of the subsurface model(s), the engineering and geologic engineering assessments and analyses made, and the recommendations developed to satisfy the given requirements of the project. These reports may be titled investigations, explorations, studies, assessments, or evaluations. Regardless of the title used, the geotechnical-engineering report is an engineering interpretation of the subsurface conditions within the context of the project and does not represent a close examination, systematic inquiry, or thorough investigation of all site and subsurface conditions.

# Geotechnical-Engineering Services are Performed for Specific Purposes, Persons, and Projects, and At Specific Times

Geotechnical engineers structure their services to meet the specific needs, goals, and risk management preferences of their clients. A geotechnical-engineering study conducted for a given civil engineer will <u>not</u> likely meet the needs of a civil-works constructor or even a different civil engineer. Because each geotechnical-engineering study is unique, each geotechnical-engineering report is unique, prepared *solely* for the client.

Likewise, geotechnical-engineering services are performed for a specific project and purpose. For example, it is unlikely that a geotechnical-engineering study for a refrigerated warehouse will be the same as one prepared for a parking garage; and a few borings drilled during a preliminary study to evaluate site feasibility will not be adequate to develop geotechnical design recommendations for the project.

Do <u>not</u> rely on this report if your geotechnical engineer prepared it:

- for a different client;
- for a different project or purpose;
- for a different site (that may or may not include all or a portion of the original site); or
- before important events occurred at the site or adjacent to it;
   e.g., man-made events like construction or environmental remediation, or natural events like floods, droughts, earthquakes, or groundwater fluctuations.

Note, too, the reliability of a geotechnical-engineering report can be affected by the passage of time, because of factors like changed subsurface conditions; new or modified codes, standards, or regulations; or new techniques or tools. *If you are the least bit uncertain* about the continued reliability of this report, contact your geotechnical engineer before applying the recommendations in it. A minor amount of additional testing or analysis after the passage of time – if any is required at all – could prevent major problems.

### Read this Report in Full

Costly problems have occurred because those relying on a geotechnical-engineering report did not read the report in its entirety. Do <u>not</u> rely on an executive summary. Do <u>not</u> read selective elements only. *Read and refer to the report in full.* 

## You Need to Inform Your Geotechnical Engineer About Change

Your geotechnical engineer considered unique, project-specific factors when developing the scope of study behind this report and developing the confirmation-dependent recommendations the report conveys. Typical changes that could erode the reliability of this report include those that affect:

- · the site's size or shape;
- the elevation, configuration, location, orientation, function or weight of the proposed structure and the desired performance criteria;
- · the composition of the design team; or
- · project ownership.

As a general rule, *always* inform your geotechnical engineer of project or site changes – even minor ones – and request an assessment of their impact. *The geotechnical engineer who prepared this report cannot accept* 

responsibility or liability for problems that arise because the geotechnical engineer was not informed about developments the engineer otherwise would have considered.

# Most of the "Findings" Related in This Report Are Professional Opinions

Before construction begins, geotechnical engineers explore a site's subsurface using various sampling and testing procedures. *Geotechnical engineers can observe actual subsurface conditions only at those specific locations where sampling and testing is performed.* The data derived from that sampling and testing were reviewed by your geotechnical engineer, who then applied professional judgement to form opinions about subsurface conditions throughout the site. Actual sitewide-subsurface conditions may differ – maybe significantly – from those indicated in this report. Confront that risk by retaining your geotechnical engineer to serve on the design team through project completion to obtain informed guidance quickly, whenever needed.

## This Report's Recommendations Are Confirmation-Dependent

The recommendations included in this report – including any options or alternatives – are confirmation-dependent. In other words, they are <u>not</u> final, because the geotechnical engineer who developed them relied heavily on judgement and opinion to do so. Your geotechnical engineer can finalize the recommendations *only after observing actual subsurface conditions* exposed during construction. If through observation your geotechnical engineer confirms that the conditions assumed to exist actually do exist, the recommendations can be relied upon, assuming no other changes have occurred. *The geotechnical engineer who prepared this report cannot assume responsibility or liability for confirmation-dependent recommendations if you fail to retain that engineer to perform construction observation.* 

### **This Report Could Be Misinterpreted**

Other design professionals' misinterpretation of geotechnicalengineering reports has resulted in costly problems. Confront that risk by having your geotechnical engineer serve as a continuing member of the design team, to:

- · confer with other design-team members;
- help develop specifications;
- review pertinent elements of other design professionals' plans and specifications; and
- be available whenever geotechnical-engineering guidance is needed.

You should also confront the risk of constructors misinterpreting this report. Do so by retaining your geotechnical engineer to participate in prebid and preconstruction conferences and to perform construction-phase observations.

### **Give Constructors a Complete Report and Guidance**

Some owners and design professionals mistakenly believe they can shift unanticipated-subsurface-conditions liability to constructors by limiting the information they provide for bid preparation. To help prevent the costly, contentious problems this practice has caused, include the complete geotechnical-engineering report, along with any attachments or appendices, with your contract documents, *but be certain to note* 

conspicuously that you've included the material for information purposes only. To avoid misunderstanding, you may also want to note that "informational purposes" means constructors have no right to rely on the interpretations, opinions, conclusions, or recommendations in the report. Be certain that constructors know they may learn about specific project requirements, including options selected from the report, only from the design drawings and specifications. Remind constructors that they may perform their own studies if they want to, and be sure to allow enough time to permit them to do so. Only then might you be in a position to give constructors the information available to you, while requiring them to at least share some of the financial responsibilities stemming from unanticipated conditions. Conducting prebid and preconstruction conferences can also be valuable in this respect.

### **Read Responsibility Provisions Closely**

Some client representatives, design professionals, and constructors do not realize that geotechnical engineering is far less exact than other engineering disciplines. This happens in part because soil and rock on project sites are typically heterogeneous and not manufactured materials with well-defined engineering properties like steel and concrete. That lack of understanding has nurtured unrealistic expectations that have resulted in disappointments, delays, cost overruns, claims, and disputes. To confront that risk, geotechnical engineers commonly include explanatory provisions in their reports. Sometimes labeled "limitations," many of these provisions indicate where geotechnical engineers' responsibilities begin and end, to help others recognize their own responsibilities and risks. *Read these provisions closely.* Ask questions. Your geotechnical engineer should respond fully and frankly.

#### **Geoenvironmental Concerns Are Not Covered**

The personnel, equipment, and techniques used to perform an environmental study – e.g., a "phase-one" or "phase-two" environmental site assessment – differ significantly from those used to perform a geotechnical-engineering study. For that reason, a geotechnical-engineering report does not usually provide environmental findings, conclusions, or recommendations; e.g., about the likelihood of encountering underground storage tanks or regulated contaminants. *Unanticipated subsurface environmental problems have led to project failures*. If you have not obtained your own environmental information about the project site, ask your geotechnical consultant for a recommendation on how to find environmental risk-management guidance.

## Obtain Professional Assistance to Deal with Moisture Infiltration and Mold

While your geotechnical engineer may have addressed groundwater, water infiltration, or similar issues in this report, the engineer's services were not designed, conducted, or intended to prevent migration of moisture – including water vapor – from the soil through building slabs and walls and into the building interior, where it can cause mold growth and material-performance deficiencies. Accordingly, proper implementation of the geotechnical engineer's recommendations will not of itself be sufficient to prevent moisture infiltration. Confront the risk of moisture infiltration by including building-envelope or mold specialists on the design team. Geotechnical engineers are not building-envelope or mold specialists.



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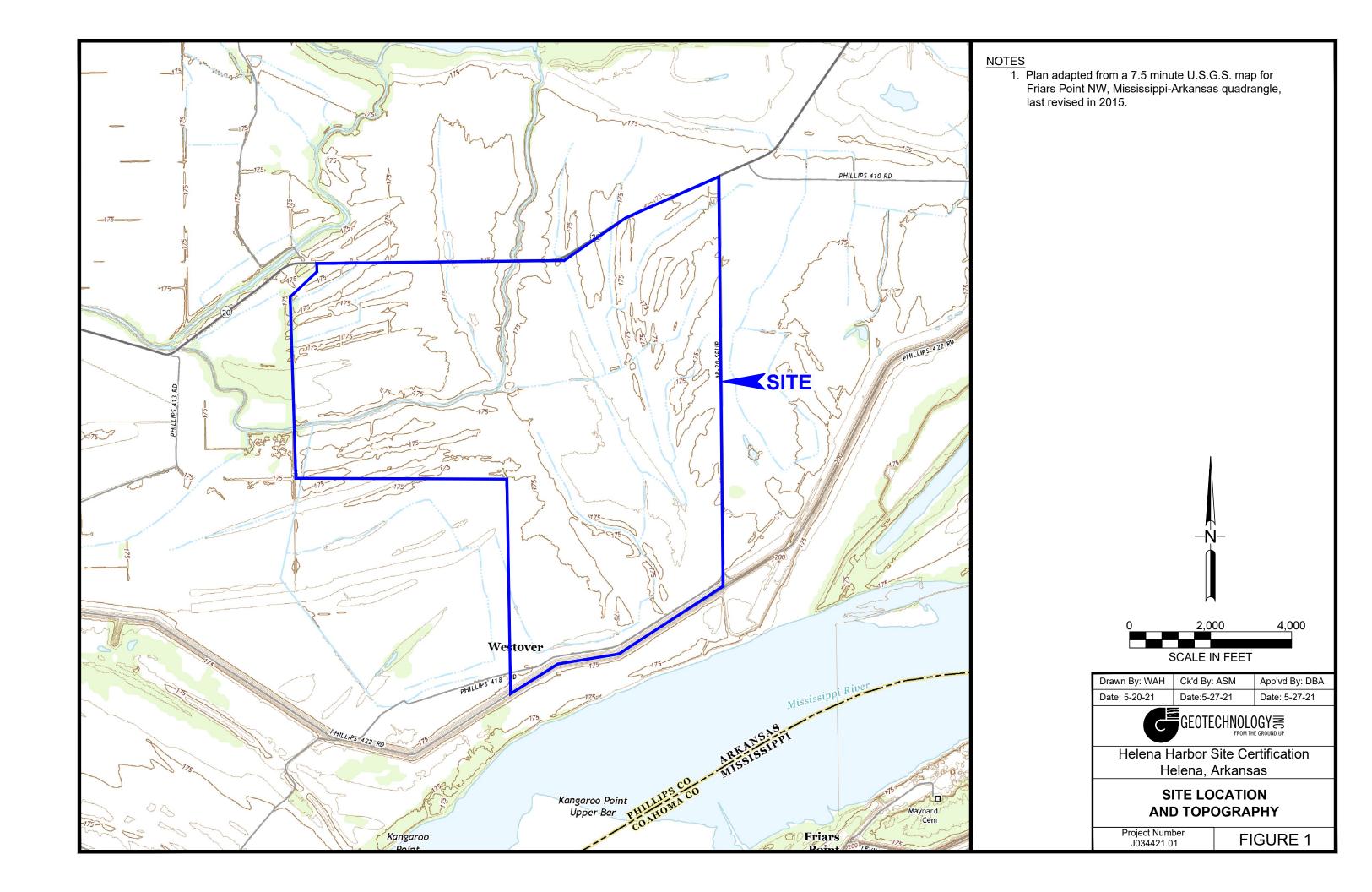
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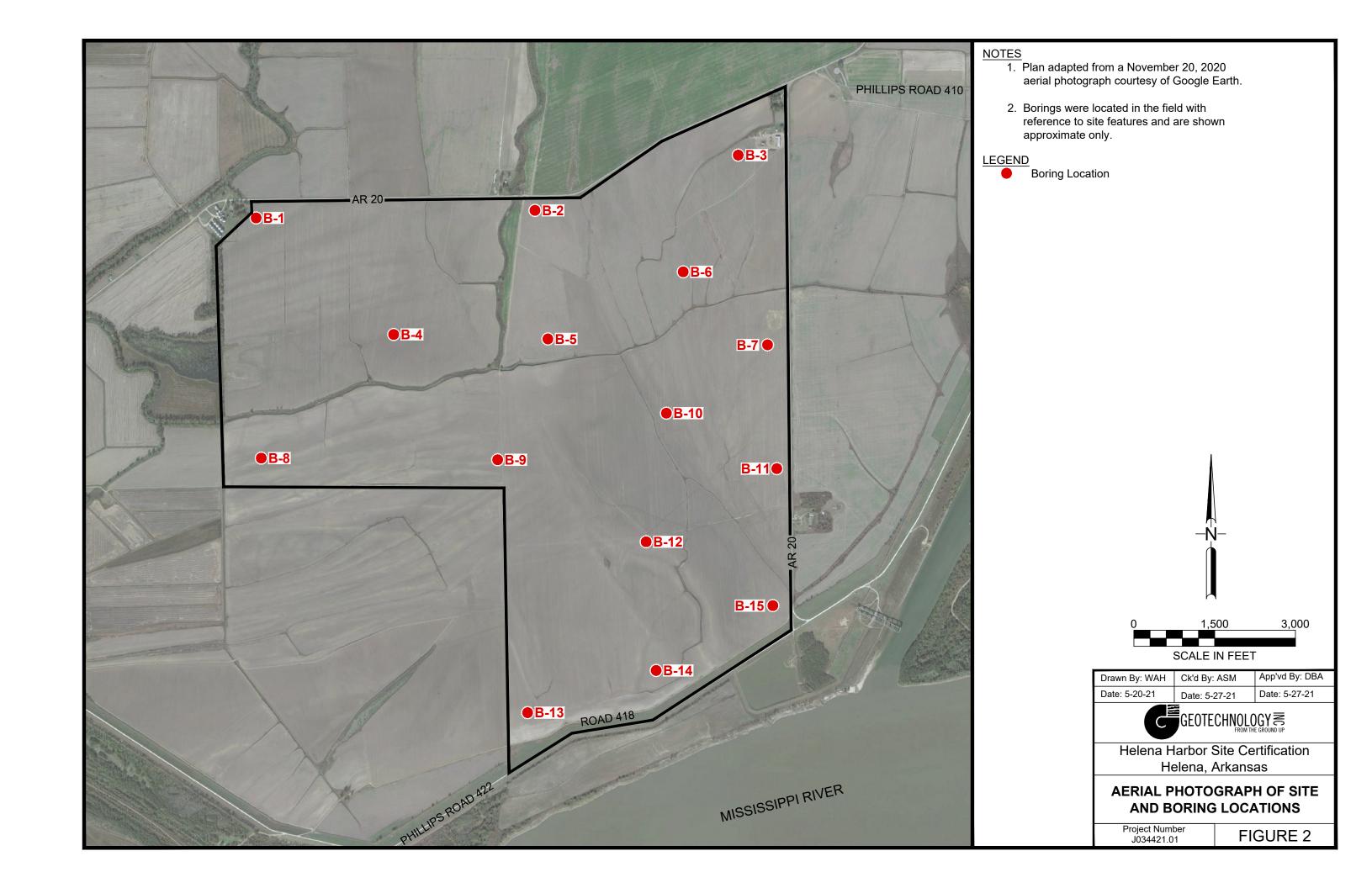


### **APPENDIX B - FIGURES**

Figure 1 - Site Location and Topography

Figure 2 – Aerial Photograph of Site and Boring Locations



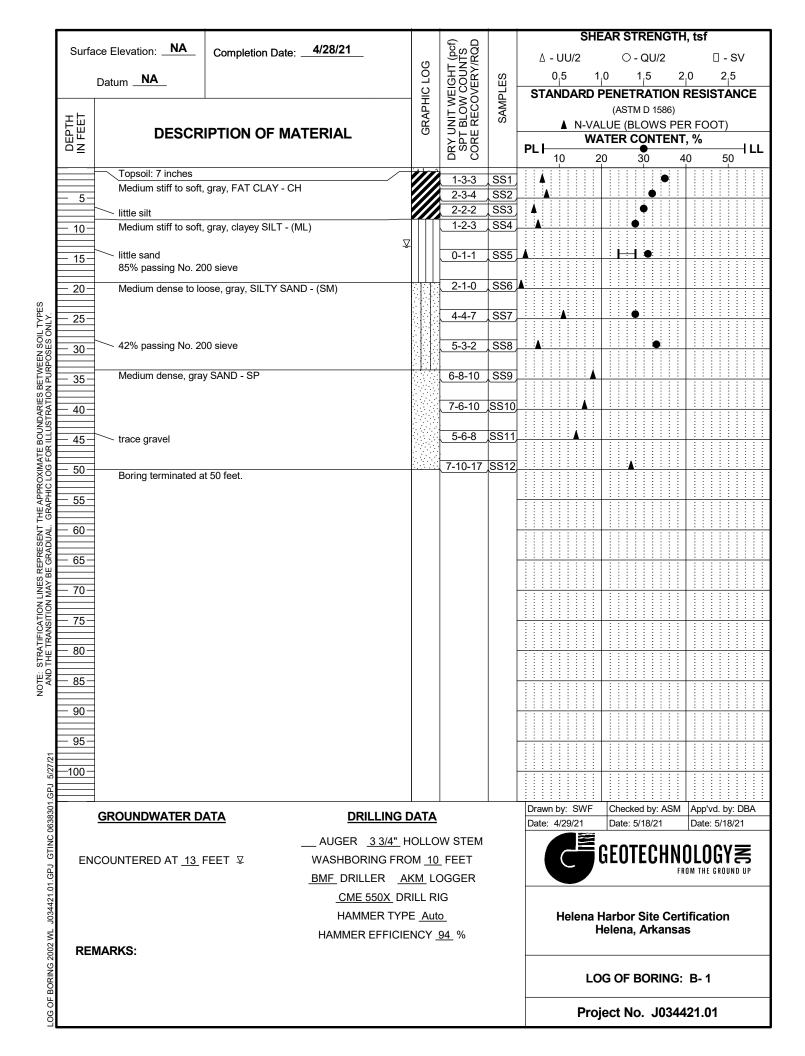


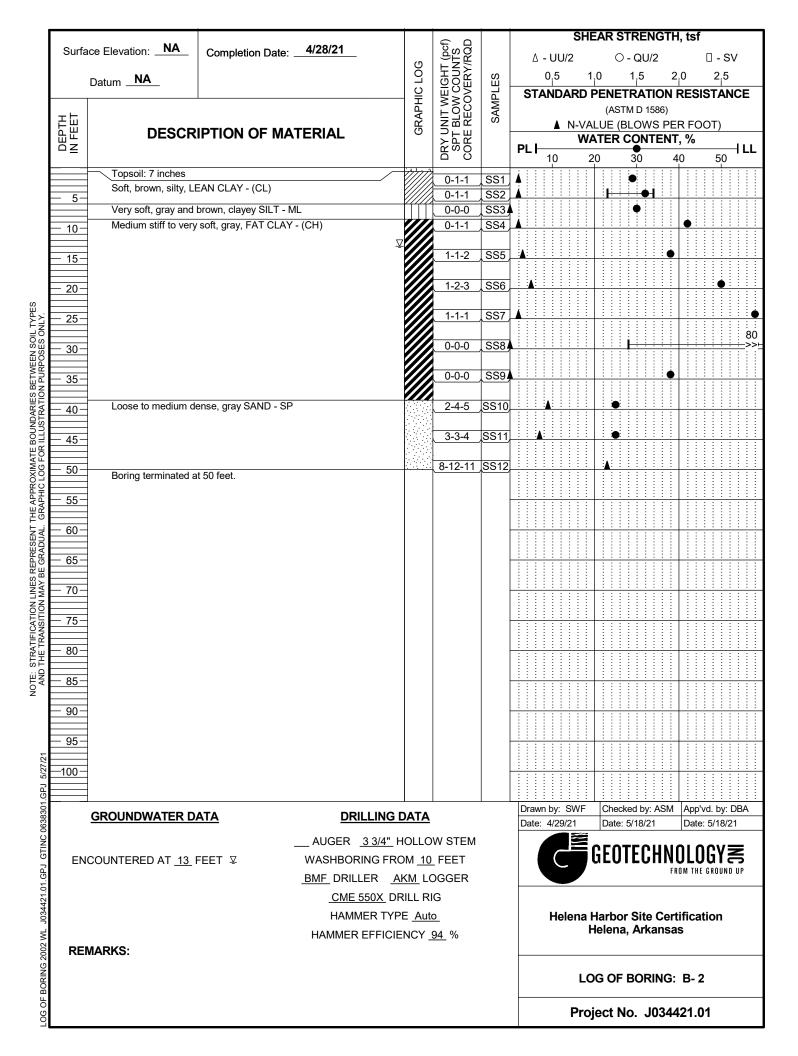


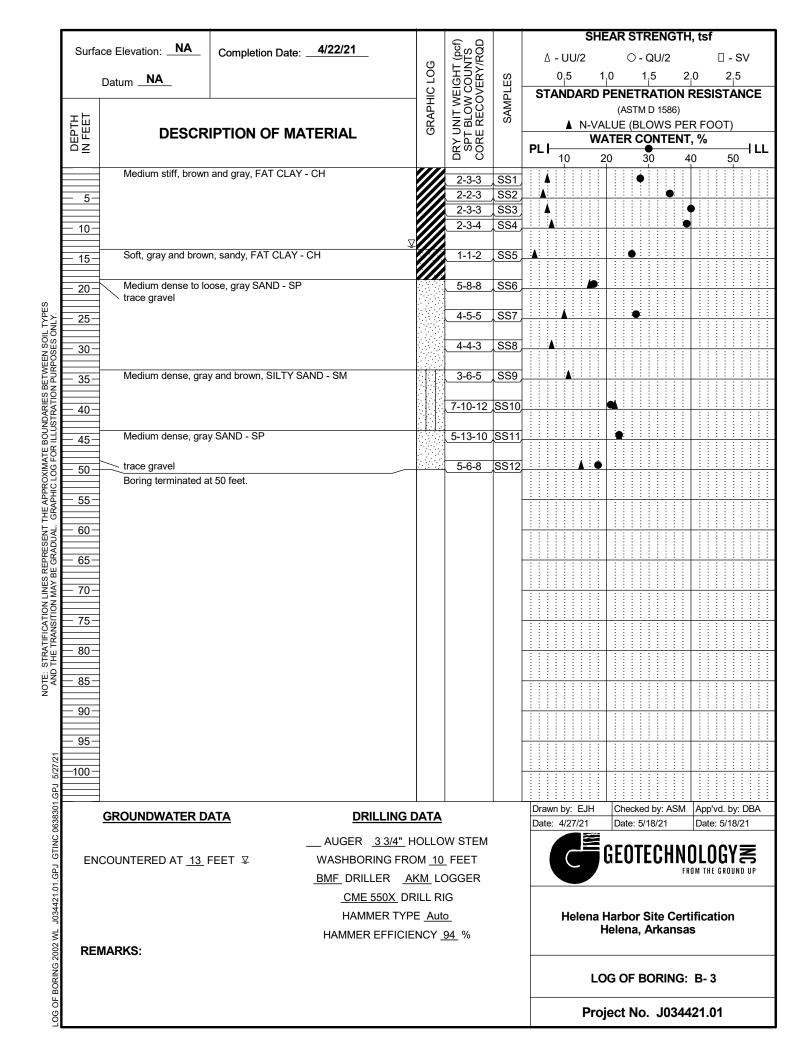
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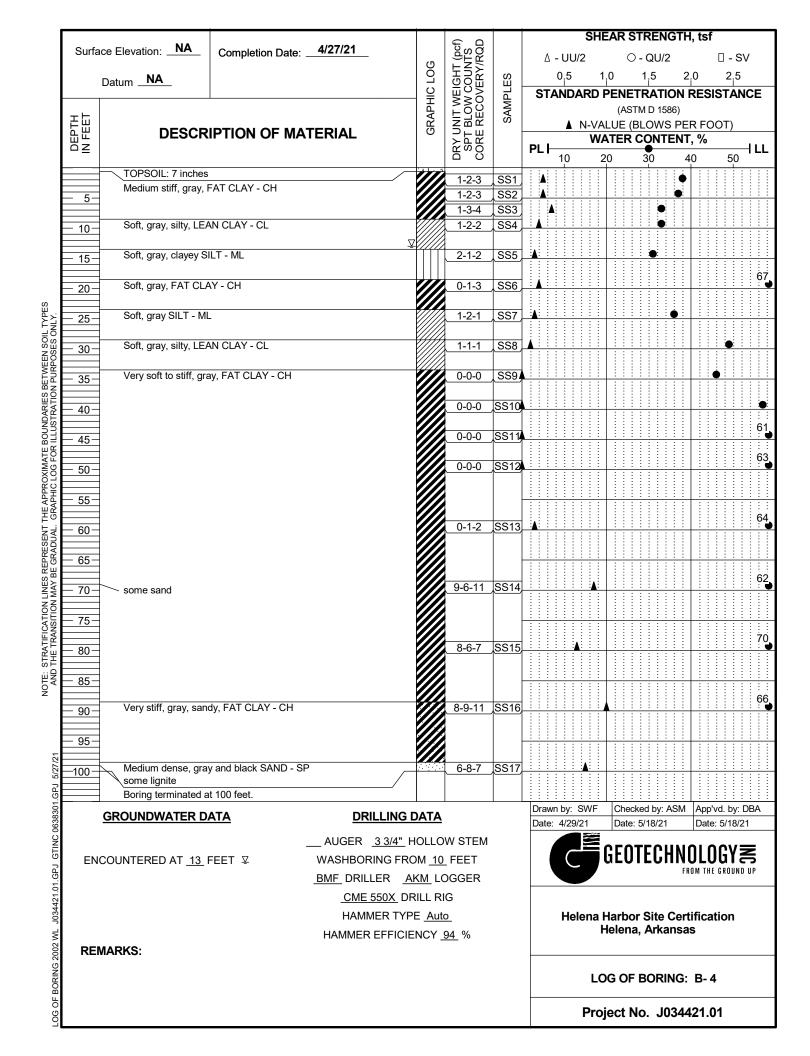
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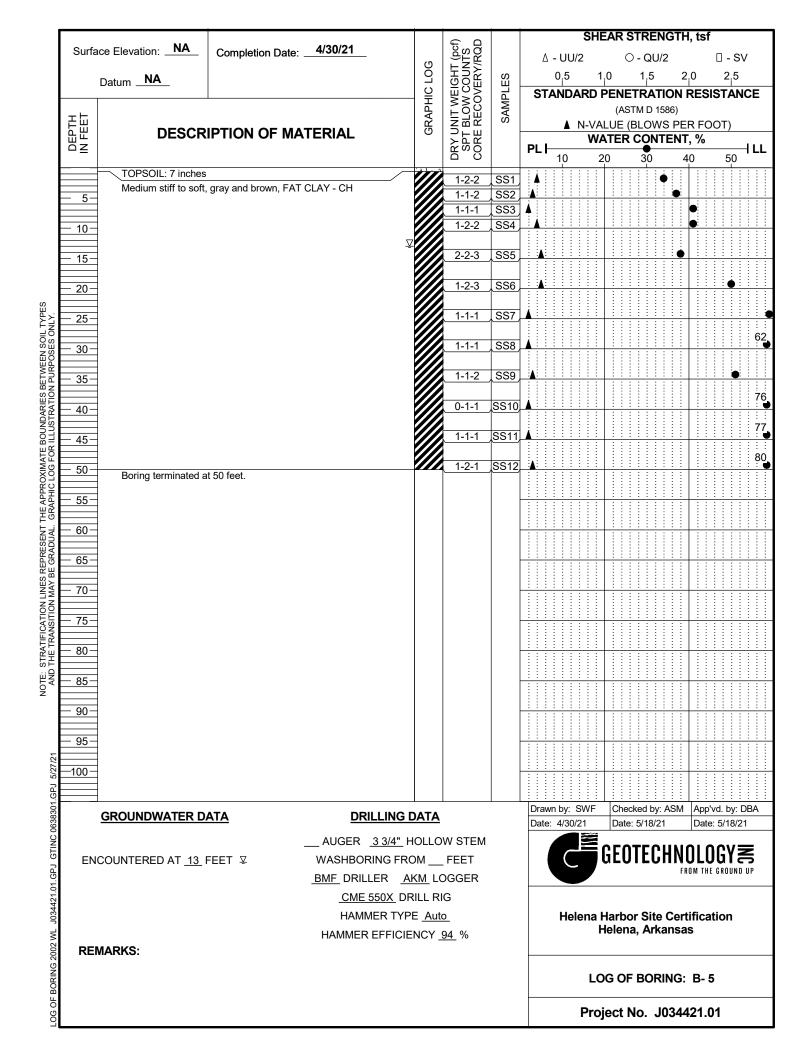
Boring Log Terms and Symbols



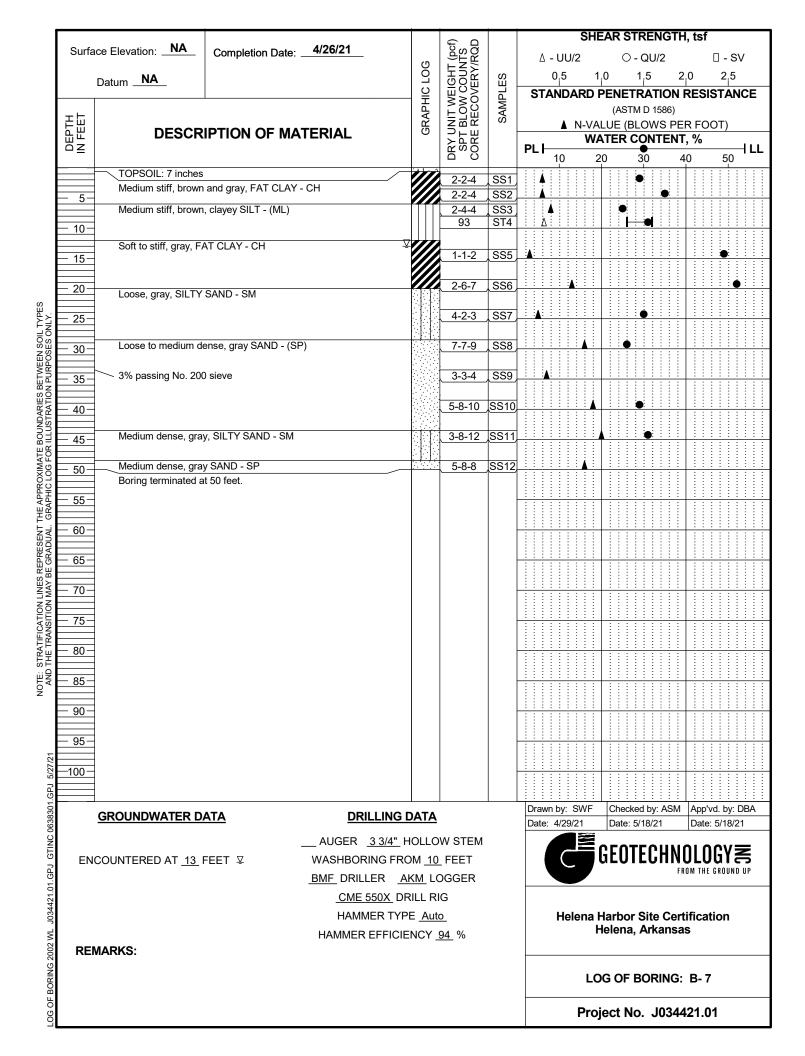


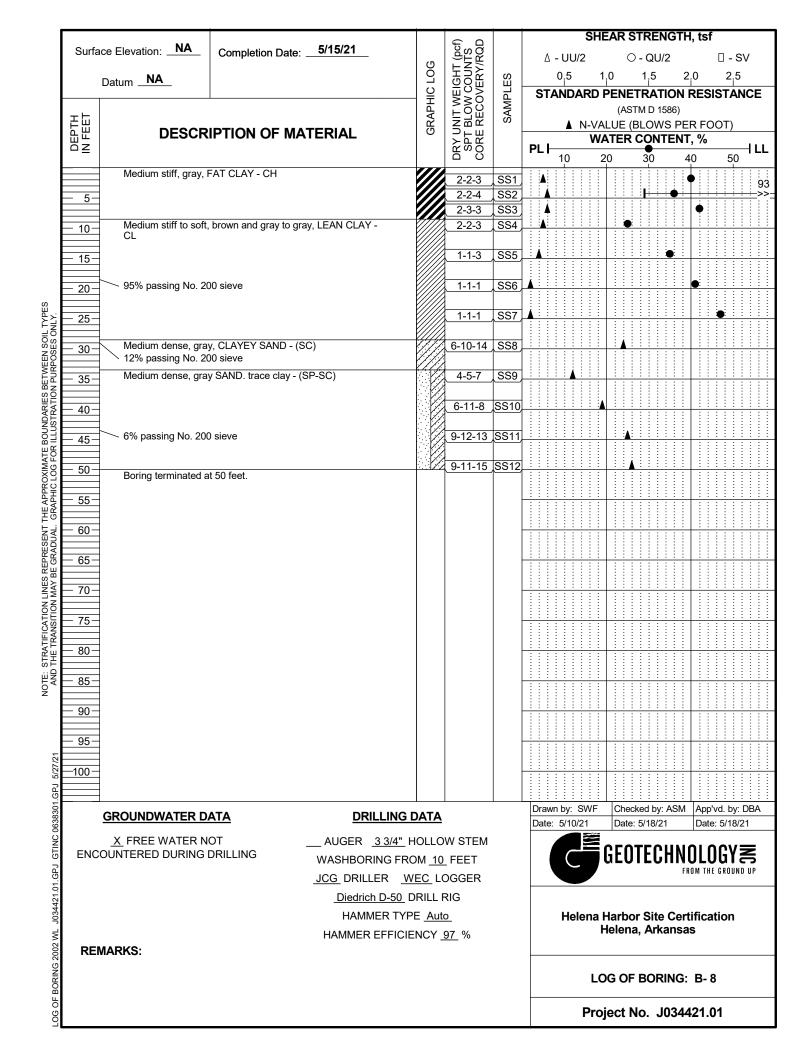


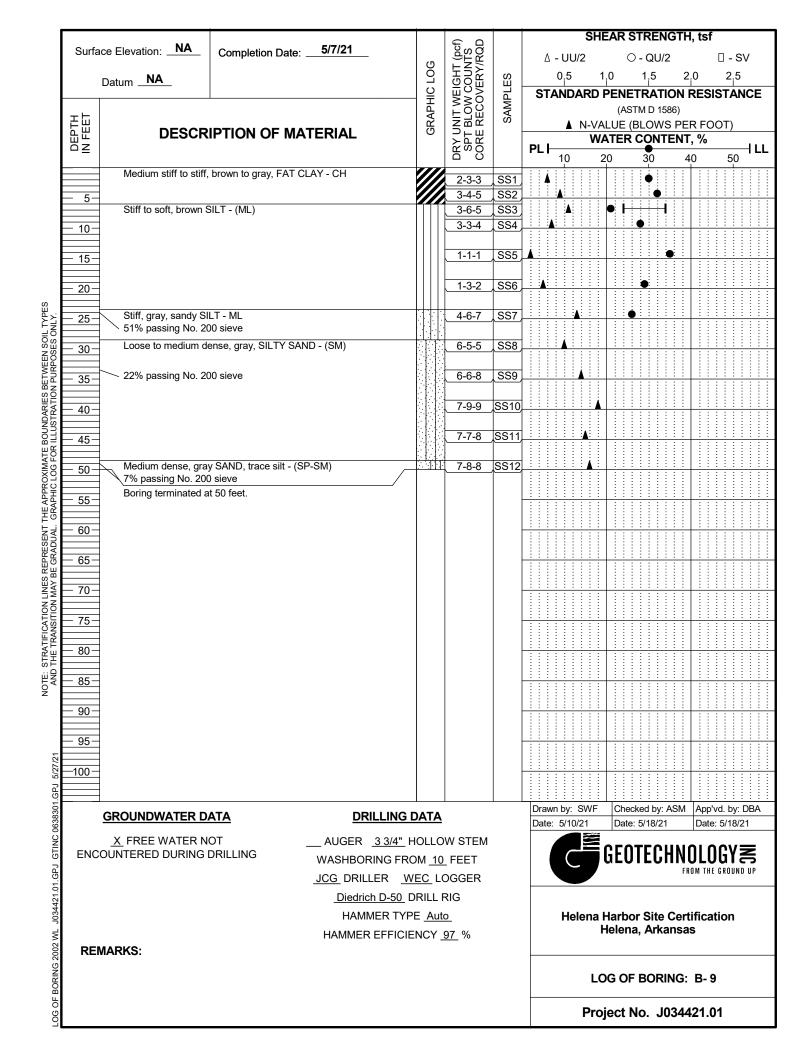


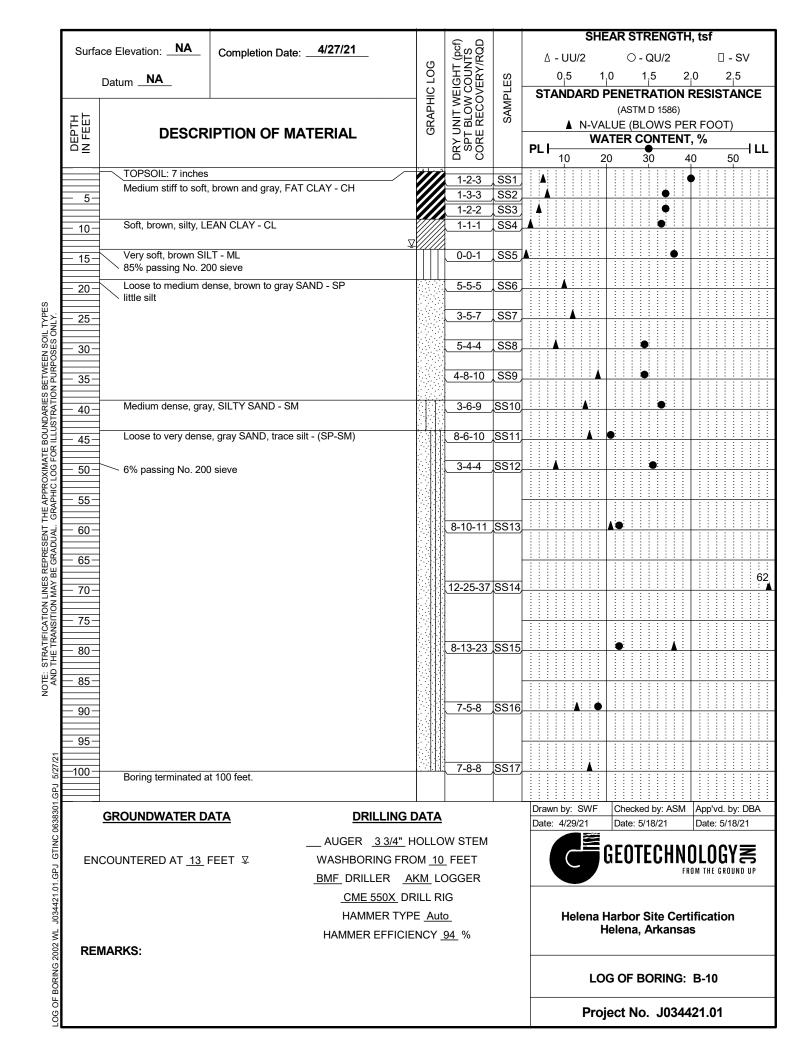


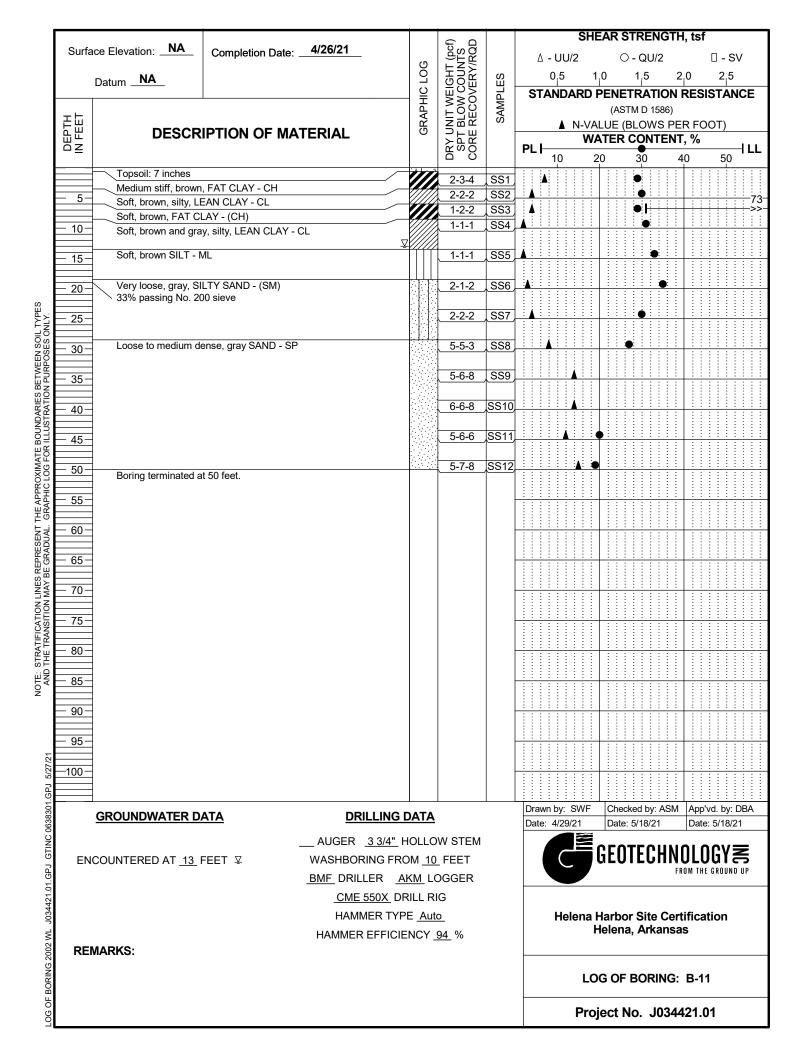
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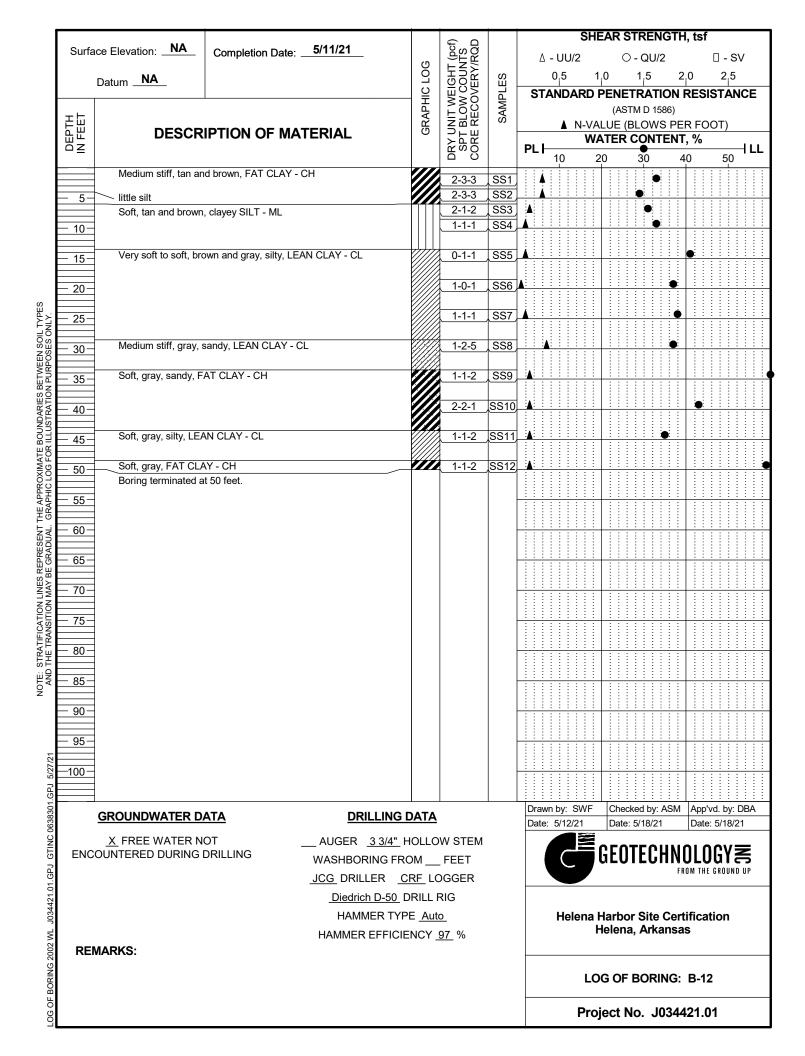


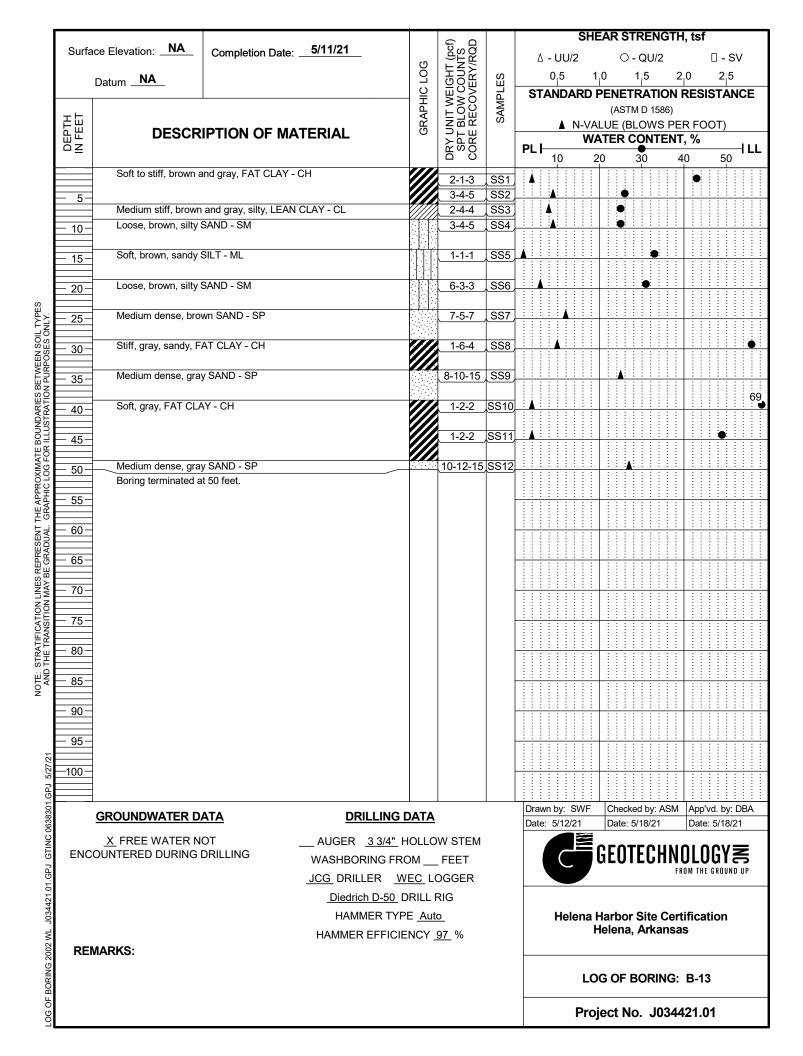


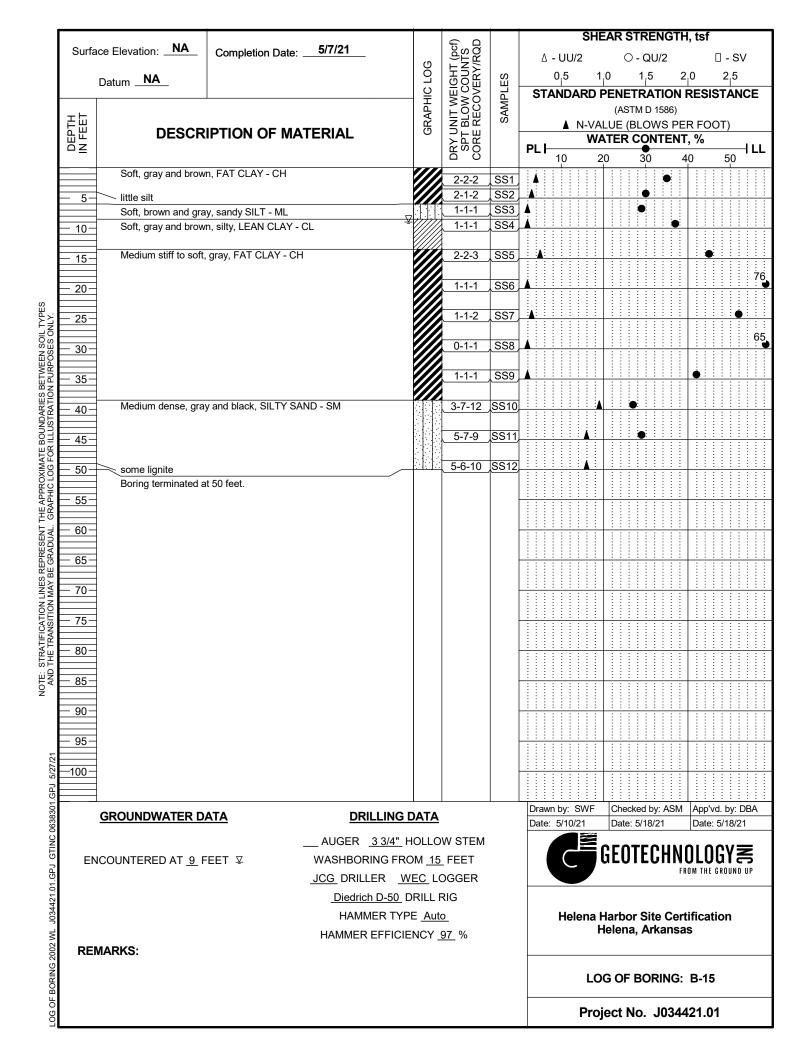




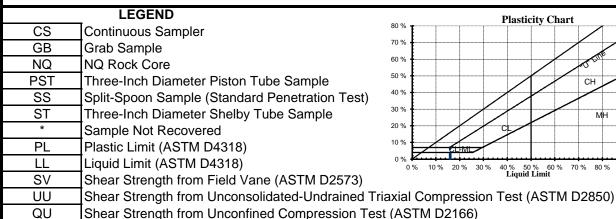


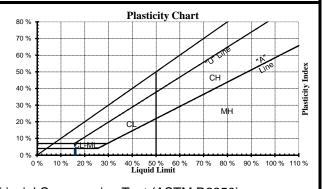






### **BORING LOG: TERMS AND SYMBOLS**





### **SOIL GRAIN SIZE**

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BOULDERS	СОВВ	I ES	GRAV	/EL		SAND		SILT	CLAY
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	300	76.2	2 19.3		76 2.0	00.4	42 0.0	74 0.0	05

SOIL GRAIN SIZE IN MILLIMETERS

### **UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM**

	Major Di	visions	Symbol	Description
%0	Gravel	Clean Gravels	GW	Well-Graded Gravel, Gravel- Sand Mixture
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rain han No. ize)	Gravelly	Gravels with	GM	Silty Gravel, Gravel-Sand-Silt Mixture
Single	Soil	Appreciable Fines	GC	Clayey-Gravel, Gravel-Sand-Clay Mixture
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STRENC	<b>3TH OF COHESIVE</b>	SOILS	DENSITY OF GF	RANULAR SOILS
Consistency	Undrained Shear Strength (tsf)	Unconfined Comp. Strength (tsf)	Descriptive Term	Approximate N <sub>60</sub> -Value Range
Very Soft	less than 0.125	less then 0.25	Very Loose	0 to 4
Soft	0.125 to 0.25	0.25 to 0.5	Loose	5 to 10
Medium Stiff	0.25 to 0.5	0.5 to 1.0	Medium Dense	11 to 30
Stiff	0.5 to 1.0	1.0 to 2.0	Dense	31 to 50
Very Stiff	1.0 to 2.0	2.0 to 3.0	Very Dense	>50
Hard	greater than 2.0	greater than 4.0		

N-Value (Blow Count) is the last two, 6-inch drive increments (i.e. 4/7/9, N = 7 + 9 = 16). Values are shown as a summation on the grid plot and shown in the Unit Dry Weight/SPT column.

MPOSITION	OTHER TERMS
0 to 10%	Layer - Inclusion greater than 3 inches thick.
10 to 20%	Seam - Inclusion 1/8-inch to 3 inches thick
20 to 35%	Parting - Inclusion less than 1/8-inch thick
35 to 50%	Pocket - Inclusion of material that is smaller than sample diameter
	0 to 10% 10 to 20% 20 to 35%



Relative composition and Unified Soil Classification System (USCS) designations are based on visual descriptions and are approximate only. If laboratory tests were performed to classify the soil, the USCS designation is shown in parenthesis.

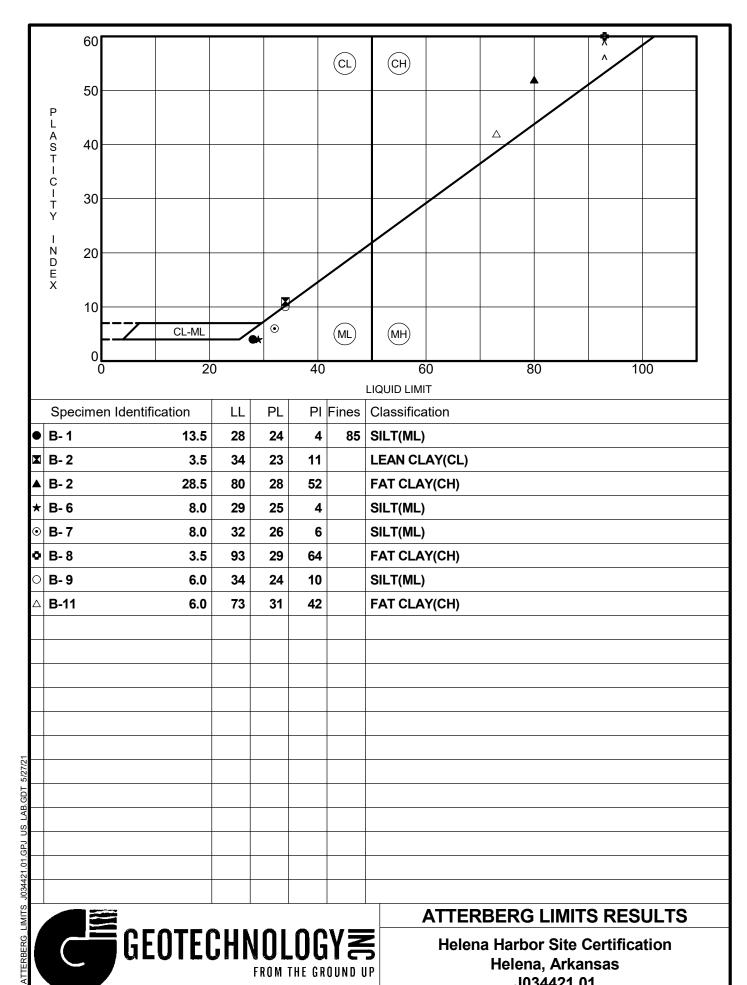


### **APPENDIX D - LABORATORY TEST DATA**

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Grain Size Distribution

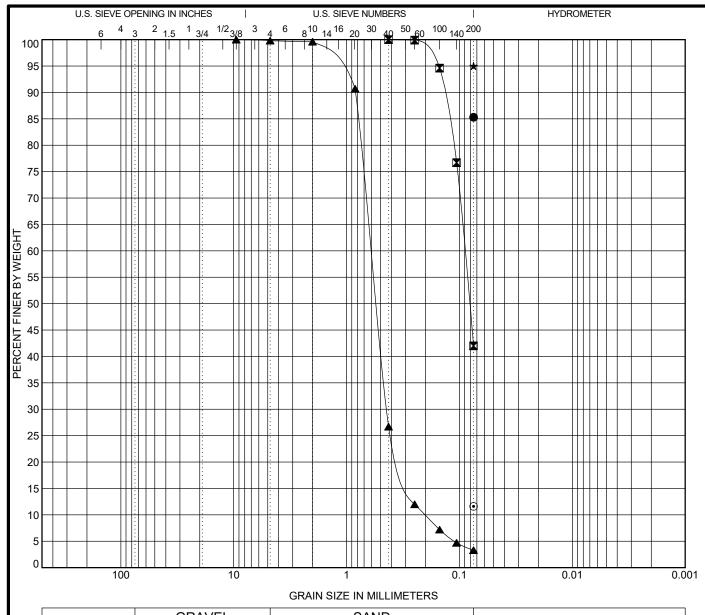
Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Compression





### ATTERBERG LIMITS RESULTS

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COPPLES	GRA			SAND	)	SILT OR CLAY
COBBLES	coarse	fine	coarse	medium	fine	SILT OR CLAT

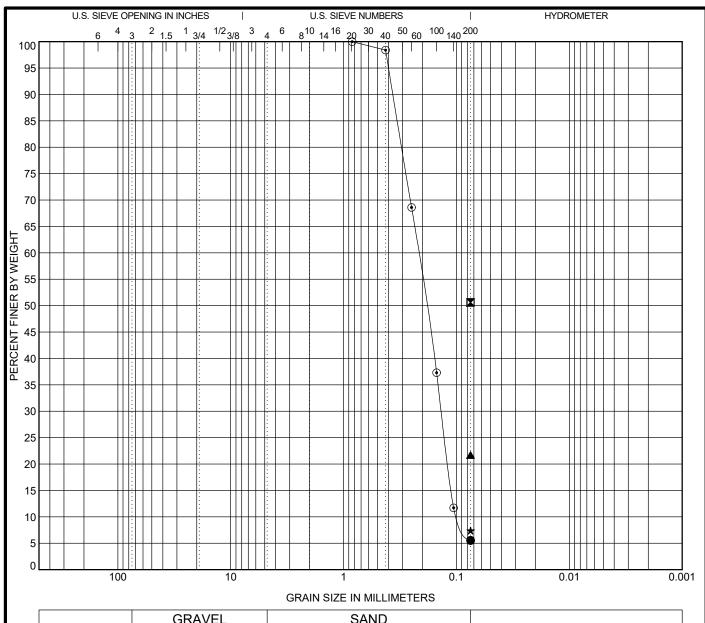
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▲	B- 7	33.5		POORLY GR	RADED SAND	O(SP)					1.58	3.00
*	B-8	18.5		LEAN CLAY(CL)								
•	B- 8	28.5		CLAYEY SAND(SC)								
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×	B- 1	28.5	0.425	0.09			0.0		58.0		42.0	
•	B- 7	33.5	9.5	0.606	0.44	0.202	0.2	0.2 96.5				
*	B- 8	18.5	0.075				0.0	0.0 95.0		95.0		
•	B- 8	28.5	0.075				0.0		0.0		11.6	



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	COBBLES	GRAVEL		SAND			SILT OR CLAY
		coarse	fine	coarse	medium	fine	SILT OR CLAT

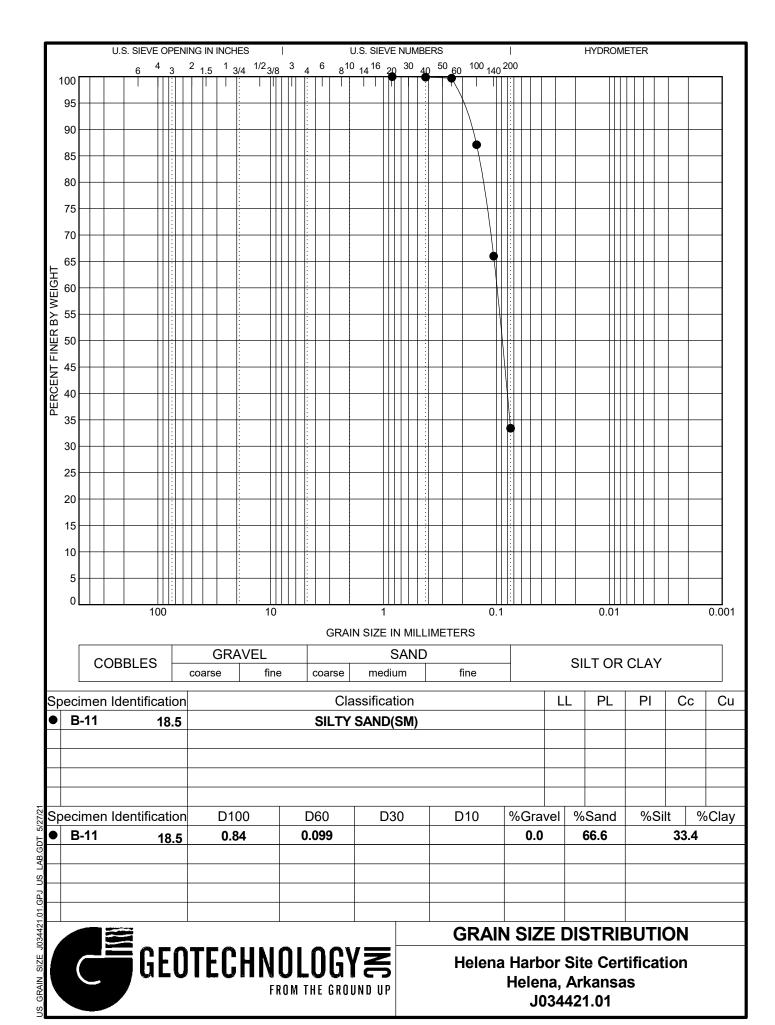
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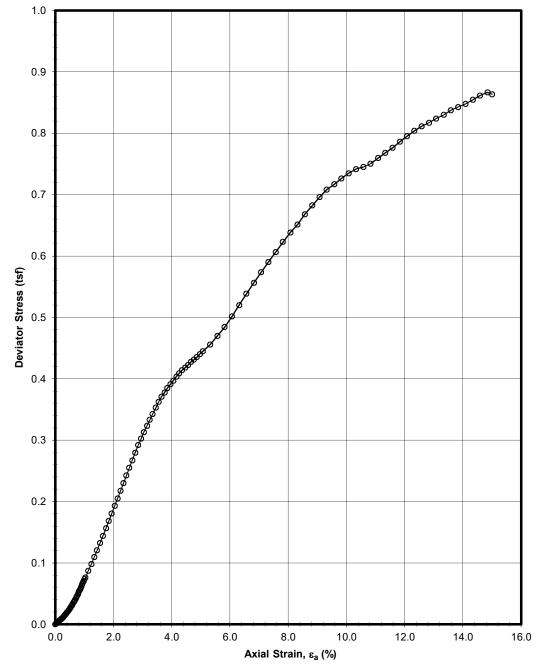
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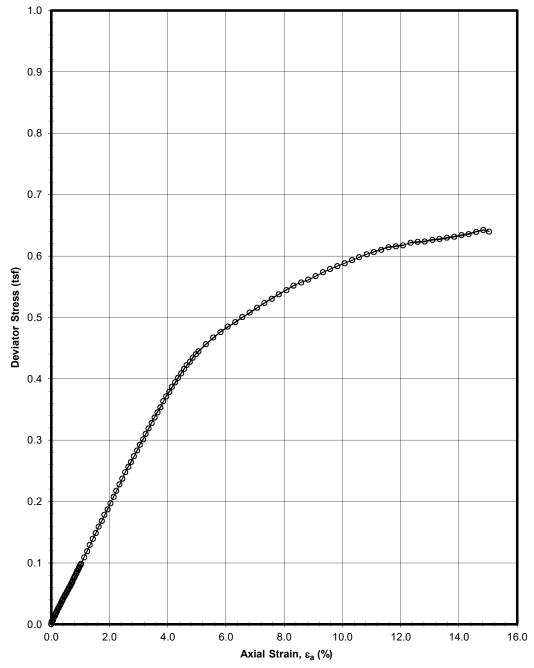


### **UNCONSOLIDATED-UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL COMPRESSION TEST**

ASTM D 2850 Project No.: J034421.01 Boring: B-6

Sample: ST-4 - Depth: 8 ft.





### **UNCONSOLIDATED-UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL COMPRESSION TEST**

ASTM D 2850 Project No.: J034421.01 Boring: B-7

Sample: ST-1 - Depth: 8 ft.