

Public Notice

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APPLICATION NO.: MVK-2008-1006

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DATE: May 3, 2024

EXPIRATION DATE: May 24, 2024

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District is considering an application for a Department of the Army Permit for the work described herein. Comments should be forwarded to the Vicksburg District, Attention: CEMVK-RD and must reach this office by the cited expiration date.

The Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Water Quality Certification Improvement Rule (Certification Improvement Rule, 40 CFR 121), effective November 27, 2023, requires certification for any license or permit that authorizes an activity that has the potential to result in a discharge. The scope of a CWA Section 401 certification is limited to assuring that a discharge from a Federally licensed or permitted activity will comply with water quality requirements. The applicant is responsible for requesting certification and providing required information to the certifying agency. As of the date of this public notice, the applicant has submitted a certification request to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (certifying authority). In accordance with Certification Improvement Rule, once the applicant submits a certification request, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the certifying authority will jointly establish the reasonable period of time for the certifying authority to act upon the certification request.

<u>Law Requiring a Permit:</u> Section 10 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), which applies to discharges of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States.

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Mayor, City of Vidalia
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Name of Agent:
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<u>Location of Work</u>: The proposed project site is located in Concordia Parish, Louisiana, Section 23, T7N-R10E, Latitude 31.536789, Longitude -91.482899 within the Lower Mississippi-Natchez Drainage Basin (8-digit USGS HUC 08060100).

Description of Work: (See enclosed maps and drawings.)

The following descriptions of the proposed project and associated impacts are based upon information provided by the applicant.

The applicant is applying for a Department of the Army permit to conduct regulated activities in "Waters of the U.S." for the purpose of enhancing the existing Vidalia Port by constructing a slack water barge docking area within Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

The proposed project would constitute excavation of an entrance slip from the Mississippi River, approximately 150' wide x 880' long. The depth would be to the slack water slip bottom depth of 14' mean sea level. Side slopes of the dredged channel would be approximately three to one. The bottom of the slack water area dimensions is proposed to be approximately 475' x 772', with the 772' being parallel to the river and levee. The dredged material would be disposed of on the upstream side of the port access road to construct a work pad on that side of the access road. Approximate dimensions of the work pad would be 950' x 375'.

Approximately 28.6 acres of forested wetlands would be permanently impacted via the placement of earthen fill and/or riprap and a navigable entrance channel would be dredged from the Mississippi River into the slack water port. Riprap would also be placed around portions of the dredged channel for stabilization. Approximately 400,000 cubic yards of fill would be placed into jurisdictional waters.

The dominant vegetation at the project site is composed of black willow, smartweed, buttercup, ground-leaf groundsel, alligator weed, and other wetland species. Soils within the project site consist of Guyton silt loam, Abita silt loam, and Arat silty clay loam with NRCS hydric ratings of 94, 5, and 86 percent, respectively.

The applicant proposes to mitigate for the unavoidable loss of jurisdictional wetlands through the purchase of credits from an USACE approved mitigation bank that services the project area.

Upon reviewing this notice, you should write to this office to provide your opinion of the impacts this work will have on the natural and human environment and address any mitigation you believe is necessary to offset these impacts. Other comments are welcome, but the above information will further our review of the applicant's plan as proposed. Comments of a general nature are not as helpful as those specific to the impacts of the subject project.

<u>State Water Quality Permit</u>: The State Pollution Control Agency must certify that the described work will comply with the State's water quality standards and effluent limitations before a Corps permit is issued.

<u>Cultural Resources</u>: The Regulatory Archaeologist has reviewed the latest published version of the <u>National Register of Historic Places</u>, lists of properties determined eligible, and other sources of information. Currently this office is coordinating with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Federally recognized Tribes, and other interested parties regarding potential effects to historic properties that could result from the proposed activity.

Copies of this public notice have been sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer, Federally Recognized Tribes, and other interested parties for comment on potential effects to historic properties that could result from the proposed activity.

Endangered Species: Threatened and Endangered Species for this area include the Northern Long-eared Bat, Pallid Sturgeon, and Fat Pocketbook. Utilizing the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species (SLOPES) as signed on June 28, 2017, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Service's IPAC system, the Corps has determined that the proposed activity would have no effect on the Northern Long-eared Bat. Further consultation is required for the Fat Pocketbook and Pallid Sturgeon. Also, the project should not negatively impact the proposed threatened Alligator Snapping Turtle.

Floodplain: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Floodplain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a floodplain development permit is required. Floodplain administrators should review the proposed development described in this public notice and apprise this office of any flood plain development permit requirements. The project site is located within the 100-year floodplain.

Evaluation Factors: The decision whether or not to issue a permit will be based upon an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its expected adverse effects. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use classification, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food requirements and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the proposed activity will include application of the guidelines published by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

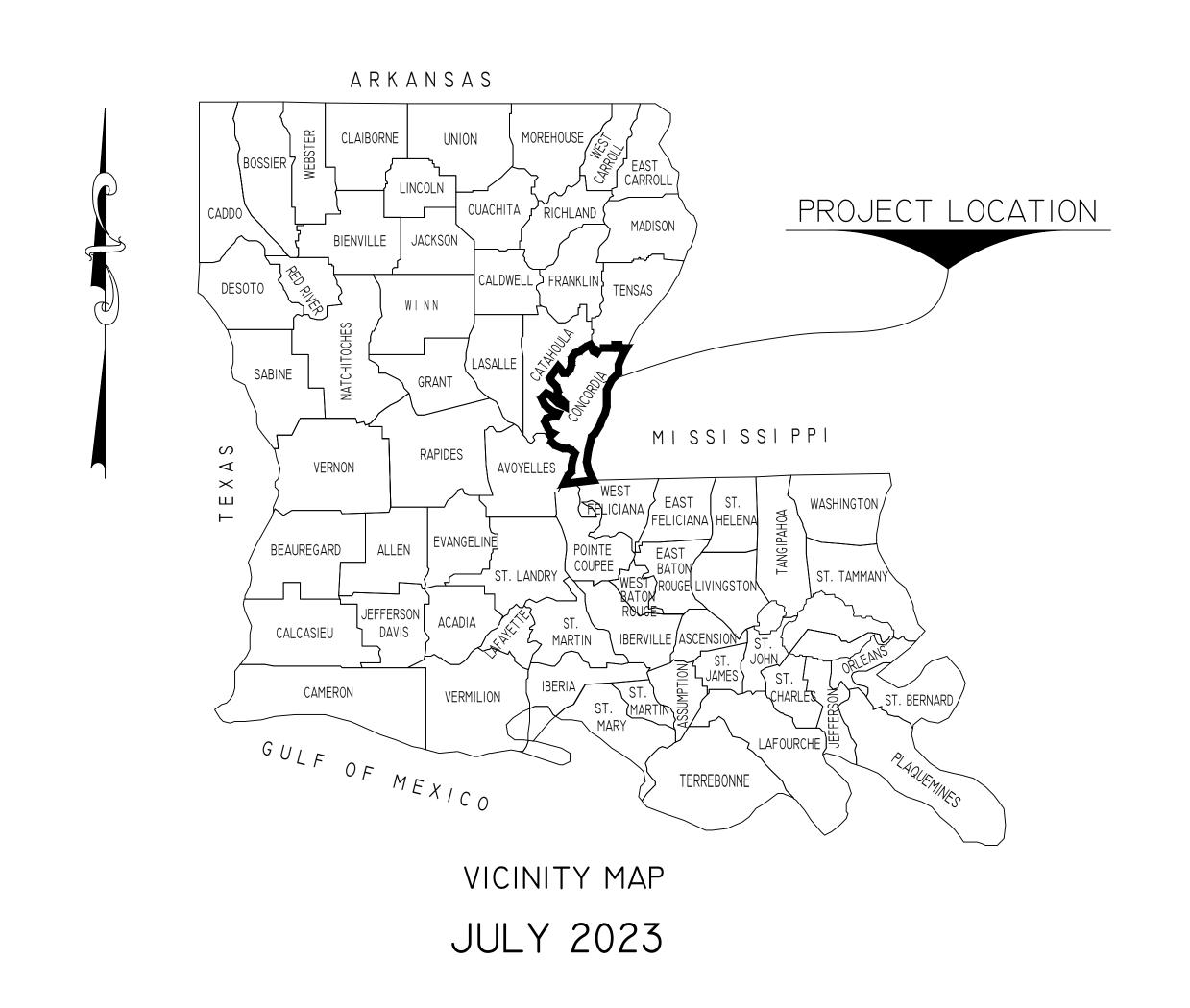
<u>Public Involvement</u>: The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. These comments will be used to evaluate the impacts of this project. All comments will be considered and used to help determine whether to issue the permit, deny the permit, or issue the permit with conditions, and to help us determine the amount and type of mitigation necessary. This information will be used in our Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing.

Opportunity for a Public Hearing: Any person may make a written request for a public hearing to consider this permit application. This request must be submitted by the public notice expiration date and must clearly state why a hearing is necessary. Failure of any agency or individual to comment on this notice will be interpreted to mean that there is no objection to the proposed work. Please bring this announcement to the attention of anyone you know who might be interested in this matter.

Notification of Final Permit Actions: Each month, the final permit actions from the preceding month are published on the Vicksburg District Regulatory web page. To access this information, you may follow the link from the Regulatory web page, http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx.

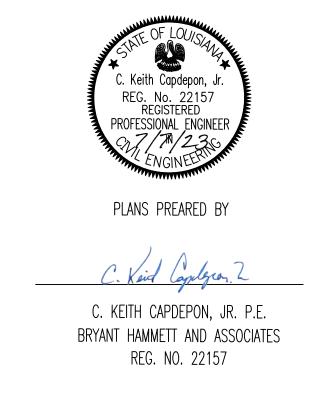
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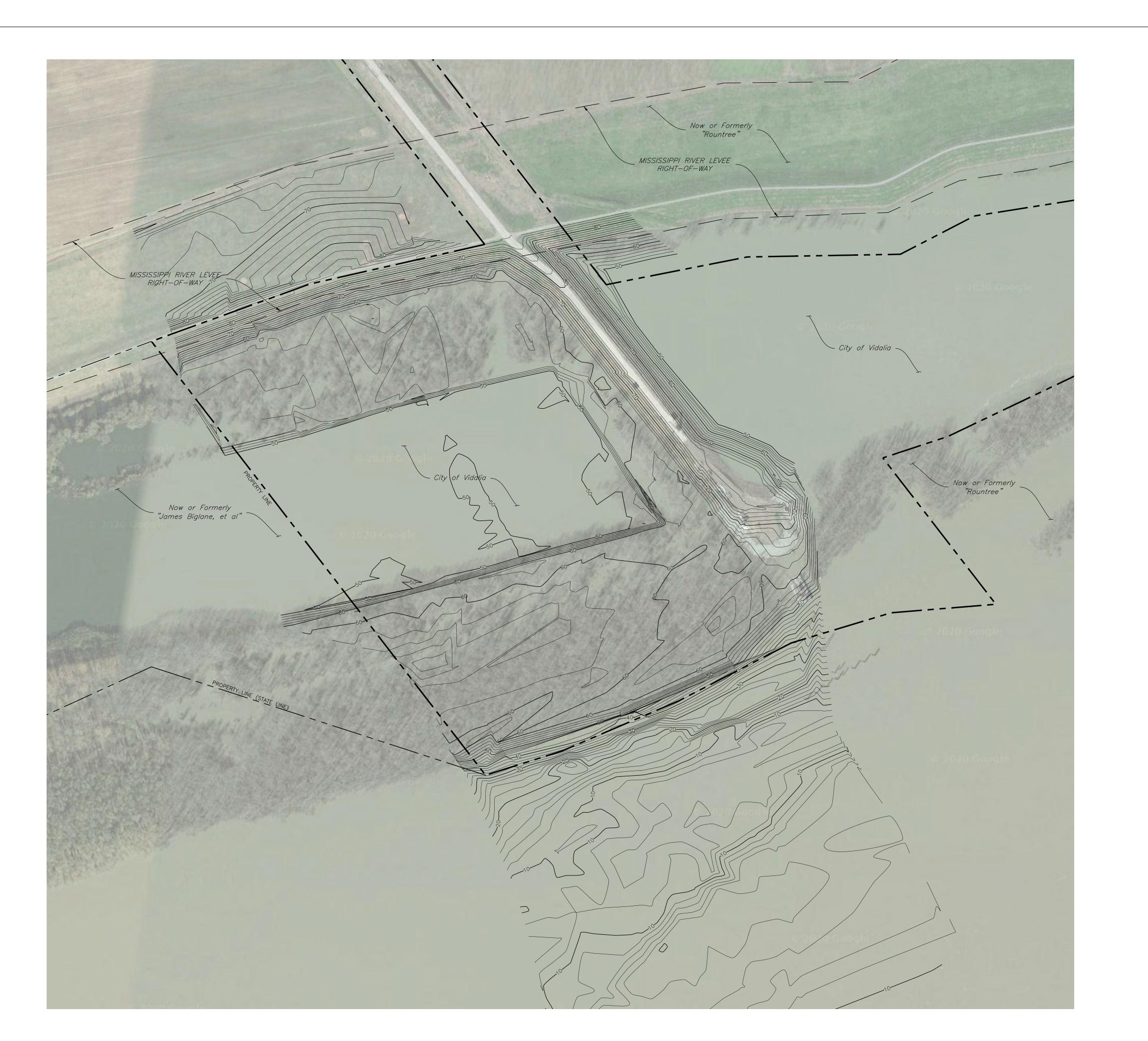
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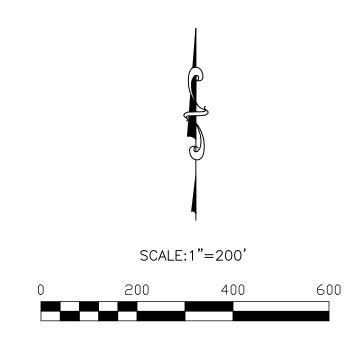


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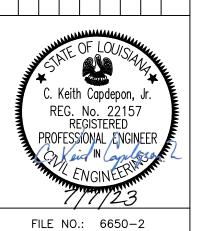
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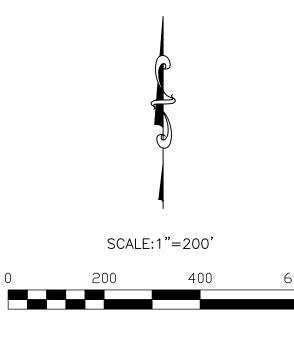
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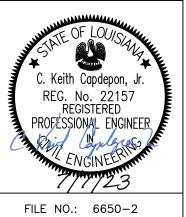




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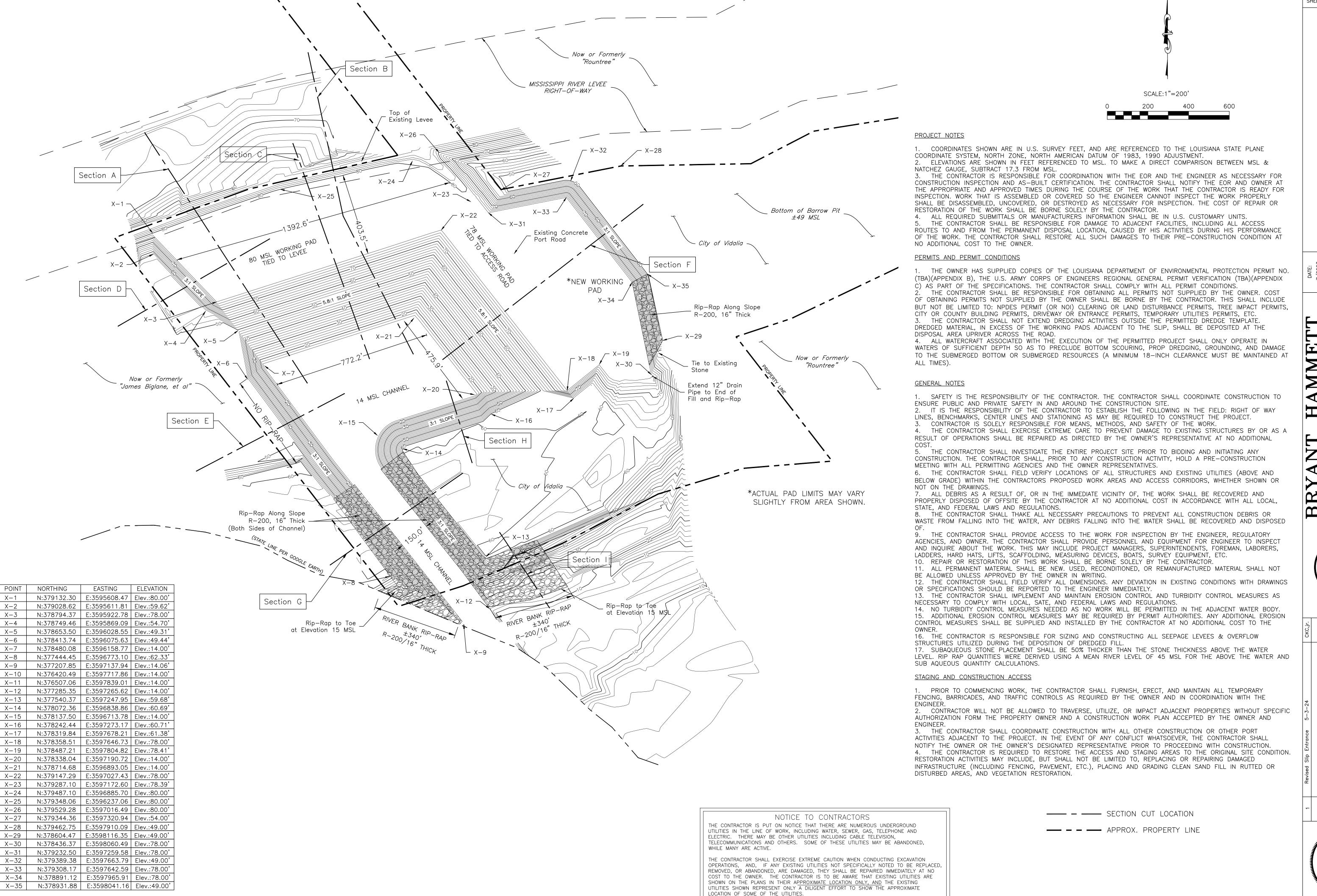
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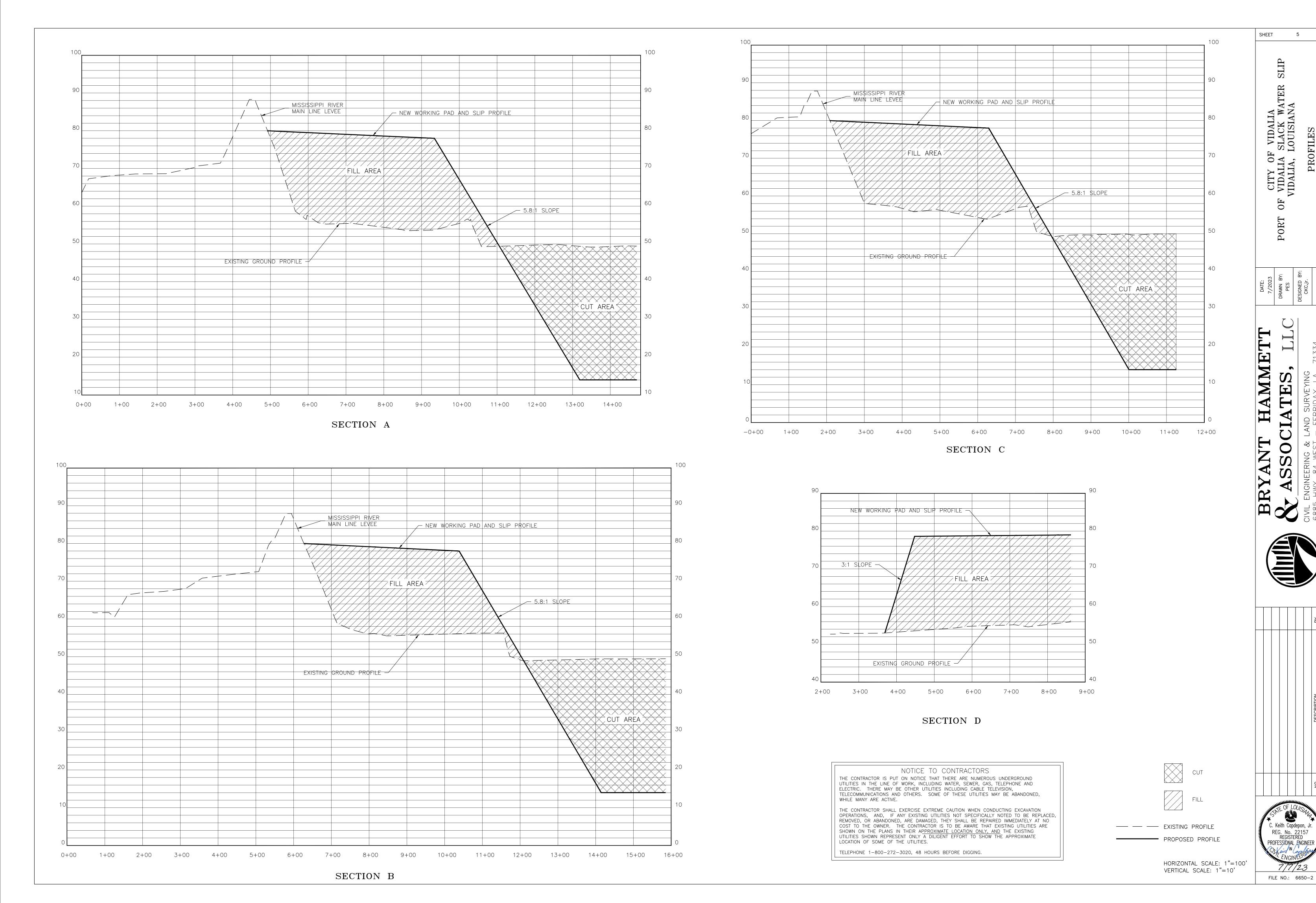
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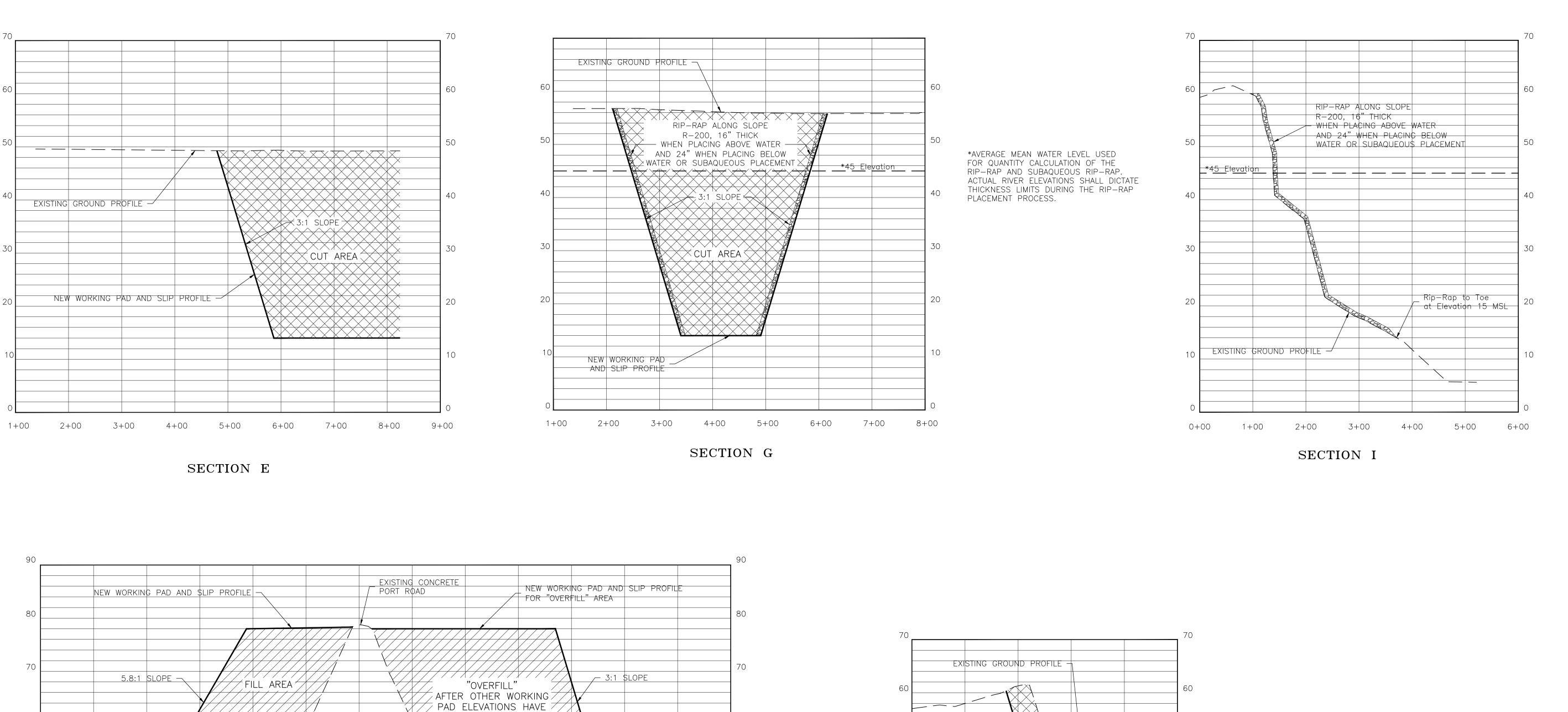
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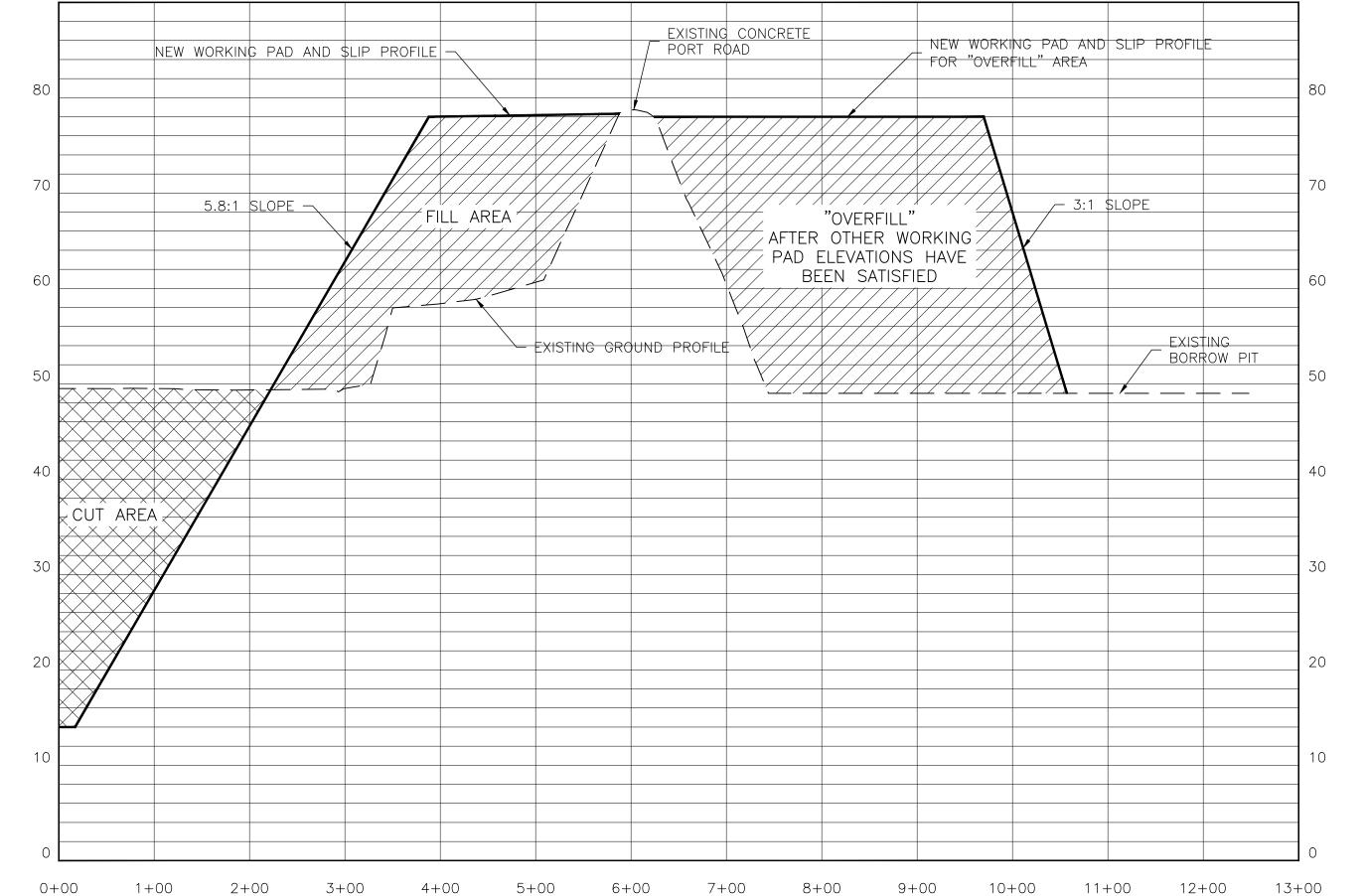


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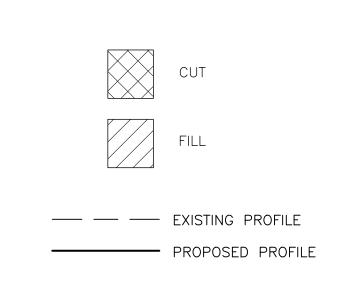
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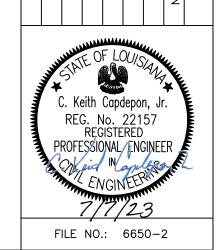
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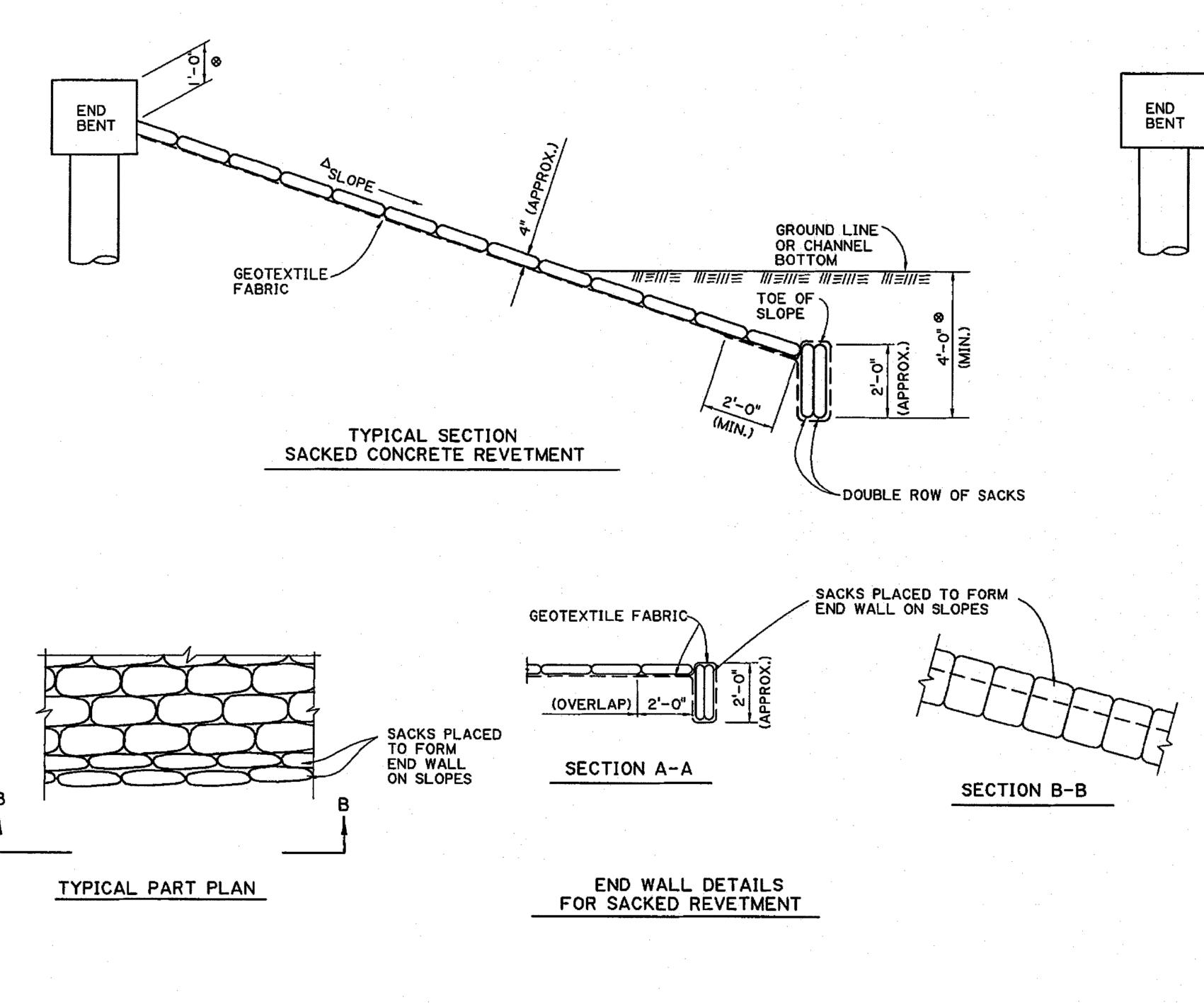
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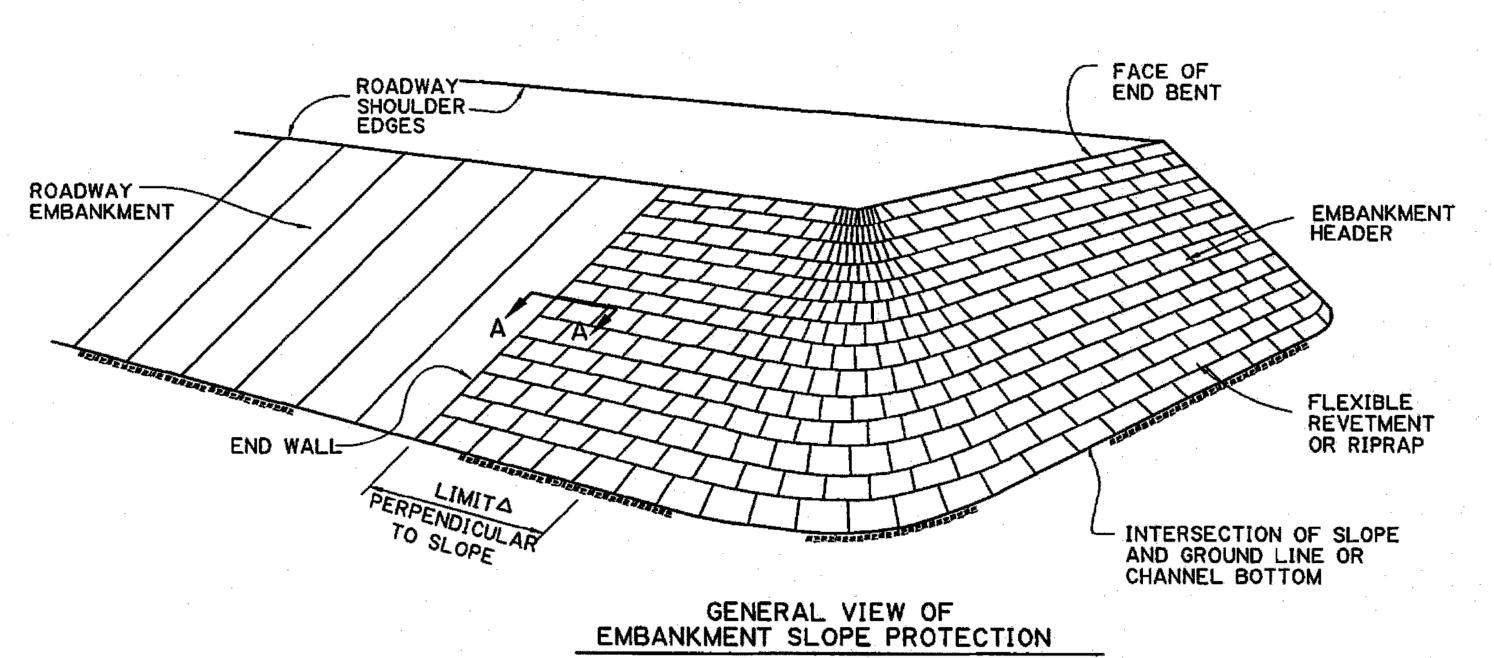


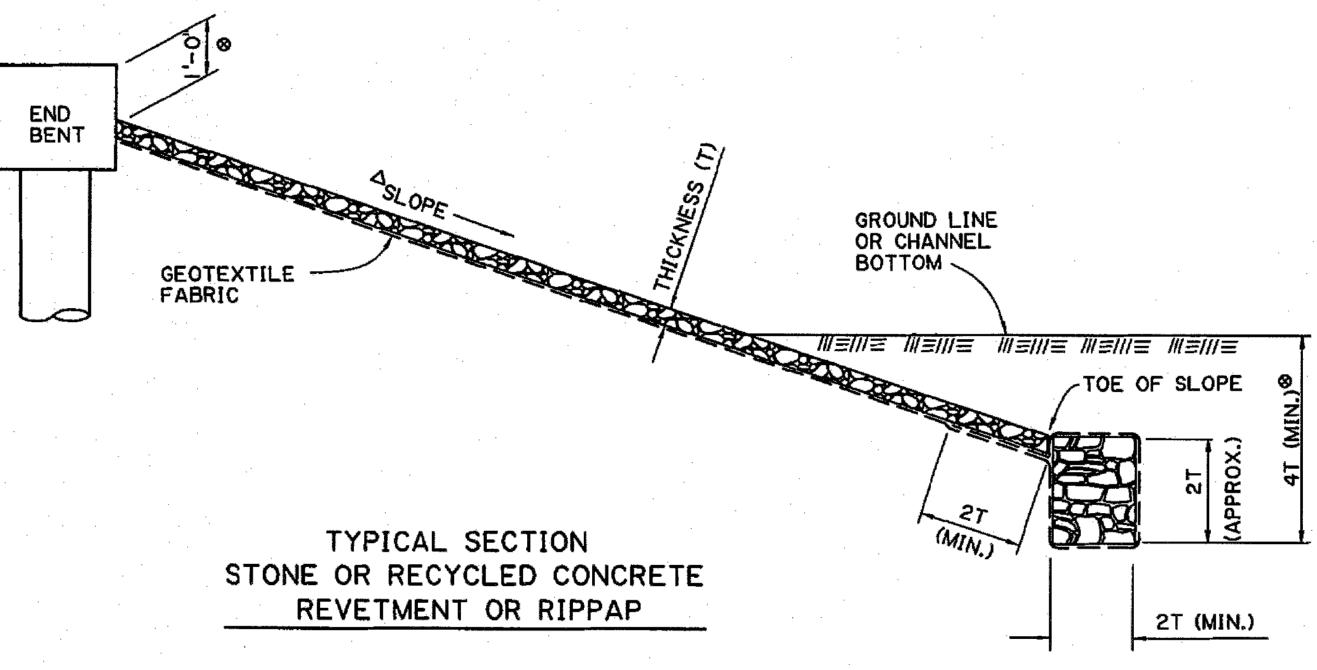
HORIZONTAL SCALE: 1"=100' VERTICAL SCALE: 1"=10'



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GENERAL NOTES:

RIPRAP AND FLEXIBLE REVETMENT SHALL BE PLACED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST SECTIONS 711 AND 712 OF THE LOUISIANA STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES. GEOTEXTILE FABRIC WILL BE MEASURED AND PAID FOR UNDER IT'S OWN PAY ITEM WHEN USED WITH RIPRAP BUT WILL BE CONSIDERED AN INCIDENTAL ITEM AND BE INCLUDED IN THE PAY ITEM FOR REVETMENT.

ALTERNATE DESIGNS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE HYDRAULIC ENGINEER FOR APPROVAL.

ELEVATION OF TOE OF SLOPE TO REMAIN CONSTANT FOR ALL PROTECTED SIDES OF THE EMBANKMENT, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

WHERE SLOPE PROTECTION FOR ADJACENT EMBANKMENTS INTERSECT, TERMINATE EACH WITH A TOE WALL AS DETAILED ON THIS SHEET EXCEPT WALLS ABUT.

RIPRAP CLASS (LBS.)	MINIMUM THICKNESS (T) (INCHES)				
Ø 30	14				
* 55	18				
* 130	24				
* 250	30				

* STONE ONLY

- @ EQUIVALENT TO STONE OR RECYCLED CONCRETE REVETMENT.
- **OUNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN ON PLANS.**
- △ SEE GENERAL PLAN FOR EMBANKMENT HEADER SLOPE AND LIMITS OF SLOPE PROTECTION ALONG ROADWAY EMBANKMENT.

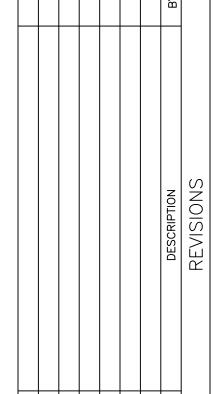
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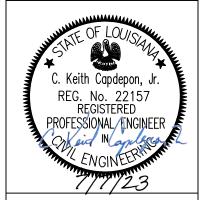
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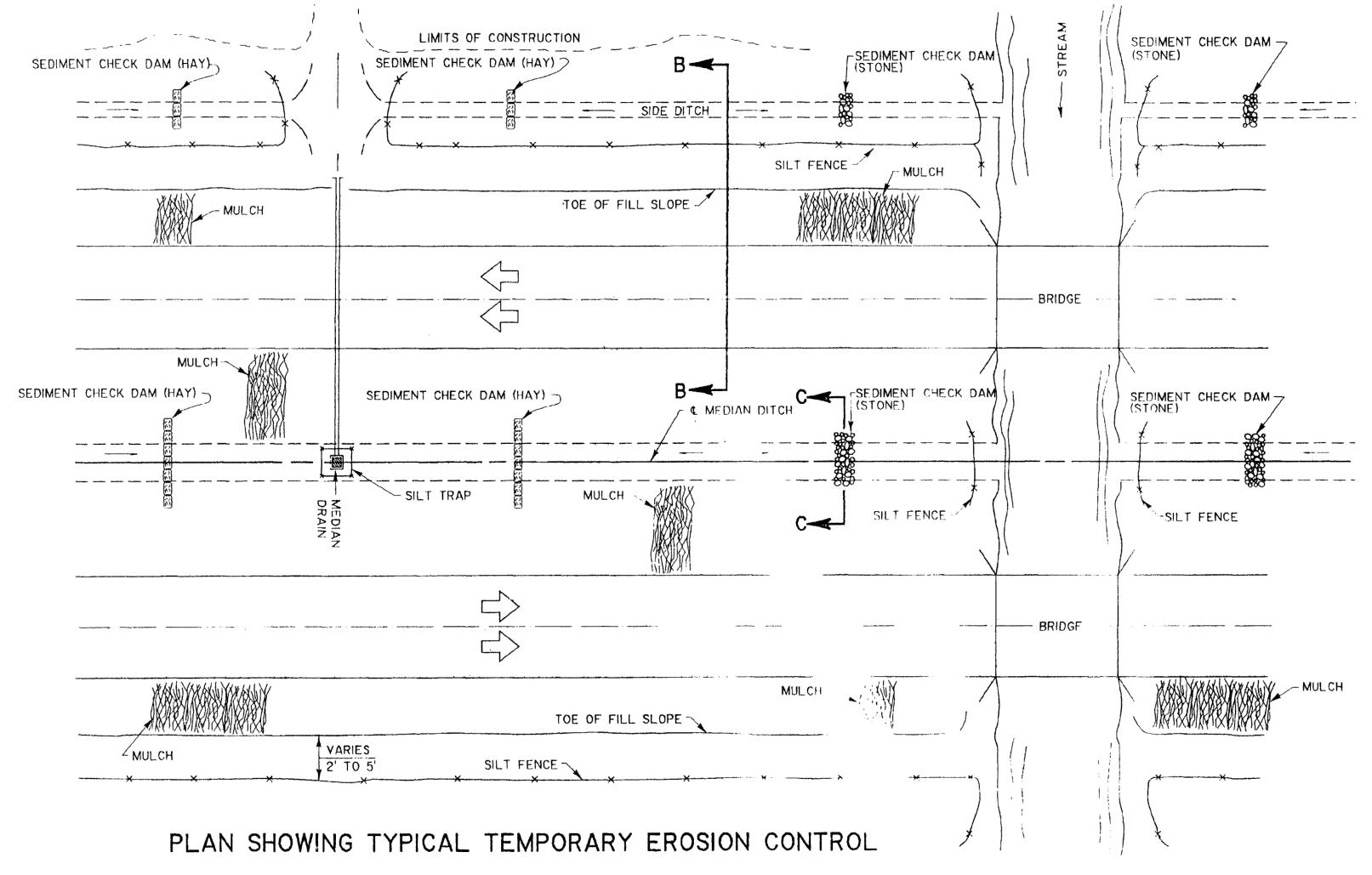
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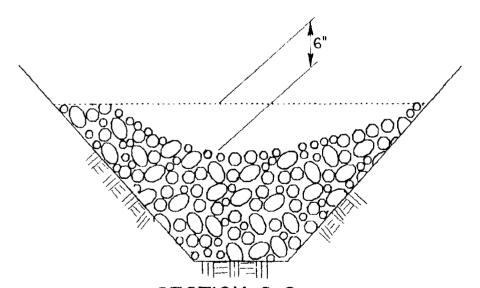


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Mulches are the application of mats of material placed on the soil surface to prevent erosion by protecting the soil surface from raindrop impact and to reduce the velocity of overland flow. Mulches can be organic or synthetic. Mulches shall be in accordance with subsection 1018.19 of the LA DOTD Standard Specifications. A few guidelines for the use of Mulches are:

- 1. Use on cut and embankment slopes which have not been completed to plan grade or where the weather or soil conditions will not permit completing them within a reasonable time;
- 2. Use on cleared, grubbed, and scalped areas where soil erosion is likely to occur;
- 3. Use with temporary seeding.

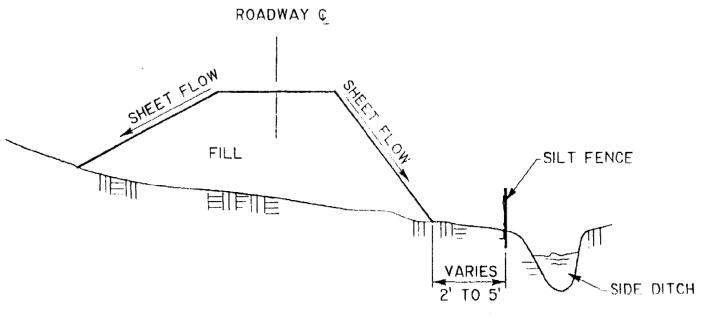


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TEMPORARY SEDIMENT CHECK DAM (STONE) PAY ITEM: 204(05)(B), TEMPORARY SEDIMENT CHECK DAM (STONE)

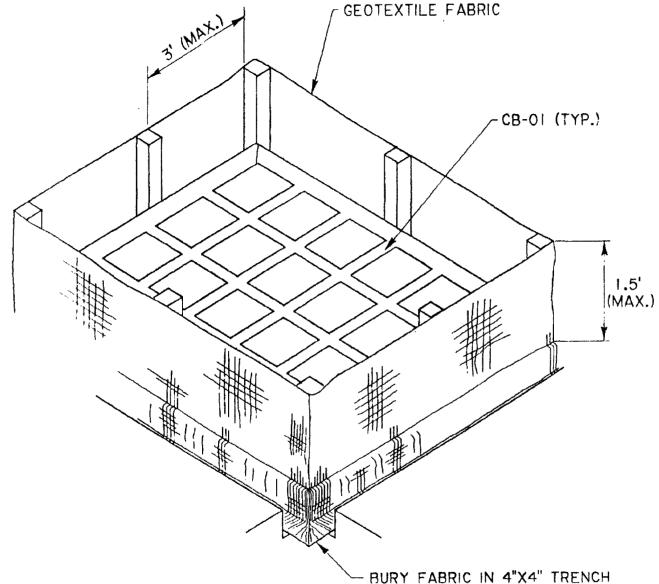
A stone check dam is a small temporary dam constructed across a swale or drainage ditch. The purpose of this measure is to reduce the velocity of concentrated stormwater flows, thereby reducing erosion of the swale or ditch. The stone check dam will trap small amounts of sediments generated in the ditch itself, however it should not be used as a sediment trapping device. A few basic design guidelines for the use of Stone Check Dams are:

- 1. Use in small open channels which drain 10 acres or less;
- 2. Do not use in a live stream; 3. Use in a temporary ditch or swale which, because of their short
- length of service, cannot receive a non-erodible lining;
- Use in permanent ditches or swales which will not receive a permanent lining for an extended period of time;
- 5. Use in temporary or permanent ditches or swales which need protection during the establishment of grass linings.
- 6. For stone specifications see subsection 711.02(a)(Class 2LB.) of the LA DOTD Standard Specifications.



SECTION B-B

TEMPORARY SILT FENCE APPLICATION (FOR CONSTRUCTION DETAILS AND SPECIFICATIONS SEE SHEET 2 OF 2.)



GEOTEXTILE FABRIC

SECTION THRU TRENCH SHOWING GEOTEXTILE FABRIC

The temporary drop inlet silt trap is to be used for small drainage areas (less than I acre) where the storm drain is functional before the area is stabilized. The trap can be either geotextile fabric

The geotextile fabric shall conform to Section 1019 (Type G)
of the LA DOTD Standard Specifications.

2" x 4" with a minimum length of 3 feet. The stakes shall be

limited to 1.5' and the bottom of the fabric shall be buried in

a trench approximately 4" wide by 4" deep. The fabric shall be stapled to the post with $\frac{1}{2}$ " staples.

spaced around the inlet at a maximum spacing of 3 feet.

4. The trap should be inspected regularly and after each storm. The sediment should be removed and make sure each stake is

SECTION A-A

2. Wooden stakes supporting the fabric shall be 2" x 2" or

3. The height of the fabric above the inlet shall be

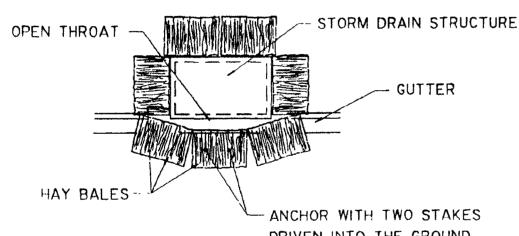
firmly in the ground.

BACKFILL SOIL _ 4"X4" TRENCH

or hay bales.

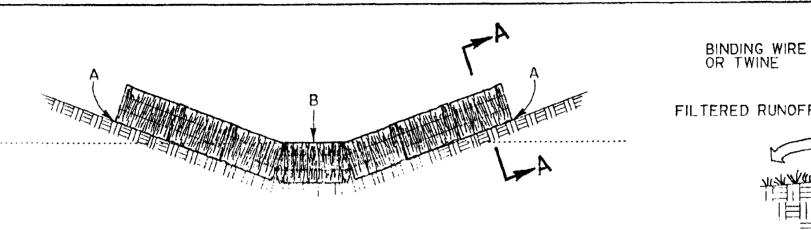
ISOMETRIC VIEW SHOWING GEOTEXTILE FABRIC

(BACKFILL SOIL NOT SHOWN)



PAY ITEM: 204(02), TEMPORARY BALED HAY OR STRAW

TEMPORARY INLET SILT TRAP



POINTS A SHOULD BE HIGHER THAN POINT B.

ELEVATION

TEMPORARY SEDIMENT CHECK DAM (HAY)

PAY ITEM: 204(05)(A), TEMPORARY SEDIMENT CHECK DAM (HAY)

barrier is also used as a check dam to reduce the velocity in small ditches or swales. The hay bales shall be in accordance with LA DOTD Standard Specifications, Section 204. A few basic design quidelines for the use of a Hay Bale Barrier are:

- 1. Use where erosion would occur in the form of sheet and rill
- 2. Use in minor swales or ditches where the maximum drainage area
- 3. Only use where the effectiveness is required for less than
- is a possibility of a washout.

A hay bale barrier is a temporary sediment barrier consisting of a row of entrenched and anchored bales of straw or hay. The hay bale

is 2 acres;

3 months: 4. Do not use in live streams or in swales or ditches where there

DRIVEN INTO THE GROUND PLAN SHOWING HAY BALES

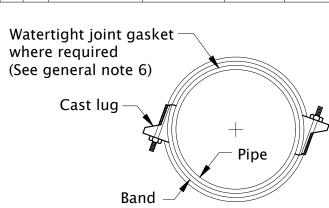




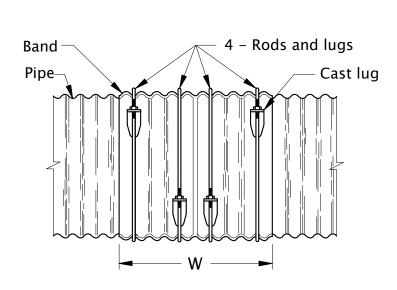
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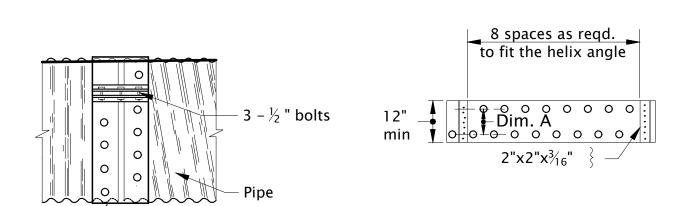
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END VIEW



TYPE D



TYPE E (For 12"-30" dia. pipes)

Dimension A: 7" min. between dimples

as reqd. to fit the helix angle.

COUPLING BAND DIMPLE DETAIL

WHILE MANY ARE ACTIVE.

GENERAL NOTES FOR ALL DETAILS ON THIS SHEET:

2. Coupling bands for corrugated iron and steel

pipes may be two numerical thicknesses lighter than that used for the pipe but not more than

nominal thickness. Coupling bands for corrugated aluminum pipe shall be of the same thickness as

3. Watertight joints with gaskets are required for

installations when shown on the plans. Gaskets for

vulcanized) synthetic, closed—cell sponge rubber \%" thick of a width equal to the band width and

4. To prevent galvanic action when unlike metals are

connected, the connecting band shall be used with a full width neoprene gasket or coated with asphalt

all coupling bands shall be (butt-cemented or

centering on the joint. For pipes 12" or less in

or other insulating material as approved by the

diameter, the gasket thickness may be $\frac{3}{16}$ ".

0.109" nominal thickness nor less than 0.052"

shall be galvanized or aluminum coated.

irrigation pipes, storm sewers, and other

that used for the pipe.

1. All steel coupling bands and connection hardware

engineer.

21/2" 3.65 24" 13/8" 21/2" 3.65 24" 15/8" 5.79 36" Weight Per Ft. Foundation Embedment BRACES: CHAIN LINK FABRIC: Gauge Size Tensile Strength 80,000 PSI 1.203 No. 7 1.203 No. 7 1.203 BOTTOM TENSION LINE: No. 6 GATE FRAMES: Size 2" 2" 2.72 2.72 Weight Per Ft.

10' Max. 24"

13/8" 1.34

10'-0" (MAX.)

PROVIDE BOTTOM WIRE

ALL MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS SHALL BE SIZED AS FOLLOWS FOR THE VARIOUS CLASSES OF FENCING.

LINE POST:

TOP RAIL:

Size

Size Weight Per Ft.

Weight Per Ft.

END & CORNER POST:

Foundation Embedment

3 STRANDS, 4 PT., GALV. BARBED WIRE

10'-0" (MAX.)

9 GAUGE 24 MESH

BRACE CORNERS

TENSION BARS

TYPICAL FENCING DETAIL

_CORNER POST

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	SIZE	OF GATE LEAF	-
GATE POST: Size Weight Per Ft. Foundation Depth	Less Than 6' 3" 5.79 36"	6'-13' 4" 9.10 36"	13'-18' 65/8" 18.79 36"

Fabric shall have a minimum tensile strength of 80,000 p.s.i. and shall be coated with either a minimum of 1.2 oz. per square foot of galvanizing conforming to ASTM A 392 Class II of 0.4 oz. per square foot of aluminum coating conforming to ASTM A 491.

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