



June 3, 2022

TO: Daniela Ortiz de Montellano, Project Manager  
Industrial and Hazardous Waste Permits Section  
Waste Permits Division  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

SUBJECT: New Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Registration No. CCR101  
Lower Colorado River Authority – La Grange, Fayette County, Texas  
Industrial Solid Waste Registration No. 31575  
EPA Identification No. TXD083566547  
Tracking No. 27214088; RN100226844/CN600253637

Ms. Ortiz,

The Lower Colorado River Authority is in receipt of your letter dated April 22, 2022 outlining deficiencies in the Coal Combustion Residuals registration application dated January 24, 2022. Our responses are outlined below, corresponding to deficiency number and application section and location. Furthermore, we have included a redline/strike out version of the changes as well as replacement pages.

1. Application section I, Application cover sheet section 1

*A Proposed CCR Registration No. CCR101 was assigned to LCRA Sam Seymour Fayette Power Project. Future correspondence should reflect CCR101 registration number and Tracking No. 27214088.*

**Future correspondence will reflect CCR Registration No. CCR101 and tracking no. 27214088**

2. Application Section I.18, I.3, Core Data Form

*Provide the following:*

- a. Item 14: Identify the customer role.*
- b. Item 22, and App. Subsect. I.3: Correct the name of the Regulated Entity to LCRA Sam Seymour Fayette Power Project.*
- c. Item 23: Correct zip code.*
- d. Item 27: Correct inconsistent latitude and longitude coordinates between the Core Data form and Subsection I.3 of the application form.*

**a. The Customer role had been identified as owner/operator**

- b. **The name of the regulated Entity has been changed to LCRA Sam Seymour Fayette Power Project**
- c. **The zip code has been corrected**
- d. **As discussed with TCEQ, the latitude and longitude on the core data form corresponds to the overall FPP facility and not the CCR unit. The latitude and longitude for CCR 101 has been added to Figure 3 and the text in application has been modified to indicate the coordinates for CCR 101. Therefore, the core data form and the application will not reflect the same coordinates.**

3. Application Section I.6, Table I.6

*Revise the format of the table to clearly identify the CCR Unit and NOR Nos that correspond to Cells 2A, 2B, 2C, and 3.*

**Table I.6 has been revised to indicate that CCR101 has one NOR unit number and Cells 2A, 2B, 2C and 3 will all fall under NOR Unit number 013.**

4. Application Section I, Table I.6.A

*Provide a statement in Note "2" to clarify if the disposal rate is an average based on the facility's annual generation rates.*

**The footnote in Table I.6.A has been revised to state the disposal rate is based on the facilities average disposal rate and not the facility's annual generation rate. This is due to the sale of CCRs for beneficial use.**

5. Application Section I.6, Table I.6.C

*Complete the information in the table assuming the waste must be resampled, retested, and reclassified when there is a change in the process. "Change in the process" can be used as frequency for sampling of waste.*

**Table I.6.C has been revised to indicate the methods and parameters used to classify the waste should there be a change in the process necessitating reclassification. The majority of the waste stream classifications going to CCR 101 have been audited and approved by TCEQ Waste Classification Section.**



6. Application Section I.13, Attachment 1

*Provide the property owner affidavit. Although this affidavit is not specifically listed in the Registration form or instructions, it is prescribed information. We have attached for your assistance a sample affidavit for your use.*

**The owner affidavit has been completed and included with this response.**

7. Application Section I.20, Attachment 2

*Provide the following:*

- a. *As applicable, provide the Texas licensed professional engineer or geologist signature and seal that prepared the maps.*
- b. *A map that shows information regarding nature of development of adjacent land, and within a reasonable distance from disposal activities.*
- c. *Latitudes and longitudes.*
- d. *A drawing that depicts all the CCR units in one contiguous registration boundary.*
- e. *A narrative for the process flow diagram.*
  - a. As discussed with TCEQ, LCRA has not identified any maps that contain engineering or geological work that would require a seal.**
  - b. Adjacent land use, agricultural, has been added to Figure 4.**
  - c. Latitudes and longitude for CCR101 has been added to Figure 3.**
  - d. Figure 3 has been modified to indicate that the boundary of CCR 101 is the registration boundary.**
  - e. A narrative for the process flow diagram has been added to Figure 5.**

8. Application Section I.21, Attachment 3, Section 3.1 and Appendix E

*Clarify if a Texas assessment of endangered or threatened species was conducted and if it was taken into consideration on the conclusion of the final assessment including whether special designs were considered if endangered species were found.*

*Provide a FEMA flood map that depict the facility's registration boundary as supporting documentation for verification of compliance.*

**The Location Restriction Certification Report prepared by Geosyntec has been revised to include a FEMA flood map. The revised report also includes a modified Endangered and Threatened Species report prepared by Blanton and Associated which includes a discussion and conclusion regarding Texas species.**

9. Application section II.22, Attachment 3, subsections 2.2.2., 2.3.2, 2.4.2

*Provide maps and/or documentation that include wetlands, fault areas and seismic impact zones as part of the location restriction demonstration.*

**A map depicting wetlands was included in the Location Restriction Report prepared by Geosyntec. A revised report has been prepared by Geosyntec including print out of the information referenced in the report regarding fault areas and seismic impact zones.**

10. Application Section III.24, Attachment 5

- a. Describe how the control measures selected for the landfill will not result in free liquids. In lieu of water, CCR conditioning may be accomplished with an appropriate chemical dust suppression agent.*
- b. Identify the source(s) of the water that is used for dust suppression.*
- c. Describe control measures that are used to effectively minimize CCR dust from becoming airborne at the active unit at the end of each day.*

**As discussed with TCEQ, LCRA is currently marketing and selling CCR from CCR101. Therefore, the use of daily and interim cover is not utilized. Furthermore, chemical dust suppression agents cannot be used as they may affect the properties of the CCR and prevent beneficial use. Water from subcell 2D runoff pond is applied to the CCR as necessary to prevent fugitive dust. Due to the pozzolanic properties of the CCR, a thin crust is produced by adding water. Water is applied at a rate that does not result in saturated CCR, ponding or runoff.**

Ms. Ortiz  
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If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me at 512-578-3393 or 800-776-5272, ext. 3393.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca D Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "J".

Rebecca Jones, P.G.  
Environmental Coordinator II

# Replacement Pages



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# TCEQ Core Data Form

For detailed instructions regarding completion of this form, please read the Core Data Form Instructions or call 512-239-5175.

## SECTION I: General Information

<b>1. Reason for Submission</b> (If other is checked please describe in space provided.)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Permit, Registration or Authorization (Core Data Form should be submitted with the program application.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal (Core Data Form should be submitted with the renewal form)		<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>2. Customer Reference Number (if issued)</b>		<b>3. Regulated Entity Reference Number (if issued)</b>
CN 600253637		RN 100226844

[Follow this link to search for CN or RN numbers in Central Registry\\*\\*](#)

## SECTION II: Customer Information

<b>4. General Customer Information</b>		<b>5. Effective Date for Customer Information Updates</b> (mm/dd/yyyy)		N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Customer		<input type="checkbox"/> Update to Customer Information		<input type="checkbox"/> Change in Regulated Entity Ownership	
<input type="checkbox"/> Change in Legal Name (Verifiable with the Texas Secretary of State or Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts)					
<b>The Customer Name submitted here may be updated automatically based on what is current and active with the Texas Secretary of State (SOS) or Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA).</b>					
<b>6. Customer Legal Name</b> (If an individual, print last name first: eg: Doe, John)				If new Customer, enter previous Customer below:	
Lower Colorado River Authority					
<b>7. TX SOS/CPA Filing Number</b>		<b>8. TX State Tax ID</b> (11 digits)		<b>9. Federal Tax ID</b> (9 digits)	
				746002915	
<b>11. Type of Customer:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation		<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	
Government: <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Other		<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship		Partnership: <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Limited	
<b>12. Number of Employees</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> 0-20 <input type="checkbox"/> 21-100 <input type="checkbox"/> 101-250 <input type="checkbox"/> 251-500 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501 and higher		<b>13. Independently Owned and Operated?</b>	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>14. Customer Role</b> (Proposed or Actual) – as it relates to the Regulated Entity listed on this form. Please check one of the following					
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner		<input type="checkbox"/> Operator		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owner & Operator	
<input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Licensee		<input type="checkbox"/> Responsible Party		<input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Cleanup Applicant	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: City of Austin owns 50% U1&U2					
<b>15. Mailing Address:</b>		P.O. Box 220			
City		Austin		State	
TX		ZIP		78767	
ZIP + 4					
<b>16. Country Mailing Information</b> (if outside USA)				<b>17. E-Mail Address</b> (if applicable)	
<b>18. Telephone Number</b>		<b>19. Extension or Code</b>		<b>20. Fax Number</b> (if applicable)	
( 512 ) 473-3200				( ) -	

## SECTION III: Regulated Entity Information

<b>21. General Regulated Entity Information</b> (If 'New Regulated Entity' is selected below this form should be accompanied by a permit application)	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Regulated Entity <input type="checkbox"/> Update to Regulated Entity Name <input type="checkbox"/> Update to Regulated Entity Information	
<b>The Regulated Entity Name submitted may be updated in order to meet TCEQ Agency Data Standards (removal of organizational endings such as Inc, LP, or LLC).</b>	
<b>22. Regulated Entity Name</b> (Enter name of the site where the regulated action is taking place.)	
LCRA Sam Seymour Fayette Power Project	

23. Street Address of the Regulated Entity: (No PO Boxes)	6549 Power Plant Rd							
	City	La Grange	State	TX	ZIP	78945	ZIP + 4	
24. County								

**Enter Physical Location Description if no street address is provided.**

25. Description to Physical Location:								
26. Nearest City					State	Nearest ZIP Code		
27. Latitude (N) In Decimal:	29.914742			28. Longitude (W) In Decimal:	-96.753535			
Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
29	54	53.0712		96	45	12.726		
29. Primary SIC Code (4 digits)	30. Secondary SIC Code (4 digits)		31. Primary NAICS Code (5 or 6 digits)		32. Secondary NAICS Code (5 or 6 digits)			
4911			221121					
33. What is the Primary Business of this entity? (Do not repeat the SIC or NAICS description.)								
Coal Fired Power Plant								
34. Mailing Address:	6549 Power Plant Rd							
	City	La Grange	State	TX	ZIP	78954	ZIP + 4	
35. E-Mail Address:								
36. Telephone Number		37. Extension or Code			38. Fax Number (if applicable)			
( 979 ) 249-3111					( ) -			

**39. TCEQ Programs and ID Numbers** Check all Programs and write in the permits/registration numbers that will be affected by the updates submitted on this form. See the Core Data Form instructions for additional guidance.

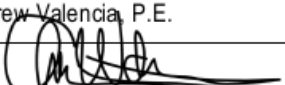
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<input type="checkbox"/> Sludge	<input type="checkbox"/> Storm Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Title V Air	<input type="checkbox"/> Tires	<input type="checkbox"/> Used Oil
<input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Cleanup	<input type="checkbox"/> Waste Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

#### **SECTION IV: Preparer Information**

40. Name:	Rebecca Jones, P.G.		41. Title:	Environmental Coordinator
42. Telephone Number	43. Ext./Code	44. Fax Number	45. E-Mail Address	
( 512 ) 578-3393		( ) -	Rebecca.Jones@lcra.org	

#### **SECTION V: Authorized Signature**

**46.** By my signature below, I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the information provided in this form is true and complete, and that I have signature authority to submit this form on behalf of the entity specified in Section II, Field 6 and/or as required for the updates to the ID numbers identified in field 39.

Company:	Lower Colorado River Authority	Job Title:	Sr. VP, Generation
Name (In Print):	Andrew Valencia, P.E.	Phone:	( 512 ) 578- 3591
Signature:		Date:	January 21, 2022



## Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

### Registration Application for Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Waste Management

## I. General Information

### 1. Reason for Submittal

Type of Registration Application

- ☒ New      ☐ Major Amendment      ☐ Minor Amendment  
☐ Notice of Deficiency (NOD) Response      ☐ Transfer      ☐ Name Change  
☐ Other

### 2. Application Fees

☒ \$150 Application Fee

Payment Method

☐ Check      ☒ Online through ePay portal <[www3.tceq.texas.gov/epay/](http://www3.tceq.texas.gov/epay/)>

If paid online, enter ePay Trace Number: 582EA000471145

### 3. Facility Information

*Facility information must match regulated entity information on the Core Data Form.*

Applicant:    ☐ Owner      ☐ Operator      ☒ Owner/Operator

Facility TCEQ Solid Waste Registration No: 31575

Facility EPA ID: TXD083566547

Regulated Entity Reference No. (if issued): RN 100226844

Facility Name: Lower Colorado River Authority Fayette Power Project

Facility (Area Code) Telephone Number: (979) 249-3111

Facility physical street address (city, state, zip code, county): 6549 Power Plant Rd., La Grange, TX, 78945, Fayette County

Facility mailing address (city, state, zip code, county): PO Box 220, Austin, TX, 78767, Travis County

Latitude (Degrees, Minutes Seconds): 29°54'53.0712"N

Longitude (Degrees, Minutes Seconds): 96°45'12.726"W

**Table I.6. – CCR Waste Management Units**

CCR Unit No. <sup>1</sup>	Unit Name	N.O.R. No. <sup>1</sup>	Unit Description <sup>3</sup>	Capacity	Unit Status <sup>2</sup>
CCR-101	Combustion Byproduct Landfill (CBL)	013	Cells 1 and 2D	12,4000,000 Cu yds	Active
CCR-101	Combustion Byproduct Landfill (CBL)	013	Cells 2A, 2B, 2C and 3		Proposed <sup>4</sup>

1 Registered Unit No. and N.O.R. No. cannot be reassigned to new units or used more than once.

2 Unit Status options: Active, Closed, Inactive (built but not managing waste), Proposed (not yet built), Never Built, Transferred, Post-Closure.

3 If a unit has been transferred, the applicant should indicate which facility/permit it has been transferred to in the Unit Description column.

4 No schedule for development at the time of application submittal but all future cells are developed within the deed recorded footprint of unit CCR-101/NOR 013.



**Table I.6.A. – Waste Management Information**

Waste No. <sup>1</sup>	Waste Type(s)	Source	Volume (tons/year) <sup>2</sup>
1	Fly Ash Unit 1 and 2	Generated from coal combustion process at FPP	6,728
2	Fly Ash Unit 3	Generated from coal combustion process at FPP	2,849
3	Bottom Ash Unit 1 and 2	Generated from coal combustion process at FPP	36,993
4	Bottom Ash Unit 3	Generated from coal combustion process at FPP	15,751
5	Synthetic Gypsum	Generated from coal combustion process at FPP	28,449
6	Refractory, bowl mill rejects, waste sand filter media, waste charcoal filter media, waste resin beads, ash bag house filters, pyrite and coal reject generated from maintenance operations	Generated from coal combustion process at FPP	737
7	Activated carbon waste	Generated from coal combustion process at FPP	0
8	ACI Pipe cleaning waste	Generated from coal combustion process at FPP	0

1 Assign waste number sequentially. Do not remove waste number wastes which are no longer generated.

2 Disposal Rates based on 4-year average of actual deposition rates independent of facility generation rates.

**Table I.6.C – Sampling and Analytical Methods**

Waste No. <sup>1</sup>	Sampling Location	Sampling Method	Frequency	Parameter	Test Method	Desired Accuracy Level
1	Fly Ash Silo <sup>2 and 3</sup>	SW846, representative grab samples	Waste will be sampled when there is a change in the process	If necessary due to a change in process: process knowledge and TCLP HG, TCLP metals	If necessary due to a change in process: SW7470A and SW6010B	LOD/LOQ <sup>4</sup>
2	Fly Ash Silo <sup>2 and 3</sup>					HG 0.00007/ 0.0002 mg/L
3	Bottom Ash Bunker <sup>2 and 3</sup>					AS 0.2/0.5 mg/L
4	Bottom Ash Bunker <sup>2 and 3</sup>					BA 0.04/0.1 mg/L
5	Synthetic Gypsum Dome <sup>2 and 3</sup>					CD 0.03/0.08 mg/L
6	Boiler and associated equipment for coal processing <sup>2 and 3</sup>					CR 0.04/0.1 mg/L
7	Activated Carbon Injection System <sup>2</sup>					PB 0.2/0.5 mg/L
8	Activated Carbon Injection System <sup>2</sup>					SE 0.4/1.0 mg/L
						AG 0.04/0.1 mg/L

1 from Table I.6.A., first column

2 All waste has been classified in accordance with 30 TAC 335, Subchapter R, and TCEQ RG-22 Guidelines for the Classification and Coding of Industrial and Hazardous Waste. Prior testing and/or process knowledge of the waste streams eliminates the need for further testing. In accordance with TCEQ waste classification regulations, waste classifications will only be revisited when there is a change in the process which necessitates the need to revisit the classification. Waste is only sampled and reclassified when there is a process change.

3 Waste classification has been audited and approved by TCEQ.

4 LOD Limit of Detection; LOQ Limit of Quantification

Property Owner Affidavit

"I/We, \_\_\_\_\_Andrew Valencia \_\_\_\_\_, as \_\_\_\_\_Senior Vice President, Generation\_\_\_\_\_

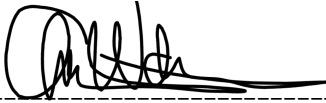
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As authorized signatory for \_\_\_\_\_Lower Colorado River Authority\_\_\_\_\_

(Printed Name of Property Owner of Record)

Acknowledge that the State of Texas may hold the property owner of record either jointly or severally responsible for the operation, maintenance, and closure and post-closure care of the facility. I further acknowledge that I or the operator and the State of Texas shall have access to the property during the active life and post-closure care period, if required, after closure for the purpose of inspection and maintenance."

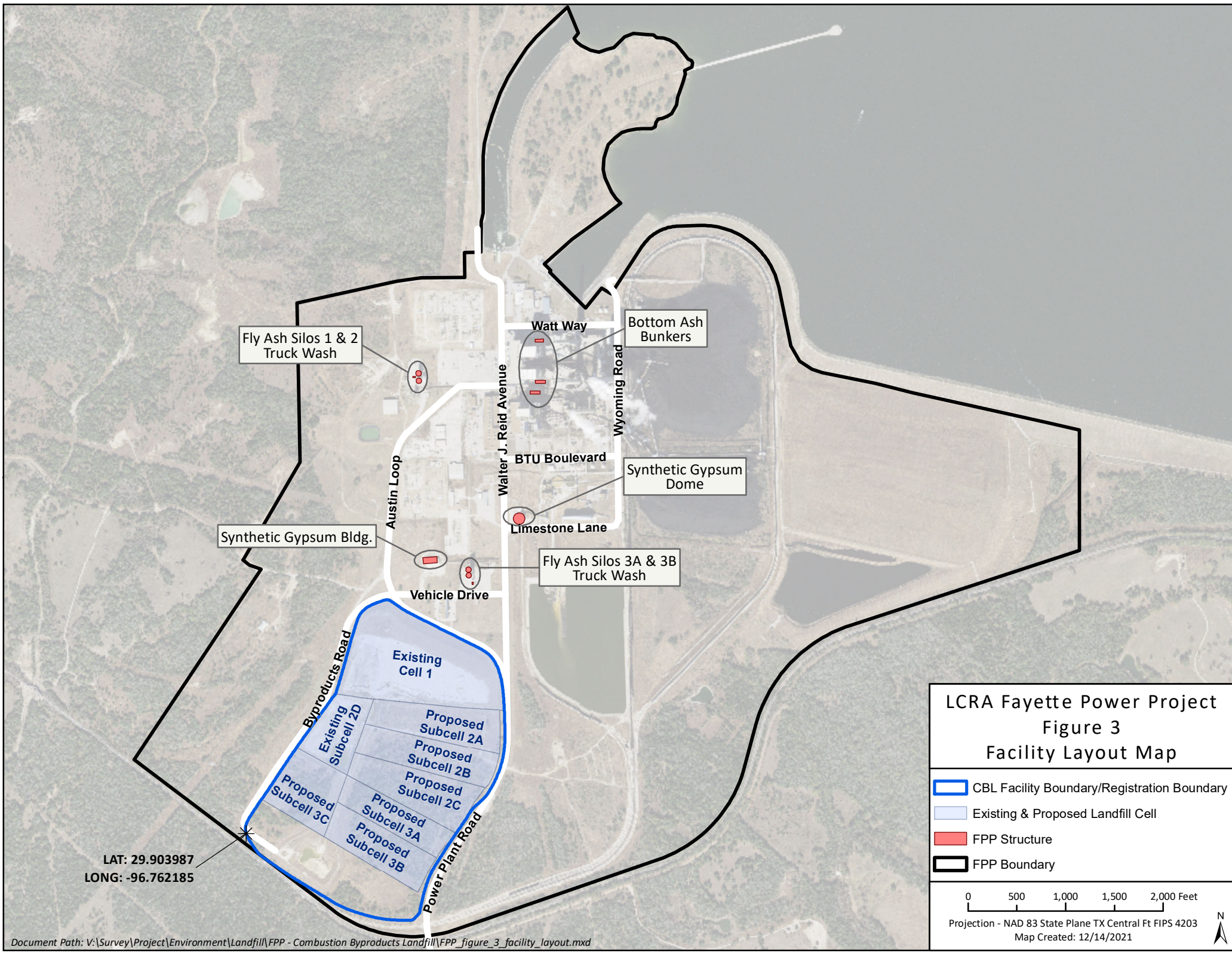


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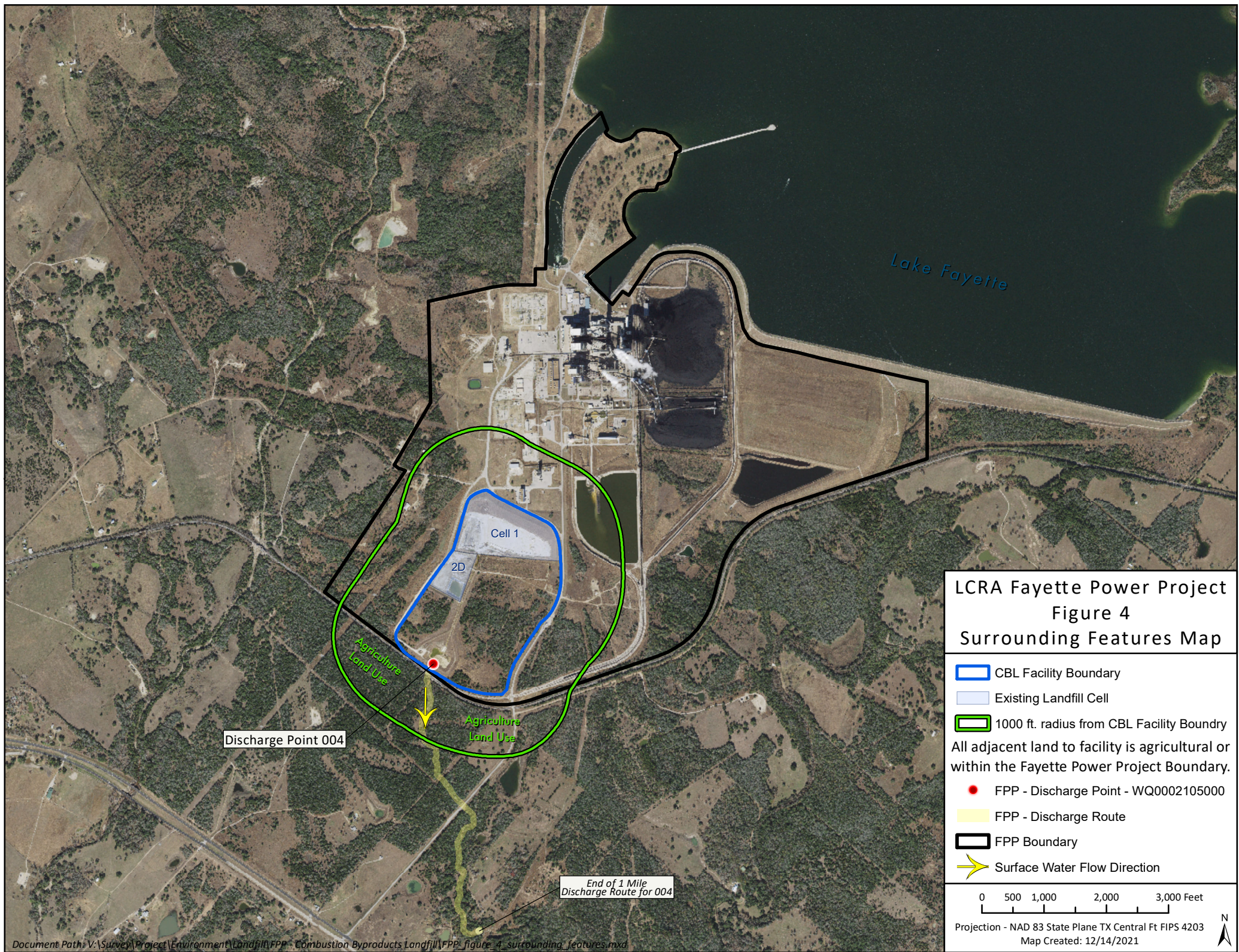
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# LCRA Fayette Power Project Figure 4 Surrounding Features Map

-  CBL Facility Boundary
-  Existing Landfill Cell
-  1000 ft. radius from CBL Facility Boundary
- All adjacent land to facility is agricultural or within the Fayette Power Project Boundary.
-  FPP - Discharge Point - WQ0002105000
-  FPP - Discharge Route
-  FPP Boundary
-  Surface Water Flow Direction

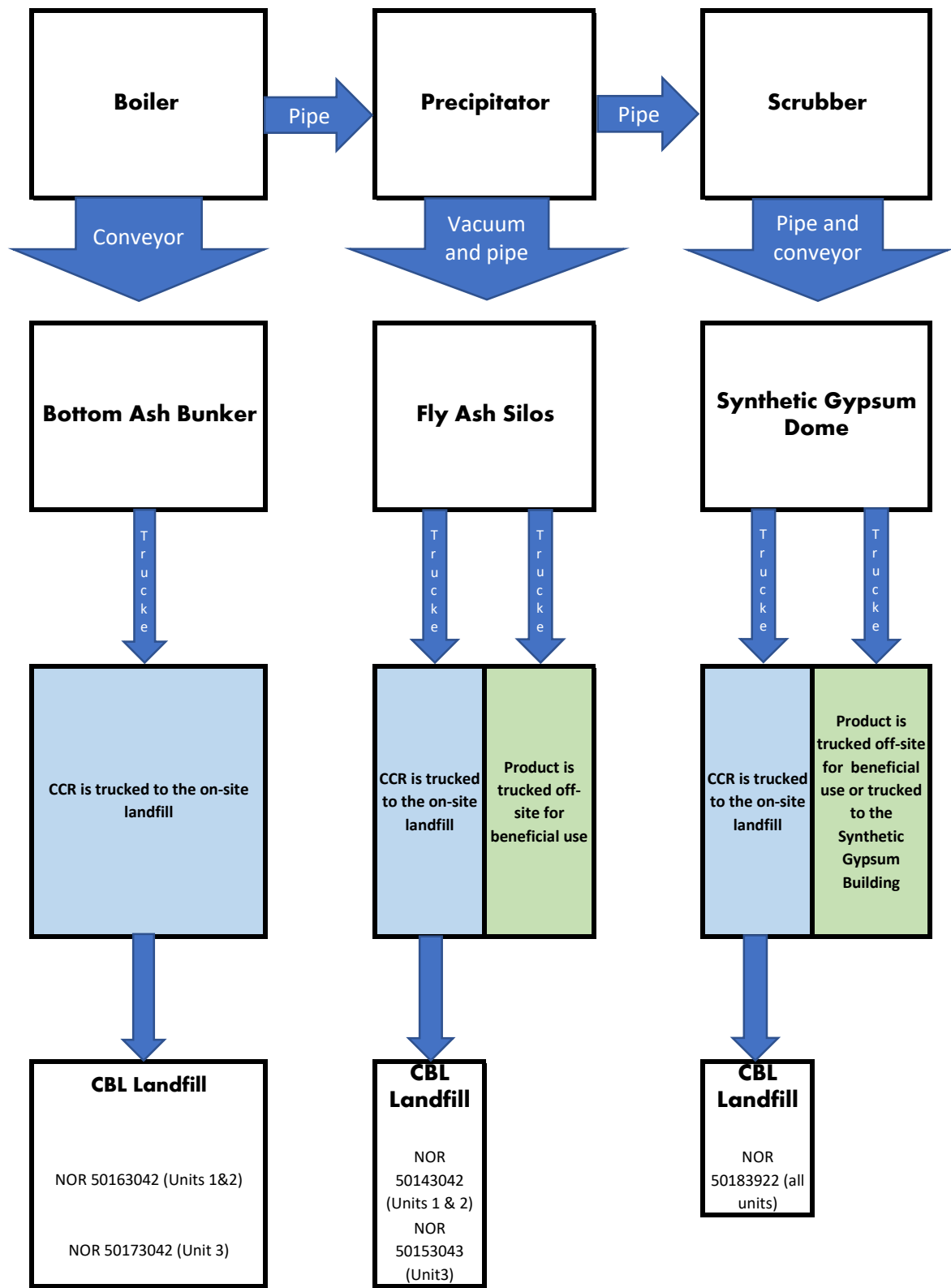
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Projection - NAD 83 State Plane TX Central Ft FIPS 4203  
Map Created: 12/14/2021

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Sam Seymore Fayette Power Project  
CCR Process Flow Diagram  
Figure 5



**Sam Seymore Fayette Power Project**  
**CCR Process Flow Diagram**  
**Figure 5**

**Process Flow Description**

The Fayette Power Project (FPP) consists of three coal fired steam electric generating units located in Fayette County, Texas, approximately seven miles east of La grange, Texas. The primary fuel combusted at FPP is subbituminous coal. Other activities at FPP that support the operation of the boilers include coal handling, limestone handling, and powdered activated carbon injection for mercury emissions control.

Pulverized coal is injected into the boiler where it is burned to produce heat and steam. The bottom ash falls to the bottom of the boiler and is removed by conveyor to the Bottom Ash bunker located adjacent to the boiler. From there it is trucked to the Coal Combustion By-Products Landfill (CBL). The fly ash moves with combustion gases to the electrostatic precipitators where fly ash is removed from the combustion gases and a vacuum draws the fly ash into the ash transport system and then is pneumatically transferred to the fly ash collection silos. Fly Ash is loaded in trucks at the silo and trucked off-site for beneficial use. Some fly ash is trucked to the on-site Coal Combustion Residuals Landfill. Combustion gases are routed from the electrostatic precipitator to the scrubber system where a limestone slurry is used to remove sulfur dioxide. The scrubber material is transferred via pipes and conveyors to the Synthetic Gypsum Dome. From there the material is either trucked to the on-site landfill, trucked off-site for beneficial use, or trucked to the on-site Synthetic Gypsum Storage Building and later trucked for beneficial use.

*Prepared for*



**Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA)**

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## **LOCATION RESTRICTIONS CERTIFICATION REPORT**

**COMBUSTION BYPRODUCT LANDFILL**

**FAYETTE POWER PROJECT**

**FAYETTE COUNTY, TEXAS**



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*Beth Ann Gross*

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Purpose

This report presents an evaluation of the proposed lateral expansion (Subcells 2A, 2B, 2C and Cell 3) of the Combustion Byproduct Landfill (CBL) at the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) Fayette Power Project (FPP) with respect to compliance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ's) location restriction regulations for lateral expansions of coal combustion residuals (CCR) landfills, in accordance with Chapter 352, Subchapter E of Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) (i.e., 30 TAC 352, Subchapter E). These regulations were adopted by reference to Sections 257.60 to 257.64 of Part 257, Subpart D of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (i.e., 40 CFR §257.60 to §257.64).

Geosyntec Consultants (Geosyntec) previously evaluated the compliance of the existing CBL (Cell 1 and Subcell 2D) with respect to 40 CFR §257.60 to §257.64. Of these location restrictions, only the unstable areas (40 CFR §257.64) criterion is applicable to the existing CBL. Geosyntec (2017) demonstrated that the existing CBL is not situated in an unstable area and is therefore in compliance with that location restriction.

This report also presents an evaluation of the CBL with respect to compliance with the 40 CFR 257, Subpart A for floodplains (40 CFR §257.3-1), endangered species (40 CFR §257.3-2), and surface water (40 CFR §257.3-3).

A certification by a Qualified Professional Engineer that the location restriction demonstrations presented herein are appropriate for evaluating the the CBL and that the demonstrations meet the requirements of 40 CFR §§257.60(a), 257.61(a), 257.62(a), and 257.63(a) is presented in **Appendix A**.

## 1.2 Background

The FPP is a coal-fired power plant located east of La Grange in Fayette County, Texas (FPP site). CCR generated at the FPP site are disposed in the CBL, a CCR landfill located south of the power plant and north of the railroad that borders FPP (**Drawing 1**).

At final buildout, the CBL will consist of up to three cells, Cells 1 to 3 (**Drawing 2**). Cell 1 was constructed in 1988 at natural grade with a recompacted clay liner. From October 2014 to May 2015, Subcell 2D was constructed below grade with a compacted clay liner. The remainder of Cells 2 and 3 will be constructed with a liner system that includes a geomembrane/compacted clay composite liner and leachate collection system.

### **1.3 Organization of Report**

The remainder of this report is organized as follows:

- Section 2 presents an evaluation of the proposed CBL lateral expansion with respect to compliance with 30 TAC 352 Subchapter E, including placement above the uppermost aquifer (30 TAC §352.601), wetlands (30 TAC §352.611), fault areas (30 TAC §352.621), seismic impact zones (30 TAC §352.631), and unstable areas (30 TAC §352.641);
- Section 3 presents an evaluation of the CBL with respect to compliance with 40 CFR Subpart A for floodplains (40 CFR §257.3-1), endangered species (40 CFR §257.3-2), and surface water (40 CFR §257.3-3); and
- Section 4 provides a list of references cited in the report.

## **2. EVALUATION OF PROPOSED CBL LATERAL EXPANSION WITH RESPECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH 30 TAC 352, SUBCHAPTER E**

### **2.1 Placement Above the Uppermost Aquifer (30 TAC §352.601)**

#### **2.1.1 Location Restriction**

In accordance with 30 TAC §352.601, which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.60, a lateral expansion of a CCR unit (landfill) must be constructed with a base that is located no less than five feet above the upper limit of the uppermost aquifer, or must demonstrate that there will not be an intermittent, recurring, or sustained hydraulic connection between any portion of the base of the CCR landfill and the uppermost aquifer due to normal fluctuations in groundwater elevations (including the seasonal high water table). “Uppermost aquifer” is defined in 30 TAC §352.3(a), which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.53, as “the geologic formation nearest the natural ground surface that is an aquifer, as well as lower aquifers that are hydraulically interconnected with this aquifer within the facility’s property boundary.” “Aquifer” is defined as “the geologic formation, group of formations, or portion of a formation capable of yielding usable quantities of groundwater to wells or springs”.

#### **2.1.2 Uppermost Aquifer**

The information presented below on FPP site geology was developed from historical soil boring and groundwater elevation data, Geosyntec (2013), and AMEC Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc. (AMEC) (2013).

The FPP site is located on the uppermost section of the Miocene-age Oakville Formation, with topographically high portions of the site capped by Pleistocene-age Willis Formation sands, silts, and gravels. The Oakville Formation regionally dips to the southeast, varies in thickness from 200 to 500 feet, and consists of calcareous fine- to medium-grained sand/sandstones and interbedded silt and clay units.

Locally the Oakville was formed in a fluvial environment characterized by small local streams. Sand bodies were deposited as channel-fill units ranging from 10 to 25 feet in thickness and overbank units of limited extent and thickness deposited during flood events. Three groundwater bearing units, designated at the site as the Upper Sand, Intermediate Sand, and Middle Sand, are present in the interval from the surface to a depth of approximately 100 feet. A fourth unit, the Lower Sand, is locally present at a depth greater than 100 feet. Each of these units is separated by low-permeability clays.

The Upper Sand is a low-yielding, laterally discontinuous, unconfined groundwater bearing unit present only at the topographically highest portions of the CBL area. It has been reported as dry at many locations in historical geotechnical studies and is not considered the uppermost aquifer for

location restrictions or groundwater monitoring purposes. In September 2013, TCEQ approved a Class 3 groundwater designation for the Upper Sand (AMEC, 2013).

The Intermediate Sand is a laterally discontinuous unit apparently present beneath the majority of the CBL. It appears to be enveloped by low permeability clays and largely isolated from the overlying Upper Sand and underlying Middle Sand, except towards the south of the FPP site where the Intermediate Sand may stratigraphically merge with the Middle Sand. The Intermediate Sand is considered the uppermost aquifer beneath the CBL. Groundwater is present in the Intermediate Sand under confined/semi-confined conditions, except where the unit is present near the surface towards the southwest of the CBL area.

### 2.1.3 Compliance Assessment

To comply with the location restriction for placement above the uppermost aquifer, the proposed lateral expansion (Subcells 2A to 2C and Cell 3) of the CBL must be constructed with base that is located no less than 5 feet above the upper limit of uppermost aquifer. At the FPP site, the Intermediate Sand is the uppermost aquifer. “Base” refers to the bottom of the compacted clay component of the landfill liner system.

The top of the clay liner elevations for the lateral expansion area are shown in **Figure 1** along with the locations of hydrogeologic Cross-Sections A-A’ to E-E.’ These cross sections, detailed in **Figures 2 to 6**, show the site stratigraphy in the vicinity of the base of the expansion area, the top of the of the clay liner, the top of the subgrade, and the top of the Intermediate Sand.

The groundwater elevations in monitor wells completed in the Intermediate Sand are typically above the elevation of the top of the Intermediate Sand in the proposed CBL expansion area, confirming confined conditions. Therefore, the elevation of the top of the Intermediate Sand strata should be used for the purpose of determining compliance with 30 TAC 352.601 and 40 CFR §257.60 in areas where groundwater is under confined conditions. Seasonal high water table conditions are applicable to an unconfined aquifer scenario and are not relevant to the Intermediate Sand where it occurs under confined conditions. In the southwest corner of CBL in the footprint of proposed Subcell 3C (**Figure 6**), the Intermediate Sand is present near the surface and groundwater is unconfined. However, historical groundwater elevations in the Intermediate Sand monitor well in this area have been more than 5 feet below the proposed base of the Subcell 3C. The logs for the borings included in the cross sections are provided in **Appendix B**.

As shown in **Figures 2 to 6**, the base of the clay liner is closest to the upper limit of the Intermediate Sand in the central part of the proposed CBL expansion area where the liner grades approach the bottom of the central drainage corridor in the CBL and the Intermediate Sand extending from the east pinches out. However, because the proposed expansion area will be constructed with at least 5 feet separation from the Intermediate Sand, the CBL is in compliance with the location restriction for placement above the uppermost aquifer specified in 30 TAC §352.601.

## **2.2 Wetlands (30 TAC §352.611)**

### **2.2.1 Location Restriction**

In accordance with 30 TAC §352.611, which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.61, a lateral expansion of a CCR landfill must not be located in wetlands unless it is demonstrated that the landfill meets certain requirements, as specified in paragraphs §257.61(a)(1) through §257.61(a)(5).

### **2.2.2 Wetlands Information**

The CBL was sited in accordance with Texas Water Commission (TWC) Technical Guideline No. 2 (issued 1976). The design and location of the CBL was reviewed and approved by TCEQ in a letter dated January 18, 1988.

In 2006, Ecological Communications Corporation (ECC) conducted a wetlands assessment of the FPP site (**Appendix C**). Wetlands were not identified in the CBL area (ECC, 2006).

Geosyntec queried the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) [<http://www.fws.gov/wetlands/Data/Mapper.html>] (USFWS, 2021) for wetlands in the vicinity of the CBL. Documentation of this query is provided in **Figure D-1** in **Appendix D**. Two manmade features shown on **Figure D-1** were identified as freshwater ponds classified as PUBHx (**Figure 7**): (i) the existing runoff retention pond; and (ii) a manmade isolated topographic depression located in uplands along the east boundary of Subcell 2C. In addition, the existing engineered drainage channel conveying runoff from the active area of Cell 1 to the runoff retention pond as shown on **Figure D-1** was identified as a riverine wetland classified as R4SBC. These features do not meet the definition of “Waters of the United States” in 40 CFR §120.2 and are not considered jurisdictional wetlands.

### **2.2.3 Compliance Assessment**

Based on review of wetlands data for the CBL, the CBL is not located in jurisdictional wetlands. Therefore, the CBL is in compliance with the location restriction for wetlands specified in 30 TAC §352.611.

## **2.3 Fault Areas (30 TAC §352.621)**

### **2.3.1 Location Restriction**

In accordance with 30 TAC §352.621, which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.62, a lateral expansion of a CCR landfill must not be located within 200 feet of the outermost damage zone of a fault that has had displacement in Holocene time unless it is demonstrated that a lesser setback distance will prevent damage to the structural integrity of the CCR landfill. “Holocene” is defined



is defined in 30 TAC §352.3(a), which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.53, as “the most recent epoch of the Quaternary period, extending from the Pleistocene Epoch, at 11,700 years before present, to present.”

### 2.3.2 Fault Areas Information

Geosyntec queried the U.S Geological Survey (USGS) Quaternary Fault and Fold Database of the United States [<https://www.usgs.gov/natural-hazards/earthquake-hazards/faults>] (USGS, 2021a) for faults in the vicinity of the CBL. The database contains information on Quaternary faults and associated folds that are believed to be the sources of earthquakes with a magnitude greater than 6. No faults or folds were identified near the site. A print out from this query is included in **Appendix D**. While normal, en echelon faults associated with the Mexia-Luling-Talco regional fault system are found regionally, most faults associated with that system are located west of Fayette County and the limited number identified in the County are located west of the FPP (Caran et al., 1982). Further, faults were not identified along the north-south regional geologic cross section that passes through the FPP site (Rogers, 1967) or shown within one mile of the site in the on-line geologic atlas of Texas using the USGS Texas Geology Web Map Viewer [<https://txpub.usgs.gov/txgeology/>] (USGS, 2021b) as shown on **Figure D-2 in Appendix D**.

In addition to a desktop study, Geosyntec also reviewed the current topographic map for the FPP, historical aerial photographs of the FPP from December 1997, December 2002, February 2008, May 2014, April 2017, and January 2018 available on Google Earth Pro, and historical soil boring information in the CBL area for evidence of surficial expression of faults. The occurrence of linear surface features or displacement through the surficial sediments could indicate recent activity associated with a fault. No such features were observed.

### 2.3.3 Compliance Assessment

Based on review of fault information for the CBL, the CBL is not located within 200 feet of the outermost damage zone of a fault that has had displacement in Holocene time. Therefore, the CBL is in compliance with the location restriction for fault areas specified in 30 TAC §352.621.

## 2.4. Seismic Impact Zones (30 TAC §352.631)

### 2.4.1 Location Restriction

In accordance with 30 TAC §352.631, which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.63, a lateral expansion of a CCR landfill must not be located in seismic impact zones unless it is demonstrated that all structural components, including liners, leachate collection systems, and surface water control systems, are designed to resist the maximum horizontal acceleration in lithified earth material from a probable earthquake. “Seismic impact zone” is defined in 30 TAC §352.3(a), which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.53, as “an area having a 2% or greater probability that the maximum expected horizontal acceleration, expressed as a percentage of the earth’s



gravitational pull (g), will exceed 0.10 g in 50 years.” “Maximum horizontal acceleration in lithified earth material” is defined as “the maximum expected horizontal acceleration at the ground surface as depicted on a seismic hazard map, with a 98% or greater probability that the acceleration will not be exceeded in 50 years, or the maximum expected horizontal acceleration based on a site-specific seismic risk assessment. This requirement translates to a 10% probability of exceeding the maximum horizontal acceleration in 250 years”.

## **2.4.2 Seismic Impact Zone Information**

Seismic zones, which represent areas with the greatest seismic risk, are mapped by the USGS and readily available for all of the United States (<https://www.usgs.gov/programs/earthquake-hazards/maps>). The 2014 USGS National Seismic Hazard Map for the Conterminous U.S. presenting the peak ground acceleration with a 2% or greater probability of exceedance in 50 years in the CBL vicinity is shown on **Figure D-3** in **Appendix D** and indicates that the maximum expected horizontal acceleration at the site for this event is between 0.02 and 0.04 g (Shumway, 2019)

The Unified Hazard Tool for the Conterminous U.S. on the USGS website (USGS, 2021c) was used to determine the peak ground acceleration for the CBL. The CBL is approximately located at 29.91° latitude, -96.76° longitude. The peak ground acceleration with a 2% or greater probability of exceedance in 50 years for 29.90° latitude, -96.75° longitude was estimated to be approximately 0.029 g. A screen shot from this query is included in **Appendix D**. This peak ground acceleration is less than the acceleration defining a seismic impact zone (i.e., > 0.10 g).

## **2.4.3 Compliance Assessment**

Based on the information provided in this section, the CBL is not situated in a seismic impact zone and is therefore in compliance with the requirements of the location restriction for seismic impact zones, specified in 30 TAC §352.631.

## **2.5 Unstable Areas (30 TAC §352.641)**

### **2.5.1 Location Restriction**

In accordance with 30 TAC §352.641, which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.63, an existing CCR landfill or the lateral expansion of a CCR landfill must not be located in an unstable area unless it is demonstrated that recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices have been incorporated into the design of the landfill to ensure that the integrity of the structural components of the landfill will not be disrupted. To assess whether an area is unstable, the following factors must be considered:

- on-site or local soil conditions that may result in significant differential settlement;

- on-site or local geologic or geomorphologic features; and
- on-site or local human-made features or events (both surface and subsurface).

“Unstable area” is defined in 30 TAC §352.3(a), which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.53, as “a location that is susceptible to natural or human-induced events or forces capable of impairing the integrity, including structural components of some or all of the CCR unit that are responsible for preventing releases from such unit. Unstable areas can include poor foundation conditions, areas susceptible to mass movements, and karst terrains.” “Structural components” refers to “liners, leachate collection and removal systems, final covers, run-on and run-off systems, inflow design flood control systems, and any other component used in the construction and operation of the CCR unit that is necessary to ensure the integrity of the unit and that the contents of the unit are not released into the environment.”

## **2.5.2 Unstable Areas Information**

### *2.5.2.1 Geotechnical Investigations*

Geotechnical investigations were conducted at the CBL site by McClelland Engineers, Inc. (1983), Brytest, Inc. (1984), Jones and Neuse, Inc. (1992), and Geosyntec [2011, 2013]. The investigations included logging soil borings, conducting standard penetration tests, and collecting soil samples for geotechnical laboratory testing. Based on the results of the geotechnical investigations, soils within the upper 100 feet of the subsurface are predominantly classified as clay (CL or CH) and clayey sand (SC and SM) in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS). The logs for the borings included in the hydrogeologic cross sections presented in **Figures 2 to 6** are provided in **Appendix B**. Natural water contents of clays were generally near the plastic limits, and consequently the clays are characterized as stiff to hard. Sands were generally characterized as medium to very dense.

Based on the low compressibility of the site soils, these soils provide adequate foundation for the liner system construction and can support the load of the CBL without significant differential settlement.

### *2.5.2.2 CBL Slope Stability*

The slope stability of the CBL and associated perimeter berm at final grade was evaluated for a critical cross section through Cells 1 to 3 at the center of landfill. This cross section has the tallest slopes. The materials in this section were conceptualized as CCR on a geosynthetic liner system underlain by a clay subgrade and abutted on the north by a perimeter berm. The near surface soils and perimeter berm material are predominantly classified as high plasticity clays (CH).

For long-term (drained) slope stability analyses of soil slopes in high plasticity clays, analyses using fully-softened strength parameters are recommended (e.g., Skempton, 1970; Wright, 2005).

The fully-softened strength parameters of the subgrade, liner system, and perimeter berm soils were estimated based on the site-specific geotechnical data and, as applicable, the correlations presented in Wright (2005). The shear strength of the CCR were estimated based on the results of consolidated undrained triaxial compression tests conducted on CCR from FPP and on published data (e.g., Kim et al., 2005). Geotechnical properties used in the slope stability evaluation are summarized in **Table 1**.

**Table 1. Geotechnical Properties Used in Slope Stability Analysis.**

<b>Material</b>	<b>Unit Weight <math>\gamma</math> (lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Fully-Softened Effective Stress Friction Angle <math>\phi</math> (°)</b>
Subgrade Clay	105	20
CCR	105	30
Liner System	105	15
Perimeter Berm	120	24

The slope stability of the critical section was analyzed using a method of slices coded in the computer program SLIDE®, Version 6.029 [Rocscience, 2014]. SLIDE® is a two-dimensional slope stability program that can be used to evaluate the factor of safety of circular and non-circular (block-type) slip surfaces using the simplified Bishop's (1955) and Spencer's (1967) methods, respectively. The simplified Bishop procedure satisfies moment equilibrium conditions only, which is suitable for circular slip surfaces. For non-circular slip surfaces, the Spencer method was used because it satisfies both force and moment equilibrium in each slice of the sliding mass.

Four slope stability scenarios were considered: (i) potential circular slip surfaces through the CCR at the south landfill slope; (ii) potential non-circular slip surfaces along the liner system at the south landfill slope; (iii) potential circular slip surfaces through the CCR and underlying liner system and subgrade clay at the south landfill slope; and (iv) potential circular slip surfaces through the perimeter berm and into the subgrade clay on the north landfill slope. The results of SLIDE analysis for each of the critical cross-sections are summarized in **Table 2** and in **Appendix E**. **Table 2** also lists the minimum slope stability factor of safety recommended by TCEQ for CCR landfills (TCEQ, 2020).

**Table 2. Results of Slope Stability Analysis.**

Scenario	Factor of Safety	
	SLIDE Analysis	TCEQ Guideline
Circular Slip Surface Through CCR	1.73	1.5
Block-Type Slip Surface Through Liner System	1.53	
Circular Slip Surface Into Subgrade Clay	1.69	
Circular Slip Surface Through North Perimeter Berm	1.54	

For the conditions analyzed, the critical slip surface is a non-circular surface passing along the liner system at the south side of the landfill. The calculated slope stability factor of safety for this scenario is 1.53 using fully-softened strengths. All of the calculated factor of safety values exceed the minimum value of 1.5 recommended by TCEQ for CCR landfills under typical conditions.

#### *2.5.2.3 Local Geologic Features*

There are no known local geologic features that would classify the CBL site as an unstable area. Such features include active faults, seismic events, landslides, debris slides, karst terrain, and erosion by rivers. Further, the CBL is not located within the 500-year floodplain (FEMA FIRM 48149C0270C, October 2006; see **Figure D-4** in **Appendix D**).

#### *2.5.2.4 Local Manmade Features or Events*

There are no known local manmade features or events that would classify the CBL site as an unstable area. Such features and events include mining, cut and fill activities during construction, excessive drawdown of groundwater, and construction over fill.

### **2.5.3 Compliance Assessment**

Based on the information provided in this section, the CBL is not situated in an unstable area and is therefore in compliance with the requirements of the location restriction for unstable areas specified in 30 TAC §352.641.

### **3. EVALUATION OF CBL WITH RESPECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH 40 CFR SUBPART A, §257-1 TO §257-3**

#### **3.1 Floodplains (40 CFR §257.3-1)**

##### **3.1.1 Location Restriction**

In accordance with 40 CFR §257.3-1, solid waste facilities in floodplains shall not restrict the flow of the base flood, reduce the temporary water storage capacity of the floodplain, or result in washout of solid waste, so as to pose a hazard to human life, wildlife, or land or water resources. “Base flood” is defined in 40 CFR §257.3-1(b)(1) as “a flood that has a 1 percent or greater chance of recurring in any year or a flood of a magnitude equaled or exceeded once in 100 years on the average over a significantly long period”. “Floodplain” is defined in 40 CFR §257.3-1(b)(2) as “the lowland and relatively flat areas adjoining inland and coastal waters, including flood-prone areas of offshore islands, which are inundated by the base flood”.

##### **3.1.2 Floodplains Information**

Geosyntec queried the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Fayette County, Texas and incorporated areas prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to identify floodplains in the CBL. The map indicated that the CBL is not located within any special flood hazard areas (SFHAs) subject to inundation by the 1 percent annual chance flood. Specifically, as shown in **Figure D-4** in **Appendix D**, the existing CBL is located within “ZONE X” defined as “Areas determined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain” meaning that it is not located within the mapped 500-year floodplain.

##### **3.1.2 Compliance Assessment**

Based on review of the floodplain information data, the operation and expansion of the CBL will not restrict the flow of the base flood and are therefore in compliance with the requirements of location restriction for floodplains specified in 40 CFR §257.3-1.

#### **3.2 Endangered Species (40 CFR §257.3-2)**

##### **3.2.1 Location Restriction**

In accordance with 40 CFR §257.3-2, solid waste facilities or practices shall not cause or contribute to the taking of any endangered or threatened species of plants, fish, or wildlife; and shall not result in the destruction or adverse modification of the critical habitat of endangered or threatened species as identified in 50 CFR Part 17. In addition to addressing this federal location restriction, this section also describes the potential for state listed threatened or endangered species to occur within the project area.

### 3.2.2 Endangered Species Information

A Protected Species Habitat Assessment (PSHA) for the CBL was prepared by Blanton and Associates, Inc. (B&A) (B&A, 2022) is attached to this report as **Appendix F** of this Report. The PSHA evaluates the potential for federally and state listed threatened, endangered, or other protected species (e.g., eagles) to occur in the project area (i.e., future lateral expansion area of CBL) and the potential for those species to be impacted by the project.

B&A (2022) completed a literature, database, and desktop review for federally and state listed protected species potentially occurring in Fayette County and the project area. The purpose of the review was to assess habitats and resources within the project area; to determine protected species of known or potential occurrence within Fayette County and the project vicinity; to evaluate the life history and ecology of these species in relation to the habitats and resources present in the project area; and to ultimately determine the potential for each protected species to occur in the project area. The review of background information was accompanied by a field investigation performed on November 23, 2021. During the field investigation, the project area was evaluated to verify information attained in the background review and to assess the potential for federally or state protected species to occur on the site. Additionally, a presence/absence survey for Navasota ladies'-tresses (NLT) (*Spiranthes parksii*) was conducted by two B&A biologists. B&A did not identify habitat for federally listed endangered or threatened species through desktop review or field reconnaissance. B&A also concluded that the proposed project activities are not anticipated to affect federally and state avian species that may migrate through the project area, bald eagles that could nest within a 600-foot radius of the project area if potentially suitable nesting habitat was present (no bald eagles, eagle nests, or potentially suitable nesting habitat were observed), freshwater mussels located in streams near the project area, or NLTs (no NLTs or potentially suitable habitat for the species were identified within the project area).

### 3.2.3 Compliance Assessment

Based on the results of the PSHA (**Appendix F**) the operation and expansion of the CBL is not expected to cause or contribute to the taking of any endangered or threatened species of plants, fish, or wildlife or the destruction or adverse modification of the critical habitat of endangered or threatened species as identified in 50 CFR Part 17. Therefore, the CBL is in compliance with the requirements of location restrictions for endangered species specified in 40 CFR §257.3-2.

## 3.3 Surface Water (40 CFR §257.3-3)

### 3.3.1 Location Restrictions

In accordance with 40 CFR §257.3-3, a facility shall comply with the following requirements:

- A facility shall not cause a discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States that is in violation of the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) under section 402 of the Clean Water Act, as amended.
- A facility shall not cause a discharge of dredged material or fill material to waters of the United States that is in violation of the requirements under section 404 of the Clean Water Act, as amended.
- A facility or practice shall not cause non-point source pollution of waters of the United States that violates applicable legal requirements implementing an areawide or Statewide water quality management plan that has been approved by the Administrator under section 208 of the Clean Water Act, as amended.

In the above paragraphs, “discharge” is a term that includes, but is not limited to any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying or dumping.

### 3.3.2 Surface Water Information

The information presented in this section is based on the Run-On and Run-Off Control System Plan (Plan) for the CBL (Geosyntec, 2021). The Plan describes how the run-on and run-off control systems were designed and constructed to prevent, collect and control flow onto and from the active portion of the CBL during the peak discharge of a 100-year, 24-hour storm event. The CBL run-on and run-off control systems meet and exceed the design requirements of 40 CFR §257.81(a) and 30 TAC §352.821 (i.e., 25-year, 24-hour storm event). Additional information regarding surface water management of the active portion of the CBL is summarized below.

Run-off from areas of Cell 1 that have not been covered with intermediate cover or final cover could have potentially come in contact with CCR. Therefore, this run-off and is managed as contact water. Contact water collected in Cell 1 is conveyed in the runoff channel to the Runoff Retention Pond (**Drawing 2**), as authorized under the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0002105000 and designated as the “CBL Pond” in the permit. The perimeter and interim berms of Cell 1, as well as the underlying recompacted clay liner, keep run-off that has contacted CCR within the CBL until it flows to the runoff channel. CCR is placed in Cell 1 in a manner that directs this runoff in Cell 1 to the channel. Until an intermediate or final cover is placed over the CCR slopes, run-off from the CCR slopes will continue to be collected and directed to the runoff channel. Run-off from areas of the CBL with intermediate or final cover has not contacted CCR and can be directed into a stormwater channel and conveyed away from the CBL rather than being conveyed to the Runoff Retention Pond.

Contact water from the Subcell 2D Contact Water Retention Pond is managed through a pumping system which routes water collected in the pond to the runoff channel.

In general, water run-on to active areas of the CBL and Subcell 2D is controlled by topography and by the landfill perimeter berm. The north side of the CBL is on a topographic high, and the ground surface around the CBL primarily slopes to the south, and also towards two the central stormwater channels (**Drawing 2**). In addition, the perimeter berm of the CBL deflects stormwater run-on, and this potential run-on is collected in a stormwater channel at the toe of the outboard side slope of the berm.

As described in the Plan, as new subcells are developed, run-on will continue to be controlled by berms and adjacent stormwater channels located at the outboard toe of the berms. In addition, the Plan will be revised whenever there is a change in conditions that would substantially affect the Plan in effect.

### **3.3.3 Compliance Assessment**

Based on the engineering controls for surface water incorporated into the CBL design and the operational procedures employed at the landfill (Geosyntec, 2021), the operation and expansion of the CBL is not expected to cause discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States or a non-point source pollution of waters of the United States that is in violation of the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) under section 402 of the Clean Water Act, as amended. Therefore, the existing CBL is in compliance with location restriction requirements for surface water specified in 40 CFR §257.3-3.



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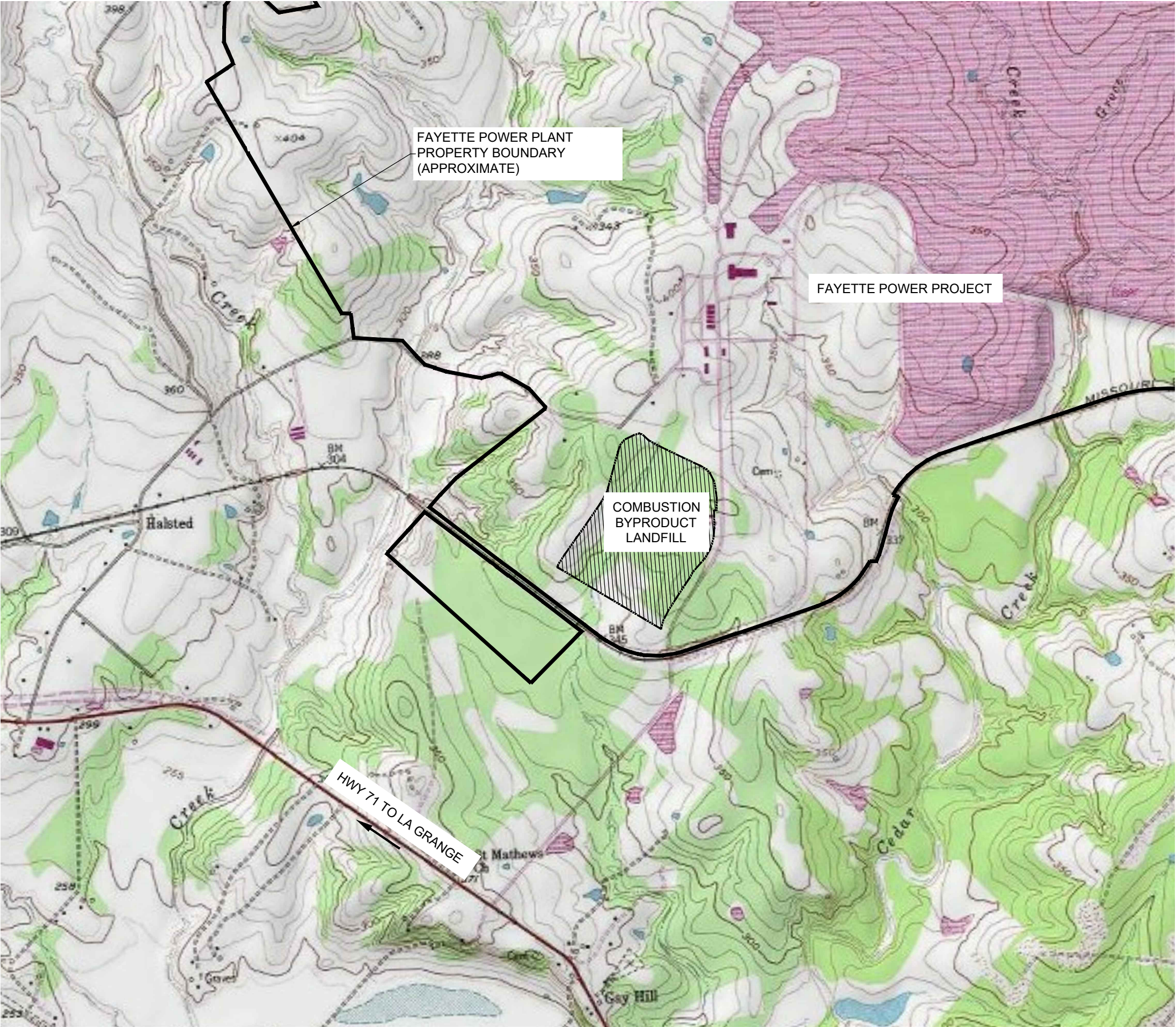
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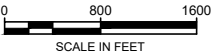
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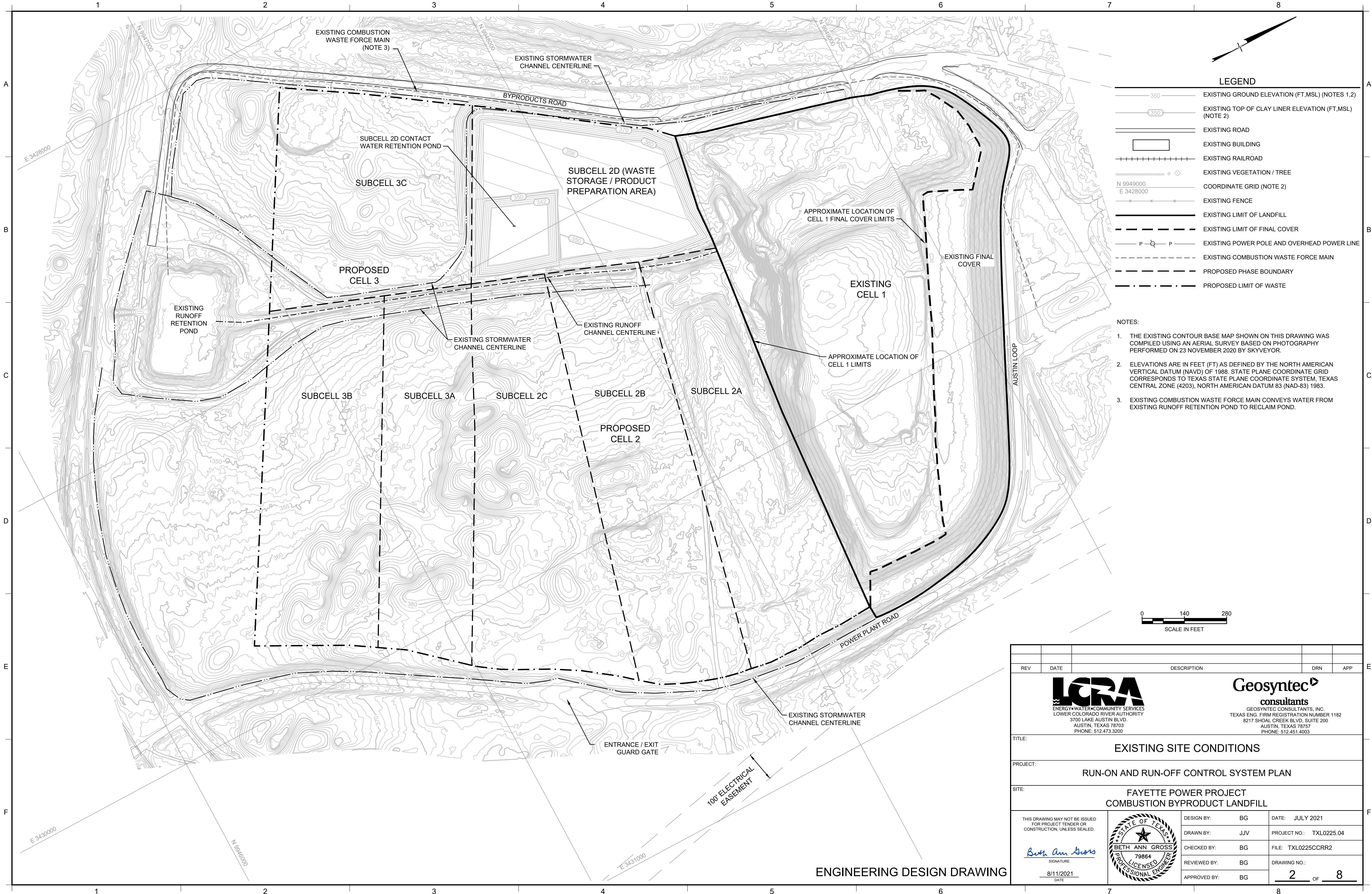
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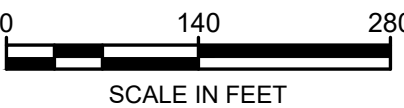
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- EXISTING GROUND ELEVATION (FT,MSL) (NOTES 1,2)
- EXISTING TOP OF CLAY LINER ELEVATION (FT,MSL) (NOTE 2)
- EXISTING ROAD
- EXISTING BUILDING
- EXISTING RAILROAD
- EXISTING VEGETATION / TREE
- COORDINATE GRID (NOTE 2)
- EXISTING FENCE
- EXISTING LIMIT OF LANDFILL
- EXISTING LIMIT OF FINAL COVER
- EXISTING POWER POLE AND OVERHEAD POWER LINE
- EXISTING COMBUSTION WASTE FORCE MAIN
- PROPOSED PHASE BOUNDARY
- PROPOSED LIMIT OF WASTE

- NOTES:
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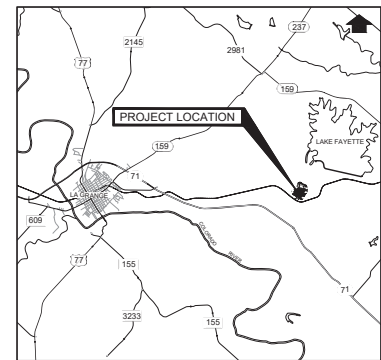
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- LEGEND**
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  - EXISTING ROAD
  - EXISTING FENCE
  - EXISTING BUILDING
  - COORDINATE GRID
  - SUBCELL BOUNDARY
  - PROPOSED TOP OF LINER (FT. MSL) (NOTE 2)
  - LANDFILL LIMIT
  - 1983 MCLELLAND ENGINEERS, INC. BORINGS
  - 1992 JONES AND NEUSE, INC. BORINGS
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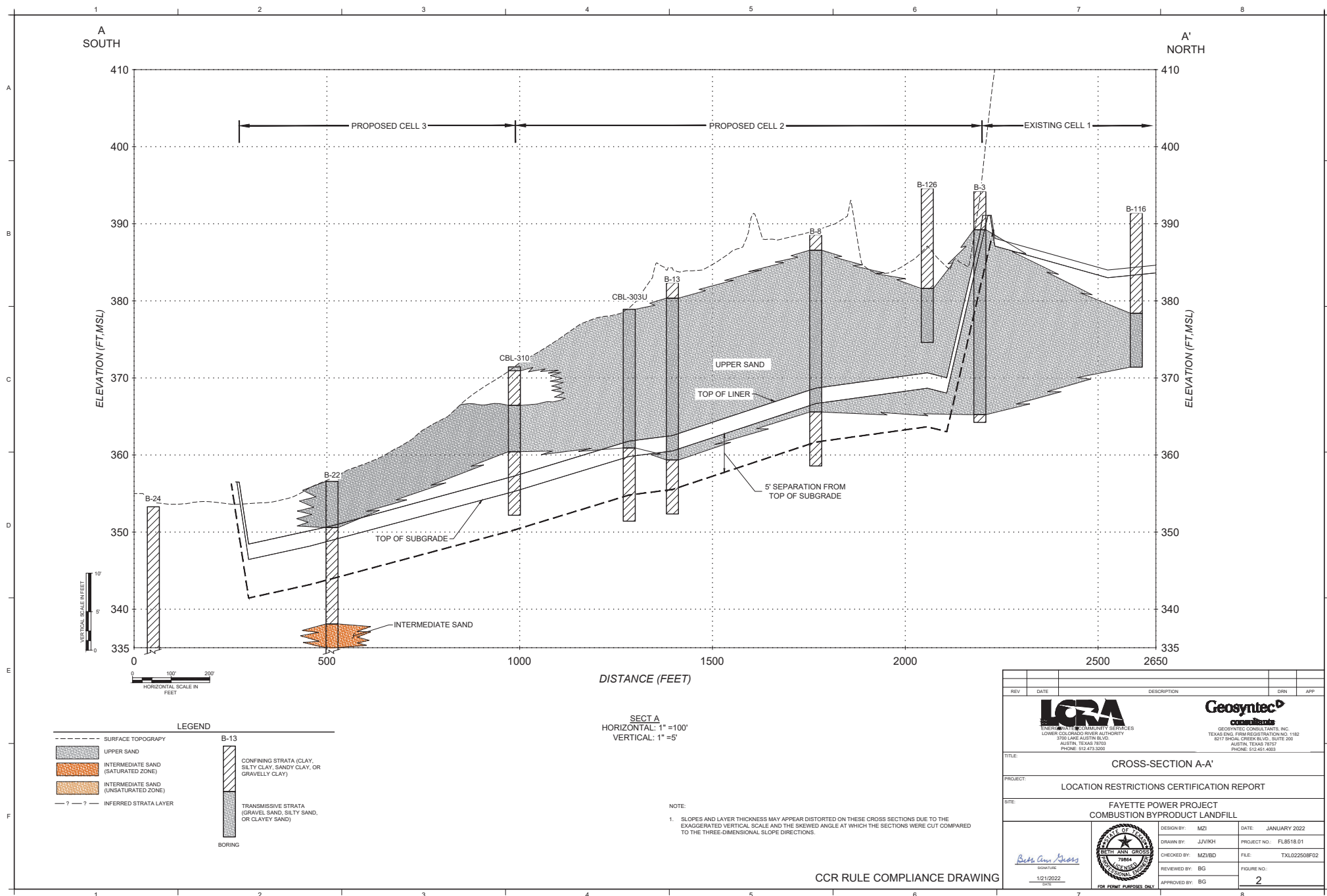
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  3. SUBCELL 2D WAS PREVIOUSLY CONSTRUCTED WITH A LINER SYSTEM AND IS CURRENTLY BEING USED AS A WASTE STORAGE / PRODUCT PREPARATION AREA.



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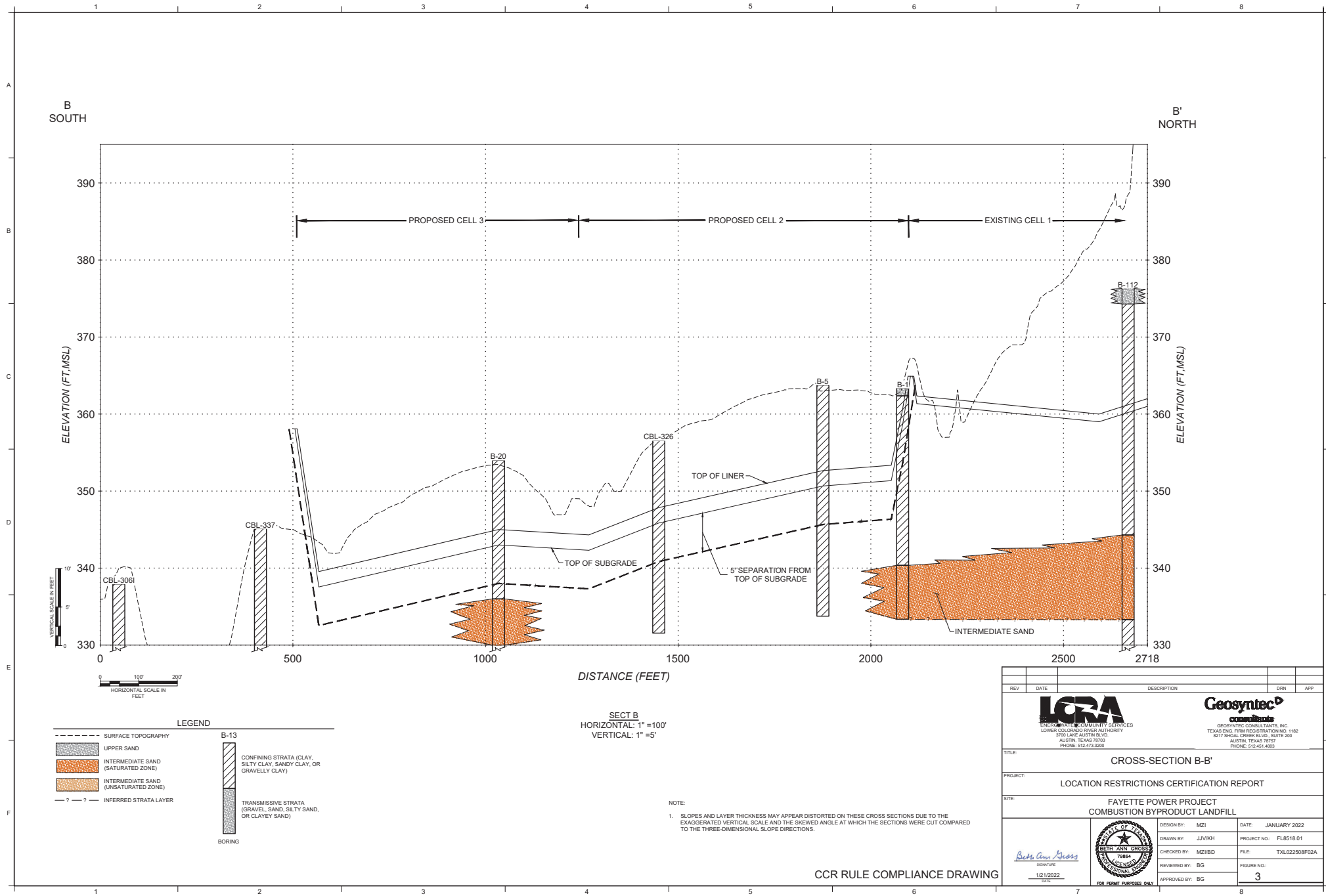
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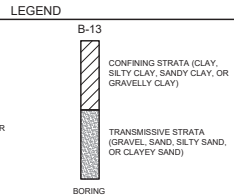
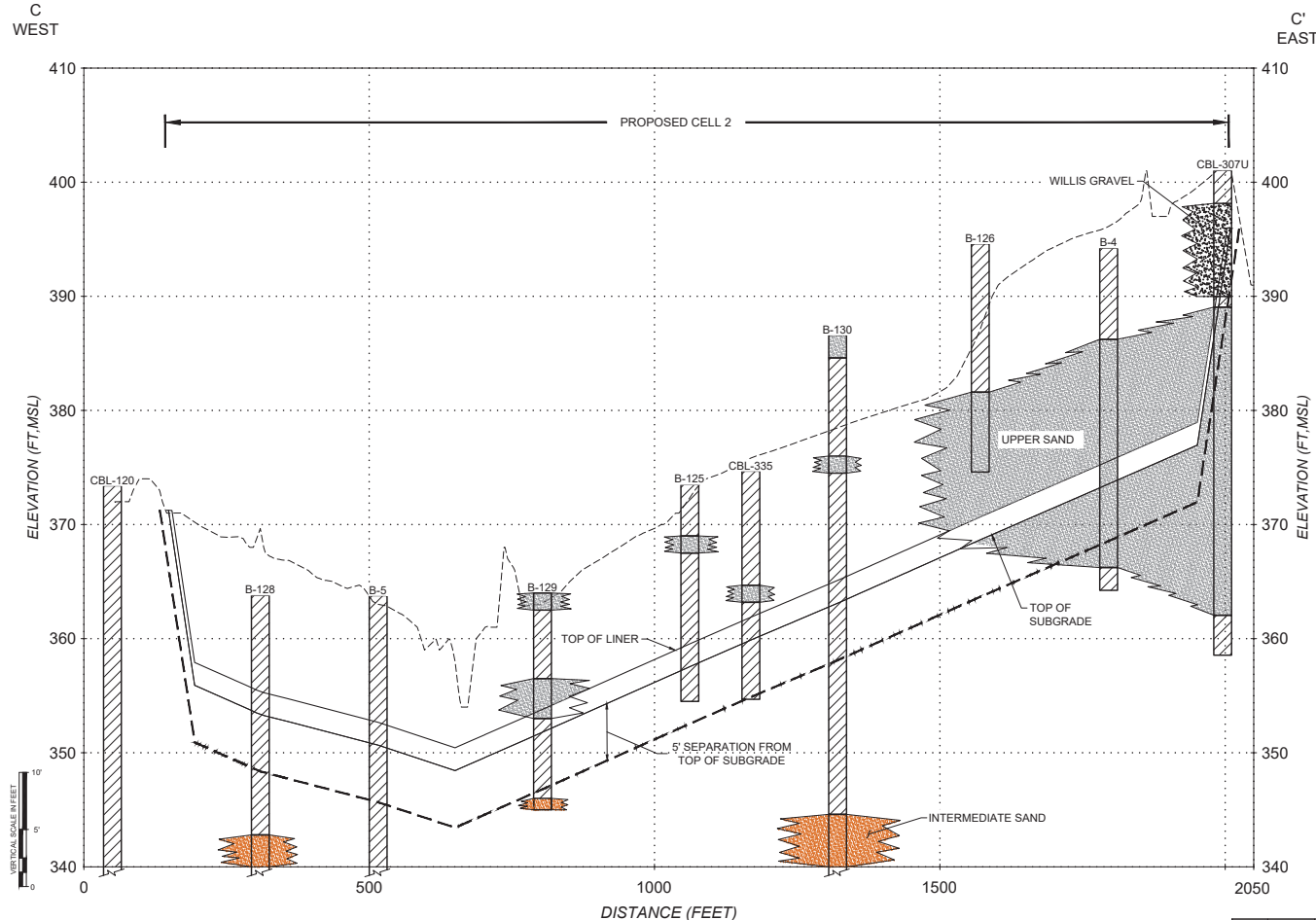
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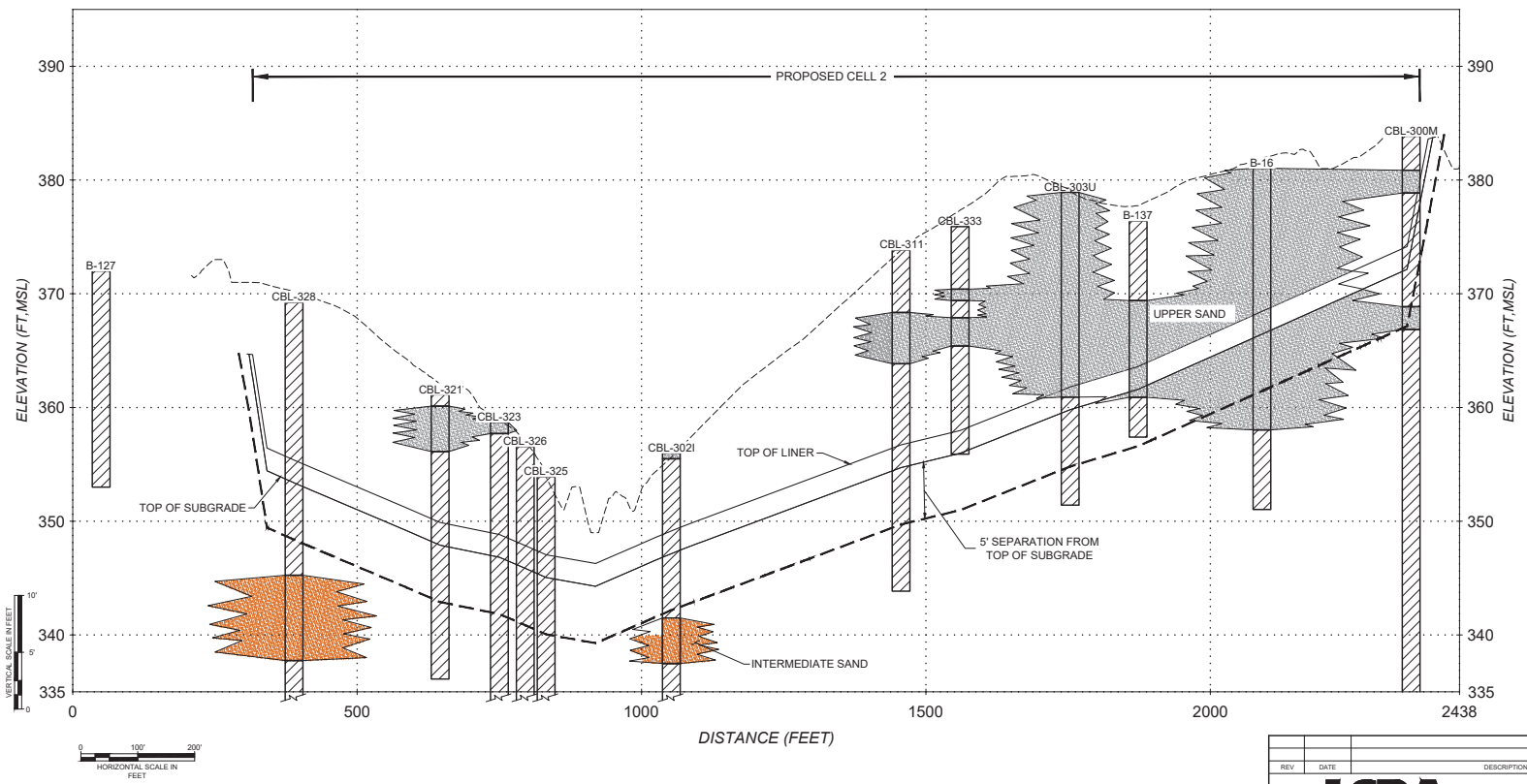
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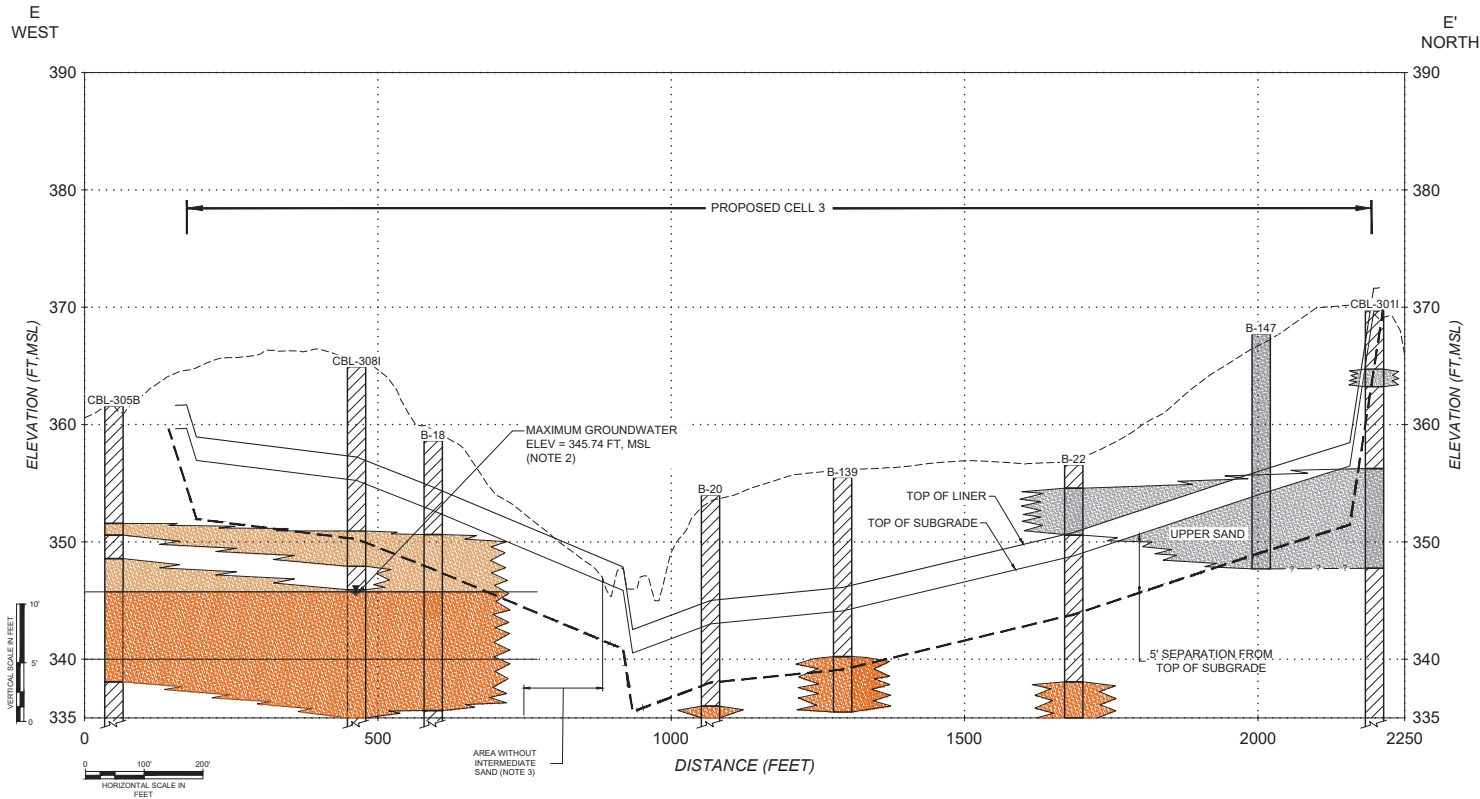
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SECTION E-E'  
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VERTICAL: 1" = 5'

- NOTES:
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  2. MAXIMUM WATER LEVEL ELEVATION RECORDED IN CBL-308I WAS ASSUMED TO APPLY TO BORINGS CBL-305B AND B-18.
  3. BASED ON FIGURE 1 IN AMEC, "COMBUSTION BYPRODUCTS LANDFILL - COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS RULE GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL SYSTEM," LETTER REPORT TO LCRA, OCT. 2017.

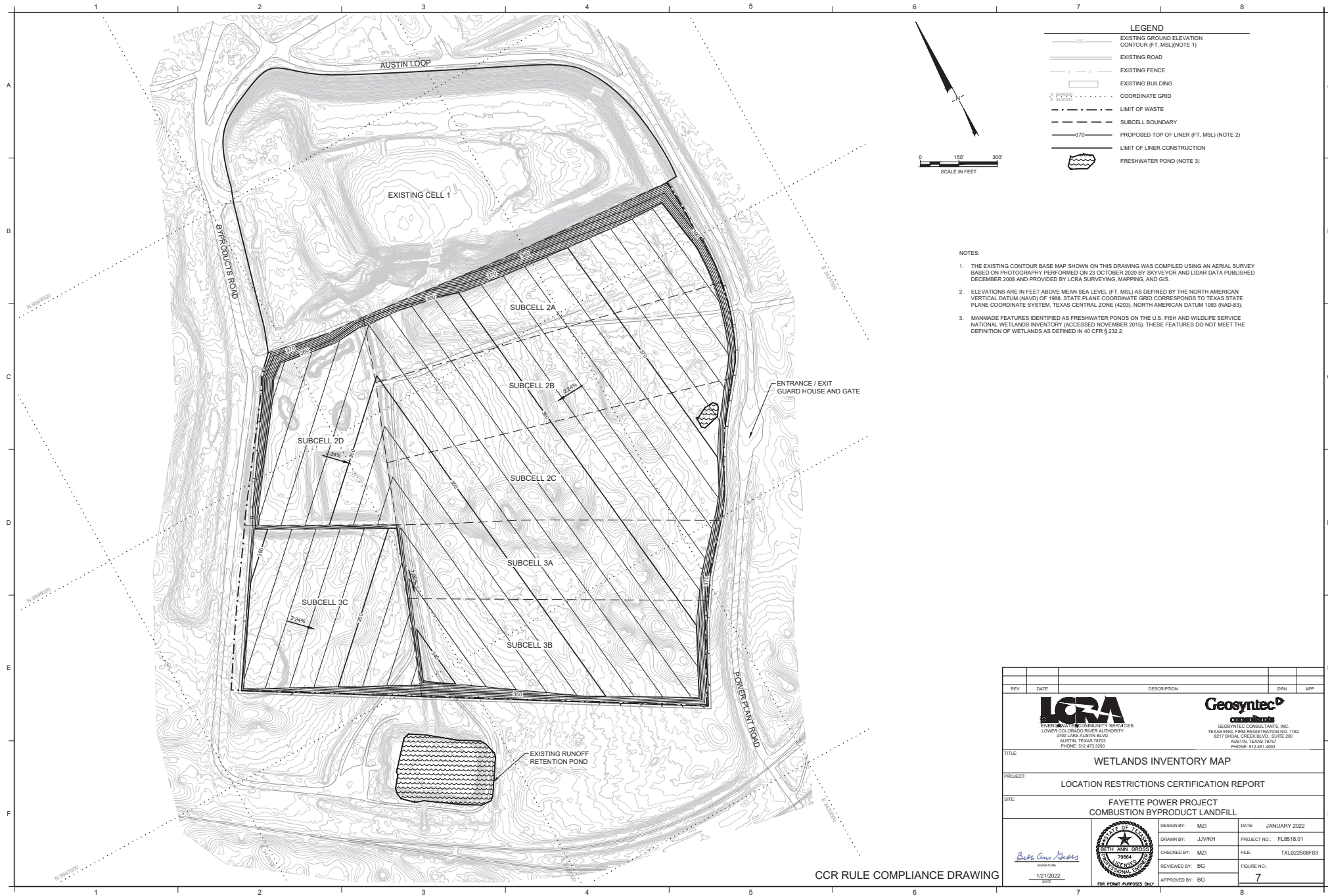
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	SURFACE TOPOGRAPHY		B-13 BORING
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	INTERMEDIATE SAND (SATURATED ZONE)		TRANSMISSIVE STRATA (GRAVEL, SAND, SILTY SAND, OR CLAYEY SAND)
	INTERMEDIATE SAND (UNSATURATED ZONE)		
	INFERRED STRATA LAYER		

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# **APPENDICES**

# **APPENDIX A**

## **Certification by a Qualified Professional Engineer**

### **CERTIFICATION BY A QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER**

The report was prepared by Geosyntec under the direction of Dr. Beth Ann Gross, P.E., a qualified professional engineer, in accordance with 30 TAC §352.231(d) and 30 TAC §352.4.

I certify that location restriction demonstrations presented herein are appropriate for evaluating the the Combustion Byproduct Landfill at the Fayette Power Project (FPP) and that the demonstrations meet the requirements of 40 CFR 257.60(a), 40 CFR 257.61(a), 40 CFR 257.62(a), and 40 CFR 257.63(a).

Beth Ann Gross

Printed Name of Licensed Professional Engineer

Beth Ann Gross  
Signature

June 3, 2022

Date



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# **APPENDIX B**

## **Boring Logs**





Log of Boring			Number	Location	
			B-3	N 760,854 E 2,711,162	
Project					
Fayette Power Plant Disposal Area			LaGrange, Texas		JN026412.1
Feet Depth	Sample Symbol	Penetration Blow/Feet or Tons/Sq. Ft.	Type	OSHA Type	Core Drilled/ Recovered Ft. (RCD %)
			Intermittent		
			Surface Elevation		
			394.23		
			STRATUM DESCRIPTION		
			FAT CLAY WITH GRAVEL, Dark Grayish Brown (CH)		
			SANDY FAT CLAY, Light Gray and Brown, Dry (CH)		
5		P.P. 4.5+	CLAYEY SAND, Dense, Light Gray and Very Pale Brown, Dry (SC)		
10		P.P. 4.5+			
15		P.P. 4.5+			
20		SPT 18 25 47	POORLY GRADED SAND WITH SILT, Very Dense, Gray, Dry (SP-SM)		
25					
			Continued on next page		
Completion Depth		Date	Water Observations		
30'		3-31-92	NO WATER ENCOUNTERED DURING DRILLING / NO 24 HOUR READINGS OBTAINED		

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Log of Boring			Number	Location							
			B-13	N 760,190 E 2,710,942							
Project											
Fayette Power Plant Disposal Area			LaGrange, Texas		JN026412.1						
Depth	Sample	Type	OSBA Type	Core Drilled/ Recovered Ft. (100%)	Moisture Content %	Unit Dry Weight Lbs./Cu. Ft.	Liquid Limit	Plasticity Index	% Passing No. 200 Sieve	Angle of Internal Friction	Unconfined Compression Kips/Sq. Ft.
		Intermittent Surface Elevation 382.35									
STRATUM DESCRIPTION											
	P.P. 1.9	SANDY FAT CLAY WITH GRAVEL, Stiff, Yellowish Red and Yellowish Brown, Moist to Wet (CH) with organics									
	P.P. 4.5+	CLAYEY SAND, Dense, Red, Light Gray, and Gray, Dry (SC) with scattered gravel			15.4	61	41	32.3			
	P.P. 4.5+										
	P.P. 4.5+										
	SPT 18 17 25				17.5	65	46	37.4			
		CLAYEY SAND, Dense, Light Gray, Moist (SC)									
	P.P. 3.7				15.2	50	34	25.7			
	P.P. 4.5+	LEAN CLAY, Hard, Light Gray and Brownish Yellow, Dry (CL)			16.0	42	23	94.4			
		Continued on next page									
Completion Depth 30'			Date 3-30-92	Water Observations NO WATER ENCOUNTERED DURING DRILLING / NO 24 HOUR READINGS OBTAINED							

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Log of Boring			Number	Location	
			B-16	N 760,002.708	E 2,711,227.595
Project					
Fayette Power Plant Disposal Area			LaGrange, Texas		JN026412.1
Depth	Sample	Type	Intermittent	OSHA Type	Core Drilled/ Recovered Ft. (SQD 2)
			Surface Elevation		
			381.03		
STRATUM DESCRIPTION					
		SILTY SAND WITH GRAVEL, Loose, Yellowish Brown, Moist to Dry (SM) with organics			
	P.P. 2.1	CLAYEY GRAVEL WITH SAND, Medium Dense, Light Brownish Gray and Yellowish Brown, Moist to Dry (GC)			
	P.P. 2.7				
	P.P. 4.5+	CLAYEY SAND, Very Dense, Light Gray, Dry (SC)			
	SPT 40				
	50/4"				
	P.P. 1.8	SILTY SAND, Very Dense, Light Gray, Moist to Dry (SM)			
	SPT 20				
	32				
	48				
	P.P. 2.8	CLAYEY SAND, Medium Dense, Light Gray, Wet (SC)			
	P.P. 4.3	FAT CLAY, Hard, Light Gray and Brownish Yellow, Moist (CH)			
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Moisture Content %	Unit Dry Weight Lbs./Cu. Ft.	Liquid Limit	Plasticity Index	% Passing No. 200 Sieve	Angle of Internal Friction	Unconfined Compression Kips/Sq. Ft.
16.8		75	56	41.8		
12.5		66	43	36.8		
24.3		46	32	48.9		
31.5		69	40	94.9		

Completion Depth	Date	Water Observations
30'	3-31-92	NO WATER ENCOUNTERED DURING DRILLING / DRY AFTER 24 HOURS





Log of Boring			Number B-18	Location N 760,180 E 2,709,758								
Project Fayette Power Plant Disposal Area LaGrange, Texas JN026412.1												
Foot	Sample	Type	OSHA Type	Core Drilled/ Recovered Ft. (SQD 2)	Moisture Content %	Unit Dry Weight Lbs./Cu. Ft.	Liquid Limit	Plasticity Index	% Passing No. 200 Sieve	Angle of Internal Friction	Unconfined Compression Kips/Sq. Ft.	
Depth	Symbol	Intermittent Surface Elevation 358.63	STRATUM DESCRIPTION									
	P.P. 0.6	FAT CLAY WITH SAND, Firm, Gray, Wet (CH) with scattered gravel										
	P.P. 1.3	SANDY FAT CLAY, Stiff to Hard, Light Brownish Gray, Moist (CH) with calcareous particles			27.5		68	50	69.4			
	P.P. 4.4											
	P.P. 4.3	FAT CLAY, Hard to Very Stiff, Pale Yellow, Moist (CH) with calcium										
5	P.P. 2.4	CLAYEY SAND, Dense, Light Gray, Moist (SC)			21.6		62	42	89.0			
	P.P. 4.2											
	SPT 14 17 31											
10												
	P.P. 3.1	CLAYEY SAND, Very Dense, Light Gray, Moist (SC) with cemented seams										
15												
	SPT 50/3"											
20												
	P.P. 4.5+	FAT CLAY, Hard, Pale Yellow and Strong Brown, Dry (CH)										
25		Continued on next page										

Completion Depth 30'	Date 4-9-92	Water Observations NO WATER ENCOUNTERED DURING DRILLING / WATER AT 15' AFTER 24 HOURS
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Log of Boring			Number	Location								
			B-20	N 759,963.3649 E 2,710,187.172								
Project												
Fayette Power Plant Disposal Area			LaGrange, Texas		JN026412.1							
Depth	Sample	Penetration Blow/Feet or Tons/Sq. Ft.	Type	OSHA Type	Core Drilled/ Recovered Ft. (RQD %)	Moisture Content %	Unit Dry Weight Lbs./Cu. Ft.	Liquid Limit	Plasticity Index	% Passing No. 200 Sieve	Angle of Internal Friction	Unconfined Compression Kips/Sq. Ft.
			Intermittent									
			Surface Elevation									
			354.00									
			STRATUM DESCRIPTION									
		P.P. 1.8	FAT CLAY, Stiff, Very Dark Grayish Brown, Wet to Moist (CH) with organics									
		P.P. 2.2	FAT CLAY WITH SAND, Very Stiff, Gray, Moist (CH)									
		P.P. 2.4				24.1		65	46	75.9		
		P.P. 2.4										
5		P.P. 3.7	LEAN CLAY, Very Stiff to Hard, Pale Yellow, Light Gray, and White, Moist (CL) with calcium deposits									
		P.P. 3.1										
		P.P. 4.5+										
		P.P. 2.5										
10												
		P.P. 3.8										
		P.P. 4.5+	LEAN CLAY WITH SAND, Hard, Light Gray, Dry (CL)			12.4		32	15	75.7		
15												
		P.P. 3.7	CLAYEY SAND, Very Dense, Light Gray, Moist (SC) with some calcium deposits									
20												
		SPT 50/3"										
25			FAT CLAY, Light Gray, Dry (CH)			19.8		56	36	97.8		
			Continued on next page									
Completion Depth 30'			Date 4-2-92	Water Observations								
			WATER ENCOUNTERED AT 21' DURING DRILLING / WATER AT 6.5' AFTER 24 HOURS									

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**LOG OF BORING NO. 112**  
**ASH AND SLUDGE DISPOSAL AREA**  
**FAYETTE POWER PROJECT**  
**LAGRANGE, TEXAS**

DEPTH, FT	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	LOCATION : N 761,500; E 2,710,500	BLOWS PER FT	% PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE	UNIT DRY WT LB PER CU FT	WATER CONTENT, %			UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH					DEPTH, M
							Plastic Limit	Natural	Liquid Limit	KIPS PER SQ FT					
										0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	
							20	40	60	25	50	75	100	125	
			SURFACE EL 376.3'												
			Tan silty fine sand with gravel and roots												
			Very stiff gray and tan sandy clay with gravel												3.1
			White carbonate deposit with clay seams												4.6
10			Hard light gray and tan clay -with ferrous nodules to 11' -slickensided, 13' to 21'												5.0+
															5.0+
20			-blocky, 18' to 23' -red, 21' to 23'												5.0+
			-light gray, red and tan, 23' to 27.5'												5.0+
			-tan and light gray, 27.5' to 31' -with ferrous deposits, 27.5' to 28.5' -with silty clay layer, 30.5' to 31' -tan below 31'												
30			Light gray and tan silty fine sand -with tan clay seams to 34' -with sandy clay seams below 34.5'	45											
40			Light gray clayey sand to very sandy clay with light gray silty fine sand seams -with 1" sandstone seams below 40.5' -with sandy clay seams below 43'												5.0+
			Hard light gray and tan gray carbonate silty clay -with calcareous deposits at 44'												4.6
50			Blue clayey sand												
			Hard brown and light gray calcareous clay -slickensided to 62'												4.8
60			-tan and light gray below 62'												4.2
			Hard light gray clay, slickensided with red streaks and calcareous nodules												5.0+
70			Hard light gray and tan calcareous clay												5.0+
80															
90															
100															

JOB NO. : 0183-0071	SAMPLER : 3" thin-walled tube and 2" split-barrel	STRENGTH LEGEND
COMPLETION DEPTH : 78.5'		● Unconfined Compression
DATE : April 22, 1983	DRILLING METHOD : Wet Rotary	▲ Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Compression
		◆ Miniature Vane
		(open symbols above indicate remolded tests)
		◆ Torvane
		☒ Hand Penetrometer

JOB NO.: 0183-0071

COMPLETION DEPTH: 78.5'

DATE: April 22, 1983

SAMPLER: 3" thin-walled tube and  
2" split-barrel

DRILLING METHOD: Wet Rotary

**STRENGTH LEGEND**

- Unconfined Compression
- ▲ Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Compression
- ◆ Miniature Vane
- (open symbols above indicate remolded tests)
- ◆ Torvane
- ☒ Hand Penetrometer

**LOG OF BORING NO. 116**  
**ASH AND SLUDGE DISPOSAL AREA**  
**FAYETTE POWER PROJECT**  
**LAGRANGE, TEXAS**

DEPTH, FT	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	LOCATION : N 761,250; E 2,711,250	BLOWS PER FT	% PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE	UNIT DRY WT LB PER CU FT	WATER CONTENT, %			UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH					DEPTH, M
							Plastic Limit +	Natural ●	Liquid Limit +	KIPS PER SQ FT					
										0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	
			SURFACE EL 391.4'												
			Brown and gray sandy clay												
5															
10															
15			-with sand layers below 13'												
20															
25															
30															
35															
40															
45															
50															

JOB NO. : 0183-0071 COMPLETION DEPTH : 20.0' DATE : April 27, 1983	SAMPLER : Auger  DRILLING METHOD : Auger	<b>STRENGTH LEGEND</b> ● Unconfined Compression ▲ Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Compression ◆ Miniature Vane <i>(open symbols above indicate remolded tests)</i> ◇ Torvane ☒ Hand Penetrometer
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LOG OF BORING NO. 125  
ASH AND SLUDGE DISPOSAL AREA  
FAYETTE POWER PROJECT  
LAGRANGE, TEXAS

DEPTH, FT	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	LOCATION: N 760,750; E 2,710,750	BLOWS PER FT	% PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE	UNIT DRY WT LB PER CU FT	WATER CONTENT, %			UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH					DEPTH, M
							Plastic Limit	Natural	Liquid Limit	KIPS PER SQ FT					
										0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	
			SURFACE EL 373.5'												
			Stiff tan sandy clay -silty fine sand to 0.5' -with gravel to 1' -with roots to 4.5' -very stiff, 2' to 4' -light gray and tan below 1.5' -hard below 4' -with clayey sand seams, 4.5' to 6' -layer of calcareous deposits, 6' to 6.5' -with calcareous deposits below 6.5'												
5															
10															
15			Hard light gray and tan clay with calcareous deposits and ferrous nodules												
20			Hard light gray and tan silty clay with calcareous deposits												
25															
30															
35															
40															
45															
50															

JOB NO.: 0183-0071

COMPLETION DEPTH: 19.0'

DATE: April 25, 1983

SAMPLER: 3" thin-walled tube

DRILLING METHOD: Wet Rotary

**STRENGTH LEGEND**

- Unconfined Compression
- ▲ Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Compression
- ◆ Miniature Vane
- (open symbols above indicate remolded tests)
- ◇ Torvane
- ⊠ Hand Penetrometer

**LOG OF BORING NO. 126**  
**ASH AND SLUDGE DISPOSAL AREA**  
**FAYETTE POWER PROJECT**  
**LAGRANGE, TEXAS**

DEPTH, FT	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	LOCATION : N 760,750; E 2,711,250	BLOWS PER FT	% PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE	UNIT DRY WT LB PER CU FT	WATER CONTENT, %			UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH					DEPTH, M
							Plastic Limit +-----●-----+	Natural	Liquid Limit -----+	KIPS PER SQ FT					
										KILOPASCALS					
										0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	
			SURFACE EL 394.6'												
			Coarse gravel and sandy clay												
5															
10			Gray and brown sandy clay												
			-with sand layers below 13'												
15															
20															
25															
30															
35															
40															
45															
50															

JOB NO. : 0183-0071

COMPLETION DEPTH : 20.0'

DATE : April 27, 1983

SAMPLER : Auger

DRILLING METHOD : Auger

**STRENGTH LEGEND**

- Unconfined Compression
- ▲ Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Compression
- ◆ Miniature Vane
- (open symbols above indicate remolded tests)
- ⊕ Torvane
- ⊞ Hand Penetrometer

**LOG OF BORING NO. 127**  
**ASH AND SLUDGE DISPOSAL AREA**  
**FAYETTE POWER PROJECT**  
**LAGRANGE, TEXAS**

DEPTH, FT	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	LOCATION : N 760,500; E 2,709,500	BLOWS PER FT	% PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE	UNIT DRY WT LB PER CU FT	WATER CONTENT, %			UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH					DEPTH, M
							Plastic Limit +	Natural ●	Liquid Limit +	KIPS PER SQ FT					
										KILOPASCALS					
										0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	
			SURFACE EL 372.0'												
			Brown sandy clay with sand seams												
5															
10															
15															
20															
25															
30															
35															
40															
45															
50															

JOB NO. : 0183-0071

COMPLETION DEPTH : 20.0'

DATE : April 27, 1983

SAMPLER : Auger

DRILLING METHOD : Auger

**STRENGTH LEGEND**

- Unconfined Compression
- ▲ Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Compression
- ◆ Miniature Vane
- (open symbols above indicate remolded tests)
- ◆ Torvane
- ☒ Hand Penetrometer

LOG OF BORING NO. 128  
ASH AND SLUDGE DISPOSAL AREA  
FAYETTE POWER PROJECT  
LAGRANGE, TEXAS

DEPTH, FT	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	LOCATION : N 760,500; E 2,710,000	BLOWS PER FT	% PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE	UNIT DRY WT LB PER CU FT	WATER CONTENT, %			UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH					DEPTH, M
							Plastic Limit +-----+ 20	Natural -----●----- 40	Liquid Limit -----+ 60	KIPS PER SQ FT					
										0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	
			SURFACE EL 363.8'												
			Very Stiff dark gray sandy clay with gravel												
			-with roots to 2'												
			-stiff below 2'												
			-gray below 3.5'												
10			Hard gray sandy clay (Caliche)												
			Very stiff light gray and tan calcareous silty clay												
			-with calcareous deposits to 10'												
			-with calcareous nodules below 10'												
			-with silt partings below 13'												
20			Very stiff light gray and tan clay												
			-with sand seams to 18.5'												
			-with calcareous silty clay seams to 19'												
			light gray and tan calcareous silty fine sand with calcareous sandstone seams	Ref/6"											
30			Hard light gray and tan clay with ferrous and calcareous nodules												
			-with silty fine to medium sand seams to 28'												
			Hard light gray and tan calcareous silty clay												
40															
			Hard brown, tan and light gray clay												
			-with silt pockets to 46'												
			-light gray, 46' to 52.5'												
50															
			-light gray and tan below 52.5'												
			-with calcareous nodules, 53' to 56'												
60															
			-slickensided below 58'												
			-with calcareous nodules below 66'												
70															
80															
90															
100															

JOB NO. : 0183-0071

COMPLETION DEPTH : 69.5'

DATE : April 22, 1963

SAMPLER : 3" thin-walled tube and 2" split-barrel

DRILLING METHOD : Wet Rotary

STRENGTH LEGEND

● Unconfined Compression

▲ Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Compression

◆ Miniature Vane

(open symbols above indicate remolded tests)

✦ Torvane

☒ Hand Penetrometer

JOB NO.: 0183-0071

COMPLETION DEPTH: 69.5'

DATE: April 22, 1963

SAMPLER: 3" thin-walled tube and 2" split-barrel

DRILLING METHOD: Wet Rotary

STRENGTH LEGEND

- Unconfined Compression
- ▲ Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Compression
- ◆ Miniature Vane
- (open symbols above indicate remolded tests)
- ⊕ Torvane
- ⊗ Hand Penetrometer



LOG OF BORING NO. 129  
ASH AND SLUDGE DISPOSAL AREA  
FAYETTE POWER PROJECT  
LAGRANGE, TEXAS

DEPTH, FT	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	LOCATION : N 760,500; E 2,710,492	BLOWS PER FT	% PASSING NO 200 SIEVE	UNIT DRY WT LB PER CU FT	WATER CONTENT, %			UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH					DEPTH, M	
							Plastic Limit	Natural	Liquid Limit	KIPS PER SQ FT						
										0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5		
			SURFACE EL 364.0'				20	40	60							
			Gray silty fine sand with roots tan. with gravel below 0.5'													
			Stiff gray and red sandy clay with gravel and roots													
5			Very stiff light gray and tan clay with calcareous deposits and roots												3.0	
			Very stiff light gray and tan sandy clay with calcareous and ferrous nodules												3.8	
10			Light gray and tan silty fine sand with calcareous nodules													
			Very stiff light gray and tan sandy clay with calcareous and ferrous nodules and clay seams												3.9	
15																
			Light gray and tan calcareous clayey sand with calcareous and ferrous nodules													
20																
25																
30																
35																
40																
45																
50																

JOB NO. : 0183-0071

COMPLETION DEPTH : 19.0'

DATE : April 28, 1983

SAMPLER : 3" thin-walled tube

DRILLING METHOD : Wet Rotary

STRENGTH LEGEND

● Unconfined Compression

▲ Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Compression

◆ Miniature Vane

◆ Torvane

☒ Hand Penetrometer

(open symbols above indicate remolded tests)

JOB NO.: 0183-0071

COMPLETION DEPTH: 19.0'

DATE: April 28, 1983

SAMPLER: 3" thin-walled tube

DRILLING METHOD: Wet Rotary

STRENGTH LEGEND

- Unconfined Compression
- ▲ Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Compression
- ◆ Miniature Vane
- (open symbols above indicate remolded tests)
- ⊕ Torvane
- ⊠ Hand Penetrometer

# LOG OF BORING NO. 130

## ASH AND SLUDGE DISPOSAL AREA

### FAYETTE POWER PROJECT

#### LAGRANGE, TEXAS

DEPTH, FT	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	LOCATION : N 760,500; E 2,711,000	BLOWS PER FT	% PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE	UNIT DRY WT LB PER CU FT	WATER CONTENT, %			UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH					DEPTH, M
							Plastic Limit	Natural	Liquid Limit	KIPS PER SQ FT					
										0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	
20	40	60	25	50	75	100	125								
SURFACE EL 386.6'															
			Tan silty fine sand and gravel												
			Stiff gray, light gray and tan sandy clay												
			-with gravel to 3'												
			-very stiff, 4' to 6'											4.2	
			-hard below 6'											4.2	
10			-light gray and tan below 11'											5.0+	
			-with clayey sand and sand seams, 11' to 13.5'											4.2	
			-with clay pockets below 13.5'												
20			Hard light gray and tan clay with clayey sand and silty sand seams											5.0+	
			Hard light gray calcareous silty clay with calcareous deposits (Caliche)											3.9	
30			Very stiff light gray and tan silty clay with silt seams, ferrous nodules and calcareous deposits											4.0	
			Very stiff light gray and tan very sandy clay with ferrous nodules												
40			Hard light gray and tan silty clay												
			Light gray and tan clayey sand												
50			Very stiff light gray and tan silty clay -with sandstone seam at 48'												
			Light gray silty fine sand												
60			Very stiff tan and light gray clay with calcareous deposits												
			Very stiff light gray and tan sandy clay with calcareous deposits												
			Light gray and tan silty fine sand with calcareous and sandy clay seams	50/7"											
70			Hard blue calcareous silty clay -clay layer to 67'											5.0+	
			Hard blue calcareous clay, slickensided -brown, 73' to 77'											4.1	
			-tan and gray below 77'											5.0	
80														4.7	
			Hard gray and tan clay with calcareous nodules											4.7	
90															
100															

JOB NO. : 0183-0071  
COMPLETION DEPTH : 89.0'  
DATE : April 25, 1983

SAMPLER : 3" thin-walled tube and 2" split-barrel  
  
DRILLING METHOD : Wet Rotary

STRENGTH LEGEND  
● Unconfined Compression  
▲ Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Compression  
◆ Miniature Vane  
(open symbols above indicate remolded tests)  
◆ Torvane  
⊠ Hand Penetrometer

JOB NO. : 0183-0071

COMPLETION DEPTH : 89.0'

DATE : April 25, 1983

SAMPLER : 3" thin-walled tube and 2" split-barrel

DRILLING METHOD : Wet Rotary

#### STRENGTH LEGEND

- Unconfined Compression
- ▲ Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Compression
- ◆ Miniature Vane
- (open symbols above indicate remolded tests)
- ◆ Torvane
- ☒ Hand Penetrometer

**LOG OF BORING NO. 137**  
**ASH AND SLUDGE DISPOSAL AREA**  
**FAYETTE POWER PROJECT**  
**LAGRANGE, TEXAS**

DEPTH, FT	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	LOCATION : N 760,000; E 2,711,010	BLOWS PER FT	% PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE	UNIT DRY WT. LB PER CU FT	WATER CONTENT, %			UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH					DEPTH, M
							Plastic Limit	Natural	Liquid Limit	KIPS PER SQ FT					
										0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	
			SURFACE EL 376.4'												
			Firm light gray and tan sandy clay -with sand seams to 1' -with roots and organic matter to 2' -hard, 1' to 9'												
5															
			-with clayey sand seams below 7' -with silty sand seams below 8' -very stiff below 9'												
10															
			Light gray clayey sand with sandy clay, clay and sand seams												
15				44											
			Hard light gray and tan sandy clay												
20															
25															
30															
35															
40															
45															
50															

JOB NO. : 0183-0071

COMPLETION DEPTH : 19.0'

DATE : April 28, 1983

DEPTH TO WATER IN BORING :

CAVED AT :

DATE :

SAMPLER : 3" thin-walled tube  
2" split-barrel

DRILLING METHOD : Wet Rotary

STRENGTH LEGEND

● Unconfined Compression

▲ Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Compression

◆ Miniature Vane

(open symbols above indicate remolded tests)

◆ Torvane

☒ Hand Penetrometer

**LOG OF BORING NO. 139**  
**ASH AND SLUDGE DISPOSAL AREA**  
**FAYETTE POWER PROJECT**  
**LAGRANGE, TEXAS**

DEPTH, FT	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	LOCATION : N 759,750; E 2,710,250	BLOWS PER FT	% PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE	UNIT DRY WT LB PER CU FT	WATER CONTENT, %			UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH					DEPTH, M
							Plastic Limit	Natural	Liquid Limit	KIPS PER SQ FT					
										0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	
							20	40	60	25	50	75	100	125	
			SURFACE EL 355.5'												
			Very stiff dark gray and gray sandy clay with gravel and roots -with calcareous nodules below 2' -gray and tan below 3.5'												3.5
5			Very stiff light gray and tan clay with calcareous and ferrous nodules -hard with calcareous silt seams below 6'												4.9
10			-with red ferrous seam at 9'												4.1
15			Light gray and tan calcareous sandy clay -with calcareous deposits to 13.5' -with silty sand seams below 14'	Ref/5"											
20			Light gray silty fine sand with seams of sandy clay, clayey sand and calcareous deposits	39											
25															
30															
35															
40															
45															
50															

JOB NO. : 0183-0071	SAMPLER : 3" thin-walled tube 2" split-barrel	STRENGTH LEGEND ● Unconfined Compression ▲ Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Compression ◆ Miniature Vane (open symbols above indicate remolded tests) ◇ Torvane ⊠ Hand Penetrometer
COMPLETION DEPTH : 20.0'	DRILLING METHOD : Wet Rotary	
DATE : April 28, 1983		

JOB NO. : 0183-0071  
 COMPLETION DEPTH : 20.0'  
 DATE : April 28, 1983

SAMPLER : 3" thin-walled tube  
 2" split-barrel

DRILLING METHOD : Wet Rotary

**STRENGTH LEGEND**

- Unconfined Compression
- ▲ Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Compression
- ◆ Miniature Vane
- (open symbols above indicate remolded tests)
- ◇ Torvane
- ⊠ Hand Penetrometer

**LOG OF BORING NO. 147**  
**ASH AND SLUDGE DISPOSAL AREA**  
**FAYETTE POWER PROJECT**  
**LAGRANGE, TEXAS**

DEPTH, FT	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	LOCATION : N 759,250; E 2,710,750  SURFACE EL 367.2'	BLOWS PER FT	% PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE	UNIT DRY WT. LB PER CU FT	WATER CONTENT, %			UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH					DEPTH, M	
							Plastic Limit +	Natural ●	Liquid Limit +	KIPS PER SQ FT						
										0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5		
																KILOPASCALS
							20	40	60	25	50	75	100	125		
			Brown and gray sandy clay with sand layers													
5																
10																
15																
20																
25																
30																
35																
40																
45																
50																

JOB NO. : 0183-0071

COMPLETION DEPTH : 20.0'

DATE : April 27, 1983

SAMPLER : Auger

DRILLING METHOD : Auger

**STRENGTH LEGEND**

- Unconfined Compression
- ▲ Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Compression
- ◆ Miniature Vane
- (open symbols above indicate remolded tests)
- ⊕ Torvane
- ⊗ Hand Penetrometer

SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION LOG						
PROJECT Groundwater Monitor Wells			BORING NO. CBL-120			
Contract EPC-211			DATE 7/1/88			
Fayette Power Plant			JOB NO. 0188-1070			
TYPE OF BORING Auger/Sample			SURFACE ELEV.			
DEPTH FT. (ELEV.)	SAMPLE NO. & TYPE	SYMBOL	LEGEND —			N—blows / ft. R—recovery % P—pock. pen. test RQD—rock qual. desig.
			sample type	water surface		
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> thin-walled tube	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> penetration test	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no recovery	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> double tube core barrel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> disturbed	<input type="checkbox"/>	
DESCRIPTION OF STRATA						
	1		Black, fat CLAY, very stiff, w/roots. CH			P3.25
5	2		Tan and light brown, fat CLAY, hard, w/numerous calcareous deposits and iron stains. CH			P4.5+
10	3		Light gray, lean CLAY w/sand, very stiff, w/numerous calcareous deposits, more sand w/depth. CL			P3.75
15	4					P4.5+
20	5					P4.5+
25	6					P3.75
30	7					N20-34-50/5"
35	8		Tan and gray, fat CLAY, hard, blocky, calcareous. CH			N47
40	9		Light gray, sandy SILT, very dense, slightly calcareous. ML			N53

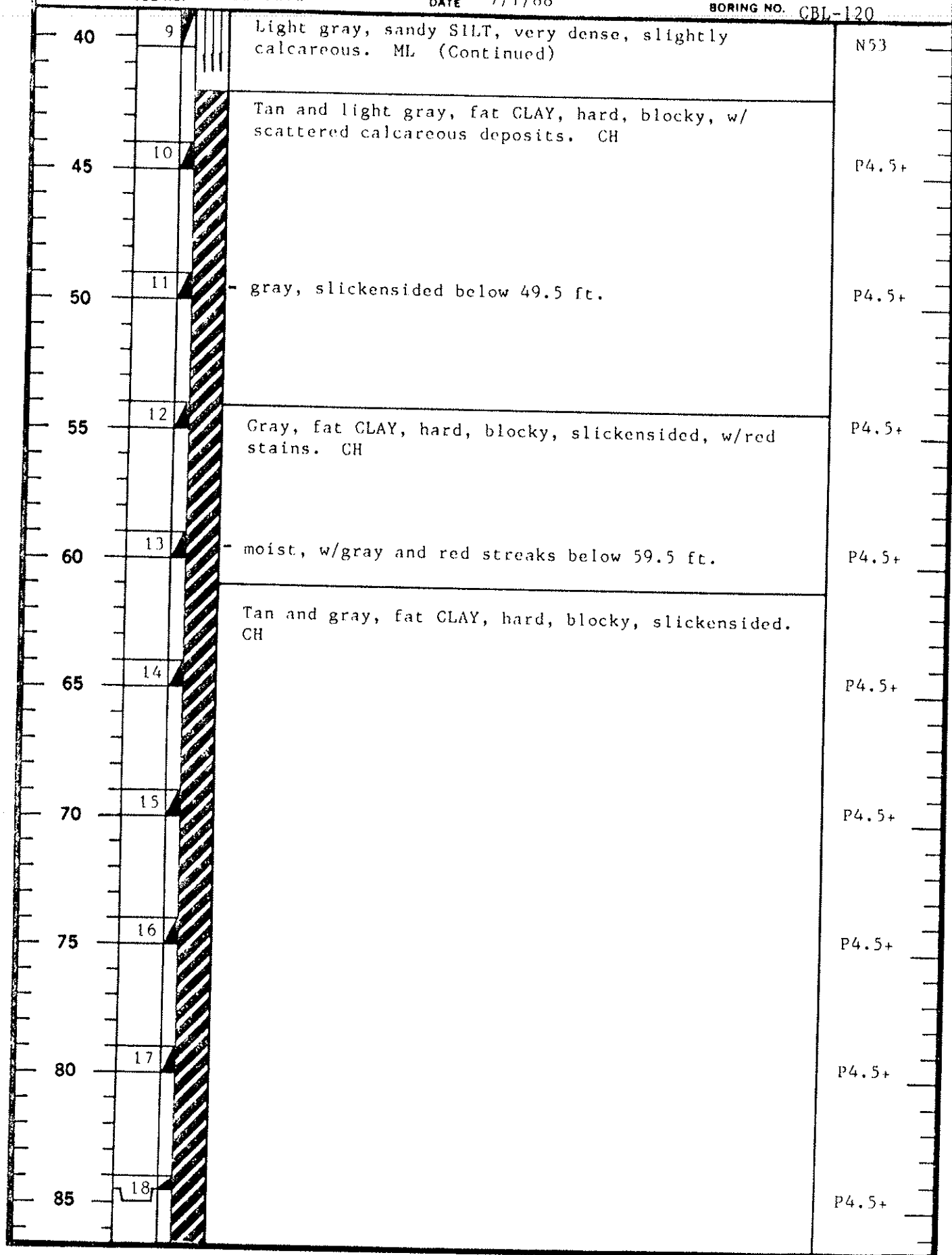
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# SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION LOG

JOB NO. 0188-1070

DATE 7/1/88

BORING NO. CBL-120

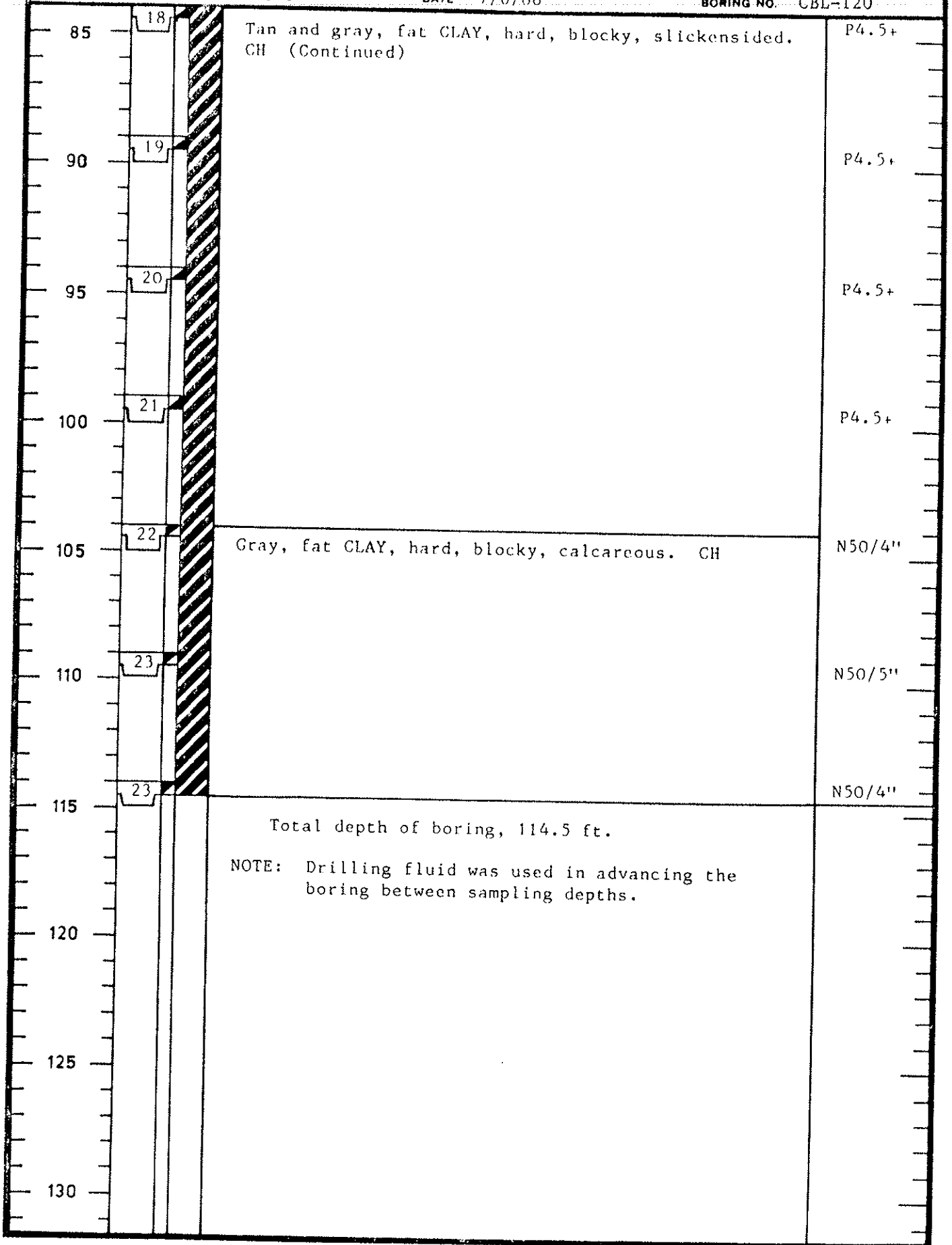


# SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION LOG

JOB NO. 0188-1070

DATE 7/6/88

BORING NO. CBL-120





PROJECT: LCRA FPP Combustion Byproducts Landfill (CBL) Expansion Area					<b>Log of Well No. CBL - 300 M</b>				
BORING LOCATION: Near Guard Station					GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION AND DATUM:				
DRILLING CONTRACTOR: Vortex Drilling, Inc.					DATE STARTED: 5/19/11		DATE FINISHED: 5/20/11		
DRILLING METHOD: Hollow Stem Auger					TOTAL DEPTH (ft.): 93.0		SCREEN INTERVAL (ft.): 83-93'(M)		
DRILLING EQUIPMENT: B-59 Mobile Drill					DEPTH TO WATER ATD:		CASING: 0-93' (M)		
SAMPLING METHOD: 2.5' Split Spoon					LOGGED BY: Mike Schofield, P.G.				
HAMMER WEIGHT: 140 lbs		DROP: 18"			RESPONSIBLE PROFESSIONAL: Mike Schofield, P.G.			REG. NO. 10666	

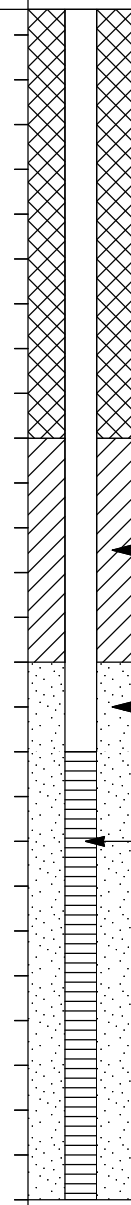
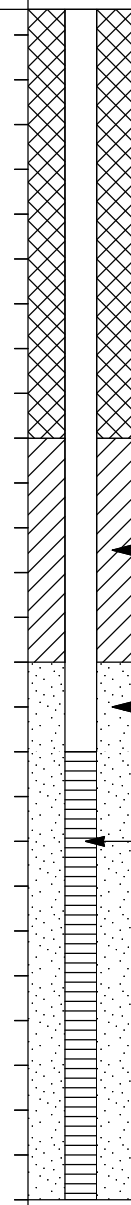
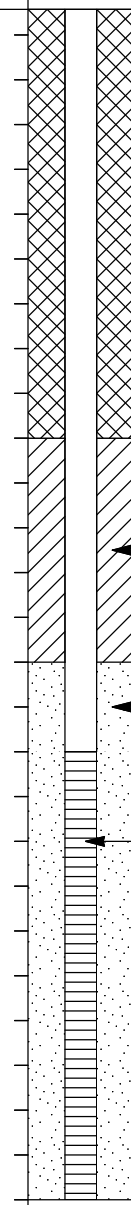
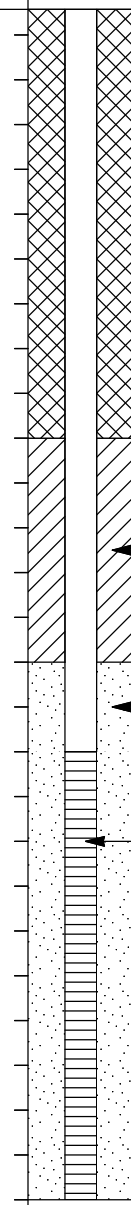
DEPTH (feet)	SAMPLES			OVM Reading	DESCRIPTION NAME (USCS): color, moist, % by wt., plast. density, structure, cementation, react. w/HCl, geo. inter.  Surface Elevation:	WELL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS AND/OR DRILLING REMARKS
	Sample No.	Sample	Blows/ Foot			
5		NR	10		NR	<div style="position: absolute; left: 100px; top: 100px;">Concrete</div> <div style="position: absolute; left: 100px; top: 300px;">2" Sch-40 PVC Riser</div> <div style="position: absolute; left: 100px; top: 500px;">Grout</div>
			11			
			50/3		SILT (ML): brown, with trace fine-grained sand, dry, no plasticity	
			11			
		NR	6		SANDY GRAVEL (SP): pink to tan, graded, dry Large cobbles (2" diameter)	
			7			
			12		SANDY CLAY (CL): gray with red, fine-grained, well sorted, some organic matter, medium stiff	
			13		Stiffens at 10', grades to medium-grained	
			16			
			10			
10			12			
			16			
			20			
			40			
			40		Iron oxide stains at 12'	
			8		Moisture at 13'	
			16			
			27		CLAY (CL): gray, high plasticity, stiff	
			17		SAND (SC): gray, trace clay, fine- to medium-grained, well sorted, wet	
			30			
15			21			
			22		CLAY (CL): gray, high plasticity, stiff	
			14		Lenses (1.5") of moist sand at 18.5' - 19'	
			15			
					Shelby tube sample	
			ST			
			10		CLAY (CL): light gray with tan, high plasticity, stiff	
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			29			
	25			22		
			25			
			39			
					Shelby tube sample	
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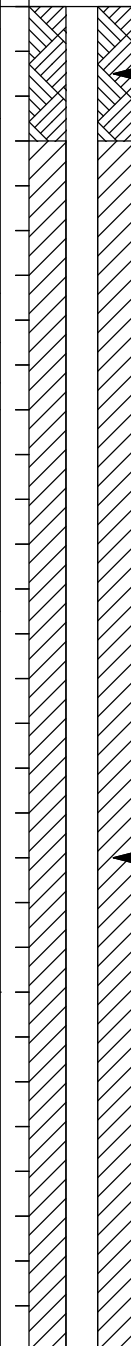

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PROJECT: LCRA FPP Combustion Byproducts Landfill (CBL) Expansion Area					Log of Well No. CBL - 300 M (cont'd)		
DEPTH (feet)	SAMPLES			OVM Reading	DESCRIPTION NAME (USCS): color, moist, % by wt., plast. density, structure, cementation, react. w/HCl, geo. inter.	WELL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS AND/OR DRILLING REMARKS	
	Sample No.	Sample	Blows/ Foot				
50			50		Same low plasticity clay, dark green with well mottled green/red calcareous nodules	 <p>Bentonite</p> <p>20/40 Grade Silica Sand</p> <p>2" Sch-40 PVC 0.010" Slotted Screen</p>	
70		NR					
75							
76			36				
77			38				
78			40				
80		NR			CLAY (CL): hard blue, high plasticity, very stiff, dry		
82							
84					SILTY SAND (SM): blue-green, medium dense, some moisture, very fine, well sorted ~50% silt		
86					Local cemented lenses (1/4") at 86'		
87			50/3				
88		NR					
89		NR					
90					SANDY CLAY (CL): blue-green, moist, very fine, well sorted, stiff		
91		NR					
92					SAND (SW): loose, saturated, fine-grained. Poor recovery		
93					SANDY CLAY (CL): fine-grained, stiff		
94					Total Depth: 93'		
95							
100							

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PROJECT: LCRA FPP Combustion Byproducts Landfill (CBL) Expansion Area				Log of Well No. CBL - 301 I			
BORING LOCATION: West of Plant Entrance Road				GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION AND DATUM:			
DRILLING CONTRACTOR: Vortex Drilling, Inc.				DATE STARTED: 5/23/11		DATE FINISHED: 5/23/11	
DRILLING METHOD: Hollow Stem Auger				TOTAL DEPTH (ft.): 52.5		SCREEN INTERVAL (ft.): 41'-51'	
DRILLING EQUIPMENT: B-59 Mobile Drill				DEPTH TO WATER ATD:		CASING: 0-51'	
SAMPLING METHOD: 2.5' Split Spoon, Continuous				LOGGED BY: Randy Beyer, P.G.			
HAMMER WEIGHT: 140 lbs		DROP: 18"		RESPONSIBLE PROFESSIONAL: Randy Beyer, P.G.		REG. NO. 5468	
DEPTH (feet)	SAMPLES			OVM Reading	DESCRIPTION NAME (USCS): color, moist, % by wt., plast. density, structure, cementation, react. w/HCl, geo. inter.  Surface Elevation:	WELL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS AND/OR DRILLING REMARKS	
	Sample No.	Sample	Blows/ Foot				
5	Grab Sample 9.5'-12' Grab Sample 6.4'-8.4'		8	SAND (SC): light gray to brown, dry, loose, moderately well sorted, some gravel, medium-grained, ~90% sand, ~10% gravel		Concrete	
			10				
			11				
			8	SILTY CLAY (CL): light gray, red mottling, ~90% sand, ~10% silt			
			8				
			11	CLAYEY SAND (SC): light gray, red mottling, stiff, dry, quartz, ~90% sand, ~10% clay			
			25				
			14	SANDY CLAY (CL): pale greenish gray, interbedded with spans of light gray sand, ~50% clay, ~50% sand			
			13				
			18	SAND (SM): light gray, fine-grained sand, loose, dry, quartz, ~95% sand, ~5% clay			
10			17				
			12	SANDY CLAY (CL): light gray, some reddish yellow seams, ~75% clay, ~25% sand			
			9				
			11	CLAY (CL): light gray, iron oxide staining, silt partings, moist, stiff, low plasticity, ~95% clay			
			18				
			13	CLAYEY SAND (SC): light gray to red sand, medium-grained, moist, ~75% sand, ~25% clay			
15			15				
			16				
			9	Black organic seams in clay at 14.5' 15', moist, yellowish red to gray			
			12				
			27	Increase of sand content, dry, ~75% clay, ~25% sand			
			50				
20			50/2			Bentonite Pellets	
			21				
			50/1				
			14	CLAY (CL): yellowish red to gray mottled clay, stiff to very stiff, moist			
			22				
			25				
25			15				
			25				
			27				
			19				
			21				
			26	Slickensides at 29', 45% fractured plane			
30							

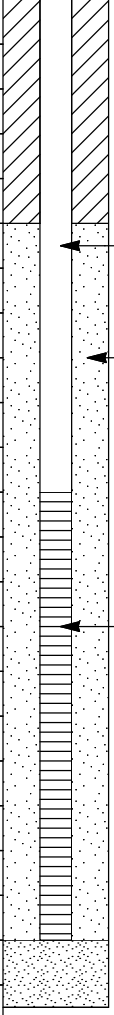
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DEPTH (feet)	SAMPLES			OVM Reading	DESCRIPTION NAME (USCS): color, moist, % by wt., plast. density, structure, cementation, react. w/HCl, geo. inter.	WELL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS AND/OR DRILLING REMARKS	
	Sample No.	Sample Blows/ Foot	Foot				
35	Sample 30'-32.5'				Same clay as above Increase silt at 32' ~85% clay, ~15% sand  Same, dry, blocky with increased silt  Same silt seam at 37' (1" thick), dry, soft	 <p>2" Sch-40 PVC Riser</p> <p>20/40 Grade Silica Sand</p> <p>2" Sch-40 PVC 0.010" Slotted Screen</p>	
40	Sample 37.5'-40'		39 39 27		SILTY SAND (SM): light gray, quartz, soft, moderately well sorted, moist, medium-grained, minor black grains, 100% sand		
45					Increase clay at 44' to 45'  Moist at 45'		
50	Sample 48'-50'				CLAY (CL): yellow red to gray, wet, stiff SAND (SW): gray, medium-grained, moist to damp Wet at 49'		
	Sample 50.5'-52.5'		50/5"		CLAY (CL): yellow to gray, wet, stiff		
					Total Depth: 52.5'		
55							
60							
65							

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PROJECT: LCRA FPP Combustion Byproducts Landfill (CBL) Expansion Area				<b>Log of Well No. CBL - 302 I</b>	
BORING LOCATION: South of CBL, West of ditch line				GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION AND DATUM:	
DRILLING CONTRACTOR: Vortex Drilling, Inc.				DATE STARTED: 5/24/11	DATE FINISHED: 5/24/11
DRILLING METHOD: Hollow Stem Auger				TOTAL DEPTH (ft.): 25.0	SCREEN INTERVAL (ft.): 14'-24'
DRILLING EQUIPMENT: B-59 Mobile Drill				DEPTH TO WATER ATD:	CASING: 0-14'
SAMPLING METHOD: 2.5' Split Spoon				LOGGED BY: Randy Beyer, P.G.	
HAMMER WEIGHT: 140 lbs		DROP: 18"		RESPONSIBLE PROFESSIONAL: Randy Beyer, P.G.	REG. NO. 5468

DEPTH (feet)	SAMPLES			OVM Reading	DESCRIPTION NAME (USCS): color, moist, % by wt., plast. density, structure, cementation, react. w/HCl, geo. inter.	WELL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS AND/OR DRILLING REMARKS
	Sample No.	Sample	Blows/ Foot			
			15		Surface Elevation:	
			16		CLAYEY SAND (SC): gray, medium gray, dry, loose, medium-grained	
			17			
			50/3"		SANDY CLAY (CL): medium brown to gray with iron oxide stain (red), mottled, dry from gravel at 30', same sandy clay, ~80% clay, ~15% sand, ~15% gravel, moist roots	
5		Grab Sample 5'-7.5'	10			
			12			
			15			
			5		Color change to light gray to white, calcareous white with green mottling, moist, plastic, organic material, increasing clay with depth	
			7			
			9			
10			20			
			15			
			13			
			8			
			9			
			14			
15		Grab Sample 14.5'-16.5'	4		CLAYEY SAND (SC): light green, ~80% sand, ~20% clay, dry to moist	
			9			
			14		Increasing clay content with depth	
			32			
			50/5		SANDY CLAY (CL): light gray with white mottling calcareous	
20			36		SILT (ML): light gray, dry, loose to firm, moist, ~90% silt, ~10% clay	
			50.2.5			
			50/5"		SANDY CLAY (CL): ~50% clay, ~50 sand, moist, plasticity	
25		Grab Sample 23'-25'			Total Depth: 25 feet	
30						

The diagram illustrates the well construction from the surface down to 25 feet. It shows a 2" Sch-40 PVC Riser extending from the surface to approximately 14 feet. Below the riser is a 2" Sch-40 PVC 0.010" Slotted Screen. The well is filled with 8/16 Grade Silica Sand. A bucket sample (8' - 12') was collected from the auger cuttings. The soil layers are labeled as Clayey Sand (SC) and Sandy Clay (CL). A Bentonite seal is indicated at the bottom of the well.

Cement

2" Sch-40 PVC Riser

Bucket Sample (8' - 12') collected from auger cuttings

Bentonite

8/16 Grade Silica Sand

2" Sch-40 PVC 0.010" Slotted Screen

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PROJECT: LCRA FPP Combustion Byproducts Landfill (CBL) Expansion Area					<b>Log of Well No. CBL - 303 U</b>				
BORING LOCATION: South of CBL					GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION AND DATUM:				
DRILLING CONTRACTOR: Vortex Drilling, Inc.					DATE STARTED: 5/24/11		DATE FINISHED: 5/24/11		
DRILLING METHOD: Hollow Stem Auger					TOTAL DEPTH (ft.): 27.5		SCREEN INTERVAL (ft.): 10'-20'		
DRILLING EQUIPMENT: B-59 Mobile Drill					DEPTH TO WATER ATD:		CASING: 0-10'		
SAMPLING METHOD: 2.5' Split Spoon					LOGGED BY: Randy Beyer, P.G.				
HAMMER WEIGHT: 140 lbs		DROP: 18"			RESPONSIBLE PROFESSIONAL: Randy Beyer, P.G.			REG. NO. 5468	

DEPTH (feet)	SAMPLES			OVM Reading	DESCRIPTION	WELL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS AND/OR DRILLING REMARKS
	Sample No.	Sample	Blows/ Foot		NAME (USCS): color, moist, % by wt., plast. density, structure, cementation, react. w/HCl, geo. inter.	
					Surface Elevation:	
5	Bag sample 2.5-7.5		14		GRAVELLY SAND (SP): tan, dry, 1-2" diameter gravel	<p>Concrete</p> <p>2" Sch-40 PVC Riser</p> <p>Bentonite</p> <p>20/40 Grade Silica Sand</p> <p>2" Sch-40 PVC 0.010" Slotted Screen</p>
			7			
			17			
			11			
			14			
			15			
			16			
			16			
			20			
			18			
10	Bag sample 12.5-17.5		21		CLAYEY SAND ( SC): light gray, iron oxide staining, dry, firm medium-grained sand, ~75% sand, ~25% clay	<p>Shelby Tube attempted at 23', no sample</p>
			21			
			14			
			9			
			9			
			18			
			26			
			26			
			36			
			42			
15	Bag sample 12.5-17.5		42		SAND (SM): light brown, loose, 100% quartz sand, moist	
			8			
			14			
			17			
			8			
			9			
			11			
			ST			
			18			
			21			
20	Bag sample 12.5-17.5		29		Damp to slightly wet at 13' - 14'	
			29			
			29			
			29			
			29			
			29			
			29			
			29			
			29			
			29			
25	Bag sample 12.5-17.5		29		Increase clay content to 10% with depth	
			29			
			29			
			29			
			29			
			29			
			29			
			29			
			29			
			29			
30	Bag sample 12.5-17.5		29		SILTY CLAY (CL): light gray with iron oxide/Red mottling, plastic, moist, soft, ~90% clay, ~10% silt, interbedded with layers of higher sand content (25%)	
			29			
			29			
			29			
			29			
			29			
			29			
			29			
			29			
			29			
30	Bag sample 12.5-17.5		29		Total Depth: 27.5'	
			29			
			29			
			29			
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			29			
			29			
			29			
			29			

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PROJECT: LCRA FPP Combustion Byproducts Landfill (CBL) Expansion Area					<b>Log of Boring No. CBL - 305 B</b>				
BORING LOCATION: West of Cell Expansion Area					ELEVATION AND DATUM:				
DRILLING CONTRACTOR: Vortex Drilling, Inc.					DATE STARTED: 5/26/11		DATE FINISHED: 5/31/11		
DRILLING METHOD: Hollow Stem Auger					TOTAL DEPTH (ft.): 0.0		MEASURING POINT:		
DRILLING EQUIPMENT: B-59 Mobile Drill / B6I HDX					DEPTH TO WATER	FIRST	COMPL.	24 HRS.	
SAMPLING METHOD: 2.5' Split Spoon					LOGGED BY: Randy Beyer, P.G.				
HAMMER WEIGHT: 140 lbs			DROP: 18"		RESPONSIBLE PROFESSIONAL: Randy Beyer, P.G.			REG. NO. 5468	

DEPTH (feet)	SAMPLES			DESCRIPTION NAME (USCS): color, moist, % by wt., plast. density, structure, cementation, react. w/HCl, geo. inter.	PID READING (ppm)	REMARKS
	Sample No.	Sample	Blows/ Foot			
				Surface Elevation:		
1			15	Caliche Road base		
2			13			
3			6			
4			22	CLAY (CL): TOPSOIL, dark brown, sandy clay		
5			22			
6			32			
7			11	SILTY CLAY (CL): yellow to gray, iron oxide staining, hard, dry, low plasticity, homogenous, ~95% clay, ~5% silt		
8			12			
9			12			
10			15			
11			20			
12			9			
13			12	CLAYEY SAND (SC): light gray, firm, moist, minor iron oxide staining, moderately cementation, homogenous, very fine-grained, quartz, ~90% sand, ~10% clay		
14			17			
15			50/2	SILTY CLAY (CL): same as 5.0' - 10.8'		
16			40	SANDY with CLAY (SC): yellow to tan, dry hard cementation, homogenous, very fine-grained, ~95% sand, ~5% clay		
17			50/5	Loose at 15' -16.5'		
18				Firm at 16.5' - increasing clay to ~20%, moist, iron oxide stains		
19			18			
20			31			
21			18			
22			14	Trace limestone fragments 20' - 22'		
23			22			
24			32			
25			50/5	Abundant limestone fragments at 22.5-23.5', coarse gravel, dry, loose, poorly sorted		
26			31	CLAY with SAND (CL): yellowish tan, very stiff, homogenous, iron oxide staining, ~95% clay, ~5% silt		
27			34			
28			50/4			
29			36			
30			40			
			50/5			

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DEPTH (feet)	SAMPLES			DESCRIPTION NAME (USCS): color, moist, % by wt., plast. density, structure, cementation, react. w/HCl, geo. inter.	PID READING (ppm)	REMARKS
	Sample No.	Sample	Blows/ Foot			
31				Increase in silt content to ~20% at 29.5'		
32				Silty seam at 32'		
33						
34				Calcite and iron nodules in fracture at 34'		
35						
36				Increasing calcite/iron nodules in seams at 36' - 37.5'		
37						
38				45% fractures, few slickensides, calcite in fractures		
39						
40	Sample 40'-42'		13			
41			19			
42			21	Color changes to light greenish gray		
43				CLAY (CL): light greenish gray clay, moist very stiff, homogenous, fractured, 100% clay, medium plasticity		
44						
45						
46						
47				Abundant fractures, trace pyrite (47.5'-48')		
48						
49						
50			15			
51			17			
52			24	Color changes to light gray		
53						
54						
55				Abundant fractures (55'-56')		
56			60			
57				Color changes to light gray/light tan		
58			66			
59	Grab Sample 60'-62'					
60			30	Local increase in silt content (10%) from 60-61.5'		
61			50/6			
62						
63			Hard			
64						
65						
66			Hard			

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PROJECT: LCRA FPP Combustion Byproducts Landfill (CBL) Expansion Area				Log of Boring No. CBL - 305 B (cont'd)		
DEPTH (feet)	SAMPLES			DESCRIPTION NAME (USCS): color, moist, % by wt., plast. density, structure, cementation, react. w/HCl, geo. inter.	PID READING (ppm)	REMARKS
	Sample No.	Sample	Blows/ Foot			
67				Trace moisture, trace limestone pebbles		
68						
69			Hard			
70						
71			12			
72			18	Abundant limestone pebbles at 72-74'		
73			25			
74			Hard			
75						
76						
77			Hard			
78						
79			Hard			
80						
81			12			
82			34	Localized silt as high as 30%		
83			50/4			
84			Hard			
85						
86			Hard			
87				SILT (ML): light gray, ~10% clay, dry		
88			Hard			
89						
90			21	Increased clay (40%) at 90', trace moisture, less stiff		
91			25			
92			30			
93						
94			Hard			
95						
96			Hard	CLAY (CL): light gray, calcareous nodules, blocky, very stiff, hard, dry		
97						
98			Hard			
99						
100						
101			Hard			
102				Total Depth: 102' Hollow Stem Auger refusal at 102'		
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PROJECT: LCRA FPP Combustion Byproducts Landfill (CBL) Expansion Area					<b>Log of Well No. CBL - 306 B/I</b>				
BORING LOCATION: South of CBL Leachate Pond					GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION AND DATUM:				
DRILLING CONTRACTOR: Vortex Drilling, Inc.					DATE STARTED: 6/1/11		DATE FINISHED: 6/3/11		
DRILLING METHOD: Hollow Stem Auger					TOTAL DEPTH (ft.): 12.5		SCREEN INTERVAL (ft.): 7.5'-12.5'		
DRILLING EQUIPMENT: B-61 HDX					DEPTH TO WATER ATD:		CASING: 0-12.5'		
SAMPLING METHOD: 2.5' Split Spoon					LOGGED BY: Mike Schofield, P.G.				
HAMMER WEIGHT: 140			DROP: 18"		RESPONSIBLE PROFESSIONAL: Mike Schofield, P.G.			REG. NO. 10666	

DEPTH (feet)	SAMPLES			OVM Reading	DESCRIPTION NAME (USCS): color, moist, % by wt., plast. density, structure, cementation, react. w/HCl, geo. inter.	WELL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS AND/OR DRILLING REMARKS
	Sample No.	Sample Blows/ Foot	Blows/ Foot			
Surface Elevation:						
5			5		CLAY (CL): black , trace moisture, stiff, organic matter	
			7			
			7			
			7			
			7			
			7			
			7			
			6			
			6			
			7			
10			9		CLAY with SAND: gray, fine-grained, trace moisture, medium stiff	
			14			
			9			
			8			
			50/3			
			ST			
			10			
			15			
			16			
			10			
20			13		CLAY (CL): gray with tan, localized, stiff, silt as high as 25%, blocky leavage, stiff	
			16			
			50/5.5			
			ST			
			7			
			15			
			9			
			13			
			12			
			17			
25					26' onward, no silt (100% clay)	
30					Red mottling at 28'	

WELL3

DEPTH (feet)	SAMPLES			OVM Reading	DESCRIPTION NAME (USCS): color, moist, % by wt., plast. density, structure, cementation, react. w/HCl, geo. inter.		WELL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS AND/OR DRILLING REMARKS
	Sample No.	Sample	Blows/ Foot				
35					Same stiff clay, light gray to tan		
					Clear crystals at 34', not HCL reactive 45° fractures, 34' - 38'		
40					Same, all light gray		
45							
50					Same, some tan mottling		
55							
60					Same, calcareous nodules at 29'		
65							

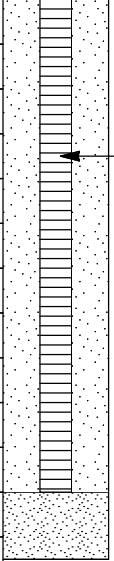
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DEPTH (feet)	SAMPLES			OVM Reading	DESCRIPTION NAME (USCS): color, moist, % by wt., plast. density, structure, cementation, react. w/HCl, geo. inter.		WELL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS AND/OR DRILLING REMARKS
	Sample No.	Sample	Blows/ Foot				
70			50/3		Large calcareous seam at 65.5, some limestone pebbles starting at 66'		
75					Same, slight greenish gray color, calcareous, clay, stiff, localized silt (~15-20%) in pockets, dry		
80					Total Depth: 80', Hollow Stem Auger refusal at 80'.		
85							
90							
95							
100							

WELL3

PROJECT: LCRA FPP Combustion Byproducts Landfill (CBL) Expansion Area					<b>Log of Well No. CBL - 307 U</b>				
BORING LOCATION: West of Trees 10'					GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION AND DATUM:				
DRILLING CONTRACTOR: Vortex Drilling, Inc.					DATE STARTED: 12/21/11		DATE FINISHED: 12/21/11		
DRILLING METHOD: Hollow Stem Auger					TOTAL DEPTH (ft.): 42.5		SCREEN INTERVAL (ft.): 26'-41'		
DRILLING EQUIPMENT: Mobile Drill B-59					DEPTH TO WATER ATD: 33.90		CASING: 0'-41'		
SAMPLING METHOD: Continuous-Split Spoon					LOGGED BY: Randy Beyer, P.G.				
HAMMER WEIGHT:			DROP:		RESPONSIBLE PROFESSIONAL: Randy Beyer, P.G.			REG. NO. 5468	

DEPTH (feet)	SAMPLES		OVM Reading	DESCRIPTION NAME (USCS): color, moist, % by wt., plast. density, structure, cementation, react. w/HCl, geo. inter.	WELL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS AND/OR DRILLING REMARKS
	Sample No.	Sample Blows/ Foot			
				Surface Elevation:	
				TOPSOIL/GRAVEL (GP): brown to reddish-brown, moist clayey gravel	
				CLAY with Gravel (CH): light brown to reddish-brown, moist, medium plasticity 80% clay/20% gravel	
5				SANDY GRAVEL (GP): light gray, dry, 60% gravel/40% sand, minor clay, blocky, loose	
10				SILTY CLAY (CL): light gray, iron oxide staining, moist, firm, high plasticity, 99% clay/1% silt  calcareous clay layer, white	2" Sch-40 PVC Riser
15				SAND (SW): light gray, iron oxide staining, dry, firm, medium-grained, quartz, mafics, - calcareous CLAYEY SAND, white, dry  Clay content up to 30%, firm, dry, (SC)	Bentonite
20				Cemented SANDSTONE, (21'-21.5') dry	
25					20/40 Grade Silica Sand filter pack
30					

DEPTH (feet)	SAMPLES			OVM Reading	DESCRIPTION  NAME (USCS): color, moist, % by wt., plast. density, structure, cementation, react. w/HCl, geo. inter.		WELL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS AND/OR DRILLING REMARKS
	Sample No.	Sample	Blows/ Foot				
35					CLAYEY SAND (SC): moist, firm, non plastic 50% sand/50% clay  Sand - saturated at 32'  coarse-grained at 35'		 <div style="position: absolute; left: 770px; top: 200px;">           2" Sch-40 PVC 0.010" Slotted Screen         </div>
					CLAY (CH): orange to light tan		
40					GRAVELLY SAND (GC): medium gray, wet, 80% sand/20% gravel, coarse sand		
					CLAY (CH): yellow to tan, moist, high plasticity -sand layer 40'-40.5'		
					Total Depth = 42.5		
45							
50							
55							
60							
65							

PROJECT: LCRA FPP Combustion Byproducts Landfill (CBL) Expansion Area					<b>Log of Well No. CBL - 308 I</b>				
BORING LOCATION:					GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION AND DATUM:				
DRILLING CONTRACTOR: Vortex Drilling, Inc.					DATE STARTED: 12/20/11		DATE FINISHED: 12/20/11		
DRILLING METHOD: Hollow Stem Auger					TOTAL DEPTH (ft.): 34.5		SCREEN INTERVAL (ft.): 22'-32'		
DRILLING EQUIPMENT: Mobile Drill B-59					DEPTH TO WATER ATD: 29.5		CASING: 0'-22'		
SAMPLING METHOD: Continuous-Split Spoon					LOGGED BY: Charlie Macon, P.G.				
HAMMER WEIGHT:			DROP:		RESPONSIBLE PROFESSIONAL: Charlie Macon, P.G.			REG. NO. 1301	

DEPTH (feet)	SAMPLES		OVM Reading	DESCRIPTION NAME (USCS): color, moist, % by wt., plast. density, structure, cementation, react. w/HCl, geo. inter.	WELL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS AND/OR DRILLING REMARKS
	Sample No.	Sample Blows/ Foot			
				Surface Elevation:	
5				FAT CLAY (CH) with GRAVEL: light gray and tan, moist, iron oxide staining, stiff	<p>Concrete</p> <p>2" Sch-40 PVC Riser</p> <p>Bentonite</p> <p>20/40 Grade Silica Sand filter pack</p> <p>2" Sch-40 PVC 0.010"-Slotted Screen</p>
				becomes FAT CLAY (CH): pale yellow-tan, moist, stiff, blocky	
10				iron and manganese oxide staining, increasing calcium carbonate	
				grades to tan, decreasing calcium carbonate cementation	
15				CLAYEY SAND (SC): very light gray, dry,	
				sand seam at 16', increasing calcium carbonate	
20				CLAYEY SILT (ML): tan and gray with iron oxide mottling, stiff, dry	
				SILTY CLAY (CL): tan and gray with iron oxide mottling, stiff, dry	
				CLAYEY SAND (SC): gray, moist, firm, iron oxide staining, moist, lenses of calcium carbonate	
25				Tan and gray blocky clay seam, dry	
				very light gray sand, less calcium carbonate, dry	
30				SAND (SC): tan, soft, medium-grained, saturated	
				SANDY CLAY (CL): mottled tan-gray, iron oxide staining, dry, blocky, saturated sand lens	
				FAT CLAY (CH): tan and gray, hard, mottled, iron oxidized staining, blocky	
35				Total Depth = 34.5	

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## Log of Boring: CBL-310

Fayette Power Plant  
La Grange, TX

PBW Project No. 1650

Completion Date: 1/18/2012

Drilling Company: Vortex

Driller: Robert Joiner

Driller's License: 54776M

Field Supervisor: Roberta McClure

Sampling Method: 1 3/4" x 5' sample tube

Drilling Method:

Borehole Diameter (in.): 2.25

Total Depth (ft): 27.5

Northing: 9947254.0686'

Easting: 3429686.7216'

Ground Elev. (ft AMSL): 371.434'

Depth (ft)	Recovery (ft/ft)	USCS	Lithologic Description
0		SM	(0.0 - 0.5) Silty SAND, reddish-brown, very moist, very soft.
	2.0/5.0	CH	(0.5 - 5.0) CLAY, gray, moist, hard, high plasticity.
5			
	5.0/5.0	SC	(5.0 - 11.0) Clayey SAND, light gray, some orange staining, moist to very moist, slightly firm.
10			
	5.0/5.0	CH	(11.0 - 17.0) CLAY, gray, some orange staining, moist, hard, high plasticity.
15			
	5.0/5.0	CL	(17.0 - 19.0) Silty CLAY, gray, some orange staining, friable, moist, hard, low plasticity.
20		CH	(19.0 - 21.0) CLAY, gray, some orange staining, moist, hard, high plasticity.
	3.0/5.0	CL	(21.0 - 27.5) Silty CLAY, gray, some orange staining, high plasticity clay lens at 21.0-22.0', very hard from 22.0-27.5', very moist, soft to very hard, low plasticity. Refusal at 27.5'
25			
	2.5/2.5		

# PBW

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Notes:  
Refusal at 27.5'.  
Ground elevation is approximate.



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# Log of Boring: CBL-311

Fayette Power Plant  
La Grange, TX

PBW Project No. 1650

Completion Date:	1/18/2012	Drilling Method:	Geoprobe DPT
Drilling Company:	Vortex	Borehole Diameter (in.):	2.25
Driller:	Robert Joiner	Total Depth (ft):	30
Driller's License:	54776M	Northing:	9947643.2586'
Field Supervisor:	Roberta McClure	Easting:	3429616.1129'
Sampling Method:	1 3/4" x 5' sample tube	Ground Elev. (ft AMSL):	373.847'

Depth (ft)	Recovery (ft/ft)	USCS	Lithologic Description
0		SM	(0.0 - 0.5) Silty SAND with gravel, dark reddish brown, very moist, soft.
3.5/5.0		CH	(0.5 - 5.5) CLAY, gray, some orange staining, calcareous nodules at 4.5-5.0', calcareous clay and weak cementation from 5.0-5.5', dry to moist, hard, low to high plasticity.
5		SC	(5.5 - 10.0) Clayey SAND, gray to reddish-gray, moist, slightly firm.
10		CH	(10.0 - 11.0) CLAY, gray, some orange staining, moist, firm, high plasticity.
15		CL	(11.0 - 19.0) Silty CLAY, gray, some orange staining, abundant orange staining at 15.0-19.0', very moist, firm, low plasticity.
20		CH	(19.0 - 21.5) CLAY, gray, abundant orange staining, very moist, hard, high plasticity.
25		CL	(21.5 - 25.5) Silty CLAY, gray, abundant orange staining, moist, hard, low plasticity.
30		CH	(25.5 - 27.5) CLAY, gray, abundant orange staining, moist, hard, high plasticity.
		CL	(27.5 - 30.0) Silty CLAY, gray, abundant orange staining, moist, hard, low plasticity.

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Notes:

Ground elevation is approximate.

Project: **LCRA Fayette Power Project**

Project Location: **6549 Power Plant Rd, La Grange, TX 78945**



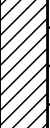

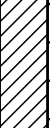
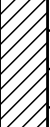
Project Number: **TXL0225-05**

# Log of Boring CBL-321

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Date(s) Drilled <b>7/30/2013</b>	Logged By <b>Ed Jones</b>	Checked By <b>M. Zahirul Islam, Ph.D., P.E.</b>
Drilling Method <b>Geoprobe DPT</b>	Drill Bit Size/Type <b>2.25 in</b>	Total Depth of Borehole <b>25 feet bgs</b>
Drill Rig Type <b>Geoprobe</b>	Drilling Contractor <b>Vortex Drilling, Inc.</b>	Approximate Surface Elevation <b>361 ft, MSL</b>
Groundwater Level and Date Measured <b>Not Recorded</b>	Sampling Method(s) <b>1 3/4" x 5' sample tube</b>	Hammer Data <b>n/a</b>
Borehole Backfill <b>Cement-bentonite grout</b>	Approximate Location <b>N 9947764, E 3428880</b>	

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Depth (feet)	Sample Number	Sample Type	Recovery/Attempted	Graphic Log	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
0					TOPSOIL: black, moist, hard, trace organics.
			3.0/5.0		Well-graded GRAVEL with sand (GW): light gray to pink, loose, fine, angular, trace organics.
5			5.0/5.0		Sandy CLAY (CL): light pink to gray, dry, low plasticity, soft.
	CBL-321 5'-10'				- Trace fine angular gravel at 8.5'-8.8'.
10			5.0/5.0		CLAY (CL): light gray to pink, dry, loose to hard, low plasticity, mottling, iron oxide staining, some sand, trace silt.
					- Moist, stiff at 13'.
15			3.0/3.0		Sandy CLAY (CL): light gray to orange, moist, low plasticity, stiff.
					- Light gray, trace silt at 16.5'.
					- Loose and crumbly, iron oxide staining, and trace gravels at 18'-18.5'.
20			5.0/5.0		
			2.0/2.0		CLAY (CH): light gray, moist, hard, iron oxide staining, refusal at 25'.
25					Total Depth: 25'
30					

Project: **LCRA Fayette Power Project**

Project Location: **6549 Power Plant Rd, La Grange, TX 78945**

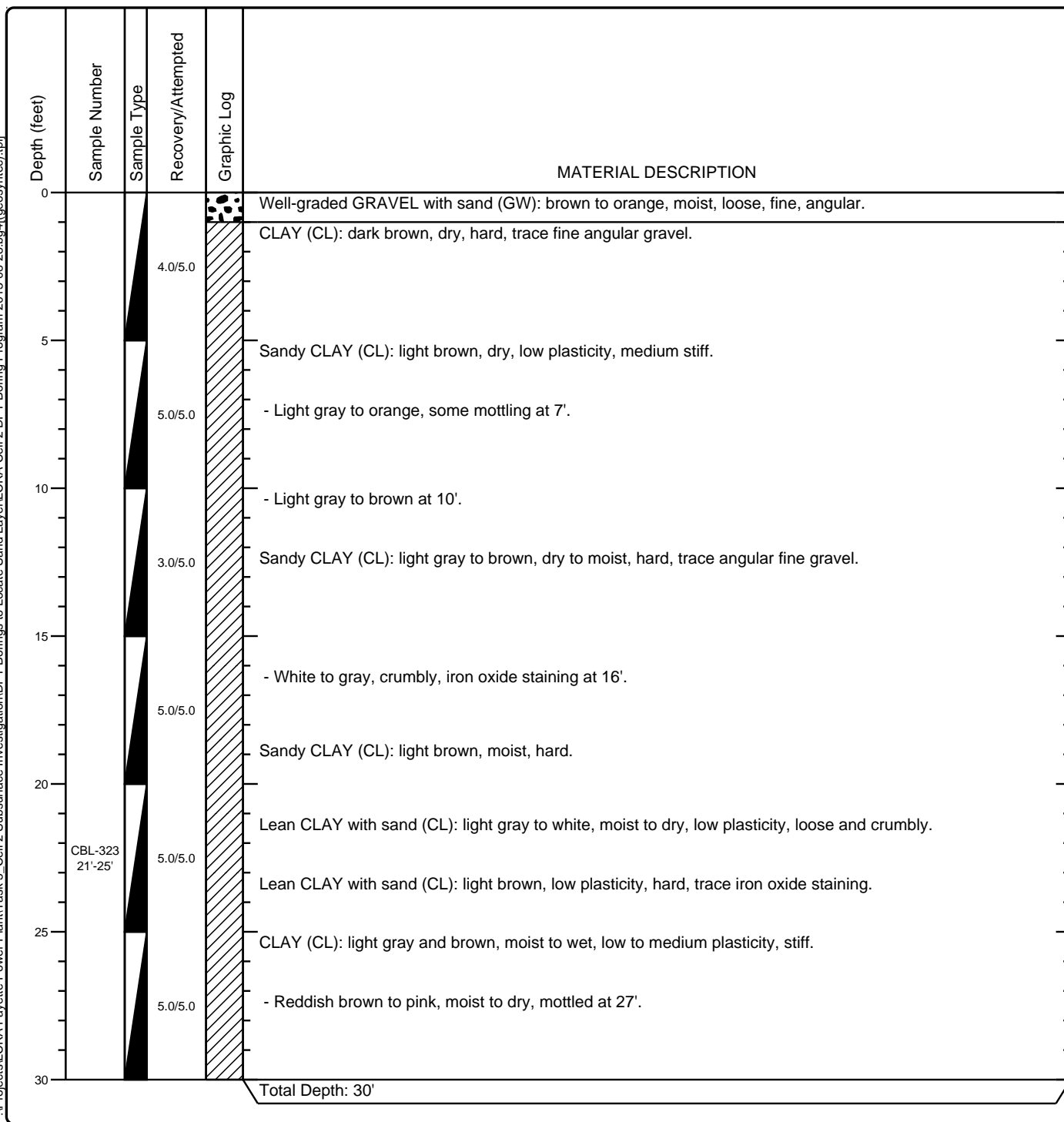
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# Log of Boring CBL-323

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Date(s) Drilled <b>7/30/2013</b>	Logged By <b>Ed Jones</b>	Checked By <b>M. Zahirul Islam, Ph.D., P.E.</b>
Drilling Method <b>Geoprobe DPT</b>	Drill Bit Size/Type <b>2.25 in</b>	Total Depth of Borehole <b>30 feet bgs</b>
Drill Rig Type <b>Geoprobe</b>	Drilling Contractor <b>Vortex Drilling, Inc.</b>	Approximate Surface Elevation <b>359 ft, MSL</b>
Groundwater Level and Date Measured <b>Not Recorded</b>	Sampling Method(s) <b>1 3/4" x 5' sample tube</b>	Hammer Data <b>n/a</b>
Borehole Backfill <b>Cement-bentonite grout</b>	Approximate Location <b>N 9947794, E 3428980</b>	

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Project: **LCRA Fayette Power Project**

Project Location: **6549 Power Plant Rd, La Grange, TX 78945**

Project Number: **TXL0225-05**

# Log of Boring CBL-325

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Date(s) Drilled <b>7/29/2013</b>	Logged By <b>Ed Jones</b>	Checked By <b>M. Zahirul Islam, Ph.D., P.E.</b>
Drilling Method <b>Geoprobe DPT</b>	Drill Bit Size/Type <b>2.25 in</b>	Total Depth of Borehole <b>34 feet bgs</b>
Drill Rig Type <b>Geoprobe</b>	Drilling Contractor <b>Vortex Drilling, Inc.</b>	Approximate Surface Elevation <b>354 ft, MSL</b>
Groundwater Level and Date Measured <b>Not Recorded</b>	Sampling Method(s) <b>1 3/4" x 5' sample tube</b>	Hammer Data <b>n/a</b>
Borehole Backfill <b>Cement-bentonite grout</b>	Approximate Location <b>N 9947750, E 3429049</b>	

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Depth (feet)	Sample Number	Sample Type	Recovery/Attempted	Graphic Log	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
0					TOPSOIL: dark brown, hard, trace angular fine gravel and organics.
4.0			4.0/5.0		Sandy CLAY (CL): dark brown to gray, dry, low plasticity, hard, trace sand.
5.0			5.0/5.0		Sandy CLAY (CL): light gray to brown, dry, low plasticity, hard. - Light brown to white at 6'.
8.0			5.0/5.0		- Light brown at 8'.
10.0			5.0/5.0		Sandy CLAY (CL): light gray to light brown, moist, low plasticity, compact.
13.5			5.0/5.0		- Iron oxide staining at 13.5'.
15.0			5.0/5.0		Sandy CLAY (CL): white, dry, loose and crumbly.
20.0			5.0/5.0		Sandy CLAY (CL): light gray, moist, low plasticity, compact.
22.0			4.5/5.0		- Light brown, dry, loose and crumbly at 22'.
25.0			5.0/5.0		Sandy CLAY (CL): light gray to brown, moist, low plasticity, firm. - Light brown to brown at 25'.
29.0			5.0/5.0		CLAY (CL): reddish brown to brown, low plasticity, hard, some mottling, trace iron oxides. - Trace sand at 29'.
30.0					

Project: **LCRA Fayette Power Project**  
Project Location: **6549 Power Plant Rd, La Grange, TX 78945**  
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Depth (feet)	Sample Number	Sample Type	Recovery/Attempted	Graphic Log	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
30					- Dark gray to reddish brown, mottled, low plasticity, hard, refusal at 34'.
35			2.5/4.0		Total Depth: 34'
40					
45					
50					
55					
60					
65					

Project: **LCRA Fayette Power Project**

Project Location: **6549 Power Plant Rd, La Grange, TX 78945**

Project Number: **TXL0225-05**

# Log of Boring CBL-326

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Date(s) Drilled <b>7/31/2013</b>	Logged By <b>Ed Jones</b>	Checked By <b>M. Zahirul Islam, Ph.D., P.E.</b>
Drilling Method <b>Geoprobe DPT</b>	Drill Bit Size/Type <b>2.25 in</b>	Total Depth of Borehole <b>25 feet bgs</b>
Drill Rig Type <b>Geoprobe</b>	Drilling Contractor <b>Vortex Drilling, Inc.</b>	Approximate Surface Elevation <b>357 ft, MSL</b>
Groundwater Level and Date Measured <b>Not Recorded</b>	Sampling Method(s) <b>1 3/4" x 5' sample tube</b>	Hammer Data <b>n/a</b>
Borehole Backfill <b>Cement-bentonite grout</b>	Approximate Location <b>N 9947771, E 3429019</b>	

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Depth (feet)	Sample Number	Sample Type	Recovery/Attempted	Graphic Log	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
0					Sandy CLAY (CL): black, dry, hard. - Trace angular fine gravel and organics at 0'-2'.
5			4.0/5.0		
10			5.0/5.0		Sandy CLAY (CL): light gray to white, dry to moist, slight plasticity, stiff to firm, some mottling. - Trace iron oxides at 9.5'. CLAY (CL): light gray to orange, dry to moist, low plasticity, firm, mottling, some sand. - Loose and crumbly at 11.5'.
15			5.0/5.0		- Loose and crumbly at 14'. Lean CLAY with sand (CL): light gray to brown, moist, slight to low plasticity, soft to firm.
20	CBL-326 15'-20'		5.0/5.0		- Trace iron oxide staining at 17.5'.
25			5.0/5.0		Sandy CLAY (CL): light gray to black, moist, hard, mottled, trace iron oxides, refusal at 25'.
30					Total Depth: 25'

Project: **LCRA Fayette Power Project**

Project Location: **6549 Power Plant Rd, La Grange, TX 78945**

Project Number: **TXL0225-05**

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Date(s) Drilled <b>7/30/2013</b>	Logged By <b>Ed Jones</b>	Checked By <b>M. Zahirul Islam, Ph.D., P.E.</b>
Drilling Method <b>Geoprobe DPT</b>	Drill Bit Size/Type <b>2.25 in</b>	Total Depth of Borehole <b>43 feet bgs</b>
Drill Rig Type <b>Geoprobe</b>	Drilling Contractor <b>Vortex Drilling, Inc.</b>	Approximate Surface Elevation <b>369 ft, MSL</b>
Groundwater Level and Date Measured <b>Not Recorded</b>	Sampling Method(s) <b>1 3/4" x 5' sample tube</b>	Hammer Data <b>n/a</b>
Borehole Backfill <b>Cement-bentonite grout</b>	Approximate Location <b>N 9947890, E 3428656</b>	

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Depth (feet)	Sample Number	Sample Type	Recovery/Attempted	Graphic Log	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
0					TOPSOIL: dark brown to black, soft, trace organics.
4.5			4.5/5.0		Sandy CLAY (CL): light brown to gray, moist, low plasticity, stiff.
5					Sandy CLAY (CL): light orange to light gray, dry, crumbly, trace gravel.
5.0			5.0/5.0		- Trace iron oxides at 7.5'.
10					Sandy CLAY (CL): white to light gray, crumbly, iron oxide staining.
13			5.0/5.0		- Light gray, compact, fine, iron oxide staining at 13'.
15					Sandy CLAY (CL): light brown, dry, loose and crumbly, iron oxide staining.
17			5.0/5.0		- Hard from 17'-20'.
20					Sandy CLAY (CL): light brown to light gray, moist to dry, low plasticity, stiff.
21			5.0/5.0		- Crumbly at 21'.
25					Clayey SAND (SC): light brown to gray, moist, compact, iron oxide staining.
25			4.5/5.0		
30					



Project: **LCRA Fayette Power Project**  
 Project Location: **6549 Power Plant Rd, La Grange, TX 78945**  
 Project Number: **TXL0225-05**

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Depth (feet)	Sample Number	Sample Type	Recovery/Attempted	Graphic Log	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
30					Clayey SAND (SC): light brown to gray, moist, compact, iron oxide staining.
			4.0/5.0		Sandy CLAY (CL): white to light brown, compact to crumbly from 31.5' to 33'.
					Sandy CLAY (CL): light brown, moist, compact, iron oxide staining.
35			4.0/5.0		Sandy CLAY (CL): light brown to gray, moist to dry, compact, some mottling, trace iron oxide staining.
					- Some light brown to orange sand at 37'.
40			3.0/3.0		CLAY (CL): reddish brown to light brown, moist, hard, mottling, iron oxide staining, refusal at 43'.
					Total Depth: 43'
45					
50					
55					
60					
65					

Project: **LCRA Fayette Power Project**  
 Project Location: **6549 Power Plant Rd, La Grange, TX 78945**  
 Project Number: **TXL0225-05**

**Log of Boring CBL-335**  
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Date(s) Drilled <b>7/31/2013</b>	Logged By <b>Ed Jones</b>	Checked By <b>M. Zahirul Islam, Ph.D., P.E.</b>
Drilling Method <b>Geoprobe DPT</b>	Drill Bit Size/Type <b>2.25 in</b>	Total Depth of Borehole <b>20 feet bgs</b>
Drill Rig Type <b>Geoprobe</b>	Drilling Contractor <b>Vortex Drilling, Inc.</b>	Approximate Surface Elevation <b>375 ft, MSL</b>
Groundwater Level and Date Measured <b>Not Recorded</b>	Sampling Method(s) <b>1 3/4" x 5' sample tube</b>	Hammer Data <b>n/a</b>
Borehole Backfill <b>Cement-bentonite grout</b>	Approximate Location <b>N 9948197, E 3429784</b>	

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Depth (feet)	Sample Number	Sample Type	Recovery/Attempted	Graphic Log	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
0					Sandy CLAY (CL): light brown to light pink, moist, hard, low plasticity, iron oxide staining.
4.0			4.0/5.0		Sandy CLAY (CL): light gray to white, moist to dry, soft, low plasticity, stiff to soft.
5.0			5.0/5.0		Sandy CLAY (CL): light gray, moist to dry, plasticity, stiff to soft.
10.0			4.0/5.0		Well-graded SAND (SW): gray, wet, loose.
15.0			3.0/5.0		CLAY (CL): light gray to orange, moist, low plasticity, hard, trace iron oxide staining, trace sand.
20.0					Total Depth: 20'
25.0					
30.0					

Project: **LCRA Fayette Power Project**

Project Location: **6549 Power Plant Rd, La Grange, TX 78945**

Project Number: **TXL0225-05**

# Log of Boring CBL-337

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Date(s) Drilled <b>7/31/2013</b>	Logged By <b>Ed Jones</b>	Checked By <b>M. Zahirul Islam, Ph.D., P.E.</b>
Drilling Method <b>Geoprobe DPT</b>	Drill Bit Size/Type <b>2.25 in</b>	Total Depth of Borehole <b>25 feet bgs</b>
Drill Rig Type <b>Geoprobe</b>	Drilling Contractor <b>Vortex Drilling, Inc.</b>	Approximate Surface Elevation <b>345 ft, MSL</b>
Groundwater Level and Date Measured <b>Not Recorded</b>	Sampling Method(s) <b>1 3/4" x 5' sample tube</b>	Hammer Data <b>n/a</b>
Borehole Backfill <b>Cement-bentonite grout</b>	Approximate Location <b>N 9946807, E 3428861</b>	

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Depth (feet)	Sample Number	Sample Type	Recovery/Attempted	Graphic Log	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
0					TOPSOIL: black, stiff, trace organics.
4.0			4.0/5.0		CLAY (CL): light gray to brown, dry, hard, trace angular gravel.
5.0			5.0/5.0		CLAY (CL): dark brown to black, moist, plasticity, stiff, trace sand.
9.0			5.0/5.0		- Light brown at 9'-10'.
10.0			5.0/5.0		Lean CLAY (CL): light gray to light brown, dry, low to medium plasticity, soft and crumbly, trace iron oxides.
13.0	CBL-337 10'-13'		5.0/5.0		CLAY (CL): light gray to green, moist, low plasticity, hard, iron oxides.
18.0			5.0/5.0		- Medium stiff at 18'-18.5'.
20.0			5.0/5.0		- Light gray to green at 20'-25'.
25.0			5.0/5.0		Total Depth: 25'
30.0					

# **APPENDIX C**

## **Wetlands Assessment**

# **WETLAND ASSESSMENT**

**for**

**Fayetteville Power Plant Complex  
La Grange, Fayette County, Texas**



**Prepared by:  
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**August 8, 2006**



## **INTRODUCTION**

Ecological Communications Corporation (EComm) was contracted by RMT, Inc. to conduct a wetlands assessment on the grounds of the Fayetteville Power Plant (FPP) outside of La Grange, TX. EComm performed an on-site visit on July 20, 2006 in order to identify any potentially occurring Waters of the United States (U.S.), including wetlands, as defined by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), evaluate the existing methods of protecting sensitive areas and to identify ways to further protect those areas. Additional information regarding experience and capabilities for EComm firm and staff can be found in Appendix A of this document.

This report presents the findings that were concluded as a result of observations made during an on-site visit conducted July 20, 2006, and information gathered from aerial photographs and vegetation surveys as provided by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), and topographic maps.

## **REGULATORY GUIDANCE**

All Waters of the U.S. are considered jurisdictional by the USACE. The dredging or filling of more than a standard acreage or distance (depending on the activity) of these waters at an individual project site requires a specific permit, under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Waters of the U.S. include, with some exemptions:

- All waters which are currently used, or were used in the past, or may be susceptible to use, in interstate or foreign commerce, including all waters which are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide;
- All interstate waters including interstate wetlands;
- All other waters such as interstate lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats, wetlands, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, or natural ponds; the use, degradation or destruction of which could affect interstate or foreign commerce including any such waters:
  1. which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes; or
  2. from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce; or
  3. which are used or could be used for industrial purpose by industries in interstate commerce;
- All impoundments of waters otherwise defined as Waters of the U.S. under the definition;
- Tributaries of waters identified in all sections above;
- The territorial seas;
- Wetlands adjacent to waters (other than waters that are themselves wetlands) identified in all sections above. The term "adjacent" means bordering, contiguous, or neighboring. Wetlands separated from other Waters of the U.S. by man-made dikes or barriers, natural river berms, beach dunes and the like are "adjacent wetlands."



Waters of the U.S. typically do not include:

- Waste treatment systems, including treatment ponds or lagoons designed to meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act;
- Abandoned stock ponds (in certain circumstances);
- Road-side ditches;
- Mined areas (until they assume characteristics of Waters of the U.S.); or
- Agricultural areas.

Of the jurisdictional waters included in the above definition, some are considered special aquatic sites by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and require specific conditions in order to be classified. One special aquatic site that pertains to areas within the subject property is a wetland. Wetlands are areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Any activity involving the dredging or filling of wetlands of any size requires a permit by the USACE.

#### SITE INVESTIGATION METHODS

A windshield survey was performed along the boundaries of the property. A pedestrian survey was performed along the unnamed tributary of Cedar Creek, a spring fed ephemeral stream that crosses the property, northwest to southeast. The tributary traverses the southern half of the property, and flows into Cedar Creek in the southeast corner of the property (Figure 1). The channel and confluence of the stream were examined, as well as the hydrology and morphology of the stream to determine the tributary's status as jurisdictional waters of the U.S. Dominant vegetation along the tributaries and their impoundments were also identified, to determine the possibility of wetlands.

#### SITE EVALUATION RESULTS

The unnamed tributary of Cedar Creek originates approximately 3300 feet south of the southwest corner of the Fayette Reservoir (Photo 1), joining Cedar Creek approximately 4300 feet downstream, southeast of the FPP property. This tributary, as shown on the 1981 U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Fayetteville, TX topographic map, flows through the property and the FPP complex located there. The tributary channels are clearly defined, and contain a significant amount of wetland vegetation within or near the channel (Photos 3 through 7).

The tributaries maintain defined ordinary high water marks throughout most of its course within the property (Photo 8). A significant amount of unmaintained riparian vegetation grows along the banks of the tributary. Vegetation within the riparian areas are dominated by American elm (*Ulmus americana*), mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*), cypress (*Taxodium distichum*), hackberry (*Celtis laevigata*), eastern cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), ashe juniper (*Juniperus ashei*), greenbriar (*Smilax bona-nox*), poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*), and other herbaceous vegetation. Once the tributary exits the property, it flows southeast into Cedar Creek.

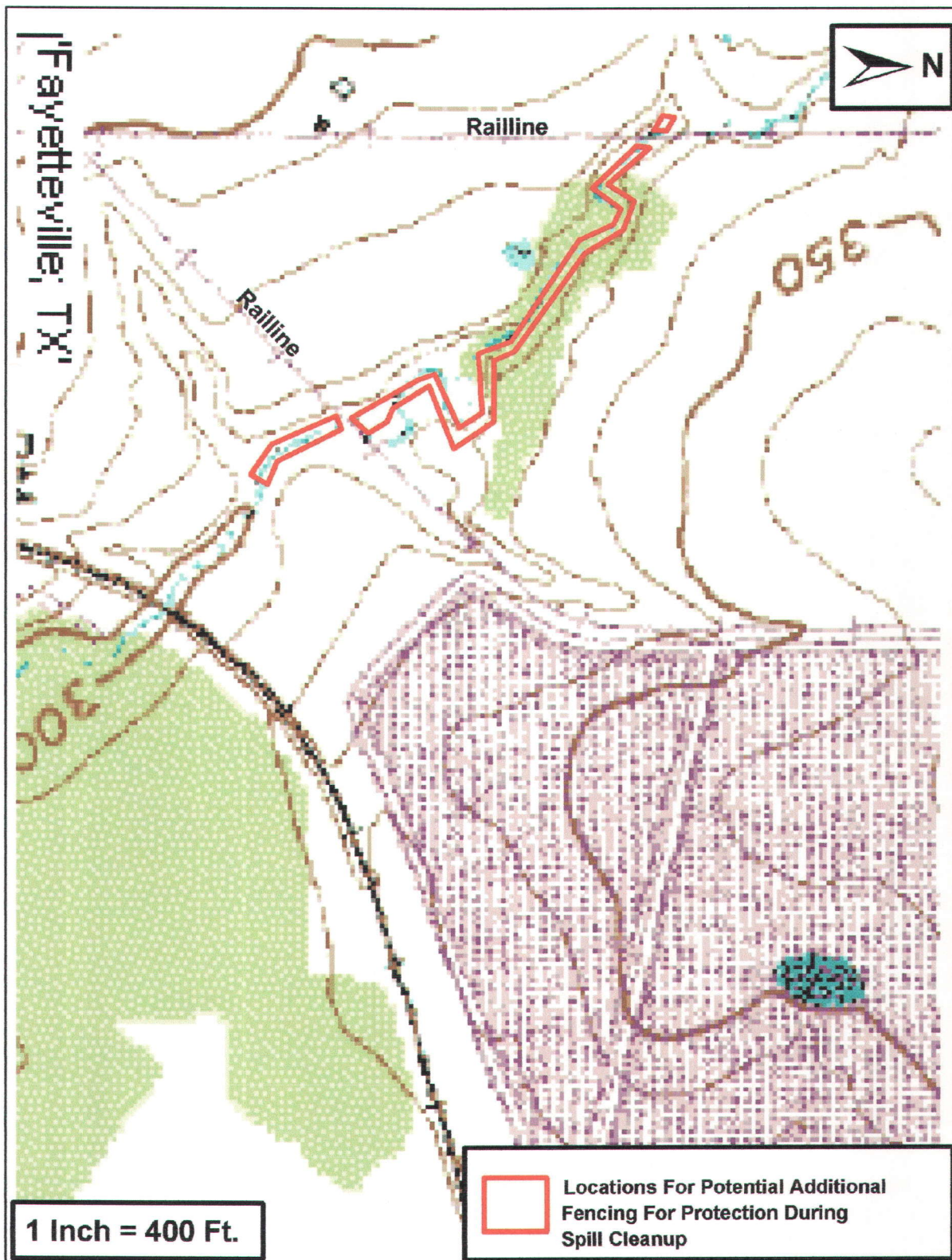
This tributary is considered a jurisdictional water of the U.S., and has several wetlands present. A small wetland area (approximately 200 square feet) is located at the beginning of the tributary, a sizable wetland area along the northern bank of the tributary where it flows between the FPP's rail loop (approximately 0.20 acre), and a small wetland area within the channel of the tributary as it flows southeast past the eastern portion of the rail loop (approximately 200 square feet). The wetland area within the rail loop and

the surrounding riparian area have been previously surrounded by three foot high orange geotextile fence, silt fence, and straw barriers, by FPP personnel, to avoid vehicle and drainage impacts. The wetland areas at the streams origin and southeast of the culvert under the eastern section of the rail loop have not been fenced off. Signs noting the sensitive areas' presence have been posted to inform people of their locations.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

The unnamed tributary of Cedar Creek that traverses the FPP property is jurisdictional. Any disturbance to the wetland areas or disturbance of greater than a minimum acreage or linear feet limit (depending on the activity) will require coordination with USACE. In the event of a catastrophic oil spill, additional silt fencing around the key wetland areas can be implemented, and a USACE Nationwide Permit 20, Oil Spill Cleanup, can be obtained. If vehicles or heavy machinery are needed, a USACE Nationwide Permit 14, Linear Transportation, would be necessary. While this stream is the main tributary within the FPP property, other sources of riparian and special vegetative areas could exist within the property boundaries and were not surveyed as part of this report.







**FIGURE 1: USGS FAYETTEVILLE, TX TOPOGRAPHIC MAP**



**PHOTO 1: ORIGIN OF UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF CEDAR CREEK**



**PHOTO 2: RIPARIAN AREA INSIDE FAYETTEVILLE POWER PLANT COMPLEX**





**PHOTO 3: WETLAND VEGETATION ALONG THE NORTHERN BANK OF TRIBUTARY**



**PHOTO 4: RIPARIAN AND WETLAND VEGETATION WITH PROTECTIVE FENCE**





**PHOTO 5: RIPARIAN AND WETLAND VEGETATION WITH PROTECTIVE FENCE AND SIGN**



**PHOTO 6: RAIL LINE CULVERT WITH WETLAND VEGETATION**





**PHOTO 7: WETLAND VEGETATION SOUTHEAST OF RAIL LINE CULVERT**



**PHOTO 8: TRIBUTARY UPSTREAM WITH WETLAND VEGETATION**



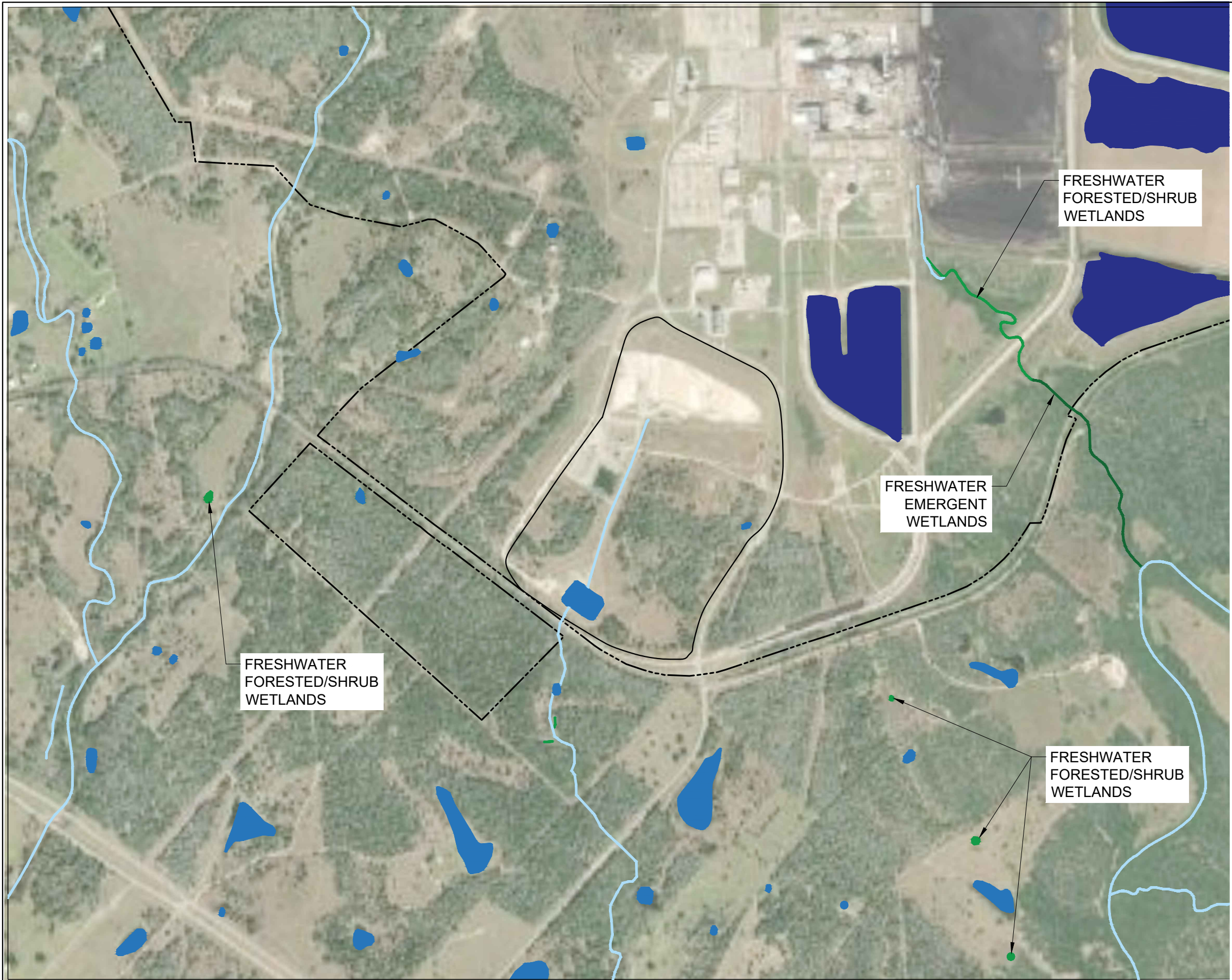
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# **APPENDIX D**

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	PROPERTY BOUNDARY
	LANDFILL BOUNDARY
	LAKE
	RIVERINE
	FRESHWATER POND
	FRESHWATER FORESTED/SHRUB WETLANDS
	FRESHWATER EMERGENT WETLAND

#### NOTE:

1. AERIAL IMAGE OBTAINED FROM ESRI ARCMAP GIS LATEST MICROSOFT BING IMAGERY.



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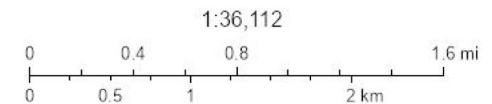
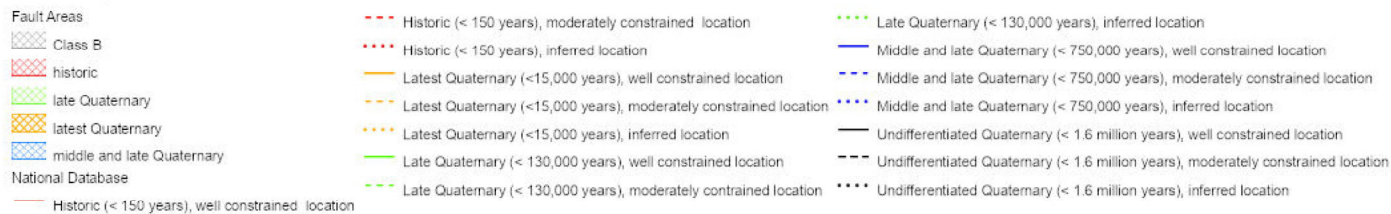
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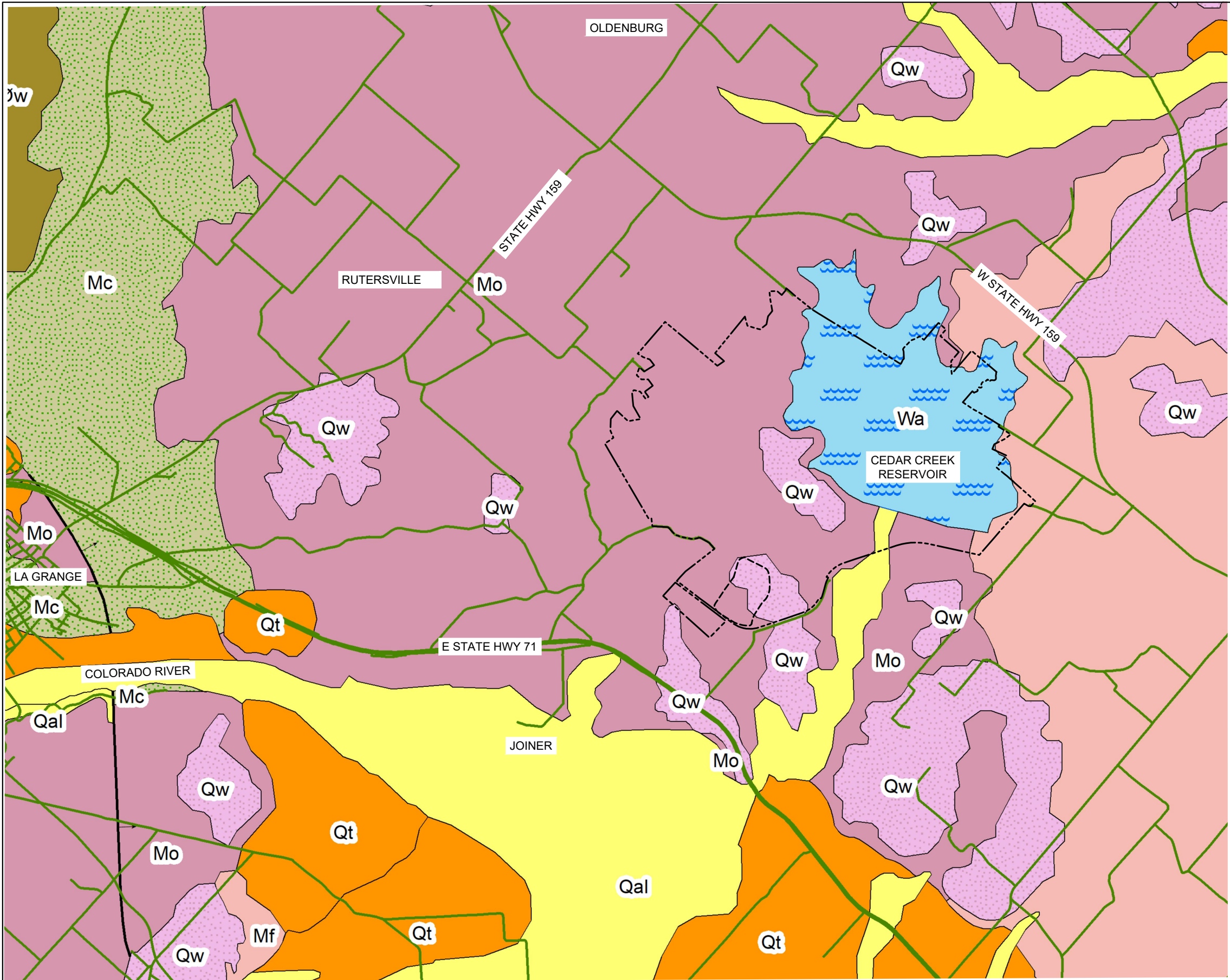


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| ----- | PROPERTY BOUNDARY   |
| ----- | LANDFILL BOUNDARY   |
| ----- | FAULT LINE          |
| Mc    | CATAHOULA FORMATION |
| Mf    | FLEMMING FORMATION  |
| Mo    | OAKVILLE SANDSTONE  |
| Qal   | ALLUVIUM            |
| Qt    | TERRACE DEPOSIT     |
| Qw    | WILLIS FORMATION    |
| Wa    | WATER               |

Based on USGS Texas Geology  
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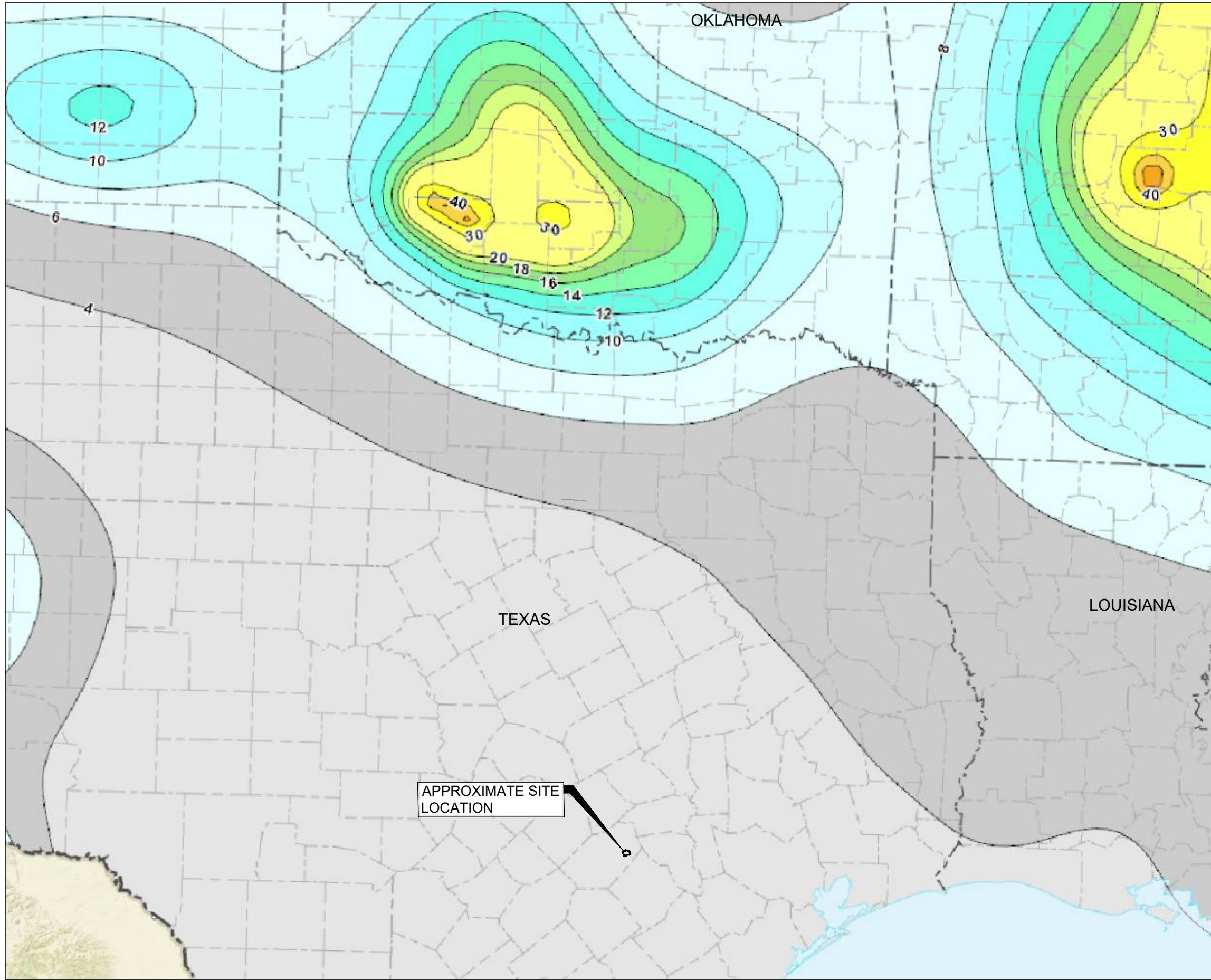
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NOTE:  
MAP OF PEAK GROUND ACCELERATION (%g) WITH 2% PROBABILITY OF EXCEEDANCE IN 50 YEARS. BASE MAP SOURCE: USGS UNIFIED HAZARD TOOL ([HTTPS://EARTHQUAKE.USGS.GOV/HAZARDS/INTERACTIVE/](https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ hazards/ interactive/)), EARTHQUAKE HAZARD AND PROBABILITY MAPS, DATED 2014. IT IS NOTED THAT AS OF MAY 2020, A MORE RECENT MAP, DATED 2018, IS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE USGS WEBSITE. BASED ON AN INSPECTION OF THE 2014 AND 2018 MAPS, THE RELATIVE SCALE OF THE DRAWINGS IS THE SAME, THE SHADING ASSOCIATED WITH THE HAZARD IS CONSISTENT, AND THE 2018 MAP DOES NOT HAVE NUMERIC PGA VALUES INDICATED NEXT TO THE COLOR SCALE. FOR THESE REASONS, THE 2014 MAP IS PRESENTED ON THIS DRAWING BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS THE LATEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND HAS MORE NUMERICAL DETAIL.



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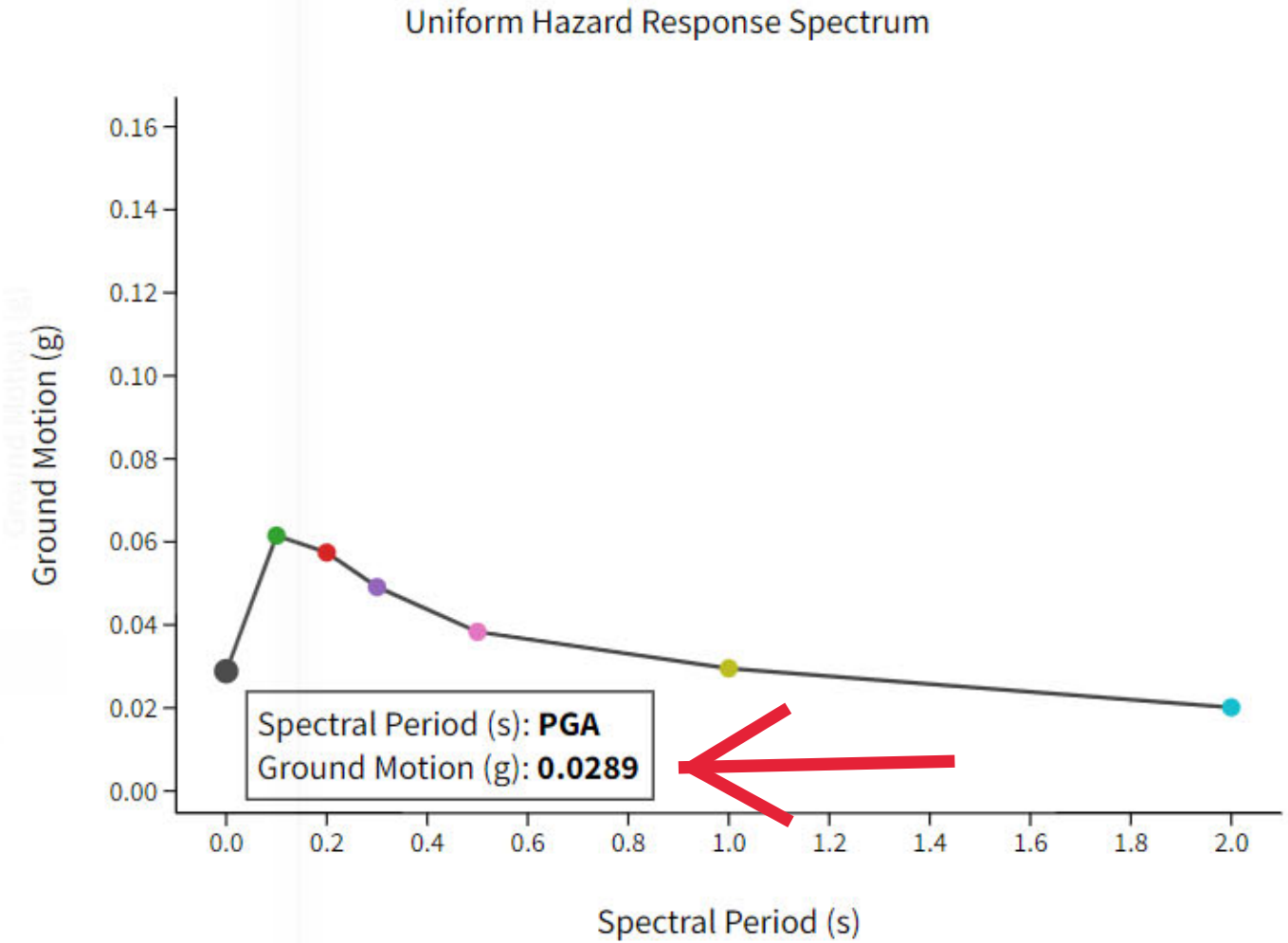
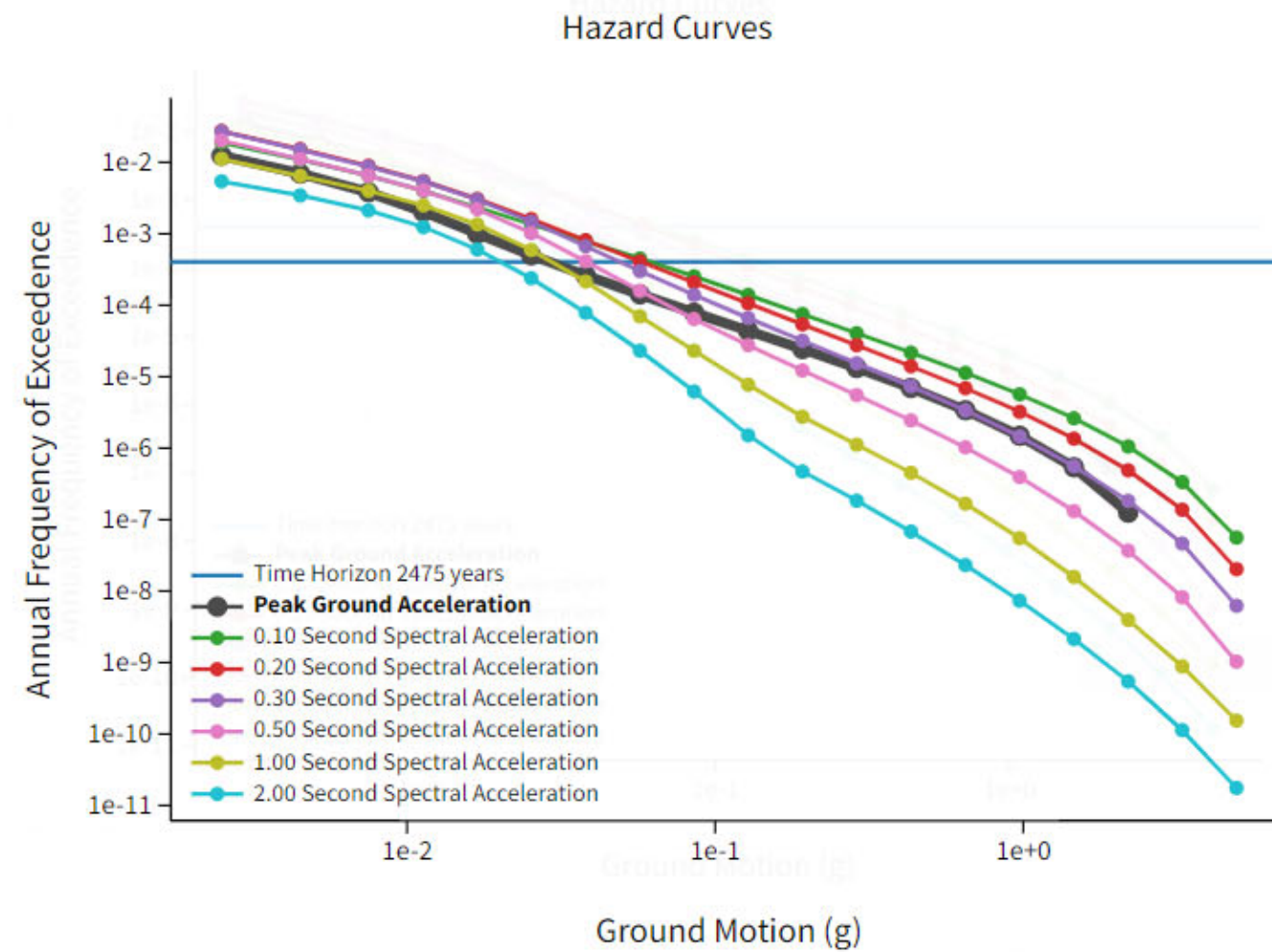
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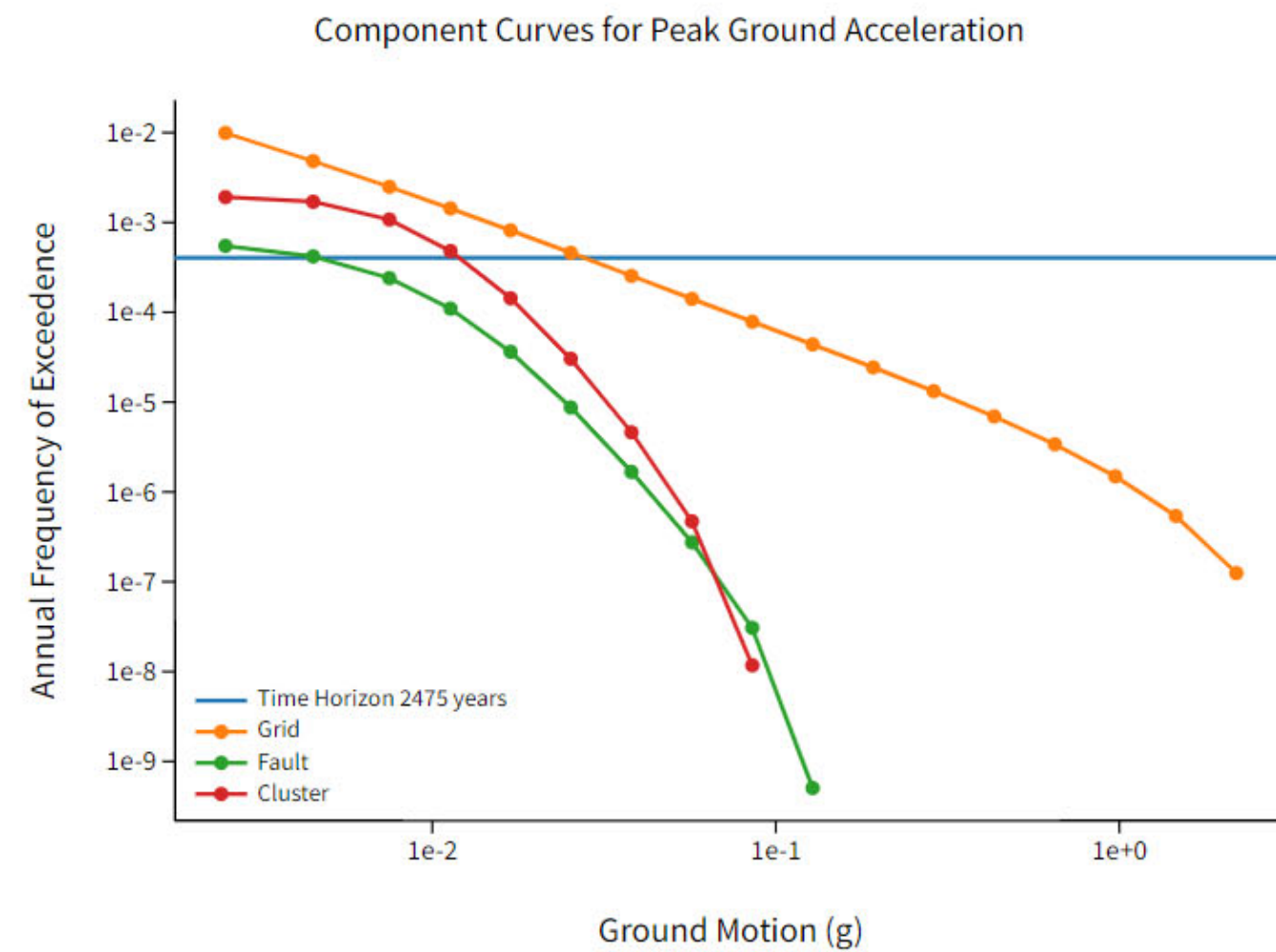
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**SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS (SFHAs) SUBJECT TO INUNDATION BY THE 1% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD**

The 1% annual chance flood (100-year flood), also known as the base flood, is the flood that has a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The Special Flood Hazard Area is the area subject to flooding by the 1% annual chance flood. Areas of Special Flood Hazard include Zones A, AE, AH, AO, AR, A99, V, and VE. The Base Flood Elevation is the water-surface elevation of the 1% annual chance flood.

**ZONE A** No Base Flood Elevation determined.  
**ZONE AE** Base Flood Elevations determined.  
**ZONE AH** Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually areas of ponding); Base Flood Elevations determined.  
**ZONE AO** Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain); average depths determined. For areas of alluvial fan flooding, velocities also determined.  
**ZONE AR** Area of special flood hazard formerly protected from the 1% annual chance flood event by a flood control system that was subsequently decertified. Zone AR indicates that the former flood control system is being restored to provide protection from the 1% annual chance of greater flood event.  
**ZONE A99** Areas to be protected from 1% annual chance flood event by a Federal flood protection system under construction; no Base Flood Elevations determined.  
**ZONE V** Coastal flood zone with velocity hazard (wave action); no Base Flood Elevations determined.  
**ZONE VE** Coastal flood zone with velocity hazard (wave action); Base Flood Elevations determined.

**FLOODWAY AREAS IN ZONE AE**

The floodway is the channel of a stream plus any adjacent floodplain areas that must be kept free of encroachment so that the 1% annual chance flood can be carried without substantial increases in flood heights.

**OTHER FLOOD AREAS**

**ZONE X** Areas of 0.2% annual chance flood; areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depths of less than 1 foot or with drainage areas less than 1 square mile; and areas protected by levees from 1% annual chance flood.

**OTHER AREAS**

**ZONE X** Areas determined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain.  
**ZONE D** Areas in which flood hazards are undetermined, but possible.

**COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM (CBRS) AREAS**

**OTHERWISE PROTECTED AREAS (OPAs)**

CBRS areas and OPAs are normally located within or adjacent to Special Flood Hazard Areas.

Floodplain boundary  
Floodway boundary  
Zone D boundary  
CBRS and OPA boundary  
Boundary dividing Special Flood Hazard Areas of different Base Flood Elevations, flood depths or flood velocities.  
Base Flood Elevation line and value; elevation in feet\*  
Base Flood Elevation value where uniform within zone; elevation in feet\*  
513 (EL 987)  
\* Referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88)

Cross section line  
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OCTOBER 17, 2006

**EFFECTIVE DATE(S) OF REVISION(S) TO THIS PANEL**

Landfill Registration Boundary  
Shown in Red

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

PANEL 0270C


**FIRM**  
**FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP**  
**FAYETTE COUNTY,**  
**TEXAS**  
**AND INCORPORATED AREAS**

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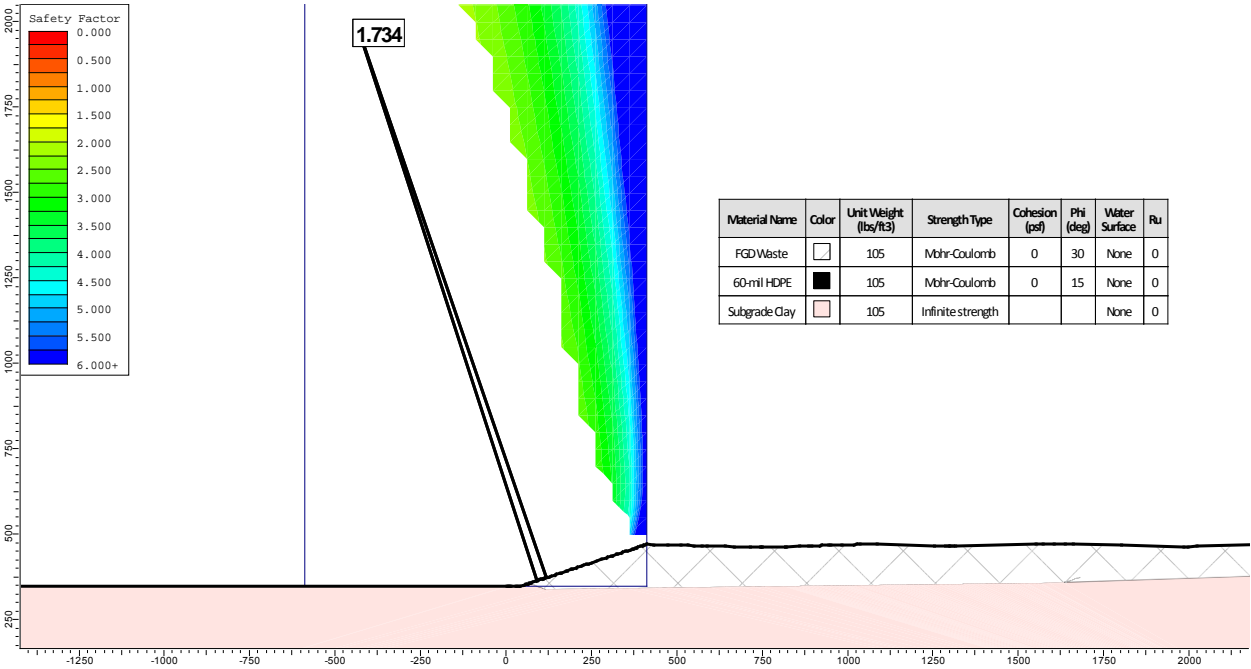


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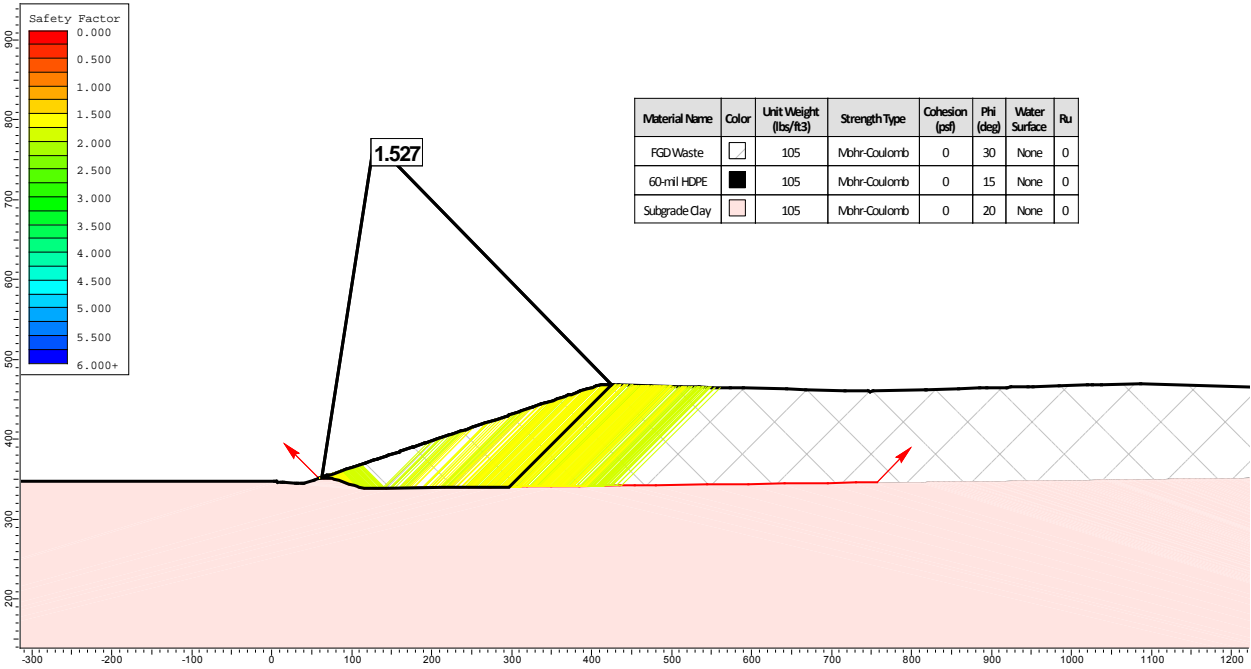
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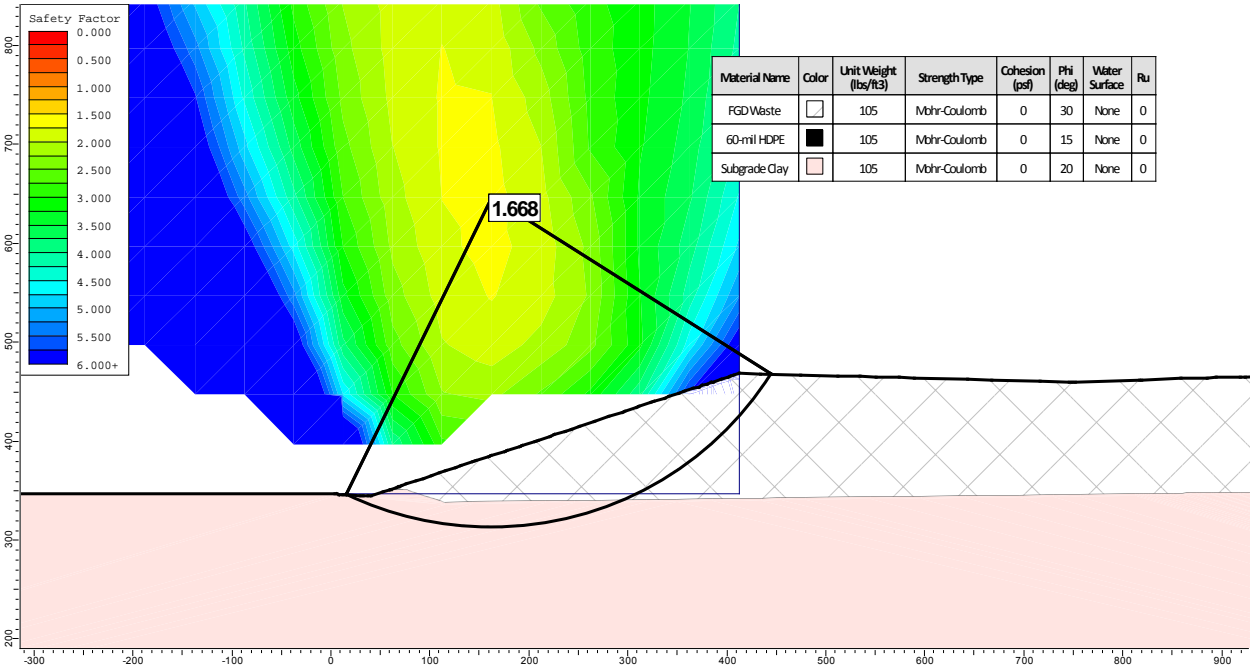
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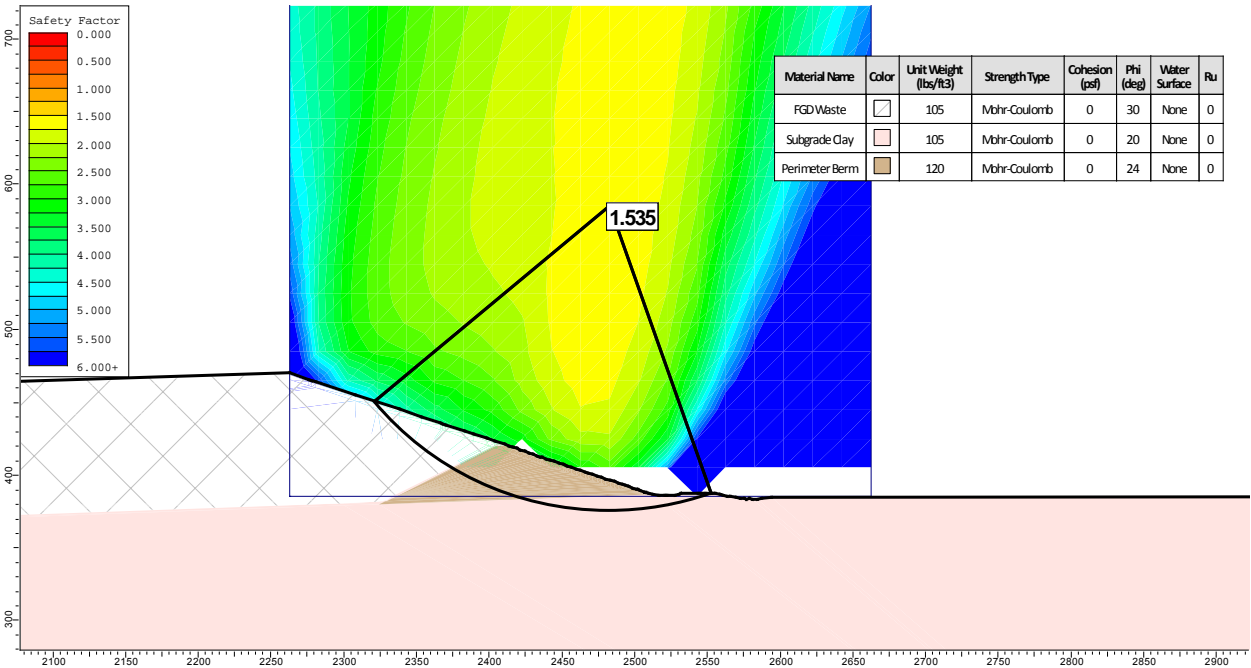
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# **APPENDIX F**

## **Protected Species Habitat Assessment**

# PROTECTED SPECIES HABITAT ASSESSMENT FOR THE FAYETTE POWER PROJECT COAL COMBUSTION BYPRODUCT LANDFILL

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

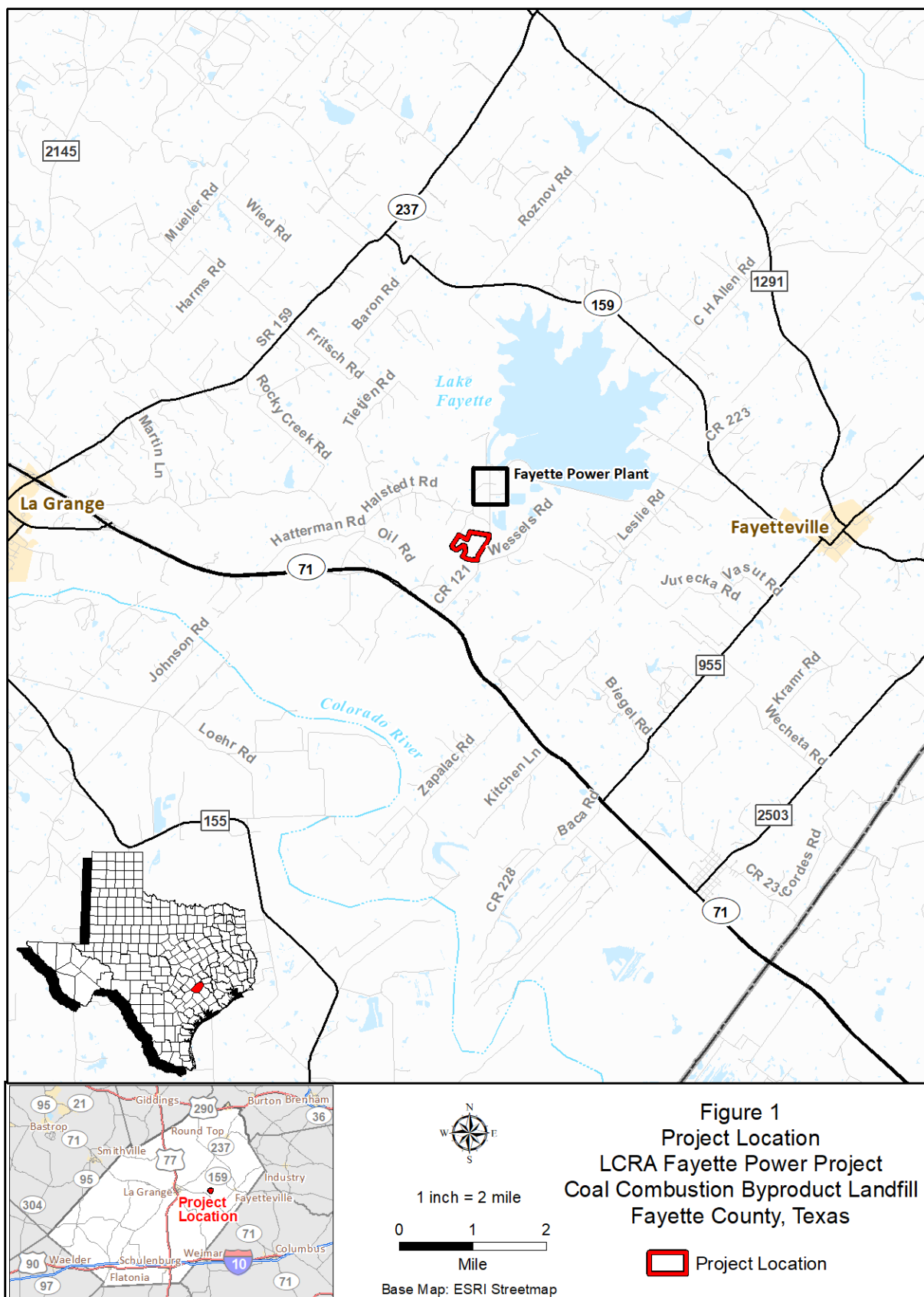
The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) is preparing an application for the registration of its Fayette Power Project (FPP) Coal Combustion Byproduct Landfill under the Coal Combustion Residual Rules of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Blanton and Associates, Inc. (B&A) was contracted by LCRA to conduct a protected species habitat assessment on approximately 70 acres of land (herein referred to as the project area) which is a portion of the 123-acre deed recorded Class 2 landfill solid waste management unit for the FPP. The 70-acre project area is designated for the development of future landfill cells and is shown in **Figure 1**. Site preparation for future cells would include the removal of all current vegetation.

This document assesses the potential for federally and state listed threatened, endangered, or other protected species (e.g., eagles) to occur in the project area and potential for those species to be impacted by the project. Subsequent sections provide the methods used in the analysis (**Section 2.0**); a description of vegetation, water resources, and soils within the project area (**Section 3.0**); a discussion of state and federal regulations that address protected species as well as identification and description of protected species of potential occurrence in the project area (**Section 4.0**); and a summary of the evaluation results and consequent recommendations (**Section 5.0**). Representative photographs of the project area are presented in **Appendix A**.

## 2.0 METHODS

B&A ecologists completed a literature, database, and desktop review for federally and state listed protected species potentially occurring in Fayette County and the project area. The purpose of the review was to assess habitats and resources within the project area; to determine protected species of known or potential occurrence within Fayette County and the project vicinity; to evaluate the life history and ecology of these species in relation to the habitats and resources present in the project area; and to ultimately determine the potential for each protected species to occur in the project area. Information reviewed included, but was not limited to the following:

- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) Trusted Resource List for Fayette County, Texas (USFWS 2022a)
- The USFWS Environmental Conservation Online System (ECOS) Species by County Report for Fayette County, Texas (USFWS 2022b)
- The USFWS Critical Habitat online mapper (USFWS 2022c)
- The USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (USFWS 2021d) the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Annotated County List of Rare Species for Fayette County, Texas (TPWD 2022a)
- The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Land Cover Database (Multi-Resolution Land Characteristics Consortium [MRLC])
- The TPWD Texas Natural Diversity Database (TXNDD 2022)
- The Cornell Lab of Ornithology's eBird Database (eBird 2022)



- The California Academy of Sciences and National Geographic Society’s iNaturalist Database (iNaturalist 2022)
- The USGS National Hydrography Dataset (USGS 2021a)
- USGS 7.5-minute La Grange East topographic quadrangle map (USGS 2019)
- The Geologic Atlas of Texas, Seguin Sheets (Bureau of Economic Geology [BEG] 1979)
- The USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Soils Survey Geologic Database (SSURGO) (USDA-NRCS 2021), and
- Photointerpretation of historical and contemporary natural color aerial imagery for the project area (Google Earth Pro 2022)

Of note, the eBird (2022) and iNaturalist (2022) databases include self-reported species sightings by citizens that are unverified, and as such, provide a general reference but inherently exhibit a level of uncertainty. Additionally, eBird does not depict observation locations, but rather only frequency of observation within a larger region, for some sensitive species. Likewise, iNaturalist sightings for some sensitive species (e.g., bald eagle [*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*] nests) provide proximal locations that have been randomly repositioned in the vicinity of their reported location.

The review of background information was accompanied by a field investigation on November 23, 2021. During the field investigation, the project area was evaluated to verify information attained in the background review and to assess the potential for federally or state protected species to occur on the site. Additionally, a presence/absence survey for Navasota ladies’-tresses (NLT) (*Spiranthes parksii*) was conducted by two B&A biologists.

### 3.0 PROJECT AREA DESCRIPTION

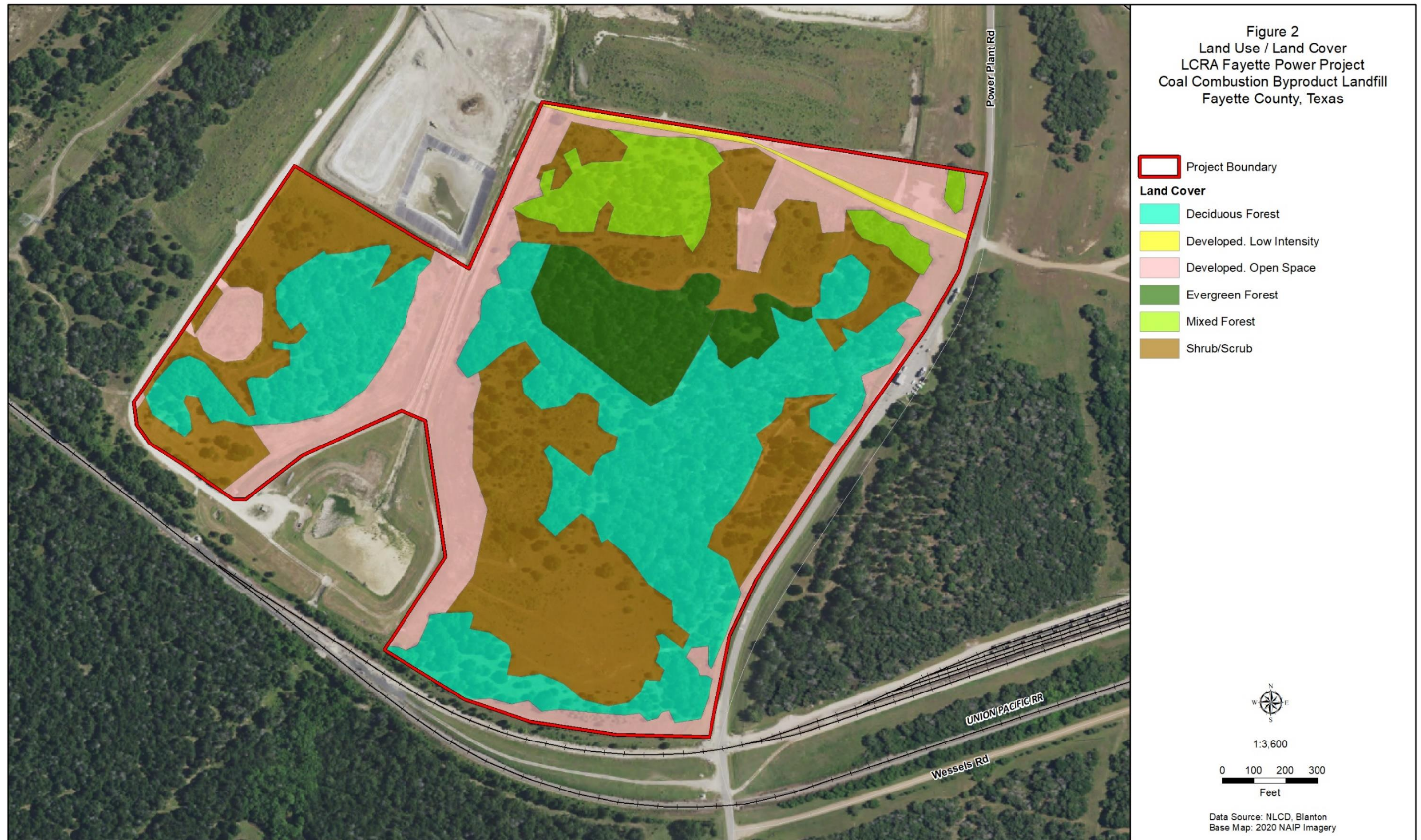
The project area is located approximately seven miles east of the City of La Grange and encompasses approximately 70 acres on the south side of the FPP (**Figure 1**). The project lies within the Texas Blackland Prairies Level III ecoregion and Southern Blackland/Fayette Prairie Level IV ecoregion (Griffith et al 2007). The Texas Blackland Prairies form a disjunct ecological region, distinguished from surrounding regions by fine-textured, clayey soils and predominantly prairie natural vegetation (Griffith et al 2007).

The project area is humid sub-tropical, with an average annual rainfall of approximately 39.63 inches (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [NOAA 2021]). Monthly average precipitation ranges from 4.27 inches in October (historically the wettest month) to 2.06 inches in July (historically the driest month) (NOAA 2021).

#### 3.1 Land Cover and Vegetation Communities

The project area lies within the Blackland Prairie vegetational area (Gould et. al 1960), which generally corresponds with the Texas Blackland Prairies (Level III) ecoregion previously described. Based on the 2016 National Land Cover Database (NLCD) (Multi-Resolution Land Characteristics Consortium [MRLC] 2016), mapped land cover classes for the project area are provided below on **Figure 2** and **Table 1**.







**Table 1. Land Cover Classification for the Project Area**

Land Cover Class	Acres*	Percent
Shrub/Scrub	24	34.3%
Deciduous Forest	22	31.4%
Developed, Open Space	14	20.0%
Evergreen Forest	5	7.1%
Mixed Forest	4	5.8%
Developed, Low Intensity	1	1.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>100%</b>

Most of the project area consists of shrub/scrub, deciduous forest, and developed land (with open space). Minor land cover types occurring in the project area include evergreen forest, mixed forest and developed land (low intensity).

Based on the field investigations, vegetation within the project area was consistent with the NLCD mapping. Land use is variable with regard to browsing and mowing regimen, affecting vegetative communities present and their structure. Browsing pressure was evident throughout the project area. Common grassland/herbaceous species included yellow bluestem (*Bothriochloa ischaemum*), broomsedge bluestem (*Andropogon virginicus*), woolly croton (*Croton capitatus*), slender threeseed mercury (*Acalypha gracilens*), silver bluestem (*Bothriochloa laguroides*), rosette-panicgrass (*Dichanthelium* sp.), narrowleaf marshelder (*Iva angustifolia*), Bermudagrass (*Cynodon dactylon*), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*), splitbeard bluestem (*Andropogon ternarius*), low prickly pear (*Opuntia humifusa*), southern dewberry (*Rubus trivialis*), St. Andrew's cross (*Hypericum hypericoides*), sneezeweed (*Helenium amarum*), and gaping grass (*Steinchisma hians*). Shrubs noted within the project area included coralberry (*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*), farkleberry (*Vaccinium arboreum*), groundseltree (*Baccharis halimifolia*), retama (*Parkinsonia aculeata*), and yaupon (*Ilex vomitoria*).

Woodlands in the project area primarily consisted of post oak (*Quercus stellata*), southern live oak (*Quercus virginiana*), blackjack oak (*Quercus marilandica*), eastern redcedar (*Juniperus virginiana*), and few scattered loblolly pines (*Pinus taeda*). The understory was typically composed of dense yaupon and eastern redcedar, with occasional coralberry and farkleberry shrubs. Vines observed in the subcanopy primarily were saw greenbriar (*Smilax bona-nox*) and mustang grape (*Vitis mustangensis*). These wooded areas generally exhibited dense canopy and understory coverage as well as dense leaf litter such that the herb stratum was typically absent, with the exception of a small patch of open woodlands in which three nodding ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes cernua*) individuals were observed (see **Section 4.2.3**).

A small pond in the northeast part of the project area exhibited some standing water but appeared to be drying out at the time of the survey. Vegetation in and around this feature included bushy bluestem (*Andropogon glomeratus*), Chinese tallow (*Triadica sebifera*), black willow (*Salix nigra*), gaping grass, floating primrose-willow (*Ludwigia peploides*), wingleaf primrose-willow (*Ludwigia decurrens*), southern cattail (*Typha domingensis*), crowngrass (*Paspalum* sp.), annual marshelder (*Iva annua*), western ragweed, and southern dewberry.



Representative photographs of land cover types/vegetative communities in the project area are depicted in **Appendix A**.

### 3.2 **Water Resources**

The project lies within the Lower Colorado-Cummins (Hydrologic Unit Code [HUC] 12090301) watershed (USGS 2021b). A review of National Wetland Inventory (NWI) data (USFWS 2021d), USGS topographic maps (USGS 2019), the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) (USGS 2021a), and aerial imagery (Google Earth Pro 2022) revealed that the project area is drained by Cedar Creek. During the field investigation, B&A identified one small pond and the existing runoff channel in the project area.

### 3.3 **Soils**

According to USDA-NRCS (2021), five soil types are mapped within the project area (**Table 2**). Approximately 49 percent of the project area contains sandy soils (Straber soils), 43 percent of the project area contains clay soils (Frelsburg and Latium soils), and 8 percent contains sandy loam soils (Rek soils) (USDA-NRCS 2021). None of the soils within the project area contain hydric soil components (**Table 2**). Mapped soils within the project area are depicted on **Figure 3**.

**Table 2. Soils Mapped in the Project Area**

Soil Series (Map Symbol)	Hydric	Hydric Rating (Percent)	Acres	Percent of Project Area
Frelsburg clay, 3 to 5 percent slopes (FrC, 32)	No	-	15	22%
Latium gravelly clay, 5 to 12 percent slopes (LgD)	No	-	15	21%
Rek extremely gravelly course sandy loam 2 to 5 percent slopes (RkC)	No	-	6	8%
Straber loamy fine sand, 1 to 5 percent slopes (SwC)	No	-	<1	<1%
Straber gravelly loamy fine sand, 2 to 5 percent slopes (SxC)	No	-	34	49%
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	-	<b>70</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: USDA-NRCS 2021

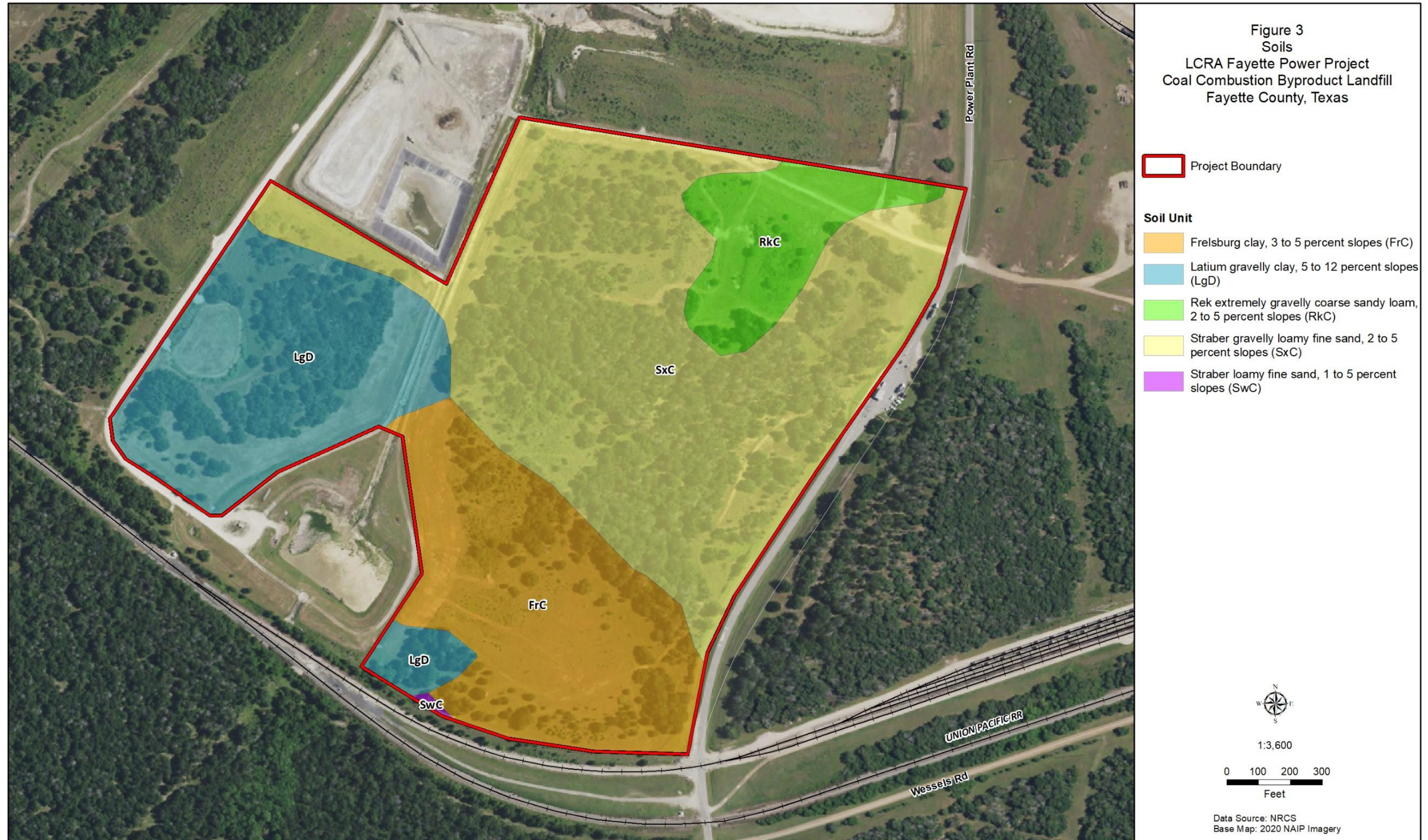
## 4.0 **PROTECTED SPECIES ASSESSMENT**

This section discusses the federal and state regulations that address threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species; identifies and describes protected species of potential occurrence in the project area; and provides an assessment of the potential impacts of the project on protected species, as well as potential regulatory implications.

### 4.1.1 **Endangered Species Act**

Animal species listed as threatened or endangered by the USFWS are provided full protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This protection not only prohibits the direct take of a protected species, but also includes a prohibition of indirect take, such as destruction of designated critical habitat. Listed plants are not protected from “take” on private lands, although on federal land it is illegal to collect or maliciously harm federally listed plant species.







The federal listing process ranks potential candidates for listing based upon the species' biological vulnerability. The vulnerability decision is based upon many factors affecting the species within its range and is linked to the best scientific data available to the USFWS at the present time. Candidate species and species under review are not afforded statutory protection under ESA, although USFWS encourages conservation measures for these species as they may soon be warrant full protection. Species proposed for federal listing are likely to become endangered or threatened in the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of their range, as determined by USFWS. However, species proposed for listing are not protected under the ESA until a final rule to list is published in the Federal Register.

#### **4.1.2 Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act**

Within the U.S. or anywhere within its jurisdiction, the bald eagle and the golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) are protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) (16 U.S.C. 668–668d). Provisions of the act state that, unless otherwise permitted to do so, no person “shall knowingly, or with wanton disregard for the consequences of his act take, possess, sell, purchase, barter, offer to sell, purchase or barter, transport, export or import, at any time or in any manner, any bald eagle . . . or golden eagle, alive or dead, or any part, nest, or egg thereof.” The BGEPA defines the take of an eagle to include a broad range of actions, including to pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, molest, or disturb. Based on regulations found at 50 CFR 22.3, the term “disturb” means to “agitate or bother a bald or golden eagle to a degree that causes, or is likely to cause, based on the best scientific information available, (1) injury to an eagle, (2) a decrease in its productivity, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior, or (3) nest abandonment, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior.” The act imposes criminal and civil penalties on anyone, including associations, partnerships, and corporations that violate the act.

#### **4.1.3 Migratory Bird Treaty Act**

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) prohibits the taking, killing, possession, transportation, import, and export of migratory birds, their eggs, parts, and nests without a USFWS permit or other regulatory authorization. The MBTA protects most native bird species occurring in the wild in the United States except for gallinaceous birds (upland game birds such as turkeys and quail) that are not considered migratory. In addition, the MBTA does not protect some non-native species such as the house sparrow (*Passer domesticus*), European starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*), rock pigeon (*Columba livia*), and any recently listed unprotected species in the Federal Register (FR) (70 FR 12710, 50 CFR 10.13).

Federal courts as well as previous presidential administrations have had conflicting interpretations of the MBTA's intent, particularly regarding incidental take of migratory birds. On January 7, 2021, the USFWS published a final rule in the Federal Register defining the scope of the MBTA as it pertains to death or injury (“take”) of migratory birds (86 FR 1134). On October 4, 2021, the USFWS revoked that rule and published a final rule which will implement the MBTA as prohibiting incidental take and applying enforcement discretion, consistent with judicial precedent and longstanding agency practice prior to 2017 (86 FR 54642).

#### 4.1.4 State of Texas Threatened and Endangered Species Regulations

Endangered species legislation was passed in Texas in 1973 and amended in 1981, 1985, and 1987 (TPWD 1991). Subsequently the 1975 and 1981 revisions to the TPWD code established a state regulatory vehicle for the management and protection of threatened and endangered species. Chapters 67 and 68 (1975 revisions) of the code authorize the TPWD to formulate lists of threatened and endangered fish and wildlife species and to regulate the taking or possession of the species. A 1981 revision (and 1985 amendment) to the code provides authority for the TPWD to designate plant species as threatened or endangered and to prohibit commercial collection or sale of these species without permits. The ensuing TPWD regulations are Sections 65.171–65.177, 65.181–65.184, and 69.01–69.14 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) (Chapters 67, 68, and 88 of the TPWD Code, respectively). These sections regulate the taking, possessing, transporting, exporting, processing, selling/offering for sale, or shipping of endangered or threatened species of fish, wildlife, and plants. Neither specific criteria for the listing of plant and animal species nor protection from indirect take (i.e., destruction of habitat or unfavorable management practices) is found in either of the above-mentioned statutes or regulations for state threatened species (TPWD 1991). Based on this information, unlike the federally listed species, there is no protection of habitat or for indirect take afforded to species that are state-threatened.

#### 4.2 Assessment of Protected Species Occurrence

Protected species of known or potential occurrence in Fayette County are listed below in **Table 3** (USFWS 2022a, 2022b; TPWD 2022a). No designated critical habitat for federally listed species occurs in the project area or vicinity (USFWS 2022c). For each of the species listed in **Table 3**, the following paragraphs discuss their ecology, including habitat preferences and distribution, and provide an evaluation of their potential to occur in the project area.

**Table 3. Protected Species Potentially Occurring in Fayette County, Texas**

Species		Conservation Status <sup>1</sup>		Potential to Occur in Project Area	
Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal	State	Habitat	Species
<b>BIRDS</b>					
Attwater's Prairie-chicken	<i>Tympanuchus cupido attwateri</i>	E	E	None	None
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	BGEPA	–	None	Likely migrant, potential breeder in project vicinity
Eastern Black Rail	<i>Laterallus jamaicensis</i>	T	T	None	Unlikely migrant
Piping Plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	T	T	None	Unlikely migrant
Rufa Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus rufa</i>	T	T	None	Unlikely migrant
Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	–	T	None	Potential migrant
White-faced Ibis	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>	–	T	None	Potential migrant
White-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albicaudatus</i>	–	T	None	Potential migrant
Whooping Crane	<i>Grus americana</i>	E	E	None	Unlikely migrant
Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	–	T	None	Potential migrant
Zone-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albonotatus</i>	–	T	None	Potential migrant
<b>MOLLUSKS</b>					
False Spike	<i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i>	PE	T	None	None
Guadalupe Orb	<i>Cyclonaias necki</i>	PE	T	None	None

**Table 3. Protected Species Potentially Occurring in Fayette County, Texas**

Species		Conservation Status <sup>1</sup>		Potential to Occur in Project Area	
Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal	State	Habitat	Species
Texas Fawnsfoot	<i>Truncilla macrodon</i>	PT	T	None	None
Texas Pimpleback	<i>Quadrula petrina</i>	PE	T	None	None
<b>INSECTS</b>					
Monarch Butterfly	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	C	–	Migratory habitat present	Likely
<b>REPTILES</b>					
Texas Horned Lizard	<i>Phrynosoma cornutum</i>	–	T	Marginal	Unlikely
<b>PLANTS</b>					
Navasota Ladies'-tresses	<i>Sprianthes parksii</i>	E	E	Low quality habitat	Unlikely

<sup>1</sup>E = Endangered; T = Threatened; PE = Proposed Endangered; PT = Proposed Threatened; C = Candidate for listing as threatened or endangered; BGEPA = Protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act

Sources: USFWS 2022a, 2022b and TPWD 2022a.

#### 4.2.1 Federally Protected Species

##### *Attwater's Prairie-chicken (Endangered)*

The southernmost subspecies of the greater prairie-chicken, Attwater's prairie-chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido attwateri*) was federally listed as endangered in 1967. Its historic range extended from southwest Louisiana to possibly near Brownsville, Texas; however, the subspecies currently occurs in the wild at only three locations: the Attwater Prairie-Chicken National Wildlife Refuge in Colorado County, Texas; the Texas City Prairie Preserve in Galveston County, Texas; and at a private ranch in Goliad County, Texas (USFWS 2010). Preferred habitat includes coastal prairie described as well-drained grassland that supports some weeds or shrubs as well as grasses, with cover varying from light to heavy in density. Both diversification within the grassland type and presence of available surface water in the summer are essential (USFWS 2010).

The project area is outside the current range of Attwater's prairie-chicken and there are no records of the species from the project area or immediate vicinity (TXNDD 2022, eBird 2022, iNaturalist 2022). Field survey of the project area did not identify suitable habitat for Attwater's prairie-chicken and the species does not occur within the project area or vicinity. The proposed project activities will have no impact on the species.

##### *Bald Eagle (protected under BGEPA)*

The bald eagle is the second largest bird of prey in North America, with a wingspan of 5.5 to 8 feet. In adult plumage, the species exhibits a distinguishable white head and tail with dark brown body and wings, a yellow hooked beak, and yellow feet. In 2007, the USFWS removed the bald eagle from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife (72 FR 37346), and TPWD recently removed the species from the state list of threatened species (45 Texas Register 2188, effective March 30, 2020). However, the species receives federal protection under provisions of the BGEPA, as previously discussed.



The bald eagle is a widespread migratory species, ranging over much of the U.S. and Canada. Primarily foraging on fish and occasionally waterfowl and other prey, including carrion, bald eagles prefer habitats associated with large bodies of water where prey is readily available (USFWS 1989). In Texas, the bald eagle is present year-round and may be found during breeding and wintering seasons as well as during migration. It is a rare summer resident, primarily in the eastern third of the state, but is found more widely throughout most of the state during migration and winter (Oberholser 1974, Lockwood and Freeman 2014). In the winter, bald eagles are locally common only on large reservoirs in the eastern third of Texas (Lockwood and Freeman 2014). Breeding populations generally occur in the eastern half of the state along the Gulf Coast and on major inland lakes and reservoirs, while nonbreeding birds (i.e., migrants and winter residents) can occur throughout the state (USFWS 1993, Campbell 2003).

Migrating eagles generally arrive in Texas between September and October, with nesting typically occurring from October through June (USFWS 1993, Campbell 2003). Nesting sites often include tall trees or cliffs located along river systems or within one to two miles of some other large body of water (e.g., reservoirs) where they forage. In these areas, nests are often located on ecotones in areas where forest, marsh, and water converge. Mature trees taller than the surrounding forest (approximately 40 to 120 feet tall) that provide an unobstructed flight path are typically used for nesting and roosting. Common nest tree species in Texas include loblolly pine, bald cypress (*Taxodium distichum*), oaks, eastern cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), and American sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*). Mating bald eagle pairs exhibit high site fidelity to nesting territories and often rebuild in the same location or vicinity of a fallen nest (USFWS 2007a).

No bald eagle nests occur in the project area; however, one bald eagle nest is located approximately 1.75 miles south of the dam on Fayette County Reservoir (Barron 2021). A query of TXNDD reported a bald eagle territory in the vicinity of the project, generally centered on Fayette County Reservoir and including the project area (TXNDD 2022) (**Figure 4**). A query of eBird (2022) and iNaturalist (2022) reported no observations of bald eagles within one mile of the project area, although a number of sightings have been reported from the north side of Fayette County Reservoir approximately three miles north of the project area. No bald eagle nests were observed in the project area during field surveys by B&A on November 23, 2021. While bald eagles may occur in proximity to the project area, the proposed activities are not expected to adversely affect the species.

### ***Eastern Black Rail (Threatened)***

The eastern black rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis jamaicensis*) was listed by USFWS as threatened in 2020 (85 FR 63764). It is a slight rail between five and six inches tall that is very secretive and rarely observed. The subspecies generally occurs in salt, brackish, and freshwater marshes, on pond borders, and in wet meadows and grassy swamps (TPWD 2022a; Eddleman et al. 1994). The rail nests in high portions of salt marshes, shallow freshwater marshes, wet meadows, and flooded grassy vegetation, nesting in or along the edge of marshes, sometimes on damp ground, but usually on a mat of the previous year's dead grasses and often hidden in marsh grass or at the base of pickleweed (*Salicornia* spp.) plants (TPWD 2022a, Eddleman et al. 1994). In Texas, the species is a rare migrant in the eastern third of the state, east of the Balcones Escarpment, and a rare to locally uncommon resident on the upper and central coasts of Texas, where it has been documented breeding (Lockwood and Freeman 2014, Eddleman et al. 1994). Inland migrants in the

state have been detected in the fall from early August through early October, with winter residents arriving by the end of this period, and spring migrants found inland from early April through early May (Lockwood and Freeman 2014). The species migrates at night, though little is known of its migratory behavior or stopover habitat because it is rarely detected (Lockwood and Freeman 2014, Eddleman et al. 1994).

The USFWS (2022a, 2022b) does not list the eastern black rail as potentially occurring in Fayette County; however, TPWD (2022a) includes the species on its county list. Occurrence of the subspecies within or in proximity to the project area has not been recorded (TXNDD 2022, eBird 2022, iNaturalist 2022). No habitat for the eastern black rail occurs in the project area and the proposed project activities are not anticipated to adversely impact the species.

### ***Piping Plover (Threatened)***

A small but stocky migratory shorebird of approximately seven inches in length with a wingspan of nearly 15 inches, the piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*) is one of several plovers marked with a single black neck band (Campbell 2003, USFWS 2021b). Distinguishing features include its combination of short and stout bill, pale upperparts, and orange legs in all seasons. The piping plover is a federally threatened migratory bird species that breeds in the northern Great Plains of the U.S. and Canada, along beaches of the Great Lakes, and along the Atlantic coastline from North Carolina to Newfoundland (Haig and Oring 1987, USFWS 2021e). It was listed as threatened in this portion of its range on December 11, 1985 (50 FR 50726).

Piping plovers spend three to four months of the year on their breeding grounds in the northern U.S. and Canada and the remainder of the year on their wintering grounds. One of their primary wintering areas is the Texas coast, where it is estimated that more than 35 percent of the known piping plover population overwinters (Campbell 2003). These plovers arrive in Texas between late July and late October and depart for their breeding grounds between early March and mid-May (Oberholser 1974). Little is known of the migration routes of the piping plover since the species is not often observed at inland locations during migration, but in Texas most individuals appear to pass east of the Balcones Escarpment (Lockwood and Freeman 2014). Primary habitats used during migration include beaches and alkali flats, which are preferred, although reservoir shorelines, natural lakes, rivers, marshes, industrial ponds, and fish farms have all been documented to be used, with substrate type predominantly mudflat (Elliott-Smith and Haig 2004).

No occurrences of piping plover are recorded within or immediately adjacent to the project area (TXNDD 2022, eBird 2022, iNaturalist 2022). The nearest records of occurrence are approximately 13 miles to the northeast at Lake Somerville State Park (eBird 2022). No habitat for the piping plover occurs in the project area and the project is not expected to impact the species.

### ***Rufa Red Knot (Threatened)***

The rufa red knot (*Caladris canutus rufa*) is a federally threatened sandpiper species known for its long migrations, breeding in the central Canadian Arctic and wintering along the Atlantic coasts of Argentina and Chile, the north coast of Brazil, the northwest Gulf of Mexico (particularly at Laguna Madre), and the southeast United States (USFWS 2013, 2014). The species was listed as threatened on January 12, 2015 (79 FR 73705). Red knots are principally marine shorebirds in the non-breeding season, feeding on polychaete worms, small crabs, and marine mollusks (Baker et al. 2013). In appearance, the species is a







bulky, medium-sized shorebird about 9 to 11 inches in length with a wingspan of approximately 20 inches, noted by its rusty-red in color with reddish head and breast and darker upper parts exhibiting feathers with dark brown-black centers and rufous and grey edges in breeding plumage (USFWS 2011, 2013). In Texas, the species is very rarely detected inland and is a rare migrant through the eastern half of the state, with inland migrants more commonly detected in the fall (Lockwood and Freeman 2014). Inland habitats used in migration include beach habitats, such as saline lakeshores, as well as sandflats and mudflats with high densities of benthic bivalves (Baker et al. 2013).

No sightings of the red knot have been reported from the project area or immediate vicinity (TXNDD 2022, eBird 2022, iNaturalist 2022). The nearest recorded occurrences are to the northwest near Austin, Texas, at Hornsby Bend Bird Observatory approximately 60 miles away (eBird 2022). No habitat for the red knot occurs in the project area and the proposed project is not expected to impact the species.

### ***Whooping Crane (Endangered)***

The endangered whooping crane (*Grus americana*) is North America's tallest bird, with a standing height of five feet or more (Urbanek and Lewis 2020). The species was listed on March 11, 1967 (32 FR 4001) with critical habitat later designated (43 FR 20938). Although four geographically distinct populations of whooping cranes exist in the wild, the Aransas-Wood Buffalo Population (AWBP) is the largest and the only natural, self-sustaining population. The AWBP breeds in isolated marshy areas of Wood Buffalo National Park in Canada's Northwest Territories and overwinters on the Texas coast. Each fall, the entire population of whooping cranes migrates approximately 2,600 miles from this national park in northern Canada to the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) and adjacent areas of the Texas mid coast in Aransas, Calhoun, and Refugio counties, where the species overwinters in oak savannahs, salt marshes, and bays (Campbell 2003, Canadian Wildlife Service [CWS] and USFWS 2007, USFWS 2009a).

During migration, the AWBP of whooping cranes generally follow the same flight path, with the normal migration corridor in Texas stretching from the eastern edge of the panhandle eastward to the east-central portion of the state, with most migrants crossing over Central Texas. Travel during migration is typically during daylight hours in groups of one to five birds, using thermals and wind currents at high altitudes (1,000 to 6,000 feet) to travel extended distances (200 to 400 miles per day) with minimal effort at speeds up to 30 miles per hour. Inclement conditions, such as shifting wind direction and the loss of thermal currents later in the day, demand excessive energy expenditure and cause whooping cranes to seek stopover habitat for roosting and foraging. The majority of the whooping crane migration stopover sites are located in the central part of the U.S., along significant wetland complexes and riverine habitats, with sporadic stopover sites in Central Texas (CWS and USFWS 2007). In migration, whooping cranes are known to utilize a variety of habitat types, including freshwater marshes, wet prairies, inland lakes, small farm ponds, upland grain fields, and riverine systems. Shallow flooded freshwater wetlands are used for roosting, while croplands and emergent wetlands are used for feeding. Riverine habitats, such as submerged sandbars, are also often used for roosting. Most roost sites are within 0.6 mile of a suitable feeding area and are typically distanced from human development. Low elevation flight is common during travel between roosting and foraging habitats, during inclement conditions, and when taking off and landing at stopover sites. Each whooping crane makes approximately 7 to 9 stopovers in the U.S. during each migration (Armbruster 1990, CWS and USFWS 2007, Howe 1987, Howe 1989, Lingle et al. 1991).

In relation to the typical AWBP migration corridor (Tacha et al. 2010), the project area is located near the center of the corridor (**Figure 4**), suggesting that potential exists for whooping cranes to migrate through the project area. There are no records of whooping cranes from the project area or immediate vicinity (TXNDD 2022, eBird 2022, iNaturalist 2022). The nearest sighting is approximately 20 miles to the southwest in Muldoon, Texas (eBird 2022).

B&A performed a whooping crane habitat assessment to identify potential whooping crane migration stopover habitat within one mile of the project area. Potential migration stopover habitat was calculated using the methodology outlined in the Watershed Institute (2013). Based on the results of B&A's habitat assessment, there are no water features within one mile of the project area that are considered potential migration stopover habitat. Due to the lack of migration stopover sites in the project area and vicinity, the project is not expected to adversely impact whooping cranes.

#### ***False Spike (Proposed Endangered)***

The false spike (*Fusconaia mitchelli*) is a medium-sized freshwater mussel that was proposed for federal listing as endangered with critical habitat on August 26, 2021 (86 FR 47916). Its shell is tawny-brown to dark brown or black, oval to round in shape, and up to 5.2 inches in length (Howells 2014, NatureServe 2022). Its historical range included the Brazos, Colorado, and Guadalupe river systems in Central Texas, and the Rio Grande system in New Mexico, Texas, and Mexico (Howells 2014, 74 FR 66260). Currently the false spike occurs in four populations: the Little Brazos River and some tributaries (Brazos River Basin), the lower San Saba and Llano Rivers (Colorado Basin), and in the lower Guadalupe River (Guadalupe River Basin) (86 FR 47916). Suitable habitat includes larger creeks and rivers, often in sand, gravel, or cobble substrates, in slow to moderate flows at shallow depths and not within impoundments (Howells 2014). The life history of most mussels in Texas is poorly understood, and the glochidial host fish for the false spike is unknown (74 FR 66260).

The project area is outside of the recognized range for the false spike, and recorded occurrence does not exist for the project area or immediate vicinity (USFWS 2021b, TXNDD 2022, iNaturalist 2022). Erosion/sedimentation control measures will be implemented prior to construction to minimize adverse impacts to receiving waters from erosion and sedimentation. Based on the known range information for the species and lack of suitable habitat in the project area, the false spike does not occur in the project area and the project is not expected to adversely affect the species.

#### ***Guadalupe Orb (Proposed Endangered)***

Recently recognized in 2018 as a separate species from the Texas pimpleback (*Cyclonaias [Quadrula] petrina*), the Guadalupe orb was first identified from the San Marcos River in the San Antonio/Guadalupe River Basin, to which the species is believed endemic (Burlakova et al. 2018, NatureServe 2022). This freshwater mussel species was proposed for federal listing as endangered with critical habitat on August 26, 2021 (86 FR 47916). The Guadalupe orb exhibits a yellow to tan, brown to black, and sometimes with green rays or concentric blotches, subquadrate to suboval shell that is moderately inflated and relatively thin, reaching a length of approximately 2.5 inches (Burlakova et al. 2018). In the San Marcos River, the species has been observed in flowing water with a sand and gravel substrate, mostly in water less than 6.6 feet deep (Burlakova et al. 2018, NatureServe 2022).



The project area is outside of the recognized range for the Guadalupe orb and records for the species do not exist for the project area or immediate vicinity (USFWS 2021b, TXNDD 2022, iNaturalist 2022). Erosion/sedimentation control measures will be implemented prior to construction to minimize adverse impacts to receiving waters from erosion and sedimentation. Based on the known range information for the species and lack of suitable habitat in the project area, the Guadalupe orb does not occur in the project area. Construction of the proposed project is not expected to adversely affect the Guadalupe orb.

#### ***Texas Fawnsfoot (Proposed Threatened)***

The Texas fawnsfoot (*Truncilla macrodon*) is a small, relatively thin-shelled mussel that can reach 2.4 inches in length but is usually much smaller. It is proposed for federal listing as threatened with critical habitat (86 FR 47916). Its shell is oval to elliptical with coloration that varies from tan to brown to green (Howells 2014, USFWS 2015). The Texas fawnsfoot is a very rare, freshwater mussel species endemic to Central Texas that historically inhabited the Colorado and Brazos drainages, with little known about its habitat (Howells 2014, USFWS 2015). Currently it is known from seven populations: East Fork Trinity River, Middle Trinity River, Clear Fork Brazos River, Upper Brazos River, Middle/Lower Brazos River, San Saba/Colorado Rivers, and Lower Colorado River (86 FR 47916). Preferred habitat includes moderate-sized creeks and rivers in flowing water with substrates of mud, sand, and gravel (Howells 2014).

Recorded occurrence of the species does not exist for the project area or immediate vicinity (TXNDD 2022, iNaturalist 2022). The nearest recorded occurrence is from the Colorado River south of La Grange, Texas, approximately seven miles west of the project area, where live individuals were not observed but shells ranging from recently dead to subfossil were found (TXNDD 2022). Field reconnaissance of the project area revealed no suitable habitat for Texas fawnsfoot. The Colorado River, two to three miles south/southwest of the project area, is the only large perennial stream in the vicinity that could provide suitable habitat for the species. Erosion/sedimentation control measures will be implemented prior to construction to minimize adverse impacts to receiving waters from erosion and sedimentation. Construction of the proposed project should have no impact on the Texas fawnsfoot.

#### ***Texas Pimpleback (Proposed Endangered)***

The Texas pimpleback (*Quadrula petrina*) is proposed for federal listing as endangered with critical habitat (86 FR 47916). An endemic species to the state, the Texas pimpleback historically occurred across the Colorado River basin. It currently is known to occur in five isolated populations: Concho River, Upper San Saba River, Lower San Saba river/Colorado River, Llano River, and the Lower Colorado River (86 FR 47916). Only the Lower San Saba and Llano River populations are known to be successfully reproducing (86 FR 47916). The shell of the species is approximately four inches long and is yellow to tan, brown to black, and sometimes with green rays or concentric blotches (Howells 2014). The species inhabits moderate to larger creeks and rivers in flowing waters and mud, sand, or gravel bottoms, or sometimes in gravel-filled cracks in bedrock, often at depths less than 6.6 feet, but is not known to occur in impoundments (Howells 2014). The life history of most mussels in Texas is poorly understood, and the glochidial host fish for the Texas pimpleback is unknown but is probably catfish (Howells 2014, 74 FR 66260).

Recorded occurrence of the species does not exist for the project area or immediate vicinity (TXNDD 2022, iNaturalist 2022). The nearest recorded occurrence is from the Colorado River south of La Grange, Texas,

approximately seven miles west of the project area, where live individuals were not observed but shells ranging from recently dead to subfossil were found (TXNDD 2022). Field reconnaissance of the project area revealed no suitable habitat for the Texas pimpleback. The Colorado River, two to three miles south/southwest of the project area, is the only large perennial stream in the vicinity that could provide suitable habitat for the species. Erosion/sedimentation control measures will be implemented prior to construction to minimize adverse impacts to receiving waters from erosion and sedimentation. Construction of the proposed project should have no impact on the Texas pimpleback.

### ***Monarch Butterfly (Candidate)***

The monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*), a member of the family Nymphalidae, is a charismatic North American species known for its bright orange wings with a black border and black veins (USFWS 2021b). Adult monarchs lay eggs on their obligate milkweed host plant (primarily *Asclepias* spp.), which their larvae rely on as a food source during development (USFWS 2021b, iNaturalist 2022). The monarch life cycle varies by geographic location, but in many regions where monarchs are present, monarchs breed year-round (USFWS 2020). Monarchs migrate through Texas in the fall and spring and are generally observed in a wide variety of habitats (iNaturalist 2022). Adult monarch butterflies require a diversity of blooming nectar resources, which they feed on throughout migration and during the breeding season. They also need milkweed (for both oviposition and larval feeding) embedded within this diverse nectaring habitat (USFWS 2020).

The project area provides potentially suitable habitat for the monarch butterfly. A search of the iNaturalist website identified one monarch observation approximately 1.7 miles southeast of the project area (iNaturalist 2022). Currently the monarch is a candidate for federal listing and is not provided protection under ESA; however, the USFWS encourages cooperative conservation measures since candidate species may warrant future protection under the ESA.

### ***Navasota ladies'-tresses (Endangered)***

Approximately 15 species of ladies'-tresses (genus *Spiranthes*), members of the orchid family Orchidaceae, occur in Texas and flower during the spring or fall. Each of these species is perennial, but relatively inconspicuous on the landscape, occurring as a basal rosette prior to flowering and then reducing to a single flowering scape, reaching a height of 8 to 15 inches. NLT, an endemic federally endangered species, has a historic range that includes a 13-county area of east-central Texas within the Post Oak Savannah Vegetational Area, as described by Gould et al. (1960). NLT typically flowers from mid-October to mid-November, and vegetative growth (the rosette stage) appears in springtime but may appear anytime between September and May (USFWS 1984a, Wonkka et al. 2012). Individual plants do not flower every year, and the flowering population fluctuates from year to year (Ariza 2013). Flowering response is likely correlated with available moisture during the vegetative phase (described above) and the period just prior to flowering (August–September) (Parker 2001, Wilson 2002, Hammons 2008, Ariza 2013).

NLT is a niche specialist that occupies openings in post oak woodland and savannah with grassland patches in sand to sandy loams, often along the streambanks of upland drainages or intermittent streams and in areas with suitable hydrologic factors, such as a perched water table associated with an underlying claypan (Wonkka et al. 2012, TPWD 2022a). According to USFWS (2009b), NLT is often found along the naturally

eroded slopes of the upper reaches of drainages and ephemeral streams, or occasionally near the margins of seeps and swales. Ariza (2013) describes habitat for the species as a distinctive niche along the upper reaches of drainages between the floodplain and open grasslands within the post oak savannah, with the species occurring in naturally disturbed areas of small openings within 80 meters (262 feet) of drainages. Hammons et al. (2009) describes habitat as usually within 600 feet of ephemeral and intermittent drainages. Based on documented population locations, proximity to streams appears important but may exceed these thresholds seemingly when edaphic requirements are met (i.e., high moisture availability).

As an edaphic endemic, suitable soils for NLT are characterized as well-drained, sand to sandy loam surface soils that often have a shallow underlying claypan that is thought to create sufficient subsurface hydrology to support NLT (USFWS 1984a, 2009b, Hammons 2008, Ariza 2013, TPWD 2022a). Vegetative associates include little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), splitbeard bluestem, broomsedge bluestem, pinkscale blazing star (*Liatris elegans*), nodding ladies'-tresses, and sundews (*Drosera* spp.) in the herbaceous stratum. Commonly associated trees and shrubs include post oak, blackjack oak, yaupon, farkleberry, and American beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*) (USFWS 2009b).

Appropriate microsite conditions for the species are associated with soil moisture requirements and typically include a perched water table, commonly caused by the subsurface claypan typical of post oak savannah soils, as previously discussed (TPWD 2021, TPWD 2022a, Wonkka et al. 2012). Adequate light availability, such as that provided by canopy gaps in otherwise closed-canopy, forested habitat is also required, and NLT has been found to typically occur where canopy cover is greater than 40 percent (Wonkka et al. 2012, Ariza 2013). Optimal microhabitat is characterized by small natural clearings within woodlands or at their margins along the dripline, followed by the margins of wildlife trails and upper watershed stream banks, where the aforementioned edaphic criteria are met (Wonkka et al. 2012). USFWS (1984a) typifies the species' habitat as a late-successional niche within established woodlands; however, occurrence along fencerows and rights-of-way within post oak woodlands and savannahs has also been reported, suggesting the importance of either periodic disturbance or high light availability (Wilson 2002, Wonkka et al. 2012). NLT is also known to occur in areas where edaphic factors such as high aluminum content or hydrologic factors associated with a perched water table limit competing vegetation in the herbaceous layer (Texas Organization for Endangered Species 1993).

Numerous factors limit the suitability of areas as habitat. NLT occurrence has been found to be associated low leaf litter cover (e.g., one to three leaves thick) that is uniformly distributed, and the species is unlikely where thick leaf litter is present (Hammons 2008, Ariza 2013). Further, occurrence of NLT is unlikely where dense pasture grasses (e.g., Bermudagrass and bahiagrass [*Paspalum notatum*]) or tall herbaceous vegetation are found (USFWS 2009b). Active grazing is also a deterrent to occurrence. Development of a dense woody understory replacing the herbaceous component through "thicketization" has been accredited with limiting suitability (USFWS 2009b, Ariza 2013, Wonkka et al. 2012). NLT is rarely found in floodplain forests or openings dominated by tall grasses (USFWS 1993).

Advancement in modeling potential NLT habitat within its range is presented by Wang et al. (2019). Through use of a maximum entropy (Maxent) modeling tool, they assessed the relative influence of biologically relevant topographic characteristics, land cover features, geological formations, and edaphic

(i.e., soil) factors on the occurrence of NLT. In doing so, they found local-scale edaphic variables to be the most informative, with soil taxonomic units explaining the highest amount of variance. Wang et al. (2019) imply that specific soil characteristics are correlated with the occurrence of symbiotic mycorrhizal fungi which NLTs are dependent. Soil taxonomic units exhibiting high predictability for presence of NLT were fine smectitic, thermic, Ultic Paleudalfs, and fine mixed, active, thermic, Udic Paleudalfs, which generally correspond to the Burlewash, Singleton, and Shiro soil series. The authors note that many areas with NLT occurrence are not mapped upon these generally associated soil series or on similar soil mapping units matching these characteristics, which they attribute to the occurrence of soil inclusions of the previously noted suitable soils in otherwise unsuitable soil mapping units.

A review of the TXNDD element of occurrence records revealed one NLT occurrence approximately five miles northeast of the project area (TXNDD 2022). Sandy loam and loamy fine sand soils occurring in the project area include the Rek and Straber soil series (**Table 2, Figure 3**). Based on review of aerial imagery, potentially suitable NLT habitat requiring field review was identified where woodland or savannah overlay suitable soils in the project area, with the most likely areas of potential occurrence of NLT along the dripline within the project area in proximity to the existing runoff channel.

Despite preliminary identification of potentially suitable NLT habitat by remote assessment, field survey did not identify suitable habitat within the project area. Factors limiting the suitability of habitat within the project area were dense cover of tall herbaceous vegetation that extended to the dripline; dense leaf litter in adjacent woodlands/savannahs; high browsing pressure; overly dense midstory cover by yaupon in woodlands; and/or absence of typical vegetative associates. Further, despite the mapped presence of potentially suitable soils, no areas exhibiting high soil moisture availability were identified (evidenced by soil saturation, seeps, inundation, or plant assemblage present) that characterize edaphic conditions required for suitable NLT habitat.

No NLTs were found as a result of presence/absence survey. Three nodding ladies'-tresses, a vegetative associate that closely resembles NLT, were observed in the project area (**Figure 5**); however, nodding ladies'-tresses occupies a much broader habitat than NLT and is not solely indicative of potential NLT habitat. As discussed above, habitat in the project area was determined unsuitable for NLT. As such, the project is not expected to adversely affect the species.

#### **4.2.2 State Protected Species**

##### ***Swallow-tailed Kite (Threatened)***

The swallow-tailed kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) is a medium-sized bird with a wingspan of approximately 4 feet. This species rarely perches and remains aloft most of the day. The swallow-tailed kite is white on the underparts and head, black above and along the wing edges. It has a deeply forked tail, which allows for rapid maneuverability during flight. The diet of the species consists primarily of aerial insects, but may also include frogs, lizards, and nestling birds taken from tree branches (Meyer 1995). Typical habitat for the swallow-tailed kite includes lowland forested regions, particularly swampy areas, and it ranges into open woodland. It may also occur in marshes and along rivers, lakes, and ponds. Nests are constructed in tall trees in clearings or on forest woodland edges, usually in pine, cypress, or various deciduous trees (Tweit 2009).







The range of the species is primarily in Florida, but swallow-tailed kites have been observed in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and southern Texas (Meyer 1995, 2022). The swallow-tailed kite breeds along the Atlantic and Gulf coastal plains and southern Mexico, and it winters southward to Argentina (Sauer et al. 2008, Tweit 2009, Meyer 2022).

The swallow-tailed kite has been documented in several locations in the vicinity of the project area, with the nearest observation located approximately two miles southwest of the project area (eBird 2022). However, due to the absence of suitable habitat for the species in the project area, the swallow-tailed kite is only expected to occur in the project area incidentally and is not expected to be impacted by the proposed project.

#### ***White-faced Ibis (Threatened)***

The white-faced ibis (*Plegadis chihi*) is a medium-sized wading bird between 18 and 22 inches tall, with a long, down-curved bill and metallic bronze plumage. During the breeding season, there is a bare patch of skin around the eye that is bordered in white feathers. Nonbreeding adults and juveniles lack the bare patch and are duller in color (Ryder and Manry 1994). While the white-faced ibis prefers freshwater marshes for feeding and roosting, they also frequent swamps, ponds, rivers, sloughs, and irrigated rice fields, and may occur in brackish and saltwater habitats (TPWD 2022b). The species typically nests in low trees in marshes, or on the ground in bulrushes, reeds, or on floating mats (TPWD 2022b). It is found as a year-round resident in coastal areas and migrates through Texas to northern breeding grounds (Ryder and Manry 1994).

The white-faced ibis has been documented in several locations generally west and southwest of the project area; the nearest observation is approximately five miles southwest of the project area (eBird 2022). However, occurrences are expected to be incidental since the project area does not contain suitable habitat for the species. The white-faced ibis is not expected to be impacted by the proposed project.

#### ***White-tailed Hawk (Threatened)***

The white-tailed hawk (*Buteo albicaudatus*) is found from southeastern Texas, through Mexico, to Central and South America (NatureServe 2022). It was formerly found in southern Arizona and has been increasing in abundance in Texas, after a decline in the 1950s and 1960s. Its preferred habitat includes open country, such as savanna, prairie, and arid habitats with mesquite. In Texas, it is found both near the coast on prairies, cordgrass (*Spartina* sp.) flats, and scrub-live oak, as well as further inland, on prairies, mesquite and oak savanna, and mixed savanna-chaparral (NatureServe 2022).

The white-tailed hawk has been documented in a few scattered locations in the vicinity of the project area; the nearest observation is approximately five miles east of the project area (eBird 2022). The white-tailed hawk is only expected to occur in the project area incidentally and is not expected to be impacted by the proposed project.

#### ***Wood Stork (Threatened)***

The wood stork (*Mycteria americana*) is a large, long-legged wading bird, about 40 to 50 inches tall, with a wingspan of 60 to 65 inches. The plumage is white, except for black primaries and secondaries and a short black tail. The head and neck are absent of feathers and dark gray in color. The bill is black, thick at the base, and slightly decurved. Immature birds are dingy gray and have a yellowish bill (Farrand 1988).

The wood stork forages in prairie ponds, flooded pastures or fields, ditches, and other shallow standing water. This species usually roosts communally in tall snags, sometimes in association with other wading birds (i.e., active heronries), and breeds in Mexico and the southeastern U.S. (USFWS 2007b). Birds forage in Gulf states, Arizona, and California (Farrand 1988, USFWS 1984b). The species nested in Texas until the mid-1960s, but there have been no breeding records since then (Lockwood and Freeman 2014).

Many observations of the wood stork have been documented in the vicinity of the project area (eBird 2022, iNaturalist 2022). The nearest observation is a little under three miles north of the project area, on the northern side of the Fayette County Reservoir (eBird 2022). The wood stork is likely to pass through the project area; however, the project area does not contain suitable habitat and thus the wood stork is only expected to occur in the project area incidentally. The species is not expected to be impacted by the proposed project.

#### ***Zone-tailed Hawk (Threatened)***

The zone-tailed hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*) is a medium-large raptor, averaging 20 inches in length, 51 inches in wingspan and 1.8 pounds in weight, with females tending to be larger than males. Similar to turkey vultures, which they resemble, the zone-tailed hawk is predominantly black. It breeds locally from the southwestern United States south through Mexico, Central America, and northern South America (Stoleson and Sadoti 2010). Populations in the northernmost part of the range, including Texas, are migratory. Zone-tailed hawks arrive in Texas between mid-March and mid-May, with most individuals arriving from late March to late April. They return south between early September and late October (Tweit 2007). Occurring in diverse lowland and higher-elevation habitats, the species ranges from riparian woodland and humid forests to semiarid open country and montane highlands (Johnson et al. 2000). The zone-tailed hawk prefers nesting habitats with broad, deep, rocky canyons containing streams flowing over stony beds (Call 1978). Habitat for the species is arid open country, including open deciduous or pine-oak woodland, mesa or mountain country, often near watercourses, and wooded canyons and tree-lined rivers along middle-slopes of desert mountains (Tweit 2007). Nesting may occur in various habitats and sites, ranging from small trees in lower desert, and giant cottonwoods in riparian areas, to mature conifers in high mountain regions (Cornell Lab of Ornithology 2022).

The zone-tailed hawk has not been documented in the immediate vicinity of the project area (eBird 2022, iNaturalist 2022, TXNDD 2022). The nearest documented observation is over 12 miles southwest of the project area (eBird 2022, iNaturalist 2022). The project area does not contain suitable habitat for the species. The zone-tailed hawk is only expected to occur in the project area incidentally during migration and is not expected to be impacted by the proposed project.

#### ***Texas Horned Lizard (Threatened)***

The Texas horned lizard (*Phrynosoma cornutum*) is a broad, flattened lizard with conspicuous elongated scales that form spines on the head, neck, and back (Conant and Collins 1998, Sherbrooke 2003). Preferred habitat includes semi-arid open areas with scattered vegetation consisting of bunchgrasses along with scattered cacti, yucca, mesquite, catclaw, juniper (*Juniperus* sp.), or other woody shrubs and small trees on a variety of soil types with some loose soil in which to bury themselves (Sherbrooke 2003). The Texas horned lizard once inhabited much of Texas, but the species has disappeared from large portions of its

former range (Hibbitts and Hibbitts 2015). This decline is attributed mostly to habitat loss and modification, introduction of the non-native fire ant, the loss of harvester ants (which comprise up to 69 percent of the horned lizard diet), and broad-scale application of pesticides (Hibbitts and Hibbitts 2015).

The Texas horned lizard has not been documented in the immediate vicinity of the project area; the nearest observations are documented just over 20 miles west and northwest of the project area (iNaturalist 2022). The project area does not contain preferred habitat for the Texas horned lizard and the proposed project is not expected to impact the species.

#### **4.2.3 Other Protected Species**

The TXNDD element of occurrence records include documentation of a rookery in the vicinity of the project area; however, the record states that the rookery was last observed in 1979 (TXNDD 2022) (**Figure 4**). Species documented in the nesting colony include the cattle egret (*Bubulcus ibis*), little blue heron (*Egretta caerulea*), anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*), olivaceous or neotropic cormorant (*Nannopterum brasilianum*), and great egret (*Ardea alba*). None of these species are state or federally listed as threatened or endangered, but they are protected by the MBTA. No evidence of this rookery was observed within or immediately adjacent to the project area during the November 2021 field investigation. Since this rookery was not documented in recent years and was not observed during the field investigation, the proposed project is not expected to impact the rookery.

### **5.0 SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

B&A conducted a habitat assessment for state and federally protected species that could potentially occur within the project area and a presence/absence survey for NLT in November 2021. No habitat for federally listed endangered or threatened species was identified by B&A through desktop review or field reconnaissance. Several state and federally listed avian species may migrate through the project area, although proposed project activities are not anticipated to affect these species. The existing runoff channel identified in the project area does not provide habitat for freshwater mussels. Prior to construction, erosion/sedimentation control best management practices (BMPs) will be installed at all stream crossings in accordance with the project's stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) to minimize sediment and other potential pollutants from leaving the project site. The project is not expected to result in water quality degradation of project area streams and should not result in adverse impacts to freshwater mussels. Bald eagles could nest in the vicinity of the project area; however, no bald eagles, eagle nests, or potentially suitable nesting habitat were observed within the project area. If eagles are observed in the project area prior to construction, it may be prudent to conduct a winter nest survey to determine if eagles are nesting within the project area or a 600-foot buffer. Results of the NLT presence/absence surveys did not identify NLTs or potentially suitable habitat for the species within the project area.

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## **Appendix A**

### **Representative Photographs**





**Photo 1.** Upland savannah within project area exhibiting dense herbaceous cover.



**Photo 2.** Dense understory dominated by eastern redcedar and yaupon within project area woodlands.





**Photo 3.** Woodland edge characterized by low herbaceous cover and gravelly soil outcrops.



**Photo 4.** Existing runoff channel in project area.





**Photo 5.** Water feature mapped as a pond within uplands in the project area.



**Photo 6.** Representative photograph of the habitat, open woodlands, where nodding ladies'-tresses SC01 and SC02 in **Figure 5** were observed in the project area during NLT presence/absence survey.





**Photo 7.** Nodding ladies'-tresses (SC01 in **Figure 5**) individual documented in the project area.



**Photo 8.** Nodding ladies'-tresses (SC02 in **Figure 5**) individual documented in the project area.





**Photo 9.** Representative photograph of the habitat, road cut through woodlands, where nodding ladies'-tresses SC03 in **Figure 5** was observed in the project area during NLT presence/absence survey.



**Photo 10.** Nodding ladies'-tresses (SC03 in **Figure 5**) individual documented in the project area.



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## Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

### Registration Application for Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Waste Management

## I. General Information

### 1. Reason for Submittal

Type of Registration Application

- ☒ New      ☐ Major Amendment      ☐ Minor Amendment  
☐ Notice of Deficiency (NOD) Response      ☐ Transfer      ☐ Name Change  
☐ Other

### 2. Application Fees

☒ \$150 Application Fee

Payment Method

☐ Check      ☒ Online through ePay portal <[www3.tceq.texas.gov/epay/](http://www3.tceq.texas.gov/epay/)>

If paid online, enter ePay Trace Number: 582EA000471145

### 3. Facility Information

*Facility information must match regulated entity information on the Core Data Form.*

Applicant:      ☐ Owner      ☐ Operator      ☒ Owner/Operator

Facility TCEQ Solid Waste Registration No: 31575

Facility EPA ID: TXD083566547

Regulated Entity Reference No. (if issued): RN 100226844

Facility Name: Lower Colorado River Authority Fayette Power Project

Facility (Area Code) Telephone Number: (979) 249-3111

Facility physical street address (city, state, zip code, county): 6549 Power Plant Rd., La Grange, TX, 78945, Fayette County

Facility mailing address (city, state, zip code, county): PO Box 220, Austin, TX, 78767, Travis County

Latitude (Degrees, Minutes Seconds): 29°54'53.071258-8"N

Longitude (Degrees, Minutes Seconds): 96°45'12.72605-4"W

**Table I.6. – CCR Waste Management Units**

CCR Unit No. <sup>1</sup>	Unit Name	N.O.R. No. <sup>1</sup>	Unit Description <sup>3</sup>	Capacity	Unit Status <sup>2</sup>
CCR-101	Combustion Byproduct Landfill (CBL)	013	Cells 1 and 2D	12,4000,000 Cu yds	Active
CCR-101	Combustion Byproduct Landfill (CBL)	013	Cells 2A, 2B, 2C and 3		Proposed <sup>4</sup>

1 Registered Unit No. and N.O.R. No. cannot be reassigned to new units or used more than once.

2 Unit Status options: Active, Closed, Inactive (built but not managing waste), Proposed (not yet built), Never Built, Transferred, Post-Closure.

3 If a unit has been transferred, the applicant should indicate which facility/permit it has been transferred to in the Unit Description column.

4 No schedule for development at the time of application submittal but all future cells are developed within the deed recorded footprint of unit CCR-101/NOR 013.

**Table I.6.A. – Waste Management Information**

Waste No. <sup>1</sup>	Waste Type(s)	Source	Volume (tons/year) <sup>2</sup>
1	Fly Ash Unit 1 and 2	Generated from coal combustion process at FPP	6,728
2	Fly Ash Unit 3	Generated from coal combustion process at FPP	2,849
3	Bottom Ash Unit 1 and 2	Generated from coal combustion process at FPP	36,993
4	Bottom Ash Unit 3	Generated from coal combustion process at FPP	15,751
5	Synthetic Gypsum	Generated from coal combustion process at FPP	28,449
6	Refractory, bowl mill rejects, waste sand filter media, waste charcoal filter media, waste resin beads, ash bag house filters, pyrite and coal reject generated from maintenance operations	Generated from coal combustion process at FPP	737
7	Activated carbon waste	Generated from coal combustion process at FPP	0
8	ACI Pipe cleaning waste	Generated from coal combustion process at FPP	0

1 Assign waste number sequentially. Do not remove waste number wastes which are no longer generated.

2 Disposal Rates based on 4-year average [of actual deposition rates independent of facility generation rates.](#)



**Table I.6.C – Sampling and Analytical Methods**

Waste No. <sup>1</sup>	Sampling Location	Sampling Method	Frequency	Parameter	Test Method	Desired Accuracy Level
1	Fly Ash Silo <sup>2 and 3</sup>	<a href="#">See Note 2-SW846, representative grab samples</a>	<a href="#">See Note 2-Waste will be sampled when there is a change in the process</a>	<a href="#">See Note 2-If necessary due to a change in process: process knowledge and TCLP HG and, TCLP metals</a>	<a href="#">See Note 2-If necessary due to a change in process: SW7470A and SW6010B</a>	<a href="#">LOD/LOQ<sup>4</sup></a> <a href="#">See Note 2</a>
2	Fly Ash Silo <sup>2 and 3</sup>					<a href="#">HG</a> <a href="#">0.00007/0.0002</a> <a href="#">mg/L</a>
3	Bottom Ash Bunker <sup>2 and 3</sup>					<a href="#">AS 0.2/0.5</a> <a href="#">mg/L</a>
4	Bottom Ash Bunker <sup>2 and 3</sup>					<a href="#">BA</a> <a href="#">0.04/0.1</a> <a href="#">mg/L</a>
5	Synthetic Gypsum Dome <sup>2 and 3</sup>					<a href="#">CD</a> <a href="#">0.03/0.08</a> <a href="#">mg/L</a>
6	Boiler and associated equipment for coal processing <sup>2 and 3</sup>					<a href="#">CR</a> <a href="#">0.04/0.1</a> <a href="#">mg/L</a>
7	Activated Carbon Injection System <sup>2</sup>					<a href="#">PB 0.2/0.5</a> <a href="#">mg/L</a>
8	Activated Carbon Injection System <sup>2</sup>					<a href="#">SE 0.4/1.0</a> <a href="#">mg/L</a>  <a href="#">AG</a> <a href="#">0.04/0.1</a> <a href="#">mg/L</a>

1 from Table I.6.A., first column

2 All waste has been classified in accordance with 30 TAC 335, Subchapter R, and TCEQ RG-22 Guidelines for the Classification and Coding of Industrial and Hazardous Waste. Prior testing and/or process knowledge of the waste streams eliminates the need for further testing. In accordance with TCEQ waste classification regulations, waste classifications will only be revisited when there is a change in the process which necessitates the need to revisit the classification. Waste is only sampled and reclassified when there is a process change.

3 Waste classification has been audited and approved by TCEQ.

4 [LOD Limit of Detection; LOQ Limit of Quantification](#)

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## **LOCATION RESTRICTIONS CERTIFICATION REPORT**

**COMBUSTION BYPRODUCT LANDFILL**

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**FAYETTE COUNTY, TEXAS**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Purpose

This report presents an evaluation of the proposed lateral expansion (Subcells 2A, 2B, 2C and Cell 3) of the Combustion Byproduct Landfill (CBL) at the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) Fayette Power Project (FPP) with respect to compliance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ's) location restriction regulations for lateral expansions of coal combustion residuals (CCR) landfills, in accordance with Chapter 352, Subchapter E of Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) (i.e., 30 TAC 352, Subchapter E). These regulations were adopted by reference to Sections 257.60 to 257.64 of Part 257, Subpart D of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (i.e., 40 CFR §257.60 to §257.64).

Geosyntec Consultants (Geosyntec) previously evaluated the compliance of the existing CBL (Cell 1 and Subcell 2D) with respect to 40 CFR §257.60 to §257.64. Of these location restrictions, ~~the only one applicable to the existing CBL is the one related to the~~ unstable areas (40 CFR §257.64) ~~criterion is applicable to the existing CBL~~. Geosyntec (2017) demonstrated that the existing CBL is not situated in an unstable area ~~and~~ is therefore in compliance with that location restriction.

This report also presents an evaluation of the CBL with respect to compliance with the 40 CFR 257, Subpart A for floodplains (40 CFR §257.3-1), endangered species (40 CFR §257.3-2), and surface water (40 CFR §257.3-3).

A certification by a Qualified Professional Engineer that the location restriction demonstrations presented herein are appropriate for evaluating the the CBL and that the demonstrations meet the requirements of 40 CFR §§257.60(a), 257.61(a), 257.62(a), and 257.63(a) is presented in **Appendix A**.

### 1.2 Background

The FPP is a coal-fired power plant located east of La Grange in Fayette County, Texas (FPP site). CCR generated at the FPP site are disposed in the CBL, a CCR landfill located south of the power plant and north of the railroad that borders FPP (**Drawing 1**).

At final buildout, the CBL will consist of up to three cells, Cells 1 to 3 (**Drawing 2**). Cell 1 was constructed in 1988 at natural grade with a recompacted clay liner. From October 2014 to May 2015, Subcell 2D was constructed below grade with a compacted clay liner. The remainder of Cells 2 and 3 will be constructed with a liner system that includes a geomembrane/compacted clay composite liner and leachate collection system.

### 1.3 **Organization of Report**

The remainder of this report is organized as follows:

- Section 2 presents an evaluation of the proposed CBL lateral expansion with respect to compliance with 30 TAC 352 Subchapter E, including placement above the uppermost aquifer (30 TAC §352.601), wetlands (30 TAC §352.611), fault areas (30 TAC §352.621), seismic impact zones (30 TAC §352.631), and unstable areas (30 TAC §352.641);
- Section 3 presents an evaluation of the CBL with respect to compliance with 40 CFR Subpart A for floodplains (40 CFR §257.3-1), endangered species (40 CFR §257.3-2), and surface water (40 CFR §257.3-3); and
- Section 4 provides a list of references cited in the report.

## **2. EVALUATION OF PROPOSED CBL LATERAL EXPANSION WITH RESPECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH 30 TAC 352, SUBCHAPTER E**

### **2.1 Placement Above the Uppermost Aquifer (30 TAC §352.601)**

#### **2.1.1 Location Restriction**

In accordance with 30 TAC §352.601, which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.60, a lateral expansion of a CCR unit (landfill) must be constructed with a base that is located no less than five feet above the upper limit of the uppermost aquifer, or must demonstrate that there will not be an intermittent, recurring, or sustained hydraulic connection between any portion of the base of the CCR landfill and the uppermost aquifer due to normal fluctuations in groundwater elevations (including the seasonal high water table). “Uppermost aquifer” is defined in 30 TAC §352.3(a), which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.53, as “the geologic formation nearest the natural ground surface that is an aquifer, as well as lower aquifers that are hydraulically interconnected with this aquifer within the facility’s property boundary.” “Aquifer” is defined as “the geologic formation, group of formations, or portion of a formation capable of yielding usable quantities of groundwater to wells or springs”.

#### **2.1.2 Uppermost Aquifer**

The information presented below on FPP site geology was developed from historical soil boring and groundwater elevation data, Geosyntec (2013), and AMEC Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc. (AMEC) (2013).

The FPP site is located on the uppermost section of the Miocene-age Oakville Formation, with topographically high portions of the site capped by Pleistocene-age Willis Formation sands, silts, and gravels. The Oakville Formation regionally dips to the southeast, varies in thickness from 200 to 500 feet, and consists of calcareous fine- to medium-grained sand/sandstones and interbedded silt and clay units.

Locally the Oakville was formed in a fluvial environment characterized by small local streams. Sand bodies were deposited as channel-fill units ranging from 10 to 25 feet in thickness and overbank units of limited extent and thickness deposited during flood events. Three groundwater bearing units, designated at the site as the Upper Sand, Intermediate Sand, and Middle Sand, are present in the interval from the surface to a depth of approximately 100 feet. A fourth unit, the Lower Sand, is locally present at a depth greater than 100 feet. Each of these units is separated by low-permeability clays.

The Upper Sand is a low-yielding, laterally discontinuous, unconfined groundwater bearing unit present only at the topographically highest portions of the CBL area. It has been reported as dry at many locations in historical geotechnical studies and is not considered the uppermost aquifer for

location restrictions or groundwater monitoring purposes. In September 2013, TCEQ approved a Class 3 groundwater designation for the Upper Sand (AMEC, 2013).

The Intermediate Sand is a laterally discontinuous unit apparently present beneath the majority of the CBL. It appears to be enveloped by low permeability clays and largely isolated from the overlying Upper Sand and underlying Middle Sand, except towards the south of the FPP site where the Intermediate Sand may stratigraphically merge with the Middle Sand. The Intermediate Sand is considered the uppermost aquifer beneath the CBL. Groundwater is present in the Intermediate Sand under confined/semi-confined conditions, except where the unit is present near the surface towards the southwest of the CBL area.

### 2.1.3 Compliance Assessment

To comply with the location restriction for placement above the uppermost aquifer, the proposed lateral expansion (Subcells 2A to 2C and Cell 3) of the CBL must be constructed with base that is located no less than 5 feet above the upper limit of uppermost aquifer. At the FPP site, the Intermediate Sand is the uppermost aquifer. “Base” refers to the bottom of the compacted clay component of the landfill liner system.

The top of the clay liner elevations for the lateral expansion area are shown in **Figure 1** along with the locations of hydrogeologic Cross-Sections A-A’ to E-E.’ These cross sections, detailed in **Figures 2 to 6**, show the site stratigraphy in the vicinity of the base of the expansion area, the top of the of the clay liner, the top of the subgrade, and the top of the Intermediate Sand.

The groundwater elevations in monitor wells completed in the Intermediate Sand are typically above the elevation of the top of the Intermediate Sand in the proposed CBL expansion area, confirming confined conditions. Therefore, the elevation of the top of the Intermediate Sand strata should be used for the purpose of determining compliance with 30 TAC 352.601 and 40 CFR §257.60 in areas where groundwater is under confined conditions. Seasonal high water table conditions are applicable to an unconfined aquifer scenario and are not relevant to the Intermediate Sand where it occurs under confined conditions. In the southwest corner of CBL in the footprint of proposed Subcell 3C (**Figure 6**), the Intermediate Sand is present near the surface and groundwater is unconfined. However, historical groundwater elevations in the Intermediate Sand monitor well in this area have been more than 5 feet below the proposed base of the Subcell 3C. The logs for the borings included in the cross sections are provided in **Appendix B**.

As shown in **Figures 2 to 6**, the base of the clay liner is closest to the upper limit of the Intermediate Sand in the central part of the proposed CBL expansion area where the liner grades approach the bottom of the central drainage corridor in the CBL and the Intermediate Sand extending from the east pinches out. However, because the proposed expansion area will be constructed with at least 5 feet separation from the Intermediate Sand, the CBL is in compliance with the location restriction for placement above the uppermost aquifer specified in 30 TAC §352.601.

## **2.2 Wetlands (30 TAC §352.611)**

### **2.2.1 Location Restriction**

In accordance with 30 TAC §352.611, which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.61, a lateral expansion of a CCR landfill must not be located in wetlands unless it is demonstrated that the landfill meets certain requirements, as specified in paragraphs §257.61(a)(1) through §257.61(a)(5).

### **2.2.2 Wetlands Information**

The CBL was sited in accordance with Texas Water Commission (TWC) Technical Guideline No. 2 (issued 1976). The design and location of the CBL was reviewed and approved by TCEQ in a letter dated January 18, 1988.

In 2006, Ecological Communications Corporation (ECC) conducted a wetlands assessment of the FPP site (**Appendix C**). Wetlands were not identified in the CBL area (ECC, 2006).

Geosyntec queried the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) [<http://www.fws.gov/wetlands/Data/Mapper.html>] (USFWS, 2021) for wetlands in the vicinity of the CBL. Documentation of this query is provided in Figure D-1 in Appendix D. Two manmade features shown on Figure D-1 were identified as freshwater ponds classified as PUBHx (Figure 7): (i) the existing runoff retention pond; and (ii) a manmade isolated topographic depression located in uplands along the east boundary of Subcell 2C. In addition, the existing engineered drainage channel conveying runoff from the active area of Cell 1 to the runoff retention pond and shown on Figure D-1 was identified as a riverine wetland classified as R4SBC. These features do not meet the definition of “Waters of the United States” in 40 CFR §120.2 and are not considered jurisdictional wetlands.

### **2.2.3 Compliance Assessment**

Based on review of wetlands data for the CBL, the CBL is not located in jurisdictional wetlands. Therefore, the CBL is in compliance with the location restriction for wetlands specified in 30 TAC §352.611.

## **2.3 Fault Areas (30 TAC §352.621)**

### **2.3.1 Location Restriction**

In accordance with 30 TAC §352.621, which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.62, a lateral expansion of a CCR landfill must not be located within 200 feet of the outermost damage zone of a fault that has had displacement in Holocene time unless it is demonstrated that a lesser setback distance will prevent damage to the structural integrity of the CCR landfill. “Holocene” is defined



is defined in 30 TAC §352.3(a), which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.53, as “the most recent epoch of the Quaternary period, extending from the Pleistocene Epoch, at 11,700 years before present, to present.”

### 2.3.2 Fault Areas Information

Geosyntec queried the U.S Geological Survey (USGS) Quaternary Fault and Fold Database of the United States [<https://www.usgs.gov/natural-hazards/earthquake-hazards/faults>] (USGS, 2021a) for faults in the vicinity of the CBL. The database contains information on Quaternary faults and associated folds that are believed to be the sources of earthquakes with a magnitude greater than 6. No faults or folds were identified near the site. A print out from this query is included in Appendix D. While normal, en echelon faults associated with the Mexia-Luling-Talco regional fault system are found regionally, most faults associated with that system are located west of Fayette County and the limited number identified in the County are located west of the FPP (Caran et al., 1982). Further, faults were not identified along the north-south regional geologic cross section that passes through the FPP site (Rogers, 1967) or shown within one mile of the site in the on-line geologic atlas of Texas using the USGS Texas Geology Web Map Viewer [<https://txpub.usgs.gov/txgeology/>] (USGS, 2021b) as shown on Figure D-2 in Appendix D.

In addition to a desktop study, Geosyntec also reviewed the current topographic map for the FPP, historical aerial photographs of the FPP from December 1997, December 2002, February 2008, May 2014, April 2017, and January 2018 available on Google Earth Pro, and historical soil boring information in the CBL area for evidence of surficial expression of faults. The occurrence of linear surface features or displacement through the surficial sediments could indicate recent activity associated with a fault. No such features were observed.

### 2.3.3 Compliance Assessment

Based on review of fault information for the CBL, the CBL is not located within 200 feet of the outermost damage zone of a fault that has had displacement in Holocene time. Therefore, the CBL is in compliance with the location restriction for fault areas specified in 30 TAC §352.621.

## 2.4. Seismic Impact Zones (30 TAC §352.631)

### 2.4.1 Location Restriction

In accordance with 30 TAC §352.631, which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.63, a lateral expansion of a CCR landfill must not be located in seismic impact zones unless it is demonstrated that all structural components, including liners, leachate collection systems, and surface water control systems, are designed to resist the maximum horizontal acceleration in lithified earth material from a probable earthquake. “Seismic impact zone” is defined in 30 TAC §352.3(a), which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.53, as “an area having a 2% or greater probability that

the maximum expected horizontal acceleration, expressed as a percentage of the earth's gravitational pull (g), will exceed 0.10 g in 50 years.” “Maximum horizontal acceleration in lithified earth material” is defined as “the maximum expected horizontal acceleration at the ground surface as depicted on a seismic hazard map, with a 98% or greater probability that the acceleration will not be exceeded in 50 years, or the maximum expected horizontal acceleration based on a site-specific seismic risk assessment. This requirement translates to a 10% probability of exceeding the maximum horizontal acceleration in 250 years”.

## 2.4.2 Seismic Impact Zone Information

Seismic zones, which represent areas with the greatest seismic risk, are mapped by the USGS and readily available for all of the United States (<https://www.usgs.gov/programs/earthquake-hazards/maps>). The 2014 USGS National Seismic Hazard Map for the Conterminous U.S. presenting the peak ground acceleration with a 2% or greater probability of exceedance in 50 years in the CBL vicinity is shown on Figure D-3 in Appendix D and indicates that the maximum expected horizontal acceleration at the site for this event is between 0.02 and 0.04 g (Shumway, 2019).

The Unified Hazard Tool for the Conterminous U.S. on the USGS website (USGS, 2021c) was used to determine the peak ground acceleration for the CBL. The CBL is approximately located at 29.91° latitude, -96.76° longitude. The peak ground acceleration with a 2% or greater probability of exceedance in 50 years for 29.90° latitude, -96.75° longitude was estimated to be approximately 0.029 g. A screen shot from this query is included in Appendix D. This peak ground acceleration is less than the acceleration defining a seismic impact zone (i.e., > 0.10 g).

## 2.4.3 Compliance Assessment

Based on the information provided in this section, the CBL is not situated in a seismic impact zone and is therefore in compliance with the requirements of the location restriction for seismic impact zones, specified in 30 TAC §352.631.

## 2.5 Unstable Areas (30 TAC §352.641)

### 2.5.1 Location Restriction

In accordance with 30 TAC §352.641, which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.63, an existing CCR landfill or the lateral expansion of a CCR landfill must not be located in an unstable area unless it is demonstrated that recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices have been incorporated into the design of the landfill to ensure that the integrity of the structural components of the landfill will not be disrupted. To assess whether an area is unstable, the following factors must be considered:

- on-site or local soil conditions that may result in significant differential settlement;
- on-site or local geologic or geomorphologic features; and
- on-site or local human-made features or events (both surface and subsurface).

“Unstable area” is defined in 30 TAC §352.3(a), which adopts by reference 40 CFR §257.53, as “a location that is susceptible to natural or human-induced events or forces capable of impairing the integrity, including structural components of some or all of the CCR unit that are responsible for preventing releases from such unit. Unstable areas can include poor foundation conditions, areas susceptible to mass movements, and karst terrains.” “Structural components” refers to “liners, leachate collection and removal systems, final covers, run-on and run-off systems, inflow design flood control systems, and any other component used in the construction and operation of the CCR unit that is necessary to ensure the integrity of the unit and that the contents of the unit are not released into the environment.”

## 2.5.2 Unstable Areas Information

### 2.5.2.1 Geotechnical Investigations

Geotechnical investigations were conducted at the CBL site by McClelland Engineers, Inc. (1983), Brytest, Inc. (1984), Jones and Neuse, Inc. (1992), and Geosyntec [2011, 2013]. The investigations included logging soil borings, conducting standard penetration tests, and collecting soil samples for geotechnical laboratory testing. Based on the results of the geotechnical investigations, soils within the upper 100 feet of the subsurface are predominantly classified as clay (CL or CH) and clayey sand (SC and SM) in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS). The logs for the borings included in the hydrogeologic cross sections presented in **Figures 2 to 6** are provided in **Appendix B**. Natural water contents of clays were generally near the plastic limits, and consequently the clays are characterized as stiff to hard. Sands were generally characterized as medium to very dense.

Based on the low compressibility of the site soils, these soils provide adequate foundation for the liner system construction and can support the load of the CBL without significant differential settlement.

### 2.5.2.2 CBL Slope Stability

The slope stability of the CBL and associated perimeter berm at final grade was evaluated for a critical cross section through Cells 1 to 3 at the center of landfill. This cross section has the tallest slopes. The materials in this section were conceptualized as CCR on a geosynthetic liner system underlain by a clay subgrade and abutted on the north by a perimeter berm. The near surface soils and perimeter berm material are predominantly classified as high plasticity clays (CH).

For long-term (drained) slope stability analyses of soil slopes in high plasticity clays, analyses using fully-softened strength parameters are recommended (e.g., Skempton, 1970; Wright, 2005). The fully-softened strength parameters of the subgrade, liner system, and perimeter berm soils were estimated based on the site-specific geotechnical data and, as applicable, the correlations presented in Wright (2005). The shear strength of the CCR were estimated based on the results of consolidated undrained triaxial compression tests conducted on CCR from FPP and on published data (e.g., Kim et al., 2005). Geotechnical properties used in the slope stability evaluation are summarized in **Table 1**.

**Table 1. Geotechnical Properties Used in Slope Stability Analysis.**

<b>Material</b>	<b>Unit Weight <math>\gamma</math> (lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Fully-Softened Effective Stress Friction Angle <math>\phi</math> (°)</b>
Subgrade Clay	105	20
CCR	105	30
Liner System	105	15
Perimeter Berm	120	24

The slope stability of the critical section was analyzed using a method of slices coded in the computer program SLIDE®, Version 6.029 [Rocscience, 2014]. SLIDE® is a two-dimensional slope stability program that can be used to evaluate the factor of safety of circular and non-circular (block-type) slip surfaces using the simplified Bishop's (1955) and Spencer's (1967) methods, respectively. The simplified Bishop procedure satisfies moment equilibrium conditions only, which is suitable for circular slip surfaces. For non-circular slip surfaces, the Spencer method was used because it satisfies both force and moment equilibrium in each slice of the sliding mass.

Four slope stability scenarios were considered: (i) potential circular slip surfaces through the CCR at the south landfill slope; (ii) potential non-circular slip surfaces along the liner system at the south landfill slope; (iii) potential circular slip surfaces through the CCR and underlying liner system and subgrade clay at the south landfill slope; and (iv) potential circular slip surfaces through the perimeter berm and into the subgrade clay on the north landfill slope. The results of SLIDE analysis for each of the critical cross-sections are summarized in **Table 2** and in **Appendix DE**. **Table 2** also lists the minimum slope stability factor of safety recommended by TCEQ for CCR landfills (TCEQ, 2020).

**Table 2. Results of Slope Stability Analysis.**

Scenario	Factor of Safety	
	SLIDE Analysis	TCEQ Guideline
Circular Slip Surface Through CCR	1.73	1.5
Block-Type Slip Surface Through Liner System	1.53	
Circular Slip Surface Into Subgrade Clay	1.69	
Circular Slip Surface Through North Perimeter Berm	1.54	

For the conditions analyzed, the critical slip surface is a non-circular surface passing along the liner system at the south side of the landfill. The calculated slope stability factor of safety for this scenario is 1.53 using fully-softened strengths. All of the calculated factor of safety values exceed the minimum value of 1.5 recommended by TCEQ for CCR landfills under typical conditions.

#### 2.5.2.3 Local Geologic Features

There are no known local geologic features that would classify the CBL site as an unstable area. Such features include active faults, seismic events, landslides, debris slides, karst terrain, and erosion by rivers. Further, the CBL is not located within the 500-year floodplain (FEMA FIRM 48149C0270C, October 2006; [see Figure D-4 in Appendix D](#)).

#### 2.5.2.4 Local Manmade Features or Events

There are no known local manmade features or events that would classify the CBL site as an unstable area. Such features and events include mining, cut and fill activities during construction, excessive drawdown of groundwater, and construction over fill.

### 2.5.3 Compliance Assessment

Based on the information provided in this section, the CBL is not situated in an unstable area and is therefore in compliance with the requirements of the location restriction for unstable areas specified in 30 TAC §352.641.



### **3. EVALUATION OF CBL WITH RESPECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH 40 CFR SUBPART A, §257-1 TO §257-3**

#### **3.1 Floodplains (40 CFR §257.3-1)**

##### **3.1.1 Location Restriction**

In accordance with 40 CFR §257.3-1, solid waste facilities in floodplains shall not restrict the flow of the base flood, reduce the temporary water storage capacity of the floodplain, or result in washout of solid waste, so as to pose a hazard to human life, wildlife, or land or water resources. “Base flood” is defined in 40 CFR §257.3-1(b)(1) as “a flood that has a 1 percent or greater chance of recurring in any year or a flood of a magnitude equaled or exceeded once in 100 years on the average over a significantly long period”. “Floodplain” is defined in 40 CFR §257.3-1(b)(2) as “the lowland and relatively flat areas adjoining inland and coastal waters, including flood-prone areas of offshore islands, which are inundated by the base flood”.

##### **3.1.2 Floodplains Information**

Geosyntec queried the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Fayette County, Texas and incorporated areas prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to identify floodplains in the CBL. The map indicated that the CBL is not located within any special flood hazard areas (SFHAs) subject to inundation by the 1 percent annual chance flood. Specifically, as shown in Figure D-4 in Appendix D, the existing CBL is located within “ZONE X” defined as “Areas determined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain” meaning that it is not located within the mapped 500-year floodplain.

##### **3.1.2 Compliance Assessment**

Based on review of the floodplain information data, the operation and expansion of the CBL will not restrict the flow of the base flood and are therefore in compliance with the requirements of location restriction for floodplains specified in 40 CFR §257.3-1.

#### **3.2 Endangered Species (40 CFR §257.3-2)**

##### **3.2.1 Location Restriction**

In accordance with 40 CFR §257.3-2, solid waste facilities or practices shall not cause or contribute to the taking of any endangered or threatened species of plants, fish, or wildlife; and shall not result in the destruction or adverse modification of the critical habitat of endangered or threatened species as identified in 50 CFR Part 17. In addition to addressing this federal location restriction, this section also describes the potential for state listed threatened or endangered species to occur within the project area.

### 3.2.2 Endangered Species Information

A Protected Species Habitat Assessment (PSHA) for the CBL was prepared by Blanton and Associates, Inc. (B&A) (B&A, 2022~~4~~) is attached to this report as **Appendix E-F** of this Report. The PSHA evaluates the potential for federally and state listed threatened, endangered, or other protected species (e.g., eagles) to occur in the project area (i.e., future lateral expansion area of CBL) and the potential for those species to be impacted by the project.

B&A (2022~~4~~) completed a literature, database, and desktop review for federally and state listed protected species potentially occurring in Fayette County and the project area. The purpose of the review was to assess habitats and resources within the project area; to determine protected species of known or potential occurrence within Fayette County and the project vicinity; to evaluate the life history and ecology of these species in relation to the habitats and resources present in the project area; and to ultimately determine the potential for each protected species to occur in the project area. The review of background information was accompanied by a field investigation performed on November 23, 2021. During the field investigation, the project area was evaluated to verify information attained in the background review and to assess the potential for federally or state protected species to occur on the site. Additionally, a presence/absence survey for Navasota ladies'-tresses (NLT) (*Spiranthes parksii*) was conducted by two B&A biologists. B&A did not identify habitat for federally listed endangered or threatened species ~~was not identified~~ through desktop review or field reconnaissance. B&A also concluded that the proposed project activities are not anticipated to affect federally and state avian species that may migrate through the project area, bald eagles that could nest within a 600-foot radius of the project area if potentially suitable nesting habitat was present (no bald eagles, eagle nests, or potentially suitable nesting habitat were observed), freshwater mussels located in streams near the project area, or NLTs (no NLTs or potentially suitable habitat for the species were identified within the project area).

### 3.2.3 Compliance Assessment

Based on the results of the PSHA (**Appendix FE**) the operation and expansion of the CBL is not expected to cause or contribute to the taking of any endangered or threatened species of plants, fish, or wildlife or the destruction or adverse modification of the critical habitat of endangered or threatened species as identified in 50 CFR Part 17. Therefore, the CBL is in compliance with the requirements of location restrictions for endangered species specified in 40 CFR §257.3-2.

## 3.3 Surface Water (40 CFR §257.3-3)

### 3.3.1 Location Restrictions

In accordance with 40 CFR §257.3-3, a facility shall comply with the following requirements:

- A facility shall not cause a discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States that is in violation of the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) under section 402 of the Clean Water Act, as amended.
- A facility shall not cause a discharge of dredged material or fill material to waters of the United States that is in violation of the requirements under section 404 of the Clean Water Act, as amended.
- A facility or practice shall not cause non-point source pollution of waters of the United States that violates applicable legal requirements implementing an areawide or Statewide water quality management plan that has been approved by the Administrator under section 208 of the Clean Water Act, as amended.

In the above paragraphs, “discharge” is a term that includes, but is not limited to any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying or dumping.

### 3.3.2 Surface Water Information

The information presented in this section is based on the Run-On and Run-Off Control System Plan (Plan) for the CBL (Geosyntec, 2021). The Plan describes how the run-on and run-off control systems were designed and constructed to prevent, collect and control flow onto and from the active portion of the CBL during the peak discharge of a 100-year, 24-hour storm event. The CBL run-on and run-off control systems meet and exceed the design requirements of 40 CFR §257.81(a) and 30 TAC §352.821 (i.e., 25-year, 24-hour storm event). Additional information regarding surface water management of the active portion of the CBL is summarized below.

Run-off from areas of Cell 1 that have not been covered with intermediate cover or final cover could have potentially come in contact with CCR. Therefore, this run-off and is managed as contact water. Contact water collected in Cell 1 is conveyed in the runoff channel to the Runoff Retention Pond (**Drawing 2**), as authorized under the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0002105000 and designated as the “CBL Pond” in the permit. The perimeter and interim berms of Cell 1, as well as the underlying recompacted clay liner, keep run-off that has contacted CCR within the CBL until it flows to the runoff channel. CCR is placed in Cell 1 in a manner that directs this runoff in Cell 1 to the channel. Until an intermediate or final cover is placed over the CCR slopes, run-off from the CCR slopes will continue to be collected and directed to the runoff channel. Run-off from areas of the CBL with intermediate or final cover has not contacted CCR and can be directed into a stormwater channel and conveyed away from the CBL rather than being conveyed to the Runoff Retention Pond.

Contact water from the Subcell 2D Contact Water Retention Pond is managed through a pumping system which routes water collected in the pond to the runoff channel.

In general, water run-on to active areas of the CBL and Subcell 2D is controlled by topography and by the landfill perimeter berm. The north side of the CBL is on a topographic high, and the ground surface around the CBL primarily slopes to the south, and also towards two the central stormwater channels (**Drawing 2**). In addition, the perimeter berm of the CBL deflects stormwater run-on, and this potential run-on is collected in a stormwater channel at the toe of the outboard side slope of the berm.

As described in the Plan, as new subcells are developed, run-on will continue to be controlled by berms and adjacent stormwater channels located at the outboard toe of the berms. In addition, the Plan will be revised whenever there is a change in conditions that would substantially affect the Plan in effect.

### 3.3.3 Compliance Assessment

Based on the engineering controls for surface water incorporated into the CBL design and the operational procedures employed at the landfill (Geosyntec, 2021), the operation and expansion of the CBL is not expected to cause discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States or a non-point source pollution of waters of the United States that is in violation of the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) under section 402 of the Clean Water Act, as amended. Therefore, the existing CBL is in compliance with location restriction requirements for surface water specified in 40 CFR §257.3-3.

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# DRAWINGS

## FIGURES

# APPENDICES

# **APPENDIX A**

## **Certification by a Qualified Professional Engineer**



## **CERTIFICATION BY A QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER**

The report was prepared by Geosyntec under the direction of Dr. Beth Ann Gross, P.E., a qualified professional engineer, in accordance with 30 TAC §352.231(d) and 30 TAC §352.4.

I certify that location restriction demonstrations presented herein are appropriate for evaluating the the Combustion Byproduct Landfill at the Fayette Power Project (FPP) and that the demonstrations meet the requirements of 40 CFR 257.60(a), 40 CFR 257.61(a), 40 CFR 257.62(a), and 40 CFR 257.63(a).

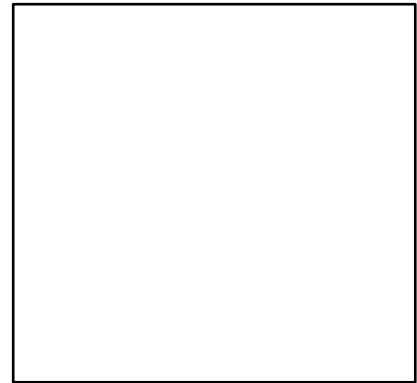
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# APPENDIX B

## Boring Logs

# APPENDIX C

## Wetlands Assessment

## **APPENDIX D**

### **Database Query Documentation**

# APPENDIX ~~D~~E

## Slope Stability Analyses Results



# APPENDIX ~~EF~~

## Protected Species Habitat Assessment