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GREAT RIVER ENERGY – STANTON STATION

Bottom Ash CCR Surface Impoundment



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

As part of 40 CFR Part 257 of the Subtitle D solid waste provisions under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), utilities are required to complete annual inspections for surface impoundments and landfills containing Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR). This report has been prepared by Golder Associates Inc. (Golder) for Great River Energy (GRE) to satisfy the annual inspection requirements for CCR surface impoundments under 40 CFR Part 257.83.

Stanton Station is located in Mercer County, approximately three miles south of Stanton, North Dakota. There are two facilities located at Stanton Station that fall under the CCR rule requirements (Figure 1). These facilities include the Bottom Ash CCR Landfill (Bottom Ash Landfill) and the Bottom Ash CCR Surface Impoundment (Bottom Ash Impoundment). Stanton Station ceased operation in February 2017 and these two facilities have not received significant CCR materials since that time. Plant decommissioning took place in 2017 with demolition scheduled to begin in 2018. The two facilities will remain open for disposal of any residual CCR in the plant, and construction and demolition debris associated with the plant deconstruction. This report presents a review of available facility information and findings of the inspection of the Bottom Ash Impoundment performed on September 13, 2017.

2.0 REVIEW OF EXISTING INFORMATION

2.1 Geological Conditions

Stanton Station is located in the Missouri Slope district of the glaciated Missouri Plateau of the Great Plains physiographic province (NDDH 2005). The Bottom Ash Impoundment is constructed in Missouri River alluvial deposits. The alluvial deposits have two distinct subunits: upper and lower. The upper subunit consists of a silty sand and clay and the lower subunit is an outwash sand and gravel (Barr 2010).

2.2 Site History and Liner Systems

Stanton Station is located in Section 16 and 21, Township 144N and Range 84W of Mercer County, three miles southeast of Stanton, North Dakota. The Bottom Ash Impoundment is divided into three cells, named the north, center, and south cells (see Figure 1 and Figure 2). The north and south cells are active cells used for dewatering bottom ash and the center cell functions as a retention cell. Bottom ash is placed into one of the active cells until the cell reaches capacity. Once capacity is reached bottom ash deposition is directed to the other active cell and the filled cell is dewatered. Bottom ash remaining in the dewatered active cell is excavated and hauled to the adjacent Bottom Ash Landfill for containment. Each active cell is sized to hold at least two years of plant bottom ash production (Stone & Webster 1994c).

Stanton Station originally burned North Dakota lignite before being converted in November 2004 to use fuel from the Powder River Basin in Wyoming. All ash was originally wet sluiced into a series of ash ponds (Ponds A, B, and C) (Stone & Webster 1994b). In the mid-1990s, Stanton Station converted to a dry fly ash handling system, and the historic CCR management units were reconfigured.

CCRs from the 1970s ash disposal area and Pond A were excavated and hauled to Ponds B and C for disposal. Ponds B and C were further consolidated and closed. Pond A was reconfigured to include a composite-lined surface impoundment with three cells and the Bottom Ash Landfill. The Bottom Ash Impoundment cells have floor liners consisting of two feet of protective cover, a 60-mil high density polyethylene (HDPE) geomembrane, and two feet of compacted clay fill (top to bottom). The liner along the side slopes consists of a 60-mil HDPE geomembrane and approximately 3.2 feet of compacted clay (10-foot horizontal width). Selected construction drawings are included in Appendix A.

2.3 Site Geometry

The berm surrounding the Bottom Ash Impoundment and two interior berms have a top elevation of 1720 feet above mean sea level (amsl). The bottom elevation of the cells varies between 1700 feet amsl and 1704 feet amsl according to original construction drawings. The perimeter berm along the north, east, and south sides of the impoundment complex consists of a historic embankment to elevation 1715 feet amsl with a berm extension to 1720 feet amsl. The west perimeter berm and two interior berms were completely new construction. The berm extension and new berms were constructed in 1994 and 1995. The berm upstream and downstream slopes are 3:1. The crest is a gravel surfaced roadway supporting both light passenger vehicles and some heavy construction equipment, such as 30-ton haul trucks.

2.4 Changes in Geometry

No significant recent changes to geometry were noted.

2.5 Storage Capacity and Volumes

Up until February 2017, Stanton Station produced approximately 10,600 cubic yards (CY) of bottom ash and economizer ash (herein referred to as bottom ash) per year that was sluiced to the surface impoundment with water pumped from the Missouri River, demineralizer reject water, boiler blowdown water, water from the plant stormwater retention pond, the coal unloading pit sump, and from miscellaneous plant drains. The capacity of the Bottom Ash Impoundment cells to elevation 1720 feet amsl are:

- North Cell – 67,400 CY
- Center Cell – 59,400 CY
- South Cell – 75,600 CY

The north and center cells did not contain significant amounts of CCR at the time of the inspection. The north cell was cleaned out in 2014. Bottom ash was actively being placed in the south cell until February 2017. The south cell contained approximately 4 years and 2 months (44,200 CY) of bottom ash at the time of the inspection. Approximately 67,400 CY of bottom ash capacity remains in the north cell and 31,400 CY of capacity remains in the south cell. As previously discussed, the center cell does not directly receive CCRs and is not considered in the capacity calculations at this time.

2.6 Impounded Water

Water levels in the Bottom Ash Impoundment cells are controlled by stop logs at the inlet and outlet structures between the cells and at the discharge location. The water level in the north cell was at an elevation of approximately 1706 feet amsl, the water level in the center cell was at an elevation of approximately 1708 feet amsl, and the water level in the south cell was at an elevation of approximately 1712 feet amsl. The approximate depths and volumes of impounded water for each cell during 2017 are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Depth and Volume of Impounded Water at the Bottom Ash Impoundment.

Cell Description	Minimum Depth of Water in 2017	Maximum Depth of Water in 2017	Depth of Water at Time of Inspection	Volume of Water at Time of Inspection	
	feet	feet	feet	gallons	Acre-feet
North Cell	2	8	2	1,500,000	4.6
Center Cell	4	11	4	2,700,000	8.3
South Cell	8	11	8	2,000,000	6.1

2.7 Permits

The Bottom Ash Impoundment is currently permitted with the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDH) under Permit Number 0043.

2.8 Summary of 2017 Weekly Inspections

Routine weekly inspections of the Bottom Ash Impoundment were completed by GRE throughout 2017 as a part of the final CCR Rule. Based on a review of the available inspection forms, the following items were noted:

- Generally good site maintenance.
- No signs of significant seepage, settlement, or cracking of the berm downstream slopes.
- One of the inlet pipes (retention pond inlet pipe or the coal pit sump inlet pipe) failed in March and flow was switched to another line.

2.9 Summary of Previous Inspections

The most recent annual professional engineer inspection of the Bottom Ash Impoundment was performed by Golder in October of 2016 (Golder 2017) and a summary of the observations of that inspection are as follows:

- Generally good vegetation and site maintenance of berm downstream slopes:
 - Minor erosion and/or lack of robust grass vegetation.
 - Animal burrows.
- Berm upstream slopes were in generally fair condition due to minor movement of soils underlying the geomembrane liner. Between 2012 and 2015, GRE performed repairs to the geomembrane and clay liner systems.
- Generally good condition of embankment crests, including the access roads.
- No signs of significant seepage, settlement, or cracking of the berm downstream slopes.

A previous “Coal Ash Impoundment Site Assessment Report” performed by Kleinfelder in 2011 (Kleinfelder 2012) under contract with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) assigned the facility a “Less than Low” hazard rating and had similar observations with respect to facility stability.

3.0 2017 ANNUAL INSPECTION

On September 13, 2017, Todd Stong and Kevin Cernik of Golder performed an inspection of the Bottom Ash Impoundment per USEPA Regulation 40 CFR Part 257.83(b) requirements. The inspection consisted of visual observations while walking around the facility traversing up and down the perimeter berm. An annual inspection checklist used during the inspection is presented in Appendix B. Photographs were taken and are presented in Appendix C. The following presents a summary of the observations made during the 2017 annual inspection.

3.1 Hydraulic Structures

North Cell

Inflow to the north cell includes the bottom ash discharge pipes, the retention pond inlet pipe, and the coal pit sump inlet pipe. The bottom ash pipes discharge into the impoundment over previously deposited bottom ash and were in fair condition with minor corrosion and wear of the pipe. The bottom ash pipes, retention pond inlet, and coal pit sump inlet pipes discharge into the impoundment onto a sacrificial HDPE wear-liner and were in good condition with no indications of wear or penetration of the liner or cracking of the inlet pipes.

Outflow from the north cell is through the concrete outflow structure located on the south berm upstream slope. The structure was in good condition with no signs of blockage, corrosion, erosion, or cracking. Stop logs were placed in the outfall structure to control the cell water elevation.

Center Cell

Inflow to the center cell is through the outflow structures from the north cell and the south cell located on the north and south berm upstream slopes respectively. These structures were in good condition with no signs of blockage, corrosion, erosion, or cracking.

Outflow from the center cell is through the outfall structure located on the east berm upstream slope. The structure was in good condition with no signs of blockage, corrosion, erosion, or cracking. Stop logs in the outfall structure were situated to maintain the cell water surface at approximately elevation 1708 feet amsl during the inspection.

South Cell

Inflow to the south cell includes the bottom ash discharge pipes, the retention pond inlet pipe, and the coal pit sump inlet pipe. The bottom ash pipes discharge into the impoundment over previously deposited bottom ash and were in fair condition with minor corrosion and wear of the pipe. The bottom ash pipes, retention pond inlet, and coal pit sump inlet pipes discharge into the impoundment onto a sacrificial HDPE wear-liner. The retention pond inlet and coal pit sump inlet pipes appeared to be in good condition.

Outflow from the south cell is through the concrete outflow structure located on the north berm upstream slope. The structure was in good condition with no signs of blockage, corrosion, erosion, or cracking. Stop logs were placed in the outfall structure to control the cell water elevation.

3.2 Berm Upstream Slope

North Cell

The berm upstream slopes above the water level were evaluated. Berm upstream slopes appeared to match the design slopes of 3:1 to the water surface (approximate elevation 1706 feet amsl) with no observed sections of significant slope difference. The geomembrane liner is exposed on the slopes with no protective cover. There were no signs of vegetation or animal burrows on the berm upstream slopes. Water was observed between the geomembrane liner and compacted clay liner along the toe of the berm upstream slope in the northwest corner; however, no signs of geomembrane defects were noted (liner system repairs were performed in the north cell in 2014). The north cell berm upstream slopes appear to be in fair condition.

Center Cell

The berm upstream slopes above the water level were evaluated. Berm upstream slopes appeared to match the design slopes of 3:1 to about 4 feet down (approximate elevation 1716 feet amsl) at which point the slopes curved inward to a steeper concave shape. This displacement of the lower slope is likely due to “pumping” of saturated soils beneath the geomembrane due to wave action and the lack of confining pressure from overlying protective cover. Water was observed between the geomembrane liner and compacted clay liner along the toe of the berm upstream slope on the north side; however, no signs of geomembrane defects were noted (liner system repairs were performed in the center cell in 2015). The center cell berm upstream slopes appear to be in fair condition.

South Cell

The berm upstream slopes above the water level and not covered with bottom ash were evaluated. Berm upstream slopes appeared to match the design slopes of 3:1 with minor sections of slope difference where the slopes curved inward to a steeper concave shape. This displacement of the lower slope is likely due to “pumping” of saturated soils beneath the geomembrane due to wave action and the lack of confining pressure from overlying protective cover layer. The south cell berm upstream slopes appear to be in fair condition.

3.3 Berm Crest

The berm crest around the Bottom Ash Impoundment is surfaced with gravel at a constant elevation of 1720 feet amsl. The crest roadway is primarily used for light vehicle traffic, but is exposed to heavy construction equipment when the north and south cells are cleaned out. The berm crest appears to be in good condition with no vegetation, animal burrows, or settlement, and appears to be well maintained. There was minor rutting along the berm crest road between the north and center cells. The rutting is limited to a small area of the road and most likely caused from light vehicle traffic during wet conditions.

3.4 Berm Downstream Slope

North Cell

The berm downstream slopes on the north and east sides are approximately 20 feet high and the berm downstream slope on the west side is approximately 5 feet high. The slopes are graded at approximately 3:1 and are mostly well vegetated with grass, with a few small areas of bare ground along the east side of the impoundment and the north side of the north cell that are susceptible to erosion. Small to medium size animal burrows were observed on the north and east berm downstream slopes. Berm downstream slopes are generally in good condition.

Center Cell

The berm downstream slope on the east side is approximately 20 feet high and the downstream slope on the west side is approximately 5 feet high. The slopes are graded at approximately 3:1 and are well vegetated with grass, with a few small areas of bare ground along the east side of the impoundment that are susceptible to erosion. Small animal burrows were observed on the berm downstream slopes. Berm downstream slopes are generally in good condition.

South Cell

The berm downstream slope on the east and south side is approximately 20 feet high and the berm downstream slope on the west side is approximately 5 feet high. The slopes are graded at approximately 3:1 and are well vegetated with grass, with a few small areas of bare ground along the east and south sides of the impoundment that are susceptible to erosion. Several small (2-inch diameter) animal burrows were observed on the east berm downstream slopes and several large-sized (6 to 10-inch diameter) animal burrows were observed on the south berm downstream slopes. The perimeter security fence on the south berm downstream slope near the southeast corner was also damaged. Berm downstream slopes are generally in fair condition due to the large number and size of animal burrows noted during the inspection.

3.5 Toe

North Cell

The toe of the west berm downstream slope is in the bottom ash deposition area and has no observed seepage, standing water, animal burrows, settlement, or excessive vegetation. The toes of the north and east berm downstream slopes have no observed seepage, standing water, animal burrows, settlement, or excessive vegetation. The toe of the berm downstream slopes around the north cell is in good condition.

Center Cell

The toe of the west berm downstream slope is in the bottom ash deposition area and has no observed seepage, standing water, animal burrows, settlement, or excessive vegetation. The toe of the east berm downstream slope is in a low area that has some marshy vegetation, but no standing water. There were no observed indications of seepage, animal burrows, settlement, or excessive vegetation. The toe of the berm downstream slopes around the center cell is in good condition.

South Cell

The toe of the west berm downstream slope is in the bottom ash deposition area and has no observed seepage, standing water, animal burrows, settlement, or excessive vegetation. The toe of the east berm downstream slope is in a low area that has some marshy vegetation, but no standing water. There were no observed indications of seepage, animal burrows, settlement, or excessive vegetation. The toe of the south berm downstream slope is in a surface water drainage ditch that has some marshy vegetation and minor amounts of standing water. There were a few observed small animal burrows during the inspection. There were no observed indications of seepage, settlement, or excessive vegetation.

3.6 Instrumentation

The Bottom Ash Impoundment currently has two piezometers (P-1 and P-2) on the berm downstream slope on the east side of the center cell (Figure 2). Water elevations observed in piezometers P-1 and P-2 were measured periodically in 2017. Water elevations in both piezometers varied by less than approximately two feet over the course of the year and had average elevations of approximately 1693.4 feet amsl in P-1 and P-2.

3.7 Signs of Structural Weakness or Other Observations That Could Affect Stability

No signs of structural weakness or other observations that could affect the stability of the Bottom Ash Impoundment were observed during the site inspection in September 2017.

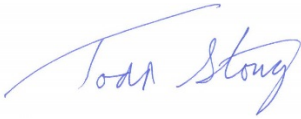
4.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

An annual inspection was performed for the Bottom Ash Impoundment at Stanton Station on September 13, 2017. The inspection met the requirements for CCR surface impoundments under 40 CFR Part 257.83. Golder observed good vegetation and site maintenance and did not identify significant deficiencies such as seepage, excessive erosion or settlement, or cracking during visual observations.

In addition to annual inspections by the Professional Engineer, trained and qualified site personnel will continue to perform the required weekly facility inspections to look for signs of potential structural weaknesses.

Minor maintenance items that may need to be continually addressed include repairing larger animal burrows as they appear, monitoring vegetative success of berm downstream slopes, removal of any woody vegetation growing on the berm downstream slopes, and repair of the perimeter security fence. In addition, the inflow and outflow piping and hydraulic structures should be monitored regularly to ensure proper conveyance of water through the impoundment system.

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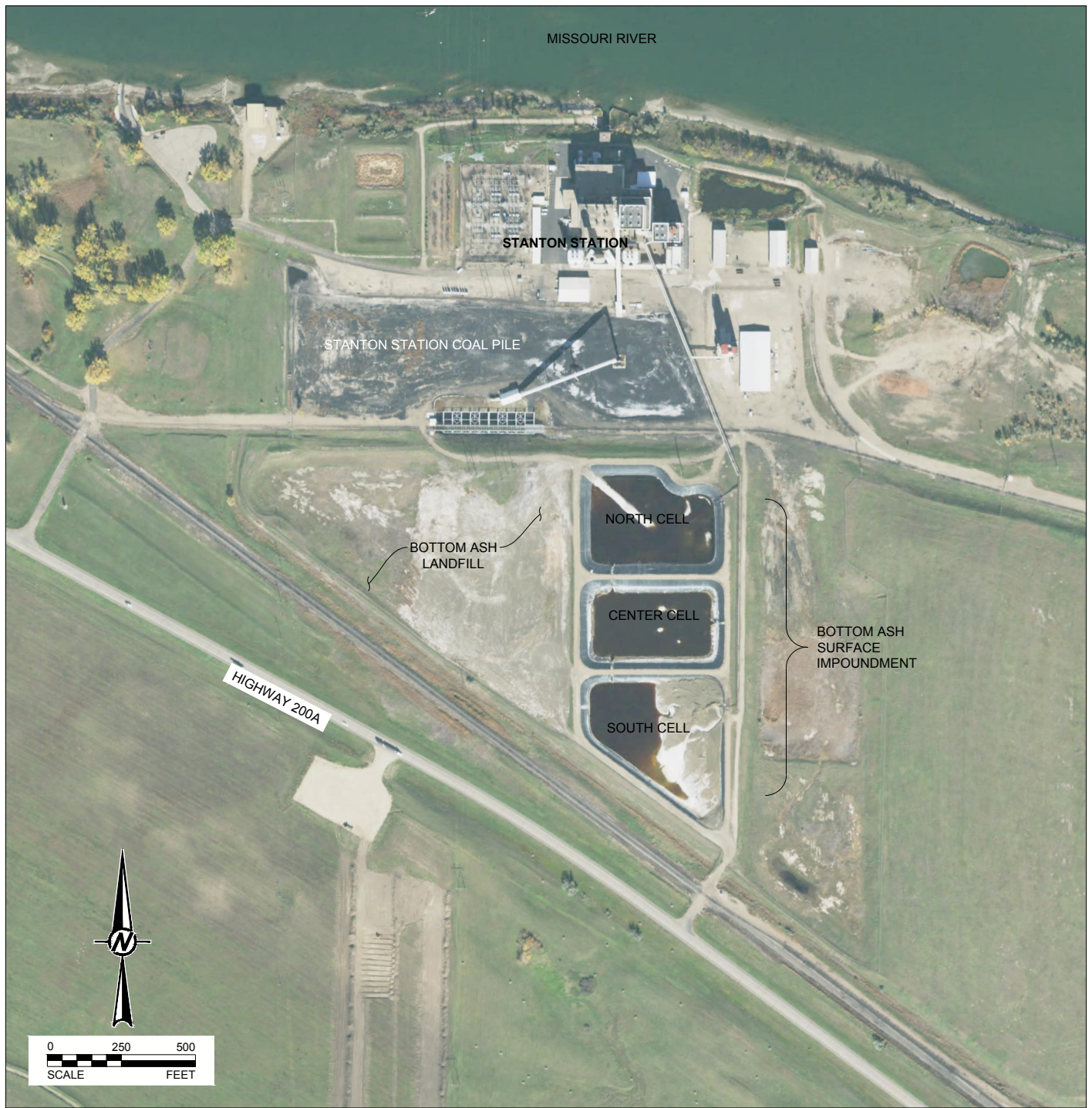


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FIGURES



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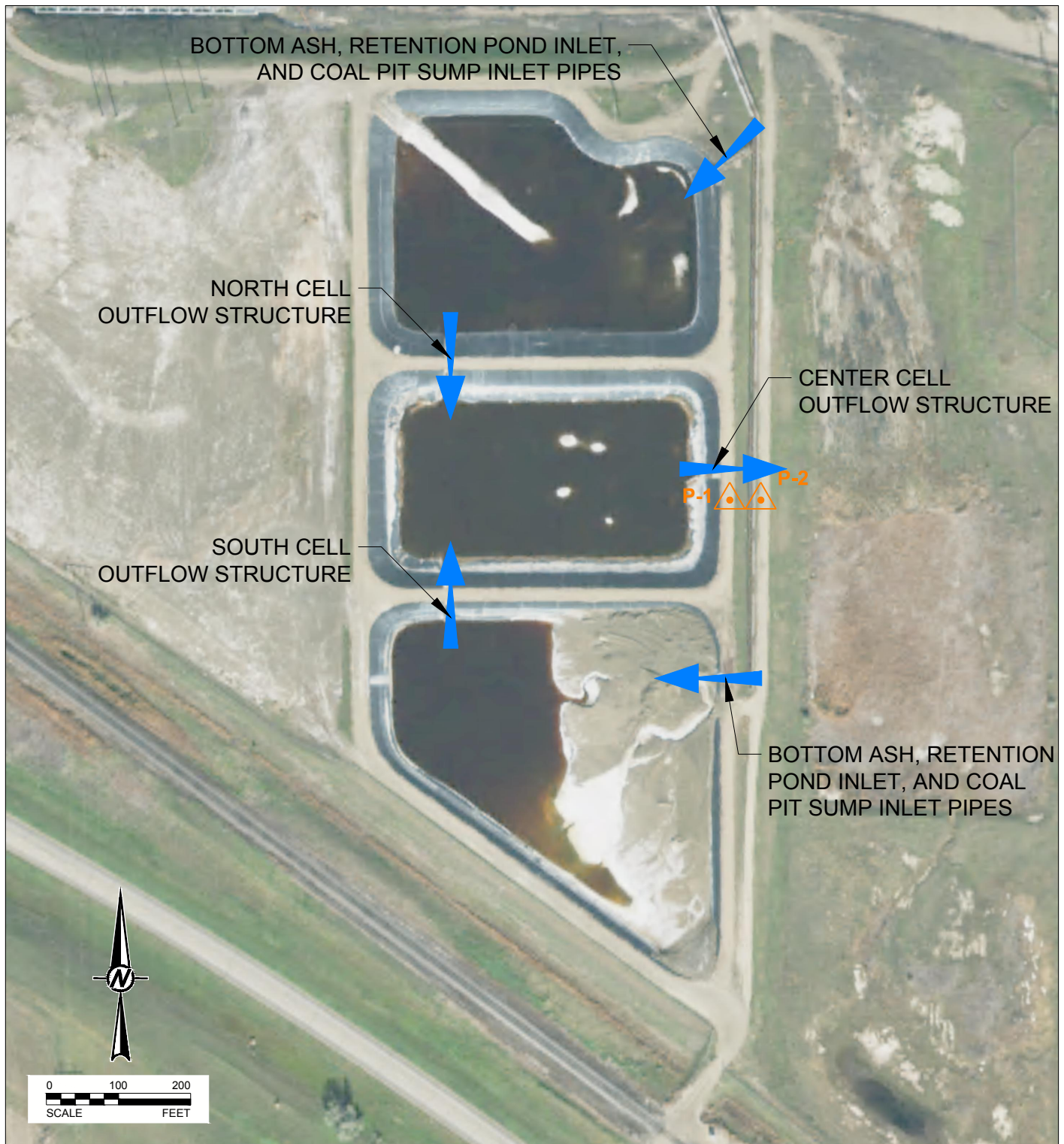
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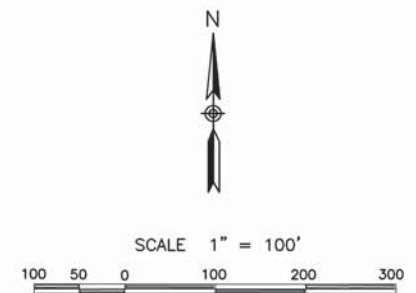
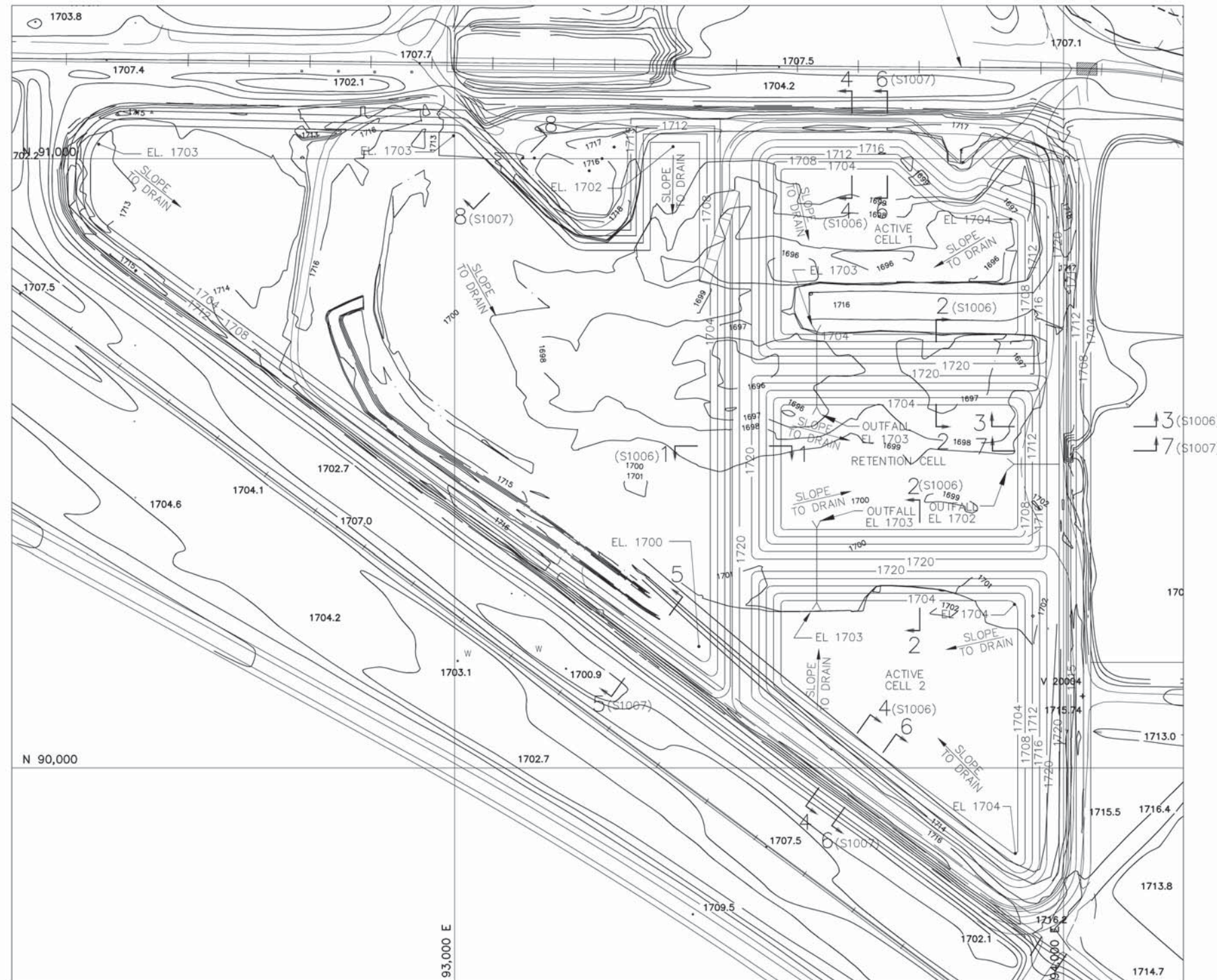
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APPENDIX A
SELECTED CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS AND
PERMIT DRAWINGS



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- EXISTING GROUND ELEVATION CONTOUR
- NEW GROUND ELEVATION CONTOUR

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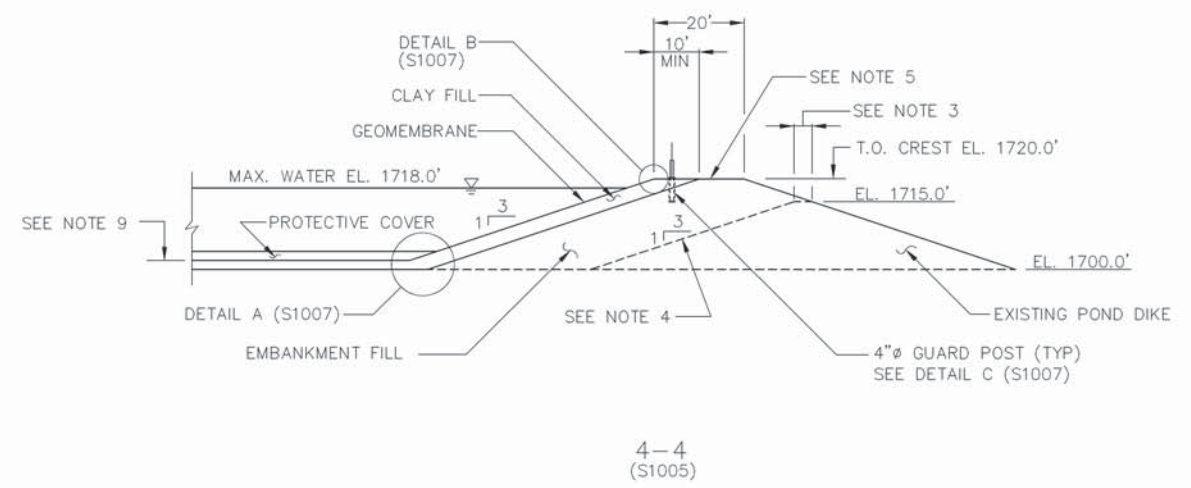
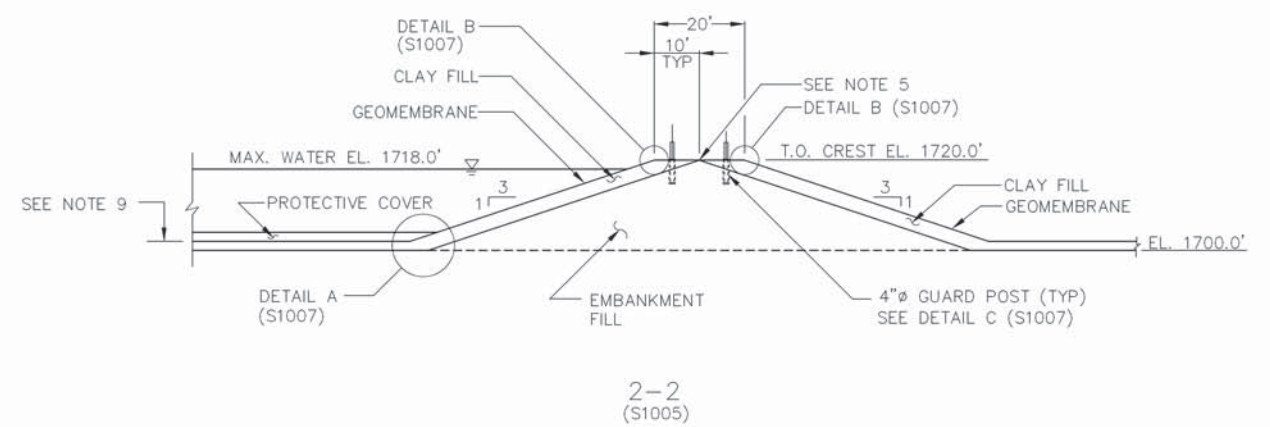
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- ELEVATIONS SHOWN AT THE BOTTOM OF IMPOUNDMENT CELLS ARE OF THE TOP OF THE CLAY FILL.

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- S1006 POND A SECTIONS & DETAILS - SH. 1
- S1007 POND A SECTIONS & DETAILS - SH. 2
- S1008 POND A SECTIONS & DETAILS - SH. 3
- S1009 OUTFALL STRUCTURES OUTLINE - PLAN & SECTIONS
- S1010 OUTFALL STRUCTURES - REINFORCEMENT SH. 1
- S1011 OUTFALL STRUCTURES - REINFORCEMENT SH. 2

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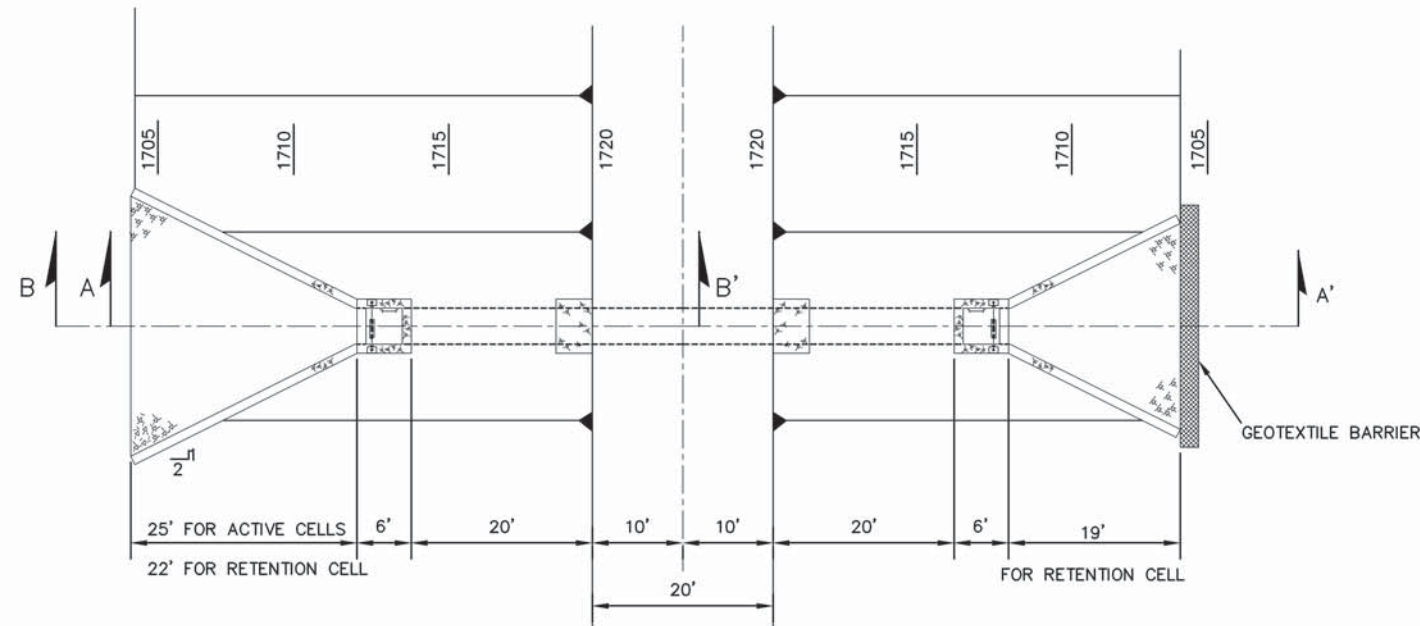
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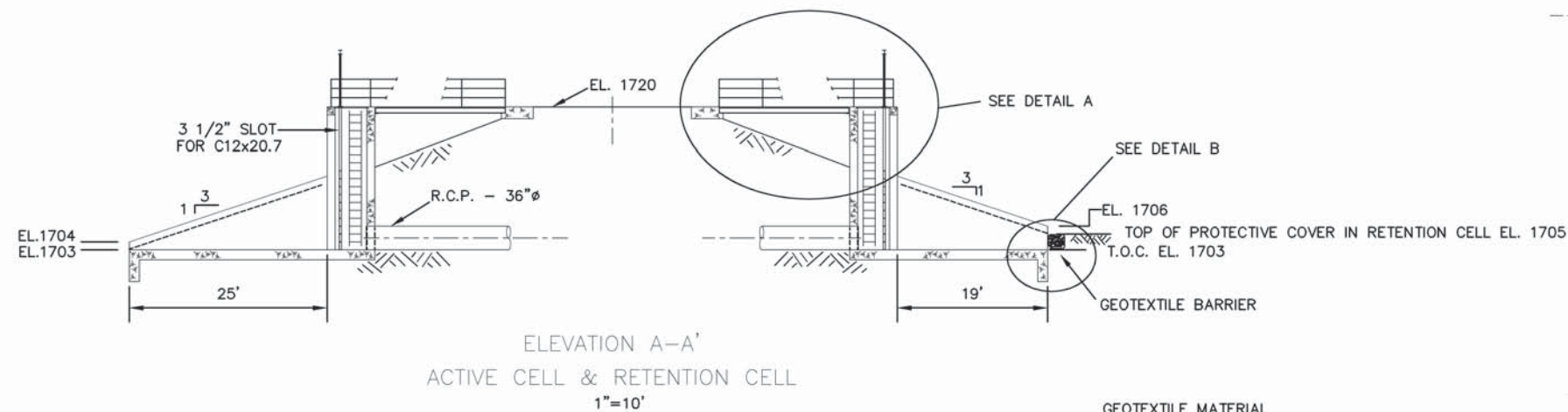
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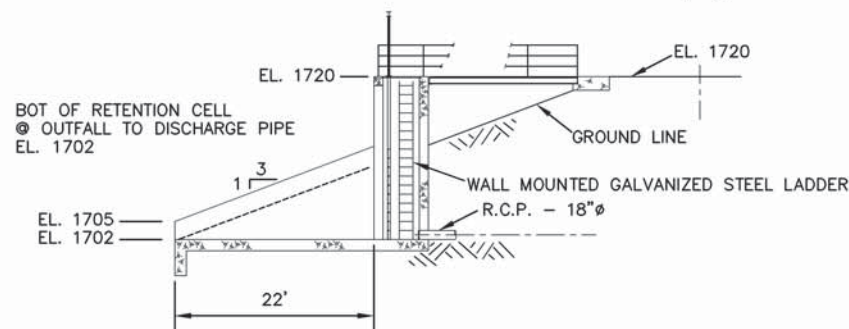
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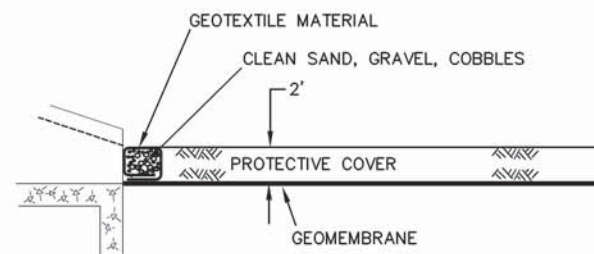
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ELEVATION A-A'
ACTIVE CELL & RETENTION CELL
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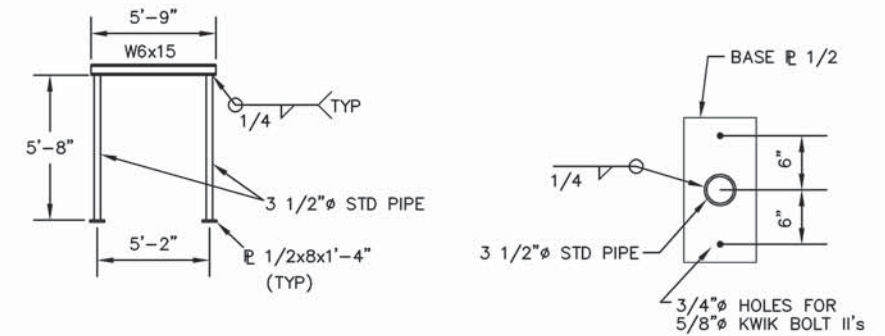


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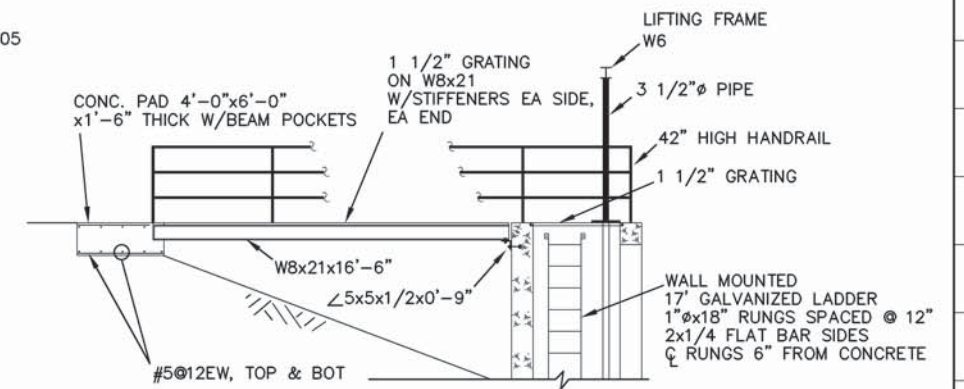
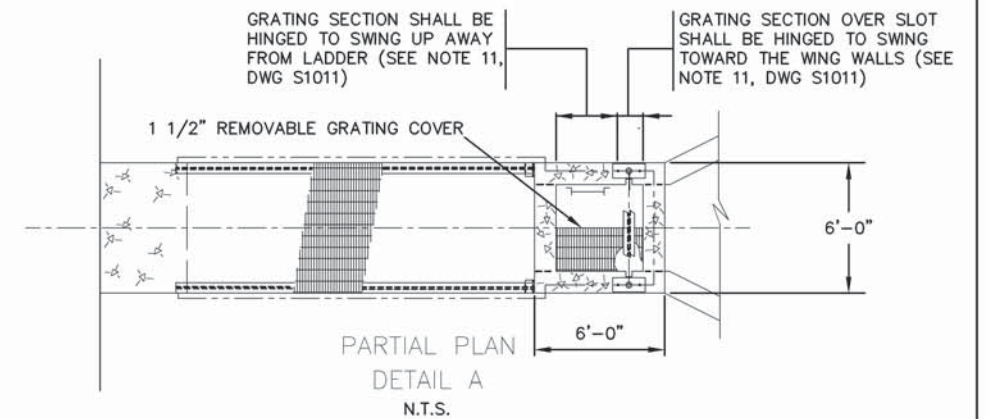


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PARTIAL ELEV.
DETAIL B
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STOPLOG LIFTING FRAME
(5 - REQ'D)
N.T.S.



PARTIAL ELEV.
DETAIL A
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NOTES:

- SCALE: AS NOTED
- FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES, SEE DRAWING S1011

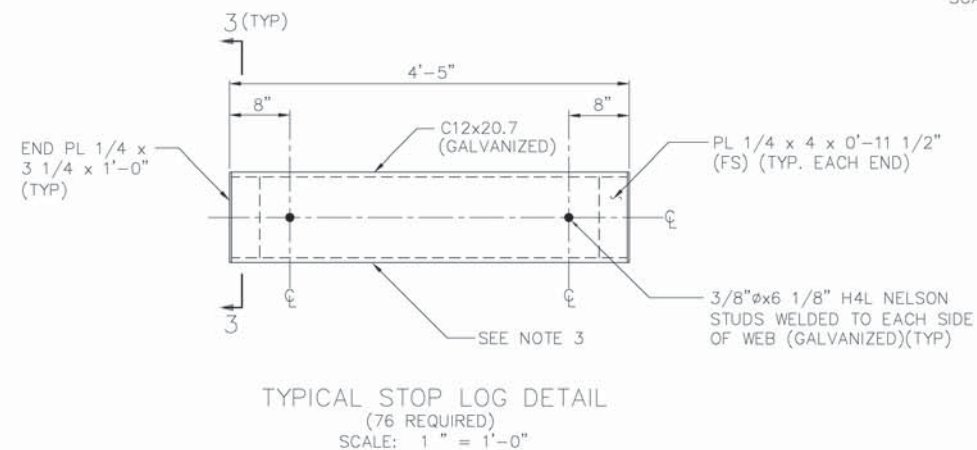
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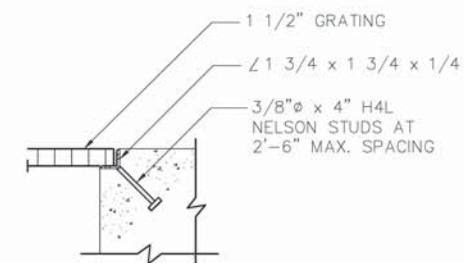
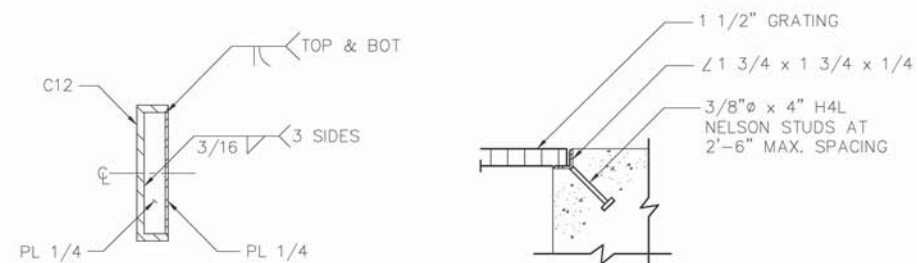
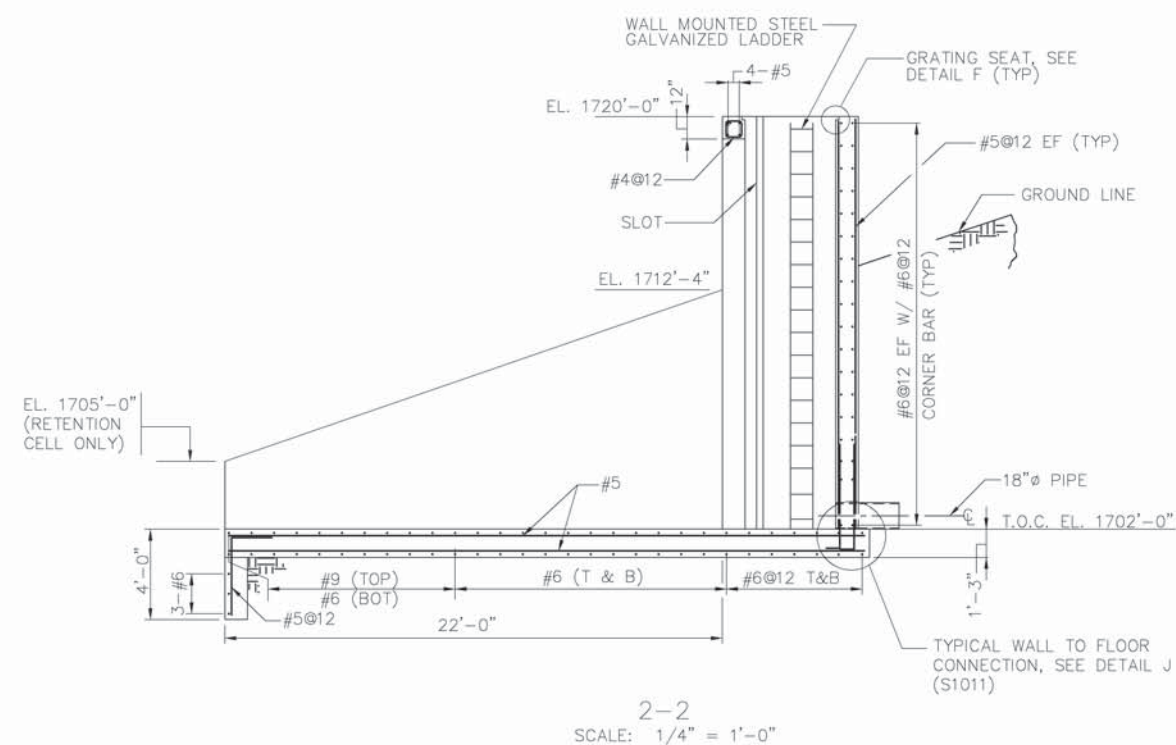
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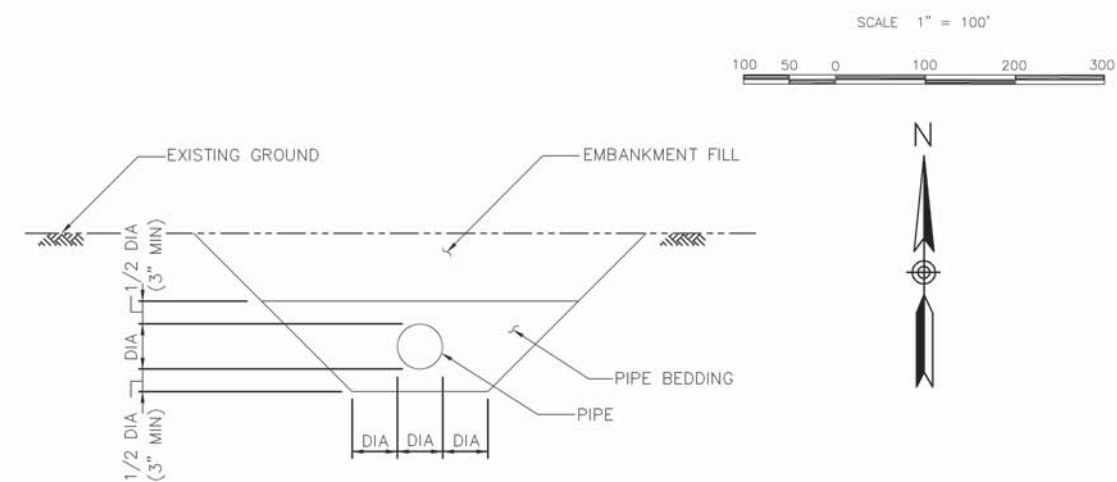
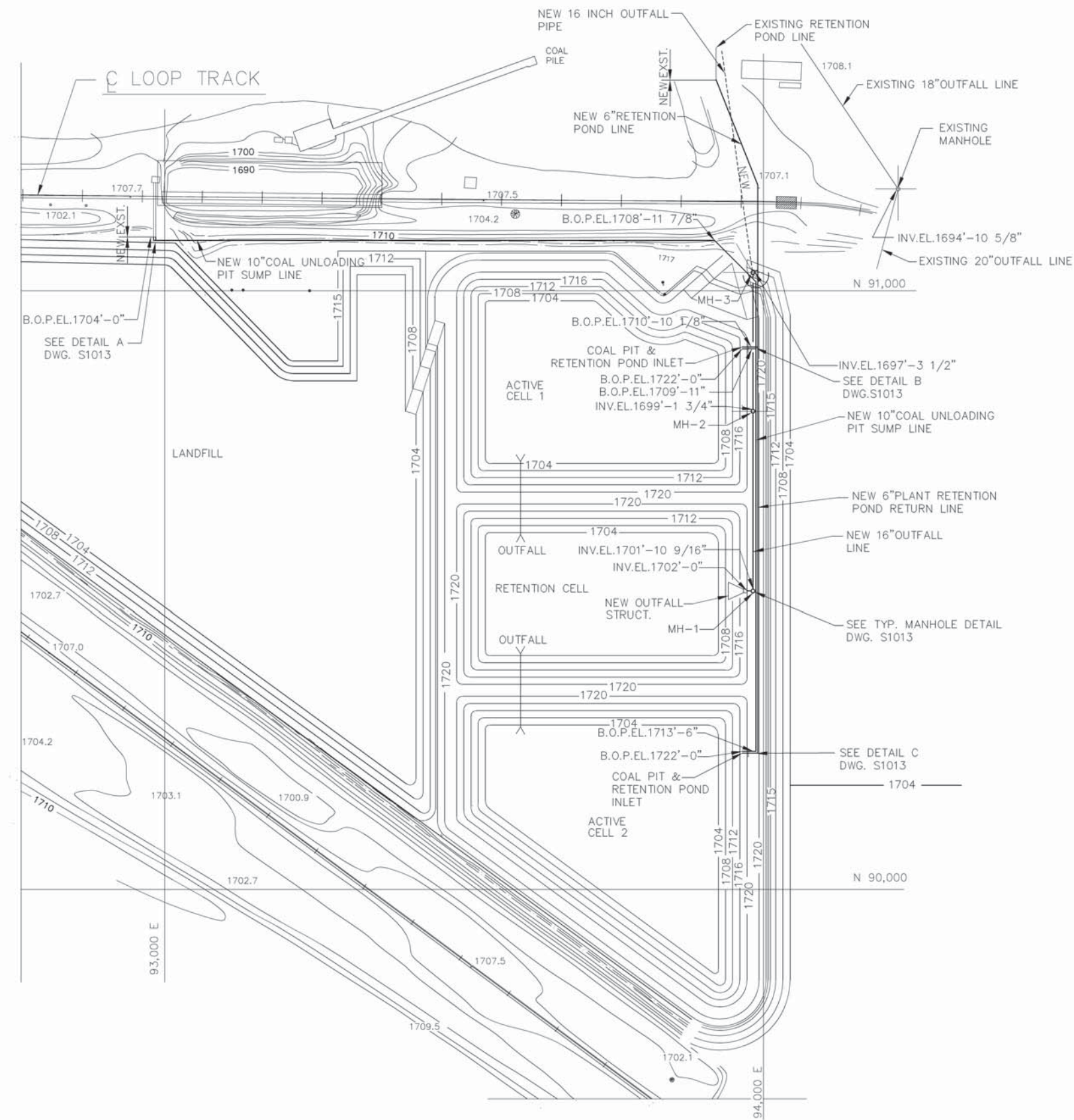
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PIPE AND CULVERT TRENCH DETAIL
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NOTE: PIPES AND/OR CULVERTS IN A SINGLE TRENCH SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM SPACING OF 12 INCHES (WALL-TO-WALL) BETWEEN ADJACENT PIPES.

NOTES:
1.FOR GENERAL NOTES, SEE DRAWING S1002.

REFERENCE DRAWINGS:
S1002 FACILITIES SITE PLAN
S1013 PIPING DETAILS
S1027 BOTTOM ASH SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT
OUTFALL PIPING PLAN

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APPENDIX B
VISUAL OBSERVATIONS CHECKLIST

IMPOUNDMENT INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Facility Name: Bottom Ash Impoundment

Owner and Address: Great River Energy – Stanton Station

Purpose of Facility: CCR Dewatering and process water storage clarification

Legal: Section 21

Township: 144N

Range: 84W

County: Mercer

Inspected By: Todd Stong

Inspection Date: September 13, 2017

Weather: Overcast, 60°F, Low wind, No Precipitation

ITEM	Y	N	N/A	REMARKS
1. General Conditions				
a. Alterations		X		
b. Development of downstream plain		X		
c. Grass cover	X			
d. Settlement/misalignment/cracks		X		
e. High water mark			X	El: N/A
f. Current water level	X			El: North: 1706', Center = 1708', South = 1712'
g. Sudden drops in water level?		X		
2. Inflow Structure				Not in use at time of inspection
a. Settlement		X		
b. Cracking		X		
c. Corrosion	X			
d. Obstacles in inlet		X		
e. Riprap/erosion control	X			Geomembrane rub sheet at inlet pipe locations
3. Outflow Structure				Not in use at time of inspection
a. Settlement		X		
b. Cracking		X		
c. Corrosion		X		
d. Obstacles in outlet		X		
e. Riprap/erosion control			X	
4. Upstream slope				
a. Erosion – liner exposed?	X			Liner is exposed on side slopes
b. Rodent burrows		X		
c. Vegetation	X			Minor vegetation along toe where sediment has accumulated
d. Cracks/settlement	X			Lower parts of slopes displaced in some locations
e. Riprap/other erosion protection			X	
5. Crest				
a. Soil condition	X			Gravel road, no significant settlement/cracking
b. Comparable to design width	X			
c. Vegetation		X		
d. Rodent burrows		X		
e. Exposed to heavy traffic		X		Facility is currently inactive
f. Damage from vehicles/machinery	X			Minor rutting between north and center cell road
6. Downstream slope				
a. Erosion	X			Minor erosion
b. Vegetation	X			Grass, few bare spots
c. Rodent burrows	X			Small to medium sized burrows on North slope
d. Cracks/settlement/scarps		X		
e. Drain conditions			X	
f. Seepage		X		
7. Toe				
a. Vegetation	X			Grass
b. Rodent burrows	X			
c. Settlement		X		
d. Drainage conditions	X			Surface water drainages/ponding areas
e. Seepage		X		

General Remarks: Lower half of upstream slopes displaced due to pumping of soil underlying geomembrane liner, but no signs of instability.

Ongoing maintenance to control/repair rodent burrows and minor erosion.

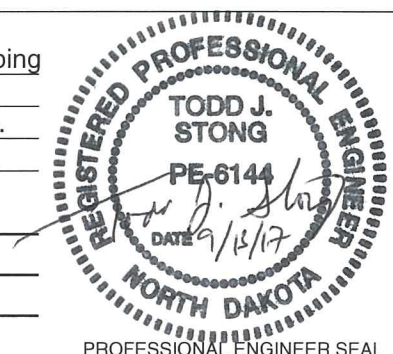
Water found between clay and geomembrane near toe of cells.

Name of Engineer: Todd Stong

Date: 9/13/17

Engineering Firm: Golder Associates Inc.

Signature: *Todd Stong*



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APPENDIX C
PHOTOGRAPHS



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PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION

REFERENCES

1. AERIAL IMAGE FROM UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATIONAL AERIAL IMAGERY PROGRAM, PUBLISHED 2017.

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GREAT RIVER ENERGY
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Bottom Ash Impoundment



Photograph 1 (North cell berm upstream slope)
Panoramic of north cell interior (1 of 3). (DSCN1533.JPG)



Photograph 2 (North cell berm upstream slope)
Panoramic of north cell interior (2 of 3). (DSCN1534.JPG)

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Photograph 3 (North cell berm upstream slope)
Panoramic of north cell interior (3 of 3). (DSCN1535.JPG)



Photograph 4 (North berm downstream slope)
Grass vegetation on north berm downstream slope of the north cell. (DSCN1536.JPG)

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Photograph 5 (North berm downstream slope)
Animal burrow on north berm downstream slope of the north cell. (DSCN1537.JPG)



Photograph 6 (North berm downstream slope)
Erosion rill on the north side of the north berm crest gravel road. (IMGP5390.JPG)

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Photograph 7 (North cell berm upstream slope)
Bottom ash inlet piping and trestle entering north cell. (DSCN1540.JPG)



Photograph 8 (East berm downstream slope)
Grass vegetation on upper east berm downstream slope (DSCN1541.JPG)

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Photograph 9 (Center cell berm upstream slope)

Vegetation along the NE corner berm upstream slope of the center cell. (DSCN1543.JPG)



Photograph 10 (Center cell berm upstream slope)

Berm upstream slope of center cell. (DSCN1544.JPG)

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Photograph 11 (Center cell berm upstream slope)
Panoramic of center cell from SE corner (1 of 3). (DSCN1545.JPG)



Photograph 12 (Center cell berm upstream slope)
Panoramic of center cell from SE corner (2 of 3). (DSCN1546.JPG)

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Photograph 13 (Center cell berm upstream slope)
Panoramic of center cell from SE corner (3 of 3). (DSCN1547.JPG)



Photograph 14 (East berm downstream slope)
Grass vegetation on lower east berm downstream slope. (DSCN1554.JPG)

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Photograph 15 (South berm downstream slope)
Vegetation on south berm downstream slope of the south cell. (DSCN1591.JPG)



Photograph 16 (South berm downstream slope)
Fence damage on the south berm downstream slope of the south cell. (DSCN1553.JPG)

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Photograph 17 (South berm crest)
South berm crest. (DSCN1557.JPG)



Photograph 18 (Center cell berm upstream slope)
Berm upstream slope on west side of center cell. (DSCN1563.JPG)

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Photograph 19 (Center cell berm upstream slope)
West berm upstream slope of center cell. (IMGP5400.JPG)



Photograph 20 (Center cell berm upstream slope)
Water trapped under geomembrane liner along north berm upstream toe of the center cell. (DSCN1568.JPG)