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Arthur M. James - Engineers, Inc. Oregon Bank Building 319 Southwest Washington Street Portland, Oregon 97204

Attention: Mr. Charles J. Conlee, Project Coordinator

Subject: REPORT ON GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION

Proposed Metro Transit South Operating Base Annex

King County, Washington

We herewith transmit ten copies of our summary report on geotechnical explorations for the proposed South Operating Base Annex. This report represents the completion of Task A of our subconsultant agreement, "Data Collection - Final Soils Investigation." Our participation was authorized by a subconsultant services agreement dated October 24, 1983.

We appreciate the cooperation and communication afforded by your project team during our investigation. Our findings and recommendations were discussed with your staff during the investigation and a draft of this report was submitted for your comments.

If you have any further questions regarding the data and conclusions in this report, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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#### 2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The site layout plan chosen during design development is that designated as scheme 7B and includes a one-story transit training building, 1-1/2-story Operations and Maintenance Building, 1-1/2-story Facilities Maintenance Building, Fuel and Wash Buildings, Driver Training Course, southern access road from East Maginal Way South, and employee parking and coach storage areas as shown on Drawing 1. Site development will reportedly be accomplished in two phases: Phase 1 includes the Facilities Maintenance Building, Driver Training Course, Transit Training Building, and access road; Phase 2 development, scheduled for 1990, includes the central portion of the site, Fuel and Wash Buildings, and Operations and Maintenance Building. Phase 1 will be constructed in two contracts: initial site preparation and then building construction with final site preparation. The first of these contracts is scheduled for summer, 1984.

It is understood that the structures will be steel-framed with metal siding and concrete walls about five feet high. Maximum interior and exterior column loads are indicated to be approximately 257 and 63 kips, respectively. Floors will be concrete slabs with 5.3-foot deep inspection pits in the Operations and Maintenance Building and a six-foot deep dip tank in the Facilities Maintenance Building. Eight-foot diameter fiberglass fuel tanks will be buried to the north of the Fuel Building.

General finished site grade is planned at elevation +11 feet (1929 U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey datum) and finished floor elevations in the buildings are planned at +12. Since the ground surface is generally about elevation +7, the proposed grade will be achieved by placing several feet of fill. Coach storage areas will ultimately be paved with concrete but may remain as gravel-surfaced areas for several years. Employee parking areas and the area around the Facilities Maintenance Building will reportedly be paved with asphaltic concrete.

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#### 3. SITE CONDITIONS

### 3.1 Surface Conditions

At the time of our field explorations, November 21 through December 14, 1983, the site was a'low-lying area with thick grasses at the surface and standing water on approximately the western third of the property. Some small deciduous trees occupied the northern and western perimeters of the site. An abandoned road berm entered the site near the center of the south property line.

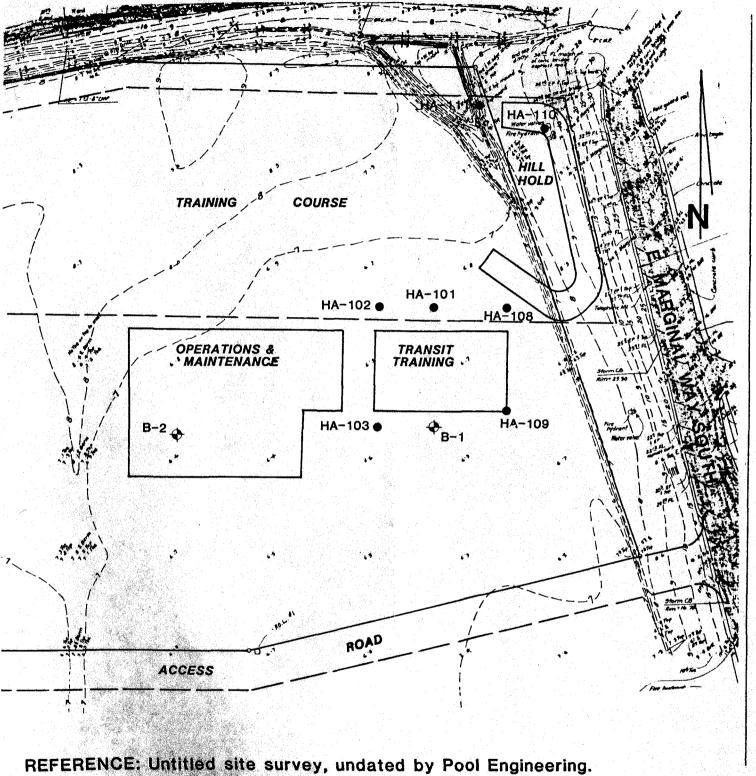
The site is bordered by the East Marginal Way South embankment along the east, State Route 509 to the north, a gently sloping wooded area up to State Route 99 on the west, and similar open field conditions on the south eventually rising to a filled area for Sam's Tire Service.

Several open ditches transmit water across the site to a highway drainage ditch and culvert to the north. Along the eastern property line, a drainage ditch was observed to carry water to depths of about two feet. A steep-sided ditch, about four to seven feet deep, was observed to transmit water two to four feet deep through the western third of the site.

A mound of soil extending about four to five feet above surrounding areas (to elevation +12) was observed at the northeast corner of the site. Shallow holes dug in this material with a shovel and hand augers exposed sand, silty sand, and gravel with some cobbles which is interpreted to be a remnant of man-made fill.

### 3.2 Subsurface Conditions

The site is interpreted to be within an alluvial channel associated with the Duwamish River which has been channelized to the north. Upper soils observed in our explorations consisted of interlayered organic silt, peat, sandy silt, silty clay, and sand which appear to be backwater and



# E AND EXPLORATION PLAN

PROPOSED SOUTH BASE ANNEX King County, Washington for Arthur M. James - Engineers, Inc. Scale 1"=100"

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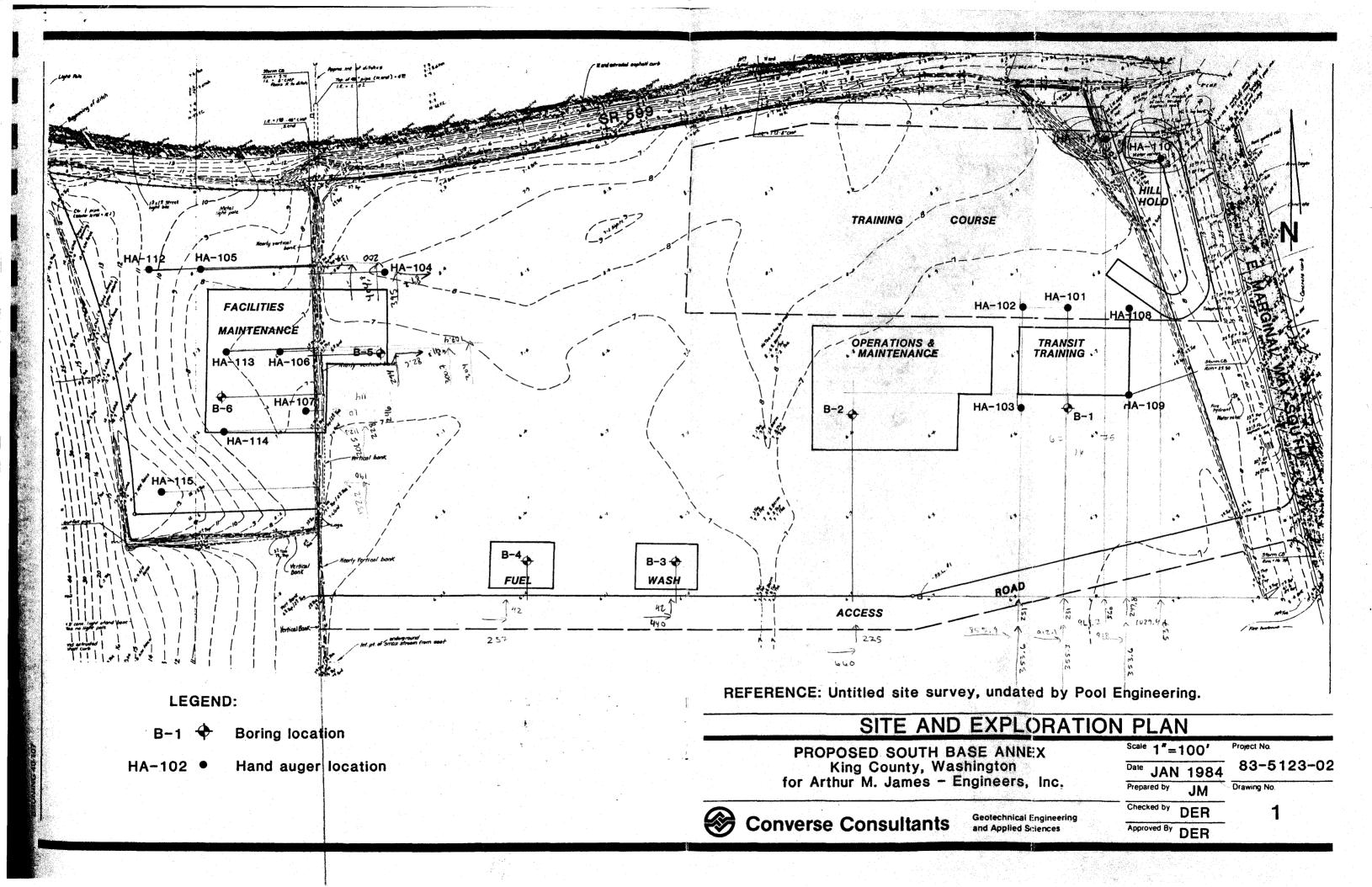
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#### APPENDIX A

### FIELD EXPLORATIONS

Field explorations during this design phase included a series of six subsurface borings and 15 shallow hand auger holes completed during late November and early December, 1983. Locations of the explorations are indicated on the Site Plan, Drawing 1.

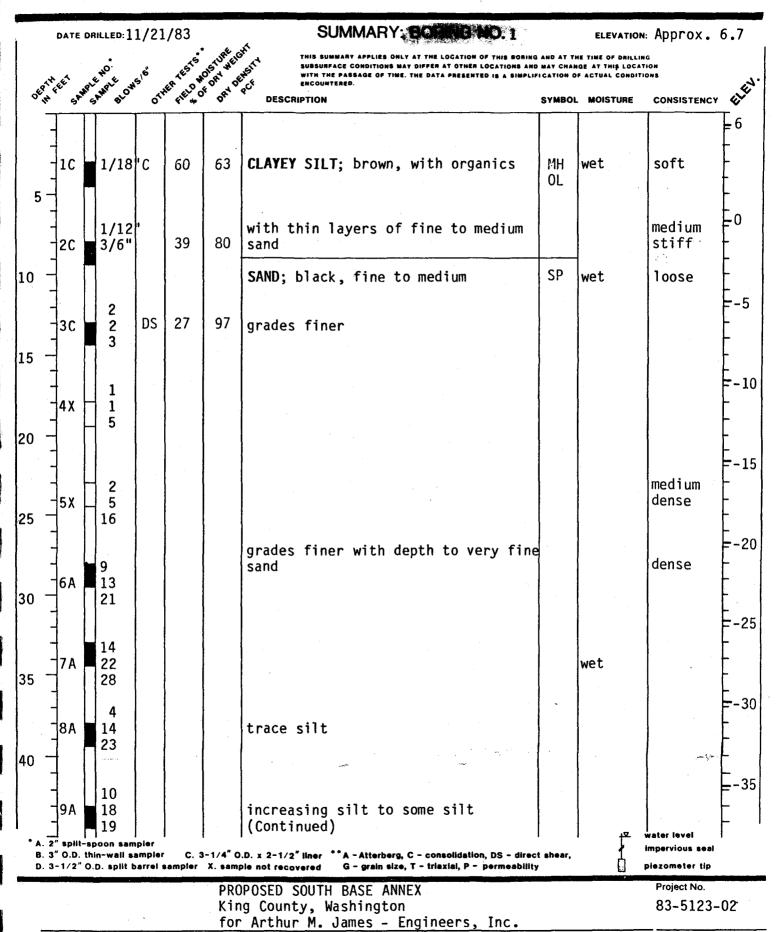
Borings were drilled to depths of 78.5 to 92 feet with a Mobile B-61 hollow steam auger drill rig mounted on a tracked Nodwell all-terrain vehicle. Continuous supervision of the drilling and sampling, and logging of the soils encountered, were carried out by our project geologist or technician. The soils encountered are shown graphically on the boring logs, Drawings A-1 through A-6.

Representative soil samples from the borings were secured for visual examination and laboratory testing. Undisturbed samples were obtained using a 3.25-inch 0.D. split-barrel drive sampler. When undisturbed samples were not retained in our 3.25-inch diameter sampling barrel, disturbed samples were collected at the same elevation for visual and laboratory classification. The disturbed samples were taken with the "Standard Penetration Test" which utilizes a 2-inch 0.D. split-spoon drive sampler. Both samplers were driven by means of a 140-pound hammer dropping a distance of 30 inches. Normally, each sample was obtained by an 18-inch penetration of the sampler and the number of hammer blows for each six-inch increment was recorded. The blow counts shown on the boring logs are for such six-inch increments except as noted where lesser penetration was achieved.

Shallow soils were observed in a series of hand auger holes which were advanced to depths on the order of ten feet with a three-inch or one-inch diameter hand auger. Logs of these holes are enclosed as Drawings A-7 through A-14.

The locations of our explorations were determined by taping to survey grid stakes. Ground elevations at the exploration locations were interpolated from the project topography map. A series of 15 hand auger probes was completed in May 1983 during the predesign investigation. However, the locations of the probes are questionable because a site survey was not available at that time. The logs for these holes are not included in this report but are available in our files.

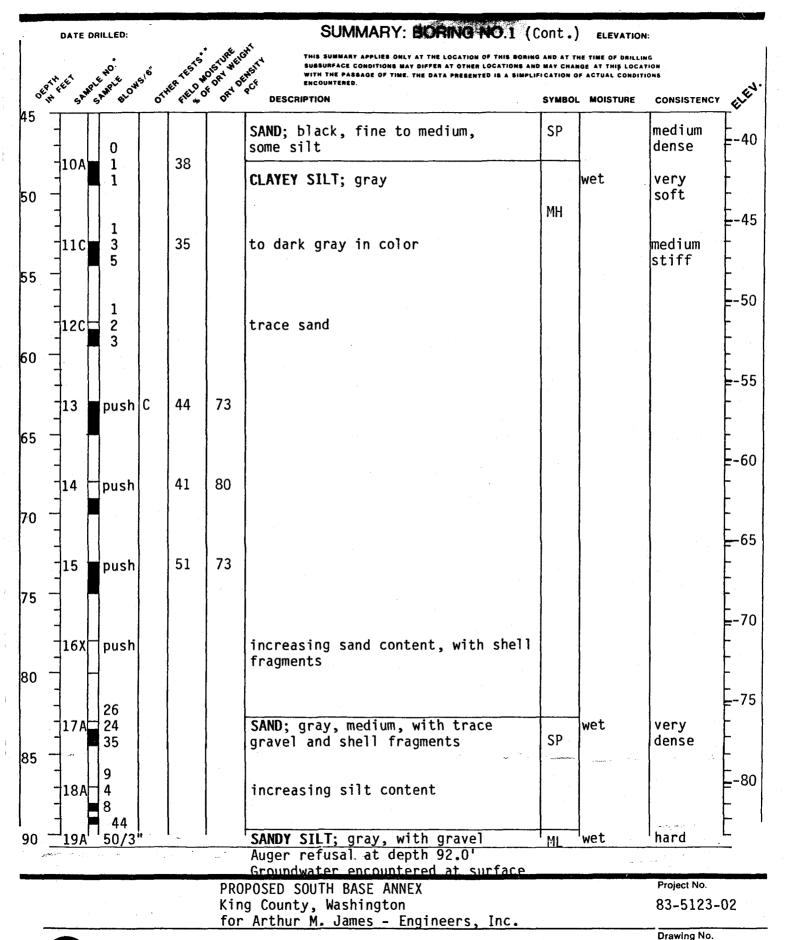
Soils were classified in general accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System as described on the enclosed key to soil symbols and terms. Those soil samples not completely used for testing have been stored in our laboratory and are available for examination should it be desired. Due to the elapsed time since they were secured, changes in moisture content and appearance of the samples have occurred.





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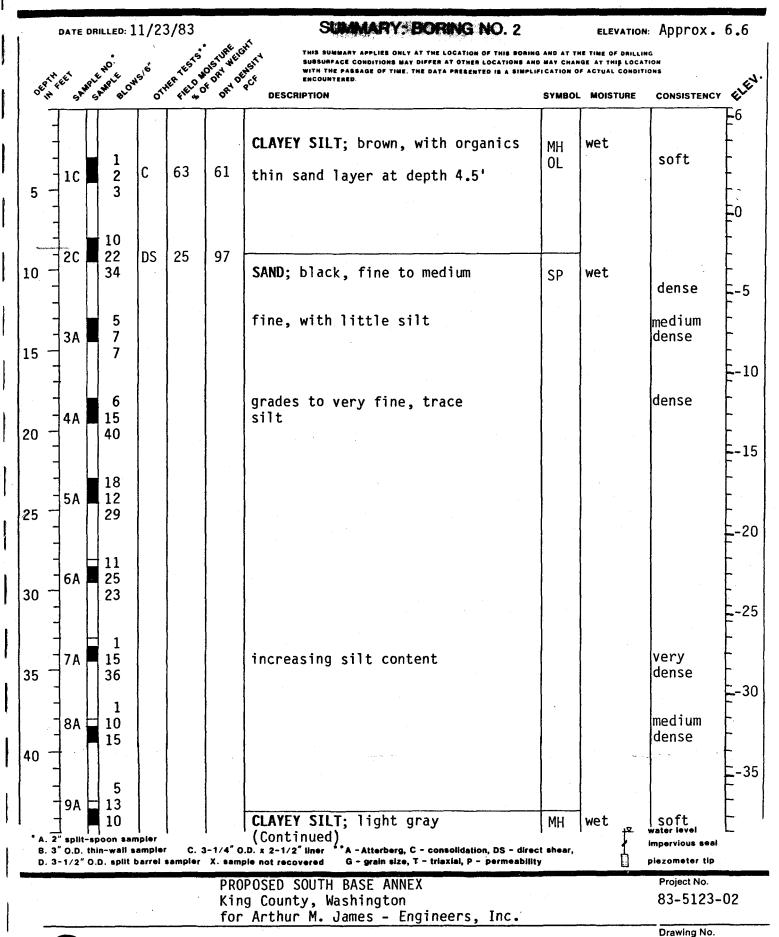
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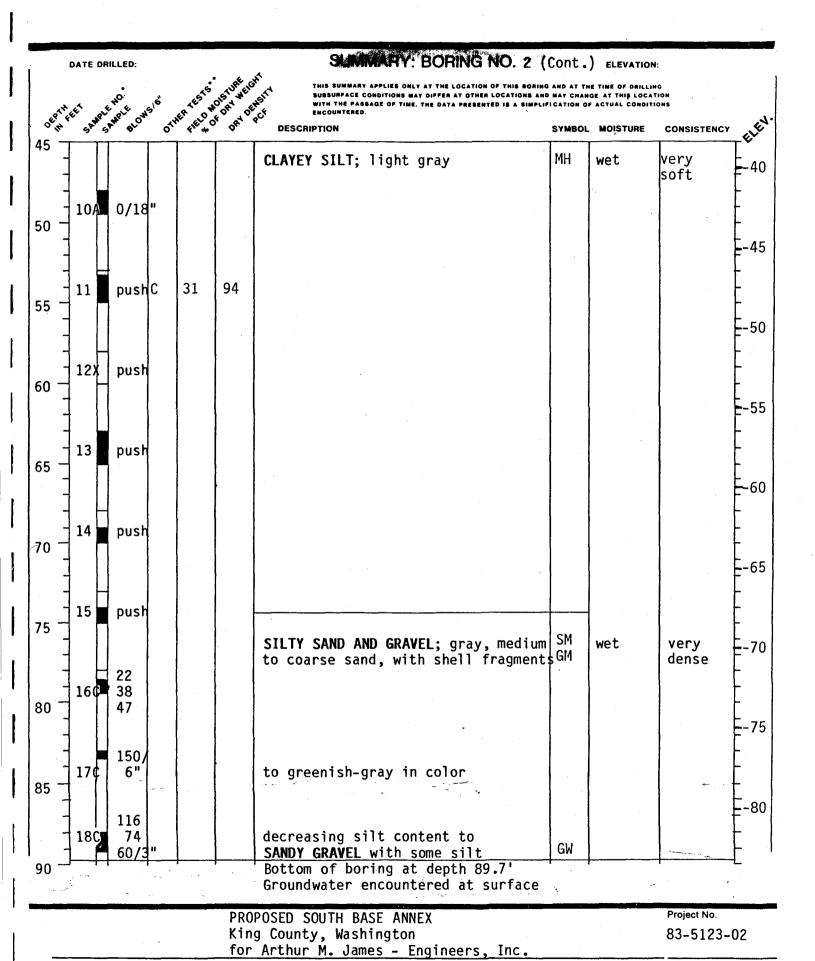
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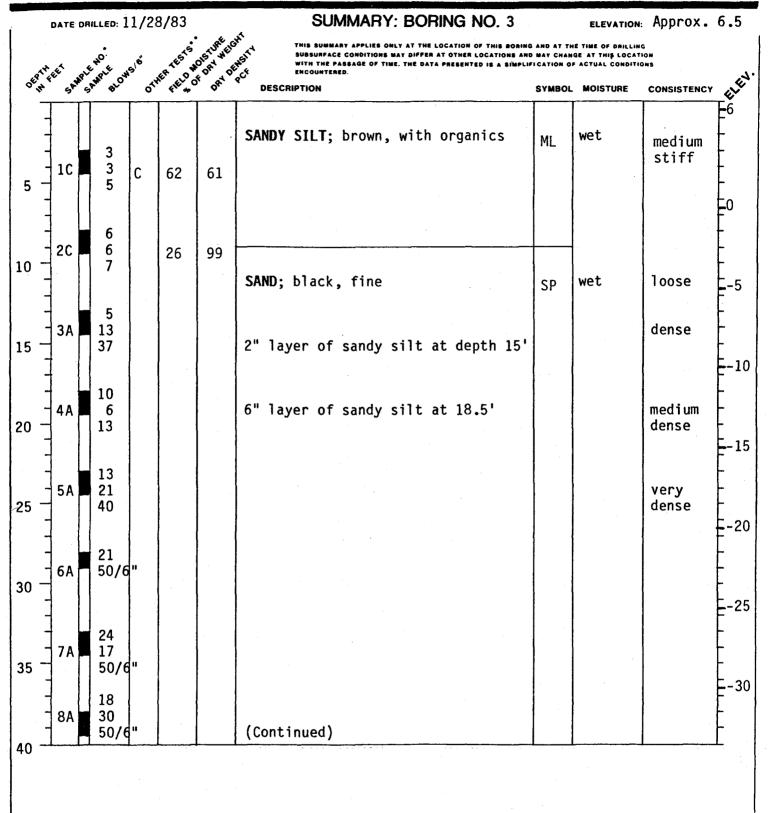
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\* A. 2" split-spoon sampler C. 3-1/4" O.D. x 2-1/2" liner \*\*A - Atterberg, C - consolidation, DS - direct shear, B. 3" O.D. thin-wall sampler D. 3-1/2" O.D. split barrel sampler X. sample not recovered G - grain size, T - triaxial, P - permeability

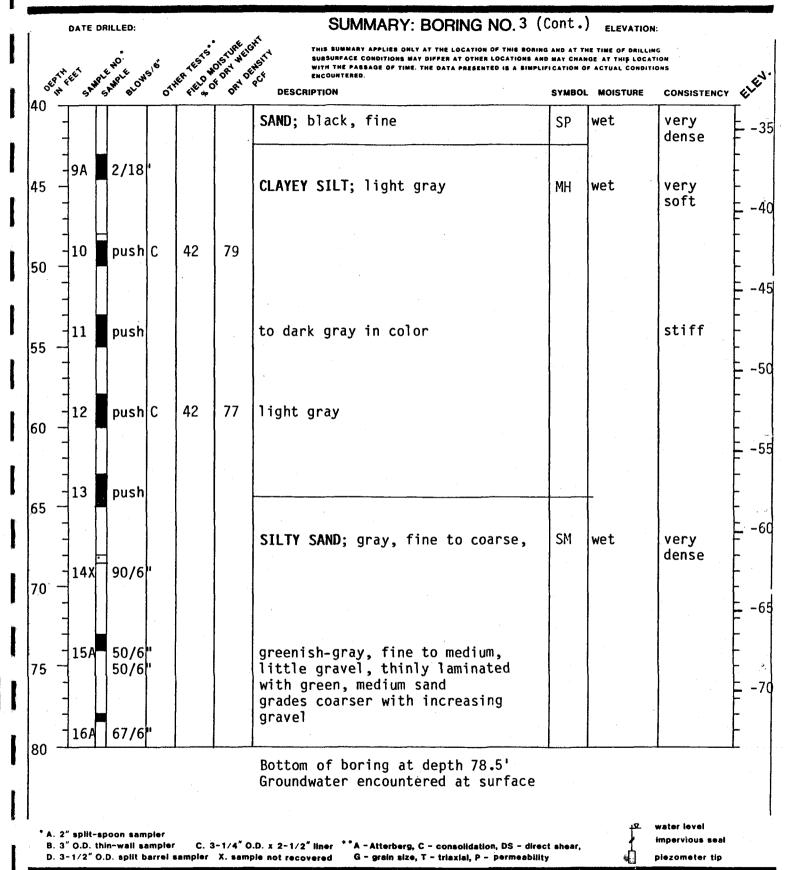
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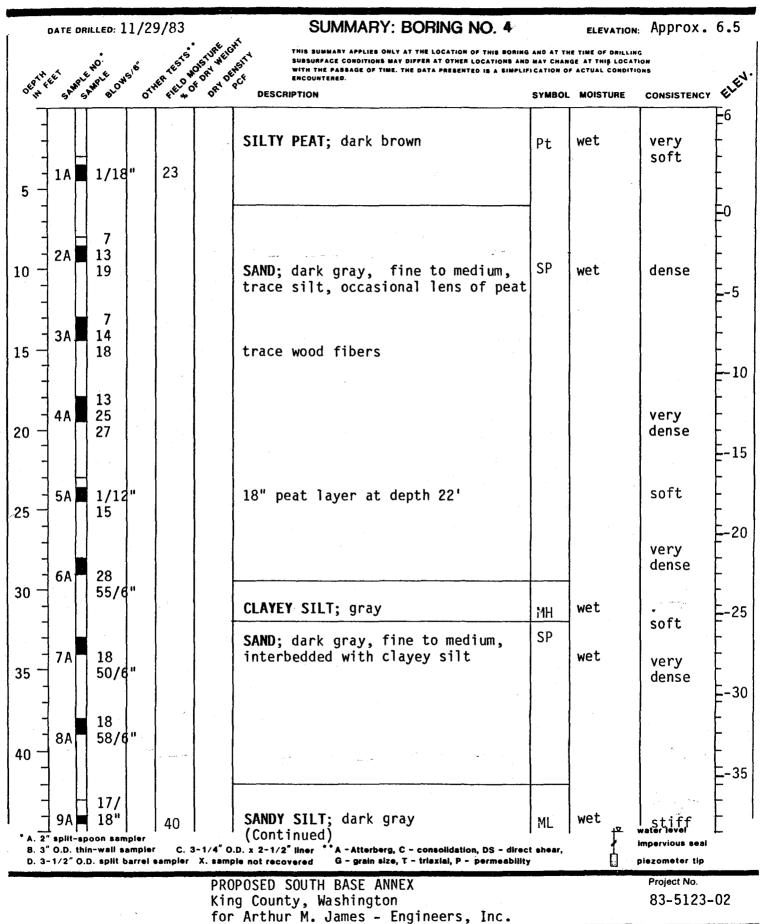
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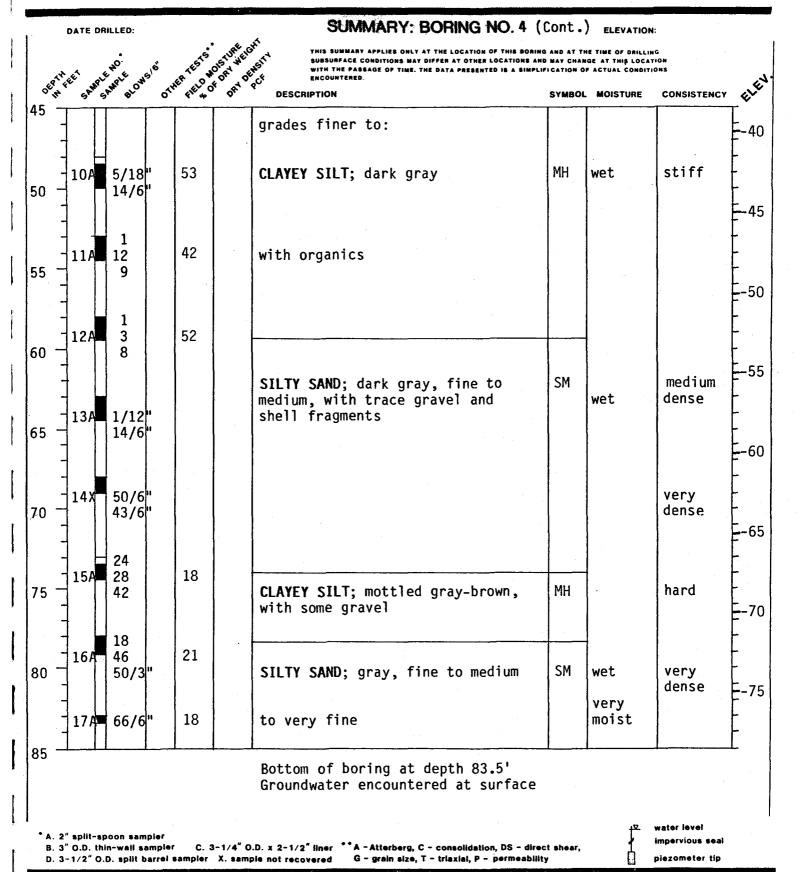
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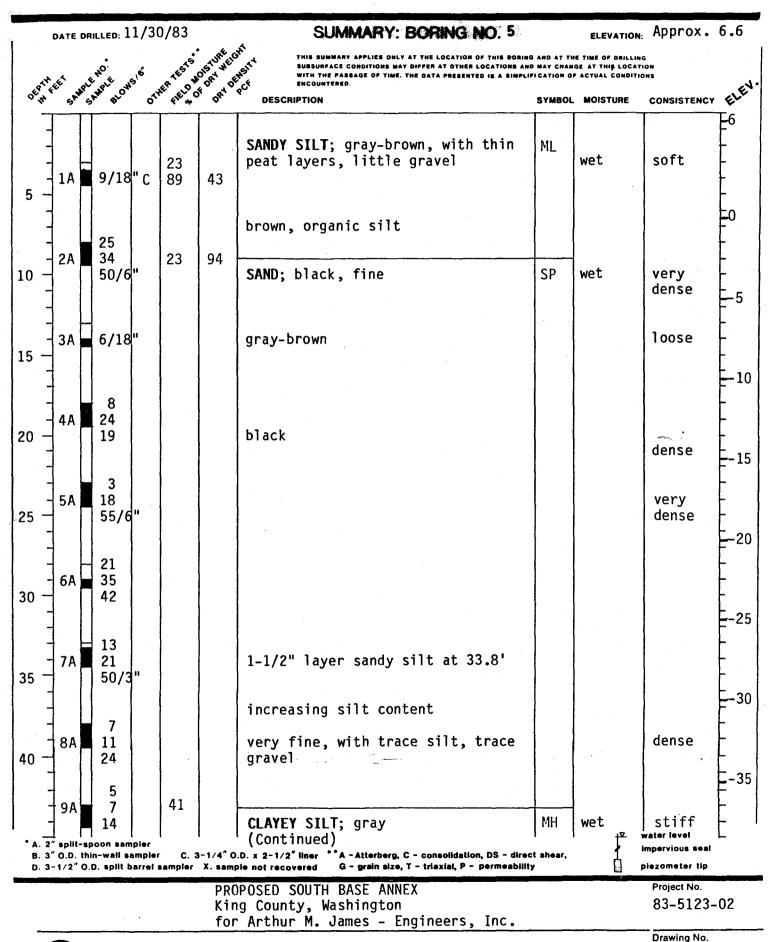




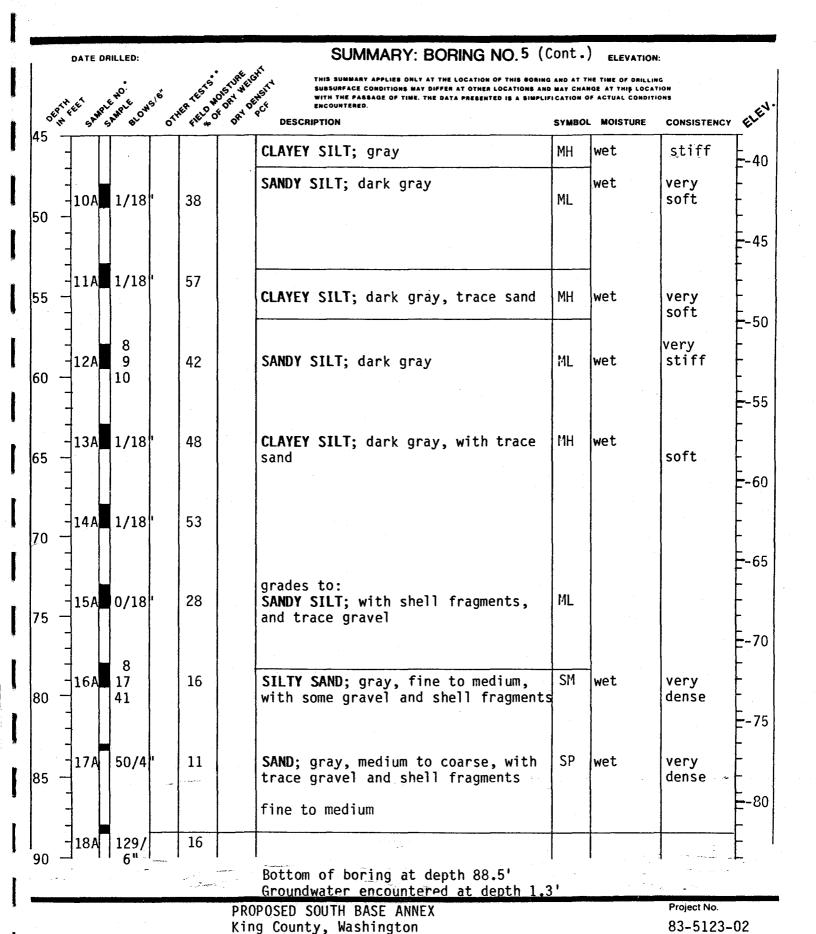
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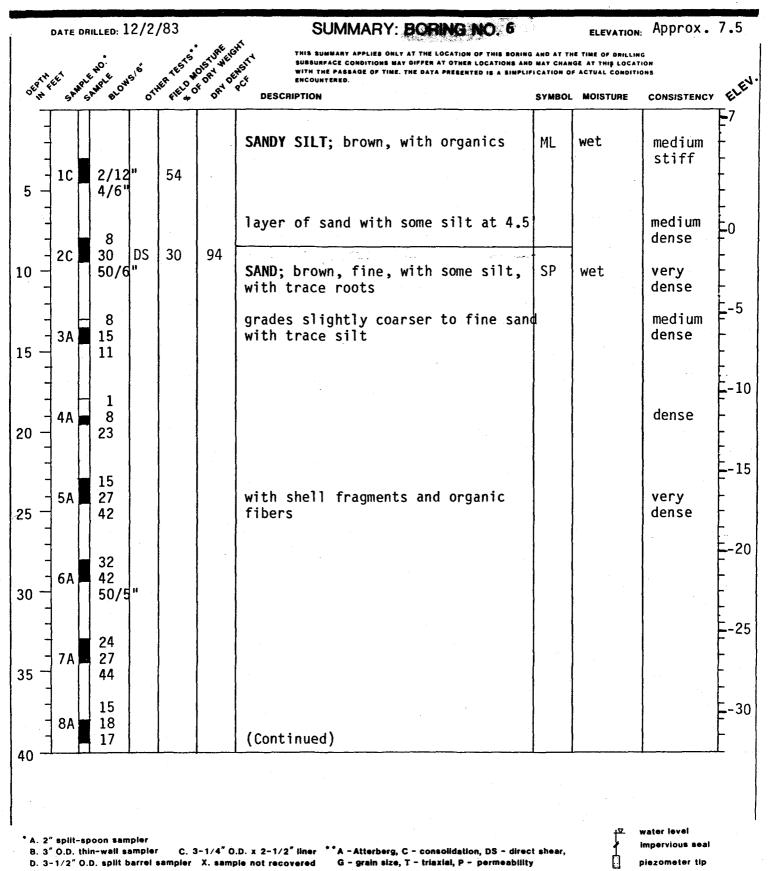




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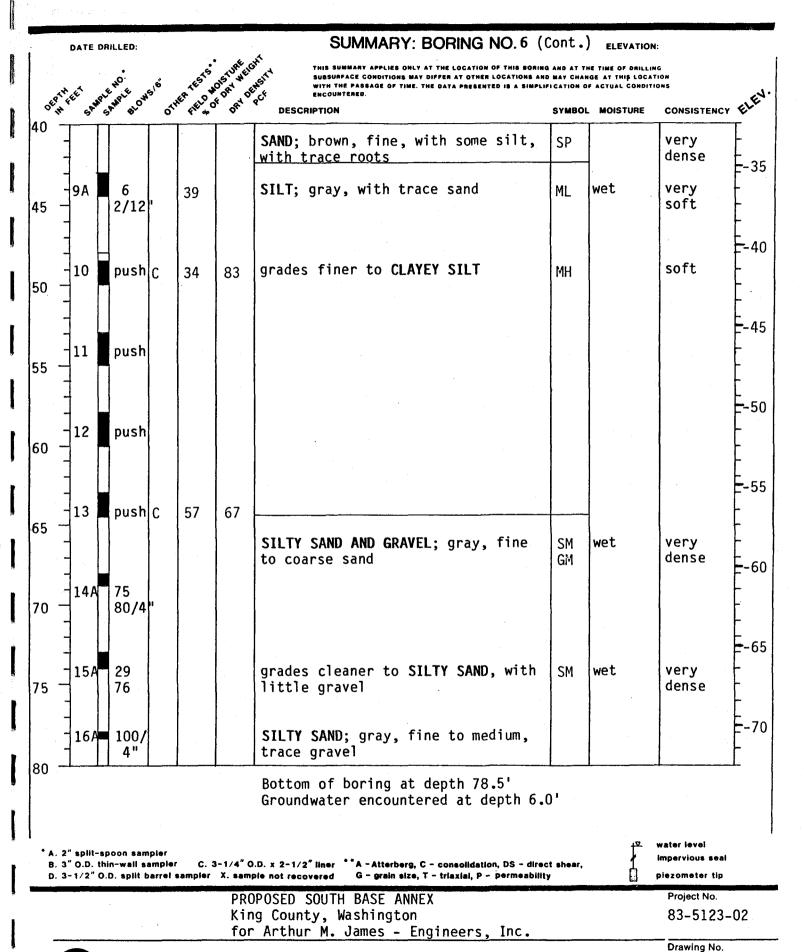
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# MA-101 N 2358, E 1666 Elev. 6.7

Depth	Elev.	Description
0.0 - 0.3	6.7 - 6.4	root mat
0.3 - 2.4	6.4 - 4.3	brown, silty PEAT; very soft, wet
2.4 - 2.5	4.3 - 4.2	layer of black, fine SAND; loose, wet
2.5 - 9.5	4.22.8	gray and brown, clayey SILT, with some organics and trace fine sand; soft to medium stiff, wet
at 9.5	-2.8	black, fine SAND; loose, wet
		groundwater at ground surface (el. 6.7) completed 12/4/83

# 102 N 2358, E 1608 Elev. 6.5

Depth	Elev.	Description
0.0 - 0.4	6.5 - 6.1	root mat
0.4 - 3.2	6.1 - 3.3	brown, silty PEAT; very soft, wet
3.2 - 9.0	3.32.5	gray-brown, sandy SILT with occasional organics, soft, wet
at 9.0	-2.5	black, fine SAND; loose, wet
		groundwater at ground surface (el. 6.5) completed 12/4/83

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# HA-103 N 2233, E 1608 Elev. 6.5

Depth	Elev.	Description
0.0 - 5.1	6.5 - 1.4	brown, silty PEAT; soft, wet
5.1 - 8.3	1.41.8	gray-brown, clayey SILT with occasional organics; soft, wet
at 8.3	-1.8	black, fine SAND; loose, wet
		groundwater at ground surface (el. 6.5) completed 12/4/83

# MA 104 N 2400, E 1608 Elev. 8.0

Depth	Elev.	Description
0.0 - 3.0	8.0 - 5.0	brown, silty SAND with organics; loose, very moist
3.0 - 5.1	5.0 - 2.9	PEAT with wood fragments; very soft, wet
5.1 - 10.5	2.92.5	gray-brown, silty CLAY with organics; soft, wet
at 10.5	-2.5	brown, silty SAND; loose, wet
		groundwater at depth 2.0' (el. 6.0) completed 12/4/83

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#### 100 N 2400, E 600 Elev. 8.0

Depth	Elev.	Description
0.0 - 2.0	8.0 - 6.0	brown, silty SAND with occasional organics and roots (possible topsoil or fill); loose, moist
2.0 - 3.5	6.0 - 4.5	brown, silty PEAT; soft, wet
3.5 - 10.5	4.52.5	gray, silty CLAY with some organics; soft, wet
at 10.5	-2.5	black, medium SAND with some silt; loose, wet
	·	groundwater at depth 3.1' (el. 4.9) completed 12/4/83

#### **206** N 2300, E 700 Elev. 6.5

Depth	Elev.	Description
0.0 - 3.2	6.5 - 3.3	brown, silty PEAT; soft, wet
3.2 - 7.5	3.31.0	gray, silty CLAY with occasional organics and thin sand layers; soft, wet
7.5 - 9.0	-1.02.5	gray, silty SAND; loose, wet
		groundwater at depth 2.8' (el. 3.7) completed 12/4/83

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# Marter # 2225, E 730 Elev. 7.0

Depth	Elev.	Description
0.0 - 2.5	7.0 - 4.5	brown, silty PEAT; very soft, wet
2.5 - 8.0	4.51.0	gray, clayey SILT with occasional organics; soft, wet (6" thick layer of black fine sand at depth 5.0')
8.0 - 9.0	-1.02.0	gray, silty SAND/sandy SILT; loose, wet
		groundwater at depth 2.8' (el. 4.2) completed 12/4/83

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# **WA-108 N** 2358, E 1740 Elev. 6.7

Depth	Elev.	Description
0.0 - 2.7	6.7 - 4.0	brown SILT; very soft, wet grades with increasing peat content
2.7 - 8.5	4.01.8	gray to brown-gray, organic SILT, trace clay; soft, wet
8.5 - 10.5	-1.83.8	gray, fine SAND; loose, wet
		groundwater at ground surface (elev. 6.7) completed 12/13/83

#### ₩ 109 # 2255, E 1740 Elev. 6.8

Depth	Elev.	Description
0.0 - 1.2	6.8 - 5.6	brown SILT, scattered roots and organics; soft, wet
1.2 - 3.4	5.6 - 3.4	brown SILT, grading to fibrous PEAT at 2.5'; soft, wet
3.4 - 7.8	3.41.0	gray SILT, scattered lenses of peat; soft, wet
7.8 - 10.0	-1.03.2	gray, fine SAND; loose, wet
		groundwater at ground surface (elev. 6.8) completed 12/13/83

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# 2540, E 1775 Elev. 9.0

Depth	Elev.	Description
0.0 - 2.4	9.0 - 6.6	gray-brown SAND, little gravel and silt; loose, very moist
2.4 - 4.2	6.6 - 4.8	brown SILT, increasing organic content below 3.8'; soft, very moist
4.2 - 6.6	4.8 - 2.4	interbedded gray organic SILT and red-brown fibrous PEAT; soft, wet
6.6 - 7.0	2.4 - 2.0	black, fine to medium SAND; loose, wet
		groundwater at depth 2.4' (elev. 6.6) completed 12/13/83

# 2565, E 1707 Elev. 8.0

Depth	Elev.	Description
0.0 - 1.9	8.0 - 6.1	gray-brown, fine to coarse SAND, little silt and gravel (Fill), grades to silty and gravelly; loose, moist
1.9 - 2.2	6.1 - 5.8	brown SILT; soft, wet
		no free groundwater encountered completed 12/13/83

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### MA-112 N 2400, E 540 Elev. 10.5

Depth	Elev.	Description
0.0 - 0.4	10.5 - 10.1	brown, sandy SILT; soft, moist
0.4 - 1.8	10.1 - 8.7	gray-brown, very fine, sandy SILT, scattered organics; soft, very moist
1.8 - 3.9	8.7 - 6.6	<pre>interbedded SAND, SILTY SAND, and SILT, trace clay; soft, very moist</pre>
3.9 - 5.5	6.6 - 5.0	black, silty PEAT, trace sand; very soft, wet
5.5 - 11.9	5.01.4	gray-brown, clayey SILT, some organics and sand lenses; soft, wet
11.9 - 13.0	-1.42.5	gray, fine SAND
		groundwater at 3.9' (elev. 6.6) completed 12/14/83

# **MA-113** N 2300, E 635 Elev. 7.0

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Depth	Elev.	Description
0.0 - 1.8	7.0 - 5.2	gray, very fine, sandy SILT to SILT, numerous organics; very soft, very moist
1.8 - 2.5	5.2 - 4.5	interbedded SAND and SILT, trace clay; soft, wet
2.5 - 3.8	4.5 - 3.2	gray, fine, silty SAND; loose, wet
3.8 - 5.1	3.2 - 1.9	brown, silty PEAT, trace sand; soft, wet
5.1 - 10.2	1.93.2	gray, silty CLAY, scattered organic fragments and fine sand; soft, wet
10.2 - 12.0	-3.25.0	gray, fine SAND; loose, wet groundwater at 4.0' depth (elev. 3.0) completed 12/14/83

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# 114 N 2200, E 635 Elev. 7.8

Depth	Elev.	Description
0.0 - 1.2	7.8 - 6.6	brown, fine, sandy SILT, trace roots; very soft, wet
1.2 - 1.8	6.6 - 6.0	gray SILT, trace sand; soft, wet
1.8 - 3.8	6.0 - 4.0	gray, silty SAND, lenses of organics; loose, wet
3.8 - 5.2	4.0 - 2.6	interbedded gray, silty SAND and sandy SILT, numerous organics; loose, wet
5.2 - 7.8	2.6 - 0.0	gray-brown, silty PEAT, trace clay and sand; soft, wet
7.8 - 12.2	0.04.4	gray, clayey SILT, organic, trace fine sand; soft, wet
12.2 - 13.0	-4.45.2	gray, fine SAND; loose, wet groundwater at 1.9' depth (elev. 5.9) completed 12/14/83

# 2125, E 560 Elev. 13.2

Depth	Elev.	Description
0.0 - 1.2	13.2 - 12.0	gray-brown, fine sandy SILT, trace gravel and organics; soft, very moist
1.2 - 1.5	12.0 - 11.7	brown SILT, lenses of organics; soft, wet
1.5 - 5.2	11.7 - 8.0	gray, interbedded SAND/SILT, organic layers, woody in places; loose, wet
5.2 - 7.8	8.0 - 5.4	gray-brown, sandy SILT, pockets of peat; soft, wet
7.8 - 10.4	5.4 - 2.8	gray-brown, clayey SILT, some organics; soft, wet
10.4 - 12.4	2.8 - 0.8	gray, fine SAND; loose, wet groundwater at 5.2' depth (elev. 8.0) completed 12/14/83

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