

**REPORT ON SUBSURFACE SOIL  
CONDITIONS FOR PROPOSED -  
OCHRE RIVER BRIDGE  
MILE 454.5  
MACKENZIE HIGHWAY**

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REPORT ON  
SUBSURFACE SOIL CONDITIONS FOR  
PROPOSED OCHRE RIVER BRIDGE  
MILE 454.5 MACKENZIE HIGHWAY  
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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Department of Public Works  
P. O. Box 488  
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Attention: Mr. F. E. Kimball,  
Project Manager

Dear Sir:

Re: Subsurface Soil Investigation  
Proposed Ochre Bridge, Mile 454.5  
Mackenzie Highway

Attached please find our report on the subsoil and foundation conditions for the proposed Ochre Bridge on the Mackenzie Highway in the Northwest Territories.

If you have any questions concerning the contents of this report, we would be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

UNDERWOOD McLELLAN & ASSOCIATES LIMITED

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A. INTRODUCTION

The subsoil investigation undertaken at the Ochre River forms part of the overall geotechnical investigation which was conducted from mile 450 to 550 of the Mackenzie Highway for the Department of Public Works, Government of Canada.

The present report summarizes the results of subsoil investigation operations conducted in connection with the proposed Ochre River bridge at mile 454.5 of the Mackenzie Highway.

It was the intention of the present investigation to determine the vertical sequence of the subsoil materials, permafrost conditions and groundwater conditions existing which would be expected to influence the stability of the valley slope and the design and construction of the proposed bridge foundations.

The included conclusions and recommendations have been based upon exploration and sample acquisition

operations conducted at 15 positions along the proposed bridge centreline in the river channel and slopes of the bridge approaches.

In the formulation of conclusions and recommendations, the consistency and composition of the subsoil materials between and in the proximity to the individual test boring positions has been assumed, but not verified.

## B. FIELD AND LABORATORY INVESTIGATION

A total of fifteen test holes have been drilled within one-half mile south and one-half mile north of the bridge structure. In addition to the fifteen centreline test hole logs, borrow hole test logs in the vicinity of the bridge site have been included in the Appendix. Test holes along the centreline were drilled to depths varying from 15 to 80 feet below existing site grades. The borrow pit test holes were generally advanced to the fifteen foot level.

Test borings were drilled December 7 to 11, 1972 and January 10 to 12, 1973 by Kenting Big Indian Drilling of Calgary utilizing a Mayhew 1000 and Heli drill. Air recovery methods were generally employed, except where severe caving was encountered at bridge crossings then water and drilling mud were used.

The locations of the individual test borings were

selected and field located by Underwood McLellan & Associates Limited. The approximate test boring locations are graphically illustrated on the accompanying Mosaic Plot and Test Hole Location Plan.

All variations of soil, permafrost and groundwater conditions encountered during the test boring operations were noted and representative samples of the existing subsoils were taken. The majority of samples were disturbed, having been obtained by the air recovery method. Sampling was also undertaken with two-inch and three-inch O.D. split spoon sampling tubes.

In the laboratory, the samples of materials derived from the drilling operations were subjected to standard laboratory classification procedures including particle size distribution and Atterberg index property determinations. Moisture contents were obtained for all samples returned to the laboratory. Wherever a sufficient length of intact sample was retained in the penetrometer

tube, both wet and dry densities were obtained.

Permafrost samples were classified according to N.R.C. Technical Memorandum No. 79 "Guide to the Field Description of Permafrost." The excess ice content of permafrost samples was obtained by visual inspection and by measured thicknesses of ice lenses. Excess ice content was determined by the division of the ice thickness by the total sample thickness.

All soil samples were classified according to the Unified Soil Classification System.

The results of all laboratory and field tests are summarized in the Appendix on the test hole logs.

Test holes have been designated by mileage, type and number. Examples include 454S 102A, 454C 65B and 454B 180B. The letter symbols and numbers indicate:

454 - mileage

B, C, S - between mileage and test hole number

indicate borrow, centreline and structure  
test holes, respectively.

102, 65, 180 - test hole numbers

A, B - after test hole numbers indicate drill-  
ing performed by Mayhew 1000 or Heli  
drill, respectively.

C. SITE AND SUBSOIL CONDITIONS

The Ochre bridge site is located at mile 454.5 (chainage 612 + 00) of the Mackenzie Highway in the Northwest Territories. The Ochre river flows into the Mackenzie River from the east having a drainage basin which extends to the Franklin Mountains. This stream has a typical sand-gravel bed which exhibits relatively stable slopes. The river is presently in a state of depositing floodplain sediments at the entrance to the Mackenzie River. The floodplain is built up by successive deposits of fine sands and silts during periods of flooding.

The Ochre stream bed elevation is 280 (D.P.W. datum) with the recently recorded high water mark at elevation 289.5 and the high water level of the Mackenzie River during ice jams has been recorded at elevation 311.5.

The existing Ochre stream channel is approximately



250 feet wide and 25 feet deep at the proposed location. The stream channel banks slope up at approximately 5:1 to the gravel terraces on both the south and north sides. Well defined gravel and sand terraces deposited when the river existed at higher elevations are located at chainages 600 + 00, 608 + 00, 617 + 00, 624 + 00 and 629 + 00.

Test holes 93A, 102A and 129A drilled at the stream channel edge were advanced to depths of 15, 74 and 80 feet, respectively. Test hole 93A was attempted without water and mud circulation but caving granular material prevented drilling to a depth greater than 15 feet. Test holes 102A and 129A were subsequently drilled with mud and water but considerable difficulty was again experienced in retrieving suitable samples. These test holes generally indicated unfrozen soil conditions to a depth of 20 feet below the stream bottom but permafrost was encountered from the 20 foot level to a depth of 80 feet

The water table was present at approximately four (4) feet below the ground surface in test hole 102A which coincided with the river level at the time of drilling.

The stratigraphic sequence below the river consisted primarily of coarse sand and fine to coarse gravel with clay layers in the upper portion. Below the granular deposit, a hard dark blue "shale like" clay was encountered at a depth of approximately 70 feet below the surface. It is believed that this preconsolidated clay layer is the bedrock but coring of the strata was not successful due to caving which resulted in loss of a core barrel. The bedrock in the general area of the investigation is believed to consist of Cretaceous sedimentary deposits of interbedded shales, siltstones and sandstones.

Although drilling mud and water circulation methods were utilized, caving was extensive and "undisturbed" penetrometer sampling could not be undertaken.

Drilling difficulty indicated deposits of medium density.

Test holes 94A, 95A, 96A, 100A, 101A, 130A, 131A, 80A, 64B, 65B were drilled on the north and south river terraces.

Test holes 94A and 101A drilled on the terrace at station 609 + 00, elevation 305 on the south side disclosed a coarse sand with gravel layers and was unfrozen. The hard "shale like" clay was encountered at 40 feet in test hole 101A. The moisture content of the sand below elevation 305 was high as a result of submergence. Test hole 96A, elevation 358 at station 604 + 00 disclosed an unfrozen gravel terrace with low moisture contents of 4 to 5 percent. Test holes 95A drilled at elevation 368 on the south, indicated that the gravel deposit is overlain by 10 feet of unfrozen dry sandy to gravelly silt. Test hole 100A drilled at elevation 390 disclosed that the stream deposited gravel had terminated and frozen silty clay and silt

was present with a moisture content of 20 percent but test hole 99A at elevation 476 and chainage 575 + 00 indicated unfrozen silty clay of relatively low moisture content of 10%.

Test holes 65B and 130A on the north bank at elevation 305 indicated permafrost consisting of silty clay to a depth of 12 feet which was underlain by dry gravel and coarse sand with moisture contents below 10%. The silty clay surface deposit exhibits very high moisture contents although the ice would be described as non-visible.

Test holes 64B, 131A and 80A at stations 626 + 00, 629 + 00 and 635 + 00 respectively, on the north terrace disclosed a gravel and sand terrace. The material was unfrozen and exhibited moisture contents of approximately 4%.

Consequently, the test holes indicate primarily granular deposits from the stream elevation 300 to elevation 360 at station 590 + 00 on the south

side and silty clay permafrost from elevation 360 to the uplands at mile 453, station 535 + 00, elevation 630. This silty clay exhibited very thin ice lenses and the moisture content is near the plastic limit. On the north side, the deposits consisted of granular materials from the stream channel to approximately one (1) mile on the uplands. The granular materials vary from sand to coarse gravel. Crushed samples which were obtained during drilling operations in test hole 130A and 131A and subjected to sieve analysis indicated approximately 50% material coarser than the #10 sieve. These samples subjected to crushing during drilling would exhibit a true gravel size content higher than recorded.

A soil profile of the bridge valley site is included in the Appendix, Plate 2.

#### D. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On the basis of the present investigation, we wish to offer the following generalized conclusions and recommendations relative to the design and construction of the proposed Ochre River bridge foundation and approaches.

##### 1. Pier and Abutment Foundation Design

The gravel and sand deposits which were described in the previous section will form the bearing strata for the proposed bridge piers and abutments. These deposits which are saturated would prove costly to excavate for a spread footing and unconsolidated surface silt strata would undergo settlement. Consequently, a driven pile foundation is recommended for all structures.

The pile types generally available would include timber, pre-cast concrete, steel H-piles and pipe piles. The timber piles are not recommended as a result of their low capacity

and possible damage when driving through gravel strata. The pre-cast concrete piles are also not recommended primarily due to the difficulty in establishing ultimate pile lengths and unless the lengths can be pre-determined considerable difficulty in splicing results.

Steel H-piles or pipe piles are, therefore, recommended for consideration primarily based on high driving strength, high load capacity and relative ease in splicing. The granular strata at this site will provide adequate lateral support such that instability in the form of buckling of the piling will not be a problem.

It is recommended that all piles be driven to "refusal". "Refusal" will depend upon the energy rating of the hammer but is commonly 15,000 ft. lb. As an initial guide, piles should be driven to blow counts of 180 blows/ft. or 15 blows/inch. The pile capacity

is largely a function of the amount of energy expended in installing the pile and not just of the recorded resistances. The pile which is driven to a sustained resistance will perform better than one which is terminated the instant a given resistance is attained. Of course, the pile must not be driven until damage occurs and whenever resistance increases greatly, the driving should be terminated.

Extreme difficulty exists in establishing the insitu density and therefore, predicting the "refusal" depth in gravel strata. Steel piles driven to refusal" can be expected to attain allowable load capacities in the range of 80 tons depending upon the cross-sectional area. False "refusal" may occur whenever extremely large boulders cannot be penetrated during driving. Although "refusal" may be attained while driving in boulders, adequate bearing capacity may not exist below the pile tip. Load tests would be



necessary to establish allowable loads if this situation is recognized. In order to attain penetration of the steel piles around large boulders, it may be necessary to utilize vibration techniques or large diameter open pipe piles may be employed with churn-drill crushing of large boulders inside the bottom of the pipe.

Permafrost which was encountered 20 feet below the Ochre stream channel will determine the ultimate pile length. The temperature near 32°F of the upper permafrost below the river will allow some penetration of the gravel permafrost. Penetration of the permafrost is necessary to prevent the future thaw level from reaching the pile tip.

Whenever conventional driving techniques are employed, the capacity of a pile should be established in the field by several pile-driving tests. The ultimate capacity would be calculated on the basis of a dynamic pile-driving formulae

such as the Hiley, Danish or Weisbach

It is recommended that the Engineering News formula not be utilized as a result of its extreme variation in factor of safety.

It is further recommended that static load tests be performed to establish more accurately the bearing capacity of a typical steel pile and the applicability of dynamic pile formulae.

The lateral resistance of piles can be established by recently developed methods based on the beam on elastic foundation method but the simple and more conventional approach is based on calculation of the Rankine passive earth pressure against the pile. Using Rankine theory the ultimate passive resistance force/ft.<sup>2</sup> of pile can be obtained by  $P = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_b K_p H^2$ . The submerged unit

weight of the granular material may be taken as 60 pcf and the passive pressure coefficient  $K_p$  as 3.0. In order to establish the allowable lateral load a factor of safety of 2.5 should be applied to the above load. Generally, in cohesionless soils the lateral load tends to exceed the passive resistance, consequently, the above simplified approach is on the conservative side.

The relatively deep approach fills would be expected to produce settlement of the insitu materials and subject the piles to negative skin friction but the cohesionless nature of the subsoil materials will not produce significant displacements and those which occur will be rapid.

Whenever the deep embankments are constructed of compacted granular fill as outlined and recommended in Section D3, the abutments may be placed on spread footings in the fill. If inferior materials or compaction techniques are utilized in the embankment, the abutment must be carried on piles into the insitu granular subsoils below the creek channel. Piles must be designed to carry a negative skin friction load whenever embankment settlement is anticipated.

2. Lateral Abutment Loads

The magnitude of the pressure applied to the abutment will depend upon the characteristics of the backfill chosen for the approach fill

and upon the movements that the wall undergoes during and subsequent to fill compaction. It is recommended that granular backfill from the river terraces or borrow pits be utilized for the abutment approach embankments which will be in the order of 35 feet high.

The most common procedures for analysis of the earth pressures against gravity retaining walls include the Rankine and Coulomb methods.

Generally, it is assumed that the wall rotates sufficiently to allow mobilization of the backfill shear strength which reduces the pressure to the active case, the lowest pressure that can be realized. This assumption applies reasonably accurately when the backfill consists of uncompacted granular material but pressures greater than the active occur whenever compaction of the backfill is undertaken.

While the total yield at different elevations on the abutment may be adequate for mobilization of the full backfill strength, a gradual build-up of the backfill also results in a gradual yielding of the wall. Therefore, by the time the backfill is complete only a fraction of the total yield of the wall has become effective in decreasing the earth pressure. At the present time it is accepted that the actual earth pressure magnitude will exceed the active case and may approach the earth pressure at-rest. Pressures greater than the at-rest case may occur if heavy equipment is utilized near the concrete abutment.

If the Coulomb approach is utilized, the angle of wall friction between concrete and coarse sand and gravel would be 20 degrees. The angle of internal friction for compacted granular material would be 38 degrees and the dry density may be taken as 115 pcf. For a

simple vertical retaining wall abutment with horizontal backfill the Coulomb active coefficient would be .24 and the at-rest coefficient based on  $K_0 = 1 - \sin \phi$  would be .38. The Rankine procedure which disregards the wall friction would also result in an active coefficient of .24. Whenever the wall or backfill are inclined, or a surcharge exists, the Coulomb procedure will result in a lower active pressure which will be more exact than the conservative Rankine method. The pressure distribution behind a gravity retaining wall has been shown to be non-triangular, but as a first approximation and for simplicity, the triangular pressure diagram is recommended. It is also recommended that whenever backfill is compacted in lifts by vibratory compaction the at-rest coefficient should be utilized for calculation of the ultimate earth pressure.

A driven pile foundation has been previously

recommended for the abutments which will provide significant lateral resistance but it is further recommended that some batter piles be utilized to ensure adequate lateral support against earth pressures.

Positive drainage including horizontal perforated tile and weep holes should be provided to prevent development of hydrostatic pressures against the wall. In addition, drainage will prevent development of frost heaving forces against the abutments.

3. Bridge Approach Grades and Borrow Material

Cut heights of approximately 15 feet are proposed at stations 603 + 00 on the south bank and 20 feet at 630 + 00 on the north bank.

Both these cuts will be performed in dry unfrozen coarse sand and gravel. It is anticipated that stability of the cut slopes will not be a problem and a backslope of 2:1 is recommended



in the granular material although a flatter slope may be employed to increase the available fill material.

Near the north abutment at station 617 + 00, the proposed grade line will result in a fill depth of 12 feet. The insitu material to a depth of 15 feet consists of silty clay permafrost with moisture contents in the 20% to 40% range. Utilization of granular fill will likely not result in thawing of the existing subgrade.

The approach fills to the bridge will be approximately 35 feet high and it is recommended that the granular material be compacted to 95% of Standard Proctor utilization vibrator compaction. Although construction may be performed during

the winter, the dry unfrozen nature of the granular materials will allow satisfactory compaction. Compaction of these deep approach fills is mandatory to ensure stability and reduce settlements at the approaches. In addition, fill slopes are proposed at 2:1.

In addition to common excavation which will be obtained from valley cut sections, granular borrow material may be found at station 591 + 00, 1,000 ft. west and east of centre-line and station 630 + 00, 800 ft. west of centreline. Test hole logs for borrow materials are included in the Appendix.

At station 578 + 00, approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from the bridge site on the south bank above the highest gravel terrace, a cut of 15 feet is proposed in silty clay and gravel permafrost. Thawing subsequent to excavation

and establishment of the final grade line will result in some settlement. In addition, the driving characteristics of the roadway will be of poor quality for many years and significant maintenance will be necessary until thermo-equilibrium is established. The cut back-slopes of 2:1 can be expected to undergo aggradation as a new active layer is established.

## APPENDIX

### EXPLANATION OF FIELD & LABORATORY TEST DATA

The field and laboratory test results as shown for a particular test boring by the Test Hole Log Data Sheet are briefly described below:-

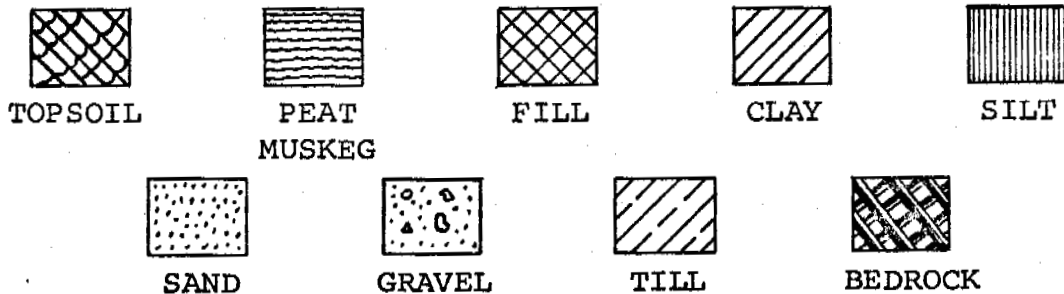
#### NATURAL MOISTURE CONDITIONS & ATTERBERG LIMITS

The relation between the natural moisture content and depth is significant in determining the subsurface moisture conditions. The Atterberg Limits should be compared to the Natural Moisture Content of the subsurface soil as well as plotted on the Plasticity Chart.

#### SOIL PROFILE & DESCRIPTION

Each soil strata is classified and described noting any special conditions. The unified classification system is used, and the soil profile refers to the existing ground elevation. When available the ground elevation is shown.

The soil symbols used are briefly shown below but are indicated in more detail in the Soil Classification Chart.



#### TESTS ON SOIL SAMPLES

Laboratory and field tests are identified by the following symbols:

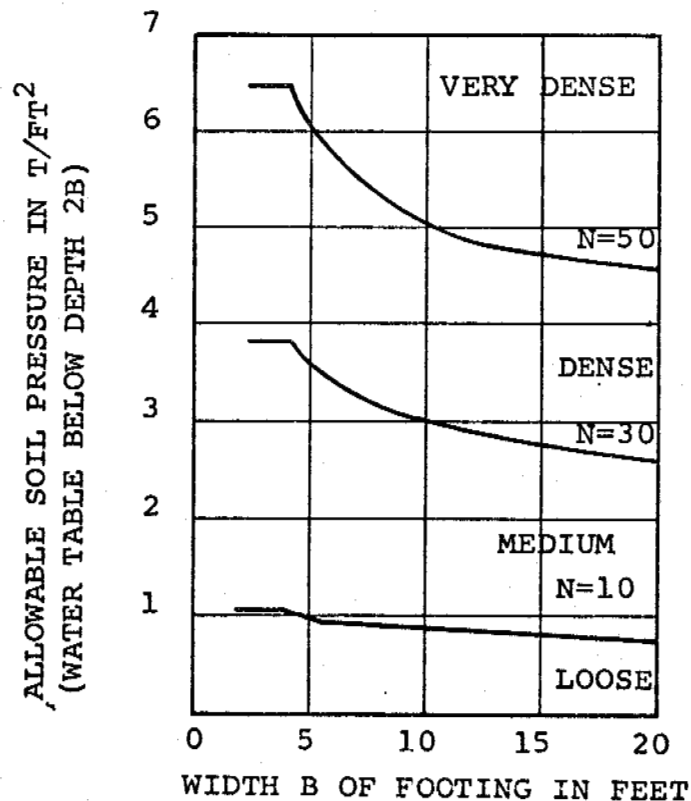
- QU - unconfined compressive strength usually expressed in tons per square foot. This value is used in determining the allowable bearing capacity of the soil.
- $\gamma_d$  - dry unit weight expressed in pounds per cubic foot. This value indicates the density or consistency of the in-situ soil.

- C - Consolidation test. These test results are separately enclosed and provide information on the consolidation or settlement properties of the soil strata.
- M.A. - grain size analysis. These test results are separately enclosed and indicate the gradation properties of the material tested.
- SO<sub>4</sub> - water soluble sulphate content is conducted primarily to determine whether sulphate resistant cement is required for the foundation structure.
- N - standard penetration field test. This test is conducted in the field to determine the in-situ consistency of a soil strata. The "N" value recorded is the number of blows from a 140 lb. hammer dropped 30 inches (free fall) which are required to drive a 2" O.D. Raymond type sampler 12 inches into the soil.

The resistance and unconfined compressive strength of a cohesive soil can be related to its consistency as follows:-

N - BLOWS/Ft.	QU - T/Ft. <sup>2</sup>	CONSISTENCY
2	0.25	very soft
2-4	0.25-0.50	soft
4-8	0.50-1.00	medium or firm
8-15	1.00-2.00	stiff
15-30	2.00-4.00	very stiff
30	4.00	hard

The resistance of a non-cohesive soil (sand) can be related to its consistency as follows:-



### SAMPLE CONDITION AND TYPE

The depth and condition of samples are indicated by the following symbols:



UNDISTURBED



DISTURBED



LOST SAMPLE

### SAMPLE TYPES

- T - 3" O.D. Shelby tube sample
- P - penetration tube sample
- C - rock core sample

### PERCENTAGE WATER SOLUBLE SULPHATE CONCENTRATION

0      0.1      0.2      0.3      0.4      0.5      0.6      0.7%

Negli- gible	Posi- tive	Considerable	Severe
RELATIVE DEGREE OF SULPHATE ATTACK			

Negligible - Normal Portland Cement may be used.

Positive - Normal Portland Cement may be used, provided the strength of the concrete is increased up to 500 psi higher than the compressive strength which would normally be used.

Considerable - Type V cement must be used and the concrete compressive strength should be increased to 500
















psi higher than the compressive strength which would normally be used.

Severe - Type V cement must be used and the concrete compressive strength should be increased from 500 to 1000 psi higher than the compressive strength which would normally be used.

#### GROUND WATER TABLE

The water table is indicated by the level of standing water in a test boring after equilibrium has been reached. This is generally taken 24 hours after the drilling operation. The water table is usually an inclined surface that is dynamic in nature with its highest level late in the winter or early spring gradually falling throughout the summer.

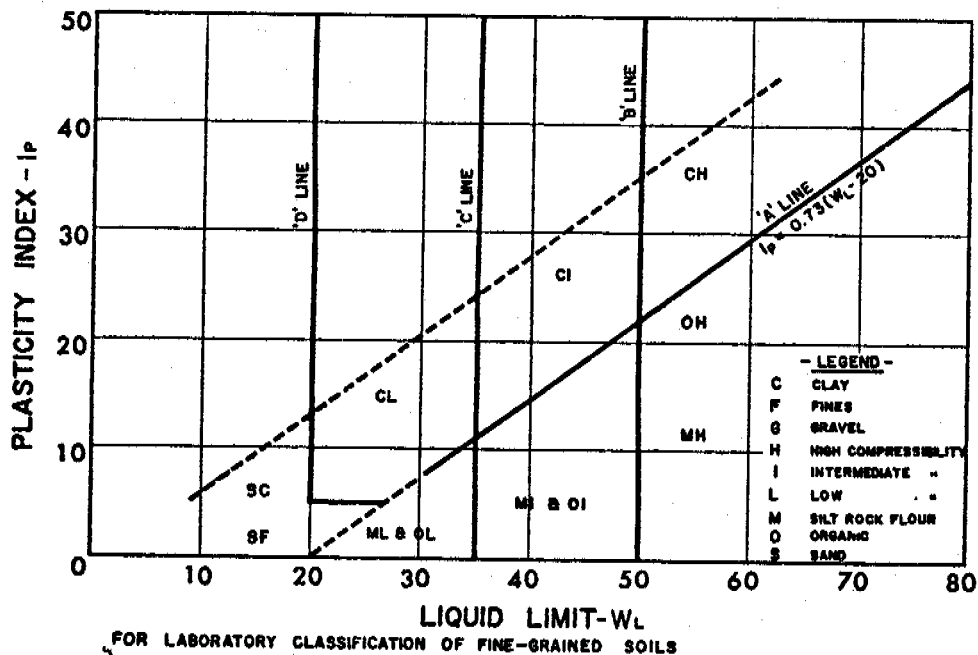
# UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

MAJOR DIVISIONS			GRAPH SYMBOL	LETTER SYMBOL	TYPICAL DESCRIPTIONS
COARSE GRAINED SOILS	GRAVEL AND GRAVELLY SOILS	CLEAN GRAVELS (LITTLE OR NO FINES)		GW	WELL-GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND MIXTURES, LITTLE OR NO FINES
				GP	POORLY-GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND MIXTURES, LITTLE OR NO FINES
				GM	SILTY GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND-SILT MIXTURES
				GC	CLAYEY GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND-CLAY MIXTURES
	MORE THAN 50% OF COARSE FRACTION RETAINED ON NO. 40 SIEVE	CLEAN SAND (LITTLE OR NO FINES)		SW	WELL-GRADED SANDS, GRAVELLY SANDS, LITTLE OR NO FINES
				SP	POORLY-GRADED SANDS, GRAVELLY SANDS, LITTLE OR NO FINES
				SM	SILTY SANDS, SAND-SILT MIXTURES
				SC	CLAYEY SANDS, SAND-CLAY MIXTURES
FINE GRAINED SOILS	SILTS AND CLAYS	LIQUID LIMIT LESS THAN 50		ML	INORGANIC SILTS AND VERY FINE SANDS, ROCK FLOUR, SILTY OR CLAYEY FINE SANDS OR CLAYEY SILTS WITH SLIGHT PLASTICITY
				CL	INORGANIC CLAYS OF LOW TO MEDIUM PLASTICITY, GRAVELLY CLAYS, SANDY CLAYS, SILTY CLAYS, LEAN CLAYS
				OL	ORGANIC SILTS AND ORGANIC SILTY CLAYS OF LOW PLASTICITY
	SILTS AND CLAYS	LIQUID LIMIT GREATER THAN 50		MH	INORGANIC SILTS, MICACEOUS OR DIATOMACEOUS FINE SAND OR SILTY SOILS
				CH	INORGANIC CLAYS OF HIGH PLASTICITY, FAT CLAYS
				OH	ORGANIC CLAYS OF MEDIUM TO HIGH PLASTICITY, ORGANIC SILTS
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS				PT	PEAT, HUMUS, SWAMP SOILS WITH HIGH ORGANIC CONTENTS

NOTE: DUAL SYMBOLS ARE USED TO INDICATE BORDERLINE SOIL CLASSIFICATIONS.

## SOIL CLASSIFICATION CHART

### PLASTICITY CHART





NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL PERMAFRÖST  
CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Permafrost ground ice occurs in three basic conditions including non-visible, visible (less than one inch in thickness) and clear ice.

A. Non-visible - N

N<sub>f</sub> - poorly bonded or friable frozen soil

N<sub>bn</sub> - well bonded soil, no excess ice

N<sub>be</sub> - well bonded soil, excess ice

B. Visible - V (less than 1" thick)

V<sub>x</sub> - individual ice crystals or inclusions

V<sub>c</sub> - ice coatings on particles

V<sub>r</sub> - random or irregularly oriented ice formations

V<sub>s</sub> - stratified or oriented ice formations

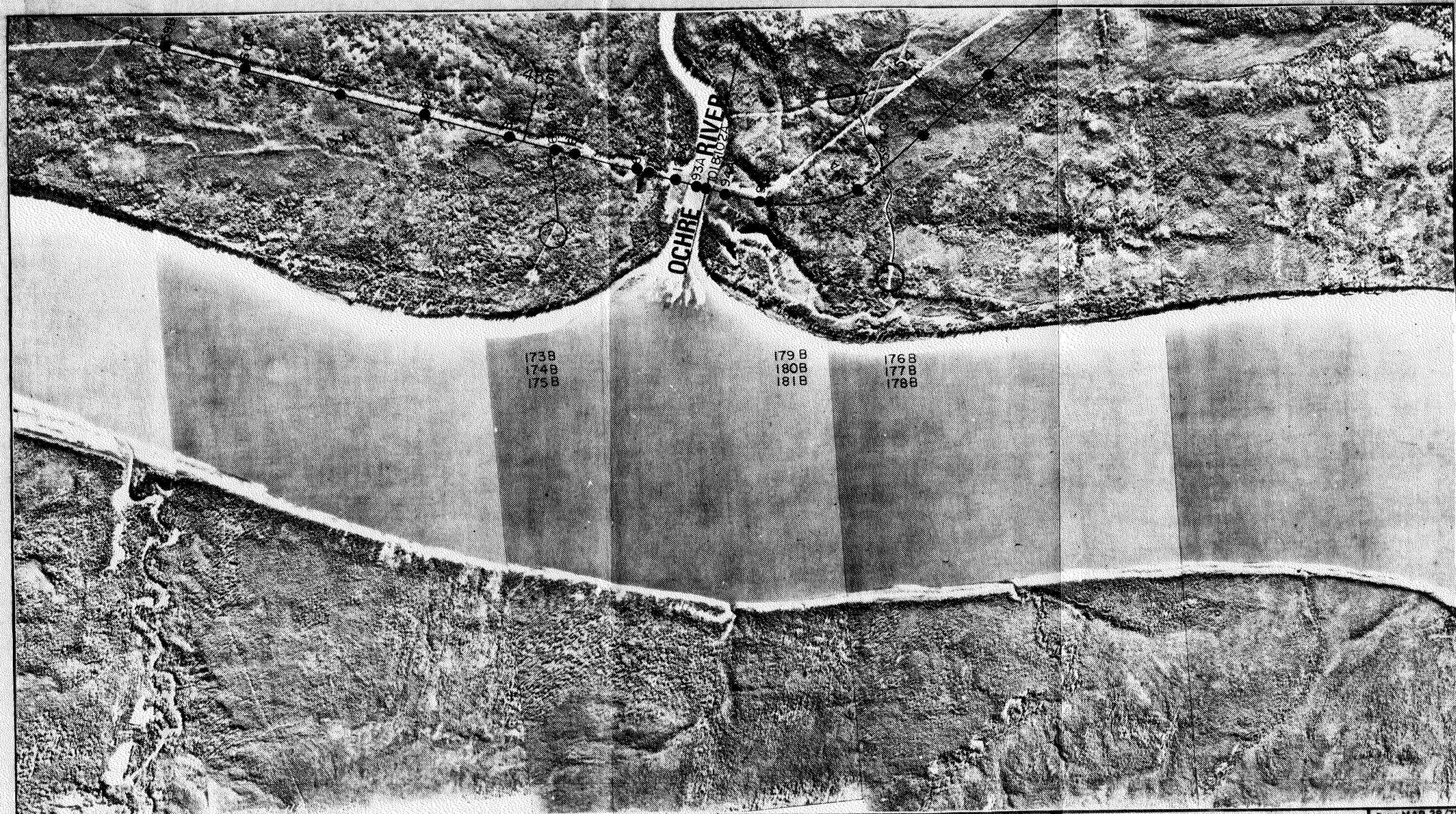
C. Visible Ice - (greater than 1" thick)

Ice - ice with soil inclusions

Ice + Soil - ice without soil inclusions.

A more complete description of this system is included in NRC publication TM 79.





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**MACKENZIE HIGHWAY**

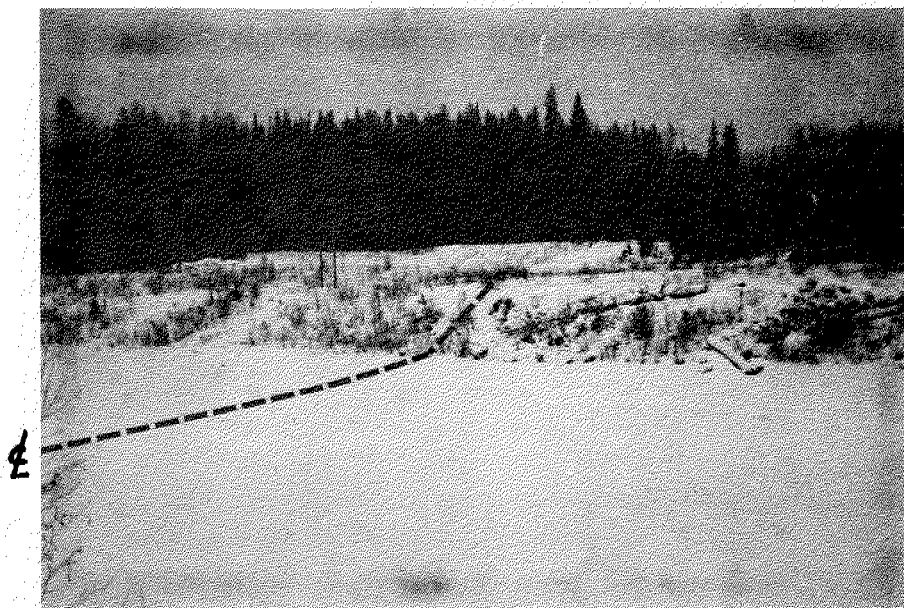
**OCHRE RIVER MOSAIC AND  
TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN**

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OCHRE RIVER CROSSING  
MILE 455.0



South Bank of River Crossing Viewed  
in a South Easterly Direction.



North Bank of River Crossing  
Viewed in a North Easterly Direction.

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## DRILL HOLE REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, CANADA  
MACKENZIE HIGHWAY

DATE FIELD ENG. RS DATE DRILLED 7/12/72 AIRPHOTO NO: CHAINAGE: 635+00 OFFSET: 2  
CKD DEP TECH DM RIG AIR SURFACE DRAINAGE: EAST TO WEST VEGETATION: SPRUCE & POPLAR TO SO ELEV. TEST HOLE

DEPTH (FEET)	SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE TYPE	% RECOVERY	PENETRATION RESISTANCE	UNIFIED SOIL SYMBOL	SOIL DESCRIPTION	LIMITS OF FROZEN GROUND	ICE DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (FEET)	GRAIN-SIZE ANALYSIS				WET DENSITY (P.C.F.)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	MILE	E.C.S	NUMBER	
										CLAY	SILT	SAND	GRAVEL						
										O = WATER CONTENT (% OF DRY WEIGHT) Δ = ICE CONTENT (% OF SAMPLE VOLUME)									
										20	40	60	80	100	100+	%	%	%	%
2						GP <u>PEH 1 - 2" ORGANIC GRAVEL</u>	F		2										
4						GP DRY, TRACE OF SILT	UF		4										
6						GP ROCKS, SANDY			6										
8									8										
10						GP DRY, WITH SILT			10										
12									12										
14						SP <u>SAND</u> DRY, MED. COARSE TRACE OF GRAVEL			14										
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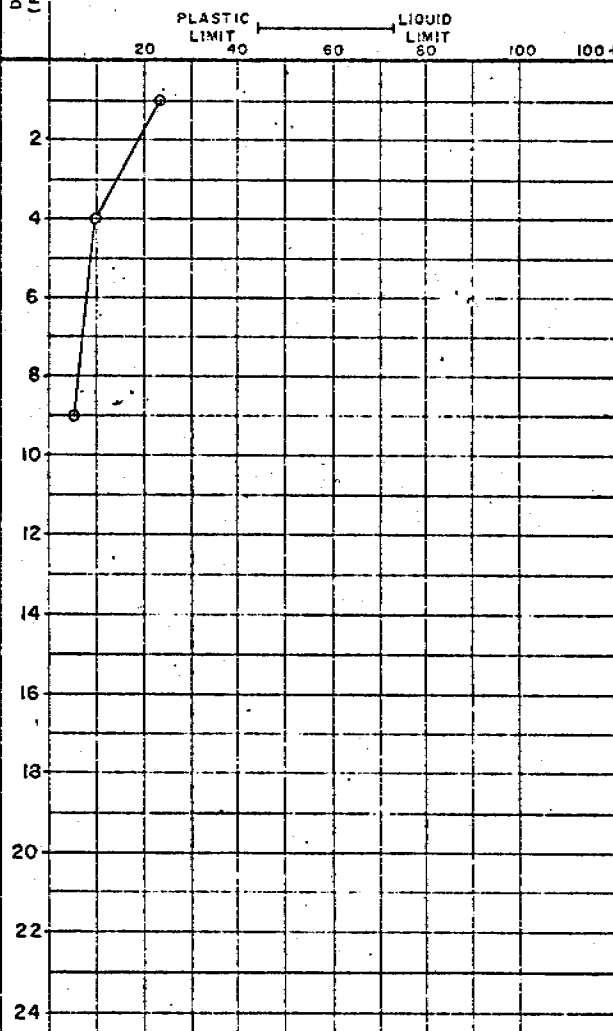
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# DRILL HOLE REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, CANADA  
MACKENZIE HIGHWAY

DATA: FIELD ENG. B.M. DATE DRILLED: 7/12/72 AIRPHOTO NO. CHAINAGE: 626700 OFFSET: 2  
C&D: DGP TECH: D.M. RIG: AIR SURFACE DRAINAGE: GOOD VEGETATION: SPRUCE & POPLAR TO 10' ELEV. TEST HOLE

DEPTH (FEET)	SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE TYPE	% RECOVERY	PENETRATION RESISTANCE	UNIFIED SOIL SYMBOL	SOIL DESCRIPTION	LIMITS OF FROZEN GROUND	ICE DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (FEET)	○ = WATER CONTENT (% OF DRY WEIGHT) △ = ICE CONTENT (% OF SAMPLE VOLUME)	GRAIN-SIZE ANALYSIS				WET DENSITY (P.C.F.)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	TEST HOLE		
											CLAY	SILT	SAND	GRAVEL			MILE	B.C.S	NUMBER
											%	%	%	%					
2						PEAT ORGANIC	F		2								454	C	648
4						SAND SOME CLAY & GRAVEL	UF		4										
10						MORE GRAVELLY			10										
12						END OF HOLE			12										
14									14										
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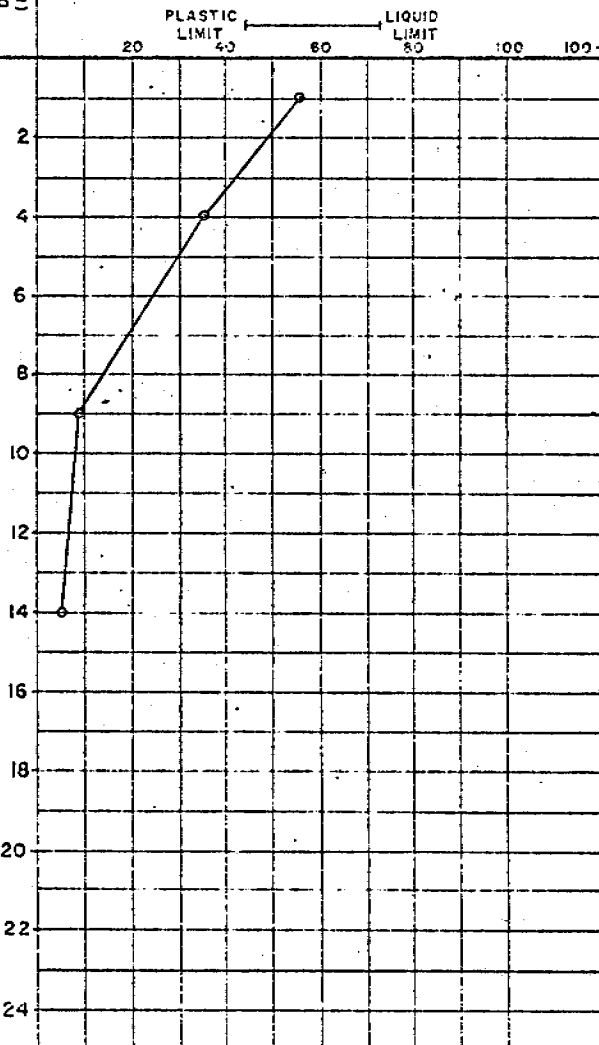
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DRILLER: A.E.W. FIELD ENG: B.M. DATE DRILLED: 7/12/72 AIRPHOTO NO: CHAINAGE: 619+00 OFFSET: 0  
 CNO: D.G.P. TECH: D.M. RIG: AIR SURFACE DRAINAGE: GOOD VEGETATION: SPRUCE, POPLAR, WILLOW ELEV: TEST HOLE

DEPTH (FEET)	SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE TYPE	% RECOVERY	PENETRATION RESISTANCE	UNIFIED SOIL SYMBOL	SOIL DESCRIPTION	LIMITS OF FROZEN GROUND	ICE DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (FEET)	GRAIN SIZE ANALYSIS				WET DENSITY (P.C.F.)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	REMARKS
										CLAY %	SILT %	SAND %	GRAVEL %			
2					DL	DEPT ORGANIC CLAY	F		2							
4					CL	SILTY, ICE CRYSTALS STICKY, SOFT			4							
6									6							
8									8							
10					SM	SAND SOME CLAY AND GRAVEL			10							
12									12							
14						SAND & ROCK CUTTINGS			14							
16									16							
18									18							
20									20							
22									22							
24						END OF HOLE			24							

○ = WATER CONTENT (% OF DRY WEIGHT)  
 △ = ICE CONTENT (% OF SAMPLE VOLUME)





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ELEV

○ = WATER CONTENT (% OF DRY WEIGHT)  
 △ = ICE CONTENT (% OF SAMPLE VOLUME)

PLASTIC LIMIT      LIQUID LIMIT

20      40      60      80      100      120

DEPTH (FEET)

4  
8  
12  
16  
20  
24  
28  
32  
36  
40

DEPTH (FEET)	WATER CONTENT (%)	ICE CONTENT (%)
4	38	35
8	35	32
12	32	29
16	30	27
20	28	25
24	26	23
28	24	21
32	22	19
36	20	17
40	18	15

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ELEV	282.9
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F. EV	2029
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TEST HOLE

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JOB: AEW FIELD ENG. RS DATE DRILLED: 11/12/72 AIRPHOTO NO: CHAINAGE: 611+00 OFFSET: 0  
 C&D D&P TECH: D.M. RIG: AIR SURFACE DRAINAGE: NORTH VEGETATION: NONE ELEV: 302.82 TEST HOLE

DEPTH (FEET)	SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE TYPE	% RECOVERY	PENETRATION RESISTANCE	UNIFIED SOIL SYMBOL	SOIL DESCRIPTION	LIMITS OF FROZEN GROUND	ICE DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (FEET)	GRAIN-SIZE ANALYSIS		WET DENSITY (P.C.F.)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	REMARKS
										CLAY %	SILT %			
4		P			PL	PEAT GRANULAR MUSKEG	UF		4					
8					CL	SILT CLAYEY, TRACES OF ORGANIC, SANDY			8					
12					SP	SAND COARSE, SOME SILT SOME GRAVEL			12					
16						WATER TABLE @ 15'			16					
20									20					
24									24					
28					SM	FINE-MEDIUM, SILTY TRACES OF GRAVEL VERY WET			28					
32									32					
36									36					
40						CLAY HARD, SHALE LIKE			40					
44						END OF HOLE			44					
48									48					

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TEST HOLE

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DATA AEW	FIELD ENG. PS	DATE DRILLED: 9/12/72	AIRPHOTO NO:	CHAINAGE: 604+00	OFFSET: L	TEST HOLE
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TEST HOLE

DEPTH (FEET)	SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE TYPE	% RECOVERY	PENETRATION RESISTANCE	UNIFIED SOIL SYMBOL	SOIL DESCRIPTION	LIMITS OF FROZEN GROUND	ICE DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (FEET)	GRAIN-SIZE ANALYSIS				WET DENSITY (PCF)	DRY DENSITY (PCF)	REMARKS
										CLAY	SILT	SAND	GRAVEL			
										O = WATER CONTENT (% OF DRY WEIGHT) Δ = ICE CONTENT (% OF SAMPLE VOLUME)						
										PLASTIC LIMIT 20 40 60 80 100 120						
4					CL	CLAY SANDY	UF		4							
8					GP	GRAVEL		8								
12						COARSE SAND			12							
16						BOULDERS			16							
20					SP				20							
24									24							
28					GP	COARSE, BOULDERS			28							
32						END OF HOLE			32							
36									36							
40									40							
44									44							
48									48							

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DATA: A.F.N. FIELD ENG. R.S.

DATE DRILLED: 9/12/72

AIRPHOTO NO:

CHAINAGE:

594+00

OFFSET: 0

CKD D.G.D. TECH. D.M.

RIG: AIR

SURFACE DRAINAGE: SOUTH TO NORTH

VEGETATION: POPLAR & SPRUCE (SILVUS) ELEV.

TEST HOLE

DEPTH (FEET)	SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE TYPE	% RECOVERY	PENETRATION RESISTANCE	UNIFIED SOIL SYMBOL	SOIL DESCRIPTION	LIMITS OF FROZEN GROUND	ICE DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (FEET)	GRAIN-SIZE ANALYSIS				WET DENSITY (PCF)	DRY DENSITY (PCF)	MILE	E.C.S.	NUMBER
										CLAY %	SILT %	SAND %	GRAVEL %					
2						<u>SILT</u>		UF	2									
4						SANDY, GRAVELLY			4									
6									6									
8									8									
10						<u>GRAVEL</u>			10									
12						SILTY WITH BOULDERS			12									
14									14									
16						END OF HOLE			16									
18									18									
20									20									
22									22									
24									24									

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DATA A.E.V. FIELD ENG. T.S. DATE DRILLED 9/12/72 AIRPHOTO NO: CHAINAGE: 585+00 OFFSET: 2  
CKD DGP TECH. D.M. RIS. AIR SURFACE DRAINAGE: NORTH VEGETATION: SPRUCE TO 40' ELEV: TEST HOLE

DEPTH (FEET)	SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE TYPE	% RECOVERY	PENETRATION RESISTANCE	UNIFIED SOIL SYMBOL	SOIL DESCRIPTION	LIMITS OF FROZEN GROUND	ICE DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (FEET)	GRAIN-SIZE ANALYSIS		WET DENSITY (PCF)	DRY DENSITY (PCF)	REMARKS
										CLAY	SILT			
2					SC	CLAY SILTY, TRACE OF SAND		Nbn	2					
4									4					
6						SILT			6					
8									8					
10					ML	SANDY SAND SEAM		Nf	10					
12									12					
14						SANDY			14					
16									16					
18						END OF HOLE			18					
20									20					
22									22					
24									24					

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DRY A.E.W.		FIELD ENG. T.S.	DATE DRILLED 9/12/72		AIRPHOTO NO:	CHAINAGE: 575400		OFFSET: 2	TEST HOLE							
CND DGP		TECH. DM	RIG: AIR		SURFACE DRAINAGE:		VEGETATION:	ELEV:								
DEPTH (FEET)	SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE TYPE	% RECOVERY	PENETRATION RESISTANCE	UNIFIED SOIL SYMBOL	SOIL DESCRIPTION	LIMITS OF FROZEN GROUND	ICE DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (FEET)	GRAIN-SIZE ANALYSIS				WET DENSITY (P.C.F.)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	REMARKS
										CLAY	SILT	SAND	GRAVEL			
										<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>20</span> <span>40</span> <span>60</span> <span>80</span> <span>100</span> <span>100+</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>PLASTIC LIMIT</span> <span>LIQUID LIMIT</span> </div>	%	%	%	%		
4					PC	PEAT - MOSS			4							
					ML	SILT - BROWN, SANDY, GRAVEL										
					GM	GRAVEL SILTY, COBBLES										
8						CLAY			8							
12									12							
16					CL	BROWN, SILTY SAND & GRAVEL		Vt	16							
20									20							
24									24							
28						GREY, SILTY WITH SAND & GRAVEL			28							
32						END OF HOLE			32							
36									36							
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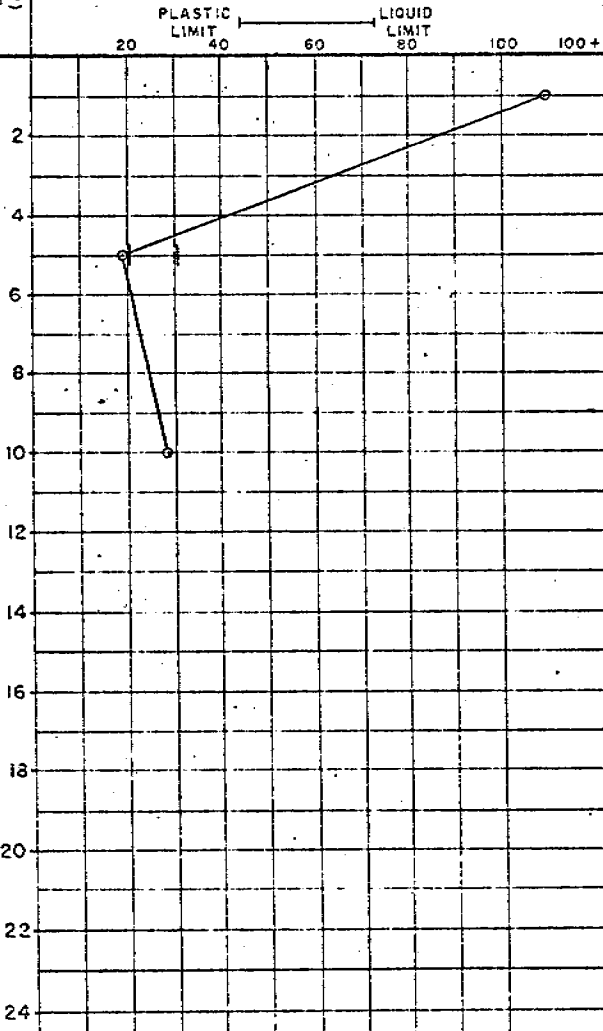
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C.D. D.G.P. TECH. D.M. RIG AIR SURFACE DRAINAGE: FLAT VEGETATION: SPRUCE TO 40' ELEV. TEST HOLE

DEPTH (FEET)	SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE TYPE	% RECOVERY	PENETRATION RESISTANCE	SOIL SYMBOL	SOIL DESCRIPTION	LIMITS OF FROZEN GROUND	ICE DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (FEET)	○ = WATER CONTENT (% OF DRY WEIGHT) △ = ICE CONTENT (% OF SAMPLE VOLUME)	GRAIN SIZE ANALYSIS				WET DENSITY (P.C.F.)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	MILE	E.C.S	NUMBER
											CLAY	SILT	SAND	GRAVEL					
										PLASTIC LIMIT ——— LIQUID LIMIT 20 40 60 80 100 100+									
										CLAY	SILT	SAND	GRAVEL						
										%	%	%	%						
2						PEAT			2										
4						CLAY		V <sub>A</sub>	4										
6		T				LIGHT BROWN, ICE SILTY			6										
8										8									
10										10									
12										12									
14		P				1/4" LAYER OF ICE		V <sub>A</sub>	14										
16						END OF HOLE			16										
18									18										
20									20										
22									22										
24									24										



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DATE DRILLED: 10/1/73

AIRPHOTO NO:

CHAINAGE: 630+00

OFFSET: 800' W OF R

TEST HOLE

CKD DGP TECH D M

RIG: A/R

SURFACE DRAINAGE: GOOD

VEGETATION: SPRUCE & POPLAR TO 30' ELEV

DEPTH (FEET)	SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE TYPE	% RECOVERY	PENETRATION RESISTANCE	UNIFIED SOIL SYMBOL	SOIL DESCRIPTION	LIMITS OF FROZEN GROUND	ICE DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (FEET)	O = WATER CONTENT (% OF DRY WEIGHT) Δ = ICE CONTENT (% OF SAMPLE VOLUME)	GRAIN-SIZE ANALYSIS				WET DENSITY (PCF)	DRY DENSITY (PCF)	MILE	B,C,S	NUMBER	REMARKS																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
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OFFSET: 600' W OF R

VEGETATION: SPRUCE & POPLAR TO 30' ELEV

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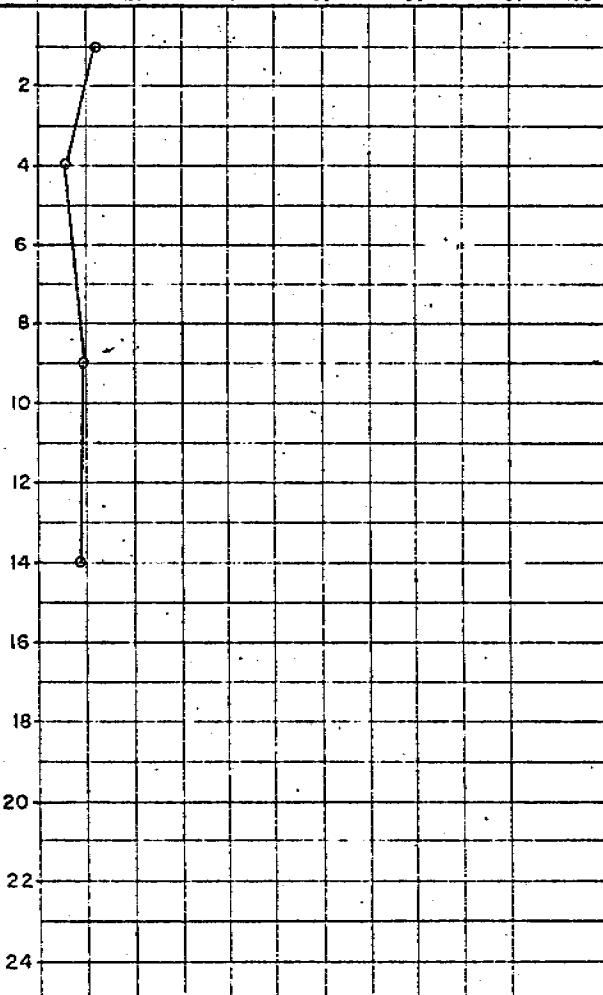
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JOB: AEW FIELD ENG: B.M. DATE DRILLED: 11/1/73 AIRPHOTO NO: CHAINAGE: 591+00 OFFSET: 500' E OF C  
 CKD D6P TECH: DM RIG: AIR SURFACE DRAINAGE: FAIR VEGETATION: SPRUCE TO 15' ELEV: TEST HOLE

DEPTH (FEET)	SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE TYPE	% RECOVERY	PENETRATION RESISTANCE	SOIL SYMBOL	SOIL DESCRIPTION	LIMITS OF FROZEN GROUND	ICE DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (FEET)	GRAIN-SIZE ANALYSIS				WET DENSITY (P.C.F.)	DRY DENSITY (P.C.F.)	MILE	S.C.S	NUMBER
										CLAY %	SILT %	SAND %	GRAVEL %					
						PE FEET GRANULAR MUSKEE												
2						GRNCL		F	2									
4						SOME SAND, SILTY		UF	4									
6									6									
8						GM SANDY, SILTY, CLAYEY			8									
10									10									
12						TILL TEXTURE			12									
14									14									
16						END OF HOLE			16									
18									18									
20									20									
22									22									
24									24									

○ = WATER CONTENT (% OF DRY WEIGHT)  
 △ = ICE CONTENT (% OF SAMPLE VOLUME)

PLASTIC LIMIT 40 LIQUID LIMIT 80  
 20 40 60 80 100 100+



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CON AEW FIELD ENG B/M DATE DRILLED 10/1/73 AIRPHOTO NO: CHAINAGE: 591+00 OFFSET 1200' W OF 4 TEST HOLE  
CKD DGP TECH DM RIG HIR SURFACE DRAINAGE: FHR VEGETATION: SPRUCE TO 25' ELEV

DEPTH (FEET)	SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE TYPE	% RECOVERY	PENETRATION RESISTANCE	UNIFIED SOIL SYMBOL	SOIL DESCRIPTION	LIMITS OF FROZEN GROUND	ICE DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (FEET)	GRAIN-SIZE ANALYSIS				WET DENSITY (PCF)	DRY DENSITY (PCF)	MILE	B.C.S	NUMBER
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										20	40	60	80	100	100+			
2						PE POST ORGANIC		F										
4						GW GRAVEL		UF										
6																		
8																		
10																		
12						GP SOME FINE SAND												
14																		
16						END OF HOLE												
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TEST HOLE

MILE	B,C,S	NUMBER
454	B	177 B

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