# **Appendix I BMP Structural Design Report**





# **BMP Structural Design Report - Northern Impoundment**

# **San Jacinto River Waste Pits Site Harris County, Texas**

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# <span id="page-6-0"></span>**1. Introduction**

This Best Management Practice (BMP) Design Structural Report (Report) was prepared by GHD Services Inc. (GHD), on behalf of International Paper Company (IPC) and McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corporation (MIMC; collectively referred to as the Respondents) for the Northern Impoundment of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site in Harris County, Texas (Site). The Northern Impoundment is located immediately north of the Interstate Highway-10 (I-10) Bridge over the San Jacinto River. The remedial activities described in the 2017 United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Record of Decision (ROD) require the removal of the waste material within the Northern Impoundment, much of which is submerged in the river. The excavation depths to remove the waste material extend, in some locations, tens of feet (ft) below the riverbed. As part of the Final Northern Impoundment 100% Remedial Design (100% RD), the Respondents have proposed to construct an engineered barrier or cofferdam (best management practice [BMP] wall) encircling the Northern Impoundment to divert water around the Northern Impoundment and allow excavation of the waste material in the dry. This Report summarizes the design criteria, geotechnical parameters, structural analysis and calculations, and various other considerations involved in the design of the BMP wall.

The BMP is proposed to consist of a double sheet pile wall approximately 3,340 ft in length (i.e., two parallel sheet pile walls connected with tie-rod anchors and filled with a fill material). The proposed alignment presented in the 100% RD locates the BMP a minimum of 30 ft away from the horizontal excavation extent on all sides of the impoundment with the exception of locations along the southern extent, in which the minimum offset is slightly less than 30 ft in some places, as shown on Figure 1-1.

For purposes of the BMP wall's design, the existing riverbed between the BMP (interior wall) and the excavation area is referred to as a "Soil Buttress." The width of the Soil Buttress (30 ft in most locations) will be maintained during excavation activities and allows the BMP to remain structurally sound while conducting the excavation activities. In some instances, additional fill material is added to the Soil Buttress to raise the interior riverbed elevation and reduce the exposed height of the BMP above riverbed elevation. That additional fill is referred to as a "Raised Bench." A riprap apron is installed on the exterior and interior side of the BMP to protect the riverbed from potential scour due to change in flow dynamics and overtopping during a flooding event, respectively. A sacrificial barrier wall comprising of fiberglass reinforced polymer (FRP) composite piles and walers will be installed approximately 20 ft from the exterior wall of the BMP to protect specific portions of the BMP from barge impacts.

The BMP will be a temporary structure, expected to remain in place for the length of the remedial action (RA), currently estimated at approximately seven years. A typical cross-section of the BMP is shown on Figure 1-2.



<span id="page-7-0"></span>*Figure 1.1 Northern Impoundment BMP Alignment - Plan View*



<span id="page-7-1"></span>*Figure 1.2 Typical Cross*-Section of the BMP

# <span id="page-8-0"></span>**2. Geotechnical Data**

### <span id="page-8-1"></span>**2.1 Geotechnical Investigations**

In order to define the geotechnical conditions of the Northern Impoundment, four geotechnical investigations were conducted as listed below:

- Remediation investigation (RI) in 2011.
- First Phase Pre-Design Investigation (PDI-1) in 2018.
- Second Phase Pre-Design Investigation (PDI-2) in 2019.
- Supplemental Design Investigation in 2021.

The Geotechnical Engineering Report (Appendix B) includes additional details, field logs, laboratory results, and a summary of these investigations. During these four investigations, a total of 43 geotechnical boreholes were drilled. During the recent SDI, two piezometers were installed, and cone penetration tests (CPT) were also performed at 13 locations on or close to the alignment of the proposed BMP. Figure 2-1 shows the locations of the geotechnical soundings.



<span id="page-8-3"></span>*Figure 2.1 Locations of Geotechnical Soundings*

### <span id="page-8-2"></span>**2.2 Subsurface Geology**

The geology in the vicinity of the Northern Impoundment is highly heterogeneous and a thorough understanding of that geology is critical for the design of the BMP. A detailed description of the Northern Impoundment geology is provided

in the Geotechnical Engineering Report (Appendix B). The approximate subsurface stratigraphy within the Northern Impoundment, as determined from the various geotechnical investigations, is comprised of the following three layers.

### <span id="page-9-0"></span>2.2.1 Surficial Alluvium Sediments

The Surficial Alluvium Sediments are fairly heterogenous, consisting of silty sands, sands silts, lean clays, and sandy clays. The cohesive sediments are typically very soft to firm and the cohesionless granular sediments are loose-to-compact. The thickness of the sediments ranges between 10 to 30 ft.

### <span id="page-9-1"></span>2.2.2 Beaumont Clay Formation

The Beaumont Clay Formation was generally encountered starting at elevations ranging between -20 ft to -35 ft North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88). This formation is composed of a stiff-to-very-stiff high plasticity clay (fat clay) and interspersed with seams or lenses of sandy materials. The formation extended to approximate elevations of -80 ft NAVD88 on the western side and -65 ft NAVD88 on the eastern side of the Northern Impoundment.

### <span id="page-9-2"></span>2.2.3 Beaumont Sand Formation

The Beaumont Sand Formation was generally encountered at elevations ranging between -50 ft to -70 ft NAVD88. This formation is essentially composed of compact-to-dense silty sand to clayey sand.

### <span id="page-9-3"></span>**2.3 Hydraulic Conditions**

During the SDI in 2021, piezometers were installed in borings SJMW-16 and SJMW-17 and the water levels were logged in these piezometers at regular time intervals. The monitored data show that the water level in the river fluctuates with the tides between elevations 0 to 3 ft NAVD88 (with an average of 1.5 ft) while the piezometric level in the Beaumont Sand fluctuates between elevations -4 to -2 ft NAVD88 (with an average value of approximately -2.5 ft).

### <span id="page-9-4"></span>**2.4 Geotechnical Design Parameters**

Figure 2-2 shows the available data from various geotechnical investigations for the Northern Impoundment along the BMP alignment. The following sections outline the various geotechnical parameters used for the analysis of the BMP.



<span id="page-10-3"></span>*Figure 2.2 Geotechnical Information along BMP*

### <span id="page-10-0"></span>2.4.1 Saturated and Buoyant Unit weights,  $\gamma$

The total unit weight,  $\gamma_s$  was estimated based on the water content values considering a specific density, G of 2.7. The variation of  $\gamma_s$  with elevation for the alluvium sediment, Beaumont Clay and Beaumont Sand is shown in Enclosure 1.A of Attachment 1.

Table 2-1 presents the saturated and buoyant unit weights considered in the analysis.

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### <span id="page-10-1"></span>2.4.2 Undrained Shear Strength, Su

The undrained shear strength (Su) profiles based on the vane test measurements and CPT soundings are shown in Attachment 1.

1. Alluvium Sediments: Enclosure 2.A

2. Beaumont Clay: Enclosure 2.B.

### <span id="page-11-0"></span>2.4.3 Undrained Modulus,  $E_u$  and Poisson coefficient,  $v_u$

The undrained elastic modulus  $E_u$  was estimated based on correlations with the undrained shear strength  $S_u$ . The  $E_u$ profiles shown in Attachment 1 for the Alluvium Sediments and Beaumont Clay layer (Enclosures 3.A and 3.B) were defined using Equations 2-1 and 2-2, below.

Alluvium Sediments:  $E_u = 400$ . Su [2-1]

3. Beaumont Clay:  $E_u = 300$ . Su [2-2]

Table 2-2 presents the E<sup>u</sup> values considered in the analysis.

#### <span id="page-11-2"></span>*Table 2.2 Undrained Elastic Modulus*



Undrained Poisson Coefficient  $v<sub>u</sub> = 0.5$  is considered in the design (corresponding to the theoretical value).

### <span id="page-11-1"></span>2.4.4 Drained modulus, E' and Poisson Coefficient,  $v^{'}$

For the cohesive deposits (Alluvium Sediments and Beaumont Clay), the drained elastic modulus E' was evaluated from the undrained modulus (see Table 2-3) using the following theoretical equation:

$$
E' = E_u. (1+v')/1.5 \qquad [2-3]
$$

Assuming  $v'$  (drained Poisson coefficient) value of 0.3, equation 2-3 becomes:

$$
E'=0.87\;E_u
$$

For cohesionless soils (Beaumont sand and cohesionless layers of the Alluvium Sediments), the drained elastic modulus was estimated using equation 2-4 based on correlations using the CPT results.

$$
E' = 0.015. 10^{ 0.551c+1.68} . (q_t - \sigma_{vo}) [2-4]
$$

Where:

- $q_t$  is the tip resistance.
- $\sigma_{\text{vo}}$  is the total vertical stress.
- Ic is the CPT behavior index.

Table 2-3 presents E' values considered in the analysis.

#### <span id="page-11-3"></span>*Table 2.3 Drained Elastic Modulus*



Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Section 2.4.3 for values of  $E<sub>u</sub>$ 

Drained Poisson Coefficient  $v' = 0.3$  is considered in the design.

### <span id="page-12-0"></span>2.4.5 Effective Stress Parameters,  $\phi'$  and c'

The friction angle  $\phi'$  and the effective cohesion c' for both the cohesive Alluvium Sediments and the Beaumont Clay were defined based on a limited number of triaxial tests results.

The friction angle  $\phi'$  for the cohesionless alluvium sediments and Beaumont Sand was defined from CPT results correlation presented in the literature - equation 7-5. Enclosures 4.A and 4.C in Attachment 1 show  $\phi$ ' profiles as defined from this equation for cohesionless alluvium sediments and Beaumont sand, respectively.

> $\phi' = 17.6 + 11$ . log ((q<sub>t</sub> -σ-σ<sub>νο</sub>)/σ )/σ  $[2-5]$

The effective strength parameters used in the design are presented in [Table](#page-12-3) 2.4.

<span id="page-12-3"></span>*Table 2.4 Effective Strength Parameters*

<b>Alluvium Sediments</b>		<b>Beaumont Clay</b>		<b>Beaumont Sand</b>		Fill	
φ', degree	c', psf	$\phi'$ , degree	c', psf	φ', degree	c', psf	$\phi'$ , degree	c', psf
26 (See Enclosure 4.A)	42	28 (See Enclosure 4.B)	150	37 (See Enclosure 4.C)		32	

#### <span id="page-12-1"></span>2.4.6 Over-Consolidation Ratio, OCR

The over-consolidation ratio (OCR =  $\sigma'_{p}$  / $\sigma'_{\nu o}$ ) values were defined from correlations-based CPT results (using Equation 2-6). The estimated OCR value profiles are shown in Enclosure 5.A of Attachment 1.

$$
OCR = 0.33. (q_t - \sigma_{vo}) \qquad [2-6]
$$

Where:

- $q<sub>t</sub>$  is the tip resistance.
- $\sigma_{\text{vo}}$  is the total vertical stress.

The OCR values used for the design are presented in Table 2-5.

<span id="page-12-4"></span>*Table 2.5 Over-Consolidation Ratio OCR*

<b>OCR</b>			
Alluvium Sediments	<b>Beaumont Clay</b>	Beaumont Sand	Fill
1.0	10 to $2$	N/A	N/A
	See Enclosure 5.A		

#### <span id="page-12-2"></span>2.4.7 Consolidation Parameters

The consolidation parameters based on consolidation tests are listed in Table 2-6.

<span id="page-12-5"></span>*Table 2.6 Consolidation Parameters*

<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Alluvium Sediments</b>	<b>Beaumont Clav</b>	Beaumont Sand	Fill
Recompression, cr	0.04	0.02	N/A	N/A
Compression Index, cc	0.32	0.25		



### <span id="page-13-0"></span>2.4.8 Hydraulic Conductivity

The hydraulic conductivity k profiles were derived from the CPT results and hydraulic conductivity tests (Enclosure 6.A of Attachment 1). The k values considered for the design are summarized below in Table 2-7.

For the sediments eight (8) lab tests were done for RI2020 in addition to the 3 ones already considered in the initial Enclosure 6.A. The results show the k values from the CPT are in the range of the lab values. The average value is about 4x10-3 ft/day.

For the clay, three (3) lab test was done in RI2020. The k lab values show a large scatter (about 2 order of magnitude).

The correlation providing the hydraulic conductivity value based on the CPT results is:

 $k = 10^{(0.952 - 3.04 \text{ lc})}$  m/s, where  $1.00 < lc \leq 3.27$ 

 $k = 10^{(-4.52 - 1.37 \text{ lc})}$  m/s, where  $3.27 \leq c \leq 4.00$ 

*Ic is a function of the parameters qt and fs measured in a CPT sounding.*

#### <span id="page-13-2"></span>*Table 2.7 Hydraulic Conductivity*



### <span id="page-13-1"></span>2.4.9 Geotechnical Parameters Summary

A summary of the geotechnical parameters used in the design are provided in Table 2-8.

<span id="page-13-3"></span>*Table 2.8 Geotechnical Parameters for Design*

Definition	Unit	<b>Alluvium</b> Sediments	<b>Beaumont Clay</b>	<b>Beaumont</b> Sand	Fill
Unit weight (saturated), $\gamma$	$Ib/ft^3$	118	125	130	130
Undrained Young Modulus, Eu	tsf	50 Enclosure 3.A	400 to 500 Enclosure 3.B	$\blacksquare$	$\overline{\phantom{0}}$
Drained Modulus, E'	tsf	43.5	0.87. E <sub>u</sub>	1040	150
Undrained Poisson Coefficient, vu		0.5	0.5	$\overline{\phantom{a}}$	-
Drained Poisson coefficient, v'		0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Friction Angle, $\phi'$	Degree	26	28	37	30
Effective Cohesion, c'	psf	42	150	$\Omega$	0
Undrained Shear Strength, Su	tsf	Enclosures 2.A	Enclosure 2.B	$\overline{\phantom{a}}$	$\blacksquare$
Over-Consolidation Ratio, OCR	$\overline{\phantom{a}}$	1	10 to $2$	$\overline{\phantom{a}}$	-
Hydraulic Conductivity, k	ft/day	$1.1 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.6 \times 10^{-3}$	0.9	3



# <span id="page-14-0"></span>**3. Design Parameters**

The following guidelines and standards are the ones that were primarily used to develop the design of the BMP:

- American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) 7-16, Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Building and Other Structures.
- Engineering Manual (EM) 1110-2-2504, Design of Sheet Pile Walls by United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).
- American Institute of Steel Contractors (AISC) 360-16, Steel Construction Manual 15th Edition.
- USACE Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System Design Guidelines, updated June 2012.
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, 2012.
- Nucor Skyline Technical Product Manual, 2021 Edition.
- Arcelor Mittal Impervious Steel Sheet Pile Walls Design & Practical Approach.

ASCE 7-16 categorizes structures into four Risk Categories (I through IV). During time periods when excavation is taking place, the BMP may be considered similar to structures or facilities that process, handle, or store toxic substances. ASCE 7-16 categorizes such structures or facilities as being in Risk Category IV, in which the failure of such structures or facilities may pose a significant hazard to the public.

USACE EM 1110-2-2504 defines the following load case conditions based on severity and probability of occurrences during the design life of the structure:

- *Usual:* Service level loading experienced frequently such as static earth pressure, hydrostatic pressures after installation of the BMP and during excavation with normal water levels in the river.
- *Unusual:* Loads larger than those considered usual and experienced less frequently such as 100-year probability storm events and high water levels in the river.
- **Extreme:** Worst-case scenario loads, rarely experienced during the design life of the structure, such as hurricane level winds, flood levels in the river and barge impacts.

*Note: All elevations in the calculation are noted with respect to the NAVD88 datum.*

### <span id="page-14-1"></span>**3.1 In-Situ Soil Parameters**

The soil parameters evaluated for the design and analysis of the BMP are discussed in Section 2.4. The subsurface soils include fine grained material that is expected to behave differently in drained (long-term) and undrained (short-term) condition. Both drained and undrained behaviors were analyzed.

### <span id="page-15-0"></span>**3.2 River Water Levels**

The loading from the river water with a density of 62.4 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> was applied as hydrostatic pressure.

The river water is influenced by the tidal waters from the bay and Gulf of Mexico. The water density will be in the range of 62.4 lb/ft3 (freshwater) to 64 lb/ft3(seawater). The maximum difference of 1.6 lb/ft3 (2.5%) will not have any impact on the design.

Tide data is available from the NOAA<sup>[1](#page-15-3)</sup> Station 8770613 located approximately 9 miles south of the Northern Impoundment. The mean higher high water (MHHW) elevation is 1.33 ft with respect to the mean lower low water (MLLW). The daily tide variation is significantly lower than the water levels assumed for the design of the BMP. Hence, tides will not govern the design.

The different water elevations corresponding to various load case conditions are as follows:

- *Usual* +5 ft NAVD88
- *Unusual* +10 ft NAVD88
- **Extreme** +10 ft NAVD88 (used for Barge Impact loading condition)

### <span id="page-15-1"></span>**3.3 Scour**

#### <span id="page-15-2"></span>3.3.1 BMP Exterior

The presence of the BMP can affect the natural flow state of the San Jacinto River in the vicinity of the Northern Impoundment. The scour potential of the river flow around the BMP installation was evaluated using the Hydrodynamic Model developed for the Northern Impoundment. The shear stresses determine the capability of the river flow to move the riverbed material (sediment). The analysis method and results are provided in Appendix F.

The model evaluated the changes in water circulation with and without the BMP installation for 2-year, 10-year, 100-year and 500-year flow event in the river. The analysis results show that average flow velocity increases as the river discharge increases, and it decreases with the increase in water surface elevation.

With the measured average sediment size, it is noted that shear stress exceeding 0.15 Pascals (Pa) has the potential to mobilize the sediment in the vicinity of the Northern Impoundment. The analysis results show maximum increase in shear stress of 2.65 Pa, maximum value of shear stress of 4.34 Pa and an average value of 0.24 Pa. The shear stress values are large compared to the critical shear stress value of 0.15 Pa for the sediment in the area, indicating that the soil particles are mobile and there is potential for scour and/or sediment deposition along the outside perimeter of the BMP.

The maximum shear stresses differences were observed in two locations – the southwest corner and the north side of the BMP installation. The elevated shear stresses are due to the increase in the river flow within these areas due to the presence of the BMP. However, the bathymetry in the model does not account for modifications of the access road for purposes of the RA which will elevate the area in the southwest corner, limiting the river flow and in effect, preventing increase in the shear stress reflected in the analysis model.

The relatively small value of the maximum shear stress indicates that, except for the two locations discussed above, the conditions overall remain similar to the existing conditions (without the BMP in place). The pattern is similar for all the four modelled storm conditions (2-year, 10-year, 100-year and 500-year flow events) with only small differences in magnitude.

Scour protection measures such as rock or riprap will be required around the majority of the perimeter of the wall (see Figure 1-1).

<span id="page-15-3"></span><sup>1</sup> National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Station at Morgans Point, Barbours Cut, Texas.

### <span id="page-16-0"></span>3.3.2 BMP Interior

Based on the evaluation of the historic data for the water levels and hindcast model (100% RD), there have been five (5) instances of water level exceeding elevation +10 ft that occurred outside the planned excavation season. The BMP is designed for water levels ranging from normal levels (elevation  $+2$  ft) to top of the exterior wall (elevation  $+10$  ft).

For the rare instances where the water level exceeds elevation +10 ft, the plunging water may cause scour at the interior base of the BMP wall. The riverbed elevation within the Northern Impoundment varies between 0 to -5 ft on the interior of the BMP walls, except in the northwest corner where the riverbed elevation is approximately -15 ft. The riverbed elevation will be raised to elevation -4 ft along the northwest corner by installing a 30 ft wide bench.

Based on the calculated flow rate over the height of the BMP, the entire BMP will fill to top of the wall within 1 to 2 hours when the river level rises only 6 inches above the top of the BMP wall. The water levels in the river may continue to rise for several hours but as the Northern Impoundment starts filling with water, the energy of the water overtopping the structure will be dissipated before it reaches the base of the BMP wall and the potential for scour will be reduced.

Scour protection measures such as rock or riprap will be provided along the entire interior perimeter of the walls for the initial stages of river water overtopping the BMP wall, should this occur.

### <span id="page-16-1"></span>**3.4 Wind**

The 3-second gust design wind speeds and hurricane exposure are defined in ASCE 7-16 Chapter 26. The web-based hazard tool by ASCE [\(https://asce7hazardtool.online\)](https://asce7hazardtool.online/) provides site-specific information. The standard design wind speeds relate to a maximum recurrence interval (MRI) of 100years. The wind speeds for Risk Category IV structure in hurricane exposure areas correspond to MRI of 3000years. All wind speeds are defined at 33ft above ground level.

- Design wind velocity, 3-second gust, MRI 10-years,  $V_{10}$  = 77 mph.
- $-$  Design wind velocity, 3-second gust, MRI 100-years,  $V_{100}$  = 116 mph.
- $-$  Design wind velocity, 3-second gust, MRI 3000-years,  $V_{3000}$  = 154 mph.
- Exposure Category C.
- Wind directionality,  $K_d = 0.85$  (solid freestanding wall).
- $-$  Topographic Factor,  $K_{zt} = 1.0$ .
- $-$  Ground Elevation Factor,  $K_e = 1.0$ .
- $-$  Velocity Pressure Exposure Coefficient,  $K_z = 0.85$ .

Velocity Pressure,  $q_z = 0.00256$  K<sub>z</sub> K<sub>zt</sub> K<sub>d</sub> K<sub>e</sub> V<sup>2.</sup>

Using  $V = V_{100}$ , qz $_{100} = 24.89$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (Unusual load condition).

Using  $V = V_{3000}$ ,  $qz_{3000} = 43.87$  lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (Extreme load condition).

### <span id="page-16-2"></span>**3.5 Waves**

Wind-waves are generated by sustained winds over unobstructed open waters (fetch). The Northern Impoundment is sheltered by land on all sides within 0.2 miles except the north and northwest directions as shown in [Figure](#page-17-2) 3.1. There are barges moored on the north side within 0.3 miles interrupting the open waters and beyond that, the nearest land is 0.5 miles away. The fetch distance perpendicular to the northwest is less than 1.5 mile.

[Table](#page-17-1) 3.1 provides the maximum wave height developed from sustained winds over the maximum fetch distance. The detailed evaluation of wind speed, wind direction, and water levels to calculate the waves near the Northern Impoundment is provided in Attachment 3.

<span id="page-17-1"></span>*Table 3.1 Wave Height for Maximum Winds (1 hour) from North*



Since the BMP is designed for water surface elevation at top of the wall (elevation +10 ft), the wind-waves will not govern the BMP design over the loading scenarios with the total hydrostatic pressure applied from top of the wall and barge impact as described in Section [3.6.](#page-17-0)



*Figure 3.1 Fetch Distance near Northern Impoundment*

<span id="page-17-2"></span>Wake-waves are generated by passing vessels in the area and approach the BMP walls at an angle as the navigation channel flows parallel to the walls. Similar to the wind-waves, wake-waves should also be combined with the normal water levels in the area (elevation +2 ft to +5 ft). Wind-waves are not combined with wake-waves since passing vessels overlapping with a storm event is unlikely. Since the BMP will be designed for water surface elevation at top of the wall (elevation +10 ft), the wake-waves will not govern the BMP design over the loading scenarios with the total hydrostatic pressure applied from top of the wall and barge impact as described in Section [3.6.](#page-17-0)

### <span id="page-17-0"></span>**3.6 Barge Impact**

Given the heavy barge traffic in the San Jacinto River, there is a potential for the BMP to be struck by a barge. An impact could be the result of a barge coming off its mooring and drifting toward the BMP during a storm or it could be the result of a towed barge veering off course. The segment of the river around the BMP actively used by barges is shown in Figure 3-1. The barges traveling in the navigational waterway, either empty or loaded, would be likely to make contact with the BMP at an angle. The barges moored directly north of the BMP would be likely to make head-on contact with the BMP. The impact energy from a barge moving at the river flow velocity will be absorbed by the combination of a barrier wall system installed outboard of the BMP and the BMP structure.

### <span id="page-18-0"></span>3.6.1 Impact Energy

The kinetic energy from impact can be determined as follows, where velocity may be either the flow velocity or the navigation speed. The energy of impact will be lower for any impact angle other than head-on collision.

Kinetic Energy of Impact = 0.5 x Mass x (Velocity x cosine  $(\alpha)$ )<sup>2</sup>

Where:

Mass = Mass of the vessel

Velocity = Speed of the vessel at impact

cosine  $(\alpha)$  = directional factor for impact angle relative to the velocity vector.

= 1 for Head-on impact, i.e., 0 degrees relative to velocity vector.

The kinetic energy will be absorbed by the structures (barrier wall and BMP) but the barge itself will absorb some energy and suffer damage. The American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO)<sup>[2](#page-18-1)</sup> method to determine impact force absorbed by bridge piers was used for evaluating the BMP. This method is conservative since the BMP will have a larger profile area than the typical bridge piers to absorb impact and distribute the energy.

<span id="page-18-1"></span><sup>2</sup> AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, Section 3.14



*Figure 3.2 Navigational Waterway Northern Impoundment*

<span id="page-19-0"></span>The USACE has developed design guidelines outlining minimum impact forces for hurricane protection structures in the New Orleans area.[3](#page-19-1) These include structures in protected waterways not exposed to tidal surge (Zone 1A). The conditions at the Northern Impoundment are similar. The extreme load condition criterion for Zone 1A corresponds to an impact force of 400 kips from a light barge applied at the top of the wall with hydrostatic pressure induced by the 100-year still water level and wind load applied on any exposed portion of the wall. It should be noted that heavier vessels did not govern the design as the velocities of these vessels were considerably less.

AASHTO requires all bridge piers located in navigable waterway crossings to be designed for ship and barge impact. The required minimum impact load corresponds to a 195-ft long, 35-ft wide, and 12-ft tall empty hopper barge (displacement = 200-ton), drifting toward the structure. This barge size is representative of the barges in the area.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)'s design criteria for the dolphin and fender system protecting the I-10 Bridge piers includes impact from a 30,000-barrel (BBL) barge, one of the larger barges in the area. A typical 30,000 BBL barge is 300-ft long, 54-ft wide, and 12-ft tall. In laden condition, the barge is loaded to full capacity and displaces 30,000 BBL equivalent or approximately 168,500 ft<sup>3</sup> of water. Thus, the barge weighs approximately 5,250 US-tons or 10,500 kips in laden condition. In ballasted condition, the barge carries only fuel and ballast water and weighs approximately 910 US-tons or 1,820 kips.

The head-on impact from the 54 ft wide, 30,000 BBL barge resulted in impact energy (and force) greater than the values recommended using USACE and AASHTO vessels. Therefore, the 54-ft, 30,000 BBL barge is considered the design barge for evaluating impact. A contact width of 50-ft was assumed to account for variations in the barge bow shapes.

<span id="page-19-1"></span><sup>3</sup> USACE Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System Design Guidelines, Section 5.2.1.

### <span id="page-20-0"></span>3.6.2 Impact Velocity

The hydrodynamic model (Appendix F) evaluated the flow velocities for four storm conditions at 2-year, 10-year, 100-year and 500-year recurrence intervals, both with and without the BMP present. The maximum and average velocities for the river flow from the hydrodynamic analysis report are summarized in [Table](#page-20-3) 3.2.

	<b>Existing Conditions (No BMP)</b>			With BMP in Place				
Velocity (ft/s)	2-Year	10-Year	100-Year	500-Year	2-Year	10-Year	100-Year	500-Year
Maximum	2.79	2.68	2.95	2.95	2.68	2.93	3.14	3.14
Average	0.56	0.55	0.66	0.68	0.61	0.60	0.71	0.72

<span id="page-20-3"></span>*Table 3.2 Velocity - Hydrodynamic Model*

The buoys installed at the Northern Impoundment have collected velocity measurements since January 1, 2022. A total of 129,593 observations were evaluated and processed to remove unrealistic spikes in the data. The methodology is described in Attachment 3. There were 11 individual instances (10-minute each) of measurements greater than 4 ft/s, with a maximum value of 5.2 ft/s. Since these 11 instances are not sustained, they are not considered in the design parameters of the barge impact analysis.

Based on the results from the hydrodynamic model and evaluation of the buoy data, the barge impact is evaluated for a velocity between 3.14 to 4 ft/s.

### <span id="page-20-1"></span>**3.7 Earthquake**

The area of the Northern Impoundment is generally considered to have low seismicity. This is also reflected by the following low seismic accelerations noted in the Geotechnical Report (Appendix B).

PGA: 0.034 g Ss: 0.069 g S1: 0.040 g

Typical retaining wall structures are impacted by earthquake loads due to reduction in strength of the foundation soils, fill material and/or the backfill. Structures that are founded on saturated, cohesionless soils or lenses of such soils within the cohesive soils can lose foundation support when subject to earthquake loading.

The seismic accelerations will not affect the alluvium and Beaumont clay layers. There will be impact on Beaumont sand layers or other granular material but as the BMP walls do not extend into the sand layers, the seismic accelerations do not impact the stability of the wall.

# <span id="page-20-2"></span>**4. Load Combinations**

The following load combinations (LC) are appropriate for the structural design in accordance with Allowable Stress Design in ASCE 7-16.

 $LC#1$  D + H + F  $LC#1A$   $D + H + F + I$  $LC#5$   $D + H + F + 0.6W$ Where:  $D =$ Dead load.

- F = Fluid load (hydrostatic pressure).
- H = Lateral earth pressures (active and passive).
- W = Wind Load on surface above water.

LC#1 was evaluated for both Usual and Unusual load conditions. LC#1A was used to evaluate the barge impact as extreme load condition with impact near top of the wall. An impact at lower levels will cause less rotation in the structure.

LC#5 combines wind load with other loads acting on the BMP. It is noted that wind load is applicable only to the exposed height of BMP above ground or water level. At the design water level for Unusual or Extreme conditions (+10 ft NAVD88), the BMP exterior would not be exposed to wind.

ASCE 7-16 recommends reduction in the load factor for resisting (passive) lateral earth pressure to 0.6. The intent of the reduction is to design structures resistant to overturning by reducing the resistance. Since the BMP wall was designed for overturning (rotational) stability with adequate embedment as described in Section 6, a reduction for lateral earth pressure was not considered.

# <span id="page-21-0"></span>**5. Design Criteria**

### <span id="page-21-1"></span>**5.1 Failure Modes**

The three primary failure modes for typical sheet pile retaining wall and floodwall systems are described below:

1. The unstable slopes may cause a deep-seated rotational failure of the entire soil mass. The slope failures are independent of the sheet pile embedment and location of the anchor system. This type of failure can be addressed by changing the geometry of the retained material or improving the soil strength.

*The double wall system of the BMP presented in the 100% RD is evaluated using PLAXIS 2D, a finite element software program. The program can model complex soil profiles, structural sections and perform soil-structure interaction analysis to achieve a solution with compatible forces and displacements. The program evaluates the soil stability around the sheet piles to determine if slope failure is a concern.* 

2. The sheet piles with inadequate embedment depth can be subjected to rigid-body rotational failure due to the lateral pressures exerted by the retained material. The classical design procedures such as the "free earth" Limit Equilibrium Method calculate the sheet pile embedment depths by balancing the active pressures behind the wall against the passive pressures provided by soil in front of the sheet piles. Adequate embedment depth is achieved at depth where the sum of horizontal forces and sum of moments is zero. Rigid-body rotational failure can be prevented, according to EM 1110-2-2504, by incorporating safety factors to decrease the passive pressures as appropriate for different loading conditions.

*The double wall system of the BMP is an atypical sheet pile system. Unlike a cantilever or anchored system,*  rotational failure is mitigated by the counterbalancing axial forces on the two walls. Instead of increasing the *embedment depth of the single wall, the width of the double wall system can be increased to an extent such that it beneficially contributes to resolving the overturning forces into axial components along the length of the wall. Thus, this mode of failure is not applicable to the double wall system.*

3. The sheet pile systems with stable slopes and adequate embedment may fail if the sheet pile sections, tie-rods, and/or the anchor components are overstressed or inadequately sized. Such failures can be prevented, according to EM 1110-2-2504, by incorporating safety factor in design by limiting the allowable stress as appropriate for different loading conditions.

## <span id="page-22-0"></span>**5.2 Safety Factors**

The following safety factors and allowable stress limits are adopted in the design of the BMP to prevent the failure modes described in Section 5.1, consistent with EM 1110-2-2504.

### <span id="page-22-1"></span>5.2.1 Embedment Depth

EM 1110-2-2504 recommends the minimum safety factors provided in Table 5-1 to determine embedment depth for cantilever or anchored sheet pile wall systems. It should be noted that the safety factors are suitable for the "free earth" Limit Equilibrium Method where the sheet pile is considered a rigid body allowed to rotate about a point below ground level, and the active and passive pressures are balanced to determine the embedment depth. Adequate embedment depth is achieved at depth where the sum of horizontal forces and sum of moments is zero. The pressures, and resulting forces in the system, are considered independent of the wall displacement in the Limit Equilibrium Method.

*The BMP design evaluated with the finite element analyses using soil structure interaction incorporates the nonlinear behavior of the soil, wall displacements and flexibility of the sheet pile and anchors. The active and passive pressures vary as the system flexes to achieve a solution by balancing the forces and displacements in the entire system. By inherently balancing the forces and displacements, the system achieves a larger safety factor against rotational failure than the Limit Equilibrium Method. Thus, the safety factors are not applied to determine effective soil parameters for calculating passive pressures.*

The cantilever wall BMP presented in the 2020 Northern Impoundment 30% Remedial Design (30% RD) acted as both a floodwall and a retaining wall by maintaining differential water (higher water in the river) and soil elevations (excavation below riverbed elevation). However, the current BMP system in the new alignment primarily serves as a floodwall by maintaining a different water elevation between the excavation area and the San Jacinto River. The sheet piles are terminated in the fine grain soils of the Beaumont Clay layer and both the undrained (Q-Case) and drained (S-Case) conditions were evaluated to determine the stability of the BMP.

Loading Case	<b>Floodwalls</b>		<b>Retaining Walls</b>		
	<b>Fine-Grain Soils</b>	<b>Free-Draining Soils</b>	<b>Fine-Grain Soils</b>	<b>Free-Draining Soils</b>	
Usual	1.50 Q-Case 1.10 S-Case	1.50 S-Case	2.00 Q-Case 1.50 S-Case	1.50 S-Case	
Unusual	1.25 Q-Case 1.10 S-Case	1.25 S-Case	1.75 Q-Case 1.25 S-Case	1.25 S-Case	
Extreme	1.10 Q-Case 1.10 S-Case	1.10 S-Case	1.50 Q-Case 1.10 S-Case	1.10 S-Case	

<span id="page-22-3"></span>*Table 5.1 Safety Factors for Passive Pressures - EM 1110-2-2504*

### <span id="page-22-2"></span>5.2.2 Sheet Pile Sections

EM 1110-2-2504 recommends the maximum allowable stresses for the sheet piles subject to different load case conditions, included in Table 5-2. Based on the definition of the various load case conditions (Section 4), the BMP would be subject to Unusual and Extreme load case conditions less frequently than the Usual load case conditions. Hence, the allowable stresses are relatively higher for the more severe loading scenarios to provide design solutions appropriate for Unusual and Extreme load case conditions.

<span id="page-22-4"></span>*Table 5.2 Allowable Stresses for Sheet Piles - EM 1110-2-2504*





### <span id="page-23-0"></span>5.2.3 Tie-Rod Sections

The tie-rod sections, included in Table 5-3, are designed using allowable stress design methods in accordance with AISC 360. The tie-rods are critical to balance the forces and displacements of the BMP.

<span id="page-23-3"></span>*Table 5.3 Overstrength Factors for Tie-Rod - AISC 360*

Limit State	<b>Overstrength Factors</b>
Tensile Yielding	1.67
<b>Tensile Rupture</b>	2.00
Tensile Rupture of Threaded Parts	2.00

If one tie-rod fails, the loads will be redistributed to the adjacent tie-rods. The tie-rods are designed for 150 percent of the demand loads, accounting for a tie-rod failure event where the loads are redistributed to adjacent tie-rods and preventing progressive failure and thereby, increasing the safety factor.

### <span id="page-23-1"></span>5.2.4 Walers

The walers are longitudinal beams connected to the tie-rods on the exterior face of the sheet piles. The walers distribute the loads from the sheet piles to the tie-rods and minimize variations in displacement along the BMP. In order to provide a continuous longitudinal beam, the individual waler beams will be spliced using bolted connections.

The walers are evaluated as simply supported multi-span beams with tie-rods providing the support reactions. The walers are also evaluated for condition with a longer span (150 percent) accounting for a tie-rod failure thus able to redistribute loads to the adjacent tie-rods. The walers are designed using the allowable stress design method in accordance with AISC 360, provided in Table 5-4.

<span id="page-23-4"></span>*Table 5.4 Overstrength Factor for Walers - AISC 360*

Limit State	<b>Overstrength Factors</b>
Flexure or Bending Stress	. 67
Shear	1.67

### <span id="page-23-2"></span>**5.3 Deflection**

Total system displacement comprised of structural steel deformation, rotation and translation of the entire BMP and soil system was evaluated for the proposed BMP.

Neither EM 1110-2-2504 nor ASCE 7-16 provide guidance on limiting system deflection. For a cantilever sheet pile system, structural steel can deform significantly before structural failure occurs; hence, structural steel deformation could not be used as a limiting parameter in the 30% RD.

The combination of tie-rod anchors and adequate embedment of sheet piles restrain the deflection in the sheet piles. The deflection at the top of the sheet pile translates to local deformations in the structure. These deformations are accounted for by the bending stress in the sheet piles and tensile stress in the tie-rods. The stresses will be limited to the allowable stress (Section 5.2) and within the elastic range (less than  $F_v$ ) to avoid structural failure of the BMP.

## <span id="page-24-0"></span>**5.4 Corrosion Protection**

The Northern Impoundment BMP structure was designed for temporary, short-term use. It was assumed that the sheet piles would remain in place for a period of approximately seven years after installation. Figure 5-1 shows the five exposure zones typically considered for corrosion. It also shows a schematic for varying thickness loss along the height of the steel sheet piles exposed to marine environment.



<span id="page-24-2"></span>*Figure 5.1 Typical Thickness Loss - Nucor Skyline Catalog, Ports & Marine Construction*

The loss of thickness due to corrosion relative to different exposure conditions are listed in Table 5-5. The corrosion rates are representative of industrywide accepted rates where site specific data is unavailable. Since the Northern Impoundment is located in brackish water, an average of total thickness loss for the river (0.008 inches) and seawater (0.027 inches) exposure is appropriate (these two values are indicated in bold font in Table 5-5, below). The duration of exposure to each zone varies significantly on the exterior and interior face of the BMP. It is conservative to assume the same thickness loss on both sides of the sheet pile. A uniform sacrificial thickness of 0.035inches (2 x 0.0175 inches) was included for each side of the sheet pile for the entire height of the wall. No additional maintenance should be required for the assumed seven year RA period.

Description of Exposure <sup>1</sup>	Loss in 5 Years <sup>1</sup> (inches)	Loss in 25 Years <sup>1</sup> (inches)	Loss in 7 Years <sup>2</sup> (inches)
Common fresh water (river, ship canal) in the zone of high attack (water line).	0.006	0.022	0.008
Very polluted fresh water (sewage, industrial effluent) in the zone of high attack (water line).	0.012	0.051	0.016
Sea water in temperate climate in the zone of high attack (low water and splash zone).	0.022	0.074	0.027
Sea water in temperate climate in the zone of permanent immersion or in the intertidal zone.	0.010	0.035	0.013

<span id="page-24-1"></span>*Table 5.5 Loss of Thickness due to Corrosion*

Notes:

<sup>1</sup>Eurocode 3 - Design of Steel Structures, Part 5: Piling, BS EN 1993-5:2007. <sup>2</sup> Interpolated between 5 Years and 25 Years.

# <span id="page-25-0"></span>**6. BMP Design**

### <span id="page-25-1"></span>**6.1 Analysis**

The BMP cross-sections were analyzed for stability and determining stress in the structural components using Plaxis 2D, a finite element software program developed by Bentley Systems, Inc. The program can model complex soil profiles, structural sections and perform soil-structure interaction analysis to achieve a solution with compatible forces and displacements. The analysis also incorporates a time variable simulating the various stages of construction, such as end of sheet pile installation, adding fill between the walls, installing tie-rods, dewatering the excavation area after the BMP is installed, and excavation, to allow for consolidation or dissipation of porewater pressures. The stages and consolidation periods assumed for the analysis of each cross-section are described in Section 6.2. The consolidation periods are the minimum times assumed only for the analyses to simulate soil response and not intended to replace or alter the excavation methodology or the construction schedule for the RA.

EM 1110-2-2504 recommends applying the safety factors (Section 5.2.1) to determine the effective soil parameters used to calculate passive pressures. This recommendation is suitable for the "free earth" Limit Equilibrium Method where the sheet pile is considered a rigid body allowed to rotate about a point below ground level, and the active and passive pressures are balanced to determine the embedment depth. The pressures, and resulting forces in the system, are considered independent of the wall displacement.

The finite element analyses using soil-structure interaction incorporate the non-linear behavior of the soil, wall displacements and flexibility of the sheet pile and anchors. The active and passive pressures vary as the system flexes to achieve a solution by balancing the forces and displacements in the entire system. By inherently balancing the forces and displacements, the system achieves a larger safety factor against rotational failure than the Limit Equilibrium Method. Thus, the safety factors are not applied to determine effective soil parameters for calculating passive pressures.

For the purposes of the analyses, the water level in the fill material between the two sheet pile walls is assumed to be at the same level as the river. Porewater pressure distributions are recalculated in steady state flow calculations following changes in water levels. Final "dewatering" of excavations assumes a phreatic level approximately one foot below the excavation level in the excavation area. No dewatering from well points below the excavation or wall was considered.

The program provides outputs of resultant forces such as shear and moment for the sheet piles, tension force for the tie-rod, and deflection at each stage of analysis. The structural components are designed for the largest governing forces. The representative sections along the BMP are described in Section [6.2](#page-25-2) and the definition in Plaxis at initial stage is shown in Attachment 2. The analysis results for each of the analysis sections (described in Section 6.2) are included in Attachment 3.

### <span id="page-25-2"></span>**6.2 Analysis Sections**

The BMP behavior varies with the height of the sheet piles above riverbed and the subsurface strata. Hence, multiple cross-sections were evaluated to account for the variations in riverbed elevations, cross-slope of the riverbed along the BMP alignment, thickness of Alluvium Sediments, anticipated top of Beaumont Clay layers, and distance from the BMP to excavation. The extents of each cross-section are shown in Figure 6-1. These extents are approximate and may change in the final construction to accommodate considerations related to standardizing construction practices.



<span id="page-26-1"></span>*Figure 6.1 General Extents of the Analysis Cross-Sections*

The following sections present the various cross-sections analyzed to determine the appropriate embedment depth for the sheet piles to achieve stability, size the sheet piles and tie-rods for the BMP. The cross-sections show distance on the horizontal axis and elevation (NAVD88) on the vertical axis. The sheet piles are typically centered at distance 0 on the horizontal axis as the cross-sections are taken along the BMP alignment. The cross-sections also show the approximate excavation surface near the BMP. The distance to the excavation area varies along the BMP alignment but the cross-sections are considered representative for the extents shown in Section 6.2.

Since the 90% RD, the BMP is evaluated for additional loading scenario with river flood stage water elevation of +10 ft NAVD88. The exterior wall is raised to elevation +10 ft in the 100% RD drawings. The tie-rod elevations (elevation +3 ft) are raised to be located above the normal water level in the river (elevation +2 ft).

The following sections provide the sequence of construction for each cross-section. The overall construction sequence is subject to the Contractor's means and methods and must be reviewed and approved by the Engineer.

#### <span id="page-26-0"></span>6.2.1 Cross-Section C1

Cross-Section C1 (Figure 6-2) represents the site condition where the riverbed is sloping away from the Northern Impoundment. The approximate wall height on the exterior and interior side is 19 ft and 16 ft, respectively.



<span id="page-27-1"></span>*Figure 6.2 Analysis Cross-Section C1*

The following construction stages and consolidation periods were defined for the analysis of Cross-Section C1:

1. Install exterior and interior sheet piles.

Fill between the sheet piles to elevation +3 ft NAVD88. Minimum time interval assumed as 10 days. Install tie-rods at elevation +3 ft NAVD88.

Fill between the sheet piles to elevation +9 ft NAVD88. Minimum time interval assumed as 6 days.

Dewater BMP interior to riverbed. Minimum time interval assumed as 4 days.

Excavate to 50 percent depth of material to be removed. The minimum time interval is assumed as 14 days. Dewater to final level (-20 ft NAVD88). Minimum time interval assumed as 3 days.

Excavate to 100 percent depth of material to be removed. The minimum time interval is assumed as 14 days.

#### <span id="page-27-0"></span>6.2.2 Cross-Section C2

Cross-Section C2 (Figure 6-3) represents the site condition where the riverbed is fairly even along the BMP alignment. The approximate wall height on both the exterior and interior sides is 24 ft. The large height above the riverbed overstressed the sheet piles and tie-rods. Hence, a 30 ft wide Raised Bench constructed up to elevation -4 ft NAVD88 is required on the interior side of the BMP to reduce the stresses.

The sheet piles and tie-rods required for Cross-Section C2 are among the largest standard sections available. The tie-rods are required to be installed at elevation +3 ft NAVD88.



<span id="page-27-2"></span>*Figure 6.3 Analysis Cross-Section C2*

The following construction stages and consolidation periods were defined for the analysis of Cross-Section C2:

1. Install exterior and interior sheet piles.

Fill between the sheet piles to elevation -7 ft NAVD88. The minimum time interval is assumed as 7 days. Install tie-rods at elevation +3 ft NAVD88.

Fill between the sheet piles to elevation -1 ft NAVD88. The minimum time interval is assumed as 7 days. Fill between the sheet piles to elevation +5 ft NAVD88. The minimum time interval is assumed as 7 days. Fill between the sheet piles to elevation +9 ft NAVD88. The minimum time interval is assumed as 7 days. Install raised bench to elevation -9 ft, sloped at 3H:1V. Wait 7 days.

Install raised bench from elevation -9 ft to elevation -4 ft at same slope. Wait 7 days before dewatering.

Dewater BMP interior to riverbed. The minimum time interval is assumed as 4 days.

Excavate to 50 percent depth of material to be removed. The minimum time interval is assumed as 14 days. Dewater to final level. The minimum time interval is assumed as 3 days.

Excavate to 100 percent depth of material to be removed. The minimum time interval is assumed as 14 days.

This cross-section was analyzed assuming excavation methodology assuming excavation is completed in the wet. It should be noted that the areas in the northwest corner are subject to risk of hydraulic heave as described in the Geotechnical Report (Appendix B) and modified excavation methodology will be required in some areas of the northwest corner.

### <span id="page-28-0"></span>6.2.3 Cross-Sections C3 and C3A

Cross-Sections C3 and C3A (Figure 6-4 and Figure 6-5, respectively) represent the site condition where the riverbed is fairly even along the BMP alignment. The riverbed starts sloping toward the excavation area along Cross-Section C3. The approximate wall height on both the exterior and interior sides is 14 ft.



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The following construction stages and consolidation periods were defined for the analysis of Cross-Section C3:

1. Install exterior and interior sheet piles.

Fill between the sheet piles to elevation 0 ft NAVD88. The minimum time interval is assumed as 10 days. Install tie-rods at elevation +3 ft NAVD88.

Fill between the sheet piles to elevation +3 ft NAVD88. The minimum time interval is assumed as 3 days. Fill between the sheet piles to elevation +9 ft NAVD88. The minimum time interval is assumed as 10 days. Dewater BMP interior to riverbed. The minimum time interval is assumed as 4 days.

Excavate to 50 percent depth of material to be removed. The minimum time interval is assumed as 14 days. Dewater to final level (-26 ft NAVD88). The minimum time interval is assumed as 3 days.

Excavate to 100 percent depth of material to be removed. The minimum time interval is assumed as 14 days. As the limits of Cross-Section C3 and Cross-Section C3A overlap, the more conservative approach for Cross-Section C3 is used for both.

### <span id="page-29-0"></span>6.2.4 Cross-Section C4

Cross-Section C4 (Figure 6-6) represents the site condition where the riverbed slopes away steeply from the Northern Impoundment. The approximate wall heights on the exterior and interior sides are 22 ft and 12 ft, respectively.



<span id="page-29-2"></span>*Figure 6.6 Analysis Section C4*

The following construction stages and consolidation periods were defined for the analysis of Cross-Section C4:

1. Install exterior and interior sheet piles.

Fill between the sheet piles to elevation -3 ft NAVD88. The minimum time interval is assumed as 10 days. Install tie-rods at elevation +3 ft NAVD88.

Fill between the sheet piles to elevation +9 ft NAVD88. The minimum time interval is assumed as 6 days. Dewater BMP interior to riverbed. The minimum time interval is assumed as 4 days.

Excavate to 50 percent depth of material to be removed. The minimum time interval is assumed as 17 days. Dewater to final level (-22 ft NAVD88). The minimum time interval is assumed as 3 days.

Excavate to 100 percent depth of material to be removed. The minimum time interval is assumed as 14 days.

### <span id="page-29-1"></span>6.2.5 Cross-Section C4A

Cross-Section C4A (Figure 6-7) represents the site condition where the riverbed slopes away from the Northern Impoundment. The approximate wall heights on the exterior and interior sides are 17 ft and 12 ft, respectively.



<span id="page-30-1"></span>*Figure 6.7 Analysis Section C4A*

The following construction stages and consolidation periods were defined for the analysis of Cross-Section C4A:

1. Install exterior and interior sheet piles.

Fill between the sheet piles to elevation 0 ft NAVD88. The minimum time interval is assumed as 10 days. Install tie-rods at elevation +3 ft NAVD88.

Fill between the sheet piles to elevation +9 ft NAVD88. The minimum time interval is assumed as 6 days. Dewater BMP interior to riverbed. The minimum time interval is assumed as 4 days.

Excavate to 50 percent depth of material to be removed. The minimum time interval is assumed as 17 days. Dewater to final level (-21 ft NAVD88). The minimum time interval is assumed as 3 days.

Excavate to 100 percent depth of material to be removed. The minimum time interval is assumed as 14 days.

### <span id="page-30-0"></span>6.2.6 Cross-Section C5

Cross-Section C5 (Figure 6-8) represents the site condition where the riverbed slopes away steeply from the Northern Impoundment. The approximate wall heights on the exterior and interior sides are 24 ft and 17 ft, respectively.



<span id="page-30-2"></span>*Figure 6.8 Analysis Section C5*

The following construction stages and consolidation periods were defined for the analysis of Cross-Section C5:

1. Install exterior and interior sheet piles.

Fill between the sheet piles to elevation -1 ft NAVD88. The minimum time interval is assumed as 10 days. Install tie-rods at elevation +3 ft NAVD88.

Fill between the sheet piles to elevation +9 ft NAVD88. The minimum time interval is assumed as 6 days. Dewater BMP interior to riverbed. The minimum time interval is assumed as 4 days.

Excavate to 50 percent depth of material to be removed. The minimum time interval is assumed as 17 days. Dewater to final level (-16 ft NAVD88). The minimum time interval is assumed as 3 days.

Excavate to 100 percent depth of material to be removed. The minimum time interval is assumed as 14 days.

### <span id="page-31-0"></span>6.2.7 Cross-Sections C6 and C7

Cross-Sections C6 and C7 (Figure 6-9 and Figure 6-10, respectively) represent the BMP cross-sections along the southern alignment parallel to I-10. The TxDOT right of way (ROW) runs between the elevated portion of the freeway and the southern boundary of the Northern Impoundment. The existing ground elevation varies between elevation 0 ft NAVD88 and +5 ft NAVD88. The elevation at bottom of excavation is at -14 ft NAVD88 and -20 ft NAVD88 for Section C6 and Section C7, respectively. For these cross-sections, the top of the Soil Buttress was considered to be at elevation 0 ft NAVD88 at the face of the BMP. This assumption is conservative for BMP design as the Soil Buttress extends higher, to elevation +5 ft NAVD88 in some locations, providing additional stability and reducing the retained height of the wall.

Several alternatives as described in this section were evaluated to identify a workable BMP design for Cross-Sections C6 and C7. The BMP for these cross-sections was originally evaluated as a combination wall (Alternative 1), to be installed directly at the edge of the existing Northern Impoundment berm (0 on the horizontal axis) and with excavation limits extending to the face of the sheet piles. It was originally conceived that this type of wall would be the simplest design and installation for this area, although it required the installation of tie-back anchors) on the TxDOT ROW. However, the combination wall and several other alternatives were each determined not to be feasible, for reasons described below.

The only workable solution identified was a double-wall system, approximately 30 ft wide, similar to the double-wall system planned for the remainder of the BMP around the Northern Impoundment (Alternative 5). This double-wall system required moving the BMP alignment farther south into the TxDOT ROW to allow for a sloped Soil Buttress beginning at Elevation 0 ft NAVD88 and extending into the excavation area. This placed the double wall within the TxDOT ROW, with the outer wall being approximately 20 ft from the I-10 Bridge guardrails on the TxDOT ROW.



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<span id="page-31-2"></span>*Figure 6.10 Analysis Section C7*

The different wall types that were evaluated for the BMP along the southern alignment are detailed below.

#### <span id="page-32-0"></span>**Alternative 1: Combination Wall with Tie-back Anchors**

This alternative included a combination wall system of tubular pipe piles and Z-shaped sheet piles aligned directly at the edge of the existing berm and excavation limits, and connected to the Z-shaped sheet pile anchor walls with steel tie-rods for support. The wall would have been approximately 23 ft to 29 ft above the bottom of the excavation. Due to the significant height of wall above the anticipated excavation bottom and the need for active excavation at the face of the BMP (such that there would not be any Soil Buttress between the excavation and the BMP wall, as in other BMP cross-sections), it was determined that the pipe piles for this alternative would have to be driven into the hard sand layers located beneath the Beaumont Clay to achieve adequate embedment depth for stability. For this alternative, tie-back anchors would have been required to provide adequate anchorage for the pipe piles and avoid rotational failure. These tie-back anchors would have been placed at least 60 ft behind the pipe piles on the TxDOT ROW, close to the southern boundary of the ROW adjacent to I-10.

There were significant concerns related to driving the BMP wall into the sand layer which would have presented problems with drivability and associated vibrations when installing large tubular sections (Section 6.6), particularly in such close proximity to the I-10 Bridge, the ExxonMobil pipeline assets, and other underground utilities. There were also concerns for vehicle driver safety due to potential visual distraction during installation of a wall of this magnitude and height adjacent to I-10. In addition, extracting the tubular piles after completion of the RA would have raised concerns similar to those associated with their installation. For these reasons, this option was considered unfeasible.

#### <span id="page-32-1"></span>**Alternative 2: Cantilever Concrete Secant Pile**

This alternative included overlapping concrete piles aligned directly at the edge of the existing berm and excavation limits. All piles would have had to be cast-in-place by drilling to the required depth, placing reinforcement, and pouring concrete. The primary concrete piles (typically unreinforced) would have had to be built first at regular interval spacing to allow for secondary reinforced concrete piles to be installed in between them. After the primary piles had achieved the desired strength, the secondary reinforced concrete piles would have had to be built by coring through the edges of the primary piles, placing reinforcement, and pouring concrete to create an overlapping continuous concrete wall. The secondary piles could not be drilled until after the primary piles had achieved full strength resulting in longer installation time than steel piles. The concrete piles would also have been required to be embedded in the hard sand layers beneath the Beaumont Clay to achieve adequate embedment depth for stability.

There were concerns about constructability of this system since it would have required drilling deep into the sand layer and use of steel casings to allow placement of concrete in the sand layers, further extending the installation time. It also would have required achieving quality overlap between primary and secondary piles to create relatively watertight seams and avoid any seepage of any water into or out of the Northern Impoundment, which would have been extremely challenging to achieve. Finally, the large unrestrained height of the wall above the excavation area (up to 29 feet, similar to Alternative 1) would have also been a concern for safety. Removal of the cast-in-place concrete piles without extensive demolition also would not have been feasible. Hence, this alternative was considered unfeasible.

#### <span id="page-32-2"></span>**Alternative 3: Concrete Secant Pile with Tieback Anchors**

This alternative included installation of concrete piles similar to Alternative 2 combined with the tie-back anchors similar to Alternative 1, aligned directly at the edge of the existing berm and excavation limits and with the tie-back anchors extending into the TxDOT ROW. Due to concerns similar to those that were the basis for eliminating Alternative 1 and Alternative 2, this alternative was considered unfeasible.

#### <span id="page-32-3"></span>**Alternative 4: Combination Wall with Brace Piles**

This alternative included a combination wall system similar to Alternative 1 with the tie-back anchor system behind the wall replaced by brace piles located in front of the wall. The BMP was aligned directly at the edge of the existing berm and excavation limits. The brace piles would have been closely spaced large diameter tubular piles similar to the ones in the combination wall and installed at an angle of 35 degrees (from vertical) within the excavation area. Excavation would have to take place around these brace piles. Similar to Alternative 1, the combination wall would have had to be driven into the sand layers to achieve adequate embedment depth. In addition, the brace piles would also have had to be driven into the sand layers to achieve the required capacity to adequately brace the combination wall.

The concerns with constructability as described for tubular piles in Alternative 1 also apply to the combination wall and brace piles. There would also be a potential risk for critical damage and worker safety issues associated with excavating around the brace piles to an elevation of -20 ft NAVD88. Hence, this alternative was considered unfeasible.

#### <span id="page-33-0"></span>**Design System: Double Wall System**

This alternative is the same as the other cross-sections of the BMP. The BMP alignment was set farther away from the edge of the existing berm and excavation limits, and approximately 20 ft from the southern boundary (immediately adjoining I-10) of the TxDOT ROW. This alignment avoids encroaching into the excavation area and allows utilization of the existing berm to act as a Soil Buttress to reduce the retained height the wall and reduced stresses on the structural components of the BMP wall.

This alternative provides a feasible BMP design that is placed outside the excavation area and avoids the concern of pile driveability and vibrations since the sheet piles would be terminated in the Beaumont Clay layer. However, it will require use of the TxDOT ROW to accommodate the BMP wall structure.

#### <span id="page-33-1"></span>**Design Selection: Double Wall System**

The double wall system as described in Alternative 5 was selected as the BMP along the southern alignment. The following construction stages and consolidation periods were defined for the analysis of Cross-Sections C6 and C7:

- 1. Install exterior and interior sheet piles.
- 2. Cut soil between the sheet piles to elevation 0 ft NAVD88.
- 3. Install tie-rods at elevation +3 ft NAVD88.
- 4. Fill between the sheet piles to elevation +9 ft NAVD88.
- 5. Dewater BMP interior to riverbed. The minimum time interval is assumed as 4 days.
- 6. Excavate to 50 percent depth of material to be removed. Maintain soil slope at 3H:1V from elevation 0 ft NAVD88 to excavation bottom. The minimum time interval is assumed as 17 days.
- 7. Dewater to final level (-20 ft NAVD88). The minimum time interval is assumed as 3 days.
- 8. Excavate to 100 percent depth of material to be removed. Maintain minimum soil slope at 3H:1V from elevation 0 ft NAVD88 to excavation bottom. The minimum time interval is assumed as 14 days.

### <span id="page-33-2"></span>**6.3 Structural Components**

The material grades used for design of the key structural components are summarized below:



For purposes of the design, the standard sections for sheet pile and tie-rods were selected from the Nucor Skyline Technical Product Manual. The manual also included the section properties used for design calculations. Alternative sections with equivalent properties are available from other manufacturers and may be used in construction.

The detailed calculations for the sheet pile, tie-rods, and walers are provided in Attachment 3.

### <span id="page-34-0"></span>**6.4 Scour Protection**

#### <span id="page-34-1"></span>6.4.1 BMP Exterior

Scour protection countermeasures for the BMP exterior are developed based on Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidance provided in Hydraulic Engineering Circular No. 23 (HEC-23), Bridge Scour and Stream Instability Countermeasures (Publication No. FHWA-NHI-09-111, September 2009) which provides design guidelines for use of rock riprap to mitigate scour at bridge abutments. Although the BMP is not a bridge abutment, its influence on floodplain hydraulics is similar in that overbank flows are concentrated through a narrower section of the river resulting in localized increase in shear stress.

Design Guideline 14 was applied to the design of the rock riprap scour protection concepts. The median stone diameter for riprap scour protection is calculated based on depth, velocity and abutment geometry using the Isbash equation. The results from the Hydrodynamic Analysis (Appendix F) indicate maximum peak velocities would be approximately 3.14 ft/s. To account for uncertainties related to complex hydrodynamics and potential for localized flow accelerations along the BMP, an additional safety factor was applied to the predicted maximum velocity. The median rock size for the riprap was designed for a velocity of 6 ft/s.

Based on this approach, the riprap scour protection apron will consist of a median stone diameter of 10 inches and an overall layer thickness of 1.5 ft.

As noted in Section [3.3.1,](#page-15-2) scour protection is required around the majority of the perimeter of the wall, including the east side of the BMP as the channel narrows near the I-10 Bridge. A 25 ft wide riprap apron will provide sufficient stability along the exterior perimeter of the BMP.

Additional details of various scenarios considered for riprap sizing are provided in Attachment 3.

### <span id="page-34-2"></span>6.4.2 BMP Interior

Scour protection countermeasures for the BMP interior are designed by calculating the velocity of water reaching the base of the wall, resulting impact pressure, length of the turbulent flow at the base of the wall and potential for flow jump where the soil slopes away from the wall.

The most critical scour can occur in the initial stages where the river water level rises over the top of the BMP wall. When water rises 6 inches above the BMP wall, it can fill the entire area to the top of the wall within 1-2 hours. As the river water level continues to rise in the initial hours, the BMP will fill faster and reduce the time where the soils at the base of the BMP are directly exposed to the overtopping water.

Additional details of the analysis for a wide range of river water levels between elevation +10.1 ft to +14.0 ft are provided in Attachment 3.3. However, only the initial stages where water level reaches elevation +10.5 ft is considered critical for interior wall scour.

Based on this approach, the interior riprap scour protection will consist of median stone diameter of 18 inches and an overall layer thickness of 3 ft. As an added measure, the riprap will be grouted with flowable concrete of 3000 psi strength to withstand the plunging water flow over the BMP wall. The riprap apron will be extended to 25 ft from the base of the BMP wall.

At the northwest corner of the BMP, the raised bench is required for stability of the wall. Due to limited space available without encroaching into the excavation area, the riprap will be incorporated into the bench to protect the entire 30-ft width of the raised bench. All the interior scour protection will be monitored routinely and maintained for the duration of the project.

Additional details of various scenarios considered for riprap sizing are provided in Attachment 3.

## <span id="page-35-0"></span>**6.5 Wind Load Evaluation**

As described in Section 3.5, the design wind loads correspond to a 100-year storm (Unusual load condition) or the 3000-year hurricane level wind (Extreme load condition). Typically, the wind load is applied to the face of the BMP exposed above water or ground level. At the design water level for the Unusual and Extreme load conditions (i.e., Elevation +9 ft NAVD88) the exterior face of the BMP would not be exposed to the wind. Assuming the excavation area remained completely dewatered, the wind loads acting on the interior face of the BMP will be counteracted by the hydrostatic loads from the water on the outside.

A parametric evaluation was performed for the effect of wind loads on the design of BMP using LC#5 (Section 4). The 0.6 reduction factor for wind load was conservatively ignored for the evaluation. The net load ( $F + W_{Exterior}$  - W<sub>Interior</sub>) on the BMP, calculated as sum of the hydrostatic load and the wind load applied to both interior (above ground) and exterior (above water level), was compared to the hydrostatic load with water level at +9 ft NAVD88 acting alone. There is low probability that the hurricane level winds will develop on-site without an increase in water levels. Hence, combining hurricane level winds with normal water levels (i.e., Elevation +5 ft NAVD88) when the BMP is most exposed, is a conservative approach. The calculated net load was smaller than the hydrostatic loads corresponding to the unusual condition water level at +9 ft (NAVD88) acting alone. Thus, the wind loads do not govern the design.

Additional details of various scenarios considered for the parametric evaluation are provided in Attachment 3.

### <span id="page-35-1"></span>**6.6 Wave Load Evaluation**

As described in Section [3.5,](#page-16-2) the BMP is designed for water levels at top of the wall. Hence, the loads from waves approaching the BMP wall and combined with lower water levels will not govern the design.

### <span id="page-35-2"></span>**6.7 Barge Impact**

The impact energy from a barge moving at the river flow velocity will be absorbed in the following two stages –

- 1. Primary or first contact will be with a barrier wall system comprising of fiberglass reinforced polymer (FRP) composite piles. The barrier wall is designed to absorb impact energy corresponding to velocity of up to 2.2 ft/s (laden barge) or up to 5.3 ft/s (ballasted barge).
- 2. As the barge damages the barrier wall and breaks through, it will lose energy. The BMP will be subjected to the remaining energy of 1.8 ft/s i.e., energy corresponding to the difference between approach velocity of 4 ft/s and energy absorbed by the barrier wall at 2.2 ft/s. In the 90% RD, the BMP was evaluated for impact velocity of 2.2 ft/s (laden barge) and 5.3 ft/s (ballasted barge). The analysis results are valid for this evaluation.

### <span id="page-35-3"></span>6.7.1 Barrier Wall

A FRP barrier wall will be installed at approximately 20 to 25 ft beyond the exterior wall of the BMP along the north and east side to provide increased protection in areas exposed to potential barge impacts. See [Figure 6.11.](#page-36-1) The barrier wall will be comprised of 18-inch diameter FRP composite piles spaced at 8 ft on center. Four rows of 12-inch x 12-inch reinforced high-density polyethylene (HDPE) walers will be installed horizontally on the exterior side of the FRP piles, evenly spaced between Elevation +2 and +12 ft above mean water level [\(Figure 6.12\)](#page-36-2).

The barge will contact the walers and in turn, multiple FRP piles will be engaged, and the barrier wall system will deflect to absorb the impact energy. The system is designed to absorb impact from the design barge up to a velocity of 2.2 ft/s (laden) and 5.3 ft/s (ballasted barge). The largest moment demands on the pile sections are seen when the barge impact is at or near the top of the barrier wall. At lower elevations of impact, the moment demands are lower and do not govern the design.


*Figure 6.11 FRP Barrier Wall – Alignment*



*Figure 6.12 FRP Barrier Wall – Typical Section*

The details of the analysis and results are provided in Attachment 3.

#### 6.7.2 BMP Impact

The BMP was analyzed for barge impact near the top of the wall (exterior sheet pile). With the FRP barrier wall system as the primary protection, the BMP will absorb the excess impact energy equivalent to an impact from the design barge at velocity of 1.8 ft/s.

In the 90% RD, the BMP was evaluated for impact at a higher velocity, so the same analysis results (demand loads on BMP sheet pile) are valid for the current evaluation of impact at lower velocity.

#### **6.7.2.1 Analysis Model**

The barge impact loads were evaluated in Plaxis for two Cross-Sections (C2 and C4) as they represent the two largest exposed heights above the riverbed and are expected to be the most critical sections.

A 400 ft long three-dimensional (3D) model was created with the same stratigraphy, material properties and stages as the analysis sections described in Section 6.2. The linear elastic plates representing the sheet piles are assigned orthotropic parameters to capture the difference in sheet pile stiffness of the vertical and horizontal directions. The barge impact load was applied at the middle of the model, as a static uniformly distributed load over a 50 ft x1 ft area at top of the wall (+9 ft NAVD88). Due to the instantaneous nature of the impact, the loads are evaluated using the undrained soil parameters and considered an Extreme load condition, with the impact at top of the wall with the water levels at +9 ft NAVD88.

The following two loading scenarios, considering a combination of multiple impact velocities and barge displacement conditions (ballasted or laden), were evaluated. The loads correspond to higher velocities of flow for impact, than as summarized in [Table](#page-20-0) 3.2, with a barge in ballasted condition, hence conservative for the analysis. However, for the laden condition, the loads represent the limiting loads for the BMP.

#### *Case 1: 20 kip/ft x 50 ft = 1000 kip*

– Corresponds to contact with 54 ft wide barge in ballasted condition at impact velocity of 3.8 ft/s or,

#### *Case 2: 28 kip/ft x 50 ft = 1400 kip*

- Corresponds to contact with 54 ft wide barge in ballasted condition at impact velocity of 5.3 ft/s or,
- Contact with 54 ft wide barge in laden condition at impact velocity of 2.2 ft/s.

As Cross-Section C2 is not near the navigational waterway, any impact on the west and northwest portion of the BMP will likely be from barges moored on the north side of the BMP that may come off the mooring in a storm event. Thus, Cross-Section C2 is only evaluated for Case 1 loading scenario. The results from Cross-Section C4 are applicable to all other locations, except Cross-Section C2.

The barge impact loads caused localized deformation of the wall along with increase in soil shear strains. However, the strains did not indicate a global failure. In this scenario, there would be localized damage to the BMP on the exterior side due to limiting flexural capacity. The analysis results are summarized in Table 6-1. The section stresses from demand loads are compared to the allowable stresses in the sheet piles for extreme event loading i.e., 0.88 Fy (combined bending moment and axial stress) and 0.58 Fy (shear stress).





The results show a 5% overstress in the sheet piles at Cross-Section C2 for impact with a ballasted barge at 3.8 ft/s. Impact forces are directly proportional to the impact velocity squared. Therefore, the stresses in Cross-Section C2 will be lower for impact at 1.8 ft/s as the impact force will reduce by 27%. Considering the low probability of impact in the

area of Cross-Section C2, reduction in impact force at lower velocity and engineering judgement, the 5% overstress for condition evaluated is considered acceptable for design.

The Cross-Sections closer to the navigational waterway would be expected to potentially encounter impact with barges, ballasted or laden, as they are towed. Results from Cross-Section C4 show that the BMP is adequate impact with barges in ballasted and laden condition at velocity 2.2 ft/s even without the FRP barrier wall system.

It should be noted that the barges and tugboats typically slow down as the width of the navigational waterway reduces closer to the I-10 Bridge. Navigational signs can be posted on the exterior face of the BMP to require marine vessels to reduce speeds along the eastern side of the BMP.

Additional details of the analyses, results, and plots are provided in Attachment 3.

## **6.8 Pile Driveability and Vibration Analysis**

During the March 25, 2020, TWG Meeting, the design team was asked to perform an evaluation to quantify the risks associated with pile driving-induced vibrations and potential releases from the Northern Impoundment that may result from these vibrations. A vibration analysis for driving large diameter steel pipe piles into deep sands was performed and included in the 30% RD*.* Since the submittal of the 30% RD, the BMP concept has changed from cantilever (large diameter pipe piles) to a double wall system with Z-shaped steel sheet piles. The alignment of the BMP has been revised to install the sheet piles outside the perimeter of the TCRA armored cap and beyond the edges of the steep slopes present near both the northwest corner and east side adjacent to the I-10 Bridge.

The Z-shaped sheet piles will be installed using a press-in method of installation. The first few pairs of sheet piles need to be installed using the vibratory hammer to set up the press-in equipment. Then a reaction-based press-in system will use these installed sheet piles to press-in the next pair of sheet piles and move forward to continue installing the remaining length of the BMP using the press-in method. As the press-in piling system uses hydraulic force without the use of percussion (impact hammer) or vibration to install piles, the noise and vibration impact on nearby structures can be diminished. The sheet piles will also be terminated in the Beaumont Clay layer instead of driving into the stiffer sand layers, thereby reducing the potential for vibrations significantly even while using the vibratory hammer for the initial set of sheet piles.

Pile driveability and vibrations resulting from the installation procedure are a function of the equipment selected by the Contractor implementing the RA. Since information on actual equipment is unavailable at this time, pile driveability and corresponding vibrations were evaluated for one impact hammer and one vibratory hammer. The Wave Equation Analysis of Pile Driving (WEAP) showed that both equipment types can install the sheet piles to required depth. WEAP output for PACO Model 36-5000 (impact hammer) and APE Model 100 (vibratory hammer) are provided in Attachment 3.

<span id="page-38-1"></span>Caltrans[4](#page-38-0) provides guidance on calculating vibration amplitudes in terms of peak particle velocity (PPV) and threshold criteria for damage potential for various type of pile installation equipment. The equations used in the manual are based on several data points collected at various distances from the location of pile installation and for various installation equipment.

For Impact Hammers,

$$
PPV_{impact} = PPV_{Ref} (25/D)^n (E_{Equip}/E_{Ref})^{0.5}
$$

Where:

PPVImpact = Vibration amplitude for the pile installation equipment at distance D from the location of installation.

 $PPV_{Ref}$  = Vibration amplitude for a reference impact hammer at 25 ft from the location of installation (0.65 in/sec).

D = Distance from pile installation equipment to the receiver in ft.

<span id="page-38-0"></span><sup>4</sup> Transportation and Construction Vibration Guidance Manual, April 2020, California Department of Transportation

n = Constant related to the vibration attenuation rate through ground (maximum suggested value of 1.4).

 $E_{\text{Ref}}$  = Rated energy of the reference pile installation equipment (36,000 ft-lb).

EEquip = Rated energy of the impact hammer to be used for pile installation (PACO Model 36-5000: 15,000 ft-lb).

For Vibratory Hammers,

$$
PPV_{Vibro} = PPV_{Ref} (25/D)^n
$$

Where:

PPV<sub>Vibro</sub> = Vibration amplitude for the pile installation equipment at distance D from the location of installation.

PPV<sub>Ref</sub> = Vibration amplitude for a reference impact hammer at 25 ft from the location of installation (0.65 in/sec).

D = Distance from pile installation equipment to the receiver in ft.

n = Constant related to the vibration attenuation rate through ground (maximum suggested value of 1.4).

The calculated PPV for the impact and vibratory hammer are shown in [Figure 6.13.](#page-39-0) The threshold for damage to new residential structures, modern industrial or commercial building type structures due to vibrations from continuous or frequent intermittent sources such as the pile installation procedure is 0.5 in/sec (Table 19[4](#page-38-1) ). This threshold is considered appropriate for the structures near the BMP, including the I-10 Bridge. The anticipated vibration from the vibratory hammer is below the acceptable threshold at 35 ft or farther from the sheet pile installation. The vibration reduces significantly with the distance. The contractor will be allowed to use a vibratory hammer or impact hammer only for the initial setup of sheet piles and the press-in equipment and at least 35 ft away from the I-10 bridge. Thus, no significant impact to the I-10 bridge or other industrial structures is anticipated due to the sheet pile installation.



<span id="page-39-0"></span>*Figure 6.13 Vibration Amplitude (PPV) for Pile Installation Equipment*

The Contractor implementing the RA will be required to update the pile driveability and vibration analysis for the equipment to be used during the RA and for allowed use of a vibratory hammer at a minimum distance of 35 ft from the nearest structures.

## **6.9 Seepage through Sheet Piles**

The BMP is considered a temporary structure and is planned to be removed after the RA is complete. The steel sheet piles, except for the interlocks, are completely impervious. The seepage or discharge through the sheet pile interlocks is proportional to the pressure drop across the interlocks in a horizontal plane. The vertical flow through the interlocks is negligible as the sheet piles will be terminated in the Beaumont Clay Formation and hence, no seepage is expected from under and/or around the sheet piles.

[Figure 6.14](#page-40-0) shows a general relationship<sup>[5](#page-40-1)</sup> of discharge through interlocks and the pressure-drop across the sheet piles for the following three conditions. The example highlighted in the figure compares the anticipated seepage through the interlocks for the same pressure-drop for each of the three conditions:

1. Standard Interlocks, no sealant, or welds.

Interlocks filled with plugged soil during sheet pile installation.

Interlocks filled with filler material or sealants.

Compared to the standard interlocks, the interlocks plugged with soils during pile installation reduce the seepage to 70 percent. The interlocks filled with the proprietary sealant material allowed 25 percent seepage during tests. However, at the maximum tested pressure-drop (approximately 100 kPa, or 30 ft of standing water), the three interlock conditions allowed the same volume of seepage.



<span id="page-40-0"></span>*Figure 6.14 Discharge - Pressure Drop Relationship, Arcelor Mittal*

It is anticipated that the soft sediments will plug the interlocks of the sheet pile during installation. The fill material between the walls of the BMP will also create a pressure-gradient instead of an abrupt pressure-drop across the exterior sheet pile wall of the BMP. In addition, the two sets of interlocks (exterior and interior wall) at any vertical cross-section will minimize the potential of seepage through the BMP.

During normal operations (that is, other than during flooding during heavy rain or storms), it should be possible to manage any seepage from the river into the excavation area as part of the waste removal process. If the excavation

<span id="page-40-1"></span><sup>5</sup> Arcelor Mittal, Impervious Steel Sheet Pile Walls, Design & Practical Approach.

area is flooded due to a heavy rain or storm, the pressure-drop between the exterior and interior side of the BMP will reduce and the resultant pressure-drop will still only allow seepage toward the interior of the BMP.

An interlock sealant WADIT is specified for the inner walls of the BMP.

The seepage from under the BMP into the excavation area is calculated using Lane's Weighted Creep Ratio. The Cross-Section C2 from the northwest portion of the BMP was evaluated with river water at top of the exterior wall (water at elevation +10 ft). This condition represents the largest head differential (available head) when the water in the Northern Impoundment is lowered to mudline. The calculations show that the seepage (or piping) potential from under the wall into the excavation area is insignificant. At other locations of the wall along the BMP, the available head will be lower as the mudline is shallower than Cross-Section C2 and is dissipated in the soil layers similar to Cross-Section C2.

The seepage calculations are provided in Attachment 3.

## **6.10 Design Summary**

The summary of the structural design for the various representative sections analyzed is provided in [Table](#page-41-0) 6.2. The tie-rod spacing shown in the summary includes closer spacing than the spacing used in the analysis to incorporate an additional safety factor against potential progressive failure described in Section 5.2.3. The closely spaced tie-rods increase the stiffness of the system, and the overall stresses and deflection in the BMP are expected to improve.

<b>Analysis Section</b>	Sheet Pile Section		Tie Rod Section		<b>Waler Section</b>
	Nucor Skyline	Length (ft)	Diameter (inches)	Spacing (ft)	
C1, C3, C3A, C4, C <sub>4</sub> A	AZ36-700N	50	2.25	5	MC 12X35
C <sub>2</sub>	AZ40-700N	55	3.00	5	MC 18X45.8
C <sub>5</sub>	AZ36-700N	60	2.25	5	MC 12X35
C6, C7	AZ26-700	60	2.25	5	MC 12X35

<span id="page-41-0"></span>*Table 6.2 Summary of BMP Design*

### 6.10.1 Analysis Notes

- 1. As the site conditions for Cross-Sections C3 and C3A overlap, it is recommended that the construction stages for Cross-Section C3 be followed for both as a conservative approach.
- 2. There is potential for the sheet piles to deflect towards the river during installation or placement of fill material before the tie-rods are installed. The sheet piles may need to be temporarily braced during placement of fill material and tie-rod installation.
- 3. Cross-Sections C6 and C7 should maintain a Soil Buttress from face of the BMP to the excavation area, sloping at 3H:1V. The minimum elevation at the top of the Soil Buttress should be 0 ft NAVD88.
- 4. For the purposes of the analyses, the water level in the fill material between the two sheet pile walls is assumed to be at the same level as the river. This assumption is conservative. The water levels between the two sheet piles may not coincide with the water levels in San Jacinto River. Lower water levels or dry fill between the sheet piles will result in lower deflections and stresses in the sheet piles and tie-rods.

# **7. Other Considerations**

The BMP design presented in this 100% RD submission provides an implementable solution for the design parameters and design criteria described in Sections 3 and 5, respectively. There are other considerations that may impact the constructability of the BMP and in turn affect the RA, as described below.

## **7.1 Foundation Substructure of I-10 Bridge**

As discussed above in Section 6.2.7, the BMP along the southern alignment is on the TxDOT ROW and close to I-10. From the record drawings received from TXDOT, the pile abutment for the westbound bridge nearest to the southern alignment of the BMP are Bents #24 through #27. The foundation of Bent #26 and #27 use batter piles, with batter in the east-west direction within the footprint of the bridge. Therefore, the BMP alignment does not clash with the foundation.

It is understood that TXDOT will continue to be engaged with the project team and will review the design for potential impacts to their future bridge construction.

## **7.2 Underground Utilities**

As discussed above in Section 6.2.7, the BMP along the southern alignment is on the TxDOT and close to the I-10 Bridge. The sheet piles will be installed using the press-in system and the construction procedure is not anticipated to generate significant vibrations to impact any structures nearby.

It is understood that the owners of the underground utilities will continue to be engaged with the project team and will review the design for potential impacts to their assets.

## **7.3 Slope Stability**

Stability of excavated and open slopes was evaluated for the following two height differentials –

Slope from elevation -3 ft to elevation -15 ft (height = 12 ft)

Slope from elevation -13 ft to elevation -20 ft (height of 7 ft)

The range of excavation and open slopes represent different areas within the Northern Impoundment. The slopes ranging from 1V:2.5H to 1V:3H resulted in a factor of safety greater than 1.50.

The outputs for slope stability analyses are provided in Attachment 4.

# **Attachments**

# **Attachment 1**

**Geotechnical Parameters and Data Profiles**





# APPENDIX I - BMP STRUCTURAL DESIGN REPORT **ATTACHMENT 1 GEOTECHNICAL PARAMETERS**

# **ENCLOSURE 1.A**

#### Wet Bulk Unit Weight

#### $y$  - Sediments (lbf/ft<sup>3</sup>) 80 90 100 110 120 130 140 150  $10$  $\boldsymbol{0}$  $-10$ Elevation (ft.)  $-20$  $-30$ Ø  $-40$  $-50$  $y$  - Beaumont Clay (lbf/ft<sup>3</sup>) 130 140 150 80  $90$ 100 110 120  $-10$  $-20$  $-30$  $-40$  $-50$ Elevation (ft.) Elevation (ft.)  $-60$  $-70$  $-80$ ¢  $-90$  $-100$  $-110$ - Beaumont Sand (lbf/ft<sup>3</sup>)  $\mathsf{v}$ 110 120 130 140 150  $80$  $90$ 100  $-40$  $-50$  $-60$ Elevation (ft.) 70  $-80$  $-90$ 6  $\ddot{\bullet}$  $-100$

 $-110$ 

#### Atterberg Limits and **Moisture Content**

#### w,  $w_p$ ,  $w_p$  - Sediments (%) 100 120 140 160  $\overline{0}$  $10\,$  $\mathbf{0}$ 20 40 60 80 10  $10$  $\theta$  $\boldsymbol{0}$  $-10$  $-10$ Ė. Elevation (ft.) Elevation (ft.)  $-20$  $-20$ OO  $-30$  $-30$ C  $-40$  $-40$  $-50$  $-50$ w, w<sub>v</sub> w<sub>n</sub> - Beaumont Clay (%)  $\mathbf 0$ 100 120 140 160  $\overline{0}$ 20 40 60 80 10  $-10$  $-10$  $-20$  $-20$  $-30$  $-30$  $-40$  $-40$  $-50$  $-50$ Elevation (ft.)  $-60$  $-60$  $-70$  $-70$  $-80$ 80  $-90$  $-90$  $-100$  $-100$  $-110$  $-110$ MEAN (ALL DATA) ♦ Liquid Limit  $\overline{0}$  $10$ ♦ **SJGB003** О Plastic Limit  $-40$ ♦ SJGB004  $\overline{O}$ Moisture Content **SJGB005** SJGB018  $-50$ SJGB019 **SJGB020** SJGB021  $-60$ **SJGB022** SJGB024 **SJGB028** Elevation (ft.)  $70$ SJGB029 C **SJGB053** SJSB030  $-80$ SJSB031 SJSB032 Ĉ **SJSB033**  $-90$ SJSB047 **SJSB050** Ĉ **SJSB057**  $-100$ Enclosure 1.A

#### **Blow Counts (N-Values)**



 $-110$ 

# **ENCLOSURE 2.A**

#### **Enclosure 2.A1**



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#### **Enclosure 2.A2**



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#### **Enclosure 2.A3**



Su - Alluvium Sediment - CPT-06 - CPT-10

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# **ENCLOSURE 2.B**

#### **Enclosure 2.B**



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# **ENCLOSURE 3.A**

# **Enclosure 3.A**



Eu - Alluvium Sediments - Sectors 1 to 3

# **ENCLOSURE 3.B**

## **Enclosure 3.B**



# **ENCLOSURE 3.C**

## **Enclosure 3.C**



Es - Beaumont Sand - Sectors 1 to 3

# **ENCLOSURE 4.A**

#### **Enclosure 4.A**



# **ENCLOSURE 4.B**



 $\phi'$  (°) - Beaumont Clay - Sectors 1 to 3

# **ENCLOSURE 4.C**

#### **Enclosure 4.C**



# **ENCLOSURE 5.A**

# **Enclosure 5.A**



### OCR - Beaumont clay - Sectors 1 to 3

# **ENCLOSURE 6.A**

### **Enclosure 6.A**



k - Alluvium Sediments and Beaumont Clay

# **Attachment 2**

# **BMP Analysis - PLAXIS Sections**

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# APPENDIX I - BMP STRUCTURAL DESIGN REPORT **ATTACHMENT 2 PLAXIS ANALYSIS SECTIONS**








BCF = Beaumont Clay Formation

BSF = Beaumont Sand Formation



# **Section C1 Soil Profile with BMP @ Analysis Stage 0 (Sheet Pile Installation)**



# **Section C2 Soil Profile with BMP @ Analysis Stage 0 (Sheet Pile Installation)**



# **Section C3 Soil Profile with BMP @ Analysis Stage 0 (Sheet Pile Installation)**



# **Section C3A Soil Profile with BMP @ Analysis Stage 0 (Sheet Pile Installation)**



# **Section C4 Soil Profile with BMP @ Analysis Stage 0 (Sheet Pile Installation)**



# **Section C4a Soil Profile with BMP @ Analysis Stage 0 (Sheet Pile Installation)**



# **Section C5 Soil Profile with BMP @ Analysis Stage 0 (Sheet Pile Installation)**



# **Section C6 Soil Profile with BMP @ Analysis Stage 0 (Sheet Pile Installation)**



## **Section C7 Soil Profile with BMP @ Analysis Stage 0 (Sheet Pile Installation)**

# **Attachment 3**

# **Structural Calculations**

- **3.1 BMP Calculations**
- **3.2 Scour Protection – BMP Exterior**
- **3.3 Scour Protection – BMP Interior**
- **3.4 Wind Load Evaluation**
- **3.5 Sheet Pile Seepage Evaluation**
- **3.6 Barge Impact Evaluation**
- **3.7 WEAP Output**
- **3.8 Velocity Buoy Data Processing**
- **3.9 Wind and Wave Evaluation**



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# APPENDIX I - BMP STRUCTURAL DESIGN REPORT **ATTACHMENT 3.1 BMP DESIGN CALCULATIONS**









Corroded flange thickness (trf) - two exposed faces Corroded web thickness (trw) - two exposed faces Corroded section modulus Sr Corroded section area Avr Sacrificial thickness (tc) - for accounting corrosion



**USUAL Steel Sheet Pile, Fy** 60 ksi

#### **Corroded Section Capacities**





#### **Sheet Pile Design Summary**



DCR = Demand to Capacity Ratio





#### **Tie Rod Summary**



DCR = Demand to Capacity Ratio

Demand 100% = Analysis Demand scaled for spacing shown on drawings

Demand 150% = Demand increased by 150% to account for broken adjacent tie-rod

Demands from C3 govern design for 2.25-in bar

Demands from C2 govern design of 3.00-in bar

#### **Waler Summary**



DCR = Demand to Capacity Ratio

Waler and Waler Connection DCRs were calculated in 90% RD. Demands have reduced with increase in sheet pile size in 100% RD. Same waler sections are appropriate. No revisions to calculations required.







#### **Notes:**

Undrained Undrained (Sediments + BCF) + SS

Usual Usual Load Condition at End of Excavation

Unusual Unusual Load Condition with Water at Top of Wall on BMP Exterior

BCF Beaumont Clay Formation

BSF Beaumont Sand Formation

All Elevations in NAVD88











 $F_{\text{ybar}} \coloneqq 80$ ksi

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# **DESIGN OF TIE ROD SECTION, AISC 360-22**

**Tie Rod Design - 2.25 in diameter bar**

#### **MATERIAL PROPERTIES**

Steel Yield Stress

Steel Tensile Stress Fubar := 100ksi

Tie rod nominal Diameter deep and the state of  $d_{bar}$  := 2.25in Refer table below from

Tie rod approx. major Thread Diameter  $d_{\text{bthr}} := 2.438$ in



Cold rolled threaded bars conform to the physical and chemical requirements of ASTM A615 Grade 80 ksi "Standard Specification for Deformed Carbon Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement".





# **Tie Rod Demand Load to safeguard against Progressive Failure**

In certain situations, progressive collapse of the structure may be a consequence of an extreme condition, i.e failure of a tie rod. Assuming the load from the failed tie rod is redistributed to adjacent tie rods resulting in an increase in the demand load on the tie rod by 50%

Tension Demand, assuming failure of one adjacent tie-rod

 $F<sub>pbard</sub> := 1.5 \cdot F<sub>bard</sub> = 112.5 \cdot kip$ 









 $F_{\text{ybar}} \coloneqq 80$ ksi

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# **DESIGN OF TIE ROD SECTION, AISC 360-22**

**Tie Rod Design - 3.0 in diameter bar**

#### **MATERIAL PROPERTIES**

Steel Yield Stress

Steel Tensile Stress Fubar := 100ksi

Tie rod nominal Diameter deep to the contract of  $d_{bar}$  := 3in Refer table below from

Tie rod approx. major Thread Diameter download bthr := 3.25in



Cold rolled threaded bars conform to the physical and chemical requirements of ASTM A615 Grade 80 ksi "Standard Specification for Deformed Carbon Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement"





In certain situations, progressive collapse of the structure may be a consequence of an extreme condition, i.e failure of a tie rod. Assuming the load from the failed tie rod is redistributed to adjacent tie rods resulting in an increase in the demand load on the tie rod by 50%

Tension Demand, assuming failure of one adjacent tie-rod

 $F<sub>pbard</sub> := 1.5 \cdot F<sub>bard</sub> = 132.5 \cdot kip$ 









In certain situations, progressive collapse of the structure may be a conseequence of an extreme condition ie. failure of a tie rod. The wailing to the main wall will need to be checked to ensure that it will not collapse if the span between tie rods doubles following the loss of a tie rod.

SAP2000 analysis is used to calculate the bending moment and shear force demand on the waler for both the cases. Case 1 - without failure of a tie rod and, Case 2 - with failure of a tie rod.

For Case 1 - Continuous beam with four equal spans of length Srod is anaylzed For Case 2 - Continuous beam with three spans of length Srod - 2Srod - Srod is analyzed

Waler Design is governed by the demands from Case 2









# **Bending Moment Diagram - Case 2**



Bending Moment demand from SAP2000 - Mdsap = 90Kip-ft

**Shear Force Diagram - Case 2** 













# **Sectional Properties of Corroded Section**

Plastic modulus about x axis

$$
Zx := \left[ (bf) \cdot \frac{(d)^2}{4} \right] - \left[ [(bf) - (two)] \cdot \frac{[(d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)]]^2}{4} \right] = 39.28 \cdot \text{in}^3
$$

Elastic modulus about x axis

$$
Sx := \frac{\left[\left[ (bf) \cdot \frac{(d)^3}{12} \right] - \left[ [(bf) - (two)] \cdot \frac{[(d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)]]^3}{12} \right]}{(d) \cdot 0.5} = 33.12 \cdot in^3
$$

Torsion constant

$$
\underline{J}_{\mathcal{N}} = \frac{\left[2 \cdot (bf) \cdot (tfc)^3\right] + \left[[(d) - (tfc)] \cdot (twc)^3\right]}{3} = 0.94 \cdot \text{in}^4
$$

Moment of Inertia about external edge of web parallel to y axis

Iyo := 
$$
\left[ [(d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)]] \cdot \frac{(twc)^{3}}{3} \right] + \left[ (bf)^{3} \cdot (tfc) \cdot \frac{2}{3} \right] = 23.17 \cdot in^{4}
$$

Cross sectional area

$$
Ac := [2 \cdot (bf) \cdot (tfc)] + [[(d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)]] \cdot (twc)] = 9.2 \cdot in^2
$$





Overstrength factor for shear  $\Omega v = 1.67$ 

# **Classification of sections for local buckling - Section B4.1**

**Classification of flanges in flexure - Table B4.1b (case 10)**

Width - to - Thickness Ratio for flange

$$
a_f:=\frac{bf}{tfc}=5.75
$$





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Limiting Deflection

$$
L_{1d} := \frac{Lb}{360} = 0.33 \cdot in
$$





Horizontal force in web due to moment at point  $\mathbf{H}_{_{\mathbf{W}}}$ of splice

$$
I_{\text{W}} := \frac{\text{Msd} \cdot 4}{[d - [2 \cdot (k - 2\text{tc})]]} = 55.9 \cdot \text{kip}
$$









## **Bolt Connection Pattern**



**Table J3.3, for 1.25" bolt dia, standard hole dia is 1.375"**

Hole diameter dbh  $\lambda = 1.375$ in
















#### **Block Shear Rupture Check, Eq. J4-5**

Fallure by tearing out of shaded portion





Multiple-Row Beam-End Connections

(b) Cases for which  $U_{bs} = 0.5$ 

Fig. C-J4.1. Failure surface for block shear rupture limit state.

No of bolts in the outermost edge of the  $\frac{1}{\text{Not}} = 3$ <br>connection pattern which is in tension

Net Area resisting the tensile stress

$$
Ant := Nsp\cdot [Seprov + (Nbr - 1)Sprov - [dbh\cdot (Nbr - 0.5)]]\cdot twsp = 4.81 \cdot in^2
$$

Net Area resisting the shear stress

$$
Avn := Nsp \left[ dsp - Seprov - \left[ \left( \frac{Nf}{Nr} \right) - 0.5 \right] dbh \right] \cdot twsp = 2.88 \cdot in^2
$$

Gross area resisting the shear stress

$$
Avg := Nsp \cdot (dsp - Seprov) \cdot twsp = 4.39 \cdot in^2
$$

Nominal block shear strength  $Ubs := 0.5$ 

 $Rbs := [(0.6 \text{ Fu} \cdot \text{Avn}) + (\text{Ubs} \cdot \text{Fu} \cdot \text{Ant})] = 239.77 \cdot \text{kip}$ 

Rnbs := Rbs if Rbs 
$$
\leq
$$
 [(0.6-Fy-Avg) + (Ubs-Fu-Ant)] = 234.34-kip  
[(0.6-Fy-Avg) + (Ubs-Fu-Ant)] if Rbs > [(0.6-Fy-Avg) + (Ubs-Fu-Ant)]





lc for edge bolts

$$
lco := \text{Seprov} - \left(\frac{\text{dbh}}{2}\right) = 1.31 \cdot \text{in}
$$









 $\frac{1}{\text{Rrslr}}$  if Rrslr  $\geq V_r$  = 0.59 "Revise bolts size" if  $Rrslr < V<sub>r</sub>$ 

### **Design Summary**

**Provide rectangular splice plate of 24"X8",0.75" thickness. On each side of web splice bolted plate connection, provide 6 - 1.25" dia HDG Group A - A325 bolts.**





SAP2000 analysis is used to calculate the bending moment and shear force demand on the waler for both the cases. Case 1 - without failure of a tie rod and, Case 2 - with failure of a tie rod.

For Case 1 - Continuous beam with four equal spans of length Srod is anaylzed For Case 2 - Continuous beam with three spans of length Srod - 2Srod - Srod is analyzed

will not collapse if the span between tie rods doubles following the loss of a tie rod.

Waler Design is governed by the demands from Case 2









Shear Force demand from SAP2000 - Vdsap = 148.7Kip





# **Waler Cross-Section**



Waler is made of two channel sections C1 and C2

## **Design of corroded waler section, AISC 360-16**

Bending moment demand on waler from SAP2000  $M_{\text{dsap}} = 203.26 \text{kip·ft}$ Shear force demand on waler from SAP2000  $V_{dsap} = 149 \cdot kip$ Bending moment demand on C1 or C2  $\rm M_{dsap}$ 2  $:= \frac{101.63 \cdot \text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}}{2} = 101.63 \cdot \text{kip} \cdot \text{ft}$ Shear force demand on C1 or C2  ${\rm V_{dsap}}$ 2  $:=$   $\frac{2.54 \text{ p}}{2}$  = 74.5 kip

Steel yield stress  $F_y := 36ksi$ 









Elastic modulus about x axis

$$
Sx := \frac{\left[\left[ (bf) \cdot \frac{(d)^3}{12} \right] - \left[ [(bf) - (two)] \cdot \frac{[(d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)]]^3}{12} \right] \right]}{(d) \cdot 0.5} = 60.24 \cdot \text{in}^3
$$

Torsion constant

$$
J_{\text{w}} = \frac{\left[2 \cdot (bf) \cdot (tfc)^3\right] + \left[[(d) - (tfc)] \cdot (twc)^3\right]}{3} = 1.13 \cdot \text{in}^4
$$

Moment of Inertia about external edge of web parallel to y axis

Iyo := 
$$
\left[ [(d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)]] \cdot \frac{(twc)^{3}}{3} \right] + \left[ (bf)^{3} \cdot (tfc) \cdot \frac{2}{3} \right] = 25.74 \cdot in^{4}
$$

Cross sectional area

$$
Ac := [2 \cdot (bf) \cdot (tfc)] + [[(d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)]] \cdot (twc)] = 12.54 \cdot in^2
$$

Distance of centroid from external edge of web

$$
xc := \frac{\left[\left[ (d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)] \right] \cdot \frac{(twc)^{2}}{2} \right] + \left[ (bf)^{2} \cdot (tfc) \right]}{Ac} = 0.9 \text{ in}
$$

$$
Moment of inertia about y axis \t\t Iy := Iyo - (Ac \ncsc^2) = 15.63 \cdot in^4
$$









r := 1.1 
$$
\left(Kv \cdot \frac{E}{Fy}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 72.15
$$

$$
r1 := \frac{(d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)]}{twc} = 36.17
$$

Web shear coefficient, Eq G2-3  $\hbox{Cyl}\,:=\,$ and Eq G2-4

Cv1 :=  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \text{if } r \geq r \end{vmatrix}$ r r1 if  $r < r1$ 

















## **Bolted Splice Plate Connection Design for Waler, Allowable Stress Design - AISC 360-16**



From SAP2000 analysis, point of zero moment in typical span for case 1 is ~1.2' and for case 2 is ~1.7' from tie rod anchorage. Point of splice connection for design is 1.5' from tie rod anchorage.

### **Resultant Web Force at Point of Splice Connection**

Bending moment demand at point of splice, from SAP2000 analysis

 $Msd := 24.88$ kip·ft

Horizontal force in web due to moment at point of splice

 $H_W := \frac{Msd \cdot 4}{[d - 12.0k - 1]}$  $[d - [2 \cdot (k - 2tc)]]$  $:=$   $\frac{1}{24.158 \times 10^{-10}}$  = 78.59 kip

Resultant web force at point of splice connection

$$
V_r := \sqrt{Vd^2 + H_w^2} = 108.29 \text{ kip}
$$







the length of splice plate





### **Bolt Connection Pattern**



**Table J3.3, for 1.375" bolt dia, standard hole dia is 1.5"**

Hole diameter dbh  $\lambda = 1.5$ in

Smin :=  $\frac{8 \cdot (db)}{2}$ 3  $:= \frac{6(40)}{1} = 3.67 \cdot in$ 

Minimum center to center spacing allowed b/w holes, Sec J3.3

Minimum clear spacing allowed b/w holes, Sec J3.3

Scmin :=  $db = 1.38 \cdot in$ 

Table J3.4, minimum edge distance allowed for 1.375" bolt dia

Semin :=  $1.72$ in

**Providing a splice plate of 24"X8", 1.25" thickness for the connection** 

No of splice plates in the connection  $Nsp := 1$ 











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Project.	San Jacinto River Waste Pits Site	Sheets By _____ I.Goel		Date 06/03/2022
Subject-	Waler Section & Splice Connection Design Calculation		Checked By <sub>-</sub> S.Chilka	Date 06/03/2022
	Distance of bolt from channel section flange inner edge Sepprov := Seprov + $[(d - dsp) \cdot 0.5 - k] = 5.56 \cdot in$			
	Spacing provided between bolts	$Sprov := 4in$		
	Check for bolt edge distance provided			
	Secheck := $\big $ "Okay" if Semin $\leq$ max(Sepprov, Seprov) $\leq$ Semax = "Okay" "Not Okay" otherwise			
	Check for spacing provided between bolts			
	"Okay" if $(max(Smin, Semin + dbh) \leq Sprov \leq Smax) = "Okay"$ "Not Okay" otherwise $Scheck :=$			
	<b>Block Shear Rupture Check, Eq. J4-5</b>			
	Fallure by tearing out of shaded portion			
	Cope Shear- area Beam V0 Shear area area Tensile $P_{\rm o}$ area	Tensie	Multiple-Row Beam- End Connections (b) Cases for which $U_{bs} = 0.5$	

Fig. C-J4.1. Failure surface for block shear rupture limit state.

No of bolts in the outermost edge of the No of bolts in the othermost edge of the  $\frac{Nbr}{s} = 3$ 

















Demand to Capacity Ratio

Checkslr := 
$$
\begin{cases} V_r & = 0.82 \\ \text{Rrslr} & \text{if } \text{Rrslr} \ge V_r \\ \text{"Reviews to lts size"} & \text{if } \text{Rrslr} < V_r \end{cases}
$$

**Design Summary**

**Provide rectangular splice plate of 24"X8",1.25" thickness. On each side of web splice bolted plate connection, provide 6 - 1.375" dia HDG Group A - A325 bolts.**





SAP2000 analysis is used to calculate the bending moment and shear force demand on the waler for both the cases. Case 1 - without failure of a tie rod and, Case 2 - with failure of a tie rod.

For Case 1 - Continuous beam with four equal spans of length Srod is anaylzed For Case 2 - Continuous beam with three spans of length Srod - 2Srod - Srod is analyzed

Waler Design is governed by the demands from Case 2



















# **Sectional Properties of Corroded Section**

Plastic modulus about x axis

$$
Zx := \left[ (bf) \cdot \frac{(d)^2}{4} \right] - \left[ [(bf) - (two)] \cdot \frac{[(d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)]]^2}{4} \right] = 39.28 \cdot \text{in}^3
$$

Elastic modulus about x axis

$$
Sx := \frac{\left[\left[ (bf) \cdot \frac{(d)^3}{12} \right] - \left[ [(bf) - (two)] \cdot \frac{[(d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)]]^3}{12} \right] \right]}{(d) \cdot 0.5} = 33.12 \cdot \text{in}^3
$$

Torsion constant

$$
\text{L} = \frac{\left[2(6f)(ftc)^{3}\right] + \left[[(d) - (tfc)](twc)^{3}\right]}{3} = 0.94 \cdot \text{in}^{4}
$$

Moment of Inertia about external edge of web parallel to y axis

Iyo := 
$$
\left[ [(d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)]] \cdot \frac{(twc)^3}{3} \right] + \left[ (bf)^3 \cdot (tfc) \cdot \frac{2}{3} \right] = 23.17 \cdot in^4
$$

Cross sectional area

$$
Ac := [2 \cdot (bf) \cdot (tfc)] + [[(d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)]] \cdot (twc)] = 9.2 \cdot in^2
$$





Overstrength factor for shear  $\Omega v := 1.67$ 

# **Classification of sections for local buckling - Section B4.1**

**Classification of flanges in flexure - Table B4.1b (case 10)**

Width - to - Thickness Ratio for flange and the state of a

$$
a_f := \frac{bf}{\text{tfc}} = 5.75
$$





Web plate buckling coefficient  $Kv := 5.34$
E











Maximum deflection from SAP2000 analysis

$$
L_{\text{md}} \coloneqq 0.21 \text{in}
$$





Demand to Capacity Ratio

 $L_{\rm md}$  $L_{\text{ld}}$ if  $L_{\text{ld}} \geq L_{\text{md}}$ "Revise unbraced length" if  $L_{\text{ld}} < L_{\text{md}}$ :=

Check $d = 0.63$ 

## **Bolted Splice Plate Connection Design for Waler, Allowable Stress Design - AISC 360-16**



From SAP2000 analysis, point of zero moment in typical span for case 1 is ~1.2' and for case 2 is ~1.7' from tie rod anchorage. Point of splice connection for design is 1.5' from tie rod anchorage.

#### **Resultant Web Force at Point of Splice Connection**

Bending moment demand at point of splice, from SAP2000 analysis

 $Msd := 14.7kip·ft$ 

Horizontal force in web due to moment at point of splice

$$
H_W := \frac{Msd \cdot 4}{[d - [2 \cdot (k - 2tc)]]} = 74.71 \cdot kip
$$

Resultant web force at point of splice connection

$$
V_r := \sqrt{Vd^2 + {H_{w}}^2} = 86.62 \text{ kip}
$$





Nominal shear strength of bolt  $\text{Rn} = \text{Fnv} \cdot \text{Ab} \cdot \text{Ns} = 66.23 \cdot \text{kip}$ 





# **Bolt Connection Pattern**



**Table J3.3, for 1.25" bolt dia, standard hole dia is 1.375"**

Hole diameter dbh 1.375in  $dbh := 1.375$ in

















#### **Block Shear Rupture Check, Eq. J4-5**

Fallure by tearing out of shaded portion





Multiple-Row Beam-End Connections

(b) Cases for which  $U_{bs} = 0.5$ 

Fig. C-J4.1. Failure surface for block shear rupture limit state.

No of bolts in the outermost edge of the  $\frac{1}{\text{Nonestim of 3}}$  connection pattern which is in tension

Net Area resisting the tensile stress

$$
Ant := Nsp\cdot [Sepov + (Nbr - 1)Sprov - [dbh \cdot (Nbr - 0.5)]] \cdot twsp = 4.81 \cdot in^2
$$

Net Area resisting the shear stress

$$
Avn := Nsp \left[ dsp - Seprov - \left[ \left( \frac{Nf}{Nr} \right) - 0.5 \right] \cdot dbh \right] \cdot twsp = 2.88 \cdot in^2
$$

Gross area resisting the shear stress

$$
Avg := Nsp \cdot (dsp - Seprov) \cdot twsp = 4.39 \cdot in^2
$$

Nominal block shear strength  $Ubs := 0.5$ 

 $Rbs := [(0.6 \text{·}Fu \cdot Avn) + (Ubs \cdot Fu \cdot Ant)] = 239.77 \cdot kip$ 

















SAP2000 analysis is used to calculate the bending moment and shear force demand on the waler for both the cases. Case 1 - without failure of a tie rod and, Case 2 - with failure of a tie rod.

For Case 1 - Continuous beam with four equal spans of length Srod is anaylzed For Case 2 - Continuous beam with three spans of length Srod - 2Srod - Srod is analyzed

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# **Sectional Properties of Corroded Section**

Plastic modulus about x axis

$$
Zx := \left[ (bf) \cdot \frac{(d)^2}{4} \right] - \left[ [(bf) - (two)] \cdot \frac{[(d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)]]^2}{4} \right] = 39.28 \cdot \text{in}^3
$$

Elastic modulus about x axis

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Sx := \frac{\left[\left[ (bf) \cdot \frac{(d)^3}{12} \right] - \left[ [(bf) - (two)] \cdot \frac{[(d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)]]^3}{12} \right]}{(d) \cdot 0.5} = 33.12 \cdot in^3
$$

Torsion constant

$$
\underline{J}_{\mathcal{N}} = \frac{\left[2 \cdot (bf) \cdot (tfc)^3\right] + \left[[(d) - (tfc)] \cdot (twc)^3\right]}{3} = 0.94 \cdot \text{in}^4
$$

Moment of Inertia about external edge of web parallel to y axis

Iyo := 
$$
\left[ [(d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)]] \cdot \frac{(twc)^{3}}{3} \right] + \left[ (bf)^{3} \cdot (tfc) \cdot \frac{2}{3} \right] = 23.17 \cdot in^{4}
$$

Cross sectional area

$$
Ac := [2 \cdot (bf) \cdot (tfc)] + [[(d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)]] \cdot (twc)] = 9.2 \cdot in^2
$$





Overstrength factor for shear  $\Omega v = 1.67$ 

# **Classification of sections for local buckling - Section B4.1**

**Classification of flanges in flexure - Table B4.1b (case 10)**

Width - to - Thickness Ratio for flange

$$
a_f:=\frac{bf}{tfc}=5.75
$$





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Limiting Deflection

$$
L_{\text{1d}} := \frac{\text{Lb}}{360} = 0.33 \cdot \text{in}
$$





Horizontal force in web due to moment at point of splice

$$
H_W := \frac{Msd \cdot 4}{[d - [2 \cdot (k - 2tc)]]} = 65.56 \cdot kip
$$









## **Bolt Connection Pattern**



**Table J3.3, for 1.25" bolt dia, standard hole dia is 1.375"**

Hole diameter dbh  $\lambda = 1.375$ in

















#### **Block Shear Rupture Check, Eq. J4-5**

Fallure by tearing out of shaded portion





Multiple-Row Beam-End Connections

(b) Cases for which  $U_{bs} = 0.5$ 

Fig. C-J4.1. Failure surface for block shear rupture limit state.

No of bolts in the outermost edge of the  $\frac{1}{\text{Not}} = 3$ <br>connection pattern which is in tension

Net Area resisting the tensile stress

$$
Ant := Nsp\cdot [Seprov + (Nbr - 1)Sprov - [dbh\cdot (Nbr - 0.5)]]\cdot twsp = 4.81 \cdot in^2
$$

Net Area resisting the shear stress

$$
Avn := Nsp \left[ dsp - Seprov - \left[ \left( \frac{Nf}{Nr} \right) - 0.5 \right] dbh \right] \cdot twsp = 2.88 \cdot in^2
$$

Gross area resisting the shear stress

$$
Avg := Nsp \cdot (dsp - Seprov) \cdot twsp = 4.39 \cdot in^2
$$

Nominal block shear strength  $Ubs := 0.5$ 

 $Rbs := [(0.6 \text{ Fu} \cdot \text{Avn}) + (\text{Ubs} \cdot \text{Fu} \cdot \text{Ant})] = 239.77 \cdot \text{kip}$ 

Rnbs := Rbs if Rbs 
$$
\leq
$$
 [(0.6-Fy-Avg) + (Ubs-Fu-Ant)] = 234.34-kip  
[(0.6-Fy-Avg) + (Ubs-Fu-Ant)] if Rbs > [(0.6-Fy-Avg) + (Ubs-Fu-Ant)]





lc for edge bolts

$$
lco := \text{Seprov} - \left(\frac{\text{dbh}}{2}\right) = 1.31 \cdot \text{in}
$$









Rrslr  $\mathbf{r}$ "Revise bolts size" if  $Rrslr < V<sub>r</sub>$ 

### **Design Summary**

**Provide rectangular splice plate of 24"X8",0.75" thickness. On each side of web splice bolted plate connection, provide 6 - 1.25" dia HDG Group A - A325 bolts.**





## **Analysis Demand Load on Waler - Sec C7**

Tie Rod Tension Demand Load from Analysis  $T_{\text{rod}} = 65.6 \text{kip}$ 



Tie Rod Spacing Srouting Srouting

The tie rod spacing assumed in analysis results in large demand loads and section size for waler. To optimize section selection, tie rods will be closely spaced. Closely spaced tie rods will result in lower demand loads.

Revised Tie Rod Spacing  $S_{rod} := 5$ ft

Revised Tie Rod Tension Demand



Demand Load on waler

Trod Srod  $13.12 \cdot \frac{kip}{p}$ ft  $:=$   $\frac{16a}{1}$  = 13.12

### **Demand Load on Waler to safeguard against progressive failure**

In certain situations, progressive collapse of the structure may be a conseequence of an extreme condition ie. failure of a tie rod. The wailing to the main wall will need to be checked to ensure that it will not collapse if the span between tie rods doubles following the loss of a tie rod.

SAP2000 analysis is used to calculate the bending moment and shear force demand on the waler for both the cases. Case 1 - without failure of a tie rod and, Case 2 - with failure of a tie rod.

For Case 1 - Continuous beam with four equal spans of length Srod is anaylzed For Case 2 - Continuous beam with three spans of length Srod - 2Srod - Srod is analyzed

Waler Design is governed by the demands from Case 2








## **Bending Moment Diagram - Case 2**















## **Sectional Properties of Corroded Section**

Plastic modulus about x axis

$$
Zx := \left[ (bf) \cdot \frac{(d)^2}{4} \right] - \left[ [(bf) - (two)] \cdot \frac{[(d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)]]^2}{4} \right] = 39.28 \cdot \text{in}^3
$$

Elastic modulus about x axis

$$
Sx := \frac{\left[\left[ (bf) \cdot \frac{(d)^3}{12} \right] - \left[ [(bf) - (two)] \cdot \frac{[(d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)]]^3}{12} \right]}{(d) \cdot 0.5} = 33.12 \cdot in^3
$$

Torsion constant

$$
\underline{J}_{\mathcal{N}} = \frac{\left[2 \cdot (bf) \cdot (tfc)^3\right] + \left[[(d) - (tfc)] \cdot (twc)^3\right]}{3} = 0.94 \cdot \text{in}^4
$$

Moment of Inertia about external edge of web parallel to y axis

Iyo := 
$$
\left[ [(d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)]] \cdot \frac{(twc)^{3}}{3} \right] + \left[ (bf)^{3} \cdot (tfc) \cdot \frac{2}{3} \right] = 23.17 \cdot in^{4}
$$

Cross sectional area

$$
Ac := [2 \cdot (bf) \cdot (tfc)] + [[(d) - [2 \cdot (tfc)]] \cdot (twc)] = 9.2 \cdot in^2
$$





Overstrength factor for shear  $\Omega v = 1.67$ 

## **Classification of sections for local buckling - Section B4.1**

**Classification of flanges in flexure - Table B4.1b (case 10)**

Width - to - Thickness Ratio for flange

$$
a_f:=\frac{bf}{tfc}=5.75
$$





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Limiting Deflection

$$
L_{1d} := \frac{Lb}{360} = 0.33 \cdot in
$$





Horizontal force in web due to moment at point  $\mathbf{H}_{_{\mathbf{W}}}$ of splice

$$
I_{\text{W}} := \frac{\text{Msd} \cdot 4}{[d - [2 \cdot (k - 2\text{tc})]]} = 55.9 \cdot \text{kip}
$$









### **Bolt Connection Pattern**



**Table J3.3, for 1.25" bolt dia, standard hole dia is 1.375"**

Hole diameter dbh  $\lambda = 1.375$ in

















#### **Block Shear Rupture Check, Eq. J4-5**

Fallure by tearing out of shaded portion





Multiple-Row Beam-End Connections

(b) Cases for which  $U_{bs} = 0.5$ 

Fig. C-J4.1. Failure surface for block shear rupture limit state.

No of bolts in the outermost edge of the  $\frac{1}{\text{Not}} = 3$ <br>connection pattern which is in tension

Net Area resisting the tensile stress

$$
Ant := Nsp\cdot [Seprov + (Nbr - 1)Sprov - [dbh\cdot (Nbr - 0.5)]]\cdot twsp = 4.81 \cdot in^2
$$

Net Area resisting the shear stress

$$
Avn := Nsp \left[ dsp - Seprov - \left[ \left( \frac{Nf}{Nr} \right) - 0.5 \right] dbh \right] \cdot twsp = 2.88 \cdot in^2
$$

Gross area resisting the shear stress

$$
Avg := Nsp \cdot (dsp - Seprov) \cdot twsp = 4.39 \cdot in^2
$$

Nominal block shear strength  $Ubs := 0.5$ 

 $Rbs := [(0.6 \text{ Fu} \cdot \text{Avn}) + (\text{Ubs} \cdot \text{Fu} \cdot \text{Ant})] = 239.77 \cdot \text{kip}$ 

Rnbs := Rbs if Rbs 
$$
\leq
$$
 [(0.6-Fy-Avg) + (Ubs-Fu-Ant)] = 234.34-kip  
[(0.6-Fy-Avg) + (Ubs-Fu-Ant)] if Rbs > [(0.6-Fy-Avg) + (Ubs-Fu-Ant)]





lc for edge bolts

$$
lco := \text{Seprov} - \left(\frac{\text{dbh}}{2}\right) = 1.31 \cdot \text{in}
$$









 $\frac{1}{\text{Rrslr}}$  if Rrslr  $\geq V_r$  = 0.59 "Revise bolts size" if  $Rrslr < V<sub>r</sub>$ 

#### **Design Summary**

**Provide rectangular splice plate of 24"X8",0.75" thickness. On each side of web splice bolted plate connection, provide 6 - 1.25" dia HDG Group A - A325 bolts.**





# APPENDIX I - BMP STRUCTURAL DESIGN REPORT **ATTACHMENT 3.2 SCOUR PROTECTION BMP EXTERIOR**



# **Technical Memorandum**

#### **July 8, 2024**



GHD has prepared this memorandum to describe the countermeasures developed to mitigate potential scour along the proposed cofferdam (BMP). The need for scour protection was established through numerical modeling of various scenarios related to the Remedial Design (RD) and its effects on floodplain hydraulics summarized in the Hydrodynamic Modeling Report (GHD, 2024) provided as Appendix F in the 100% RD -Northern Impoundment. This study identified the potential for scour and/or sediment deposition along the outside perimeter of the BMP. The modeling results indicate that concentration of overbank flow around the BMP could generate shear stresses higher than the critical shear stress value (0.15 Pa) as shown in [Figure 1,](#page-200-0) resulting in potential for scour to develop around the northern perimeter of the BMP during storm events. The shear stress values shown at the southwest corner are an artifact of the model bathymetry which doesn't capture the access road which will prevent conveyance of overbank flow through this area, reducing potential for scour at this location.



<span id="page-200-0"></span>*Figure 1 95th% Shear Stresses "With Cofferdam" for the 2-year Storm* 

#### **Scour Protection – Riprap Scour Apron**

Scour protection countermeasures were developed based on Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidance provided in Hydraulic Engineering Circular No. 23 (HEC-23), Bridge Scour and Stream Instability Countermeasures (Publication No. FHWA-NHI-09-111, September 2009). This document provides design guidelines for use of rock riprap to mitigate scour at bridge abutments. Although the BMP is not a bridge abutment, its influence on floodplain hydraulics is similar in that overbank flows are concentrated through a narrower section of the river resulting in localized increase in shear stress.

Design Guideline 14 was applied to the design of the rock riprap scour protection concepts. The median stone diameter for riprap scour protection is calculated based on depth, velocity and abutment geometry using the Isbash equation. Velocities around the abutment were evaluated using the 2D hydrodynamic model and compared against HEC-RAS, USGS gage data, and observations during Tropical Storm Imelda. These sources indicate maximum peak velocities would be in the 3-5 ft/s range. To account for uncertainties related to complex hydrodynamics and potential for localized flow accelerations along the BMP we applied a safety factor to the predicted maximum velocity and designed the median rock size for a velocity of 6 ft/s.

Based on this approach, the riprap scour protection apron should consist of a median stone diameter of 10 inches and an overall layer thickness of 1.5 feet. An apron width of 25 feet was selected to provide sufficient stability along the exterior perimeter of the BMP. A plan view illustrating the footprint of this scour apron is shown on [Figure](#page-201-0) 2 and a typical section is shown on [Figure](#page-202-0) 3.



#### <span id="page-201-0"></span>*Figure 2 Plan View of Riprap Scour Apron*



**Typical Section A-A** 

<span id="page-202-0"></span>

#### **Additional Considerations**

We recommend use of a geotextile or engineered filter layer beneath the riprap layer to prevent the loss (erosion) of finer material beneath the riprap scour apron. In-water placement of geotextile can be challenging depending on depth and flow velocity during construction. Alternatives to geotextile may include an engineered filter layer (i.e. coarse sand/gravel or quarry run material). In addition, the use of a gabion mattress product which can be lined with geotextile prior to being filled with rock and lowered into place, could be an alternative for placement of geotextile and rip rap.





# APPENDIX I - BMP STRUCTURAL DESIGN REPORT **ATTACHMENT 3.3 SCOUR PROTECTION BMP INTERIOR**





The plunging waters can scour the material at the base of the BMP. However, once the cofferdam fills with water, the energy of the plunging waters is dissipated on contact with the water and reduces potential for scour. The water levels in the river do not rise instantaneously so the initial flood stages cause the most risk for scour.

The following calculations considers the river flood stage at elevation +10.5 ft (i.e., 6 inches above the top of BMP exterior wall) to estimate time to full the area within the cofferdam. The cofferdam will fill faster at a higher flood stage due to increased flow rate. Hence, this is a conservative approach to select the river stage to size the riprap size.

Available Data from Scour Protection Design Memo - Interior, 07/11/24



CALCULATE - Time to fill Cofferdam with River Flood Stage at Elev +10.5 ft



1. Water from South Edge will shorten the duration to fill the cofferdam

2. Average mudline before beginning excavation. Mudline will change with excavation and more volume will need to fill each subsequent year. This additional volume is included as "ADD'L VOL EXCAVATED"

3. Year 0 = Before beginning excavation. Then, it is assumed excavated areas are not filled with soil or other material in subsequent season. NW corner will be filled with granular material after excavation. This will decrease volume to fill and shorten the duration to fill the cofferdam

Detailed methodology and considerations for the riprap sizing for various water levels is provided on the next page



# **Technical Memorandum**

#### **November 19, 2024**



# **1. Introduction**

This memorandum outlines the scour protection design for the San Jacinto Northern Impoundment. The San Jacinto Northern Impoundment includes a cofferdam surrounding waste pits within the San Jacinto River. Analysis of water San Jacinto water levels from 1994 to 2024 have indicated that the water surface elevation in San Jacinto River has exceeded the top elevation of the designed cofferdam (10 ft) on five occasions and has risen to as high as 14 ft at the project site. Note that all these instances were outside of the planned excavation season. The current analysis studied the potential scour that could occur on the interior of the cofferdam in the event that water levels within San Jacinto River exceed the top of the cofferdam and presents mitigation measures to protect the integrity of the cofferdam.

#### <span id="page-205-0"></span>**1.1 Purpose**

The purpose of this technical memorandum is to describe the hydraulic analysis of plunging flow over the San Jacinto Northern Impoundment cofferdam in the event that water surface elevations within the San Jacinto River exceed the top of the cofferdam, as well as to provide recommendations on the interior scour protection design.

### **1.2 Limitations**

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# **2. Hydraulic Analysis**

The hydraulics of the flow overtopping the cofferdam were analyzed to inform the scour protection design and are discussed in the following section.

#### **2.1 Cofferdam Overflow**

<span id="page-206-0"></span>The flow over the cofferdam was calculated using the weir equation, with a weir coefficient of 3. The flow rate (Q, per unit foot) and the flow velocity ( $V_0$ ) over the dam was calculated for water surface elevations within the San Jacinto River ranging from 10.1 ft to 14 ft. The results are summarized in [Table 1.](#page-206-0)

<b>Weir Head</b> (f <sup>t</sup> )	Q (cfs per LF of dam)	$V_0$ (ft/s)
0.1	0.1	0.9
<u>0.5</u>	1.1	<u>2.1</u>
1.0	3.0	3.0
1.5	5.5	3.7
2.0	8.5	4.2
2.5	11.9	4.7
3.0	15.6	5.2
3.5	19.6	5.6
4.0	24.0	6.0

*Table 1: Cofferdam overflow rate and velocity.*

Cofferdam is anticipated to fill in first two hours before river rises to these elevations

### **2.2 Hydraulics at Toe of Cofferdam**

<span id="page-206-1"></span>The hydraulics at the toe of the cofferdam were estimated by applying conservation of energy across the drop over the cofferdam, represented by [Equation 1.](#page-206-1)

*Equation 1*

$$
z_0 + y_0 + \frac{V_0^2}{2g} = z_1 + y_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} - h_L
$$

Where:

- $z_0$  = elevation of the cofferdam, 10 ft
- $y_0$  = water depth over the cofferdam, equal to weir head in [Table 1](#page-206-0)
- $V_0$  = flow velocity over the dam, summarized in [Table 1](#page-206-0)
- $g =$  gravitational acceleration, 32.17 ft<sup>2</sup>/s
- $z_1$  = ground elevation at the toe of the cofferdam, taken as 0 ft, -5 ft and -10 ft to represent the range of interior ground elevations
- $y_1$  = water depth at the toe of the cofferdam (ft)
- $V_1$  = flow velocity at the toe of the cofferdam, equal to Q/y<sub>1</sub> per unit foot of dam, with Q (per unit ft of dam) summarized in [Table 1](#page-206-0) (ft/s)
- $h_L$  = head loss across the drop, taken as 0 ft for free fall

The above equation was used to iteratively solve for water depth and resulting velocity at the toe of the cofferdam for a range of water surface elevations within San Jacinto River. Head loss across the drop was assumed to be negligible. The resulting calculated hydraulics at the toe of the cofferdam are summarized in Table 2 for interior ground elevations of 0 ft, -5 ft, and -10 ft. The large drop across the cofferdam leads to very high flow velocities at the toe of the cofferdam, ranging from approximately 26 ft/s to 39 ft/s.

<span id="page-207-1"></span>

#### *Table 2: Hydraulics at the toe of the cofferdam.*

#### **2.3 Impact Pressure**

<span id="page-207-0"></span>The pressure that is exerted by the plunging flow on impact with the ground on the interior of the cofferdam was estimated to inform material selection for the scour protection. The impact pressure was calculated using the following equation, which was derived from Newton's second law of motion [\(Equation 2\)](#page-207-0).

*Equation 2*

$$
P=\rho V_1^2
$$

Where:

- $\bullet$   $P =$  impact pressure of the plunging flow
- $\rho$  = density of water
- $V_1$  = impact velocity, taken as the velocity at the toe of the cofferdam (see [Table 2\)](#page-207-1)

<span id="page-207-2"></span>The impact pressures are summarized in [Table 3](#page-207-2) for interior ground elevations ( $z_1$ ) of 0 ft, - 5 ft, and -10 ft. The calculated pressures range from approximately 9 psi to approximately 21 psi.





### **2.4 Minimum Length of Protection**

Hydraulic jump lengths at the toe of the cofferdam were estimated to inform extents of the scour protection design. The hydraulic jump lengths were calculated using Figures 5 and 7 in the United States Bureau of Reclamation's (USBR) Engineering Monograph (EM) No. 25, *Hydraulic Design of Stilling Basins and Energy Dissipators*. These figures relate the ratio of the sequent depth (y<sub>2</sub>) to y<sub>1</sub> and the ratio of the jump length (L<sub>i</sub>) to y<sub>2</sub> to the Froude number  $(F_1)$  at the toe of the cofferdam. The Froude number was calculated using [Equation 3.](#page-208-0)

*Equation 3*

$$
F_1 = V_1 / \sqrt{gy_1}
$$

<span id="page-208-0"></span>The resulting jump lengths are summarized in [Table 4,](#page-208-1) and range from approximately 18 ft to 45 ft. Velocities associated with the sequent depths are also reported in [Table 4,](#page-208-1) and range from approximately 1.6 ft/s to 3.8 ft/s, indicating minimal potential for scour. Jump lengths were not calculated for water surface elevations below 11.5 ft, since these drops experience large Froude numbers that are outside of the range of Figures 5 and 7, due to the very low flow depths. Note also that Figures 5 and 7 were developed for horizontal, rectangular stilling basins, and therefore calculated jump lengths will not apply in areas where the ground slopes down, away from the cofferdam.

<span id="page-208-1"></span>

<b>River WSE</b>	$z_1 = 0$ ft			$z_1 = -5$ ft			$z_1 = -10$ ft		
(f <sup>t</sup> )	$\mathsf F_1$	$L_j(f_t)$	$V_2$ (ft/s)	F,	$L_j$ (ft)	$V_2$ (ft/s)	F <sub>1</sub>	$L_j$ (ft)	$V_2$ (ft/s)
11.5	10.7	18.0	1.9	14.0	19.6	1.7	17.1	20.3	1.6
12.0	8.8	22.4	2.3	11.5	24.5	2.1	14.0	26.1	2.0
12.5	7.7	26.6	2.7	10.0	29.3	2.5	12.0	31.4	2.3
13.0	6.9	30.6	3.1	8.9	33.6	2.8	10.7	36.0	2.6
13.5	6.3	34.5	3.5	8.0	37.8	3.2	9.6	40.5	3.0
14.0	5.8	38.3	3.8	7.4	41.9	3.5	8.9	44.9	3.3

*Table 4: Hydraulic jump lengths and sequent depths.*

The horizontal distance travelled by a particle within the upper nappe of the flow over the cofferdam was calculated using the following equations, which were derived assuming projectile motion:

*Equation 4*

$$
\Delta x = V_x \Delta t
$$

*Equation 5*

$$
\Delta t = \sqrt{\frac{2(y_0 - z_1)}{g}}
$$

**Where** 

- $\Delta t =$  fall time in seconds
- $y_0$  = water depth over the cofferdam in feet (see Section 2.2)
- $\bullet$   $z_1$  = ground elevation at the toe of the cofferdam in feet
- $V_x$  = horizontal velocity component in ft/s, taken as  $V_0$  (see Section 2.2)

The horizontal distance of the nappe on impact was then combined with the jump length to determine the expected extents of highly erosive flow, extending from the toe of the cofferdam. This length is the minimum length of scour protection recommended to protect the cofferdam, which are summarized in [Table 5.](#page-209-0)

<span id="page-209-0"></span>

*Table 5: Minimum length of scour protection.*

## **2.5 Bench Hydraulics**

The AZ42-700 double sheet pile wall cofferdam along the northwest area of the impoundment is adjacent to a 30-ft wide raised aggregate bench with a 36-inch layer of grouted riprap along the interior of the dam (see [Figure](#page-209-1)  [1\)](#page-209-1). The top of the riprap is at elevation -4 ft with 3:1 side slopes that extend to an elevation of -7 ft. The top of the raised aggregate bench is at -7 ft, and it features 4:1 side slopes that daylight with the existing ground at elevations ranging from -12 ft to -16 ft. The hydraulics of the flow at the toe of the bench were calculated to inform scour protection design in the vicinity of the bench. The hydraulics were calculated for several water surface elevations within the San Jacinto River (10.5, 11.5 and 14.0 ft) to obtain hydraulics results for a range of conditions within the river.



<span id="page-209-1"></span>*Figure 1: Diagram of raised bench (not to scale).*

The bench toe hydraulics were computed using the energy balance equation [\(Equation 1\)](#page-206-1) where  $z_0$ , y<sub>0</sub>, and  $V_0$ , represent the hydraulics at the edge of the 30-ft bench, and  $z_1$ ,  $y_1$ , and  $V_1$ , represent the hydraulics at the toe (see [Figure 1\)](#page-209-1). The hydraulics at the edge of the bench were calculated using the computed cofferdam overflow rates outlined in [Table 1,](#page-206-0) assuming the flow reaches critical depth at this location (i.e.  $y_0 = y_c$ ;  $V_0 = V_c$ ). The head loss across the drop was considered in [Equation 1,](#page-206-1) and was calculated using [Equation 6:](#page-210-0)

*Equation 6*

$$
h_L=\left(\frac{s_{f0}+s_{f1}}{2}\right)L
$$

<span id="page-210-0"></span>Where:

- $\bullet$  s<sub>f0</sub> = friction slope at the edge of the bench
- $s_{f1}$  = friction slope at the toe of the bench
- $\bullet$  L = length of the bench, taken as 45 ft to represent the largest drop along the bench (from elevation -4 ft to -16 ft), considering the 3:1 and 4:1 side slopes

<span id="page-210-1"></span>The friction slope can be defined using [Equation 7:](#page-210-1)

*Equation 7*

$$
S_f = \frac{Q^2}{\left(\frac{1.486}{n} * A * R_h^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^2}
$$

Where:

- $Q =$  flow rate per unit length of dam (see [Table 1\)](#page-206-0)
- n = Manning's roughness, taken as 0.045 as described below
- $\bullet$  R<sub>h</sub> = hydraulic radius
- $A = flow area$

<span id="page-210-2"></span>The manning's roughness of the riprap, assuming  $D_{50}= 18$  inches, was calculated using the following equation developed by Rice et. al (1998):

#### *Equation 8*

$$
n=0.0292(D_{50}S_o)^{0.147}\,
$$

Where:

- D<sub>50</sub> is the median rock size in mm (457 mm for 18-inch rock)
- S<sub>o</sub> is the bed slope, which was taken as 0.267 ft/ft to represent the average side slope of the bench

The results of [Equation 8](#page-210-2) indicated a manning's roughness of the 18-inch riprap of approximately 0.059. Hydraulic design manuals such as the San Diego County Hydraulic Design Manual (County of San Diego Department Works Flood Control Section, 2014) require reducing the roughness coefficient of riprap by 20% to account for grouting the rock. Applying this reduction factor yields a manning's roughness value of 0.047 for the grouted rock, which was rounded down to 0.045 for the analysis.

Once [Equation 1](#page-206-1) was used to solve for the flow depth and velocity at the toe of the bench considering head loss per [Equation 6](#page-210-0) and [Equation 7,](#page-210-1) the corresponding Froude numbers were calculated using [Equation 3.](#page-208-0) These hydraulics were used to calculate the hydraulic jump length using Figures 5 and 7 in USBR's EM25.

The results of the hydraulic analysis yield velocities ranging from approximately 13 ft/s to 31 ft/s at the toe of the bench, with corresponding Froude numbers of 6.2 to 9.6. The analysis results in hydraulic jump lengths

ranging from approximately 5 ft to 39 ft. Estimated hydraulics at the toe of the bench and corresponding jump lengths are summarized in [Table 6.](#page-211-0) Initial stages of

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*Table 6: Hydraulic results and jump lengths at the toe of the bench.*

*Notes:*

*1. Cofferdam overflow rate per* [Table 1](#page-206-0)*.*

*2. Flow depth and velocity (Q/y) at the toe of the bench, calculated by applying energy balance across the drop, using* [Equation 1](#page-206-1)*. Head loss, an input to* [Equation 1](#page-206-1)*, was calculated using* [Equation 6](#page-210-0) *and* [Equation 7](#page-210-1)*.*

*3. Froude number at the toe of the drop structure, calculated using* [Equation 3](#page-208-0)*.*

# **3. Scour Protection Design**

### **3.1 Scour Protection Material**

Analysis of the cofferdam overflow hydraulics indicate very high velocities at the toe of the cofferdam (see Section 2.2), indicating the need for scour protection. These velocities are estimated to range from approximately 26 ft/s to 39 ft/s. USBR's EM25 includes a design procedure for sizing riprap downstream of stilling basins, however, the maximum design velocity reported in Figure 165 is 18 ft/s, which corresponds with 48-inch riprap. Since the calculated velocities at the toe of the cofferdam are higher than this range, grouted riprap or concrete is recommended along the interior of the cofferdam. The maximum impact pressure of the plunging flow was calculated as approximately 21 psi (see Section 2.3), which corresponds with a water surface elevation of 14 ft within the San Jacinto River. The Texas Department of Transportation Standard Specifications Item 421 ad Departmental Materials Specifications (DMS) 4675, indicate required strengths of cement and grout of 3,000 psi or higher, depending on the concrete class. Therefore, the strength of concrete or grouted riprap is adequate to withstand the plunging flow over the cofferdam. Since the riprap will be grouted, the size of the riprap may be selected based on the availability of local rock. However, based on industry standards, riprap with a minimum median particle size ( $d_{50}$ ) of 18-inches is recommended if economically feasible. The thickness of the grouted riprap layer should be equal to twice the median particle size ( $d_{50}$ ), or the largest particle size ( $d_{100}$ ), whichever is larger.

Should it not be possible to grout the entire length of the riprap apron, loose riprap may be placed as an alternative to the grouted riprap for a portion of the riprap apron, however, some erosion of this riprap may occur during overtopping of the cofferdam. Figure 165 of USBR's EM25 relates the flow velocity to recommended riprap size for use in sizing riprap downstream of stilling basins. Riprap diameters and maximum velocities from this figure are included in [Table 7,](#page-212-0) and can be used to inform decisions on un-grouted riprap size. The estimated velocities at the toe of the cofferdam are very high, ranging from approximately 25 ft/s to 39 ft/s (see [Table 2\)](#page-207-1), and are outside of the range of Figure 165. Downstream of the hydraulic jump, the estimated flow velocities are low, ranging from approximately 1.6 ft/s to 3.8 ft/s (see [Table 4\)](#page-208-1). The flow velocities along the apron, between the toe of the cofferdam and the completion of the hydraulic jump, are difficult to estimate due to the turbulent nature of the flow.

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<span id="page-212-0"></span>*Table 7: Riprap size vs. flow velocity, adapted from Figure 165 of USBR's EM25.*

## **3.2 Scour Protection Extents**

The scour protection extents presented in the following section consider two design water surface elevations within the San Jacinto River (14 ft and 11.5 ft) to account for the uncertainty in the water levels within the river, the time it takes for the water to rise within the river, and the time it takes for the interior of the cofferdam to fill. The design elevation of 14 ft was selected based on analysis of the water surface elevations within the San Jacinto River from 1994 to 2024, which indicated a maximum water surface elevation of approximately 14 ft at the project site. The water surface elevation of 11.5 ft considers the fact that as the cofferdam overtops, the area within the dam will fill with water. The water within the cofferdam will aid in energy dissipation of the flow overtopping the dam, reducing the potential for scour. Note that all figures in the following section display the recommended design for a 14 ft water surface elevation within San Jacinto River.

### 3.2.1 AZ36-700 Double Sheet Pile Wall Cofferdam

#### **3.2.1.1 Eastern and Western Areas**

The eastern and western portions of the cofferdam, highlighted in yellow in [Figure 2,](#page-213-0) feature interior ground elevations between -10 ft and 2 ft, with most areas below 0 ft. For a design water surface elevation of 14 ft within the San Jacinto River, the length of recommended grouted riprap for this area is 55 ft, to account for the calculated hydraulic jump length and the horizontal travel distance of the plunging flow for a river water surface elevation of 14 ft and ground elevation of -10 ft (see [Table 5\)](#page-209-0). For a design water surface elevation of 11.5 ft within the San Jacinto River, the length of recommended grouted riprap for this area is 25 ft, per [Table 5.](#page-209-0)

Additionally, a 10-ft-long loose riprap apron is recommended extending away from the grouted rock in both designs. This loose riprap is intended to help protect the grouted riprap apron from undermining and failure should scour occur at the interface between the riprap and native soil. As the native soil scours, the loose riprap will fall into the scour hole and help protect the grouted riprap. Assuming a 2:1 slope, the loose riprap could protect the grouted riprap apron from approximately 4.5 ft of vertical scour. This riprap should have a minimum median particle size  $(d_{50})$  of 18 inches and a minimum thickness of 36 inches. A simple diagram showing the recommended riprap apron for a design water surface elevation of 14 ft is included in [Figure 3.](#page-213-1)



<span id="page-213-0"></span>*Figure 2: Eastern and western areas of the cofferdam, where a 55-ft grouted riprap apron and a 10-ft loose riprap apron is recommended (for river WSE=14 ft).*



<span id="page-213-1"></span>*Figure 3: Recommended scour protection for eastern and western areas of the cofferdam (for river WSE=14 ft).*

#### **3.2.1.2 Northern Area**

The northern area of the cofferdam, adjacent to the AZ42-700 double sheet pile wall, features steep sloping ground along the interior of the dam. The ground elevation along this area of the cofferdam ranges from -5 ft to - 10 ft. The interior ground slopes away from the cofferdam to an elevation of -16 ft, with a maximum slope of approximately 3:1 (H:V). Additional scour protection is recommended for this area to account for the anticipated high flow velocities over these steep slopes. The minimum length of grouted riprap apron for this area is 25 ft or 55 ft, for design river water surface elevations of 11.5 ft and 14 ft, respectively. However, if the slope extends past this minimum length, the grouted riprap apron should extend to the toe of the slope. Additionally, a longer loose riprap apron of 20 ft is recommended for this area, to account for additional scour potential from flow traveling down these steep slopes. A simple diagram showing this recommended scour protection design is included in [Figure 4](#page-214-0) (for a design water surface elevation of 14 ft).



<span id="page-214-0"></span>*Figure 4: Recommended scour protection design for north area of the cofferdam (for river WSE= 14 ft).*

## 3.2.2 AZ42-700 Pile Wall Cofferdam

The AZ42-700 Pile Wall Cofferdam is the north-east portion of the cofferdam, which features a 20-ft raised bench at an elevation of -4 ft (see [Figure 1](#page-209-1) for a diagram of the bench). The raised bench slopes down to the existing ground with side slopes varying from 3:1 to 4:1 (H:V). To ensure the stability of the raised bench, and the cofferdam, it is recommended to protect the bench and the side slopes with grouted rock. Additionally, a grouted riprap apron is recommended at the toe of the bench (where it daylights with the existing ground) to protect the existing ground from plunging flow over the bench. The recommended length for this riprap apron is 20 ft or 40 ft, for design water surface elevations within San Jacinto River of 11.5 ft and 14 ft, respectively. The length of the grouted riprap apron was designed considering the estimated hydraulic jump length for flow over the bench, summarized in Section 2.5. Similarly to the other areas of the impoundment, a 10-ft long loose riprap apron is recommended downstream of the grouted apron, to account for any additional scour at the interface between the grouted rock and the native soil. A simple diagram of the recommended scour protection is included in [Figure 5](#page-215-1) (for a design water surface elevation of 14 ft).



<span id="page-215-1"></span>*Figure 5: Recommended scour protection design for AZ42-700 double sheet pile wall cofferdam (for river WSE= 14 ft).*

#### **3.3 Scour Protection Maintenance**

Following any event in which the cofferdam is overtopped, the riprap, grouted riprap, and/or concrete along the interior of the dam should be inspected for damage and repaired where necessary. Areas outside of the scour protection extents should also be inspected for scour/erosion, and additional scour protection may be recommended for any areas exhibiting significant scour.

## <span id="page-215-0"></span>**4. Assumptions and Limitations**

The scour analysis and mitigation recommendations discussed herein are based on several assumptions. The assumptions and limitations of the analysis and design, including the following:

- The calculation of flow over the cofferdam is based on the weir equation, which is a simplified approach and assumes that the velocity of the flow approaching the cofferdam is negligible. In reality, the flow in the river will likely have velocity oriented in the downstream direction which could increase or decrease the flow over the cofferdam, depending on the direction on flow relative to the cofferdam.
- The hydraulics at the toe of the cofferdam assume no head loss across the jump. While there is expected to be minimal head loss across the drop when the interior of the dam is dry, any ponded water within the cofferdam could lead to energy dissipation and reduce the flow velocities at the toe of the cofferdam.
- The hydraulic jump length calculations assume that there will be sufficient tailwater depths to force a hydraulic jump near the toe of the cofferdam. Near the beginning of the overtopping event, there may not be sufficient depth, and the flow entering the impoundment could remain supercritical.
- The hydraulic calculations assume that the flow over the cofferdam travels in the direction away from the cofferdam. As the impoundment fills with water, converging flow is expected to affect the hydraulics within the cofferdam, which cannot easily be quantified.
- The hydraulic jump calculations are based on figures in the USBR EM25, which were created based on experimental results for horizontal stilling basins. The ground within the impoundment is not flat, which may affect the flow directions, velocities, and lengths of the hydraulic jumps. Additionally, flow filling the impoundment will likely behave differently than flow within a horizontal stilling basin.
- The hydraulic jump calculations across the bench (see Section 2.5) assume that flow reaches critical depth at the edge of the bench. The flow at the edge of the bench may be supercritical, due to the high velocities experienced at the toe of the cofferdam. Thus, velocities at the toe of the bench, and resulting hydraulic jump lengths, may be higher than calculated.
- The hydraulic jump length and sequent depths could not be estimated for water surface elevations within the San Jacinto River below 11.5 ft. The flow depths at the toe of the cofferdam in these scenarios are small, leading to calculated Froude numbers that are outside of the range of the hydraulic jump length calculation methods presented in USBR's EM25. It is expected, however, that the design for higher water surface elevations within the San Jacinto River will govern.
- The flow velocities along the riprap apron between the toe of the embankment and the completion of the hydraulic jump could not be estimated due to the turbulent nature of the flow. Therefore, the size of riprap could not be estimated for a design in which only a portion of the apron is grouted.
- The analysis did not consider scour downstream of the hydraulic jump, since the flow paths and resulting velocities cannot easily be determined. It is expected that these flow velocities will be relatively low as the impoundment fills with water, however, there could be some areas that experience local scour.
- The hydraulics of flow traveling down steep segments within the impoundment, for example, along the northern section of the cofferdam (see Section 3.2.1.3), were difficult to estimate. Additional scour protection was recommended in this area, but more detailed / sophisticated modelling could improve scour protection recommendations.

The flow over the cofferdam and within its interior is three-dimensional and complex due to the vertical drop and varying ground surface within the cofferdam. The analysis performed and presented herein is simplified and based on many assumptions and limitations as noted above. A physical model or computational fluid dynamics (CFD) model could be created to reduce the limitations of the analysis. These types of three-dimensional models could provide more accurate hydraulic results on which to base the scour protection design.

# **5. Summary**

This memorandum outlines the scour protection design for the San Jacinto Northern Impoundment, considering water surface elevations within the San Jacinto River of up to 14 ft and a cofferdam top elevation of 10 ft. Due to high flow velocities expected at the toe of the cofferdam from overtopping flow, a grouted riprap apron along the interior of the cofferdam is recommended. The recommended length of the grouted riprap apron varies from approximately 25 ft to approximately 95 ft, depending on the design water surface elevation within the San Jacinto River, interior ground elevation, and ground slope. A 10-ft to 20-ft-long loose riprap apron is recommended adjacent to the grouted riprap, to help protect the grouted riprap from scour at the interface of the apron and the native soil. The analysis and design discussed herein are based on several assumptions. To reduce the limitations and improve the accuracy of the analysis, a physical model or computational fluid dynamics model could be created.

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# APPENDIX I - BMP STRUCTURAL DESIGN REPORT **ATTACHMENT 3.4 WIND LOAD EVALUATION**





#### **BMP Design - Wind Load Parametric Study Summary**

BMP structural analysis is performed for hydrostatic load from flood stage water level at El. +9ft. Analysis doesn't include wind loads. Hence, this parametric study evaluates the effect of wind loads on the BMP. The net load combining wind and hystrostatic load, without a reduction factor (0.6) on wind, is compared to the design case hydrostatic load. As the net load is lower than the design case hydrostatic load, further analytical evaluation of wind loads is not required.

Evaluation results of extreme and unusual wind load cases for different mudline elevations are presented on the following pages.









#### **Wind Load - Extreme Case (EX)**









#### **Wind Load - Unusual Case (UN)**











#### **Wind Load - Extreme Case (EX)**









#### **Wind Load - Unusual Case (UN)**











#### **Wind Load - Extreme Case (EX)**









#### **Wind Load - Unusual Case (UN)**







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# **ATTACHMENT 3.5 SHEET PILE SEEPAGE EVALUATION**







H = Height of Water Column above Sediment

h = Thickness of Sediment Layers

L = Approximate length of each analysis sections

n = number of interlocks per lineal feet of BMP

Sheet Pile Width, b 27.56 in, half pair

 $n = L/b$ 

Arcelor Mittal, Impervious Steel Sheet Piles, Design & Practical Approach

Q1 = Discharge per interlock, cubic feet per second

Q = Total Discharge, cubic feet per second



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Assume p 1.00E-07 m/s, minimum inverse resistivity for standard interlocks

Use SF 1.5 Safety factor for test parameters









Any form of interlock sealant with partial to complete blockage capacity will significantly reduce any water inflow into the cofferdam. It is recommended that sealant be applied only to the inner walls of the BMP. This will allow drainage of water in the BMP fill material to drain toward the river and prevent contact with the material within the cofferdam.

ALTERNATIVE PRODUCT: WADIT, SEE DATASHEET ON NEXT PAGE



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Calculating seepage from under the BMP walls

The wall in the NW corner (Cross-Section C2) was selected for evaluating seepage / piping potential from under the wall. As the inner interlocks will be installed with a sealant, seepage across the BMP is considered negligible. See calculations for interlock seepage. Cross-Section C2 is exposed the largest head differential between the interior and exterior.

Lane's Weighted Creep Ratio was utilized to measure head loss along the sheet piles to the tip and back into the excavation area.



Safe Weighted Creep Ratio, Cr (Lane 1934)







The calculation shows a higher head loss potential than the available head when the water is at the maximum elevation to top of wall.

Cr for the soil layer below mudline is conservatively assumed to be simlar to "Very Fine Sand or Silt". For other soil types, as the Cr value decreases, the head loss along the wall increases.

In other locations along the BMP, the total head available will be lower due to shallow mudline. Therefore, the seepage / piping potential for water from the river into the excavation area is insignificant.





# APPENDIX I - BMP STRUCTURAL DESIGN REPORT **ATTACHMENT 3.6 - BARGE IMPACT REV 2: NOV 2024**





# **1. Design Approach**

An engineered cofferdam using a best management practice (BMP) will encircle the Northern Impoundment of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund (Site). The following calculations summarize the design of a sacrificial barrier wall system comprising of fiberglass reinforced polymer (FRP) composite piles as the primary measure to protect the BMP against potential barge impacts. The BMP structure itself is also evaluated for secondary impact after the barrier wall is damaged.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)'s design criteria for the dolphin and fender system protecting the Interstate-10 (I-10) Bridge piers includes impact from a 30,000-barrel (bbl) barge, which represents one of the larger barges operating in the vicinity of the bridge. A typical 30,000-bbl barge is 300-ft long, 54-ft wide, and 12-ft tall. In a laden condition, loaded to full capacity, such a barge would displace the equivalent of 30,000-bbl or approximately 168,500-ft $^3$  of water. Thus, the barge is assumed to weigh approximately 5,250 U.S. tons or 10,500 kips in laden condition. In ballasted condition, the barge carries only fuel and ballast water and weighs approximately 910 U.S. tons or 1,820 kips. Client<br>Project \_<br>Project \_<br>Subject \_<br>Subject \_<br>Subject \_<br>An engin<br>Jacinto R<br>system c<br>against parameters against parameters of the Text<br>condition water. The condition<br>water. The standard maximum<br>measure implement (10-minumb

The hydrodynamic model (Reference 1, Section 4) evaluated the flow velocities for various storm conditions and noted the maximum river flow velocity of 3.14-ft/s and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile velocity of 2.2-ft/s. The velocity data processed from the measurements taken by the buoys installed at Site determined maximum velocity of 5-ft/s but only 11 individual instances (10-minute each) out of the 129,593 observations showed velocity exceeding 4 ft/s. Therefore, using 4 ft/s to evaluate barge impact is considered appropriate.

The kinetic energy from impact can be determined from the weight and velocity of the barge at impact which may be either the river flow velocity or the navigation speed. The energy of impact will be lower for any impact angle other than a direct, head-on collision. The kinetic energy will be absorbed by the structures and the barge itself will absorb some energy and suffer damage. The energy absorbed due to damage to the barge is not considered in this evaluation as a conservative approach.

The standard design practice requires structures, such as bridge piers within the navigational waterway, to be designed for barge impacts. The Northern Impoundment is not within the navigational waterway so the BMP will not be routinely exposed to barges heading directly toward the structure. An impact could be the result of a barge coming off its mooring and drifting toward the BMP during a storm event or it could be the result of a towed barge veering off course or a barge losing control/power. Hence, considering head-on impact for purposes of the analysis is a conservative approach.

The equations available to calculate energy and force from barge impact were developed for design of bridge piers, which have a smaller profile than the BMP wall (without barrier wall) and absorb a large portion of the impact energy assuming minimal damage to the barge itself. The American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) (Reference 2, Section 4) method to determine impact force absorbed by bridge piers was used for evaluating the BMP for direct impact. This method is conservative since the BMP and the barrier wall system will have a much larger profile area than the typical bridge piers to absorb impact and distribute the energy.

The impact energy from a barge moving at the river flow velocity will be absorbed in two stages:

- 1. Primary or first contact will be with the barrier wall system. The barrier wall is designed to absorb impact energy of 829- kip.ft corresponding to head-on impact from a laden barge at 2.2-ft/s or a ballasted barge at 5.3-ft/s.
- 2. As the barge damages the barrier wall and potentially breaks through, it will lose energy. The BMP may be subject to the remaining energy. In the 90% RD, the BMP was evaluated for maximum impact force of up to 1400-kips. This force corresponds to impact energy due to head-on impact from a laden barge at 2.2-ft/s or a ballasted barge at 5.3  $ft/s.$





Using the AASHTO method, kinetic energy (KE) for barge impact as:

KE, laden bar $ge = \frac{C_H W V^2}{29.2}$  = 829-kip.ft

Where,

W = Displacement of the Barge (tonne = 1.1 US-tons) = 4773-tonne  $V =$  Impact Velocity = 2.2-ft/s  $C_H$  = Hydrodynamic Mass Coefficient = 1.05 Total Impact Force on BMP = 1400-kips

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KE, laden \,bar \,ger = \frac{c_H w \, v^2}{29.2} = 425 \, \text{kip.fit}
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Where,

W = Displacement of the Barge (tonne = 1.1 US-tons) = 4783-tonne

 $V =$  Impact Velocity = 1.6-ft/s

 $C_H$  = Hydrodynamic Mass Coefficient = 1.05

Total Impact Force on BMP = 1000-kips

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KE, ballasted \, barge = \frac{c_H W V^2}{29.2} = 829 \text{-kip.fit}
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Where,

W = Displacement of the Barge (tonne = 1.1 US-tons) = 827-tonne

 $V =$  Impact Velocity = 5.3-ft/s

 $C_H$  = Hydrodynamic Mass Coefficient = 1.05

Total Impact Force on BMP = 1400-kips

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KE, ballasted \, barge = \frac{C_H W V^2}{29.2} = 425 \text{-kip.fit}
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Where,

W = Displacement of the Barge (tonne = 1.1 US-tons) = 827-tonne  $V =$  Impact Velocity = 3.8-ft/s  $C_H$  = Hydrodynamic Mass Coefficient = 1.05 Total Impact Force on BMP = 1000-kips





The west side of the Northern Impoundment is not exposed to any barge traffic; therefore, a barrier wall in this area is not required. However, as the barges moored on the north side of the BMP may come off the moorings and float toward the Site, the BMP walls are evaluated for direct impact from ballasted barges.

# **2. FRP Barrier Wall**

As an additional measure to provide increased protection from potential barge impacts, a barrier wall would be installed at approximately 20 to 25 ft from the exterior wall of the BMP. The barrier wall would be installed to the north and east side of areas exposed to potential impacts from loaded barges. The general alignment, typical section and elevation of the barrier wall are shown on Figure 2.1 through Figure 2.3.

The barrier wall will be comprised of 18-inch diameter FRP composite piles spaced at 8-ft on center. Four rows of 12-inch by 12-inch reinforced high-density polyethylene (HDPE) walers will be installed horizontally on the exterior side of the FRP piles, evenly spaced between Elevation +2 and +12 ft above mean water level (Figure 2.2 and Figure 2.3).

Similar to the BMP, the height of the FRP piles above riverbed and the variation in subsurface strata will affect the performance of the barrier wall. Hence, design parameters corresponding to various BMP cross-sections, such as Section C2, Section C3, Section C4, and Section C5 were considered to evaluate the energy absorption capacity of the barrier wall. Section C4 governs over Section C4A, due to relatively greater depth to riverbed.

The piles used in the analysis are a proprietary product manufactured by Creative Pultrusions, Inc. and marketed as Superpile. The walers are manufactured by Tangent Materials. However, other FRP pile or HDPE walers with equivalent properties can be used in construction. The allowable design values (i.e., moment capacity of the FRP piles and walers), as shown in the below Table 2.1, are determined through full-scale testing by the manufacturer. The barrier wall is designed as a sacrificial element (i.e., acceptable to undergo damage) to absorb the maximum amount of impact energy. Hence, no reduction factors are applied to the moment capacity.

#### *Table 2.1 Moment Capacity of FRP Piles and Wales*









*Figure 2.1 Alignment - FRP Barrier Wall* 



#### *Figure 2.2 Typical Section - FRP Barrier Wall*



*Figure 2.3 Typical Elevation - FRP Barrier Wall* 

The barge will contact the walers and in turn, multiple FRP piles are engaged, and the barrier wall system will deflect to absorb the impact energy. The largest moment demands on the pile sections are seen when the barge impact is at or near the top of the barrier wall. At lower elevations of impact, the moment demands are lower and do not govern the design. The results from the analysis with impact at top waler and lower waler are shown in the below Table 2.2 and Table 2.3 respectively. The system has capacity to absorb the kinetic energy from impact with a laden barge at 2.2 ft/s or ballasted barge at 5.3 ft/s.





*Table 2.2 Energy Absorption Capacity of FRP Barrier Wall – Impact at Top Waler* 



*Table 2.3 Energy Absorption Capacity of FRP Barrier Wall – Impact at Lower Waler* 



Detailed calculations of the FRP barrier system are provided in the design report prepared by AXCESS. See next page.

**San Jacinto Fender System Design**

**Location – Texas**

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> **Rev-B July 2, 2024**

July 2, 2024

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Re: San Jacinto Fender System Design

Enclosed herewith are calculations for the San Jacinto fender system in Texas. This design was based on the design criteria detailed in "Structural Update: San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site" dated from October 21, 2022.

*Design Energy* – 829 kip-ft (AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specification, Ninth Edition, 2020)

*Deflection Limitation* – None Specified

*Fender System Length* – 1,879 ft

#### *Water Elevations* –

- MLW +2' (Provided by GHD)
- MHW +9' (Provided by GHD)

*Top of Fender System Wale* – EL +12' (Provided by GHD)

*Bottom of Fender System Wale* – EL +4'

*Design Mudline Elevation* – Varies based on soil profiles provided by GHD (2022-09-09 Soil Properties – FRP Dolphins)

*Soil Profile* – FB Multipier Soil Inputs provided by GHD. Report on FB Multipier inputs shown in appendix E.

#### *Principal Structural Materials of Construction* –

- 18" x 34" Pile from Creative Composites Group
- 12x12-8F12 (12" x 12" w/8ea 1. 5" FRP rebar in HDPE wale) from Tangent

The design assumptions detailed in this letter have been utilized in the design of the San Jacinto fender system.



# **Contents**





#### REVISION A CHANGES:

- 1. Properties updated to reflect the third party testing done on the 18" diameter x 3/4" wall thickness piles.
- 2. Additional analysis was added to evaluate a barge impact on only the lowest row of wales to simulate a low water impact event.
- 3. Splice plate calculations updated.



## 1 Executive Summary

Mark Watt, PE evaluated the composite fender system for the San Jacinto fender system using 18" diameter with 3/4" wall thickness piles manufactured by the Creative Composites Group in conjunction with the 12x12 8F12 SeaTimber Wales manufactured by Tangent.

The intent of this design is to provide a system that meets the energy absorption requirements specified and conforms to the geometric footprint laid out for this project. The fender system acts as a sacrificial protective barrier to prevent barge impacts to the steel sheet pile walls installed behind the system. The calculations in this report only show the sufficiency of the system to absorb design impact energy. However, the system will continue absorbing energy after the initial failure as the loads are distributed to additional piles and rows of wales.

<span id="page-250-0"></span>These calculations show that the proposed system of 18" diameter piles in combination with 12x12-8F12 plastic lumber wales achieves the design requirement of 829 ft-kip of energy absorption while deflecting less than 12.25 ft (147 in). [Table 1](#page-250-0) below shows a summary of the results.



#### *Table 1: Load Case and Results Summary*



A non-linear analysis utilizing FB-Multipier (BSI) software was used to calculate the energy capacity, maximum moments in the piles and wales, as well as the system deflection. The load cases that were evaluated were based on barge dimensions and angle of impact provided by GHD.

Minimum tip analysis was also run, which details the minimum tip elevation for this fender system.

## 2 Fender Layout Sketch

Fender system length is assumed to be 1,879 ft. System will be broken into 4 sections as shown in [Figure 1](#page-251-0). Wale sections are to be delivered in 64' or 72' sections and to be spliced together between pile spacings. Each transition between sections will be spliced with FRP plates with a pile installed at either end of the splice plate. [Figure](#page-252-0) 2 shows a sketch of the typical elevation view of the fender system at a pile location.



*Figure 1: Fender Elevation*

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*Figure 2: Fender Elevation*



## 3 Analysis

## 3.1 Fender System Layout [\(Figure 3](#page-253-0) [- Figure 6\)](#page-254-0)



*Figure 3: Section 1 Fender System - Soil Profile C2*

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*Figure 5: Section 3 Fender Layout –Soil Profile C4*



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*Figure 6: Section 4 Fender Layout –Soil Profile C4 & C5*

- <span id="page-254-0"></span>• Pile and Wale spacings in FB-Multipier model are per the drawing layout.
- Piles are 18" diameter x ¾" wall piles from the Creative Composites Group.
- Wales are four rows of 12x12 8F12 SeaTimber Wales from Tangent.



#### 3.2 Soil Properties

[Figure 7](#page-255-0) - [Figure 30](#page-261-0) below summarize the parameters for the soil layers added to the FB-Multipier model for the Fender System. The soil profiles were created from the soil parameters given by GHD and shown in Appendix F. Based on the soil profile provided, there are four separate profiles for the fender system.

#### 3.2.1 C2 Soil Properties



*Figure 7: Global Soil Elevations – C2*

#### <span id="page-255-0"></span>Lateral Model Table

			Internal				Undrained	Major	Major
			Friction	Subgrade	Mass	<b>Stiffness</b>	Shear	Principal	Principal
Soil	Soil	Lateral	Angle	<b>Modulus</b>	<b>Modulus</b>	Constant	Strength	<b>Strain</b>	<b>Strain</b>
Set	Layer	Model	(deq)	$(lb/in^3)$	(ksi)	krm	(psf)	@50%	@100%
$\overline{2}$	$1$ (top)	Clay (O'Neill) \]					200,0000	0.0200	0.0600
2	1 (bottom)	Clay (O'Neill)					324,0000	0.0200	0.0600
2	$2$ (top)	Clay (O'Neill)					3288,0000	0.0050	0.0150
$2^{\circ}$	2 (bottom)	Clay (O'Neill)					4392,0000	0.0050	0.0150
$\overline{2}$	3	Sand (Reese)	37,0000	110,0000					

*Figure 8: Lateral Soil Properties – C2*

<b>Axial Model Table</b>														
												Shaft		Nominal
			Internal				Undrained Unconfined	Mass			<b>Split</b>	Concrete		Unit
			<b>Friction</b>	Shear		Shear	Compressive Modulus Modulus				<b>Tensile</b>	<b>Unit</b>		<b>Skin</b>
Soil	Soil	Axial	Angle		Modulus Poisson's	Strength	Strength	(Em)	Ratio		Strength	Weight		Slump Friction
Set	Layer	Model	(deg)	(ksi)	Ratio	(psf)	(psf)	(ksi)	(Em/Ei)	Surface	(psf)	(pcf)	(in)	(psf)
2	1 <sub>(top)</sub>	Driven Pile (McVay)		0.15	0.40									200,00
$\overline{2}$	1 (bottom)	Driven Pile (McVay)		0.62	0.40									200,00
$\overline{2}$	$2$ (top)	Driven Pile (McVay)		4.63	0.50									1300.00
$\overline{2}$	2 (bottom)	Driven Pile (McVay)		4.63	0.50									1300.00
$\overline{2}$		Driven Pile (McVay)		2.45	0.30									1152.00

*Figure 9: Axial Soil Properties – C2*





*Figure 10: Torsional Soil Properties – C2*



	Tip Model Table				
		Internal			Nominal
		Friction	Shear		Tip
Soil	Tip	Angle	Modulus	Poisson's	Resistance
Set	Model	(deg)	(ksi)	Ratio	(kips)
2	Driven Pile (McVay)		4.6300	0.5000	640,0000

*Figure 11: Tip Soil Properties – C2*

Soil Set 2 | Pile 1 | Pile Type 1



*Figure 12: 18" Pile Soil Cross Section – C2 SOIL*

## 3.2.2 C3 Soil Properties



*Figure 13: Global Soil Elevations – C3*



*Figure 14: Lateral Soil Properties – C3*



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#### *Figure 15: Axial Soil Properties – C3*



*Figure 16: Torsional Soil Properties – C3*



*Figure 17: Pile Tip Properties – C3*







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# 3.2.3 C4 Soil Properties



*Figure 19: Global Soil Elevations – C4*



#### *Figure 20: Lateral Soil Properties – C4*

#### Axial Model Table



#### *Figure 21: Axial Soil Properties – C4*

#### -<br>Torsional Model Table



*Figure 22: Torsional Soil Properties – C4*



*Figure 23: Tip Soil Properties – C4*



Soil Set 3 | Pile 57 | Pile Type 2 Elevation (ft)  $11.5$  $\sqrt{2.0}$ 0.0  $-10.0$  $-20.0$ Layer 1 | Top: Cu=2e+02 Gamma=100 | Bottom Cu=4.9e+02 Gamma= 119  $-30.0$  $-33.0$  $-40.0$ Layer 2 | Top: Cu=3e+03 Gamma=130 | Bottom Cu=4.8e+03 Gamma=140  $-43.0$  $-49.0$  $-50.0$  $-60.0$  $-70.0$ Layer 3 | Phi=37 Gamma=112  $-80.0$  $-90.0$  $-100.0$  $1 - 100.0$ 

*Figure 24: 18" Pile Soil Cross Section – C4 Soil*



# **3.2.4 C5 Soil Properties**



*Figure 25: Global Soil Elevations – C5*

#### Lateral Model Table



#### *Figure 26: Lateral Soil Properties – C5*



#### *Figure 27: Axial Soil Properties – C5*

#### -<br>Torsional Model Table



*Figure 28: Torsional Soil Properties – C5*



*Figure 29: Tip Soil Properties – C5*





<span id="page-261-0"></span>*Figure 30: 18" Pile Soil Cross Section – C5 Soil*



## 3.3 FB-Multipier Pile/Wale Input Stress/Strain Curves

Se[e Figure 31](#page-262-0) and [Figure 32](#page-262-1) for the stress and strain inputs used to generate the Pile and Wale stress/strain curves, respectively.



*Figure 31: 18" OD x 0.75" WT Pile Properties*

<span id="page-262-0"></span>

Segment 3		
Material Types	<b>Strain</b>	<b>Stress</b>
<b>O</b> Concrete		(ksi)
Mild Steel	$-0.100000$	$-1,0000$
Prestressed	$-0.030000$	$-1,0000$
	$-0.016480$	$-13,0000$
H-Section	0.000000	0.0000
Casing	0.016480	13.0000
	0.030000	1.0000
0.36 Poisson's Ratio	0.100000	1.0000
<b>Defaults</b>		
Plot		
Clear		



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#### 3.4 Pile and Wale Properties

The allowable design values for the piles and wales used in the fender system design were determined through full scale testing and the application of appropriate reduction factors. The processes used to determine the design values for each component type are provided below and the resulting moment capacities are shown in [Table 2](#page-263-0).

Since this fender system is a temporary protection system and is designed to be damaged to absorb the maximum amount of energy, there are no knockdowns applied to the moment capacity used in the design.

Piles:

- Test full-scale piles to ASTM D6109 with a minimum of 10 specimens.
- Conduct ASTM D7290 compliant statistical reductions to find allowable capacity.

<span id="page-263-0"></span>Wales:

• Test full-scale wales to ASTM D6109 with a minimum of 5 specimens.







#### 3.5 Energy Analysis and Calculation

The fender system was analyzed in FB Multipier using a non-linear analysis to determine the energy absorption, maximum moments, and deflections for each load case. Each section of the fender system was analyzed separately to determine the sufficiency to absorb the required 829 kip-ft.

#### 3.5.1 Load Case 1 – Section 1 Fender System - C2 Soil

The illustration of the nodes that are loaded are shown in [Figure 33.](#page-264-0) Different iterations were performed modifying the applied load. Energy calculations (see [Table 3\)](#page-265-0) were performed until the vessel impact energy equal to or above 829 ft-kip was achieved.



<span id="page-264-0"></span>*Figure 33: Layout – Load Case 1 (Section 1 – Soil C2)*



<span id="page-265-0"></span>

*Table 3: Energy Calculations - Load Case 1 (Section 1 – Soil C2)*

EAC = 950 ft-kip > Emin = 829 ft-kip (Acceptable)



## *Pile Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 1 (Section 1 – Soil C2)*

Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x ¾" WT pile) = 557 ft-kip (See [Figure 34](#page-266-0) below)



*Figure 34: Max Pile Moment - Load Case 1 (Section 1-Soil C2)*

<span id="page-266-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 591 ft-kip Actual of 557 ft-kip <= Allowable of 591 ft-kip (Acceptable)**



### *Pile Shear Capacity Check - Load Case 1 (Section 1- Soil C2)* Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x ¾" WT pile) = 72.4 kips (See [Figure 34](#page-266-0) below)



*Figure 35: Max Pile Shear - Load Case 1 (Section 1 -Soil C2)*

**Allowable Pile Shear Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 303.5 kip Actual of 72.4 kips <= Allowable of 303.5 kips (Acceptable)**





### *Wale Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 1 (Section 1- Soil C2)* Maximum wale moment (12x12 8F12) = 144 ft-kip (See [Figure 36](#page-268-0) below)

*Figure 36: Max Wale Moment - Load Case 1 (Section 1-Soil C2)*

<span id="page-268-0"></span>**Allowable Wale Design Capacity after environment reductions = 283 ft-kip Actual of 144 ft-kip <= Allowable of 283 ft-kip (Acceptable)**



*Pile Displacement Check - Load Case 1 (Section 1 – Soil C2)* See [Figure 37](#page-269-0) below.



*Figure 37: Displacement - Load Case 1 (Section 1-Soil C2)*

<span id="page-269-0"></span>**Maximum Pile displacement of system at back face is on node 20 & 21 with a displacement of 146.9 in.**



#### 3.5.2 Load Case 2 – Section 2 Fender System – C3 Soil

The illustration of the nodes that are loaded are shown in [Figure](#page-264-0) 33. Different iterations were performed modifying the applied load. Energy calculations (see [Table 4\)](#page-270-0) were performed until the vessel impact energy equal to or above 829 ft-kip was achieved.





<span id="page-270-0"></span>

*Table 4: Energy Calculations - Load Case 2 (Section 2 – Soil C3)*

EAC =  $884.65$  ft-kip > Emin =  $829$  ft-kip (Acceptable)



#### *Pile Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 2 (Section 2 – Soil C3)*

Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x ¾" WT pile) = 589 ft-kip (See [Figure 39](#page-271-0) below)



*Figure 39: Max Pile Moment - Load Case 2 (Section 2 - Soil C3)*

<span id="page-271-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 591 ft-kip Actual of 589 ft-kip <= Allowable of 591 ft-kip (Acceptable)**



#### *Pile Shear Capacity Check - Load Case 2 (Section 2 – Soil C3)* Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " WT pile) = 63.5 kips (See [Figure 40](#page-272-0) below)



*Figure 40: Max Pile Shear - Load Case 2 (Section 2 - Soil C3)*

<span id="page-272-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Shear Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 303.5 kip Actual of 63.5 kips <= Allowable of 303.5 kips (Acceptable)**





### *Wale Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 2 (Section 2 – Soil C3)* Maximum wale moment (12x12 8F12) = 141 ft-kip (See [Figure 41](#page-273-0) below)

*Figure 41: Max Wale Moment - Load Case 2 (Section 2-Soil C3)*

<span id="page-273-0"></span>



*Pile Displacement Check - Load Case 2 (Section 2 – Soil C3)*

See [Figure 42](#page-274-0) below.



*Figure 42: Displacement - Load Case 2 (Section 2 – Soil C3)*

<span id="page-274-0"></span>**Maximum Pile displacement of system at back face is on node 28 & 29 with a displacement of 110 in.** 



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#### 3.5.3 Load Case 3 – Section 2 Fender System – C4 Soil

The illustration of the nodes that are loaded are shown in [Figure 43](#page-275-0). Different iterations were performed modifying the applied load. Energy calculations (see [Table 5](#page-275-1)) were performed until the vessel impact energy equal to or above 829 ft-kip was achieved.

<span id="page-275-0"></span>

*Figure 43: Layout – Load Case 3 (Section 2 – Soil C4)*

<span id="page-275-1"></span>

*Table 5: Energy Calculations - Load Case 3 (Section 2 – Soil C4)*

EAC =  $895.05$  ft-kip > Emin =  $829$  ft-kip (Acceptable)



#### *Pile Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 3 (Section 2 – Soil C4)*

Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x ¾" WT pile) = 585 ft-kip (See [Figure](#page-276-0) 44 below)



*Figure 44: Max Pile Moment - Load Case 3 (Section 2 - Soil C4)*

<span id="page-276-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 591 ft-kip Actual of 585 ft-kip <= Allowable of 591 ft-kip (Acceptable)**



### *Pile Shear Capacity Check - Load Case 3 (Section 2 – Soil C4)* Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " WT pile) = 64.3 kips (See [Figure 45](#page-277-0) below)



*Figure 45: Max Pile Shear - Load Case 3 (Section 2 - Soil C4)*

<span id="page-277-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Shear Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 303.5 kip Actual of 64.3 kips <= Allowable of 303.5 kips (Acceptable)**





#### *Wale Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 3 (Section 2 – Soil C4)* Maximum wale moment (12x12 8F12) = 145 ft-kip (See [Figure 46](#page-278-0) below)

*Figure 46: Max Wale Moment - Load Case 3 (Section 2 – Soil C4)*

<span id="page-278-0"></span>**Allowable Wale Design Capacity after environment reductions = 283 ft-kip Actual of 145 ft-kip <= Allowable of 283 ft-kip (Acceptable)**



*Pile Displacement Check - Load Case 3 (Section 2 – Soil C4)*

See [Figure 47](#page-279-0) below.



*Figure 47: Displacement - Load Case 3 (Section 2 – Soil C4)*

<span id="page-279-0"></span>**Maximum Pile displacement of system at back face is on node 76 & 77 with a displacement of 124.5 in.** 



#### 3.5.4 Load Case 4 – Section 3 Fender System – C4 Soil

The illustration of the nodes that are loaded are shown in [Figure 48](#page-280-0). Different iterations were performed modifying the applied load. Energy calculations (see [Table 6](#page-281-0)) were performed until the vessel impact energy equal to or above 829 ft-kip was achieved.



<span id="page-280-0"></span>*Figure 48: Layout – Load Case 4 (Section 3 – Soil C4)*



<span id="page-281-0"></span>

*Table 6: Energy Calculations - Load Case 4 (Section 3 – Soil C4)*

EAC = 926.92 ft-kip > Emin = 829 ft-kip (Acceptable)



## *Pile Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 4 (Section 3 – Soil C4)*

Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x ¾" WT pile) = 589 ft-kip (See [Figure 49](#page-282-0) below)



*Figure 49: Max Pile Moment - Load Case 4 (Section 3 - Soil C4)*

<span id="page-282-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 591ft-kip Actual of 589 ft-kip <= Allowable of 591 ft-kip (Acceptable)**





*Pile Shear Capacity Check - Load Case 4 (Section 3 – Soil C4)* Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " WT pile) = 64.5 kips (See [Figure 50](#page-283-0) below)

*Figure 50: Max Pile Shear - Load Case 4 (Section 3 - Soil C4)*

<span id="page-283-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Shear Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 303.5 kip Actual of 64.5 kips <= Allowable of 303.5 kips (Acceptable)**



### *Wale Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 4 (Section 3 – Soil C4)* Maximum wale moment (12x12 8F12) = 144 ft-kip (See [Figure 51](#page-284-0) below)



<span id="page-284-0"></span>**Allowable Wale Design Capacity after environment reductions = 283 ft-kip Actual of 144 ft-kip <= Allowable of 283 ft-kip (Acceptable)**



*Pile Displacement Check - Load Case 4 (Section 3 – Soil C4)* See [Figure 52](#page-285-0) below.



<span id="page-285-0"></span>**Maximum Pile displacement of system at back face is on node 20 & 21 with a displacement of 125.9 in**



#### 3.5.5 Load Case 5 – Section 4 Fender System – C4 Soil

The illustration of the nodes that are loaded are shown in [Figure](#page-286-0) 53. Different iterations were performed modifying the applied load. Energy calculations (see [Table 7\)](#page-286-1) were performed until





*Table 7: Energy Calculations - Load Case 5 (Section 4 – Soil C4)*

<span id="page-286-1"></span><span id="page-286-0"></span>

EAC = 926.92 ft-kip > Emin = 829 ft-kip (Acceptable)



### *Pile Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 5 (Section 4 – Soil C4)*

Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x ¾" WT pile) = 589 ft-kip (See [Figure 54](#page-287-0) below)



*Figure 54: Max Pile Moment - Load Case 5 (Section 4 - Soil C4)*

<span id="page-287-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 591 ft-kip Actual of 589 ft-kip <= Allowable of 591 ft-kip (Acceptable)**


# *Pile Shear Capacity Check - Load Case 5 (Section 4 – Soil C4)* Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " WT pile) = 64.5 kips (See [Figure 55](#page-288-0) below)



*Figure 55: Max Pile Shear - Load Case 5 (Section 4 - Soil C4)*

<span id="page-288-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Shear Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 303.5 kip Actual of 64.5 kips <= Allowable of 303.5 kips (Acceptable)**





## *Wale Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 5 (Section 4 – Soil C4)* Maximum wale moment (12x12 8F12) = 144 ft-kip (See [Figure 56](#page-289-0) below)

<span id="page-289-0"></span>**Allowable Wale Design Capacity after environment reductions = 283 ft-kip Actual of 144 ft-kip <= Allowable of 283 ft-kip (Acceptable)**



*Pile Displacement Check - Load Case 5 (Section 4 – Soil C4)* See [Figure 57](#page-290-0) below.



<span id="page-290-0"></span>**Maximum Pile displacement of system at back face is on node 31 & 32 with a displacement of 125.9 in**



## 3.5.6 Load Case 6 – Section 4 Fender System – C5 Soil

The illustration of the nodes that are loaded are shown in [Figure 58](#page-291-0). Different iterations were performed modifying the applied load. Energy calculations (see [Table 8](#page-291-1)) were performed until the vessel impact energy equal to or above 829 ft-kip was achieved.



*Figure 58: Layout – Load Case 6 (Section 4 – Soil C5)*

*Table 8: Energy Calculations - Load Case 6 (Section 4 – Soil C5)*

<span id="page-291-1"></span><span id="page-291-0"></span>

EAC = 938.76 ft-kip > Emin = 829 ft-kip (Acceptable)



## *Pile Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 6 (Section 4 – Soil C5)*

Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x ¾" WT pile) = 583 ft-kip (See [Figure 59](#page-292-0) below)



*Figure 59: Max Pile Moment - Load Case 6 (Section 4 - Soil C5)*

<span id="page-292-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 591 ft-kip Actual of 583 ft-kip <= Allowable of 591 ft-kip (Acceptable)**



# *Pile Shear Capacity Check - Load Case 6 (Section 4 – Soil C5)* Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " WT pile) = 75 kips (See [Figure 60](#page-293-0) below)



*Figure 60: Max Pile Shear - Load Case 6 (Section 4 - Soil C5)*

<span id="page-293-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Shear Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 303.5 kip Actual of 75 kips <= Allowable of 303.5 kips (Acceptable)**



# *Wale Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 6 (Section 4 – Soil C5)* Maximum wale moment (12x12 8F12) = 144 ft-kip (See [Figure 61](#page-294-0) below)



*Figure 61: Max Wale Moment - Load Case 6 (Section 4 – Soil C5)*

<span id="page-294-0"></span>**Allowable Wale Design Capacity after environment reductions = 283 ft-kip Actual of 144 ft-kip <= Allowable of 283 ft-kip (Acceptable)**



*Pile Displacement Check - Load Case 6 (Section 4 – Soil C5)*



<span id="page-295-0"></span>**Maximum Pile displacement of system at back face is on node 54 & 55 with a displacement of 145.5**



# 3.6 Low Water Energy Analysis and Calculations

The fender system was analyzed in FB Multipier using a non-linear analysis to determine the energy absorption, maximum moments, and deflections for each load case. Each section of the fender system was analyzed separately to determine the sufficiency to absorb the required 829 kip-ft. These load cases are to simulate a barge impact event during low water when the barge would only impact one row of wales. This is a conservative analysis as the barge load would eventually be distributed onto the piles as the system deflects.

## 3.6.1 Load Case 7 – Section 1 Fender System – C2 Soil

The illustration of the nodes that are loaded are shown in [Figure 63.](#page-296-0) Different iterations were performed modifying the applied load. Energy calculations (see [Table](#page-296-1) 9) were performed until the vessel impact energy equal to or above 829 ft-kip was achieved.



*Figure 63: Layout – Load Case 7 (Section 1 – Soil C2)*

<span id="page-296-0"></span>*Table 9: Energy Calculations - Load Case 7 (Section 1 – Soil C2)*

<span id="page-296-1"></span>

EAC =  $863.25$  ft-kip > Emin =  $829$  ft-kip (Acceptable)



## *Pile Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 7 (Section 1 – Soil C2)*

Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x ¾" WT pile) = 544 ft-kip (See [Figure 64](#page-297-0) below)



*Figure 64: Max Pile Moment - Load Case 7 (Section 1-Soil C2)*

<span id="page-297-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 591 ft-kip Actual of 544 ft-kip <= Allowable of 591 ft-kip (Acceptable)**



## *Pile Shear Capacity Check - Load Case 7 (Section 1- Soil C2)* Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x ¾" WT pile) = 73.9 kips (See [Figure](#page-298-0) 65 below)



*Figure 65: Max Pile Shear - Load Case 7 (Section 1 -Soil C2)*

<span id="page-298-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Shear Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 303.5 kip Actual of 73.9 kips <= Allowable of 303.5 kips (Acceptable)**



# *Wale Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 7 (Section 1- Soil C2)* Maximum wale moment (12x12 8F12) = 130 ft-kip (See [Figure](#page-299-0) 66 below)



*Figure 66: Max Wale Moment - Load Case 7 (Section 1-Soil C2)*

<span id="page-299-0"></span>**Allowable Wale Design Capacity after environment reductions = 283 ft-kip Actual of 130 ft-kip <= Allowable of 283 ft-kip (Acceptable)**



*Pile Displacement Check - Load Case 7 (Section 1 – Soil C2)* See [Figure 67](#page-300-0) below.



<span id="page-300-0"></span>**Maximum Pile displacement of system at back face is on node 20 & 21 with a displacement of 137.9 in.**



#### 3.6.2 Load Case 8 – Section 2 Fender System – C3 Soil

The illustration of the nodes that are loaded are shown in [Figure 68.](#page-301-0) Different iterations were performed modifying the applied load. Energy calculations (see [Table 10\)](#page-301-1) were performed until the vessel impact energy equal to or above 829 ft-kip was achieved.



<span id="page-301-1"></span>

<span id="page-301-0"></span>*Table 10: Energy Calculations - Load Case 8 (Section 2 – Soil C3)*

EAC =  $868.84$  ft-kip > Emin =  $829$  ft-kip (Acceptable)



# *Pile Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 8 (Section 2 – Soil C3)*

Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x ¾" WT pile) = 589 ft-kip (See [Figure 69](#page-302-0) below)



*Figure 69: Max Pile Moment - Load Case 8 (Section 2-Soil C3)*

<span id="page-302-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 591 ft-kip Actual of 589 ft-kip <= Allowable of 591 ft-kip (Acceptable)**



# *Pile Shear Capacity Check - Load Case 8 (Section 2- Soil C3)* Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x ¾" WT pile) = 66 kips (See [Figure 70](#page-303-0) below)



<span id="page-303-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Shear Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 303.5 kip**

**Actual of 66 kips <= Allowable of 303.5 kips (Acceptable)**



# *Wale Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 8 (Section 2- Soil C3)* Maximum wale moment (12x12 8F12) = 134 ft-kip (See [Figure 71](#page-304-0) below)



*Figure 71: Max Wale Moment - Load Case 8 (Section 2-Soil C3)*

<span id="page-304-0"></span>**Allowable Wale Design Capacity after environment reductions = 283 ft-kip Actual of 134 ft-kip <= Allowable of 283 ft-kip (Acceptable)**



*Pile Displacement Check - Load Case 8 (Section 2 – Soil C3)* See [Figure 72](#page-305-0) below.



<span id="page-305-0"></span>**Maximum Pile displacement of system at back face is on node 28 & 29 with a displacement of 108.9 in.**



#### 3.6.3 Load Case 9 – Section 2 Fender System – C4 Soil

The illustration of the nodes that are loaded are shown in [Figure 73.](#page-306-0) Different iterations were performed modifying the applied load. Energy calculations (see [Table 11\)](#page-306-1) were performed until the vessel impact energy equal to or above 829 ft-kip was achieved.



<span id="page-306-1"></span>

Node	Load (kips)	<b>Deflection</b> (in)	<b>Energy</b> (ft-kips)
2774	44.5	68.2	126.45
2804	44.5	81.8	151.67
2834	44.5	89	165.02
2864	44.5	89	165.02
2894	44.5	81.8	151.67
2924	44.5	68.2	126.45
<b>Total Energy (ft-kip)</b>	886.29		

<span id="page-306-0"></span>*Table 11: Energy Calculations - Load Case 9 (Section 2 – Soil C4)*

EAC =  $886.29$  ft-kip > Emin =  $829$  ft-kip (Acceptable)



## *Pile Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 9 (Section 2 – Soil C4)*

Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x 34" WT pile) = 588 ft-kip (See [Figure 74: Max Pile Moment -](#page-307-0) Load Case 9 [\(Section 2-Soil C4\)](#page-307-0)[Figure 74](#page-307-0) below)



*Figure 74: Max Pile Moment - Load Case 9 (Section 2-Soil C4)*

<span id="page-307-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 591 ft-kip Actual of 588 ft-kip <= Allowable of 591 ft-kip (Acceptable)**







*Figure 75: Max Pile Shear - Load Case 9 (Section 2 -Soil C4)*

<span id="page-308-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Shear Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 303.5 kip Actual of 69.9 kips <= Allowable of 303.5 kips (Acceptable)**





## *Wale Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 9 (Section 2- Soil C4)* Maximum wale moment (12x12 8F12) = 134 ft-kip (See [Figure 76](#page-309-0) below)

*Figure 76: Max Wale Moment - Load Case 9 (Section 2-Soil C4)*

<span id="page-309-0"></span>**Allowable Wale Design Capacity after environment reductions = 283 ft-kip Actual of 134 ft-kip <= Allowable of 283 ft-kip (Acceptable)**



*Pile Displacement Check - Load Case 9 (Section 2 – Soil C4)*

See [Figure 77](#page-310-0) below.



<span id="page-310-0"></span>**Maximum Pile displacement of system at back face is on node 76 & 77 with a displacement of 121.2 in.**



#### 3.6.4 Load Case 10 – Section 3 Fender System – C4 Soil

The illustration of the nodes that are loaded are shown in [Figure 78.](#page-311-0) Different iterations were performed modifying the applied load. Energy calculations (see [Table 12\)](#page-311-1) were performed until the vessel impact energy equal to or above 829 ft-kip was achieved.



*Figure 78: Layout – Load Case 10 (Section 3 – Soil C4)*

Node	Load (kips)	<b>Deflection</b> (in)	<b>Energy</b> (ft-kips)
775	43	71.7	128.46
806	43	85.7	153.55
837	43	93	166.63
868	43	93	166.63
899	43	85.7	153.55
930	43	71.7	128.46
<b>Total Energy (ft-kip)</b>	897.27		

<span id="page-311-1"></span><span id="page-311-0"></span>*Table 12: Energy Calculations - Load Case 10 (Section 3 – Soil C4)*

EAC =  $897.27$  ft-kip > Emin =  $829$  ft-kip (Acceptable)



# *Pile Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 10 (Section 3 – Soil C4)*

Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x ¾" WT pile) = 588 ft-kip (See [Figure 79](#page-312-0) below)



<span id="page-312-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 591 ft-kip Actual of 588 ft-kip <= Allowable of 591 ft-kip (Acceptable)**



# *Pile Shear Capacity Check - Load Case 10 (Section 3- Soil C4)* Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x ¾" WT pile) = 67.5 kips (See [Figure 80](#page-313-0) below)



*Figure 80: Max Pile Shear - Load Case 10 (Section 3 -Soil C4)*

<span id="page-313-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Shear Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 303.5 kip Actual of 67.5 kips <= Allowable of 303.5 kips (Acceptable)**





## *Wale Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 10 (Section 3- Soil C4)* Maximum wale moment (12x12 8F12) = 135 ft-kip (See [Figure 81](#page-314-0) below)

*Figure 81: Max Wale Moment - Load Case 10 (Section 3-Soil C4)*

<span id="page-314-0"></span>**Allowable Wale Design Capacity after environment reductions = 283 ft-kip Actual of 135 ft-kip <= Allowable of 283 ft-kip (Acceptable)**



*Pile Displacement Check - Load Case 10 (Section 3 – Soil C4)* See [Figure 82](#page-315-0) below.



<span id="page-315-0"></span>**Maximum Pile displacement of system at back face is on node 20 & 21 with a displacement of 122.5 in.**



#### 3.6.5 Load Case 11 – Section 4 Fender System – C4 Soil

The illustration of the nodes that are loaded are shown in [Figure 83.](#page-316-0) Different iterations were performed modifying the applied load. Energy calculations (see [Table 13\)](#page-316-1) were performed until the vessel impact energy equal to or above 829 ft-kip was achieved.



Node	Load (kips)	<b>Deflection</b> (in)	<b>Energy</b> (ft-kips)
1248	42	69	120.75
1279	42	82.6	144.55
1310	42	89.69	156.96
1341	42	89.69	156.96
1372	42	82.6	144.55
1403	42	69	120.75
<b>Total Energy (ft-kip)</b>			844.52

<span id="page-316-1"></span><span id="page-316-0"></span>*Table 13: Energy Calculations - Load Case 11 (Section 4 – Soil C4)*

EAC =  $844.52$  ft-kip > Emin =  $829$  ft-kip (Acceptable)



## *Pile Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 11 (Section 4 – Soil C4)*

Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x ¾" WT pile) = 573 ft-kip (See [Figure 84](#page-317-0) below)



<span id="page-317-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 591 ft-kip Actual of 573 ft-kip <= Allowable of 591 ft-kip (Acceptable)**



## *Pile Shear Capacity Check - Load Case 11 (Section 4- Soil C4)* Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x ¾" WT pile) = 63.2 kips (See [Figure 85](#page-318-0) below)



*Figure 85: Max Pile Shear - Load Case 11 (Section 4 -Soil C4)*

<span id="page-318-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Shear Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 303.5 kip Actual of 63.2 kips <= Allowable of 303.5 kips (Acceptable)**





## *Wale Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 11 (Section 4- Soil C4)* Maximum wale moment (12x12 8F12) = 131 ft-kip (See [Figure 86](#page-319-0) below)

*Figure 86: Max Wale Moment - Load Case 11 (Section 4-Soil C4)*

<span id="page-319-0"></span>**Allowable Wale Design Capacity after environment reductions = 283 ft-kip Actual of 131 ft-kip <= Allowable of 283 ft-kip (Acceptable)**



*Pile Displacement Check - Load Case 11 (Section 4 – Soil C4)* See [Figure 87](#page-320-0) below.



<span id="page-320-0"></span>**Maximum Pile displacement of system at back face is on node 31 & 32 with a displacement of 118.2 in.**



## 3.6.6 Load Case 12 – Section 4 Fender System – C5 Soil

The illustration of the nodes that are loaded are shown in [Figure 88.](#page-321-0) Different iterations were performed modifying the applied load. Energy calculations (see [Table 14\)](#page-321-1) were performed until the vessel impact energy equal to or above 829 ft-kip was achieved.





<span id="page-321-1"></span><span id="page-321-0"></span>*Table 14: Energy Calculations - Load Case 12 (Section 4 – Soil C5)*

EAC =  $863.77$  ft-kip > Emin =  $829$  ft-kip (Acceptable)



# *Pile Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 12 (Section 4 – Soil C5)*

Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x 34" WT pile) = 578 ft-kip (See [Figure 89](#page-322-0) below)



*Figure 89: Max Pile Moment - Load Case 12 (Section 4-Soil C5)*

<span id="page-322-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 591 ft-kip Actual of 578 ft-kip <= Allowable of 591 ft-kip (Acceptable)**



# *Pile Shear Capacity Check - Load Case 12 (Section 4- Soil C5)* Maximum pile moment (18" Diam. x ¾" WT pile) = 79.4 kips (See [Figure 90](#page-323-0) below)



*Figure 90: Max Pile Shear - Load Case 12 (Section 4 -Soil C5)*

<span id="page-323-0"></span>**Allowable Pile Shear Design Capacity after statistical reductions = 303.5 kip Actual of 79.4 kips <= Allowable of 303.5 kips (Acceptable)**


### *Wale Moment Capacity Check - Load Case 12 (Section 4- Soil C5)* Maximum wale moment (12x12 8F12) = 129 ft-kip (See [Figure 91](#page-324-0) below)



<span id="page-324-0"></span>**Allowable Wale Design Capacity after environment reductions = 283 ft-kip**

**Actual of 129 ft-kip <= Allowable of 283 ft-kip (Acceptable)**



*Pile Displacement Check - Load Case 12 (Section 4 – Soil C5)*



*Figure 92: Displacement - Load Case 12 (Section 4-Soil C5)*

<span id="page-325-0"></span>**Maximum Pile displacement of system at back face is on node 31 & 32 with a displacement of 136.7 in.**



### 4 Minimum Tip Analysis

Pile tip analysis in FB-MultiPier is done with a single cantilever pile model. The pile is loaded with a transverse load that generates the failure moment in the pile. Then the unstable embedment depth (Eo) is determined by raising the pile tip elevation until pile deflections become unreasonable or the program does not converge on a solution. Once the unstable depth is identified the pile is lengthened 1' at a time until a reaction moment occurs at the bottom of the pile allowing for an installation depth that will cause the pile to fail before the soil.

### 4.1 Tip Analysis by Boring Location

#### 4.1.1 18" DIAM. x ¾" WT PILE – C2 Soil

At pile length 54 ft (embedment of  $E_0 = 24$  ft), the software no longer finds a solution (soil fails). See [Figure 93,](#page-326-0) this indicates the elevation at which the pile will tip over before it fails. Increasing the pile length to 60 ft created a reaction moment at the bottom of the pile.

[Figure 94](#page-327-0) below shows the moment down the elevation of the pile to show the pile at its failure moment based on the controlling minimum tip.

Supplied pile length for piles in soil C2 to be 61 ft (1' for damage  $+12'$  above the waterline  $+48'$  below the waterline)



<span id="page-326-0"></span>*Figure 93: Non-Convergence Pile Depth (Soil C2)*



<span id="page-327-1"></span>

*Figure 94: Moment Diagram Down the Elevation (Soil C2)*

<span id="page-327-0"></span>**Bending moment from tip analysis of 590 ft-kip is close to the design ultimate capacity of the pile (18" x 3/4") of 591 ft-kip.** 



#### 4.1.2 18" DIAM. x ¾" WT PILE – C3 Soil

At pile length 46 ft (embedment of  $E_0 = 25$  ft), the software no longer finds a solution (soil fails). See [Figure 95,](#page-328-0) this indicates the elevation at which the pile will tip over before it fails. Increasing the pile length to 52 ft created a reaction moment at the bottom of the pile.

[Figure 96](#page-328-1) below shows the moment down the elevation of the pile to show the pile at its failure moment based on the controlling minimum tip.

Supplied pile length for piles in soil C3 to be 53 ft (1' for damage  $+12'$  above the waterline  $+40'$  below the waterline)



*Figure 95:Non-Convergence Pile Depth (Soil C3)*

<span id="page-328-0"></span>

*Figure 96: Moment Diagram Down the Elevation (Soil C3)*

<span id="page-328-1"></span>**Bending moment from tip analysis of 596 ft-kip is close to the design ultimate capacity of the pile (18" x 3/4") of 591 ft-kip**



#### 4.1.3 18" DIAM. x ¾" WT PILE – C4 Soil

At pile length 49 ft (embedment of  $E_0=24$  ft), the software no longer finds a solution (soil fails). See [Figure 97,](#page-329-0) this indicates the elevation at which the pile will tip over before it fails. Increasing the pile length to 55 ft created a reaction moment at the bottom of the pile.



[Figure](#page-327-1) 94 below shows the moment down the elevation of the pile to show the pile at its failure moment based on the controlling minimum tip.

Supplied pile length for piles in soil C4 to be 56 ft (1' for damage + 12' above the waterline + 43' below the waterline)



*Figure 97:Non-Convergence Pile Depth (Soil C4)*

<span id="page-329-0"></span>



*Figure 98: Moment Diagram Down the Elevation (Soil C4)*

**Bending moment from tip analysis of 592 ft-kip is close to the design ultimate capacity of the pile (18" x 3/4") of 591 ft-kip.** 

#### 4.1.4 18" DIAM. x ¾" WT PILE – C5 Soil

At pile length 53 ft (embedment of  $E_0 = 22$  ft), the software no longer finds a solution (soil fails). See [Figure 99,](#page-330-0) this indicates the elevation at which the pile will tip over before it fails. Increasing the pile length to 59 ft created a reaction moment at the bottom of the pile.

[Figure 100](#page-331-0) below shows the moment down the elevation of the pile to show the pile at its failure moment based on the controlling minimum tip.

Supplied pile length for piles in soil C4 to be 60 ft (1' for damage + 12' above the waterline + 47' below the waterline)

Soil Edit - Soil Set 4 - Pick Layer	$\begin{array}{c c c c c} \hline \multicolumn{3}{c }{\textbf{a}} & \multicolumn{3}{c }{\textbf{b}} \end{array}$ $\mathbb{Z}$	Analysis 1 of 1: Static	$\times$
Soil Set 4   Pile 1   Pile Type 1	Elevation (ft) 12.0	Non-convergence occurred for at least one load case. Status:	
$\approx 2.0$	0.0 $-10.0$	MAXIMUM OUT-OF-BALANCE FORCES PER PIER: $NODE = 30$ $FORCE = 3.5761E+00$ $PIER = 1$ $PIER = 1$ $NODE = 13$ MOMENT = $1.8926E-04$	
	$-20.0$	$LOAD CASE = 1$ ITERATION = 98 MAXIMUM OUT-OF-BALANCE FORCES PER PIER: $PIER = 1$ $NODE = 30$ FORCE = $3.5482E+00$ $PIER = 1$ $NODE = 11$ $MOMENT = 3.6170E-04$	
Layer 1   Top: Cu=2e+02 Gamma=100   Bottom Cu=4.6e+02 Gamma=119 $-36.0$ $-41.0$	$-30.0$ $-40.0$	LOAD CASE = $1$ ITERATION - 99 MAXIMUM OUT-OF-BALANCE FORCES PER PIER: $PIER = 1$ $NODE = 30$ FORCE = $3.5991E+00$	
Layer 2   Top: Cu=3.3e+03 Gamma=130   Bottom Cu=4.9e+03 Gamma=140 $-54.0$	$-50.0$ $-60.0$	$PIER = 1$ $NODE = 11$ $MOMENT = 8.2639E-04$ LOAD CASE $-1$ ITERATION - 100 MAXIMUM OUT-OF-BALANCE FORCES PER PIER: $PIER = 1$ $NODE = 30$ FORCE = $3.3896E+00$	
	$-70.0$	$PIER = 1$ $NODE = 10$ $MOMENT = 2.0045E-04$	
Layer 3   Phi=37 Gamma=112	$-80.0$ $-90.0$	<b>CONVERGENCE REPORT</b> Convergence not achieved.	
$-100.0$	$-10000$		

*Figure 99:Non-Convergence Pile Depth (Soil C5)*

<span id="page-330-0"></span>



*Figure 100:Moment Diagram Down the Elevation (Soil C5)*

<span id="page-331-0"></span>**Bending moment from tip analysis of 590 ft-kip is close to the design ultimate capacity of the pile (18" x 3/4") of 591 ft-kip**



### 5 FRP Splice Plate Calculations

Based on the calculations below the FRP splice plate thickness required is 3/4" thick and the ASTM A193 B8M hardware required is 1.25" diameter.

For the bolt capacity calculations, it is assumed that 4 of the threaded rods equally divide the impact loading across the splice. The HDPE plastic in the plastic lumber wales is ductile and will start to deform before the shear capacity of the threaded rod is reached. The design of these spliced members is to carry the full moment capacity of the wale through the splice, but there will be damage to the plastic lumber wale at that magnitude of impact loading.









 $r_n = 55.2$  kip

### 6 Material Maintenance

The 18" OD FRP Pipe Piles and 12"x12" Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic Lumber (FRPL) Wales are expected to offer a 50+ year maintenance-free service life. Both products are very durable and designed for long term exposure in the aggressive, marine environment. The FRP Pipe Piles have been in service for 20+ years while the FRPL Wales have been in service for 30+ years on hundreds of fendering projects throughout the USA and internationally. Neither the FRP Pipe Piles, nor the FRPL Wales require any periodic maintenance to preserve the structural integrity of the members.

The recommended repair procedure provided in appendix D for the wales states the following: "SeaPile & SeaTimber are incredibly durable. There is no need to patch or repair abrasions, cuts or grooves for any other reason than aesthetics."



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## **PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN FRP PIPE PILE TECHNOLOGY**

Creative Pultrusions, Inc. (CPI) is the world leader in pultrusion manufacturing. Our commitment to continuous process and product improvement has transformed CPI into a world-renowned pultruder specializing in custom profiles while utilizing highperformance resins and our proprietary high-pressure injection pultrusion technology.

As the world's most innovative leader in the FRP pultrusion industry, over the last two decades, we've developed structural systems that out perform and outlast structures built with traditional materials of construction. CPI has continued to build upon their reputation by introducing a pipe pile product line known as SUPERPILE®. Developed to provide superior performance in harsh marine environments, SUPERPILE® has been developed to drive faster and last longer than traditional piles.

### **WHAT IS PULTRUSION?**

Pultrusion is a continuous manufacturing process utilized to make composite profiles with constant cross-sections whereby reinforcements, in the form of roving and mats, are saturated with resin and guided into a heated die. The resin undergoes a curing process known as polymerization. The once resin saturated reinforcements exit the die in a solid state and in the form of the cross section of the die. The pultrusion process requires little labor and is ideal for mass production of constant cross section profiles.



### **CPI PIPE PILES**

The SUPERPILE® product line was developed based on what owners, end users, engineers and contractors value in a pipe pile.



- Impact Energy
- **Versatile** Can Be Used as a Foundation Bearing, Dock or Fender Pile
- **Reliable** Design Values Are Based on a 95% Confidence Value
- **Design** Can Be Designed Based on Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) or Allowable Stress Design (ASD)
- **Factory Made** Manufactured in an Environmentally Controlled Complex to Stringent Quality Assurance (QA) Standards

- Significant Shipping Savings
- Drills and Cuts 2x Faster Than Thermoplastic Polymer Piles
- Driven with Standard Pile Driving Equipment
- Lightweight 1/10th the Weight of a Concrete Pile and 1/4th the Weight of Steel
- Field Drillable
- Ease of Fabrication with Traditional Construction Tools

# **FASTEST DRIVEN FASTEST DRIVEN & LONGEST LASTING & LONGEST LASTING**

#### **WHAT DO CONTRACTORS VALUE IN SUPERPILE®?**

All composite pipe piles are manufactured with electrical grade E-glass reinforcements in the form of unidirectional roving, Continuous Filament Mat (CFM) and stitched fabric mats. The combination of fiber reinforcements have been engineered for optimal bending and crush strength, as well as superior stiffness. All E-glass reinforcements meet a minimum tensile strength of 290 ksi per ASTM D2343.

#### **3. FIBERGLASS REINFORCEMENTS**

CPI's composite pipe piles are shipped standard with two layers of Ultra Violet (UV) protection. First, CPI adds light stabilizers to each pile. The light stabilizers are mixed into the thermoset resin, prior to production, and function as long term thermal and light stability promoters. Second, the composite pipe piles are encompassed with a 10 mil polyester surfacing veil. The 10 mil veil creates a resin rich surface and protects the glass reinforcements from fiber blooming. Additional UV and or abrasion barriers are available.

### **1. ADVANCED UV PROTECTION**



The pipe piles are pultruded with high performance Vinyl Ester (VE) and Polyurethane resins. The octagonal pipe piles are manufactured with VE resin for its superior toughness and fatigue strength, VE resins are ideal for long term performance in harsh marine environments. The round pipe piles are manufactured standard with SUPURTUF™ Polyurethane resin. Polyurethane resins provide all of the performance of VE resins in addition to optimal strength, toughness and impact resistance. When it comes to high strength, toughness and impact properties, nothing outperforms SUPURTUF™ Polyurethane.

### **2. RESIN/MATRIX**

"I have researched, tested and installed composite systems related to civil infrastructure over my entire career. **I was astonished at the high strength and modulus values achieved with the polyurethane pipe piles manufactured by Creative Pultrusions, Inc.** I expect that the US infrastructure will benefit greatly from this tubular pile technology."

> ~ Hota GangaRao, PhD, P.E., F. ASCE West Virginia University

SUPERPILE® has undergone extensive testing at CPI, West Virginia University's Constructed Facility Center and in the field. Tests that have been conducted: full section to failure, connection, compression, Pile Dynamic Analysis



(PDA) and fatigue.





**Full Section Pipe Pile Testing, West Virginia University**

**PDA Testing, Virginia**







Contractors all agree that the hollow SUPERPILE® drives twice as fast as solid wood, concrete and thermoplastic piles.



### **FASTEST DRIVEN**

Long term durability projections predict a 75+ year service life. **LONGEST LASTING**



High strength, low modulus equates to very high energy absorption capacities when compared to wood, steel and concrete.



**ENERGY ABSORPTION**

**EASE OF FABRICATION** Can be field drilled and cut in seconds.

### **NO LEACHING OF PRESERVATIVES, FUNGICIDES OR INSECTICIDES**

Environmentally friendly, the SUPERPILE® is inert, unlike wood that leaches dangerous chemicals into the environment.

### **ENGINEERED SOLUTION**

Designed specifically for the piling market and manufactured in a production environment.



The graphs demonstrate a comparison of polyester, VE and Polyurethane resins. The fiber architecture is the same, only the resin type has been modified. The chart clearly demonstrates the strength advantage of VE and SUPURTUF™ Polyurethane resins over that of polyester composites.





Polyester vs. Vinyl Ester vs. SUPURTUF™ Polyurethane





### **WHY SHOULD YOU BUY & SPECIFY CPI PIPE PILES?**





### **• UNAFFECTED BY MARINE BORERS**

Will not succumb to aquatic mollusks or crustaceans.

**• LIGHTWEIGHT** Significantly lighter than steel, concrete and wood piles.

#### **• SAFETY**

 Very low electrical conductivity, ideal for working around power lines.

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## **• WILL NOT ROT** Inert to fungi or microbial attack.

#### **• GREEN**

Low embodied energy.

~Rich Walters

R.A. Walters & Sons

~Mike Edde Dutra Construction

### **WHAT ARE OWNERS AND CONTRACTORS SAYING ABOUT SUPERPILE®?**



~Brad Gribble Crofton Industries

**San Francisco West Harbor Renovation Project December 2011 (Phase 1), San Francisco, California**



**Margate Bridge Installation, Margate New Jersey**

"When our Margate Bridge wooden fender system succumbed to the years of wear and tear in a hostile environment, we knew it was time to invest in a new fender system. We chose to specify the latest in fender technology and go with Creative Pultrusion's SUPERPILE. The piles were manufactured to spec. and delivered on time. The robust piles will protect our bridge foundations for many years without leaching any chemicals into our waterways. The piles made sense from a business and environmental standpoint, making the decision to procure the piles easy."

"Upon award of the bid, Crofton knew that choosing the right supplier for the FRP piles was critical in order to get value engineering proposal approval by the project start date. Creative was the best choice since they have done extensive testing, are listed on multiple state's Qualified Products Lists and have the engineering support to assist in securing this approval.

Creative addressed all material related questions and concerns brought about by the Engineer of Record and VADOT engineering. In fact, they provided piles so that a PDA could be performed on the 16" dia. FRP SUPERPILE. The PDA eliminated all concerns and questions that Crofton and the Engineering firm had with regards to installation and connection details.

Not only did Creative supply a quality product at a fair price, they stood behind us through the entire project. The engineering team at CPI made my life easier and saved Crofton money in the process."

~David Goddard Ole Hansen and Sons, Inc.

"Creative Pultrusions manufactured and supplied fifty-two FRP SUPERPILES to me through Lee Composites. The piles were supplied to specification and arrived on time. The piles were of high quality and drove twice as fast as a solid pile. The 80' piles were lightweight and easy to handle. Given that the piles will not rot, rust or corrode, I anticipate driving many more SUPERPILES in the future. In fact, I see no reason not to use them!"

"Creative Pultrusions manufactured 190 SUPERPILES that were supplied by Lee Composites to Dutra Construction. The SUPERPILES replaced deteriorating creosote treated wood guide piles for the San Francisco Marina West Harbor Renovation Project. These piles are used as a fender by boats navigating in and out of their slips. The SUPERPILES are both aesthetically pleasing and have superior functionality to the treated wood piles. In addition, they are more environmentally friendly than their wood counterparts. They were installed very easily with a drop hammer and met all of our expectations. We expect these piles to stand the test of time by offering many years of maintenance free service. We expect to see a lot more of the SUPERPILES on future projects."

#### **• NON-POLLUTING**

 Accepted by NJDEP as non-polluting material for water and land use.

### **MECHANICAL & PHYSICAL PROPERTIES PIPE PILES**

The mechanical and physical data detailed herein is provided for the structural engineer. The mechanical data is published in terms of average and characteristic values. The characteristic values were derived per the requirements as set forth in ASTM D7290 Standard Practice for Evaluating Material Property Characteristic Values for Polymeric Composites for Civil Engineering Structural Applications. The characteristic value is defined as a statistically-based material property representing the 80% lower confidence bound on the 5th-percentile value of a specified population. The characteristic value accounts for statistical uncertainty due to a finite sample size. The characteristic value is the reference strength.

> strength test.<br>2Characteristic data is unavailable due to the number of tests required. A minimum of 10 tests are required to generate the ASTM D7290" characteristic values.

In terms of Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) design, the reference strength shall be adjusted for end use conditions by applying the applicable adjustment factors to establish the nominal resistance strength. The design strength shall include the nominal resistance, adjusted for end-

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1 The crush strength value is based on full section testing. The strength value was recorded at the first audible sound and change in the load deflection curve. The ultimate capacity is approximately 60% higher and is defined as the highest recorded load documented during the crush

use conditions, a resistance factor and time effect factor. The reference strength and stiffness shall be multiplied by .85 and .95 respectively to establish the nominal strength and stiffness for installations in sea and fresh water. A time effect factor of 0.4 shall be applied for full design permanent loads that will act during the service life of the structure. Resistant factors shall be established as set forth in the LRFD of Pultruded Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Structures Pre-Standard. Serviceability shall be checked based on the adjusted average full section modulus of elasticity as established per ASTM D6109.

In terms of Allowable Stress Design (ASD), the pultrusion industry uses a 3.0 safety factor for compression members, 2.5 for flexural members, 3.0 for connections and 3.0 for shear. The characteristic reference strength shall be used for strength and the average E-modulus shall be used for serviceability calculations.





### **MECHANICAL & PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OCTAGONAL PILES**



## **MECHANICAL & PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OCTAGONAL PILES**



The mechanical and physical data detailed herein is provided for the structural engineer. The mechanical data is published in terms of average value and either characteristic or 5% Lower Exclusion Limit (LEL) values. The characteristic values were derived per the requirements as set forth in ASTM D7290 Standard Practice for Evaluating Material Property Characteristic Values for Polymeric Composites for Civil Engineering Structural Applications. The characteristic value is defined as a statistically-based material property representing the 80% lower confidence bound on the 5th-percentile value of a specified population. In instances where sufficient data was not available to calculate the characteristic value, a 5% LEL was calculated. The 5% LEL, like the characteristic value, is the 5th-percentile value, however it is somewhat less conservative in that it does not account for the 80% lower confidence bound. The values are listed to account for statistical uncertainty due to a finite sample size. These statistically reduced values should be used as the reference strength.

In terms of Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) design, the reference strength shall be

#### Notes:

1 5% Lower Exclusion Limit (LEL) was used as a statistical knockdown in instances where the sufficient number of data points was not available to calculate the characteristic value. 2 All connection testing was conducted utilizing 3/4" hardware.

The Mechanical and Physical Property Charts for the Octagonal piles have been developed based on extensive third party and in house testing.

adjusted for end use conditions by applying the applicable adjustment factors to establish the nominal resistance strength. The design strength shall include the nominal resistance, adjusted for enduse conditions, a resistance factor and time effect factor. The reference strength and stiffness shall be multiplied by .85 and .95 respectively to establish the nominal strength and stiffness for installations in sea and fresh water. A time effect factor of 0.4 shall be applied for full design permanent loads that will act during the service life of the structure. Resistant factors shall be established as set forth in the LRFD of Pultruded Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Structures Pre-Standard. Serviceability shall be checked based on the adjusted average full section modulus of elasticity as established per ASTM D1036.

In terms of Allowable Stress Design (ASD), the pultrusion industry uses a 3.0 safety factor for compression members, 2.5 for flexural members, 3.0 for connections, and 3.0 for shear. The reference strength shall be used for strength and the average modulus shall be used for serviceability calculations.

## **THERMOPLASTIC PIPE PILE AND SLEEVE COMPARISON**



LAW F Resin: Resin shall be a low VOC two component polyol/isocyanate polyurethane. The minimum resin content shall be 47% by volume and shall not contain fillers.



SUPERPILE® Specification:

Reinforcements: The reinforcement shall be E or Ncr glass providing reinforcement in the lengthwise, transverse and bias directions. The profile shall contain 38% by volume of reinforcements in the lengthwise direction and 14% minimum in the transverse directions. The outermost layer of the composite pile shall be encompassed with 10 mil polyester veil, providing a resin rich UV protective layer.

The material is established to be non brittle at -50°C due to the relatively low change in G' compared to 25°C. <sup>2</sup> Parts were submerged in the fluid for 2 weeks before checking absorption.



### **SUPERPILE® ENERGY ABSORPTION CHART**

### **SUPERPILE® MECHANICAL LOAD CHARTS**

SUPERPILE® is ideal for bridge and dock fendering. The high strength attributes combined with the mid range Modulus of Elasticity (MOE) permits SUPERPILE® to absorb a high amount of energy. The SUPERPILE® Energy Absorption Capacity Chart details the energy absorption capacity in terms of the average and characteristic values. The values were derived from full section testing to failure based on ASTM D6109. The energy calculation is derived by calculating the area under the load deflection curve.



\* Data not available or minimum test quantity not available.

### **SUPERPILE® BOLTED CONNECTION CAPACITY CHARTS**

#### **Characteristic Strengths of Bolted Connections for Forces Applied Parallel to the Pile**





#### Notes:

Table published based on characteristic values per ASTM D7290; proper safety factors are required.

The following charts depict the round and octagonal piles bolted characteristic connection capacity. Specifically, the piles were tested by positioning a 3/4" dia. rod through the octagonal piles and 1" dia. rod through the round pipe piles. The rods were loaded as depicted in the photos until an ultimate load was achieved. The ultimate load is defined as the maximum recorded load. The failure mode is pin bearing of the FRP material. The tests were conducted in both the lengthwise and transverse directions. The ultimate pin bearing stress was calculated based on the pin diameter, wall thickness and the fact that the rod penetrated two walls. The values used to make the chart were derived from the pin bearing strength obtained during testing. The charts values are based on the diameter of the bolt or bolts used in the connection, the number of bolts and the pile series. The average and characteristic values are included and represent the capacity of a bolt loaded entirely on one side of the pile as depicted in the photograph. The thermoplastic wale, although connected with a bolt that protrudes through both walls of the pipe pile, is supported by the pin bearing strength of one wall, in the lengthwise direction of the FRP pile.

#### **Characteristic Strengths of Bolted Connections for Forces Applied Perpendicular to the Pile**



Notes:

Table published based on characteristic values per ASTM D7290; proper safety factors are required.





### **SUPERPILE® MECHANICAL LOAD CHARTS**

#### **WASHER PULL THROUGH CHARTS**

The round and octagonal pipe piles were tested to determine the washer pull through capacity. The test set up, as depicted in the photo, involves a series of tests in which 6" steel washers, bent to the required radius were loaded to simulate a connection in which the load causes the washer to pull though the pile. The failure load is the load recorded at the first drop in strength on the load/deflection curve. In most cases, the washer deformed prior to the failure load. Note that curved washers are required for use with the round pile and straight washers are required for use with the octagonal piles.

### **TYPICAL DOCK TO FENDER PILE CONNECTION**

The pile/dock connection cartoon illustrates an attachment scheme that alleviates stress risers. Specifically, hollow composite pipe piles, although extremely strong and robust, have a lower modulus of elasticity than steel. The ability of the FRP material to distribute high load concentrations is not the same as a steel pipe. Therefore, the correct connection details are important in dock fender design. High stress concentration pipe pile connections should include a steel washer or wood block that wraps 1/4 to 1/2 the way around the pile. Tangential loads should be avoided. The chart depicts the loads that can be induced into the pile with a connection that is typical of the test set up and detail cartoon.

### **SUPERPILE® CRUSH STRENGTH CHARTS**

### **SUPERPILE® MECHANICAL LOAD CHARTS**

SUPERPILE® sections were tested to evaluate the full section crush strength. Both the 12" and the 16" piles were tested. The 1/2" thick piles were tested with and without an FRP insert. The insert was developed to increase the crush strength in strategic locations within the pile that will have high stress concentrations. The test setup, as depicted in the photograph, involves a section of SUPERPILE® with an induced load applied through a 10" x 10" thermoplastic wale section.

The crush strength was determined based on the recorded load that caused an initial change in the load deflection curve and is the value listed in the charts. The ultimate load, defined as the ultimate load recorded during the test, is approximately 60% higher than the loads depicted in the charts.

















**SUPERPILE® Crush Strength Test Set Up SUPERPILE® with Insert, Crush Strength Test Set Up**

**SUPERPILE® Typical Dock to Pile Connection**

Notes:

\*\*\*\*\*\* Data not available or minimum test quantity not available.

**SUPERPILE® Washer Push Pull Through Test Set Up**



The FRP Polyurethane SUPERPILE® exhibits very good abrasion resistance qualities. However, for applications in which continuous rubbing or severe scour can take place, CPI recommends that the pile and/or watercraft be protected with the use of a High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) sleeve. CPI offers several HDPE sleeve profiles.

### **SLEEVE OPTIONS THICK AND THIN**

A thin wall casing sleeve with a thickness of 0.175" (4.4mm), and a thick wall pipe sleeve with a minimum wall thickness of .824" (21mm), are offered for the 12" diameter pipe pile. The resin compound used for the manufacture of polyethylene casing shall be high-density polyethylene with a minimum cell classification of PE334430C, when classified in accordance with ASTM D3350. The thick wall sleeve is classified as a 14" DR 17IPS HDPE Pipe. The 16" diameter pile requires an 18" DR26 IPS Pipe with a minimum wall thickness of .692" (17.6mm).

### **PILE CAP OPTIONS**



The octagonal piles are capped with a low density, UV stabilized polyethylene cap. The UV stabilized polyethylene octagonal caps should be fastened with self drilling stainless steel screws.

### **SLEEVE OPTIONS THICK AND THIN**

**MO 8325547 Alternative FRP Ring Close Up** An alternative option that has had great success involves CPI attaching an FRP ring to the pile prior to being driven. The FRP ring keeps the sleeve held into position onto the pile while allowing the thick sleeve to spin on the pile when a vessel comes into contact with the pile. This detail allows the vessel to freely rub along side of the pile with less friction and for the HDPE sleeve to grow and contract independently of the FRP pile as the coefficient of thermal expansion of the HDPE sleeve is significantly higher than that of the FRP pile.





The thin casing sleeve can be attached to the pipe at the factory and driven as a pile/sleeve assembly. The thick sleeves can be shipped assembled with the pipe pile; however, driving conditions may require that the sleeve be removed from the pile prior to driving and then secured after the pile has been driven. The heavy sleeves are secured with four 3/4" (19mm) bolts and washers placed near the top of the pile.

### **TYPICAL DOCK TO FENDER PILE CONNECTION**



The chart depicting the dock connection capacity is based on crush strength testing conducted with a 9" long by 6" wide by 1/2" thick steel washer.

**SUPERPILE® Typical Dock to Pile Connection Capacity Test Set Up**

**Polyethylene Pile Cap**





**FRP Structural Cap** 



The round SUPERPILE® can be capped with non structural or structural caps. The cosmetic caps are cone or flat shaped and are strictly cosmetic and intended to keep birds and such from entering the piles. CPI recommends that structural caps be used in areas where people can climb on the piles as the possibility exists that a small child could collapse the thermoplastic cap and fall into the piles. The non structural Polyethylene Pile Cap options are white or black. The sleeve is 2" tall and the cone height is 3-1/2" - 4".

The Polyethylene Pile Cap is UV resistant and has an estimated life of 15 years for black tops and 9 years for white tops. The polyethylene caps should be attached with large head stainless steel self drilling screws that are normally included if caps are purchased through CPI.

The **FRP Structural Cap** is a structural cap that will last indefinitely. It is milled from solid FRP plate, painted black and is attached with stainless steel self drilling screws. The cap will support significant loads and can be used to mount lights and other navigational or marine accessories. The FRP cap matches the pile outside diameter and fits flush with the top of the pile with a protruding insert that fits the interior of the pile. The thickness of the flush top plate is 1/2". The protrusion portion of the FRP pile cap ranges from 3/4" to 1".

**UV Stabilized Polyethylene Top Cap**

### **BEARING AND DOCK PILES**

SUPERPILE® is used extensively for bearing pile applications. The SUPERPILE® can be utilized hollow or concrete filled depending on the strength and stiffness requirements for your application.

Engineers and owners are discovering the benefits of using FRP piles in the splash zone. This exercise will significantly increase the service life of your structure.

As an example, after Hurricane Sandy, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) replaced the visitor and service docks on Liberty Island, NY with new docks made of FRP and wood. The FHWA engineers specified polymer piles to be used for the bearing piles in order to increase the service life of the structure. The piles were driven to refusal and filled with concrete. The dock structure was erected and the wood plank decking attached.



Another example of engineers and owners taking advantage of FRP materials involves the construction of an all composite fire boat dock in Jacksonville, Florida. The dock was designed for a category three hurricane direct hit, as the structure is critical for the fire department rescue team.

SUPERPILE® supports the boat lift. The substructure is made of FRP pultruded channels and beams that support the pultruded grating walkway that extends from the firehouse to the boat lifts.





The compression capacity of the pultruded piles can be determined based on both short and long column behavior. The ultimate column load shall be determined by the lesser value of the two equations. Euler buckling governs the capacity of the long column poles.

 $F_{cr} = \sigma_c - 1/7 \frac{KL}{m}$ 



#### Where:



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- $=$  Effective length factor
- $L =$  Laterally unbraced length of member
	- = Radius of gyration about the axis of buckling

The column load charts have been set up based on the short and long column equations presented. Reference Pultex® Pultrusion Design Manual. The column height is considered to be the length of the pile, out of the ground, to the applied compression load. The effective length factor "K" is equal to 1 based on pinned-pinned end conditions.

A pultruded column will fail in either short or long column mode. The long column capacity follows Euler buckling and is influenced by the modulus of elasticity and the radius of gyration and the length of the column.

The loads depicted in the column charts are unfactored ultimate load capacities. A safety factor of three is recommended.

### **BEARING AND DOCK PILES**

### **COLUMN LOAD CHARTS**

### **COLOR OPTIONS**



The standard color of the FRP pile is black. Custom colors are available upon request. CPI recommends that a UV protection layer be incorporated onto the pile surface if the pile is exposed to UV light and the application is architectural or cosmetic.

The UV protection is available in the form of a paint or polyurethane coating or in the form of a high density polyethylene sleeve.

Polyurethane coatings have an advantage as they provide UV and abrasion protection while exhibiting a textured architectural appearance. Polyurethane and paint coatings are offered in various colors. Consult the factory and talk to a representative to determine the best UV protection option for your installation.

**FRP Pultruded Grating Walkway Leading to Dock**







### **BEARING AND DOCK PILES COLUMN LOAD CHARTS**

#### **Octagonal Pile Load Chart**





### **BEARING AND DOCK PILES**

### **CONCRETE FILLED PILES**

SUPERPILE® can be filled with concrete. Most contractors have chosen to drive the pile hollow and then pump the pile full of concrete. Concrete increases the transverse crush strength, bending strength and lengthwise compression strength. Full section testing performed on the 16"diameter pile with 3,800 psi concrete resulted in a 40% increase in bending stiffness and a 50% increase in strength. Note that the pile was not tested to failure. It was





### **DRIVING TIPS**

Driving tips are available for the 12" and 16" pipe piles. The cast steel driving tips are conical and are attached to the pile at the production plant. They offer bearing resistance and permit the piles to be concrete filled in situ.

**Piles with Driving Tips Ready to Ship**





tested to a load of 150 kips due to limitations of the test equipment.

The concrete filled 16" SUPERPILE® was tested to determine the crush strength. The pipe pile was loaded by applying a crush load through a 10"square thermoplastic wale section. The load was applied until the predetermined limit of 180 kips was obtained. The pile showed no signs of distress.

Dynamic Pile Testing (PDA) has been successfully performed on SUPERPILE® in the Coastal Plain soils of Virginia. CPI contracted to Crofton Construction Services, Inc. and to Atlantic Coast Engineering for installation of SUPERPILE® by impact driving and to perform PDA analysis in order to have a Pile Dynamic Analysis (PDA) performed on SUPERPILE®.

Crofton Construction Services, Inc. installed two SUPERPILE® in Norfolk, Virginia. The first test pile was installed with a Vulcan 01 Impact Hammer and the second with an APE D30-32 Impact Hammer. Both piles were driven with a closed-end steel toe plate bolted to the bottom of the pile in order to increase the driving resistance of the soils. The pile driven with the Vulcan 01 Air Hammer was driven to refusal (120 blows/ft.) at a depth of 35 feet and then extracted for visual inspection. The pile driven with the APE D30-32 Impact Hammer was driven to a depth of 50 feet, allowed to set overnight, and was re-driven on the following date with dynamic test gauges attached to the pileday and dynamically monitored by Atlantic Coast Engineering.

Testing was performed to aid contractors in the selection of the appropriate impact hammers for installation of the SUPERPILE®. And, to establish, for Geotechnical Engineers, the feasible soil resistances in which the piles may be driven without damage and to identify the allowable driving stress.

The rated capacity of each hammer is utilized in the PDA as follows:

### **INSTALLATION METHODS**

SUPERPILE® can be efficiently driven with a vibratory hammer. When utilizing a vibratory hammer, an adaptor shall be fabricated to connect the pile to the vibratory hammer. The adaptor shall include an interior steel pipe that fits into the SUPERPILE® to guide the pile. The interior tube should be between 0.5" and 2" of the interior diameter of the FRP pile. The interior pipe shall be welded onto a flat steel plate. The steel plate will apply the compression force into the top of the pile. The steel plate shall be connected to a beam that can be clamped by the vibratory hammer.

The contractor is cautioned that, on some occasions, the pile may require an FRP insert for added compression or pin bearing strength. Therefore, the interior diameter of the pile will change. The contractor should base the vibratory adaptor fabrication on the approved pile drawings.

In the event that a pile needs to be pulled, a vibratory hammer can be utilized to pull the piles. Through bolt the pile and the drive head with three 1" diameter bolts spaced a minimum of 5" apart. Vibrate the pile and pull tension until the pile begins to move. Once the friction has broken, pull the pile without the vibratory hammer engaged. The vibratory hammer oscillation will cause the bolt holes to elongate if engaged for an extended period of time.



Diesel and air impact hammers have been successfully utilized to drive install the 12" and 16" diameter SUPERPILE®. A pipe insert driving head or steel pipe cap is required for driving the hollow FRP piles. It is important that the piles are impacted so that the driving force is dissipated over the cross section of the top of the pile. A plywood or composite material pile cushion can also be utilized to reduce driving stresses induced into the pile.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** In reference to the proper use of this equipment, please be advised that job site conditions may vary due to a change in the geology of a particular area. It is always a good practice to consult with a geotechnical engineer prior to starting a project. Also, a good rule of thumb is to know your soil conditions before selecting pile driving equipment. This can be accomplished by reviewing test soil borings before every project. The above equipment is being used in a granular soil condition which is recommended when using vibratory driver / extractors.

## **INSTALLATION METHODS VIBRATORY HAMMER AIR AND DIESEL IMPACT DRIVING HAMMERS**

#### ~ RPI Construction Equipment

**Typical Vibratory Drive Hammer Specifications (Courtesy of RPI Construction Equipment)**

### **PDA ANALYSIS**











**Vulcan 01 Impact Hammer Driving 16" Diameter SUPERPILE®**



**Example of Pipe Insert Driving Head for Driving Hollow Piles**



SUPERPILE® can be field cut with a concrete, skill or reciprocating saw. An abrasive blade should always be used. Concrete saws work the best and can be utilized with a standard concrete cutting blade. During drill and sawing operations, dust will be emitted. The dust is considered a nuisance dust, which can irritate your eyes and skin. Therefore, safety glasses, gloves and long sleeve shirts are recommended during the cutting and drilling process.

As documented by OSHA, FRP dust millings have potential to cause eye, skin, and upper respiratory tract irritation.

- Cause mechanical-irritant properties of the glass fibers.
- FRP particulate is non-hazardous.
- FRP particulate is greater than 6 microns; therefore, it cannot reach the alveoli.
- The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classified FRP particulate as non-cancer causing in June of 1987.

### **CUTTING AND DRILLING INSTRUCTIONS CUTTING PILES**

## **VISUAL INSPECTION UPON DELIVERY**



SUPERPILE® can be drilled with carbide tipped drill bits. CPI recommends B & A Manufacturing Company (http://www.bamanufacturing.com) FGH series drill bits for applications that require multiple holes in a short period of time. Many contractors and utilities have had success when utilizing the FGH series drill bits. The bits will save time and drill thousands of holes before needing to be replaced.



## **PROPER HANDLING UPON DELIVERY**

Proper care should be taken during handling. The piles were packaged and loaded on the flatbed with a tow motor. Contact CPI for the weights of the piles and individual packages.

Proper care should be taken when removing the tie-down straps. Although the piles are cradled in wood chalks, never assume that the wood chalks will keep the piles from shifting.

The pultruded piles are smooth and can be very slippery if they become wet. Never use steel chokers or chains to unload the piles. A nylon strap, preferably with a neoprene skin is recommended. This will reduce the chance of the pile sliding during the picking process. CPI prefers to use light pole handling slings, made by Lift-It® (http://www.lift-it.com). The slings must be double wrapped and the manufacturer's recommendations must be followed.

### **SHIPPING AND RECEIVING**

SUPERPILE® is shipped to the job site via flatbed dedicated truck. The continuous manufacturing process permits Creative Pultrusions, Inc. (CPI) to manufacture piles to long lengths eliminating the need for splices.

Prior to shipping, the contractor shall communicate with CPI regarding the packaging and shipping method. Considerations shall include but may not be limited to:

- Length of piles
- Quantity of piles on the truck
- Weight of the pile packages
- Unloading method



Upon delivery of the piles, the piles shall be inspected for damage that could affect the long term performance of the piles. Normal wear and tear including abrasions and scuff marks are common and shall not cause concern.

The piles are manufactured to the most current version of ASTM D4385. ASTM D4385 is a pultrusion industry recognized visual specification and can be used for inspection of the piles during delivery or at the plant.

### **PDA ANALYSIS**



**PDA Analysis - Crofton Yard**

The test pile driven with the Vulcan 01 Impact Hammer, to refusal, demonstrated a driving resistance of 160 kips, a driving energy of 8 kip-ft., and a compressive driving stress of 8 ksi. The pile was extracted, inspected and revealed no signs of damage.

The test pile driven with the larger APE D30-32 Impact Hammer was driven through the same soils at a blowcount of 9 blows/ft. ending at a blowcount of 12 blows/ft., which was evaluated to represent a resistance of 200 kips with a compressive stress of 11 ksi. No evidence of damage was observed.

After a one day set up period, the pile was re-driven with the APE D30- 32 Impact Hammer at a substantially greater resistance. At 235 blows/ ft., a driving resistance of 340-370 kips, an average energy transfer of 30 ksi and a recorded compressive driving stress of 13-15 ksi, the pile head split and the pile failed. Prior to the pile head splitting, a CAPWAP® analysis indicated an ultimate axial compressive capacity of 350 kips.

The PDA testing indicates that impact hammers with a rated energy of 15 to 35 kip-ft are appropriate for the installation of SUPERPILE®.

Hammers with rated energies in the range of 35 to 50 kip-ft should be used with some level of caution, and may require a pile cushion to reduce driving stresses.

Based on observations made during the test pile program, it is recommended that Dynamic Consultants utilize a model PAX PDA unit (with a longer pretrigger buffer than the PAK unit) due to the longer pre-compression time.

For impact and vibratory installed SUPERPILE®, CPI recommends the use of a Wave-Equation Analysis and Driveability Study to assess the soil-pile interaction and estimate pile driving stresses during installation considering the proposed hammer assembly and site soil profile.

**Dedicated Truck Hauling 80' Piles to Margate, New Jersey**



**Lift-It® Sling Double Wrapped Around SUPERPILE®**

**FCH Series Fiberglass Pile Driving Bit**

- 1.1 This specification applies to the material requirements, the manufacture and performance of fiber reinforced polymer piles.
- 1.2 The mechanical properties shall be published per ASTM D7290.

Identification Tags, when required by the customer, supplied by CPI.

### **SUPERPILE® SPECIFICATION**

Standard tags are made of 304 dull stainless, 1" x 3.5" .015" in size with two .250" holes for riveting to the pile.

### **IDENTIFICATION TAGS**

The tag is embossed with information, including the manufacturing month and year, the pile part number and a serial number, specific to the application. The information is documented for future reference.

#### **1.0 SCOPE**

This specification is intended to define pultruded FRP pipe piles for procurement purposes.

- 6.1 Crated piles shall be individually protected in which dunnage makes contact with piles.
- 6.2 Piles shall be crated in bundles for ease of he equipment.

- 3.1 The octagonal pipe pile strength and stiffness values shall be derived per ASTM D1036.
- 3.2 The round pipe pile characteristic strength and stiffness values shall be derived per ASTM D6109.

7.1 Quality Assurance shall be performed as des the Engineer of Record.

4.1 The surface of the pile shall contain a UV resistant, resin rich, smooth and aesthetically pleasing finish uniform along the entire pile length. The piles shall be manufactured and visually inspected in accordance with ASTM D4385.

- 5.1 Pile Length (± 2") or 50 mm
	- 5.1.1 Squareness of end cut  $(1/4")$  or 6.35 m.
	- 5.1.2 Pile profile dimensions per ASTM D 3917.
	- 5.1.3 Straightness: 0.030"/ft. (2.5mm/m) with
	- 5.1.4 Weight: +/- 10%.

#### **2.0 MATERIAL DESIGN**

- 2.1 The pultruded pipe pile shall be manufactured by the pultrusion process using a polymer binder containing a minimum 52% "E-CR" or "E" fiberglass by volume. Glass volume shall be 47% in the lengthwise direction and 14% in the crosswise direction.
- 2.2 E-glass reinforcements shall meet a minimum tensile strength of 290 ksi per ASTM D2343.
- 2.3 The octagonal pipe piles shall be pultruded with a high performance Vinyl Ester (VE) resin that is based on a bisphenol-A epoxy matrix. The VE resin shall be utilized for its superior toughness and fatigue attributes. The VE resin provides fire retardant properties that permit the pole to "self extinguish" in the event of a brush fire. Poles shall be classified as "self extinguishing" per UL94 with a V0 rating. The flame spread shall be class I per ASTM E-84 with a Flame Spread Index (FSI) of 25 or less.
- 2.4 The round pipe piles shall be manufactured with a low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) two component polyol/isocyanate polyurethane matrix with a minimum resin content of 47%.
- 2.5 The piles shall contain Ultra Violet (UV) protection as a long term thermal and light stability promoter. Second, the fiberglass piles shall be encompassed with a 10 mil polyester surfacing veil. The 10 mil veil shall create a resin rich surface and protect the glass reinforcements from fiber blooming.

#### **3.0 STRENGTH & STIFFNESS PROPERTIES**

#### **4.0 FINISH**

#### **5.0 MANUFACTURING TOLERANCES**

### **SUPERPILE® SPECIFICATION**

#### **6.0 SHIPPING**

#### **7.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE**



# Appendix A - 18"x 3/4" Pile Properties



#### \* THEORETICAL VALUES

<sup>1</sup>The crush strength value is based on full section testing. The strength value was recorded at the first audible sound and change in the load deflection curve. The ultimate capacity is approximately 60% higher and is defined as the highest recorded load documented during the crush strength test.

<sup>2</sup>Characteristic data is unavailable due to the number of tests required. A minimum of 10 tests are required to generate the ASTM D7290 characteristic values.

**Appendix B** 



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# **TEST REPORT BENDING AND JOINT** RESPONSE OF PILES

16 INCH DIAMETER 1/2 INCH THICK POLYURETHANE 16 INCH DIAMETER 1/2 INCH THICK VINYL ESTER 12 INCH DIAMETER 1/2 INCH THICK POLYURETHANE PREPARED BY:

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#### **1 INTRODUCTION**

Creative Pultrusions Inc. has requested WVU-CFC to test piles of circular sections. Two different sets of materials (Polyurethane and Vinyl Ester) were tested, and the test methods used and test data are conveyed in this report. The tests done were four point bending under static load to failure, four point bending fatigue, crush strength test, and two different connection tests. The three types of test specimens consisted of 16 inch diameter  $\frac{1}{2}$  in thick vinyl ester samples, 16 inch  $\frac{1}{2}$  in thick polyurethane samples, and 12 inch diameter  $\frac{1}{2}$  in thick polyurethane samples.

#### **2 TEST METHODOLOGY**

#### **1. Four-Point Bending Tests**

Five piles of each material set were supplied by Creative Pultrusions, Inc to the West Virginia University Constructed Facilities Center on June 2010 for a variety of tests including four-point bending tests. The tests were conducted during July and early August as per ASTM D6109 and Creative Pultrusion's test protocol. The 12 inch piles were setup with a clear span of 240-inches out of a total length of 288-inches, with the load span equal to  $1/3<sup>rd</sup>$  of the clear span or 80-inches. The samples were supported and loaded by using 8-inch long steel saddles that covered slightly less than half of the circumference as shown in [Figure 1.](#page-354-0) The 16 inch piles were set up similarly with the clear span being 320 inches and the load span equal to  $1/3^{rd}$  of the clear span or 106.67 inches. The saddles were loaded at the midpoint through round steel stock to simulate simply supported conditions, and with neoprene padding between the saddle and pile. All piles tested were instrumented with a Celesco SP3 string pot to measure deflections up to 50 inches and an Omega LC8400-200-200 kip load cell. Vishay strain gages were installed in the longitudinal direction, with additional gages on certain samples for internal investigations. All samples were loaded to failure with a hydraulic actuator controlled by an electric pump, and a few tests were recorded using audio-visual system. [Figure 2](#page-354-1) shows the four-point bending of a 16-inch sample, which is identical to the 12-inch testing except for span length.



*Figure 1: Saddle for testing*

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*Figure 2: Four-Point Bending: 16-inch sample*

#### <span id="page-354-1"></span>**2. Crush Strength Test**

Crush testing was conducted on 6 feet sections of the piles supplied by Creative Pultrusions, Inc to the West Virginia University Constructed Facilities Center following their testing under four-point bending. The four-point bending tests led to the failure in the middle (mostly) of the 32-feet long piles, with the ends showing no signs of distress after testing to failure. Therefore the tested piles were cut near the ends to harvest undamaged ends so that they can be used for crush testing. The samples were set in the same saddles used in the four-point bend test with the rollers under the saddles removed. For the 16-inch

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piles, the saddles were set at 6-feet apart and the damaged end from four-point testing was left to hang off the end, supported by a gantry crane to keep the specimen level. For the 12-inch piles, 4-foot sections of the piles were cut from the undamaged ends and set in the saddles, with the saddles supporting roughly 4 inches at each end of the pile as shown in [Figure 3.](#page-355-0) For each test, the area between the saddles under the pile was fully supported longitudinally on solid steel plates with neoprene pad between the steel support plate and the FRP composite. Load was applied by a hydraulic actuator controlled by an electric pump. Load was transferred through a steel plate to an Omega LC-8400-200-200 kip load cell and then through another plate into a 10-inch by 10-inch solid polymer wale section that was supplied by Creative Pultrusions, Inc. The wale section was connected to the steel plates by threaded rods for stability during testing. Deflection readings were taken from the wale section by a Celesco SP3 string pot. All test samples were loaded until the area around the application of the load (i.e. top of the pile) failed to the point at which the section was no longer circular and the wale section was nearly touching the sides of the pile. Testing was stopped before the sides were loaded as this caused damage to wale section (cutting into surface of wale section) and additional loading would simply crush flat the already failed structural system.

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*Figure 3: Crush Test: 12-inch pile*

#### **3. Connection Test A – Transverse Pin Test**

A 1" diameter steel pin was inserted through the middle of the 16" and 12" diameter tubes (See [Figure 1](#page-354-0) and [Figure 4\)](#page-356-0). Each tube length was roughly 24". The load was applied through the 1" diameter pin as shown in [Figure 4.](#page-356-0) The load versus deflection of the pin was recorded at each point that it touched the pipe as shown in [Figure 4.](#page-356-0) Two LVDTs were used directly under the pin on the outside of the load frame (See [Figure 4\)](#page-356-0). This positioning yielded accurate deflections and conveys how much the pin hole enlarged during loading to failure. Each specimen with the exception of the first few (Samples 1-3) was loaded until the frame was about to be in contact with the top of the pipe; this was done in order to obtain a good load-deflection curve with many points beyond the maximum load resistance offered by the tube.

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*Figure 4: Connection Test A Setup*

#### **4. Connection Test B – Washer Test**

This testing includes two different sized washers. The load – deflection data reveals the response of the composite piles under a point load over the washer. A bolt hole of 1 inch diameter was drilled straight through sections of the samples (same as Connection Test A). In this test however, a bolt and a washer that were provided by Creative Pultrusions were placed through the hole (See [Figure 5\)](#page-357-0). Two different sizes of washers were tested on test samples with three repetitions, except two repetitions in the 16 inch polyurethane pipe with a 6 inch washer. A 4" x 4" washer and a 6" x 6" were used, and these washers were curved to the fit the piles better (See [Figure 5\)](#page-357-0). The span lengths used for the 12" and 16" diameter samples were 5' and 6' respectively. In all test specimens, 6 inches of overhang was provided beyond the support.



*Figure 5: Connection Test B Setup*

#### <span id="page-357-0"></span>**5. Four-Point Bending Fatigue**

One sample of each material was tested in bending fatigue. Using the same test setup for four-point bending as described above, each sample underwent 200 cycles of approximately 40% of its respective average maximum load. It should be noted that a cycle consisted of roughly a 2 kip minimum load and a maximum load of 40% of the failure load. The values actually achieved by the fatigue loading system were slightly different and are recorded as shown in [Table 8.](#page-372-0) At a rate of loading of .075 Hz (cycle/sec), each test endured 44 minutes to attain 200 cycles. This was chosen because of the MTS fatigue actuator's ability to run smoothly at this rate of loading. The machine used was an MTS Teststar Controller with a maximum compression load of 330 kips. It contains an internal load cell which was calibrated in February

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#### **3 EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS**

#### **1. Four Point Bending – 12-inch Samples**

The results from the 4-point bending tests are given in [Table 1.](#page-358-0) Cracking sounds were clearly heard on all samples starting around 70 kips and continued regularly until failure though no cracks were visible from a safe viewing distance. Failure in all samples was sudden and abrupt, though preceded by much crackling. After failure, longitudinal cracks were found on the pile primarily centering about midspan along with crushing and tearing of the section in the middle third zone of a test specimen. *Sample numbers refer only to the order in which they were tested, and they are not sequenced between different test setups.*

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					Max		
	Max	Max	Max	Max	Longitudinal	Elastic	Energy
	Load	<b>Deflection</b>	Moment	<b>Stress</b>	Strain	<b>Modulus</b>	(load*defl)
Sample	(kip)	(in)	(kip-in)	(ksi)	(με)	(Msi)	(kip-in)
	93.55	13.42	3742	75.04	13206	6.65	705.06
2	100.35	13.78	4014	80.50	13325	6.62	780.86
3	80.36	11.03	3215	64.46	9657	7.06	489.02
4	87.76	11.39	3510	70.40	11584	6.24	566.15
5	92.61	12.35	3704	74.29	15829	6.47	631.48
Average	90.93	12.39	3637.04	72.94	12720.14	6.61	634.51

*Table 1: 12 inch Four-Point Bending Results*

The load-deflection responses for all samples are shown in [Figure 6.](#page-359-0)



*Figure 6: 12 inch Four-Point Bend Load-Deflection Response*

#### <span id="page-359-0"></span>**2. Four Point Bending – 16 inch Polyurethane Samples**

The results from the 4-point bending tests of the 16 inch Polyurethane samples are given in [Table 2.](#page-359-1) Cracking sounds were clearly heard on all at around 75 kips though no cracks were visible from a safe viewing distance. Failure in all samples was sudden and abrupt with the load dropping to zero in roughly 0.2 seconds. After failure, longitudinal cracks were found on the pile centered about midspan along with crushing and tearing of the section at midspan. All samples failed in the middle third zone of the test span. *Sample numbers refer only to the order in which they were tested, and they are not sequenced between different test setups.*

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Sample	Max Load (kip)	Max Deflection (in)	Max Moment (kip-in)	Max <b>Stress</b> (ksi)	Max Longitudinal Strain $(\mu \varepsilon)$	Elastic <b>Modulus</b> (Msi)	Energy (load*defl) (kip-in)
1	101.18	16.39	5393	58.9	11137	5.79	944.45
$\overline{2}$	100.29	16.88	5346	58.4	12122	5.51	938.47
3	101.58		5414	59.2	11794	5.42	
4	104.42		5566	60.8	10109	6.16	$\overline{\phantom{0}}$
5	95.69		5100	55.7	11265	5.87	
Average	100.63	16.64	5364	58.62	11285	5.75	941.46

*Table 2: 16 inch Polyurethane Four-Point Bending Results*


The load-deflection response for all samples is shown in [Figure 7.](#page-360-0)

*Figure 7: 16 inch Polyurethane Four-Point Bend Load-Deflection Response*

#### <span id="page-360-0"></span>**3. Four Point Bending – 16 inch Vinyl Ester Samples**

The results from the 4-point bending tests are given in [Table 3.](#page-361-0) Cracking sounds were not clearly heard on any samples until the applied load was within roughly 5 kips of failure load. No cracks were visible from a safe viewing distance until failure. Failure of all samples was sudden and abrupt with the load dropping to zero in roughly 0.2 seconds. After failure, longitudinal cracks were found on the test specimen centered about midspan along with crushing and tearing of the section at midspan. All samples failed at the center with the exception of Sample 5 which failed under one of the loading saddles. Although neoprene padding was used between the saddles, there is probably some digging of the saddle with the pile near failure loads. It should be noted that the failure results from Sample 5 [\(Table 3\)](#page-361-0) are very close to the average. *Sample numbers refer only to the order in which they were tested, and they are not sequenced between different test setups.*

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					Max		
	Max	Max	Max	Max	Longitudinal	Elastic	Energy
	Load	Deflection	Moment	<b>Stress</b>	<b>Strain</b>	<b>Modulus</b>	(load*defl)
Sample	(kip)	(in)	(kip-in)	(ksi)	(με)	(Msi)	(kip-in)
	87.41	13.85	4720.31	51.59	9891	5.66	687.45
2	64.53	9.77	3484.60	38.09	7136	5.54	340.97
3	86.70	12.98	4681.57	51.17	9311	5.43	624.76
4	90.31	13.27	4876.61	53.30	9461	5.45	667.60
5	86.35	10.67	4662.86	50.96	8763	5.80	540.74
Average	83.06	12.11	4485	49.02	8913	5.57	572.30

*Table 3: 16 inch Vinyl Ester Four-Point Bending Results*

The load-deflection response for all samples is shown in [Figure 8.](#page-361-1)



*Figure 8: 16 inch Vinyl Ester Four-Point Bend Load-Deflection Response*

#### <span id="page-361-1"></span>**4. Crush Test – 12-inch Polyurethane Samples**

The results from the crush testing are given in [Table 4](#page-362-0) and [Figure 9.](#page-362-1) Little deflection occurred with the increase in loading until the specimen started crackling, then deflection started to increase quickly. After 2-inches of deflection, the top of the pile had flattened out and longitudinal cracks were visible on both sides, which shows the pile failure but with full failure load on the pile [\(Figure 10\)](#page-363-0). Upon releasing the load, the pile returned to a circular shape. It should be noted that the ends of the piles remained near <span id="page-362-0"></span>circular in cross section, and no reinforcement effects were visible from the saddles. *Sample numbers refer only to the order in which they were tested, and they are not sequenced between different test setups.*

Sample	Maximum Load (kips)	Deflection at Maximum Load (inches)
	28.05	1.52
2	26.77	1.42
3	25.98	1.3
	27.91	0.62
5	29.02	1.08
Average	27.54	1.19

*Table 4: 12-inch Pile Crush Test Results*



<span id="page-362-1"></span>*Figure 9: 12-inch Pile Crush Test Results*



*Figure 10: 12-inch Crush Test Pile Failure*

#### <span id="page-363-0"></span>**5. Crush Test – 16-inch Polyurethane samples**

The results from the crush testing are given in [Table 5](#page-364-0) and [Figure 11.](#page-364-1) As with the 12-inch piles, typically there was little deflection induced under vertical loading until the specimen started crackling, then deflection started to grow quickly. After 2-inches of deflection, the top of the pile had flattened out and longitudinal cracks were visible on both sides as shown in [Figure 12,](#page-365-0) which shows a pile at failure but with the full failure load still applied. Upon releasing the load, the pile returned to a circular shape as shown in [Figure 13.](#page-365-1) It should be noted that the ends of the piles remained circular, and no boundary constraint effects were visible from the steel saddles. The string pot used to measure deflection did not work properly for Sample 4, so no deflection readings are available. However, [Figure 14](#page-366-0) shows the load versus time, which indicates that after the loading to a maximum of 24.59 kips, the total load dropped dramatically which is consistent with the load responses of the other samples. To further investigate if the failure load was peaked when the top flattened out, Sample 2 was loaded beyond this point. As shown in

[Figure 15,](#page-366-1) after the sample passed the reported maximum load of 28.29 kips at 2.28 inches, the load reached a plateau until approximately 3 inches of deflection before picking up additional load of ~23 kips. This approximately corresponds to the location of the longitudinal cracks as seen in [Figure 12](#page-365-0) and [Figure](#page-365-1)  [13.](#page-365-1) At this point, the load was being primarily supported by the vertical faces of the pile which resulted in the pile cutting into the wale section slightly at these locations. Any further loading would simply crush the sample flat and would not accurately demonstrate its strength. *Sample numbers refer only to the order in which they were tested, and they are not sequenced between different test setups.*

	Maximum	Deflection at Maximum
Sample	Load (kips)	Load (inches)
	28.40	1.54
2	29.29	2.28
3	24.86	2.22
Δ	24.59	N/A
5	30.50	2.037
Average	27.53	2.02

<span id="page-364-0"></span>*Table 5: 16-inch Polyurethane Crush Strength Results*



<span id="page-364-1"></span>*Figure 11: 16-inch Polyurethane Crush Strength Results*



*Figure 12: 16-inch Pile Failure Under Load*

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*Figure 13: 16-inch Pile at Failure with Load Released*



*Figure 14: Sample 4 Load Response*

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*Figure 15: Sample 2 - Entire Loading*

#### <span id="page-366-1"></span>**6. Crush Test – 16-inch Vinyl Ester Samples**

The results from the 16-inch vinyl ester samples are very similar to those of the polyurethane. As noted above when the loading block reaches the sides of the cylinder it can take more load, but this was not allowed to happen during these samples. [Table 6](#page-367-0) provides maximum loads and deflections for all 4 test samples and it's noted that the vinyl ester samples failed at lower loads than polyurethane samples <span id="page-367-0"></span>and deflected less. Of more value though is [Figure 16](#page-367-1) which shows the load versus deflection results. Each steep drop in loading indicates a cracking/failing of the material, perhaps on a layer by layer basis.

	Maximum Load	Deflection аt Maximum Load
Sample	(kips)	(inches)
	15.34	1.25
2	21.03	2.33
3	22.04	1.53
4	16.58	1.78
Average	18.75	1.72

*Table 6: 16-inch Vinyl Ester Crush Strength Results*



<span id="page-367-1"></span>*Figure 16: 16-inch Vinyl Ester Crush Strength Results*

#### **7. Connection Testing A – Transverse Pin Test**

For each size and material tested, similar types of load and deflection results were found. Although the maximum loads differ for each material, the behavior was always the same. Eventually the load would not go any higher because the pin deflection was steadily increasing. As opposed to a catastrophic failure characterized by global cracking and delamination as seen in the bending and crush tests, this type of loading seemed to just push its way through the material locally (See [Figure 17\)](#page-368-0), i.e., large ductility was noted after initial cracking.



*Figure 17: Typical Failure of Connection Test A*

<span id="page-368-0"></span>The load versus deflection curves for each material set are shown in Figures 18 - 20. Sample 1 is not shown because the LVDTs were not working properly and the load was terminated before failure. Also, as mentioned earlier (in methodology section), Samples 1-3 were not loaded as far as others because of setup uncertainties. Right deflection in Sample 4 also had an error at about .58 inches, but every sample tested after the initial ones was without error.



*Figure 18:12 inch Connection Test A Results*



*Figure 19: 16 inch Polyurethane Connection Test A Results*



*Figure 20: 16 inch Vinyl Ester Connection Test A Results*

The load versus deflection curves reveal that a maximum load of approximately 18-20 kips was reached in the 16" vinyl ester samples, while the 16" polyurethane samples reached maximum loads of  $\sim$ 23-25 kips, and the 12" polyurethane samples reached a maximum load of  $\sim$ 22.5 kips.

#### **8. Connection Testing B – Washer Test**

The failure behavior of the washer testing was found to be local depression around the area of the washer and the washer itself deformed greatly until the load application tools were flat against the test samples [\(Figure 21\)](#page-371-0). Loading was taken up to about the same point on each sample after initial behavior was witnessed. As seen in [Figure 21](#page-371-0) the 6 in washer eventually dug into the FRP material and created cracks that propagated along a significant longitudinal distance from the washer [\(Figure 21\)](#page-371-0). The 6 in washers generally caused less local damage to the sample at equal loads when compared to the 4 in washer. The washer testing results had similar cracking and failure modes on all materials and even all washers; however, the 4 inch washer would create a more local depression and usually caused more local damage [\(Figure 22\)](#page-371-1). Deflections were obtained using a tape measure at the bottom, measuring the distance from the sample and the nut and are reported in [Table 7.](#page-372-0) The values [Table 7](#page-372-0) show how much deflection the local depression of the washer caused. These results however vary based on how much load was actually applied which is different with each case so they should be viewed with caution.



*Figure 21: 16-in Sample with 6-in Washer at about 21 kips*

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*Figure 22: 12-in Sample with 4-in Washer*

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<b>Pile Type</b>	Washer <b>Size</b> (in)	<b>Sample</b> (ID #)	Max Load (lbs)	<b>Deflection</b> at Max Load (in)	Average Load (lbs)	
	4		16,402		17,210	
16 inch Diameter,		2 (PU6)	17,540	1.563		
1/2 inch Wall, 72 inch span		3 (PU6)	17,688	1.750		
Polyurethane	6		23,230			
		2 (PU4)	21,226	1.938	22,228	
			13,161		14,291	
16 inch Diameter,	4	2 (VE2)	15,115	2.188		
1/2 inch Wall,		3 (VE4)	14,596	1.500		
72 inch span		1 (VE1)	17,738	1.563		
Vinylester	6	2 (VE6)	18,851	1.625	17,837	
		3 (VE2)	16,921	1.813		
		(S6) 1.	21,275	1.250		
	4	$\overline{2}$	17,985	1.500	19,569	
12 inch Diameter,		3	19,445	1.250		
1/2 inch Wall, 60 inch span		1(S1)	24,219	1.563		
	6	$\overline{2}$	24,120	1.750	27,642	
		3	34,585	1.563		

*Table 7: Connection Test B Results*

#### **9. Four Point Bending Fatigue**

<span id="page-372-1"></span>Each fatigue sample underwent the respective range of loading shown in [Table 8.](#page-372-1) As mentioned earlier the frequency of loading was.075 Hz (cycles/sec).





When each of the fatigued samples was tested to failure, both the 16 inch samples failed under the applied load, i.e., under a steel saddle. The 12 inch sample failed in the middle third zone. Deflections were only obtained for one of the samples, because that sampled failed violently and damaged the string pot. The results from these samples are show in [Table 9.](#page-373-0) Also, [Table 9](#page-373-0) provides the percent change in the results between the average static test data and the fatigue test data.

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Samples under Fatigue	Max Load (kip)	Max <b>Deflection</b> (in)	Max Moment $(k-in)$	Max <b>Stress</b> (ksi)	Max Longitudinal Strain $(\mu \varepsilon)$	Elastic <b>Modulus</b> (Msi)	Energy (load*defl) (kip-in)
12 inch PU Sample 6	95.85		3834	76.89	12941	5.82	
Percent <b>Difference</b> from Average	5.14		5.14	5.14	1.71	$-13.56$	
16 inch PU Sample 6	103.72		5549	60.65	10372	5.76	
Percent <b>Difference</b> from Average	2.97		3.34	3.34	$-8.80$	0.16	
16 inch VE Sample 6	79.00	7.89	4227	46.20	7545	6.05	347.65
Percent Difference from Average	$-5.14$	$-53.46$	$-6.12$	$-6.12$	$-18.13$	7.81	$-64.62$

*Table 9: Four Point Bending Fatigue - Failure Results*



# **SeaTimber® Flexural Properties**



Flexural values are ultimate. Resistance factors (LRFD) or safety factors (ASD) must be applied to these values.

Flexural Modulus is a Secant Modulus at 1% strain per ASTM D790. Some values for intermediate configurations have been interpolated.<br>\* Values are projected based on flexural tests of similar sections



Field Installation Guide

**SUSTAINABLE LUMBER** 



When installing the SeaPile® and SeaTimber®, the user must take the proper precautions used in installing all other types of piling; when cutting, finishing or attaching the SeaPile® and SeaTimber®, the user should also take all normal precautions, including, but not limited to, the use of hard hats, safety glasses, hearing protection and safety shoes. Operators should be aware of the weight of the SeaPile® and SeaTimber® prior to lifting. There are no toxic characteristics associated with the SeaPile® and SeaTimber®. Accordingly, shavings or cut ends may be disposed of wherever plastic is accepted.

LIKE ANY PLASTIC PRODUCT, SEAPILE® AND SEATIMBER® WILL BURN. THEREFORE, AVOID THE USE OF CUTTING TORCHES OR ANY OTHER OPEN FLAME DEVICES AROUND THE SEAPILE® COMPOSITE MARINE PILING.

#### **DRIVING**

The SeaPile® Composite Marine Piling exhibits many of the same driving characteristics of a timber pile. Since it is easy to drive, a lightweight hammer with a rated energy of between 8,000 and 15,000 ft-lbs may be used. Care should be taken in selecting the appropriate hammer for the length of pile to be driven. Once the hammer has been selected, a flat driving head should be used to ensure full surface contact with the squared flat top of the entire cross-sectional area of the pile. SeaPile® are designed to absorb energy, which is key to their performance as a fender piles, however, as a result, they are less efficient to drive than steel, concrete, or timber piles and will take more blows per foot.

A vibratory pile driver may be used to drive the SeaPile® Composite Marine Piling when conditions would permit vibratory driving of traditional timber piling. When planning to use a vibratory pile driver, consider fabricating a steel helmet to minimize damage to the top of the pile, alternatively piles can be supplied in a longer length and trimmed after being installed.

#### **DRIVING POINTS OR SHOES**

Steel driving shoes are not typically required, however they can be purchased and factory installed if difficult driving conditions are anticipated.

#### **JETTING**

SeaPile® can be jetted in a manner similar to any traditional timber pile. The post-driving procedures also remain the same.



#### **CUTTING**

SeaPile® & SeaTimber® are tough and harder to cut than timber. The fiberglass rebars are particularly difficult to cut through without the correct tools. We recommend the following:

#### **Chainsaw:**

• Stihl MS 661 Series, or similar

#### **Chain Bar:**

- 0.404 pitch with a 4040-7 sprocket
- 25" to 34" bar length for SeaPile® up to 13"  $\varnothing$  & SeaTimber® up to 12"x12"
- 34" bar length for 16" SeaPile®

#### **Chain:**

- RAPCO's Impact Resistant Chisel Carbide Tip Chainsaw Chain
- $\cdot$  0.404" pitch w/ 0.63" gauge
- RAPCO Part# B3LM-T-RF
- RAPCO Vancouver, WA: sales@rapcoindustries.com (800-959-6130)
- Slow, consistent cutting keeping chain temperature low will greatly extend the chain life; excessive heat will stretch the chain beyond adjustment before chisel tips need sharpening
- Do not use bar/chain oil; oil will mix with the hot plastic and emulsify seizing the bar sprocket and chain within the bar
- Between cuts chainsaw should be blown with compressed air to remove shavings





## **DRILLING / COUNTER BORING**

#### **Drill:**

The following drill specification is recommended for all drilling and countersinking:

- Electric: 3/4" chuck or 3 Morse Taper, 250-350 rpm
- Pneumatic:  $3/4$ " chuck, 1.5 to 2 HP, 200-350 rpm
- Minimum Torque: 1,800 in-lb

#### **Drilling and Counter Boring SeaTimber® with No Rebar:**

- Standard high-speed steel twist drills are suitable for drilling holes up to 1-1/2" diameter
- For larger holes, a 1" or 1-1/8"  $\varnothing$  pilot hole is recommended, followed by a counter-bore type bit to enlarge the hole to the finished diameter; counter-bore bits can be purchased, fabricated at local machine shop or purchased from Tangent; consult a Tangent rep for custom bits; allow for leadtime



#### **Drilling and Counter Boring SeaTimber® with Rebar:**

- Drill a 1" or 1-1/8" Ø pilot hole with a standard high-speed steel twist drill or carbide tipped twist bit if drilling through rebar
- Follow with a carbide insert, counter-bore type bit; consult Tangent rep for custom bits; allow for leadtime
- *• CAUTION: Apply light pressure to reduce the risk of the bit snagging on the bar and violently spinning the drill*



#### **Thermal Expansion and Contraction:**

- Holes and counter-bored holes are oversized or slotted to allow for the Coefficient of Thermal Expansion/Contraction of SeaTimber® which is larger than traditional materials
- SeaTimber® with fiberglass rebar reinforcing = 0.00002 in/in/°F
- SeaTimber<sup>®</sup> with fiberglass filament rebar reinforcing, but no rebar = 0.000033 in/in/°F



#### **RECOMMENDED REPAIR PROCEDURE**

SeaPile® & SeaTimber® are incredibly durable. There is no need to patch or repair abrasions, cuts or grooves for any other reason than aesthetics.

If repairs are required, it's recommended that a commercially available plastic welder is used with the appropriately colored welding rod to build up the area to be patched. The repaired surface can then be sanded flush.

If a plastic welder is not available, a less refined repair method is detailed below:

#### **Required Tools:**

- Propane torch
- Shavings of plastic matrix, left over from drilling or cutting
- Putty knife
- Sandpaper (80-100 grit) and wooden block
- Orbital or palm type sander

#### **For Small Patches:**

- Pre-heat the hole until the surrounding plastic is soft & tacky, not runny
- Quickly press shavings into the hole and heat until liquified
- Repeat in layers, until the filled void is flush, or standing slightly proud of the surface
- Allow each layer to cool before applying the next
- Sand the patch area, blending in until flush with the outer surface

#### **For Larger Patches:**

- Cut a plug from a cut off to a slightly smaller shape than the void
- Pre-heat the hole until the surrounding plastic is soft & tacky, not runny
- Quickly press shavings into the hole and heat until liquified
- Pre-heat the plug and press into the depression
- Press shavings into the gap around the plug and heat until liquified
- Repeat in layers, until the gap is flush, or standing slightly proud of the surface
- Allow each layer to cool before applying the next
- Sand the patch area, blending in until flush with the outer surface



### **LIFTING & HANDLING**

The following considerations are recommended to resist damage when lifting SeaPile® and SeaTimber®:

- Verify the weights and lengths of the material before each lift
- Short length may be handled with care by forklift
- Use a lifting beam to handle longer lengths with pick points at 1/5 of the overall length
- Use a nylon sling or choker to lift without damaging the surface
- All lifting plans and procedures are the responsibility of the customer

#### **STORAGE**

The following considerations are recommended to resist damage when storing:

- Use minimum 4 x 4" dunnage for support
- SeaPile<sup>®</sup>: support at 6' to 10' increments
- SeaTimber®: support at 4' increments
- Stack SeaPile® and SeaTimber® no more than 5' in height
- Chock, band, or tie to secure the stack appropriately
- If stored for an extended period, check the stack periodically for stability
- Store on level surface and bring to project site 24 hours before installation for material to acclimate to ambient temperatures

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# Appendix E



TOW: Top of Wall

D (ft): Distance to top of layer from TOW

Su adjusted to ignore top 4-ft of alluvial sediments





# **3. Direct Impact on BMP**

The BMP cross-sections were analyzed for barge impact near the top of the wall (exterior sheet pile). The analyses were performed using Plaxis, a finite element software program developed by Bentley Systems, Inc. The program can model complex soil profiles, structural sections and perform soil-structure interaction analysis to achieve a solution with compatible forces and displacements.

The barge impact was evaluated for two cross-sections (C2 and C4) as they represent the two largest exposed heights above the riverbed and are expected to be the most critical sections. A 400-ft long three-dimensional (3D) model was created with the same stratigraphy, material properties and stages as the BMP analysis sections. The linear elastic plates representing the sheet piles are assigned orthotropic parameters to capture the difference in sheet pile stiffness of the vertical and horizontal directions. The results from Cross-Section C4 are applicable for all other locations (except C2).

The barge impact loads were applied as a static uniformly distributed load over a 50 ft x1 ft area near the top of the wall. Due to the instantaneous nature of the impact, the loads are evaluated using the undrained soil parameters and considered an Extreme load condition, with the impact at top of the wall.

Load Case 1 – Load of 20-kip/LF, equivalent to KE at impact velocity of 3.8-ft/s with a ballasted barge.

Load Case 2 – Load of 28-kip/LF, equivalent to KE at impact velocity of 5.3-ft/s with a ballasted barge or 2.2-ft/s with a laden barge.

As Cross-Section C2 is not near the navigational waterway, any impact on the west and northwest portion of the BMP will likely be from barges moored on the north side of the BMP that may come off the mooring in a storm event. Thus, Cross-Section C2 is only evaluated for Case 1 loading scenario. The results from cross-section C4 are applicable to all other locations, except C2.

The barge impact loads caused localized deformation of the exterior wall along with an increase in soil shear strains. However, the strains did not indicate a global failure. In this scenario, there would be localized damage to the BMP on the exterior side due to limiting flexural capacity. The analyses results are summarized in Table 3.1. The section stresses from demand loads are compared to the allowable stresses in the sheet piles for extreme event loading i.e., 0.88 Fy (combined bending moment and axial stress) and 0.58 Fy (shear stress).



*Table 3.1 Energy Absorption Capacity of the BMP Structure* 

It is noted that Cross-Section C2 would be overstressed by 5% on impact with a ballasted barge at velocity of 3.8-ft/s. Impact forces are directly proportional to the impact velocity squared. The stresses will be lower for impact at 1.8-ft/s





area of Cross-Section C2, the reduction in impact force at lower velocity and engineering judgement, the 5% overstress for impact with a ballasted barge is acceptable for design.

The Cross-Sections closer to the navigational waterway would be expected to potentially experience barge impact, ballasted or laden, as they are towed. Results from Cross-Section C4 show that the BMP is adequate impact with barges in ballasted and laden condition at velocity 2.2 ft/s even without the FRP barrier wall system.

Detailed calculations and results from the analyses are provided on the next page.





#### **Summary of Impact Force for different impact velocities (V)**



#### Notes

Equivalent to Load Case 1 Equivalent to Load Case 2 Maximum Impact Energy for Barrier wall

All contact assumed to be in head-on direction. Angled contact will result in lesser impact force















Corroded flange thickness (trf) - two exposed faces Corroded web thickness (trw) - two exposed faces Corroded section modulus Sr Corroded section area Avr Sacrificial thickness (tc) - for accounting corrosion



#### **Corroded Section Capacities**





**Sheet Pile Design Summary - Barge Impact Study**



*Total Force = Design Load x Contact Area (50 ft x 1 ft)* 





#### **Analysis Output Results - Section C2 - 20kip/ft design load**

**Deflection Output**









#### **Shear Force Output**





#### **Analysis Output Results - Section C2 - 28kip/ft design load**

**Deflection Output**













#### **Analysis Output Results - Section C4 - 20kip/ft design load**

#### **Deflection Output**











#### **Analysis Output Results - Section C4 - 28kip/ft design load**









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## APPENDIX I - BMP STRUCTURAL DESIGN REPORT **ATTACHMENT 3.7 WEAP OUTPUT**

#### Ardaman and Associates, Inc. Apr 24 2024 San Jacinto\_APE 100 Vib Hammer



#### Gain/Loss 1 at Shaft and Toe 0.400 / 1.000

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#### Gain/Loss 1 at Shaft and Toe 0.500 / 1.000



#### Gain/Loss 1 at Shaft and Toe 0.500 / 1.000



# **PILE DRIVING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION**

# **STEEL SHEET PILE GUIDES**

# **BASIC PRINCIPLES OF HAMMERS FOR SHEET PILE INSTALLATION**

# **Impact Hammer Technology**

#### **Hammer selection**

Hammer selection is the most important aspect of pile installation. In many cases only one hammer type may be applicable for the pile-soil combination, whereas others may require several hammers to cope with the varying conditions.

One major advantage of an impact hammer is that the blow count record during pile installation is a direct measure of the pile resistance. The **vertical advance of a pile under a given hammer blow is used as a measure of the pile's bearing capacity**. The hammer's interaction with the pile-soil system is both modeled before driving (wave equation analysis) and monitored during pile installation (Pile Driving Analyzer).

Vibratory hammers are widely used to drive and extract sheet piles, but they are less commonly used to drive bearing piles. Where bearing capacity is required, the use of impact hammers is the predominant installation technique employed.

Impact hammers are also essential to drive sheet piles when soil density increases. SPT 'N' values approaching 40 generally indicate the limit of vibratory hammer efficiency. Here, impact hammers come into their own by being able to shear through dense soils to reach the design penetration depth.

Impact hammers are usually supported by a leader rig or can be freely suspended by a crane.





**Leader rig Crane suspended hammer**

#### **What is an impact hammer?**

An impact hammer is a specialty hammer used to drive sheet piles into the ground.

Impact pile driving hammers consist of a ram and an apparatus that allows the ram to move quickly upwards and then fall onto the driving system and pile. The ram must have a mass and impact velocity that is sufficiently large to move the pile.

A properly functioning hammer strikes the pile in quick succession. It transfers a large portion of the kinetic energy of the ram into the pile. The stroke of a pile driving hammer is usually between three and ten feet (900 to 3,000 mm).

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#### **How does an impact hammer work?**

The most common forms of impact hammers in use today are hydraulic drop hammers and diesel hammers. While they operate differently, they are both used to drive sheet piles, pipe piles, H-piles and specialty wide flange piles by allowing a ram weight to fall onto the top of the pile.

#### **Hydraulic impact hammers**

Hydraulic fluid is applied to the piston to move the ram. A hydraulic power pack provides the pressurized fluid to operate the hammer. Hydraulic impact hammers can be single acting, double acting, differential acting or other variations. Most but not all hydraulic hammers employ the use of an electric valve operated with a variable timer. The timer allows for flexible control of the output energy. Others use a purely hydraulic system to control the valve and thus the cycling of the ram.

Most hydraulic hammer manufacturers claim high efficiencies for their hammers. Although there are many improvements in hydraulic hammers that enable a more efficient drop, the main reason for the higher efficiencies is that they have some kind of downward assist to equalize the hydraulic flow during the hammer cycle.



**Hydraulic hammer**

#### **Diesel hammers**

An **open-end diesel hammer** consists of a long slender piston (the ram), which moves inside a cylinder. The cylinder is open at its upper end, thus allowing the ram to partially emerge from the cylinder. The ram falls under gravity to the pile cap. Upon impact, the ram pushes the pile cap and pile head rapidly downward. The impact block separates from the ram within a very short time and the pressure of the combusting air-fuel mixture will cause further separation as the ram is forced upward.

A **closed-end diesel hammer** cylinder is closed at its upper end, thus causing the ram to compress the air trapped between ram and cylinder top. When the ram falls, it is subject to both gravity and the pressure in the *bounce chamber*, **hence called double acting**.



#### **Diesel hammer**

#### **Pile cap**

To ensure that as little energy as possible is lost in the transfer to the pile, the driving energy is transferred to the pile via a driving cap or spreader plate. The driving cap also ensures the hammer blows act centrally on the pile. The pile cap is matched to the shape of the sheet pile being driven.

A central connection between the hammer and the pile and exact guidance of the hammer on the leader are key prerequisites for accurate pile driving. If the hammer is not concentric with the pile, then the eccentricity may lead to pile head damage and/or pile lean.



**Typical driving cap for Z-sheet piles**



**Typical driving cap and spreader plate detail**

The form of driving cap must be matched to the sheet pile that is to be driven. It is attached to the underside of the hammer by a loose attachment and is guided by the leader where used.

#### **Sizing the impact hammer**

Impact hammers are of the size needed to develop the energy required to drive the piles at a blow count that **does not exceed 10 blows per inch** at the required ultimate pile capacity. The intent is to select the size of hammer at normal operating condition to be sufficient. Occasionally, it may be required to drive to a higher blow count to penetrate an unforeseen thin, dense layer or minor obstruction. Jetting or drilling may be a preferred means to penetrate a particularly dense layer. Overdriving often will damage the pile and/or hammer.

In its simplest form, the impact energy delivered per drop hammer blow is simply the weight of the ram times the fall distance to the pile cap.

A 3,000 lb. ram falling 10 feet (with no bounce on the pile cap) at impact would deliver 30,000 ft-lbs of energy. Twice the height of the bounce is deducted from the total drop height to determine the net drop and calculation of delivered energy.

A general rule of thumb for hydraulic drop hammers is to match the ram mass to the mass of the sheet pile being driven. Therefore, if a 50-foot-long pair of Z-26 sheet piles weighs 3.5 tons, then it would be reasonable to use a three-ton ram mass with a standard drop. As the drop height can be controlled by the operator, then the installation could begin with a small drop to get the pile penetration underway. Drop height would increase as needed to ensure a minimum penetration rate.

A more scientific and accurate approach is to use **wave equation analysis**. The industry has largely adopted wave equation analysis and it has become a well-used tool for pile driving evaluation. Contractors will often use the wave equation to optimize equipment selection and hammer makers often make equipment recommendations based on the wave equation analysis.

Wave equation analysis is a numerical method of analysis for the behavior of driven foundation piles. It predicts the pile capacity versus blow count relationship (bearing graph) and pile driving stress – for example, when a soft or hard layer causes excessive stresses or unacceptable blow counts. While popular, it is best carried out by an engineer familiar with the software to ensure appropriate results.



# **Vibratory Hammer Technology**

**What is a vibratory hammer?**

A vibratory hammer is a specialty hammer used to drive sheet piles in or out of the ground. Impact hammers use a large weight to strike the pile. Vibratory hammers are relatively quiet and have many advantages, such as fast installation. They can also extract sheet piles, can be used underwater, are lightweight, protect the environment (especially animal life) and can be used in close proximity to residential areas without noise complaints. They are also relatively small and are easy to transport.

**How does a vibratory hammer work?**

Unlike traditional pile driving equipment that uses a large weight or ram to strike a pile, vibratory hammers use spinning counterweights to create vibration in the pile. The vibration sends the soil particles into suspension enabling the pile to slip through the soil.

The ability of a hammer to drive sheet piles is dependent on the sheet pile size, mass and the soil conditions present.

The vibratory hammer's ability to drive a pile is a combination of driving force, frequency, amplitude and free-hanging weight. The driving force of a hammer is determined by its **eccentric moment** and steady-state frequency.

• **Eccentric Moment** – The eccentric moment is calculated by the eccentric weight {M) and the distance from the center of gravity to the rotation axis (r).  $M = (m \cdot r)$ 

- **Centrifugal Force** (F)
- $F = 0,011$  .  $N^2$  .  $10^{-3}$  . M
- **Amplitude** (A)

 $\frac{2 \cdot M}{M_d}$  × 1000 M<sub>d</sub> = Dynamic Weight

The size of the eccentric moment affects the driving force, attainable amplitude, operating frequency and power requirements for the hammer.

- Eccentric moment equals the distance from the center line of gravity to the center line of rotation, times the total number of eccentrics in the hammer.
- Amplitude is the vertical movement of the total vibrating system, and the direct result of the applied force generated by the rotating eccentrics.

Amplitude = 2 x eccentric moment  $\div$  vibrating mass (hammer and pile weight)

#### **Worked example:**

A hammer weighing 8,750 lbs and with an eccentric moment of 2,600 in/lbs is driving a PZ 27 sheet pile 40 ft long. What will the amplitude be?

PZ-27 = 40.5 lbs/ft  $\times$  40' = 1,620lbs  $\times$  2 (driven in pairs) = 3,240 lbs (total weight of pair)

2,600 in/lbs (eccentric moment) 8,750 (weight) + 3,240 (pile weight)  $\times$  2

(2,600)

(11,990) × 2 = (.216) × 2 = .432 amplitude, or **amplitude = 7/16"**

For effective driving, the hammer must have amplitude of equal to or greater than a quarter of an inch.

Generally speaking, the higher the amplitude, the more effective the hammer will be at driving piles in soils considered marginal to vibratory driving. Higher amplitudes may also increase risk of damage to adjacent structures.

• The eccentrics of a vibratory hammer are attached to a shaft, and are mounted in pairs opposite one another, on a horizontal plane inside the gearbox. The pinion shaft(s) are connected to a hydraulic motor/motors mounted to the outside of the gear box. As the eccentrics rotate in opposite directions, their horizontal forces cancel one another out, leaving only vertical vibration.











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#### **What is the difference between an electric and a hydraulic vibratory hammer?**

In the market today, there are two main types of vibratory hammers – electric and hydraulic. Electric hammers and hydraulic hammers have many differences but have similar traits.

Both electric and hydraulic hammers use a "power unit" that powers the hammer. Both have clamps allowing the hammer to connect to the pile. Both use wires or hoses to connect the hammer to the power unit.

Electric vibratory hammers use a large electric motor on top of the hammer to spin the counterweights. To power the electric motor, a large power unit with a diesel engine will turn a generator, giving enough power to the motors.

Hydraulic hammers use hydraulic motors to spin the counterweights. To power the hydraulic motors, a large power unit with a diesel engine turns hydraulic pumps, which flow oil out to the motors and back.

Hydraulic hammers are much more powerful than electric hammers and are half the weight. The other main advantage is that they can spin at a much faster speed. The higher the vibration speed, the less vibration will travel through the soil to surrounding buildings.





**The design of a vibratory hammer**

#### **Vibration generation**

The vibration case has two pairs of eccentric weights that rotate in a vertical plane to create vibration. This generates centrifugal force. When two unbalanced eccentrics maintaining the same moment are rotated in opposite directions, vertical (up and down) vibration of constant cycle is produced.



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- Fv vertical force r rotations per minute
- w angular frequency w<sub>t</sub> angular frequency π-radian
- m mass

The weights are driven by hydraulic engines. The eccentrics are gear-connected to maintain proper synchronization. The eccentric shafts are mounted in heavy-duty roller bearings. The maximum capacity of the engines is hydraulically limited.

#### **Suppressor**

The extraction head contains rubber elements (elastomers) to isolate vibrations from the vibration case to the crane or pile driving rig.

#### **Clamp**

The hammer has a hydraulic clamp containing two gripping jaws, one fixed and one moveable, that grip onto the sheet pile. A cylinder, integrated in the clamp body, operates the moveable jaw and has a pilot operating check valve that keeps the cylinder under pressure in case of hose damage. The clamp is operated hydraulically.

#### **The hydraulic system**

The classic pile driving setup includes a power pack and a vibratory hammer. The heart of any vibratory hammer is the exciter block, containing pairs of counter-rotating eccentrics.

The power pack is driven by a diesel engine and supplies the oil flow to the vibrator via hydraulic pumps to drive the piling into the soil.



#### **Variable moment technology**

A vibratory **hammer** with a **variable** eccentric **moment** can be started and stopped without vibration. For this, the eccentrics are placed in a zero position with an adjustment motor (with opposite centers of gravity, resulting in a cancellation of the eccentric force).

After the vibratory hammer has reached full speed, the eccentric moment is set causing the vibratory hammer to vibrate. It is possible to set the eccentric moment at a value from 0 to 100%. The operational rpm of these vibratory hammers is higher than that of low frequency vibratory hammers. Where a low frequency vibratory hammer will rotate with approximately 1,500 revolutions per minute, a high frequency (HF) vibratory hammer will rotate with approximately 2,300 revolutions per minute.

Due to this high rotational speed, the vibratory hammer operates further away from the soil's resonance frequency – and due to the smaller amplitude, these vibratory hammers are less harmful to the surroundings. Tests have demonstrated that the vibration level of a HF hammer measured at a distance of 2m from the sheet pile equals the level of vibrations produced by a low frequency hammer at a distance of 16m.

Also, when vibrating a steel sheet pile into the ground, the adjustment motor can be adjusted to influence the eccentric moment and therefore the amplitude. This will allow optimum adjustment of the vibratory hammer.

Conventional vibratory hammers have a constant eccentric moment. When passing the critical frequency area during start-up and stop, the constant amplitude will cause disturbing negative vibrations in the boom of the crane and in the soil to a considerable perimeter distance.

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# **Press-in Machine Technology**

#### **What is press-in piling?**

Press-in piling is a unique method of pile driving that uses hydraulic force without the use of vibration or percussion to install piles. This method consists of a few different variations carried out by different types of equipment. These variations include installation with gravity-based machines, tall leader-masts with press-in attachments and reaction-based press-in piling machines.

Advantages of the press-in piling method include:

- Minimal noise impacts
- Imperceptible vibration (non-vibratory)

Of the aforementioned types of press-in variations, reaction-based press-in piling machines are by far the most prevalent. Additional advantages and capabilities of press-in piling with reaction-based press-in piling machines include:

- Installation into hard soil conditions (with attachments)
- Installation within very limited horizontal and vertical clearances
- Safe installation with controlled accuracy
- Installation within a small footprint
- Installation with controlled, measured and monitored static loads

**How do press-in piling machines work?**

Press-in piling machines are designed to install steel sheet and pipe piles without using vibration or percussion and do so by deriving its source of potential energy from the reaction of already installed piles that are essentially integrated with the ground (White et al., 2002). Press-in machines obtain this reaction by hydraulically clamping onto the tops of the installed piles, thereby using their reaction to create a press-in force in order to press in subsequent piles.

Figure 1 illustrates that with this mechanism, even a compact press-in machine can create a press-in force that is by far greater than its weight. Since these machines hold the sheet and pipe piles near or at ground level to press them in, hardly any press-in energy is lost that would otherwise generate unwanted noise, vibration or the deformation of piles with conventional pile driving equipment.



#### **Figure 1**

The safety of piling equipment handling is also enhanced since the point of contact between press-in machines and piles near or at ground level and is not suspended at a high elevation as it would be for the many types of conventional piling equipment.

#### **Advantages and limitations of press-in piling machines**

Press-in machines are ideally and commonly utilized on projects with challenges such as with noise and vibration sensitivity or restrictions. In addition to their non-vibratory and minimal noise attributes, press-in piling machines do not require a large footprint since these machines are designed to operate and advance along the top of installed piles. Therefore, press-in machines are also utilized for projects with space or access limitations. Since challenges differ from project to project, it is imperative that the conditions and parameters of challenging project sites are reviewed before a feasibility study is carried out in order to determine which press-in machine type is applicable. In addition to press-in machines being used to install piles for shoring, retaining walls, flood walls, seawalls, etc., press-in machines are also utilized to extract piles in many cases where impact or vibratory hammers alone may not be able to do so.

Although press-in piling machines are useful for the installation of steel sheet and pipe piles on challenging projects, press-in machines are not able to install or extract H-piles, concrete piles or certain sized cold-formed Z-shaped sheet piles. Although few and far between, there are certain sized hot-rolled Z-shaped sheet piles and pipe piles that are not compatible with press-in machines as well.

#### **Basic press-in piling components**

Figure 2 shows the basic press-in components of the press-in machine, power pack, pile laser and radio controller. The radio controller allows the machine operator to precisely control the machinery efficiently at a safe position/location. Since press-in machines use highly accurate infrared pile lasers placed 50 to 100 feet away from the location where the press-in machine is operating, conventional lead and driving templates are not required for press-in machines to install sheet and pipe piles.



**Figure 2**

#### **Non-vibratory pile installation with low noise**

With the imperceptible vibration and minimal noise characteristics of press-in machines, the next two graphs will illustrate how low their levels typically are in comparison with conventional pile driving equipment. Figure 3 shows a comparison of ground vibration measurements among press-in piling, vibratory hammer piling and diesel hammer piling at *Site 2* (Site 1 was press-in piling only) where Peak Particle Velocity output for the press-in machine was between 0.3 and 0.7 mm/s (0.01 – 0.03 in/sec) from 7.15 meters (23.5 feet) away from the pile alignment (White et al, 2002).



#### **Figure 3**

Figure 4 below displays noise data for a double acting diesel/air hammer, hydraulic drop hammer, enclosed drop hammer and a press-in machine (referred to as *Silent Piler*) within the graph. The graph shows that the *Silent Piler* does not exceed the rural noise limit of 70 dB at a distance of two meters (White et al, 2002).





#### **Capability to install piles in various soil conditions**

Press-in piling machines utilize certain techniques to assist press-in machines in installing sheet and pipe piles into various types of ground conditions that range in various densities and depths. These techniques include:

- Standard press-in
- Press-in with water jetting
- Press-in with simultaneous augering
- Press-in with rotary cutting

**Standard press-in piling** is the press-in installation of piles without the need of the aforementioned water jetting, simultaneous augering or rotary cutting systems. In terms of steel sheet piles, standard press-in installation is typically performed where SPT N value is N < 25. For pipe pile installation, standard press-in installation is typically performed where SPT N value is N < 15.

**Water jetting systems** are designed to temporarily break up soil composition by loosening granular soils or lubricating cohesive soils with high pressured water to allow smoother pile installation into the ground. The image on the left in Figure 5 shows a press-in machine utilizing its water jetting system, which can be seen within the red circle as the reel affixed to the top of the machine. A water pump providing high pressured water would be nearby. The image on the right in Figure 5 illustrates what the operation would look like underground.

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#### **Figure 5**

These systems are generally used for sandy soils or soils consisting of silty, clayey or gravelly dense sand where the SPT N value is  $[25 \le N \le 50]$  for sheet piles and  $[15 \le N \le 50]$  for pipe piles. In soils with this type of density and composition, the pile toe and interlock resistance can increase due to the consolidation of soil particles. By temporarily breaking up the soil composition around the pile toe while upstream water flow reduces skin friction and washes out soil within the pile's interlocks, water jetting systems for press-in machines can reduce pile toe and interlock resistance, thus reducing resistance and preventing potential damage to the piles being installed.

**Simultaneous augering systems** for Z-shaped sheet piles like what is shown in Figure 6 are designed to drill ahead of sheet piles while pressing in sheet piles at the same time. The image on the left in Figure 6 shows that the continuous flight auger fits into the web of the sheet pile pair being installed. The image on the right in Figure 6 illustrates what the operation looks like underground.



#### **Figure 6**

These systems are generally used for stiff cohesive soil, solidified sand/silt, gravels, cobbles, boulders and relatively soft rock/rock layers, etc., where the SPT N value is [25 ≤ N < 300]. The drilling that takes place just below the toe of the sheet pile pair while the sheet pile pair is being pressed in at the same time prevents a pressure bulb from building up at the pile toe. Different auger head diameter sizes can be utilized depending on the soil conditions and project parameters.

**Rotary cutting systems for pipe piles,** like what is shown in Figure 7, are designed for pipe piles to core through similar soil and ground conditions as the simultaneous augering system for pressed in sheet piles. This variation of press-in piling for steel pipe piles is designed to rotate and simultaneously press pipe piles into the ground. Sacrificial cutting shoes are welded onto the toes of each pipe pile for faster pile installation into hard soil, rock and even existing concrete (Takuma et al., 2013). The bottom image within Figure 7 illustrates what the operation looks like underground.





#### **Figure 7**

While long interlocking pipe piles can be pressed into dense sand with high pressure water jetting (Takuma et al., 2017), this simultaneous rotation and press-in action helps reduce press-in resistance without loosening the ground for pipe piles without interlocks. For pipe piles without interlocks, angular plates or smaller diameter pipe pile can be pressed in between the primary pipe piles for watertightness.

#### **Capability to install piles with very limited access**

In addition to the aforementioned basic press-in piling components, a method known as the non-staging method allows for pressin machines and the equipment needed to carry out pile installation to walk or advance on top of the sheet or pipe piles being installed, which enables the equipment to operate in limited access areas where conventional pile driving equipment cannot reach. Examples of limited access areas include slope embankments or water. Figure 8 shows the equipment designed to advance atop the installed piles to complete the operation which includes the press-in machine itself, a clamp crane, a power unit and a pile runner. The pile runner is designed to bring sheet or pipe piles to the piling operation from a remote access point.





**Figure 8**

#### **Capability to install piles in low headroom**

While there is conventional pile driving equipment that is able to drive piles within limited vertical clearances, press-in machines are also designed for pile installation where vertical access is limited. Figure 9 displays how press-in piling machines are able to install sheet piles within low headroom conditions. Both sheet pile and pipe pile press-in machines can install within 13 feet of headroom, although there are limitations for sheet pile installation within low headroom conditions depending on the density of the soil that the sheet piles will be pressed into.





**Figure 9**

#### **Press-in monitoring system**

Another notable advantage of press-in machines is that with each pile pressed into the ground with an electronically controlled static load by using a series of hydraulics, real time conditions, skin friction, toe resistance, penetration depth and operation time of the press-in force can be monitored. These readings can also help determine axial load capacities during press-in pile installation, hence their advantageous use for the installation of vertical load-bearing piles. This monitoring is described through the illustration in Figure 10 below.



#### **Figure 10**

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## APPENDIX I - BMP STRUCTURAL DESIGN REPORT **ATTACHMENT 3.8 VELOCITY BUOY DATA PROCESSING**



# **Technical Memorandum**

#### **November 19, 2024**



### **1. Introduction**

An engineered cofferdam using the best management practices (BMP) will encircle the Northern Impoundment of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund (Site). A sacrificial barrier wall system on the exterior side of the BMP and the steel sheet pile walls of the BMP are designed for potential impacts resulting from a barge coming off its mooring or a towed barge veering off course. It is assumed that the barges will move at the same velocity as the flowing water.

The velocity of flow is a function of volume, depth and width of the river and varies at different locations in the San Jacinto River. The buoys – Monitor A and Monitor B were installed at the locations shown as pink dots in Figure 1 to collect velocity speed and direction however Monitor A stopped functioning. The data collected from the buoy B was evaluated to screen out outliers and determine the appropriate velocity to be used for the impact design. The following sections describe the methodology and results from the evaluation.



*Figure 1 Location of GHD Buoys* 



## **2. Raw Data near Site**

The buoy B records velocity data in the San Jacinto river at 10-minute intervals. Velocity data was transmitted between Jan 1, 2022, to July 26, 2024, with few interruptions. The raw data includes directionality i.e., ± X and ± Y direction relative to the installed position along with the speed of flow. The location of the buoy allows capturing the site-specific velocity data, but it also makes them susceptible to interference from wakes from nearby barges and boats. Such interference can cause artificial and unrealistic spikes over consecutive data points or only lasting a short duration in the recorded dataset.

The data set comprised of 129593 velocity readings was reviewed to find such anomalies. An example of such interference is shown in Figure 2. The 5.5 ft/s difference (-1 to +4.5) between the consecutive data points is an unrealistic shift in velocity over a 10-minute period.



*Figure 2 Example of Short Duration Spike in Velocity Data* 

The difference between the consecutive points was plotted in percentile ranges to quantify the magnitude and frequency of short duration spikes in Figure 3 and Figure 4. The difference between two consecutive points is generally near zero, thus further validating the supposition that if short duration spikes were to occur in the data, it should be evaluated as an anomaly. The spikes on the left and right sides of the plot indicate that below the 1<sup>st</sup> or above the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile, spikes with an absolute value much larger than 0 occur within the dataset.







*Figure 4 Y Direction Percentile Plot for Difference in Consecutive Points* 

## **3. Review of USGS Buoy Data**

While a difference of 5.5 ft/s over 10-minute period (Figure 2) can be considered unreasonable, a cutoff threshold value for a larger dataset needs to be selected carefully to avoid oversimplifying the data and losing a realistic representation of the site conditions. A reasonable approach to select the threshold value can be derived by evaluating the published data from other locations.

USGS<sup>1</sup> and NOAA<sup>2</sup> own, operate and maintain several buoys across the United States. These agencies constantly evaluate the collected data and automatically flag inconsistencies. NOAA has also published their techniques<sup>3</sup> for processing different type of data and use the following equation:

 $\left|\frac{x(t+T)-x(t)}{T}\right| \leq k(T)T$ 

Where  $x(t+T)$  and  $x(t)$  are consecutive datapoints separated in time by T seconds.  $k(T)T$  is either a function or a constant that is determined empirically. If the equation is true, then the data passes the quality control check.

USGS manages a buoy in the San Jacinto River, upstream of the Site, near Sheldon, Texas (Site ID 08072050). The data from the Sheldon buoy was reviewed over the same time period of data collected by the buoy on Site to determine the k(T)T factor.

The difference between two consecutive points organized by percentile at the Shelden buoy is shown in Figure 5. The difference between two consecutive data points for majority of the dataset is less than 0.2 ft/s and the maximum difference is 0.88 ft/sec.

It is important to note the location of the buoy, channel width and water depth affect the velocity measured in the river. The Sheldon buoy is located in an area relatively less influenced by tides and the velocity measurements are in a narrower channel. As the buoy B on the Site are closer to a wider body of water, the velocity data is less sensitive to impacts from surface runoff and storm events than the Sheldon site. Therefore contributing to a lower variability in velocity. The maximum difference at Sheldon buoy can be taken as a conservative cutoff threshold of maximum variabiliy for buoy on Site.

<sup>1</sup> United States Geological Survey

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Handbook of Automated Data Quality Control Checks and Procedures, NOAA (2009)

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*Figure 5 Shelden Buoy Percentile Plot for Difference in Consecutive Points* 

### **4. Processed Data near Site**

The raw data from the buoy on Site is filtered using the maximum difference observed from the Sheldon site as the cutoff threshold. Every data point that differed more than 0.88 ft/s from the adjacent data point was removed from the dataset. The difference between the consecutive points in the processed dataset was replotted in percentile ranges as shown in Figure 6 and Figure 7. The percentile plots are comparable to the percentile plot from Shelden buoy shown in Figure 5 and does not indicate presence of many short duration spikes.



*Figure 6 X-Direction Percentile Plot – Filtered Difference in Consecutive Points* 



*Figure 7 Y-Direction Percentile Plot – Filtered Difference in Consecutive Points* 

### **4.1 X-Direction Velocity Time Series**

Figure 8 shows the X direction velocity data from the buoy at different stages of the validation. The velocity is plotted on the y-axis and the +/- value represent directionality of the datapoint i.e., flow along +X or -X direction.

The first plot is the raw data with all spikes and anomalies included. The values along y-axis are quite large to capture the large spikes in the data. The second plot is the auto-filtered time series with the differences between consecutive data points limited to 0.88 ft/s as described in Section 4. The third plot is the same as the second, but five (5) individual data points that still seemed to be large outliers were manually removed from the dataset.

After the first filter, there were eight (8) outliers where difference between consecutive points was still significantly greater than the cutoff value and five (5) of those points were manually filtered from the dataset to find the representative velocity in the X direction. See Figure 9.



*Figure 8 X-Direction Velocity Time Series* 



*Figure 9 X-Direction Time Series – Outliers after Auto-Filter* 

### **4.2 Y-Direction Velocity Time Series**

Figure 10 shows the Y direction velocity data from the buoy at different stages of the validation. The velocity is plotted on the y-axis and the +/- value represent directionality of the datapoint i.e., flow along +Y or -Y direction.

The first plot is the raw data with all spikes and anomalies included. The values along y-axis are quite large to capture the large spikes in the data. The second plot is the filtered time series with the differences between consecutive data points limited to 0.88 ft/s as described in Section 4. The third plot is the same as the second, but two (2) individual values were removed manually.

After the first filter, there were ten (10) outliers where difference between consecutive points was still significantly greater than the cutoff value and two (2) of those points were manually filtered from the dataset to find the representative velocity in the X direction. See Figure 11.







*Figure 11 Y-Direction Time Series – Outliers after Auto-Filter*
# **5. Statistical Evaluation**

The max, 90<sup>th</sup>, and 95<sup>th</sup> percentiles of the absolute value of the velocities for step described in Section 4 is summarized in Table 1. The table also lists the number of individual instances (10-minute data point) above an absolute value of 4 ft/s.

Note that the dataset comprised of 129593 observations (900 days). The sum of 167 instances exceeding 4 ft/s accounted for 0.13% of dataset in the raw data for Y-direction.

Based on the data evaluated from site-specific velocity records, 4 ft/s is an appropriate value to be used for barge impact assessment.

<b>Buoy Data</b>	X Direction Velocity (ft/s)			<b>Y Direction Velocity (ft/s)</b>		
	Raw	Auto- <b>Filtered</b>	Filtered + Manual <b>Removals</b>	<b>Raw</b>	Auto- <b>Filtered</b>	Filtered + Manual <b>Removals</b>
90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	0.9	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.9	0.9
95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	1.4	0.9	0.9	1.5	1.1	1.1
<b>Absolute Max Value</b>	107.4	107.4	5	53.6	53	5.2
Count $> 4$ ft/s	80	8	3	167	10	8
(% Total Observations)	$(0.06\%)$	$(0.006\%)$	$(0.002\% )$	$(0.13\% )$	$(0.008\%)$	$(0.006\%)$

*Table 1 Summary of velocity values with each technique* 

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**Velocity B**<br>**Vel.x** | **Vel.y** 























**Velocity A Velocity B**





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**Velocity A Velocity B**
















**Velocity B**<br>/el.x Vel.y





































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# APPENDIX I - BMP STRUCTURAL DESIGN REPORT **ATTACHMENT 3.9 WIND AND WAVE EVALUATION**



# **Technical Memorandum**

## **November 19, 2024**



## **1. Introduction**

An engineered cofferdam using the best management practices (BMP) will encircle the Northern Impoundment of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund (Site) as shown in Figure 1. The BMP walls are designed for exposure to wind and varying water levels in the San Jacinto River in addition to other loads described in Section 3 (Appendix I). The top of the walls will be at elevation +10 ft (NAVD88). This memorandum evaluates the water levels in the river and wind-waves generated over the fetch area around the Site.



*Figure 1 Northern Impoundment Vicinity Map* 

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# **2. Water Levels**

The Site is subject to tidal fluctuations, as well as increases in river level from rainfall and tropical storms. To evaluate these influences, the history of the water levels was hindcasted from an upriver USGS1 gage near Sheldon, Texas. The details of the hindcast model and the determination of maximum water levels during the year are provided in the 100% Remedial Design (RD) report. The month-wise daily maximum water elevation from the hindcast model is reproduced in Figure 2. The maximum typical water levels on Site are lower than 3.75 ft and there are five (5) instances of water level higher than 10-ft that are outside the planned excavation period.

The sheet pile walls surrounding the excavation area at the Site are designed for different loading scenarios –

**Usual:** Service level loading experience frequently such as static earth pressures, hydrostatic pressures after installation of the BMP and during excavation.

**Unusual:** Loads larger than those considered Usual and experienced less frequently such as 100-year probability storm events and atypical water levels in the river.

**Extreme:** Worst case scenario loads, rarely experienced during the design life of the structure, such as hurricane level winds, flood levels in the river and barge impacts.

With an added factor of safety, the Usual loading scenarios are evaluated at water level of +5 ft (NAVD88) and the Unusual and Extreme loading scenarios are evaluated at water level of +10 ft (NAVD88) on Site. The interior side of the BMP is assumed to be dry i.e., free of standing water for all loading scenarios. As noted in Attachment 3.3 (Appendix I), it will take less than 2 hours to fill the excavation area in any of the excavation season. The water inside the excavation area will reduce the effective loading on the BMP walls as it will oppose the forces from the water in the river.



*Figure 2 Month-wise Box Plots for Daily Maximum Elevations from Hindcast Model* 

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# **3. Waves**

Waves are generated by sustained winds over unobstructed open waters i.e., fetch area. The Site is sheltered by land on all sides within the 0.2 miles except the north and northwest directions as shown in Figure 3. There are barges moored on the north side within 0.3 miles interrupting the open waters and beyond that, the nearest land is 0.5 miles away. The unobstructed fetch distance to the northwest is less than 1.5 mile. For the waves to impact the sheet pile walls, winds have to blow toward the Site from approximately 300° to 60° direction relative to North).



*Figure 3 Fetch Distance near Northern Impoundment* 

The wind data (3 sec gust) was obtained from Morgans Point, Texas (Station Number 8770613), located approximately 9 miles to southeast of the Site (Figure 4). The instrumentation on site is owned and operated by the Texas Coastal Ocean Observing Network. The anemometer is located approximately 25 feet above the mean sea level. Although wind data may be sensitive to local obstructions, the location provides the longest record of wind speed, direction, and water levels near the Site. Data record is available from January 1, 2001, to June 30, 2023, at 6-minute intervals. There are some interruptions in data continuity likely to due to routine maintenance.

The distribution of the available wind speed and direction data is presented in the wind-rose diagram (Figure 5As shown in Figure 5 and Figure 6, there are only a few occurrences of significant wind speed events approaching from the north side of the Site. ). It shows that high winds typically approach the site from the south and southeast as expected for the tropical storm events. Less than 5% of the winds approach from the 300° to 60° direction.



*Figure 4 Location of Morgans Point, Texas (Station Number 8770613)* 



*Figure 5 Morgan's Point Wind Rose overlaid on Northern Impoundment* 

The data from Morgan's Point was filtered to include all instances where wind direction was recorded from 300° to 60° relative to North as shown in Figure 6. The maximum wind speed (3 sec gust) is approximately 79 mph with typical winds in the range of 25 to 35 mph. Although the station reported wind coming from the North, this instance coincided with Hurricane Ike, a category II event that made landfall to the South near Galveston, Texas on September 13, 2008. As the anemometer went offline after this date, it is inferred that the winds were a result of the hurricane passing through the site.



*Figure 6 Morgan's Point Record for Wind (3 sec Gust) from 300° to 60°* 

The NOAA $^2$  navigation chart tool was used to estimate the average depth to mudline along the fetch. Approximately 50% of the length along the maximum fetch distance has depth less than 1 ft at normal river flow, with a narrow passage of deeper waters in the navigational channel as shown in Figure 7. The representative water depth is estimated as 10 ft at normal water levels (+2 ft) in the river for the purpose of the wave height calculation.

An estimate for wind wave heights was generated using the equations for fetch limited wave growth detailed in the CEM $^3$  assuming the winds are sustained for at least 1 hour over the fetch distance. The 3 sec gust of 79 mph equates to a 1-hour duration wind of 52.5 mph wind. Table 1 includes the wave heights calculated using the maximum wind speed in the direction of the maximum fetch distance of 1.3 miles. The wave heights were calculated for the normal water levels  $(+2$  ft to  $+5$  ft) in the river.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

<sup>3</sup> Coastal Engineering Manual

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*Figure 7 San Jacinto Riverbed Elevation – NOAA Navigation Chart* 





The CEM also provides a threshold for breaking waves as the ratio between the water depth and the wave height. The waves break if this ratio is less than 1.28. This ratio is greater than 1.28 in each of the scenarios (water level and river depth) modeled therefore breaking waves are not expected near Site. As the nonbreaking waves do not trap an air pocket against the wall, the pressure at the wall has a gentle variation in time and is almost in phase with the wave elevation. Consequently, the wave load can be treated as a static load i.e., the effective water surface elevation can be considered as the sum of river water level and wave height for BMP wall design.

## **4. Wind and Water Levels**

The time series for the maximum wind event used to calculate the wave heights is shown in Figure 8. The maximum value observed was a peak of 79 mph before the recording stopped on September 13th, 2008, as shown in the first plot. The corresponding water levels and wind directions are shown in the second and third plot respectively. There is some lag between the measured wind speed and the increase in the water levels at Morgan's Point. As the wind speed increased from 30 mph to 60 mph, between 2100 hrs (September 12) to 0300 (September 13), no increase in water level was measured at Morgan's Point for six (6) hours. The winds continued to increase and reached the peak measured value of 79 mph in the next 3 hours and the water levels increased the most in this duration (3 ft).

*It should be noted that these wind and water levels are specific to Morgan's Point station. The water levels are affected by the width of the channel, proximity to the ocean or tidal waters pushed upstream by the storm, and the surface runoff captured in the channel. The Northern Impoundment is likely more influenced by the surface runoff than the tidal waters influenced by the storm events. Also, as Lake Houston fills from the watershed, it can be expected that the increase in water levels near the Northern Impoundment will be related to the release of excess water from Lake Houston Dam.* 





# **5. Summary**

As shown in Figure 5 and Figure 6, there are only a few occurrences of significant wind speed events approaching from the north side of the Site.

The maximum water surface elevation is +5.85 ft when significant winds approach over the maximum fetch distance near Site. The wave heights presented in Table 1 are calculated using a conservative approach by assuming the hurricane level wind (Extreme condition) is sustained over the maximum fetch available in a specific direction approaching the Site. Thus, it is noted that the waves will not affect the design or require a reevaluation for Usual load conditions.

For Unusual or Extreme load conditions, the BMP is designed with water level at top of the walls. Thus, a separate evaluation of wave loads on the BMP is not required.

The BMP walls are adequately designed to accommodate the effects of wind generated waves in the vicinity of the Northern Impoundment.

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# **Attachment 4**

# **Slope Stability - Excavation**





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Distance from Wall (feet)

-60

-50

Elev. -15

Date: 11/30/2020









Notes:

- Piezometric line maintained at bottom of excavation

- Soil properties taken from individual soil boring

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