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**RE: Geotechnical Evaluation**  
Proposed Additions  
7310 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE  
Mercer Island, Washington

In accordance with your authorization, Cobalt Geosciences, LLC has prepared this letter to discuss the results of our geotechnical evaluation at the referenced site.

The purpose of our evaluation was to provide recommendations for foundation design, stormwater management, grading, and earthwork.

### **Site Description**

The site is located at 7310 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE in Mercer Island, Washington. The site consists of one rectangular shaped parcel (No. 5451200600) with a total area of about 13,238 square feet.

The west-central portion of the property is developed with a single-family residence and driveway. The remainder is undeveloped and vegetated with grasses, bushes, and sparse trees.

The site is nearly level to slightly sloping. The site is bordered to the north and east by residential properties, to the south by a park, and to the west by 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE.

Per City of Mercer Island GIS maps, the site is within a liquefaction/seismic hazard area.

The proposed development includes additions to the existing residence, patio conversions to living space, and a sports court.

Site grading may include cuts and fills of 3 feet or less and foundation loads are expected to be light. We should be provided with the final plans to verify that our recommendations have been implemented and do not require updating.

### **Area Geology**

The Geologic Map of Mercer Island indicates that the site is near the contacts between Vashon Recessional Outwash, Peat, and Vashon Glacial Till.

Vashon Recessional Outwash includes mixtures and layers of normally consolidated sands, gravels, and silts. These deposits can have liquefaction potential where they consist of coarser sands with high groundwater tables.

Vashon Glacial Till underlies the recessional outwash and includes relatively dense to very dense mixtures of silt, sand, gravel, and clay in a nonsorted matrix or diamict.

Peat typically includes wetland deposits comprised of soft layers of mixtures of peat, organic materials, and larger woody debris. These materials are typically located above glacial deposits and in wetland-like environments.

## Soil & Groundwater Conditions

As part of our evaluation, we drilled one boring within the property, where accessible. The boring was drilled with a limited access hollow stem auger drill rig on February 10, 2023.

Disturbed soil samples were obtained during drilling by using the Standard Penetration Test (SPT) as described in ASTM D-1586. The Standard Penetration Test and sampling method consists of driving a standard 2-inch outside-diameter, split barrel sampler into the subsoil with a 140-pound hammer free falling a vertical distance of 30 inches. The summation of hammer-blows required to drive the sampler the final 12-inches of an 18-inch sample interval is defined as the Standard Penetration Resistance, or N-value. The blow count is presented graphically on the boring logs in this appendix. The resistance, or “N” value, provides a measure of the relative density of granular soils or of the relative consistency of cohesive soils.

The soils encountered were logged in the field and are described in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS).

A Cobalt Geosciences field representative conducted the explorations, collected disturbed soil samples, classified the encountered soils, kept a detailed log of the explorations, and observed and recorded pertinent site features.

Boring B-1 encountered about 6 inches of topsoil and vegetation underlain by approximately 10 feet of loose to medium dense, silty-fine to fine grained sand trace to with gravel (Vashon Recessional Outwash). This layer was underlain by dense to very dense, silty-fine to fine grained sand trace to some gravel (Glacial Till), which continued to the termination depth of the boring.

Groundwater was observed at 5 feet below grade during drilling. Groundwater likely ranges from about 4 to 10 feet below grade during a typical year. Groundwater levels will likely be highest during the wet season.

Water table elevations often fluctuate over time. The groundwater level will depend on a variety of factors that may include seasonal precipitation, irrigation, land use, climatic conditions and soil permeability. Water levels at the time of the field investigation may be different from those encountered during the construction phase of the project. It would be necessary to install one or more piezometers to determine groundwater depths and fluctuations.

## Erosion Hazard

The Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) maps for King County indicate that the site is underlain by Everett Alderwood gravelly sandy loams (6 to 15 percent slopes). These soils would have a slight to moderate erosion potential in a disturbed state depending on the slope magnitude.

It is our opinion that soil erosion potential at this project site can be reduced through landscaping and surface water runoff control. Typically, erosion of exposed soils will be most noticeable during periods of rainfall and may be controlled by the use of normal temporary erosion control measures, such as silt fences, hay bales, mulching, control ditches and diversion trenches. The typical wet weather season, with regard to site grading, is from October 31<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Erosion control measures should be in place before the onset of wet weather.

## Seismic Hazard

The overall subsurface profile corresponds to a Site Class *D* as defined by Table 1613.5.2 of the International Building Code (IBC). A Site Class *D* applies to an overall profile consisting of medium dense to very dense soils within the upper 100 feet.

We referenced the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Earthquake Hazards Program Website to obtain values for  $S_s$ ,  $S_l$ ,  $F_a$ , and  $F_v$ . The USGS website includes the most updated published data on seismic conditions. The following tables provide seismic parameters from the USGS web site with referenced parameters from ASCE 7-16.

Seismic Design Parameters (ASCE 7-16)

Site Class	Spectral Acceleration at 0.2 sec. (g)	Spectral Acceleration at 1.0 sec. (g)	Site Coefficients		Design Spectral Response Parameters		Design PGA/Modified
			$F_a$	$F_v$	$S_{DS}$	$S_{D1}$	
D	1.461	0.505	1.0	Null	0.974	Null	0.625/0.688

For items listed as “Null” see Section 11.4.8 of the ASCE.

Additional seismic considerations include liquefaction potential and amplification of ground motions by soft/loose soil deposits. The liquefaction potential is highest for loose sand with a high groundwater table.

Soil liquefaction is a state where soil particles lose contact with each other and become suspended in a viscous fluid. This suspension of the soil grains results in a complete loss of strength as the effective stress drops to zero as a result of increased pore pressures. Liquefaction normally occurs under saturated conditions in soils such as sand in which the strength is purely frictional. However, liquefaction has occurred in soils other than clean sand, such as low plasticity silt. Liquefaction usually occurs under vibratory conditions such as those induced by seismic events.

To evaluate the liquefaction potential of the site, we analyzed the following factors:

- 1) Soil type and plasticity
- 2) Groundwater depth
- 3) Relative soil density
- 4) Initial confining pressure
- 5) Maximum anticipated intensity and duration of ground shaking

The commercially available liquefaction analysis software, LiqSVS was used to evaluate the liquefaction potential and the possible liquefaction induced settlement for the existing site soil conditions. Maximum Considered Earthquake (MCE) was selected in accordance with the ASCE, *International Building Code* (IBC) and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Earthquake Hazards Program website.

For this site, we used a peak ground acceleration of 0.63g and a 7M earthquake in the liquefaction analyses.

The analyses indicates no effective risk of liquefaction induced settlement (0 inches of total or differential settlement). The soils that underlie the site are relatively fine grained and become dense to very dense below a weathered zone.

Mitigation for seismic hazards is not warranted or required. Nor are mitigation techniques for peat or compressible soils, since peat was not present in the boring.

### **City of Mercer Island GIS Mapped Hazards**

The City of Mercer Island GIS maps indicate that the site is within a seismic hazard area. This is likely based on the presence of mapped recessional outwash materials in this area and wetland/peat deposits near the site and to the southeast. Our above analyses indicate that there is no risk of liquefaction or seismic induced movements. Code information for the required Statement of Risk is as follows:

3. Alteration of landslide hazard areas, seismic hazard areas and associated buffers may occur if the conditions listed in subsection (B)(2) of this section are satisfied and the geotechnical professional provides a statement of risk matching one of the following:

a. An evaluation of site-specific subsurface conditions demonstrates that the proposed development is not located in a landslide hazard area or seismic hazard area;

b. The landslide hazard area or seismic hazard area will be modified or the development has been designed so that the risk to the site and adjacent property is eliminated or mitigated such that the site is determined to be safe;

c. Construction practices are proposed for the alteration that would render the development as safe as if it were not located in a geologically hazardous area and do not adversely impact adjacent properties; or

d. The development is so minor as not to pose a threat to the public health, safety and welfare.

Based on our analysis, the site meets the criteria of item A. The site is not within a seismic hazard area. No mitigation is required. It is our opinion that further critical areas analysis or reporting are not warranted.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

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### **General**

The site is underlain by local recessional outwash and at depth by dense to very dense Vashon Glacial Till.

The proposed additions may be supported on shallow foundation systems bearing on medium dense or firmer native soils or on structural fill placed on the native soils. Local overexcavation of fill and loose weathered native soils may be necessary depending on the proposed elevations and locations of the new footings.

## Site Preparation

Trees, shrubs and other vegetation should be removed prior to stripping of surficial organic-rich soil and fill. Based on observations from the site investigation program, it is anticipated that the stripping depth will be 6 to 18 inches. Deeper excavations will be necessary below any large trees and in any areas underlain by undocumented fill.

The native soils consist of silty-sand with gravel. Some of the native soils may be used as structural fill provided they achieve compaction requirements and are within 3 percent of the optimum moisture. Some of these soils may only be suitable for use as fill during the summer months, as they will be above the optimum moisture levels in their current state. These soils are highly moisture sensitive and may degrade during periods of wet weather and under equipment traffic. We anticipate that unless work occurs during the summer, imported fill will be required.

Imported structural fill should consist of a sand and gravel mixture with a maximum grain size of 3 inches and less than 5 percent fines (material passing the U.S. Standard No. 200 Sieve). Structural fill should be placed in maximum lift thicknesses of 12 inches and should be compacted to a minimum of 95 percent of the modified proctor maximum dry density, as determined by the ASTM D 1557 test method.

## Temporary Excavations

Based on our understanding of the project, we anticipate that the grading could include local cuts on the order of approximately 3 feet or less for foundation and most of the utility placement. Any deeper temporary excavations should be sloped no steeper than 1.5H:1V (Horizontal:Vertical) in loose native soils and fill, 1H:1V in medium dense native soils and 3/4H:1V in dense to very dense native soils (if present at depth). If an excavation is subject to heavy vibration or surcharge loads, we recommend that the excavations be sloped no steeper than 2H:1V, where room permits.

Temporary cuts should be in accordance with the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Part N, Excavation, Trenching, and Shoring. Temporary slopes should be visually inspected daily by a qualified person during construction activities and the inspections should be documented in daily reports. The contractor is responsible for maintaining the stability of the temporary cut slopes and reducing slope erosion during construction.

Temporary cut slopes should be covered with visqueen to help reduce erosion during wet weather, and the slopes should be closely monitored until the permanent retaining systems or slope configurations are complete. Materials should not be stored or equipment operated within 10 feet of the top of any temporary cut slope.

Soil conditions may not be completely known from the geotechnical investigation. In the case of temporary cuts, the existing soil conditions may not be completely revealed until the excavation work exposes the soil. Typically, as excavation work progresses the maximum inclination of temporary slopes will need to be re-evaluated by the geotechnical engineer so that supplemental recommendations can be made. Soil and groundwater conditions can be highly variable. Scheduling for soil work will need to be adjustable, to deal with unanticipated conditions, so that the project can proceed and required deadlines can be met.

If any variations or undesirable conditions are encountered during construction, we should be notified so that supplemental recommendations can be made. If room constraints or groundwater conditions do not permit temporary slopes to be cut to the maximum angles allowed by the WAC, temporary shoring systems may be required. The contractor should be responsible

for developing temporary shoring systems, if needed. We recommend that Cobalt Geosciences and the project structural engineer review temporary shoring designs prior to installation, to verify the suitability of the proposed systems.

## Foundation Design

The proposed additions may be supported on shallow spread footing foundation systems bearing on undisturbed medium dense or firmer native soils or on properly compacted structural fill placed on the suitable native soils. Any undocumented fill and/or loose native soils should be removed and replaced with structural fill below foundation elements.

Structural fill below footings should consist of clean angular rock 5/8 to 4 inches in size. We should verify soil conditions during foundation excavation work. Local overexcavation will be required if fill and loose soils are present at foundation elevations.

For shallow foundation support, we recommend widths of at least 16 and 24 inches, respectively, for continuous wall and isolated column footings supporting the proposed structure. Provided that the footings are supported as recommended above, a net allowable bearing pressure of 2,000 pounds per square foot (psf) may be used for design. Existing foundations should be assumed to bear on suitable native soils with a presumed bearing of 1,500 psf.

A 1/3 increase in the above value may be used for short duration loads, such as those imposed by wind and seismic events. Structural fill placed on bearing, native subgrade should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density based on ASTM Test Method D1557. Footing excavations should be inspected to verify that the foundations will bear on suitable material.

Exterior footings should have a minimum depth of 18 inches below pad subgrade (soil grade) or adjacent exterior grade, whichever is lower. Interior footings should have a minimum depth of 12 inches below pad subgrade (soil grade) or adjacent exterior grade, whichever is lower.

If constructed as recommended, the total foundation settlement is not expected to exceed 1 inch. Differential settlement, along a 25-foot exterior wall footing, or between adjoining column footings, should be less than 1/2 inch. This translates to an angular distortion of 0.002. Most settlement is expected to occur during construction, as the loads are applied. However, additional post-construction settlement may occur if the foundation soils are flooded or saturated. All footing excavations should be observed by a qualified geotechnical consultant.

Resistance to lateral footing displacement can be determined using an allowable friction factor of 0.30 acting between the base of foundations and the supporting subgrades. Lateral resistance for footings can also be developed using an allowable equivalent fluid passive pressure of 225 pounds per cubic foot (pcf) acting against the appropriate vertical footing faces (neglect the upper 12 inches below grade in exterior areas). The frictional and passive resistance of the soil may be combined without reduction in determining the total lateral resistance.

Care should be taken to prevent wetting or drying of the bearing materials during construction. Any extremely wet or dry materials, or any loose or disturbed materials at the bottom of the footing excavations, should be removed prior to placing concrete. The potential for wetting or drying of the bearing materials can be reduced by pouring concrete as soon as possible after completing the footing excavation and evaluating the bearing surface by the geotechnical engineer or his representative.

## Slab-on-Grade

The following recommendations apply if slab on grade areas are proposed:

We recommend that the upper 12 inches of the native soils within slab areas be re-compacted to at least 95 percent of the modified proctor (ASTM D1557 Test Method). Any fill should be removed and replaced with compacted structural fill.

Often, a vapor barrier is considered below concrete slab areas. However, the usage of a vapor barrier could result in curling of the concrete slab at joints. Floor covers sensitive to moisture typically requires the usage of a vapor barrier. A materials or structural engineer should be consulted regarding the detailing of the vapor barrier below concrete slabs. Exterior slabs typically do not utilize vapor barriers.

The American Concrete Institutes ACI 360R-06 Design of Slabs on Grade and ACI 302.1R-04 Guide for Concrete Floor and Slab Construction are recommended references for vapor barrier selection and floor slab detailing.

Slabs on grade may be designed using a coefficient of subgrade reaction of 180 pounds per cubic inch (pci) assuming the slab-on-grade base course is underlain by structural fill placed and compacted as outlined above. A 4- to 6-inch-thick capillary break layer should be placed over the prepared subgrade. This material should consist of pea gravel or 5/8 inch clean angular rock.

A perimeter drainage system is recommended unless interior slab areas are elevated a minimum of 12 inches above adjacent exterior grades. If installed, a perimeter drainage system should consist of a 4-inch diameter perforated drain pipe surrounded by a minimum 6 inches of drain rock wrapped in a non-woven geosynthetic filter fabric to reduce migration of soil particles into the drainage system. The perimeter drainage system should discharge by gravity flow to a suitable stormwater system.

Exterior grades surrounding buildings should be sloped at a minimum of one percent to facilitate surface water flow away from the building and preferably with a relatively impermeable surface cover immediately adjacent to the building.

## Erosion and Sediment Control

Erosion and sediment control (ESC) is used to reduce the transportation of eroded sediment to wetlands, streams, lakes, drainage systems, and adjacent properties. Erosion and sediment control measures should be implemented, and these measures should be in general accordance with local regulations. At a minimum, the following basic recommendations should be incorporated into the design of the erosion and sediment control features for the site:

- Schedule the soil, foundation, utility, and other work requiring excavation or the disturbance of the site soils, to take place during the dry season (generally May through September). However, provided precautions are taken using Best Management Practices (BMP's), grading activities can be completed during the wet season (generally October through April).
- All site work should be completed and stabilized as quickly as possible.
- Additional perimeter erosion and sediment control features may be required to reduce the possibility of sediment entering the surface water. This may include additional silt fences, silt fences with a higher Apparent Opening Size (AOS), construction of a berm, or other filtration systems.



- Any runoff generated by dewatering discharge should be treated through construction of a sediment trap if there is sufficient space. If space is limited other filtration methods will need to be incorporated.

### **Utilities**

Utility trenches should be excavated according to accepted engineering practices following OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) standards, by a contractor experienced in such work. The contractor is responsible for the safety of open trenches. Traffic and vibration adjacent to trench walls should be reduced; cyclic wetting and drying of excavation side slopes should be avoided. Depending upon the location and depth of some utility trenches, groundwater flow into open excavations could be experienced, especially during or shortly following periods of precipitation.

In general, silty soils were encountered at shallow depths in the explorations at this site. These soils have low cohesion and density and will have a tendency to cave or slough in excavations. Shoring or sloping back trench sidewalls is required within these soils in excavations greater than 4 feet deep.

All utility trench backfill should consist of imported structural fill or suitable on site soils. Utility trench backfill placed in or adjacent to buildings and exterior slabs should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density based on ASTM Test Method D1557. The upper 5 feet of utility trench backfill placed in pavement areas should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density based on ASTM Test Method D1557. Below 5 feet, utility trench backfill in pavement areas should be compacted to at least 90 percent of the maximum dry density based on ASTM Test Method D1557. Pipe bedding should be in accordance with the pipe manufacturer's recommendations.

The contractor is responsible for removing all water-sensitive soils from the trenches regardless of the backfill location and compaction requirements. Depending on the depth and location of the proposed utilities, we anticipate the need to re-compact existing fill soils below the utility structures and pipes. The contractor should use appropriate equipment and methods to avoid damage to the utilities and/or structures during fill placement and compaction procedures.

### **CONSTRUCTION FIELD REVIEWS**

Cobalt Geosciences should be retained to provide part time field review during construction in order to verify that the soil conditions encountered are consistent with our design assumptions and that the intent of our recommendations is being met. This will require field and engineering review to:

- Monitor and test structural fill placement and soil compaction
- Observe bearing capacity at foundation locations
- Observe slab-on-grade preparation
- Monitor foundation drainage placement
- Observe excavation stability

Geotechnical design services should also be anticipated during the subsequent final design phase to support the structural design and address specific issues arising during this phase. Field and engineering review services will also be required during the construction phase in order to provide a Final Letter for the project.



## CLOSURE

This report was prepared for the exclusive use of Matt and Kelly Rader appointed consultants. Any use of this report or the material contained herein by third parties, or for other than the intended purpose, should first be approved in writing by Cobalt Geosciences, LLC.

The recommendations contained in this report are based on assumed continuity of soils with those of our test holes and assumed structural loads. Cobalt Geosciences should be provided with final architectural and civil drawings when they become available in order that we may review our design recommendations and advise of any revisions, if necessary.

Use of this report is subject to the Statement of General Conditions provided in Appendix A. It is the responsibility of Matt and Kelly Rader who is identified as “the Client” within the Statement of General Conditions, and its agents to review the conditions and to notify Cobalt Geosciences should any of these not be satisfied.

Sincerely,

**Cobalt Geosciences, LLC**



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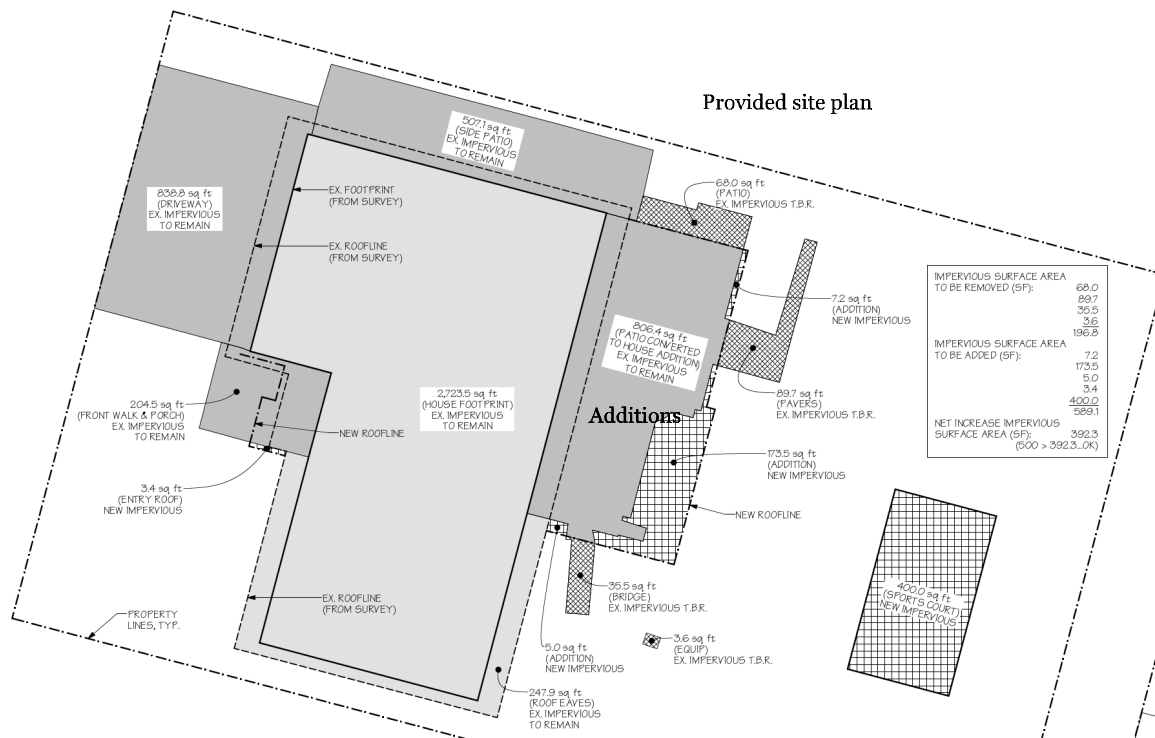
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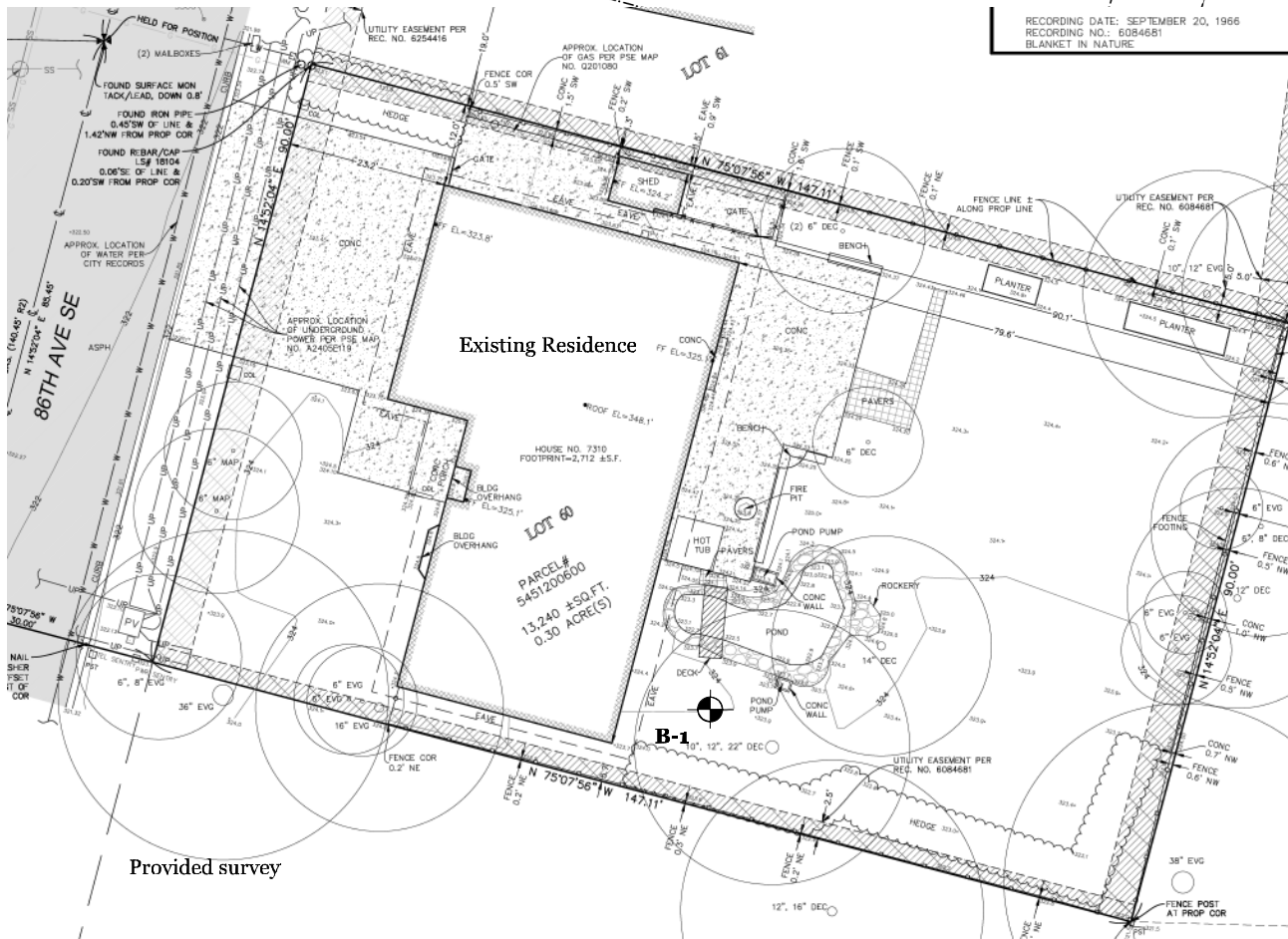
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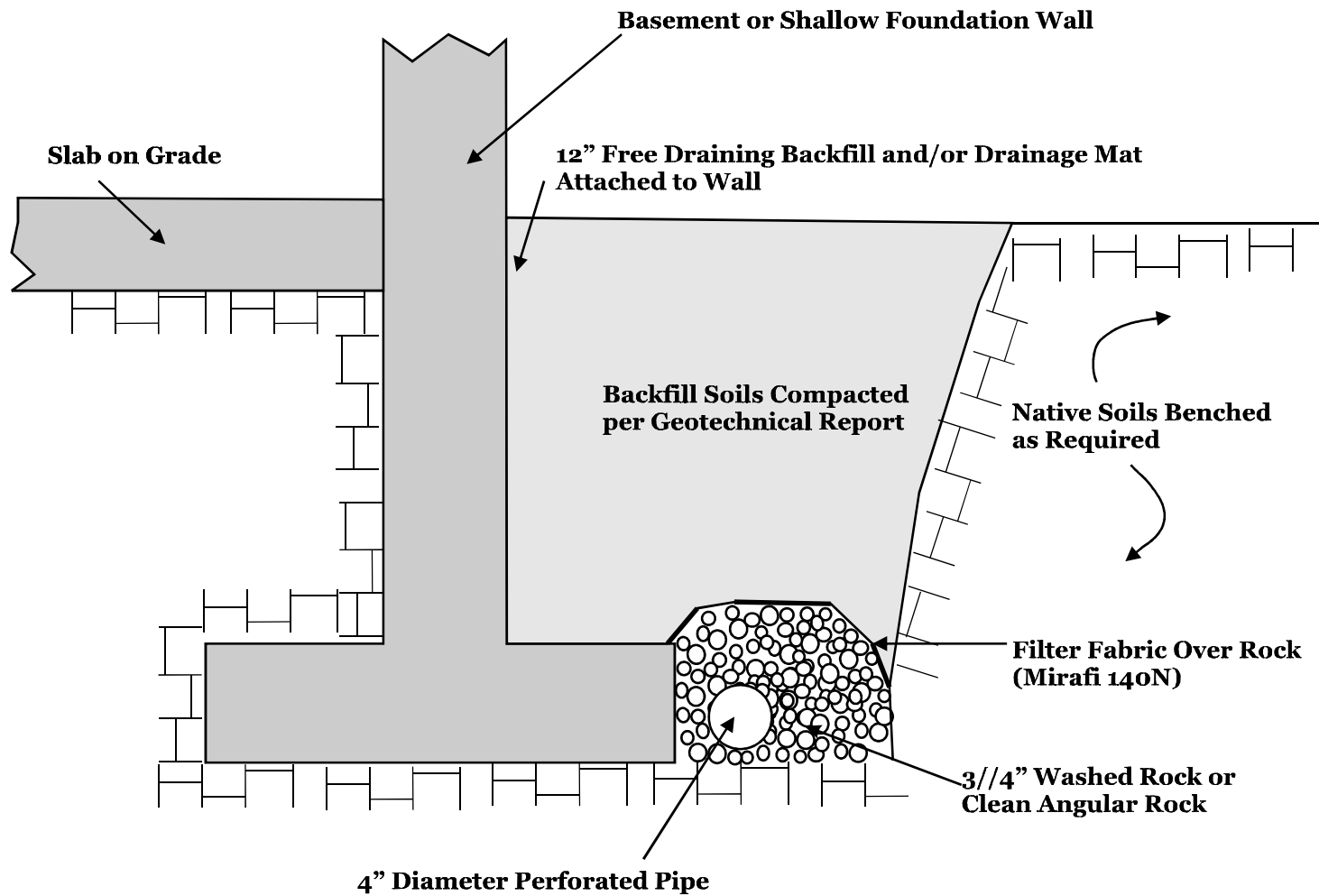
Approximate  
Boring Location



Proposed Additions  
7310 86th Avenue SE  
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SITE MAPS  
FIGURE 1

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Typical Foundation Drain Detail

Attachment

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## Unified Soil Classification System (USCS)

MAJOR DIVISIONS			SYMBOL	TYPICAL DESCRIPTION	
<b>COARSE GRAINED SOILS</b> (more than 50% retained on No. 200 sieve)	Gravels (more than 50% of coarse fraction retained on No. 4 sieve)	Clean Gravels (less than 5% fines)	GW	Well-graded gravels, gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines	
		Gravels with Fines (more than 12% fines)	GP	Poorly graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines	
		Gravels with Fines (more than 12% fines)	GM	Silty gravels, gravel-sand-silt mixtures	
		Gravels with Fines (more than 12% fines)	GC	Clayey gravels, gravel-sand-clay mixtures	
	Sands (50% or more of coarse fraction passes the No. 4 sieve)	Clean Sands (less than 5% fines)	SW	Well-graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines	
		Sands with Fines (more than 12% fines)	SP	Poorly graded sand, gravelly sands, little or no fines	
		Sands with Fines (more than 12% fines)	SM	Silty sands, sand-silt mixtures	
		Sands with Fines (more than 12% fines)	SC	Clayey sands, sand-clay mixtures	
		Silts and Clays (liquid limit less than 50)	Inorganic	ML	Inorganic silts of low to medium plasticity, sandy silts, gravelly silts, or clayey silts with slight plasticity
			Inorganic	CL	Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy silty clays, lean clays
Organic	OL		Organic silts and organic silty clays of low plasticity		
Silts and Clays (liquid limit 50 or more)	Inorganic		MH	Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sands or silty soils, elastic silt	
	Inorganic	CH	Inorganic clays of medium to high plasticity, sandy fat clay, or gravelly fat clay		
	Organic	OH	Organic clays of medium to high plasticity, organic silts		
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS	Primarily organic matter, dark in color, and organic odor	PT	Peat, humus, swamp soils with high organic content (ASTM D4427)		

Classification of Soil Constituents
<p>MAJOR constituents compose more than 50 percent, by weight, of the soil. Major constituents are capitalized (i.e., SAND).</p> <p>Minor constituents compose 12 to 50 percent of the soil and precede the major constituents (i.e., silty SAND). Minor constituents preceded by "slightly" compose 5 to 12 percent of the soil (i.e., slightly silty SAND).</p> <p>Trace constituents compose 0 to 5 percent of the soil (i.e., slightly silty SAND, trace gravel).</p>

Grain Size Definitions	
Description	Sieve Number and/or Size
Fines	< #200 (0.08 mm)
Sand	#200 to #40 (0.08 to 0.4 mm)
-Fine	#40 to #10 (0.4 to 2 mm)
-Medium	#10 to #4 (2 to 5 mm)
-Coarse	
Gravel	#4 to 3/4 inch (5 to 19 mm)
-Fine	3/4 to 3 inches (19 to 76 mm)
-Coarse	
Cobbles	3 to 12 inches (75 to 305 mm)
Boulders	>12 inches (305 mm)

Relative Density (Coarse Grained Soils)		Consistency (Fine Grained Soils)	
N, SPT, Blows/FT	Relative Density	N, SPT, Blows/FT	Relative Consistency
0 - 4	Very loose	Under 2	Very soft
4 - 10	Loose	2 - 4	Soft
10 - 30	Medium dense	4 - 8	Medium stiff
30 - 50	Dense	8 - 15	Stiff
Over 50	Very dense	15 - 30	Very stiff
		Over 30	Hard

Moisture Content Definitions	
Dry	Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touch
Moist	Damp but no visible water
Wet	Visible free water, from below water table



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Soil Classification Chart

Figure C1

# Log of Boring B-1

Date: February 9, 2023

Depth: 13.5'

Initial Groundwater: 5'

Contractor: CN Drilling

Elevation:



Sample Type: Split Spoon

Method: Hollow Stem Auger

Logged By: KK

Checked By: PH

Final Groundwater: None

Depth (Feet)	Interval	% Recovery	Blows/6"	Graphic Log	USCS Symbol	Material Description	Groundwater	Moisture Content (%)	SPT N-Value
								Plastic Limit  -----●-----  Liquid Limit	0    10    20    30    40    50
0			1			Vegetation/Topsoil			
0 - 2			2		SM	Loose to medium dense, silty-fine to fine grained sand trace gravel, dark yellowish brown to yellowish brown and locally mottled, moist. (Vashon Recessional Outwash)	▼		
2 - 6			6			Local interbed of ML (silt) at 10 to 10.5'			
6 - 10			10						
10 - 12			12						
10 - 12			7		SM	Dense to very dense, silty-fine to medium grained sand with gravel, mottled yellowish brown to grayish brown, moist. (Vashon Glacial Till)			
12 - 14			14						
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 7310 86th Avenue SE  
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**Boring  
 Log**



## SPT BASED LIQUEFACTION ANALYSIS REPORT

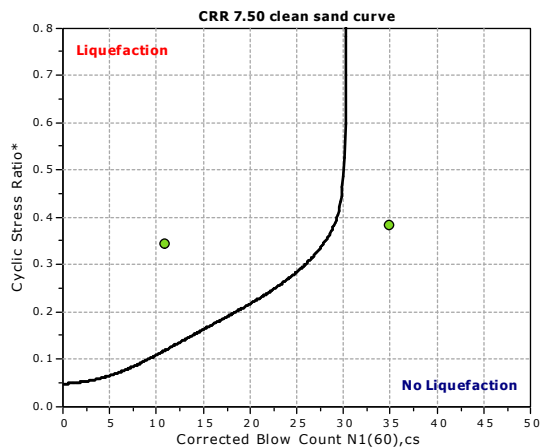
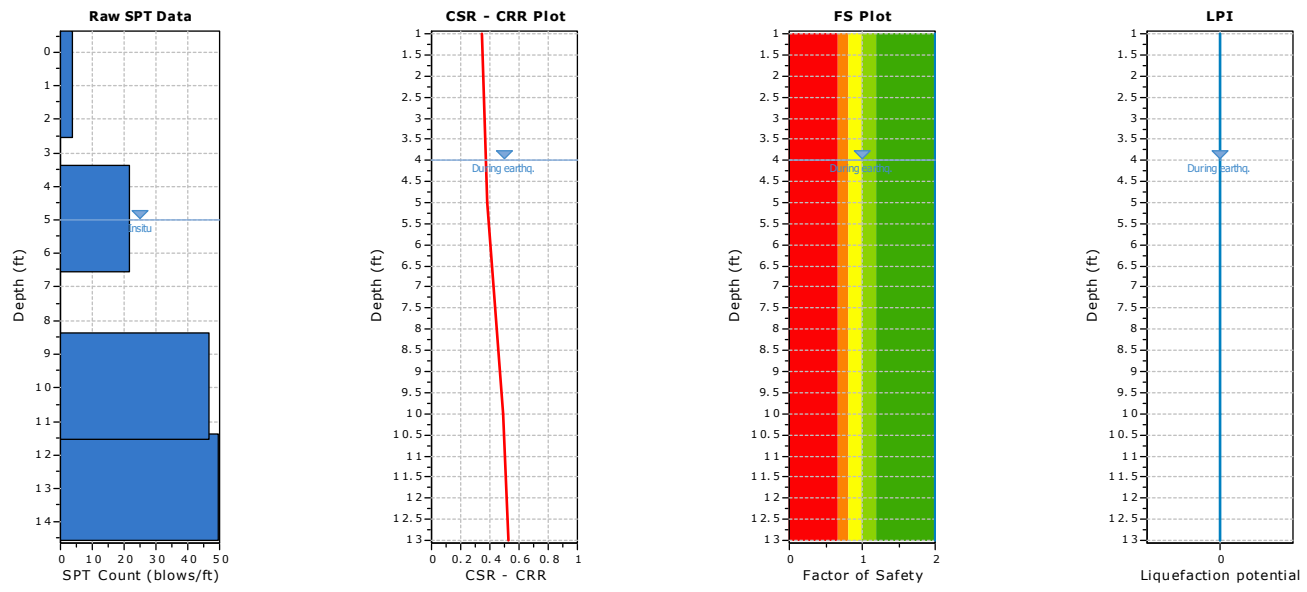
**Project title :** Addition

**SPT Name:** SPT #1

**Location :** 7310 86th Ave SE

**:: Input parameters and analysis properties ::**

Analysis method:	NCEER 1998	G.W.T. (in-situ):	5.00 ft
Fines correction method:	NCEER 1998	G.W.T. (earthq.):	4.00 ft
Sampling method:	Standard Sampler	Earthquake magnitude $M_w$ :	7.00
Borehole diameter:	65mm to 115mm	Peak ground acceleration:	0.63 g
Rod length:	3.30 ft	Eq. external load:	0.00 tsf
Hammer energy ratio:	1.00		



**F.S. color scheme**

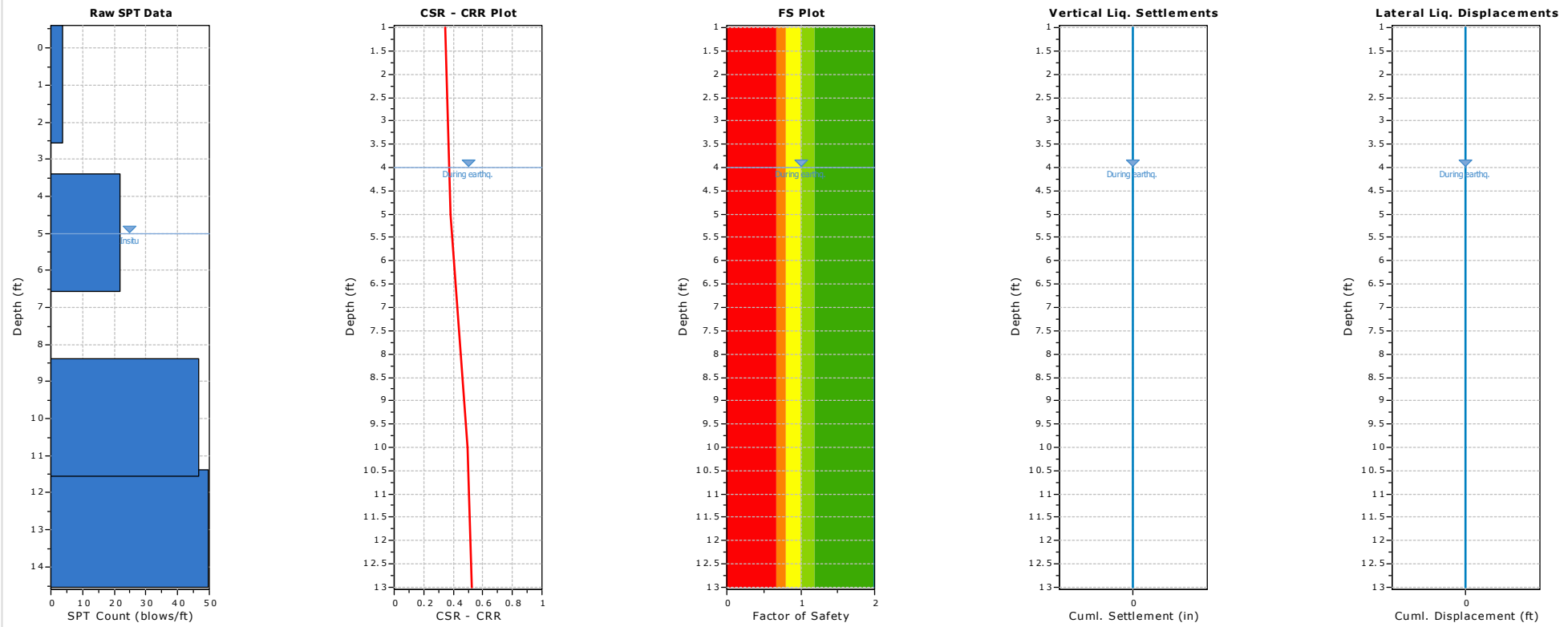
- Almost certain it will liquefy
- Very likely to liquefy
- Liquefaction and no liq. are equally likely
- Unlike to liquefy
- Almost certain it will not liquefy

**LPI color scheme**

- Very high risk
- High risk
- Low risk



**:: Overall Liquefaction Assessment Analysis Plots ::**



:: Field input data ::					
Test Depth (ft)	SPT Field Value (blows)	Fines Content (%)	Unit Weight (pcf)	Infl. Thickness (ft)	Can Liquefy
1.00	4	35.00	110.00	3.00	Yes
5.00	22	35.00	115.00	7.00	Yes
10.00	47	35.00	120.00	2.00	No
13.00	50	35.00	125.00	5.00	No

**Abbreviations**

Depth: Depth at which test was performed (ft)  
 SPT Field Value: Number of blows per foot  
 Fines Content: Fines content at test depth (%)  
 Unit Weight: Unit weight at test depth (pcf)  
 Infl. Thickness: Thickness of the soil layer to be considered in settlements analysis (ft)  
 Can Liquefy: User defined switch for excluding/including test depth from the analysis procedure

:: Cyclic Resistance Ratio (CRR) calculation data ::																
Depth (ft)	SPT Field Value	Unit Weight (pcf)	$\sigma_v$ (tsf)	$u_o$ (tsf)	$\sigma'_{vo}$ (tsf)	$C_N$	$C_E$	$C_B$	$C_R$	$C_S$	$(N_1)_{60}$	Fines Content (%)	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$(N_1)_{60cs}$	CRR <sub>7.5</sub>
1.00	4	110.00	0.06	0.00	0.06	1.70	1.00	1.00	0.75	1.00	5	35.00	5.00	1.20	11	4.000
5.00	22	115.00	0.28	0.00	0.28	1.50	1.00	1.00	0.75	1.00	25	35.00	5.00	1.20	35	4.000
10.00	47	120.00	0.58	0.16	0.43	1.37	1.00	1.00	0.85	1.00	55	35.00	5.00	1.20	71	4.000
13.00	50	125.00	0.77	0.25	0.52	1.30	1.00	1.00	0.85	1.00	55	35.00	5.00	1.20	71	4.000

**Abbreviations**

$\sigma_v$ : Total stress during SPT test (tsf)  
 $u_o$ : Water pore pressure during SPT test (tsf)  
 $\sigma'_{vo}$ : Effective overburden pressure during SPT test (tsf)  
 $C_N$ : Overburden correction factor  
 $C_E$ : Energy correction factor  
 $C_B$ : Borehole diameter correction factor  
 $C_R$ : Rod length correction factor  
 $C_S$ : Liner correction factor  
 $N_{1(60)}$ : Corrected  $N_{SPT}$  to a 60% energy ratio  
 $\alpha, \beta$ : Clean sand equivalent clean sand formula coefficients  
 $N_{1(60)cs}$ : Corrected  $N_{1(60)}$  value for fines content  
 CRR<sub>7.5</sub>: Cyclic resistance ratio for M=7.5

:: Cyclic Stress Ratio calculation (CSR fully adjusted and normalized) ::														
Depth (ft)	Unit Weight (pcf)	$\sigma_{v,eq}$ (tsf)	$u_{o,eq}$ (tsf)	$\sigma'_{vo,eq}$ (tsf)	$r_d$	$\alpha$	CSR	MSF	CSR <sub>eq,M=7.5</sub>	$K_{\sigma}$	CSR*	FS		
1.00	110.00	0.06	0.00	0.06	1.00	1.00	0.409	1.19	0.343	1.00	0.343	2.000	●	
5.00	115.00	0.28	0.03	0.25	0.99	1.00	0.455	1.19	0.382	1.00	0.382	2.000	●	
10.00	120.00	0.58	0.19	0.40	0.98	1.00	0.590	1.19	0.494	1.00	0.494	2.000	●	
13.00	125.00	0.77	0.28	0.49	0.97	1.00	0.626	1.19	0.525	1.00	0.525	2.000	●	

**Abbreviations**

$\sigma_{v,eq}$ : Total overburden pressure at test point, during earthquake (tsf)  
 $u_{o,eq}$ : Water pressure at test point, during earthquake (tsf)  
 $\sigma'_{vo,eq}$ : Effective overburden pressure, during earthquake (tsf)  
 $r_d$ : Nonlinear shear mass factor  
 $\alpha$ : Improvement factor due to stone columns  
 CSR: Cyclic Stress Ratio (adjusted for improvement)  
 MSF: Magnitude Scaling Factor  
 CSR<sub>eq,M=7.5</sub>: CSR adjusted for M=7.5  
 $K_{\sigma}$ : Effective overburden stress factor  
 CSR\*: CSR fully adjusted (user FS applied)\*\*\*  
 FS: Calculated factor of safety against soil liquefaction

\*\*\* User FS: 1.00

<b>:: Liquefaction potential according to Iwasaki ::</b>					
Depth (ft)	FS	F	wz	Thickness (ft)	I <sub>L</sub>
1.00	2.000	0.00	9.85	4.00	0.00
5.00	2.000	0.00	9.24	4.00	0.00
10.00	2.000	0.00	8.48	5.00	0.00
13.00	2.000	0.00	8.02	3.00	0.00

**Overall potential I<sub>L</sub>: 0.00**

I<sub>L</sub> = 0.00 - No liquefaction  
 I<sub>L</sub> between 0.00 and 5 - Liquefaction not probable  
 I<sub>L</sub> between 5 and 15 - Liquefaction probable  
 I<sub>L</sub> > 15 - Liquefaction certain

<b>:: Vertical settlements estimation for dry sands ::</b>												
Depth (ft)	(N <sub>1</sub> ) <sub>60</sub>	τ <sub>av</sub>	p	G <sub>max</sub> (tsf)	a	b	γ	ε <sub>15</sub>	N <sub>c</sub>	ε <sub>Nc</sub> (%)	Δh (ft)	ΔS (in)
1.00	5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.000

**Cumulative settlements: 0.000**

**Abbreviations**

τ<sub>av</sub>: Average cyclic shear stress  
 p: Average stress  
 G<sub>max</sub>: Maximum shear modulus (tsf)  
 a, b: Shear strain formula variables  
 γ: Average shear strain  
 ε<sub>15</sub>: Volumetric strain after 15 cycles  
 N<sub>c</sub>: Number of cycles  
 ε<sub>Nc</sub>: Volumetric strain for number of cycles N<sub>c</sub> (%)  
 Δh: Thickness of soil layer (in)  
 ΔS: Settlement of soil layer (in)

<b>:: Vertical settlements estimation for saturated sands ::</b>					
Depth (ft)	D <sub>50</sub> (in)	q <sub>c</sub> /N	e <sub>v</sub> (%)	Δh (ft)	s (in)
5.00	0.01	2.10	0.00	7.00	0.000
10.00	0.01	2.10	0.00	2.00	0.000
13.00	0.01	2.10	0.00	5.00	0.000

**Cumulative settlements: 0.000**

**Abbreviations**

D<sub>50</sub>: Median grain size (in)  
 q<sub>c</sub>/N: Ratio of cone resistance to SPT  
 e<sub>v</sub>: Post liquefaction volumetric strain (%)  
 Δh: Thickness of soil layer to be considered (ft)  
 s: Estimated settlement (in)

<b>:: Lateral displacements estimation for saturated sands ::</b>						
Depth (ft)	(N <sub>1</sub> ) <sub>60</sub>	D <sub>r</sub> (%)	γ <sub>max</sub> (%)	d <sub>z</sub> (ft)	LDI	LD (ft)
1.00	5	31.30	0.00	3.00	0.000	0.00
5.00	25	70.00	0.00	7.00	0.000	0.00
10.00	55	100.00	0.00	2.00	0.000	0.00

<b>:: Lateral displacements estimation for saturated sands ::</b>						
<b>Depth (ft)</b>	<b>(N<sub>1</sub>)<sub>60</sub></b>	<b>D<sub>r</sub> (%)</b>	<b>γ<sub>max</sub> (%)</b>	<b>d<sub>z</sub> (ft)</b>	<b>LDI</b>	<b>LD (ft)</b>
13.00	55	100.00	0.00	5.00	0.000	0.00

**Cumulative lateral displacements: 0.00**

**Abbreviations**

- D<sub>r</sub>: Relative density (%)
- γ<sub>max</sub>: Maximum amplitude of cyclic shear strain (%)
- d<sub>z</sub>: Soil layer thickness (ft)
- LDI: Lateral displacement index (ft)
- LD: Actual estimated displacement (ft)

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