From: Smith, Daniel R (Chattanooga) [Daniel.R.Smith@worleyparsons.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2005 1:31 PM

To: Hughes, Michael

Cc: Shah, Yogesh (Reading); Julian, Hank; egreg.mcnulty@parsons.com; Petty, Harold L.; Smith,

Amos L

Subject: RE: New Boring at NB-73 West 50 feet from NB-73

Mike, see below additional scope in regards to the email I forwarded a couple of minutes ago.

Thanks

Dan

From: McNulty, Greg [mailto:eGreg.McNulty@parsons.com]

Sent: Thu 5/12/2005 12:15 PM

To: Shah, Yogesh (Reading); Julian, Hank; Smith, Daniel R (Chattanooga)

Subject: RE: New Boring at NB-73 West 50 feet from NB-73

Yogesh and all,

It is our intend to hold on to all the Shelby tubes and record their recoveries in the field. Based on the SPT information we can select which ones for which test. I agreed we should add 1 3-pt CU and 1 3-pt Q-type triaxial test.

Greg

From: Shah, Yogesh (Reading) [mailto:Yogesh.Shah@worleyparsons.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2005 1:10 PM

To: McNulty, Greg; Julian, Hank; Smith, Daniel R (Chattanooga) **Subject:** RE: New Boring at NB-73 West 50 feet from NB-73

Looks fine to me, except that we should hold on the two Shelby samples for consolidation testing and determine later if we want consolidation and/or triaxial and/or additional permeability testing on those two Shelby samples. For budgeting, the triaxial testing would be conservative, being the most expensive of the three tests.

I think we also should ask Mactec to note pocket penetrometer shear strength values for the top part and bottom part of each Shelby sample after removing the the seas and prior to performing other tests in the laboratory. This is a standard procedure in many soils labs and shouldn't cost extra as it's a simple test of pushing a hand penetrometer into the sample before extracting the sample. This test gives a crude measure of unconfined compressive strength that is noted on the boring log. Since we do have an SPT at each Shelby location, this just serves as an additional verification of strength difference between the top and bottom parts of the sample.

Yogesh.

----Original Message----

From: McNulty, Greg [mailto:eGreg.McNulty@parsons.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2005 12:09 PM

To: Julian, Hank; Smith, Daniel R (Chattanooga); Shah, Yogesh (Reading)

Cc: Greg McNulty (McNulty, Greg)

Subject: New Boring at NB-73 West 50 feet from NB-73

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In accordance with our telephone conversion this morning, the following is a summary for the new boring at NB-73 West, located 50 feet from NB-73:

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- 3. Obtain a unit weight measurement and moisture content on each Shelby.
- 4. Obtain a moisture content on each SPT sample (sealed glass jars).
- 5. Conduct 4 D-5084 flexible wall hydraulic conductivity tests.
- 6. Conduct 2 D-2435 Consolidation Tests from 0.5 times insitu overburden stress to 32 tsf, used square root of time analysis to determine Cv, report all time versus deflection data, initial dial readings, scale and dial conversion factors in both readable printed and readable electronic Excel *.xls formats.
- 7. Conduct 1 pinhole test D-4647

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(me)

Thanks.

Stan

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Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2005 1:30 PM

To: Hughes, Michael

Cc: Julian, Hank; Petty, Harold L.; Smith, Amos L

Subject: FW: New Boring at NB-73 West 50 feet from NB-73

Mike, this email covers 3 projects. See below.

KIF Peninsula drilling.

Mike, we encountered a very deep layer of soil at NB-73 last week. We then followed up with some geoprobes yesterday and today. One geoprobe went to 120 ft deep without hitting rock. There is probably no need to do any more geoprobes at this time. TVA I think has probably completed all the planned geoprobing, and will probably demob from site today or tomorrow.

Greg, Hank, and Yogesh discussed what should be done next, and below is what they came up with. We are requesting that this be added to Mactec's scope of work. Please discuss with Lynn/Amos, etc. We would like to get this in the Mactec work hopper within the next couple of days (I know it takes a little time to get decisions made, and communicate to Mactec). We're not asking that this be done tomorrow or anything, but would like to get approval to send this scope to Mactec to get a price, and then approval to do the work.

I think the scope of work is fairly straightforward and can be pasted in an email and sent to Mactec.

If I need to do anything let me know. You can reach me on cell phone today.

PAF Coarse and Medium Coal Refuse Stack Closure

Also, Mactec sent an email and 5/17 (I think) is the date to receive PAF info.

KIF Dredge Cell Restoration (French Drain)

Also, talked to Larry Radford and Brad Workman. We are going to need low perm clay (1 E-6 cm/s) from the borrow source at KIF. I can write up scope of work. We probably need to get Mactec on board to do that work while they're a the site.

I will forward a proposed scope of work if you agree.

Thanks

Dan

From: McNulty, Greg [mailto:eGreg.McNulty@parsons.com]

Sent: Thu 5/12/2005 11:08 AM

To: Julian, Hank; Smith, Daniel R (Chattanooga); Shah, Yogesh (Reading)

Cc: Greg McNulty (McNulty, Greg)

Subject: New Boring at NB-73 West 50 feet from NB-73

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From:

Julian, Hank

Sent:

Thursday, May 19, 2005 9:03 AM

To:

'Yogesh Shah'; 'Dan Smith (Daniel.R.Smith@worleyparsons.com)'; 'Greg McNulty'; Hughes, Michael; Smith, Amos L; Haber, Stanley M.; Petty, Harold L.; Bowers, Larry C; Boggs, J. Markus;

'habenkhayal@mactec.com'; Robinson, Dave W

Subject: KIF Peninsula: Update on Drilling - anomolies

Spent yesterday at the site an here are a few notations:

- 1. The rock coring at NB-81indicated two significant cavities (partially filled) beginning 2.4 ft below top of rock. The first was 4.8 ft in vertical thickness and the second was 1.7 ft thick (about 1 ft below upper cavity). Smaller cavities have been observed at NB-77, NB-66, NB-74, and NB-73 most of these appeared completely to partially infilled. As indicated in the scope of work, bedrock weathering and development of solution features is expected to be most pronounced at top of rock and decreasing with depth. Progression of weathering follows jointing and 45 degree bedding. However, solution features at greater depths may be exist and owe their origin to ancestral levels of the Clinch/Emory Rivers i.e. old river elevevations influenced groundwater levels at the site such that solution development occurred alonged these phreatic zones.
- 2. Geoprobing in the area 50 feet west of NB-73 indicated a depth to bedrock in excess of 120 ft. Boring was conducted yesterday at this exact location (NB-73W) and alluvium was verified, however, refusal was encountered at 47.5 ft along with highly weathered bedrock interface. The opening that the geoprobe hit must have been small.
- 3. CPT work was completed yesterday. An anomoly was observed at NB-58 operator indicated a void above the bedrock interface he could not recall dimensions. The logs from CPT surveys should be available in about a week.
- 4. Geoprobe work was completed early this week I will send along logs (probably today).
- 5. Alluvium was definately encountered at NB-21. Hussein, could you please fax logs from John? Thanks
- 6. We need to relocate borings NB-22 and NB-35 (those originally located in the drainage channel) reservoir levels are up and the channel is filled with water. Greg and Yogesh let's discuss by phone.
- 7. Well development began yesterday.
- 8. Schedule looks good we currently anticipate that drilling work will be completed in 2-1/2 weeks. Dave Robinson indicated that TWRA would like to plant the pastures. Dave note my voice mail yesterday, we need to resurvey offset borings and new wells prior to plowing. We should probably allow about 4 weeks from now. Note also that we did not plan to install protective bollards at this site since access is limited and most of these wells are considered temporary. I don't like the thought of a tractor clipping a \$6,000 pair of our wells do we need bollards for all of our wells? If so, how do we pay for this?
- 9. Hussein probably need to have your guys haul about nine bollards to the site for installation at wells NB-63, NB-10, and our piezometer I (near the road) likely to have some hunters at the site this fall.
- 10. I downloaded our water level instruments and measured groundwater levels I will update the database and send along to Parsons.
- 11. Mike/Lynn can you please talk to Dallas Sluss to tentatively set up the resurvey assume 2-1/2 weeks from now. I will provide a list of wells and borings that were offset for resurvey.

Hank

----Original Message-----

From: Hensley, Christopher W.

Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2005 6:07 AM

To: Yogesh Shah; Dan Smith (Daniel.R.Smith@worleyparsons.com); Greg McNulty; Hensley, Christopher

W.; Hughes, Michael; Julian, Hank; Smith, Amos L. **Subject:** MACTEC - KIF Field Log 6 5/18/05

Please find the attached file for KIF from MACTEC.

Thank you,

Chris Hensley

From:

Julian, Hank

Sent:

Tuesday, June 21, 2005 8:29 AM

To:

'cdlawson@mactec.com'; Tockstein, Carl

Cc:

'Justice, Todd'; Yogesh Shah (Yogesh.Shah@worleyparsons.com); Dan Smith

(Daniel.R.Smith@worleyparsons.com); McNulty, Greg; Petty, Harold L.; Hughes, Michael

Subject:

FW: KIF - Peninsula Site - Final Logs of Borings

Importance: High

Please conform to Yogesh's instructions below - I would also like to arrange to examine jar samples personally.

Thanks

Hank

Hank E. Julian, P.E., P.G.

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----Original Message-----

From: Shah, Yogesh (Reading) [mailto:Yogesh.Shah@worleyparsons.com]

Sent: Friday, June 17, 2005 8:02 PM

To: Julian, Hank

Cc: Smith, Daniel R (Chattanooga); egreg.mcnulty@parsons.com

Subject: KIF - Peninsula Site - Final Logs of Borings

Importance: High

Hank,

As we discussed to-day, we should request Mactec to do the following for finalizing the logs of the borings besides making other minor corrections and adding GS elevations on the logs:

- 1. Keep all the information as stated on the handwritten logs provided to us after modifying the logs for the aspects stated in the following two items.
- 2. In addition to the other description of the soils provided, the description of soil in each SPT jar should be <u>reexamined</u> carefully by an experienced geologist again to provide as precise identification as possible to be either "residual" or "alluvial" soil. This will require the jar samples to remain undisturbed and not undergo any lab testing prior to the visual examination for this purpose so that the geologist can examine the relic structure, color, grain distribution, grain-shape, bedding, etc. to help make the determination. This information is critical for a proper analysis of the site conditions in support of determining its suitability for the proposed disposal. Mactec may need some help from you in this determination.

3. <u>Use of word "void" in the bedrock may be avoided</u> because the logs do not indicate that the "drill rods dropped" under self weight. Since the rods apparently did not drop, use of phrases like "rock fracture (or joints) filled with soil" or "softened highly weathered rock" or any other appropriate wordage may be consistently used in all logs. Also, a review of the handwritten logs show that the rock fractures at bedrock surface or below are filled with soil that may be partly residual and partly carried by water flow through the fractures or joints; i.e., a void space created primarily by solutioning of limestone is not evident from the detailed descriptions written in the logs. Therefore, if it is so clear based also on an examination of the recovered rock cores that the bedrock is not solutioned significantly, it will be helpful to state in the logs, where such "cavities" exist, that "significant solutioning of the bedrock is not apparent based on an examination of the recovered cores." This, again, is an important observation for determining the site suitability and may also be incorporated in the logs.

Thanks.

Yogesh.

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From:

Shah, Yogesh (Reading) [Yogesh.Shah@worleyparsons.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, June 14, 2005 3:52 PM

To:

Julian, Hank

Cc:

egreg.mcnulty@parsons.com; Petty, Harold L.; Hughes, Michael; Smith, Daniel R

(Chattanooga)

Subject:

RE: KIF - Peninsula Site

Importance: High

Hank,

First, I must apologize for some typos left in my e-mail below to Dan - importantly, please read, "....."cavity" or "void" is used consistently.... " instead of "..... "cavity" or "void" is not used consistently....."

What boggles me is: Going down from GS is the presence of more than 20 feet thick stiff residual clayey soil (see logs of borings NB-44 and NB-74) that has evolved from the parent bedrock which is highly fractured. This "dissolution along fracture faces" apparently occured after the formation of the overlying residual soil by water movement along the fractures. Since the clayey residual soil allowed virtually no drainage of storm water into these underlying bedrock fractutres, it must have been through water-level fluctuations in the adjacent stream water. The flow velocity of seepage along the soil-filled fractures due to these fluctuations must have been low to cause any large-scale solutioning of the rock along those fractures. Thus, the voids, although found to have significant depth, are not likely to be <u>much wider</u> than the width of the fractures.

The cavity below the top of bedrock at NB-44 may be due to a fracture/fractures that lie at an angle, that outcrops at the bedrock top at some distance from the NB-44 location. The driller does not apparently report experiencing "drill rods dropped"; rather he went through soft drilling, although at some locations, he does report "loss of drill water". Meaning, perhaps, the rock there was softened for that depth in the vicinity of the fracture. It is possible that the soft rock was grinded up, resulting in low REC. Similarly, the reported sand-filling in the fractures may have resulted in the weak/weathred-rock cuttings identified as sand. Well, an examination of the cores can throw more light on this. Also, this has to be examined from the groundwater-contaminant transport perspective as you suggest. These are the things that have to be looked at closely before the logs are finalized.

My intent is primarily to assess conclusively that there is no serious existing solution cavity that is likely to cause any sink-hole formation that may affect the proposed stack if the stiff-clay cover is not removed. Any significant stripping of the existing natural clay stratum then must be avoided in our plans.

Sorry not to respond immediately due to constant interruptions I had since I came in to-day. Let me know when you want to discuss this further and with who. I will be available now until 7:00 PM today and, if not to-day, to-morrow. (Dan, let me know the time.)

Thanks.

Yogesh.

----Original Message----

From: Julian, Hank [mailto:hejulian@tva.gov] Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2005 11:41 AM

To: Shah, Yogesh (Reading)

Cc: egreg.mcnulty@parsons.com; Petty, Harold L.; Hughes, Michael; Smith, Daniel R (Chattanooga)

Subject: RE: KIF - Peninsula Site

Yogesh:

Let's discuss. I don't have a major problem with changing nomenclature or terminology for final logs, but we need to reach some agreement on what is appropriate. However, the primary weathering mechanism associated with the Knox is dissolution along fracture faces and this is generally expected to be most pronounced at the soil bedrock interface, with occurrence of weathered/solutioned fractures decreasing with depth. There may be exceptions to this: i.e., deeper weathering horizons when groundwater levels were lower (lower ancestral river elevation control) - note the cavity at NB-44 from 42 to 50 ft below top of bedrock. I would also include a term to relate to "partially soil-filled cavity or fracture". We should also differentiate between clay- or sand-filled bedrock features.

From a groundwater/contaminant transport perspective, what is more important is the occurrence of open or partially filled solution features that may be interconnected and extend some distance. The borehole flowmeter logging will be most helpful to identify "hydraulically active" solutioned fractures. At survey wells, we can determine how these correlate with drilling logs. However, we will not be able to gage extent of these features of connectivity. Initial flowmeter tests are conducted under ambient (natural gradient conditions), this is followed by stressing the well (pumping or injection) and resurveying at steady-state discharge rates. Based on the current scope of investigation, site suitability will primarily be a function of thickness and hydraulic characteristics of overburden soils (e.g. sufficiently thick strata of low permeability soil) as well as landfill design (especially the base). We can describe potential transmissivity of bedrock features based on single-well aquifer tests and aperatures estimates, but the soil serves as our moderator.

Let's discuss examination of bedrock core materials.

Hank

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Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2005 5:27 PM

To: Julian, Hank

Cc: Shah, Yogesh (Reading); egreg.mcnulty@parsons.com; Petty, Harold L.; Hughes, Michael

Subject: FW: KIF - Peninsula Site

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Thanks, Yogesh.

Dan

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Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2005 3:28 PM **To:** Smith, Daniel R (Chattanooga) **Subject:** KIF - Peninsula Site

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Smith, Daniel R (Chattanooga) [Daniel.R.Smith@worleyparsons.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, October 11, 2005 7:29 AM

To:

Justice, Todd

Cc:

McNulty, Greg; Shah, Yogesh (Reading); Petty, Harold L.; Hughes, Michael; Tockstein, Carl

Subject: FW: Residual Strength Tests on Liner Material - Amendment Item 15

Todd, please add one additional test to the borrow material for KIF.

Thanks

Dan

From: McNulty, Greg [mailto:eGreg.McNulty@parsons.com]

Sent: Monday, October 10, 2005 6:30 PM

To: Smith, Daniel R (Chattanooga) **Cc:** Shah, Yogesh (Reading)

Subject: Residual Strength Tests on Liner Material - Amendment Item 15

15. Add one residual cyclic shear tests for the MH soil with the highest plasticity index (PI) from the either the borrow area or the 80 acre site to test remolded compacted soils for the liner under cyclic shear. Note the batch mixing times in Section 7.6 of ASTM D-3080 for MH materials of 36 hours. Specimen shall be compacted to standard compaction at 2-percent moisture content of optimum dry density. The normal stresses shall be 6 ksf, 12 ksf, 24 ksf. The time to failure shall be a minimum of 400 minutes (unless 50 times t50 indicates the use of a longer time to failure) for each of the loadings and its three cyclic loadings under each normal stress. Note, determine the time to failure under each normal stress by the logarithm of time method by taking consolidation readings at 0.1, .25, .5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 30, 60,100, 120, 150, 180, 200, 240, 300, 420, 480, 600, 720, 960, and 1440 minutes to ensure that sufficient points have been taken for curve fitting and the end of log time settlement curve has begun to curve / flatten / reach to ensure that a straight line portion exists to be used for curve fitting.

For the cyclic direct shear test, use with a time to failure greater than 500 minutes (unless 50 times t50 indicates the use of a longer time to failure) using at least 3 cycles under each effective normal stress (minimum of three to define a straight line). You crank the test forward and backward with for each cycle necessary to allow complete drainage and no pore pressure build up to occur. You allow about 10 minutes after you crank the specimen back to zero deflection between each cycle. On some rare occasions you have to run it 4 times. That is how you get a residual strength envelope.

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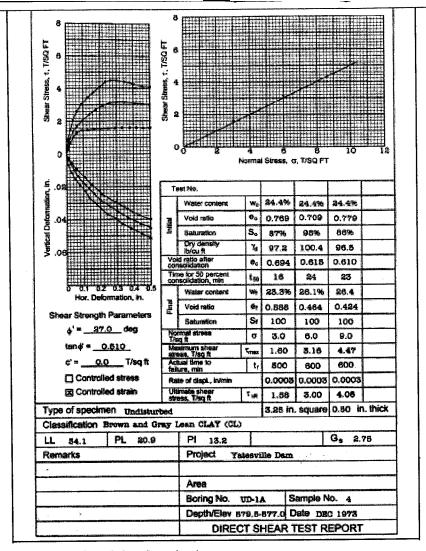


Figure 4-10. Direct shear test report – effective stress envelope

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