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KINGSTON STEAM PLANT - ASH DIKES

On July 3, 1967, J. P. Hillier Stivers and Robert J. Bowman met with Meigs Brewer, Jr., and Shelton Johnson of Power Production and Buford Cross, Assistant Superintendent, and Buford Street, Mechanical Supervisor, of the Kingston Steam Plant at Kingston Steam Plant for an inspection of the ash dikes.

All dikes look to be in good shape. There is very little erosion by wave action on the outside slopes which are about 6:1. Noticeable wave action erosion has occurred on the inside but is not serious. All the dikes, with the exception of 200 to 300 feet on the south end of the east dike, are made of earth with a roadway surface of ash. The south end of the east dike for about 200 to 300 feet is composed entirely of ash, but has flat slopes and has withstood the wave action as good, if not better, than the earth dikes. Vegetation has been established on the dikes except where the dikes are made of ash.

At the time of our visit the people at the plant were talking about a 3-foot increase in the elevation of the water on the inside of the dike. This would require raising of the dike to prevent the 4- to 6-foot waves that have been observed from overtopping the dike. Even a 2-foot increase in water elevation without raising the dike would reduce the freeboard below a safe minimum. The reason for raising the water level was understood to be to provide more dilution. Unless additional depth is proved to be required, the depth of water on the inside should be kept about as it now is, in order to minimize wave action and head against the dikes.

Both pipe spillways are flowing full at the top with water only a few inches above the lip and seem to have no difficulty in taking care of the water that is discharged into the pond. Consideration should be given to installing an additional spillway to allow crossdiking to reduce the inside wave heights. At the present time the ash at the end of the sluice pipes is being worked by mechanical equipment. The recommendation was made that an immediate start be made on raising the dikes. We will make a revision on the 10N400 drawing giving specifications for raising the dikes.

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On July 3, 1967, there was approximately an area of two acres of floating ash from 1-1/2 to 2 inches thick. The location varies with the wind, but usually is diametrically opposite the spillways. A square wooden skimmer floating on metal drums (see photo) is used here instead of the circular metal type we have designed. We see no objection to the wood type except this one does not extend far enough below and above the water level to hold back floating ash.

The outlets of the pipe culverts under the access railroad and Swan Pond Road that discharge into the ash pond are considerably lower than the ultimate top of ash, and special provisions will have to be made to keep them open when the ash reaches their outlet elevations which will not be for some time. DPP is aware of this situation, but our plan will be revised to show recommended solution.

An inspection of the pavement was made along the access highway and truck roads. The pavement was in fair shape with the asphalt concrete showing signs of impending failure at places where lumps and valleys were present. The Portland cement concrete pavement was in excellent condition except at the point where the asphalt concrete ends and the Portland cement concrete begins (see attached photos). One corner of the concrete pavement is badly broken.

In summary, the dikes show no signs of being in any danger of failure provided proper cross section is used in raising them to higher elevations. The skimmer at the spillways should be made more effective.

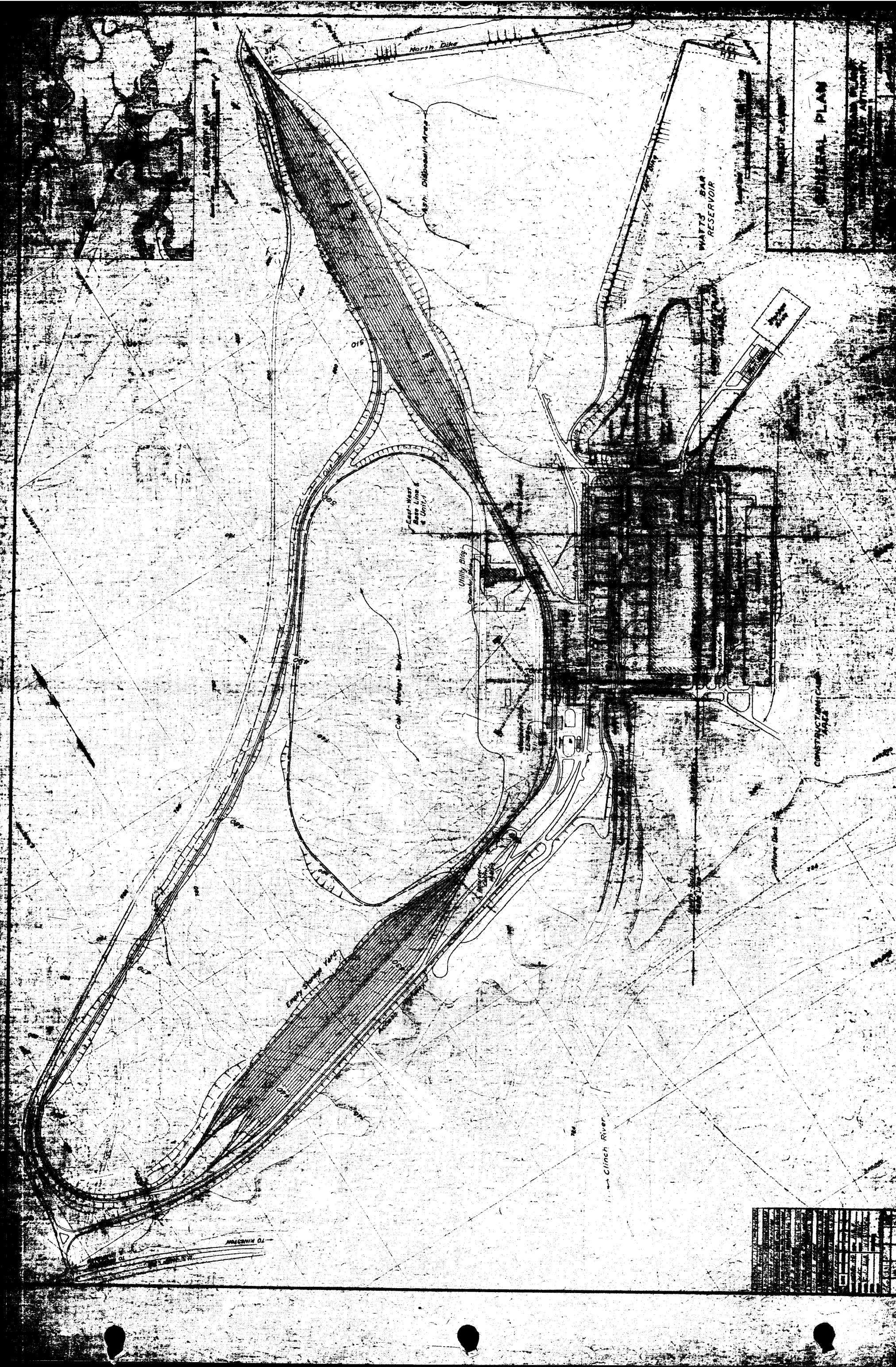
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Attachments

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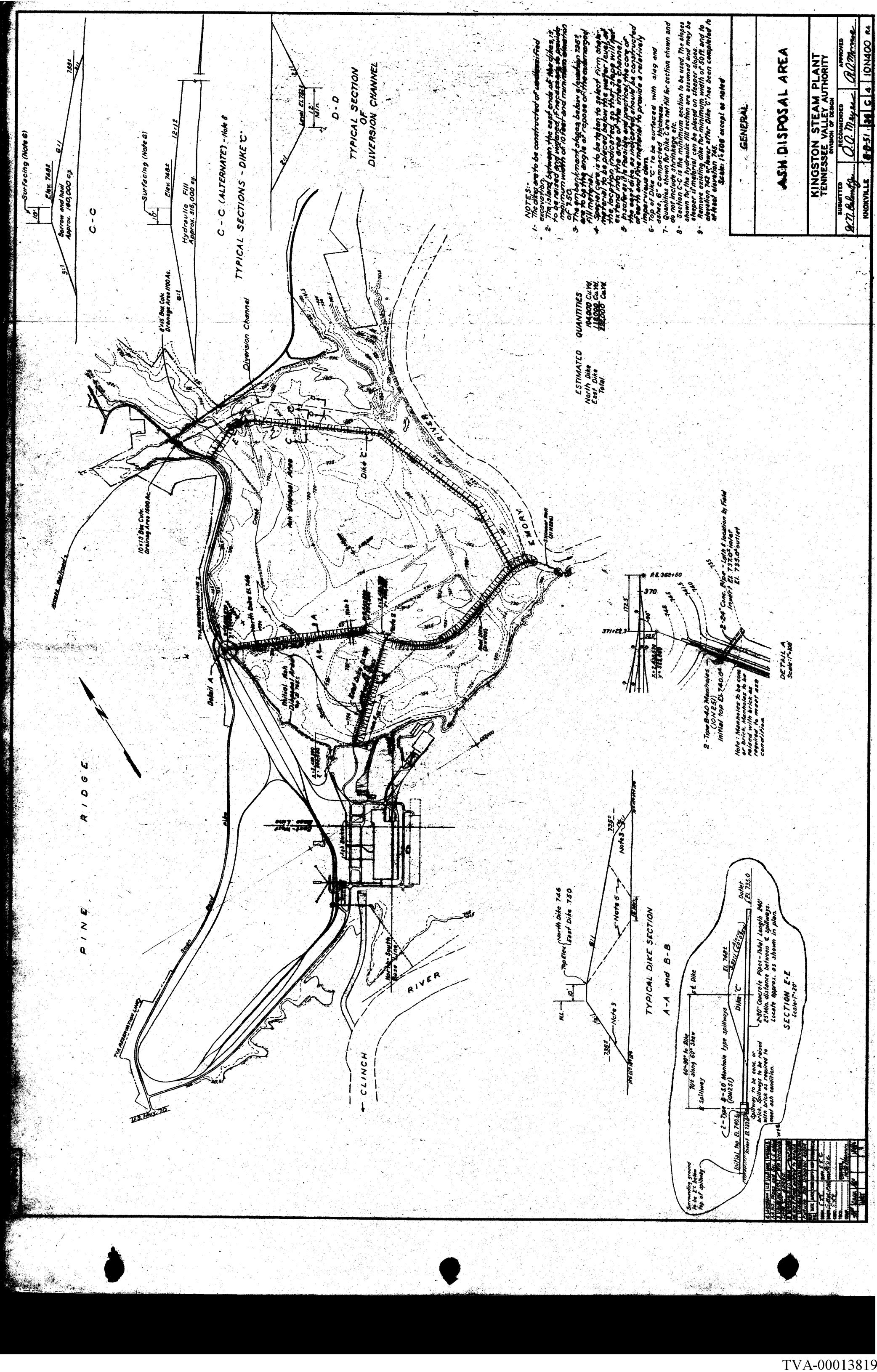


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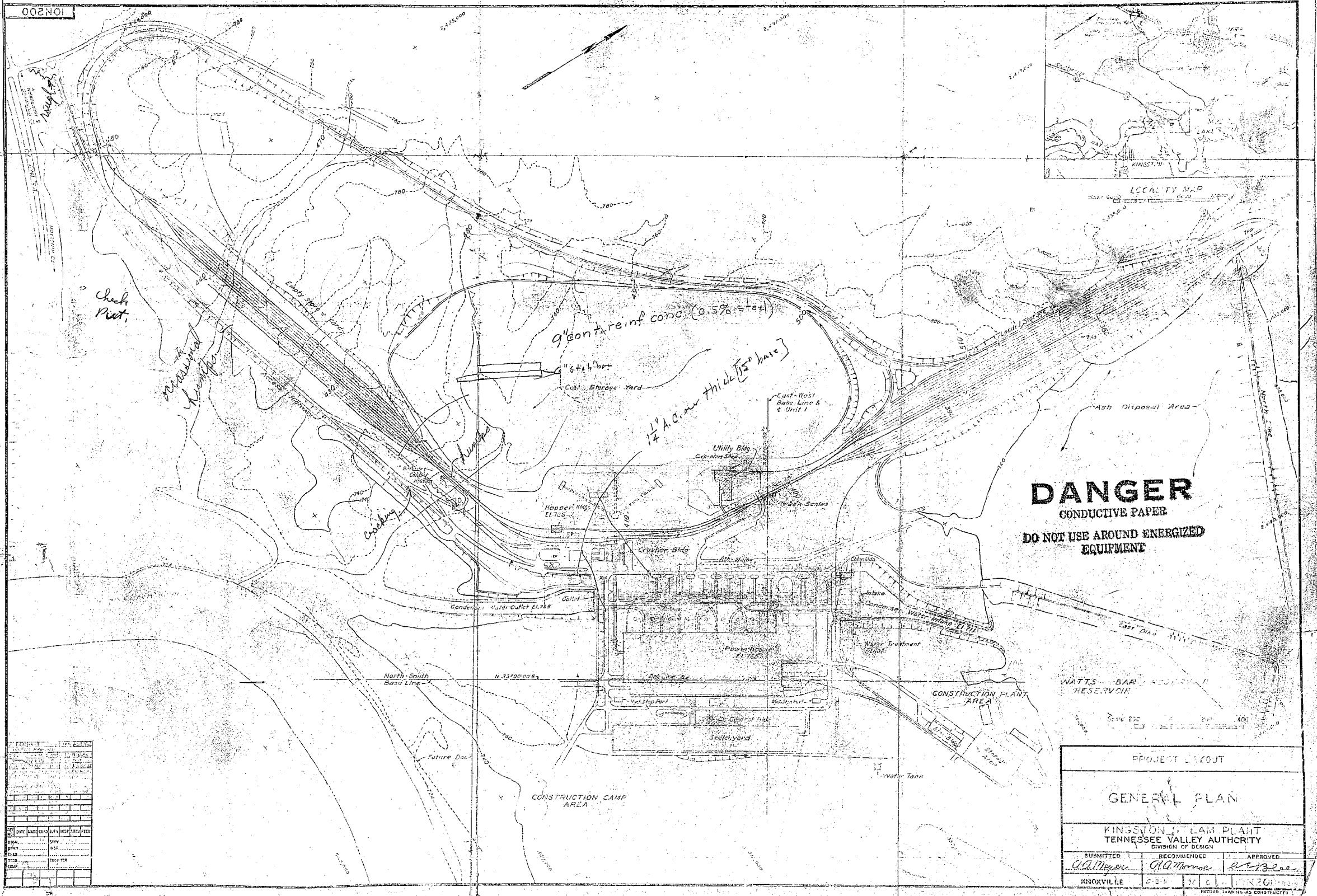
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PROJECT EIGHT

GENERAL PLAN

KINGSTON STEAM PLANT
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
DIVISION OF DESIGN

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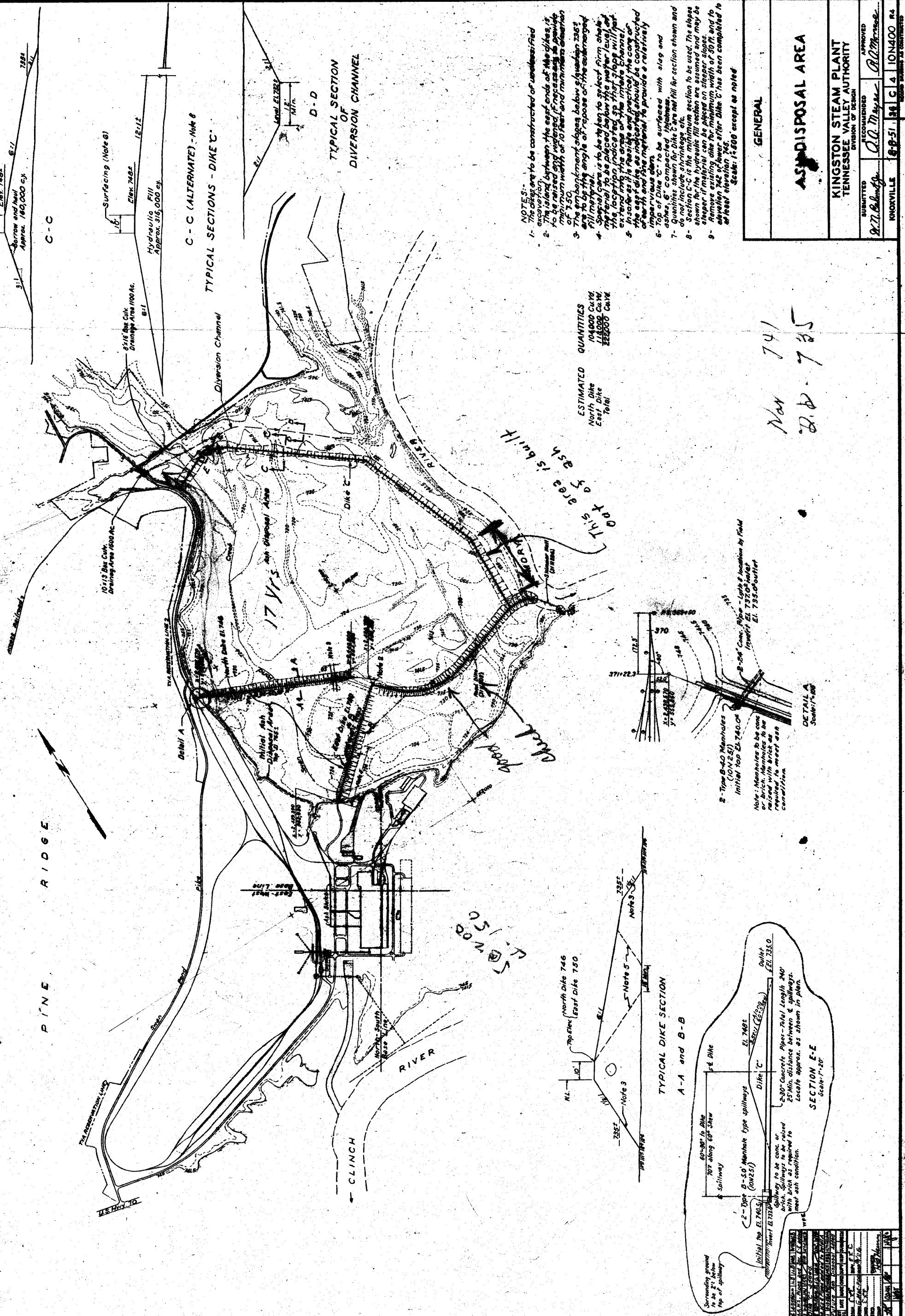
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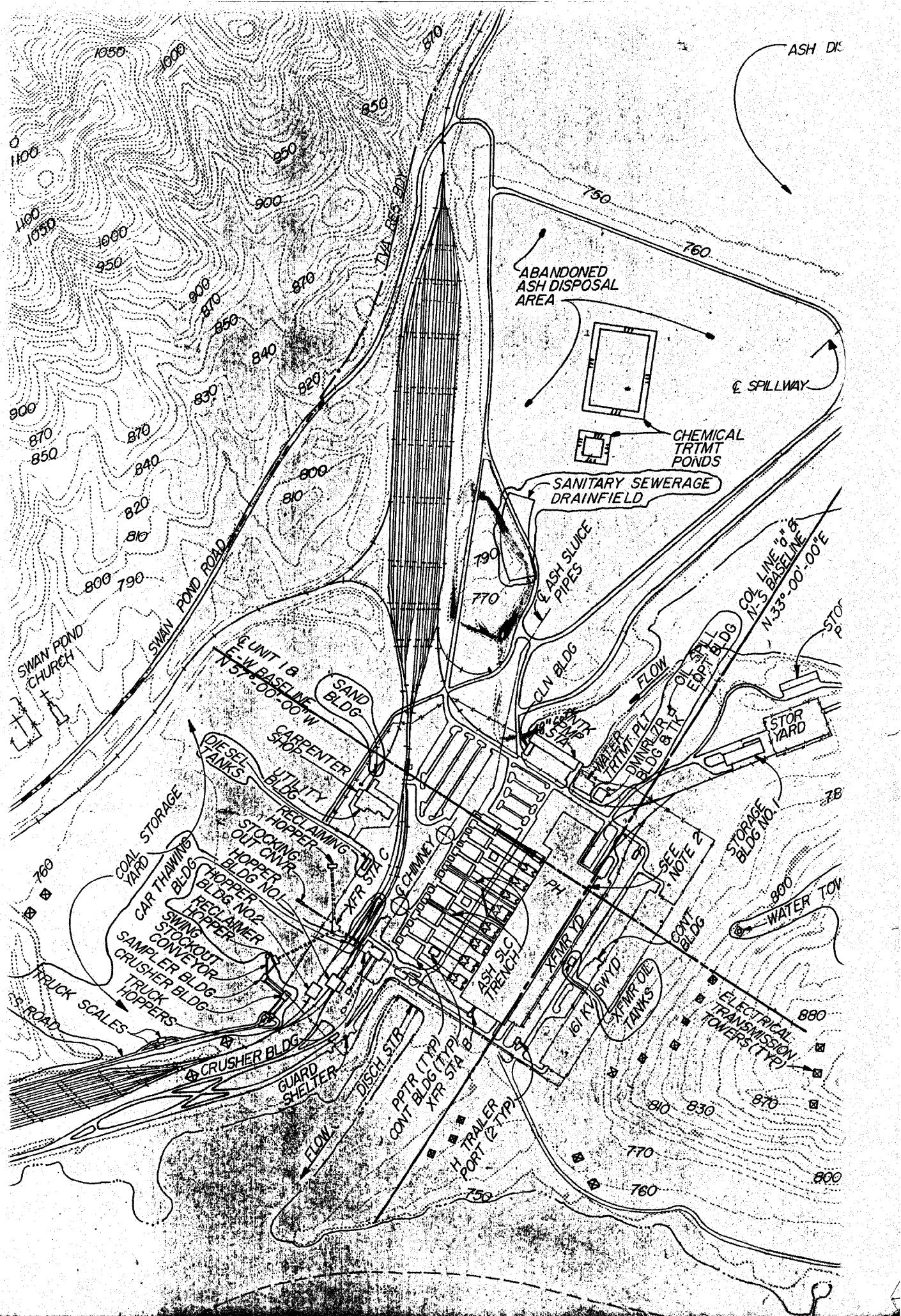
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Flat slopes inside and outside of dike
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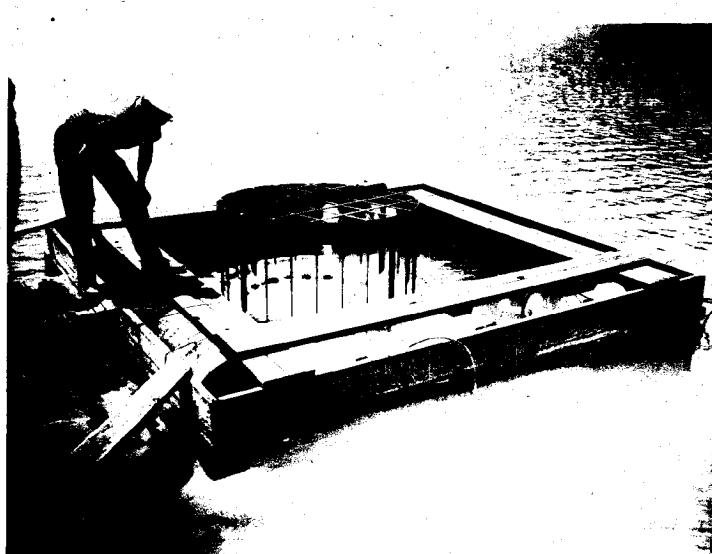


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Wave action inside dike cuts back into fill.
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Point where asphaltic concrete joins
Portland cement concrete showing break

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Pictures showing Spillway inside Reservoir.
Structure is too short to extend far enough to allow water to skim off all ash and to prevent it from going over. 7-3-67

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