

# Otter Tail Power Company – Coyote Plant

## Nelsen Pond

### History of Construction

### October 2016

#### GENERAL

This History of Construction has been written in order so Otter Tail Power Company's (OTP) Nelsen Pond can maintain compliance with 40 CFR 257. This report also satisfies the Coal Combustion Residual rule requirement for the construction history of an existing CCR surface impoundment (§257.73 (c)(1)).

#### OWNERSHIP NAME AND ADDRESS § 257.73(c)(1)(i)

The Coyote Station Plant is owned by:

Otter Tail Power Company  
215 South Cascade Street  
Fergus Falls, MN 56538

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.  
1822 Mill Road  
Grand Forks, ND 58203

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
400 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bismarck, ND 58501

NorthWestern Energy  
310 W. 69<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57108

OTP operates Coyote Station and the associated CCR units including Nelsen Pond.

#### LOCATION OF CCR UNIT § 257.73(c)(1)(ii)

See Appendix A for the attached 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle indicating Nelsen Pond location.

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE § 257.73(c)(1)(iii)

Nelsen Pond serves as a dewatering pond for slag dredged from the existing Slag Pond.

#### WATERSHED NAME AND SIZE § 257.73(c)(1)(iv)

The Coyote Station is located within the Knife River watershed in North Dakota. It is approximately 1,580,000 acres in size.

#### PHYSICAL AND ENGINEERING PROPERTIES § 257.73(c)(1)(v)-(vi)

Material geotechnical properties are discussed in the Safety Factor Assessment report for Nelsen Pond. The material comprising the dikes and underlying soils is classified as Coleharbor Till; a Pleistocene age deposit that generally has greater than 70% fines, a liquid limit of approximately 40% or greater, and a moisture content of less than 36%. The pond is constructed with 3H:1V slopes on the sides with a 10

foot wide top. A two foot thick compacted clay liner is located on the bottom and inslopes of the pond. See Appendix B for construction drawings.

**SCALED, DETAILED ENGINEERING DRAWINGS § 257.73(c)(1)(vii)**

See Appendix B for construction drawings.

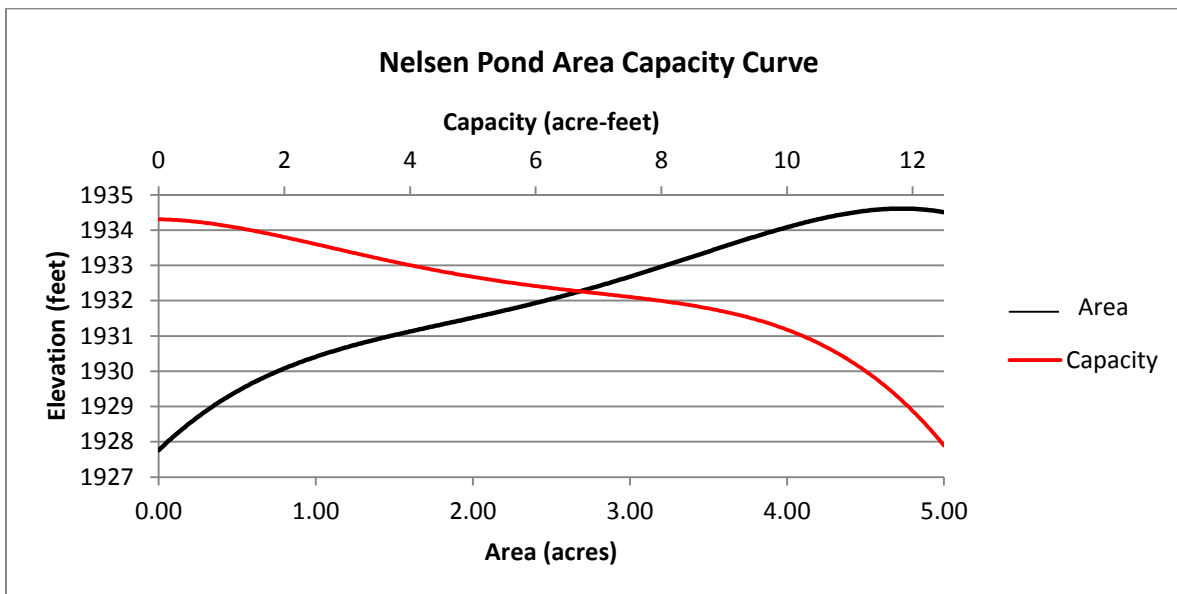
Perimeter dikes around Nelsen Pond prevent stormwater runoff from entering the pond. Therefore, the maximum pool elevation from an inflow design flood would be equivalent to the inches of rainfall from the design flood. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric and Administration states that a 24 hour, 100 year storm event for the location of Nelsen Pond, yields 4.81 inches of rain. An inflow design flood would increase the pool elevation by 4.81 inches.

The expected maximum depth of CCR is seven feet.

**DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING INSTRUMENTATION § 257.73(c)(1)(viii)**

Nelsen Pond does not have any dedicated instrumentation installed.

**AREA-CAPACITY CURVE § 257.73(c)(1)(ix)**



**SPILLWAY AND DIVERSION DESIGN § 257.73(c)(1)(x)**

Nelsen Pond has two discharge pipes located at the southeast end of the pond that gravity flow to the Sluice Outfall downgradient of Nelsen Pond. The construction drawings in Appendix B indicate one of the lines is approximately 165 linear feet of 12 inch diameter pipe installed at a 2.94% slope. The second line is approximately 120 linear feet of 12 inch diameter pipe installed at a 2.94% slope.

**SURVEILLANCE, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR § 257.73(c)(1)(xi)**

Nelsen Pond is inspected per CCR rule § 257.83 (a)(1)(i). If any structural or maintenance issues are noticed during these required inspections, they will be addressed and repaired as soon as possible. Plant personnel are also instructed to report any maintenance or structural issues at any time during plant operations.

**STRUCTURAL INSTABILITY § 257.73(c)(1)(xii)**

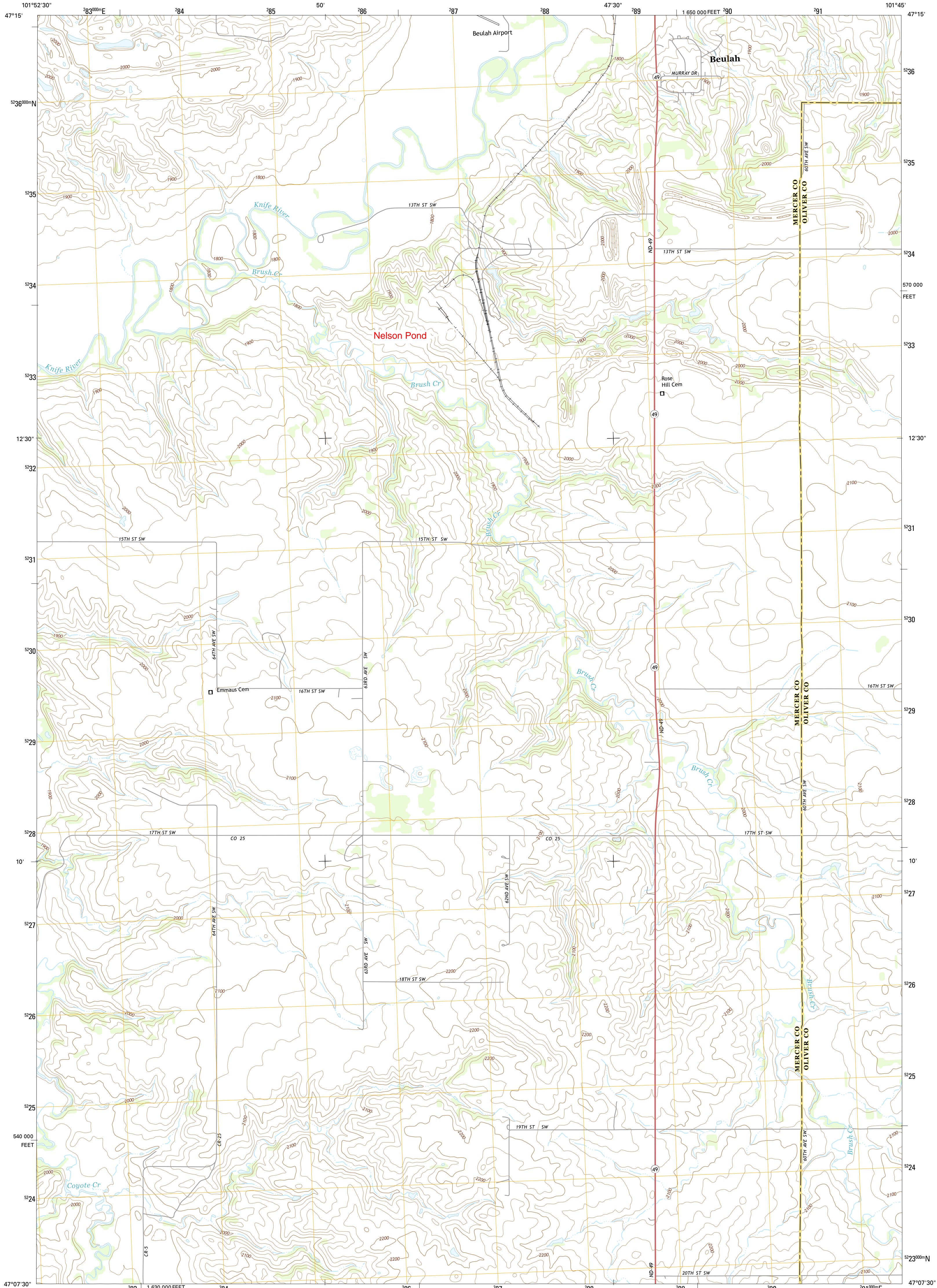
There is no knowledge of structural instability at Nelsen Pond.

**AMENDMENTS § 257.73(c)(2)**

If there is any significant change to information compiled in this document, the History of Construction will be updated. An updated document will be included in the facility's operating record.

# **Appendix A**

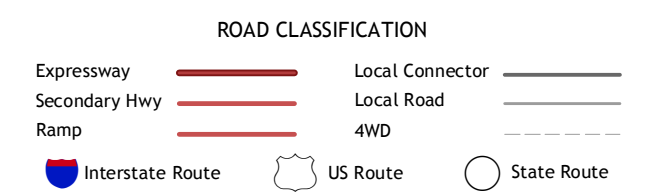
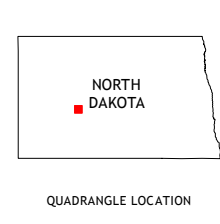
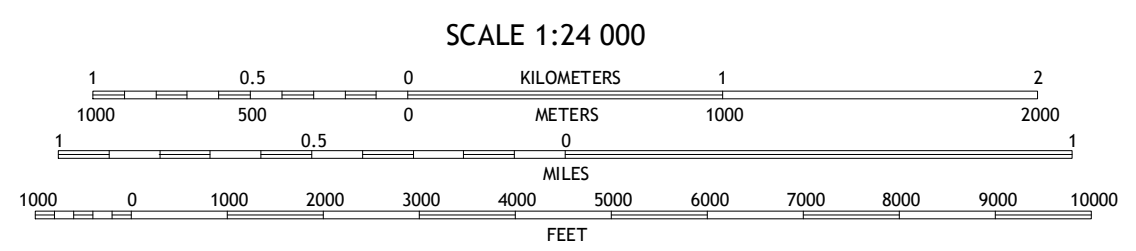
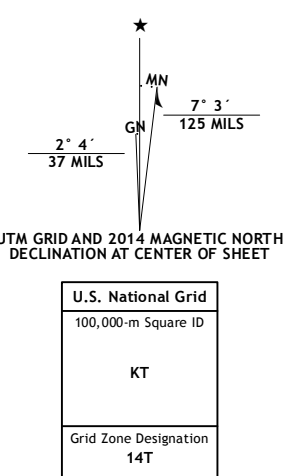
## 7.5 Quadrangle Map



Produced by the United States Geological Survey  
North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83)  
World Geodetic System of 1984 (WGS84). Projection and  
1 000-meter grid: Universal Transverse Mercator, Zone 14T  
10 000-foot ticks: North Dakota Coordinate System of 1983  
(south zone)

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Roads.....HERE 42213  
Names.....GNS 2013  
Hydrography.....National Hydrography Dataset, 2012  
Contours.....National Elevation Dataset, 2009  
Boundaries.....Multiple sources; see metadata file 1972 - 2013



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
NORTH AMERICAN VERTICAL DATUM OF 1988

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ADJOINING QUADRANGLES

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2 Beulah  
3 Hazen West  
4 Medicine Butte  
5 Red Butte NW  
6 Medicine Butte SW  
7 Medicine Butte SE  
8 Red Butte SW

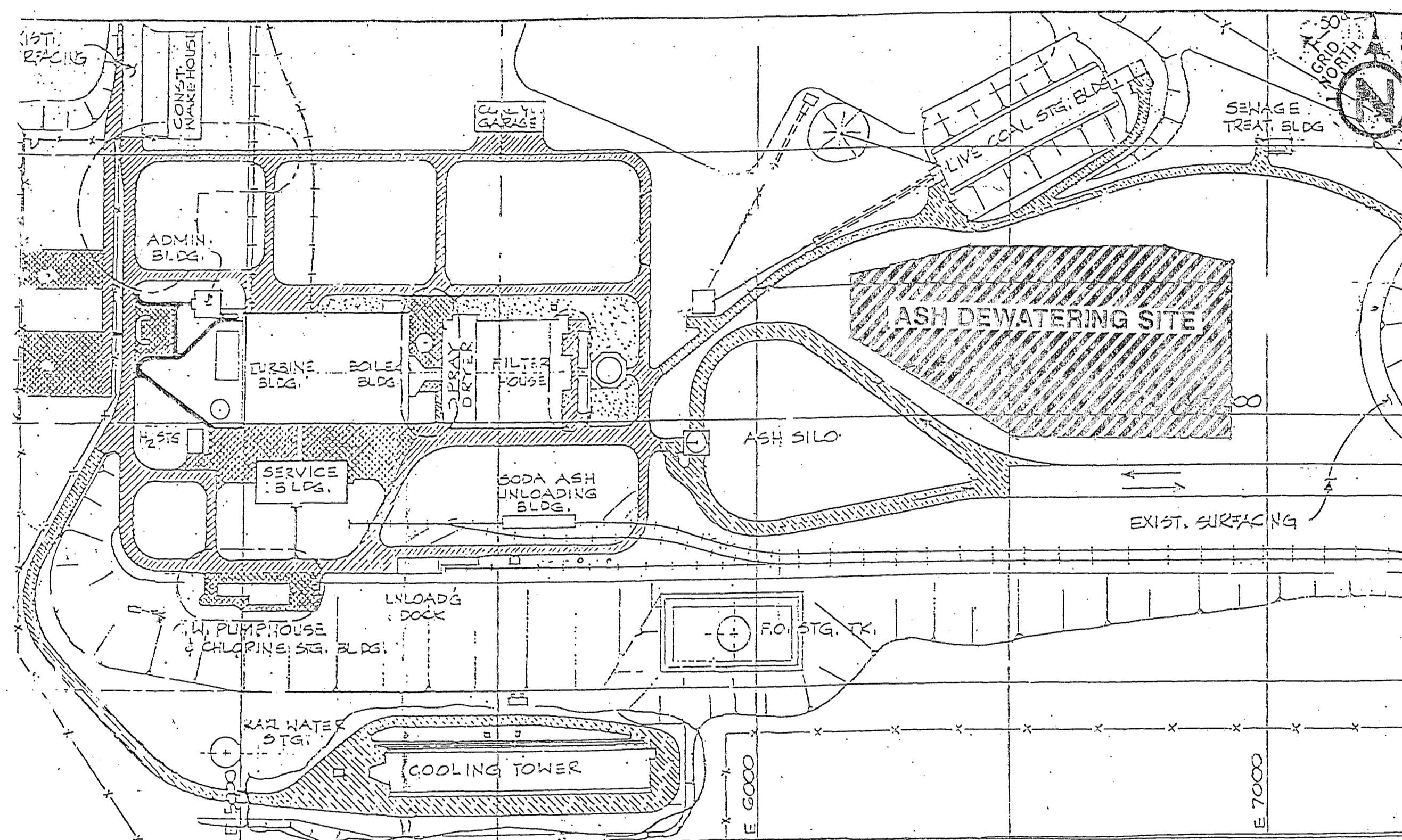
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# **Appendix B**

## Construction Drawings

# MDU COYOTE STATION

## PLANS FOR ASH DEWATERING SITE BEULAH, NORTH DAKOTA

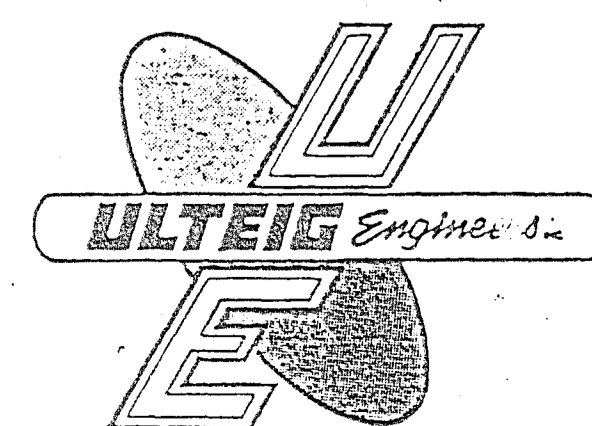


### SUMMARY OF QUANTITIES

NO.	ITEM	UNIT	EST. QTY.	FINAL QTY.
1	EARTHWORK			
	UNCLASSIFIED EXCAVATION	CY	35,600	32,450
	LINER CONSTRUCTION	SY	24,800	24,110
2	PIPING FITTINGS AND VALVES			
	INSTALL 16" DI. PIPE	LF	390	—
	INSTALL 12" DI. PIPE	LF	165-291	291
	COLLECTION HEADER	LF	230	230
	16" X 12" TEE	EA	1	—
	16" X 14" X 14" TEE	EA	1	—
	12" - 22 1/2" BEND	EA	1	—
	12" - 90° BEND	EA	2	2
	12" 16" BUTTERFLY VALVE AND BOX	EA	1	1
3	CONCRETE HEADWALL	LS	—	—
4	WATER	"M" GAL	300	—

### SHEET INDEX

SHEET NO.	DESCRIPTION
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P-1	PIPING AND DETAILS
S-1	CROSS SECTIONS
S-1A	CROSS SECTIONS
S-1B	CROSS SECTIONS

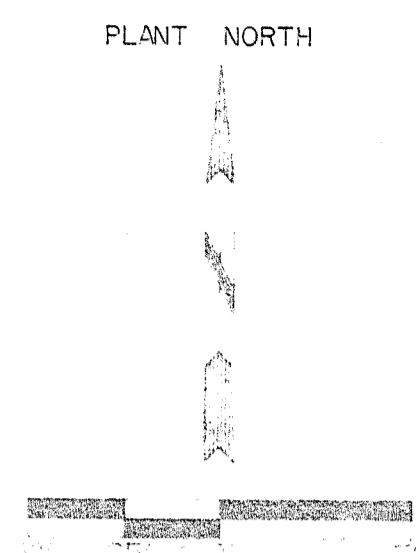
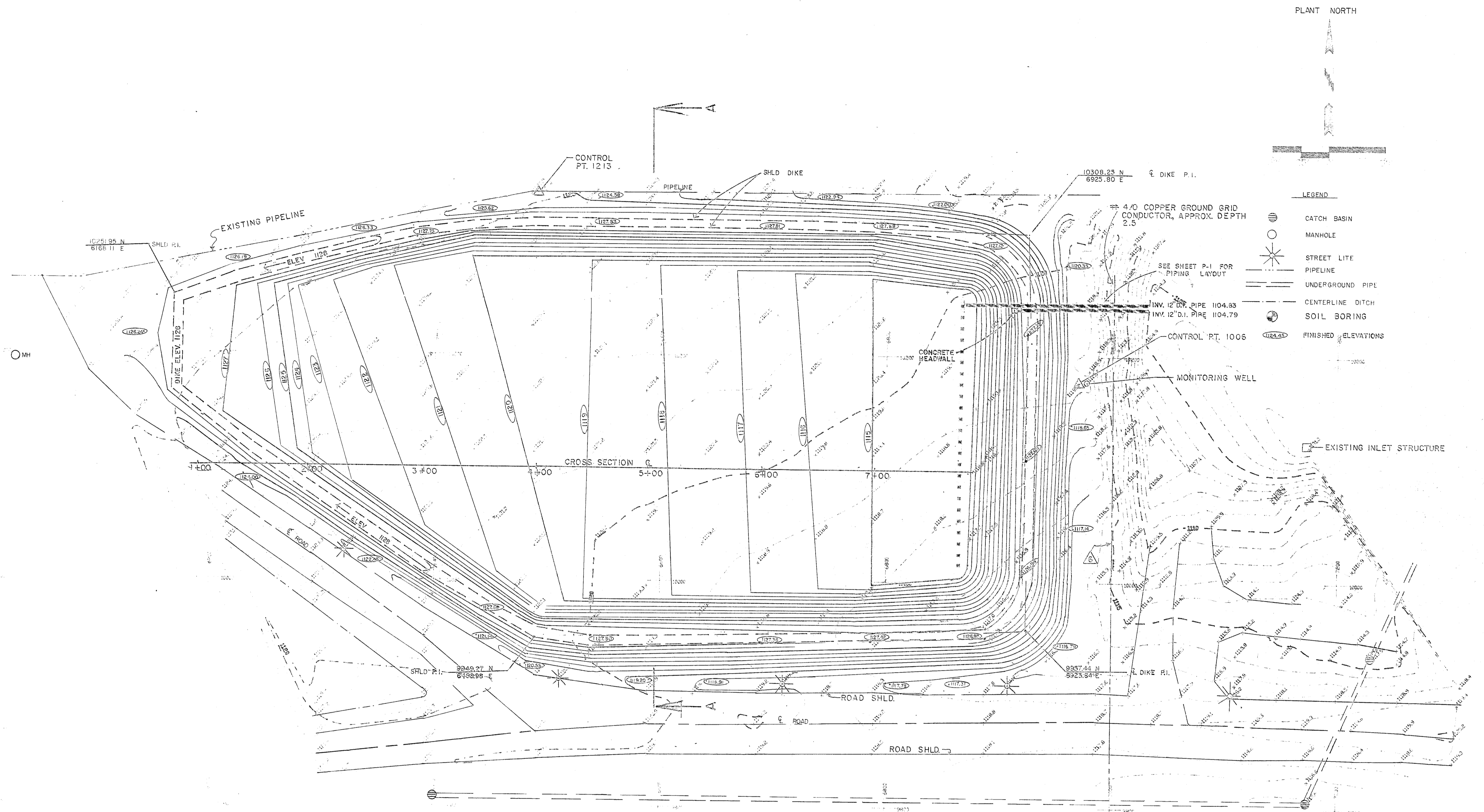


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**ULTEIG ENGINEERS INC.**

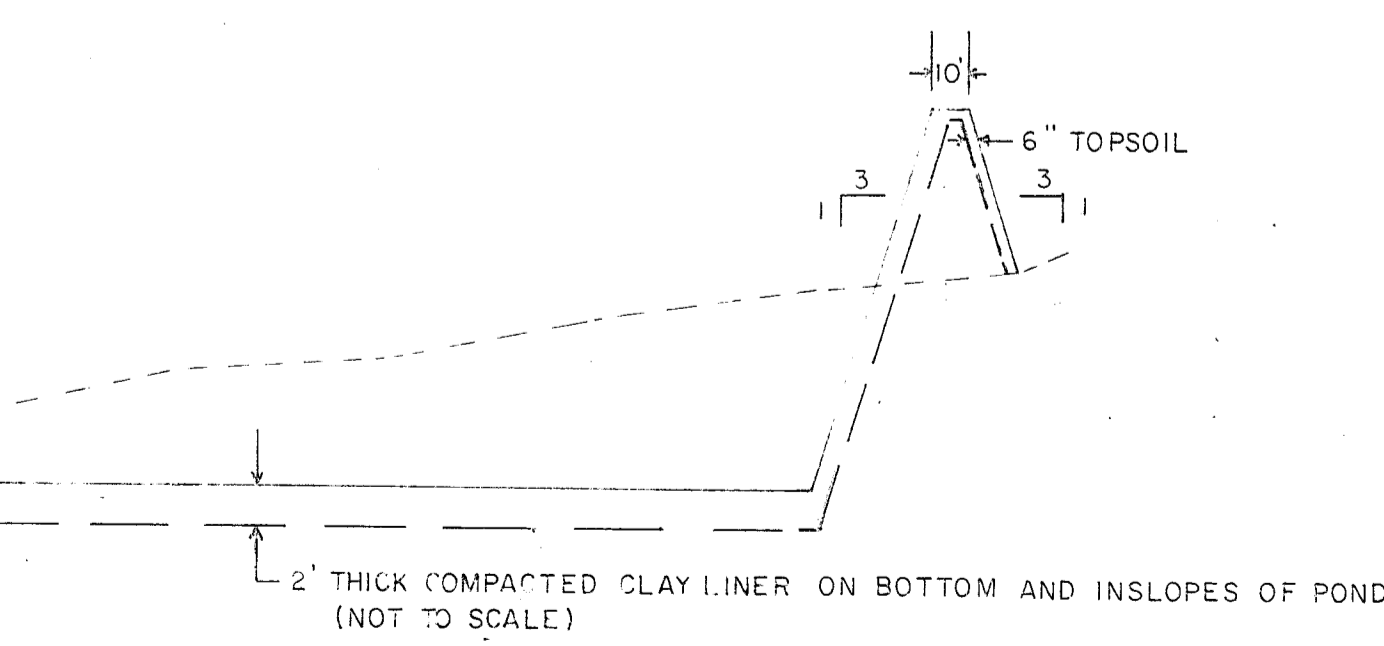
BISMARCK, FARGO and MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA and MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE PLANS WERE PREPARED UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION AND THAT I AM A DULY REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA.

DATE: 2-21-12 REG NO: 17



- LEGEND**
- CATCH BASIN
  - MANHOLE
  - STREET LITE
  - PIPELINE
  - UNDERGROUND PIPE
  - CENTERLINE DITCH
  - SOIL BORING
  - FINISHED ELEVATIONS



**SECTION A-A**  
 HORIZ. SCALE 1" = 50'  
 VERT. SCALE 1" = 5'

**CONSTRUCTION NOTES**

- 1. OUTSIDE TOE OF DIKES TO BE A MINIMUM OF 5' FROM THE PIPELINE AND STREET LITES
- 2. DO NOT DISTURB MONITORING WELL
- 3. STRIP SITE TOPSOIL TO A MINIMUM DEPTH OF 6"
- 4. ALL STRIPPED MATERIAL TO BE PLACED ON OUTSIDE SLOPES OF DIKES
- 5. COPPER GROUND GRID CONDUCTOR TO BE ABANDONED ON EAST-WEST RUN, COORDINATE WITH OWNER
- 6. DO NOT CUT COPPER GROUND GRID CONDUCTOR WHEN INSTALLING 16" D.I. PIPE
- 7. CONTRACTOR MUST COORDINATE STOCKPILE LOCATIONS WITH OWNER

**SURVEY CONTROL POINTS**

NO.	NORTH	EAST	ELEV.	DESCRIPTION
1001	9932.92	6537.72	1119.91	5/8" REBAR
1006	10,176.49	6970.66	1119.33	5/8" REBAR
1213	10,342.78	6490.22	1125.44	5/8" REBAR

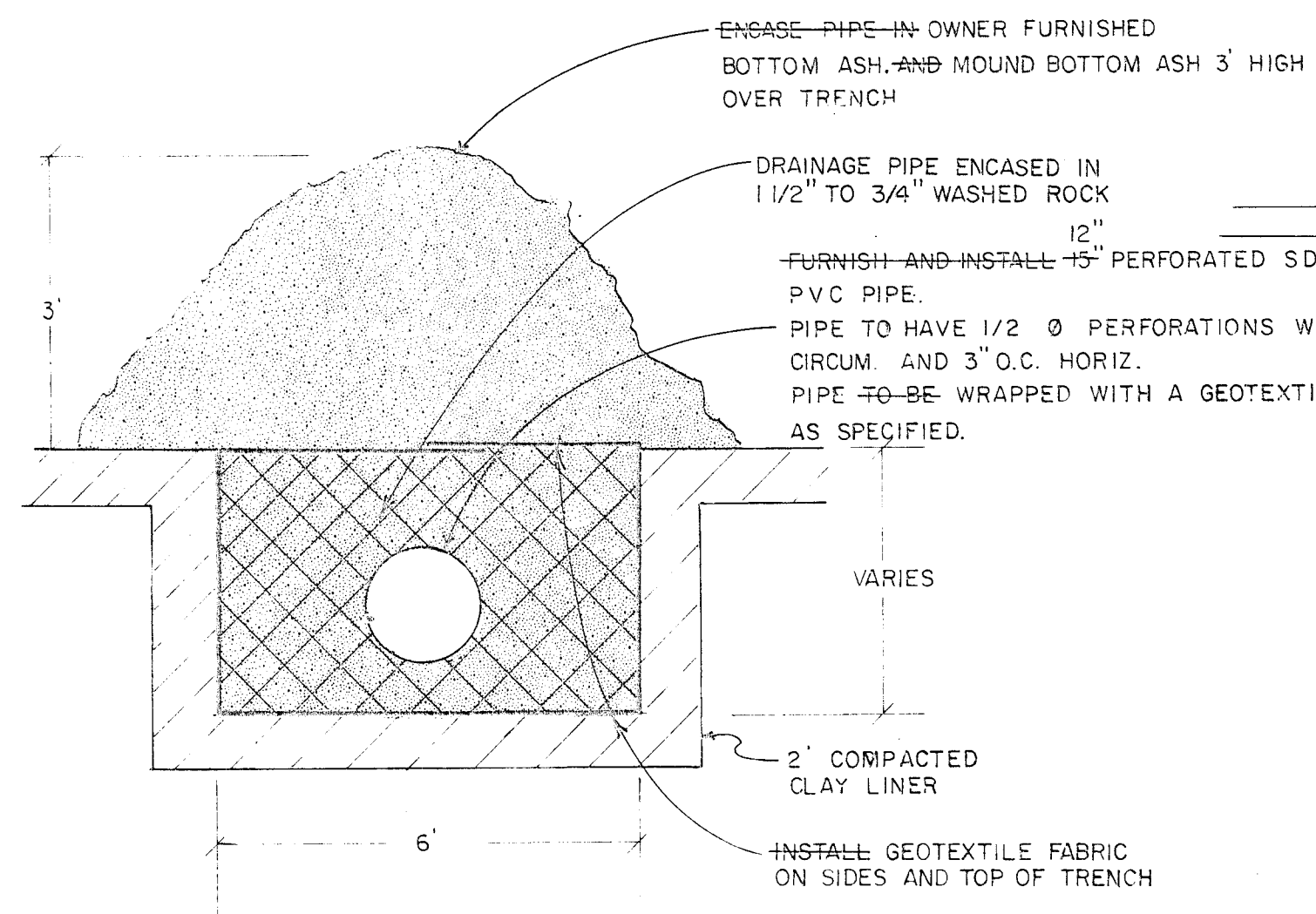
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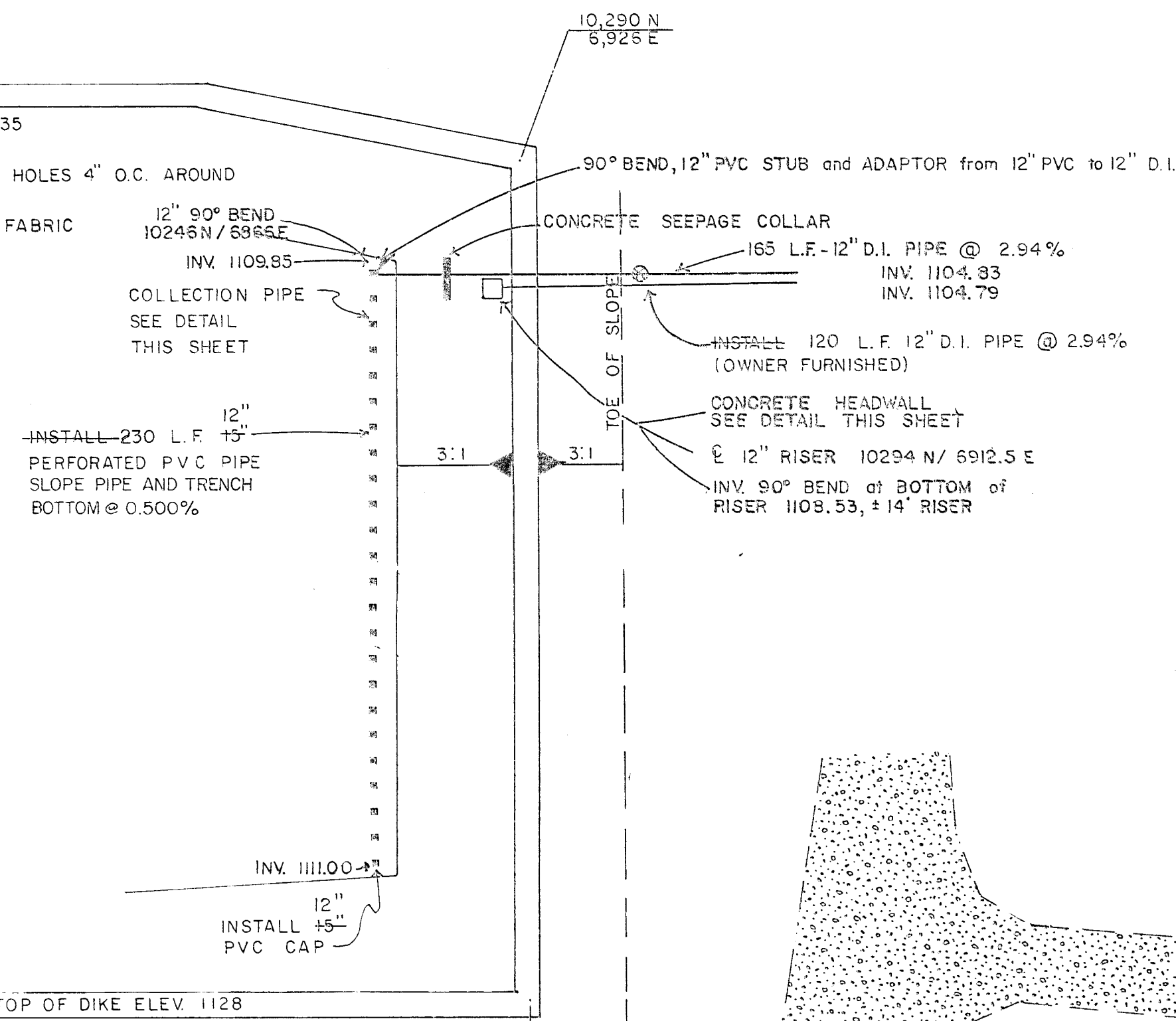


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ASH DEWATERING SITE MDU COYOTE STATION BEULAH, NORTH DAKOTA		
POND LAYOUT AND FINAL CONTOURS		
ULTEIG ENGINEERS, INC. ENGINEERS		
DESIGNED BY: [Signature]	CHECKED BY: [Signature]	DATE: 11/03/1992
APPROVED BY: [Signature]	DATE: 11/03/1992	SCALE: L-1

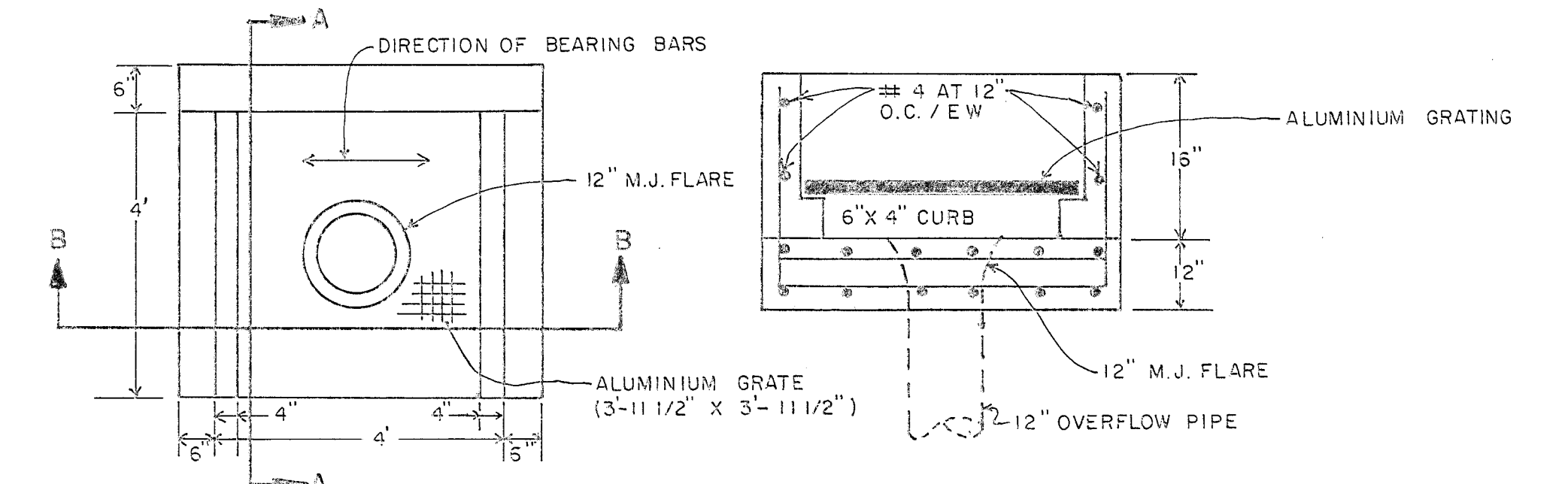
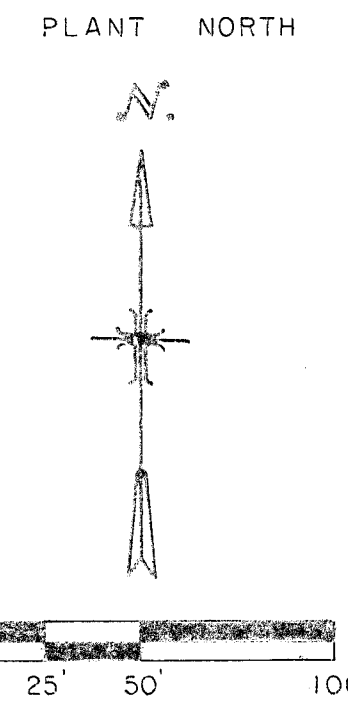




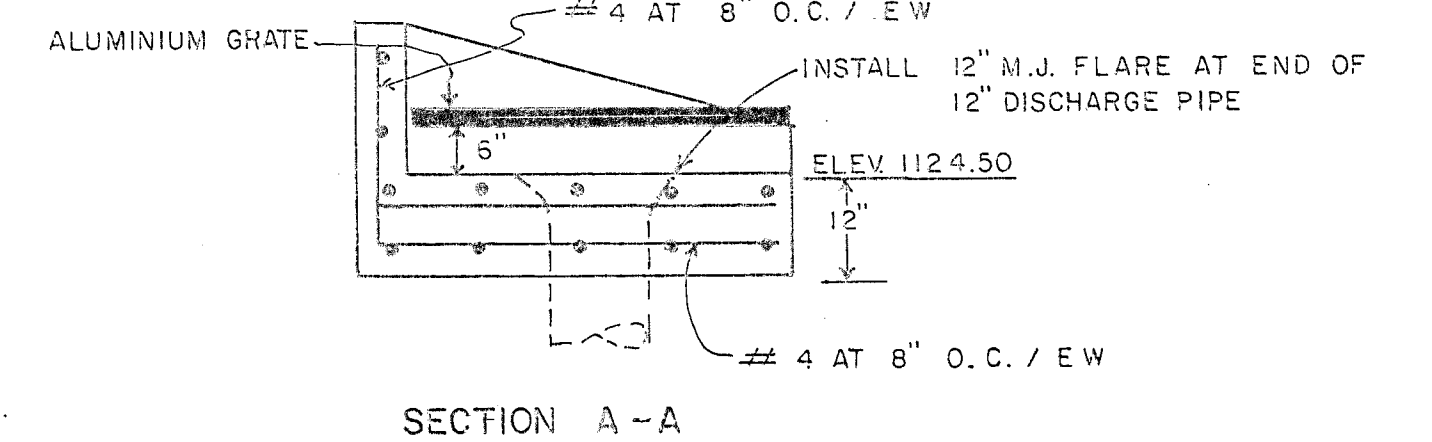
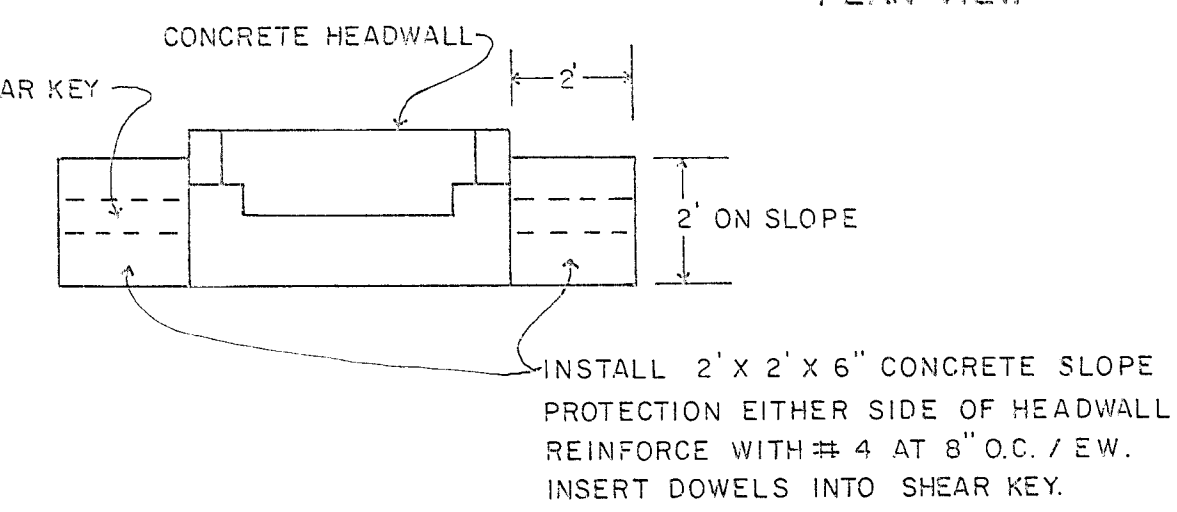
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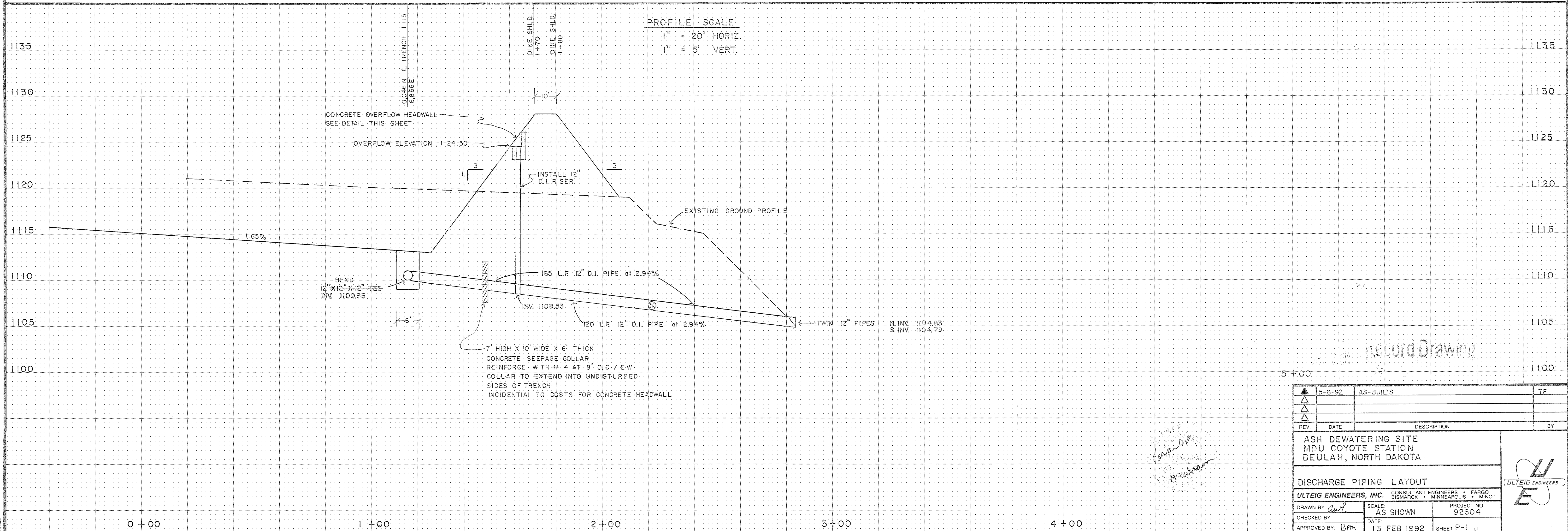
PLAN VIEW



CONCRETE HEADWALL AND SLOPE PROTECTION DETAIL  
NOT TO SCALE

CONSTRUCTION NOTES

- 1. ALL PIPE FITTINGS AND VALVES MUST BE FURNISHED AND INSTALLED.
- 2. CONTRACTOR MUST FURNISH GASKETS FOR ALL OWNER SUPPLIED PIPE.
- 3. REMOVE AND REPLACE ROAD GRAVEL, INCIDENTAL.
- 4. ALL PIPE BEDDING BACK OF STA. 2+00 TO BE CLAY.
- 5. USE GRANULAR AHEAD OF STA. 2+00
- 6. EXCESS EXCAVATED MATERIAL SHALL BE DISPOSED OF AS DIRECTED BY ENGINEER AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO OWNER.



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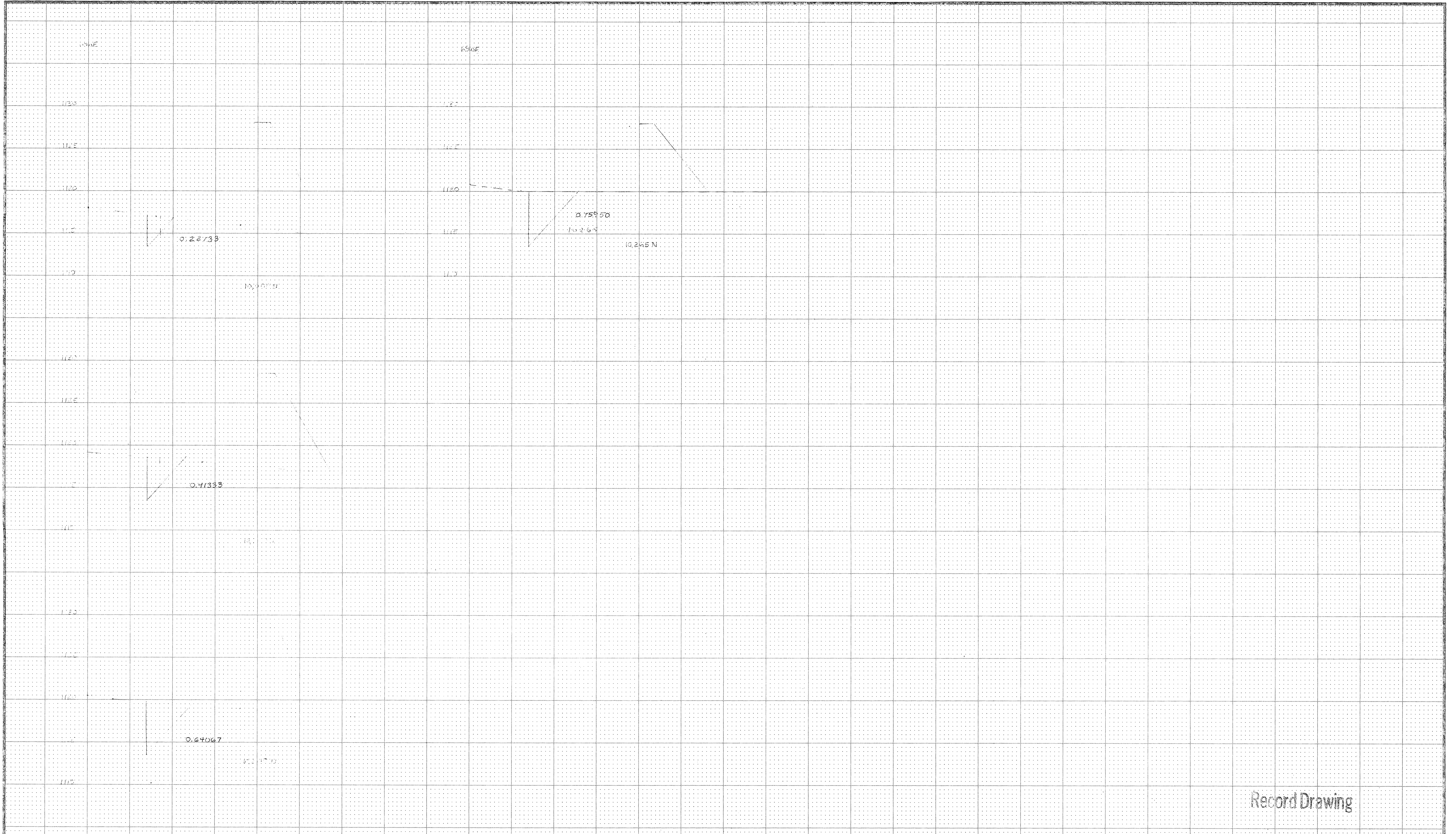
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BEULAH, NORTH DAKOTA

DISCHARGE PIPING LAYOUT

ULTEIG ENGINEERS, INC. CONSULTANT ENGINEERS • FARGO  
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DRAWN BY *awf* SCALE AS SHOWN PROJECT NO 92604  
CHECKED BY DATE 13 FEB 1992 SHEET P-1 of

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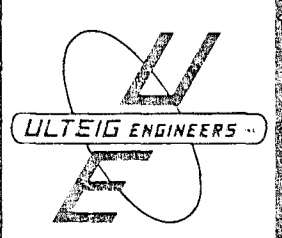
DIKE CROSS SECTIONS

Record Drawing

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BEULAH, NORTH DAKOTA			
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BOTTOM ASH.

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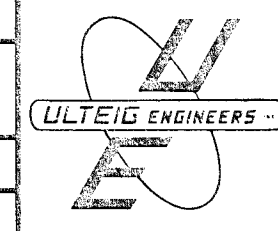
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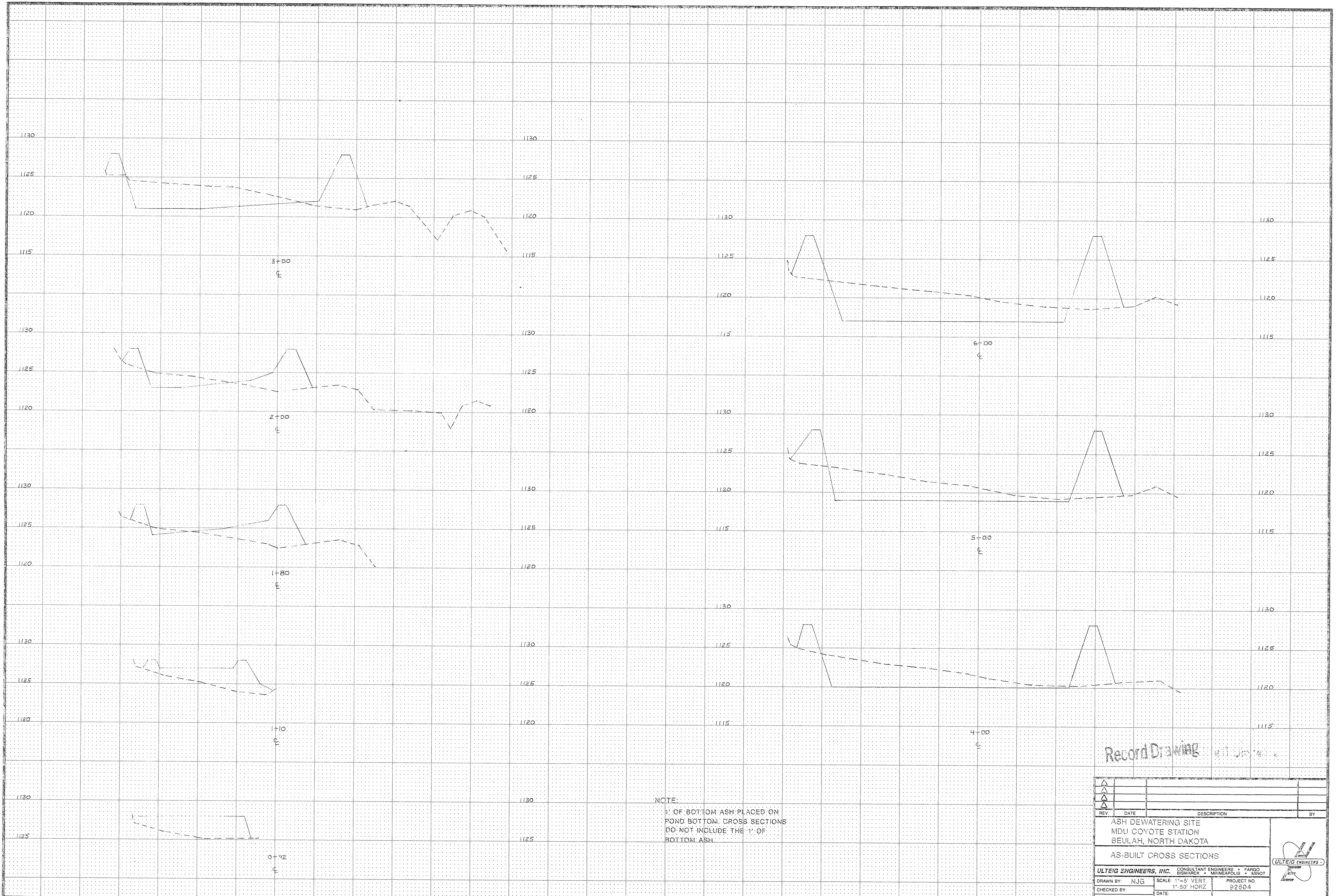
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AS-BUILT CROSS SECTIONS

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