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RE: Standard Mine Drilling Report

Dear Ms. Prograss:

Attached is a copy of the Standard Mine drilling report prepared by our contractor, Shannon and Wilson. The report summarizes the drilling activities conducted at the Standard Mine vicinity in the fall of 2008.

A number of groundwater monitoring wells were completed at the site, in order that water elevations can be measured in the future. A core hole was also completed at the site. This hole was sited in an attempt to intersect the mine void however, it was not encountered. Photos of the core return are included in the report. I understand that the physical core samples have been delivered to you already.

Once you review the report, please feel free to contact me if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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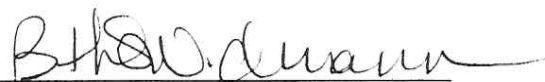
**RE: STANDARD MINE DRILLING PROJECT, GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO**

We are pleased to submit our geotechnical data report for the above-referenced project. The enclosed report summarizes drilling activities and monitoring well installations completed at the Standard Mine Superfund site, September 30 to October 7, 2008.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you on this project. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at 303-825-3800.

Sincerely,

**SHANNON & WILSON, INC.**



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**GEOTECHNICAL DATA REPORT  
STANDARD MINE DRILLING PROGRAM  
CO DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING & SAFETY  
GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This report summarizes our drilling activities and installation of groundwater monitoring wells at the Standard Mine Superfund site near the town of Crested Butte in Gunnison County, Colorado. Our work was completed in accordance with our signed task order agreement with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety, dated September 25, 2008. Our scope of work under this task order included rotary and core drilling and installation of monitoring wells, but did not include laboratory testing, geotechnical engineering analysis, or design recommendations.

**2.0 PROJECT AND SITE DESCRIPTIONS**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE), through contract to the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety (DRMS), are interested in remediating poor quality water that is discharged from the Standard Mine site. The purpose of the Standard Mine Drilling Project was to install groundwater observation wells, report on observed geologic and groundwater conditions, and obtain core samples at the mine site to better understand how water migrates through the native rock and underground mine workings.

The Standard Mine is located approximately 4.5 miles west-northwest of Crested Butte in Gunnison County, Colorado (Figure 1). The mine produced lead, zinc, silver, and gold from the late 1800s through 1966 when the mine was abandoned. The Standard Mine workings generally follow the Micawber/Standard Fault, a northeast-southwest trending mineralized fault that dips approximately 55° to the southeast. The fault offsets the Ohio Creek Formation (primarily friable sandstone, lesser siltstone and shale) on the northwest from the Wasatch Formation (silicified conglomerate, sandstone, siltstone, and mudstone) on the southeast.



### 3.0 FIELD EXPLORATIONS

On September 4, 2008, Matt Thomas (Shannon & Wilson) and Steve Renner (DRMS) made a preliminary visit to the site to assess site conditions and determine drill rig accessibility. Upon determining adequate access and obtaining necessary permissions, a drilling program was initiated. Based on the remote location of the site and on detailed study of the site by DRMS and other partner agencies, DRMS indicated that there were no utilities in the immediate vicinity. Therefore, we did not initiate a utility locate for this project.

#### 3.1 Borings

Shannon & Wilson evaluated subsurface geologic and groundwater conditions at the site by drilling eight borings, designated B-1 through B-8, over a nine-day period from September 30 through October 7, 2008. Boring locations were selected by DRMS and CDPHE staff and are shown on Figure 2. Latitude and longitude coordinates were obtained using a standard hand-held Global Positioning System (GPS) device accurate to within about 15 to 30 feet.

Drilling at the Standard Mine was completed by Precision Sampling, Inc., of Colorado Springs, Colorado, under subcontract to Shannon & Wilson. Seven of the eight borings (B-1 through B-7) were completed by rotary drilling, which was advanced using the ODEX air rotary method with a 5-inch-outside diameter (O.D.) downhole air hammer powered by a track-mounted CME-55 drill rig. Borings B-1 and B-5 were drilled to depths of approximately 60 feet. The remaining borings were drilled to depths ranging from approximately 13 to 20 feet.

An eighth boring (B-8) was completed by core drilling, which was accomplished with a Boart Longyear  $\alpha$ 10 diamond surface bit powered by the CME-55 rig. DRMS estimated that the ceiling of the mine workings might be breached from the surface by drilling to an approximate depth of 176 feet. The core hole was extended to a depth of 190 feet in anticipation of reaching the mine workings. However, no such voids were encountered. We understand that, if encountered, the bore hole would potentially have been used for lowering a camera into the mine void.

Matt Thomas (Shannon & Wilson) observed soil/rock cuttings and prepared a field log for each boring (Appendix A). The boring logs represent our interpretation of subsurface conditions based on observations made in the field. The cuttings generated by the rotary process were visually classified in accordance with the classification systems shown on Figures A-2 and A-3

for soil and rock, respectively. However, in most case, the rotary cuttings proved to be too fine for detailed visual classification, and therefore, classifications were supplemented with geologic information observed in nearby outcrops and/or provided to us by DRMS.

Elevations at each boring location, as shown on the individual boring logs, were estimated from topographic maps to the nearest contour, or 40 feet. These elevations are approximate and should be considered accurate to the degree implied by the method used.

Soil/rock samples were not collected from the rotary borings. Rock core collected from the cored boring was boxed and transported back to our Denver office for transfer to EPA personnel. Photos of each core box are provided in Appendix B. At the request of DRMS, and in accordance with our scope of work, no further analysis or testing was completed.

### **3.2 Groundwater Monitoring Wells**

Following completion of the borings, the depth to groundwater, if present, was measured in each borehole. Monitoring wells were then installed in each of the seven rotary borings (B-1 through B-7) in general accordance with procedures outlined in our DRMS Task Order Letter (#002, C188836-102). Monitoring wells were constructed such that groundwater at the colluvial cover/weathered bedrock contact in each of the shallow wells (B-2, B-3, B-4, B-6 and B-7), and within the intact bedrock in the deep wells (B-1 and B-5), was isolated. Each monitoring well consisted of a 2-inch inside-diameter PVC riser pipe and machine-slotted pipe (0.010-inch spacing) of variable length (see Appendix A). The annular space surrounding the slotted pipe was backfilled with 10-20 filter sand. In the case of the 60-foot-deep wells, a bentonite seal was constructed at the top of the filter pack. A bentonite seal was constructed below the filter pack in the case of the shallow wells, with the remainder of the hole typically being backfilled with cuttings and/or bentonite. A locking cap was placed on the PVC riser pipe and stick-up monuments were placed on each monitoring well. Well completions are shown on the individual boring logs in Appendix A.

A monitoring well was not installed in the cored boring (B-8). Rather, this boring was completed with a stick-up monument, and the hole was left open per request by EPA personnel.


#### 4.0 CLOSURE

This report was prepared for the exclusive use of DRMS and recognized partners of the Standard Mine water quality improvements project. We understand the EPA will be responsible for well monitoring and well abandonment. Laboratory testing of rock/soil samples was not completed as part of this project, and all rock core collected from boring B-8 was submitted directly to the EPA.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to DRMS. If you have any questions or comments regarding our findings, please contact me at 303-825-3800.

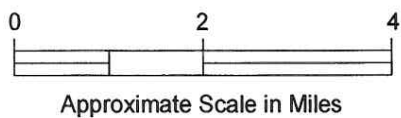
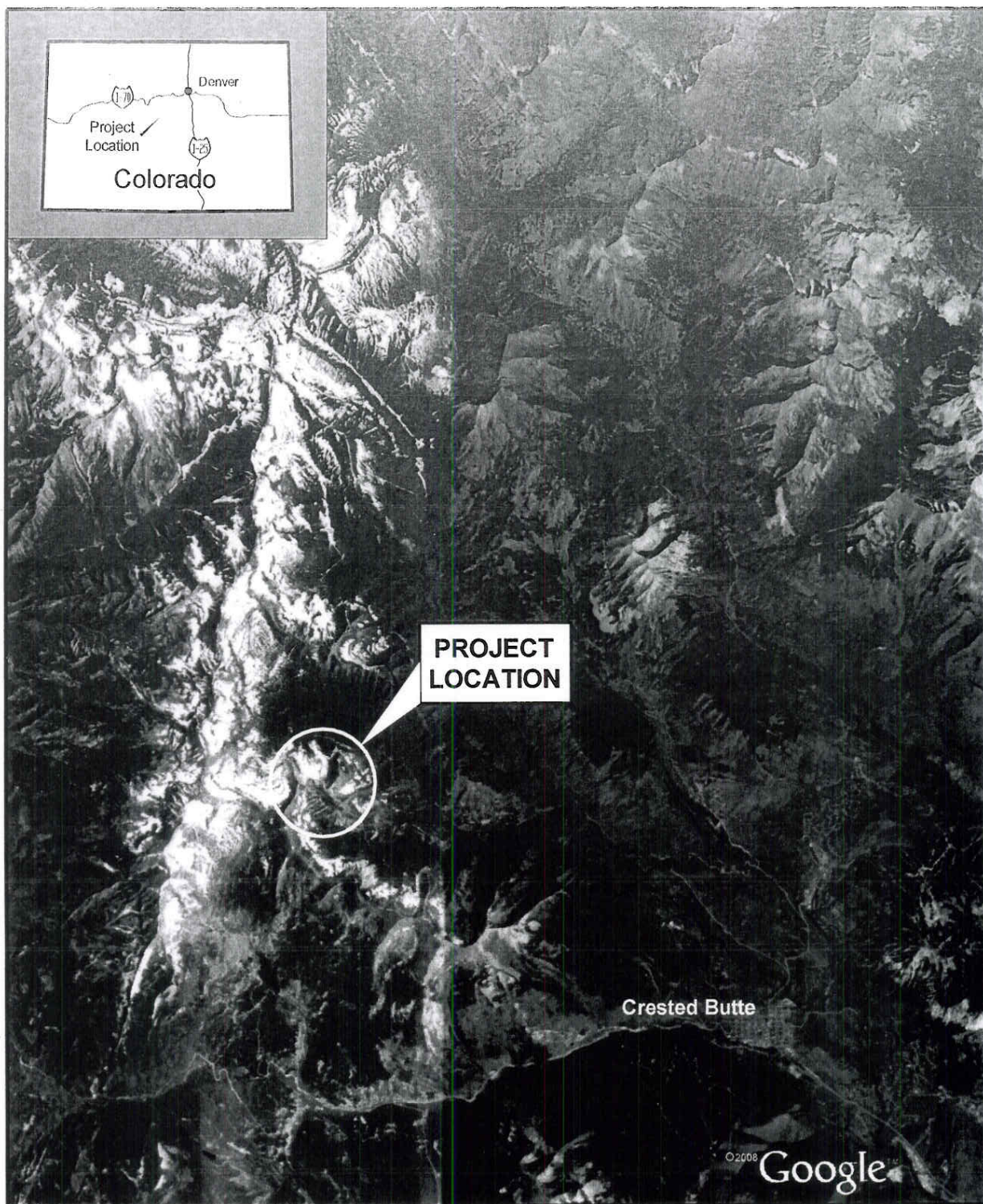
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**VICINITY MAP**

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**FIG. 1**



# GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE UPPER ELK CREEK BASIN

## Explanation

qmp quartz monzonite porphyry (Tertiary)

Tw Wasatch Formation (Tertiary)

Toc Ohio Creek Formation (Tertiary)

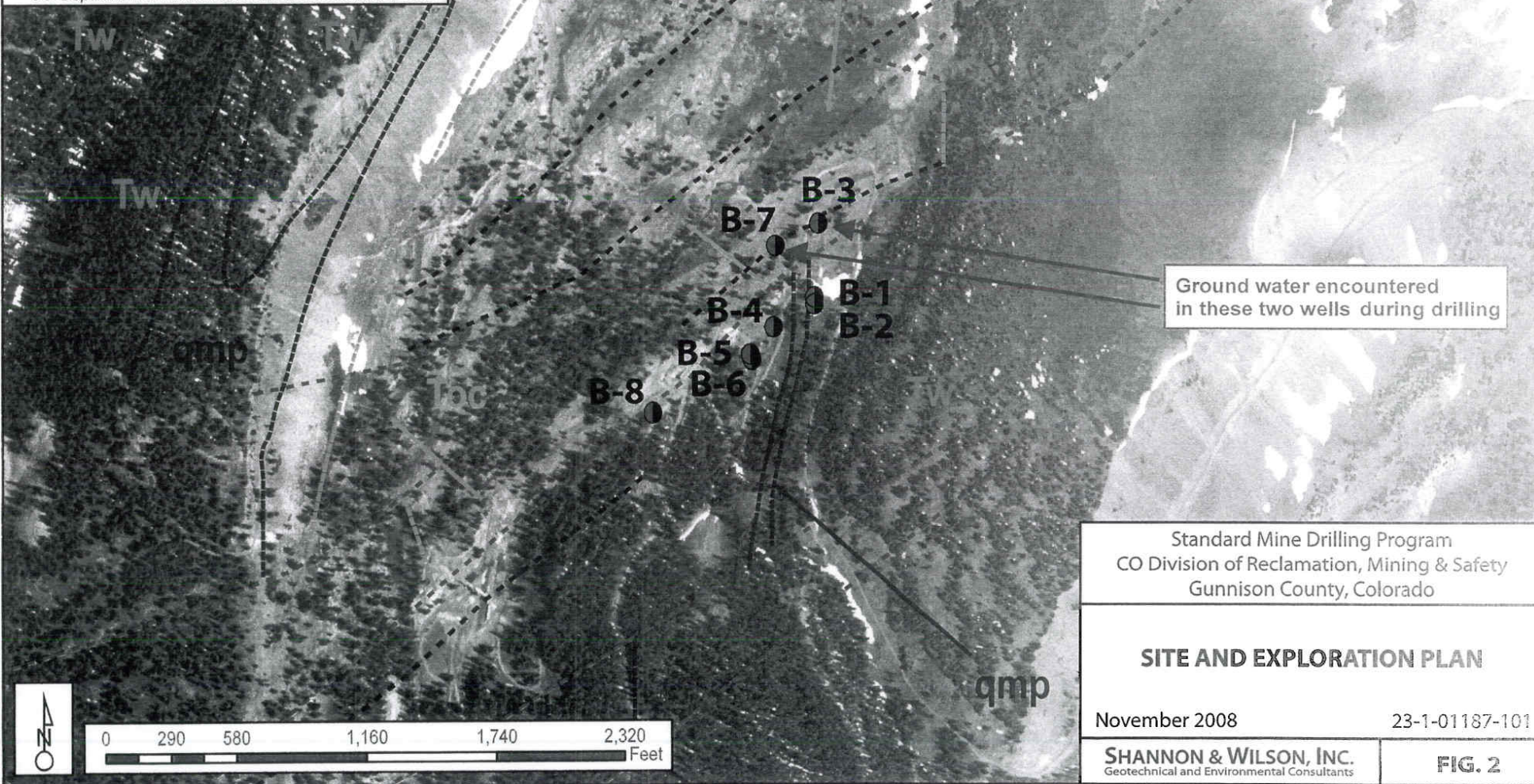
--- USGS mapped fault

--- Fault inferred from aerial photography or observed in field

B-3 ● Completed borings

Mapping provided by J. Lewis

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## SITE AND EXPLORATION PLAN

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**FIELD EXPLORATIONS**

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Shannon & Wilson, Inc. (S&W), uses a soil classification system modified from the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS). Elements of the USCS and other definitions are provided on this and the following page. Soil descriptions are based on visual-manual procedures (ASTM D 2488-93) unless otherwise noted.

### S&W CLASSIFICATION OF SOIL CONSTITUENTS

- MAJOR constituents compose more than 50 percent, by weight, of the soil. Major constituents are capitalized (SAND).
- Minor constituents compose 12 to 50 percent of the soil and precede the major constituents (silty SAND). Minor constituents preceded by "slightly" compose 5 to 12 percent of the soil (slightly silty SAND).
- Trace constituents compose 0 to 5 percent of the soil (slightly silty SAND, trace of gravel).

### 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   |

### ABBREVIATIONS

|       |                                      |
|-------|--------------------------------------|
| ATD   | At Time of Drilling                  |
| Elev. | Elevation                            |
| ft    | feet                                 |
| HSA   | Hollow Stem Auger                    |
| ID    | Inside Diameter                      |
| in    | inches                               |
| lbs   | pounds                               |
| Mon.  | Monument cover                       |
| N     | Blows for last two 6-inch increments |
| NA    | Not Applicable or Not Available      |
| OD    | Outside Diameter                     |
| OVA   | Organic Vapor Analyzer               |
| PID   | Photoionization Detector             |
| ppm   | parts per million                    |
| PVC   | Polyvinyl Chloride                   |
| SS    | Split Spoon sampler                  |
| SPT   | Standard Penetration Test            |
| USC   | Unified Soil Classification          |
| WLI   | Water Level Indicator                |

### GRAIN SIZE DEFINITIONS













| DESCRIPTION | SIEVE SIZE               |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| FINES       | < #200 (0.3 mm)          |
| SAND*       |                          |
| ▪ Fine      | #200 - #40 (0.4 mm)      |
| ▪ Medium    | #40 - #10 (2 mm)         |
| ▪ Coarse    | #10 - #4 (5 mm)          |
| GRAVEL*     |                          |
| ▪ Fine      | #4 - $\frac{3}{4}$ inch  |
| ▪ Coarse    | $\frac{3}{4}$ - 3 inches |
| COBBLES     | 3 - 12 inches            |
| BOULDERS    | > 12 inches              |

\* Unless otherwise noted, sand and gravel, when present, range from fine to coarse in grain size.

### RELATIVE DENSITY / CONSISTENCY

| COARSE-GRAINED SOILS |                     | FINE-GRAINED/COHESIVE SOILS |                         |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| N, SPT,<br>BLOWS/FT. | RELATIVE<br>DENSITY | N, SPT,<br>BLOWS/FT.        | RELATIVE<br>CONSISTENCY |
| 0 - 4                | Very loose          | <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                    |

### WELL AND OTHER SYMBOLS

|   |   |   |                    |
|---|---|---|--------------------|
|  | Cement/Concrete                         |  | Asphalt or PVC Cap |
|  | Bentonite Grout                         |  | Cobbles            |
|  | Bentonite Seal                          |  | Fill               |
|  | Slough                                  |  | Ash                |
|  | Silica Sand                             |  | Bedrock            |
|  | 2" I.D. PVC Screen<br>(0.020-inch Slot) |  | Gravel             |

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### SOIL CLASSIFICATION AND LOG KEY

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FIG. A-1  
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| UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM<br>(From ASTM D 2488-93 & 2487-93)   |  |  |                        |  |   |
|---|--|--|------------------------|--|---|
| MAJOR DIVISIONS   |  |  | GROUP/GRAPHIC SYMBOL ② |  | TYPICAL DESCRIPTION   |
| Coarse-Grained Soils (more than 50% retained on No. 200 sieve)<br><br>(use Dual Symbols for 5 - 12% Fines (i.e. GP-GM)) ① | Gravels (more than 50% of coarse fraction retained on No. 4 sieve) | Clean Gravels ① (less than 5% fines)       | GW                     |  | Well-Graded Gravels, Gravel-Sand Mixtures, Little or No Fines                                     |
|   |  |  | GP                     |  | Poorly Graded Gravels, Gravel-Sand Mixtures, Little or No Fines                                   |
|   |  | Gravels with ① Fines (more than 12% fines) | GM                     |  | Silty Gravels, Gravel-Sand-Silt Mixtures  |
|   |  |  | GC                     |  | Clayey Gravels, Gravel-Sand-Clay Mixtures   |
|   | Sands (50% or more of coarse fraction passes the No. 4 sieve)      | Clean sands ① (less than 5% fines)         | SW                     |  | Well-Graded Sands, Gravelly Sands, Little or No Fines   |
|   |  |  | SP                     |  | Poorly Graded Sand, Gravelly Sands, Little or No Fines  |
|   |  | Sands with ① Fines (more than 12% fines)   | SM                     |  | Silty Sands, Sand-Silt Mixtures   |
|   |  |  | SC                     |  | Clayey Sands, Sand-Silt Mixtures  |
| Fine-Grained Soils (50% or more passes the No. 200 sieve)   | Silts and Clays (liquid limit less than 50)                        | Inorganic                                  | ML                     |  | Inorganic Silts of Low to Medium Plasticity, Rock Flour, or Clayey Silts With Slight Plasticity   |
|   |  |  | CL                     |  | Inorganic Clays of Low to Medium Plasticity, Gravelly Clays, Sandy Clays, Silty Clays, Lean Clays |
|   |  | Organic                                    | OL                     |  | Organic Silts and Organic Silty Clays of Low Plasticity   |
|   | Silts and Clays (liquid limit 50 or more)                          | Inorganic                                  | CH                     |  | Inorganic Clays of Medium to High Plasticity, Sandy Fat Clay, Gravelly Fat Clay                   |
|   |  |  | MH                     |  | Inorganic Silts, Micaceous or Diatomaceous Fine Sands or Silty Soils, Elastic Silt                |
|   |  | 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 (See D 4427-92)                                |

## NOTES

- Dual Symbols (symbols separated by a hyphen, i.e., SP-SM, slightly silty fine SAND) are used for soils with between 5% and 12% fines or when the liquid limit and plasticity index values plot in the CL-ML area of the plasticity chart.
- Borderline symbols (symbols separated by a slash, i.e., CL/ML, silty CLAY/clayey SILT; GW/SW, sandy GRAVEL/gravelly SAND) indicate that the soil may fall into one of two possible basic groups.

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**FIG. A-1**  
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| ISRM CLASSIFICATION OF ROCK STRENGTH |   |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| DESCRIPTION                          | FIELD IDENTIFICATION  | APPROXIMATE UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa) | APPROXIMATE UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (psi) |
| Very Low Strength                    | Crumbles under firm blows with point of geological hammer, can be peeled by a pocket knife                              | <5.0  |   |
| Low Strength                         | Can be peeled by a pocket knife with difficulty, shallow indentations made by firm blow with point of geological hammer | 5.0 - 25  | 700 - 4,000                                       |
| Moderate Strength                    | Cannot be scraped or peeled by a pocket knife, specimen can be fractured with a single blow of geological hammer        | <700<br>25 - 50                                   | 4,000 - 7,000                                     |
| Medium High Strength                 | Specimen requires more than one blow of geological hammer to fracture it  | 50 - 100  | 7,000 - 15,000                                    |
| High Strength                        | Specimen requires many blows of geological hammer to fracture it  | 100 - 250   | 15,000 - 36,000                                   |
| Very High Strength                   | Specimen can only be chipped with geological hammer   | >250  |   |

| ISRM CLASSIFICATION OF WEATHERING >36,000 |  |
|---|--|
| TERM                                      | DESCRIPTION  |
| Fresh                                     | No visible signs of rock material weathering: perhaps slight discoloration on major discontinuity surfaces.                                  |
| Slightly Weathered                        | Slight penetration of discoloration away from fracture. Fractures may contain thin filling.  |
| Moderately Weathered                      | Partial to complete discoloration away from fracture. Rock not friable except for poorly cemented rock. Fractures may contain thick filling. |
| Highly Weathered                          | All rock is discolored. Rock is friable except for poorly cemented rock. Corestones may be present.  |
| Completely Weathered                      | All rock is decomposed and/or disintegrated to soil. The original mass is still largely intact.  |

| ISRM CLASSIFICATION OF JOINT SPACING |               |              |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| DESCRIPTION                          | SPACING (MM)  | SPACING (FT) |
| Extremely Close Spacing              | <20           | <0.07        |
| Very Close Spacing                   | 20 - 60       | 0.07 - 0.20  |
| Close Spacing                        | 60 - 200      | 0.20 - 0.66  |
| Medium Spacing                       | 200 - 600     | 0.66 - 2.0   |
| Wide Spacing                         | 600 - 2,000   | 2.0 - 6.6    |
| Very Wide Spacing                    | 2,000 - 6,000 | 6.6 - 20     |

Reference: Brown, E.T., ed., 1981, Rock characterization testing and monitoring ISRM suggested methods: New York, International Society for Rock Mechanics

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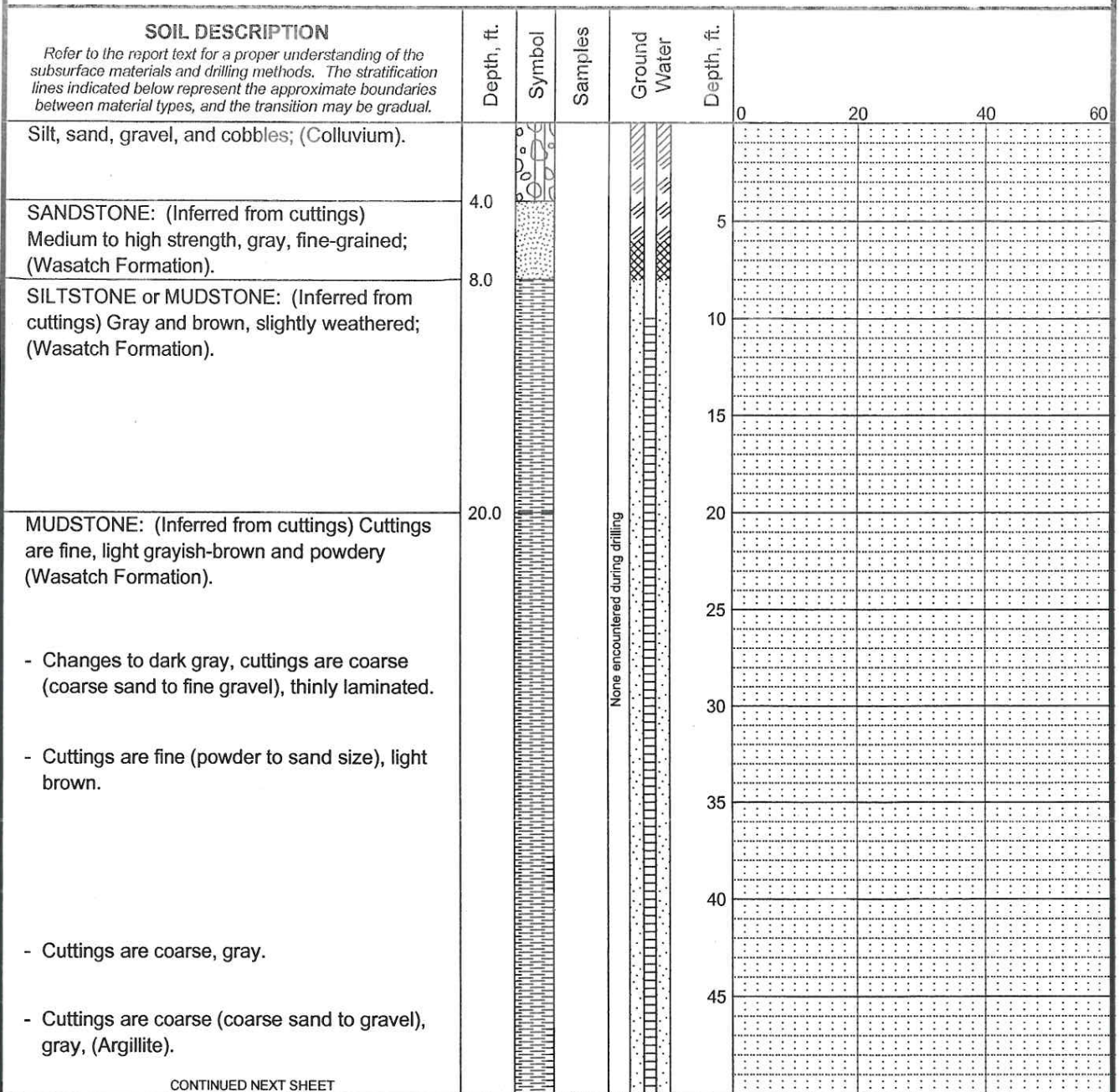
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

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**FIG. A-2**



Total Depth: 60.5 ft. Northing: \_\_\_\_\_ Drilling Method: Air Rotary Hole Diam.: 5 in.  
 Top Elevation: ~ 11400 ft. Easting: \_\_\_\_\_ Drilling Company: Precision Sampling Rod Diam.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vert. Datum: \_\_\_\_\_ Station: \_\_\_\_\_ Drill Rig Equipment: CME 55 Track Rig Hammer Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Horiz. Datum: \_\_\_\_\_ Offset: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



- LEGEND**
- \* Sample Not Recovered
  -  Piezometer Screen and Sand Filter
  -  Bentonite-Cement Grout
  -  Bentonite Chips/Pellets
  -  Bentonite Grout

Plastic Limit  Liquid Limit  
Natural Water Content

**NOTES**

- Refer to KEY for explanation of symbols, codes, abbreviations and definitions.
- Groundwater level, if indicated above, is for the date specified and may vary.
- USCS designation is based on visual-manual classification and selected lab testing.
- The hole location was measured using a cloth tape from existing site features and should be considered approximate.

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**LOG OF BORING B-1**

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**FIG. A-3**  
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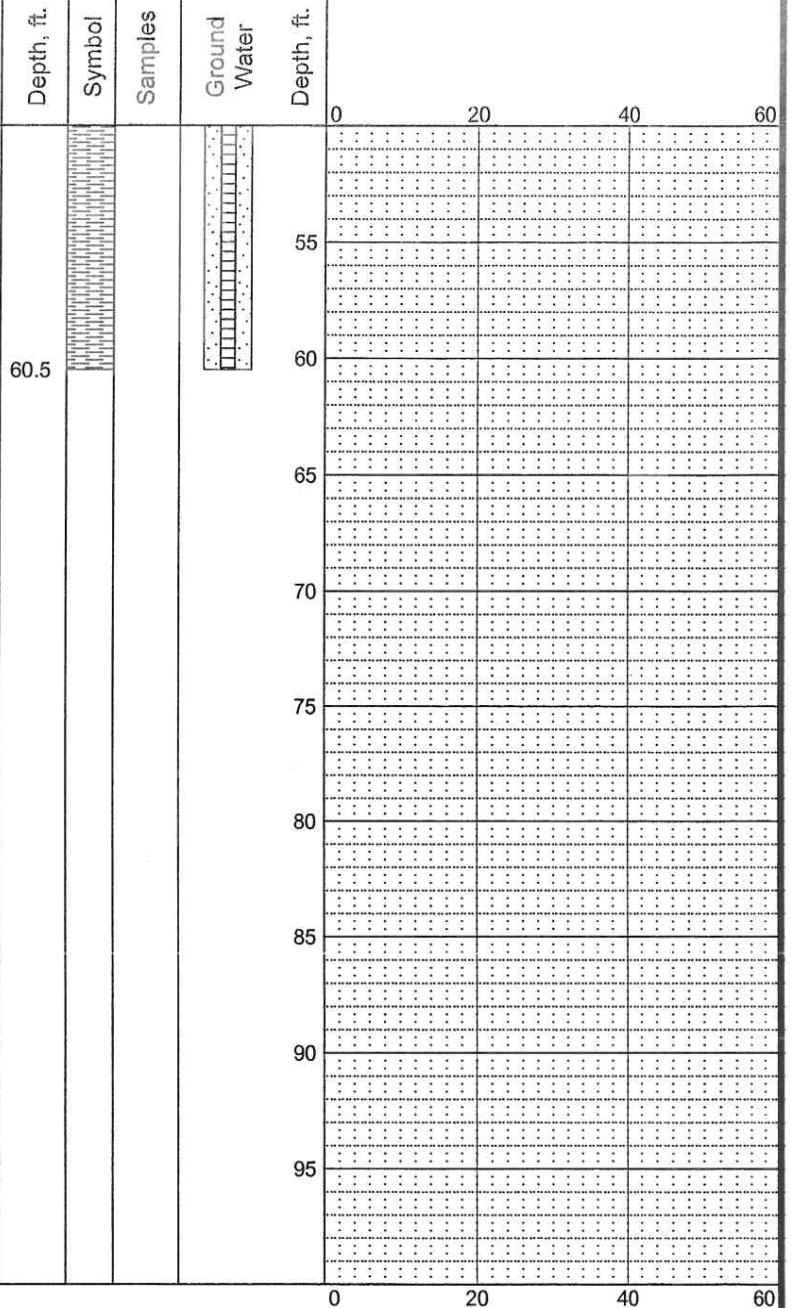
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 Top Elevation: ~ 11400 ft. Easting: \_\_\_\_\_ Drilling Company: Precision Sampling Rod Diam.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vert. Datum: \_\_\_\_\_ Station: \_\_\_\_\_ Drill Rig Equipment: CME 55 Track Rig Hammer Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Horiz. Datum: \_\_\_\_\_ Offset: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### SOIL DESCRIPTION

Refer to the report text for a proper understanding of the subsurface materials and drilling methods. The stratification lines indicated below represent the approximate boundaries between material types, and the transition may be gradual.

MUDSTONE (Cont.): (Inferred from cuttings)  
 Cuttings are fine, light grayish-brown and powdery (Wasatch Formation).

BOTTOM OF BORING  
 COMPLETED 9/30/2008



### LEGEND

\* Sample Not Recovered

-  Piezometer Screen and Sand Filter
-  Bentonite-Cement Grout
-  Bentonite Chips/Pellets
-  Bentonite Grout

Plastic Limit  Liquid Limit  
 Natural Water Content

### NOTES

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## LOG OF BORING B-1

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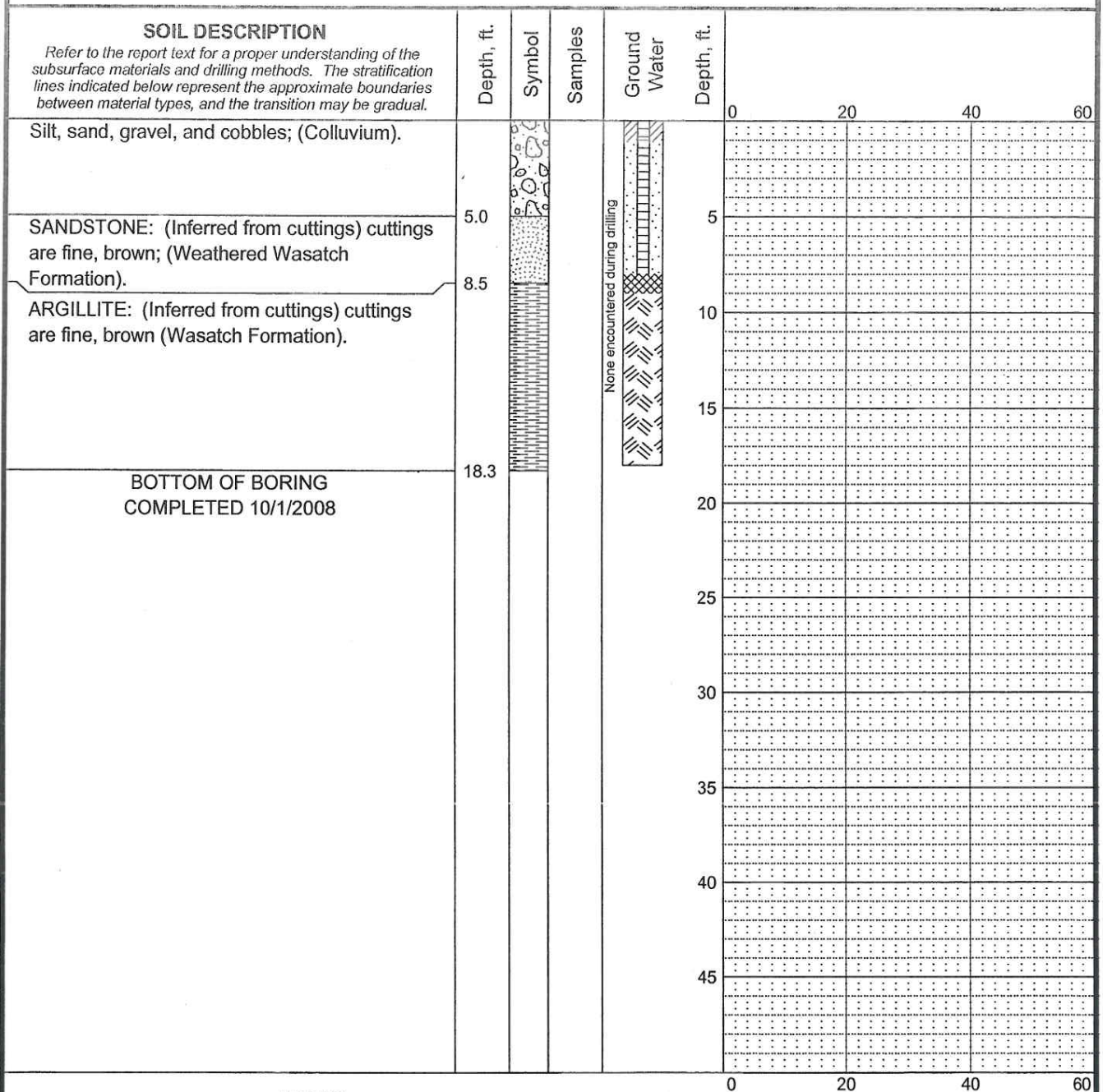
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**FIG. A-3**  
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Total Depth: 18.3 ft. Northing: \_\_\_\_\_ Drilling Method: Air Rotary Hole Diam.: 5 in.  
 Top Elevation: ~ 11400 ft. Easting: \_\_\_\_\_ Drilling Company: Precision Sampling Rod Diam.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vert. Datum: \_\_\_\_\_ Station: \_\_\_\_\_ Drill Rig Equipment: CME 55 Track Rig Hammer Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Horiz. Datum: \_\_\_\_\_ Offset: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



#### LEGEND

\* Sample Not Recovered

-  Piezometer Screen and Sand Filter
-  Bentonite-Cement Grout
-  Bentonite Chips/Pellets
-  Bentonite Grout

Plastic Limit —●— Liquid Limit  
Natural Water Content

#### NOTES

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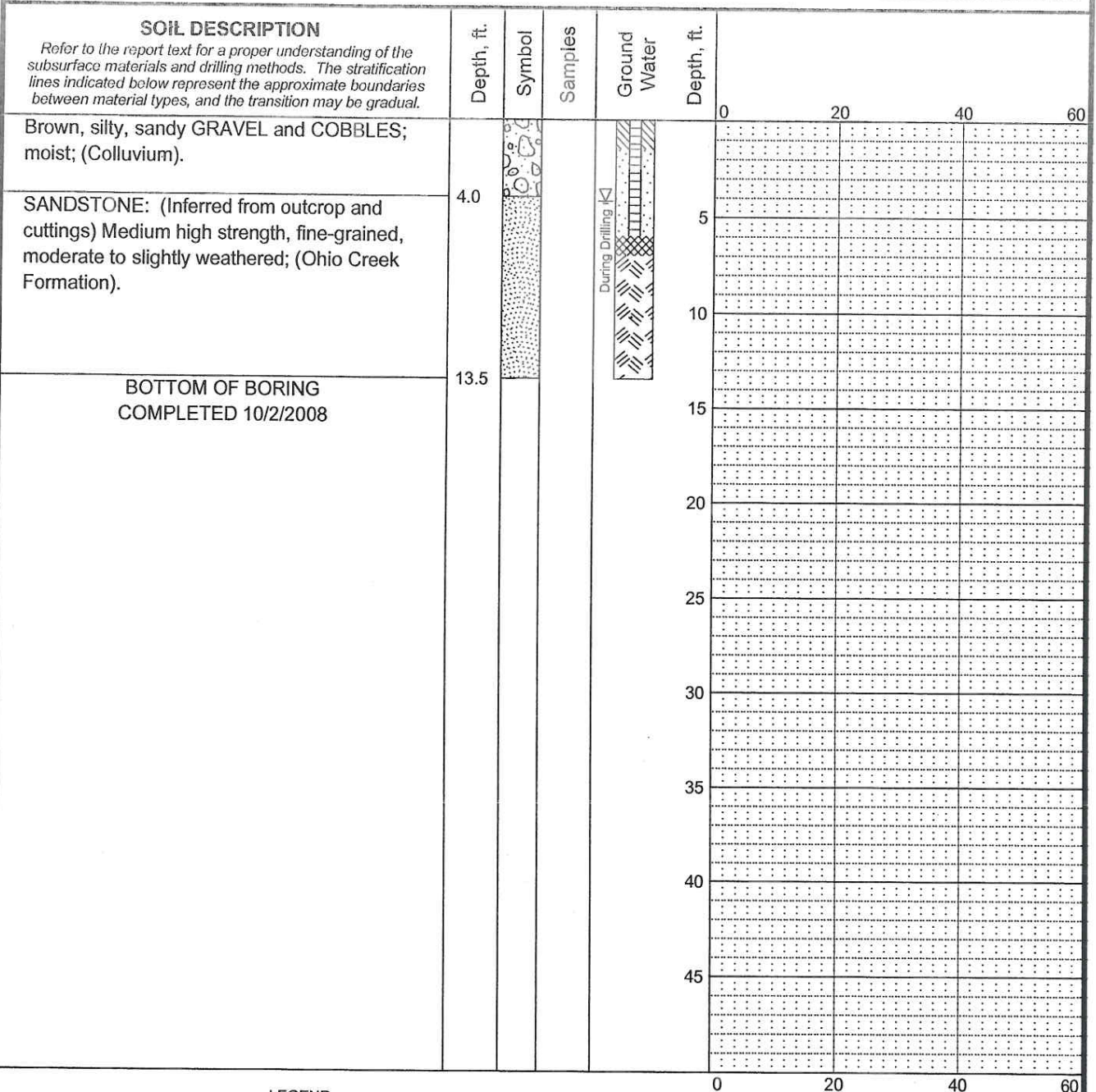
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**FIG. A-4**

Total Depth: 13.5 ft. Northing: \_\_\_\_\_ Drilling Method: Air Rotary Hole Diam.: 5 in.  
 Top Elevation: ~ 11420 ft. Easting: \_\_\_\_\_ Drilling Company: Precision Sampling Rod Diam.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vert. Datum: \_\_\_\_\_ Station: \_\_\_\_\_ Drill Rig Equipment: CME 55 Track Rig Hammer Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Horiz. Datum: \_\_\_\_\_ Offset: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



- LEGEND**
- \* Sample Not Recovered
  - Piezometer Screen and Sand Filter
  - Bentonite-Cement Grout
  - Bentonite Chips/Pellets
  - Bentonite Grout
  - Ground Water Level ATD

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Natural Water Content

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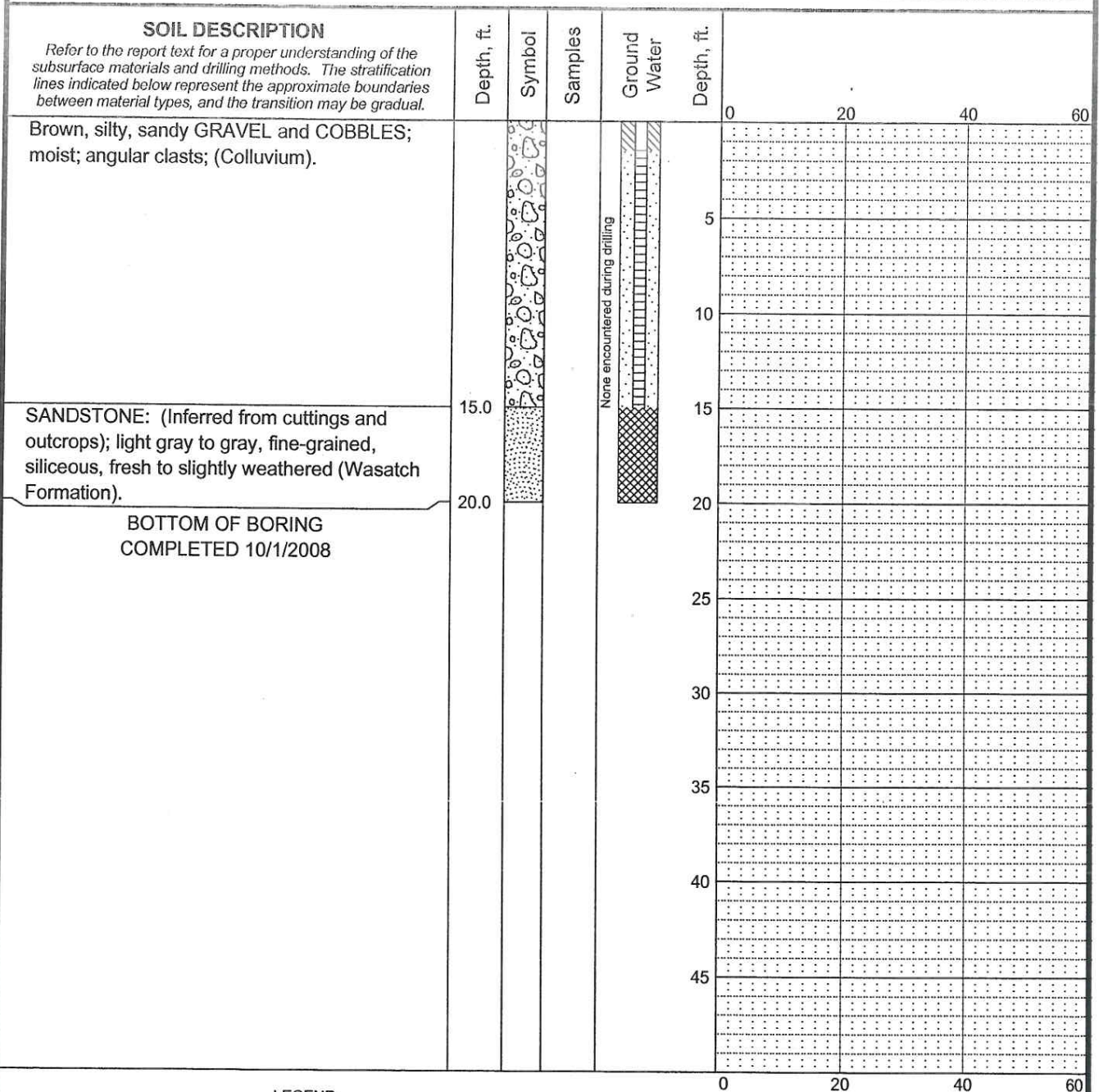
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**FIG. A-5**



Total Depth: 20 ft. Northing: \_\_\_\_\_ Drilling Method: Air Rotary Hole Diam.: 5 in.  
 Top Elevation: - 11360 ft. Easting: \_\_\_\_\_ Drilling Company: Precision Sampling Rod Diam.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vert. Datum: \_\_\_\_\_ Station: \_\_\_\_\_ Drill Rig Equipment: CME 55 Track Rig Hammer Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Horiz. Datum: \_\_\_\_\_ Offset: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



\* Sample Not Recovered

#### LEGEND

-  Piezometer Screen and Sand Filter
-  Bentonite-Cement Grout
-  Bentonite Chips/Pellets
-  Bentonite Grout

Plastic Limit —●— Liquid Limit  
Natural Water Content

#### NOTES

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**FIG. A-6**



Total Depth: 60.5 ft.      Northing: \_\_\_\_\_      Drilling Method: Air Rotary      Hole Diam.: 5 in.  
 Top Elevation: ~ 11320 ft.      Easting: \_\_\_\_\_      Drilling Company: Precision Sampling      Rod Diam.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vert. Datum: \_\_\_\_\_      Station: \_\_\_\_\_      Drill Rig Equipment: CME 55 Track Rig      Hammer Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Horiz. Datum: \_\_\_\_\_      Offset: \_\_\_\_\_      Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## SOIL DESCRIPTION

*Refer to the report text for a proper understanding of the subsurface materials and drilling methods. The stratification lines indicated below represent the approximate boundaries between material types, and the transition may be gradual.*

Brown, silty, sandy GRAVEL and COBBLES;  
moist; (Colluvium).

SANDSTONE: (Inferred from outcrops and cuttings) Moderate to medium high strength; gray, fine-grained, moderately to slightly weathered; (Wasatch Formation).

- Cuttings become lighter (yellowish to light brown), finer than above.

CLAYSTONE: (Inferred from cuttings), brown, fine grained, (Wasatch Formation).

- Light brown cuttings, lighter percussion.

SANDSTONE: (Inferred from cuttings and drill action) becomes gray to light gray, much harder drilling (Wasatch Formation).

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### LEGEND

- ★ Sample Not Recovered
- |  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
|  | Piezometer Screen and Sand Filter |
|  | Bentonite-Cement Grout            |
|  | Bentonite Chips/Pellets           |
|  | Bentonite Grout                   |

The diagram shows a horizontal line with a central black dot. To the left of the dot is the text "Plastic Limit" and to the right is "Liquid Limit". Below the line, centered under the dot, is the text "Natural Water Content".

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**FIG. A-7**  
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Depth, ft.

Symbol

## Samples

Ground  
Water

Depth, ft.

|   |    |    |    |
|---|----|----|----|
| 0 | 20 | 40 | 60 |
|---|----|----|----|

60.5

55

60

65

70

75

80

85

90

95

A horizontal number line with tick marks at 0, 20, 40, and 60.

\* Sample Not Recovered

The diagram shows a horizontal line with a central black dot. To the left of the dot is the text 'Plastic Limit' and to the right is 'Liquid Limit'. Below the line, centered under the dot, is the text 'Natural Water Content'.

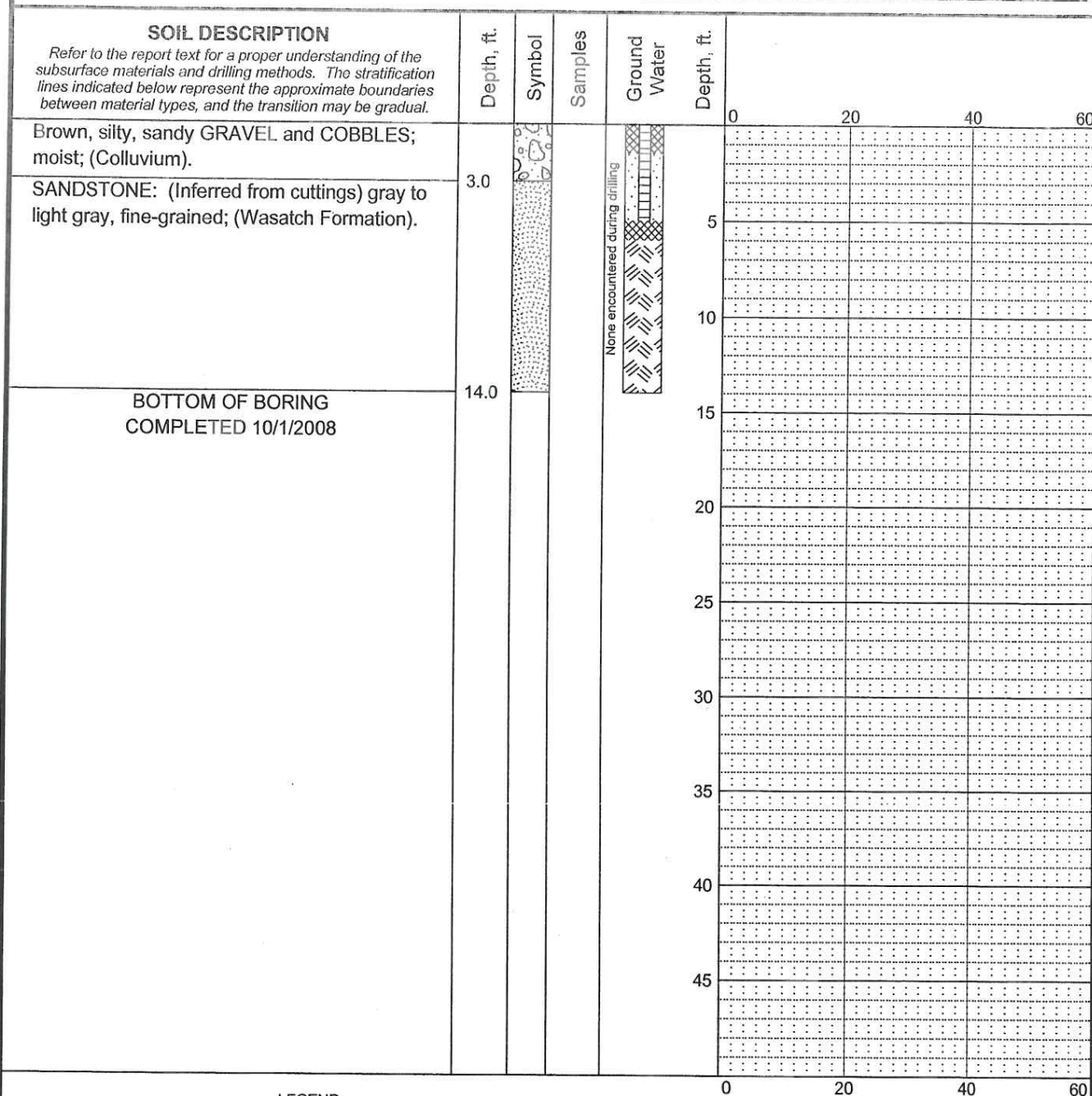
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**FIG. A-7**  
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Total Depth: 14 ft. Northing: \_\_\_\_\_ Drilling Method: Air Rotary Hole Diam.: 5 in.  
 Top Elevation: ~ 11320 ft. Easting: \_\_\_\_\_ Drilling Company: Precision Sampling Rod Diam.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vert. Datum: \_\_\_\_\_ Station: \_\_\_\_\_ Drill Rig Equipment: CME 55 Track Rig Hammer Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Horiz. Datum: \_\_\_\_\_ Offset: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



#### LEGEND

\* Sample Not Recovered

-  Piezometer Screen and Sand Filter
-  Bentonite-Cement Grout
-  Bentonite Chips/Pellets
-  Bentonite Grout

Plastic Limit  Liquid Limit  
Natural Water Content

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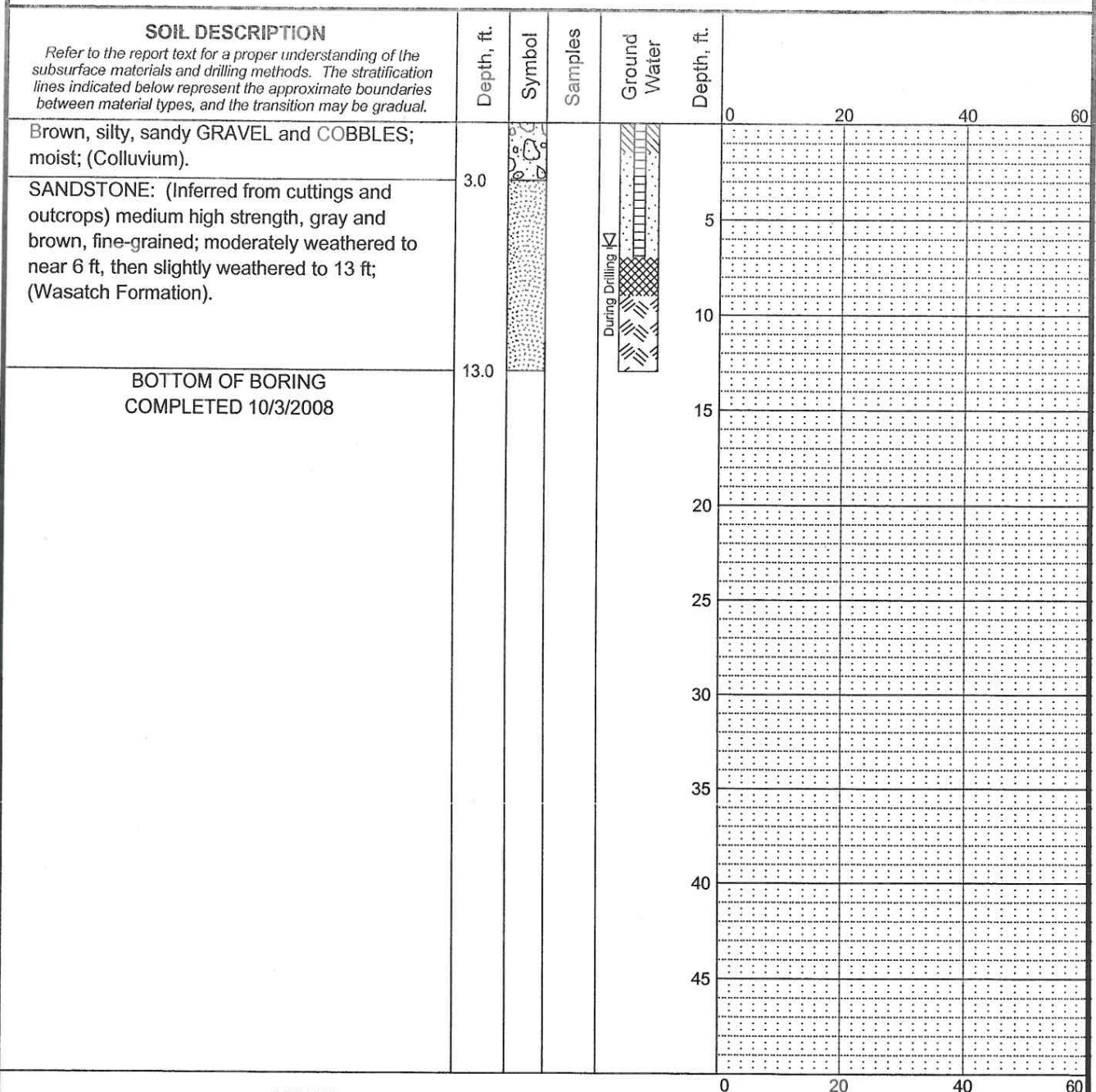
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**FIG. A-8**








Total Depth: 13 ft. Northing: \_\_\_\_\_ Drilling Method: Air Rotary Hole Diam.: 5 in.  
 Top Elevation: ~ 11380 ft. Easting: \_\_\_\_\_ Drilling Company: Precision Sampling Rod Diam.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vert. Datum: \_\_\_\_\_ Station: \_\_\_\_\_ Drill Rig Equipment: CME 55 Track Rig Hammer Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Horiz. Datum: \_\_\_\_\_ Offset: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



\* Sample Not Recovered

#### LEGEND

-  Piezometer Screen and Sand Filter
-  Bentonite-Cement Grout
-  Bentonite Chips/Pellets
-  Bentonite Grout
-  Ground Water Level ATD

Plastic Limit  Liquid Limit  
Natural Water Content

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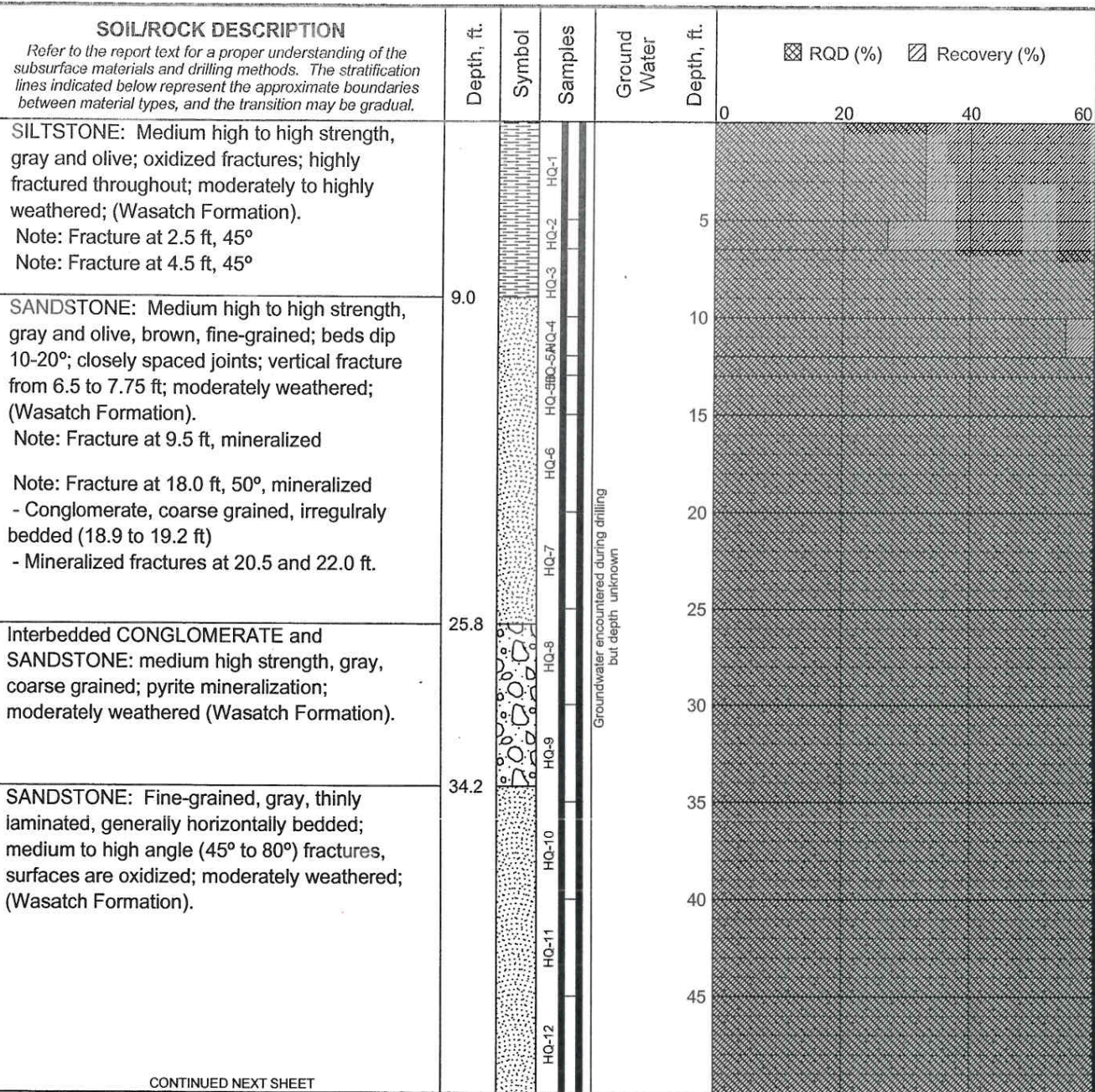
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**FIG. A-9**



Total Depth: 190 ft. Northing: Drilling Method: Rock Core Hole Diam.: 5 in.  
 Top Elevation: ~ 11080 ft. Easting: Drilling Company: Precision Sampling Rod Diam.:  
 Vert. Datum: Station: Drill Rig Equipment: CME 55 Track Rig Hammer Type:  
 Horiz. Datum: Offset: Other Comments:



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#### LEGEND

- \* Sample Not Recovered
- Rock Core

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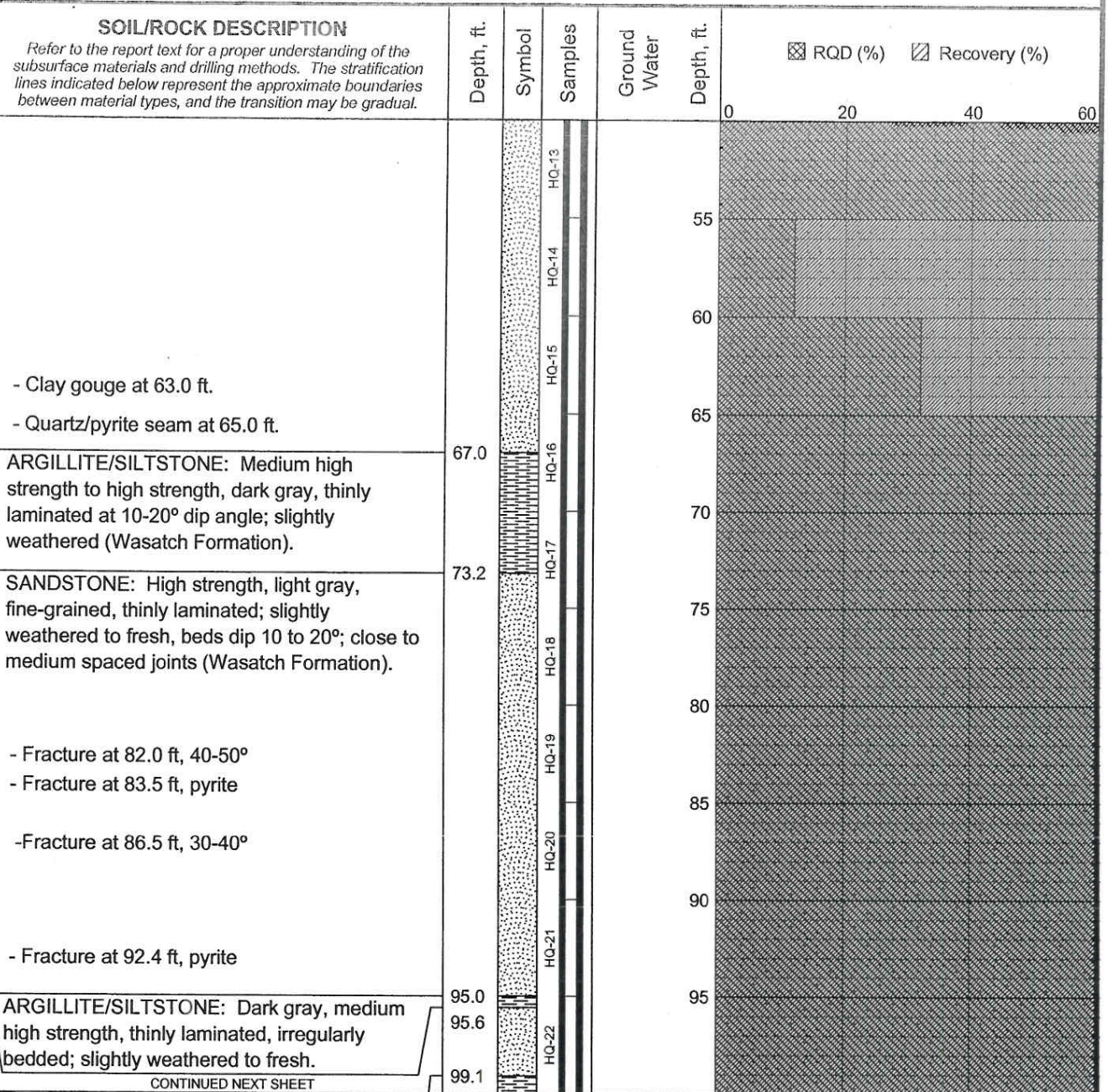
**FIG. A-10**  
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Total Depth: 190 ft. Northing: Drilling Method: Rock Core Hole Diam.: 5 in.  
 Top Elevation: ~11080 ft. Easting: Drilling Company: Precision Sampling Rod Diam.:  
 Vert. Datum: Station: Drill Rig Equipment: CME 55 Track Rig Hammer Type:  
 Horiz. Datum: Offset: Other Comments:

### SOIL/ROCK DESCRIPTION

Refer to the report text for a proper understanding of the subsurface materials and drilling methods. The stratification lines indicated below represent the approximate boundaries between material types, and the transition may be gradual.



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### LEGEND

- \* Sample Not Recovered
- Rock Core

RQD (%) Recovery (%)

### NOTES

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**FIG. A-10**  
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Total Depth: 190 ft. Northing: Drilling Method: Rock Core Hole Diam.: 5 in.  
 Top Elevation: ~ 11080 ft. Easting: Drilling Company: Precision Sampling Rod Diam.:  
 Vert. Datum: Station: Drill Rig Equipment: CME 55 Track Rig Hammer Type:  
 Horiz. Datum: Offset: Other Comments:

### SOIL/ROCK DESCRIPTION

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**SANDSTONE:** High strength, light gray, fine-grained, thinly laminated; slightly weathered to fresh, beds dip 10 to 20°; close to medium spaced joints (Wasatch Formation).

**ARGILLITE/SILTSTONE:** Dark gray, medium high strength, thinly laminated, irregularly bedded; slightly weathered to fresh.

- Pyrite infilling in joints (1/2 inch thick) at 102.8, 103.5, 104.8, 105.0 ft.
- Pyrite & galena mineralization from 104.4 to 105.2 ft.
- Joint is clay-filled at 105.8 ft.

**SANDSTONE:** High strength, light gray, fine-grained, thinly laminated; slightly weathered to fresh, beds dip 10 to 20°; close to medium spaced joints (Wasatch Formation).

Note: Lost circulation below 109 ft for remainder of boring. Coring action choppy from 109 to 115 ft.

- Mineralized joints from 112.2 to 114.1 ft.
- Joint surfaces are oxidized.

- Quartz seam (1/2 inch thick) at 117.0 ft.

Note: Sandstone below 120 ft becomes moderate strength and moderately weathered.

- Mineralization in vugs from 123.0 to 123.2 ft; pyrite, galena.

Note: Driller notes coring becomes soft, and down pressure decreases from 127 to 128 ft.

Note: Sandstone becomes medium- to coarse-grained from 135.9 to 139.1 ft.

- Clay infilling/gouge at 136.1 ft.
- Occasional SILTSTONE/ARGILLITE interbeds below 139 ft.

- Fractured from 149.0 to 149.5 ft.

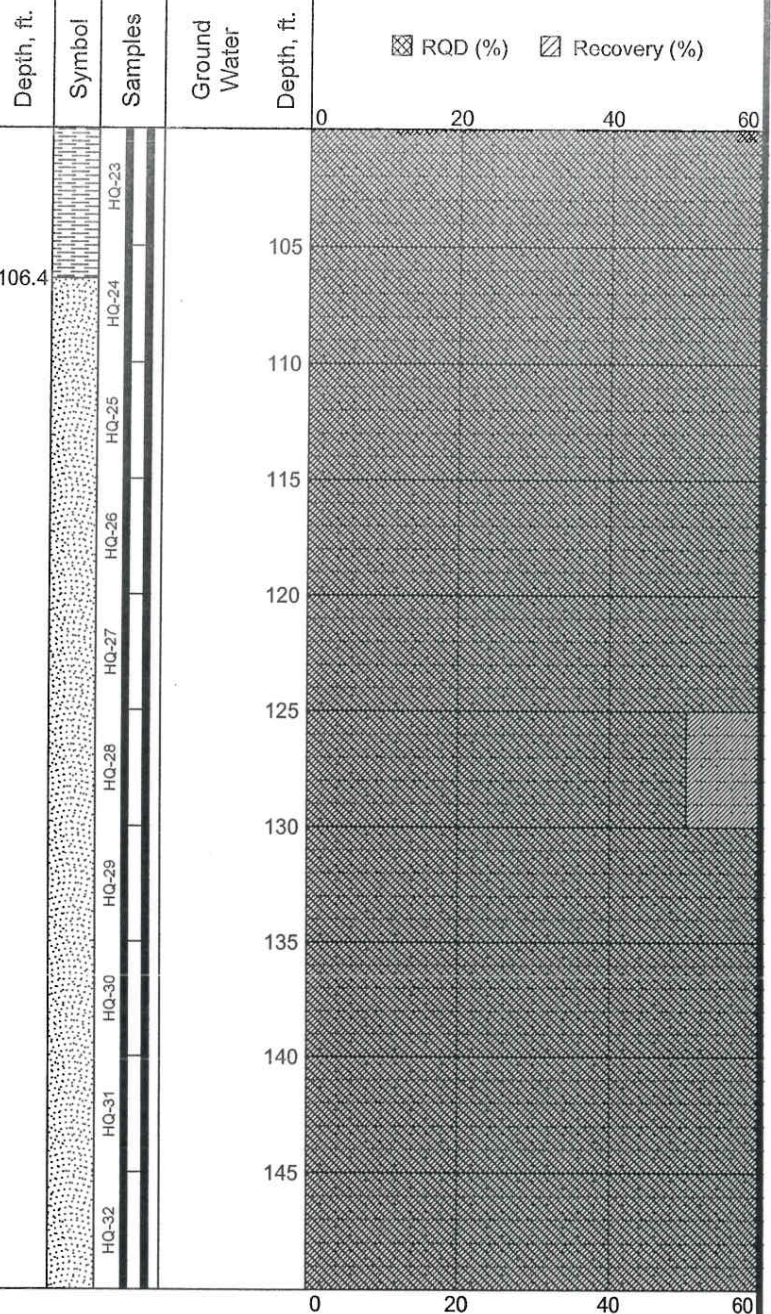
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### LEGEND

- \* Sample Not Recovered
- Rock Core

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**FIG. A-10**  
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Total Depth: 190 ft. Northing: Drilling Method: Rock Core Hole Diam.: 5 in.  
 Top Elevation: ~ 11080 ft. Easting: Drilling Company: Precision Sampling Rod Diam.:  
 Vert. Datum: Station: Drill Rig Equipment: CME 55 Track Rig Hammer Type:  
 Horiz. Datum: Offset: Other Comments:

### SOIL/ROCK DESCRIPTION

Refer to the report text for a proper understanding of the subsurface materials and drilling methods. The stratification lines indicated below represent the approximate boundaries between material types, and the transition may be gradual.

- Highly weathered, brown mud, rubble and clay from 150 to 154 ft.  
 Note: Drill steel dropped about 1 foot from 152 to 153 ft with no down pressure.

- Clayey, soft, gray 167.4 to 168.3 ft.

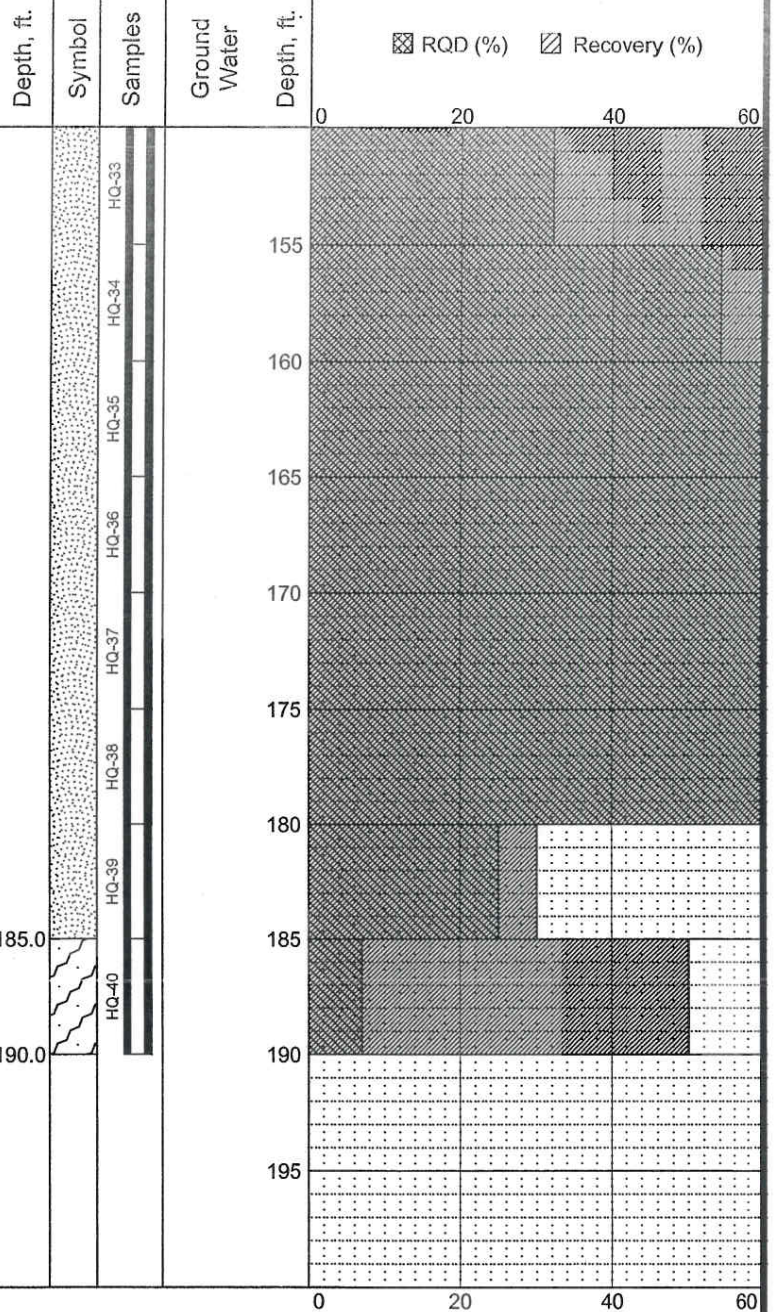
- High angle joint >50° near 172.5 ft.  
 - Clayey, gray, soft from 173.8 to 174.1 ft.

Note: Choppy drill action near 179 ft.  
 - Mineralized joints/fractures from 179 to 181.5 ft.

Note: Choppy drill action from 182 to 185 ft.

QUARTZITE: High strength, gray, fine grains are faintly evident; slight mineralization; slightly weathered.

BOTTOM OF BORING  
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### LEGEND

- \* Sample Not Recovered
- Rock Core

RQD (%) Recovery (%)

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**APPENDIX B**  
**ROCK CORE PHOTOS**

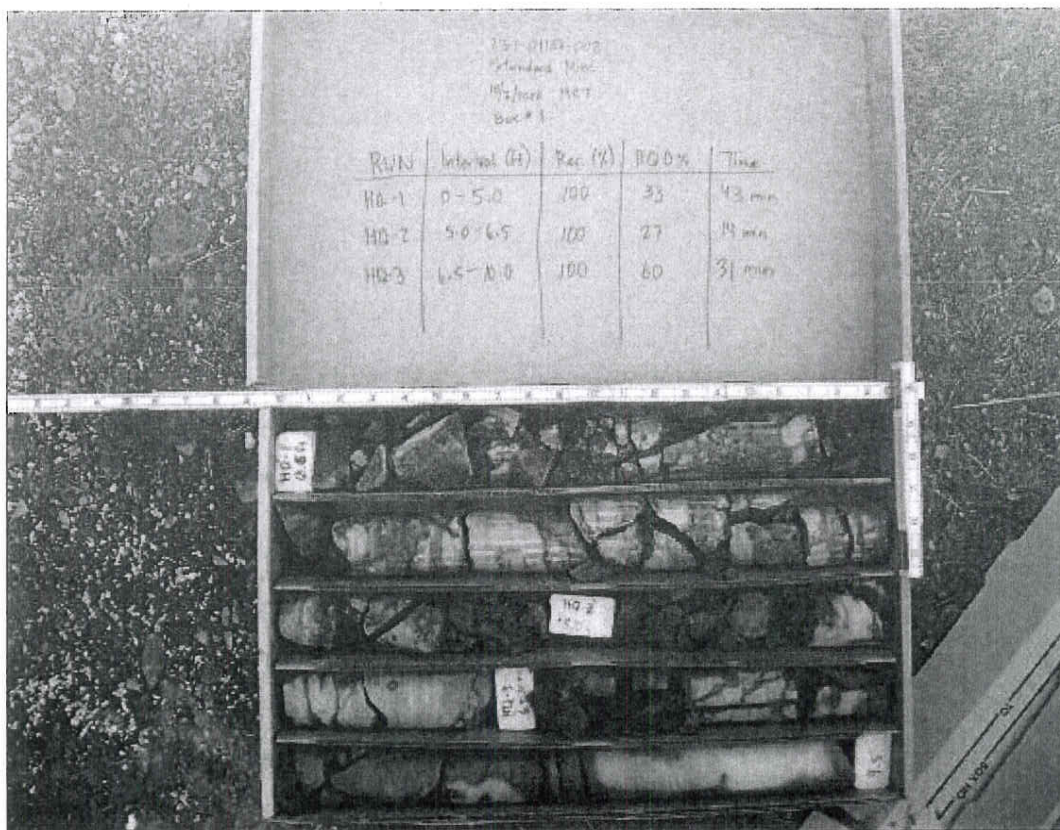


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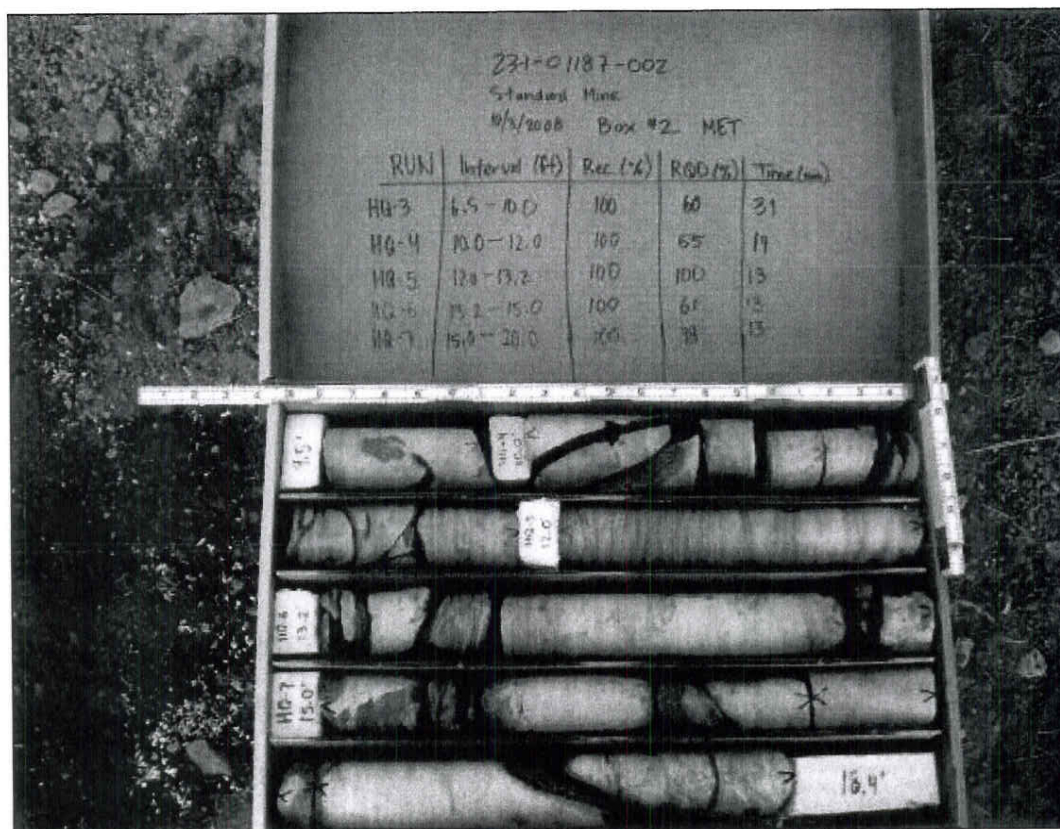
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**B-8, Box 1 of 21, Depth 0 ft to 9.5 ft**



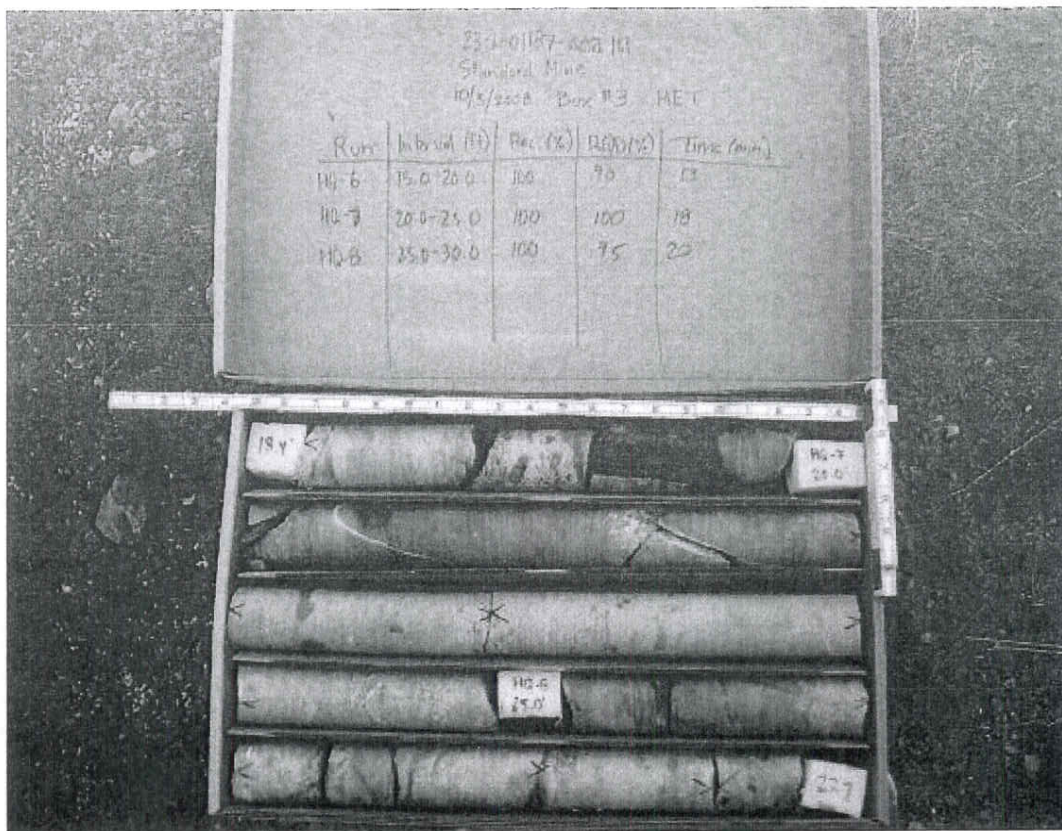
**B-8, Box 2 of 21, Depth 9.5 ft to 18.4 ft**

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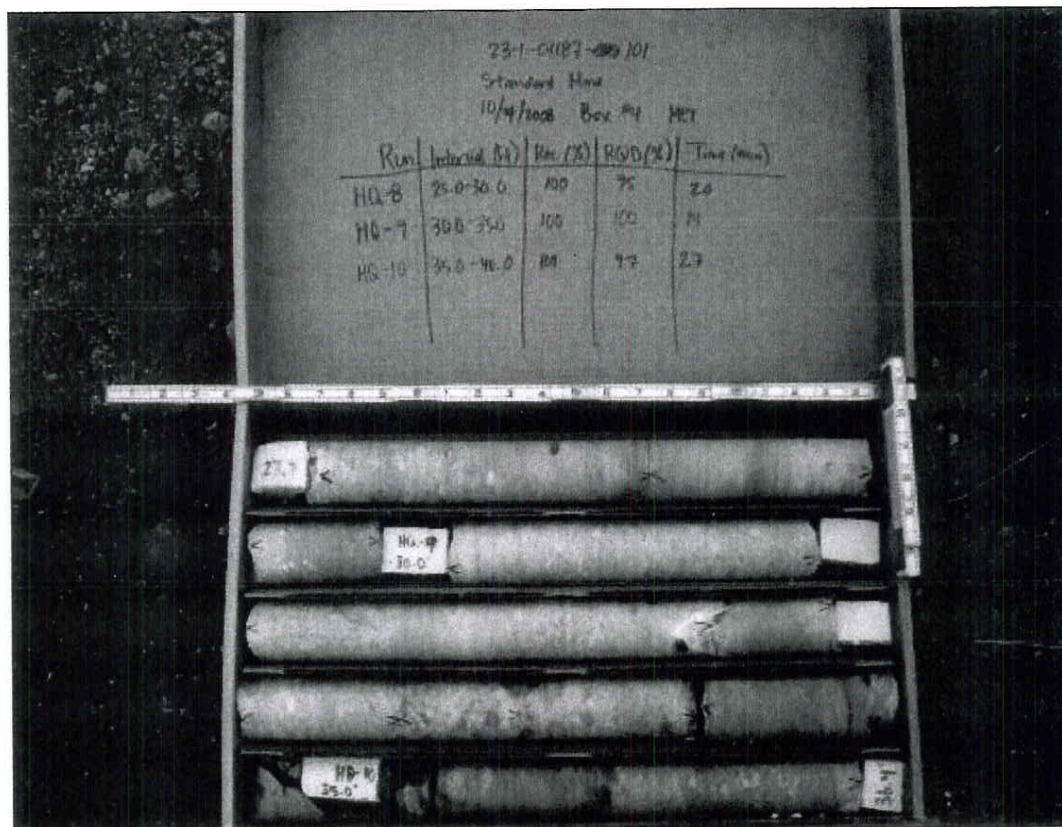
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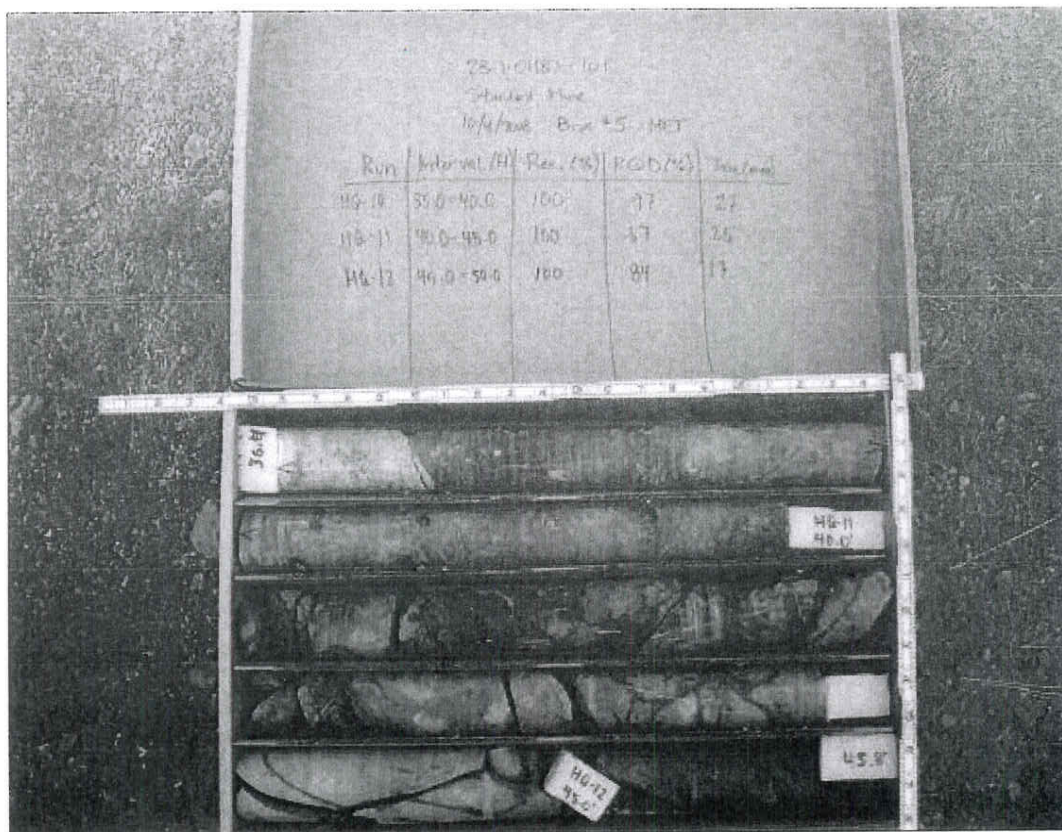


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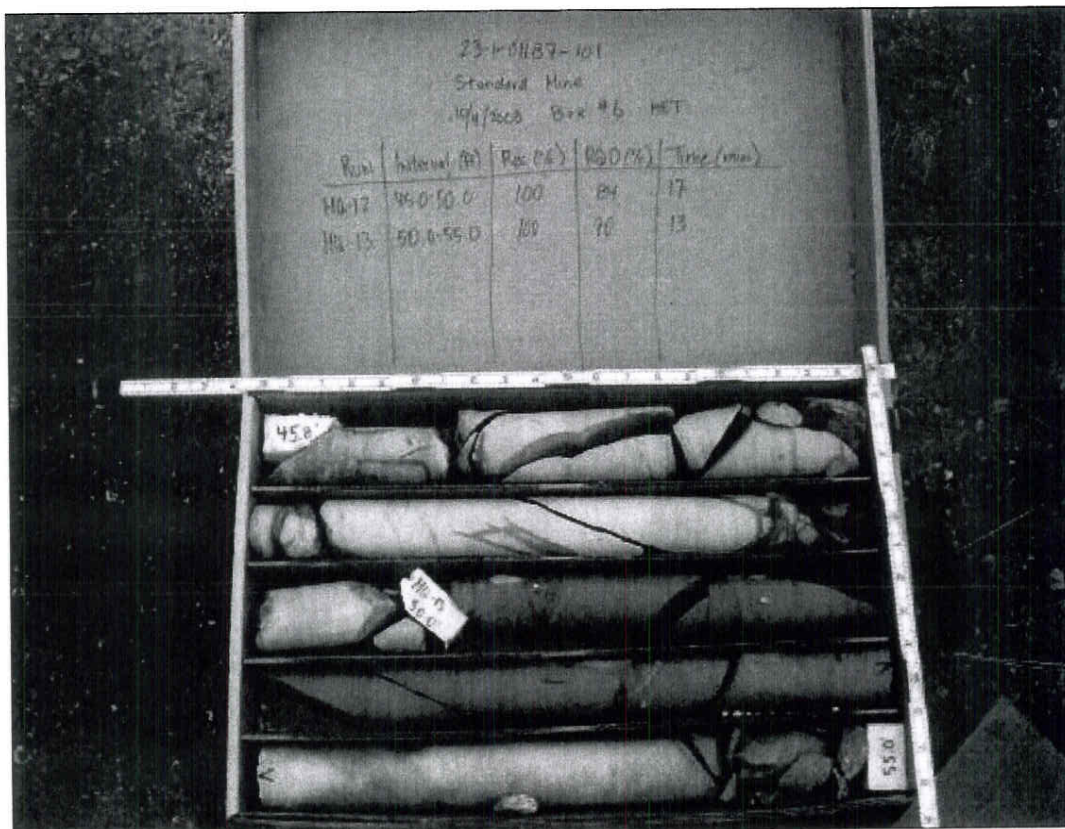


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B-8, Box 5 of 21, Depth 36.4 ft to 45.8 ft



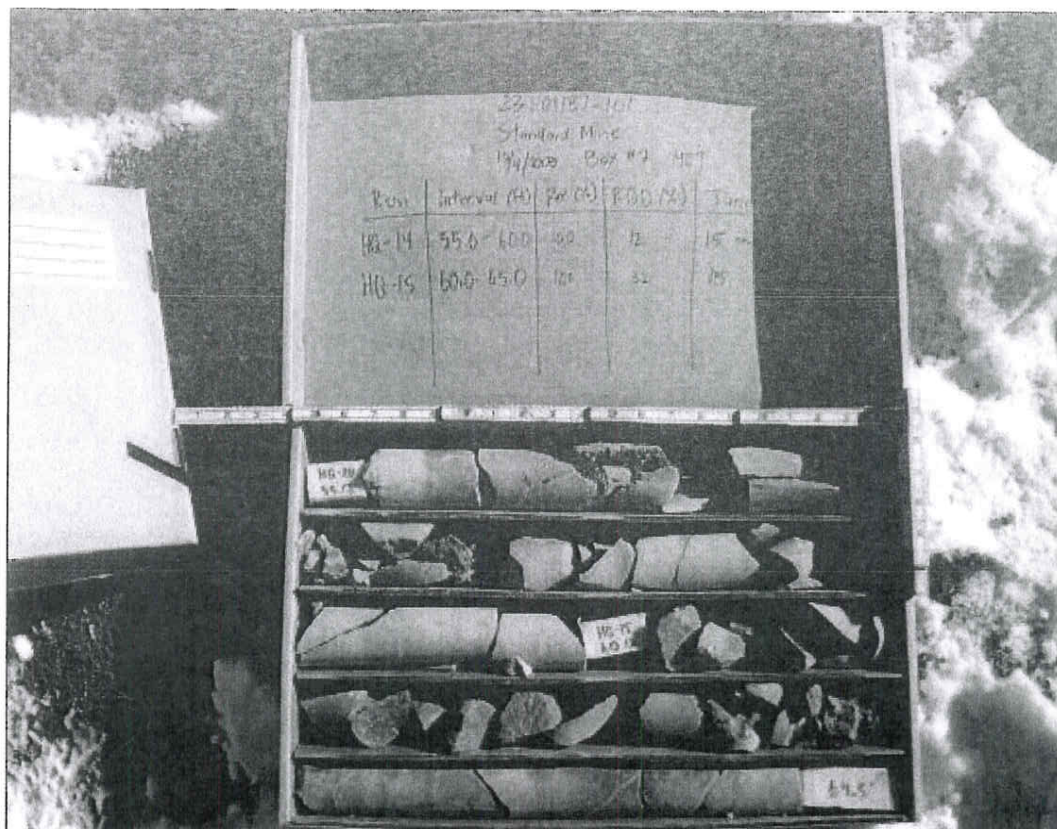
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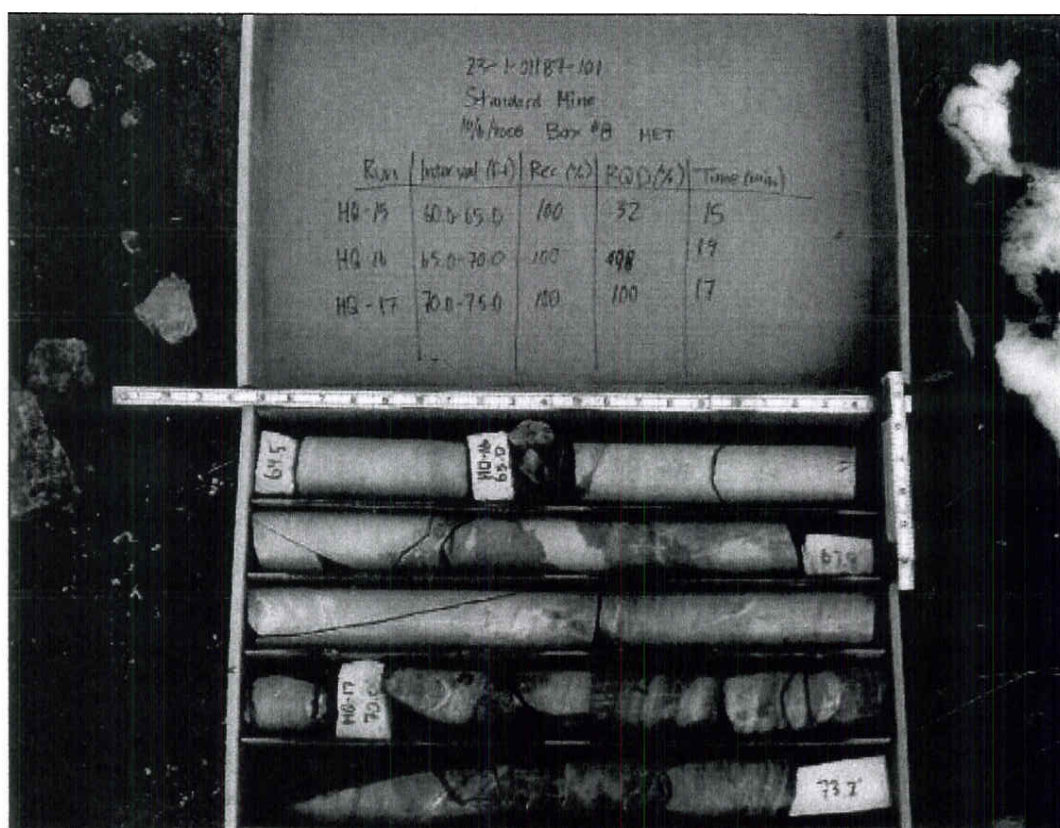
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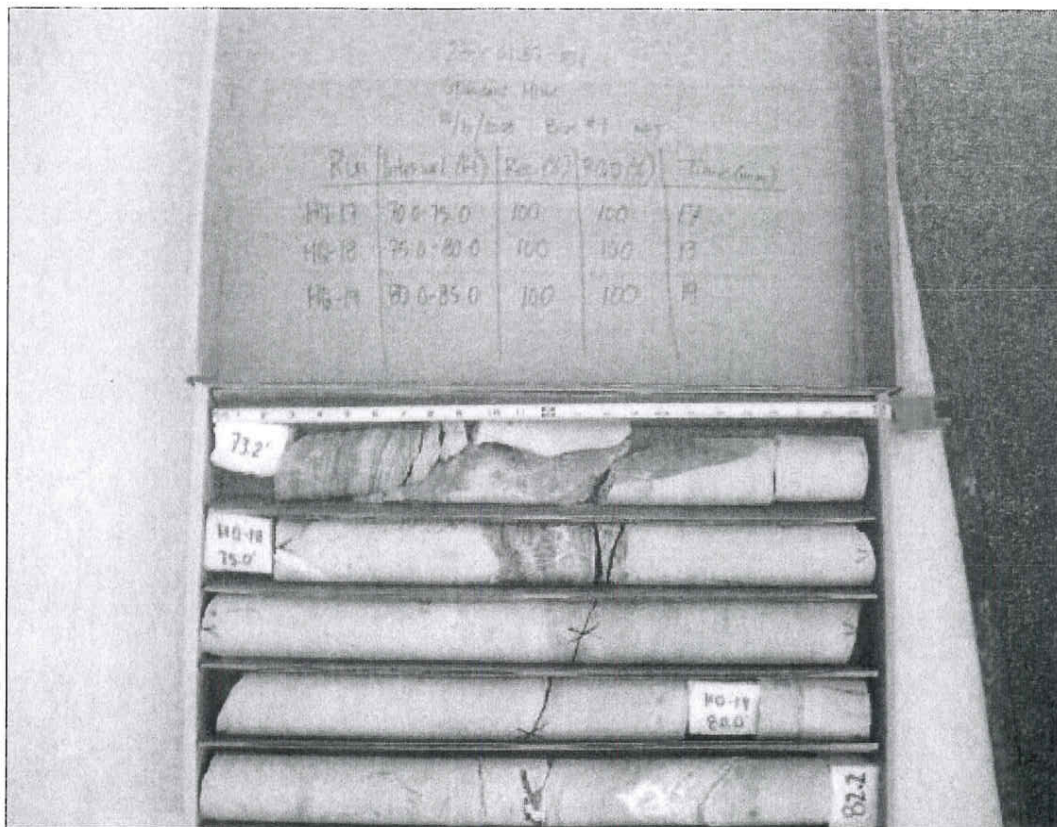


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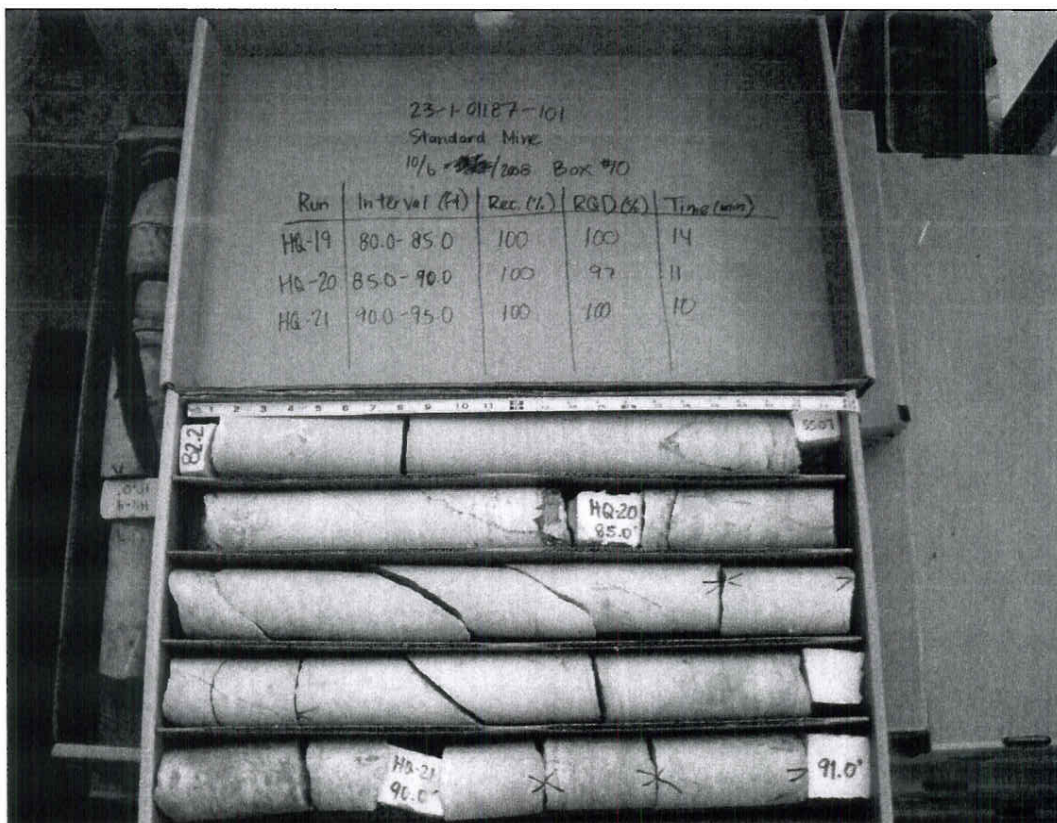


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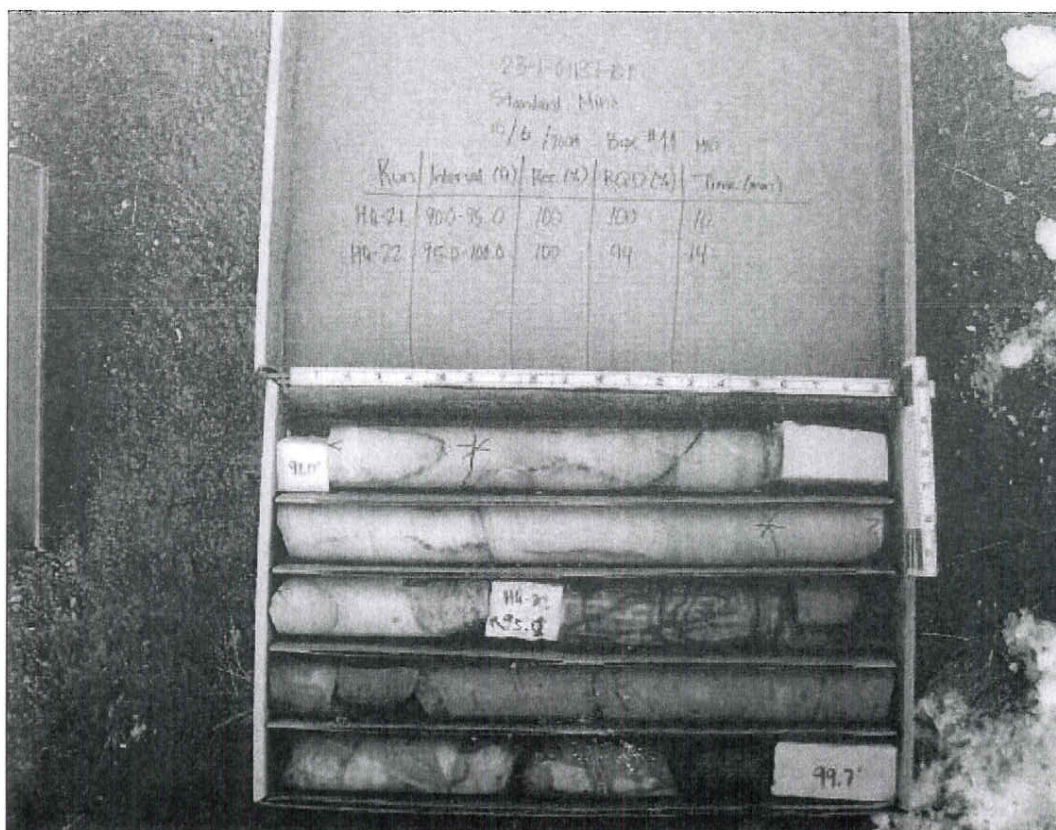


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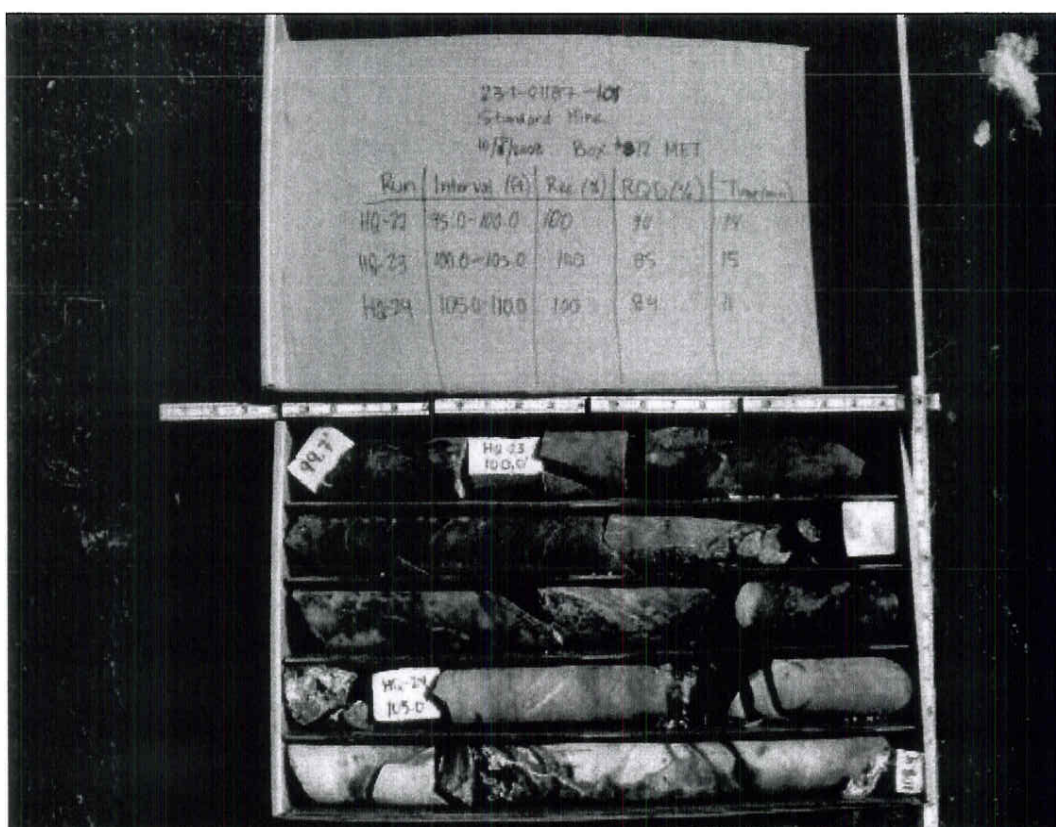


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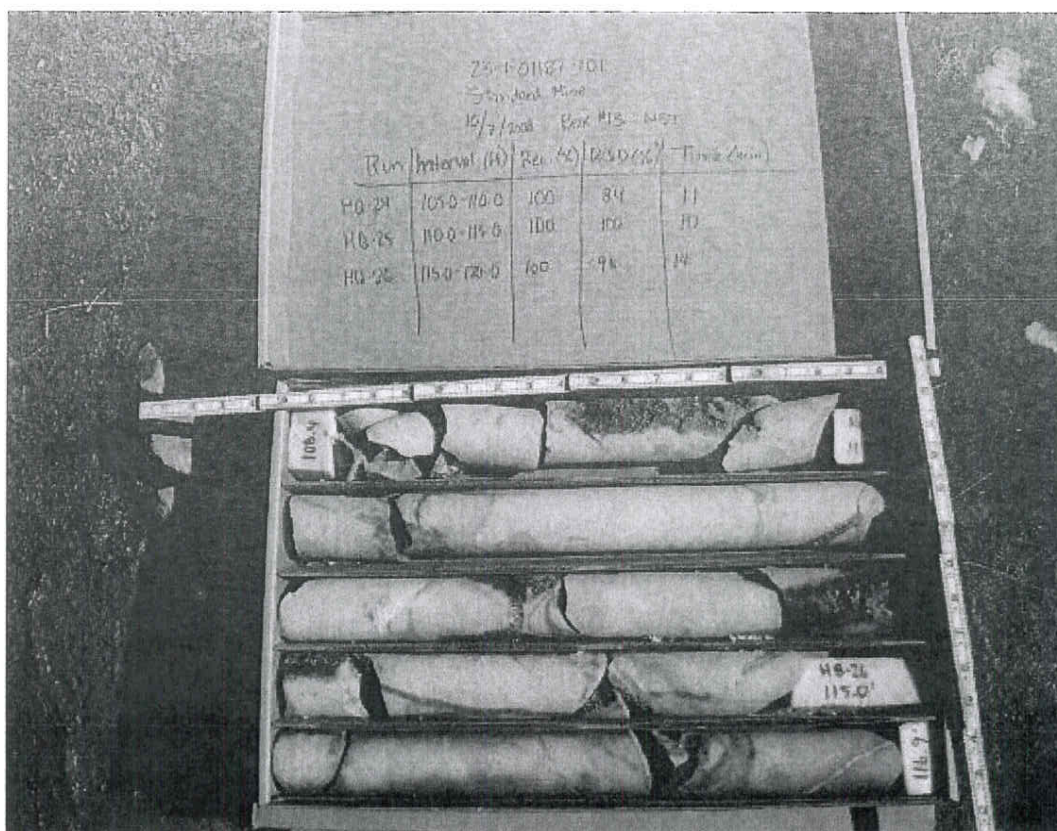


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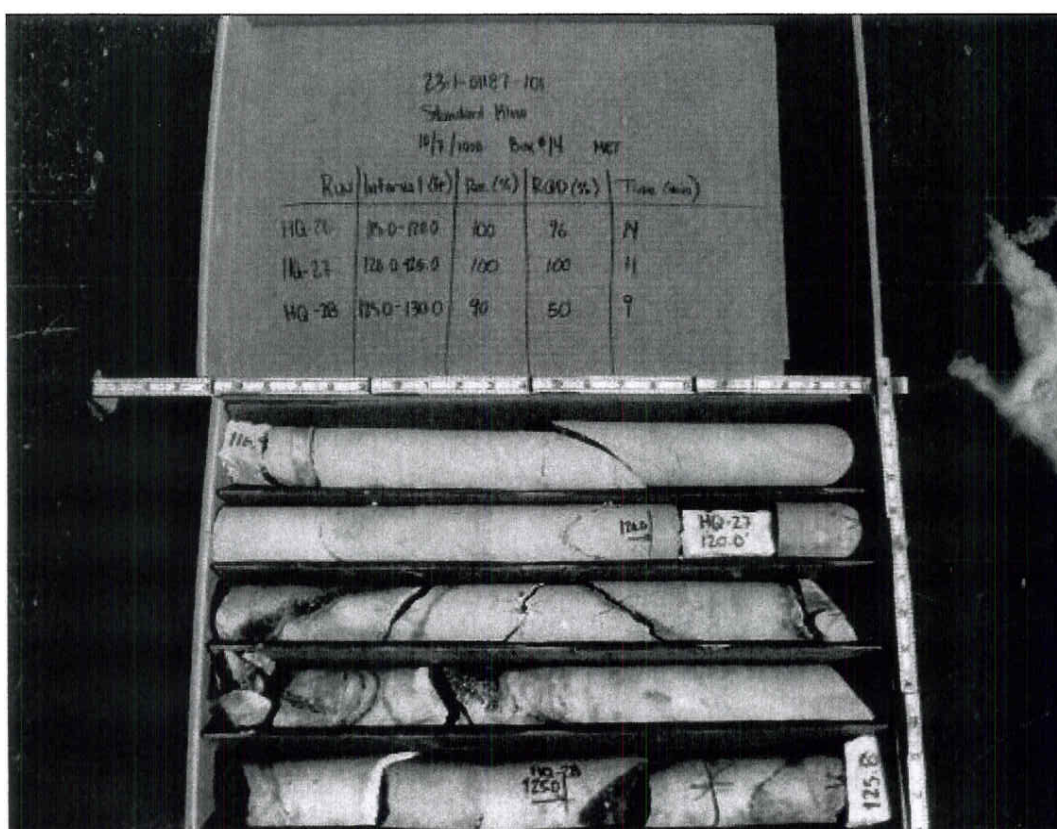


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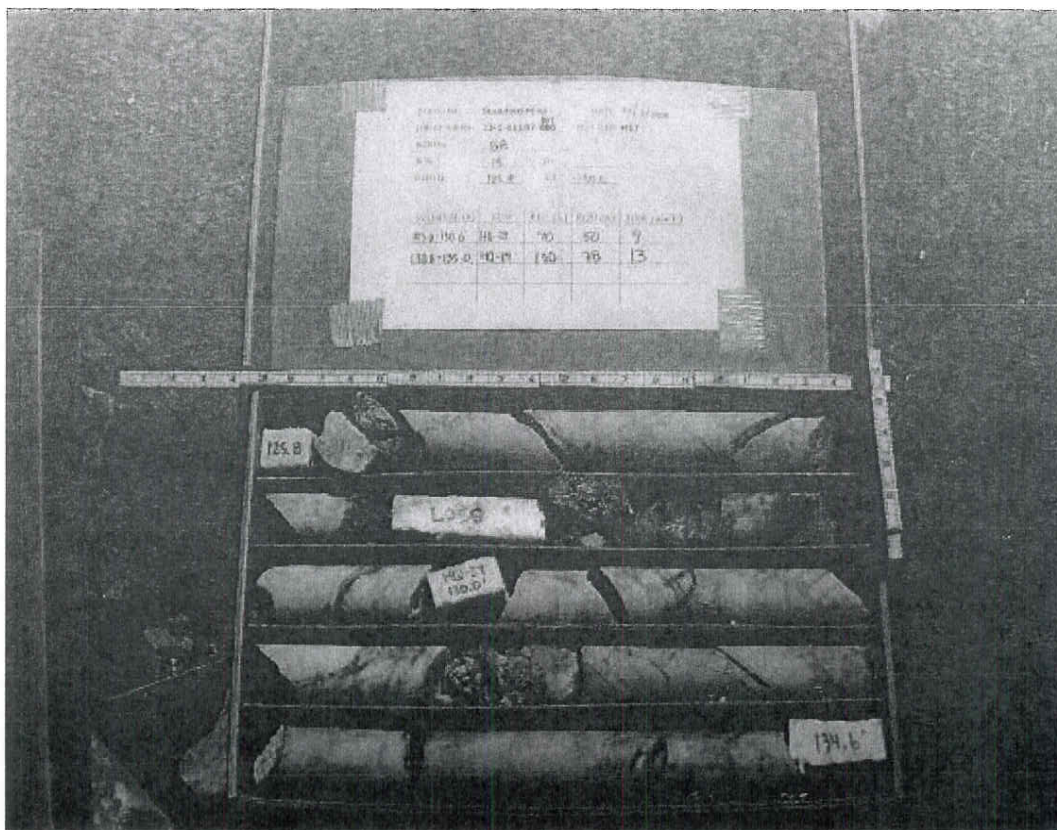


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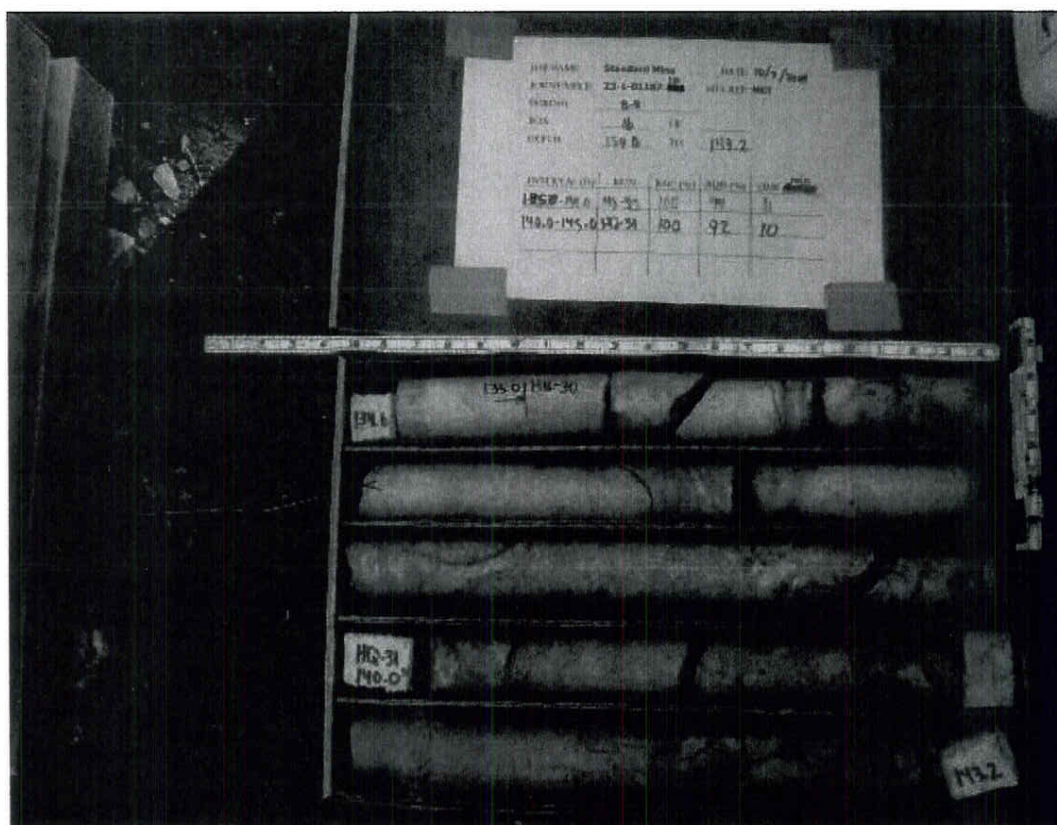


B-8, Box 14 of 21, Depth 116.9 ft to 125.8 ft





B-8, Box 15 of 21, Depth 125.8 ft to 134.6 ft



B-8, Box 16 of 21, Depth 134.6 ft to 143.2 ft

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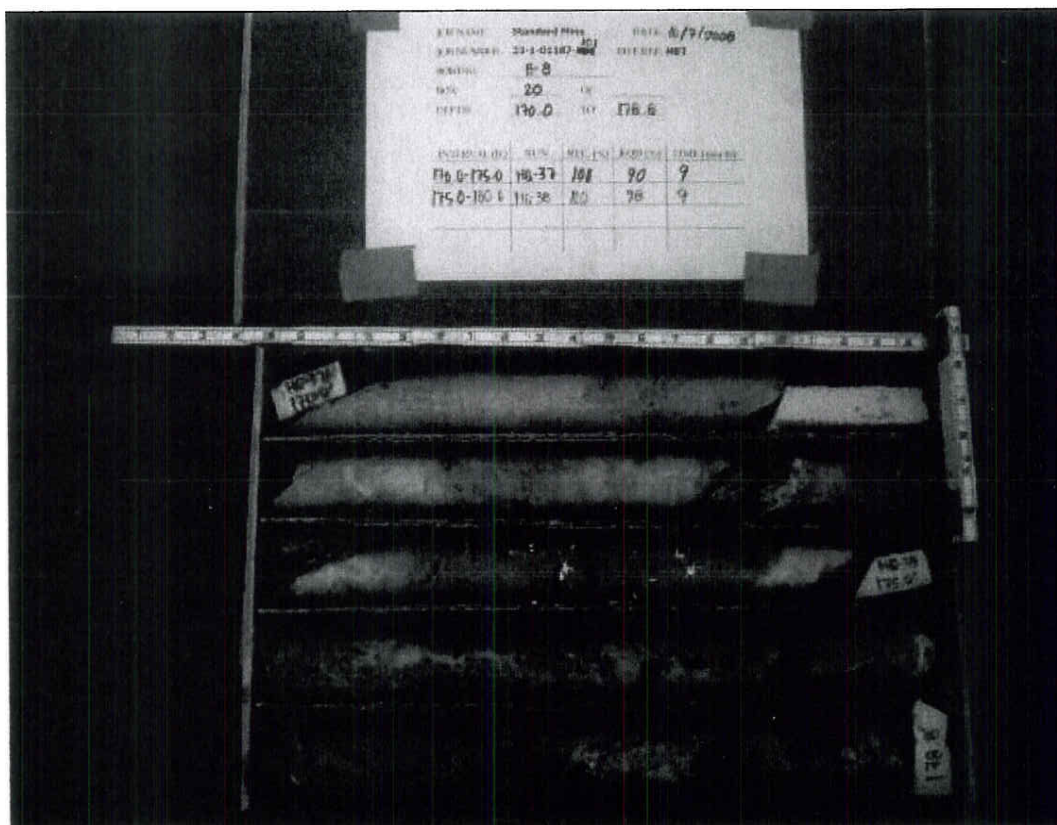
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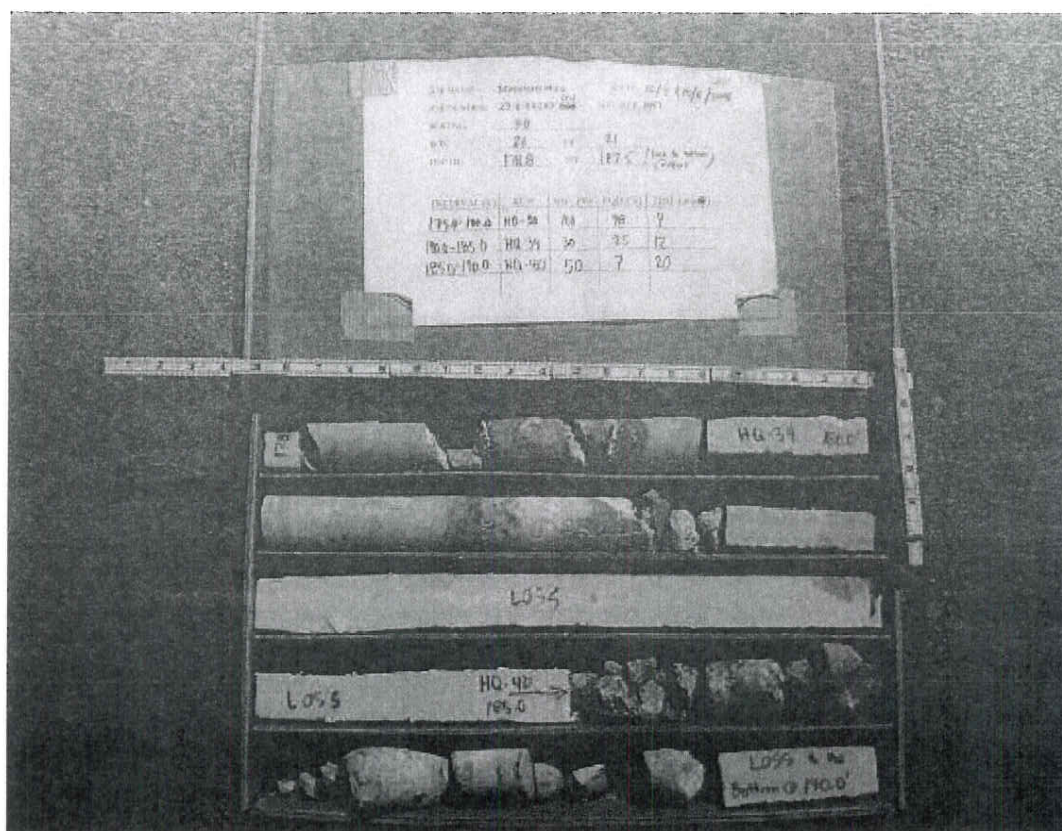


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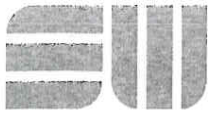


**B-8, Box 21 of 21, Depth 178.8 ft to 190.0 ft**

**Figure B-1**  
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**APPENDIX C**  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR**  
**GEOTECHNICAL REPORT**



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GEOTECHNICAL/ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

### **CONSULTING SERVICES ARE PERFORMED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES AND FOR SPECIFIC CLIENTS.**

Consultants prepare reports to meet the specific needs of specific individuals. A report prepared for a civil engineer may not be adequate for a construction contractor or even another civil engineer. Unless indicated otherwise, your consultant prepared your report expressly for you and expressly for the purposes you indicated. No one other than you should apply this report for its intended purpose without first conferring with the consultant. No party should apply this report for any purpose other than that originally contemplated without first conferring with the consultant.

### **THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT IS BASED ON PROJECT-SPECIFIC FACTORS.**

A geotechnical/environmental report is based on a subsurface exploration plan designed to consider a unique set of project-specific factors. Depending on the project, these may include: the general nature of the structure and property involved; its size and configuration; its historical use and practice; the location of the structure on the site and its orientation; other improvements such as access roads, parking lots, and underground utilities; and the additional risk created by scope-of-service limitations imposed by the client. To help avoid costly problems, ask the consultant to evaluate how any factors that change subsequent to the date of the report may affect the recommendations. Unless your consultant indicates otherwise, your report should not be used: (1) when the nature of the proposed project is changed (for example, if an office building will be erected instead of a parking garage, or if a refrigerated warehouse will be built instead of an unrefrigerated one, or chemicals are discovered on or near the site); (2) when the size, elevation, or configuration of the proposed project is altered; (3) when the location or orientation of the proposed project is modified; (4) when there is a change of ownership; or (5) for application to an adjacent site. Consultants cannot accept responsibility for problems that may occur if they are not consulted after factors which were considered in the development of the report have changed.

### **SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS CAN CHANGE.**

Subsurface conditions may be affected as a result of natural processes or human activity. Because a geotechnical/environmental report is based on conditions that existed at the time of subsurface exploration, construction decisions should not be based on a report whose adequacy may have been affected by time. Ask the consultant to advise if additional tests are desirable before construction starts; for example, groundwater conditions commonly vary seasonally.

Construction operations at or adjacent to the site and natural events such as floods, earthquakes, or groundwater fluctuations may also affect subsurface conditions and, thus, the continuing adequacy of a geotechnical/environmental report. The consultant should be kept apprised of any such events, and should be consulted to determine if additional tests are necessary.

### **MOST RECOMMENDATIONS ARE PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENTS.**

Site exploration and testing identifies actual surface and subsurface conditions only at those points where samples are taken. The data were extrapolated by your consultant, who then applied judgment to render an opinion about overall subsurface conditions. The actual interface between materials may be far more gradual or abrupt than your report indicates. Actual conditions in areas not sampled may differ from those predicted in your report. While nothing can be done to prevent such situations, you and your consultant can work together to help reduce their impacts. Retaining your consultant to observe subsurface construction operations can be particularly beneficial in this respect.



## **A REPORT'S CONCLUSIONS ARE PRELIMINARY.**

The conclusions contained in your consultant's report are preliminary because they must be based on the assumption that conditions revealed through selective exploratory sampling are indicative of actual conditions throughout a site. Actual subsurface conditions can be discerned only during earthwork; therefore, you should retain your consultant to observe actual conditions and to provide conclusions. Only the consultant who prepared the report is fully familiar with the background information needed to determine whether or not the report's recommendations based on those conclusions are valid and whether or not the contractor is abiding by applicable recommendations. The consultant who developed your report cannot assume responsibility or liability for the adequacy of the report's recommendations if another party is retained to observe construction.

## **THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT IS SUBJECT TO MISINTERPRETATION.**

Costly problems can occur when other design professionals develop their plans based on misinterpretation of a geotechnical/environmental report. To help avoid these problems, the consultant should be retained to work with other project design professionals to explain relevant geotechnical, geological, hydrogeological, and environmental findings, and to review the adequacy of their plans and specifications relative to these issues.

## **BORING LOGS AND/OR MONITORING WELL DATA SHOULD NOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE REPORT.**

Final boring logs developed by the consultant are based upon interpretation of field logs (assembled by site personnel), field test results, and laboratory and/or office evaluation of field samples and data. Only final boring logs and data are customarily included in geotechnical/environmental reports. These final logs should not, under any circumstances, be redrawn for inclusion in architectural or other design drawings, because drafters may commit errors or omissions in the transfer process.

To reduce the likelihood of boring log or monitoring well misinterpretation, contractors should be given ready access to the complete geotechnical engineering/environmental report prepared or authorized for their use. If access is provided only to the report prepared for you, you should advise contractors of the report's limitations, assuming that a contractor was not one of the specific persons for whom the report was prepared, and that developing construction cost estimates was not one of the specific purposes for which it was prepared. While a contractor may gain important knowledge from a report prepared for another party, the contractor should discuss the report with your consultant and perform the additional or alternative work believed necessary to obtain the data specifically appropriate for construction cost estimating purposes. Some clients hold the mistaken impression that simply disclaiming responsibility for the accuracy of subsurface information always insulates them from attendant liability. Providing the best available information to contractors helps prevent costly construction problems and the adversarial attitudes that aggravate them to a disproportionate scale.

## **READ RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSES CLOSELY.**

Because geotechnical/environmental engineering is based extensively on judgment and opinion, it is far less exact than other design disciplines. This situation has resulted in wholly unwarranted claims being lodged against consultants. To help prevent this problem, consultants have developed a number of clauses for use in their contracts, reports and other documents. These responsibility clauses are not exculpatory clauses designed to transfer the consultant's liabilities to other parties; rather, they are definitive clauses that identify where the consultant's responsibilities begin and end. Their use helps all parties involved recognize their individual responsibilities and take appropriate action. Some of these definitive clauses are likely to appear in your report, and you are encouraged to read them closely. Your consultant will be pleased to give full and frank answers to your questions.

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