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Licensing Department,
Nunavut Water Board
P.O. Box 119
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Re: 8AC-ALT--- DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE - CANADIAN FORCES STATION ALERT PROJECT; - RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR TYPE 'A' WATER LICENCE – ECCC FINAL SUBMISSION COMMENTS

Dear Licensing Department,

The Department of National Defence (DND) - 8 Wing Trenton Environmental Management Office is providing this response letter to the ECCC (Environment and Climate Change Canada) Technical Review Memorandum Comments for Type 'A' Water Licence application, 8AC-ALT----, Canadian Forces Station Alert Project dated June 18, 2019.

DND - 8 Wing Trenton Environmental Management Office appreciates the dedicated efforts of the NWB and the constructive recommendations by ECCC to collaborate and support the water licence renewal process for CFS Alert.

DND - 8 Wing Trenton Environmental Management Office's responses to the ECCC Comments:

- 1) **ECCC#1:** ECCC recommends that DND provides:
 - Details of the proposed package treatment plant under consideration, and the rationale for the conclusion that the system to be selected would be feasible to install and operate at Alert;
 - Information on treatment capabilities of the selected package treatment plant, and the effluent quality targets;

DND Response: DND is supportive of this request and will provide this information when available. Currently, DND is in the definition phases of planning but expects that contracting / data collection will take place from year 2020-2023. Once completed, development of the project plans will be coordinated between years 2023-2024 with planned implementation in 2025.

- 2) **ECCC#2:** ECCC recommends that the Type A WL include requirements for effluent quality monitoring at a frequency that will provide information on current treatment performance and characterize ongoing variability of the effluent in order to inform the consideration of treatment systems under evaluation (e.g., weekly sampling to be conducted until results stabilize and / or a new system is in place).

DND Response: DND is supportive in ECCC request and will increase sampling requirements biweekly in order to satisfy. It should be noted that due to logistical restraints (delays/ health and safety obtaining samples), sampling and hold times may hinder true biweekly sampling. Every effort reasonable will be given to obtain samples and subsequent laboratory results.

- 3) **ECCC#3** ECCC recommends that:

- DND prepare a basic site water balance, including seasonal ranges of water used and discharged, to inform wastewater treatment system selection; and
- Water management planning be initiated and completed on a shorter time frame in order to inform and potentially improve water management practices.

DND Response: DND is supportive in ECCC request and will provide this information when available. A project was initiated this year to target and quantify water usage at the separate facilities in order to gain a better understanding of infrastructure usage needs. Until this component is completed, data gathered and analysed, DND will be in a better position to satisfy this request. However, this will take some time, currently DND is in the definition phases of planning but expects that contracting / data collection will take place from year 2020-2023. Once completed development of the project plans will be coordinated between years 2023-2024 with planned implementation in 2025. DND would like to remind ECCC that infrastructure projects in the High Arctic takes time (years) to plan and action, especially due to the logistical and transportation constraints in being at a remote high arctic location, budgetary restrictions and planning priorities.

- 4) **ECCC#4:** ECCC recommends that upgrades to the terrace wetland wastewater treatment system area be done in any event to stabilize the terrain and prevent transport of suspended solids into the marine environment, and that the design be reviewed prior to implementation to confirm it will be effective in preventing further erosion and transport of sediments from the terrace.

DND Response: DND conducts weekly (summer) and monthly (winter) inspections of the terrace. DND annually repairs the terrace where deficiencies are found as part of the ongoing maintenance program in CFS Alert.

DND is supportive in respect to ECCC's request to review 60% design development review documents in order to facilitate cross boundary departmental environmental stewardship. Please see attached draft design drawings of the proposed sewage terrace upgrades and description of the proposed outcome.

DND - 8 Wing Trenton Environmental Management Office is committed to work with the NWB and ECCC; we are supportive of any teleconferences and technical meetings to collaboratively help establish an appropriate Water Licence for CFS Alert.

Should you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nathan Koutroulides', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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BRIEFING NOTE FOR RP OPS NORTH

PROJECT 17-ESU-01 ALERT SEWAGE TREATMENT TERRACE – PROPOSED DESIGN

ISSUE

1. Real Property Operations North (RP Ops N) has requested 1 Engineer Support Unit (1 ESU) to develop a design to improve sewage treatment at CFS Alert. Part of the solution is to improve the design of the sewage terrace to control flow and reduce erosion of the slope with the desired result of reduced total suspended solids (TSS) being discharged into Parr Inlet.

BACKGROUND

2. The existing soil consists of silty sand and silty gravel and the slope and berms that comprise the terraces are constructed from this soil. The spring freshet is eroding the slope and destroying existing berms, carrying the soil into the Parr Inlet.

3. The chosen course of action includes a sewage treatment package plant with improvement of the existing sewage treatment terraces to be used as back-up. While a feasible plant solution for sewage treatment is being developed, RP Ops N has requested a preliminary design proposal for terrace improvement.

DISCUSSION

4. By improving construction of the berms with material other than the native silty soil, erosion will be greatly reduced. Reducing erosion through soil retention mechanisms will improve the quality of the water being introduced into Parr Inlet.

5. The design incorporates gabion baskets keyed into the existing soil to allow permafrost to lock it in place. The gabions are to be placed at roughly the same location as the existing berms. Gabion openings will be specified to material the Alert quarry is capable of producing. The dimensions of the openings in the berms will be designed to control the locations of peak flows. These will be created by omitting 3 baskets from the top course at deliberate locations.

6. On the upstream side of the berms and the East side of the ridge, gabion wall with geotextile will be installed and specified to retain the silt while providing enough permeability to allow water to pass through.

7. The first berm adjacent to the outfall was eliminated with the intent of allowing the effluent to flow away from the pipe to increase the time it takes for the forming ice to reach the pipe in the winter.

8. Preliminary design drawings can be found at Annex A.

CONCLUSION

9. This is a proposed preliminary design of the sewage treatment terrace berms. Pending review by RP Ops N, 1 ESU will provide more detail for geotextile and gabion basket specifications.

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ANNEXES:

Annex A – Preliminary Drawings, CFS Alert Wastewater Terrace



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CFS ALERT WASTE WATER TERRACE

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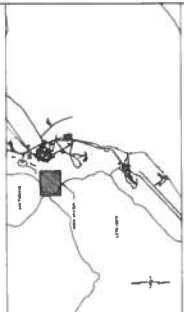
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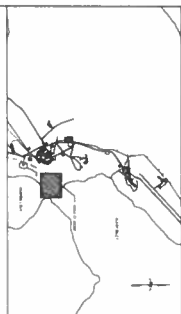
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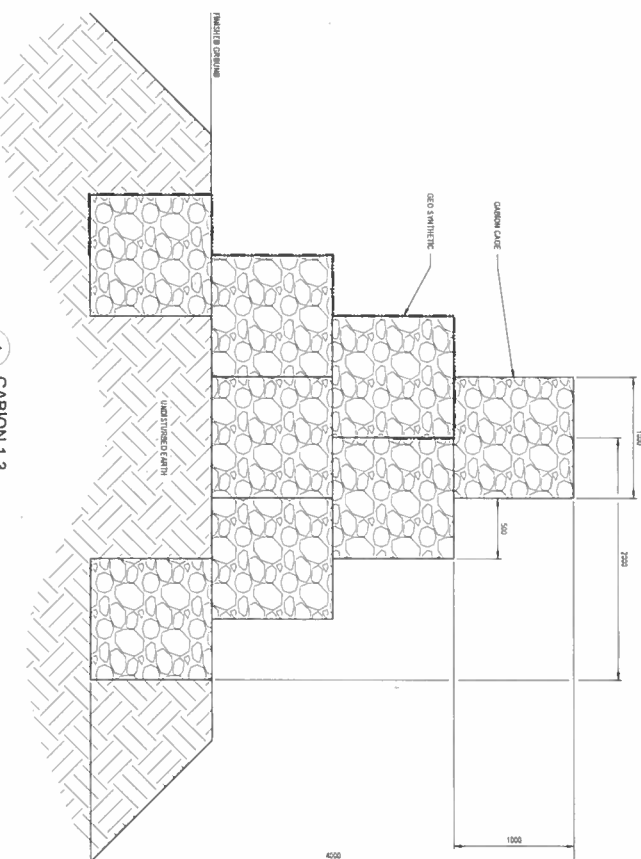
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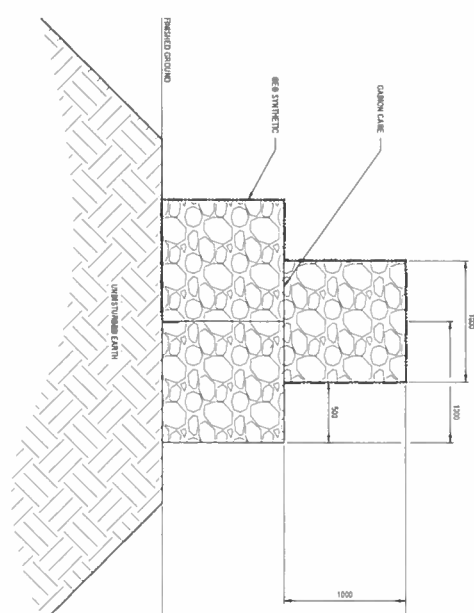
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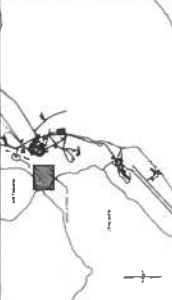
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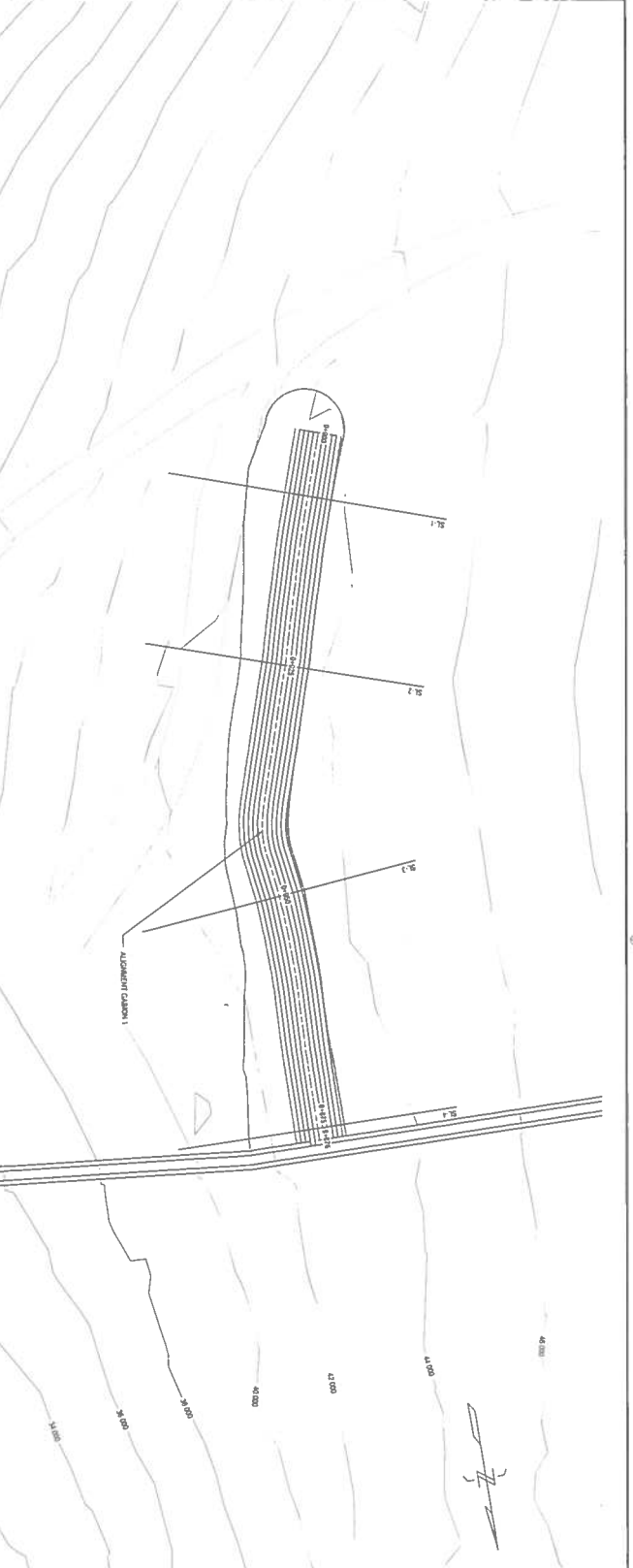
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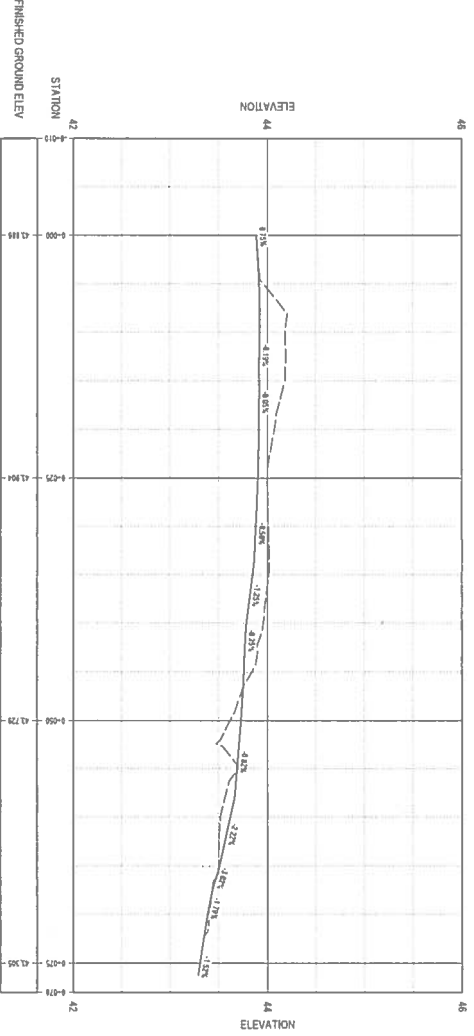
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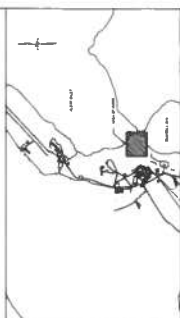


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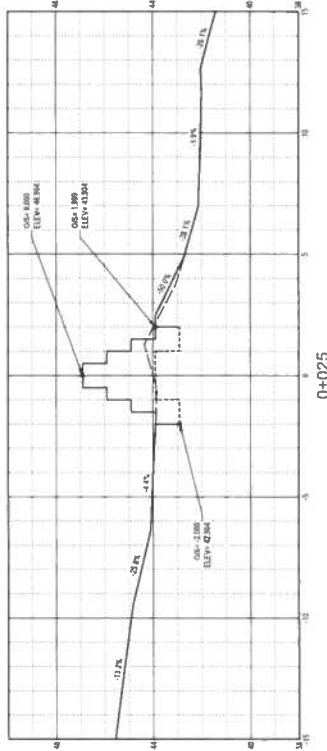
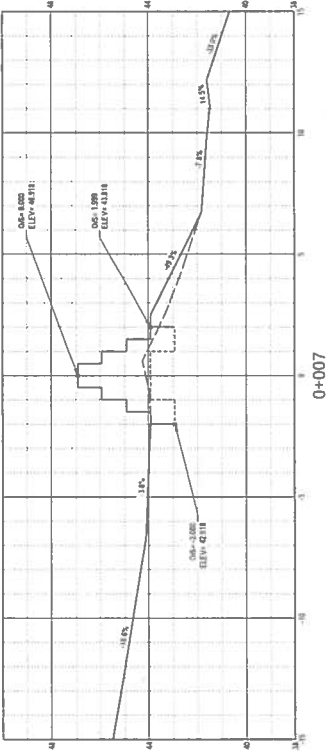
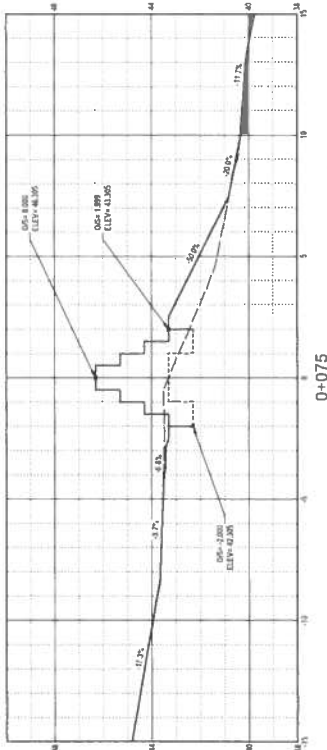
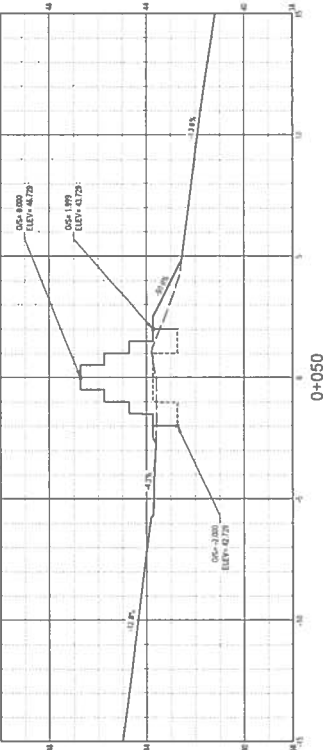
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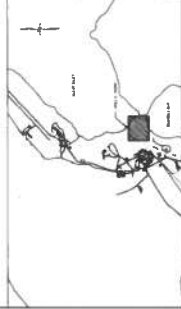
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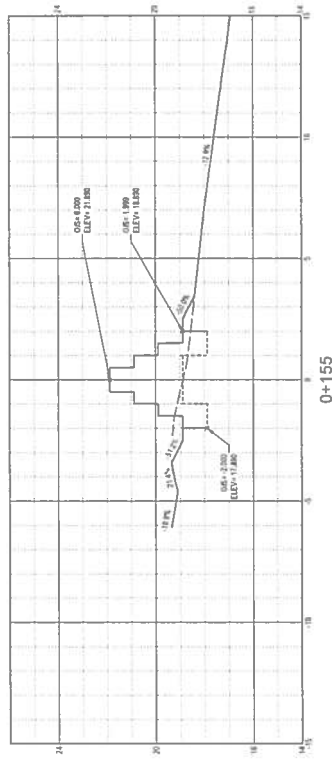
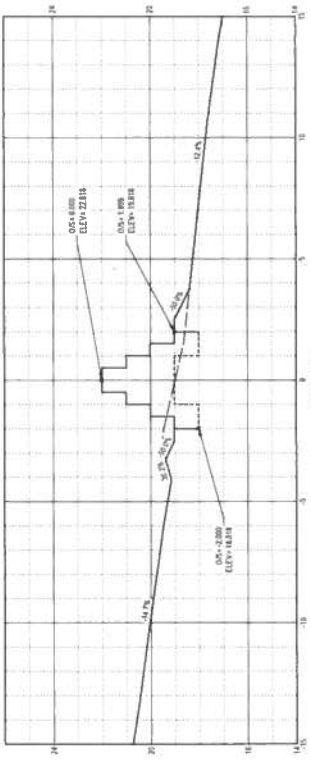
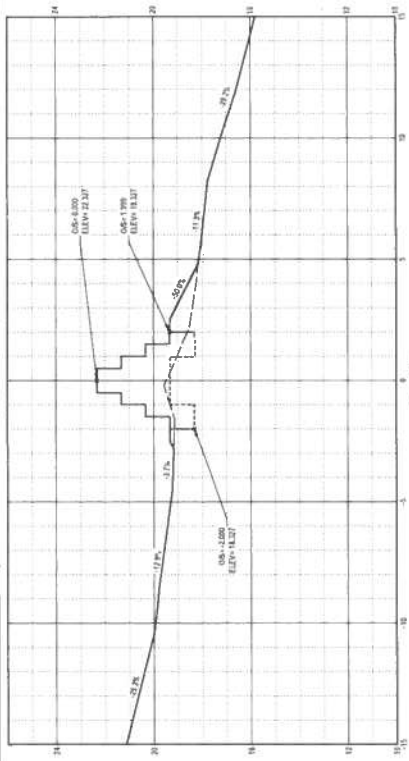
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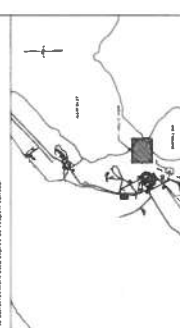


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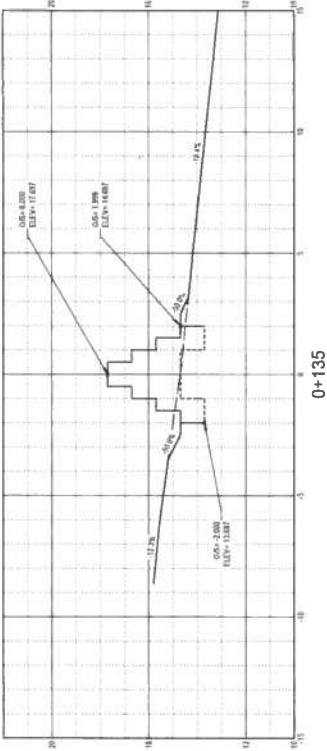
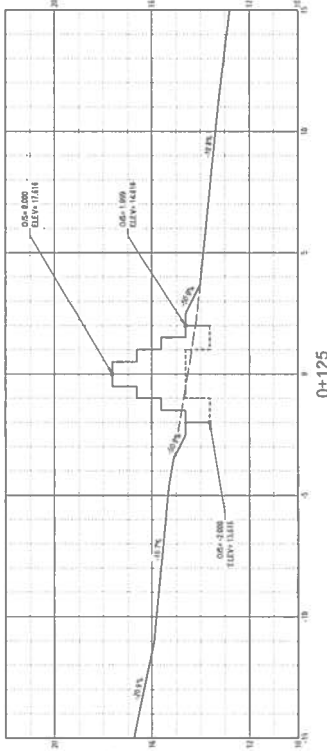
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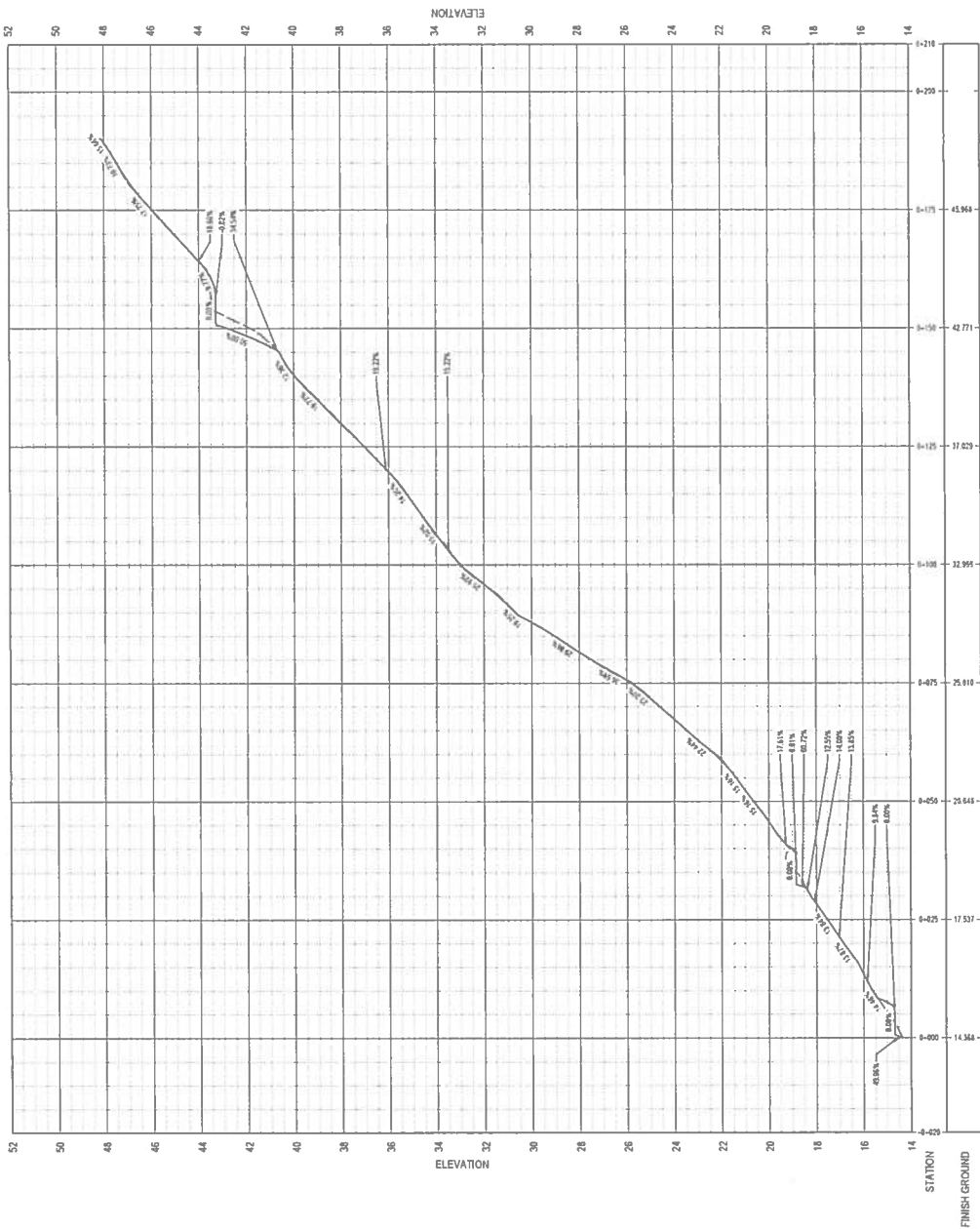
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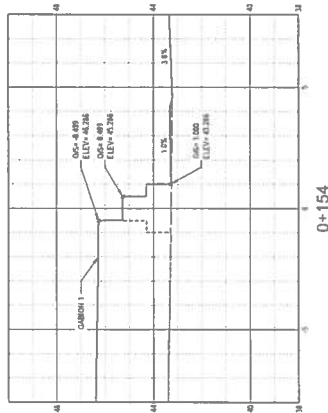
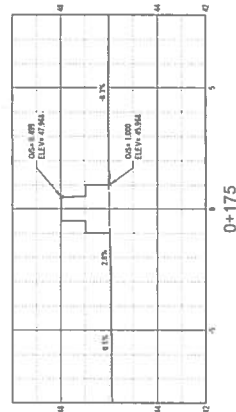
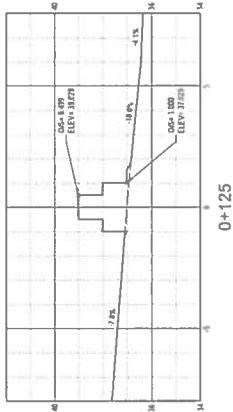
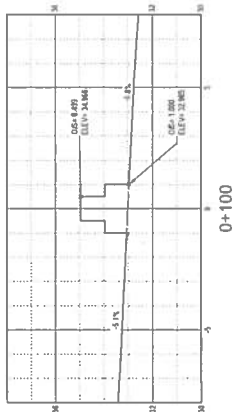
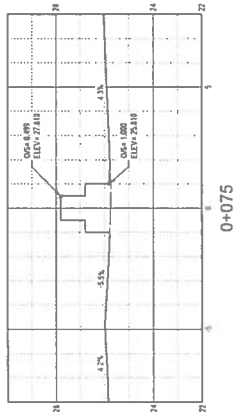
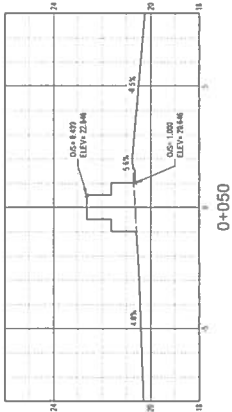
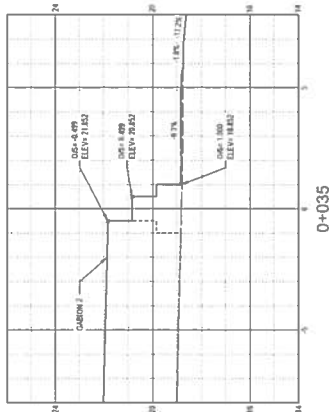
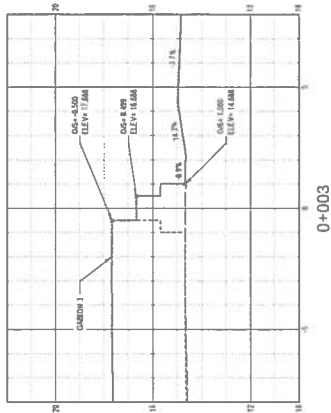


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