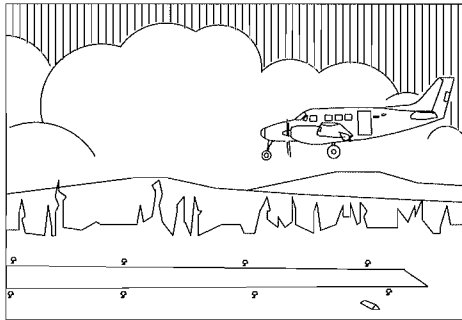


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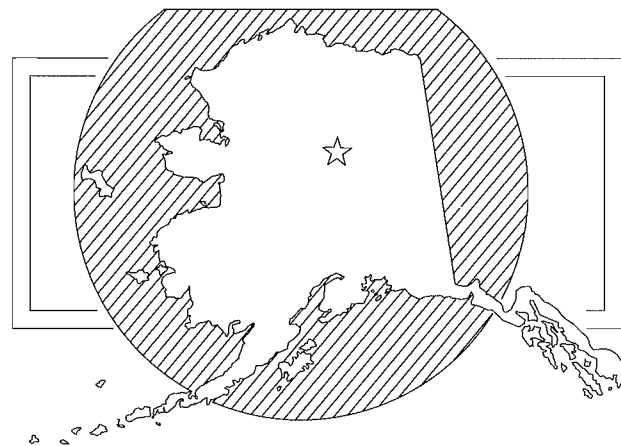
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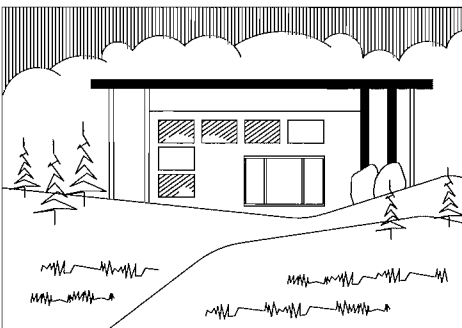
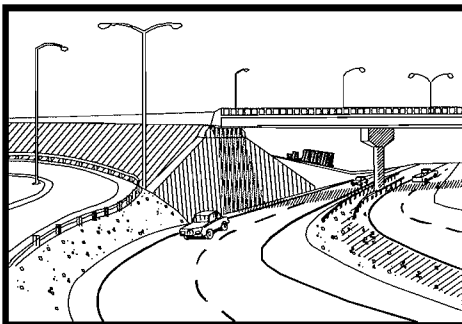
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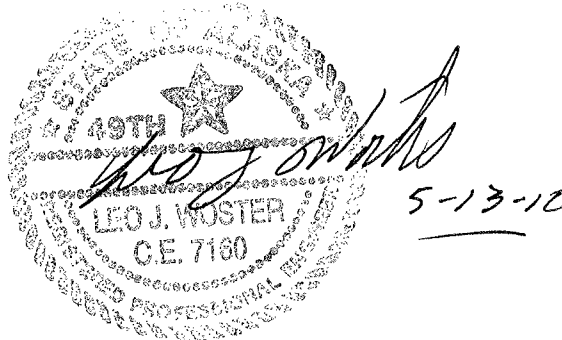
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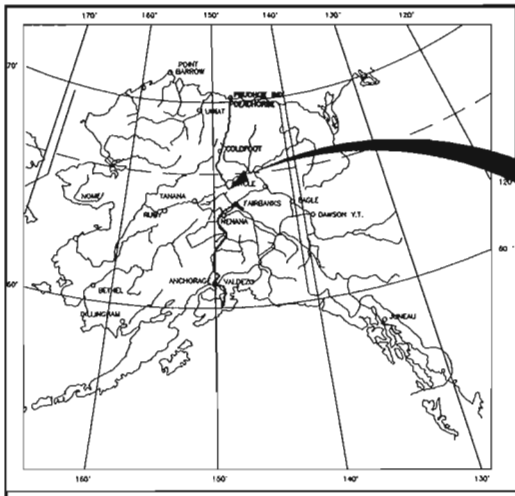
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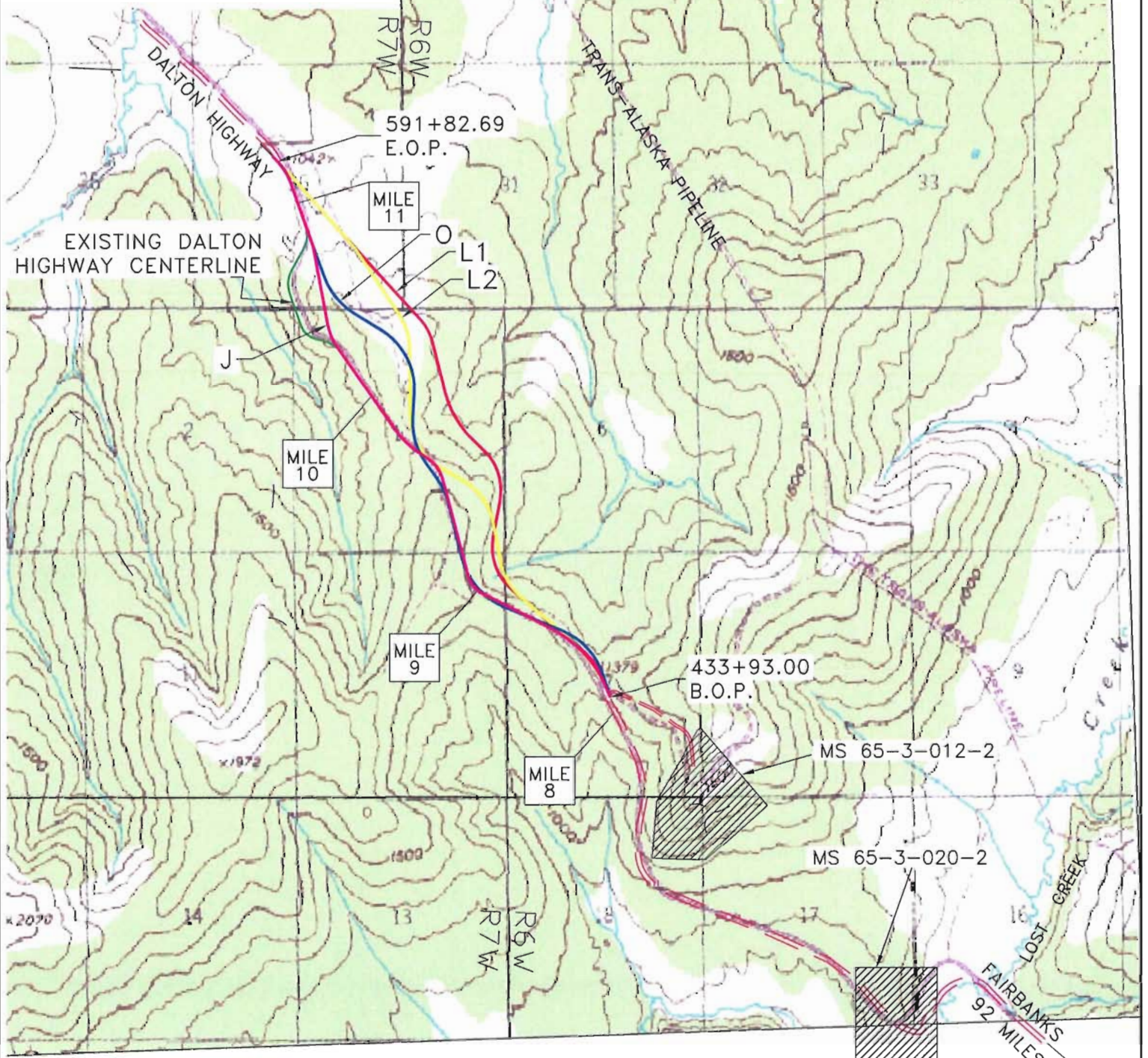
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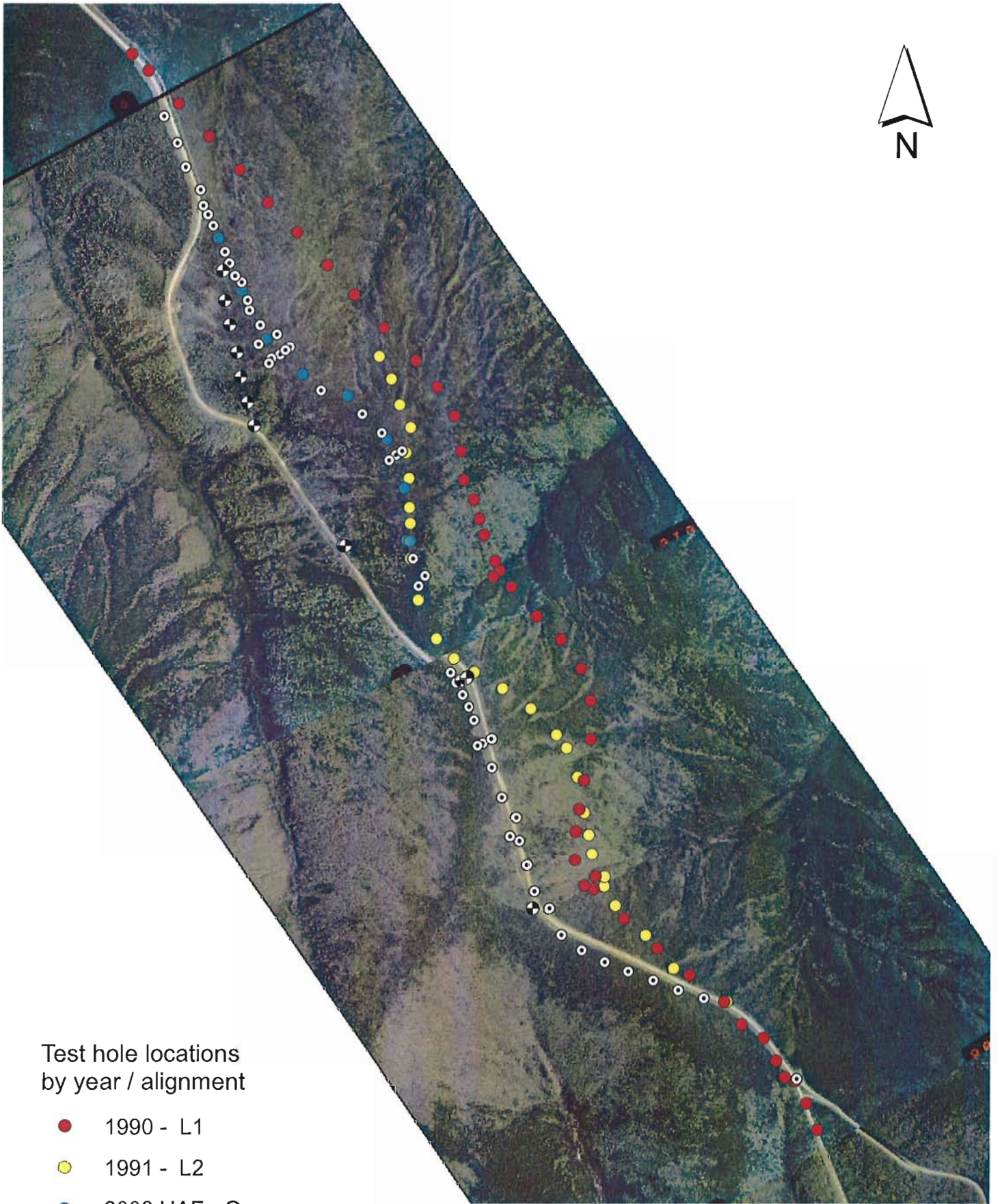


PROJECT LOCATION



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Test hole locations  
by year / alignment

- 1990 - L1
- 1991 - L2
- 2008 UAF - O
- ⊙ 2008 - O
- ⊕ 2009 - J

Dalton Hwy 9 Mile Hill North  
All test holes to date

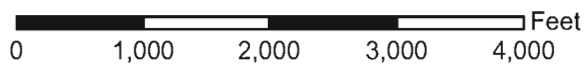


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## Summary

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT) proposes to reconstruct approximately 3 miles of the Dalton Highway between MP 8 and 11. Northern Region Materials Section (NRMS) has conducted several geotechnical investigations for the 9 Mile Hill North project in the last 20 years. Our *Dalton Highway 9 Mile Hill North Geotechnical Report* (2006) summarizes work done in 1990 on the “L1” alignment and 1991 on the “L2” alignment.

This Supplemental Report presents the results of our 2008 exploration on the “O” alignment and 2009 exploration for the new proposed “J” alignment and updates our geotechnical recommendations based on new data. Most of the J alignment follows the existing road except from Station 540+00 to 570+00 (~MP 10.5) where a large curve will be cut off and the road straightened (over a hill). The project design was preliminary at the time of writing, but plans call for the road to be widened to 36 feet. Also, we understand the road surface will not be paved, but left as an aggregate surface.

Forty-six test holes drilled on or near the J alignment are presented on the plan and profile sheets. This includes all fourteen 2009 holes and thirty-two of the 2008 holes. All other 2008 (O alignment) test hole logs are compiled in Appendix C, to document work done.

Soils conditions are not uniform along the project length. Some sections, primarily on north-facing slopes, are characterized by ice-rich silt and massive ice. These soils are highly thaw unstable and require special design considerations. Other sections are characterized by relatively shallow bedrock and lower-ice-content silt (no massive ice), where thaw settlement potential is lower. The erosion potential throughout the project will be high as all cuts are in silt, usually frozen silt.

The closest material sites are MS 65-3-020-2 (at MP 6), MS 65-3-012-2 (at MP 8) and MS 65-3-013-2 (at MP 19). These sites are discussed in *Dalton Highway 9 Mile Hill North Geotechnical Report* (2006) and *Dalton Highway MP 11-18 Reconstruction Geotechnical Report* (2009). Additional information is available in the material site files located in the ADOT Materials Building at 2301 Peger Road, Fairbanks. Note that ADOT does not currently have a permit for MS 65-3-020-2.

This supplemental geotechnical report documents physical site conditions and subsurface conditions, provides analyses and interpretation of anticipated site conditions, and recommends design and construction criteria for the project. This supplemental report together with the 2006 geotechnical report should serve as a guide and resource during project design and construction.

## Field investigations

In 2008, NRMS personnel drilled 54 solid-stem auger holes between May 19 and June 14 using a track-mounted CME-45B drill rig. Test holes ranged from 13 to 84 feet deep. Engineering geologist Ron Brooks logged the holes and collected samples. The same year University of Alaska, Fairbanks (UAF) personnel supervised drilling eight additional hollow-stem auger test holes along the O alignment as part of an Alaska University Transportation Project (AUTC) research project “*Geotechnical Investigation for the Dalton Highway Innovation Project as a Case Study of the Ice-Rich Syngenetic Permafrost*”, a final report for this project is in preparation.

In 2009, NRMS personnel drilled 14 test holes between August 4 and 7 using a track-mounted CME-850 drill rig. Test holes ranged from 15 to 39 feet deep. Margaret Darrow, Assistant Professor at UAF, directed drilling of three test holes (09-1401, 09-1402 and 09-1404) near Station 504+00 for a separate AUTC research project to monitor ground temperatures. Engineering geologist Julie Rowland logged the remainder of the holes. Two of the test holes at Sta 504+00 were advanced using 6.5-inch-diameter hollow-stem augers and driven 3-inch-diameter sampling spoons. All other test holes were completed using 6-inch solid-stem augers, and samples were collected from auger cuttings.

In 2008, NRMS personnel installed 1.5 inch diameter slope indicator tubing in TH08-040. Thermistor strings with thermistors on 10-foot spacing were installed in TH08-040 (Serial No. 3528), TH08-046 (Serial No. 3732) and TH08-053 (Serial No.3728). Temperature readings are presented in Appendix E.

Selected samples were submitted to the NR Materials Laboratory for testing. A handheld GPS was used to record test hole locations (NAD 83 datum).

Proposed grade, shown on the plan and profile sheets reflects the J line.

## Expected physical site conditions

The following physical site conditions should be expected at the project site and materials sites:

- Expect frozen ground, either seasonal frost or permafrost, to be present at any time of year.
- Expect to encounter massive ice (greater than 1-foot thick) in excavations.
- Expect cutslopes in ice and frozen silt to fail, slump or flow as thawing occurs.
- Expect thawed, wet silt slopes to erode easily.
- Expect that excavations in bedrock or frozen soil may require blasting.

## General subsurface conditions

For 46 test holes located near the J line, the generalized soil profile (off road) consists of:

- 2 to 6 inch organic mat,
- 1 to 50+ feet of silt with ice and organics often containing massive ice, over
- 2 to 10 foot thick layer of colluvial soil over

- highly weathered bedrock composed of chert and argillite.

The silt unit was present in all test holes and is the predominant soil type. Measured moisture contents (as ice) ranged from 16 to 250%. Excess visible ice was noted in most test holes. Massive ice, with cumulative thicknesses of 2 to 50 feet, was present in 22 of 46 test holes. Massive ice was generally not found where bedrock was shallower than 10 feet. Also, massive ice appears to be more common under north-facing slopes.

A colluvial layer was typically present just above bedrock. The colluvium consisted of silt with varying amounts of sand, gravel, clay, ice and organic matter. Thickness of this layer ranged from 1 to 15 feet thick, but was commonly 2 to 5 feet thick.

Depth to bedrock ranged from 4 to 51 feet where intercepted. It was intercepted in 26 of 46 holes. Bedrock, composed of highly weathered chert and argillite, was logged as “soft” because it augered relatively easily.

Permafrost conditions were found in all test holes but three, from the base of the active layer to the depths drilled. The three thawed holes were TH08-033, TH08-034, and TH09-1414, located in disturbed areas next to the highway near BOP.

Permafrost temperatures measured in O line test holes ranged from 29.0 to 31.1 °F. Thermistor data is presented in Appendix E.

Groundwater was not observed in any test holes with the exception of perched water in TH08-04 and TH08-33, both located in the roadside ditch.

Few test holes were drilled through the embankment in 2008/2009. Earlier studies drilled more holes in the embankment (see 2006 report). In general, cleared areas adjacent to the road typically thaw deeper than soils beneath embankments.

Embankment fill material is interpreted as derived from a nearby weathered chert bedrock source. Most field classifications of fill were silty gravel with sand. Where tested fill was classified as silty clayey sand with gravel.

## General comments and recommendations

Comments and recommendations presented in this report supersede those presented in the 2006 geotechnical report for the 9 Mile Hill project.

- From a geotechnical standpoint, the J alignment is preferred to previous alignments L1, L2, and O. The amount of new construction over poor ground is greatly reduced, and the depths of cuts and fills have been reduced. Much of the alignment follows the existing highway, which has had many years to thermally stabilize (which is not to say it has fully stabilized).
- We did not perform a thermal analysis for this project, but analyses under similar conditions indicate that an embankment height of 10 feet or more will minimize thawing of frozen foundation soils. The maximum benefit is obtained when embankments are constructed in spring/early summer while the active layer is still frozen and soils are colder than in the fall. We recommend using this embankment height to help preserve permafrost, especially ice-rich permafrost.



- Alternately, substitute insulation for fill according to the rule of thumb: one-inch-thick of rigid foam board insulation for one foot of embankment height reduction. We recommend using insulation in the lower embankment over any areas in or above massive ice where fill thickness is not sufficient, such as cuts or thin fills (<10 feet thick).
- Alternately, experimental features such as Air Convection Embankments (ACE) or passive refrigeration with thermosyphons can be considered to preserve permafrost beneath cuts or thin fills over massive ice.
- Consider flattening slopes, or using thermal berms adjacent the embankment to shift ground thawing outward, away from the toe of structural fill. Thermal berms can be constructed of thawed, drained nonorganic silt or weathered bedrock with high fines. Thermal berms should be a minimum of 5 feet high, but can be larger according to available material. The upper surface of thermal berms should remain below the pavement section.
- We do not have specific recommendations for preserving permafrost along cutslopes. In general, cut slopes in frozen silt will thaw, creating potential short and long term stability and erosion problems. Use appropriate sediment control measures during and after construction. Consider using near-vertical cuts with extra-wide ditches to accommodate sloughing. Limit vertical bench cuts to 15 feet. In general, make ditches 1 to 1.5 the cut height. Slopes generally stabilize at 2.5 to 3(H):1(V) after thawing.
- Ditches cut into ice rich silt are a potential source of future instability for the embankment and cut slopes. Options to reduce embankment deformation due to thaw settlement in the ditch include flatter embankment slopes, subexcavation of upper ditch section and replacing with granular material.
- Preserve the organic mat the extent possible beneath fills and within cleared limits. Use hand-clearing to the extent possible. Minimize equipment traffic within cleared limits to protect the organic mat. Minimize ditch cutting: expect that thaw settlement will create depressions along the toes of the embankment over time.
- To improve constructability (mobility of heavy equipment), use a reinforcing geotextile fabric, or geogrid at the base of excavations in wet silt, as needed.
- For embankment structural fill below the pavement structure, specify Selected Material, Type C Modified with a maximum of 25% passing the No. 200 sieve.
- Plan for and maintain positive drainage throughout the project site.

## Station to station descriptions and recommendations

### Station 434+00 (BOP) to 488+00

In this segment the alignment climbs about 260 feet. Much of the road sidehills across an east-facing slope. A modest cut/fill will be required to widen the road. Fourteen test holes were drilled along this mile of road, with about half in undisturbed terrain and half within cleared limits adjacent the road.

Ground conditions are characterized by relatively shallow bedrock covered with silt and colluvium. Moisture contents in frozen silt ranged from 10 to 73%, but typically fell

between 25 and 50%. Colluvial soils were field classified as silty sand with gravel, but lab testing showed a clay component. Only one sample was tested and classified as silty clayey sand with gravel. Colluvial layer was 1 to 6 feet thick.

Depth to bedrock ranged from 4 to 16 feet. The highly weathered bedrock was considered “soft” based on drill reaction. Rock auger cuttings classified as silty sand, silty clayey sand and well graded sand with silt and gravel. Some clay is present. Moisture contents ranged from 3 to 22%, generally decreasing with depth.

Permafrost was present in all but three test holes. Test holes found relatively low amounts of visible ice in silt layers and no massive ice layers.

Compared to other segments of the alignment, foundation conditions are relatively good with limited potential for thaw settlement.

### Comments and Recommendations

- Because of shallow bedrock and lower ice content in overlying soils, the potential for thaw settlement is limited here. Consider stripping off the organic mat within the new embankment footprint prior to placement of compacted fill. This will accelerate ground thawing (except under high fills). The hilly terrain should allow for subsurface drainage of thawing soils over time.
- Consider thoroughly compacting the stripped and leveled areas within the new embankment footprint to densify upper foundation soils and allow for better compaction of the initial lifts of embankment fill.
- In new cut areas, consider subexcavating the upper 2 feet or down to bedrock to improve road performance. Subexcavation would also improve performance (reduce compression and settlement) in fill areas, but may not be cost effective.

### Station 488+00 to 520+00

In this section, the road crests a hill and proceeds down a north-facing ridge. At about Station 510+00, the road begins to sidehill (and drop) across a west-facing slope. Reconstruction will consist of fills and cut/fills to widen the road. The centerline grade is not expected to change.

We drilled thirteen holes between 488+00 to 506+00, and none from 506+00 to 520+00.

Ground conditions are characterized by ice-rich silt over massive ice. Bedrock was deep, between 35 and 50 feet. Frozen silt contained significant visible ice.

UAF drilling summary: near Station 504+00, we drilled three test holes and placed direct-burial thermistor cables to 30 feet deep. The buried cables all lead to a central instrument panel with a solar-powered data logger. TH09-1401 was drilled in the trees upslope of the road (“undisturbed”). TH09-1402 was drilled in the road shoulder, and TH09-1404 was located at the toe of the embankment. The undisturbed site had 15 feet of silt (frozen below 1 foot) over massive ice to 32 feet, the depth drilled. The road had 10 feet of thawed embankment fill (silty gravel with sand) over 1 foot of silt over massive ice to 35 feet. The toe hole was similar with less fill, and massive ice to 39 feet, the depth drilled.

## Comments and Recommendations

- Ice-rich soils and massive ice are thaw unstable with the potential for extensive settlement. Differential settlement between centerline and embankment shoulders/toes and across cut-fill transitions is expected to be high as well.
- Avoid cuts to the extent possible. The general recommendations apply to this section.

### Station 520+00 to 540+00

This segment sidehills across a west-facing slope and drops about 100 feet. The reconstruction preliminary design is mostly a sidehill cut/fill with some stretches of thru cut or fill. The centerline grade will remain similar to current. Only two holes were drilled in this section. We drilled two holes near Station 525+00 to compare conditions in the road and ditch. TH09-1412 was drilled in the shoulder (offset right, 7 ft) and TH09-1413 in the ditch (offset right, 30 ft).

The embankment was 3 feet thick composed of silty gravel with sand (probably some clay as well). Foundation soils were 12 feet of silt over 4 feet of silt with sand (colluvium). Bedrock was intercepted at 19 feet. The ditch test hole had similar soil conditions (minus the fill). However the depth to top of permafrost was 10 feet deep at the ditch compared to 7 feet deep under the road. Thawed soils were wet and frozen soils contained excess but little visible ice.

## Comments and Recommendations

- Based on limited data, subsurface conditions appear similar to the segment at BOP, with bedrock less than 20 feet deep and lower ice content in silts. However, without additional data, it would be prudent to use the general (more conservative) recommendations.

### Station 540+00 to 558+00

This major realignment sidehills up and over a west-facing, gentle to moderate slope. The preliminary design includes a 10- to 20-foot fill at the start and some asymmetrical cuts of up to 22 feet deep at centerline. We drilled six test holes along the propose route at 300-foot spacings.

Soil conditions consisted of silt with excess but not much visible ice, over both shallow and deep bedrock. Moisture (ice) content of silt ranged from 27 to 58 percent, based on eleven samples. Permafrost was present in all holes below depths of 1 to 5 feet. Bedrock was encountered in TH09-1409 and TH09-1411 at 10 feet, but not in other holes within the depth drilled.

## Comments and recommendations

- Even though we did not encounter massive ice in this section, it may be present given the nature of the terrain.
- One location where 10-ft-deep bedrock was intercepted (Station 548+00) corresponds to a 5-foot cut, so bedrock may be encountered during excavation, depending on final design, but it probably won't be significant. The bedrock surface is not uniform.

- The cut sections will generate a large volume of frozen silt containing ice and organics. If the material can be thawed and drained it may be used for thermal berms on the project. Otherwise, plan to dispose of the material elsewhere.
- The planned cuts will accelerate thawing leading to long term settlement, though the amount may be limited, based on drill data.

### Station 558+00 to 591+00 (EOP)

The major realignment continues downhill as the sidehill becomes a north-facing, gentle slope. The realignment meets the existing road at about Station 570+00 and continues on to the end of project. There is an initial sidehill fill across a drainage, then the preliminary design calls for shallow cuts and fills until the route rejoins the highway. Ten test holes were drilled near this portion of the J alignment.

Subsurface conditions are characterized by ice-rich silt, massive ice, and deep bedrock. These soils are highly thaw unstable. The section from 558+00 to 570+00 will be the most geotechnically challenging of the project as it has the worst soil conditions combined with major ground disturbance.

### Comments and Recommendations

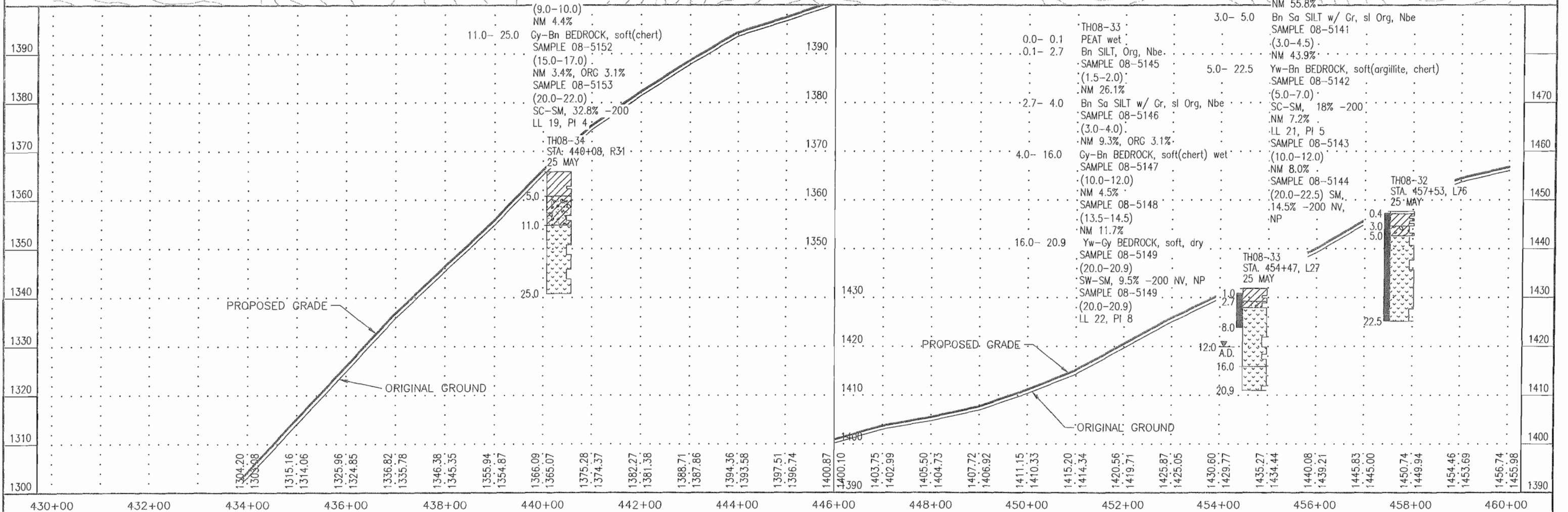
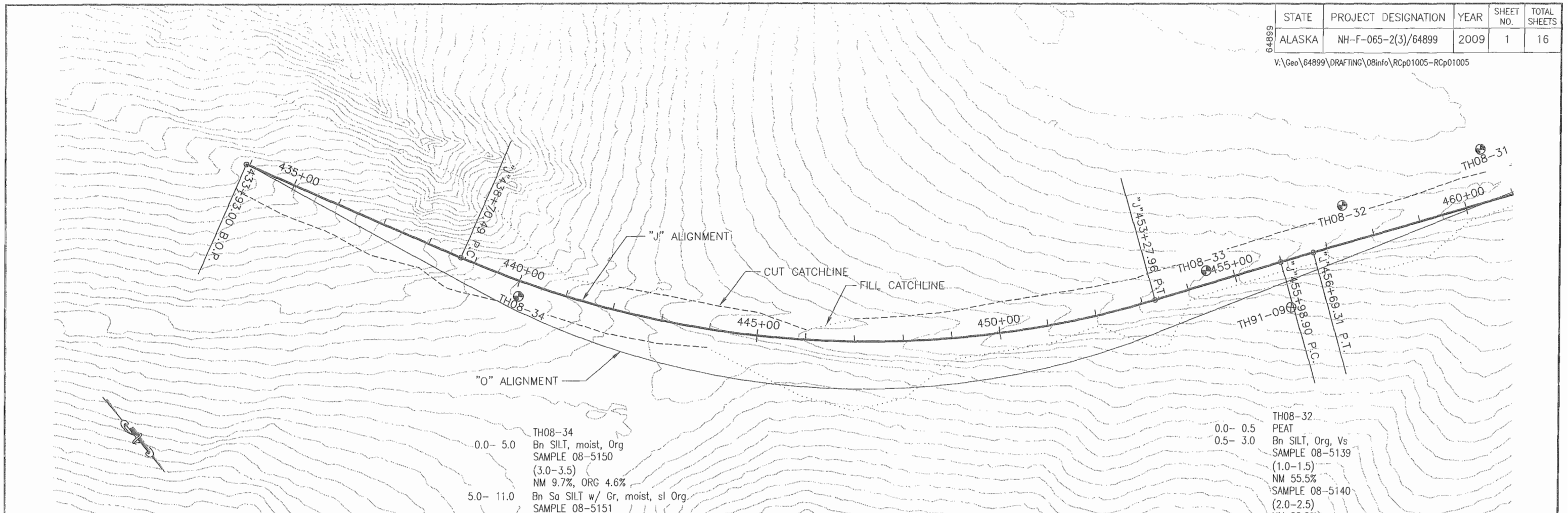
- The planned shallow cuts and thin fills will tend to accelerate thawing leading to significant thaw settlement over the short and long term. We recommend using insulation and/or experimental features to minimize ground thawing. Expect ongoing maintenance of the road surface.
- Depending on the design selected, consider incorporating construction scheduling.

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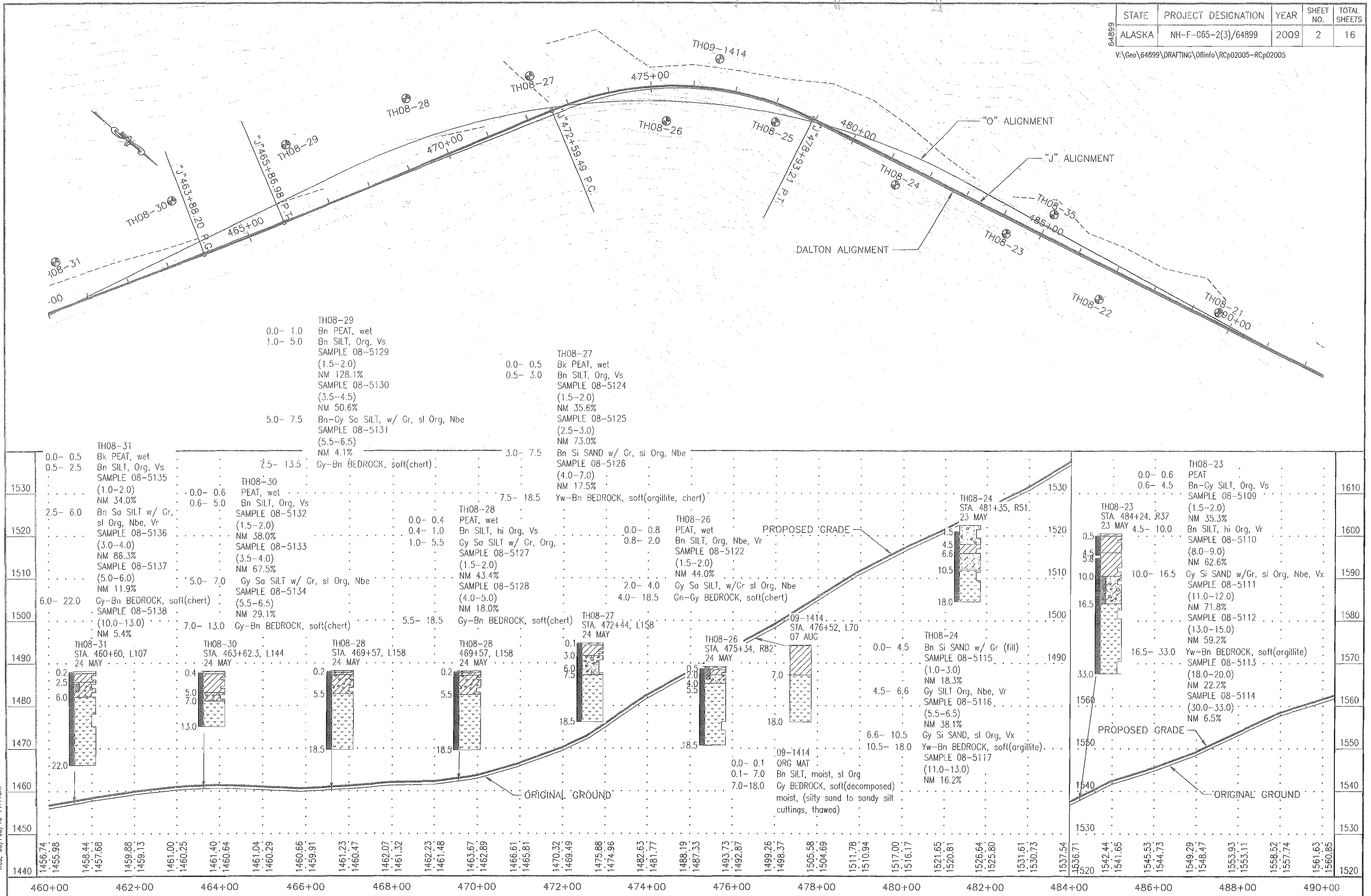


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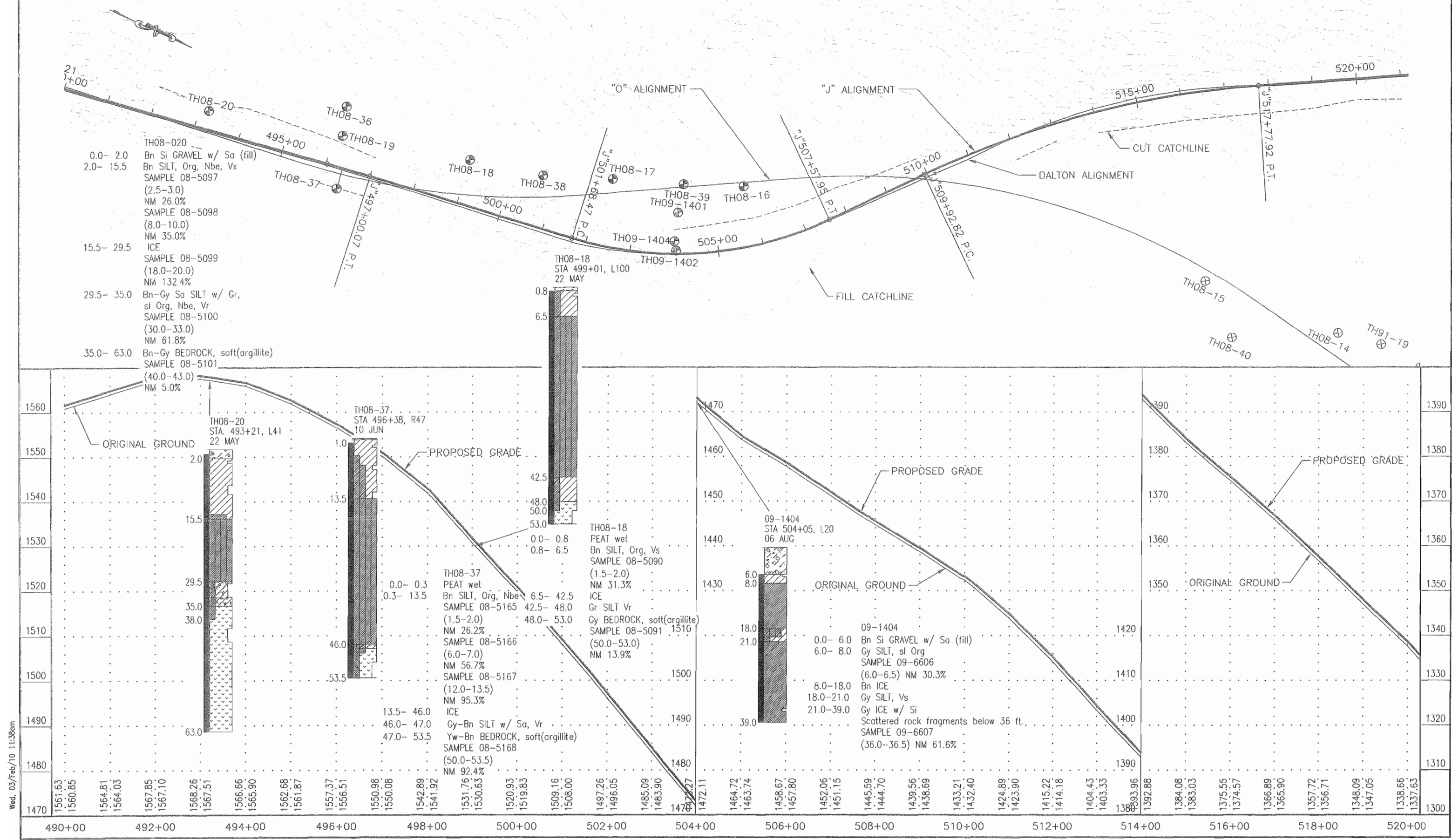
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(2.5-3.0)  
NM 26.0%  
SAMPLE 08-5098  
(8.0-10.0)  
NM 35.0%  
15.5- 29.5 ICE  
SAMPLE 08-5099  
(18.0-20.0)  
NM 132.4%  
29.5- 35.0 Bn-Gy Sa SILT w/ Gr,  
sl Org, Nbe, Vr  
SAMPLE 08-5100  
(30.0-33.0)  
NM 61.8%  
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SAMPLE 08-5101  
(40.0-43.0)  
NM 5.0%

TH08-18  
STA 499+01, L100  
22 MAY

TH08-20  
STA 493+21, L41  
22 MAY

TH08-37  
STA 496+38, R47  
10 JUN

TH08-18  
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(1.5-2.0)  
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(12.0-13.5)  
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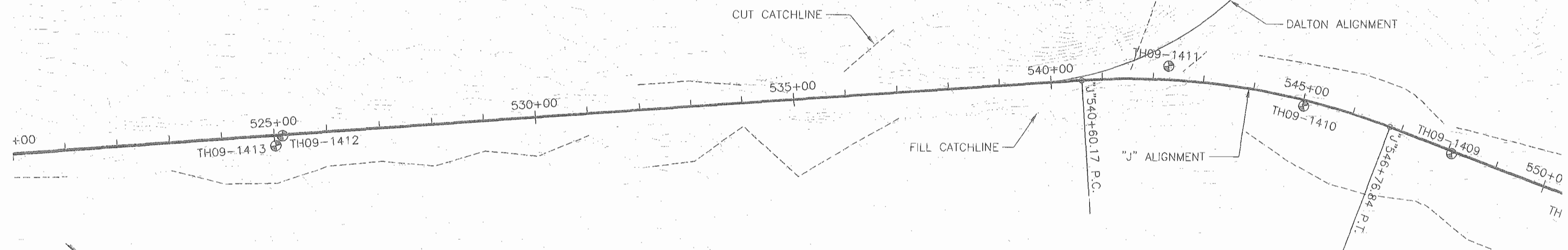
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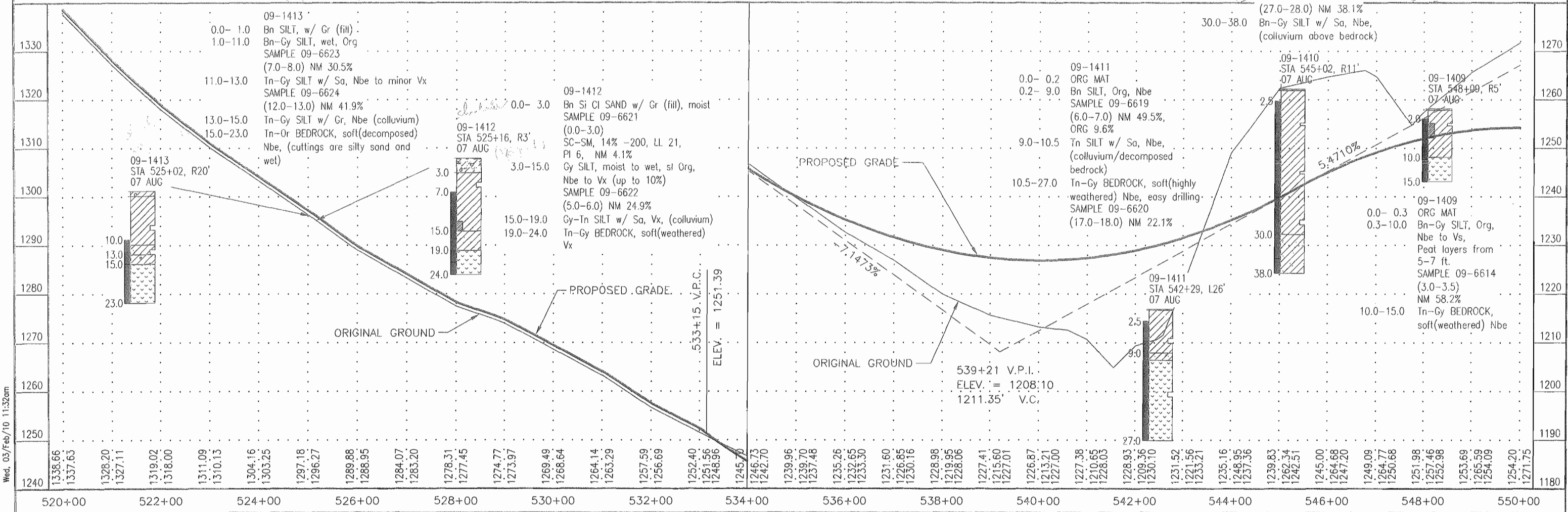
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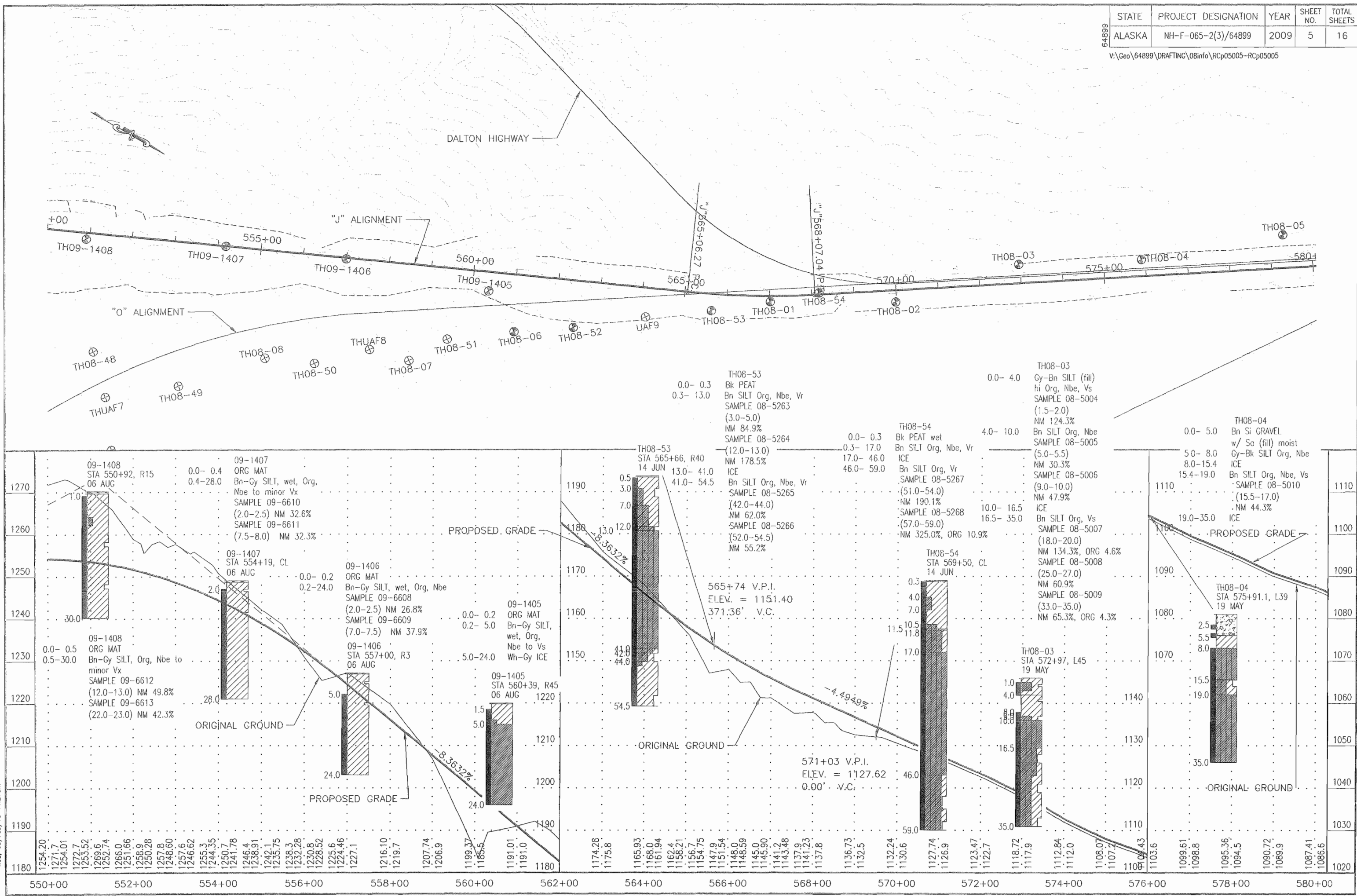
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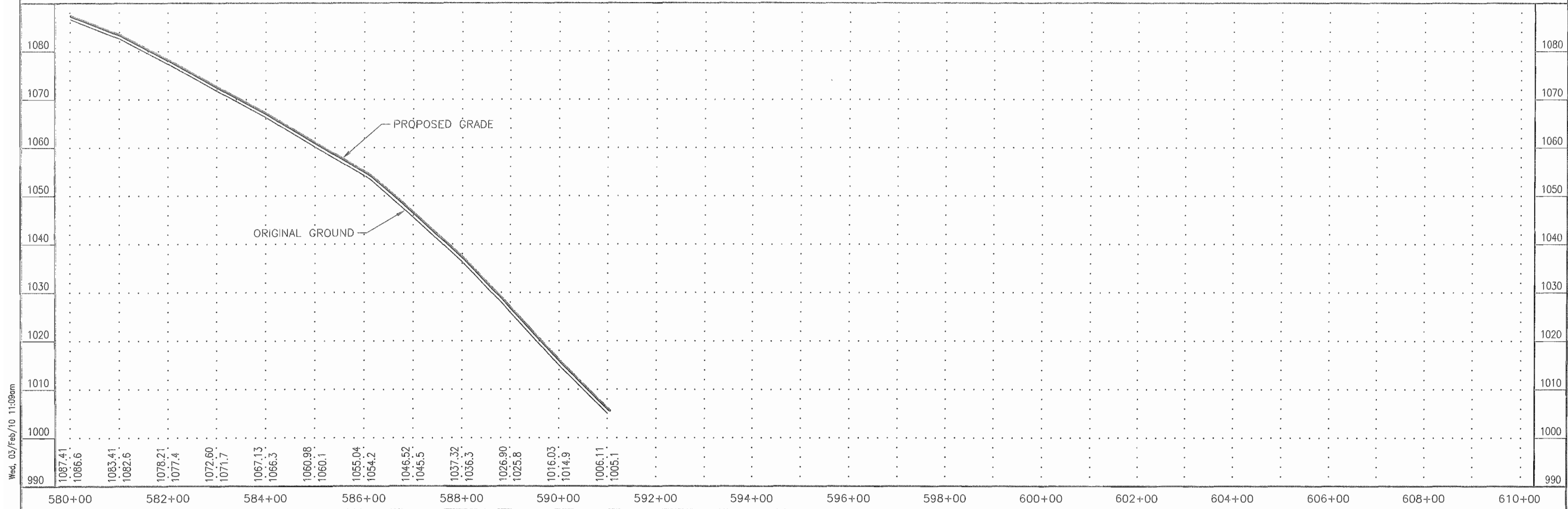
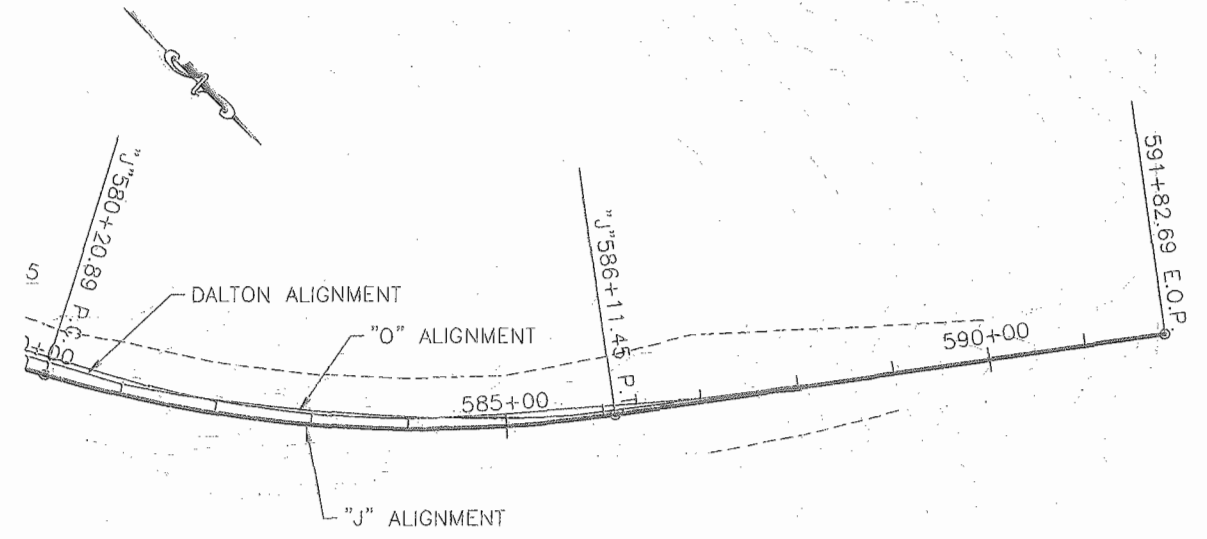
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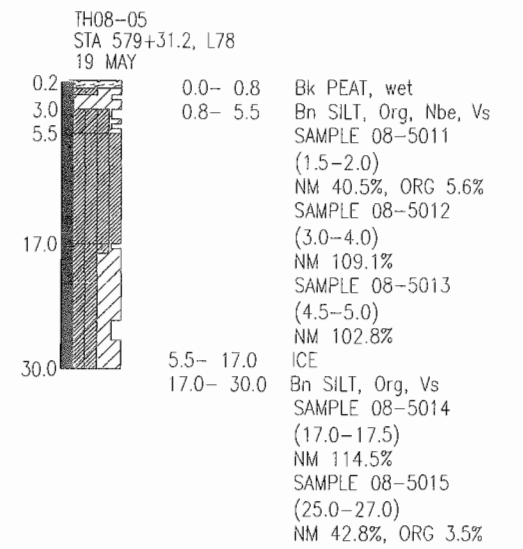
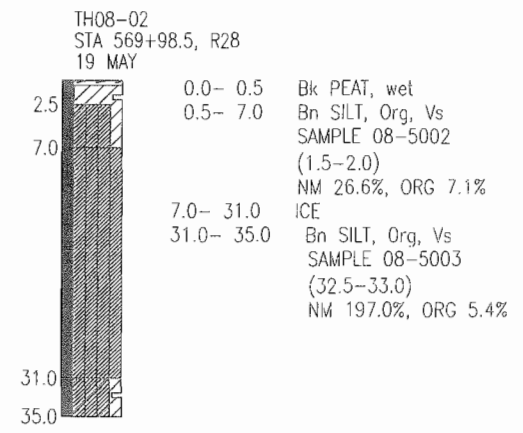
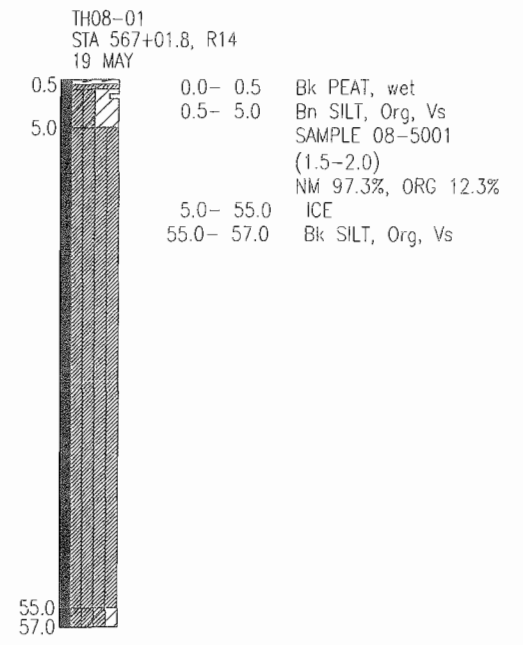
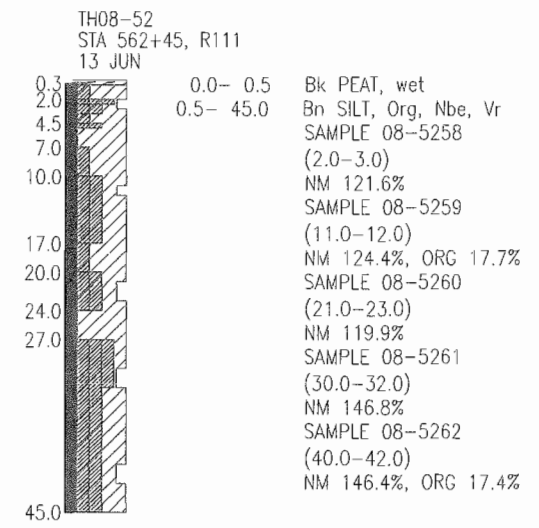
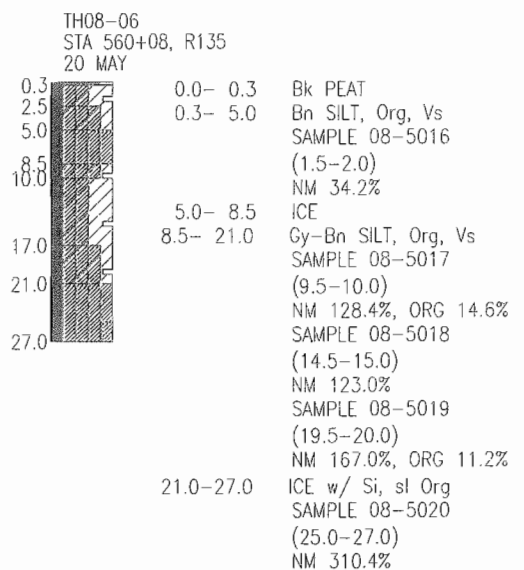
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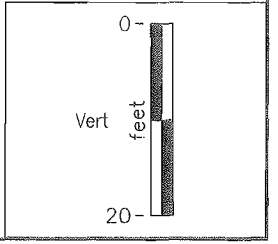
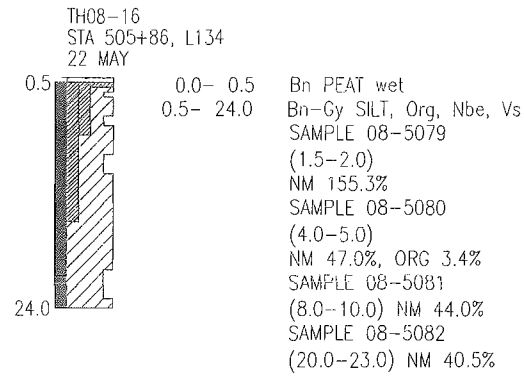
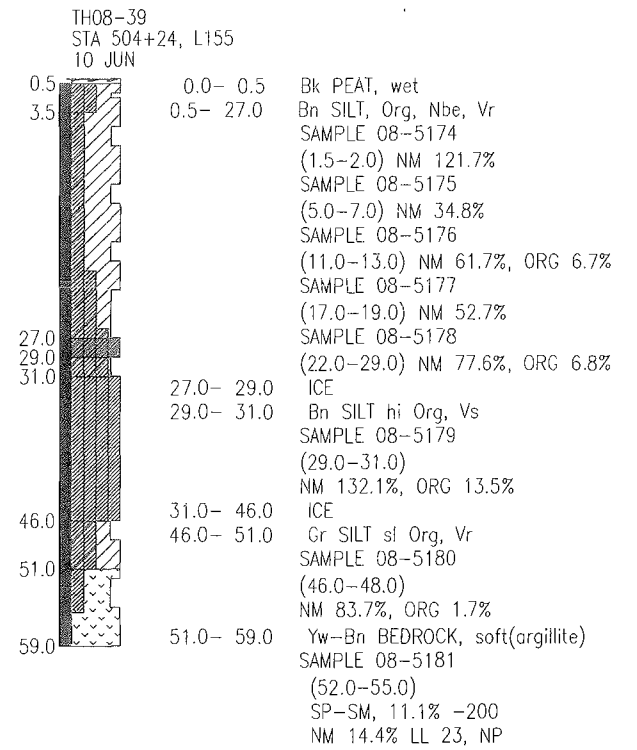
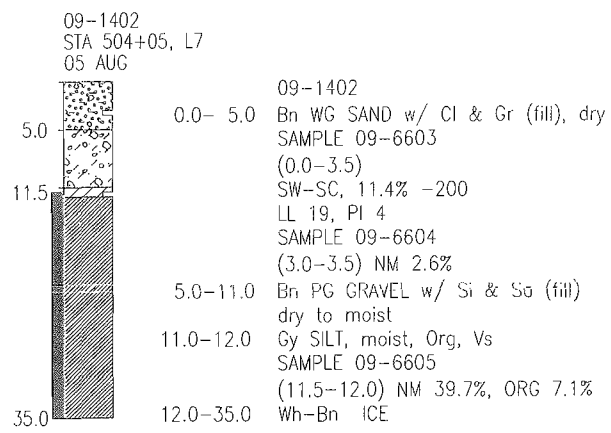
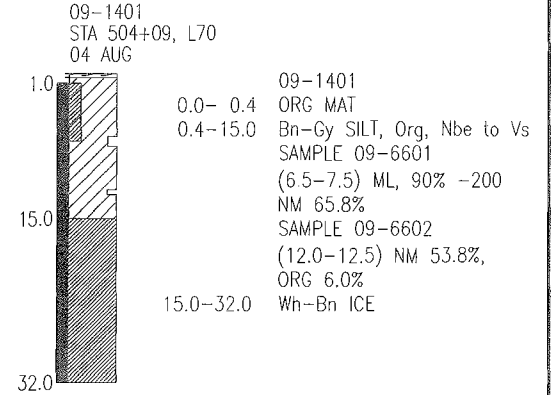
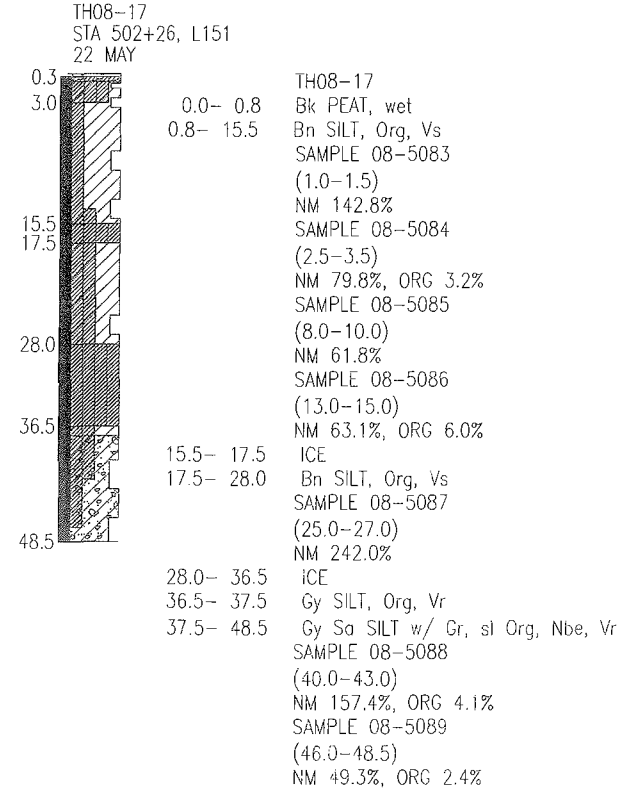
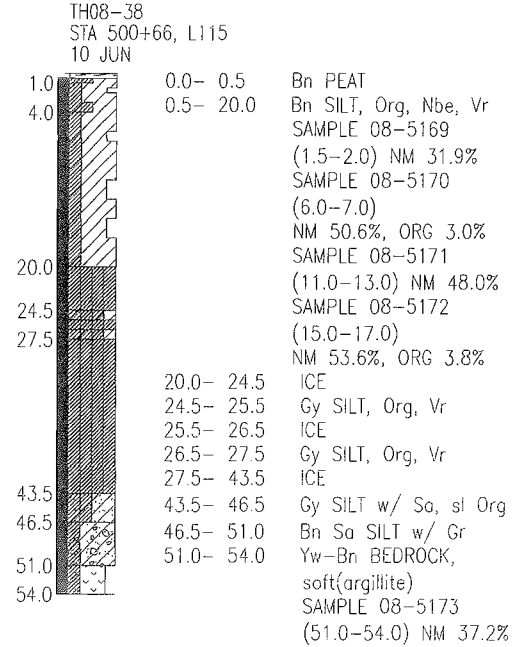
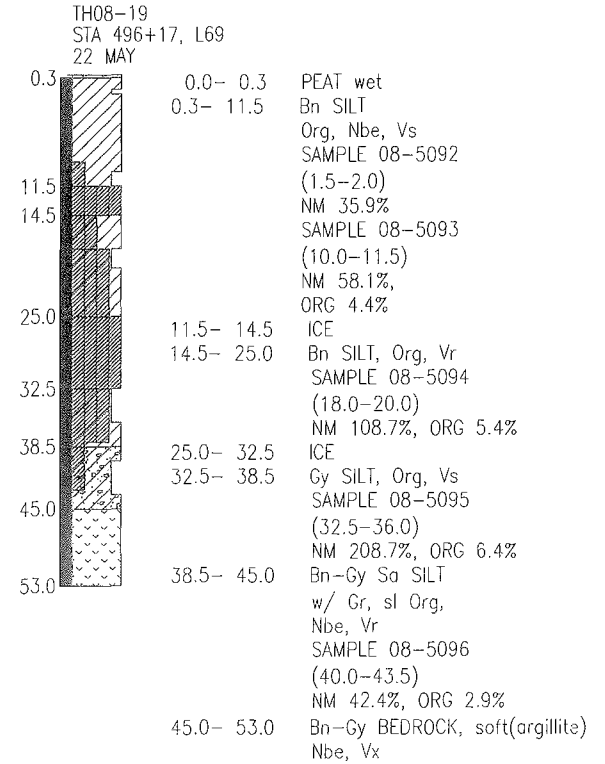
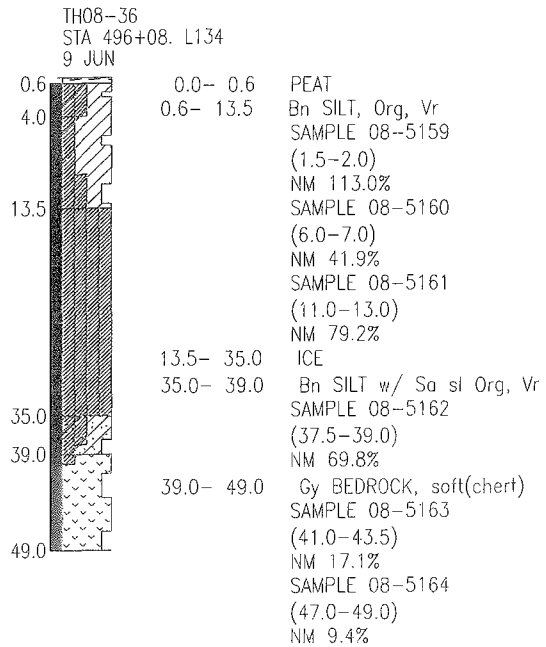
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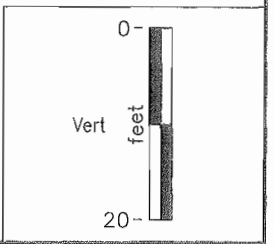
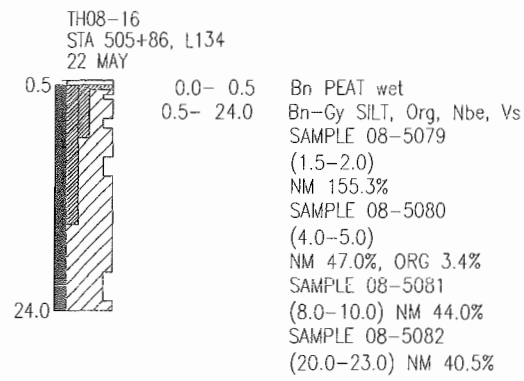
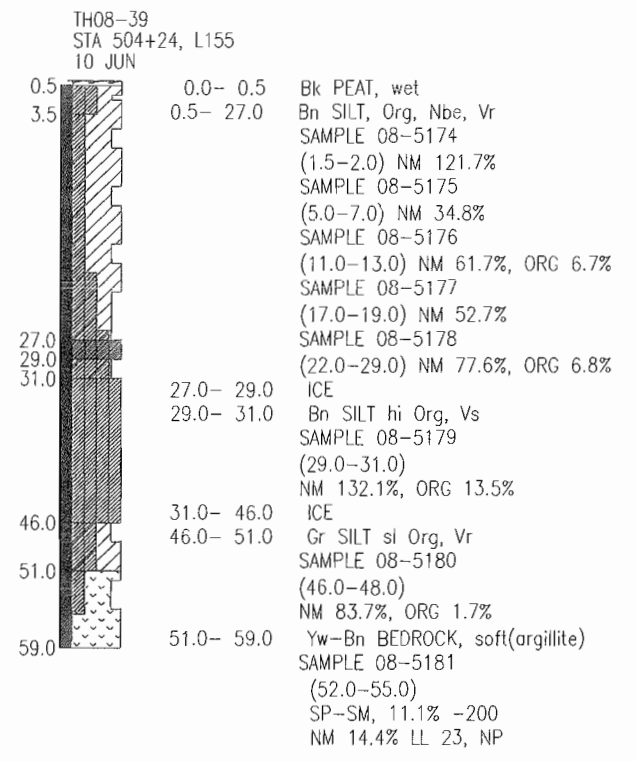
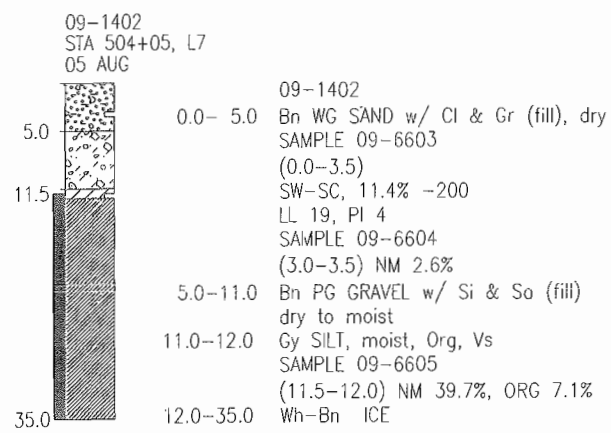
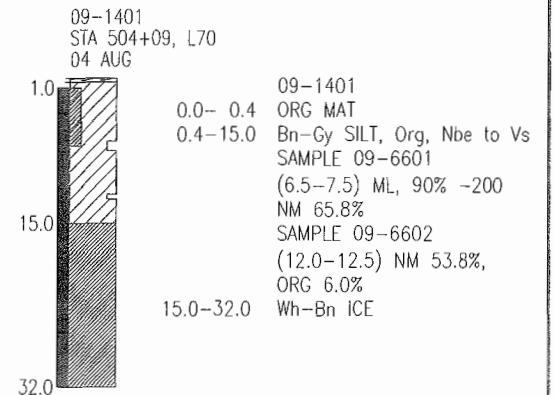
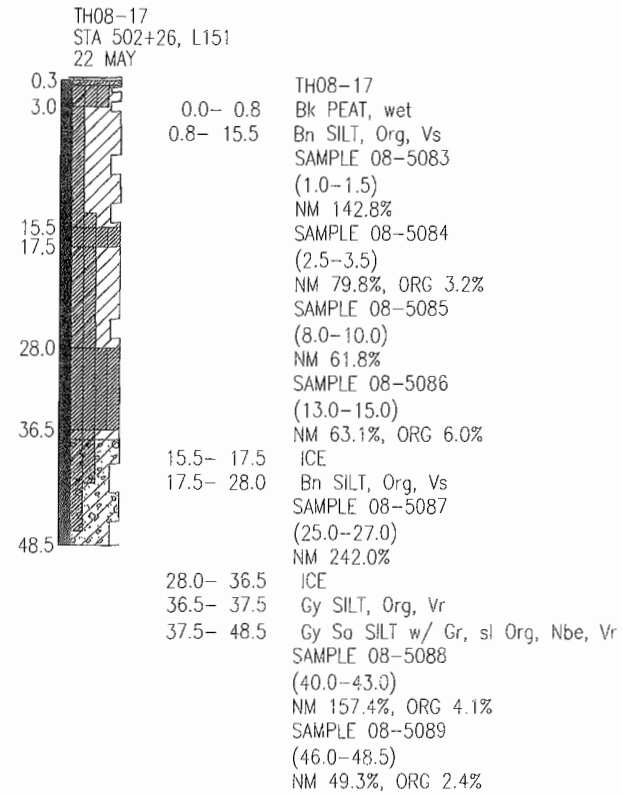
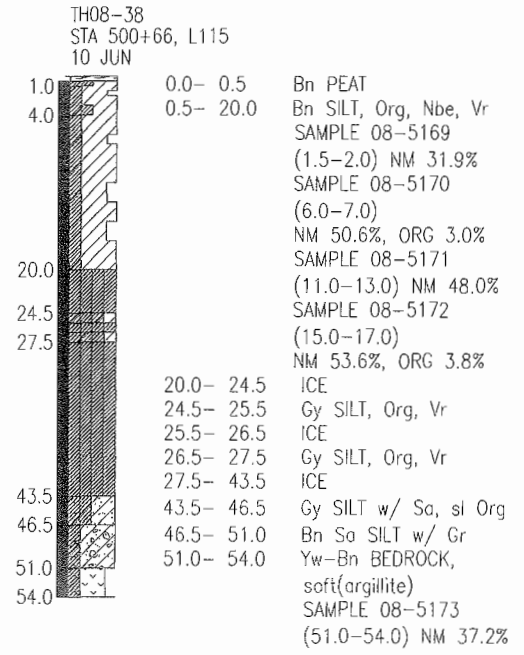
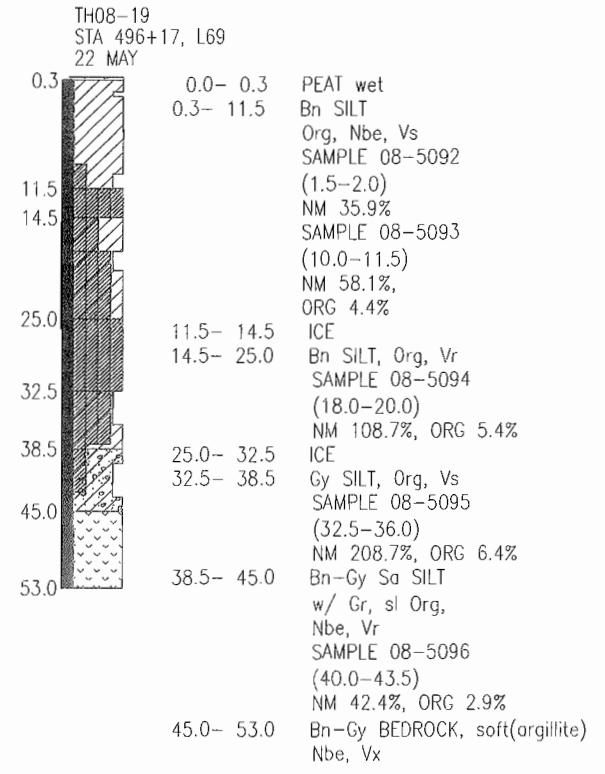
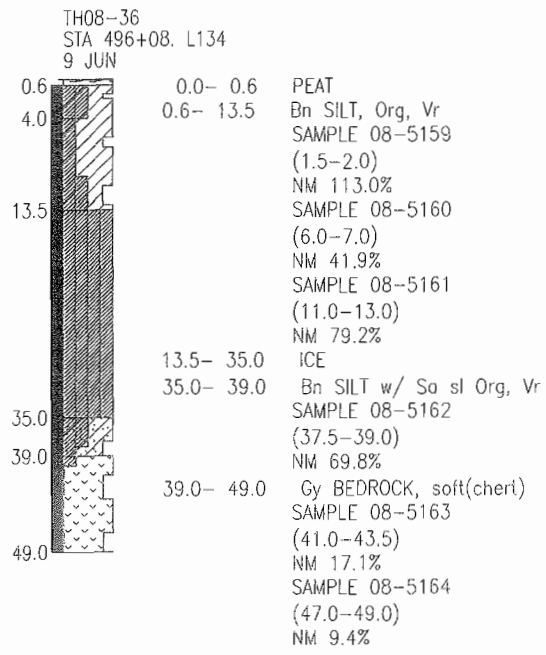


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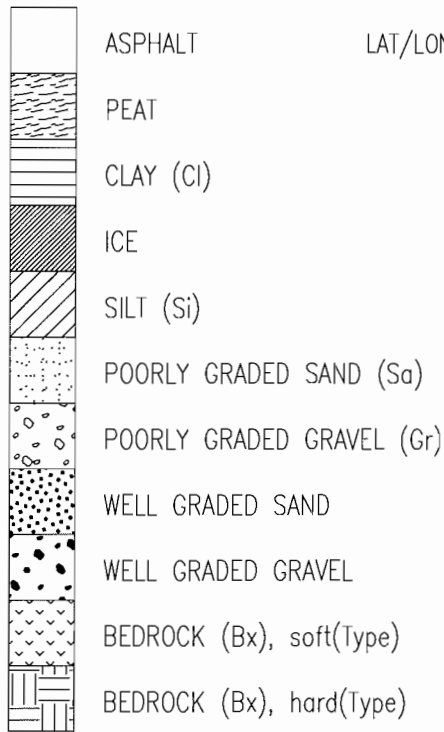


# Appendix A

## Symbols and definitions

# SYMBOLS AND DEFINITIONS

## BASIC MATERIAL SYMBOLS



SOFT OR HARD BEDROCK BASED ON DRILLING RATE  
NOTE

MAIN COMPONENT (UPPER CASE ... SOLID LINES)  
MINOR COMPONENT (Title Case ... DASHED LINES  
OR SPARSER PATTERN)

## USCS SIZE DEFINITIONS

BOULDERS (Boulders)	12"+
COBBLES (Cobbles)	3" TO 12"
GRAVEL	#4 TO 3"
ANGULAR FRAGMENTS	#10 +
SAND	#200 TO #4
SILT	#200 TO 0.005 mm
CLAY	MINUS 0.005 mm

## TEST RESULTS

..% -200	= % PASSING #200 SIEVE
NM ..%	= NATURAL MOISTURE
ORG ..%	= ORGANIC CONTENT
SSc _	= SODIUM SULFATE LOSS(coarse)
SSf _	= SODIUM SULFATE LOSS(fine)
LA _	= LOS ANGELES ABRASION
DEG _	= DEGRADATION
LL _	= LIQUID LIMIT (NV = no value)
PI _	= PLASTIC INDEX (NP = non--plastic)

## MISC.

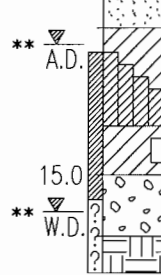
Tr	= TRACE
sl	= SLIGHTLY
hi	= HIGHLY
w/_	= WITH UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT
X'tls	= CRYSTALS
TH	= TEST HOLE
TT	= TEST TRENCH
TP	= TEST PIT

## TYPICAL LOG

YEAR-HOLE NUMBER  
LAT/LONG OR STATION, OFFSET  
ELEVATION (ft)  
DATE LOGGED

05-41  
\* Sta 210+53, Lt 3  
Elev 375  
16 JUN

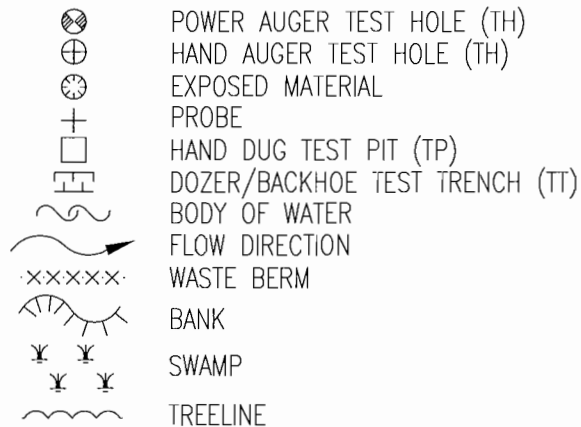
WATER  
TABLE  
FROZEN  
DEPTH  
(FEET)  
POSSIBLY  
FROZEN



24\*\*\* N VALUE  
~25%  
~50%  
~75%  
~100% PERCENT VISIBLE ICE  
SAMPLE INTERVAL  
STRATA CONTACT  
COBBLE OR BOULDER  
(FROM AUGER REACTION)  
REFUSAL

- \* Station value may also be on centerline - Sta 210+53, CL or lat-long format - N64.56789, W145.67890
- \*\* W.D.= WHILE DRILLING, A.D.= AFTER DRILLING
- \*\*\* "N VALUE" INDICATES STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (1.4" I.D., 2.0" O.D. SAMPLER DRIVEN WITH 140 LB. HAMMER, 30" FREE FALL) AND IS SUM OF 2nd AND 3rd 6" OF PENETRATION.

## PLAN VIEW SYMBOLS



## SOIL DENSITY/CONSISTENCY DESCRIPTORS

NON-COHESIVE		COHESIVE	
RELATIVE DENSITY	BLOWS/FOOT (N) VALUE	CONSISTENCY	BLOWS/FOOT (N) VALUE
VERY LOOSE	< 4	VERY SOFT	< 2
LOOSE	5-10	SOFT	2-4
MEDIUM DENSE	11-30	FIRM	5-8
DENSE	31-50	STIFF	9-15
VERY DENSE	> 50	VERY STIFF	16-30
		HARD	> 30

## COLOR

Bk = BLACK	Gy = GRAY	Tn = TAN
Bl = BLUE	Or = ORANGE	Wh = WHITE
Bn = BROWN	Rd = RED	Yw = YELLOW
Gn = GREEN		

## MOISTURE

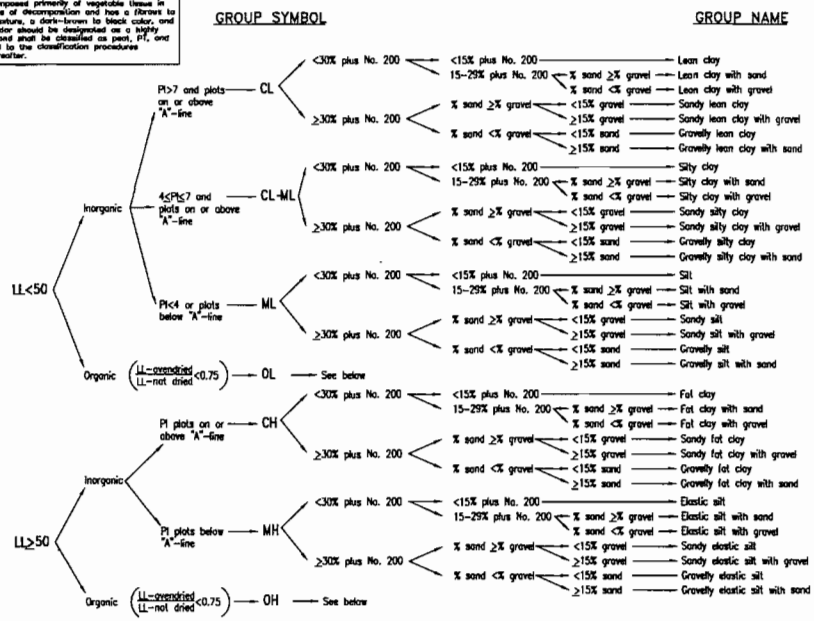
dry	= < OPTIMUM*	DUSTY, DRY TO THE TOUCH
moist	~ OPTIMUM*	DAMP, NO VISIBLE WATER
wet	= > OPTIMUM*	VISIBLE FREE WATER

\* OPTIMUM MOISTURE FOR MAXIMUM DENSITY

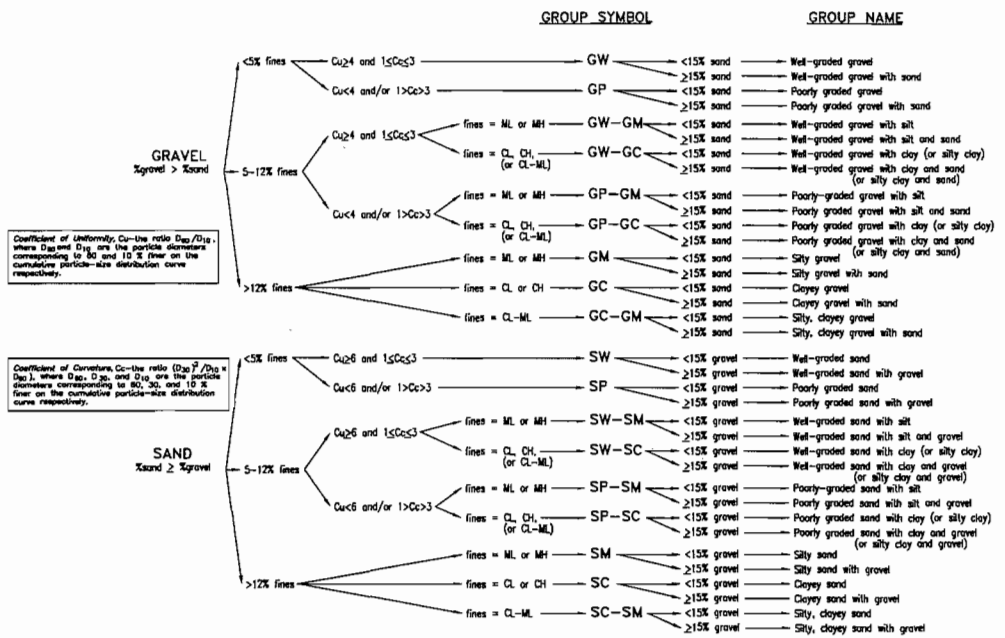
# Classification of Soils for Engineering Purposes (Unified Soil Classification System)

(After ASTM D 2487)

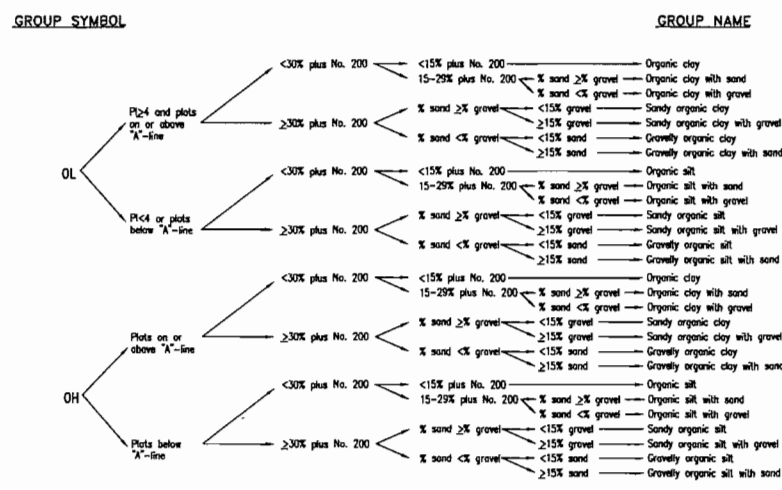
A sample composed primarily of vegetable tissue in various stages of decomposition and has a fibrous to spongy texture, a dark-brown to black color, and an organic odor should be designated as a highly organic soil and shall be classified as peat, Pt, and not subjected to the classification procedures described hereafter.



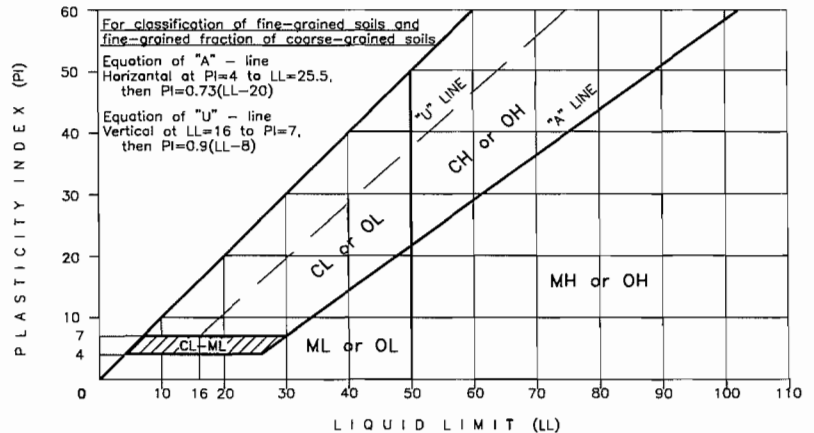
Flow Chart for Classifying Fine-Grained Soil (50% or More Passes No. 200 Sieve)



Flow Chart for Classifying Coarse-Grained Soil (More Than 50% Retained on No. 200 Sieve)



Flow Chart for Classifying Organic Fine-Grained Soil (50% or More Passes No. 200 Sieve)



Plasticity Chart



# DESCRIPTION AND CLASSIFICATION OF FROZEN SOILS

Part I Description of Soil Phase (a) (Independent of Frozen State)	Major Group		Sub-Group		Field Identification (6)	Pertinent Properties of Frozen Materials which may be measured by physical tests to supplement field identification. (7)	Guide for Construction on Soils Subject to Freezing and Thawing																												
	Description (2)	Designation (3)	Description (4)	Designation (5)			Thaw Characteristics (8)	Criteria (9)																											
Part II Description of Frozen Soil	Segregated ice is not visible by eye (b)	N	Poorly Bonded or Friable	Nf	Identify by visual examination. To determine presence of excess ice, use procedure under note (c) below and hand magnifying lens as necessary. For soils not fully saturated, estimate degree of ice saturation: Medium, Low. Note presence of crystals, or of ice coatings around larger particles.	In-Place Temperature Density and Void Ratio a) In Frozen State b) After Thawing in Place Water Content (Total H <sub>2</sub> O, including ice) a) Average b) Distribution  Strength a) Compressive b) Tensile c) Shear d) Adfreeze  Elastic Properties Plastic Properties Thermal Properties  Ice Crystal Structure (using optional instruments.) a) Orientation of Axes b) Crystal size c) Crystal shape d) Pattern of Arrangement	Usually Thaw-Stable	The potential intensity of ice segregation in a soil is dependent to a large degree on its void sizes and may be expressed as an empirical function of grain size as follows:  Most inorganic soils containing 3 percent or more of grains finer than 0.02 mm in diameter by weight are frost-susceptible. Gravels, well-graded sands and silty sands, especially those approaching the theoretical maximum density curve, which contain 1.5 to 3 percent finer than 0.02 mm by weight without being frost-susceptible. However, their tendency to occur interbedded with other soils usually makes it impractical to consider them separately.  Soils classed as frost-susceptible under the above criteria are likely to develop significant ice segregation and frost heave if frozen at normal rates with free water readily available. Soils so frozen will fall into the thaw-unstable category. However, they may also be classed as thaw-stable if frozen with insufficient water to permit ice segregation.																											
			No excess ice	n																															
Well Bonded	Nb																																		
Excess ice	e																																		
Part III Description of Substantial Ice Strata	Ice (Greater than 1 inch in thickness)	Ice	Individual ice crystals or inclusions	Vx	For ice phase, record the following as applicable: Location            Size Orientation        Shape Thickness Spacing            Pattern of arrangement Length Hardness        } Structure        } per part III Below Color            } Estimate volume of visible segregated ice present as percent of total sample volume	Same as Part II above, as applicable, with special emphasis on Ice Crystal Structure.	Usually Thaw-Unstable	Soils classed as non-frost-susceptible (*NFS) under the above criteria usually occur without significant ice segregation and are not exact and may be inadequate for some structure applications: exceptions may also result from minor soil variations.  In permafrost areas, ice wedges, pockets, veins, or other ice bodies may be found whose mode of origin is different from that described above. Such ice may be the result of long-time surface expansion and contraction phenomena or may be glacial or other ice which has been buried under a protective earth cover.																											
			Ice coatings on particles	Vc																															
			Random or irregularly oriented ice formations	Vr																															
			Stratified or distinctly oriented ice formations	Vs																															
			Ice with soil inclusions	Ice + Soil Type	Designate material as ICE (d) and use descriptive terms as follows, usually one item from each group, as applicable:  <table border="1" style="font-size: small; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th>Hardness</th> <th>Structure</th> <th>Color</th> <th>Admixtures</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Hard</td> <td>Clear</td> <td>e.g.: Color-</td> <td>e.g.: Contains</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Soft</td> <td>Cloudy</td> <td>less</td> <td>Thin Silt</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(mass, not indi- crystals)</td> <td>Porous</td> <td>Gray</td> <td>Inclu-</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Candled</td> <td>Blue</td> <td>sions</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Granular</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Stratified</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Hardness	Structure	Color	Admixtures	Hard	Clear	e.g.: Color-	e.g.: Contains	Soft	Cloudy	less	Thin Silt	(mass, not indi- crystals)	Porous	Gray	Inclu-		Candled	Blue	sions		Granular				Stratified				
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Ice without soil inclusions	Ice																																		

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Ice Coatings on Particles** are discernible layers of ice found on or below the larger soil particles in a frozen soil mass. They are sometimes associated with hoarfrost crystals, which have grown into voids produced by the freezing action.

**Ice Crystal** is a very small individual ice particle visible in the face of a soil mass. Crystals may be present alone or in a combination with other ice formations.

**Clear ice** is transparent and contains only a moderate number of air bubbles. (e)

**Cloudy Ice** is translucent, but essentially sound and non-pervious

**Porous Ice** contains numerous voids, usually interconnected and usually resulting from melting at air bubbles or along crystal interfaces from presence of salt or other materials in the water, or from the freezing of saturated snow. Though porous, the mass retains its structural unity.

**Candled ice** is ice which has rotted or otherwise formed into long columnar crystals, very loosely bonded together.

**Excess Ice** is the volume of ice in soil which exceeds the total pore volume that the soil would have under natural unfrozen conditions.

**Ice Lenses** are lenticular ice formations in soil occurring essentially parallel to each other, generally normal to the direction of heat loss and commonly in repeated layers.

**Ice Segregation** is the growth of ice as distinct lenses, layers, veins and masses in soils, commonly but not always oriented normal to direction of heat loss.

**Well-bonded** signifies that the soil particles are strongly held together by the ice and that the frozen soil possesses relatively high resistance to chipping or breaking.

**Poorly-bonded** signifies that the soil particles are weakly held together by the ice and that the frozen soil consequently has poor resistance to chipping or breaking.

**Friable** denotes a condition in which material is easily broken up under light to moderate pressure.

**Thaw-Stable** frozen soils do not, on thawing, show loss of strength below normal, long-time thawed values nor produce detrimental settlement.

**Thaw-Unstable** frozen soils show on thawing, significant loss of strength below normal, long-time thawed values and/or significant settlement, as a direct result of the melting of the excess ice in the soil.

Modified from: Linell, K. A. and Kaplar, C. W., 1966, *Description and Classification of Frozen Soils*, Proc. International Conference on Permafrost (1963), Lafayette, IN, U.S. National Academy of Sciences, Publ. 1287, pp 481-487.

**NOTES:**

(a) When rock is encountered, standard rock classification terminology should be used.

(b) Frozen soils in the N group may on close examination indicate presence of ice within the voids of the material by crystalline reflections or by a sheen on fractured or trimmed surfaces. However, the impression to the unaided eye is that none of the frozen water occupies space in excess of the original voids in the soil. The opposite is true of frozen soils in the V group.

(c) When visual methods may be inadequate, a simple field test to aid evaluation of volume of excess ice can be made by placing some frozen soil in a small jar, allowing it to melt and observing the quantity of supernatant water as a percent of total volume.

(d) Where special forms of ice, such as hoarfrost, can be distinguished, more explicit description should be given.

(e) Observer should be careful to avoid being misled by surface scratches or frost coating on the ice.

# Appendix B

## Laboratory test result

**STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
NORTHERN REGION  
LABORATORY TESTING REPORT**

PROJECT NAME: DALTON HWY 9 MILE HILL NORTH  
 PROJECT NUMBER: NH-F-065-2(3)  
 AKSAS NUMBER: 64899  
 SAMPLED BY: RON BROOKS  
 MATERIAL SOURCE: CENTERLINE

TEST HOLE NUMBER	08-32	08-32	08-33	08-34	08-35	08-39	
DEPTH (feet)	5.0-7.0	20.0-22.5	20.0-20.9	20.0-22.0	26.0-28.0	52.0-55.0	
STATION	458+00	458+00	454+90	442+00	485+80	504+50	
OFFSET	L10	L10	R05	R25	L90	CL	
LAB NUMBER	<b>08-5142</b>	<b>08-5144</b>	<b>08-5149</b>	<b>08-5153</b>	<b>08-5158</b>	<b>08-5181</b>	
DATE SAMPLED	25-May-08	25-May-08	25-May-08	25-May-08	9-Jun-08	10-Jun-08	
<b>% Passing</b>							
3"							
2"							
1.5"							
Gravel 1.0"	100	100					
0.75"	99	99					
0.5"	91	96		100	100	100	
0.375"	84	90	100	99	98	99	
#4	60	71	94	90	92	86	
#8	45	53	81	81	83	60	
#10	42	50	76	79	81	55	
#16	35	39	55	72	73	35	
Sand #30	30	31	34	62	64	21	
#40	28	28	26	57	61	17	
#50	26	24	21	52	57	15	
#60	25	23	18	50	56	14	
#80	23	20	15	45	54	13	
#100	22	19	13	43	52	13	
Silt/Clay #200	18.0	14.5	9.5	32.8	47.7	11.1	
Hydro 0.02							
0.005							
0.002							
0.001							
LIQUID LIMIT	21	NV	NV	19	22	23	
PLASTIC INDEX	5	NP	NP	4	4	NP	
USCS CLASSIFICATION	SC-SM	SM	SW-SM	SC-SM	SC-SM	SP-SM	
FIELD DESCRIPTION	(Bx-soft)	(Bx-soft)	(Bx-soft)	(Bx-soft)		(Bx-soft)	
NATURAL MOISTURE	7.2				29.1	14.4	
ORGANICS							
SP. GR. (FINE)							
SP. GR. (COARSE)							
MAX. DRY DENSITY							
OPTIMUM MOISTURE							
L.A. ABRASION							
DEGRAD. FACTOR							
SODIUM SULF. (CRSE)							
SODIUM SULF. (FINE)							
NORDIC ABRASION							
REMARKS							
GENERAL COMMENTS	Gradation is based on material passing the 3" sieve, according to Alaska Test Method T-7. <sup>1</sup> Organic content determination is based on the results of the ATM T-6 test method. (Soil descriptions shown in parentheses are based on field determinations.) USCS Soil Description Abbreviations: WG = Well-graded; PG = Poorly-graded; E = Elastic; L = Lean; F = Fat						

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NORTHERN REGION  
LABORATORY TESTING REPORT**

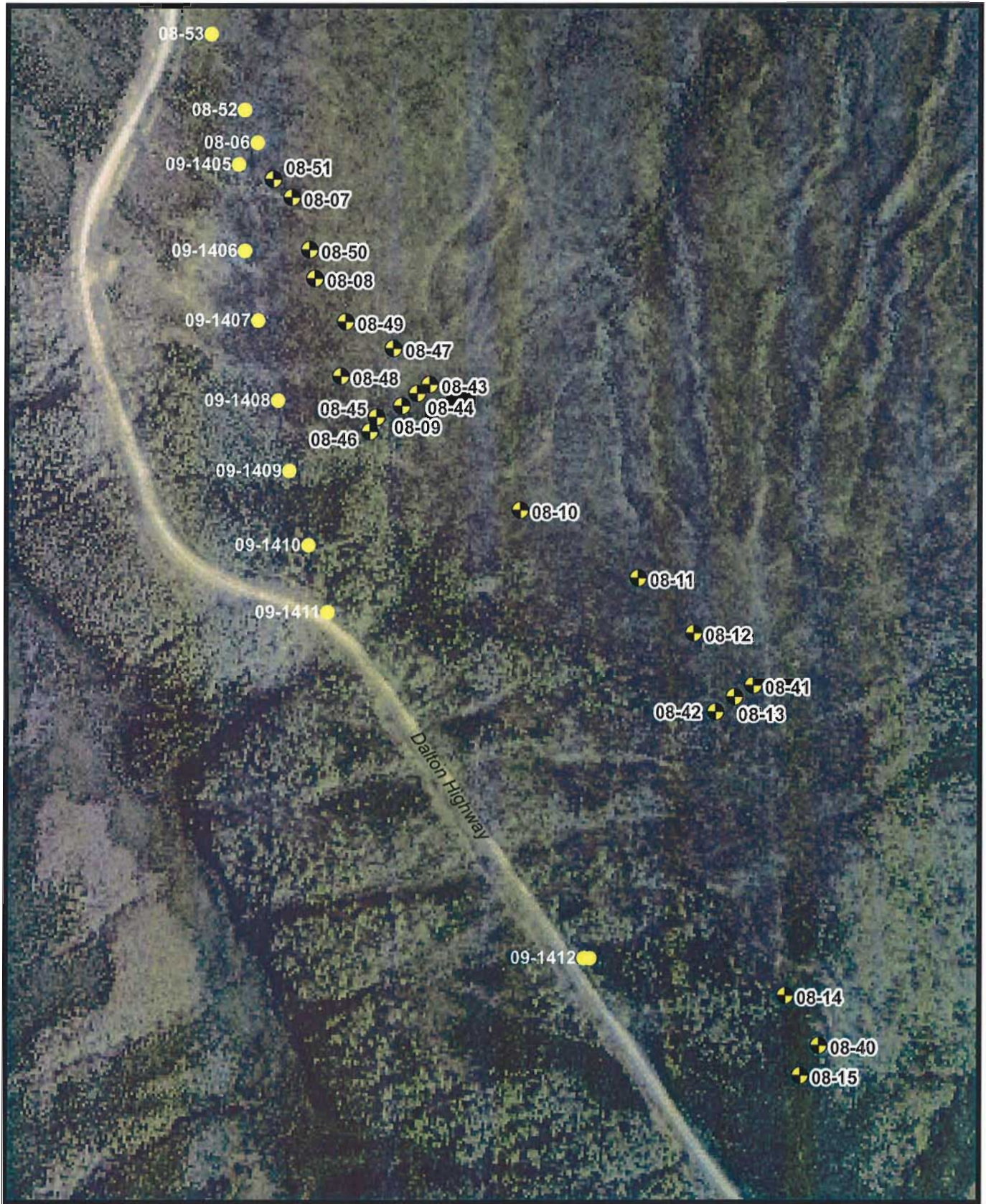
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 PROJECT NUMBER: NH-F-065-2(3)  
 AKSAS NUMBER: 64899  
 SAMPLED BY: J. ROWLAND  
 MATERIAL SOURCE: CENTERLINE, "J" LINE

TEST HOLE NUMBER	09-1401	09-1402	09-1412				
DEPTH (feet)	6.5-7.5	0.0-3.5	0.0-3.0				
STATION	504+10	504+05	525+10				
OFFSET	L100	L8	R7				
LAB NUMBER	09-6601	09-6603	09-6621				
DATE SAMPLED	4-Aug-09	5-Aug-09	7-Aug-09				
% Passing							
3"			100				
2"							
1.5"		100	98				
1.0"		99	95				
Gravel							
0.75"		96	91				
0.5"		88	83				
0.375"		81	78				
#4		64	62				
#8		48	47				
#10		46	45				
#16		37	35				
#30		28	27				
Sand							
#40	100	25	24				
#50	99	22	21				
#60	98	21	20				
#80	97	18	18				
#100	95	16	17				
Silt/Clay							
#200	90.0	11.4	14.0				
Hydro							
0.02							
0.005							
0.002							
0.001							
LIQUID LIMIT	NV	19	21				
PLASTIC INDEX	NP	4	6				
USCS CLASSIFICATION	ML	SW-SC	SC-SM				
USCS SOIL DESCRIPTION							
NATURAL MOISTURE	65.8		4.1				
ORGANICS							
SP. GR. (FINE)							
SP. GR. (COARSE)							
MAX. DRY DENSITY							
OPTIMUM MOISTURE							
L.A. ABRASION							
DEGRAD. FACTOR							
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## Appendix C

All other 2008 test holes (O line)  
beyond current alignment



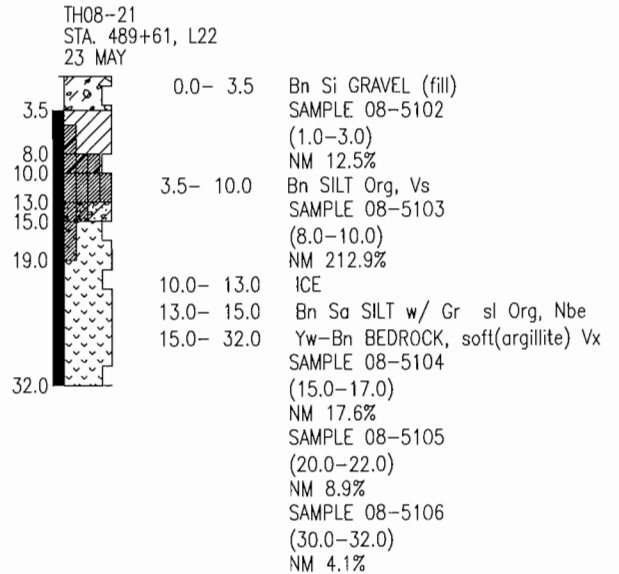
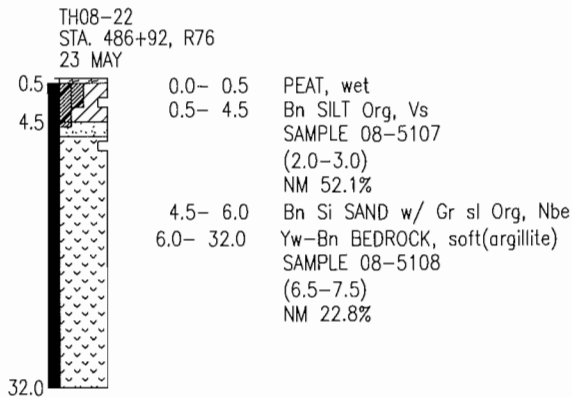
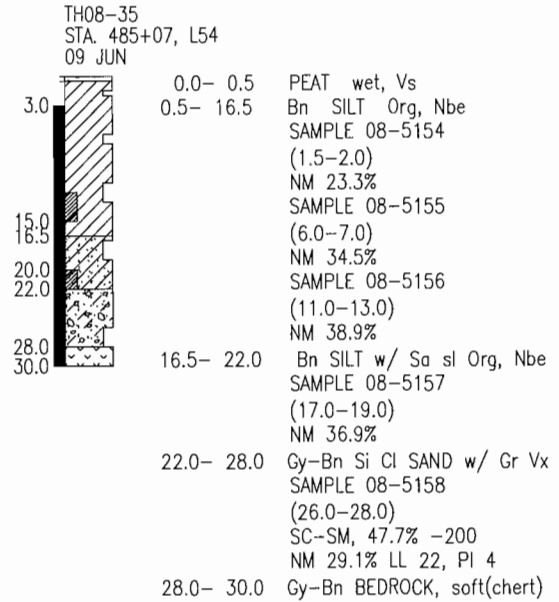
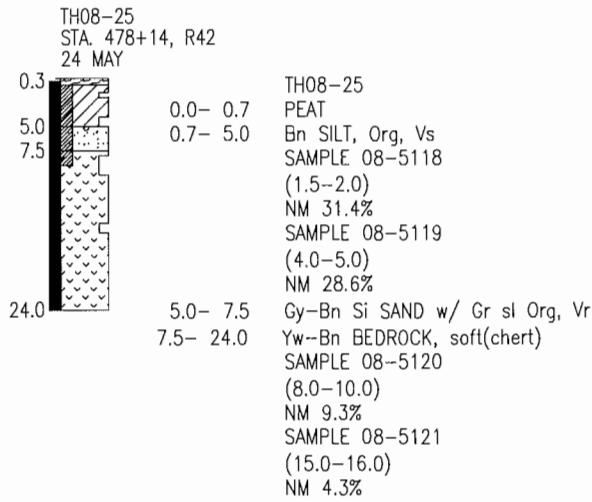


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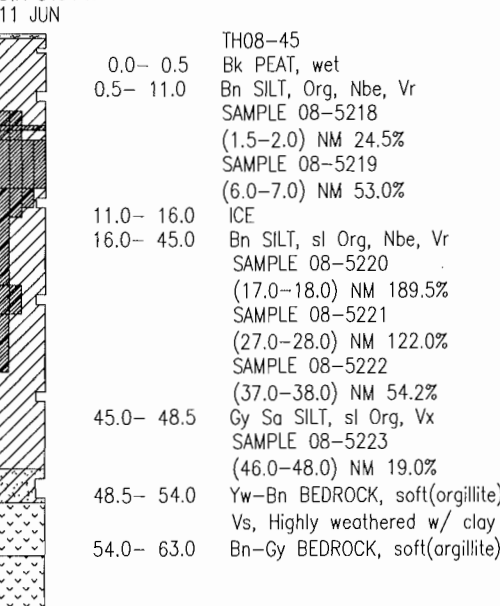
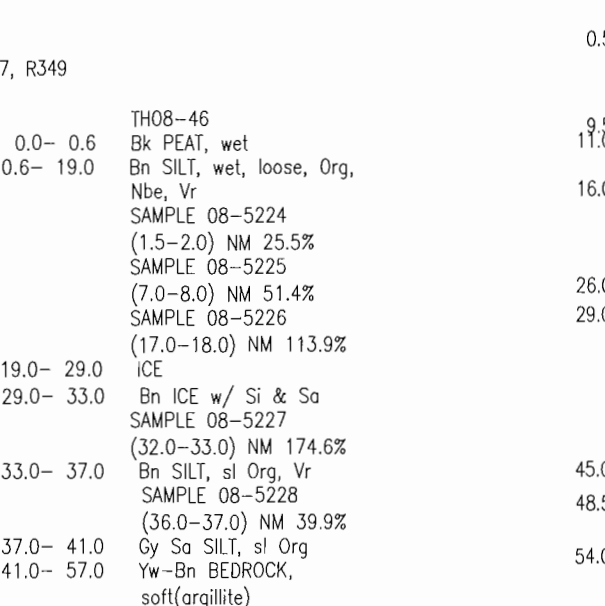
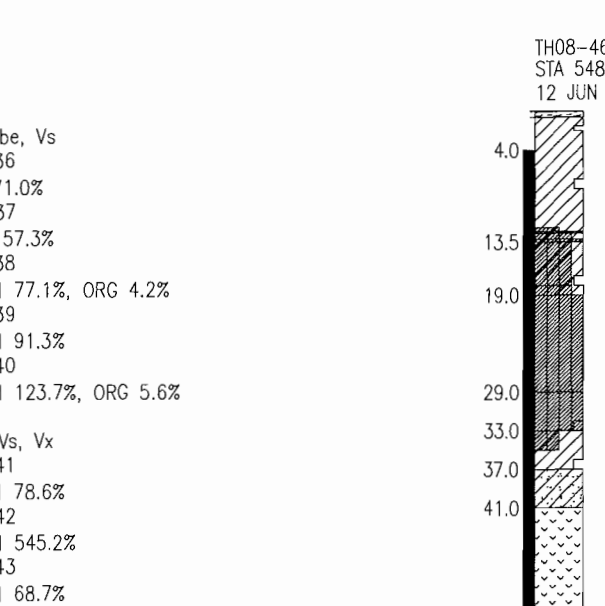
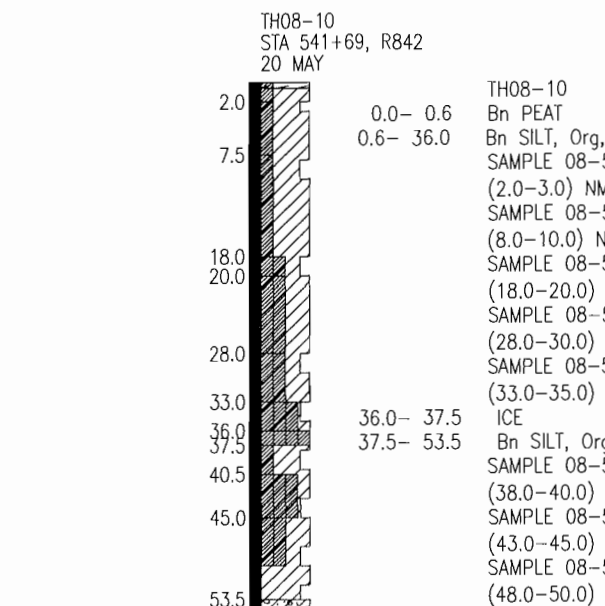
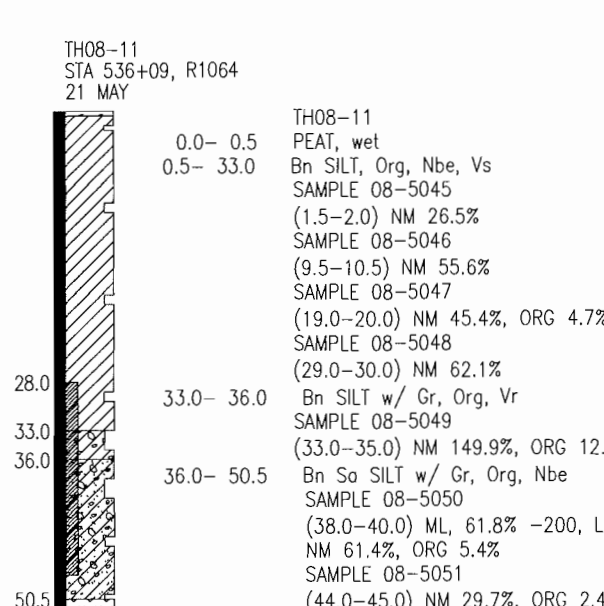
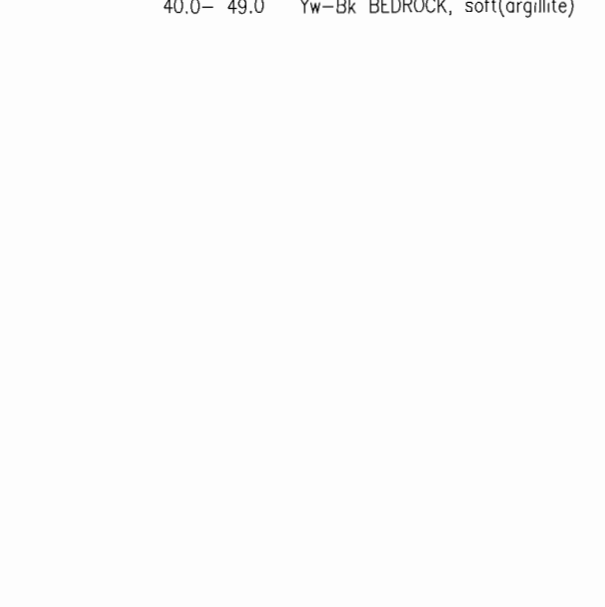
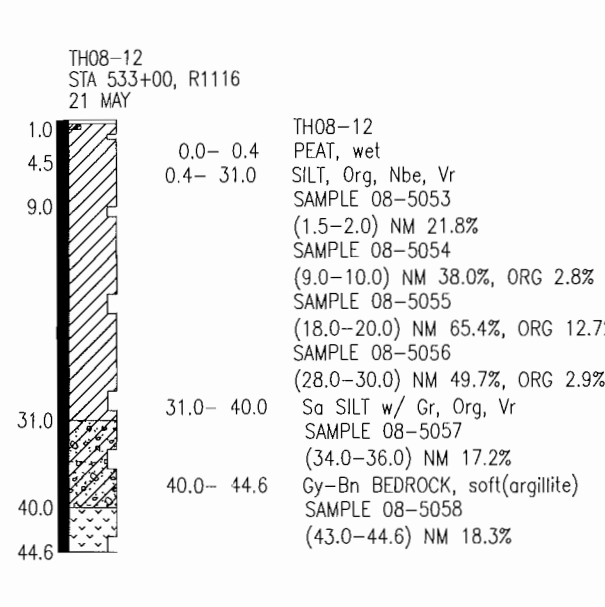
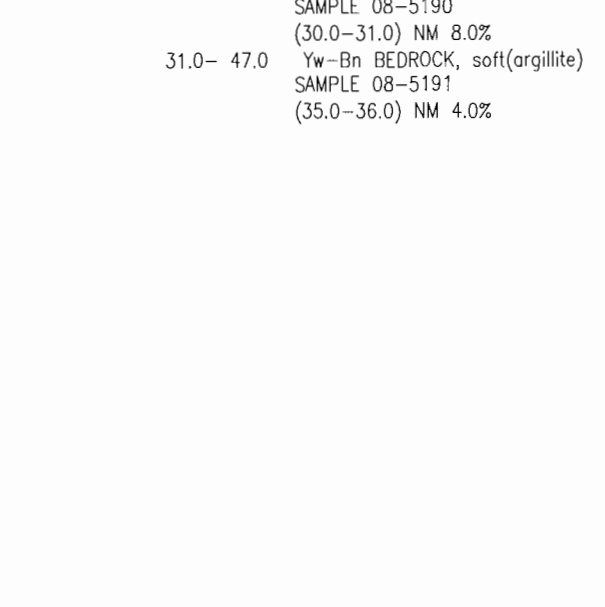
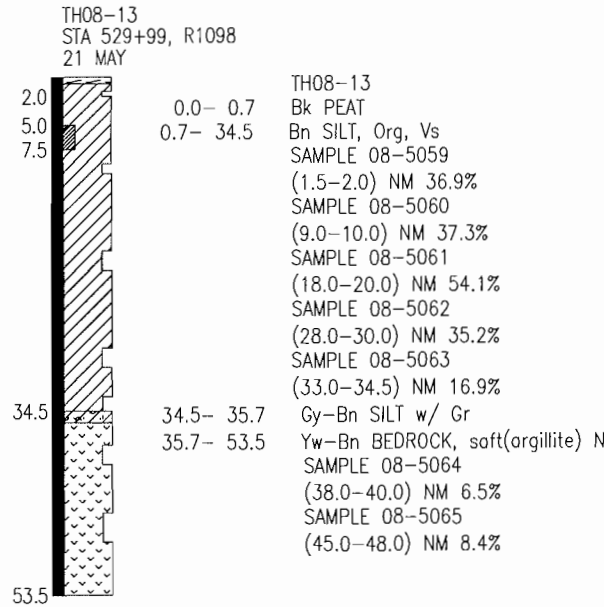
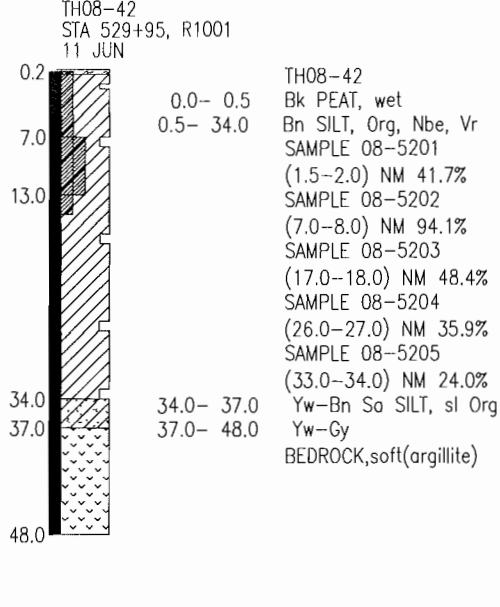
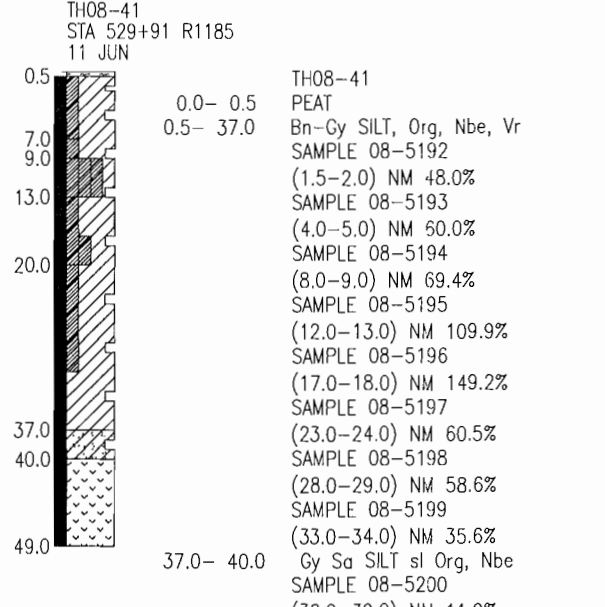
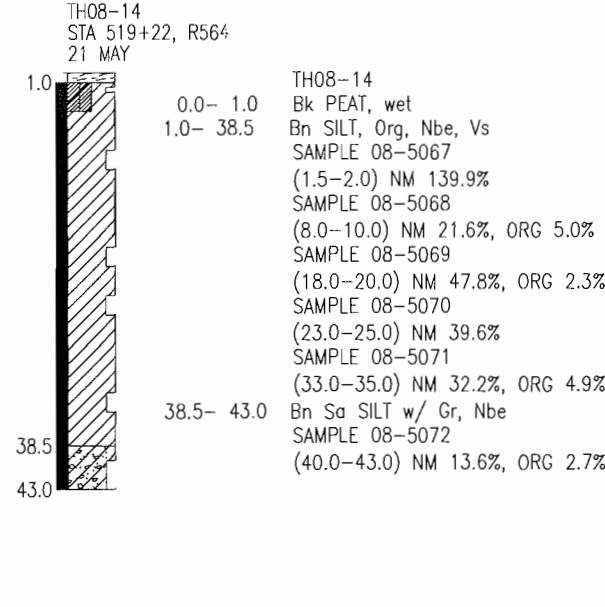
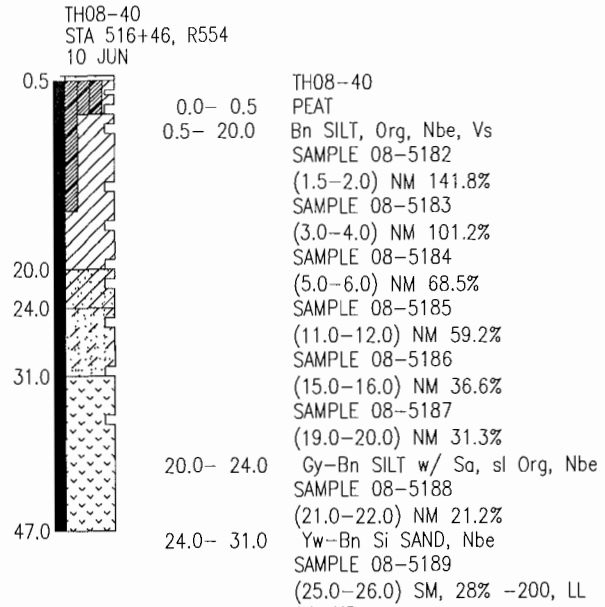
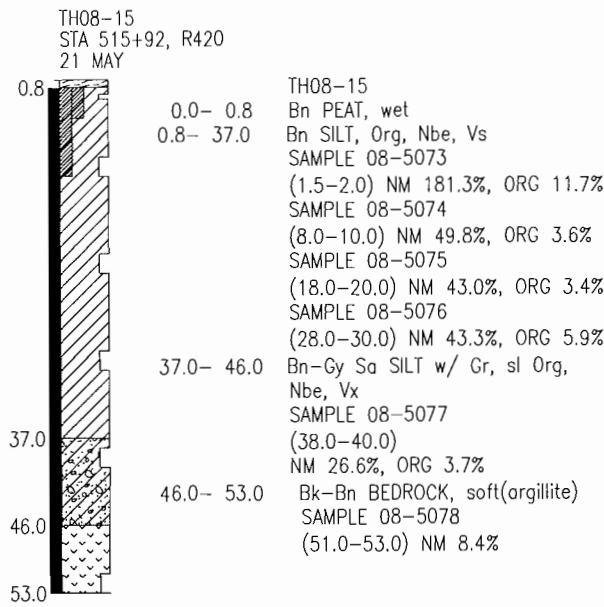


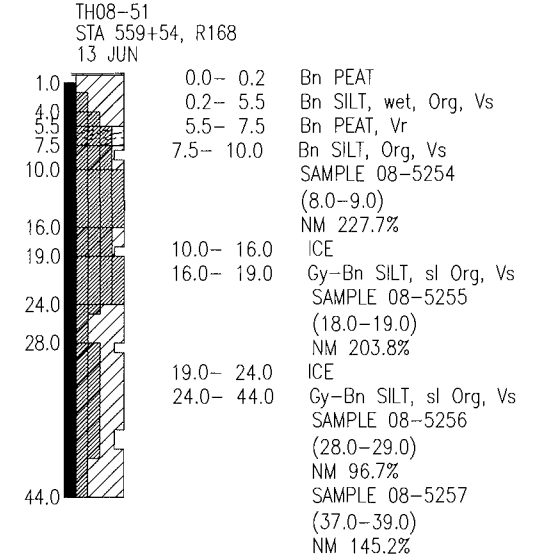
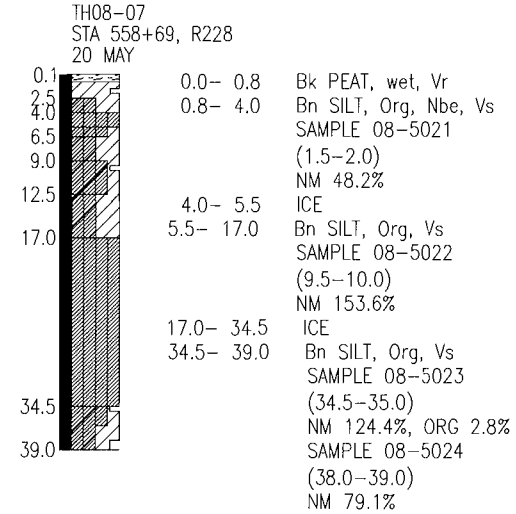
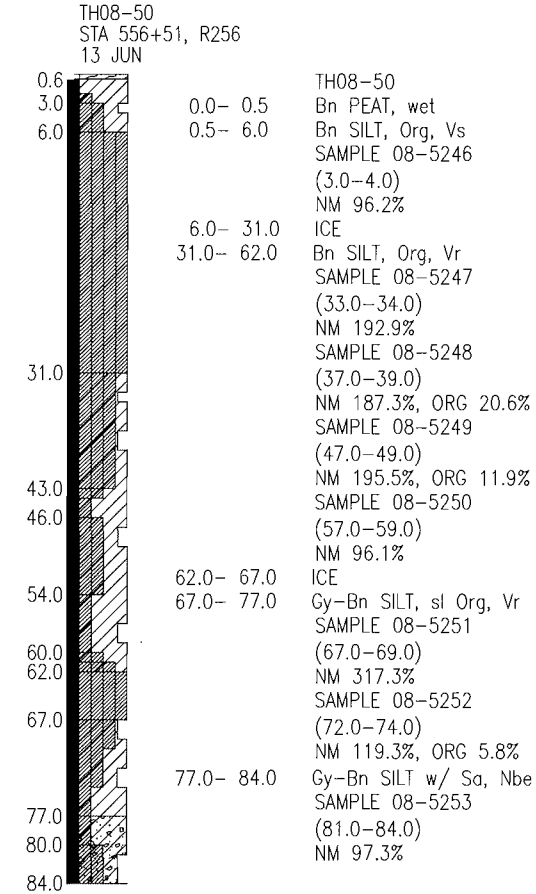
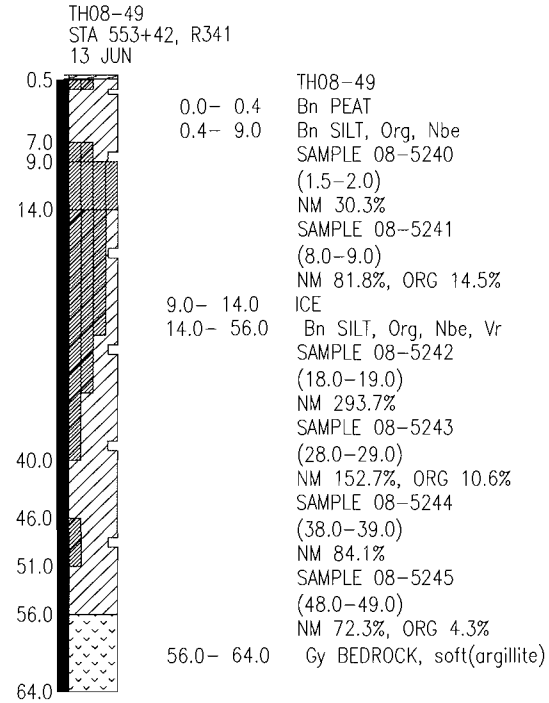
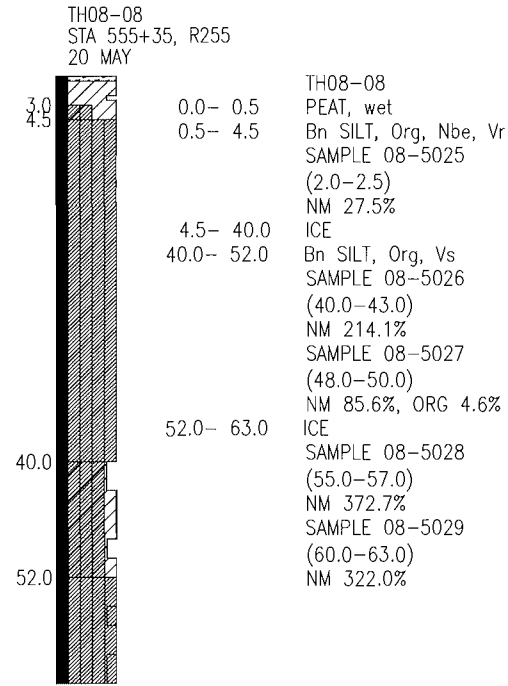
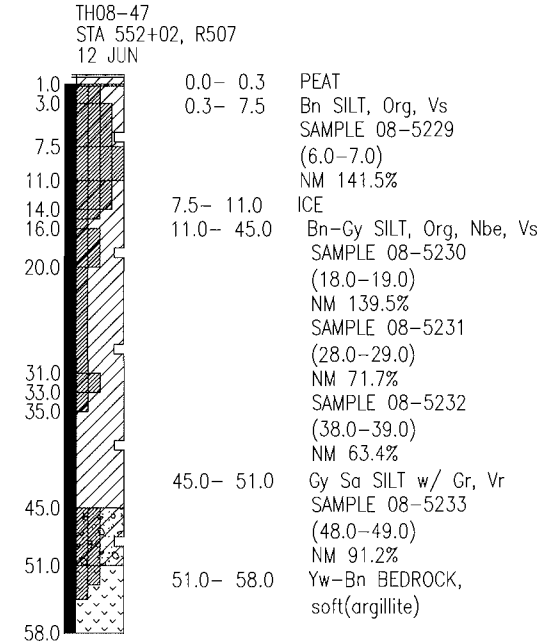
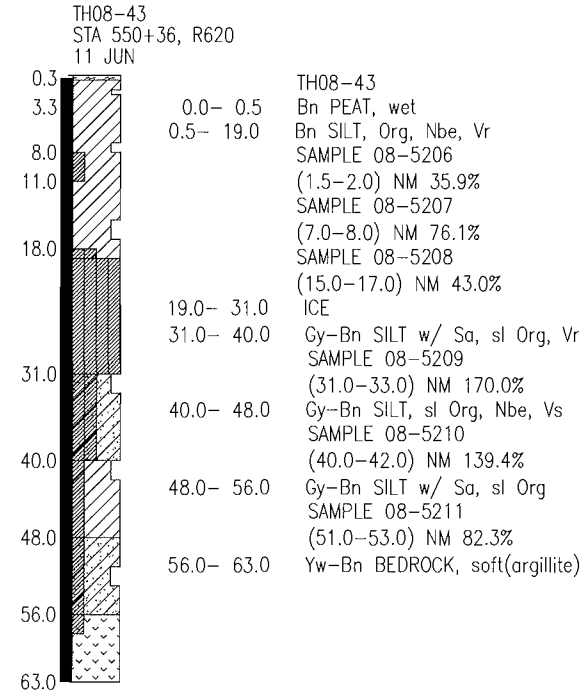
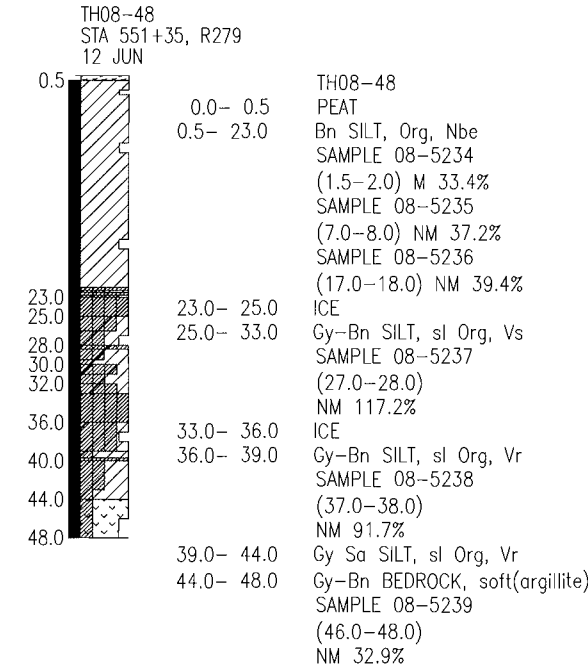
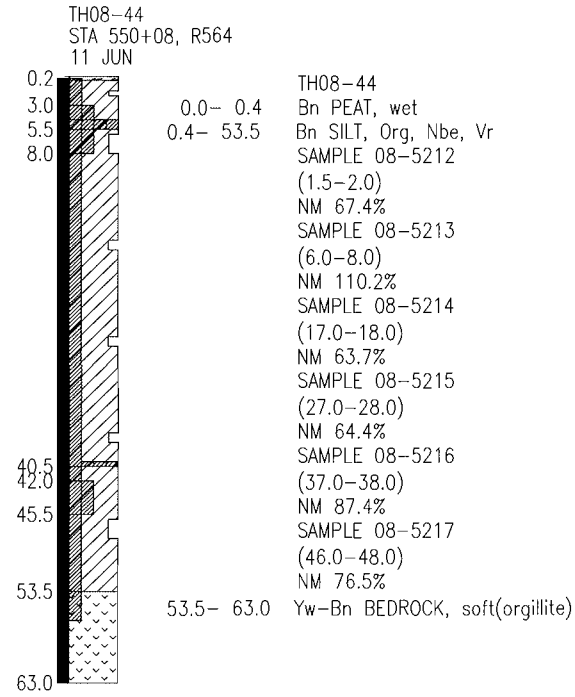
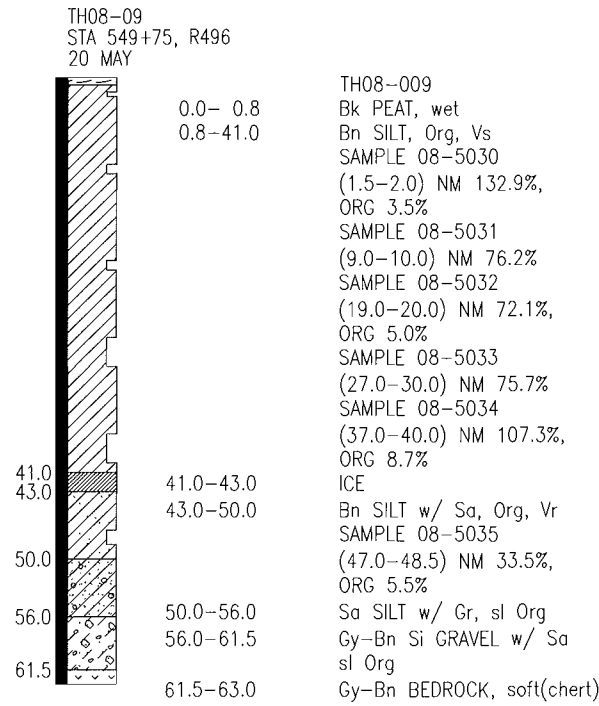
- J and O line test holes shown on Plan sheets
- ◐ O line test holes not included on Plan sheets











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LABORATORY TESTING REPORT**

PROJECT NAME: DALTON HWY 9 MILE HILL NORTH  
 PROJECT NUMBER: NH-F-065-2(3)  
 AKSAS NUMBER: 64899  
 SAMPLED BY: RON BROOKS  
 MATERIAL SOURCE: O LINE

TEST HOLE NUMBER	08-11	08-40					
DEPTH (feet)	38.0-40.0	25.0-26.0					
LATITUDE	N65.55508°	N65.55007°					
LONGITUDE	W148.90062°	W148.89545°					
LAB NUMBER	08-5050	08-5189					
DATE SAMPLED	21-May-08	10-Jun-08					
% Passing							
3"							
2"							
1.5"							
Gravel 1.0"	100						
0.75"	99	100					
0.5"	97	99					
0.375"	94	98					
#4	84	89					
#8	77	74					
#10	76	71					
#16	71	57					
Sand #30	67	43					
#40	66	38					
#50	65	35					
#60	64	34					
#80	64	32					
#100	63	31					
Silt/Clay #200	61.8	28.0					
Hydro 0.02							
0.005							
0.002							
0.001							
LIQUID LIMIT	30	24					
PLASTIC INDEX	NP	NP					
USCS CLASSIFICATION	ML	SM					
USCS SOIL DESCRIPTION							
NATURAL MOISTURE	61.4						
ORGANICS	5.4						
SP. GR. (FINE)							
SP. GR. (COARSE)							
MAX. DRY DENSITY							
OPTIMUM MOISTURE							
L.A. ABRASION							
DEGRAD. FACTOR							
SODIUM SULF. (CRSE)							
SODIUM SULF. (FINE)							
NORDIC ABRASION							
REMARKS	Org <sup>1</sup>						
GENERAL COMMENTS	Gradation is based on material passing the 3" sieve, according to Alaska Test Method T-7. <sup>1</sup> Organic content determination is based on the results of the ATM T-6 test method. (Soil descriptions shown in parentheses are based on field determinations.) USCS Soil Description Abbreviations: WG = Well-graded; PG = Poorly-graded; E = Elastic; L = Lcan; F = Fat						

# Appendix D

Test hole Coordinates (NAD83)



All test hole coordinates are NAD83 decimal degrees, obtained using recreational grade GPS units with specified accuracies of +/- 50 feet.

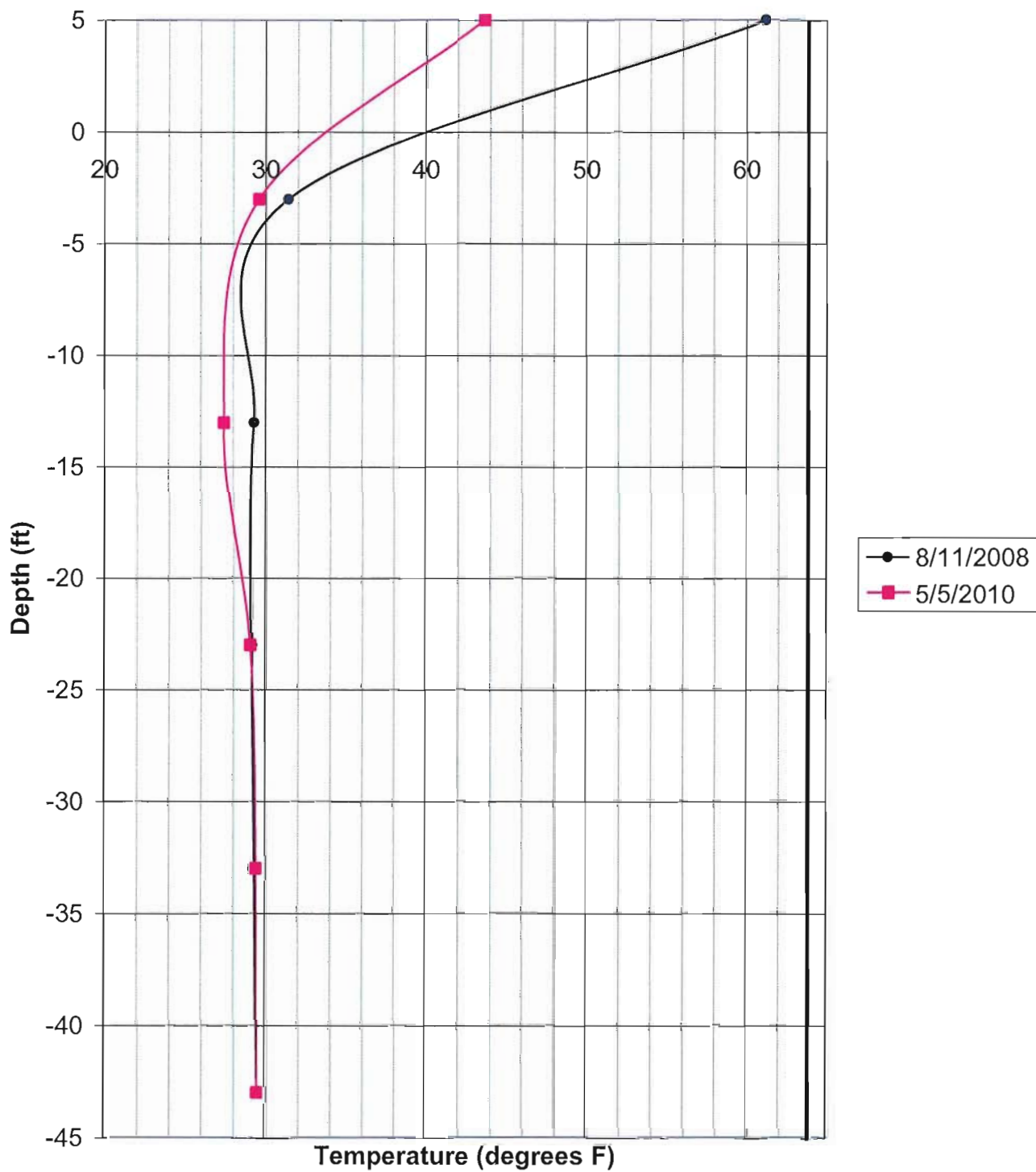
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08-03	65.56262	-148.91460	08-37	65.54502	-148.88989
08-04	65.56337	-148.91530	08-38	65.54601	-148.89173
08-05	65.56419	-148.91639	08-39	65.54675	-148.89277
08-06	65.55967	-148.91104	08-40	65.55007	-148.89545
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08-08	65.55822	-148.90939	08-42	65.55365	-148.89846
08-09	65.55688	-148.90700	08-43	65.55712	-148.90629
08-10	65.55578	-148.90378	08-44	65.55701	-148.90661
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08-12	65.55450	-148.89910	08-46	65.55658	-148.90782
08-13	65.55382	-148.89797	08-47	65.55749	-148.90727
08-14	65.55060	-148.89639	08-48	65.55717	-148.90863
08-15	65.54974	-148.89592	08-49	65.55776	-148.90855
08-16	65.54706	-148.89324	08-50	65.55853	-148.90956
08-17	65.54637	-148.89225	08-51	65.55928	-148.91058
08-18	65.54559	-148.89132	08-52	65.56002	-148.91139
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08-20	65.54412	-148.88981	08-54	65.56145	-148.91315
08-21	65.54320	-148.88897	09-1401	65.54682	-148.89238
08-22	65.54258	-148.88781	09-1402	65.54694	-148.89198
08-23	65.54185	-148.88752	09-1404	65.54690	-148.892
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# Appendix E

## Thermistor Data

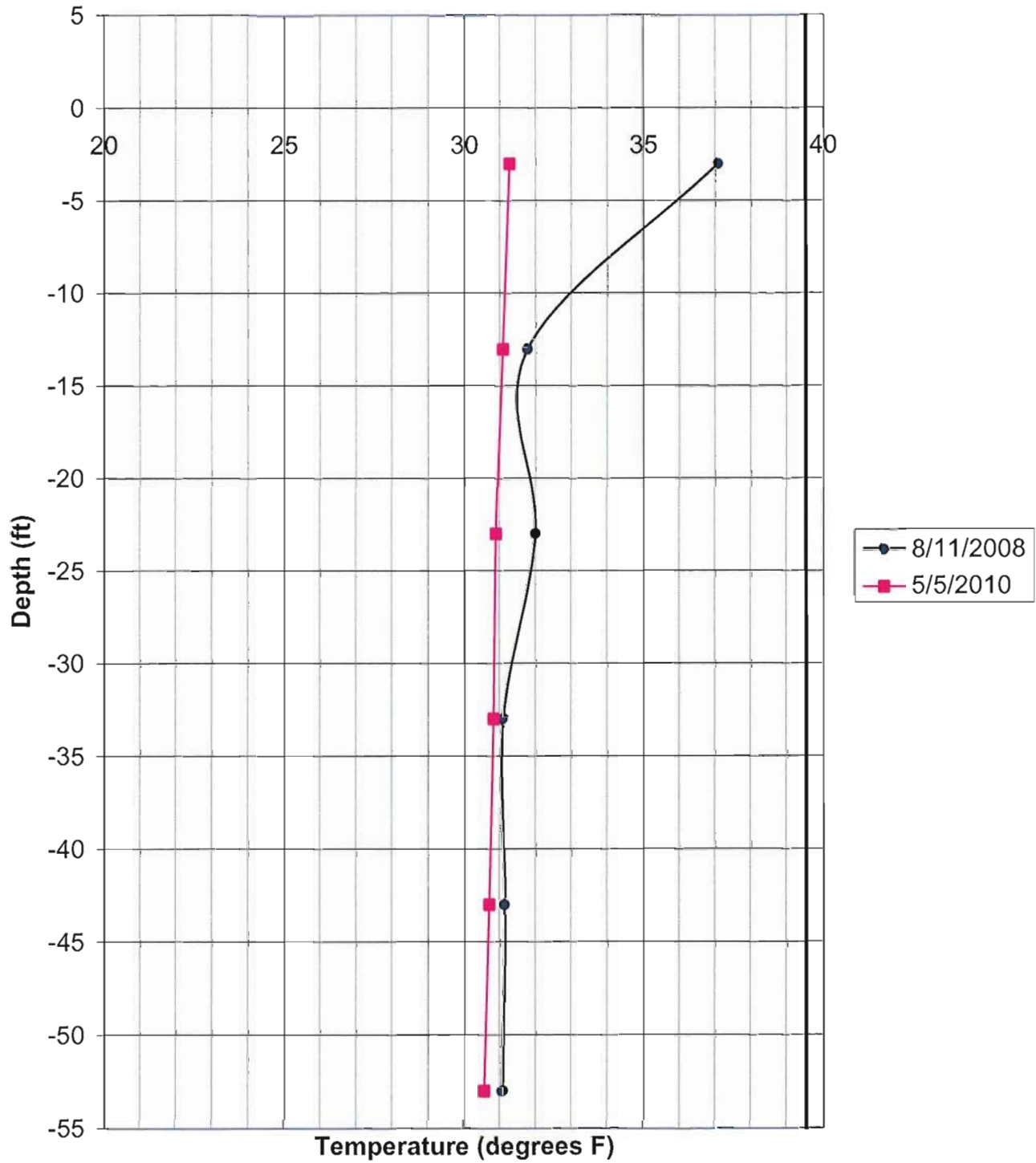
# Dalton 9 Mile Hill

## Ground temperatures - TH08-040



# Dalton 9 Mile Hill

## Ground temperatures - TH08-046



# Dalton 9 Mile Hill

## Ground temperatures - TH08-053

