

INSPECTION REPORT  
Sedimentation Structure  
J3-E  
Black Mesa Mine  
Navajo County, Arizona  
for  
PEABODY COAL COMPANY



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## INTRODUCTION

Sedimentation Structure J3-E is an earthen embankment, designed and constructed in 1981 by Peabody Coal Company as a temporary sedimentation structure to control runoff and sediment from the disturbed mining areas of the Black Mesa Mine. The location of Structure J3-E is shown on Plate 1, Site Plan.

This inspection report contains information specific to Structure J3-E. Regional site information is presented in the "General Report, Kayenta and Black Mesa Mines, Navajo County, Arizona for Peabody Coal Company," along with the methods and results of analyses used for slope stability, hydrology and hydraulics.

## INSPECTION

Structure J3-E was inspected on August 29, 1985 by an interdisciplinary team of engineers from Dames & Moore. The purpose of the inspection was to assess the safety and general condition of the structure with respect to United States Department of Interior, Office of Surface Mining (OSM) regulations.

Dames & Moore's inspection was performed in accordance with applicable 30 CFR 780 and 816 regulations and included a review of the J3-E project files and a field inspection of the structure. The most current information contained in the Peabody Coal Company files includes the 1984 and current survey data and inspections performed in 1984 and 1985 by

Peabody Coal Company. The survey data developed in August 1984 was used in the analyses of the structure. Results of the field inspection are included in this report as Appendix A.

### SITE DESCRIPTION

#### LAND USE

Structure J3-E has a 239.2-acre tributary drainage area and is located near Moenkopi Wash at the Black Mesa Mine. The watershed is classified as 41% Pinion/Juniper, 29% Sagebrush/grass, 16% reclaimed, and 14% disturbed.

#### EMBANKMENT

Structure J3-E is a homogeneous earthen embankment classified as a cross-valley embankment. Physical characteristics of the embankment are listed in the following table:

#### Structure J3-E

Embankment . . . . .	Residual Sandstone Soils
Foundation . . . . .	Residual Sandstone Soils
Right Abutment . . . . .	Residual Sandstone Soils
Left Abutment . . . . .	Residual Sandstone Soils
Height . . . . .	18.4 ft
Crest Width . . . . .	15 ft
Upstream Slope . . . . .	2.6 H : 1 V
Downstream Slope . . . . .	3.3 H : 1 V

A cross-section of the embankment is shown on Plate 2, Existing Maximum Cross Section J3-E, A-A'.

## ANALYSES

### STABILITY

Structure J3-E is a category A-1 embankment. A standard category A-1 embankment has static and seismic factors of safety equal to or greater than 1.5 and 1.2, respectively, under the following conditions:

1. Maximum height = 30 ft
2. Maximum upstream slope = 2.0 H : 1 V
3. Maximum downstream slope = 4.25 H : 1 V
4. Normal pool with steady seepage saturation conditions

The upstream slope is lower in height, and flatter than the design criteria. The downstream slope is steeper than the category standard; therefore, the embankment has factors of safety less than the design minimum.

### HYDROLOGY

The hydrologic analysis was completed using the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers generalized computer program HEC-1, Flood Hydrograph Package. Structure J3-E is located downstream from Structure WW-5. The two structures have a combined storage capacity that is greater than 20 acre-feet. Therefore, the spillway for J3-E was analyzed using the 100-year, 6-hour storm. The storage capacity of Structure J3-E was analyzed using the 10-year, 24-hour storm.

The following parameters were used in the hydrologic analysis:

	<u>10-year, 24-hour Storm</u>	<u>100-year, 6-hour Storm</u>	
1. Water Course length, L . . . . .	0.97	0.97	mi
2. Elevation Difference, H . . . . .	160	160	ft
3. Time of Concentration, T . . . . .	0.355	0.355	h
4. Lag time, $0.6T_c$ . . . . .	0.213	0.213	h
5. SCS Curve Number . . . . .	84	84	
6. Rainfall Depth . . . . .	2.1	2.4	in.
7. Drainage Area . . . . .	239.2	251.3	acres

### HYDRAULICS

The HEC-1 program was used to evaluate inflow to the sedimentation structure, outflow from the structure and the resulting water surface elevations. The initial conditions and results of the analysis are summarized in the following table.

# J3-E HYDRAULICS

	Units	10-year 24-hour Storm	100-year 6-hour Storm
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Initial Reservoir Volume			
Condition		Empty	Full to the spillway elevation
Inflow			
Peak Flow . . . . .	cfs	217	382
Volume . . . . .	acre-ft	15.9*	20.7
Storage			
Peak Stage . . . . .	ft	6530.84	--
Spillway Elevation . .	ft	6530.30	--
Peak Storage . . . . .	acre-ft	--	--
Storage Capacity . . .	acre-ft	13.0	--
Outflow			
Peak Flow . . . . .	cfs	3	276
Embankment Crest			
Elevation . . . . .	ft	--	6534.66
Peak Stage . . . . .	ft	--	6533.27
Freeboard . . . . .	ft	--	1.39

\*Inflow volume for tributary drainage area between Structures J3-E and WW-5.

### Spillway Channel

The existing spillway for J3-E has a trapezoidal channel with the following dimensions:

Channel depth . . . . .	5.5 ft
Channel width . . . . .	28 ft
Channel length . . . . .	32 ft
Side slopes (horizontal to vertical). .	2:1
Average exit slope . . . . .	0 percent

There is presently no erosion protection within the channel.

### Outflow Channel

The existing outflow channel for J3-E has a trapezoidal channel with the following dimensions:

Channel width . . . . .	20 ft
Side slopes (horizontal to vertical). .	2:1
Average exit slope . . . . .	31 percent

Rock with a D50 of 10 inches provides some, but inadequate erosion protection within the channel.

### STORAGE CAPACITY

The impoundment volume-elevation curve is based on site specific surveys conducted for Peabody Coal Company's August 1984 inspection, and 1985 resurveys, where available. Additionally, the most current topographic maps available were used in developing Plate 3, Volume-Elevation Curve, J3-E.



The calculations for the sediment load entering Structure J3-E were made utilizing the Universal Soil Loss Equation with the following parameters:

1. Rainfall Factor, R . . . . . 40
2. Soil Erodibility Factor, K . . . . . 0.249
3. Slope Factor, LS . . . . . 2.735
4. Cover Factor, C . . . . . 0.259
5. Erosion Control Factor, P . . . . . 1.0

The hydrologic analysis gives the storage volume required to contain the 10-year, 24-hour storm, and the remaining storage volume available for storing sediment. The existing storage capacity of J3-E and the results of the sediment inflow analysis are summarized in the following table.

#### J3-E STORAGE

Total Storage Capacity . . . . .	13.0	acre-ft
10-year, 24-hour Storm Inflow . . . . .	15.9	acre-ft
Available Sediment Storage Capacity . .	0	acre-ft
Sediment Inflow Rate . . . . .	0.742	acre-ft/yr
Sediment Storage Life . . . . .	0	hrs

#### REMEDIAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

##### GEOTECHNICS

The inspection of Structure J3-E indicated that the geotechnical problems consist of rill erosion on the downstream slope and the right and left abutments; and a steep downstream slope. Correction of erosion is considered a periodic maintenance task and does not require remedial action. The downstream slope should be flattened to 4.25 horizontal to 1 vertical to meet stability requirements.

## HYDRAULICS

The spillway capacity of Structure J3-E is adequate but the storage capacity is inadequate. The structure does not have an adequate outflow channel. The storage capacity should be increased to 18.8 acre-feet by excavating the pond as shown on Plates 1 and 5. A trapezoidal outflow channel and a stilling basin should be constructed along the alignment shown in Plate 1. The channel and stilling basin profile is shown in Plate 4 and the required dimensions are shown in Plate 5 and Plate 6. The spillway, outflow channel and stilling basin should be protected against erosion using geotextile and riprap as shown in Plate 5.

Enlarging the storage capacity to 18.8 acre-feet gives additional sediment storage. The analysis of these conditions is summarized in the following table.

# J3-E HYDRAULICS FOR EXCAVATED IMPOUNDMENT

	Units	10-year 24-hour Storm	100-year 6-hour Storm
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Initial Reservoir Volume			
Condition		Empty	Full to the spillway elevation
Inflow			
Peak Flow . . . . .	cfs	217	382
Volume . . . . .	acre-ft	15.9	20.7*
Storage			
Peak Stage . . . . .	ft	6528.63	—
Spillway Elevation . .	ft	6530.3	—
Peak Storage . . . . .	acre-ft	15.9	—
Storage Capacity . . .	acre-ft	18.8	—
Available Sediment			
Storage Capacity . .	acre-ft	2.90	—
Sediment Inflow Rate .	acre-ft/yr	0.742	—
Sediment Storage Life.	yr	4	—
Outflow			
Peak Flow . . . . .	cfs	0	276
Embankment Crest			
Elevation . . . . .	ft	—	6534.66
Peak Stage . . . . .	ft	—	6533.27
Freeboard . . . . .	ft	—	1.39
Spillway Channel			
Flow Depth . . . . .	ft	—	2.97
Critical Velocity. . .	fps	—	6.7
Manning's "n" . . . .		—	0.040
Outflow Channel			
			<u>Section I</u> <u>Section II</u>
Slope . . . . .	%	—	4 26
Normal Velocity. . . .	fps	—	8.3 15.3
Normal Depth . . . . .	ft	—	1.39 0.81
Manning's "n" . . . .		—	0.040 0.040

\*Inflow volume for both tributary drainage areas of WW-5 and J3-E.

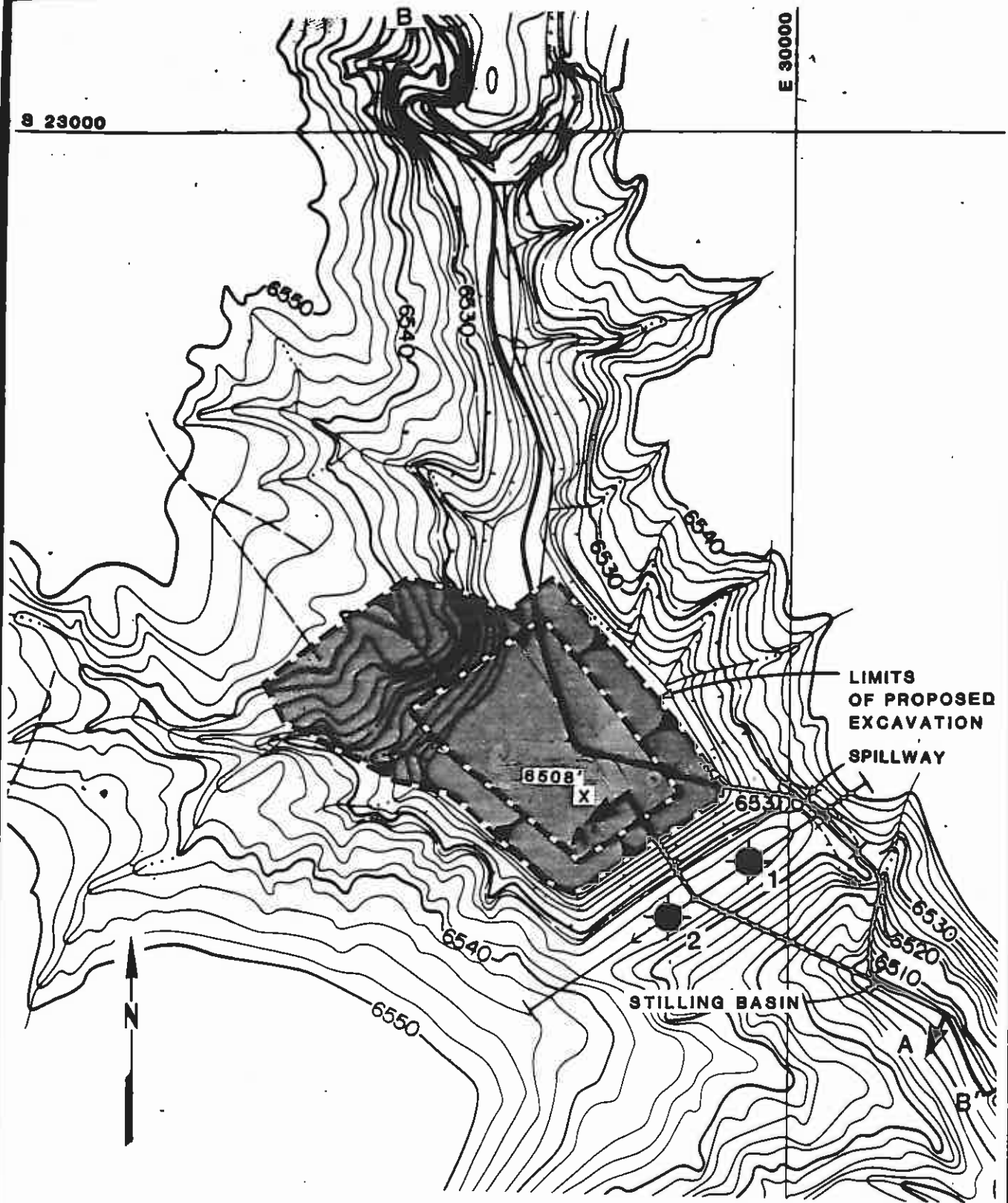
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The following plates and appendix are attached and complete this inspection report.

- Plate 1 - Site Plan J3-E
- Plate 2 - Existing Maximum Cross Section J3-E, A-A'
- Plate 3 - Volume-Elevation Curve J3-E
- Plate 4 - Channel Profile J3-E, B-B'
- Plate 5 - Spillway and Outflow Channel Cross Section J3-E
- Plate 6 - Spillway Stilling Basin Plan J3-E
- Appendix A - Inspection Check List
- Appendix B - Hydrology and Hydraulic Calculations

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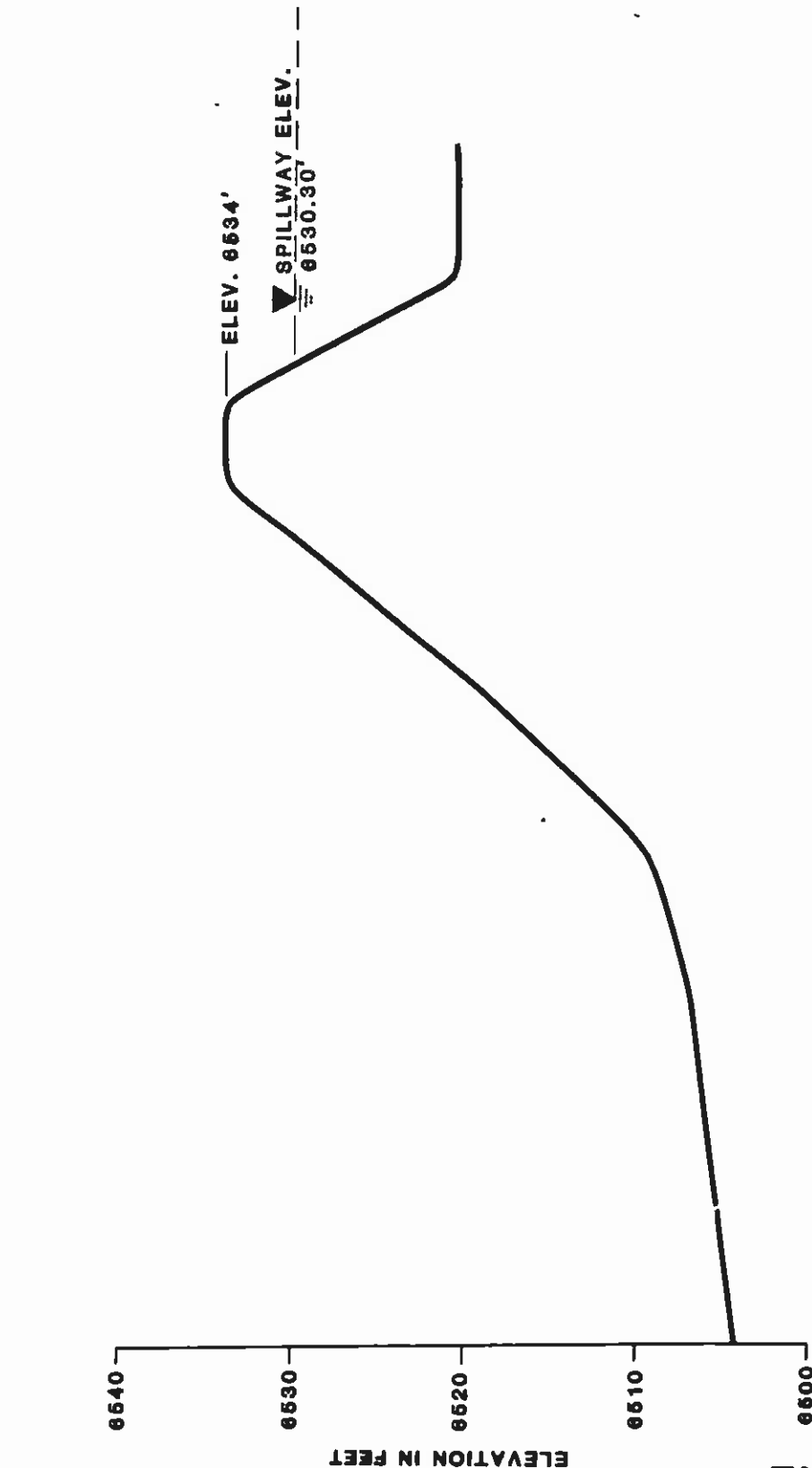


# SITE PLAN J3-E

SCALE  
0 100 200  
FEET

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Plate 1

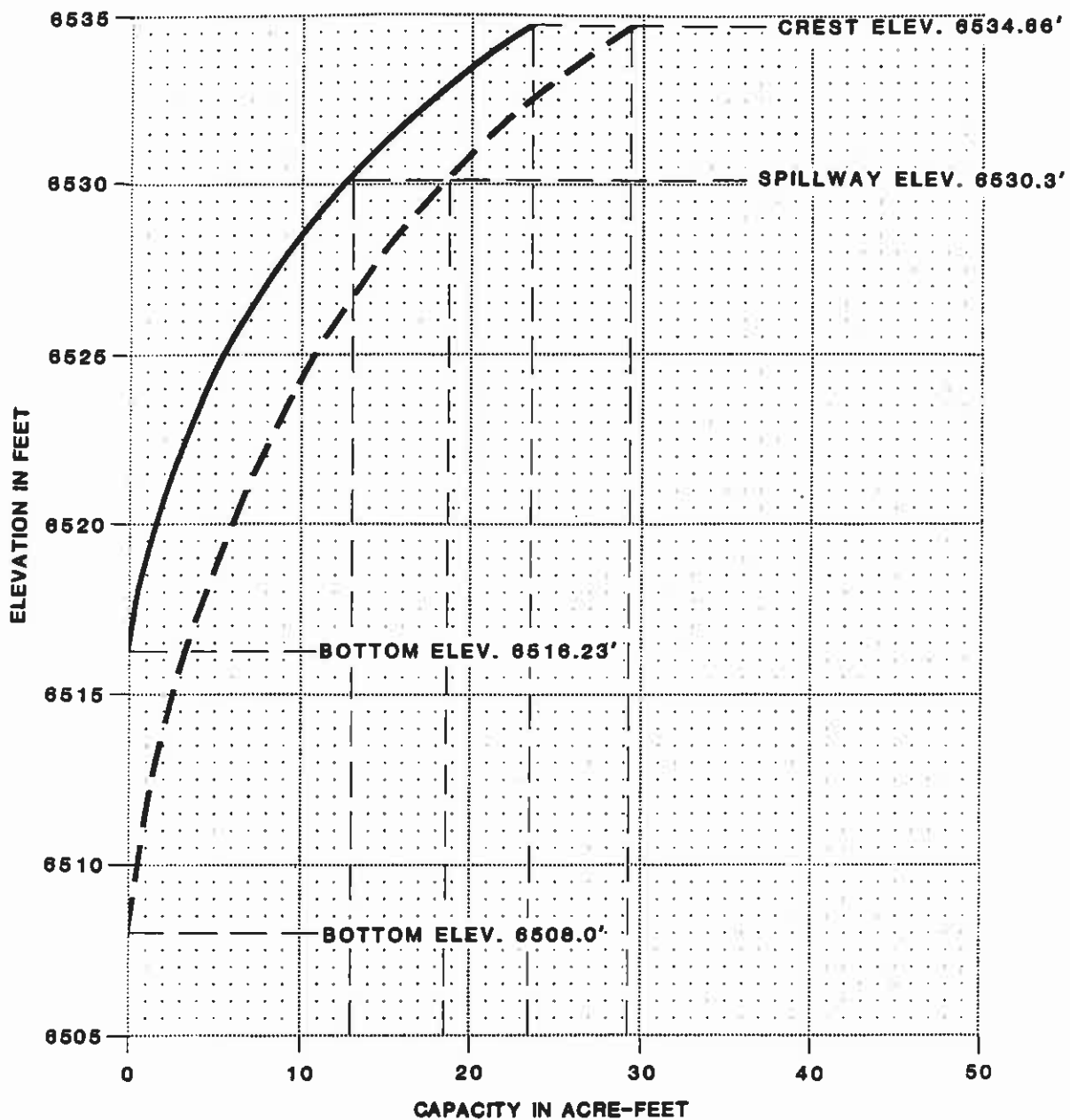


EXISTING  
MAXIMUM CROSS-SECTION  
A-A'  
J3-E

FOR LOCATION SEE PLATE 1

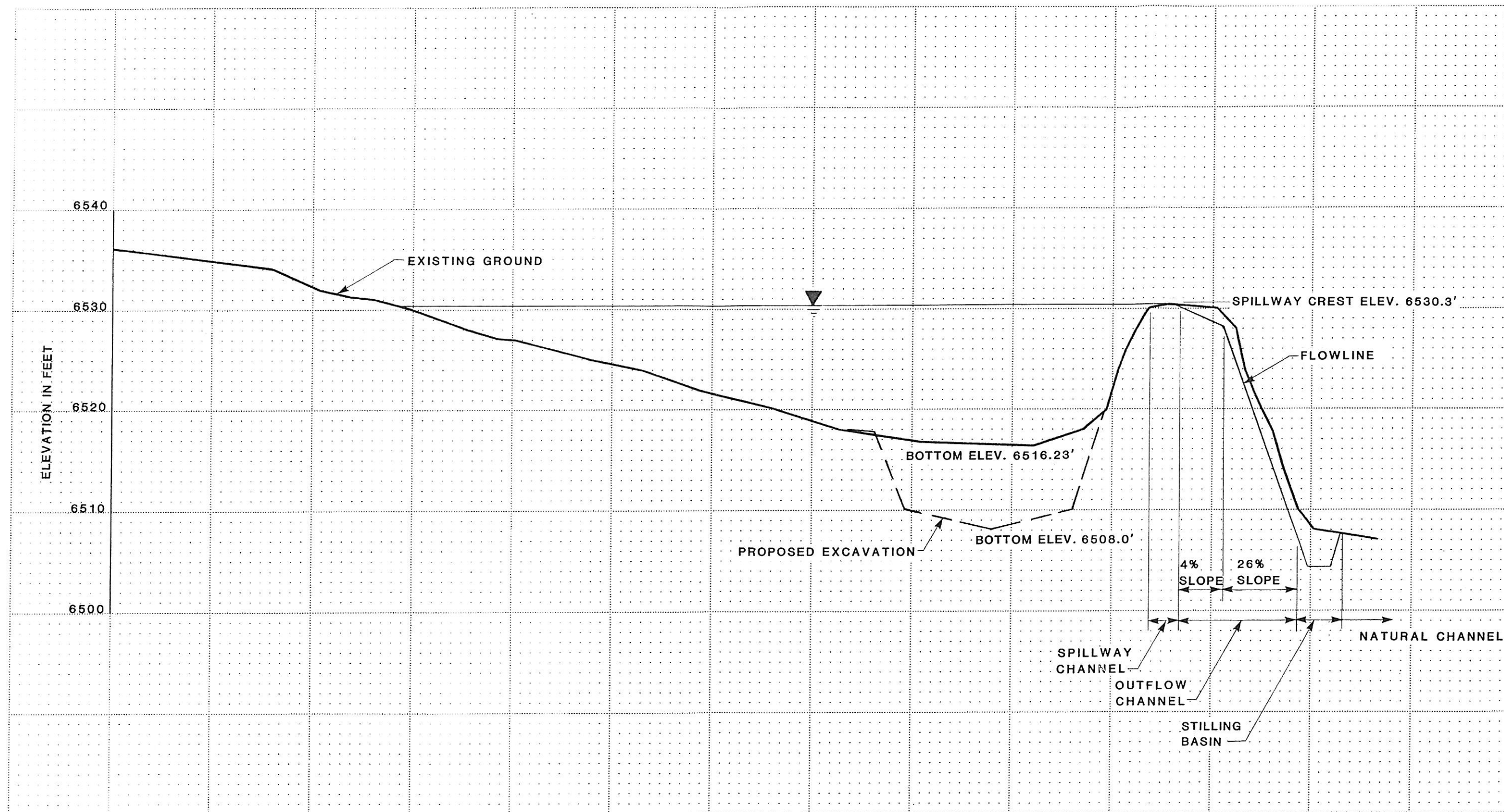
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Plate 2



— EXISTING VOLUME  
- - PROPOSED VOLUME

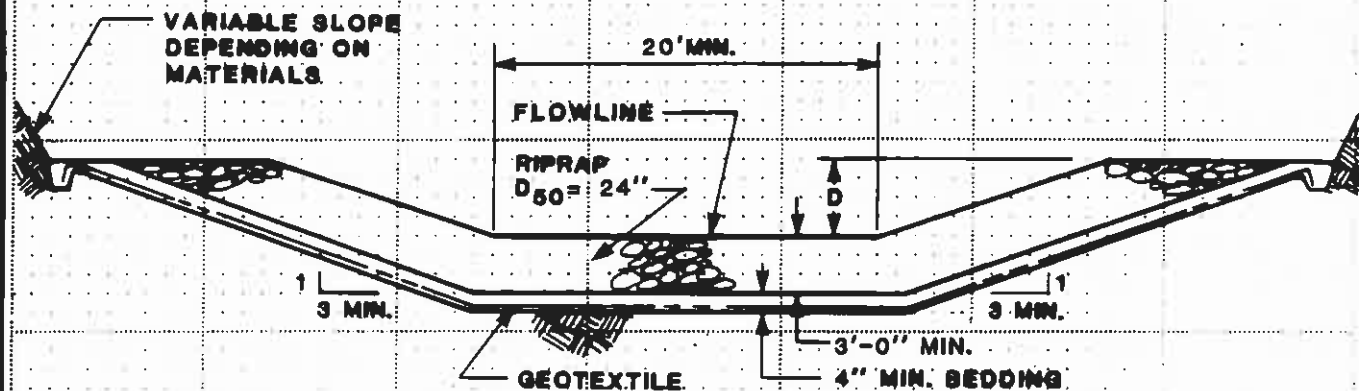
## VOLUME-ELEVATION CURVE J3-E



CHANNEL PROFILE B-B'  
J3-E

SCALE  
0 100 200  
FEET





**SPILLWAY CHANNEL**

D = 4.0'

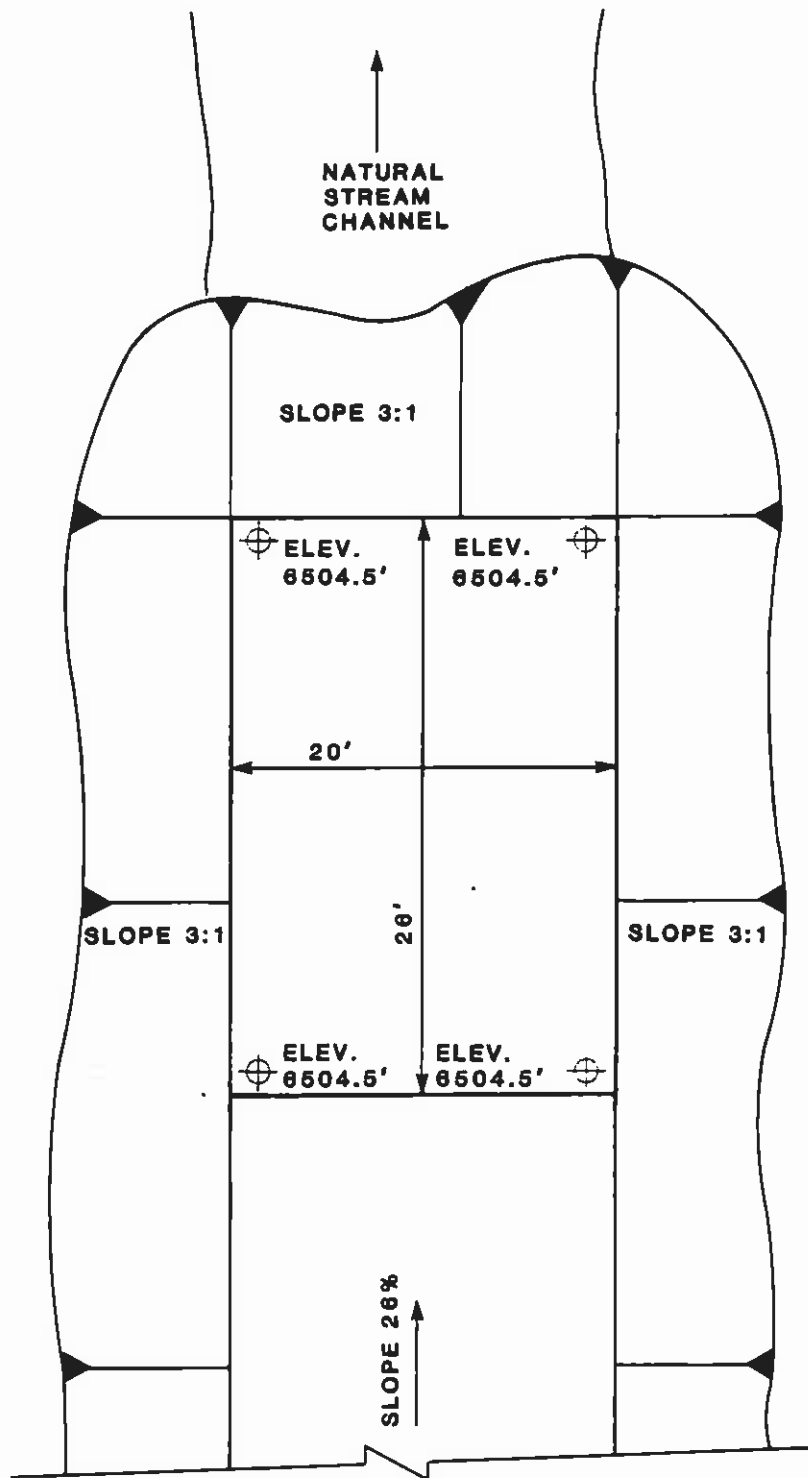
LENGTH = 30'

FLOWLINE ELEV. = 6530.30'

**OUTFLOW CHANNEL**

D = 2.6'

**SPILLWAY AND  
OUTFLOW CHANNEL  
CROSS SECTION  
J3-E**



MINIMUM HEIGHT OF RIPRAP  
ALONG SIDEWALLS ABOVE  
THE BASIN FLOOR = 7.3'

MINIMUM DEPTH OF BASIN FLOOR  
BELOW NATURAL STREAMBED = 3.5'

## SPILLWAY STILLING BASIN PLAN J3-E

**APPENDIX A**  
**INSPECTION CHECK LIST**

INSPECTION CHECK LIST

ITEM	YES	NO	REMARKS
1. CREST			
a. Any visual settlements?		X	
b. Misalignment?		X	
c. Cracking?		X	
2. UPSTREAM SLOPE			21° 2.6 to 1
a. Adequate grass cover?			NA
b. Any erosion?		X	
c. Are trees growing on slope?		X	
d. Longitudinal cracks?		X	
e. Transverse cracks?		X	
f. Adequate riprap protection?			NA
g. Any stone deterioration?			NA
h. Visual depressions or bulges?		X	
i. Visual settlements?		X	
j. Animal burrows?		X	
3. DOWNSTREAM SLOPE			17° 3.25 to 1
a. Adequate grass cover?			NA
b. Any erosion?	X		Rills 40%
c. Are trees growing on slope?		X	
d. Longitudinal cracks?		X	
e. Transverse cracks?		X	
f. Visual depressions or bulges?			IRREGULAR SLOPE SURFACE
g. Visual settlements?		X	
h. Is the toe drain dry?			NA
i. Are the relief wells flowing?			NA
j. Are boils present at the toe?		X	
k. Is seepage present?	X		
l. Animal burrows?		X	
4. ABUTMENT CONTACT. RIGHT			
a. Any erosion?	X		Minor AT CONTACT
b. Visual differential movement?		X	
c. Any cracks noted?		X	
d. Is seepage present?		X	
e. Type of Material?			SM over shallow bedrock Reddish brown
5. ABUTMENT CONTACT. LEFT			
a. Any erosion?	X		Rills Perpendicular (in line with crest)
b. Visual differential movement?		X	
c. Any cracks noted?		X	
d. Is seepage present?		X	
e. Type of Material?			gray sm with rock

ITEM	YES	NO	REMARKS
<b>6. SPILLWAY/NORMAL</b>			
a. Location:			
Left abutment?	X		
Right abutment?			
Crest of Embankment?			
b. Approach Channel:		X	
Are side slopes eroding?			
Are side slopes sloughing?			
Bottom of channel eroding?			
Obstructed?			
Erosion protection?			
c. Spillway Channel:			
Are side slopes eroding?		X	
Are side slopes sloughing?		X	
Bottom of channel eroding?		X	
Obstructed?		X	
Erosion protection?		X	
d. Outflow Channel:			
Are side slopes eroding?		X	
Are side slopes sloughing?		X	
Bottom of channel eroding?		X	
Obstructed?		X	
Erosion protection?	X		Ret 10"
e. Weir:		X	
Condition?			
<b>7. SPILLWAY/EMERGENCY</b>			NA
a. Location:			
Left abutment?			
Right abutment?			
Crest of Embankments?			
b. Approach Channel:			
Are side slopes eroding?			
Are side slopes sloughing?			
Bottom of channel eroding?			
Obstructed?			
Erosion protection?			
c. Spillway Channel:			
Are side slopes eroding?			
Are side slopes sloughing?			
Bottom of channel eroding?			
Obstructed?			
Erosion protection?			
d. Outflow Channel:			
Are side slopes eroding?			
Are side slopes sloughing?			
Bottom of channel eroding?			
Obstructed?			
Erosion protection?			
e. Weir:			
Condition?			

8. GENERAL COMMENTS

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Impoundment

No Sink holes

Water present 8.1' below spillway

Juniper/<sup>Bush</sup> Pinion 25% density

Watershed disturbance 25% dis.

**APPENDIX B**  
**HYDROLOGY AND HYDRAULIC CALCULATIONS**

## TIME OF CONCENTRATION

ELEVATION DIFFERENCE =  $6690 - 6530 = 160'$

WATER COURSE LENGTH =  $5100' = 0.97 \text{ mi}$

$T_c = \left( \frac{11.9 (0.97)^3}{160} \right)^{0.385} = 0.355 \text{ hr.}$

LAG TIME =  $0.6 T_c = 0.213 \text{ hr.}$

## SCS CURVE NUMBER

DRAINAGE AREA (ac)	COVER TYPE	HYDROLOGIC CONDITION	SOIL TYPE	WEIGHTED CURVE NUMBER
(16%)	RECLAIM		D	87 (.16)
(14%)	DIST. GRASS		C	89 (.14)
(41%)	P-J	average	D	83 (.41)
(21%)	S-G	average	D	79 (.29)
				<u>83.32</u>
(Note: disturbed area is EH #32)				35% EH #32 - C
				35% EH #33 - D
				20% EH #35 - D
				10% EH #34 - D
				use <u><u>84</u></u>

## DRAINAGE BASIN AREA

239.2 AC.

0.374 SQ. MI.



UNIVERSAL SOIL LOSS EQUATION

RAINFALL FACTOR

$K = 40$

SOIL ERODIBILITY FACTOR

SOIL TYPE =	16 %	reclaimed	.16 (.42)
	55 %	EH 32	.35 (.21)
	35 %	EH 33	.35 (.22)
	14 %	EH 34	.14 (.22)
			<u>.249</u>

$K = .249$

SLOPE FACTOR

LENGTH (ft.)	Δ ELEV (ft.)	SLOPE (%)	LS
900	70	7.8	2.9 (.20)
500	80	16.0	6.4 (.10)
1300	90	6.9	3.0 (.20)
500	60	12.0	4.0 (.10)
900	30	3.3	.62 (.10)
500	30	6.0	1.51 (.3)

COVER FACTOR

use 2.8 735 W

AREA (ac)	COVER TYPE	% COVER	CANOPY (%)	WEIGHTED C
16 %	reclaimed	—	—	.16 (.15)
14 %	disturbed	—	—	.14 (.10)
41 %	P-J	40	25	.41 (.14)
29 %	S-G	40	25	.29 (.13)
				<u>C = .259</u>

EROSION CONTROL FACTOR

$P = 1.0$

SEDIMENT INFLOW

$A = 40 (.249) <sup>235</sup> (2.8) (.259) (1.0) = 7.22 <sup>055</sup>$

ton/acre/year

$A = 7.22 <sup>655</sup> \left( \frac{1}{2047} \right) (239.2) (.9) = 7.22 <sup>12</sup>$

acre-feet/year

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