

INSPECTION REPORT  
Sedimentation Structure  
N2-G  
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## INTRODUCTION

Sedimentation Structure N2-G 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 Kayenta Mine. The location of Structure N2-G is shown on Plate 1, Site Plan.

This inspection report contains information specific to Structure N2-G. 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 N2-G was inspected on September 7, 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 N2-G 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 N2-G has a 27.9-acre tributary drainage area and is located near Yellow Water Canyon at the Kayenta Mine. The watershed is classified as 65% reclaimed, 30% Pinion/Juniper, and 5% disturbed.

EMBANKMENT

Structure N2-G is a homogeneous earthen embankment classified as a cross-valley embankment. Physical characteristics of the embankment are listed in the following table:

Structure N2-G

Embankment . . . . .	Residual Shale Soils
Foundation . . . . .	Residual Shale Soils
Right Abutment . . . . .	Residual Shale Soils
Left Abutment . . . . .	Residual Shale Soils
Height . . . . .	9.8 ft
Crest Width . . . . .	12 ft
Upstream Slope . . . . .	2.6 H : 1 V
Downstream Slope . . . . .	3.7 H : 1 V

A cross-section of the embankment is shown on Plate 2, Existing Maximum Cross Section N2-G, A-A'.

## ANALYSES

### STABILITY

Structure N2-G is a category B-1 embankment. A standard category B-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 = 15 ft
2. Maximum upstream slope = 2.0 H : 1 V
3. Maximum downstream slope = 2.5 H : 1 V
4. Normal pool with steady seepage saturation conditions

The N2-G embankment is lower in height and has flatter slopes than the category standard; therefore, the embankment has factors of safety greater 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 N2-G is not in series with any other structure and therefore the spillway was analyzed using the 25-year, 6-hour storm. The storage capacity of Structure N2-G was analyzed using the 10-year, 24-hour storm.





N2-G HYDRAULICS

Units	10-year 24-hour Storm	25-year 6-hour Storm
<b>Initial Reservoir Volume</b>		
Condition	Empty	Full to the spillway elevation
<b>Inflow</b>		
Peak Flow . . . . . cfs	37	46
Volume . . . . . acre-ft	1.78	1.40
<b>Storage</b>		
Peak Stage . . . . . ft	6797.48	6802.87
Spillway Elevation . . . . . ft	6802.19	—
Peak Storage . . . . . acre-ft	1.78	—
Storage Capacity . . . . . acre-ft	5.52	—
<b>Outflow</b>		
Peak Flow . . . . . cfs	0	4
Embankment Crest		
Elevation . . . . . ft	—	6806.99
Peak Stage . . . . . ft	—	6802.87
Freeboard . . . . . ft	—	4.12
<b>Spillway Channel</b>		
Flow Depth . . . . . ft	—	0.68
Critical Velocity . . . . . fps	—	2.0
Manning's "n" . . . . .	—	0.035
<b>Outflow Channel</b>		
Slope . . . . . %	—	7
Normal Velocity . . . . . fps	—	2.5
Normal Depth . . . . . ft	—	0.11
Manning's "n" . . . . .	—	0.035

Approach Channel

The existing approach channel for N2-G has a U-shaped channel with following dimensions:

Channel width . . . . . 15-20 ft  
Channel length . . . . . 30 ft  
Slope . . . . . 10 percent

Spillway Channel

The existing spillway for N2-G has a trapezoidal channel with the following dimensions:

Channel depth . . . . . 4.5 ft  
Channel width . . . . . 14 ft  
Channel length . . . . . 25 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 N2-G has a U-shaped channel with the following dimensions:

Channel width . . . . . 15 ft  
Channel length . . . . . 120 ft  
Average exit slope . . . . . 15-20 percent

There is presently no 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, N2-G.

The calculations for the sediment load entering Structure N2-G were made utilizing the Universal Soil Loss Equation with the following parameters:

- 1. Rainfall Factor, R . . . . . 40
- 2. Soil Erodibility Factor, K . . . . . 0.33
- 3. Slope Factor, LS . . . . . 4.30
- 4. Cover Factor, C . . . . . 0.19
- 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 N2-G and the results of the sediment inflow analysis are summarized in the following table.

N2-G STORAGE

Total Storage Capacity . . . . .	5.52	acre-ft
10-year, 24-hour Storm Inflow . . . . .	1.78	acre-ft
Available Sediment Storage Capacity . . . . .	3.74	acre-ft
Sediment Inflow Rate . . . . .	0.140	acre-ft/yr
Sediment Storage Life . . . . .	27	yrs

## REMEDIAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

### GEOTECHNICS

The inspection of Structure N2-G indicated that the only geotechnical problem is rill erosion on the upstream and downstream slopes, the side slopes of the spillway channel, the bottom of approach channel, and the left abutment. Correction of erosion is considered a periodic maintenance task and does not require remedial action.

### HYDRAULICS

The storage capacity and spillway capacity of Structure N2-G are adequate; however, the spillway does not have an adequate outflow channel or adequate erosion protection. A trapezoidal outflow channel should be constructed along the alignment B-B' shown in Plate 1. The channel profile is shown in Plate 4 and the required dimensions are shown in Plate 5. Both the spillway and outflow channel should be protected against erosion using geotextile and gravel as shown in Plate 5.

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

Plate 1 - Site Plan N2-G

Plate 2 - Existing Maximum Cross Section N2-G, A-A'

Plate 3 - Volume-Elevation Curve N2-G

Plate 4 - Channel Profile N2-G, B-B'

Plate 5 - Spillway and Outflow Channel Cross Section N2-G

Appendix A - Inspection Check List

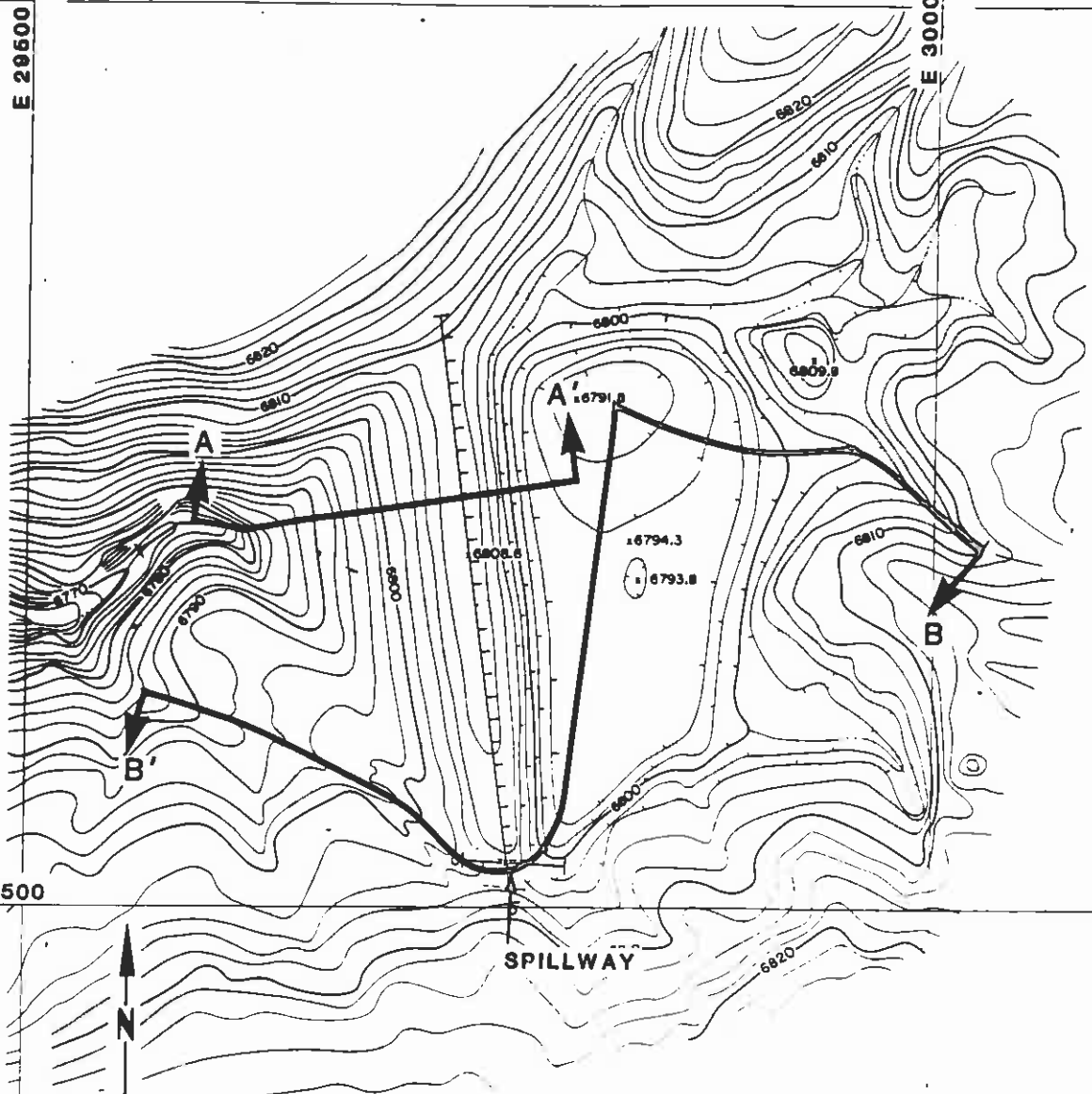
Appendix B - Hydrology and Hydraulic Calculations

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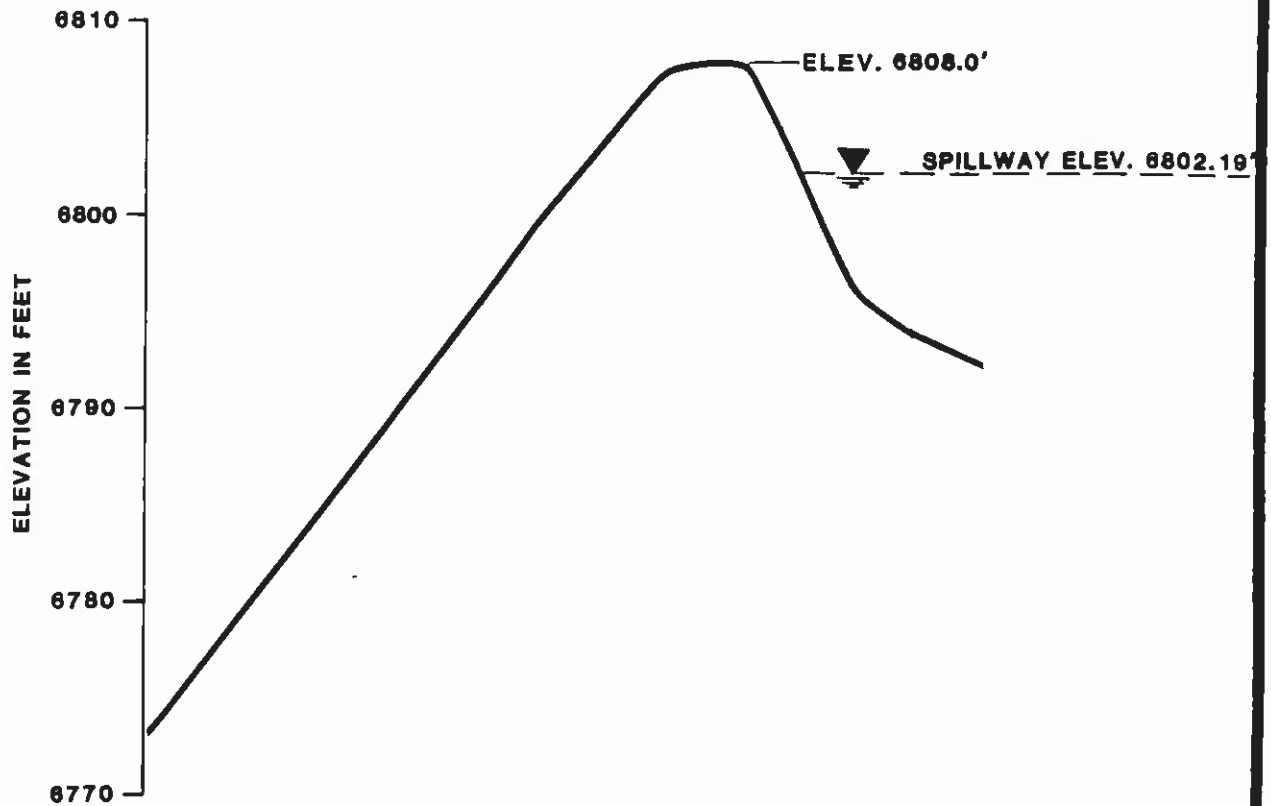
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SPILLWAY

# SITE PLAN N2-G



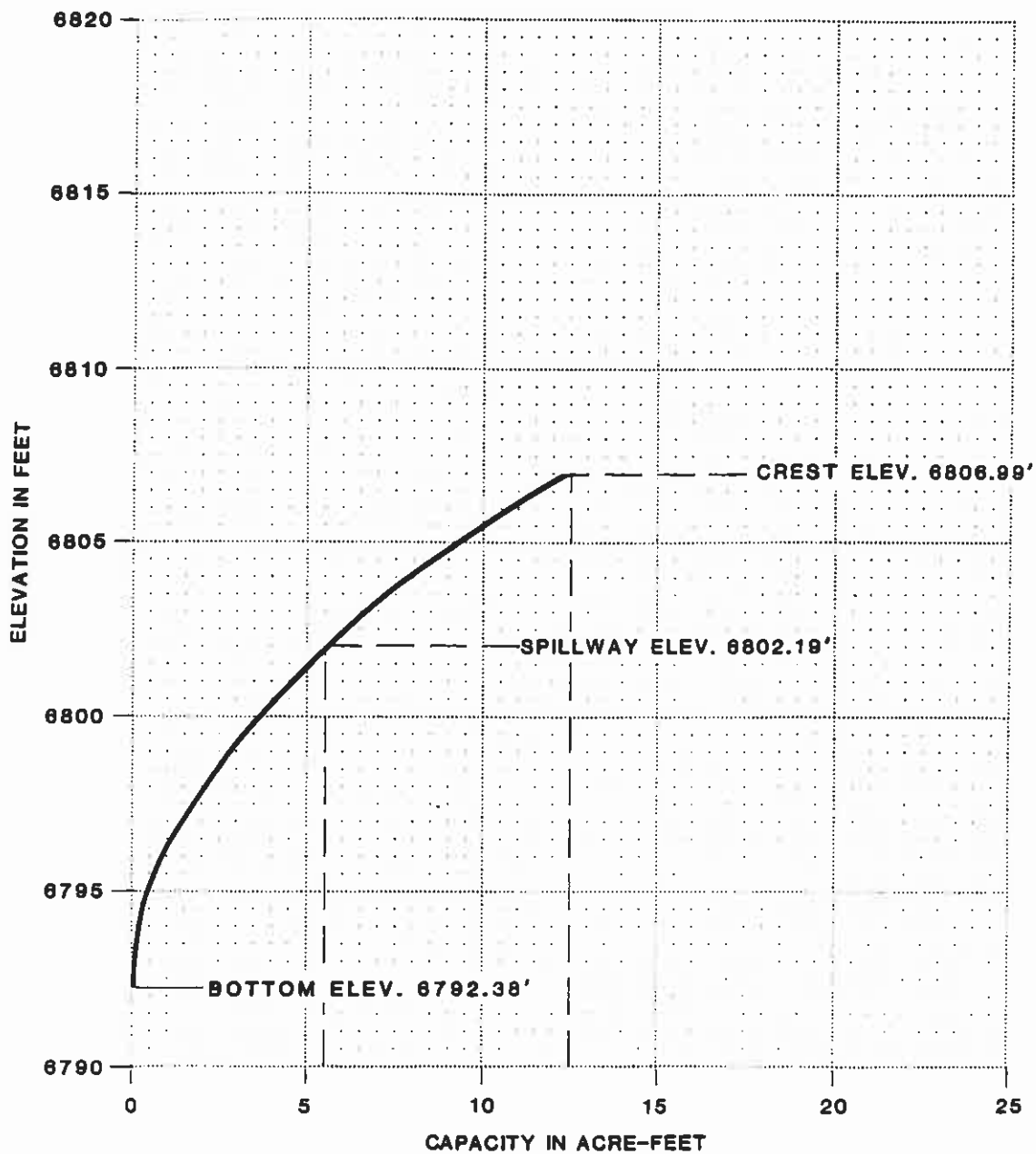


EXISTING  
MAXIMUM CROSS-SECTION  
A-A'  
N2-G

FOR LOCATION SEE PLATE 1

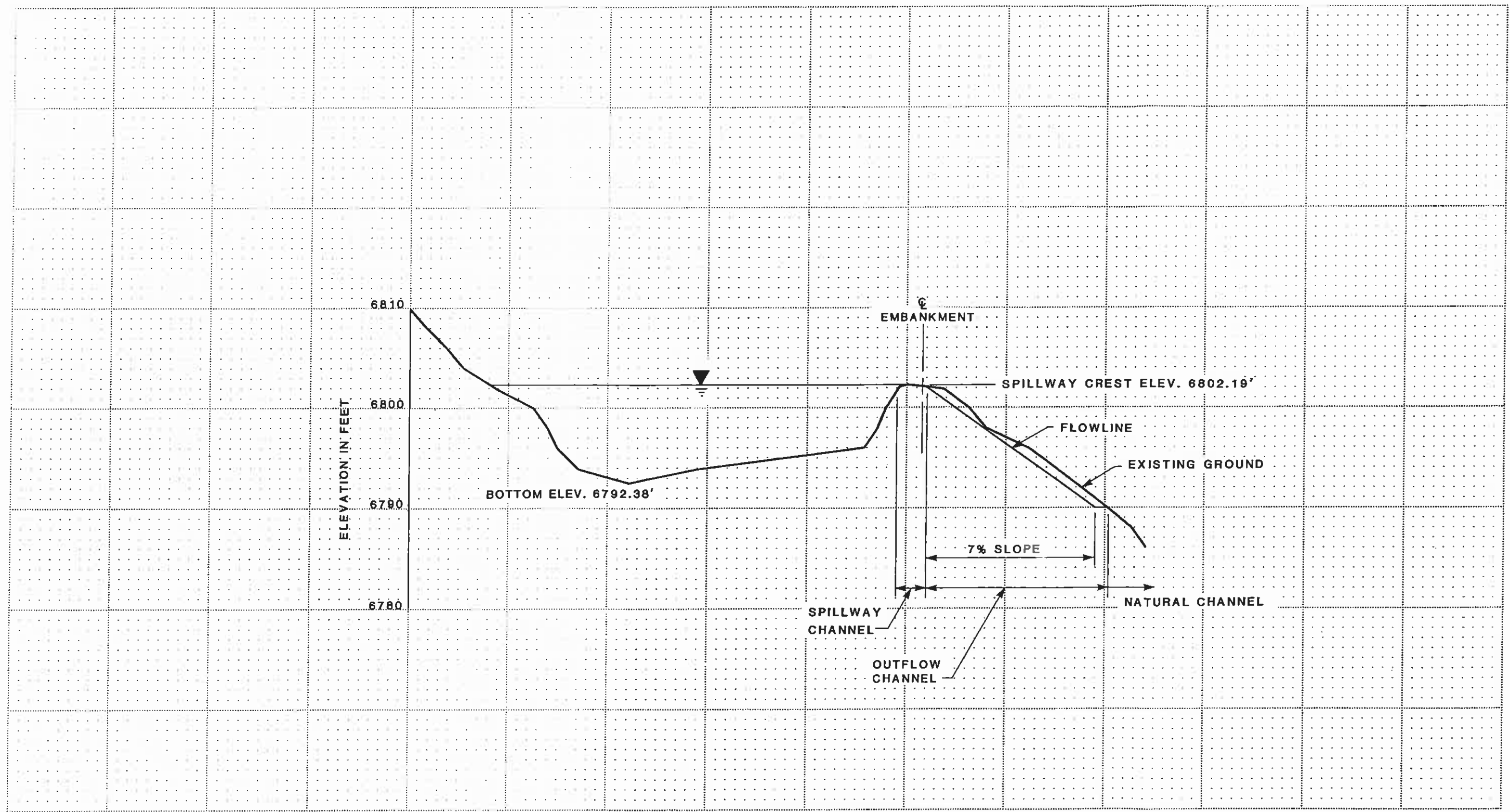
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Plate 2



VOLUME-ELEVATION  
 CURVE  
 N2-G



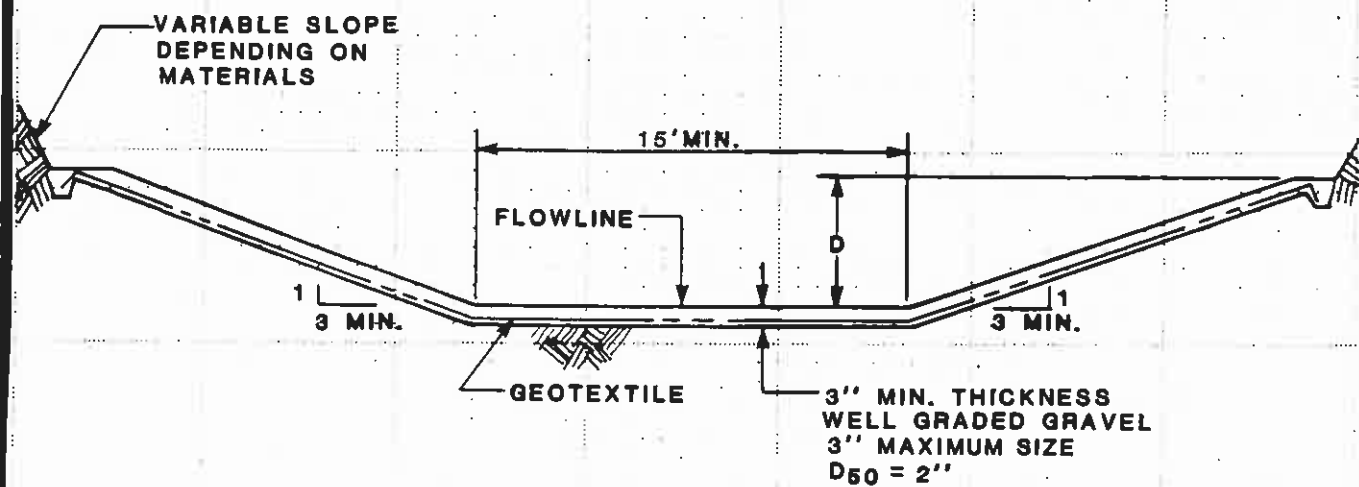


CHANNEL PROFILE B-B'  
N2-G



FOR LOCATION SEE PLATE 1

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**SPILLWAY CHANNEL**

D = 1.7'  
 LENGTH = 30'  
 FLOWLINE ELEV. = 6802.19'

**OUTFLOW CHANNEL**

D = 1'

**SPILLWAY AND  
 OUTFLOW CHANNEL  
 CROSS SECTION  
 N2-G**

APPENDIX A  
INSPECTION CHECK LIST

INSPECTION CHECK LIST

ITEM	YES	NO	REMARKS
1. CREST			12' w
a. Any visual settlements?		X	
b. Misalignment?		X	
c. Cracking?		X	
2. UPSTREAM SLOPE			15°
a. Adequate grass cover?		X	
b. Any erosion?	X		Rills
c. Are trees growing on slope?		X	
d. Longitudinal cracks?		X	
e. Transverse cracks?		X	
f. Adequate riprap protection?		X	
g. Any stone deterioration?			NA
h. Visual depressions or bulges?		X	
i. Visual settlements?		X	
j. Animal burrows?		X	
3. DOWNSTREAM SLOPE			21°
a. Adequate grass cover?		X	
b. Any erosion?	X		Rills
c. Are trees growing on slope?		X	
d. Longitudinal cracks?		X	
e. Transverse cracks?		X	
f. Visual depressions or bulges?		X	
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?			
l. Animal burrows?		X	
4. ABUTMENT CONTACT. RIGHT			
a. Any erosion?		X	
b. Visual differential movement?		X	
c. Any cracks noted?		X	
d. Is seepage present?		X	
e. Type of Material?			Red brown silt + rock shallow
5. ABUTMENT CONTACT. LEFT			
a. Any erosion?	X		Rills into spillway
b. Visual differential movement?		X	
c. Any cracks noted?		X	
d. Is seepage present?		X	
e. Type of Material?			grey silt

ITEM	YES	NO	REMARKS
<b>6. SPILLWAY/NORMAL</b>			
<b>a. Location:</b>			
Left abutment?	X		
Right abutment?			
Crest of Embankments?			Flares to 20' W in Pond
<b>b. Approach Channel:</b>	X		15' W 30' L Slope 10%
Are side slopes eroding?		X	
Are side slopes sloughing?		X	
Bottom of channel eroding?	X		INTO POND
Obstructed?		X	
Erosion protection?		X	
<b>c. Spillway Channel:</b>	X		14' W 25' L 4.5' below crest
Are side slopes eroding?	X		From R.A. 0% slope
Are side slopes sloughing?		X	
Bottom of channel eroding?		X	
Obstructed?		X	
Erosion protection?		X	
<b>d. Outflow Channel:</b>			15' 120' L 20% slope
Are side slopes eroding?		X	
Are side slopes sloughing?		X	
Bottom of channel eroding?		X	
Obstructed?		X	
Erosion protection?		X	
<b>e. Weir:</b>			
Condition?			
<b>7. SPILLWAY/EMERGENCY</b>			
<b>a. Location:</b>			NA
Left abutment?			
Right abutment?			
Crest of Embankments?			
<b>b. Approach Channel:</b>			
Are side slopes eroding?			
Are side slopes sloughing?			
Bottom of channel eroding?			
Obstructed?			
Erosion protection?			
<b>c. Spillway Channel:</b>			
Are side slopes eroding?			
Are side slopes sloughing?			
Bottom of channel eroding?			
Obstructed?			
Erosion protection?			
<b>d. Outflow Channel:</b>			
Are side slopes eroding?			
Are side slopes sloughing?			
Bottom of channel eroding?			
Obstructed?			
Erosion protection?			
<b>e. Weir:</b>			
Condition?			

ITEM	YES	NO	REMARKS
<b>8. IMPOUNDMENT</b>			
a. Sinkholes?		X	(Elev.) feet
b. Water present?		X	(Elev.) feet
c. Siltation?	X		
d. Watershed matches soil map?		X	

**9. GENERAL COMMENTS**

OK.

Canopy C 5%  
 Ground cover 90%

APPENDIX B  
HYDROLOGY AND HYDRAULIC CALCULATIONS

TIME OF CONCENTRATION

ELEVATION DIFFERENCE = 6913 - 6809 = 104 ft.

WATER COURSE LENGTH = 36(400) = 1440 ft. = 0.273 mi.

$T_c = \left( \frac{11.9 (0.273)^3}{104} \right)^{0.385} = 0.097 \text{ hr.}$

LAG TIME =  $0.6 T_c = 0.058 \text{ hr.}$

REVISIONS  
 BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TO EO \_\_\_\_\_  
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SCS CURVE NUMBER

DRAINAGE AREA (ac)	COVER TYPE	HYDROLOGIC CONDITION	SOIL TYPE	WEIGHTED CURVE NUMBER
18.1	Post-war Reclaimed	fair		81 (.65)
1.5	Disturbed (Dirt road)		D	89 (.05)
8.3	Pinon-Juniper	average	D	83 (.30)
				<u>82.0</u>
		65% # 35		
		35% # 24		
				use <u><u>82</u></u>

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DRAINAGE BASIN AREA

27.9 ACRES      0.044 SQ MILES



UNIVERSAL SOIL LOSS EQUATION

RAINFALL FACTOR

$K = 47$

SOIL ERODIBILITY FACTOR

SOIL TYPE =	65% reclaimed	.65 (.42)
	35% FH # 24	.35 (.16)
		<u>.33</u>

$K = \underline{\underline{.33}}$

SLOPE FACTOR

<u>LENGTH (ft)</u>	<u>Δ ELEV (ft)</u>	<u>SLOPE (%)</u>	<u>LS</u>
1100'	100	9.1	4.0 (.9)
400	70	17.5	6.6 (1.1)

use 4.3

COVER FACTOR

<u>AREA (ac)</u>	<u>COVER TYPE</u>	<u>% COVER</u>	<u>CANOPY (%)</u>	<u>WEIGHTED C</u>
65%	reclaimed	—	—	.65 (.15)
5%	disturbed	—	—	.05 (.10)
30%	P-J	40%	25%	.30 (.14)

C = .19

EROSION CONTROL FACTOR

$P = 1.0$

SEDIMENT INFLOW

$A = 40 (.33) (4.3) (.19) (1.0) = 10.79$  ton/acre/year

$A = 10.79 \left( \frac{1}{2047} \right) (27.9) (.95) = 0.140$  acre-feet/year

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