

INSPECTION REPORT  
Sedimentation Structure  
N14-P  
Kayenta Mine  
Navajo County, Arizona  
for  
PEABODY COAL COMPANY



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## INTRODUCTION

Sedimentation Structure N14-P is an earthen embankment, designed and constructed in 1982 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 N14-P is shown on Plate 1, Site Plan.

This inspection report contains information specific to Structure N14-P. 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 N14-P was inspected on September 9, 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 N14-P 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 N14-P has a 10.41-acre tributary drainage area and is located near Moenkopi Wash at the Kayenta Mine. The watershed is classified as 67% disturbed and 33% Pinion/Juniper.

EMBANKMENT

Structure N14-P is a homogeneous earthen embankment classified as a cross-valley embankment. Physical characteristics of the embankment are listed in the following table:

Structure N14-P

|                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Embankment . . . . .       | Residual Shale Soils |
| Foundation . . . . .       | Residual Shale Soils |
| Right Abutment . . . . .   | Residual Shale Soils |
| Left Abutment . . . . .    | Residual Shale Soils |
| Height . . . . .           | 11.0 ft              |
| Crest Width . . . . .      | 17 ft                |
| Upstream Slope . . . . .   | 2.1 H : 1 V          |
| Downstream Slope . . . . . | 2.5 H : 1 V          |

A cross-section of the embankment is shown on Plate 2, Existing Maximum Cross Section N14-P, A-A'.

## ANALYSES

### STABILITY

Structure N14-P 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 = 1.75 H : 1 V
3. Maximum downstream slope = 2.5 H : 1 V
4. Normal pool with steady seepage saturation conditions

The N14-P 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 N14-P 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 N14-P was analyzed using the 10-year, 24-hour storm.

The following parameters were used in the hydrologic analysis:

1. Water Course length, L . . . . . 0.144 mi
2. Elevation Difference, H . . . . . 59 ft
3. Time of Concentration,  $T_c$  . . . . . 0.058 h
4. Lag time,  $0.6T_c$  . . . . . 0.035 h
5. SCS Curve Number . . . . . 91
6. Rainfall Depth, 10-year, 24-hour storm . 2.1 in.  
25-year, 6-hour storm. . 1.9 in.
7. Drainage Area . . . . . 10.41 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.

N14-P HYDRAULICS

| Units                           | 10-year<br>24-hour<br>Storm | 25-year<br>6-hour<br>Storm           |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Initial Reservoir Volume</b> |                             |                                      |
| Condition                       | Empty                       | Full to the<br>spillway<br>elevation |
| <b>Inflow</b>                   |                             |                                      |
| Peak Flow . . . . . cfs         | 27                          | 35                                   |
| Volume . . . . . acre-ft        | 1.09                        | 0.93                                 |
| <b>Storage</b>                  |                             |                                      |
| Peak Stage . . . . . ft         | 6837.92                     | 6842.75                              |
| Spillway Elevation . . ft       | 6841.72                     | --                                   |
| Peak Storage . . . . . acre-ft  | 1.09                        | --                                   |
| Storage Capacity . . . acre-ft  | 2.63                        | --                                   |
| <b>Outflow</b>                  |                             |                                      |
| Peak Flow . . . . . cfs         | 0                           | 4                                    |
| Embankment Crest                |                             |                                      |
| Elevation . . . . . ft          | --                          | 6844.17                              |
| Peak Stage . . . . . ft         | --                          | 6842.75                              |
| Freeboard . . . . . ft          | --                          | 1.42                                 |
| <b>Spillway Channel</b>         |                             |                                      |
| Flow Depth . . . . . ft         | --                          | 1.03                                 |
| Critical Velocity . . . fps     | --                          | 2.0                                  |
| Manning's "n" . . . . .         | --                          | 0.035                                |
| <b>Outflow Channel</b>          |                             |                                      |
| Slope . . . . . %               | --                          | <u>4</u> <u>12</u>                   |
| Normal Velocity . . . . fps     | --                          | 2.1      2.9                         |
| Normal Depth . . . . . ft       | --                          | 0.13      0.09                       |
| Manning's "n" . . . . .         | --                          | 0.035      0.035                     |

Spillway Channel

The existing spillway for N14-P has a trapezoidal channel with the following dimensions:

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Channel depth . . . . .                   | 2.7 ft    |
| Channel width . . . . .                   | 13 ft     |
| Channel length . . . . .                  | 45 ft     |
| Side slopes (horizontal to vertical). . . | 2:1       |
| Average exit slope . . . . .              | 2 percent |

There is presently no erosion protection within the channel.

Outflow Channel

The structure presently has no outflow 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, N14-P.



The calculations for the sediment load entering Structure N14-P were made utilizing the Universal Soil Loss Equation with the following parameters:

1. Rainfall Factor, R . . . . . 40
2. Soil Erodibility Factor, K . . . . . 0.22
3. Slope Factor, LS . . . . . 3.60
4. Cover Factor, C . . . . . 0.716
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 N14-P and the results of the sediment inflow analysis are summarized in the following table.

N14-P STORAGE

|   |       |            |
|---|-------|------------|
| Total Storage Capacity . . . . .              | 2.63  | acre-ft    |
| 10-year, 24-hour Storm Inflow . . . . .       | 1.09  | acre-ft    |
| Available Sediment Storage Capacity . . . . . | 1.54  | acre-ft    |
| Sediment Inflow Rate . . . . .                | 0.110 | acre-ft/yr |
| Sediment Storage Life . . . . .               | 15    | yrs        |

REMEDIAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

GEOTECHNICS

The inspection of Structure N14-P indicated that the only geotechnical problems are rill and gully erosion on the upstream and downstream slopes and the right and left abutments. Correction of erosion is considered a periodic maintenance task and does not require remedial action.

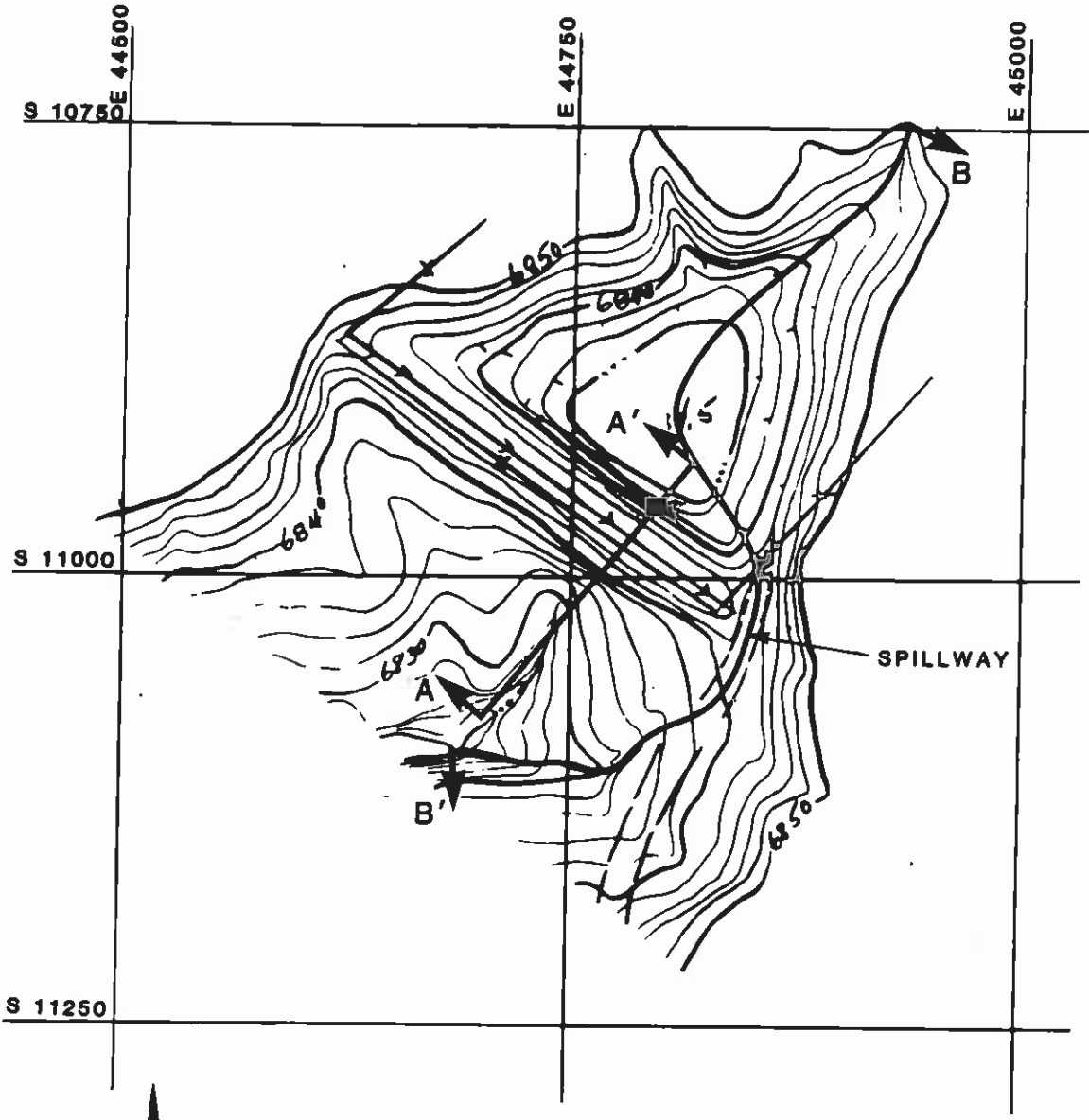
## HYDRAULICS

The storage capacity and spillway capacity of Structure N14-P 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.

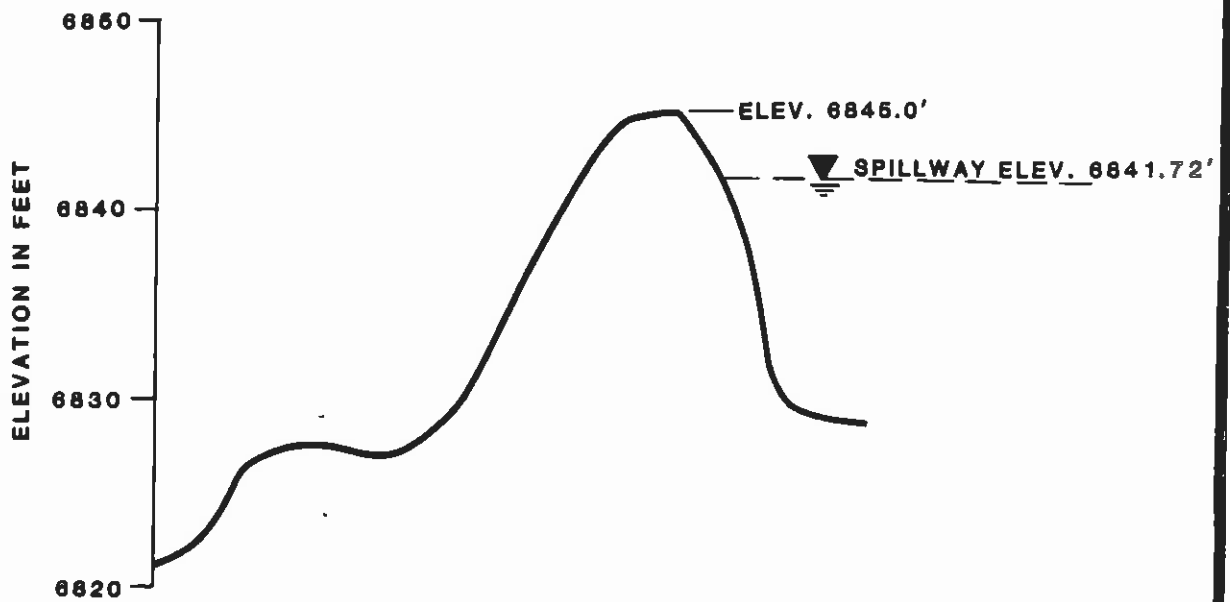
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The following plates and appendix are attached and complete this inspection report.

- Plate 1 - Site Plan N14-P
- Plate 2 - Existing Maximum Cross Section N14-P, A-A'
- Plate 3 - Volume-Elevation Curve N14-P
- Plate 4 - Channel Profile N14-P, B-B'
- Plate 5 - Spillway and Outflow Channel Cross Section N14-P
- Appendix A - Inspection Check List
- Appendix B - Hydrology and Hydraulic Calculations



SITE PLAN  
N14-P

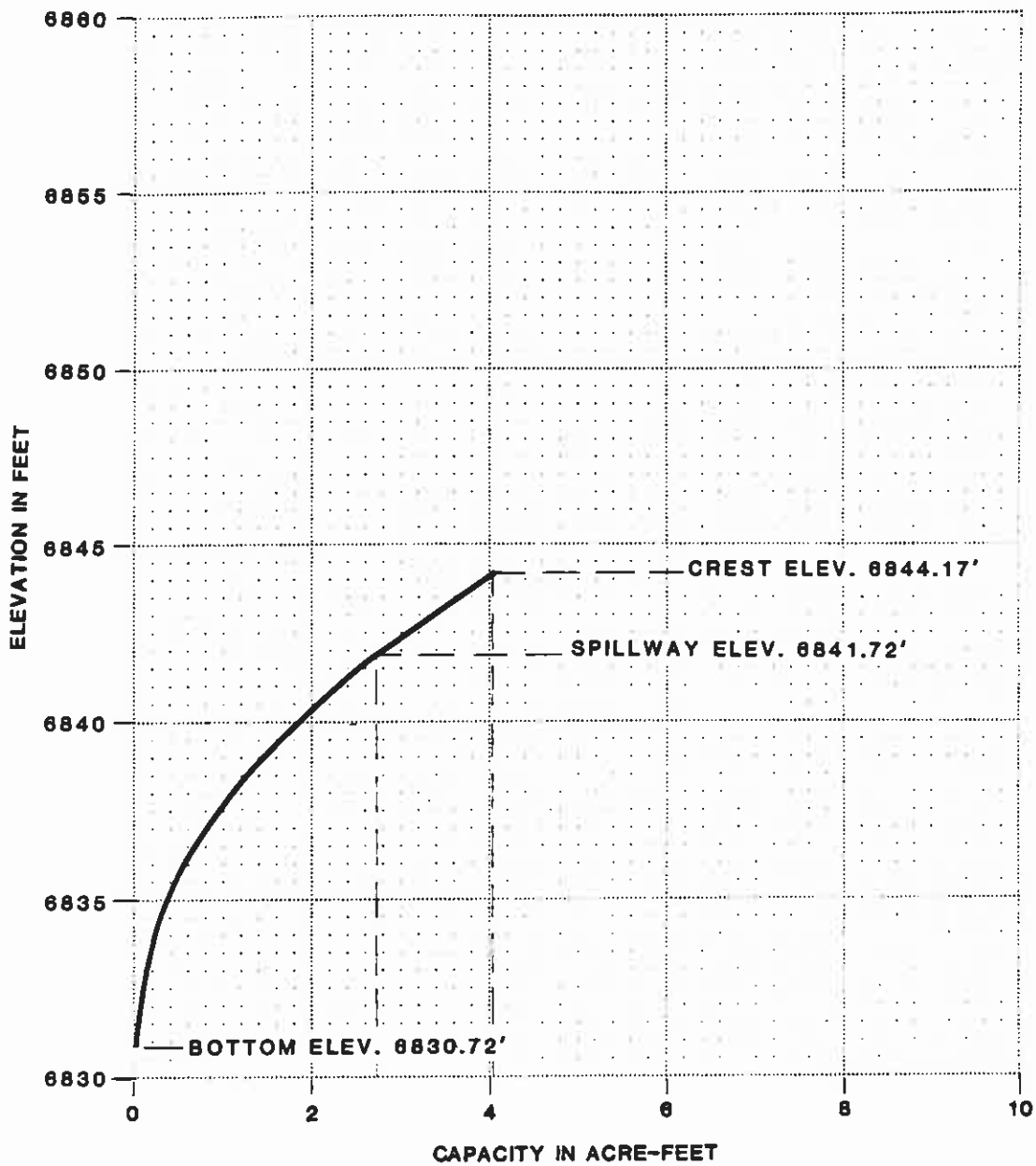


EXISTING  
 MAXIMUM CROSS-SECTION  
 A-A'  
 N14-P

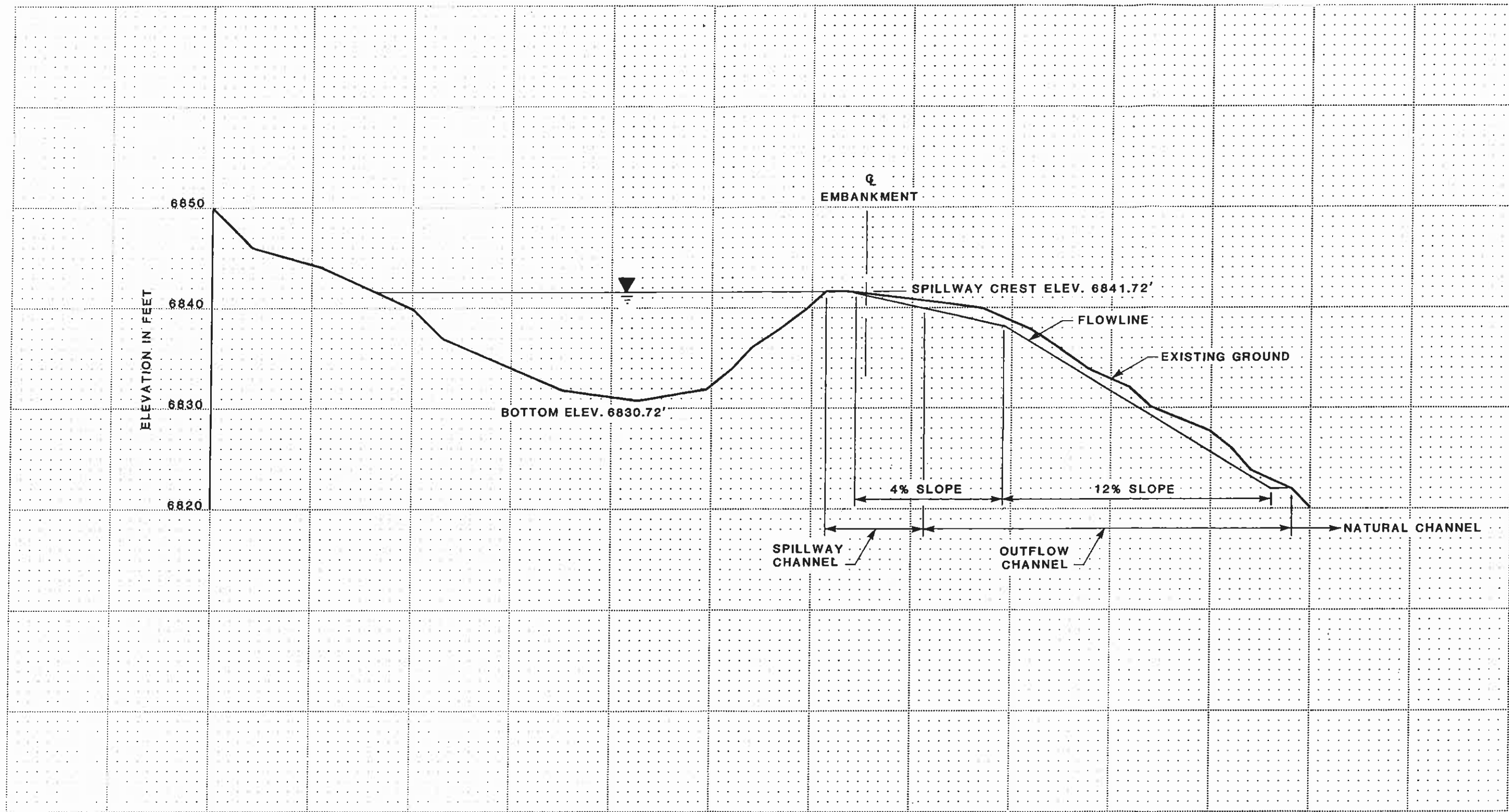
FOR LOCATION SEE PLATE 1

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Plate 2

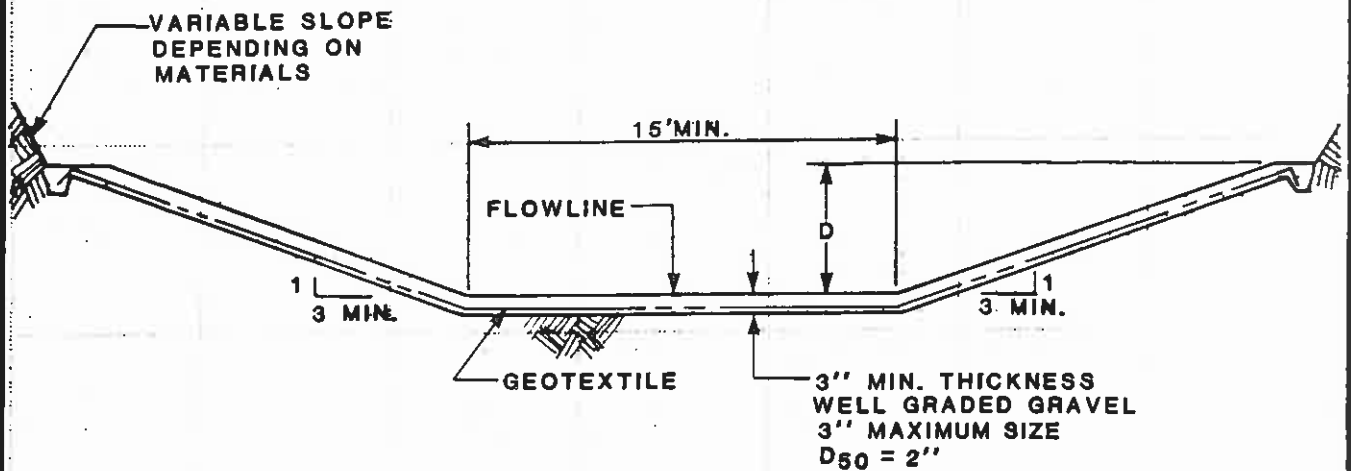


VOLUME-ELEVATION  
 CURVE  
 N14-P



CHANNEL PROFILE B-B'  
N14-P





**SPILLWAY CHANNEL**

D = 2.1'  
 LENGTH = 50'  
 FLOWLINE ELEV. = 6841.72'

**OUTFLOW CHANNEL**

D = 1'

**SPILLWAY AND  
 OUTFLOW CHANNEL  
 CROSS SECTION  
 N14-P**

APPENDIX A  
INSPECTION CHECK LIST



INSPECTION CHECK LIST

| ITEM                             | YES | NO | REMARKS                          |
|----------------------------------|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| 1. CREST                         |     |    | 17' w                            |
| a. Any visual settlements?       |     | X  |                                  |
| b. Misalignment?                 |     | X  |                                  |
| c. Cracking?                     |     | X  |                                  |
| 2. UPSTREAM SLOPE                |     |    | 25                               |
| 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              |     |    | 22                               |
| 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?         |     |    | N.f                              |
| 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   |    | Gulley contact d.s. slope & u.s. |
| b. Visual differential movement? |     | X  |                                  |
| c. Any cracks noted?             |     | X  |                                  |
| d. Is seepage present?           |     | X  |                                  |
| e. Type of Material?             |     |    | brown SM                         |
| 5. ABUTMENT CONTACT. LEFT        |     |    |                                  |
| a. Any erosion?                  | X   |    | Into spillway - Rills            |
| b. Visual differential movement? |     | X  |                                  |
| c. Any cracks noted?             |     | X  |                                  |
| d. Is seepage present?           |     | X  |                                  |
| e. Type of Material?             |     |    | gray SM                          |

| ITEM                         | YES | NO | REMARKS                 |  |
|------------------------------|-----|----|-------------------------|--|
| <b>6. SPILLWAY/NORMAL</b>    |     |    |                         |  |
| a. Location:                 |     |    |                         |  |
| Left abutment?               | X   |    |                         |  |
| Right abutment?              |     |    |                         |  |
| Crest of Embankments?        |     |    |                         |  |
| b. Approach Channel:         |     |    |                         |  |
| Are side slopes eroding?     |     |    |                         |  |
| Are side slopes sloughing?   |     |    | NA                      |  |
| Bottom of channel eroding?   |     |    |                         |  |
| Obstructed?                  |     |    |                         |  |
| Erosion protection?          |     |    |                         |  |
| c. Spillway Channel:         |     |    |                         |  |
| Are side slopes eroding?     | X   |    | 13' W, 2.7' below crest |  |
| Are side slopes sloughing?   |     | X  | 45' L                   |  |
| Bottom of channel eroding?   |     | X  |                         |  |
| Obstructed?                  |     | X  |                         |  |
| Erosion protection?          |     | X  |                         |  |
| d. Outflow Channel:          |     |    |                         |  |
| Are side slopes eroding?     |     |    |                         |  |
| Are side slopes sloughing?   |     |    | NA                      |  |
| Bottom of channel eroding?   |     |    |                         |  |
| Obstructed?                  |     |    |                         |  |
| Erosion protection?          |     |    |                         |  |
| e. Weir:                     |     |    |                         |  |
| Condition?                   |     | X  |                         |  |
| <b>7. SPILLWAY/EMERGENCY</b> |     |    |                         |  |
| a. Location:                 |     |    |                         |  |
| Left abutment?               |     |    | NA                      |  |
| 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?                   |     |    |                         |  |

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

9. GENERAL COMMENTS  
*Spillway could use grading.*

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Canopy cover 15  
 Ground cover 60

APPENDIX B  
HYDROLOGY AND HYDRAULIC CALCULATIONS

TIME OF CONCENTRATION

ELEVATION DIFFERENCE = 6901 - 6842 = 59 ft.

WATER COURSE LENGTH = 1.9(400) = 760 ft. = 0.144 mi.

$T_c = \left( \frac{11.9 (0.144)^3}{59} \right)^{0.385} = 0.575 \text{ hr. } \approx 0.058 \text{ hr}$

Lag Time = 0.6  $T_c$  = 0.035 hr.  $\approx$

SCS CURVE NUMBER

| DRAINAGE AREA (ac) | COVER TYPE | HYDROLOGIC CONDITION | SOIL TYPE | WEIGHTED CURVE NUMBER <sup>2</sup> |
|--------------------|------------|----------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 3.4                | P-J        | average              | >         | 33 (.33)                           |
| 70                 | Disturbed  |                      | D         | 94 (.67)                           |
|                    |            |                      |           | <u>90.37</u>                       |

100% = 33

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DRAINAGE BASIN AREA

10.41 ACRE

0.016 SQ MILE

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UNIVERSAL SOIL LOSS EQUATION

RAINFALL FACTOR

$K = 40$

SOIL ERODIBILITY FACTOR

SOIL TYPE = 100% EH #33 .22

$K = \underline{\underline{.22}}$

SLOPE FACTOR

| <u>LENGTH (ft)</u> | <u>Δ ELEV (ft)</u> | <u>SLOPE (%)</u> | <u>LS</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|
| 300                | 35                 | 11.7             | 3.0 (.4)  |
| 400                | 60                 | 15.0             | 5.12 (.4) |
| 300                | 20                 | 6.7              | 1.4 (.2)  |

use 3.6

COVER FACTOR

| <u>AREA (ac)</u> | <u>COVER TYPE</u> | <u>% COVER</u> | <u>CANOPY (ft)</u> | <u>WEIGHTED C</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 67%              | disturbed         | —              | —                  | .67 (1.0)         |
| 33%              | P-J               | 40             | 25                 | .33 (.14)         |
|                  |                   |                |                    | <u>C = .716</u>   |

EROSION CONTROL FACTOR

$P = 1.0$

SEDIMENT INFLOW

$A = 40(.22)(3.6)(.716)(1.0) = 22.68$  ton/acre/year

$A = (22.68) \left( \frac{1}{2047} \right) (10.41)(.95) = 0.110$  acre-feet/year

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