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SEVEN OAKS DAM

Outlet Tunnel Invert Damage



Santa Ana River Mainstem Project



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Seven Oaks Dam

- Authorized under WRDA 1986, 99th Congress 2nd Session, P.L. 99-662
- Flood Control Purpose
- Operate in Tandem with d/s Prado Dam
- Non-Federal Sponsors:
 - Orange County Flood Control District
 - San Bernardino County Flood Control District
 - Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District



Seven Oaks Dam





Seven Oaks Dam

Pertinent Data

- River Santa Ana River
- County and State San Bernardino County, California
- Purpose Flood Control
- Drainage Area 177 mi²
- Type Rolled, zoned, earth and rockfill
- Crest elevation (excluding overbuild) 2,610 feet, NGVD
- Foundation elevation at dam axis 2,060 feet, NGVD
- Maximum height above foundation
at dam axis 550 feet
- Freeboard 5.3 feet
- Crest length 2,760 feet
- Crest width 40 feet
- Crest overbuild varies from 0 to 3 feet
- Downstream 1.8H to IV
- Upstream 2.2H to IV
- Total embankment volume 38,372,510 cubic yards



Seven Oaks Dam

Pertinent Data

- Debris pool (year 1) 2,200 feet, NGVD
- Debris pool (year 100) 2,300 feet, NGVD
- Reservoir design flood pool 2,580 feet, NGVD
- Probable maximum flood pool 2,604.7 feet, NGVD

Gross capacity

- Reservoir design flood pool (spillway crest) 147,970 acre-feet
- Probable maximum flood pool 169,177 acre-feet
- Top of dam 174,609 acre-feet

Storage allocation (below spillway crest)

- Flood control 115,970 acre-feet
- Sedimentation (100 year storage) 32,000 acre-feet



Seven Oaks Dam Pertinent Data

Reservoir design flood (general storm)

- Total volume (4 day) 115,000 acre-feet
- Peak inflow 85,000 ft³/sec
- Peak outflow 7,000 ft³/sec

Probable maximum flood (general storm)

- Total volume 326,000 acre-feet
- Peak inflow 185,000 ft³/sec
- Peak outflow 180,000 ft³/sec



Chronology

- 1980 Phase I General Design Memorandum
- 1988 Phase II GDM
- 1989 Construction of Pilot Tunnel
- 1991 Partial Intake Structure
- 1992 Diversion Tunnel
- 1999 Dam and Outlet Works
- 2005 High Flow Testing and Tunnel Damage

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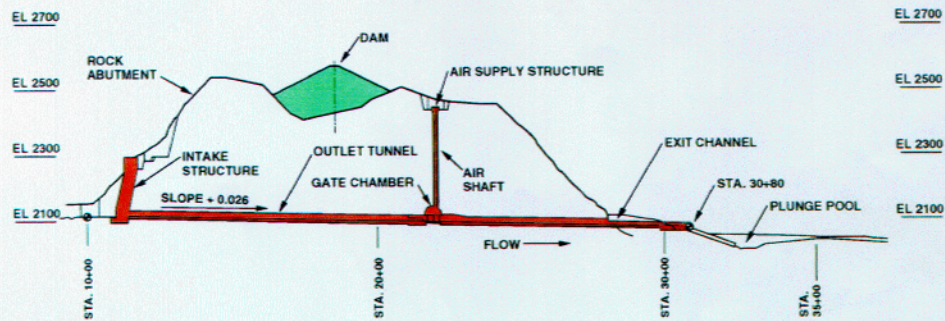


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OUTLET WORKS PROFILE

OUTLET WORKS

- 1,600-FOOT LONG TUNNEL
- 200-FOOT HIGH INTAKE STRUCTURE
- 300-FOOT HIGH AIR SHAFT
- GATE CHAMBER
- EXIT CHANNEL
- PLUNGE POOL

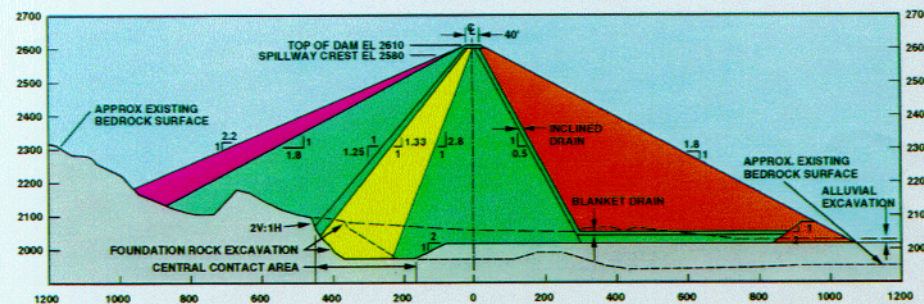


EMBANKMENT CROSS SECTION

DAM

- 550-FOOT HIGH
- 3,000-FOOT LONG
- 40-FOOT WIDE AT CREST
- 2,000 FEET FROM U/S TOE TO D/S DOT

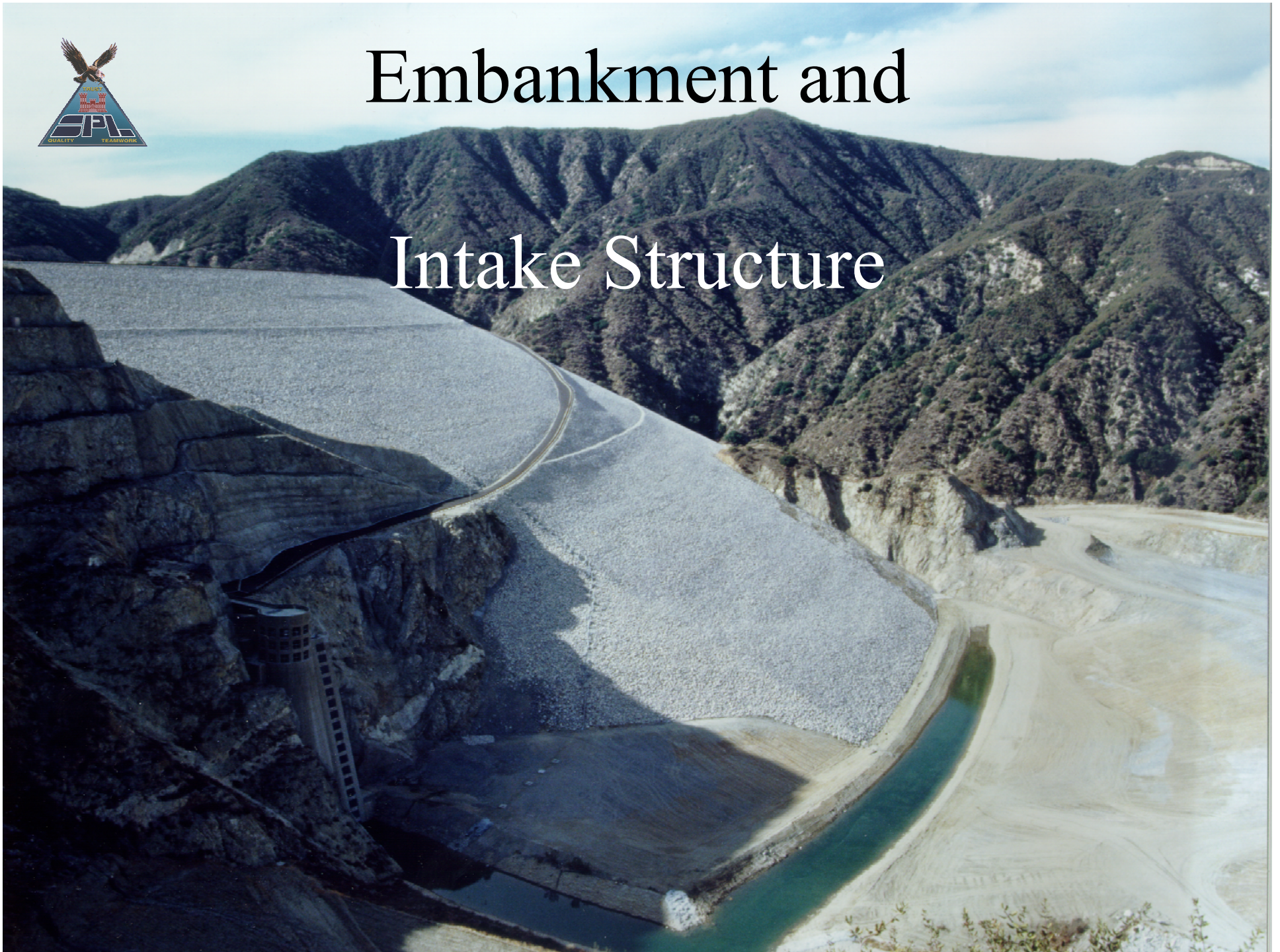
ZONE	PURPOSE
CORE	WATER BARRIER
TRANSITION	DRAINAGE, STABILITY, AND ECONOMICAL USE OF EXCAVATED MATERIALS
ROCKFILL	STABILITY AND ECONOMICAL USE OF EXCAVATED MATERIALS
SHELL	DRAINAGE, EROSION CONTROL, AND STABILITY





Embankment and

Intake Structure



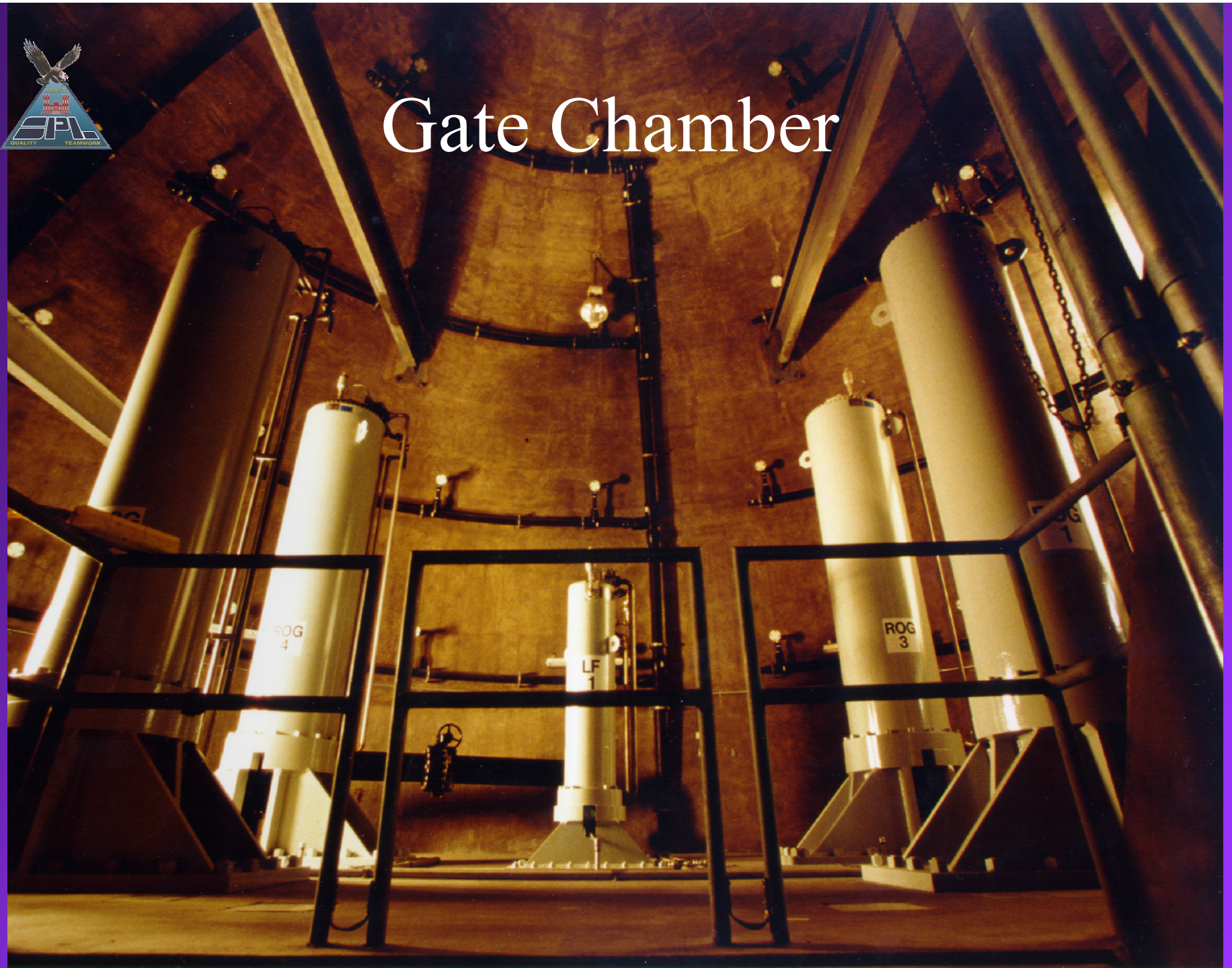


Intake Structure





Gate Chamber





Hydraulic Gates



**LOOKING U/S RO GATE FRAMES
& ATTACHED BONNETS & CYLINDERS
FORMWORK FOR GATE PASSAGES**

Sep1988



Access Tunnel





Embankment and Plunge Pool





Hydraulic Design Requirements

- High velocity flow cavitation concern
- 1:25 physical model testing at WES/ERDC
- Flow aeration
- Embed pressure transducers in tunnel for flow testing
- High flow testing to verify design



WATER YEAR PRECIPITATION SUMMARY

Summary by River Basin (% of Historic Average)
For the period Oct 1, 2004 to Jun 30, 2005

	Oct-Jun	Season
• Santa Barbara Area	221	217
• Ventura – Los Angeles Area	236	231
• Santa Ana River	226	217
• San Diego Area	190	183

Ref: California Cooperative Snow Surveys
(<http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/iodir/PRECIPSUM.2005>)





























High Pool El.2392(March 2005)



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Hydraulic Testing

Table 1 Testing Schedule and Maximum Discharge Rates

Testing Schedule Feb 17 - Mar 9		Testing Pool (ft)	Range of Gate Openings	Maximum Test Flow Rate (cfs)	Maximum Operational Flow Rate* (cfs)
21-Feb	MDL Test	2373	10%-100%	135	120
22-Feb	MDLE Test	2373	100%	115	100
25-Feb	Low Flow Test	2383	0.25' - 3'	560	700
8-Mar	Right RO Gate Test low Openings	2391	0.5' - 3'	1540	4900
9-Mar	Right RO Gate Test-High Openings	2392	3.5' - 8' 5'	2000 2520	
10-Mar	Combined RO Gate Test**	2390	0.5' - 6.8'	6600	

* Maximum Operational Flow Rate is stated in the *Seven Oaks Water Control Manual*, Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District 2003

Maximum pool for RO gates is 2580 ft, Maximum pool for MDL and MDLE = 2300 feet

Max. opening for two gate operation = 6.8 feet; max. opening for single gate operation = 8 feet

** stricken items were cancelled due to slab failure

Minimum Discharge Line Flow Test



Cone Valves Flow Jet



High Flow Test (9Mar05)



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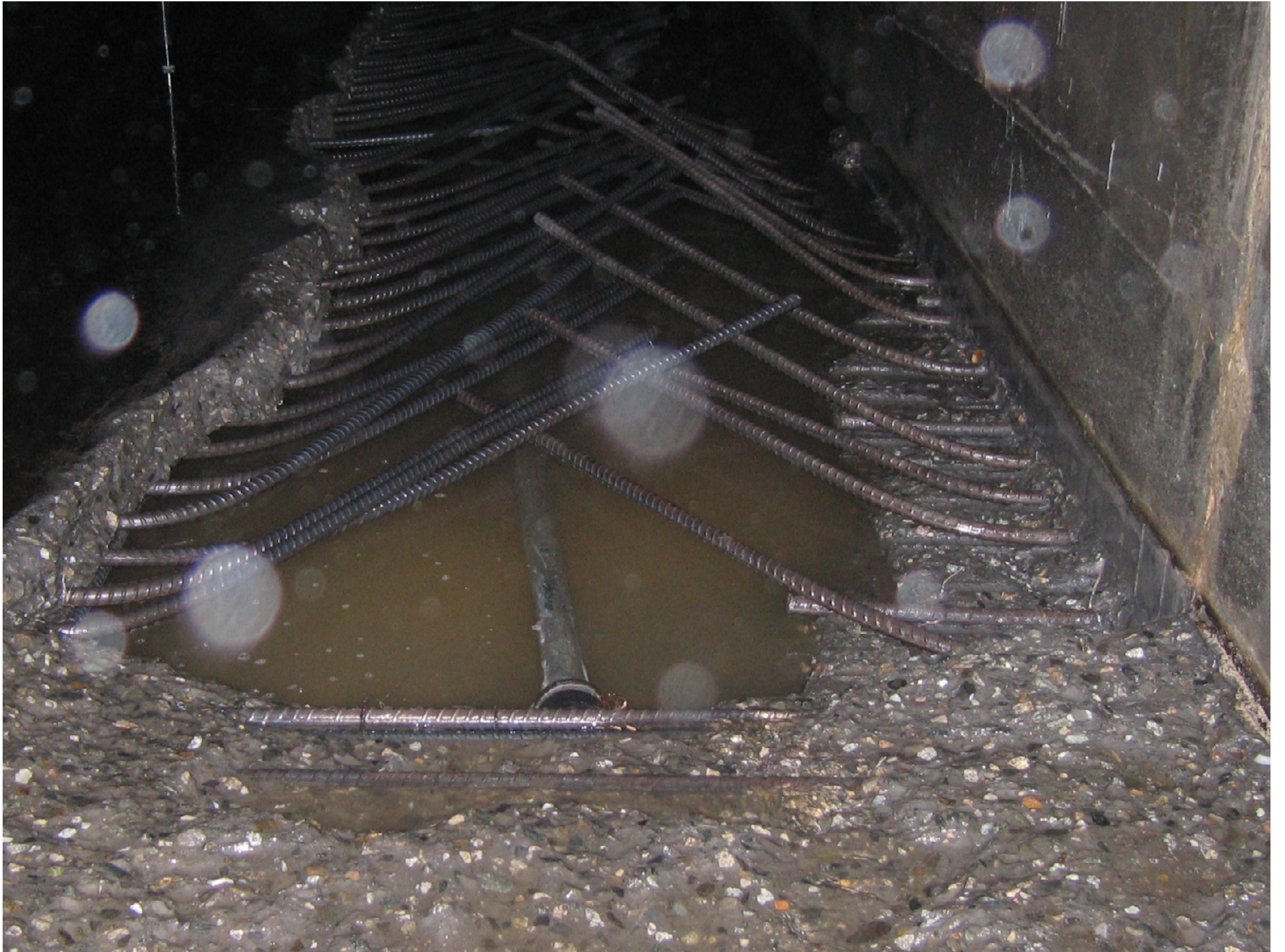


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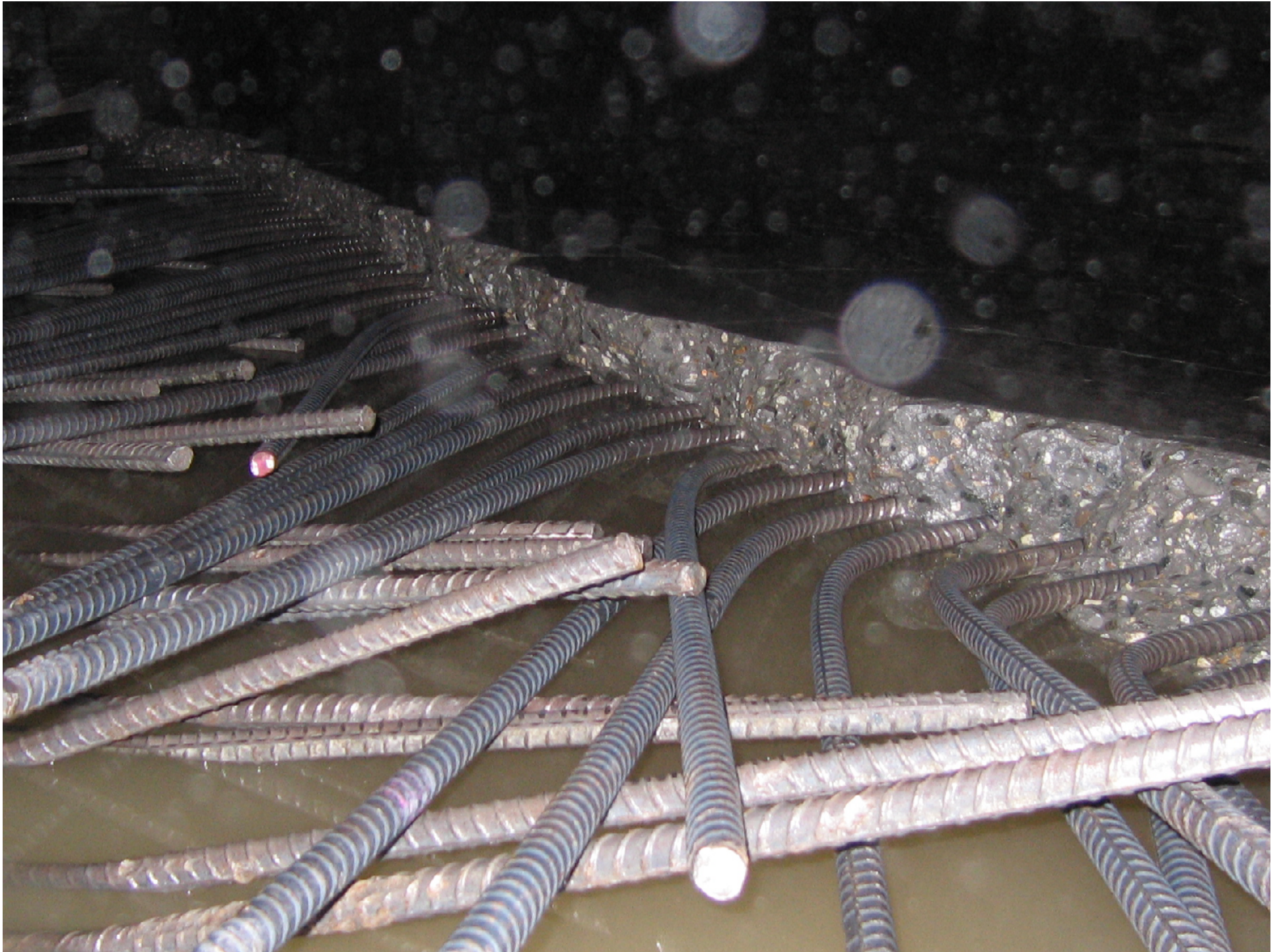




























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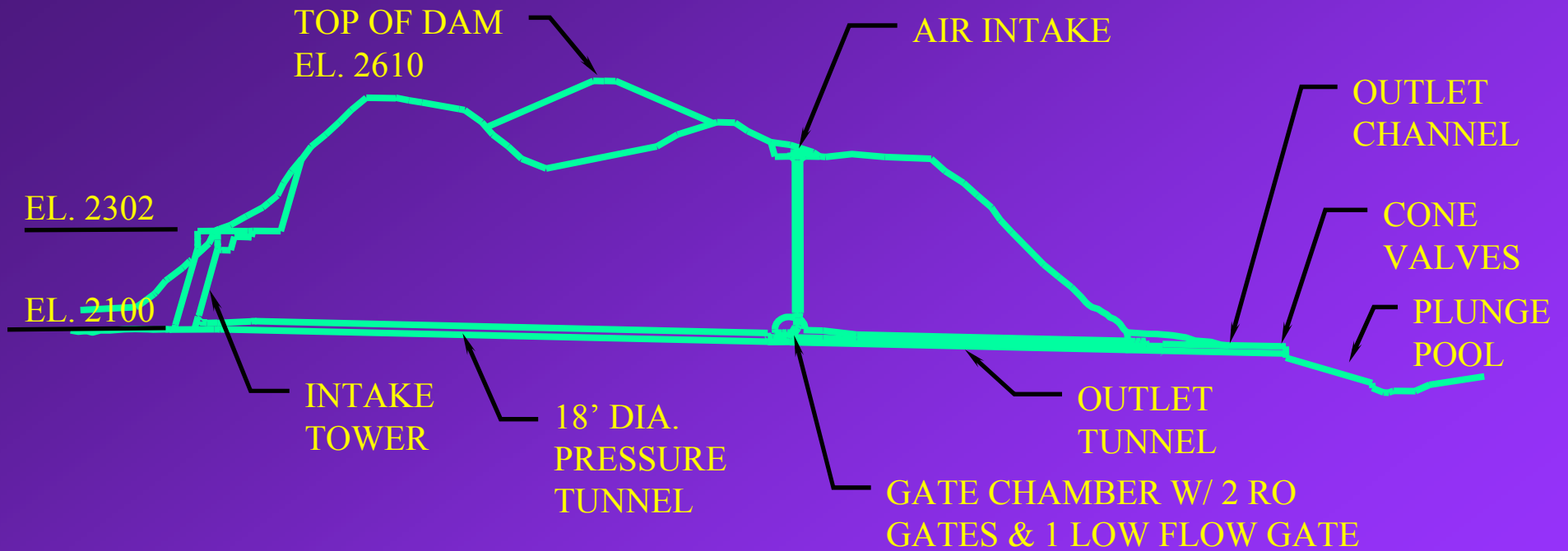
- Was it caused by cavitation?
- Debris impact?
- Groundwater uplift?
- Negative air pressure?
- Differential concrete shrinkage?
- Design deficiency?
- Construction defect?
- Earthquake?

“Just the Facts, Ma’am”

Courtesy of Sgt. Joe Friday
“Dragnet” Detective Drama Series
1952-59, 1967-70



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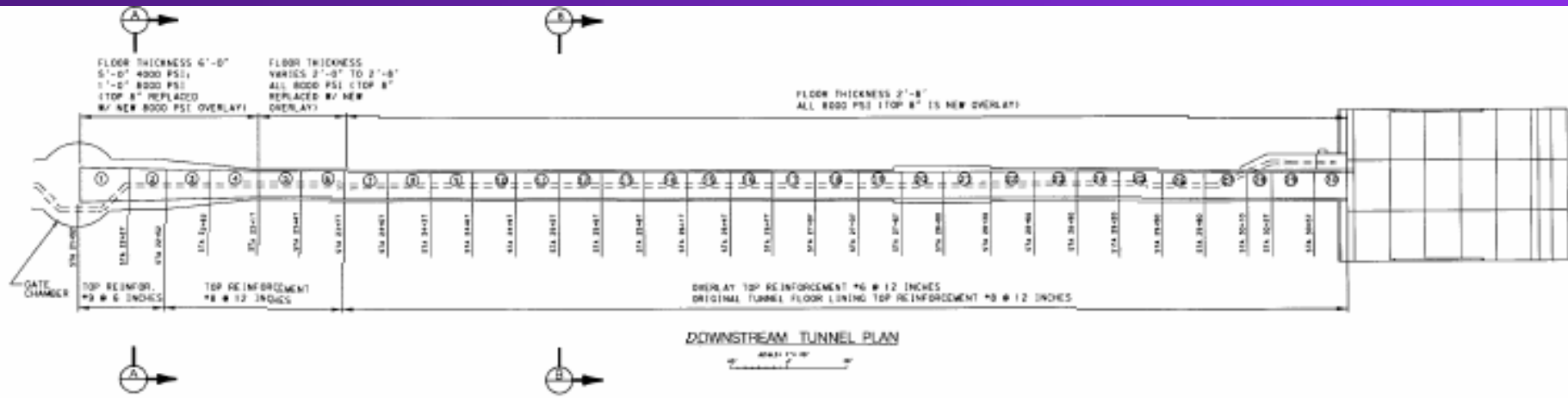


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- Reservoir Height - 291 ft.
- Tower Height - 200 ft.
- U/S Tunnel - 18' dia., 1000' long
- D/S Tunnel - 18' X 18.5', 600' long
- Gate Chamber - 50' dia.
- Air Shaft - 11' dia., 320' vertical, max. $v=140$ fps
- 2 RO Gates - 5' wide X 8.5' high
- 1 Low Flow Gate – 2' wide X 3.5' high
- Max. $Q=8,000$ cfs, max. $v=115$ fps @ RO gates

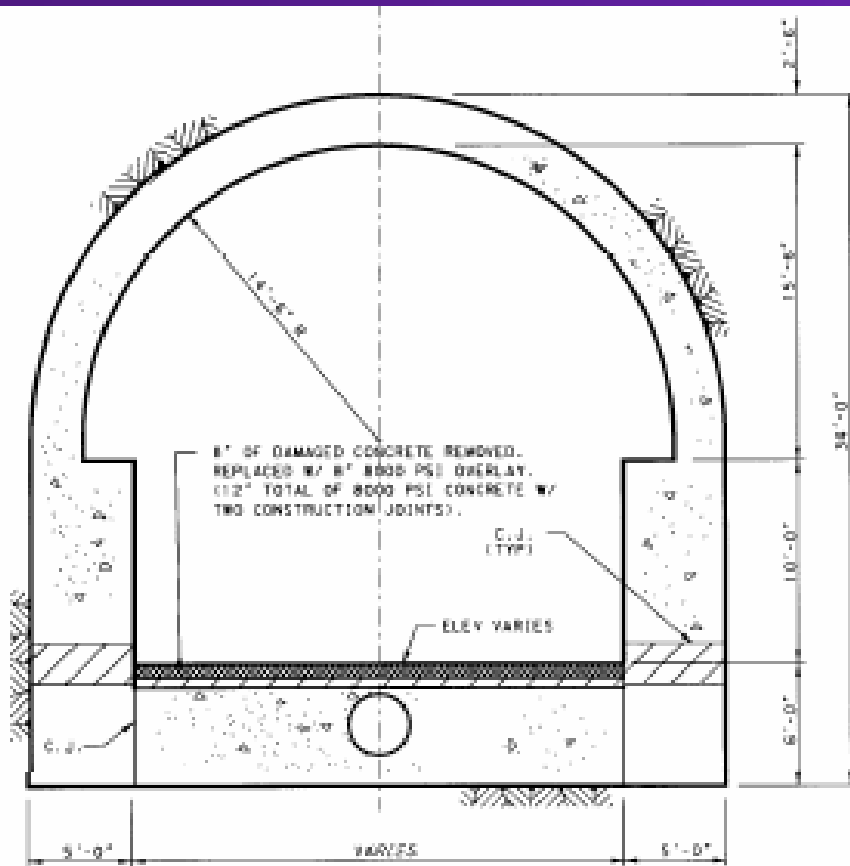


Downstream Tunnel Plan

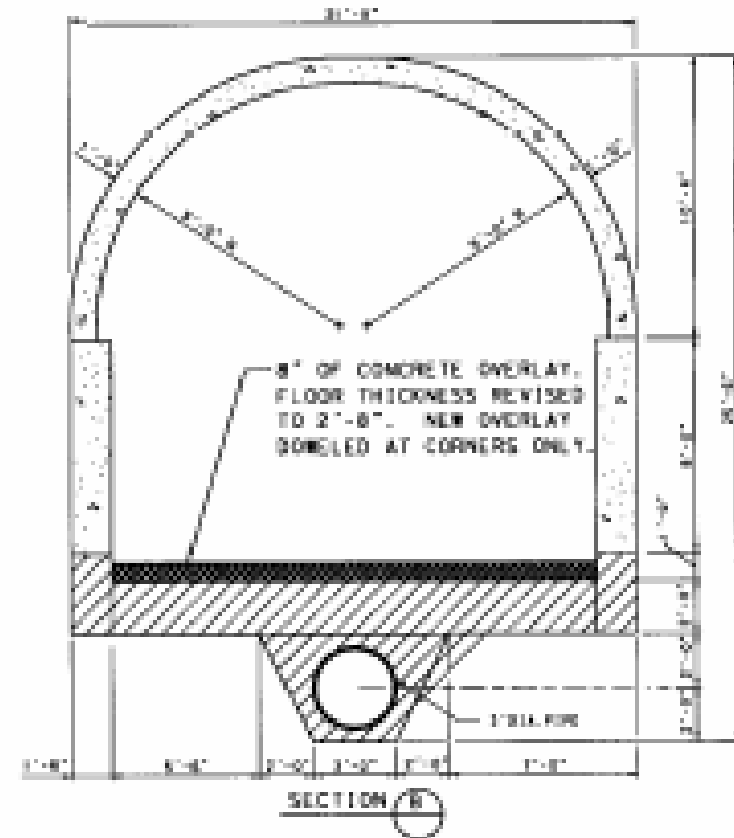




Downstream Tunnel Section 1 and Section 2



SECTION A



SECTION B



Instrumentation

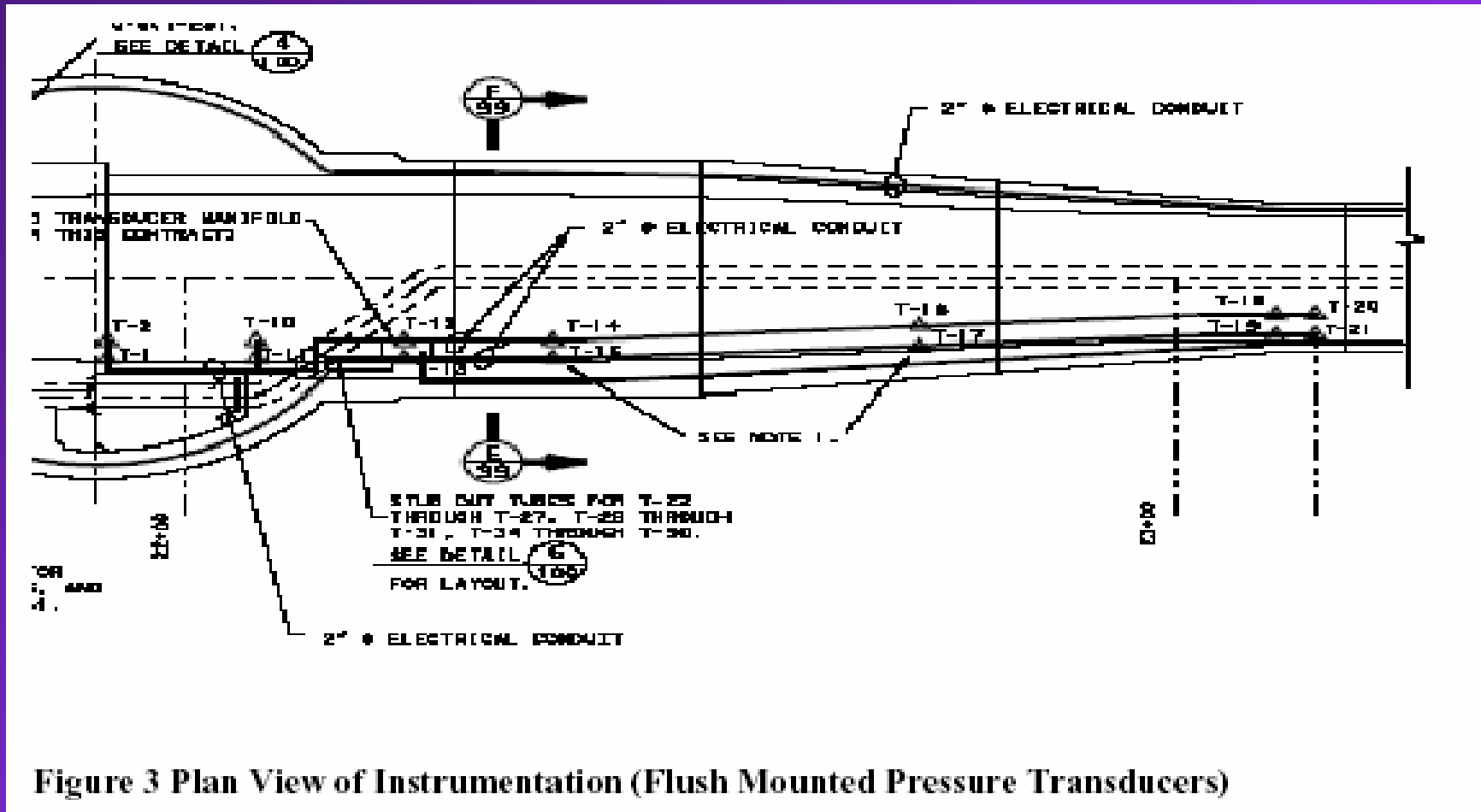


Figure 3 Plan View of Instrumentation (Flush Mounted Pressure Transducers)



Design Assumptions

- Resist external rock and groundwater
- Invert designed as full-depth beam
- High strength silica fume topping for erosion resistance of high velocity flow
- Silica fume bond to base concrete and act monolithically
- No epoxy bonding agent
- No reinforcement across transverse joints



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Investigation and Repair

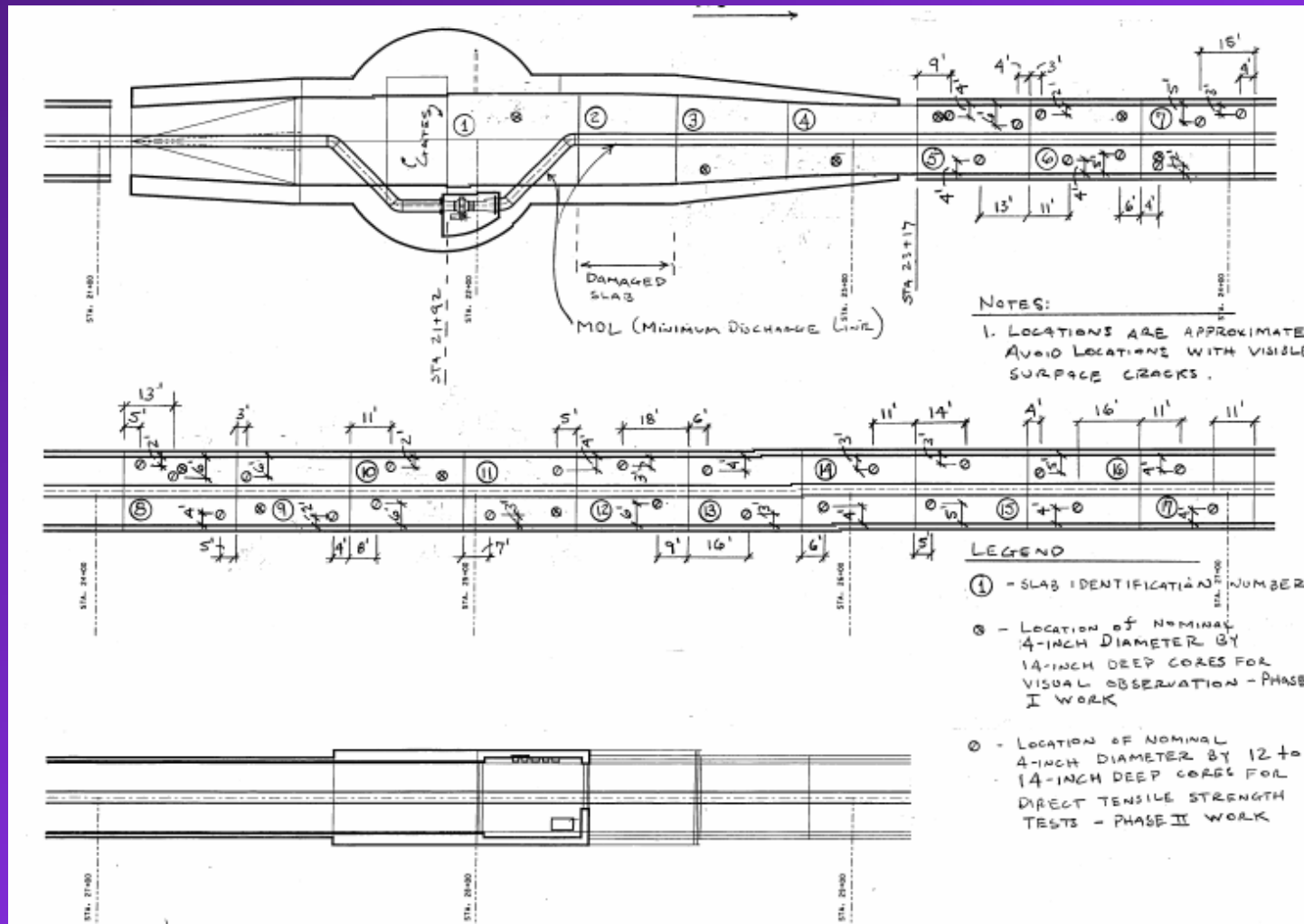
- Phase 1- Concrete Cores for Visual, Petrography, and Strength Tests
- Phase 2 – Additional Concrete Cores for Visual, Detail Petrography, and Tensile Tests
- Phase 3 – Demolition of Critical Slabs
- Phase 4 - Repair of Critical Slabs
- Phase 5 – Repair of Additional Slabs



Concrete Coring Investigation

(Apr & May 05)

67% Cores Debonded





Slab 1 Damage Surface



Fig. 3a – Cracking, delamination, and erosion of Slab 1 surface



Slab 2 Concrete Cores



Fig. 6 – Top surfaces (SFC-CC interface) of Slab 2 cores

Slabs 1 to 17 Typical Concrete Cores

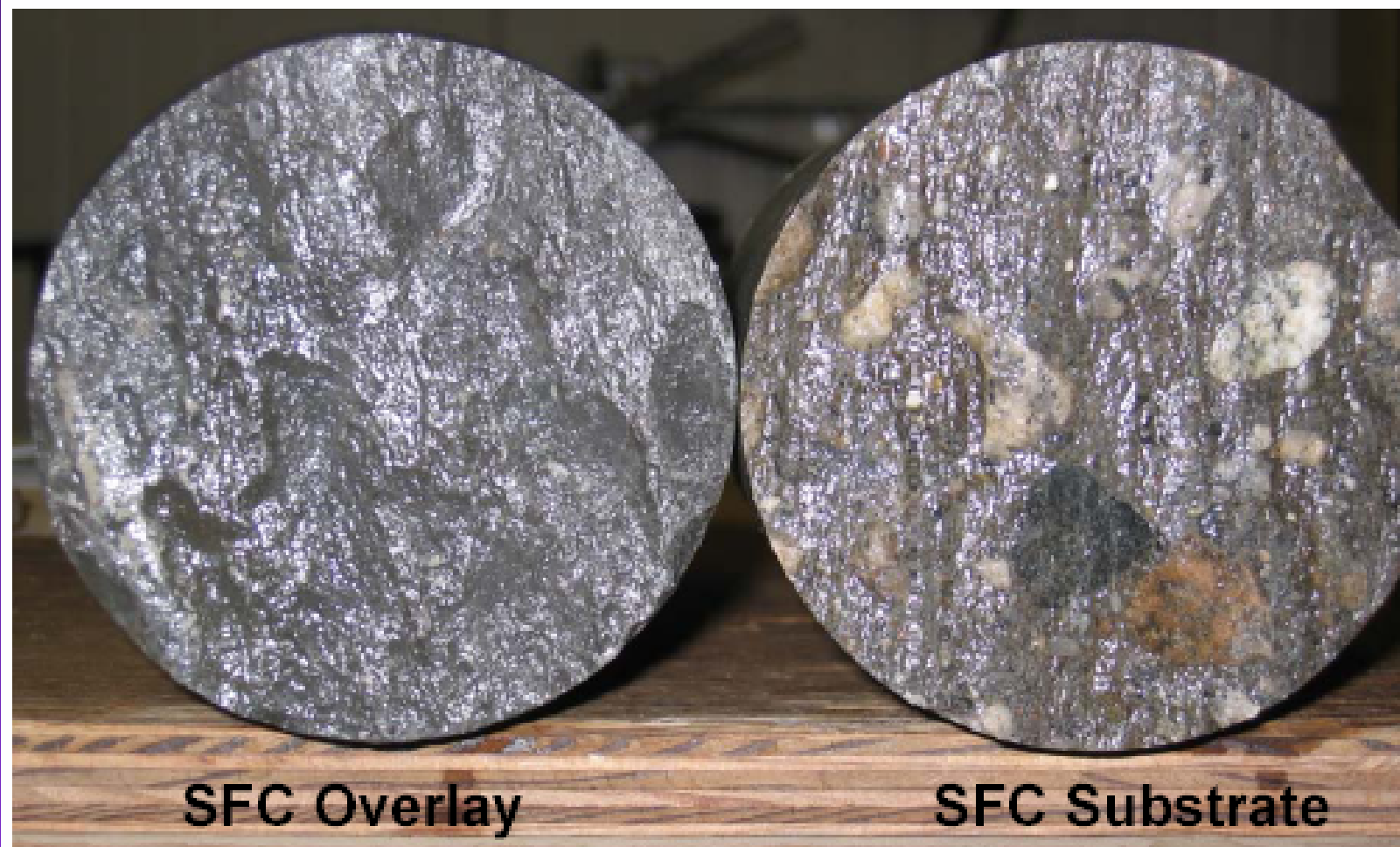


Fig. 9 – Typical failure surfaces on cores from Slabs 7-17

Concrete Cores Investigation

- Phase 1- Concrete Core Testing
 - > Completed – 27 Apr 05
 - > 67 % cores debonded
 - > Compressive strength tests pending
 - > Cursory petrography suggests tensile failure from incomplete bond development due to improper surface preparation or cold joint formation;
 - > Veneer of carbonate deposit

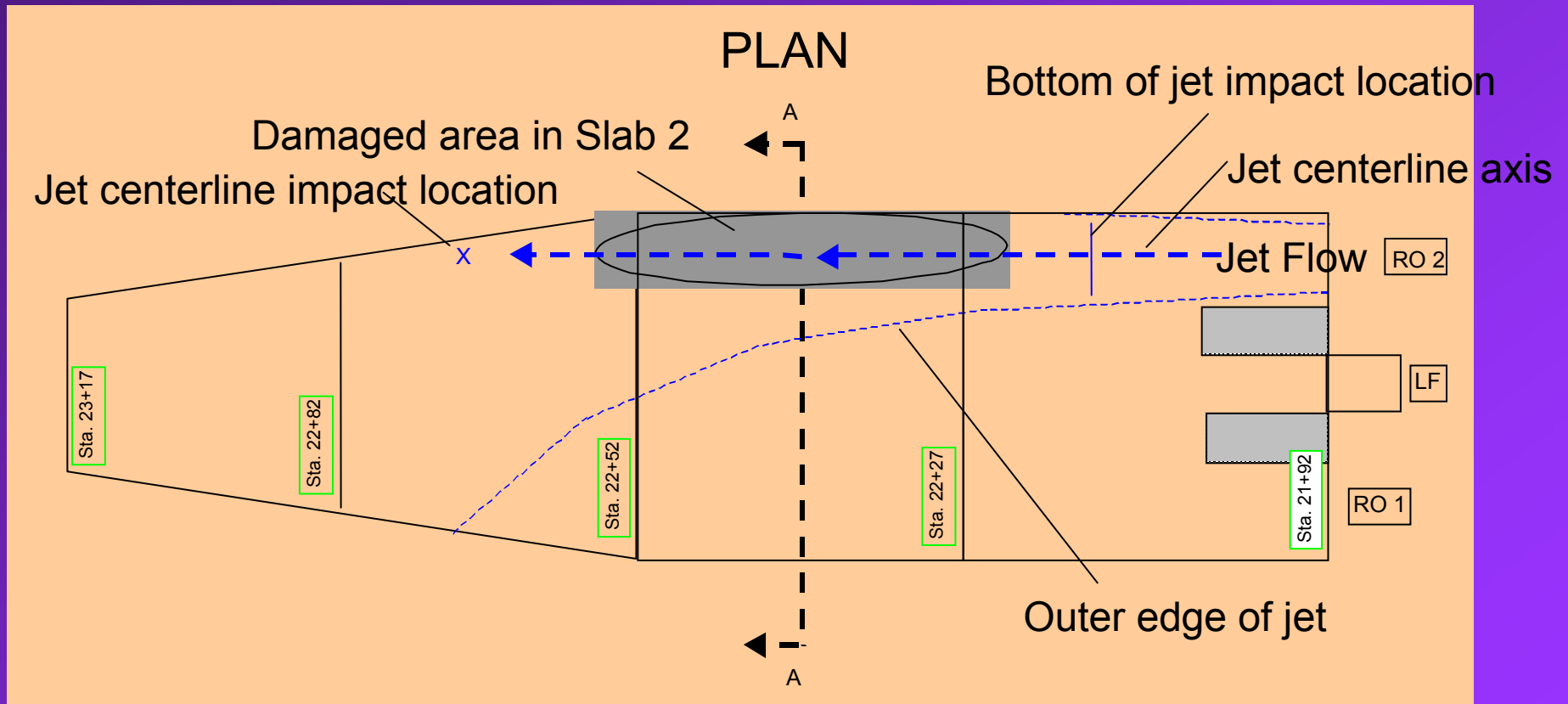
Concrete Cores Investigation

- Phase 2 – Additional Concrete Core Testing
 - > Completed – 4 May 05
 - > 63 % cores debonded
 - > Prelim detailed petrography confirms SC/CC interface exhibits layer of solidified carbonate-based residue;
 - > Inadequate surface roughness for mechanical bonding; weak concrete at interface due higher W/C;
 - > Final report pending

Analysis

- Reservoir at el.2392
- Gate opening at 5.0 ft
- Flow rate 2,520 cfs
- Velocity 130 ft/s
- Stagnation pressure 120 psi, but jet impingement pressure estimated 5 to 10 psi
- Pressure highest at invert joint with wall
- Only 0.7 psi to uplift silica fume layer

Plan View of Damaged Slab Area





Free-Body Diagram of Damaged Slab Cross-section

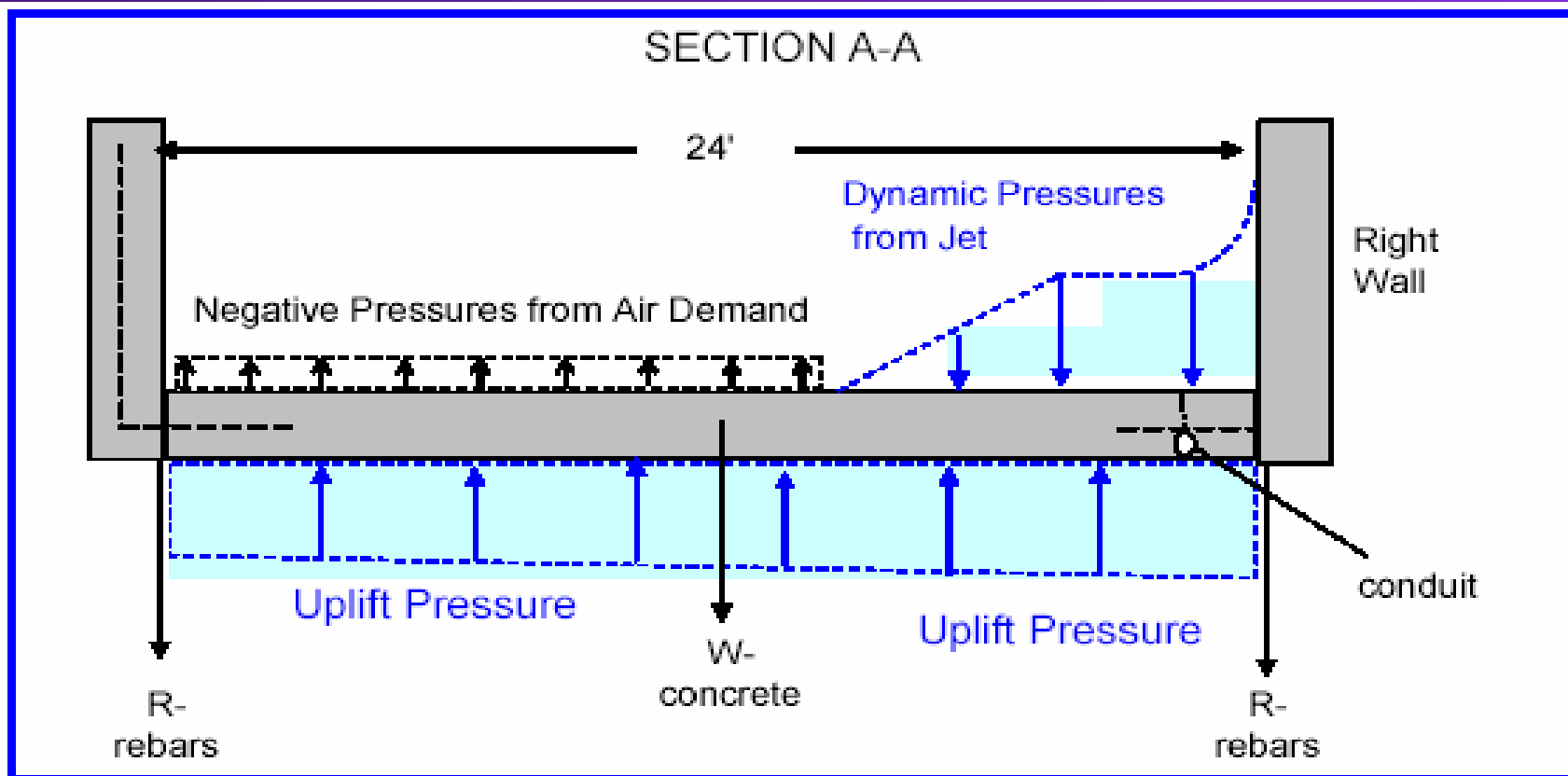


Figure 24 Tunnel Floor Free Body Diagram



Flow Jet Trajectory

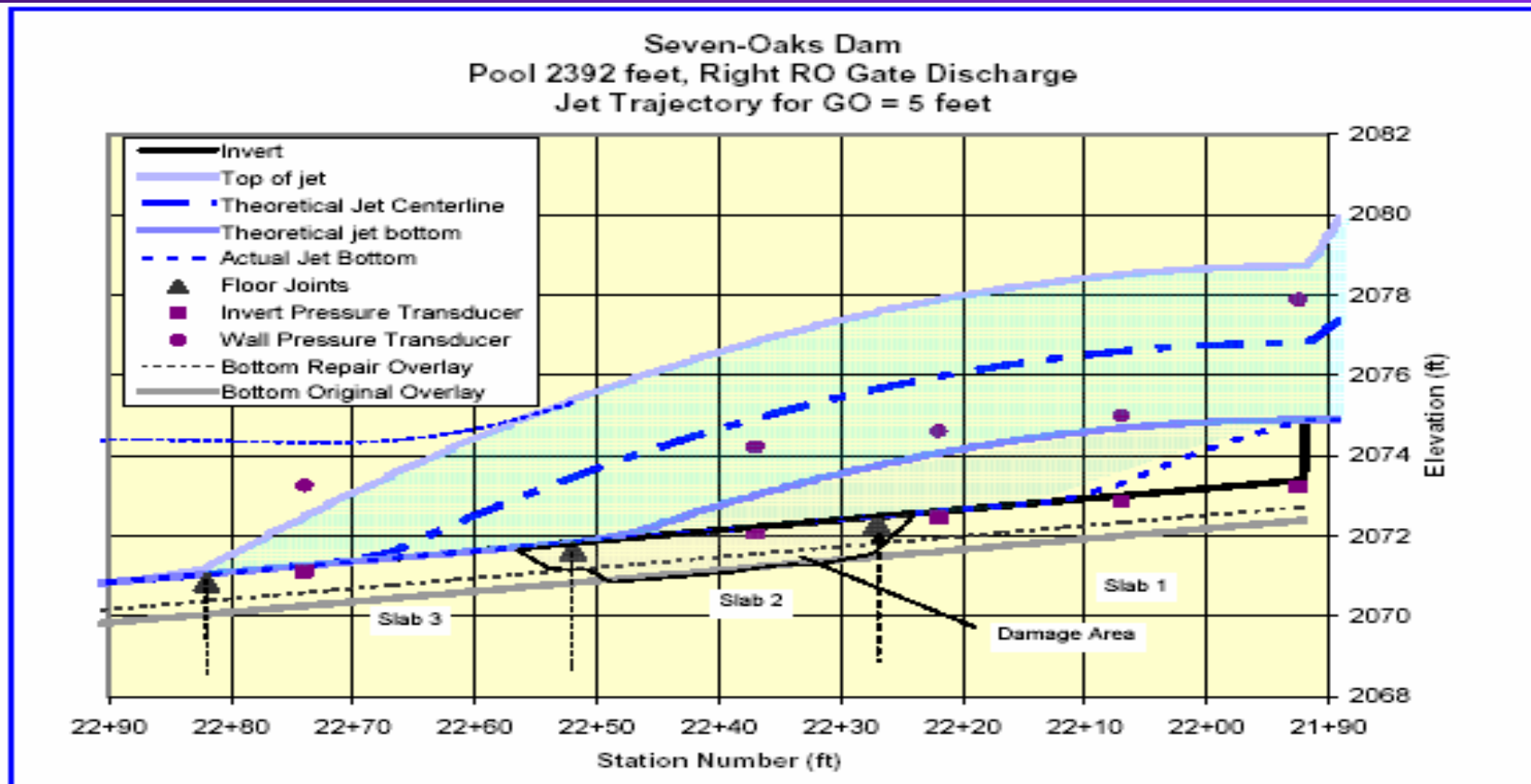


Figure 23 Schematic of Jet Trajectory at Gate Opening 5 feet, Prior to Failure Event



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Tunnel Invert Damage - Cause

- Water Pressure from high velocity flow jet penetrates construction joints.



Tunnel Invert Damage - Cause

- Pressure migrates through seams between poorly bonded to debonded silica fume concrete overlay and substrate concrete and increases.



Tunnel Invert Damage - Cause

- Water pressure under overlay combined with reduced air pressure breaks bond between overlay and substrate concrete, and lifts up overlay.



Tunnel Invert Damage - Cause

- Impact from jet breaks up overlay slab, pulverizes slab into smaller pieces, and completely erodes away edge of overlay.

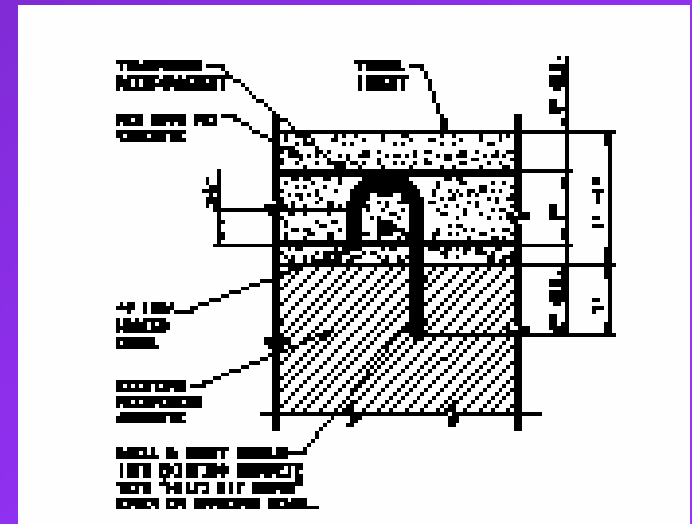
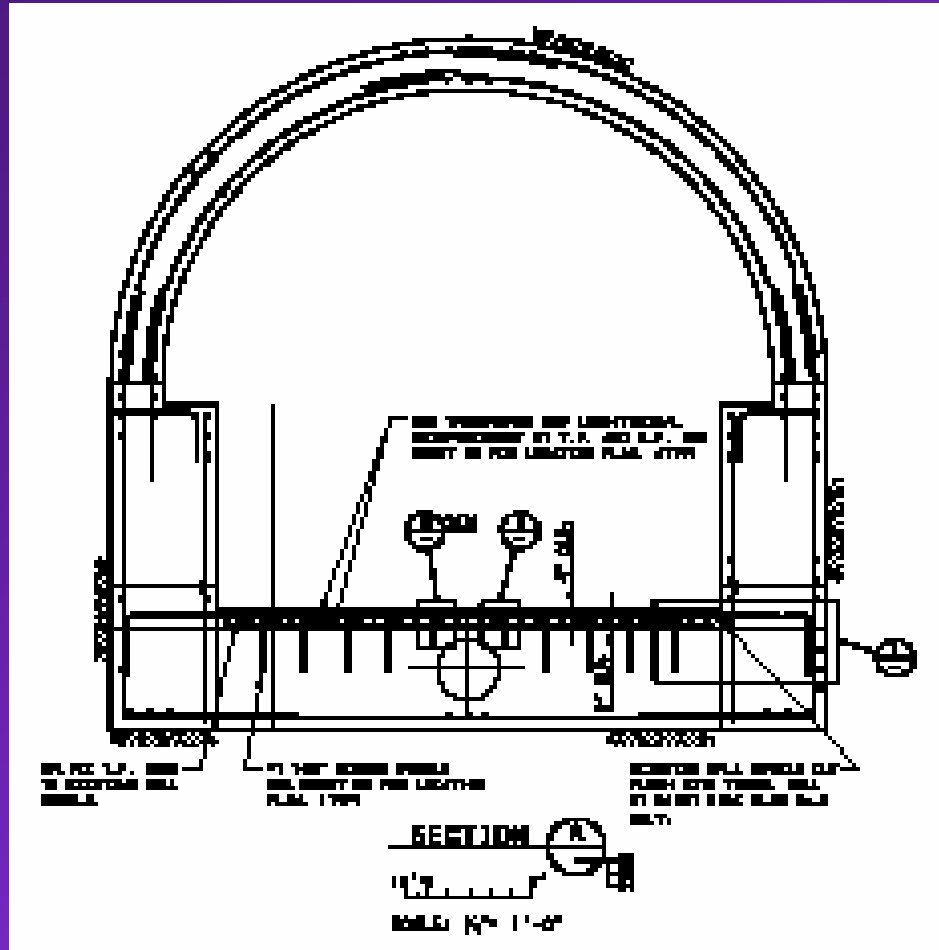


SEVEN OAKS DAM Tunnel Invert Repair Plan

- Remove Damaged and Suspect Slabs
- Anchor New Overlay to Base Concrete
- Assure Proper Joint Preparation & Bond Enhancement
- Use Non-Shrink High Strength Concrete

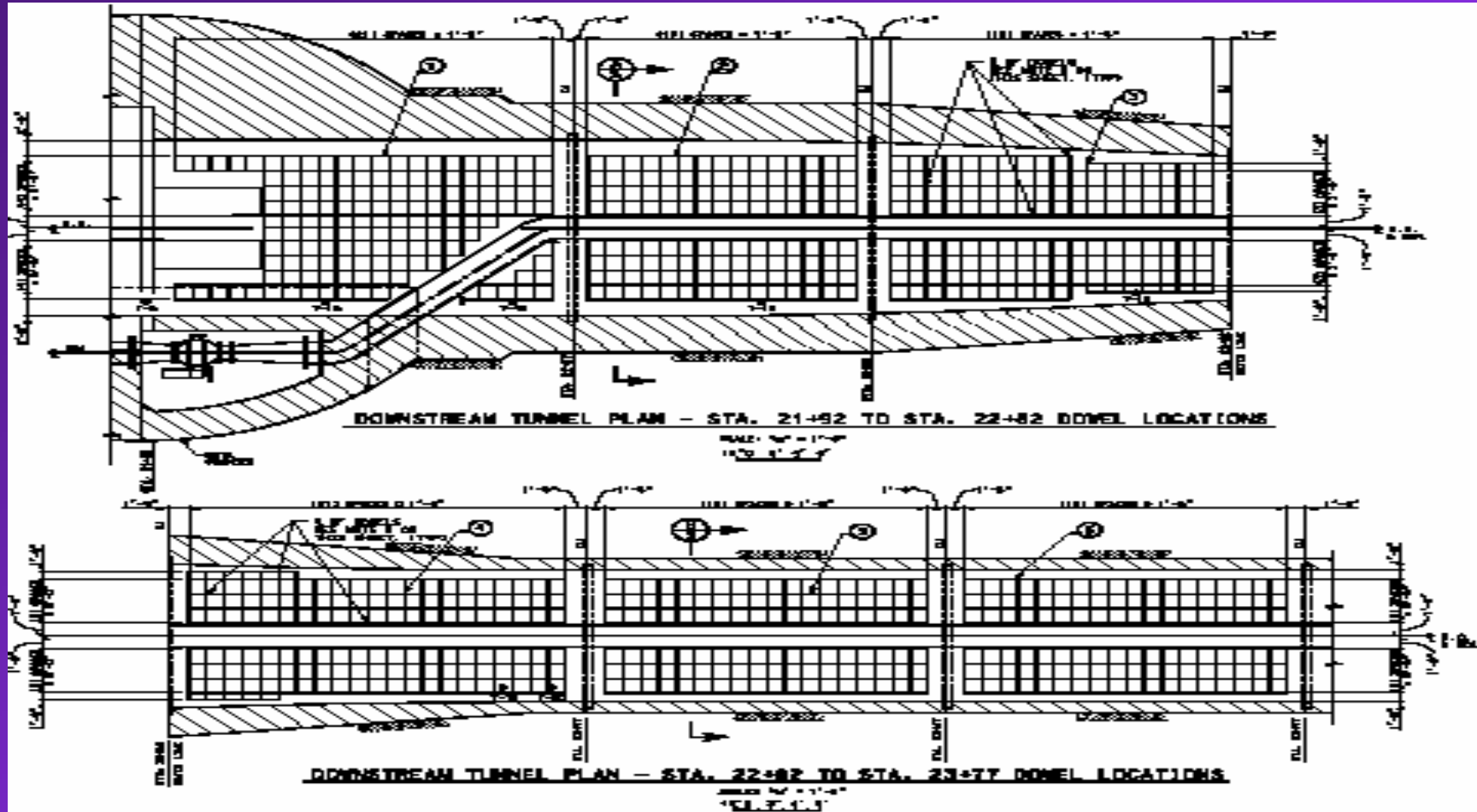


Slab Repair Plan





Slab Repair Plan





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Repair Schedule

- Phase 3 – Demolition Critical Slabs 1 to 6

Construction Complete – 5 Aug 2005

- Phase 4 – Repair Critical Slabs 1 to 6

Construction Complete – 30 Sep 2005

- Phase 5 – Demolition and Repair Additional Slabs as Required

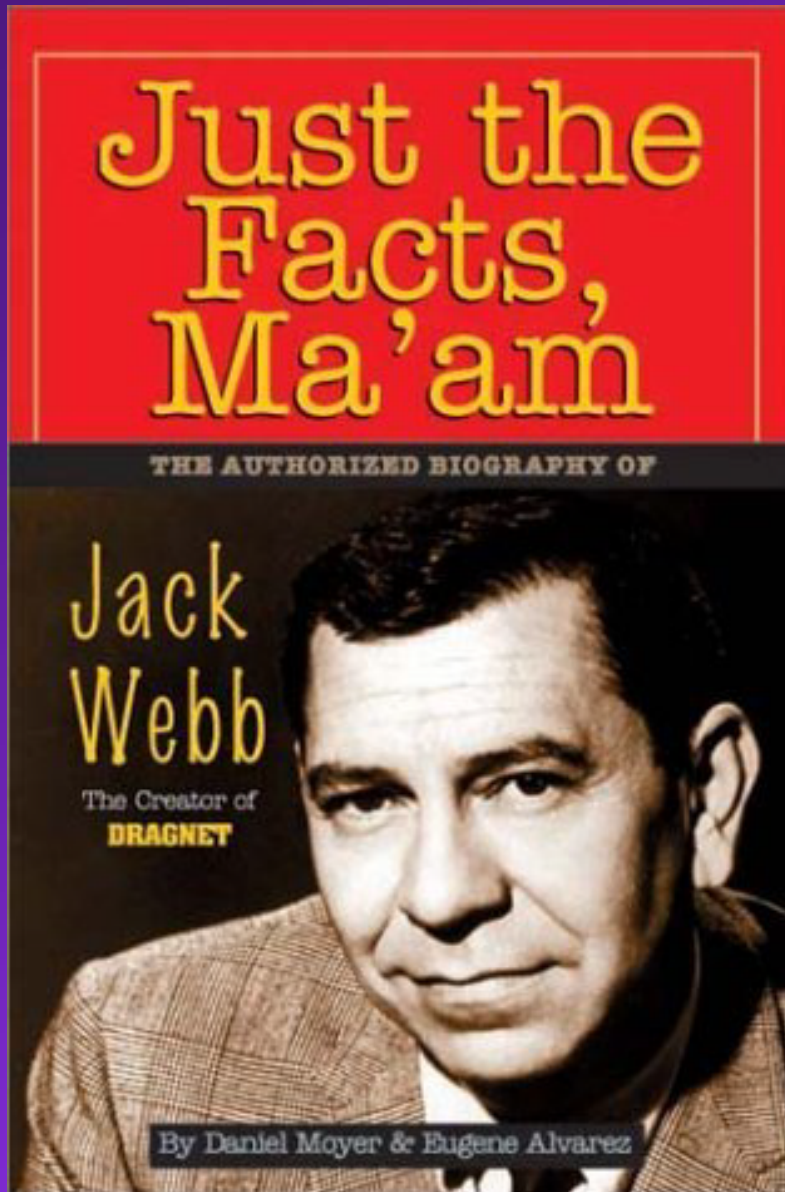
Construction Complete – 30 Sep 2006

“Dum Dee Dum Dum
Dum Dee Dum Dum Dum”

Music Theme

“Dragnet” Detective Drama Series

1952-59, 1967-70



1920 - 1982
Creator and
Main Character of
“Dragnet”
TV Series

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