

OBERMEYER GATED SPILLWAY S381

Jacksonville District 2005





General Information

- S381 is a 3 bay broad crested spillway structure equipped with Obermeyer gates that was completed in March 2005 for \$5.5 million
- Designed as a water quality structure
- Purpose is to prevent urban runoff from communities west of Ft. Lauderdale from flowing west to water conservation areas
- 2,880 CFS discharge capacity





General Information (Cont.)

 Spillway is located along the C-11 Canal in Southeast Florida, west of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.







Background Information

- The original design called for a 2 bay vertical lift gated/ogee weir spillway structure in C-11 canal.
- Vertical lift gate structure was under construction.







Problems with Old Design

- Topography in area very flat, heavily developed
- Problems and concerns surfaced with the hydraulic design
- Local drainage districts upstream of the spillway realized that the 6" head differential created across structure meant more potential flooding than without project condition
- H&H design approach was for water quality did not perform modeling of the watershed area to the east for flooding





Solution

- Decision made to abandon vertical lift gate design and redesign structure as an Obermeyer gated spillway (nearly zero head loss across structure)
- First time use for Jacksonville District
- Terminated existing construction contract
- Spillway was redesigned through an AE task order. HDR, Engineering Inc. did the new design and had previously designed one of these spillways in FL.
- NTP for construction contract was issued in October 03 and structure was completed in March 05.



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- 5) Clinton Weir Michigan Fall 96 Diversion
- 6) Saylorville Lake- Iowa Fall 93 Flood Control





Obermeyer Gate Details

- Gates consist of two gate panels per bay supported by reinforced air bladders on the down stream side.
- Gates are raised and lowered by inflating or deflating the reinforced air bladders with compressed air.
- Gates are a bottom hinged system that are attached to the foundation with a row of anchors bolts.
- By controlling the air pressure in the bladders, the water elevations can be accurately maintained within the control range (full inflation to full deflation).





Obermeyer Gate Details (Cont.)

- Restraining straps keep gate from overturning in a reverse head condition
- Lower O&M costs associated with Obermeyer gates compared with vertical lift gate spillways.
- Cleaner water discharge with Obermeyer gates verse vertical lift gate spillways since discharge is over the top instead of from the bottom.
- OHI provides design services (calculations, drawings, etc.) for the gates.

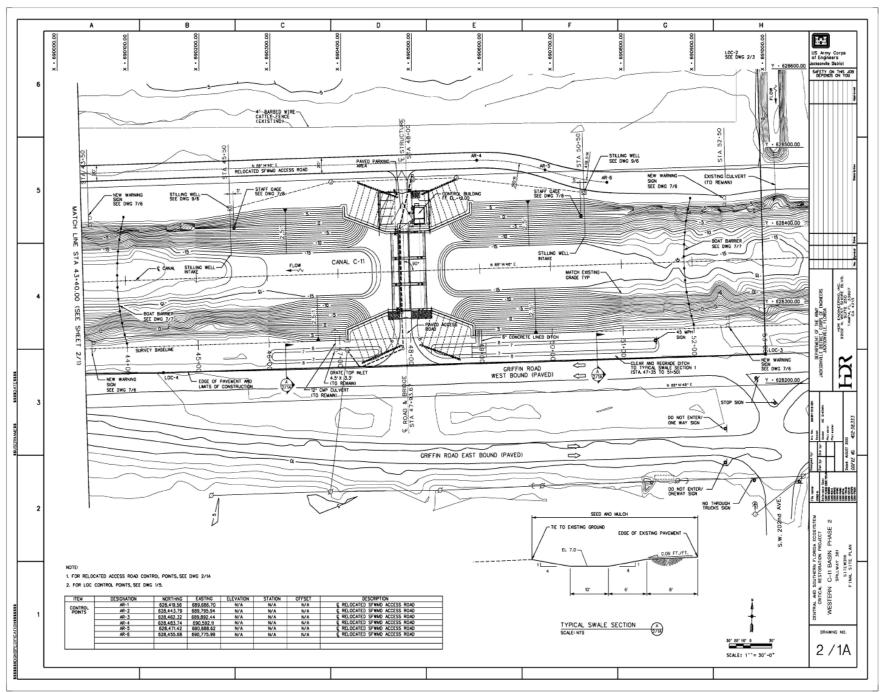




Sole Source Issue

- Sole source justification was required by Contracting Division in order to use Obermeyer gates.
- HDR performed up to 70% of design until sole source approval.

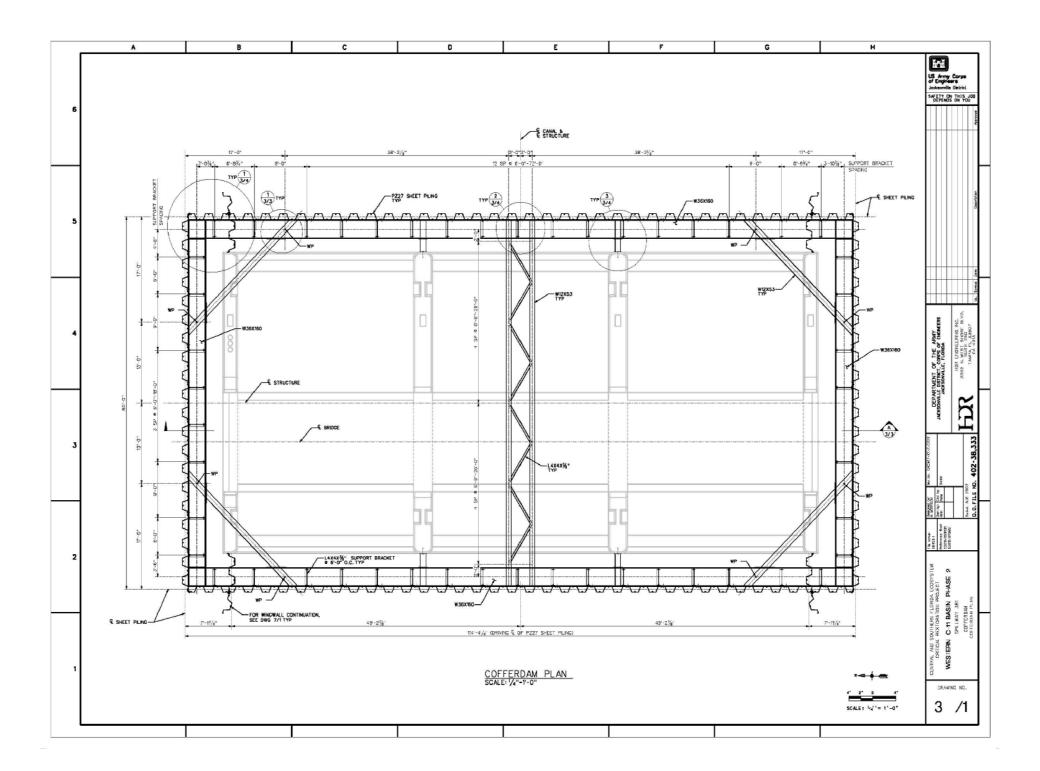




Braced Cofferdam

- Required construction of work platform and diversion channel
- Bottom of foundation approx 20' below water surface
- Required blasting to get sheets through limestone





Tremie Seal

- 8' thick concrete seal placed by tremie to allow construction in dry
- Rock anchors used to reduce thickness of tremie and to anchor spillway structure

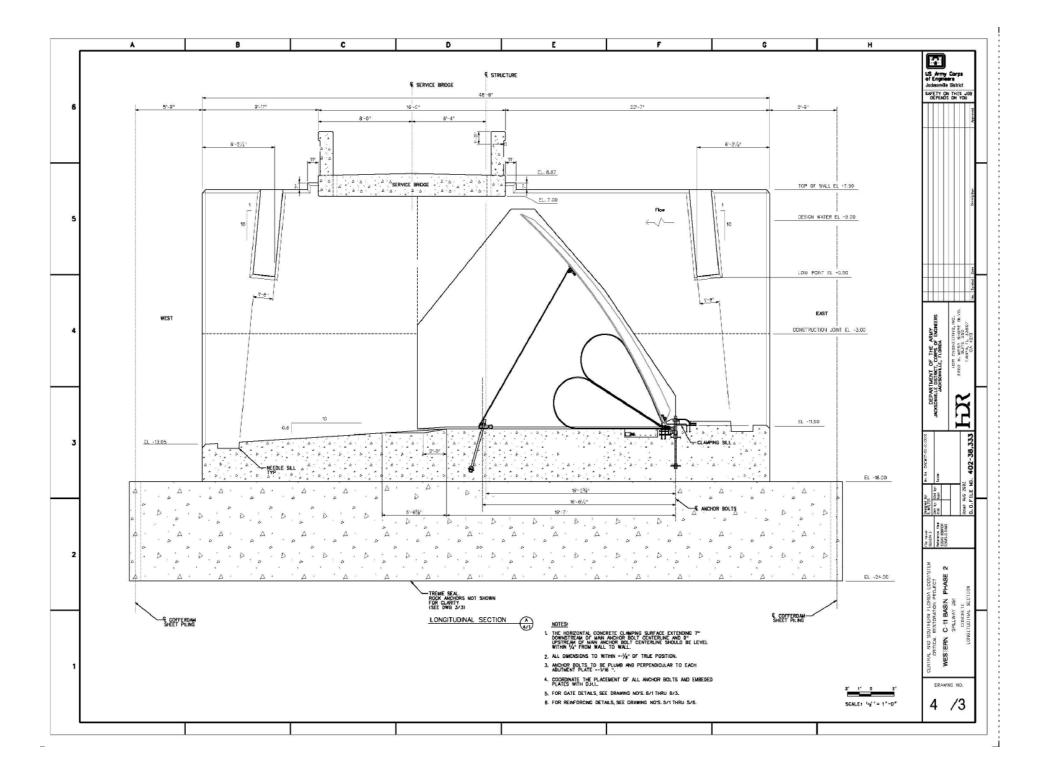


Spillway Structure

- 101'-6" long X 48'-6" wide overall
- Exterior walls 2'-6" thick
- Interior walls 3'-3" thick
- Walls designed to allow dewatering of any bay
- Foundation 3'-0" to 4'-6" thick
- Integral flat slab bridge helps to brace walls



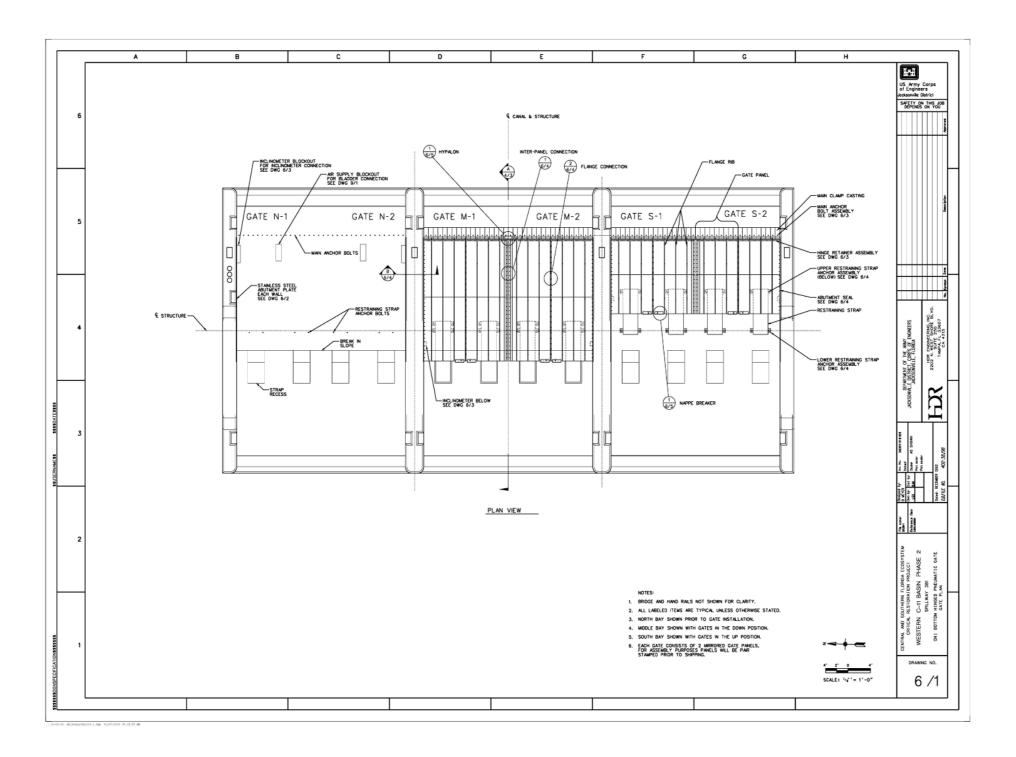


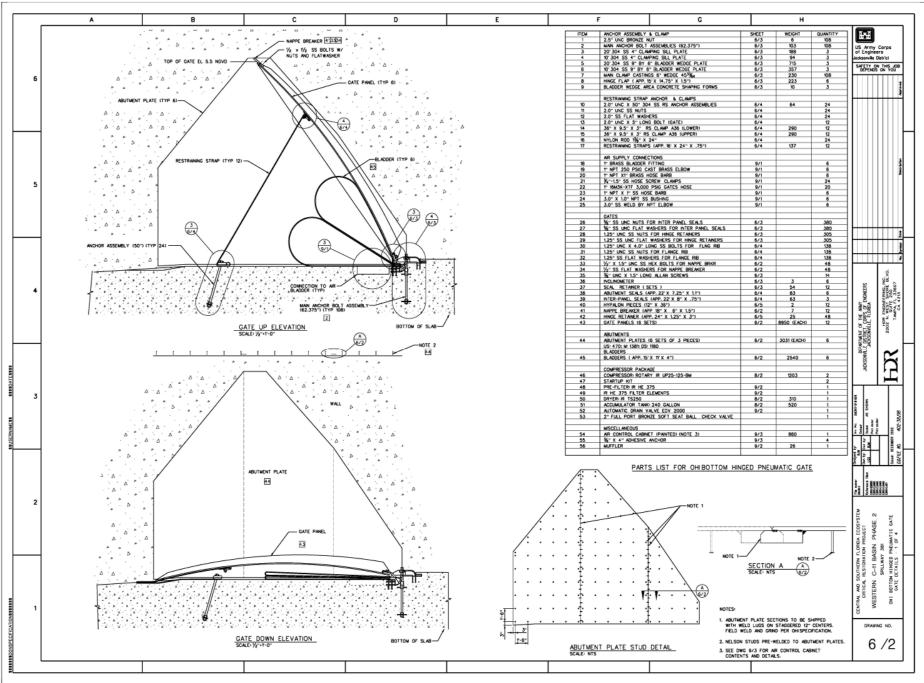


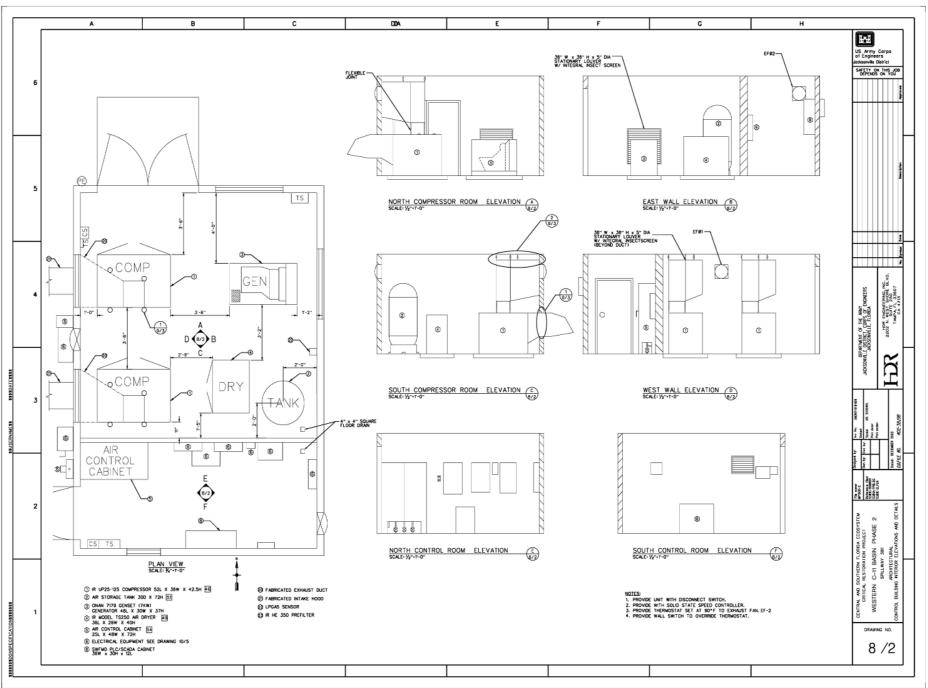
Design Criteria

- Structure designed to allow for dewatering of one bay at a time for maintenance
- Structure designed for a maximum water elevation of 5.00
- Designed for reverse head condition.
- Rock anchors designed for maximum overturning and sliding stability.









Construction Photos







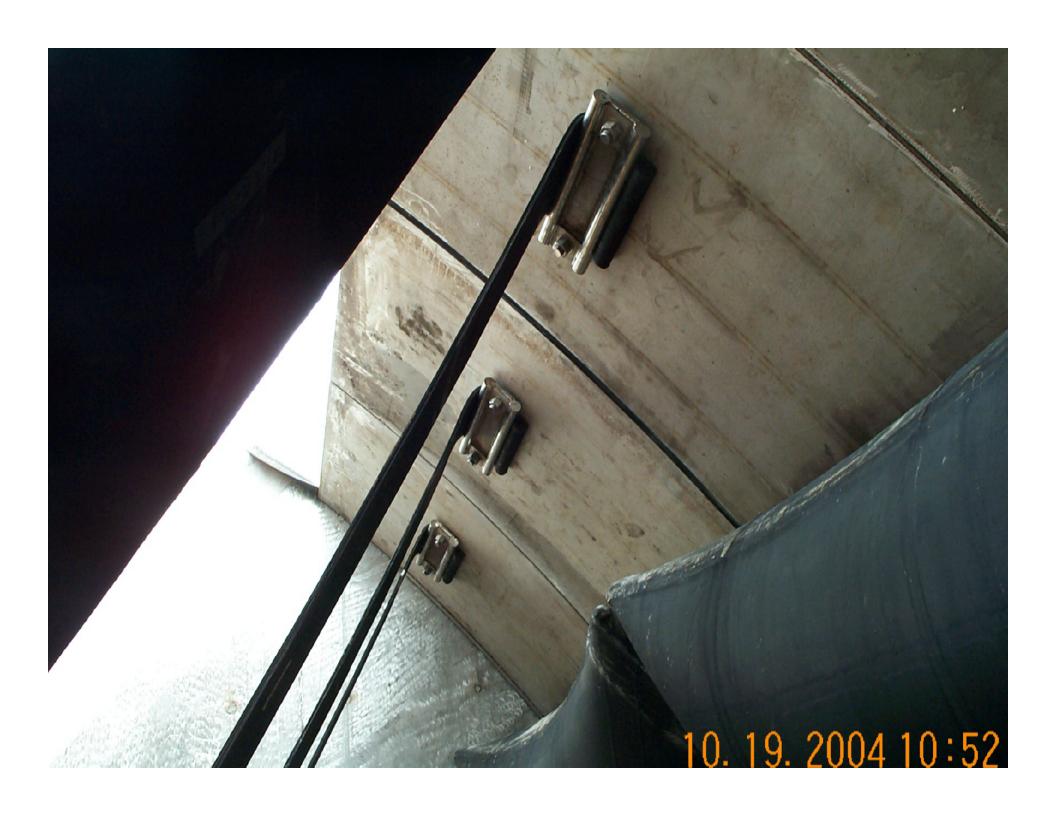
























Miscellaneous Contract Details

- Local sponsor (SFWMD) requested SST gates and abutment plates to reduce future O&M costs
- Bid Schedule Fixed cost bid item provided for Obermeyer services and equipment:

Includes equipment

Transporting equipment to site

Providing on-site installation services

- Cost for 6 gates all OHI supplied material ~ \$1,000,000
- OHI parts warranty 2 years



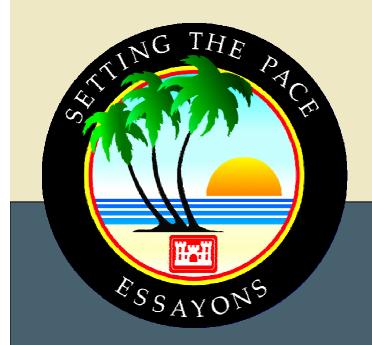


Final Comments

- 1. Jacksonville's H&H Branch has adopted these structures and proposed them on several future projects
- 2. Lower profile spillway structure that is mechanically much simpler due to no operating platform and may possibly save money
- 3. Use of this product successfully resolved a design dilemma for the Jacksonville District







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Video Presentation

Shows several of their installations

Benefits discussed include

- Drop gates without power (during floods)
- Gates can be independently operated
- Does not use hydraulic fluids
- Gates up to 10 meters tall
- Versatile, numerous applications





