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Chicago Underflow Plan – CUP McCook Reservoir Test Grout Program

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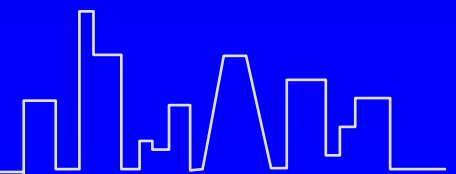




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Project Description

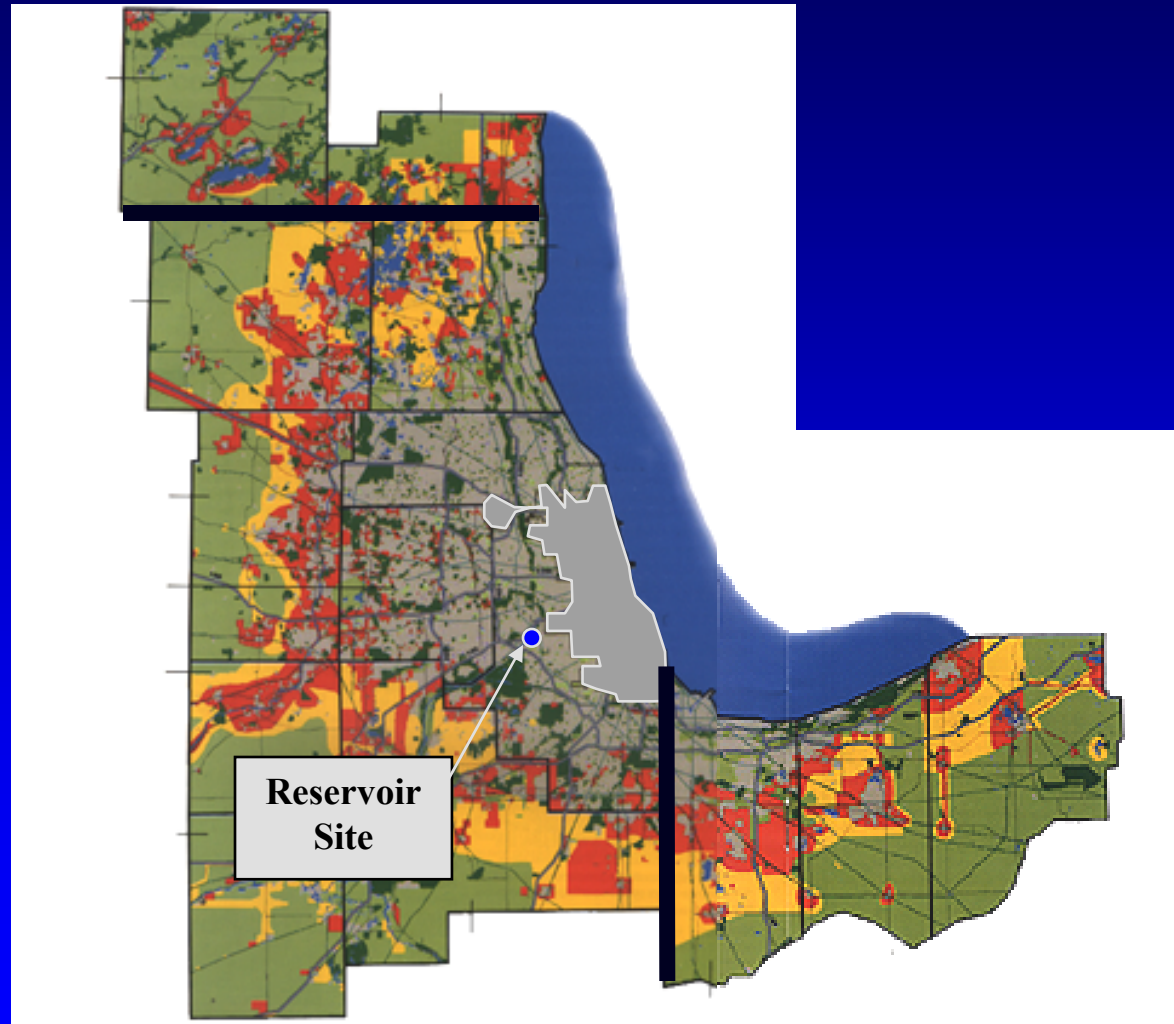
- **Flood control/CSO reservoir**
- **Captures CSO from Chicago and 37 suburbs**
- **Routed through Mainstream and Des Plaines Tunnels and Stickney Plant**
- **2 Stages - 21,000 acre-ft (7B gallons)**
- **300 ft deep (50 ft soil, 250 ft rock)**
- **Operational – 2010 (?)**
- **Project Completion - 2012**





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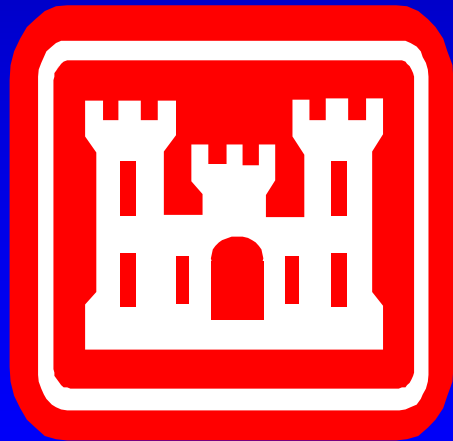
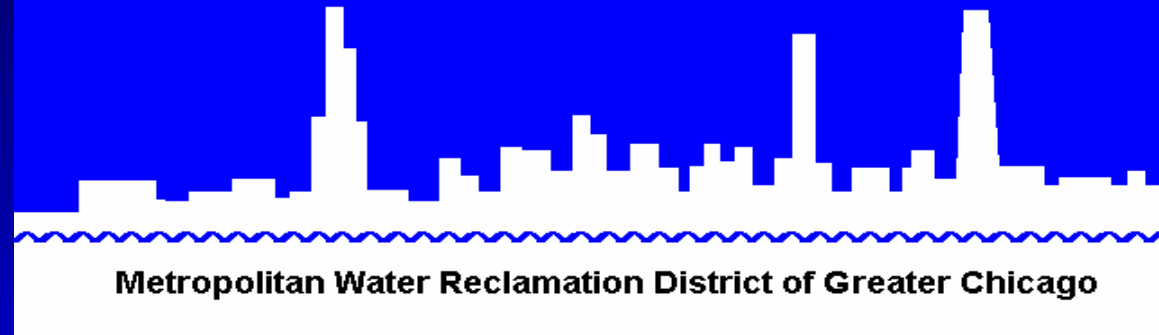




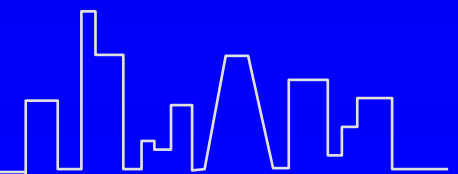
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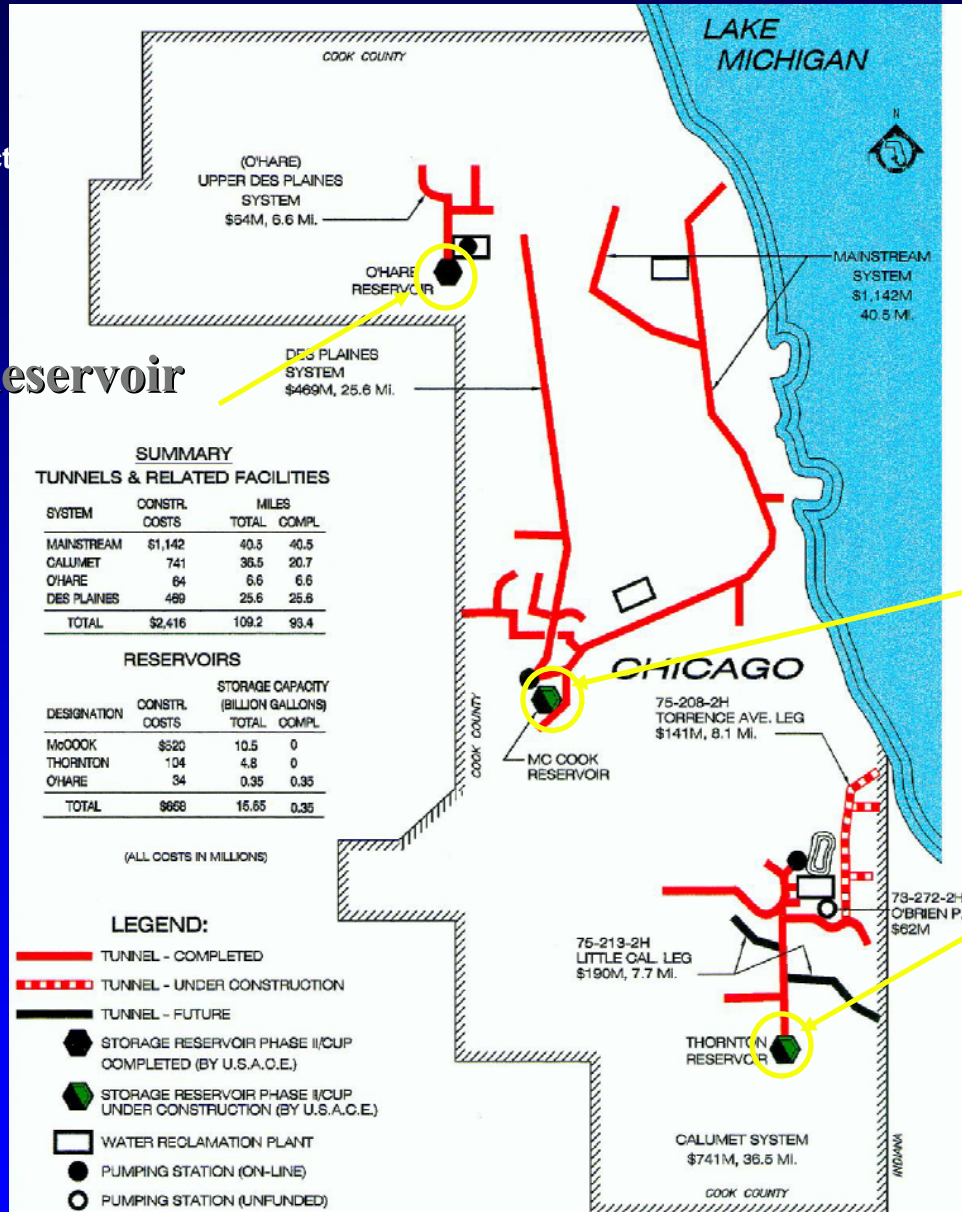
Tunnel and Reservoir Project - TARP

McCook Reservoir

Thornton Reservoir

110 miles of tunnels
within system
beneath Chicago and
surrounding suburbs

O'Hare Reservoir





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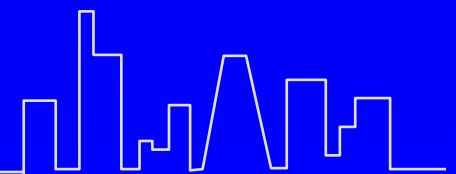
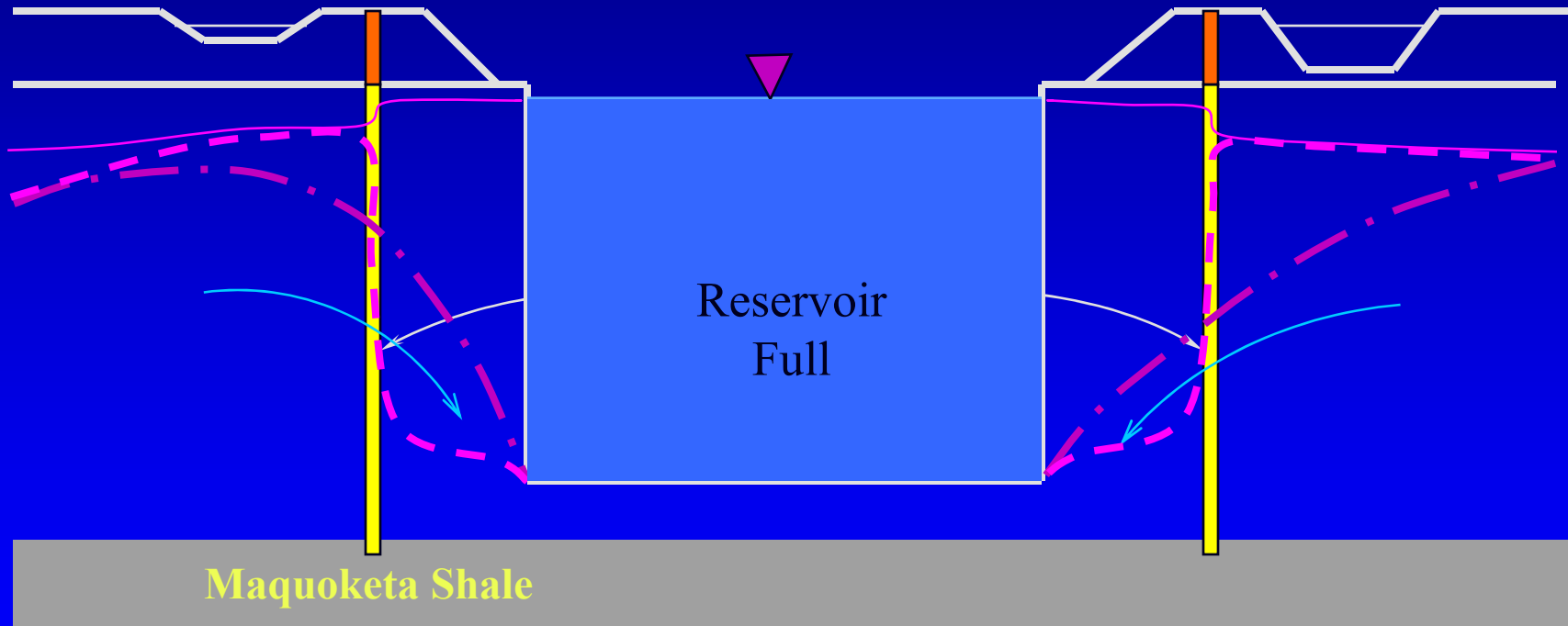
Site Layout





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Groundwater Schematic



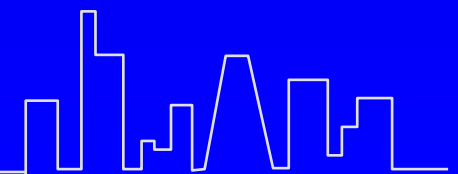


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Grout Curtain Design

Design parameters under consideration:

- Drilling Method
- Hole Size
- Hole Inclination
- Hole Spacing
- Grouting Method
- Grout Mix Design





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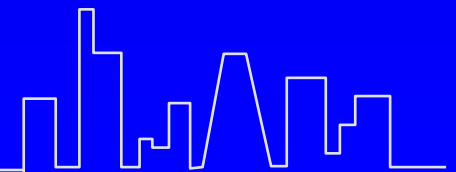
Test Grout Curtain Design

Contractual Vehicle

- Best-Value Contract – RFP
- Technical Factors Outweigh Cost

Technical Evaluation Criteria are Critical

- Too tight and no one qualifies, too vague and everyone qualifies
- Technical Approach
 - Computerized System, Drilling Approach, Grouting Approach
- Experience
- Equipment
- Safety



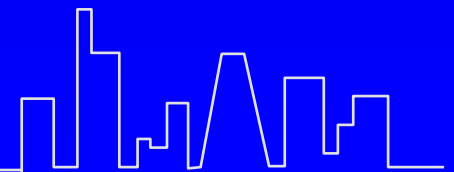


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Test Grout Curtain Design

Contract Details

- Value Based Contract – not traditional “Low Bid”
- Contractor-Proposed methods
- Base Bid + Option (if executed)
- Base Bid – 2 parallel legs of curtain
- Option – Optional section to be drilled using one of the two methods demonstrated in Base-Bid
- Cost driven by drilling – up to 130,000 linear feet:
 - ♦ 10,000 linear feet overburden (base-bid)
 - ♦ 16,000 linear feet overburden (optional phase)
 - ♦ Appr. 50,000 linear feet rock drilling (base bid)
 - ♦ Appr. 67,000 linear feet rock drilling (optional phase)

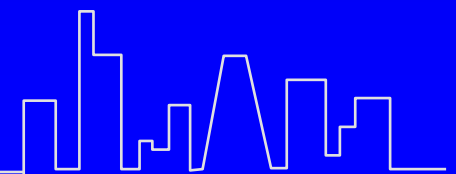




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Design Issues

- **Alignment - double-row curtain vs. single row**
- **Drilling Method (Water DTH and Rotary)**
- **Mix Design - Balanced-Stabilized Grout**
 - Permits high solids/water ratio with lower viscosity
 - Include demonstration of Ultra-fine/Micro-fine cement
- **Computer Control of Grouting**





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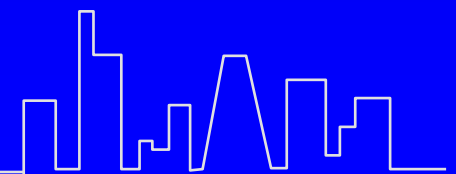
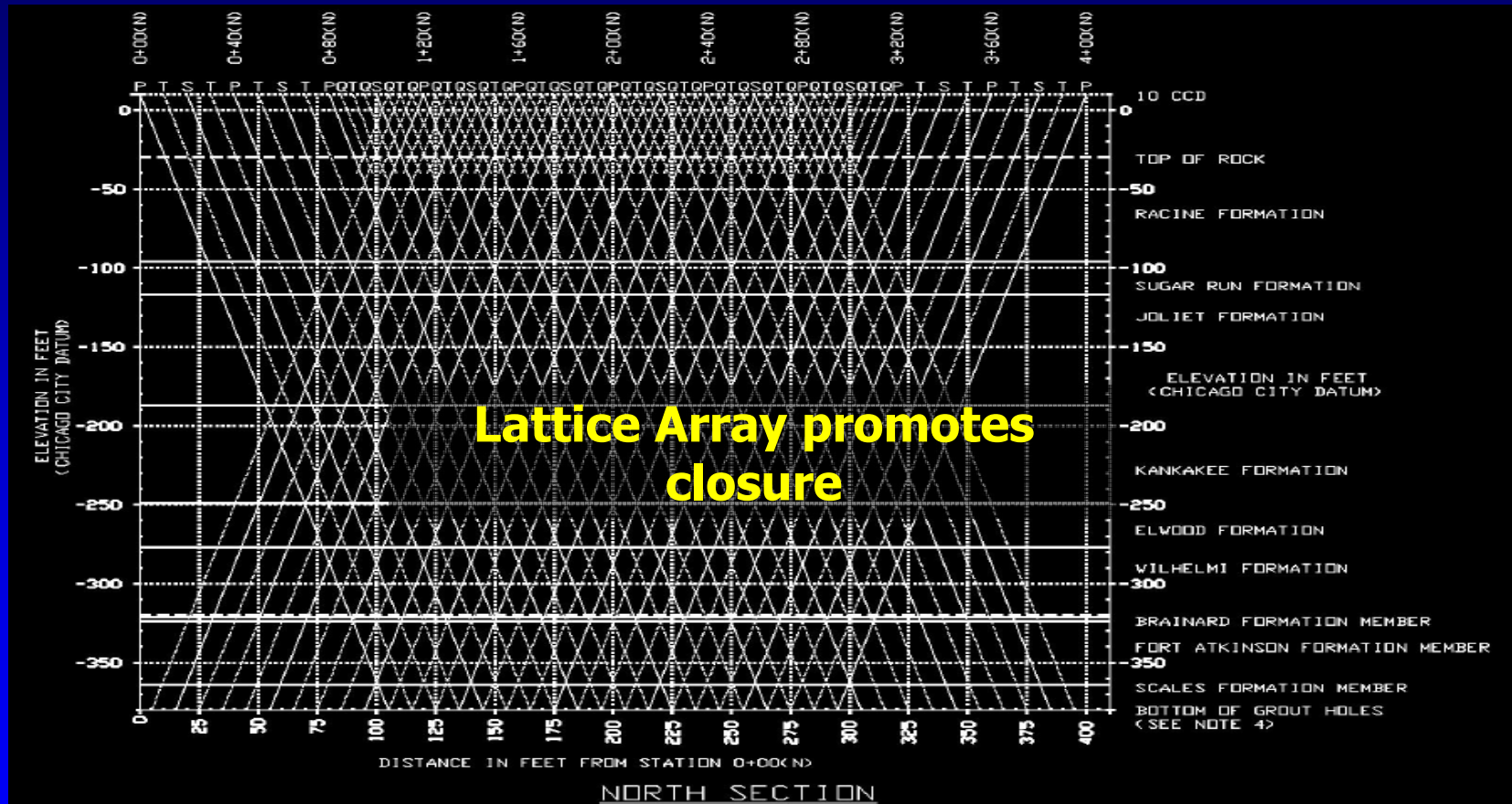
- **Two double row test grout curtain sections**
 - 1 for testing of percussion and 1 for rotary drilling
 - “Chain link fence” or “lattice” array – rows oriented opposite each other
- **Parallel sections with similar geologic and joint orientations**
- **Each 200-ft long, 15-ft wide**
- **Grout holes angled 15° from vertical, 7.5 ft from centerline of cutoff wall on each side**
- **Primaries 40-ft apart – split spacing down to 5-ft**





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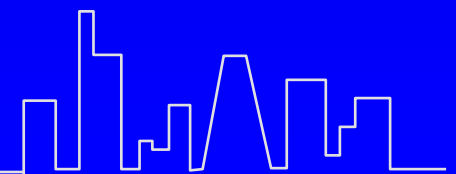




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Design (continued)

- **Fully automated (computerized) grouting control and monitoring**
- **Demonstration section (10-ft rock grouting below overburden-rock interface)**
- **Verification boreholes (before and after)**
- **Rock coring**
- **Borehole camera logs**
- **Max. allowable deviation < 0.5 inch per foot (inclined) measured by precision instruments**

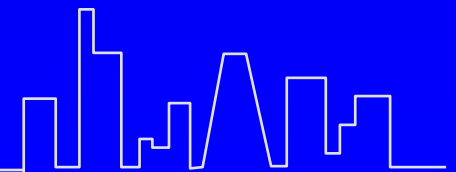




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Design (continued)

- **Primarily upstage (bottom up) grouting**
- **Downstage grouting for top 10-ft and zones of lost circulation**
- **Grout mix – balanced-stabilized mix, adjusted based on “Apparent Lugeon” value**
- **Criteria - no take for 5 min. at max. pressure**
- **Expected closure = 1 Lugeon or less**
 - (1 Lugeon = 1.4×10^{-5} cm/sec)
- **Optional section (~ 800 ft)**
- **Lessons-Learned Report**

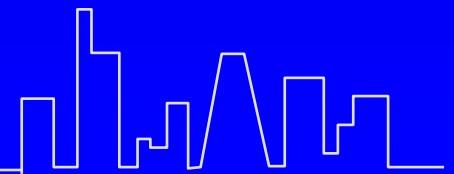




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Construction

- **Contractor: Advanced Construction Techniques (ACT) / Gannett-Fleming**
- **Started in January 2003**
- **Pad construction completed**
- **Intelligrout™ System Setup**
- **Drill Rig: Cubex-Wassara – Water driven, down-hole hammer**
- **Grout Plant: Fully automated (ACT-Thiessen)**





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Full-Scale Test Layout





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Site Access and Curtain Alignment



Unusually good access

**Contractor paved surface
to assist alignment of drill
rig**





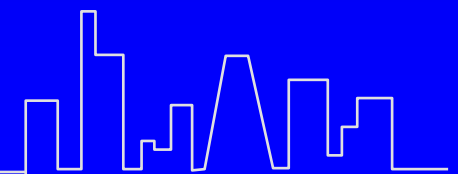
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Drill Rigs

JKS Boyles Rig – HQ diamond tooling



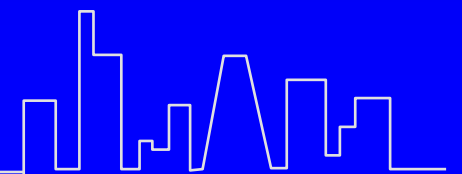
**Cubex-Wassara Rig – 4-inch
Water-actuated down-hole-
hammer**





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Rig Control



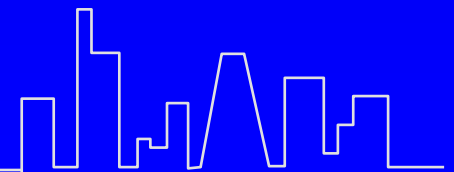


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Grout Plant – ACT



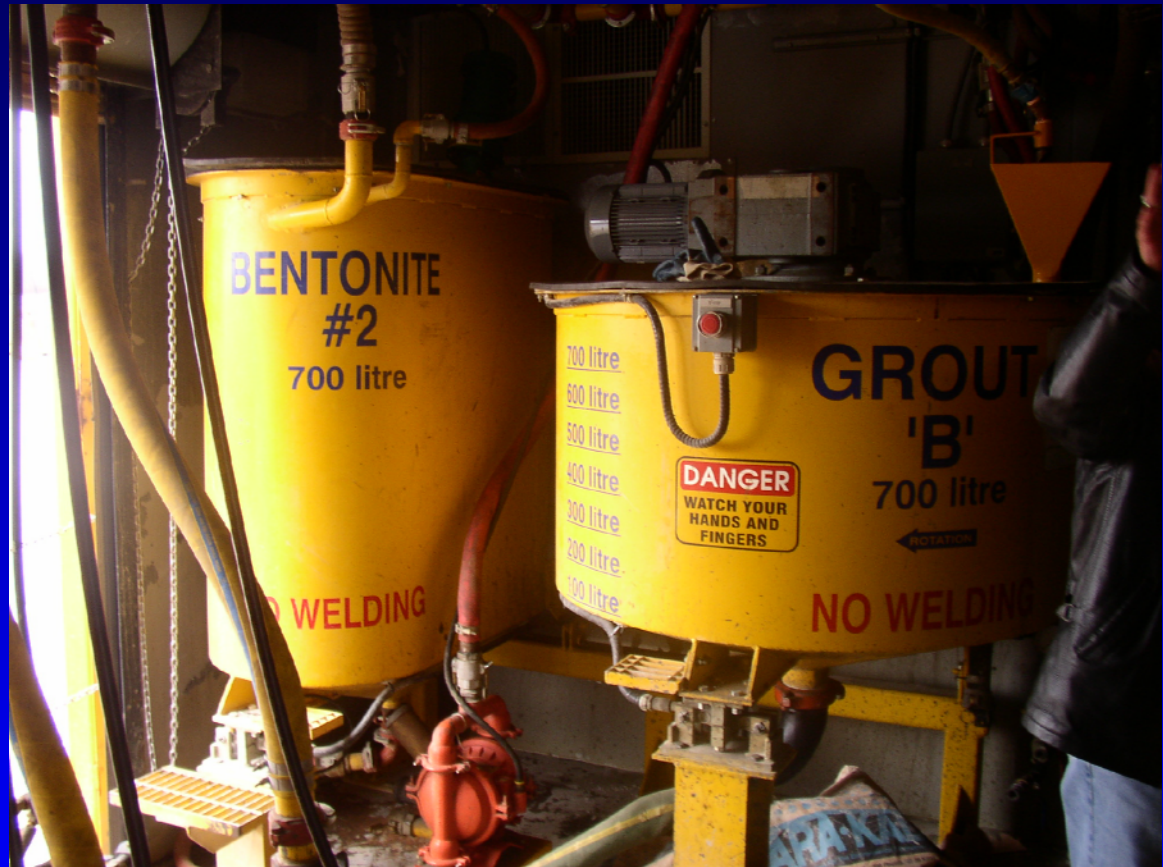
**Self-contained mobile plant and
control center**



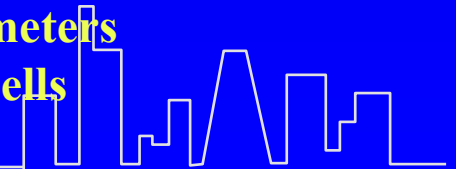


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Batching and Mixing



- Tanks designated by mixes and components
- Mixes checked for viscosity and sp. Gravity
- Flow measured by magnetic flow meters
- Mixing tanks equipped with load cells to monitor flow and supply





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Pumps and Control Panel





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Self-contained Mobile Grout Buggy with Flexible-Line Packer Assembly

- Constant in-line volume
- Highly portable
- Insulated lines
- Additional flow meter for Q/C at borehole





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IntelliGrout System:

- **Real-time monitoring and controls**
- **Continuous data acquisition**
- **Web-capable**
- ***Computer –linked data presentation system***

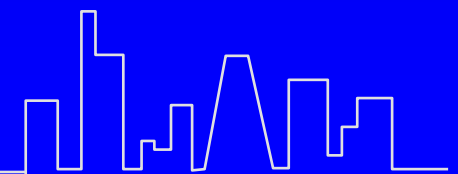




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Summary

- **Complete Test Grout Construction in 2004**
 - Option section deleted due to funding shortfall
- **Lessons-Learned Report**
 - Combined with groundwater model for design of groundwater control system
- **Complete Design for Entire Perimeter (7,500 ft Stage I and 6,000 ft Stage II) begin 2005**



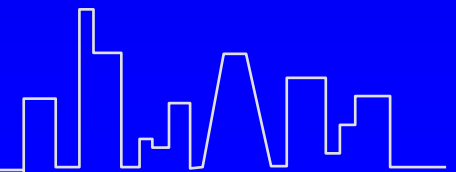


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Summary

Lessons-Learned

- **No detrimental effects on borehole quality by using down-hole water hammer**
- **1.0 Lugeon achievable at the site**
- **Computer system grouting advantages are essential for project of this scale**
- **Balanced-stabilized mixes improve grout effectiveness**





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Summary

Lessons-Learned Report Combined with Comprehensive Groundwater Model

- **Full-perimeter double-row grout curtain**
- **Curtain grouted to shale unit below base of reservoir**
- **Opposing orientation of double-rows for improved closure**
- **1.0 Lugeon target closure criterion**





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Questions/Comments/Feedback???

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