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# **Engineering Geology Challenges at the Marmet Lock Project**

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## **Marmet Lock Replacement – Main Topics**

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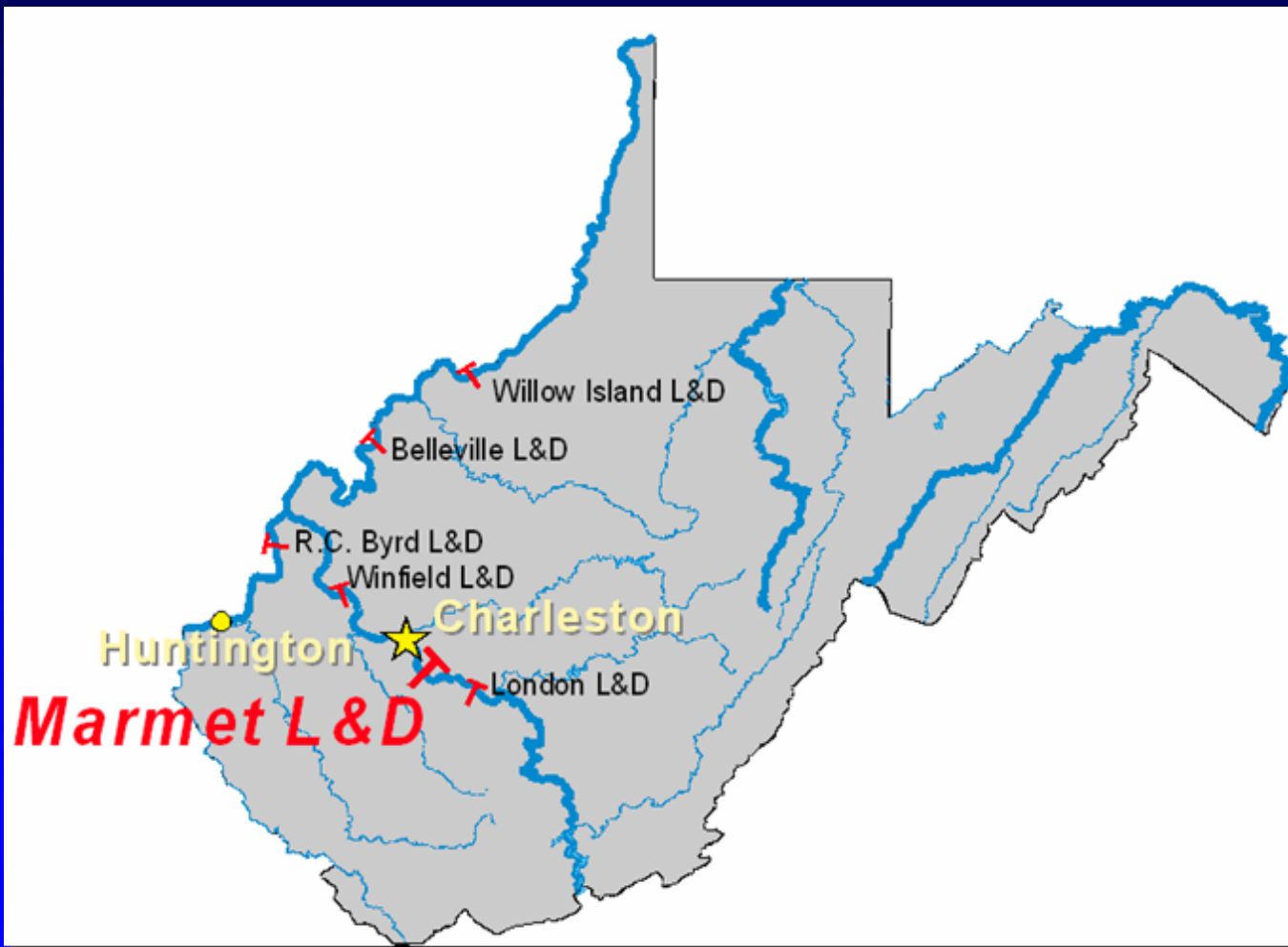
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# **Marmet Lock Replacement – Project Overview**



## **Site Plan**



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Twin 56' X 360' Chambers  
Completed in 1934

## ***Existing Lock – Prior to Construction***





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## ***New Lock – Conceptual Drawing***



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New Lock Chamber  
Construction began  
in summer 2002  
Cost \$232 million

Existing Lock  
Chambers

***New Lock Construction - Ariel View - May 2005***



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Sheet Pile Cell  
Cofferdam

Existing  
Landwall  
Portion of  
Cofferdam



Contractor  
Designed  
Anchored  
Retaining Wall

***New Lock Construction - Ariel View - May 2005***



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New Lock Chamber  
and Approach Walls

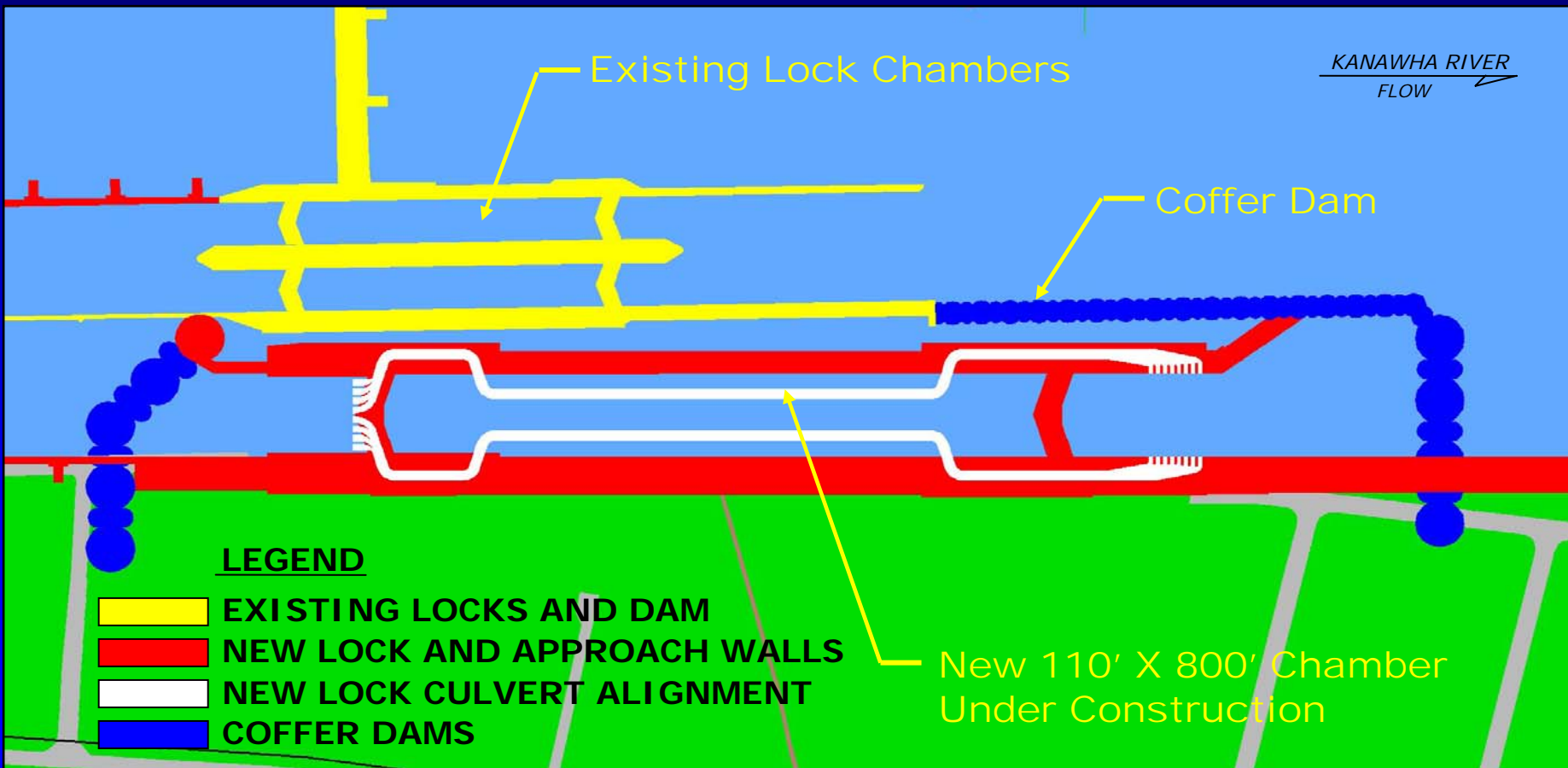
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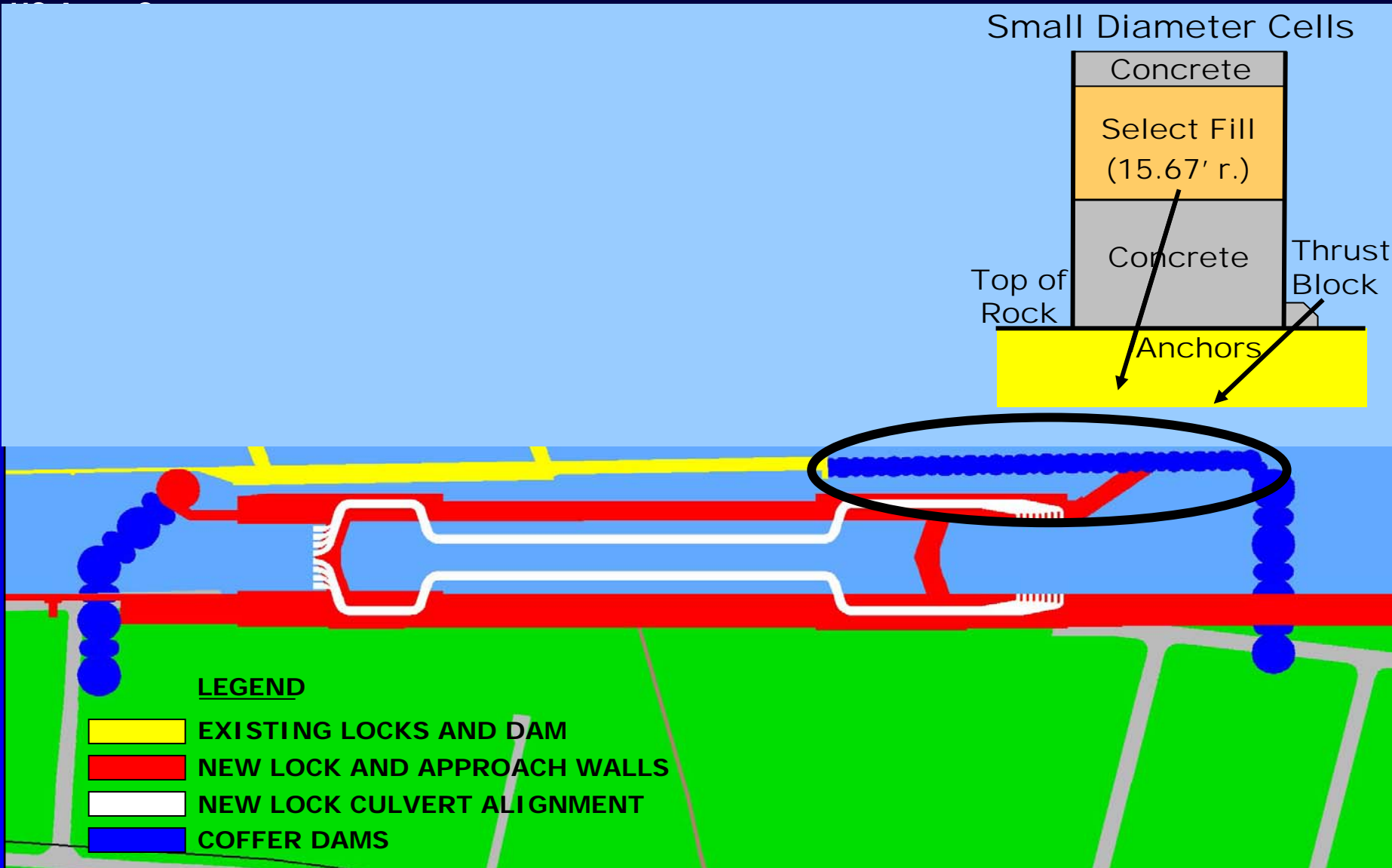
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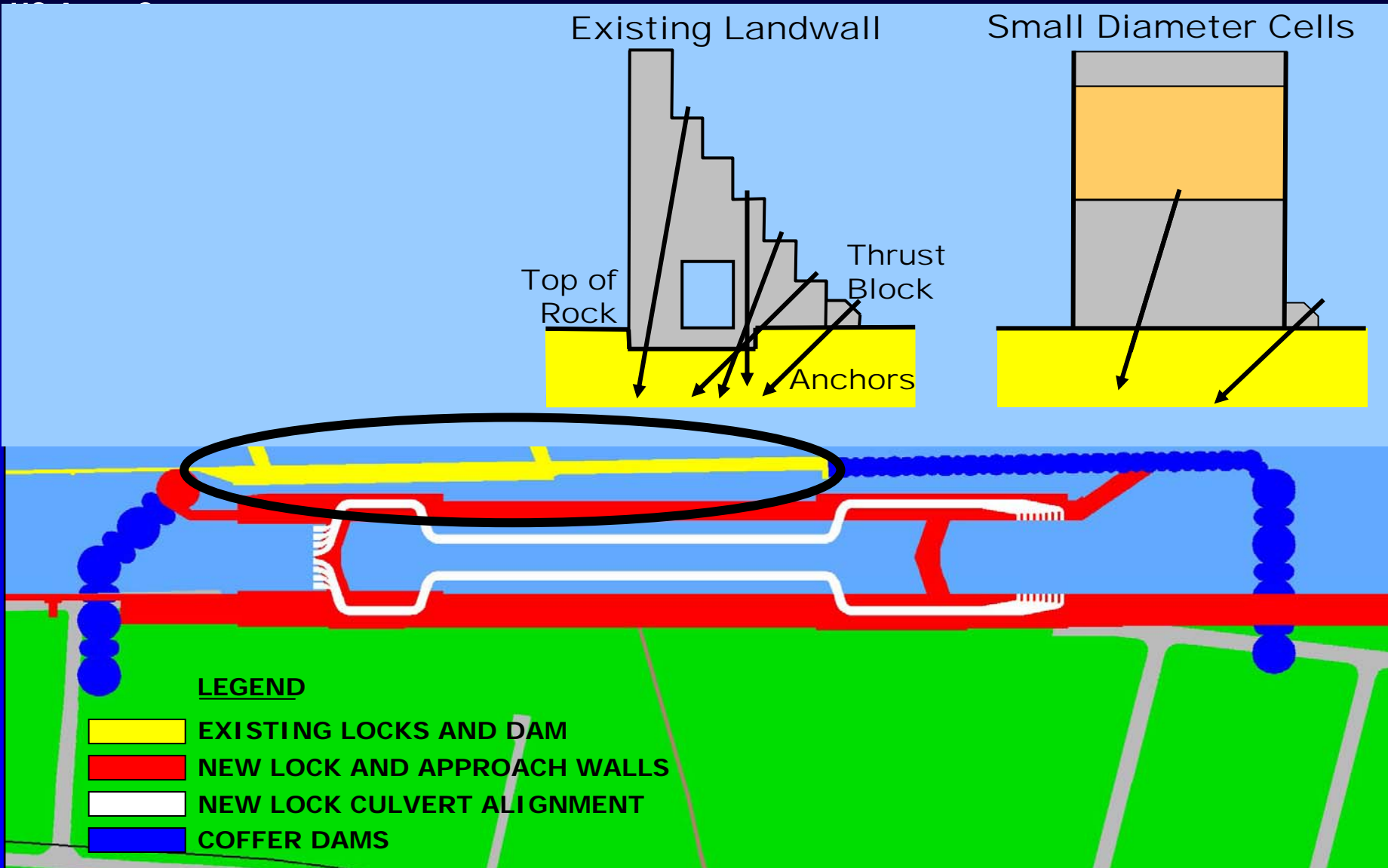
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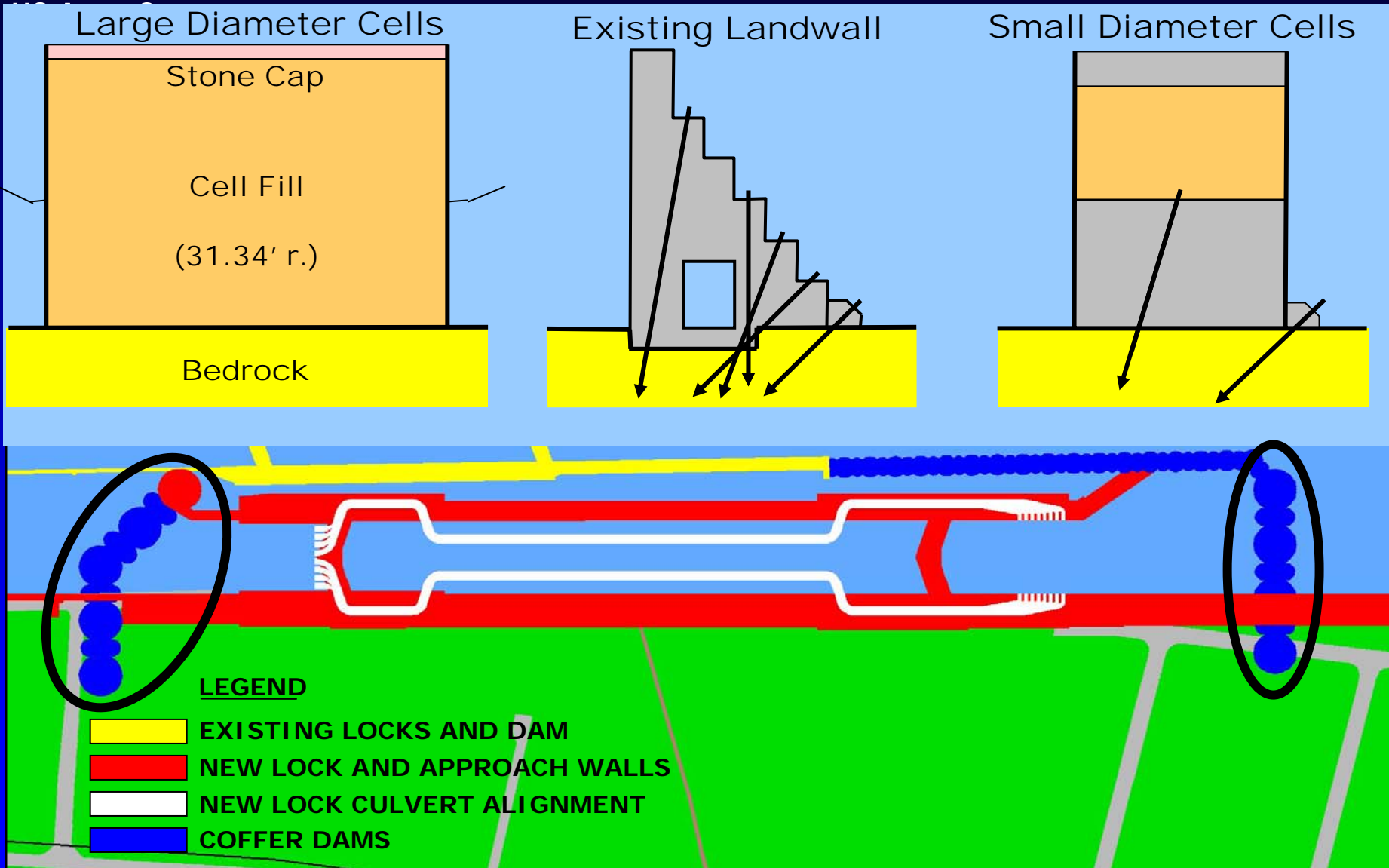
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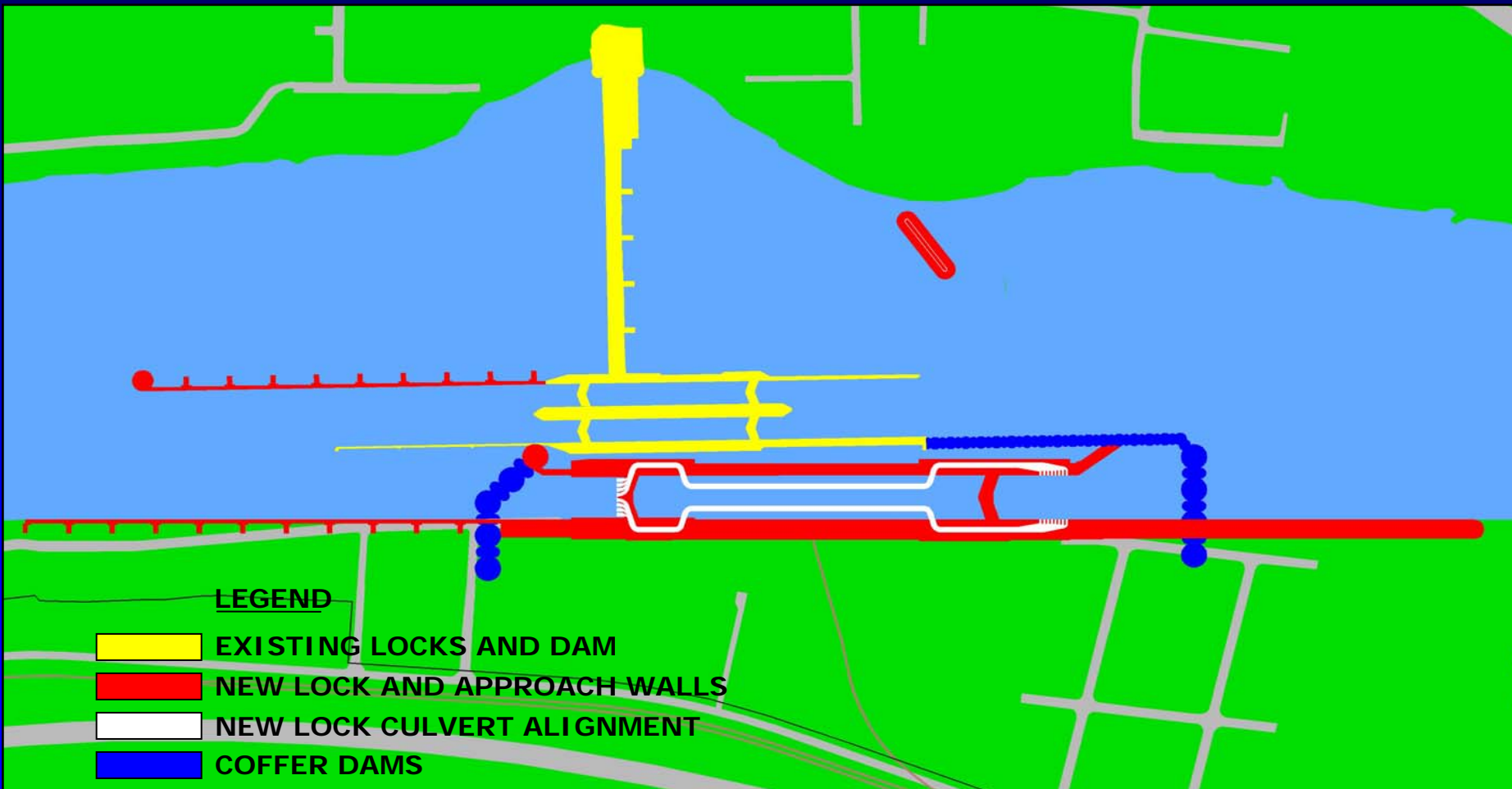




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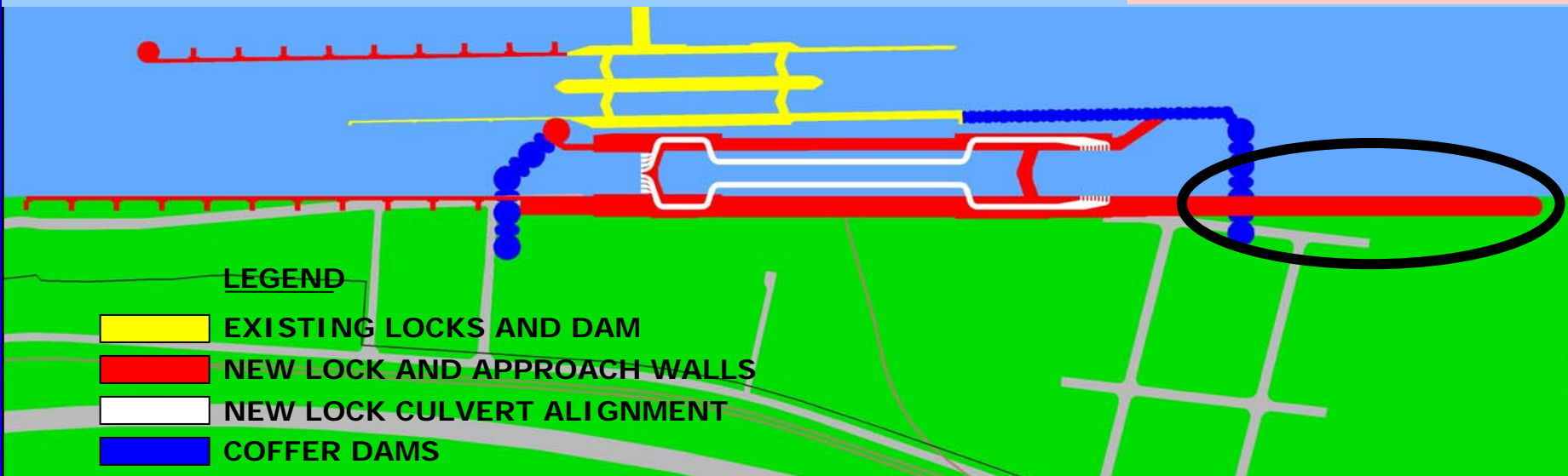
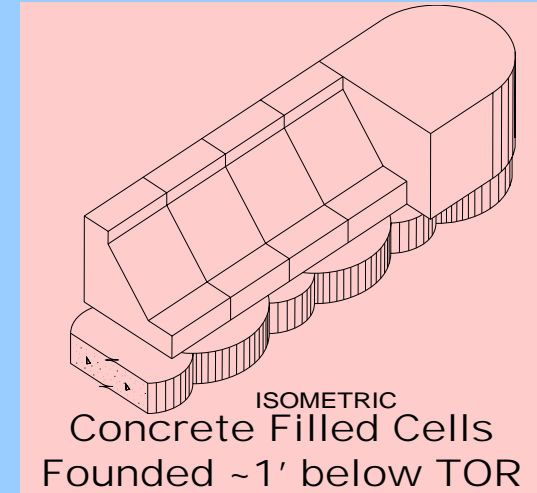
## *New Lock Features – Plan View*



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Lower Approach Wall

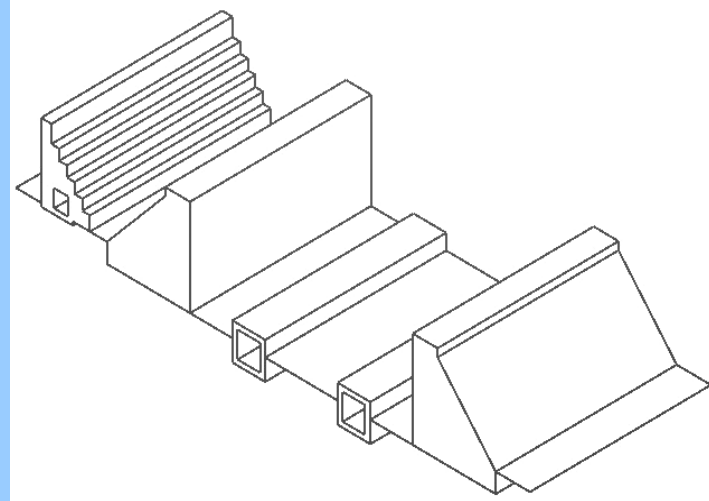


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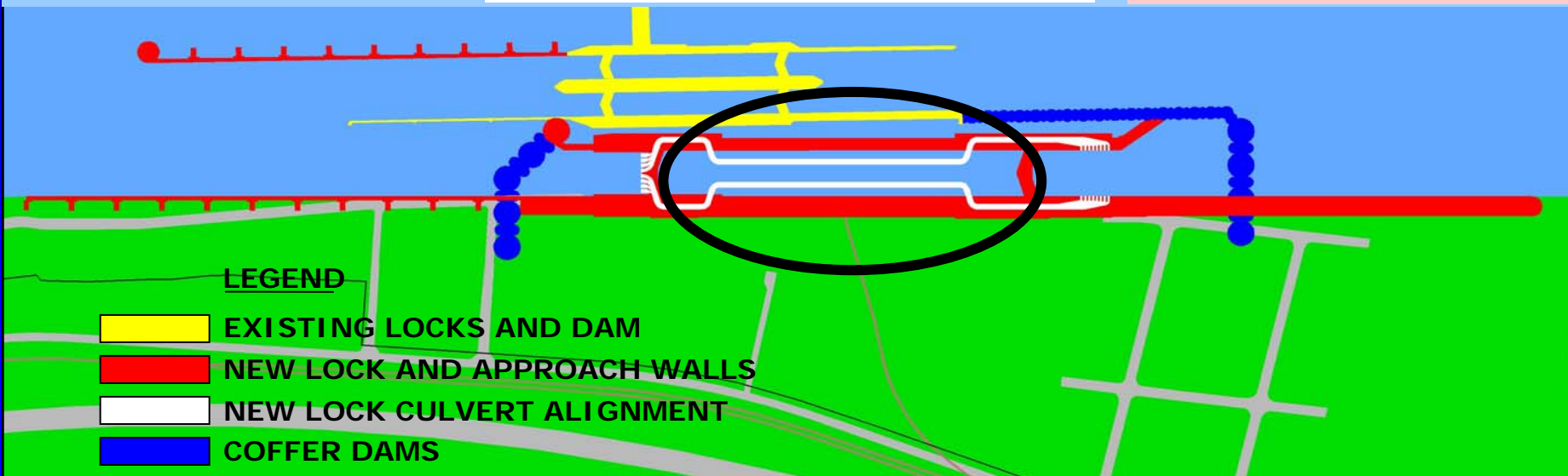
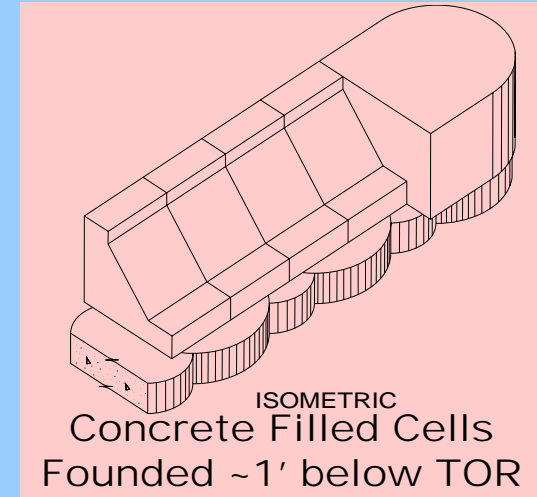


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Lock Chamber



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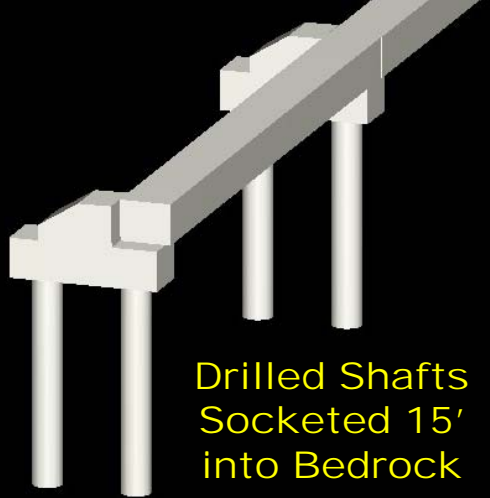


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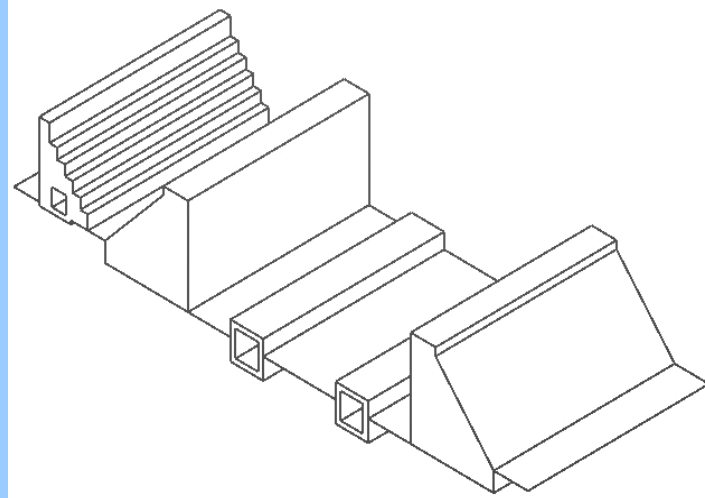


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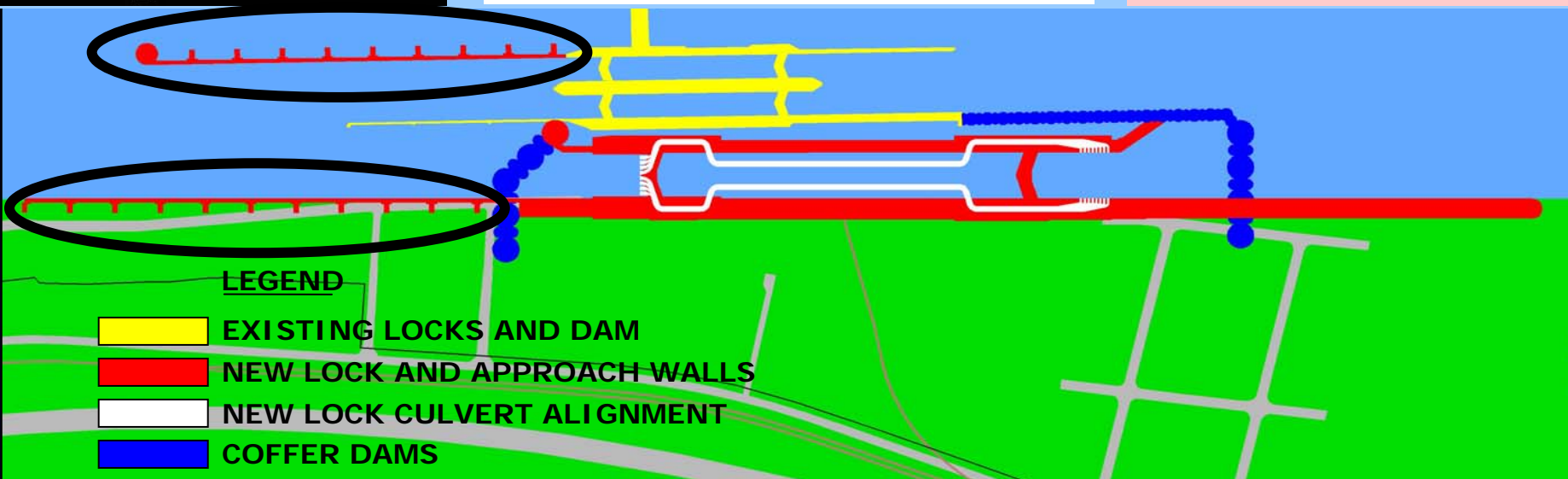
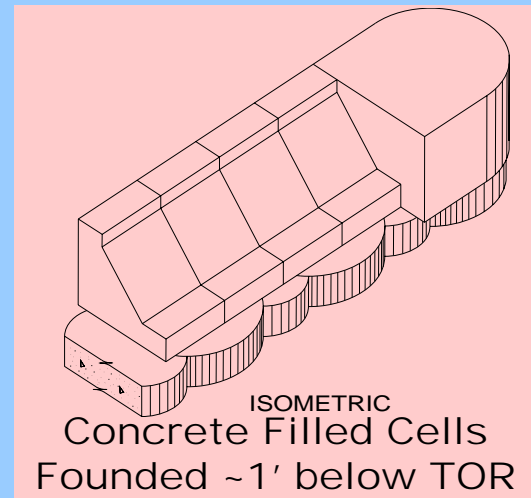
## Upper Approach Walls



## Lock Chamber



## Lower Approach Wall



## New Lock Features



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# **Marmet Lock Replacement – Project Overview**

## **Site Geology**

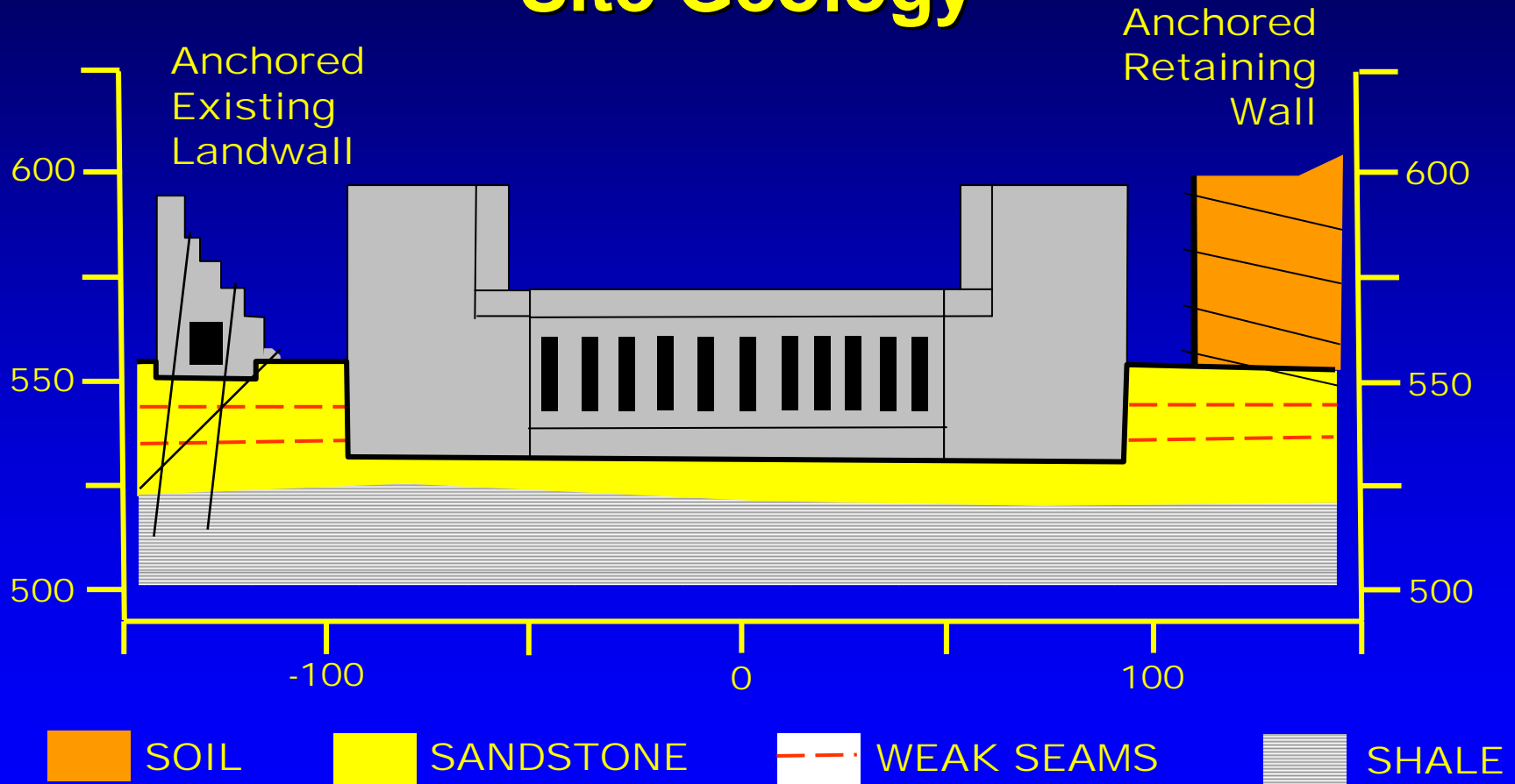
- ◆ Relatively flat top of rock surface
- ◆ Sedimentary rock of the Pennsylvanian-aged Kanawha Formation
  - Sandstone member (23 to 43 feet thick)
  - Shale member (19 to 33 feet thick)
- ◆ Low angled bedding with 5°-10° dip to the Northwest
- ◆ Slightly fractured with occasional high angled joints (70°-90°)



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## Geologic Cross Section – Upper Miter Gate

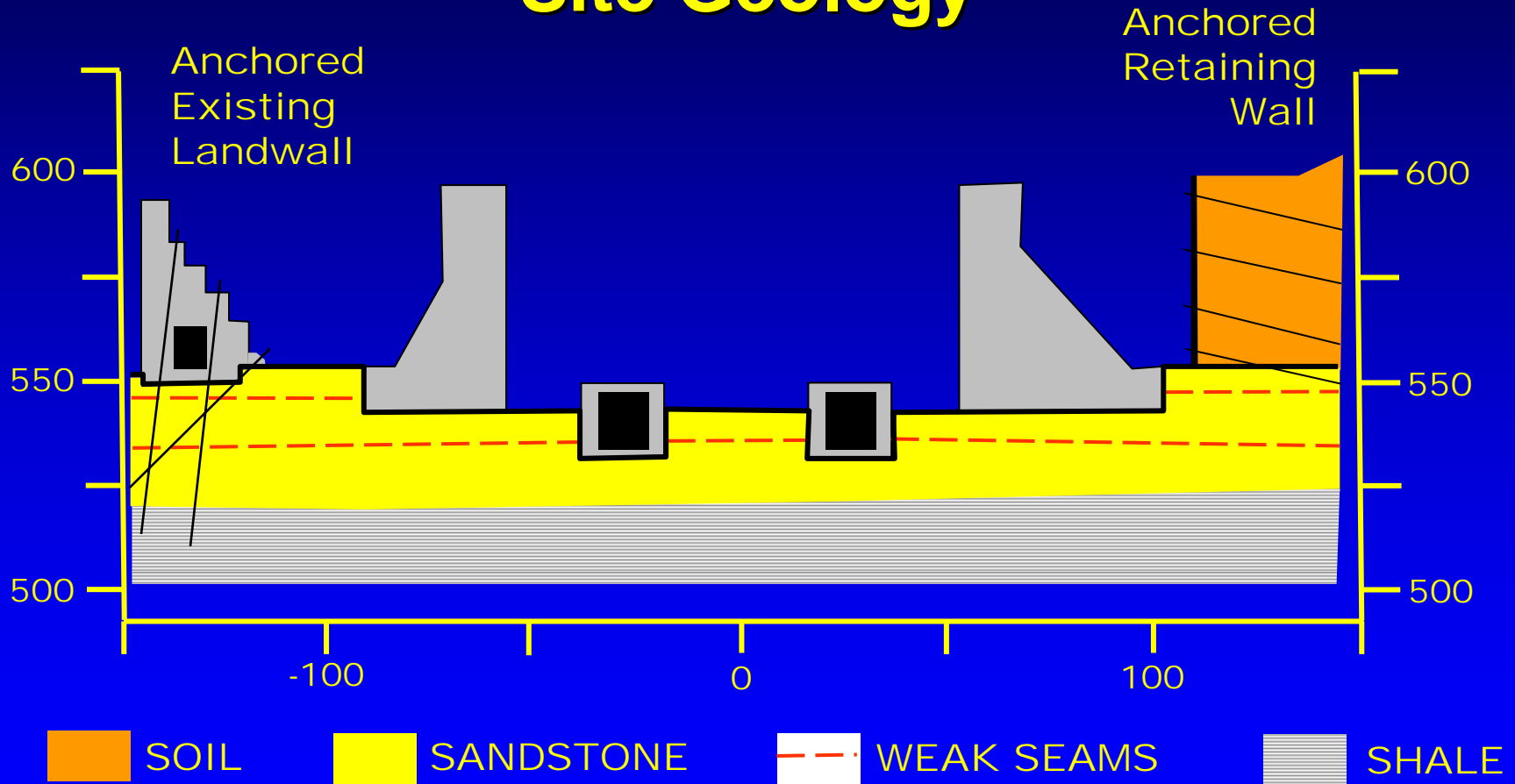


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## Geologic Cross Section – Chamber Monoliths



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# **Marmet Lock Replacement – Project Overview**

## **Site Geology**



- ◆ Light gray
- ◆ Moderately hard to hard
- ◆ Medium to fine grained
- ◆ Average unconfined compressive strength 8,442 psi

## **Sandstone Member**





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## **Site Geology**



***Thin Shale and Coal Seams within Sandstone***



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# **Marmet Lock Replacement – Project**

## **Overview**

### **Site Geology**

ROCK UNIT	Sliding	Friction	Cross Bed Shear		Allowable Bearing Capacity	Working Bond Strength	Modulus of Deformation
	phi	c	phi	c			
	degree	psi	degree	psi	psi	psi	psi X 10 <sup>6</sup>
Sandstone	30	4	45	73	196	111	1.05
Coal/Shale Seam	23	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fault Gouge	13	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Shale Member	22	1	30	15	111	56	0.63

## ***Bedrock Strength Parameters***



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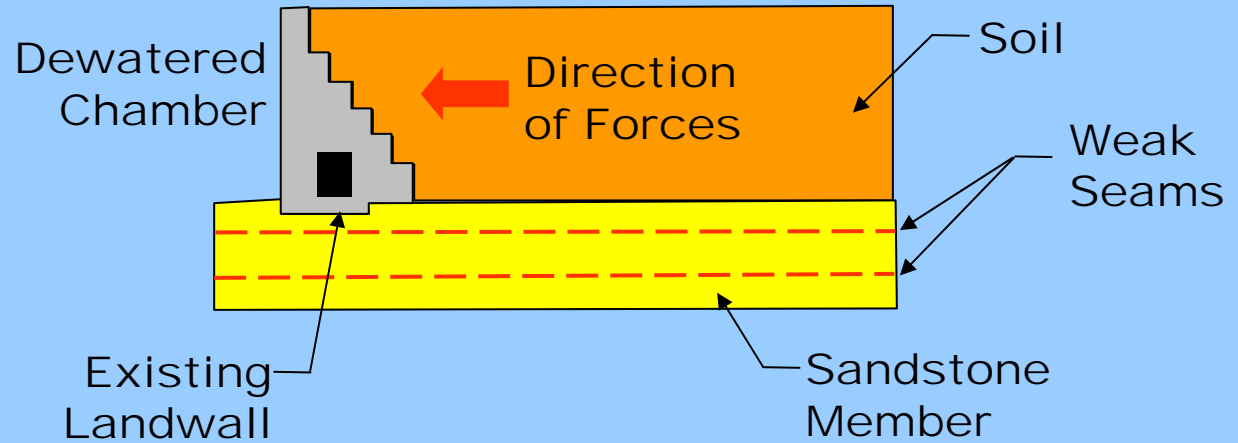
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## Sliding

Pre-Construction  
Condition





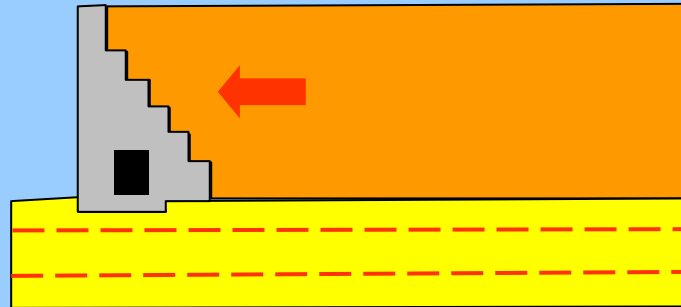
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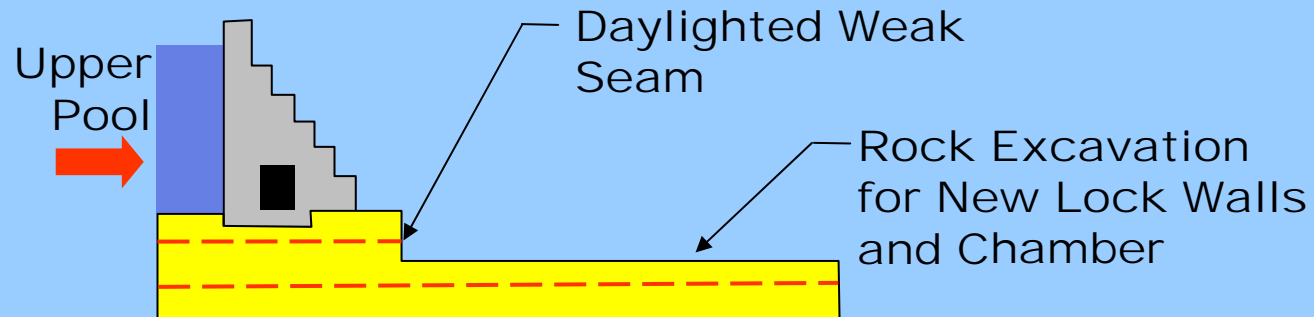
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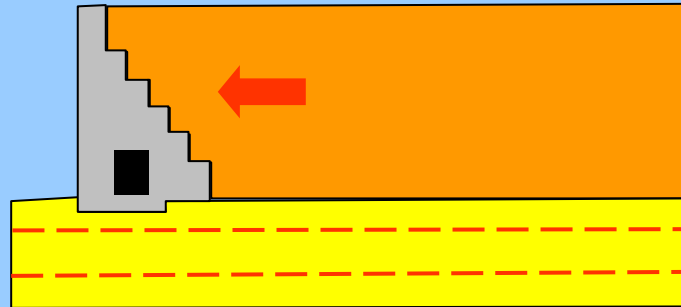
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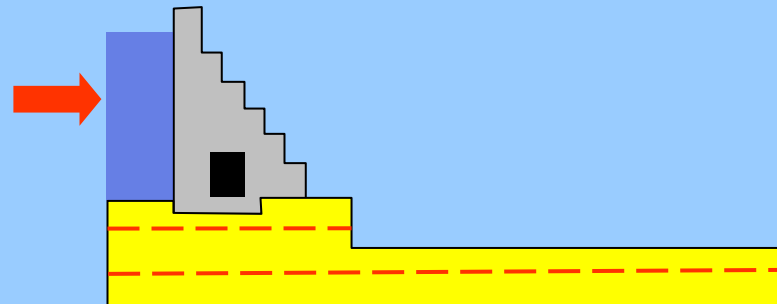
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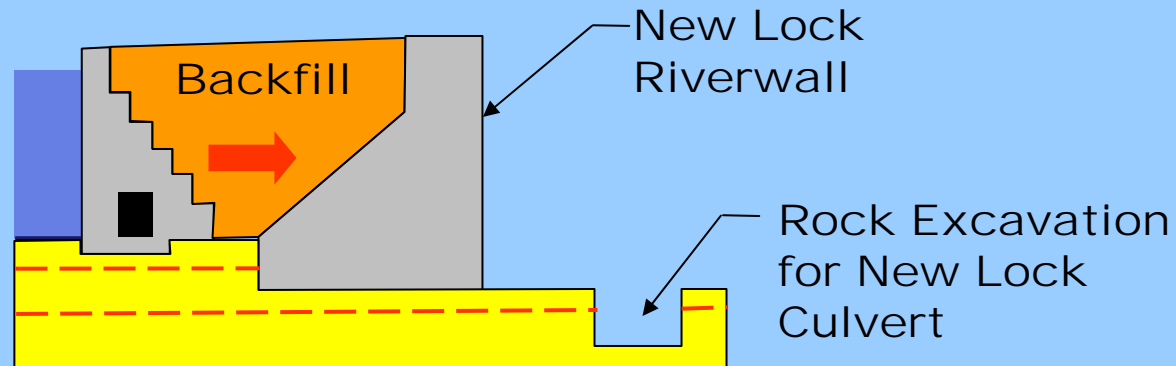
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Permanent  
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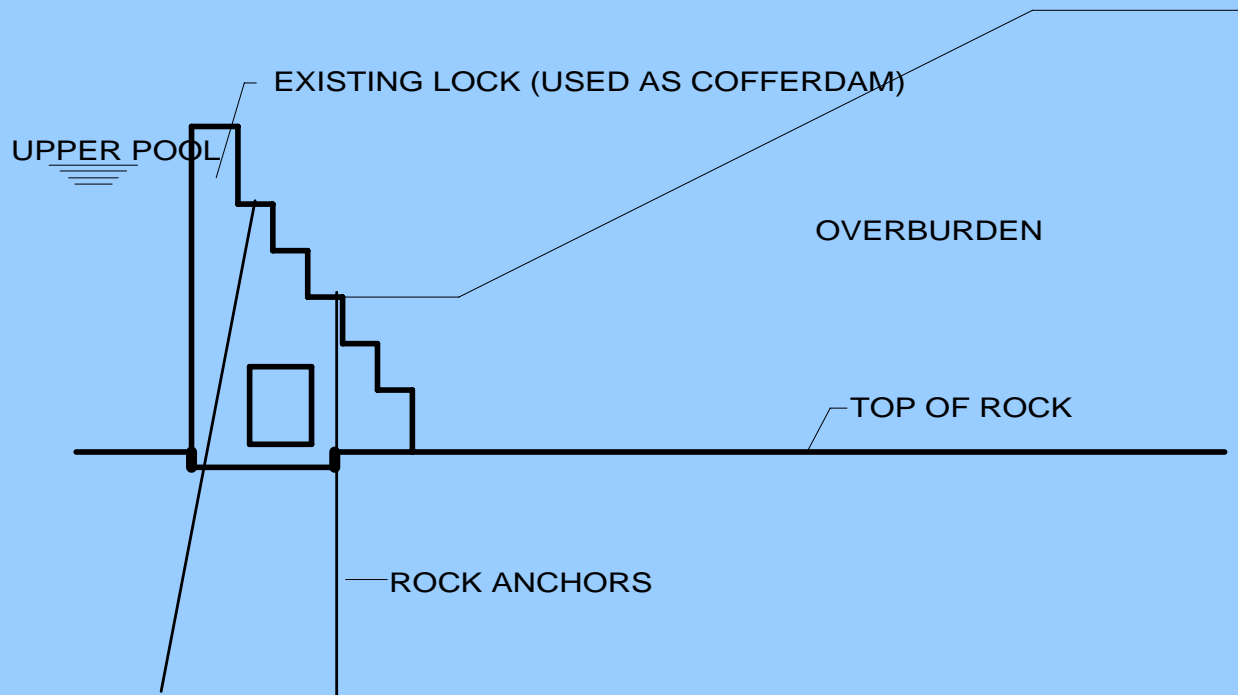




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STAGED ANCHORING DURING OVERBURDEN EXCAVATION  
Analyzed for coal/shale seam at foundation ( $\phi=23^\circ$ ,  $c=0\text{psi}$ )

INSTALL INSTRUMENTATION

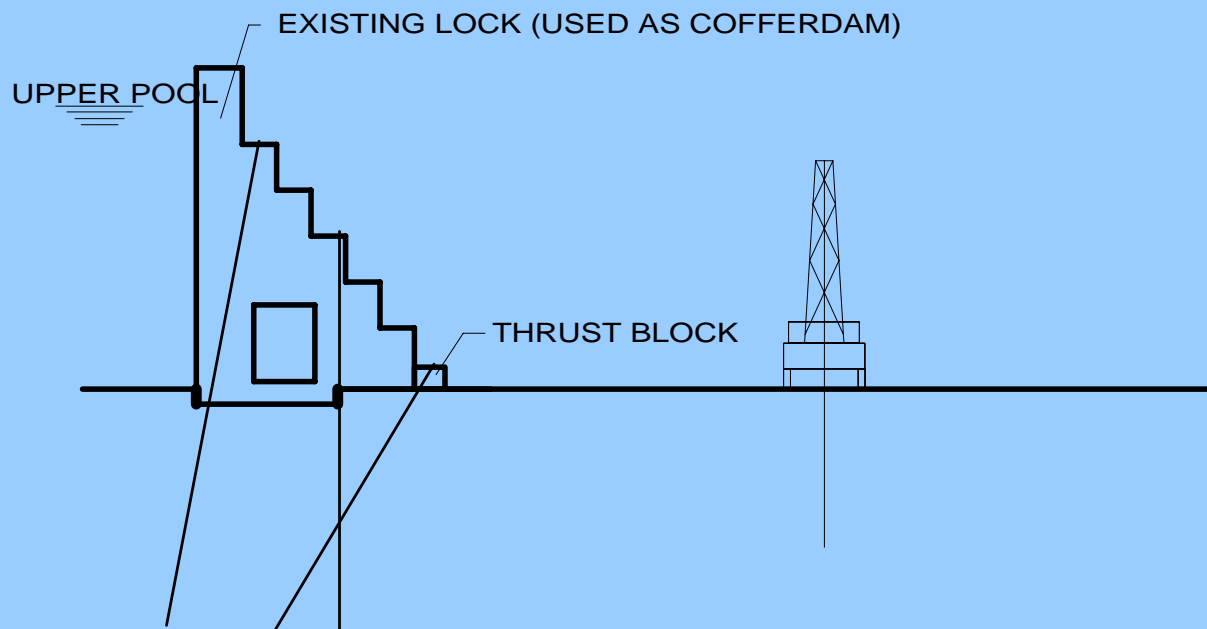




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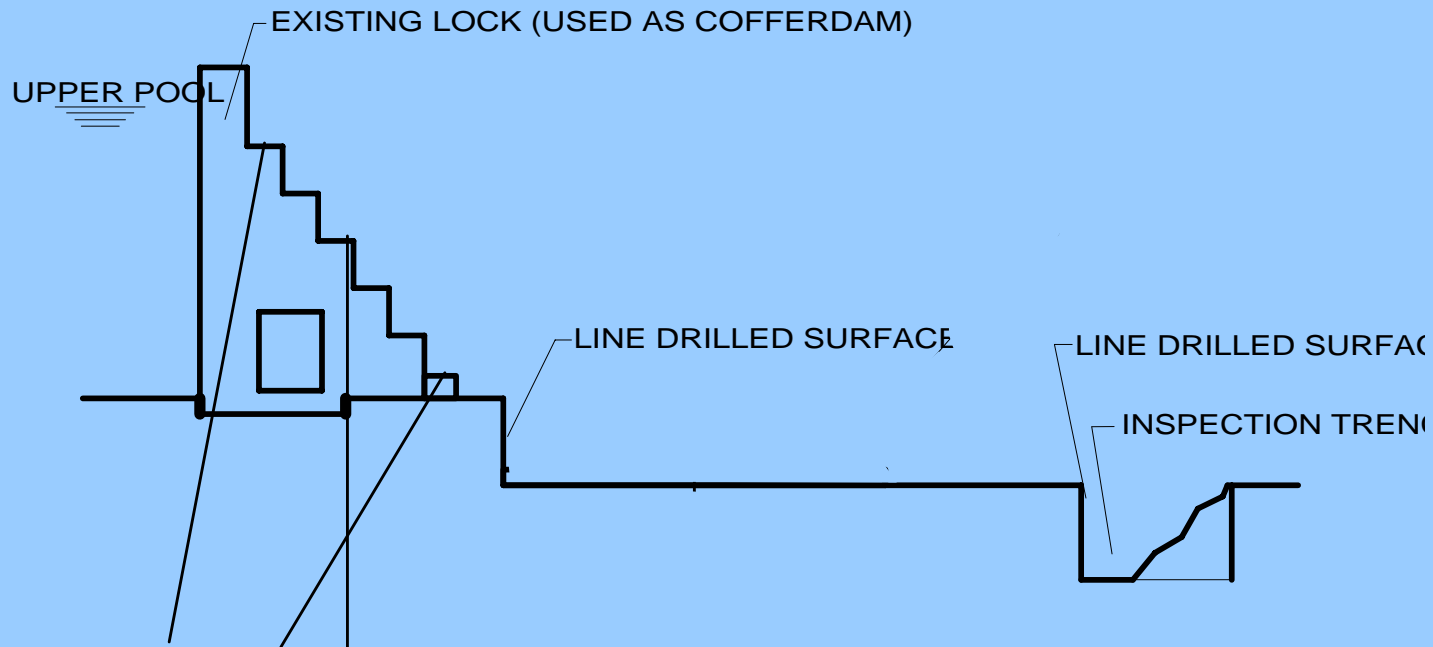
THRUST BLOCK ANCHORED PRIOR TO ROCK EXCAVATION  
Analyzed for daylighted horizontal fault gouge ( $\phi=13^\circ$ ,  $c=0\text{psi}$ )  
SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION PERFORMED



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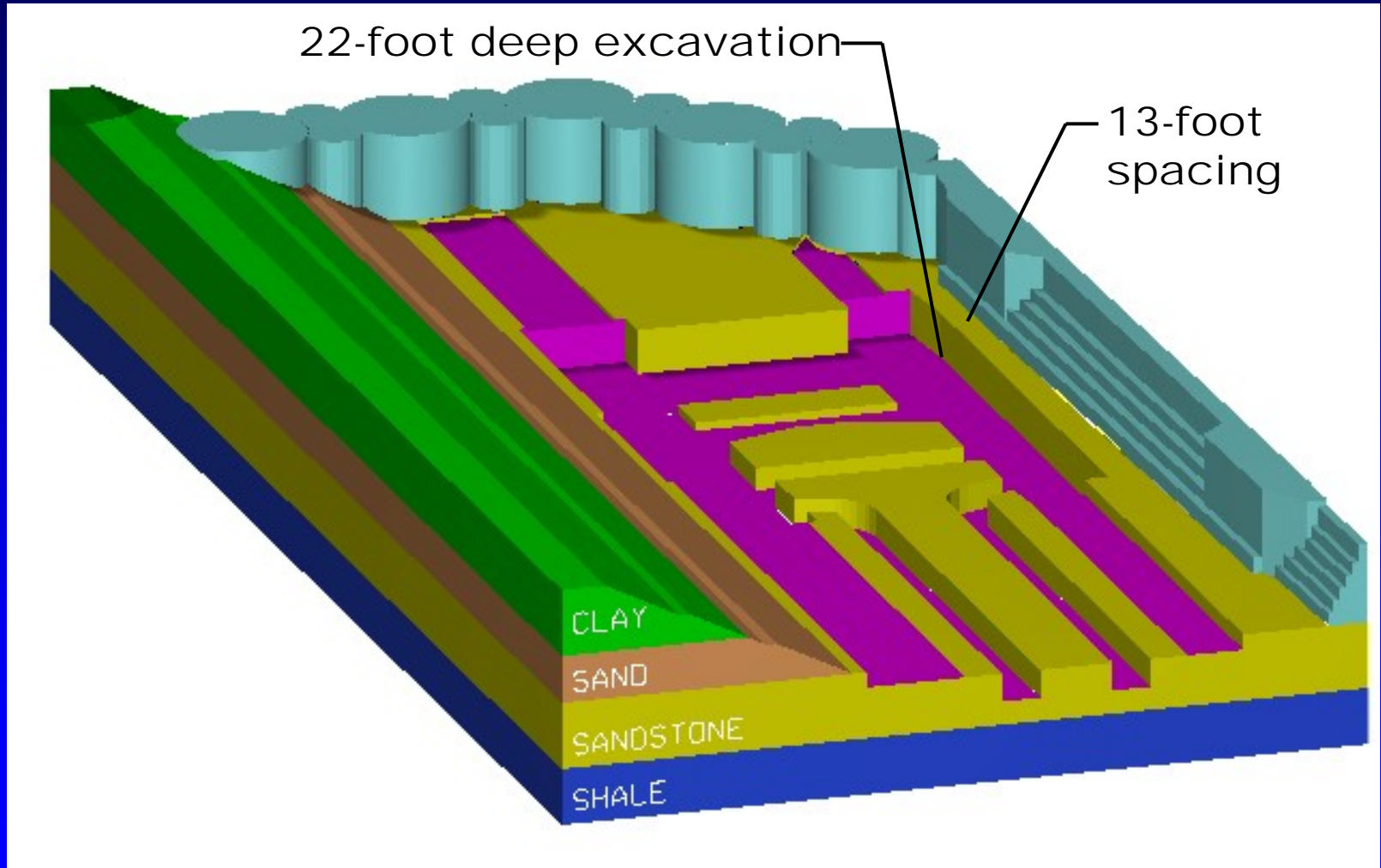
COMPLETE EXCAVATION FOR CULVER/INSPECTION TRENCH  
ESTABLISH PRESENCE AND EXTENT OF WEAK SEAMS – NEW LOCK  
DETERMINE CORRECTIVE FOUNDATION TREATMENT – NEW LOCK



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# **Marmet Lock Replacement – Deep Seated Cofferdam Sliding**



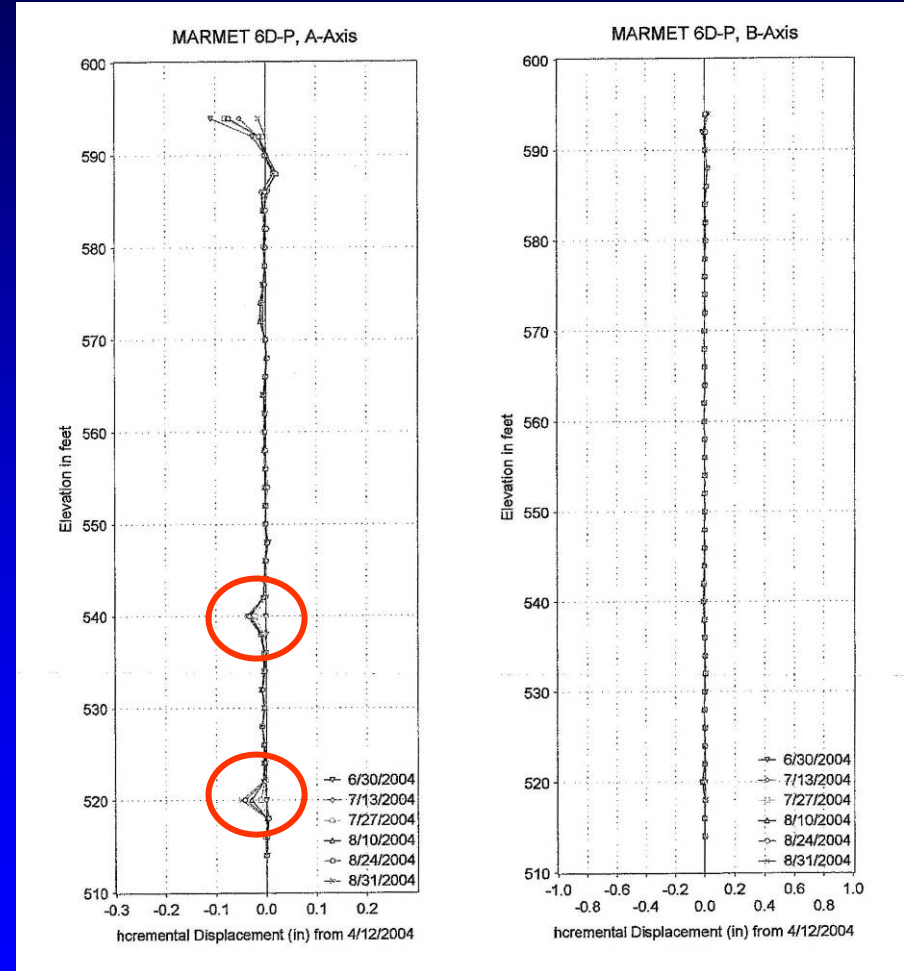
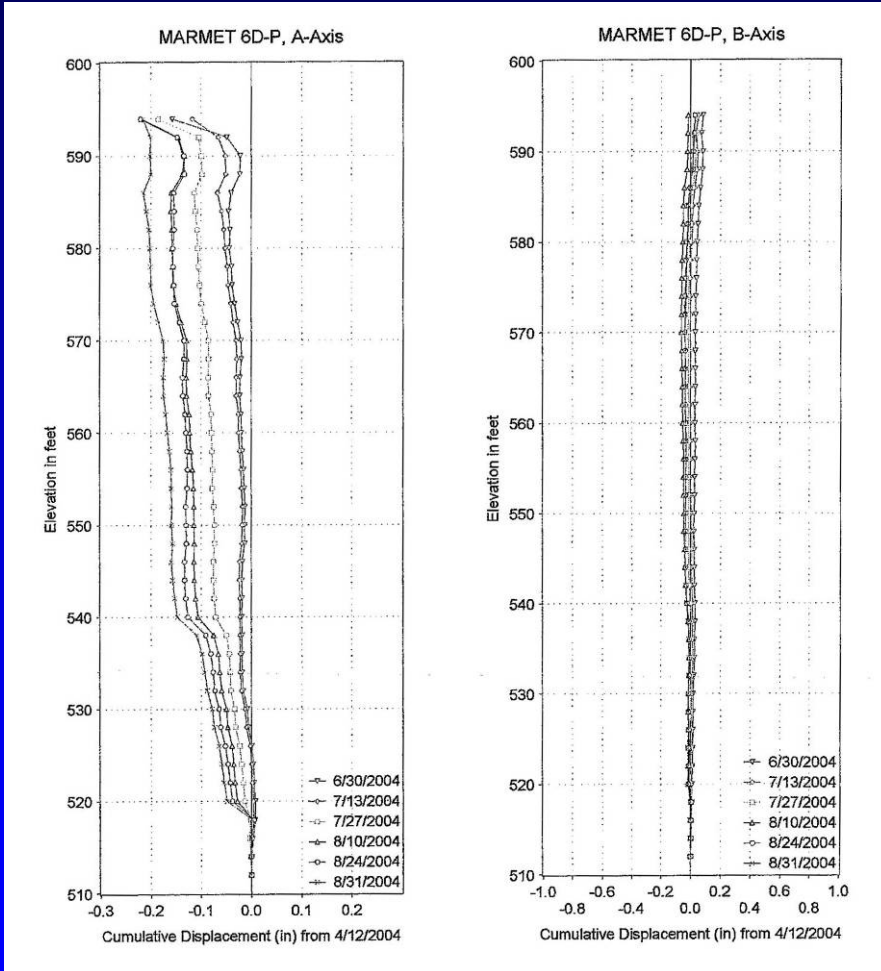
***Excavation Adjacent to Cofferdam – 3D view***



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# Marmet Lock Replacement – Deep Seated Cofferdam - Instrumentation Sliding



## Inclinometer Readings - August 2004

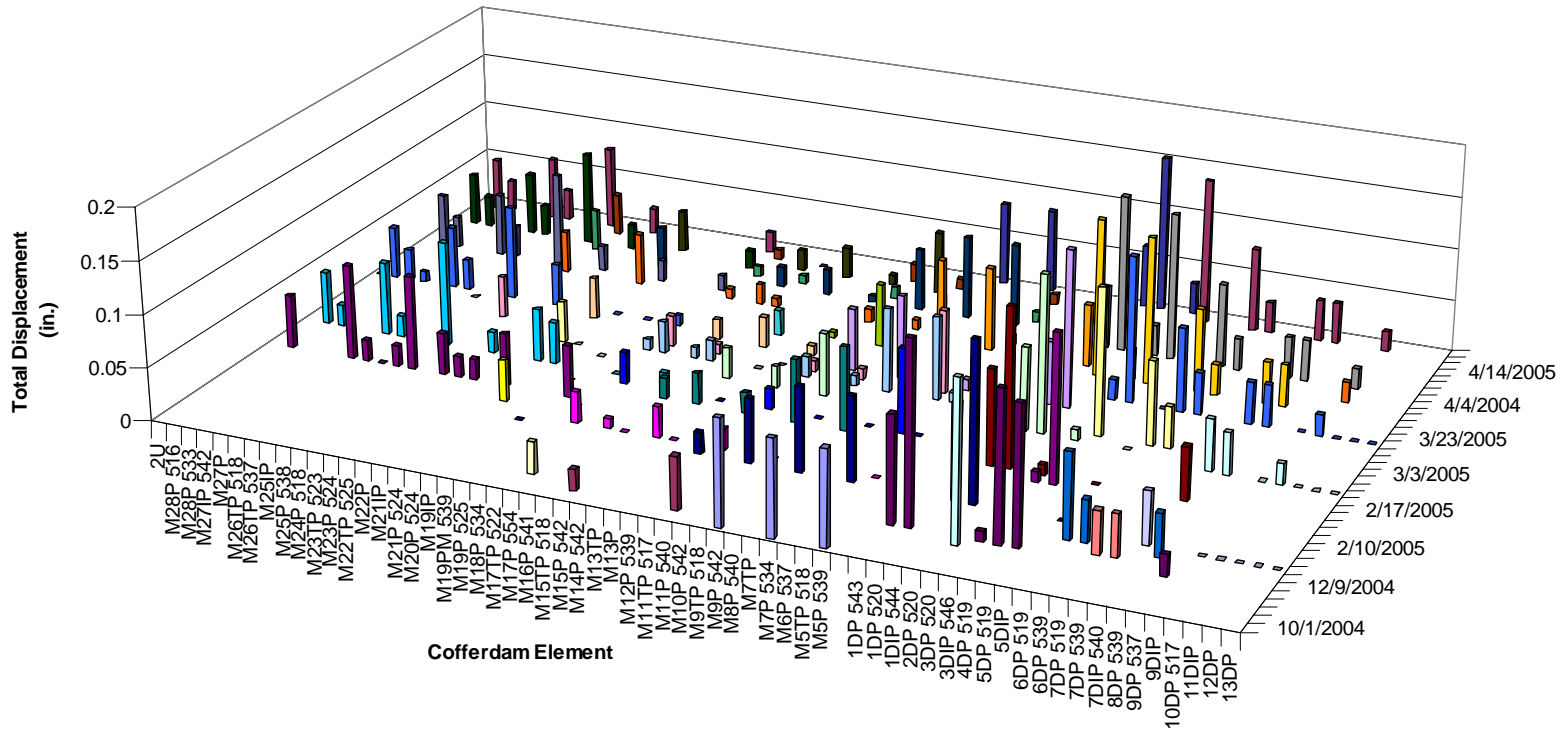


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Cofferdam Movement Based on Portable Inclinometer Data 10-04 to 4-05



*Inclinometer - displacement vs. time*

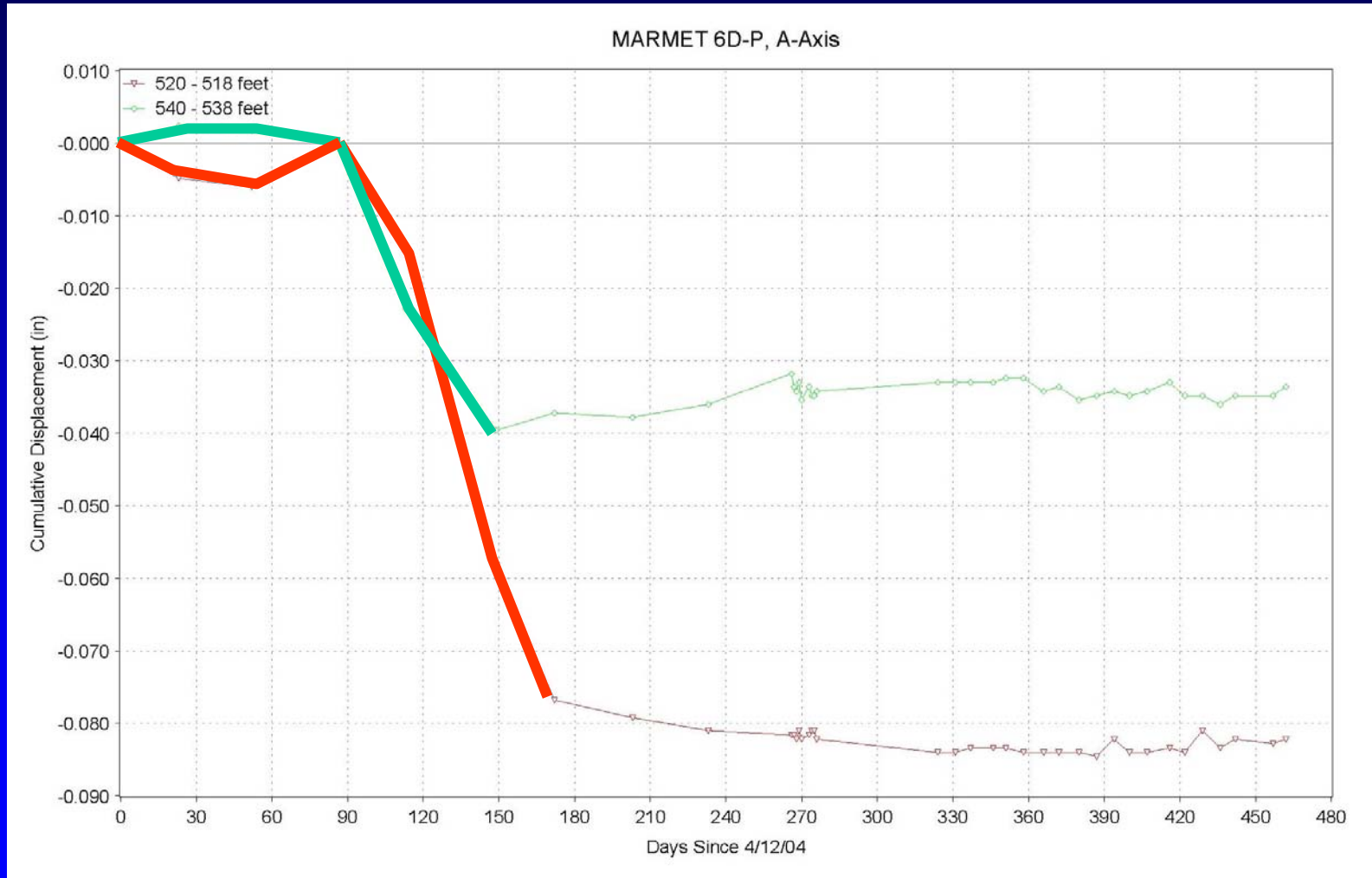


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# Marmet Lock Replacement – Deep Seated Cofferdam - Instrumentation

## Sliding



*Inclinometer – displacement vs. time*



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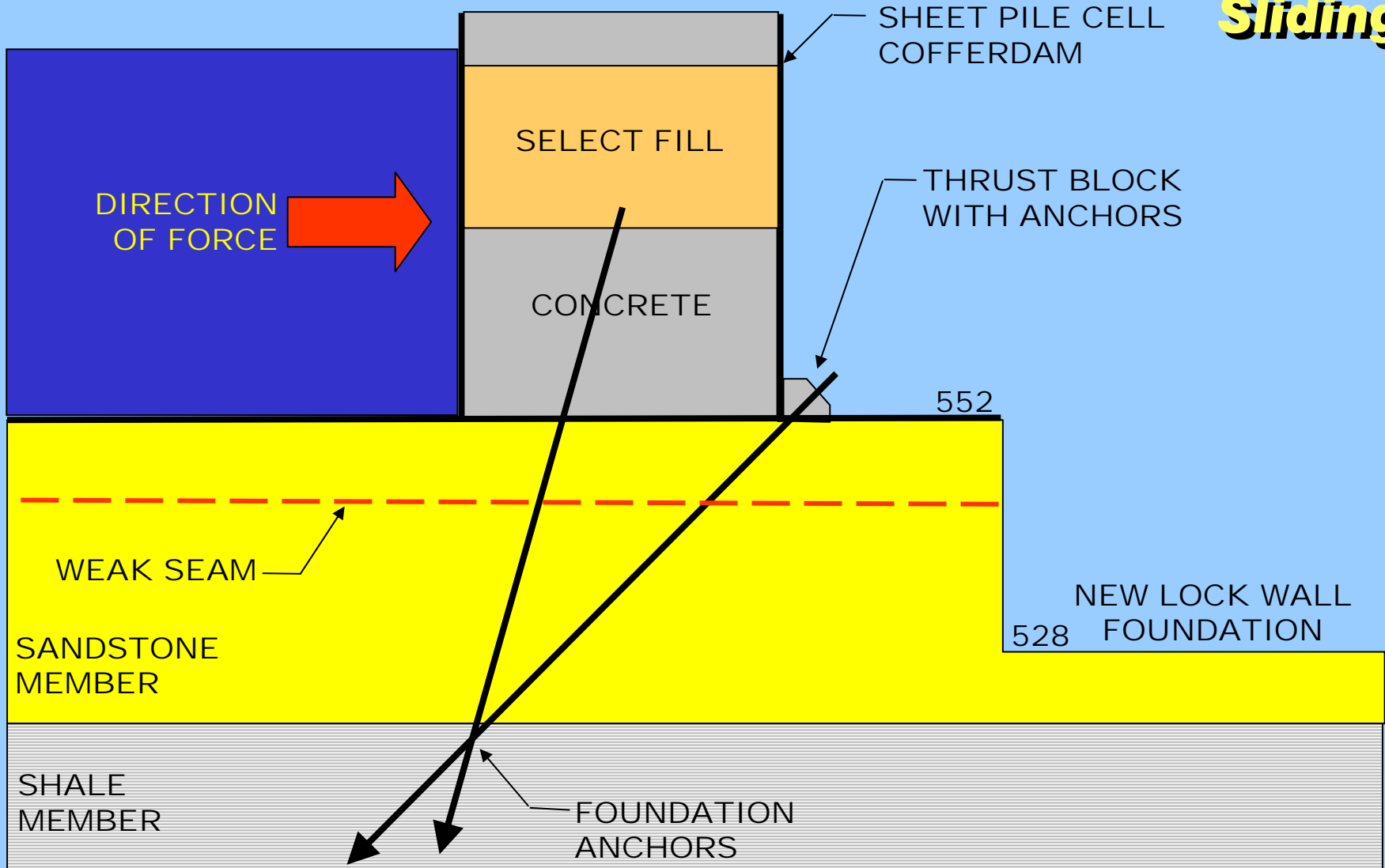
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## **Cofferdam Foundation Movement Response**

- ◆ **Establish Emergency Action Plan Based on Increments of Foundation Movement.**
- ◆ **Increase Instrumentation Readings and Installed Deeper Inclinometers**
- ◆ **Reanalyze Foundation Strength Parameters**
- ◆ **Accelerated Concrete Placement and Installed Additional Rock Anchors**



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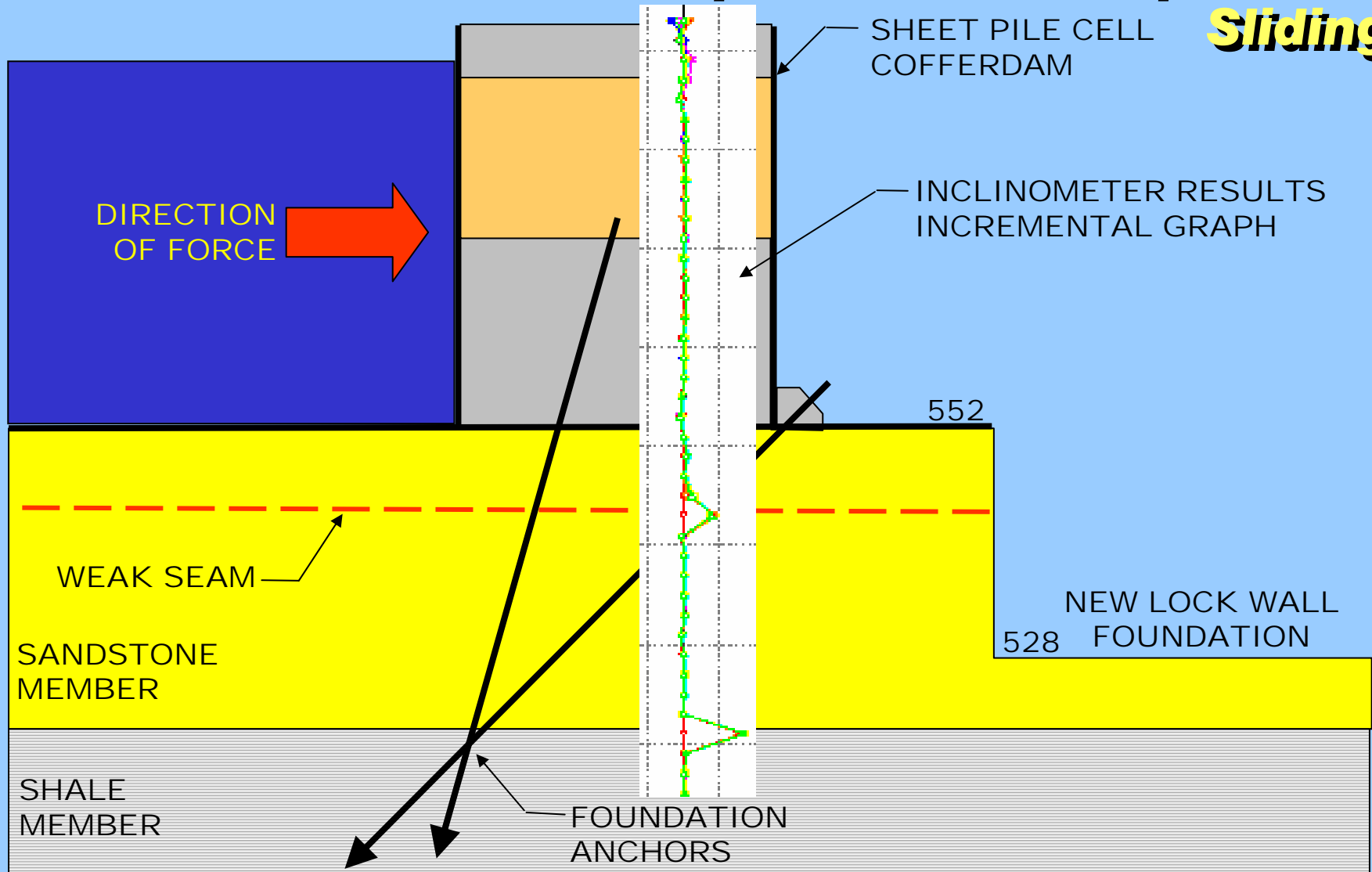


## Cofferdam Foundation Movement - Section





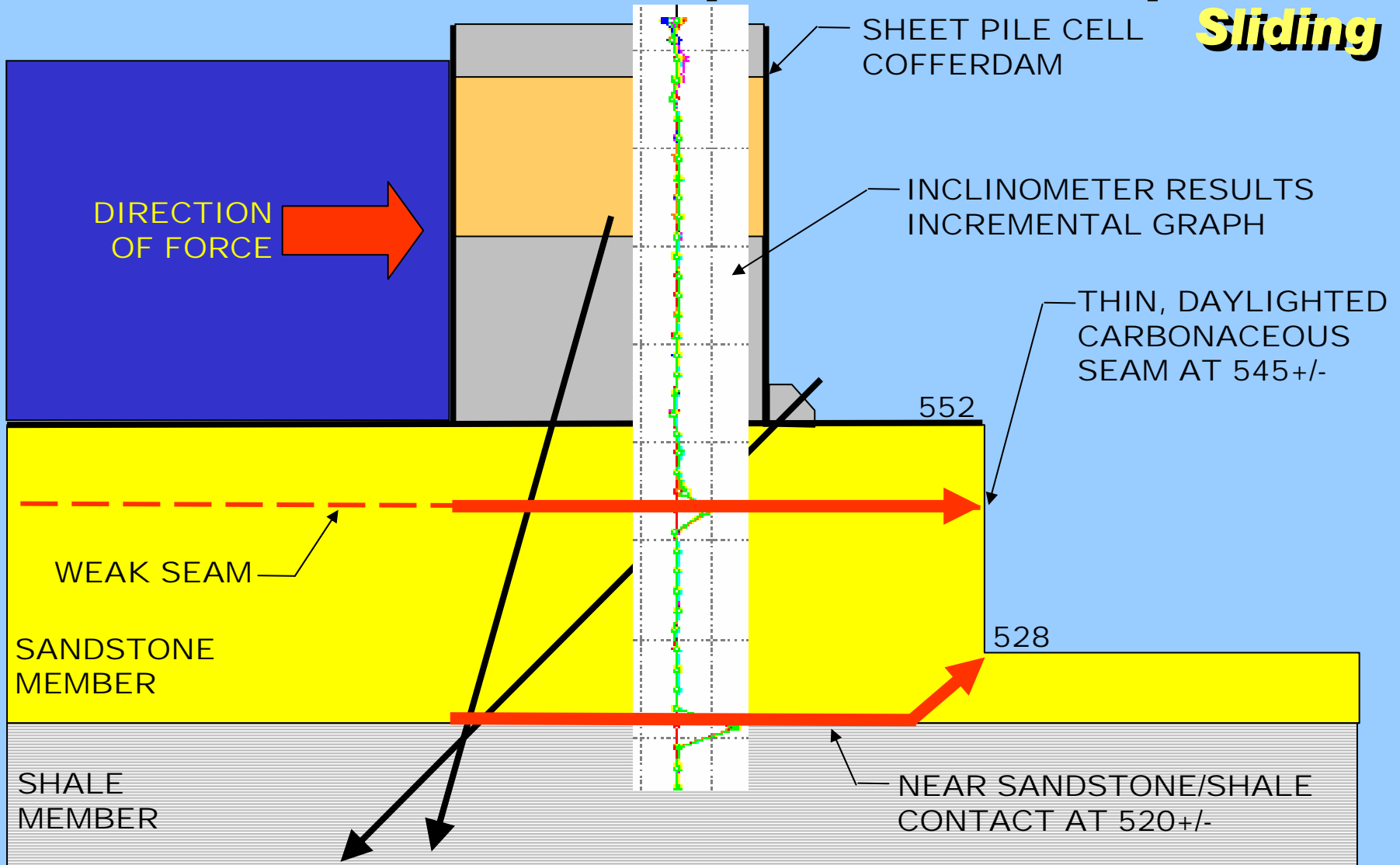
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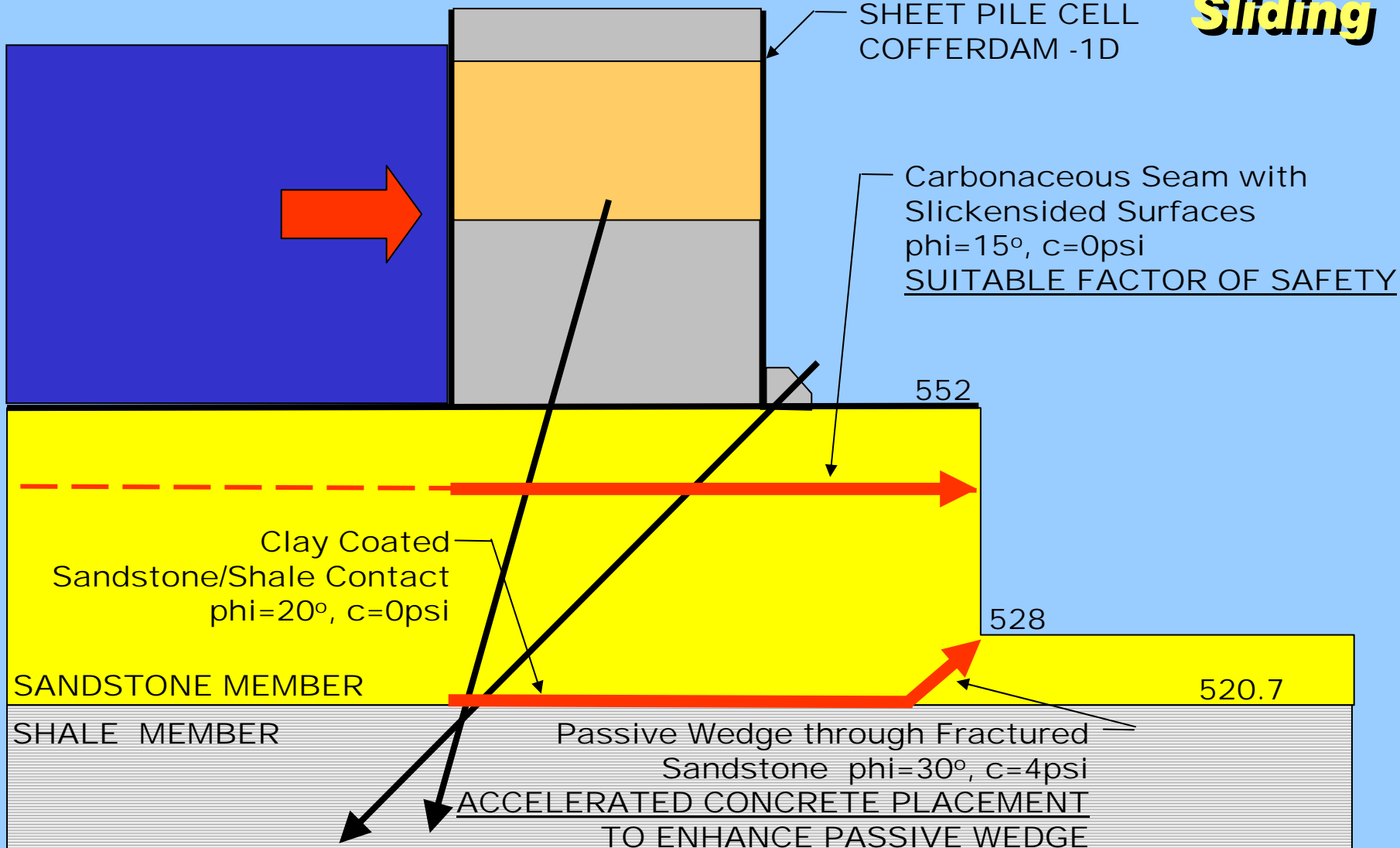


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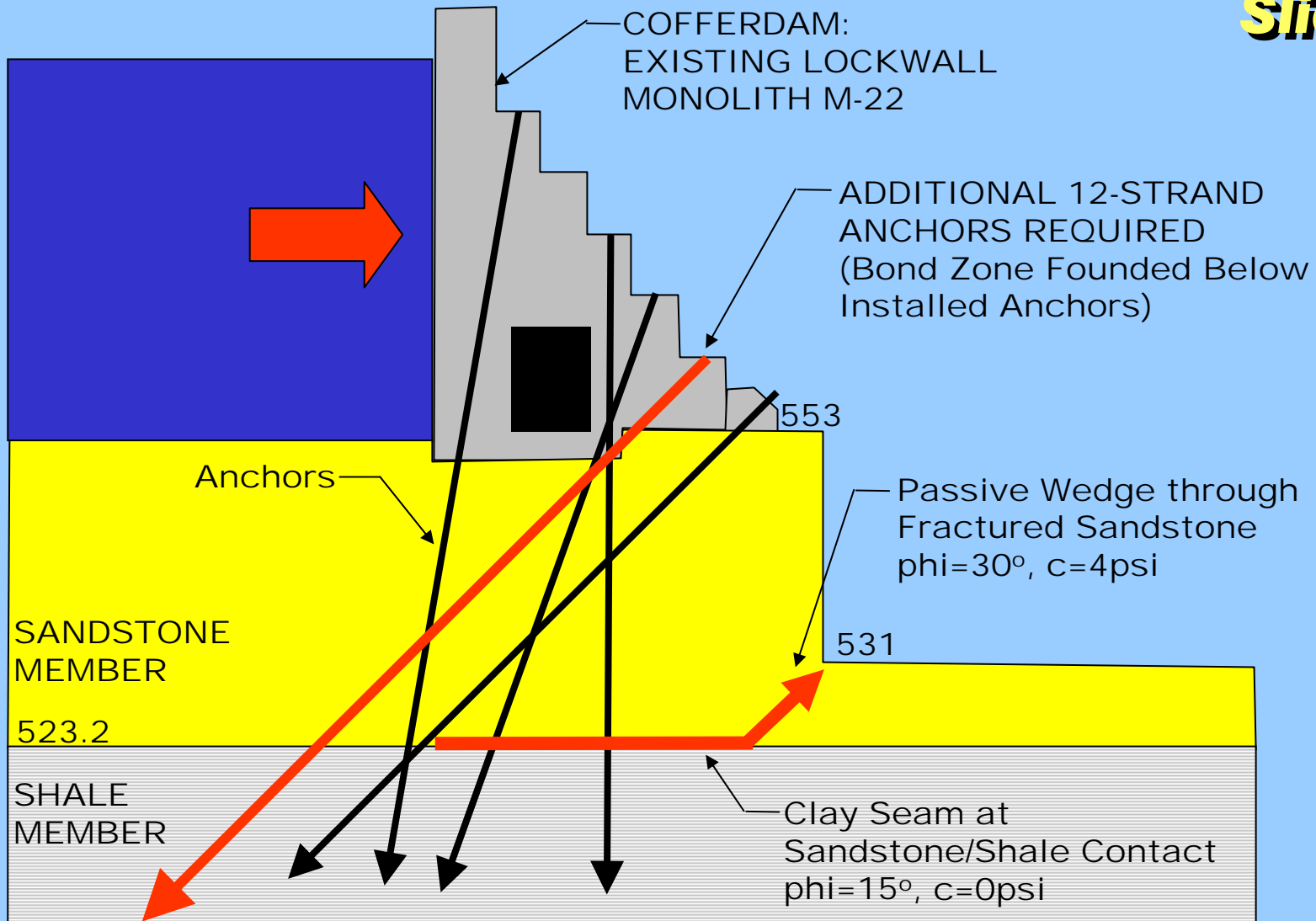
## Sliding



## Cofferdam Foundation Movement – Cell 1D



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## Cofferdam Foundation Movement – M-22

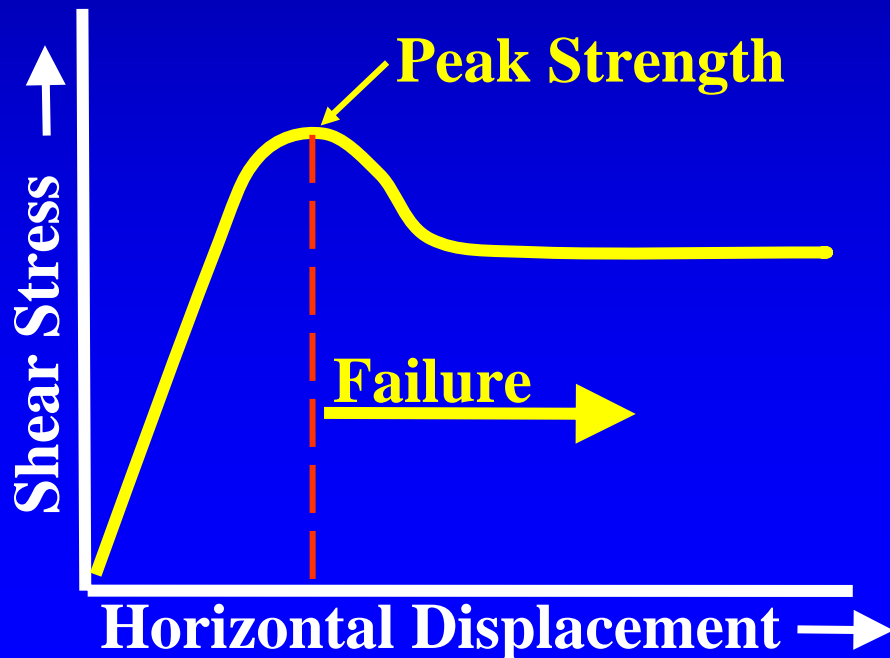


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## Cofferdam Foundation Movement

- ◆ Some displacement is required to engage rock mass shear strength
- ◆ Establish how much movement is acceptable



SCALE EFFECT OR  
LENGTH OF SHEARED  
BLOCK WAS TAKEN  
INTO CONSIDERATION

0.35 INCHES  
ESTABLISHED AS  
APPROACHING  
FAILURE



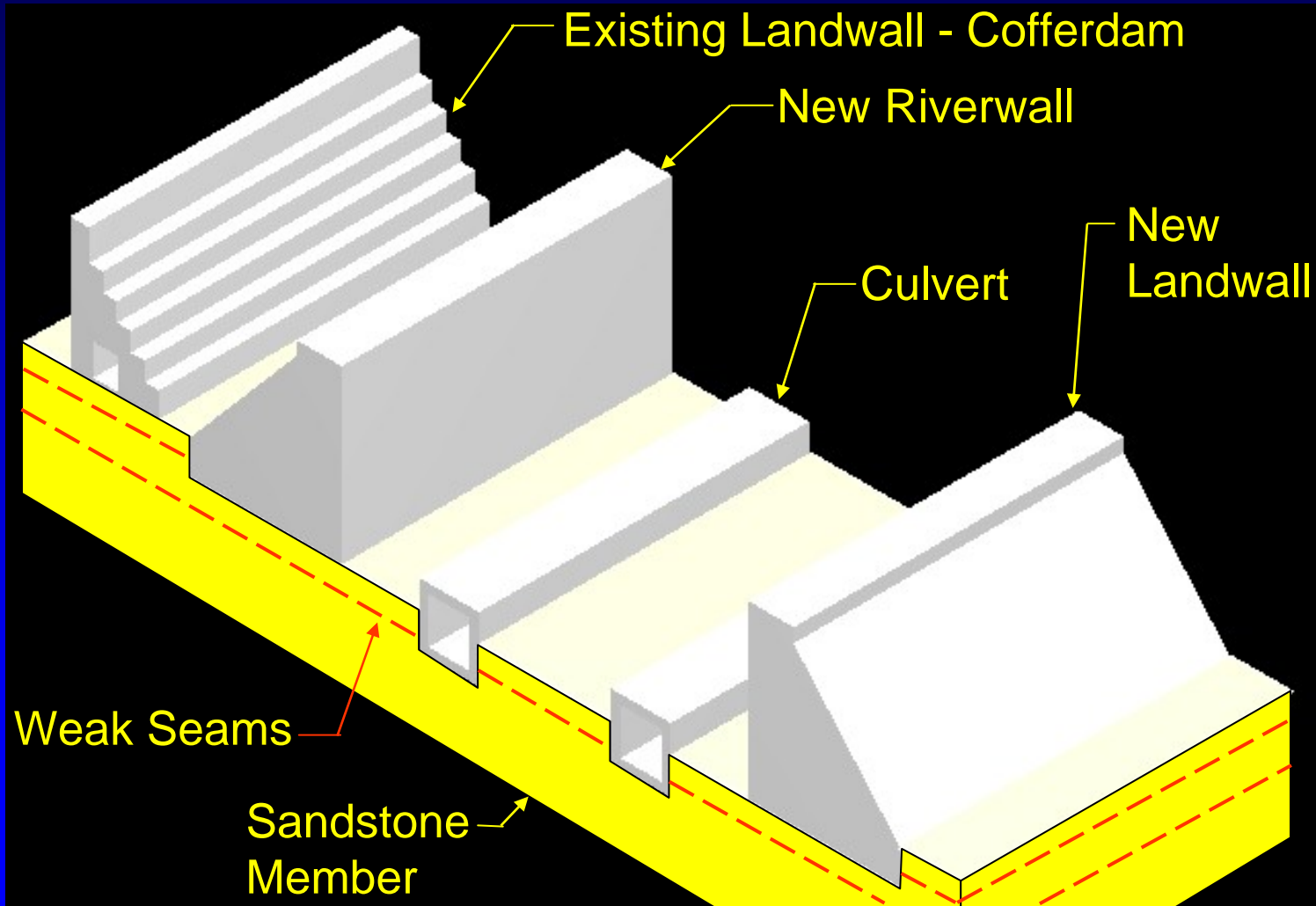
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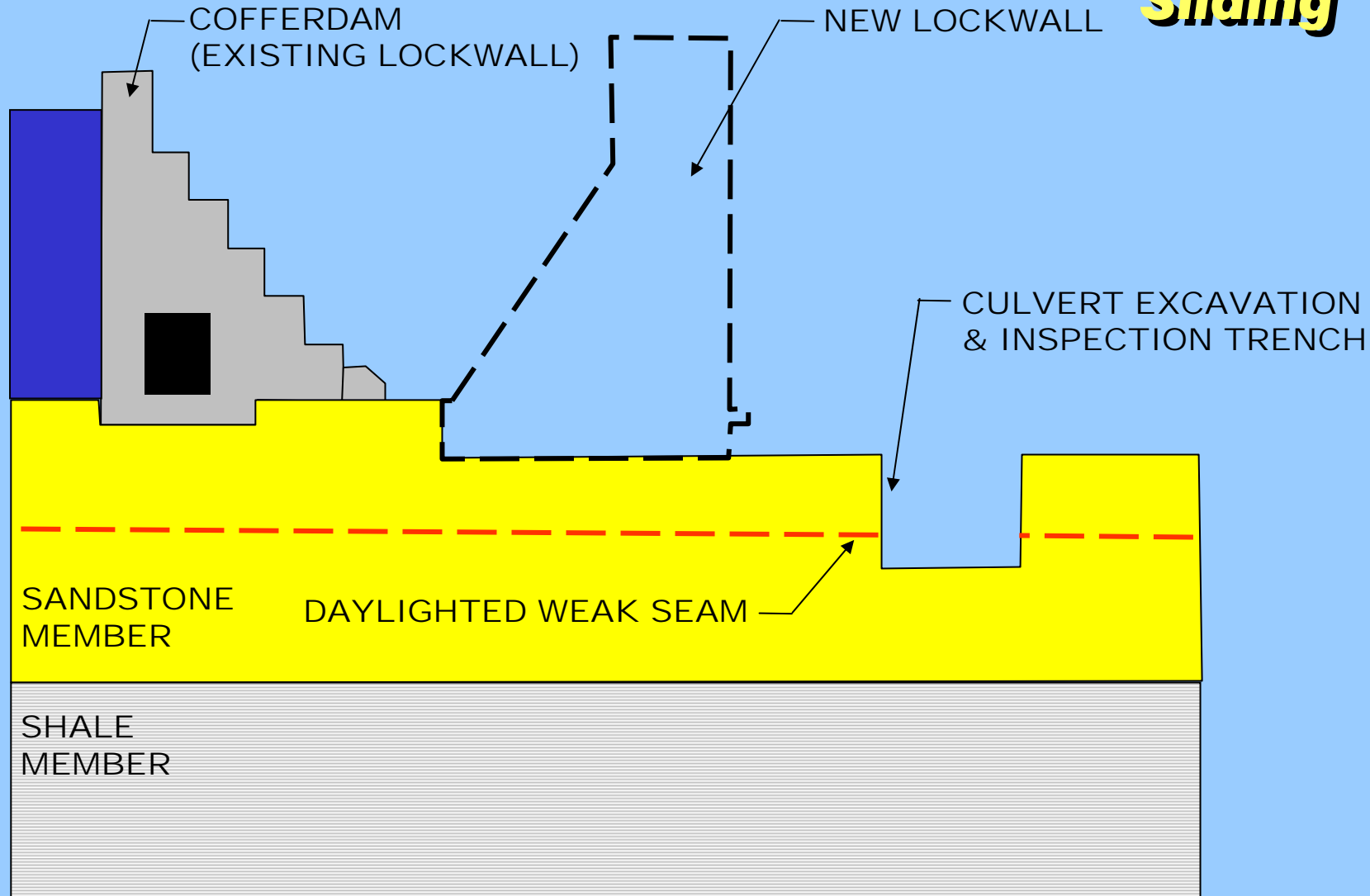
## **Sliding**



***Deep Seated Sliding – Culvert Excavation***



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***New Chamber Lockwall Monoliths***

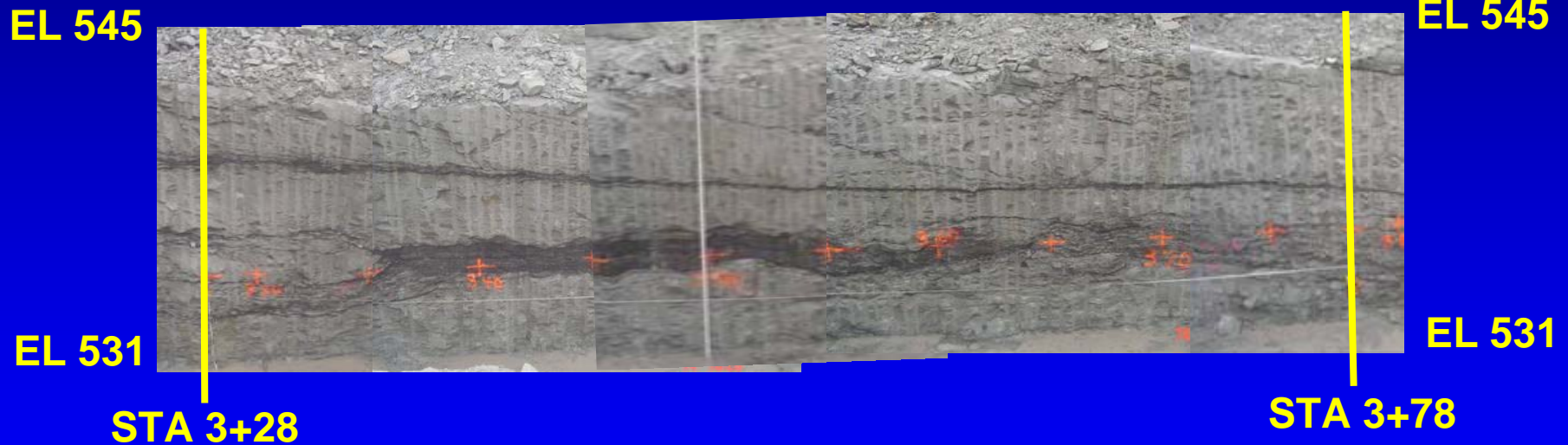


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## **Inspection Trench Sidewall - Photo**

### **MONOLITH R-15A**



***New Chamber Lockwall Monoliths***



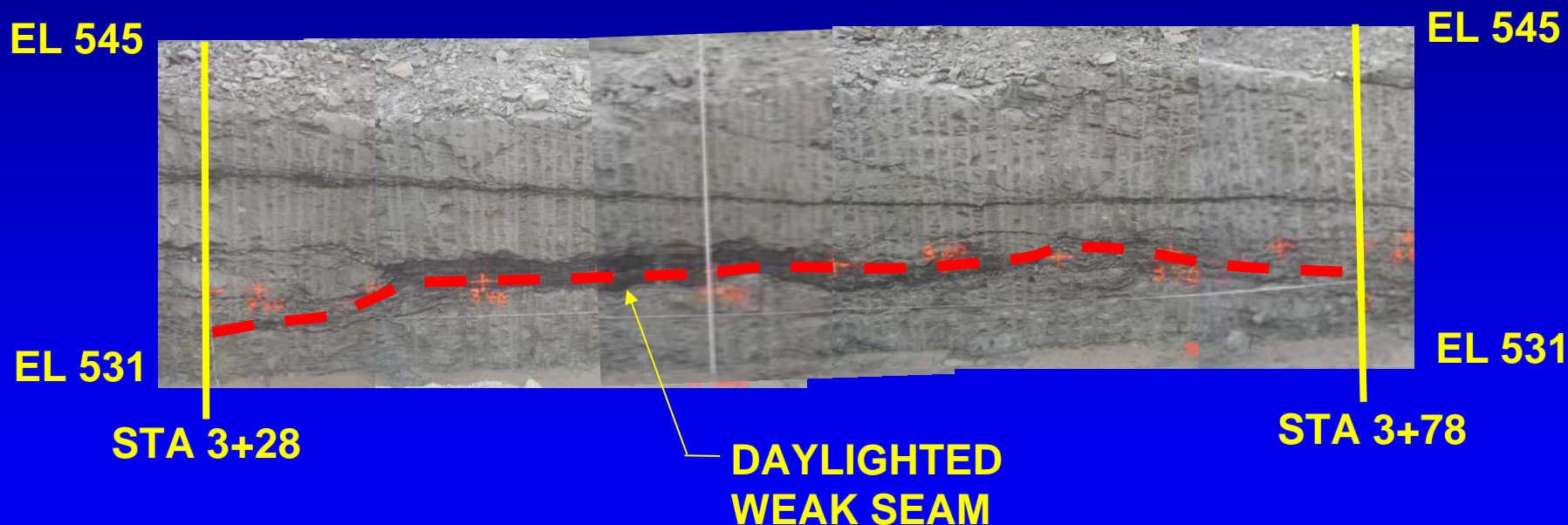


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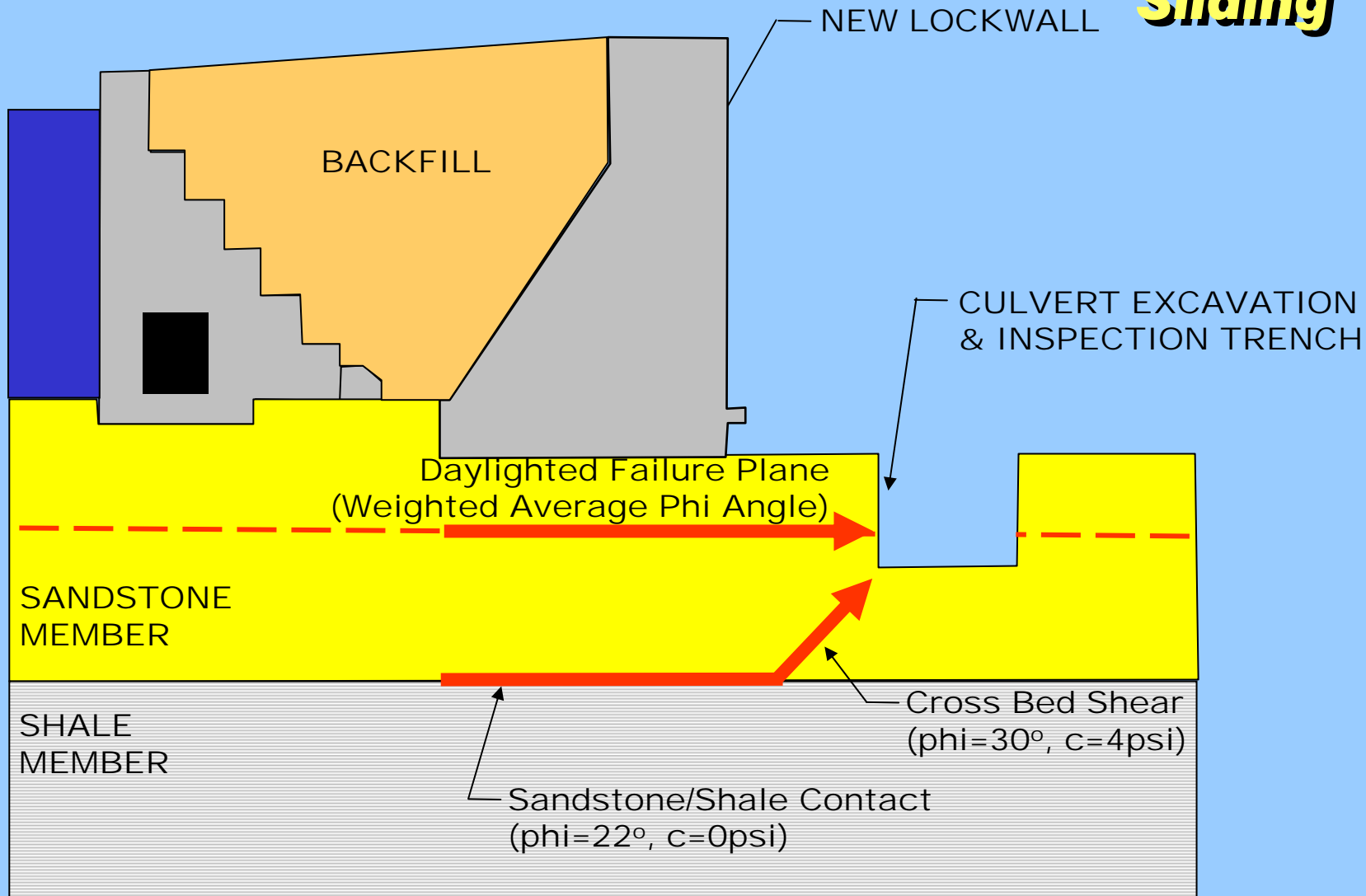


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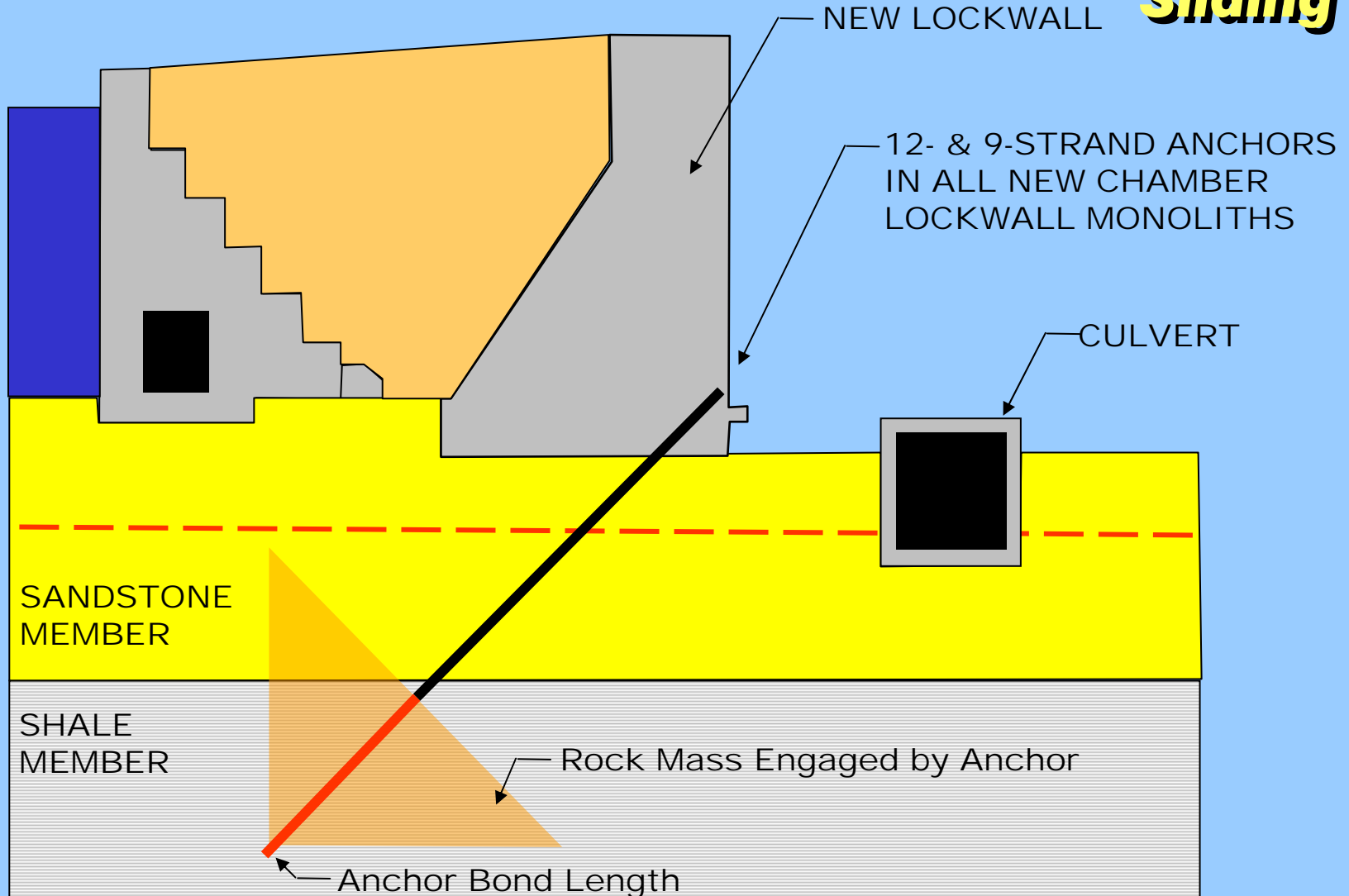
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# **Marmet Lock Replacement – Construction Construction Sequence**



**COFFERDAM – ANCHORS – SOIL EXCAVATION**



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***SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION – ROCK EXCAVATION***





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# **Marmet Lock Replacement – Construction**

## **Construction Sequence**



**ROCK EXCAVATION – FOUNDATION PREPARATION**



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## **Construction Sequence**



**CONCRETE – FOUNDATION GROUTING**

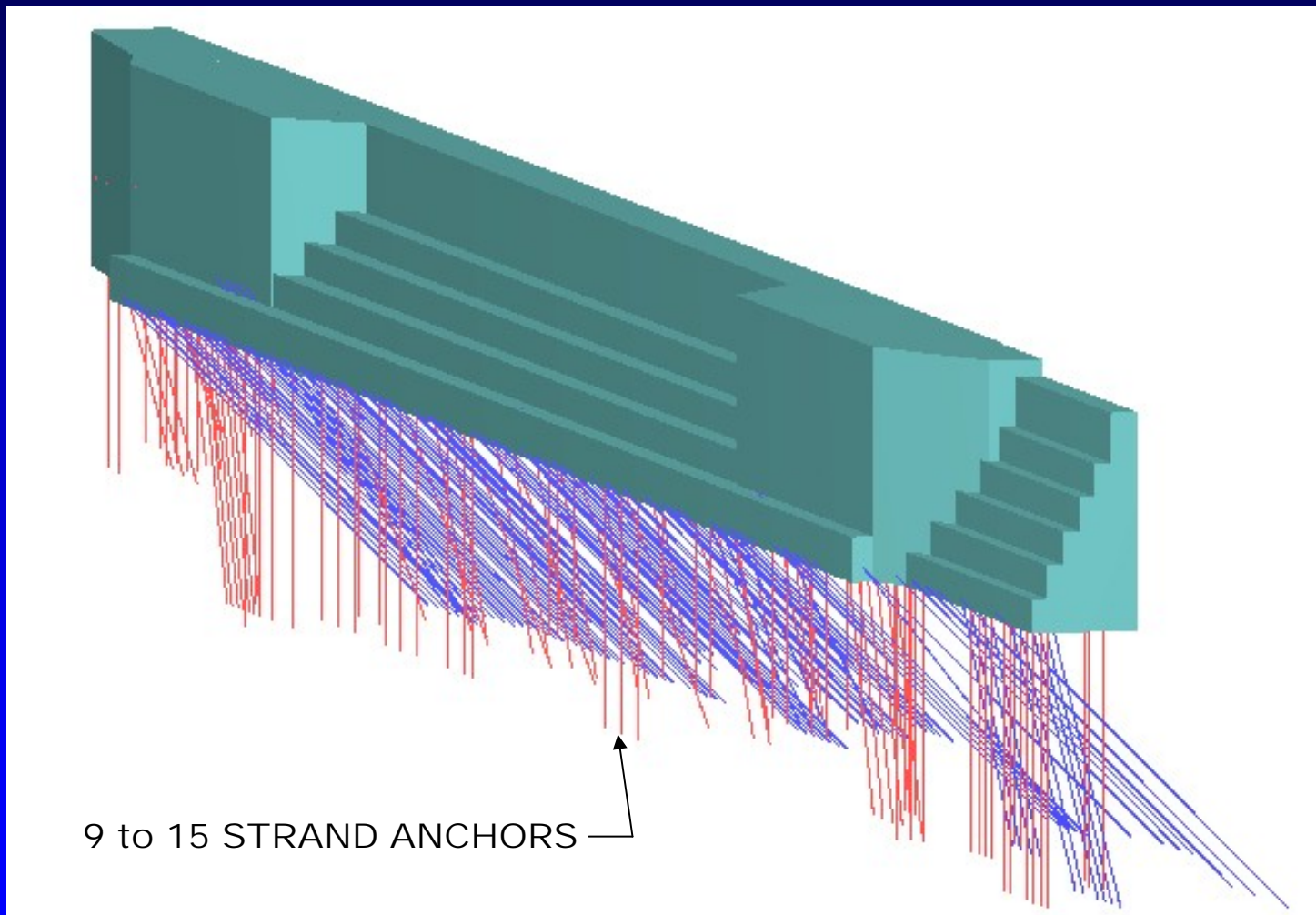


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# **FOUNDATION ANCHORS**



## **560 ANCHORS INSTALLED IN COFFERDAM**



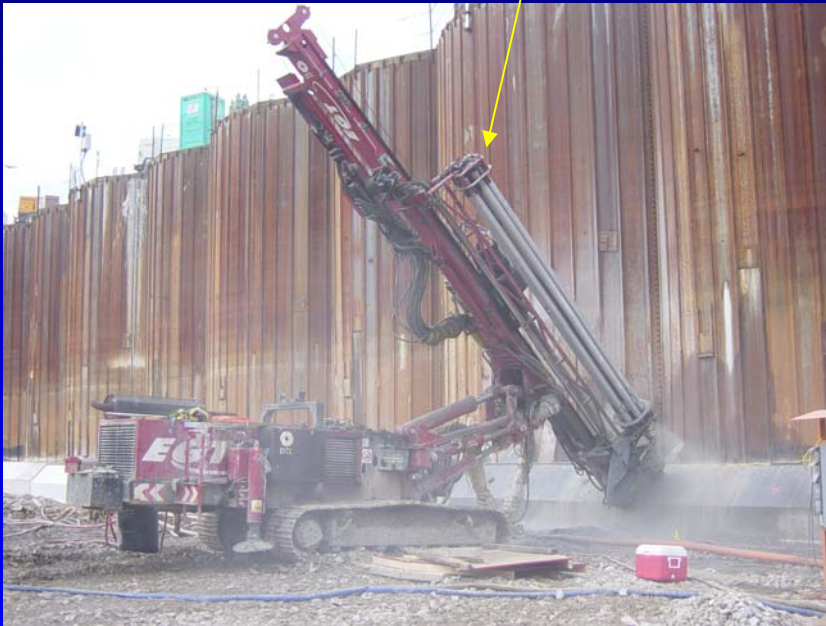
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## FOUNDATION ANCHORS

— DOWN-THE-HOLE HAMMER



6 TO 10 INCH DIA. HOLES —

## DRILLING ANCHOR HOLES



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## **FOUNDATION ANCHORS**



Tropari



Maxibor

- WITHIN 0.5° AZIMUTH AND INCLINATION
- LESS THAN 1 INCH DEVIATION PER 10 FEET OF HOLE

## ***ANCHOR ALIGNMENT TESTING***



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# **FOUNDATION ANCHORS**



- ANCHOR HOLES PRESSURE TESTED
- CONSOLIDATION GROUTED
- ANCHOR INSTALLED
- FIRST STAGE GROUTING OF BOND ZONE
- TENSIONED AND TESTED
- SECOND STAGE GROUTING OF FREE LENGTH

## ***ANCHOR TENSIONING***



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# **FOUNDATION ANCHORS**

- ◆ Performance Testing
- ◆ Proof Testing
- ◆ Extended Creep Testing

	MUTS	Design Load	Lock Off Load (70% Des. Load)
9 Strand	527 kips	316 kips	369 kips
12 Strand	703 kips	422 kips	492 kips
15 Strand	879 kips	527 kips	615 kips

***ANCHOR TENSIONING AND TESTING***

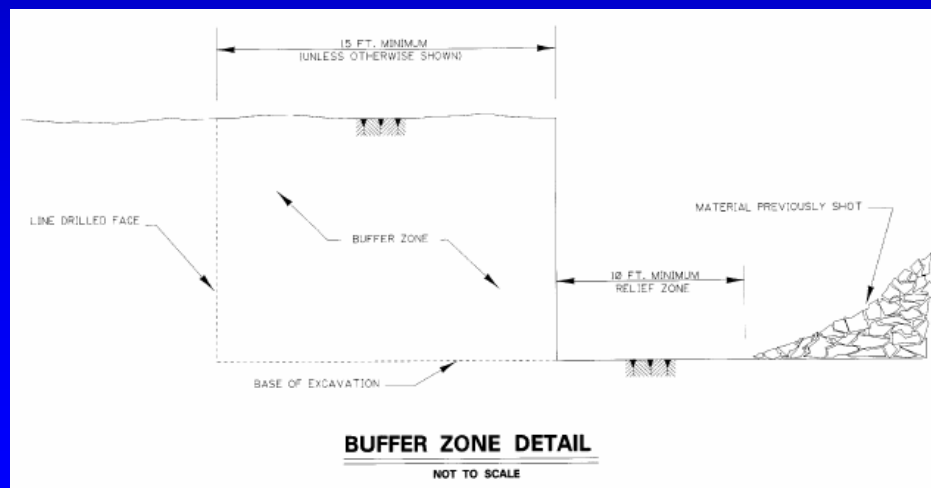
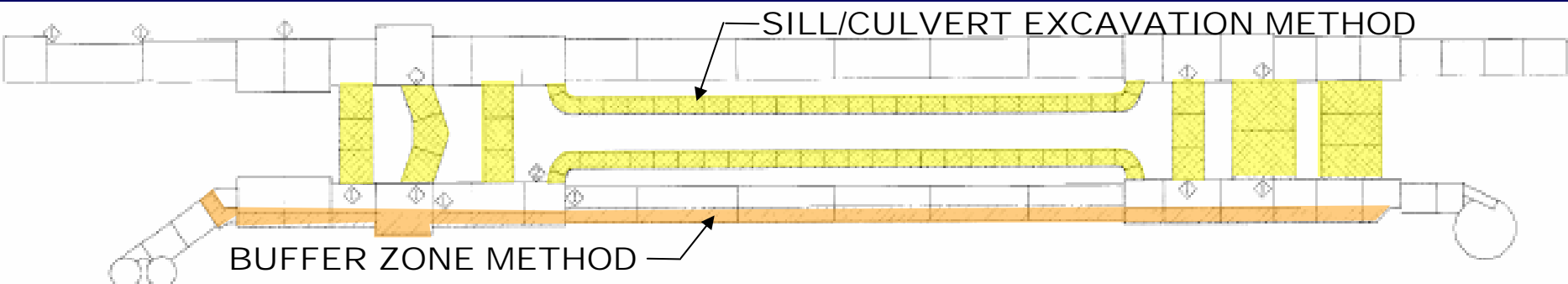


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## ROCK EXCAVATION



- ◆ Pre-blast Survey of Community
- ◆ 50' Maximum Blasting Dimension Along Axis
- ◆ Buffer Zone and Sill Excavation Methods
- ◆ 3 in/sec Peak Particle Velocity at Nearest Structure
- ◆ Line Drilled Perimeters





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## **ROCK EXCAVATION**



***LINE DRILLED PERIMETER***



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## **ROCK EXCAVATION**



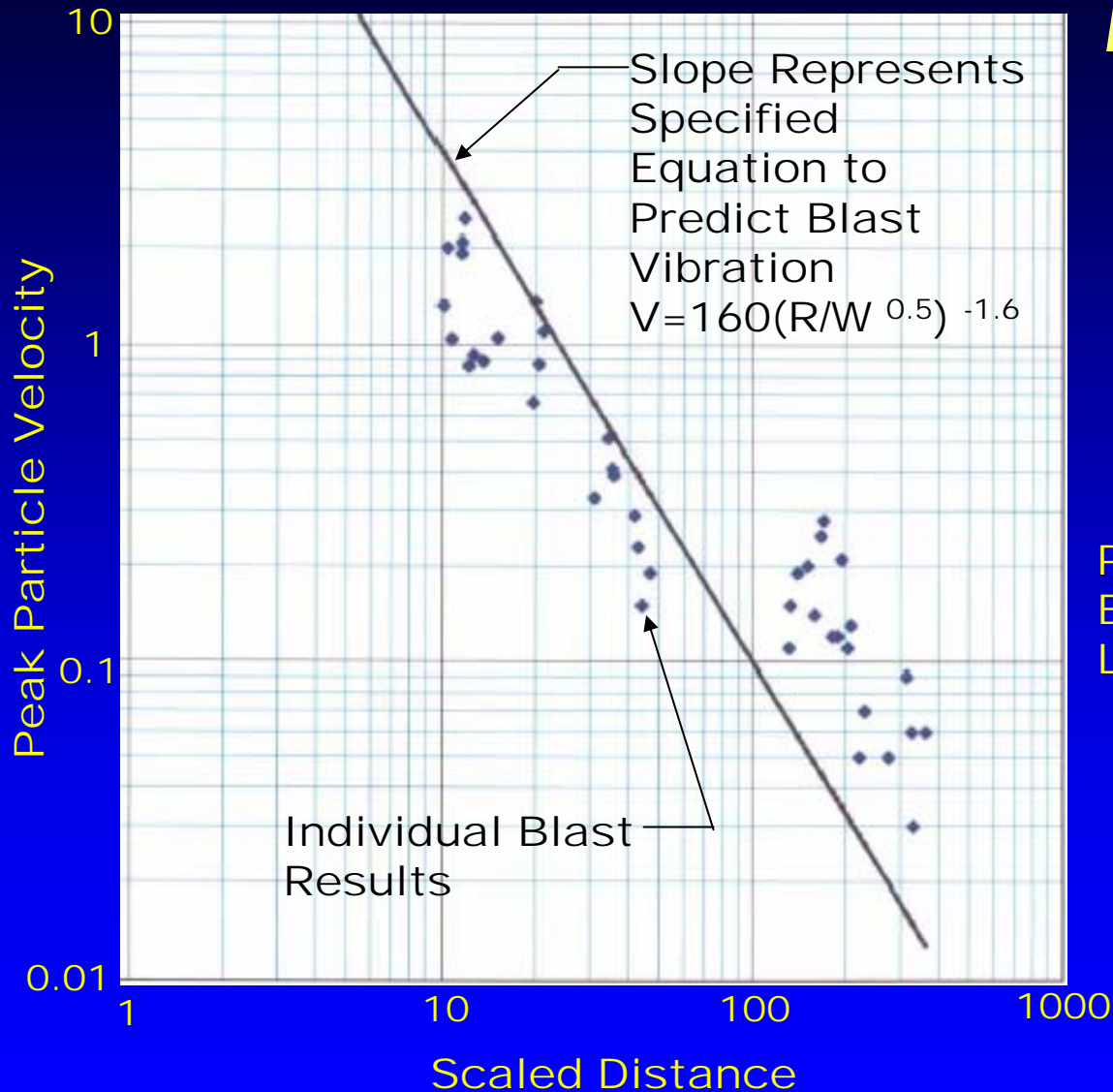
**PRODUCTION SHOT**



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# Marmet Lock Replacement – Rock Excavation



Plot Individual Blast Results on Log/Log Graph

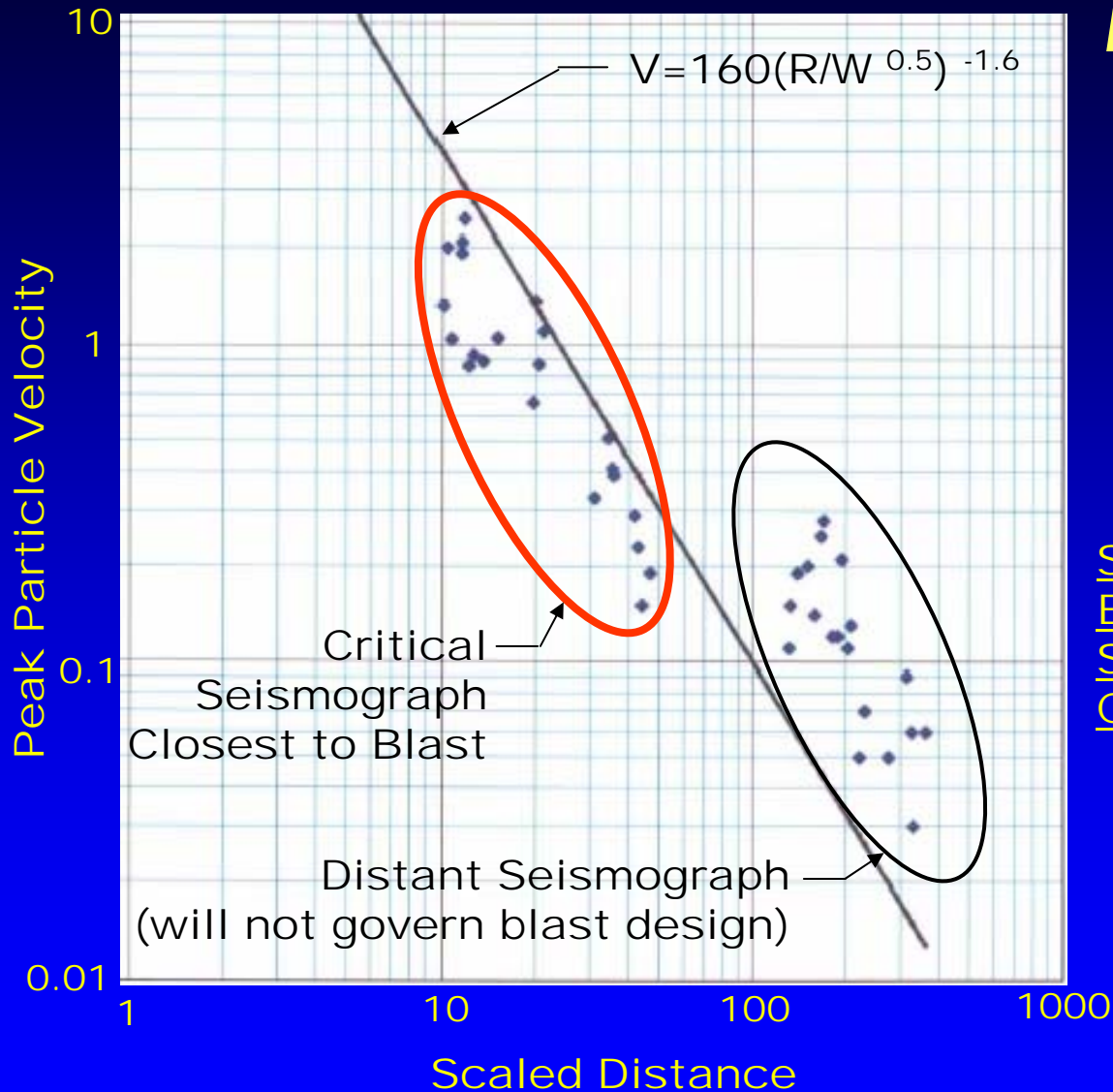
## Evaluating Specified Vibration Equation



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# Marmet Lock Replacement – Rock Excavation



Specified  
Equation is  
Suitable for  
Critical Blasts

## Evaluating Specified Vibration Equation



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## **FOUNDATION PREPARATION**



***OVER BREAK BEHIND LINE DRILLED FACE***



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## **FOUNDATION PREPARATION**



**SHOT HOLE DAMAGE**



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**CARBONACEOUS LAMINATIONS TREE FOSSILS**

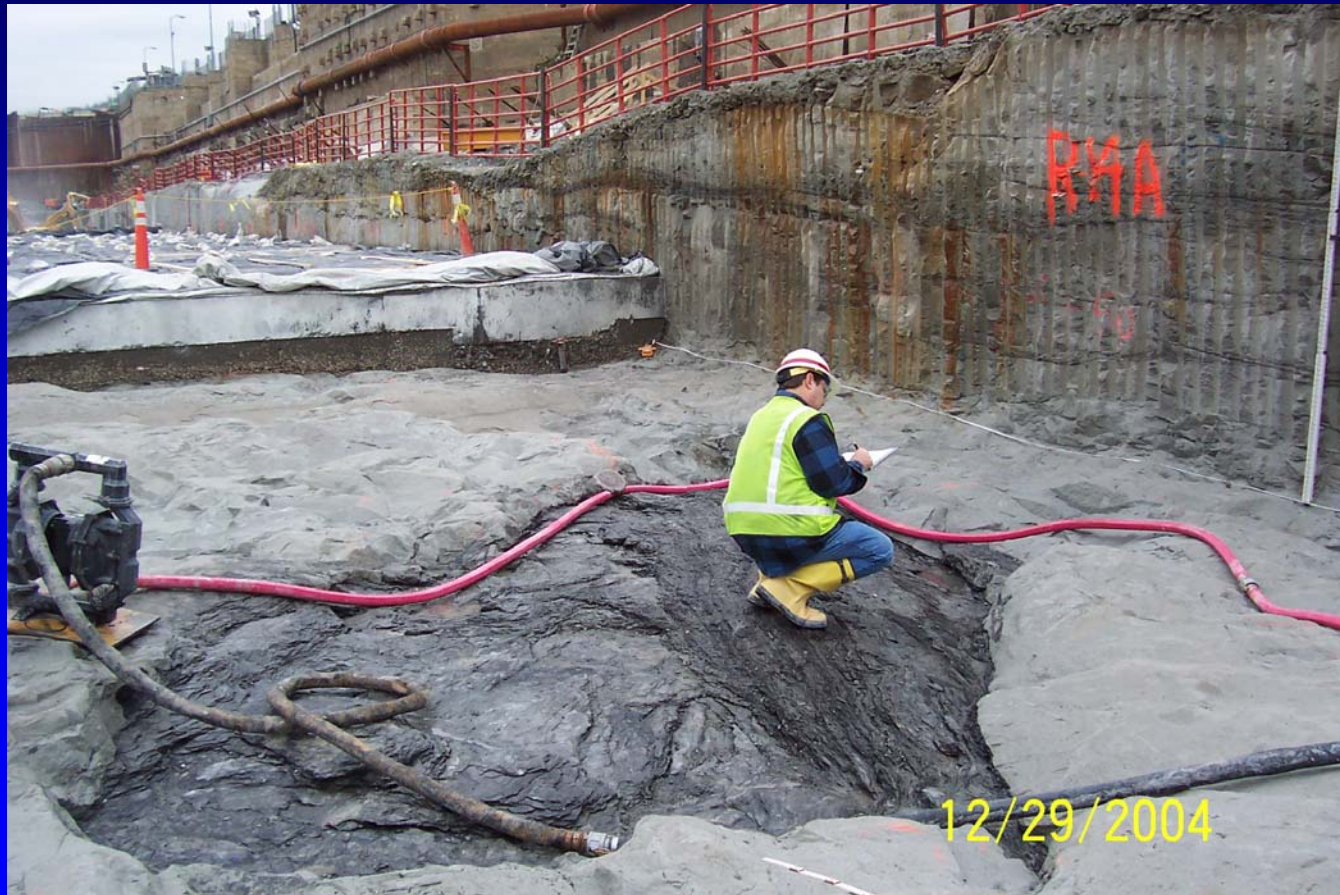


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## **FOUNDATION PREPARATION**



***SHALE LENS AND SEAMS***





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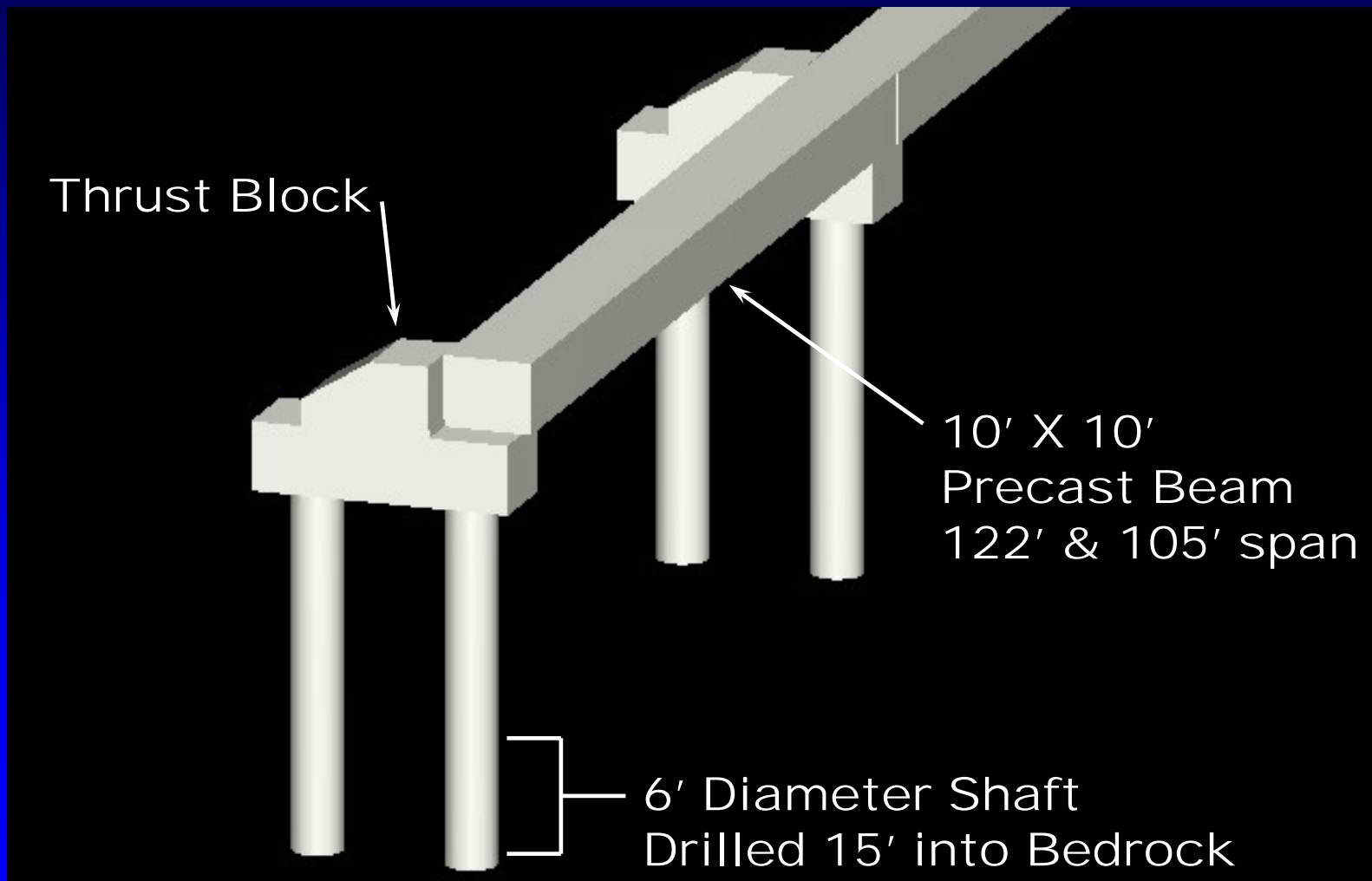
**JONTS WITH ARTESIAN GROUNDWATER FLOW**



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## **DRILLED SHAFT FOUNDATION**



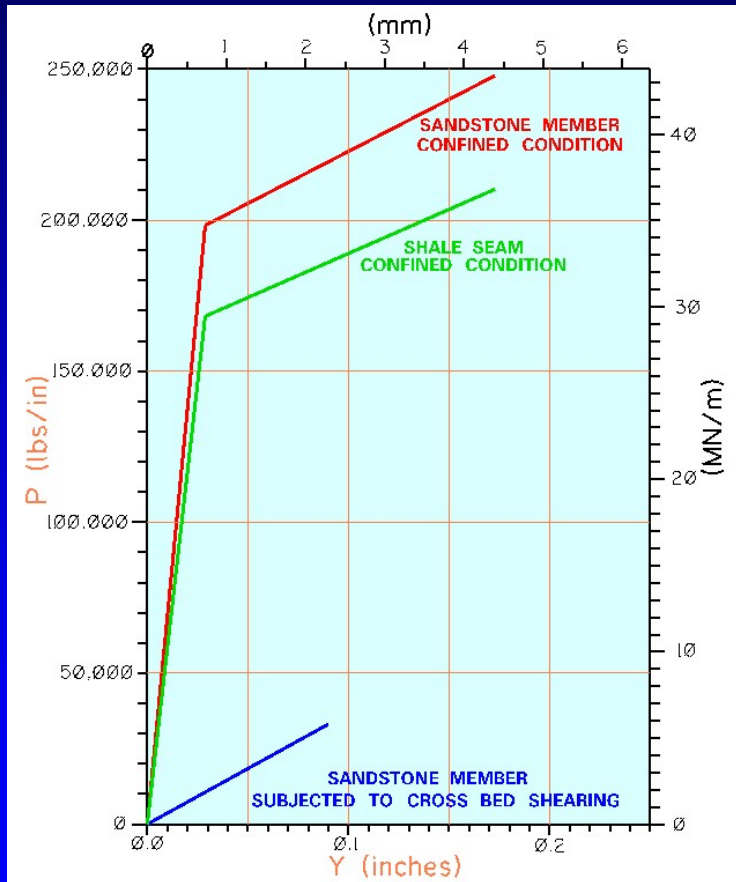
## **UPSTREAM APPROACH WALLS**



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## DRILLED SHAFT FOUNDATION



## BOREHOLE JACK TESTING



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## **DRILLED SHAFT FOUNDATION**



***DRILLING 6-FOOT DIAMETER SHAFT***



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## **DRILLED SHAFT FOUNDATION**



**INSTALLING REBAR CAGE & PLACING CONCRETE**

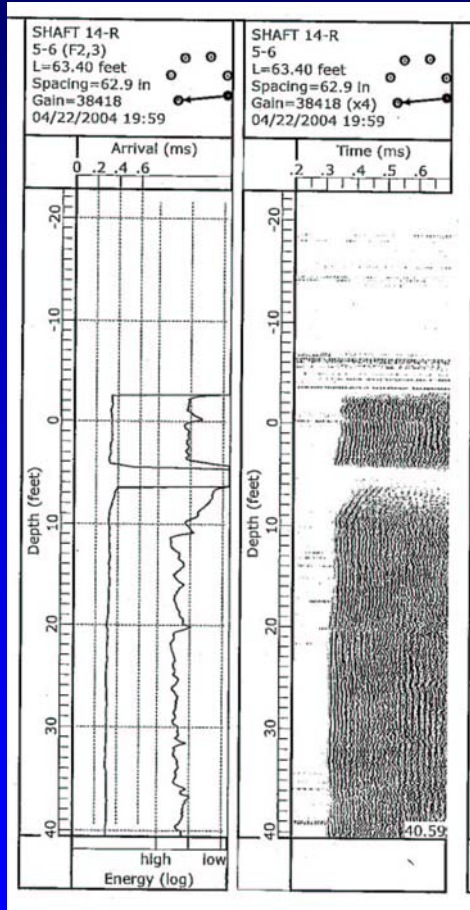


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## DRILLED SHAFT FOUNDATION



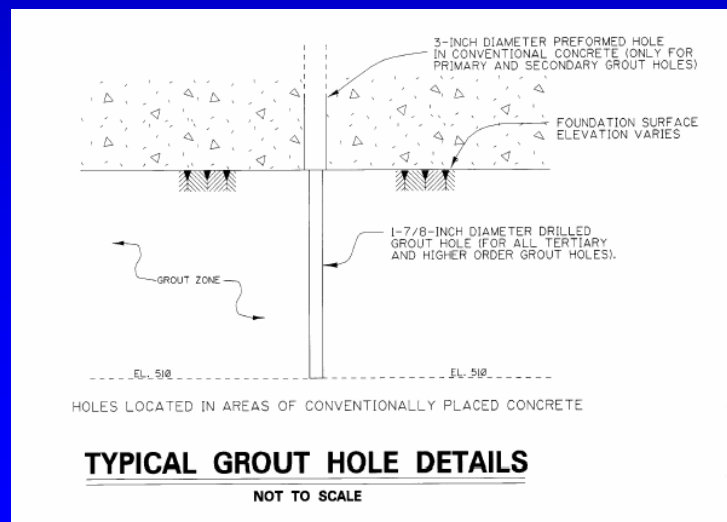
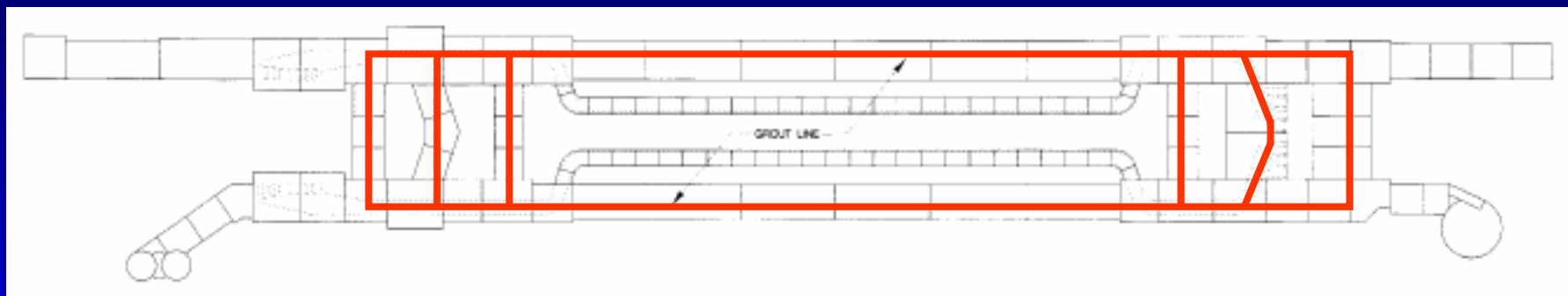
CSL TESTING AND LOW DENSITY CONCRETE



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## Foundation Drilling and Grouting



- ◆ Grout Curtain Extends to Elevation 510
- ◆ 10' Spacing Between Primary and Secondary Holes
- ◆ Optional Tertiary and Higher Order Holes
- ◆ All Holes Pressure Testing
- ◆ Neat Cement Grout



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## **Foundation Drilling and Grouting**



Drilling Grout Holes



Grout Plant



Grout Header





# **Marmet Lock Replacement – Main Topics**

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## **Main Topics of Discussion**

### **1. PROJECT OVERVIEW**

- a. Site Plan
- b. Site Geology

### **2. DEEP SEATED SLIDING**

- a. Design Concerns
- b. Cofferdam Foundation Movement
- c. New Chamber Lockwall Monoliths

### **3. GEOLOGIC ASPECTS OF CONSTRUCTION**

- a. Anchor Installation
- b. Rock Excavation
- c. Foundation Preparation & Treatment
- d. Drilled Shaft Foundations
- e. Foundation Drilling and Grouting



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# **Marmet Lock Replacement – Conclusion**

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## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

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