

**Geotechnical Engineering Investigation**

Proposed Industrial Warehouse Development  
Southeast Corner of Placentia Lane and Center Street  
Riverside, California

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RE: **Geotechnical Engineering Investigation** - Proposed Industrial Warehouse  
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Center Street, in the City of Riverside, California

Dear Mr. Day:

Pursuant to your request, this firm has performed a Geotechnical Engineering Investigation in accordance with your authorization of our proposal dated July 10, 2014 for the above referenced project. The purpose of this investigation is to evaluate the subsurface conditions of the subject site and to provide recommendations for the proposed industrial warehouse development.

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The scope of work included the following: 1) site reconnaissance; 2) subsurface geotechnical exploration and sampling; 3) laboratory testing; 4) engineering analysis of field and laboratory data; 5) and preparation of a geotechnical engineering report. It is the opinion of this firm that the proposed development is feasible from a geotechnical standpoint provided that the recommendations presented in this report are followed in the design and construction of the project.

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### **1.0 Project Description**

It is proposed to construct an industrial warehouse development consisting of a concrete tilt-up building totaling 308,000 square feet on the 15.63-acre subject property as shown on the attached Site Plan. The proposed concrete tilt-up building will be supported by a conventional slab-on-grade foundation system with perimeter-spread footings and isolated interior footings. Other improvements will consist of new concrete and/or asphalt pavement and hardscape. It is assumed that the proposed grading for the development will include minor cut and fill procedures. Final building plans shall be reviewed by this firm prior to submittal for city approval to determine the need for any additional study and revised recommendations pertinent to the proposed development, if necessary.

### **2.0 Site Description**

The subject property is located at the southeast corner of Placentia Lane and Center Street, in the City of Riverside. The generally rectangular-shaped parcel is elongated in an east to west direction with topography of the relatively level property descending gradually from north to south on the order of a few feet. A majority of the site is currently undeveloped land covered with a low growth of vegetation cover consisting of natural grasses and weeds. The southeast corner of the site is occupied by a single family residence.

### **3.0 Site Exploration**

The investigation consisted of the placement of eleven (11) subsurface exploratory trenches by a backhoe to depths ranging from 5 to 15 feet and (1) subsurface exploratory boring by a truckmounted hollowstem auger to a depth of 50 feet below current ground elevations. The explorations were visually classified and logged by a field engineer with locations of the subsurface explorations shown on the attached Site Plan. The exploratory excavations revealed the existing earth materials to consist of a disturbed top soil/fill and natural soil. A detailed description of the subsurface conditions are listed on the excavation logs in Appendix A.

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**Fill:** A fill/disturbed soil classifying as brown, fine grained, silty SAND was encountered across the site and ranged in depth from 1 to 2 feet. These soils were noted to be loose and damp.

**Natural:** An undisturbed alluvium soil classifying as a brown, fine to medium grained, silty SAND was encountered beneath the upper surface soils. These native soils were observed to be medium dense and damp to moist. Deeper soils consisted of a light brown, fine to coarse grained, gravelly SAND, which were noted to be medium dense to dense and damp.

The overall engineering characteristics of the earth material were relatively uniform with each excavation. Groundwater was encountered at a depth of 31 feet below ground surface and some caving occurred in the deeper cohesionless soils.

#### **4.0 Laboratory Tests**

Relatively undisturbed samples of the subsurface soils were obtained to perform laboratory testing and analysis for direct shear, consolidation tests, and to determine in-place moisture/densities. These relatively undisturbed ring samples were obtained by driving a thin-walled steel sampler lined with one inch long brass rings with an inside diameter of 2.42 inches into the undisturbed soils.

Standard penetration tests were obtained by driving a steel sampler unlined with an inside diameter of 1.5 inches into the soils. This standard penetrometer sampler was driven a total of eighteen inches with blow counts tallied every six inches. Blow count data is given on the Boring Logs in Appendix A.

Bulk bag samples were obtained in the upper soils for expansion index tests and maximum density tests. Wall loadings on the order of 4,000 lbs./lin.ft. and maximum compression loads on the order of 100 kips were utilized for testing and design purposes. All test results are included in Appendix B, unless otherwise noted.

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- 4.1 **Field moisture content** (ASTM: D 2216) and the dry density of the ring samples were determined in the laboratory. This data is listed on the logs of explorations.
- 4.2 **Maximum density tests** (ASTM: D-1557-07) were performed on typical samples of the upper soils. Results of these tests are shown on Table I.
- 4.3 **Expansion index tests** (ASTM: D 4829-07) were performed on remolded samples of the upper soils. Results of these tests are provided on Table II.
- 4.4 **Corrosion tests** consisting of sulfate, pH, resistivity and chloride analysis to determine potential corrosive effects of soils on concrete and underground utilities were performed in the laboratory. Test results are provided on Table III.
- 4.5 **R-Value test** per California Test Method 301 was performed on a representative sample, which may be anticipated to be near subgrade to determine pavement design. Result provided within pavement section design section of report.
- 4.6 **Direct shear tests** (ASTM: D-3080) were performed on undisturbed and disturbed samples of the subsurface soils. The test is performed under saturated conditions at loads of 1,000 lbs./sq.ft., 2,000 lbs./sq.ft., and 3,000 lbs./sq.ft. with results shown on Plates A and B.
- 4.7 **Consolidation tests** (ASTM: D-2435) were performed on undisturbed samples to determine the differential and total settlement which may be anticipated based upon the proposed loads. Water was added to the samples at a surcharge of one KSF and the settlement curves are plotted on Plates C to F.

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## 5.0 Seismicity Evaluation

The proposed development lies just outside of the Alquist Priolo Special Studies Zone and the potential for damage due to direct fault rupture is considered very remote. The site is located in an area of high regional seismicity and the San Jacinto fault is located approximately 6 kilometers from the site. Ground shaking originating from earthquakes along other active faults in the region is expected to induce lower horizontal accelerations due to smaller anticipated earthquakes and/or greater distances to other faults.

The seismic design of the project has been updated to the latest 2010 ASCE 7-10 (with July 2013 errata) standards and the mapped seismic ground motions were provided by using the Java based program available from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) website: <http://geohazards.usgs.gov/designmaps/us/application.php>. The earthquake design parameters are in accordance with the 2013 California Building Code (CBC) and are listed below.

### Seismic Design Parameters

Site Location	Latitude	34.019°
	Longitude	-117.356°
Site Class		D
Maximum Spectral Response Acceleration	S <sub>s</sub>	1.524g
	S <sub>1</sub>	0.657g
Adjusted Maximum Acceleration	S <sub>MS</sub>	1.524g
	S <sub>M1</sub>	0.985g
Design Spectral Response Acceleration Parameters	S <sub>DS</sub>	1.016g
	S <sub>D1</sub>	0.657g

## 6.0 Liquefaction Evaluation

The site is expected to experience ground shaking and earthquake activity that is typical of Southern California area. It is during severe ground shaking that loose, granular soils below the groundwater table can liquefy. A review of the exploratory boring log and the laboratory test results on selected soil samples obtained indicate the following soil classifications, field blowcounts and amounts of fines passing through the No. 200 sieve.

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**Field Blowcount and Gradation Data**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Blowcounts (blows/ft)</u>	<u>Relative Density</u>	<u>% Passing No. 200 Sieve</u>
B-1 @ 5'	SM	10	Medium Dense	32
B-1 @ 10'	SM	7	Medium Dense	22
B-1 @ 15'	SM	23	Dense	12
B-1 @ 20'	SW	28	Dense	7
B-1 @ 25'	SM	32	Dense	18
B-1 @ 30'	SW	33	Dense	5
B-1 @ 35'	SW	35	Dense	4
B-1 @ 40'	SW	32	Dense	9
B-1 @ 45'	SM	34	Dense	17
B-1 @ 50'	SW	40	Dense	8

Our analysis indicates the potential for liquefaction at this site is considered to be low, due to the very dense granular soils below a historic groundwater depth of 30 feet, based on review of ground water maps of the Upper Santa Ana River Basin. (Carson and Matti, 1982). Seismic-induced settlements would be less than one inch and should occur rather uniformly across the site. Differential settlements from a nearby magnitude 6.7 earthquake would be one-half inch over a 100 feet (horizontal) distance in the building pad area. Thus, the design of the proposed construction in conformance with the latest Building Code provisions for earthquake design is expected to provide mitigation of ground shaking hazards that are typical to Southern California.

**7.0 Conclusions and Recommendations**

Based upon our evaluations, the proposed development is acceptable from a geotechnical engineering standpoint. By following the recommendations and guidelines set forth in our report, the structures will be safe from excessive settlements under the anticipated design loadings and conditions. The proposed development shall meet all requirements of the City Building Ordinance and will not impose any adverse effect on existing adjacent structures.

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The following recommendations are based upon geotechnical conditions encountered in our field investigation and laboratory data. Therefore, these surface and subsurface conditions could vary across the site. Variations in these conditions may not become evident until the commencement of grading operations and any unusual conditions which may be encountered in the course of the project development may require the need for additional study and revised recommendations.

It is recommended that site inspections be performed by a representative of this firm during all grading and construction of the development to verify the findings and recommendations documented in this report. The following sections present a discussion of geotechnical related requirements for specific design recommendations of different aspects of the project.

#### **7.1 Site Grading Recommendations**

Any vegetation shall be removed and hauled from proposed grading areas prior to the start of grading operations. Existing vegetation shall not be mixed or disced into the soils. Any removed soils may be reutilized as compacted fill once any deleterious material or oversized materials (in excess of eight inches) is removed. Grading operations shall be performed in accordance with the attached "Specifications for Compacted Fill Operations".

##### **7.1.1 Removal and Recomaction Recommendations**

All upper fill/disturbed soils (about 1 to 2 feet) shall be removed to competent native material, the exposed surface scarified to a depth of six inches, brought to within 2% of optimum moisture content and compacted to a minimum of 90% of the laboratory standard (ASTM: D-1557-07) prior to placement of any additional compacted fill soils, foundations, slabs-on-grade and pavement. Grading shall extend a minimum of five horizontal feet outside the edges of foundations or equidistant to the depth of fill placed, whichever is greater.

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It is possible that isolated areas of undiscovered fill, not described in this report are present on site. If found, these areas should be treated as discussed earlier. A diligent search shall also be conducted during grading operations in an effort to uncover any underground structures, irrigation or utility lines. If encountered, these structures and lines shall be either removed or properly abandoned prior to the proposed construction.

Any imported fill material should be preferably soil similar to the upper soils encountered at the subject site. All soils shall be approved by this firm prior to importing at the site and will be subjected to additional laboratory testing to assure concurrence with the recommendations stated in this report.

Care should be taken to provide or maintain adequate lateral support for all adjacent improvements and structures at all times during the grading operations and construction phase. Adequate drainage away from the structures, pavement and slopes should be provided at all times.

If placement of slabs-on-grade and pavement is not completed immediately upon completion of grading operations, additional testing and grading of the areas may be necessary prior to continuation of construction operations. Likewise, if adverse weather conditions occur which may damage the subgrade soils, additional assessment by the geotechnical engineer as to the suitability of the supporting soils may be needed.

#### **7.1.2 Fill Blanket Recommendations**

Due to the potential for differential settlement of foundations placed on compacted fill and the medium dense native materials, it is recommended that all foundations be underlain by a uniform compacted fill blanket at least two feet in thickness. This fill blanket shall extend a minimum of five horizontal feet outside the edges of foundations or equidistant to the depth of fill placed, whichever is greater.

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## **7.2 Shrinkage and Subsidence**

Results of our in-place density tests reveal that the soil shrinkage will be on the order of 10 to 15% due to excavation and recompaction, based upon the assumption that the fill is compacted to 92% of the maximum dry density per ASTM standards. Subsidence should be 0.2 feet due to earthwork operations. The volume change does not include any allowance for vegetation or organic stripping, removal of subsurface improvements or topographic approximations.

Although these values are only approximate, they represent our best estimate of lost yardage, which will likely occur during grading. If more accurate shrinkage and subsidence factors are needed, it is recommended that field testing using the actual equipment and grading techniques should be conducted.

## **7.3 Temporary Excavations**

Temporary unsurcharged excavations in the existing site materials less than 4 feet high may be made at a vertical gradient unless cohesionless soils are encountered. In areas where soils with little or no binder are encountered, where adverse geological conditions are exposed, or where excavations are adjacent to existing structures, shoring, slot-cutting, or flatter excavations may be required. The temporary cut slope gradients given do not preclude local raveling and sloughing. All excavations shall be made in accordance with the requirements of CAL-OSHA and other public agencies having jurisdiction. Care should be taken to provide or maintain adequate lateral support for all adjacent improvements and structures at all times during the grading operations and construction phase.

## **7.4 Foundation Design**

All foundations may be designed utilizing the following safe bearing capacities for an embedded depth of 18 inches into approved fill materials with the corresponding widths:

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**Allowable Safe Bearing Capacity (psf)**

<u>Width (ft)</u>	<u>Continuous Foundation</u>	<u>Isolated Foundation</u>
1.5	2000	2500
2.0	2050	2550
4.0	2300	2800
6.0	2500	3000

The bearing value may be increased by 500 psf for each additional foot of depth in excess of the 18-inch minimum depth, up to a maximum of 4,000 psf. A one third increase may be used when considering short term loading and seismic forces. Any foundations located along the property lines or where lateral overexcavation is not possible may utilize a safe bearing capacity of 1,500 psf. A representative of this firm shall inspect all foundation excavations prior to pouring concrete.

**7.5 Settlement Analysis**

Resultant pressure curves for the consolidation tests are shown on Plates C to F. Computations utilizing these curves and the recommended safe bearing capacities reveal that the foundations will experience settlements on the order of 3/4 inch and differential settlements of less than 1/4 inch.

**7.6 Lateral Resistance**

The following values may be utilized in resisting lateral loads imposed on the structure. Requirements of the California Building Code should be adhered to when the coefficient of friction and passive pressures are combined.

Coefficient of Friction – 0.40

Equivalent Passive Fluid Pressure = 250 lbs./cu.ft.

Maximum Passive Pressure = 2,500 lbs./cu.ft.

The passive pressure recommendations are valid only for approved compacted fill soils.

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### 7.7 **Retaining Wall Design Parameters**

Active earth pressures against retaining wall will be equal to the pressures developed by the following fluid densities. These values are for **granular backfill material** placed behind the walls at various ground slopes above the walls.

<u>Surface Slope of Retained Materials (Horizontal to Vertical)</u>	<u>Equivalent Fluid Density (lb./cu.ft.)</u>
Level	30
5 to 1	35
4 to 1	38
3 to 1	40
2 to 1	45

Any applicable short-term construction surcharges and seismic forces should be added to the above lateral pressure values. A backfill zone of non-expansive material shall consist of a wedge beginning a minimum of one horizontal foot from the base of the wall extending upward at an inclination no less than 1/4 to 1 (horizontal to vertical). All walls shall be waterproofed as needed and protected from hydrostatic pressure by a reliable permanent subdrain system.

### 7.8 **Slab Design**

All concrete slabs-on-grade shall be at least four inches in office and six inches in warehouse and placed on approved subgrade soils. Additional reinforcement requirements and an increase in thickness of the slabs-on-grade may be necessary based upon soils expansion potential and proposed loading conditions in the structures and should be evaluated further by the project engineers and/or architect.

A vapor retarder should be utilized in areas which would be sensitive to the infiltration of moisture. This retarder shall meet requirements of ASTM E 96, *Water Vapor Transmission of Materials* and ASTM E 1745, *Standard Specification for Water Vapor Retarders used in Contact with Soil or Granular Fill Under Concrete Slabs*. The vapor retarder shall be installed in accordance with procedures stated in ASTM E 1643, *Standard practice for Installation of Water Vapor Retarders used in Contact with Earth or Granular Fill Under Concrete Slabs*.

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The moisture retarder may be placed directly upon approved subgrade soils conditioned to optimum moisture levels, although one to two inches of sand beneath the membrane is desirable. The subgrade upon which the retarder is placed shall be smooth and free of rocks, gravel or other protrusions which may damage the retarder. Use of sand above the retarder is under the purview of the structural engineer; if sand is used over the retarder, it should be placed in a dry condition.

#### 7.9 **Pavement Section Design**

The table below provides a preliminary pavement design based upon an R-Value of 47 for the proposed pavement areas. Final pavement design may need to be based on R-Value testing of the subgrade soils near the conclusion of rough grading to assure that these soils are consistent with those assumed in this preliminary design.

<u>Type of Traffic</u>	<u>Traffic Index</u>	<u>Asphaltic Concrete (in)</u>	<u>Base Material (in)</u>
Automobile Parking and Drive Circulation Areas	4.0/5.0	3.0	4.0
Heavy Truck Access Areas (GVW < 90,000 lbs.; 5 axle)	7.0	4.0	8.0

All concrete slabs to be utilized for pavement shall be a minimum of six inches in thickness and placed on approved subgrade soils. In addition, the above recommendations are based upon estimated traffic loads. Client should submit anticipated traffic loadings, when available, so that pavement sections may be reviewed to determine adequacy to support these loads.

All pavement areas shall have positive drainage toward an approved outlet from the site. Drain lines behind curbs and/or adjacent to landscape areas should be considered by client and the appropriate design engineers to prevent water from infiltrating beneath pavement. If such infiltration occurs, damage to pavement, curbs and flow lines, especially on sites with expansive soils, may occur during the life of the project.

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Any approved base material shall consist of a Class II aggregate or equivalent and should be compacted to a minimum of 95% relative compaction. All pavement materials shall conform to the requirements set forth by the City of Riverside. The base material and asphaltic concrete should be tested prior to delivery to the site and during placement to determine conformance with the project specifications. A pavement engineer shall designate the specific asphalt mix design to meet the required project specifications.

**7.10 Utility Trench and Excavation Backfill**

Trenches from installation of utility lines and other excavations may be backfilled with on-site soils or approved imported soils compacted to a minimum of 90% relative compaction. All utility lines shall be properly bedded with clean sand having a sand equivalency rating of 30 ( $SE > 30$ ) or more. This bedding material shall be thoroughly water jetted around the pipe structure prior to placement of compacted backfill soils.

**7.11 Corrosion Design Criteria**

Representative samples of the surficial soils, typical of the subgrade soils expected to be encountered within foundation excavations and underground utilities were tested for corrosion potential. Representative samples of the surficial soils, typical of the subgrade soils expected to be encountered within foundation excavations and underground utilities were tested for corrosion potential.

The minimum resistivity value obtained for the samples tested is representative of an environment that may be severely corrosive to metals. The soil pH value was considered mildly acidic and may not have a significant effect on soil corrosivity. Consideration should be given to corrosion protection systems for buried metal such as protective coatings, wrappings or the use of PVC where permitted by local building codes.

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According to Table 4.3.1, ACI 318 Building Code and Commentary, these contents revealed negligible levels of sulfate exposure. Therefore, a Type II cement according to latest CBC specifications may be utilized for building foundations at this time. Additional sulfate tests shall be performed at the completion of site grading to assure that these soils are consistent with the recommendations stated in this design. Sulfate test results may be found on the attached Table III.

#### 7.12 **Expansive Soil**

If any expansive soils are encountered, special attention should be given to the project design and maintenance. The attached *Expansive Soil Guidelines* should be reviewed by the engineers, architects, owner, maintenance personnel and other interested parties and considered during the design of the project and future property maintenance.

#### 8.0 **Closure**

The recommendations and conclusions contained in this report are based upon the soil conditions uncovered in our test excavations. No warranty of the soil condition between our excavations is implied. NorCal Engineering should be notified for possible further recommendations if unexpected to unfavorable conditions are encountered during construction phase. It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that all information within this report is submitted to the Architect and appropriate Engineers for the project. This firm should have the opportunity to review the final plans to verify that all our recommendations are incorporated. This report and all conclusions are subject to the review of the controlling authorities for the project.

A preconstruction conference should be held between the developer, general contractor, grading contractor, city inspector, architect, and soil engineer to clarify any questions relating to the grading operations and subsequent construction. Our representative should be present during the grading operations and construction phase to certify that such recommendations are complied within the field.

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This geotechnical investigation has been conducted in a manner consistent with the level of care and skill exercised by members of our profession currently practicing under similar conditions in the Southern California area. No other warranty, expressed or implied is made.

We appreciate this opportunity to be of service to you. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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### **SPECIFICATIONS FOR PLACEMENT OF COMPACTED FILL**

#### **Excavation**

Any existing low-density soils and/or saturated soils shall be removed to competent natural soil under the inspection of the Soils Engineering Firm. After the exposed surface has been cleansed of debris and/or vegetation, it shall be scarified until it is uniform in consistency, brought to the proper moisture content and compacted to a minimum of 90% relative compaction (in accordance with ASTM: D-1557). In any area where a transition between fill and native soil or between bedrock and soil are encountered or other areas as required in this report, additional excavation beneath foundations and slabs will be necessary in order to provide uniform support and avoid differential settlement of the structure. Verification of elevations during this work and all grading operations will be the responsibility of the owner or his designated representative and not NorCal Engineering.

#### **Material For Fill**

The on-site soils or approved import soils may be utilized for the compacted fill provided they are free of any deleterious materials and shall not contain any rocks, brick, asphaltic concrete, concrete or other hard materials greater than eight inches in maximum dimensions. Any import soil must be approved by the Soils Engineering firm a minimum of 24 hours prior to importation of site.

#### **Placement of Compacted Fill Soils**

The approved fill soils shall be placed in layers not excess of six inches in thickness. Each lift shall be uniform in thickness and thoroughly blended. The fill soils shall be brought to within 2% of the optimum moisture content, unless otherwise specified by the Soils Engineering firm. Each lift shall be compacted to a minimum of 90% relative compaction (in accordance with ASTM: D-1557) and approved prior to the placement of the next layer of soil. Compaction tests shall be obtained at the discretion of the Soils Engineering firm but to a minimum of one test for every 500 cubic yards placed and/or for every 2 feet of compacted fill placed.

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The minimum relative compaction shall be obtained in accordance with accepted methods in the construction industry. The final grade of the structural areas shall be in a dense and smooth condition prior to placement of slabs-on-grade or pavement areas. No fill soils shall be placed, spread or compacted during unfavorable weather conditions. When the grading is interrupted by heavy rains, compaction operations shall not be resumed until approved by the Soils Engineering firm.

### **Grading Observations**

The controlling governmental agencies should be notified prior to commencement of any grading operations. This firm recommends that the grading operations be conducted under the observation of a Soils Engineering firm as deemed necessary. A 24 hour notice must be provided to this firm prior to the time of our initial inspection.

Observation shall include the clearing and grubbing operations to assure that all unsuitable materials have been properly removed; approve the exposed subgrade in areas to receive fill and in areas where excavation has resulted in the desired finished grade and designate areas of overexcavation; and perform field compaction tests to determine relative compaction achieved during fill placement. In addition, all foundation excavations shall be observed by the Soils Engineering firm to confirm that appropriate bearing materials are present at the design grades and recommend any modifications to construct footings.

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## **Expansive Soil Guidelines**

The following expansive soil guidelines are provided for your project. The intent of these guidelines is to inform you, the client, of the importance of proper design and maintenance of projects supported on expansive soils. ***You, as the owner or other interested party, should be warned that you have a duty to provide the information contained in the soil report including these guidelines to your design engineers, architects, landscapers and other design parties in order to enable them to provide a design that takes into consideration expansive soils.***

*In addition, you should provide the soil report with these guidelines to any property manager, lessee, property purchaser or other interested party that will have or assume the responsibility of maintaining the development in the future.*

Expansive soils are fine-grained silts and clays which are subject to swelling and contracting. The amount of this swelling and contracting is subject to the amount of fine-grained clay materials present in the soils and the amount of moisture either introduced or extracted from the soils. Expansive soils are divided into five categories ranging from "very low" to "very high". Expansion indices are assigned to each classification and are included in the laboratory testing section of this report. *If the expansion index of the soils on your site, as stated in this report, is 21 or higher, you have expansive soils.* The classifications of expansive soils are as follows:

**Classification of Expansive Soil\***

Expansion Index	Potential Expansion
0-20	Very Low
21-50	Low
51-90	Medium
91-130	High
Above 130	Very High

\*From Table 18A-I-B of California Building Code (1988)

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When expansive soils are compacted during site grading operations, care is taken to place the materials at or slightly above optimum moisture levels and perform proper compaction operations. Any subsequent excessive wetting and/or drying of expansive soils will cause the soil materials to expand and/or contract. These actions are likely to cause distress of foundations, structures, slabs-on-grade, sidewalks and pavement over the life of the structure. ***It is therefore imperative that even after construction of improvements, the moisture contents are maintained at relatively constant levels, allowing neither excessive wetting or drying of soils.***

Evidence of excessive wetting of expansive soils may be seen in concrete slabs, both interior and exterior. Slabs may lift at construction joints producing a trip hazard or may crack from the pressure of soil expansion. Wet clays in foundation areas may result in lifting of the structure causing difficulty in the opening and closing of doors and windows, as well as cracking in exterior and interior wall surfaces. In extreme wetting of soils to depth, settlement of the structure may eventually result. Excessive wetting of soils in landscape areas adjacent to concrete or asphaltic pavement areas may also result in expansion of soils beneath pavement and resultant distress to the pavement surface.

Excessive drying of expansive soils is initially evidenced by cracking in the surface of the soils due to contraction. Settlement of structures and on-grade slabs may also eventually result along with problems in the operation of doors and windows.

*Projects located in areas of expansive clay soils will be subject to more movement and "hairline" cracking of walls and slabs than similar projects situated on non-expansive sandy soils.* There are, however, measures that developers and property owners may take to reduce the amount of movement over the life the development. The following guidelines are provided to assist you in both design and maintenance of projects on expansive soils:

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- Drainage away from structures and pavement is essential to prevent excessive wetting of expansive soils. Grades of at least 3% should be designed and maintained to allow flow of irrigation and rain water to approved drainage devices or to the street. Any “ponding” of water adjacent to buildings, slabs and pavement after rains is evidence of poor drainage; the installation of drainage devices or regrading of the area may be required to assure proper drainage. Installation of rain gutters is also recommended to control the introduction of moisture next to buildings. Gutters should discharge into a drainage device or onto pavement which drains to roadways.
- Irrigation should be strictly controlled around building foundations, slabs and pavement and may need to be adjusted depending upon season. This control is essential to maintain a relatively uniform moisture content in the expansive soils and to prevent swelling and contracting. Over-watering adjacent to improvements may result in damage to those improvements. NorCal Engineering makes no specific recommendations regarding landscape irrigation schedules.
- Planting schemes for landscaping around structures and pavement should be analyzed carefully. Plants (including sod) requiring high amounts of water may result in excessive wetting of soils. Trees and large shrubs may actually extract moisture from the expansive soils, thus causing contraction of the fine-grained soils.
- Thickened edges on exterior slabs will assist in keeping excessive moisture from entering directly beneath the concrete. A six-inch thick or greater deepened edge on slabs may be considered. Underlying interior and exterior slabs with 6 to 12 inches or more of non-expansive soils and providing presaturation of the underlying clayey soils as recommended in the soil report will improve the overall performance of on-grade slabs.

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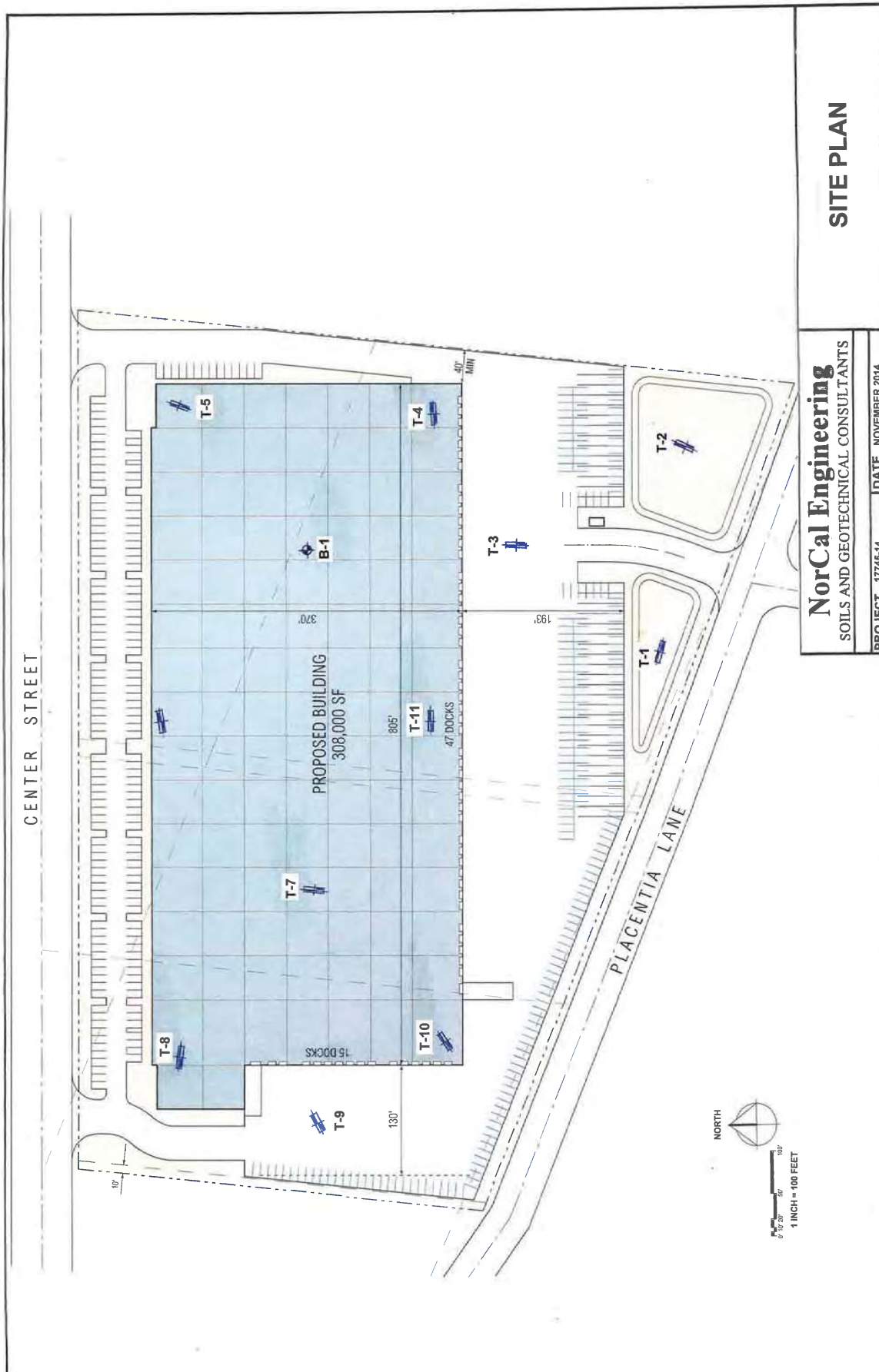
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- Increase the amount of steel reinforcing in concrete slabs, foundations and other structures to resist the forces of expansive soils. The precise amount of reinforcing should be determined by the appropriate design engineers and/or architects.
- Recommendations of the soil report should always be followed in the development of the project. Any recommendations regarding presaturation of the upper subgrade soils in slab areas should be performed in the field and verified by the Soil Engineer.

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MAJOR DIVISION			GRAPHIC SYMBOL	LETTER SYMBOL	TYPICAL DESCRIPTIONS
COARSE GRAINED SOILS	GRAVEL AND GRAVELLY SOILS	CLEAN GRAVELS (LITTLE OR NO FINES)		GW	WELL-GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND MIXTURES, LITTLE OR NO FINES
				GP	POORLY-GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND MIXTURES, LITTLE OR NO FINES
		GRAVELS WITH FINES (APPRECIABLE AMOUNT OF FINES)		GM	SILTY GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND-SILT MIXTURES
				GC	CLAYEY GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND-CLAY MIXTURES
	SAND AND SANDY SOILS	CLEAN SAND (LITTLE OR NO FINES)		SW	WELL-GRADED SANDS, GRAVELLY SANDS, LITTLE OR NO FINES
				SP	POORLY-GRADED SANDS, GRAVELLY SANDS, LITTLE OR NO FINES
		SANDS WITH FINE (APPRECIABLE AMOUNT OF FINES)		SM	SILTY SANDS, SAND-SILT MIXTURES
				SC	CLAYEY SANDS, SAND-CLAY MIXTURES
FINE GRAINED SOILS	SILTS AND CLAYS	LIQUID LIMIT LESS THAN 50		ML	INORGANIC SILTS AND VERY FINE SANDS, ROCK FLOUR, SILTY OR CLAYEY FINE SANDS OR CLAYEY SILTS WITH SLIGHT PLASTICITY
				CL	INORGANIC CLAYS OF LOW TO MEDIUM PLASTICITY, GRAVELLY CLAYS, SANDY CLAYS, SILTY CLAYS, LEAN CLAYS
				OL	ORGANIC SILTS AND ORGANIC SILTY CLAYS OF LOW PLASTICITY
	SILTS AND CLAYS	LIQUID LIMIT GREATER THAN 50		MH	INORGANIC SILTS, MICACEOUS OR DIATOMACEOUS FINE SAND OR SILTY SOILS
				CH	INORGANIC CLAYS OF HIGH PLASTICITY, FAT CLAYS
				OH	ORGANIC CLAYS OF MEDIUM TO HIGH PLASTICITY, ORGANIC SILTS
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS				PT	PEAT, HUMUS, SWAMP SOILS WITH HIGH ORGANIC CONTENTS

NOTE: DUAL SYMBOLS ARE USED TO INDICATE BORDERLINE SOIL CLASSIFICATIONS

## UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

## KEY:

- Indicates 2.5-inch Inside Diameter. Ring Sample.
- ☒ Indicates 2-inch OD Split Spoon Sample (SPT).
- ☐ Indicates Shelby Tube Sample.
- ▢ Indicates No Recovery.
- ▣ Indicates SPT with 140# Hammer 30 in. Drop.
- ☑ Indicates Bulk Sample.
- ▤ Indicates Small Bag Sample.
- ▥ Indicates Non-Standard
- ⊠ Indicates Core Run.

## COMPONENT DEFINITIONS

COMPONENT	SIZE RANGE
Boulders	Larger than 12 in
Cobbles	3 in to 12 in
Gravel	3 in to No 4 (4.5mm)
Coarse gravel	3 in to 3/4 in
Fine gravel	3/4 in to No 4 (4.5mm)
Sand	No. 4 (4.5mm) to No. 200 (0.074mm)
Coarse sand	No. 4 (4.5 mm) to No. 10 (2.0 mm)
Medium sand	No. 10 (2.0 mm) to No. 40 (0.42 mm)
Fine sand	No. 40 (0.42 mm) to No. 200 (0.074 mm)
Silt and Clay	Smaller than No. 200 (0.074 mm)

## COMPONENT PROPORTIONS

DESCRIPTIVE TERMS	RANGE OF PROPORTION
Trace	1 - 5%
Few	5 - 10%
Little	10 - 20%
Some	20 - 35%
And	35 - 50%

## MOISTURE CONTENT

DRY	Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touch.
DAMP	Some perceptible moisture; below optimum
MOIST	No visible water; near optimum moisture content
WET	Visible free water, usually soil is below water table.

## RELATIVE DENSITY OR CONSISTENCY VERSUS SPT N -VALUE

COHESIONLESS SOILS		COHESIVE SOILS		
Density	N ( blows/ft )	Consistency	N (blows/ft )	Approximate Undrained Shear Strength (psf)
Very Loose	0 to 4	Very Soft	0 to 2	< 250
Loose	4 to 10	Soft	2 to 4	250 - 500
Medium Dense	10 to 30	Medium Stiff	4 to 8	500 - 1000
Dense	30 to 50	Stiff	8 to 15	1000 - 2000
Very Dense	over 50	Very Stiff	15 to 30	2000 - 4000
		Hard	over 30	> 4000

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Boring Location: Placentia & Center, Riverside									
Date of Drilling: 11/6/14		Groundwater Depth: 31'							
Drilling Method: Simco 2800HS									
Hammer Weight: 140 lbs		Drop: 30"							
Surface Elevation: Not Measured									
Depth (feet)	Lith- ology	Material Description	Type	Blow Counts	Moisture	Dry Density	% Passing 200 Sieve		
0		FILL							
		Silty (fine grained) SAND							
		Brown, loose, damp							
		NATURAL							
		Silty (fine grained) SAND							
5		Brown, medium dense, damp to moist	☒	4/5/5	2.7		32		
10			☒	3/3/4	10.0		22		
15		Gravelly (fine to coarse grained) SAND	☒	10/11/12	3.6		12		
		Light brown, medium dense to dense, wet; slightly silty							
20			☒	11/13/15	7.1		7		
25			☒	13/15/18	8.2		18		
30		Groundwater @ 31' bgs	☒	12/13/20	4.8		5		
35									

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Depth (feet)	Lith- ology	Material Description	Type	Blow Counts	Moisture	Dry Density	% Passing 200 Sieve		
35		Gravelly (fine to coarse grained) SAND Light brown, medium dense to dense, wet; slightly silty		15/17/18	16.9		4		
40				11/15/17	19.2		9		
45				14/15/19	25.7		17		
50				16/18/22	21.7		8		
55		Groundwater @ 31' bgs Boring completed at depth of 51.5'							
60									
65									
70									

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Transition Partners, L.P. 17745-14			Log of Trench T-1						
Boring Location: Placentia & Center, Riverside									
Date of Drilling: 11/6/14		Groundwater Depth: None Encountered							
Drilling Method: Backhoe									
Hammer Weight:		Drop:							
Surface Elevation: Not Measured									
Depth (feet)	Lith- ology	Material Description	Type	Blow Counts	Moisture	Dry Density	% Passing 200 Sieve		
0	GWT not encountered	FILL							
		Silty (fine grained) SAND Brown, loose, dry, with occasional gravel and rootlets							
5		NATURAL Silty (fine grained) SAND Brown, medium dense, damp Boring completed at depth of 5'							
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Transition Partners, L.P. 17745-14			Log of Trench T-2						
Boring Location: Placentia & Center, Riverside									
Date of Drilling: 11/6/14		Groundwater Depth: None Encountered							
Drilling Method: Backhoe									
Hammer Weight:		Drop:							
Surface Elevation: Not Measured									
Depth (feet)	Lith- ology	Material Description	Type	Blow Counts	Moisture	Dry Density	% Passing 200 Sieve		
0		FILL Silty (fine grained) SAND Brown, loose, dry, with occasional gravel and rootlets							
5		NATURAL Silty (fine grained) SAND Brown, medium dense, damp							
10		Gravelly (fine to coarse grained) SAND Light brown, medium dense, damp  Boring completed at depth of 10'							
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25									
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Transition Partners, L.P. 17745-14			Log of Trench T-3						
Boring Location: Placentia & Center, Riverside									
Date of Drilling: 11/6/14		Groundwater Depth: None Encountered							
Drilling Method: Backhoe									
Hammer Weight:		Drop:							
Surface Elevation: Not Measured									
Depth (feet)	Lith- ology	Material Description	Type	Blow Counts	Moisture	Dry Density	% Passing 200 Sieve		
0		FILL							
		Silty (fine grained) SAND Brown, loose, dry, with occasional gravel and rootlets							
5		NATURAL Silty (fine to medium grained) SAND Brown to light brown, medium dense, damp Boring completed at depth of 5'							
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15									
20									
25									
30									
35									
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Transition Partners, L.P. 17745-14				Log of Trench T-4				
Boring Location: Placentia & Center, Riverside								
Date of Drilling: 11/6/14								
Groundwater Depth: None Encountered								
Drilling Method: Backhoe								
Hammer Weight:								
Drop:								
Surface Elevation: Not Measured								
Depth (feet)	Lith- ology	Material Description	Samples		Laboratory			
			Type	Blow Counts	Moisture	Dry Density	% Passing 200 Sieve	
0		FILL			2.1	97.4		
Silty (fine grained) SAND Brown, loose, dry; with occasional gravel and rootlets								
5		NATURAL			1.6	101.2		
		Silty (fine grained) SAND Brown, medium dense, slightly damp Silty (fine to medium grained) SAND Light brown, medium dense, damp; slightly silty						
10		Silty (fine grained) SAND Brown, medium dense, moist			9.8	96.3		
	Boring completed at depth of 10'							
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Transition Partners, L.P. 17745-14			Log of Trench T-5				
Boring Location: Placentia & Center, Riverside							
Date of Drilling: 11/6/14			Groundwater Depth: None Encountered				
Drilling Method: Backhoe							
Hammer Weight:			Drop:				
Surface Elevation: Not Measured							
Depth (feet)	Lith- ology	Material Description	Samples		Laboratory		
			Type	Blow Counts	Moisture	Dry Density	% Passing 200 Sieve
0		FILL					
		Silty (fine grained) SAND Brown, loose, dry; with occasional gravel and rootlets					
		NATURAL					
5		Silty (fine grained) SAND Brown, medium dense, damp	■		5.4	100.8	
10		Silty (fine to medium grained) SAND Light brown, medium dense, damp; slightly silty	■		5.9	103.7	
15		Boring completed at depth of 15'	■		3.6	104.8	
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30							
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Transition Partners, L.P. 17745-14			Log of Trench T-6						
Boring Location: Placentia & Center, Riverside									
Date of Drilling: 11/6/14		Groundwater Depth: None Encountered							
Drilling Method: Backhoe									
Hammer Weight:		Drop:							
Surface Elevation: Not Measured									
Depth (feet)	Lith- ology	Material Description	Type	Blow Counts	Moisture	Dry Density	% Passing 200 Sieve		
0		FILL							
		Silty (fine grained) SAND Brown, loose, dry, with occasional gravel and rootlets							
3.7		NATURAL	■		3.7	99.1			
		Silty (fine grained) SAND Brown, medium dense, damp							
5		Gravelly (medium to coarse grained) SAND Light brown, medium dense, slightly damp; slightly silty	■		1.7	101.7			
10		Boring completed at depth of 10'							
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20									
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Transition Partners, L.P. 17745-14			Log of Trench T-7						
Boring Location: Placentia & Center, Riverside									
Date of Drilling: 11/6/14		Groundwater Depth: None Encountered							
Drilling Method: Backhoe									
Hammer Weight:		Drop:							
Surface Elevation: Not Measured									
Depth (feet)	Lith- ology	Material Description	Type	Blow Counts	Moisture	Dry Density	% Passing 200 Sieve		
0		FILL	■		3.1	102.2			
		Silty (fine grained) SAND Brown, loose, dry; with occasional gravel and rootlets							
5		NATURAL	■		2.7	104.0			
10		Boring completed at depth of 10'							
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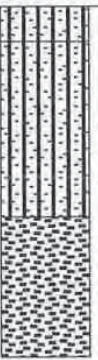


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Boring Location: Placentia & Center, Riverside								
Date of Drilling: 11/6/14				Groundwater Depth: None Encountered				
Drilling Method: Backhoe								
Hammer Weight:				Drop:				
Surface Elevation: Not Measured								
Depth (feet)	Lith- ology	Material Description	Samples		Laboratory			
			Type	Blow Counts	Moisture	Dry Density	% Passing 200 Sieve	
0		FILL Silty (fine grained) SAND Brown, loose, dry; with occasional gravel and rootlets	■		2.6	98.8		
5		NATURAL Silty (fine grained) SAND Brown, medium dense, damp Silty (fine to medium grained) SAND Light brown, medium dense, damp	■		1.4	105.7		
10			■		2.5	97.1		
15		Gravelly (fine to coarse grained) SAND Light brown, medium dense, damp; slightly silty with occasional cobbles	■		2.5	108.1		
20		Boring completed at depth of 15'						
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Transition Partners, L.P. 17745-14			Log of Trench T-9						
Boring Location: Placentia & Center, Riverside									
Date of Drilling: 11/6/14		Groundwater Depth: None Encountered							
Drilling Method: Backhoe									
Hammer Weight:		Drop:							
Surface Elevation: Not Measured									
Depth (feet)	Lith- ology	Material Description	Type	Blow Counts	Moisture	Dry Density	% Passing 200 Sieve		
0		FILL							
		Silty (fine grained) SAND Brown, loose, dry, with occasional gravel and rootlets							
		NATURAL							
		Silty (fine to medium grained) SAND Brown, medium dense, damp							
5									
		Boring completed at depth of 7'							
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Transition Partners, L.P. 17745-14			Log of Trench T-10						
Boring Location: Placentia & Center, Riverside									
Date of Drilling: 11/6/14		Groundwater Depth: None Encountered							
Drilling Method: Backhoe									
Hammer Weight:		Drop:							
Surface Elevation: Not Measured									
Depth (feet)	Lith- ology	Material Description	Samples		Laboratory				
			Type	Blow Counts	Moisture	Dry Density	% Passing 200 Sieve		
0		FILL Silty (fine grained) SAND Brown, loose, dry, with occasional gravel and rootlets							
5		NATURAL Silty (fine to medium grained) SAND Brown, medium dense, damp	■		1.9	97.7			
10		Gravelly (fine to coarse grained) SAND Light brown, medium dense, damp; slightly silty	■		2.2	101.1			
Boring completed at depth of 10'									
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Boring Location: Placentia & Center, Riverside									
Date of Drilling: 11/6/14		Groundwater Depth: None Encountered							
Drilling Method: Backhoe									
Hammer Weight:		Drop:							
Surface Elevation: Not Measured									
Depth (feet)	Lith- ology	Material Description	Type	Blow Counts	Moisture	Dry Density	% Passing 200 Sieve		
0		FILL	■		1.7	102.5			
		Silty (fine grained) SAND Brown, loose, dry, with occasional gravel and rootlets							
5		NATURAL Silty (fine grained) SAND Brown, medium dense, damp Boring completed at depth of 5'	■		1.4	109.0			
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**TABLE I**  
**MAXIMUM DENSITY TESTS**

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Optimum Moisture</u>	<u>Maximum Dry Density (lbs./cu.ft.)</u>
T-4 @ 2'	Silty SAND	11.0	123.0
T-8 @ 2'	Silty SAND	10.0	120.0

**TABLE II**  
**EXPANSION INDEX TESTS**

<u>Soil Type</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Expansion Index</u>
T-4 @ 2'	Silty SAND	7
T-8 @ 2'	Silty SAND	3

**TABLE III**  
**CORROSION TESTS**

<u>Sample</u>	<u>pH</u>	<u>Electrical Resistivity (ohm-cm)</u>	<u>Sulfate (%)</u>	<u>Chloride (ppm)</u>
T-4 @ 2'	6.7	1,397	0.006	254
T-8 @ 2'	6.7	1,986	0.008	213

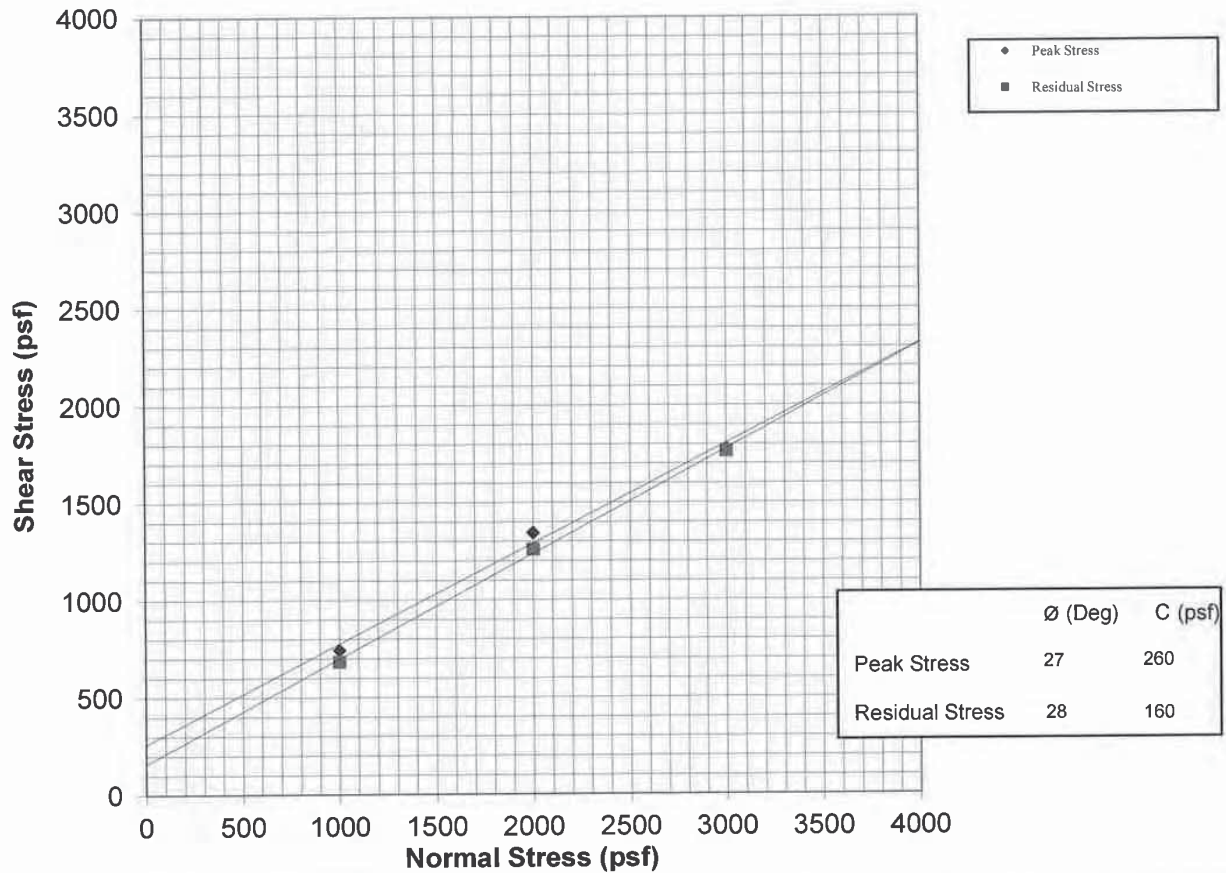
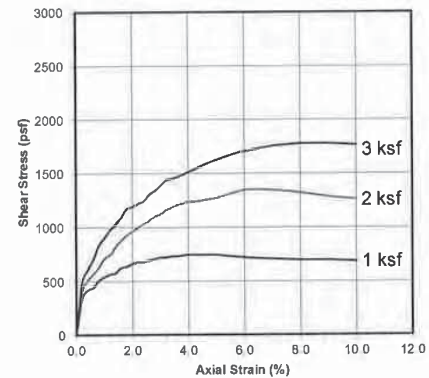
ND denotes not detected  
% by weight  
ppm – mg/kg

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Sample No. T4@2'  
Sample Type: Undisturbed/Saturated  
Soil Description: Silty Fine-Medium Grained Sand  
w/ Some Small Gravel

		1	2	3
Normal Stress	(psf)	1000	2000	3000
Peak Stress	(psf)	744	1344	1776
Displacement	(in)	0.100	0.150	0.200
Residual Stress	(psf)	684	1260	1764
Displacement	(in)	0.250	0.250	0.250
In Situ Dry Density	(pcf)	98.7	98.7	98.7
In Situ Water Content	(%)	1.8	1.8	1.8
Saturated Water Content	(%)	26.3	26.3	26.3
Strain Rate	(in/min)	0.020	0.020	0.020

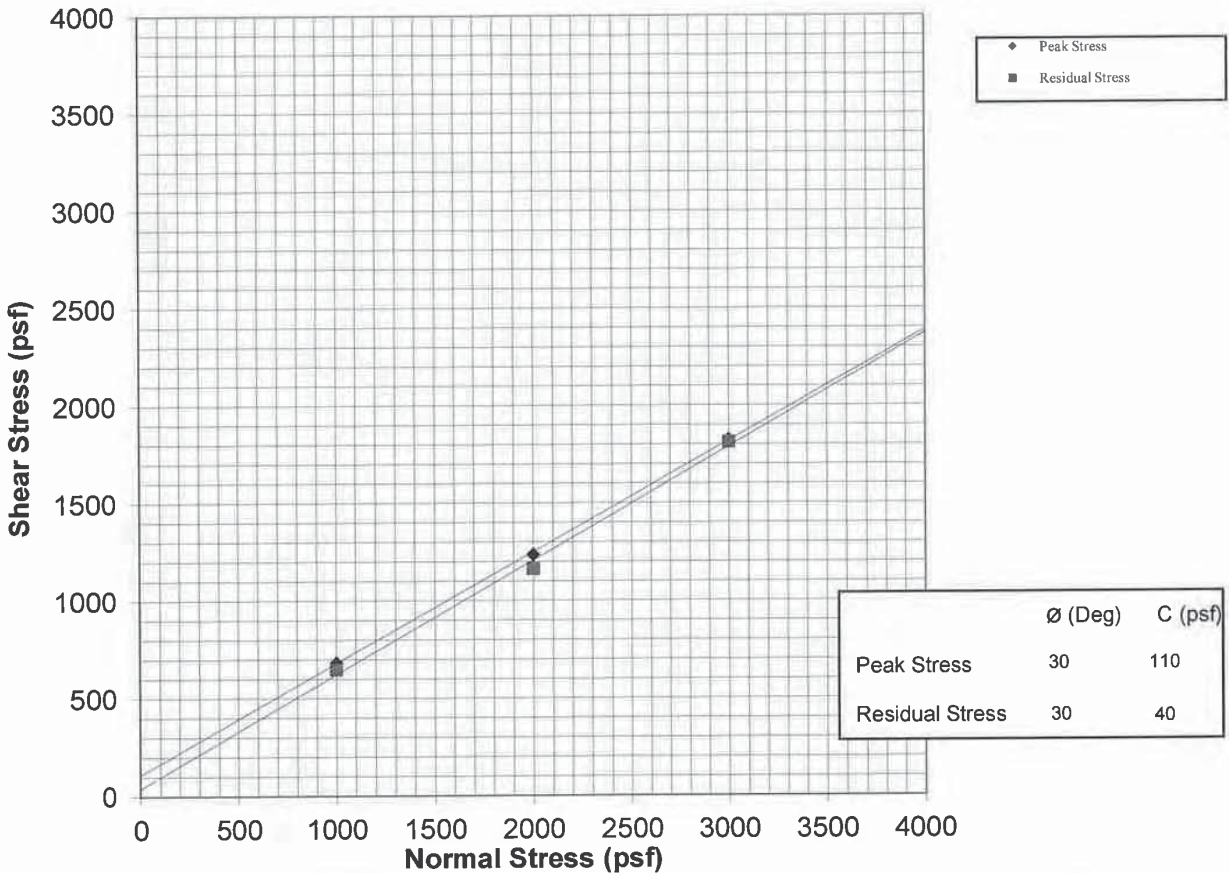
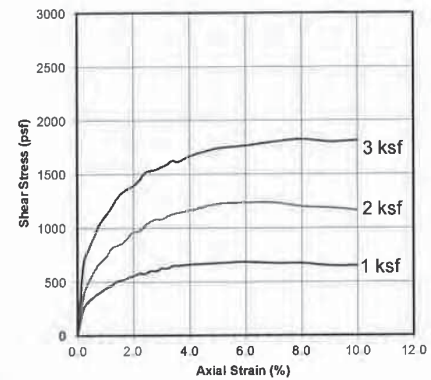


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Sample No. T8@2'  
 Sample Type: Undisturbed/Saturated  
 Soil Description: Silty Fine-Medium Grained Sand

		1	2	3
Normal Stress	(psf)	1000	2000	3000
Peak Stress	(psf)	684	1236	1824
Displacement	(in.)	0.150	0.150	0.200
Residual Stress	(psf)	648	1164	1812
Displacement	(in.)	0.250	0.250	0.250
In Situ Dry Density	(pcf)	98.8	98.8	98.8
In Situ Water Content	(%)	2.6	2.6	2.6
Saturated Water Content	(%)	26.1	26.1	26.1
Strain Rate	(in/min)	0.020	0.020	0.020



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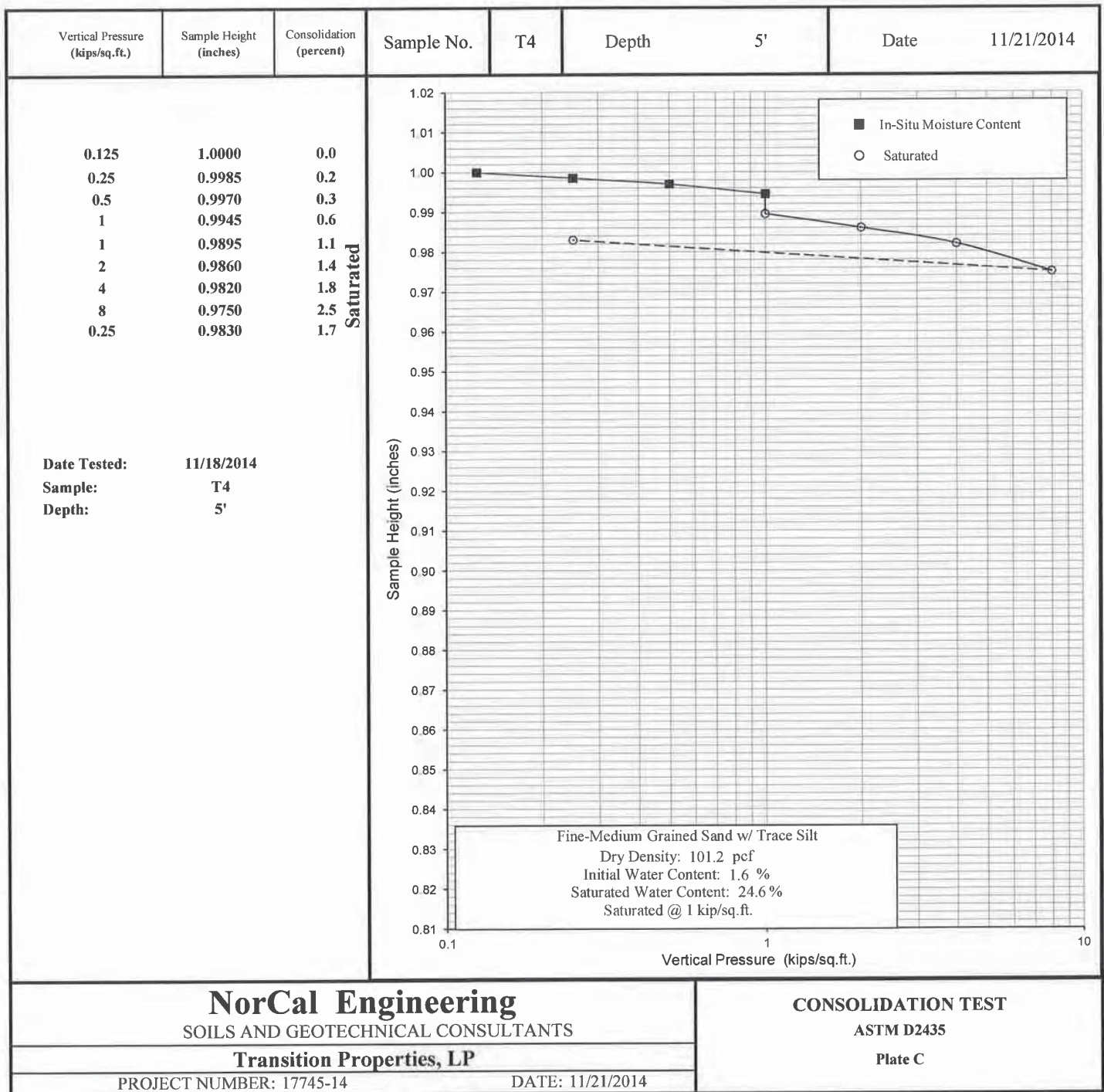
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**DIRECT SHEAR TEST**  
**ASTM D3080**  
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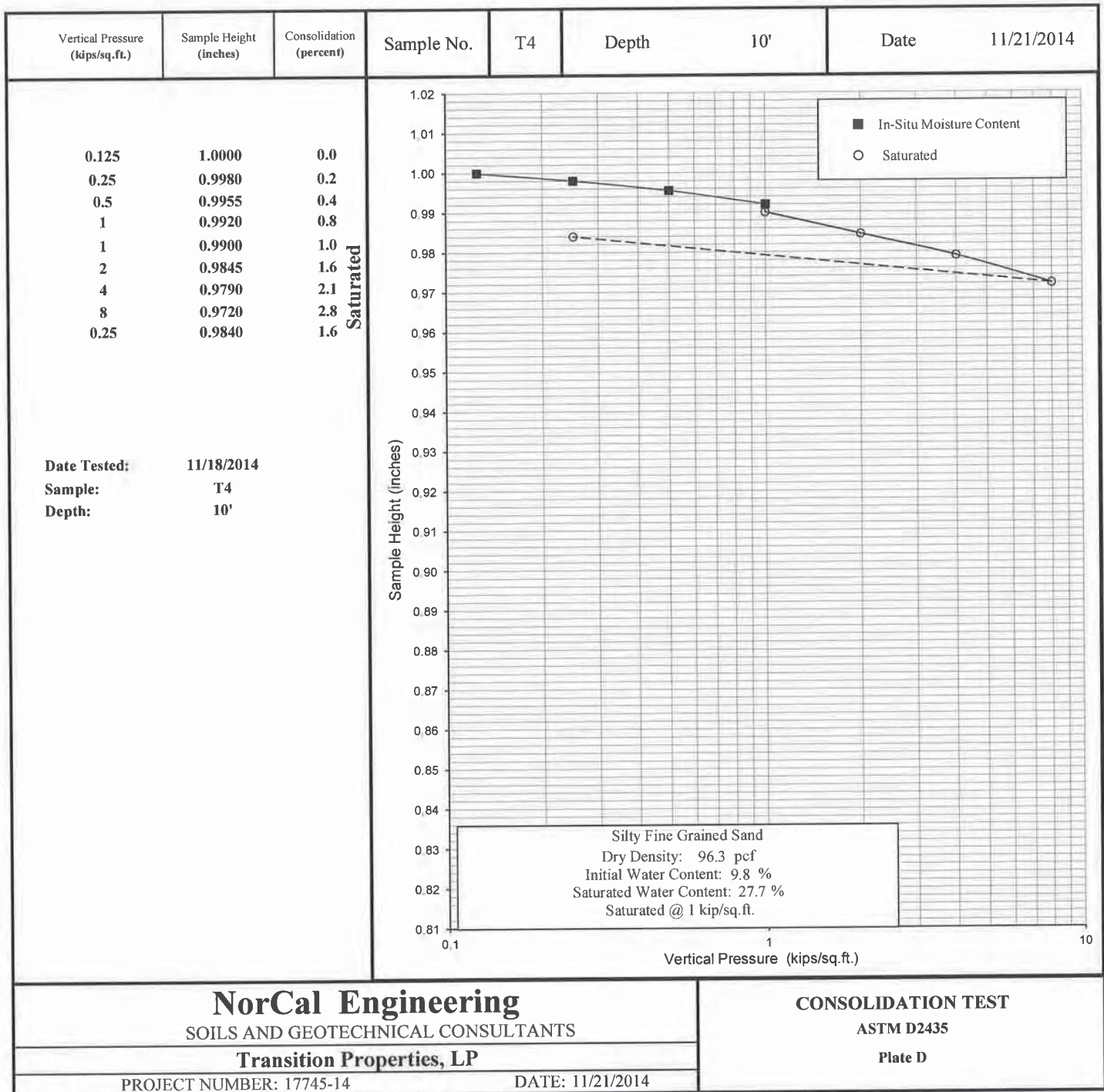
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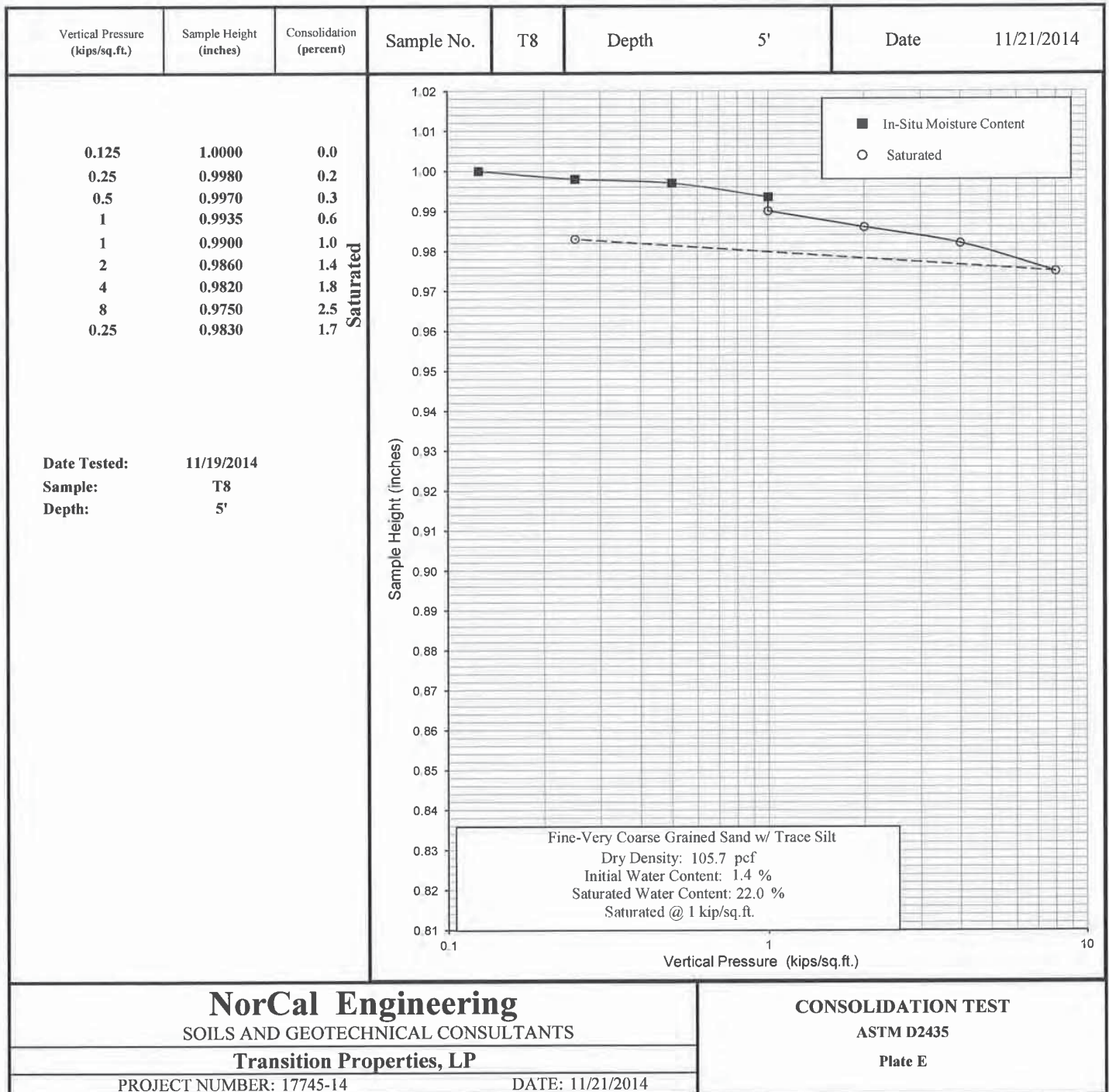
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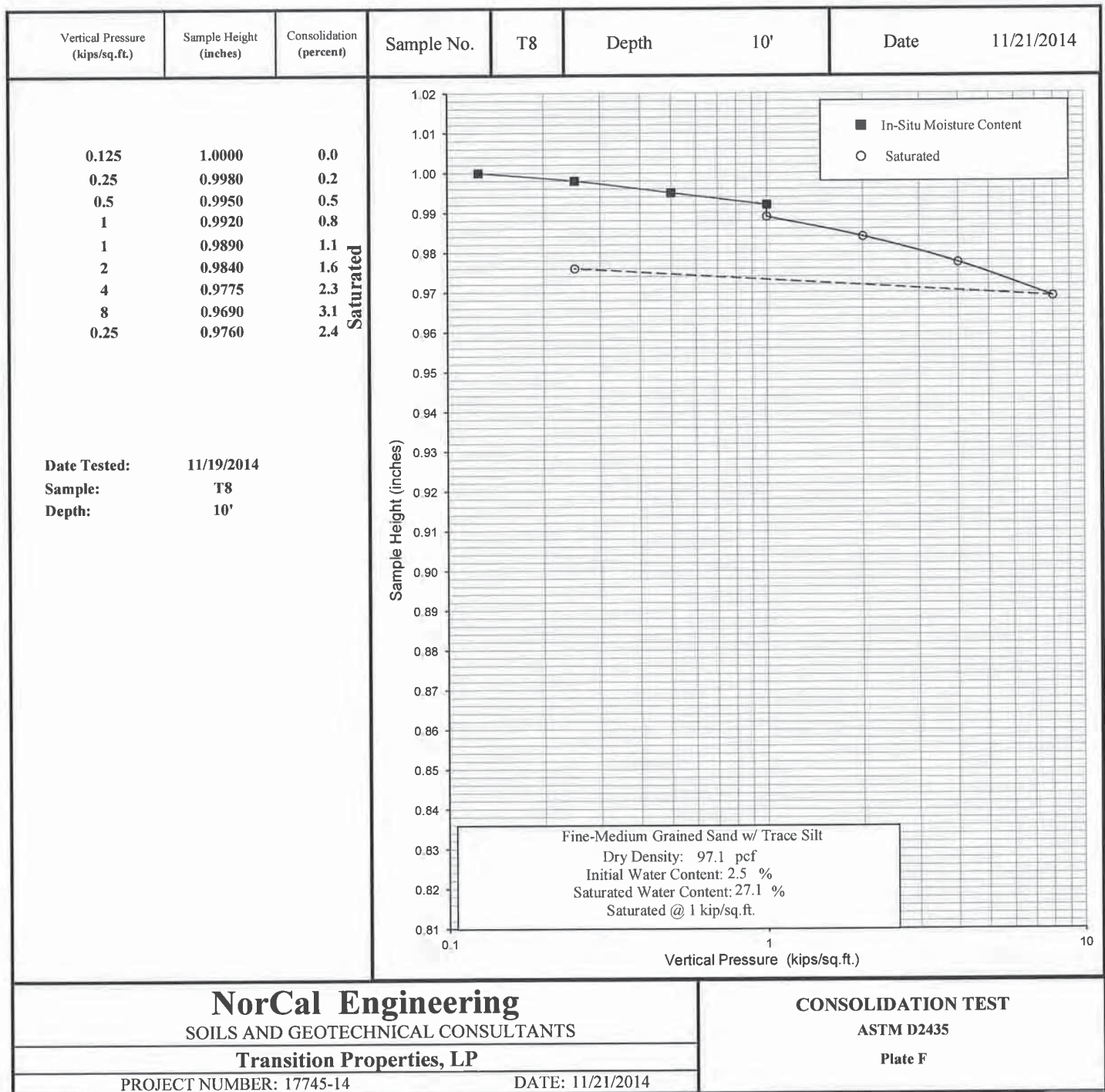


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