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Mr. Michael S. Turnbow Tennessee Valley Authority 1101 Market Street, LP 2G-C Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402-2801

Re: Results of Pseudostatic Slope Stability Analysis Active CCP Disposal Facilities Cumberland Fossil Plant (CUF)

Dear Mr. Turnbow:

As requested, Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) has conducted pseudostatic slope stability analyses for ground motion levels corresponding to a return period of 2,500 years to support the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's assessment of TVA's CCP disposal facilities. The results for Cumberland's Ash Pond and Dry Fly Ash Stack are provided in this letter.

#### Approach

The analyses were performed for current conditions using pseudostatic stability methods, where the added inertial load from an earthquake is assumed to be represented by a simple horizontal pseudostatic coefficient. Specifics related to the analyses/approach are as follows:

- Subsurface data was obtained from the Stantec's recent geotechnical studies performed in 2009 and 2010 time frame.
- SLOPE/W software (from GEO-SLOPE International, Inc.) was used to perform the calculations.
- One existing SLOPE/W cross-section model per disposal facility was selected from the previous studies for analysis. For the Ash Pond, the selected section represents the facility's lowest current static (long-term) factor of safety. The section selected for the Dry Fly Ash Stack is located along the north side where a failure may impact the adjacent Ash Pond. The SLOPE/W models were updated to reflect current conditions.
- Undrained shear strength parameters were used.
- A ground motion level corresponding to a return period of 2,500 years (or approximate exceedance probability of 2% in 50 years) was used for selection of a horizontal seismic coefficient. For simplicity, the horizontal seismic coefficient was selected to equal the total hazard peak ground acceleration (rock) for 2,500 year return periods as shown in Table 16

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of TVA's March 28, 2011 region-specific seismic hazard study performed by AMEC Geomatrix, Inc.

• A target factor of safety (FS) of 1.0 was considered for comparing results.

### Results

The results of the pseudostatic stability analyses are enclosed (summary spreadsheet, SLOPE/W cross-sections, and plan views showing cross-section locations). The results indicate factors of safety greater than or equal to the target of 1.0.

Stantec appreciates the opportunity to provide these services. If you have questions, or if we can provide additional information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC.

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Randy L. Roberts, PE Principal

Enclosures

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### Pseudostatic Stability Analysis Summary - TVA Active CCP Disposal Facilities Cumberland Fossil Plant

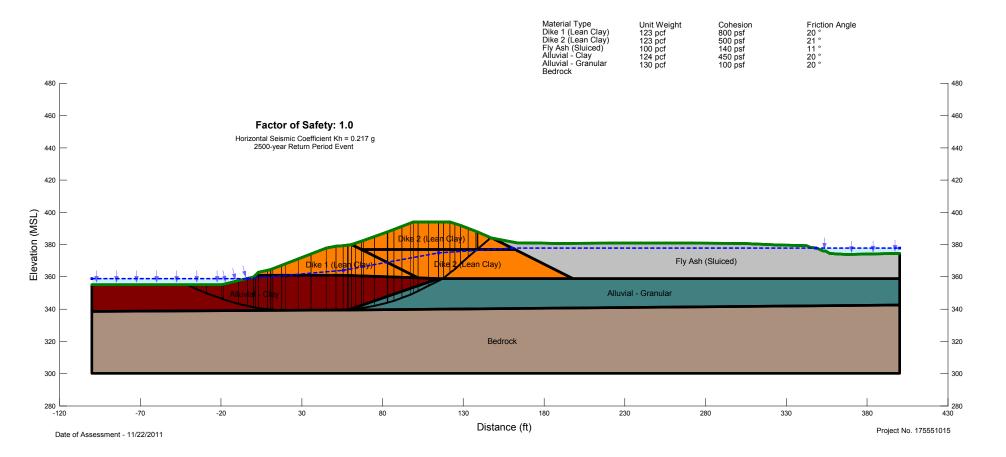
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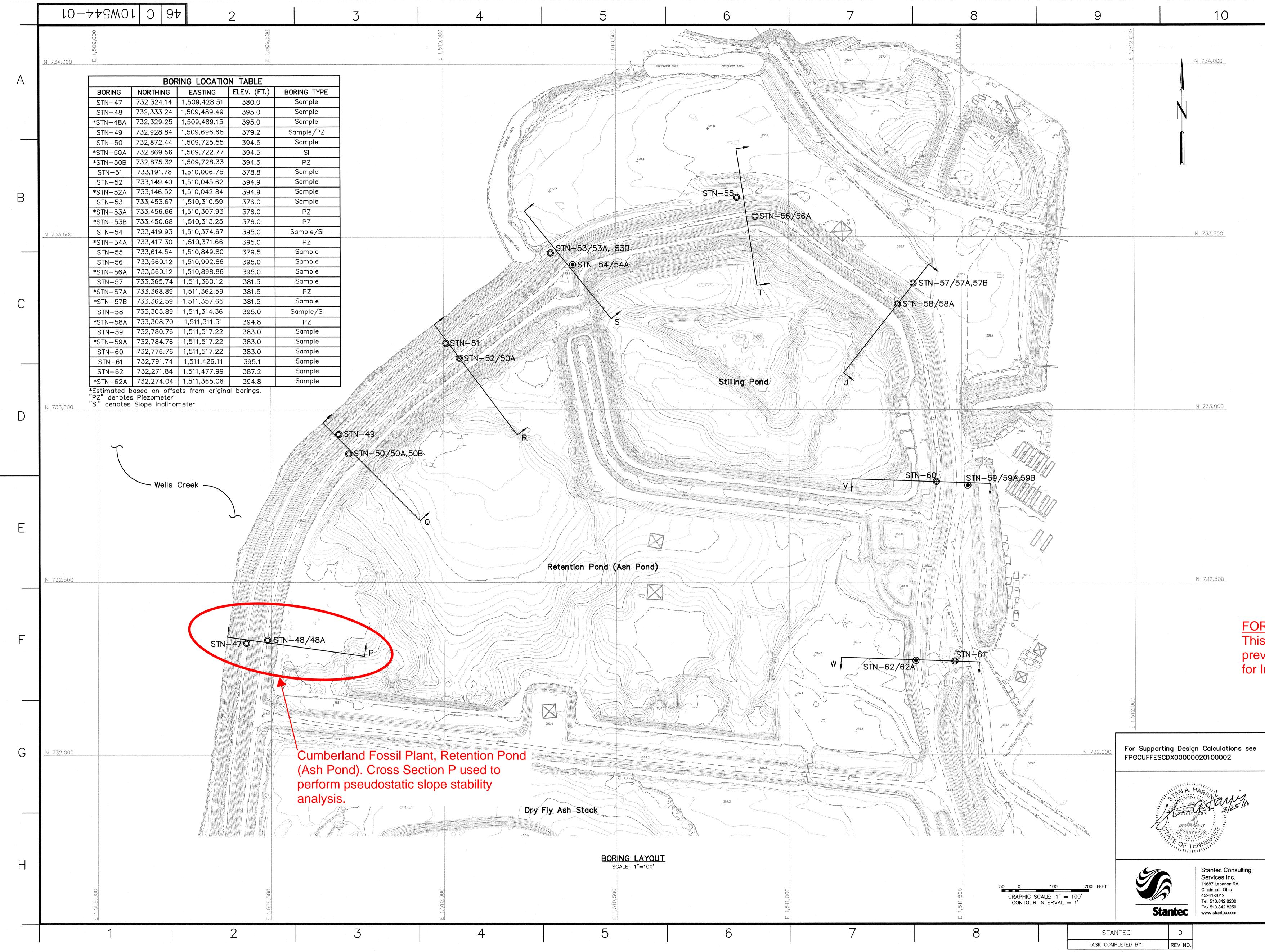
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Section P - Ash Pond Cumberland Fossil Plant Cumberland City, Tennessee

Note: The results of analysis shown here are based on available subsurface information, laboratory test results and approximate soil properties. No warranties can be made regarding the continuity of subsurface conditions between the borings.







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## NOTE:

The topographic mapping provided is based on horizontal datum NAD27 and vertical datum NGV29 using State Plane Tennessee coordinate system. The site photography was performed on 4/17/2009.

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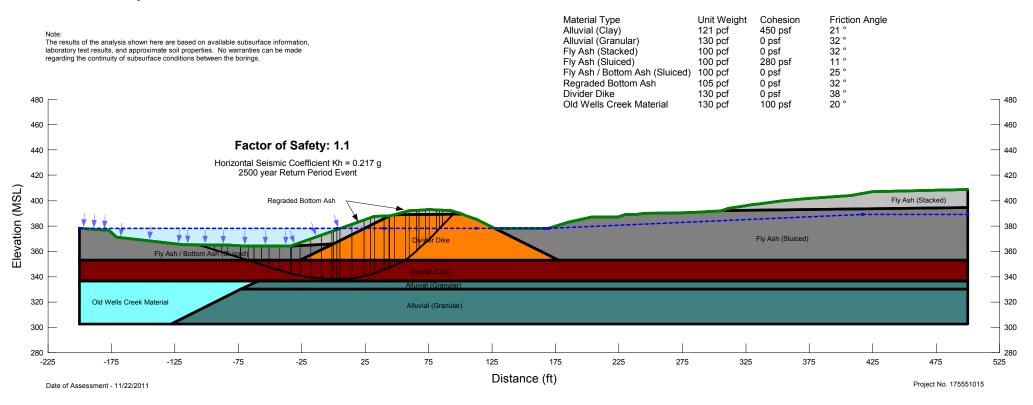
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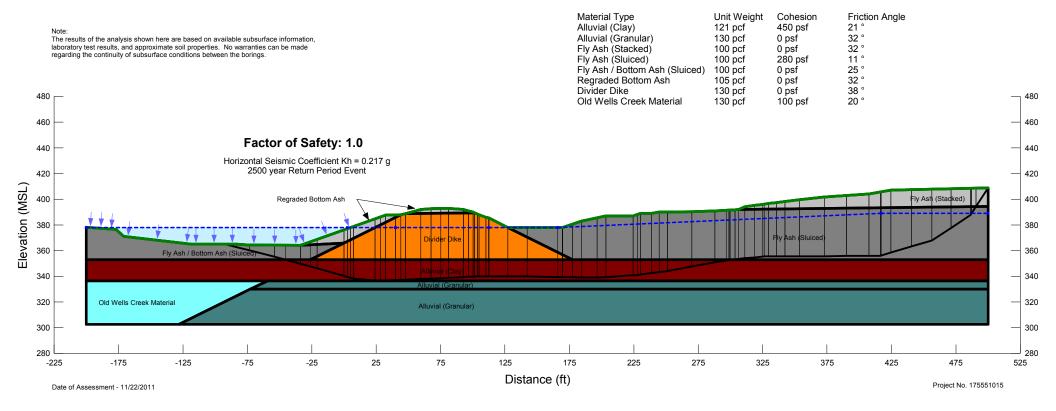


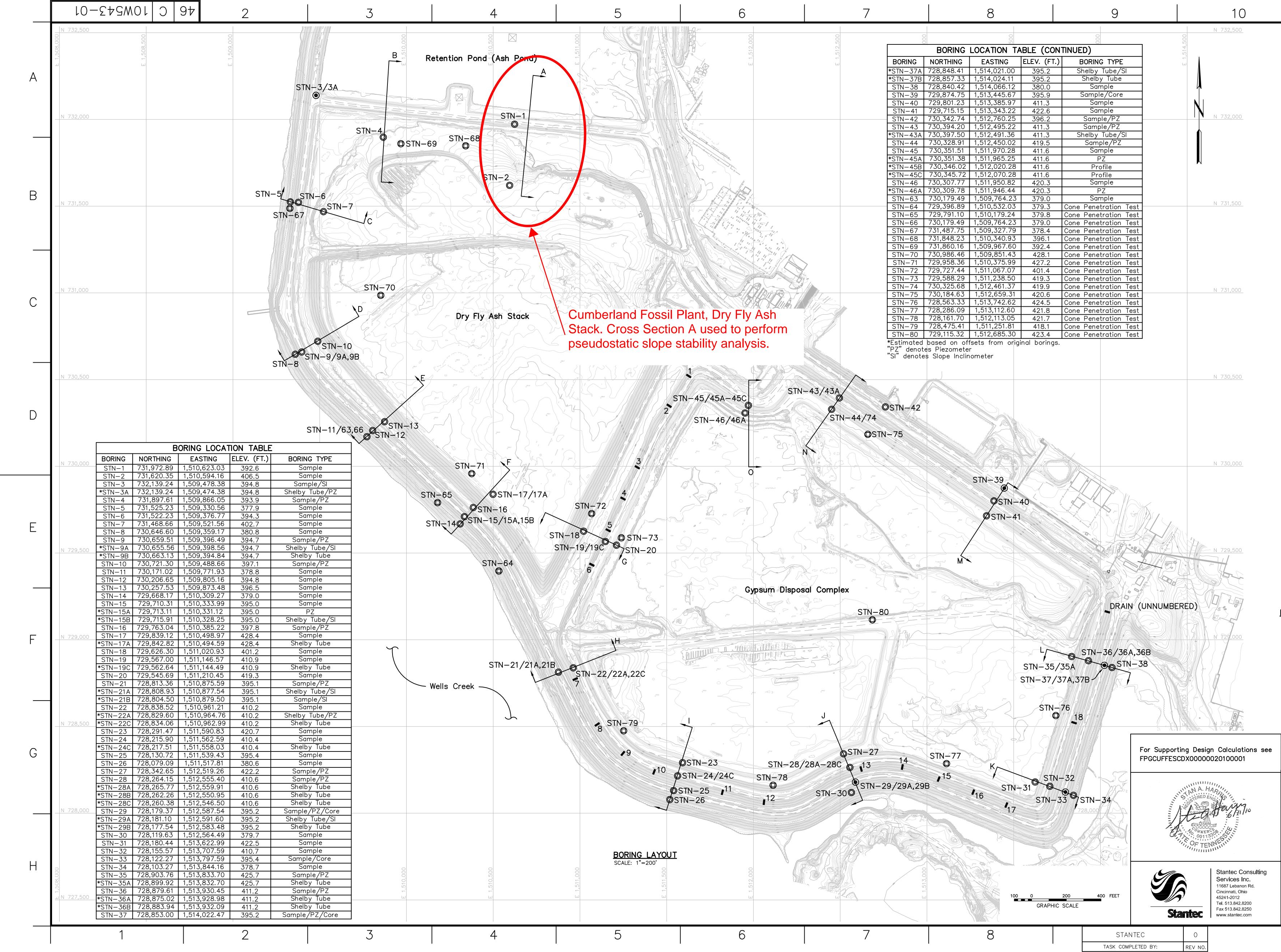


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