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Subject:Response to Selected Comments Presented at Public Hearing
Permit Modification Application for Vertical Expansion
Delaware Recyclable Products, Inc. Landfill
New Castle, New Castle County, Delaware

Dear Barry:

Geosyntec Consultants (Geosyntec) is pleased to present this evaluation of and response to comments presented at the 29 May 2019 public hearing for a vertical expansion to the Delaware Recyclable Products, Inc. (DRPI) Landfill in New Castle, Delaware. Specifically, Geosyntec has addressed comments presented by and on behalf of Artesian Water Company (Artesian). The public testimony and exhibits presented by and on behalf of Artesian at the public hearing are included as Attachment 1 to this letter¹. The remainder of this letter presents: (i) discussion of the current configuration and geologic setting of the DRPI Landfill; (ii) a summary of the proposed vertical expansion; (iii) a summary of Artesian's testimony; and (iv) Geosyntec's analysis and response to Artesian's testimony.

Current Configuration and Geologic Setting of DRPI Landfill

The DRPI Landfill operates as an industrial waste landfill, which primarily accepts construction and demolition debris (CDD), that has been permitted by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) since 1983. There have been several landfill expansions supported by subsurface investigations, including soil borings and hydrogeologic cross sections, as part of the permit modification applications. The DRPI Landfill is operated with a leachate collection system, which transmits leachate to low points within each lined cell, where the leachate is then pumped into a perimeter leachate header, which transmits the leachate to the on-site leachate pre-treatment system and, ultimately, to the New Castle County Sewer System,

¹Excerpted from DNREC website titled, Public Hearing: Delaware Recyclable Products, Inc. (DRPI) Industrial Waste Landfill Permit, <u>https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/events/391/public-hearing-delaware-recyclable-products-inc-drpi-industrial-waste-landfill-permit/</u>.



where it is further treated prior to discharge. In addition, the DRPI Landfill has two lateral leachate collection toe drains, which also discharge to the leachate forcemain. These toe drains are located and function as follows: (i) the Cell 3 Toe Drain is a horizontal drain that slopes from west to east separating Cells 3 and 4, the purpose of which is to intercept liquid from Cell 3 and prevent it from migrating north under Cell 4; and (ii) the Cells 1,2,3,5 Toe Drain is a horizontal drain that slopes from south to north along the entire west side of Cells 1-3, between Cells 1-3 and Cell 5, and that intercepts westward flow from Cells 1-3 and prevents migration under Cell 5. Liquid that is collected in these toe drains is pumped into the leachate forcemain and is treated, in the same manner as leachate collected from the lined cells. Further detail on the leachate and groundwater collection and transmission systems is presented in the Permit Modification Application for Vertical Expansion for the DRPI Landfill (DRPI permit application)².

The DRPI Landfill is located on the Atlantic Coastal Plain Physiographic Province, near the Fall Line. Coastal Plain sediments increase in thickness, and dip, toward the southeast. Surficial sediments in the DRPI Landfill vicinity consist of the Columbia Formation sand and gravel. However, the Columbia Formation has been removed by pre-landfill sand and gravel mining operations over most of the landfill footprint except for a small area beneath the southern part of the landfill (see Attachment 2)³. The Potomac Formation underlies the Columbia Formation and is present beneath the landfill footprint. The Potomac Formation is divided into two zones: the Upper Potomac and the Lower Potomac, with clay aquitards and confined sand aquifers in each. A clay aquitard of the Upper Potomac Formation is present between the bottom of the landfill and the upper sand zone aquifer of the Upper Potomac Formation (see Attachment 2).

Summary of the Proposed Vertical Expansion

The vertical expansion for the DRPI Landfill is proposed over the existing footprint of Cells 1 through 6 and will increase the permitted height of the landfill from 130 feet above mean sea level (ft-msl) to 190 ft-msl.

Summary of Artesian's Testimony

There are two main portions of Artesian's testimony that are addressed in this letter, which are:

(1) Artesian identified that the proposed vertical expansion "will cause six feet of compression of the trash below" and that "what is below that is our aquifer that reaches our public supply wells."

² Permit Modification Application for Vertical Expansion DRPI Industrial Landfill New Castle, Delaware, Prepared by: Geosyntec Consultants, July 2018.

³ Blazosky Associates, Inc. Hydrogeologic Assessment Summary Narrative, DRPI Industrial Waste Landfill Proposed Disposal Cell 6 Expansion (October 13, 2004).



(2) Artesian also noted that "the original use of the site was as a borrow pit where the top layers of soil were removed. Below the borrow pit is sand. That sand runs into the Potomac aquifer, which is like a super highway to our public supply wells."

Analysis and Response to Artesian Testimony

Artesian identified that the proposed vertical expansion will cause six feet of settlement in the existing waste. While Appendix VI-D.3 of the DRPI permit application does show a maximum of 6.13 feet of settlement (at Point 9 on Section B-B, which is in the Cells 1-3 area), not all of this settlement is due to the proposed expansion. Some of the waste placed in this area will be disposed within the limits of the current permitted landfill height. Geosyntec evaluated how much of the calculated settlement in the Cells 1-3 area is due to waste that will be placed under the current permitted maximum elevation and how much would be placed as part of the proposed vertical expansion. In comparing the calculated settlements under these two scenarios (i.e., that which is presented in Appendix VI-D.3 of the DRPI permit application as total calculated settlement due to waste overlying the Cells 1-3 overlay liner vs. that which is presented in Attachment 3 to this letter as calculated settlement due to waste that will be placed under the current permitted maximum elevation), the maximum calculated settlement due to the vertical expansion is 2.51 feet and occurs at Point 6 on Section A-A. It is noted that the settlement calculations presented in Attachment 2 are only for Sections A-A, B-B, G-G, H-H, and K-K because these sections are in the Cells 1-3 area where there is waste below the overlay liner system. The table below summarizes the average liner settlement due to waste placed as part of the proposed vertical expansion at the five sections in the Cells 1-3 overlay area.

	Averag	e Liner Settlement (fee	et)
Section	Proposed Vertical Expansion (Total)	Existing Permit (Total)	Due to Proposed Vertical Expansion (Increment)
A-A	4.6	3.1	1.5
B-B	5.3	3.5	1.8
G-G	4.7	3.0	1.6
H-H	3.8	2.4	1.4
K-K	4.8	3.4	1.4

Based on this analysis, the maximum anticipated settlement due to waste placed as part of the proposed vertical expansion is 2.51 feet and the average settlement is less than two feet, both of which are substantially less than the six feet of settlement identified in Artesian's testimony.



Additionally, the implication made in Artesian's testimony is that compression due to the additional waste loads would cause liquids to be released from the unlined waste below the Cells 1-3 overlay liner system. Geosyntec has evaluated the loading mechanisms at the DRPI Landfill during landfilling and, as subsequently described, has identified three factors that will likely reduce the leachate flow. In addition, because the area of concern has been lined, additional leachate in the waste mass underlying the overlay liner system will not be generated due to the proposed vertical expansion. Thus, the proposed vertical landfill expansion will not contribute to an increase in the total volume of leachate and may actually result in a reduction in the leachate generation rate. The three factors that will likely reduce leachate flow are as follows.

- Reduction of hydraulic conductivity due to increased overburden stress. The proposed vertical expansion will increase the overburden stress experienced by the existing unlined waste, which, in turn, increases the waste density. Studies by Reddy et al. (2009)⁴ and Reddy et al. (2011)⁵, as well as Feng et al. (2016)⁶ have shown that hydraulic conductivity of waste decreases with an increase in waste density and, thus, the corresponding overburden stresses. Similarly, field studies by Jain et al. (2006)⁷ and Wu et al. (2012)⁸ showed waste hydraulic conductivity reduces with depth (i.e., due to increased confining stresses).
- Waste degradation reduces hydraulic conductivity. Reddy et al. (2009) and Reddy et al. (2011) showed that the hydraulic conductivity considerably reduces with the degradation of waste. This was attributed to the generation of fines due to degradation (Reddy et al. 2009; Hossain et al. 2009⁹). Waste in the unlined area (i.e., Cells 1-3) is relatively old and, thus, has likely undergone significant degradation, thereby reducing the hydraulic conductivity.
- **Compression of, and leachate flow into, air pockets.** Air permeability inside the landfill is very low (10⁻¹² cm/s) which leads to large volumes of air entrapped inside the landfill (Jain et al. 2006). This characteristic essentially makes any leachate flow a three-phase

⁴ Reddy, K.R., H. Hettiarachchi, N. Parakalla, J. Gangathulasi, J. Bogner, 2009b. Geotechnical properties of fresh municipal solid waste at Orchard Hills Landfill, USA. Waste Management 29(2), 952-959.

⁵ Reddy, K. R., Hettiarachchi, H., Gangathulasi, J., and Bogner, J. E. 2011. "Geotechnical properties of municipal solid waste at different phases of biodegradation." Waste Manag., 31(11), 2275–2286

⁶ Feng, S.J., Cao, B.Y., Bai, Z.B., Yin, Z.Y., 2016. Constitutive model for municipal solid waste considering the effect of biodegradation. Geotech. Lett. 6, 244–249

⁷ Jain, P., Powell, J., Townsend, T. G., and Reinhart, D. R. 2006. "Estimating the hydraulic conductivity of landfilled municipal solid waste using borehole permeameter test." J. Environ. Eng., 1326, 645–653.

⁸ Wu, H., Chen, T., Wang, H., Lu, W., 2012. Field air permeability and hydraulic conductivity of landfilled municipal solid waste in China. J. Environ. Manag. 98, 15–22

⁹ Hossain, M.S., Penmethsa, K.K., Hoyos, L., 2009. Permeability of municipal solid waste in bioreactor landfill with degradation. Geotechnical and Geological Engineering 27(1), 43-51.



system (Figure 1). Henrych (1979)¹⁰ and Wang et al. (2005)¹¹ showed that air is highly compressible. Therefore, because of the low overall landfill permeability, an increase in overburden will cause air volume to reduce and leachate to flow into the surrounding air voids. A sketch depicting this concept is presented in Figure 1.

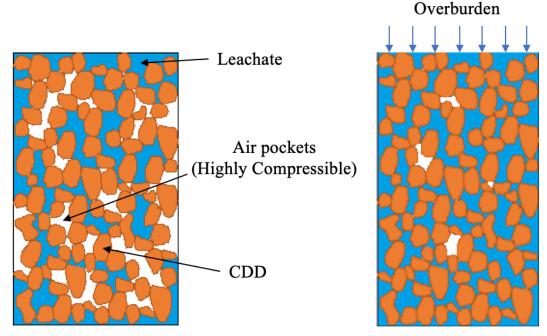


Figure 1. Three phase diagram of waste, leachate, and air without and with overburden.

In the event that liquids do flow out of the unlined waste area due to the additional compression from the increased "overburden" waste placed as part of the vertical expansion, the existing leachate toe drains (i.e., Cell 3 Toe Drain and Cells 1,2,3,5 Toe Drain) will collect this liquid for pre-treatment prior to discharge into the New Castle County Sewer System. As described previously in this letter, these toe drains were installed to collect liquids that drain out of the unlined waste in Cells 1-3 at DRPI Landfill.

Lastly, Geosyntec evaluated the potential for off-site migration of leachate to Artesian's public water supply wells. Artesian's well fields are located approximately one to two miles south of the landfill and east of the New Castle County Airport. Review of Delaware Department of Natural Resources Public Water Supply Source Assessment reports for Artesian's Collins Park¹², Castle

¹⁰ Henrych, J. 1979. The dynamics of explosion and its use, Elsevier Science, New York, 1–562

¹¹ Wang Z, Lu Y, Hao H, Chong K. 2005. A full coupled numerical analysis approach for buried structures subjected to subsurface blast. Comput Struct; 83(4):339–56.

¹² Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Division of Water Resources, Source Water Assessment and Protection Program, Public Water Supply Source Water Assessment for Artesian Water Company



Hill¹³, and Jefferson Farm¹⁴ well fields indicate that some of the public wells are screened in either: (1) exclusively the upper sand zone of the Upper Potomac Formation; (2) exclusively in the lower part of the Columbia Formation; or (3) in both the lower part of the Columbia Formation aquifer and the underlying upper sand zone of the Upper Potomac Formation. A groundwater monitoring system is in place around the landfill¹⁵ and there is also a shallow groundwater collection system beneath the landfill that induces inward gradients in shallow groundwater toward the center of the landfill, thus inhibiting potential leachate migration away from the landfill footprint¹⁶ (see Attachment 4).

The two exhibits submitted by Artesian at the 29 May 2019 public hearing include:

- 'Submission', *Diagrammatic cross-section showing stratigraphic relationships (Not to Scale)*¹⁷ is a schematic conceptual cross section that is a portion of Sheet 4 (Structural Geology) showing generalized information on the depth and thickness of the 'upper sand zone' of the Potomac Formation, and has the approximate location of DRPI Landfill added to the figure; and
- 'Submission 2', is a portion of Sheet 3, *Structural Geology, Elevation of the Base of Sand in the Upper Part of the Potomac Formation*¹⁸ with the approximate locations of DRPI Landfill and Artesian's well fields added to the figure.

Geosyntec evaluated the potential for migration of DRPI leachate to the upper sandy zone of the Upper Potomac Formation as well as to the Columbia Formation and discussion of both is presented herein.

⁽Collins Park), December 31, 2003. Table 1 shows one well, screened 100-125 feet below ground surface (bgs) in the Potomac Formation.

¹³ Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Division of Water Resources, Source Water Assessment and Protection Program, Public Water Supply Source Water Assessment for Artesian Water Company (Castle Hills), December 31, 2003. Table 1 shows Well 1 screened 50-73 feet bgs in Columbia Formation, Wells 2 and 3 screened 56-104 and 56-108 feet bgs, respectively, in both the Columbia Formation and Potomac Formation.

¹⁴ Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Division of Water Resources, Source Water Assessment and Protection Program, Public Water Supply Source Water Assessment for Artesian Water Company (Jefferson Farm), December 31, 2003. Table 1 shows Well 1A screened 96-140 feet bgs and Well 2 screened 127-137 feet bgs, both in the Potomac Formation.

¹⁵ Waste Management, Updated Groundwater, Leachate, and Stormwater Monitoring and Reporting Program Plan, Cells 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, DRPI Industrial Waste Landfill, June 2009.

¹⁶ Taylor Geoservices, DRPI 2017 Annual Report (February 28, 2018).

¹⁷ Delaware Geological Survey Hydrologic Map Series No. 3, Geohydrology of the Wilmington Area, Kenneth D. Woodruff, 1984.

¹⁸ Ibid.



Potential DRPI Leachate Migration to Upper Sandy Zone of Upper Potomac Formation. It is presumed for several reasons that Artesian is concerned about potential landfill leachate migration pathways through the Upper Potomac Formation 'upper sand zone' to their supply wells. First, Artesian plotted the locations of the landfill and their wells on Submission 2 that shows structure contour information specific to the base of the upper sand zone of the Upper Potomac Formation. Second, Artesian plotted the landfill location on the schematic cross section at a location directly above the subcrop of the upper sand zone. Presumably, Artesian inferred from the conceptual cross section they submitted that there would be direct recharge of potential leachate releases from the landfill into the subcrop of the upper sand zone of the Upper Potomac Formation. The schematic cross section erroneously shows the shallow Columbia Formation aquifer in direct unconformable contact with the underlying subcrop of the upper sand zone of the Upper Potomac Formation without any intervening clay aquitard. The stratigraphy presented on the schematic cross section (Attachment 1 Submission), without any clay between the bottom of the landfill and the upper sand zone of the Upper Potomac Formation, is inconsistent with the site-specific soil boring information used to produce the subsurface stratigraphy shown in Attachment 2.

Furthermore, Artesian did not submit the more detailed cross section on Sheet 1 (B-B') from the same Delaware Geological Survey document that they consulted for their submittals (see Attachment 5). Delaware Geological Survey's cross section B-B' is drawn to scale using specific soil boring log information and passes through the landfill location. B-B' shows the presence of a substantial clay aquitard at the landfill location. The clay aquitard separates the surficial materials of the Columbia Formation (that were removed by sand and gravel quarry operations) and the upper sand zone of the Upper Potomac Formation. Sheet 1 of the Delaware Geological Survey report has text in the top right indicating for the northern area of the map (i.e. the DRPI Landfill vicinity) the upper sand zone of the Upper Potomac Formation is thin and irregular in thickness and areal extent and is therefore consistent with the site soil borings and the fence diagram in Attachment 2. The text box on the top left of Sheet 4 indicates that the upper sand zone is not always persistent along strike in the subcrop area (it is noted that the northwest portion of DRPI Landfill is located within the subcrop area). Cross Section B-B' shows that there is a clay aquitard separating the (previously quarried) Columbia Formation and the upper sand zone of the Upper Potomac Formation beneath the landfill and to the south of the landfill toward the public supply wells. Cross section B-B' goes through the site between borings Cd31-16 and Cd31-4 and shows that there is clay present above the upper sand. The schematic cross section submitted by Artesian and is, therefore, misleading because it does not show the presence of the thick clay aquitard between the landfill and the upper sand horizon. The boring logs for the landfill permit applications also show the presence of the clay aguitard between the landfill and the upper sand zone as depicted in Attachment 2^{19} . Therefore, there is not a direct connection from beneath the

¹⁹ Geologic Fence Diagram, DRPI Industrial Waste Landfill Cell 6 Expansion Area prepared by Blazosky Associates, Inc. (BAI Drawing NO. WMI-186E001; February 18, 2004).



DRPI Landfill to the upper sand zone of the Upper Potomac Formation and, therefore, no connection to the water supply wells.

Potential DRPI Leachate Migration to Columbia Formation. The Columbia Formation has been removed beneath most of the landfill by previous sand and gravel quarry operations. There is a small area of remaining sand and gravel in the southern end of the DRPI Landfill. However, the hydraulic gradient in the shallow groundwater is to the north toward the Christina River, and away from the Artesian well fields location to the south. This natural gradient to the north is further enhanced by the groundwater collection system beneath the center of the landfill. Therefore, there is no migration pathway for DRPI leachate to the water supply wells screened in the Columbia Formation.

<u>Summary</u>

In summary, based on the information reviewed, there is not a complete migration pathway from the DRPI Landfill to Artesian's public water supply wells located south of the landfill. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 410.381.4333.

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Artesian Testimony and Exhibits

1 failed this community for several decades. I'm going to tell you what I am 2 3 going to do: I'm a product of the sixties. 4 And in the sixties, success was gained through litigation, demonstration, and legislation. 5 I am going to legislate. 6 I'm not a 7 lawyer, but what I do better than anything else is bring class action litigation when it's 8 9 necessary and appropriate, and I'm good at it. 10 And third, if put to the test, we will 11 demonstrate. And don't think for one minute this 12 community is not capable of shutting down Route 13, shutting down Route 9 to defend our environmental 13 14 rights. 15 Now, you all do what you want to do. I'm 16 qoing to do what I have to do. (Applause) 17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Woo hoo! 18 All right! Yeah! 19 MS. VEST: Thank you. Next up, Karl Randall. 20 21 MR. RANDALL: Good evening, ladies My name is Karl Randall. 22 and gentlemen. I am 23 general counsel of Artesian Water Company. And 24 I'm here tonight on behalf of the company to



1 speak in opposition to this permit modification. 2 3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right! 4 All right! (Applause) MR. RANDALL: Artesian has been 5 finding increased levels of contaminants in its б 7 wells in this area. We know where many of them are 8 There are other landfills that 9 coming from. 10 are superfund sites near here. But we do not 11 know where all of them are coming from. 12 We are doing what is necessary to remove those contaminants, but doing that is 13 14 And if you don't know who is expensive. 15 responsible, those costs get passed on to our 16 customers, and we do not want that to happen. 17 We have specific concerns about 18 this permit modification. 19 As you heard, the original use of this site was as a borrow pit where the top 20 21 layers of soil were removed. Below the borrow That sand runs into the Potomac 22 pit is sand. 23 aquifer, which is like a super highway to our 24 public supply wells.



1 The first layers of trash brought 2 to the dump was industrial waste, not 3 construction demolition, and there is no liner 4 below it. The permit application discloses 5 that the six stories of additional trash that 6 they want to put on top, it will cause six feet 7 of compression of the trash below. 8 9 That being the case, even though 10 they intend to put liners above the old 11 industrial waste, it will be compressed, and there is no liner below. 12 There is a sample leachate system 13 14 over here that shows a liner underneath a pipe That, to our 15 that would collect the water. 16 understanding, does not exist below that old 17 industrial waste that will be impacted by the 18 weight of the new trash above. 19 And what is below that is our aquifer that reaches our public supply wells. 20 21 For that reason, we think that there are -- if this was to be approved at all, there would 22 23 have to be serious changes to what is being 24 requested.

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1 I have other experts here who will 2 also speak. They are professional geo --3 hydrogeologists with a better understanding of 4 some of the technical details. (Applause) Thank you, Mr. Randall. 5 MS. VEST: Christopher Whallon. Christopher Whallon? 6 7 Whallon? Good evening, ladies 8 MR. WHALLON: My name is Christopher Whallon. 9 and gentlemen. 10 I'm a geologist with Duffield Associates, a 11 local consulting company. 12 I would like to mention just a couple of points about the application. 13 In the submission that DRPI 14 15 provided, there is a litany of questions about 16 siting. And by and large, the siting is 17 designed to evaluate things like sensitive receptors, land use, valuable aquifers, and 18 19 natural resources. Most of the questions about siting 20 21 were addressed by the applicant by saying, "We are not putting new cells in, so we don't need 22 to do anything about it, or there is no 23 24 impact," or they said, "The studies that are

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1 available, provided, show there is no problem." I would like to address those few 2 3 things real quickly. 4 The first is as to the cells, the Regulations Governing Solid Waste that were 5 referred to by DNREC specifically define "cell" 6 7 as an engineering structure designed to hold or dispose of solid waste. 8 Now, in this case the cells are 9 10 going up, over. When they are designing cells, 11 they are putting in new liners, they are 12 putting in leachate control. They're putting 13 in a new gas tank. They are building cells, 14 building the cells up. 15 And so it seems to Artesian Water, 16 who I'm speaking on behalf of tonight, that the 17 questions about valuable aquifers, proximity to natural resources, should be addressed as to 18 19 the new cells that are being installed. The other questions about some of 20 21 the natural receptors were dismissed simply by referring to hydrogeologic environmental 22 23 studies, most of which date 2004 and 2005. This modification is a substantial 24



1 one and essentially at 20 years or so to the life of the landfill. 2 3 And it seems to Artesian unwise to 4 make technical determinations about nearby 5 wells, nearby sensitive receptors, 6 environmental issues that are going to remain 7 and stand up into 2040 based on data collected And, at least, these studies should 8 in 2004. be renewed and revised to reflect current 9 10 conditions. Thank you. (Applause) 11 MS. VEST: Thank you, sir. Peter 12 Demicco? Demicco? Again, I apologize if I'm 13 saying it wrong. 14 MR. DEMICCO: Yes, good evening. 15 My name is Peter Demicco. I am a 16 geohydrologist I have been working in the State 17 of Delaware for many years. I'm a University 18 of Delaware graduate. I won't tell you why 19 that was a long time ago. And I'm going to try to describe 20 21 some very specific conditions that we want to basically enter into the record to make sure 22 23 DNREC reviews the information that's 24 appropriate.



1 And the first one is we have all 2 talked about the sand and gravel being removed 3 from the area. Well, that's first and 4 foremost. UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 5 Louder! MR. DEMICCO: Is that better? 6 7 Sorry about that. 8 MS. VEST: You almost have to keep 9 it right up against your mouth. 10 MR. DEMICCO: First and foremost is 11 here is a schematic from Delaware Geological Survey publication with a reference -- I will 12 give to DNREC that we want these added into the 13 14 record formally -- that are from 1984 15 Geological Survey publication, and the first 16 one is basically a schematic of the aquifers we 17 have all been talking about. 18 The landfill is located on top of 19 the Potomac aquifer. And they have excavated down into that aquifer. The problem is you 20 21 couldn't pick a worse site to put a landfill if 22 you were trying. 23 And the examples that we are most 24 familiar with are Delaware Sand and Gravel

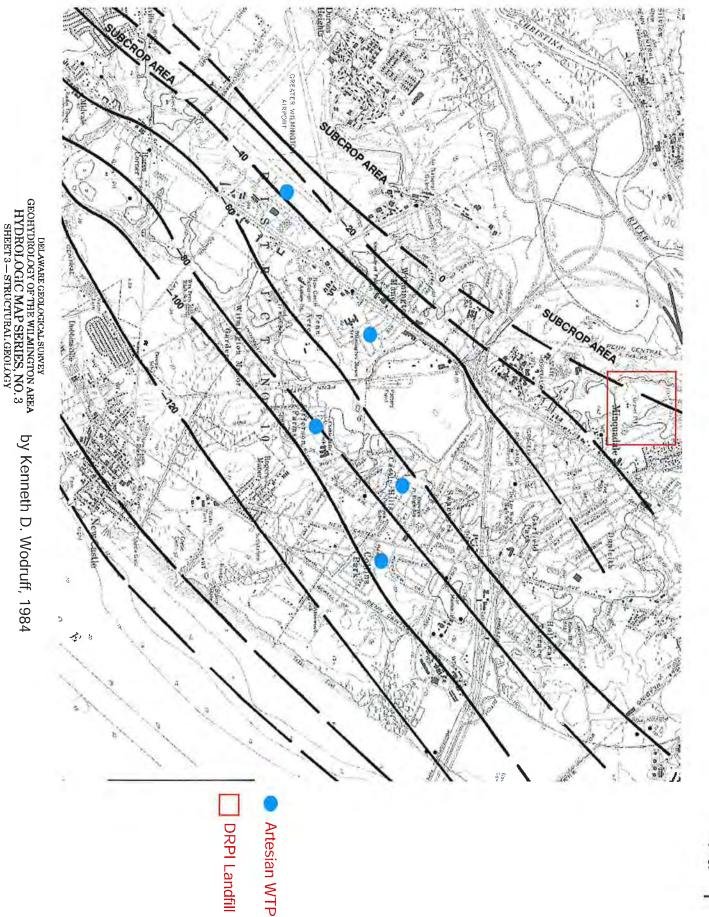
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1 superfund site and Army Creek superfund site which were being filled with trash prior to 2 this but about the same era. 3 4 So that is first and foremost a significant problem about this site. 5 Second is in the Potomac aquifer --6 7 and we have a map there which describes and locates our specific wells -- we have Collins 8 Park, Castle Hill, Jefferson Farms -- and I 9 10 will remember the name of the last one in a 11 minute -- but three of those four wells are 12 directly down that little dip we showed in the 13 previous map. And one of the other issues is 14 15 their application said no new wells. Well, we have three of these locations in the last seven 16 17 years put in improved wells, replacement wells. 18 They are pumping more water. It's within the allocation limits, but we are now pumping more 19 water. And we do not know what that impact is 20 21 on their landfill, and they do not have the information available to us. 22 23 And, finally, we have the 24 application, itself.



1 Surprisingly, the hydro-geo report 2 was only put on the website at DNREC yesterday. I have had less than 24 hours to review it. 3 Ι 4 do not have details. But I have already looked at it and found some serious implications which 5 are on this cross section. They talked about 6 7 their monitor wells. MR. SUNDE: Time. 8 Three of the wells 9 MR. DEMICCO: 10 are in the wrong aquifers. That has to be 11 looked at directly. (Applause) 12 MS. VEST: Just for the benefit of the audience here, I want to make sure 13 14 everybody knows that, as people are giving me 15 these documents, I am marking them, and they 16 are getting entered into the formal hearing 17 record. 18 All of -- Mr. Randall has provided me with normal-sized copies of these blow-up 19 I am marking all of this 20 pictures. 21 documentation Artesian Exhibit 1, and it will be all of them together combined. 22 I also want to recognize that 23 24 Councilman Street's letter that he offered to





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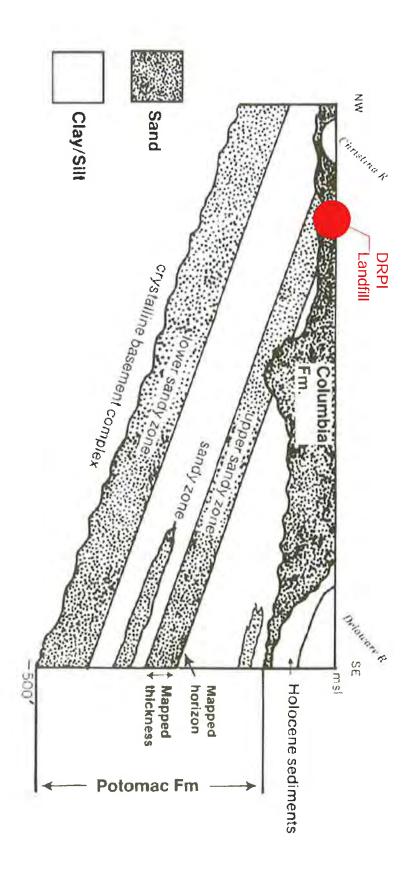
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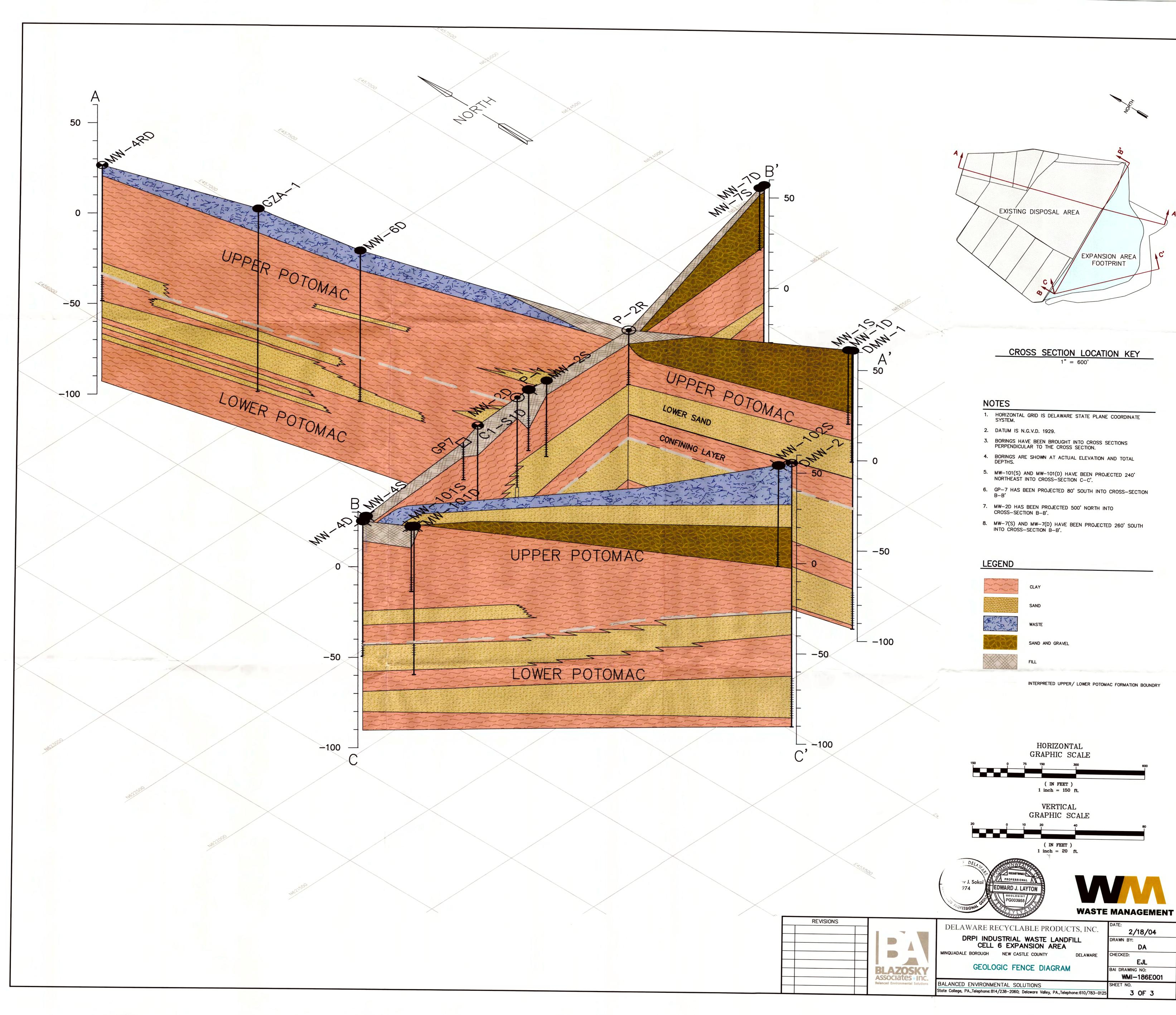
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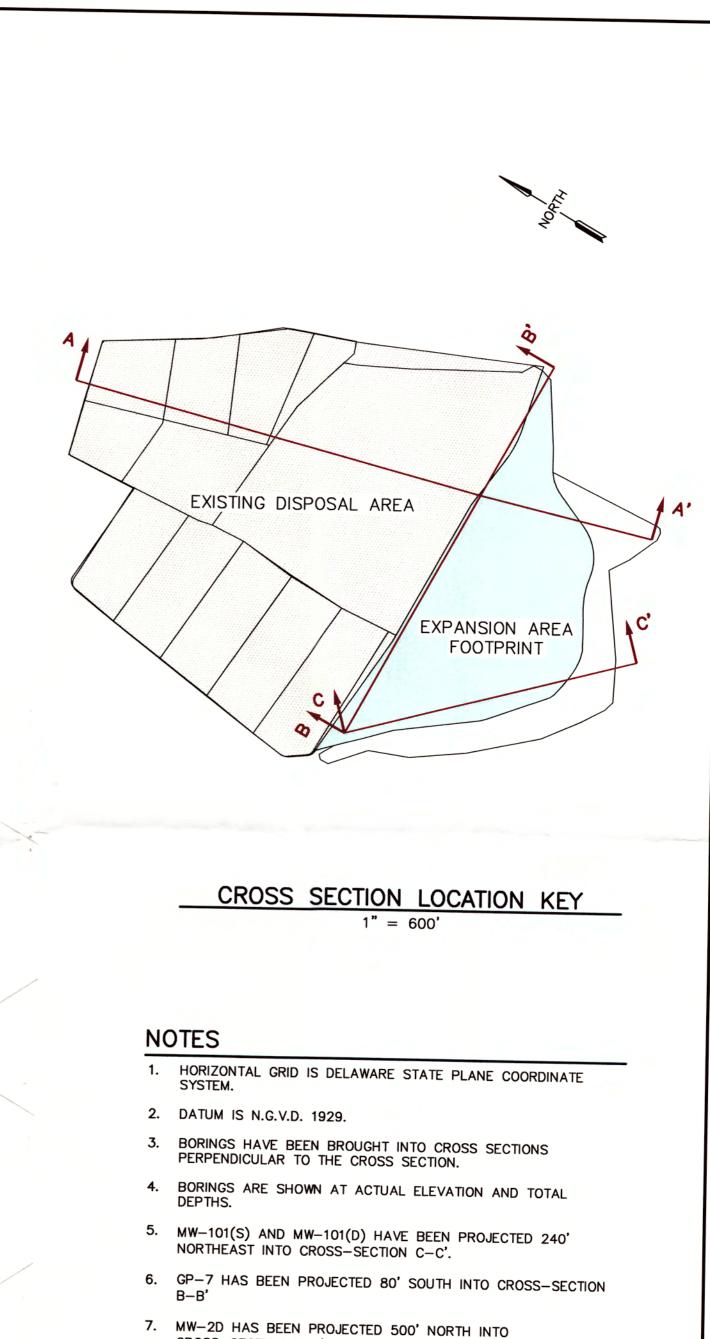
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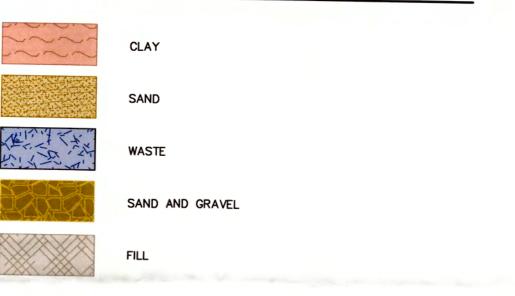
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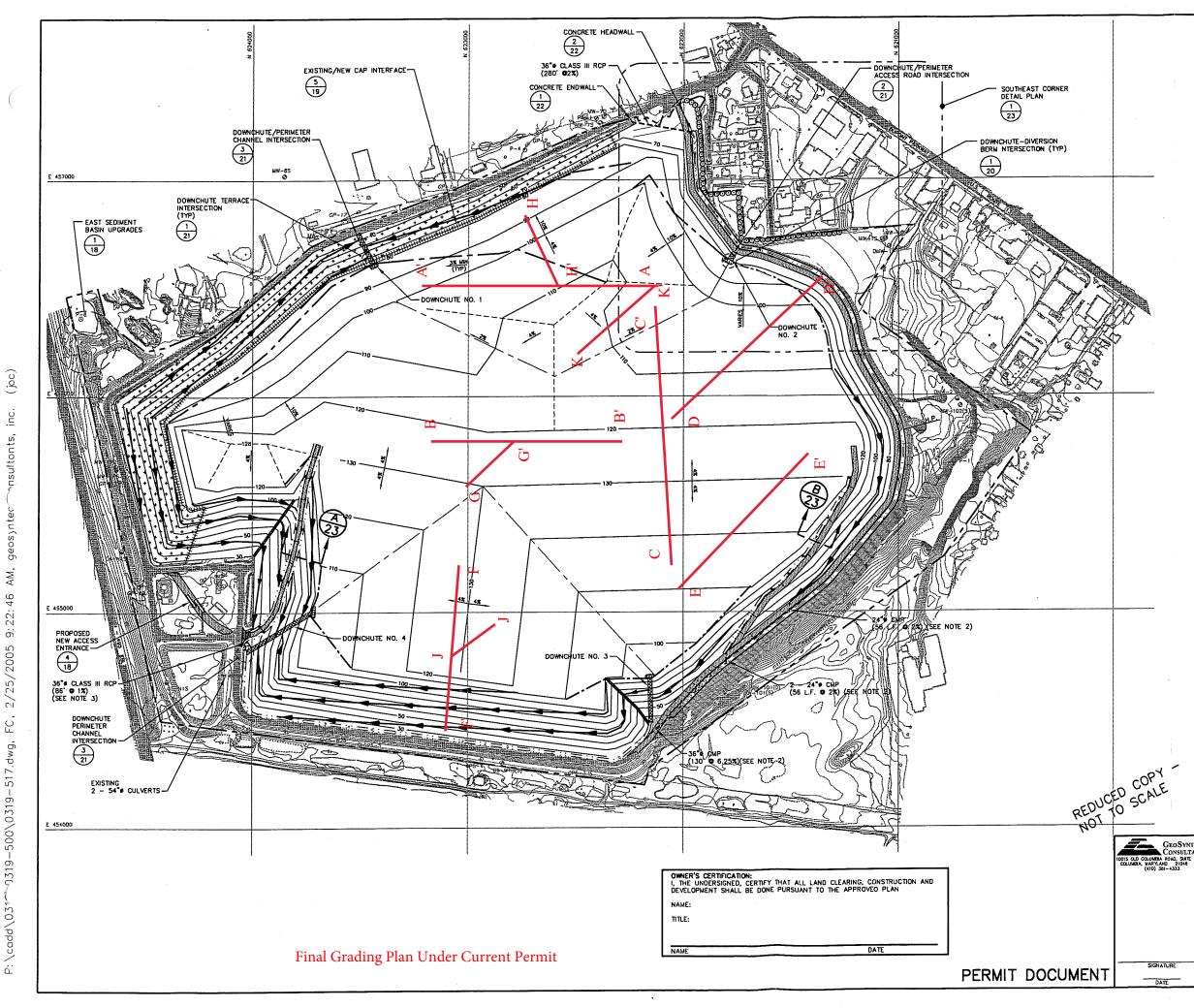
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	Settlement Ar	nalysis Section	n A-A (C	urrent P	ermitted Ele	evation - 130	ft-msl)				
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Soil Properties	Upper Potomac	Lower Potomac	Columbia	Waste	Water	Grading Layer					
Modified Compression Index	0.09	0.15		0.12				t ₁ (years)		30	
Modified Recompression Index	0.02	0.02	-	-	-	-		t ₂ (years)		60	
Modified Secondary Compression Index	-	-		0.07				Distance Betwee	n Points (ft)	100	
Unit Weight, y (pcf)	120	120	125	70	62.4	120		Diotanoo Dotnoo			
Point	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Approved waste elevation (ft.)	96.0	100.0	102.0	104.0	106.0	108.0	110.0	112.0	112.0	110.0	8
Base Liner Elevation (ft)	84.9	80.8	79.8	79.3	78.8	78.3	77.3	75.3	73.3	71.3	6
Top of Old Waste Elevation (ft)	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	
Elevation of Top of Columbia (ft)	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
Elevation of Top of Upper Potomac (ft)	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	
Elevation of Top of Lower Potomac (ft)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Elevation of bottom of Lower Potomac (ft)	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-
Water Table elevation (ft-msl)	0.2	0.1	6.1	12.0	18.9	26.2	29.5	30.5	31.2	31.7	3
Initial Stress in old waste	3111	2625	2504	2444	2384	2324	2202	1964	1725	1481	1:
Initial Stress in Columbia (psf)	5397	5407	5031	4663	4006	3621	3413	3349	3310	3274	3
Initial Stress in Upper Potomac (psf)	5375	5375	5375	5095	4664	4209	4002	3937	3899	3862	3
Initial Stress in Lower Potomac (psf)	7126	7136	6759	6391	5960	5505	5298	5233	5195	5158	5
Δσ (psf)	778	1342	1552	1727	1902	2077	2289	2568	2707	2709	8
Preconsolidation Pressure Potomac (psf)	20000	20000	20000	20000	20000	20000	20000	20000	20000	20000	20
Primary Settlement (Existing Waste) δ_P (ft)	0.64	1.18	1.38	1.53	1.68	1.83	2.04	2.40	2.70	2.98	1.
Primary Settlement (Upper Potomac) δ_P (ft)	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0
Primary Settlement (Lower Potomac) δ_P (ft)	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.
Secondary Settlement (Existing Waste) δ_{S} (ft)	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	1
Total Settlement δ_P (ft)	1.84	2.42	2.63	2.79	2.96	3.13	3.35	3.73	4.04	4.32	2
Pre-settlement Grade	-	4.1%	1.0%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2
Change in Grade	-	0.57%	0.21%	0.16%	0.17%	0.17%	0.23%	0.37%	0.32%	0.28%	-1.
Post-settlement Grade	-	4.6%	1.2%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	1.2%	2.4%	2.3%	2.3%	0.
Post-Settlement Elevation	83.0	78.4	77.2	76.5	75.9	75.2	74.0	71.6	69.3	67.0	6
Post-Settlement Liner-GW Seperation	82.8	78.4	71.1	64.5	57.0	49.0	44.4	41.1	38.1	35.2	3
Strain in Liner, ε (%)	-	0.009	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.004	0.003	0.002	0.
Total Settlement from vertical expansion	3.266112782	4.13668169	4.56081	4.569862	4.968291178	5.441302705	5.862928497		5.161276141	4.325565	2.72
Total settlement with existing consition	1.84	2.42	2.63	2.79	2.96	3.13	3.35	3.73	4.04	4.32	

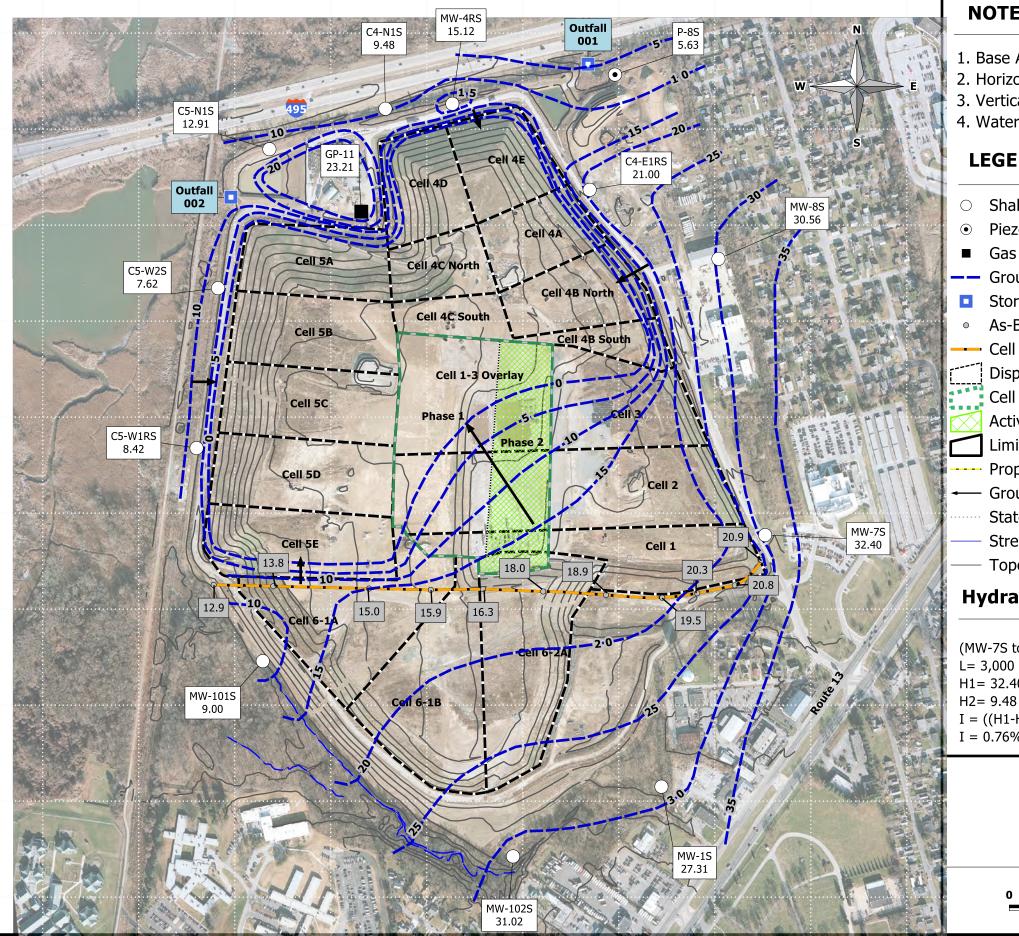
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Soil Properties	Upper Potomac	Lower Potomac	Columbia	Waste	Water	Grading Layer			
Modified Compression Index	0.09	0.15		0.12				t ₁ (years)	30
Modified Recompression Index	0.02	0.02	-	-	-	-		t ₂ (years)	60
Modified Secondary Compression Index	-	-		0.07			Distance Bet	ween Points (ft)	100
Unit Weight, γ (pcf)	120	120	125	70	62.4	120			
Point	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Approved waste elevation (ft.)	124.0	124.0	124.0	124.0	124.0	124.0	124.0	124.0	124.
Base Liner Elevation (ft)	87.1	84.7	83.2	81.7	80.2	78.7	77.2	75.8	74.
Top of Old Waste Elevation (ft)	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74
Elevation of Top of Columbia (ft)	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Elevation of Top of Upper Potomac (ft)	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Elevation of Top of Lower Potomac (ft)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elevation of bottom of Lower Potomac (ft)	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30
Water Table elevation (ft-msl)	0.6	0.3	0.1	2.7	6.6	10.3	14.2	21.3	25.
Initial Stress in old waste	3463	3178	2998	2818	2638	2458	2278	2101	193
Initial Stress in Columbia (psf)	5304	5320	5335	5170	4932	4695 5127	4457	3856	358
Initial Stress in Upper Potomac (psf) Initial Stress in Lower Potomac (psf)	5305	5305 7048	5305 7064	5305 6899	5305 6660	6423	4890 6186	4444 5740	417 547
u)	2583	2748	2854	2959	3064	3169	3273	3377	347
Δσ (psf) Preconsolidation Pressure Potomac (psf)	20000	20000	20000	2959	20000	20000	20000	20000	2000
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Primary Settlement (Existing Waste) δ _ρ (ft)	1.57	1.75	1.88	2.02	2.17	2.33	2.51	2.70	2.89
Primary Settlement (Upper Potomac) δ _P (ft)	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.08
Primary Settlement (Lower Potomac) $\delta_{\!P}$ (ft)	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.13
Secondary Settlement (Existing Waste) $\delta_{\!S}\left(\!ft\right)$	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14
Total Settlement δ_P (ft)	2.84	3.03	3.16	3.31	3.46	3.64	3.82	4.03	4.24
Pre-settlement Grade	-	2.4%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.4%
Change in Grade	-	0.19%	0.13%	0.14%	0.16%	0.17%	0.19%	0.21%	0.21
Post-settlement Grade	-	2.6%	1.6%	1.6%	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	1.69
Post-Settlement Elevation	84.3	81.7	80.1	78.4	76.8	75.1	73.4	71.7	70.
Post-Settlement Liner-GW Seperation	83.7	81.4	80.0	75.7	70.2	64.8	59.3	50.4	44.
Strain in Liner, ε (%)	-	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.00
Total Settlement from vertical expansion	4.6	4.777	4.955	5.081	5.292	5.471	5.684	5.897	6.12
Total settlement with existing consition	2.8	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.2

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Soil Properties	Upper Potomac	Lower Potomac	Columbia	Waste	Wotor	Grading Layer			_
Modified Compression Index	0.09	0.15	Columbia	0.12	water	Grading Layer		t (vooro)	30
			-	0.12	_	-		t ₁ (years)	
Modified Recompression Index	0.02	0.02	-	-	-	-		t ₂ (years)	60
Modified Secondary Compression Index	-	-	405	0.07	00.4	100	Distance Bel	ween Points (ft)	98
Unit Weight, γ (pcf)	120	120	125	70	62.4	120			
Point	0	1	2	3					_
Approved waste elevation (ft.)	128.0	130.0	128.0	125.0					
Base Liner Elevation (ft)	90.0	87.6	85.1	82.7					
Top of Old Waste Elevation (ft)	74	74	74	74					
Elevation of Top of Columbia (ft)	20	20	20	20					
Elevation of Top of Upper Potomac (ft)	15	15	15	15					
Elevation of Top of Lower Potomac (ft)	0	0	0	0					
Elevation of bottom of Lower Potomac (ft)	-30	-30	-30	-30					
Water Table elevation (ft-msl)	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.2					
Initial Stress in old waste	3810	3516	3222	2928					
Initial Stress in Columbia (psf)	5281	5301	5321	5330					
Initial Stress in Upper Potomac (psf)	5305	5305	5305	5305					
Initial Stress in Lower Potomac (psf)	7010	7030	7050	7058					_
$\Delta\sigma$ (psf)	2660	2971	3003	2964					_
Preconsolidation Pressure Potomac (psf)	20000	20000	20000	20000					
Primary Settlement (Existing Waste) δ_{P} (ft)	1.49	1.72	1.85	1.97					
Primary Settlement (Upper Potomac) δ_P (ft)	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06					
Primary Settlement (Lower Potomac) δ_P (ft)	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.09					
Secondary Settlement (Existing Waste) $\delta_{\!S}$ (ft)	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14					
Total Settlement δ_{P} (ft)	2.76	3.01	3.14	3.26					
Pre-settlement Grade	-	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%					
Change in Grade	-	0.25%	0.13%	0.12%					
Post-settlement Grade	-	2.8%	2.6%	2.6%					
Post-Settlement Elevation	87.2	84.5	82.0	79.4					
Post-Settlement Liner-GW Seperation	86.3	83.9	81.7	79.2					
Strain in Liner, ε (%)	-	0.002	0.000	0.000					
Total Settlement from vertical expansion	4.4	4.549	4.764	4.999					

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Soil Properties	Upper Potomac	Lower Potomac	Columbia	Waste	Water	Grading Layer			
Modified Compression Index	0.09	0.15		0.12				t1 (years)	30
Modified Recompression Index	0.02	0.02	-	-	-	-		t ₂ (years)	60
Modified Secondary Compression Index	-	-		0.07			Distance Bet	tween Points (ft)	81
Unit Weight, γ (pcf)	120	120	125	70	62.4	120			
Point	0	1	2	3	4				
Approved waste elevation (ft.)	97.9	95.0	100.0	105.0	109.0				
Base Liner Elevation (ft) Top of Old Waste Elevation (ft)	86.0 75	83.1 75	81.5 75	79.9 75	78.3 75				
Elevation of Top of Columbia (ft)	20	20	20	20	20				
Elevation of Top of Upper Potomac (ft)	15	15	15	15	20 15				
Elevation of Top of Lower Potomac (ft)	0	0	0	0	0				
Elevation of bottom of Lower Potomac (ft)	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30				
Water Table elevation (ft-msl)	30.0	28.8	27.7	26.9	26.3				
Initial Stress in old waste	3244	2900	2705	2512	2322				
Initial Stress in Columbia (psf)	3380	3458	3528	3575	3615				
Initial Stress in Upper Potomac (psf)	3968	4046	4117	4164	4203				
Initial Stress in Lower Potomac (psf)	5264	5342	5413	5460	5499				
$\Delta\sigma$ (psf)	833	831	1295	1758	2148				
Preconsolidation Pressure Potomac (psf)	20000	20000	20000	20000	20001				
Primary Settlement (Existing Waste) & (ft)	0.65	0.72	1.12	1.52	1.88				
Primary Settlement (Upper Potomac) & (ft)	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.05				
Primary Settlement (Lower Potomac) δ_P (ft)	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.07	0.09				
Secondary Settlement (Existing Waste) δ_S (ft)	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16				
Total Settlement δ_{P} (ft)	1.88	1.94	2.37	2.80	3.18				
Pre-settlement Grade	-	3.6%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%				
Change in Grade	-	0.08%	0.53%	0.53%	0.47%				
Post-settlement Grade	-	3.6%	2.5%	2.5%	2.4%				
Post-Settlement Elevation	84.1	81.2	79.1	77.1	75.1				
Post-Settlement Liner-GW Seperation	54.1	52.4	51.5	50.2	48.9				
Strain in Liner, ε (%)	-	0.000	0.007	0.007	0.006				
Total Settlement from vertical expansion	1.9	3.298	3.785	4.661	5.453				

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Soil Properties	Upper Potomac	Lower Potomac	Columbia	Waste	Water	Grading Layer			
Modified Compression Index	0.09	0.15		0.12				t ₁ (years)	30
Modified Recompression Index	0.02	0.02	-	-	-	-		t ₂ (years)	60
Modified Secondary Compression Index	-	-		0.07	1		Distance Bet	ween Points (ft)	84
Unit Weight, γ (pcf)	120	120	125	70	62.4	120			
Point	0	1	2	3	4	5			
Approved waste elevation (ft.)	115.0	113.0	112.0	110.0	102.0	95.9			
Base Liner Elevation (ft)	82.0	79.9	77.7	75.6	73.1	70.6			
Top of Old Waste Elevation (ft)	75	75	75	75	75	76			
Elevation of Top of Columbia (ft)	20	20	20	20	20	21			
Elevation of Top of Upper Potomac (ft)	15	15	15	15	15	16			
Elevation of Top of Lower Potomac (ft)	0	0	0	0	0	1			
Elevation of bottom of Lower Potomac (ft)	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30			
Water Table elevation (ft-msl)	25.7	28.0	30.1 2253	30.7	31.3	32.0 1279			
Initial Stress in old waste	2766	2518		1995	1693				
Initial Stress in Columbia (psf)	3648	3507	3378	3339	3298	3321			
Initial Stress in Upper Potomac (psf)	4236	4096 5392	3967	3927	3887	3909 5234			
Initial Stress in Lower Potomac (psf)	2309	2314	5263 2399	5223 2409	5183 2025	5234			
∆σ (psf) Preconsolidation Pressure Potomac (psf)	2309	20000	2399	2409	2025	20002			
Primary Settlement (Existing Waste) δ_{Φ} (ft)	1.74	1.87	2.08	2.27	2.25	20002			
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Primary Settlement (Upper Potomac) δ_{P} (ft)	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.05			
Primary Settlement (Lower Potomac) $\delta_{\!P}$ (ft)	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.08			
Secondary Settlement (Existing Waste) δ_{S} (ft)	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16			
Total Settlement δ _P (ft)	3.05	3.18	3.40	3.59	3.55	3.77			
Pre-settlement Grade	-	2.5%	2.6%	2.6%	3.0%	2.9%			
Change in Grade	-	0.16%	0.26%	0.23%	-0.04%	0.26%			
Post-settlement Grade	-	2.6%	2.9%	2.8%	3.0%	3.2%			
Post-Settlement Elevation	79.0	76.8	74.3	72.0	69.5	66.8			
Post-Settlement Liner-GW Seperation	53.2	48.8	44.3	41.3	38.2	34.9			
Strain in Liner, ε (%)	-	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.000	0.002			
Total Settlement from vertical expansion	5.28	5.50	5.23	4.86	4.35	3.77			
Total settlement with existing consition	3.05	3.18	3.40	3.59	3.55	3.77			

Potentiometric Surface Maps



NOTES

- 1. Base Aerial from Quantum Sp.
- 2. Horizontal Grid is Delaware St
- 3. Vertical Datum is NGVD 1929
- 4. Water elevation data collected

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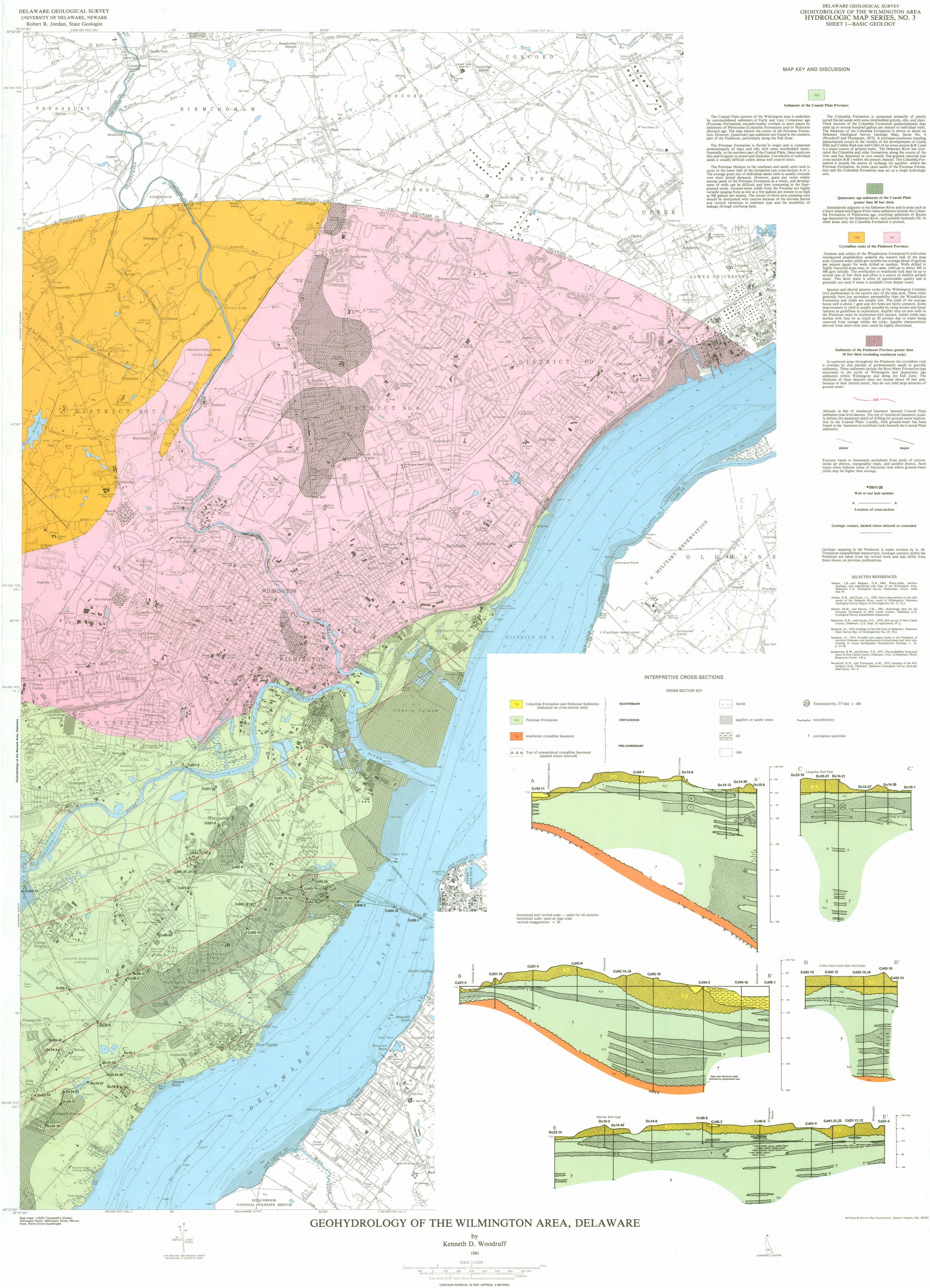
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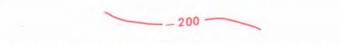
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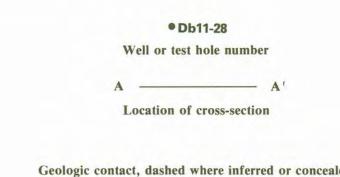












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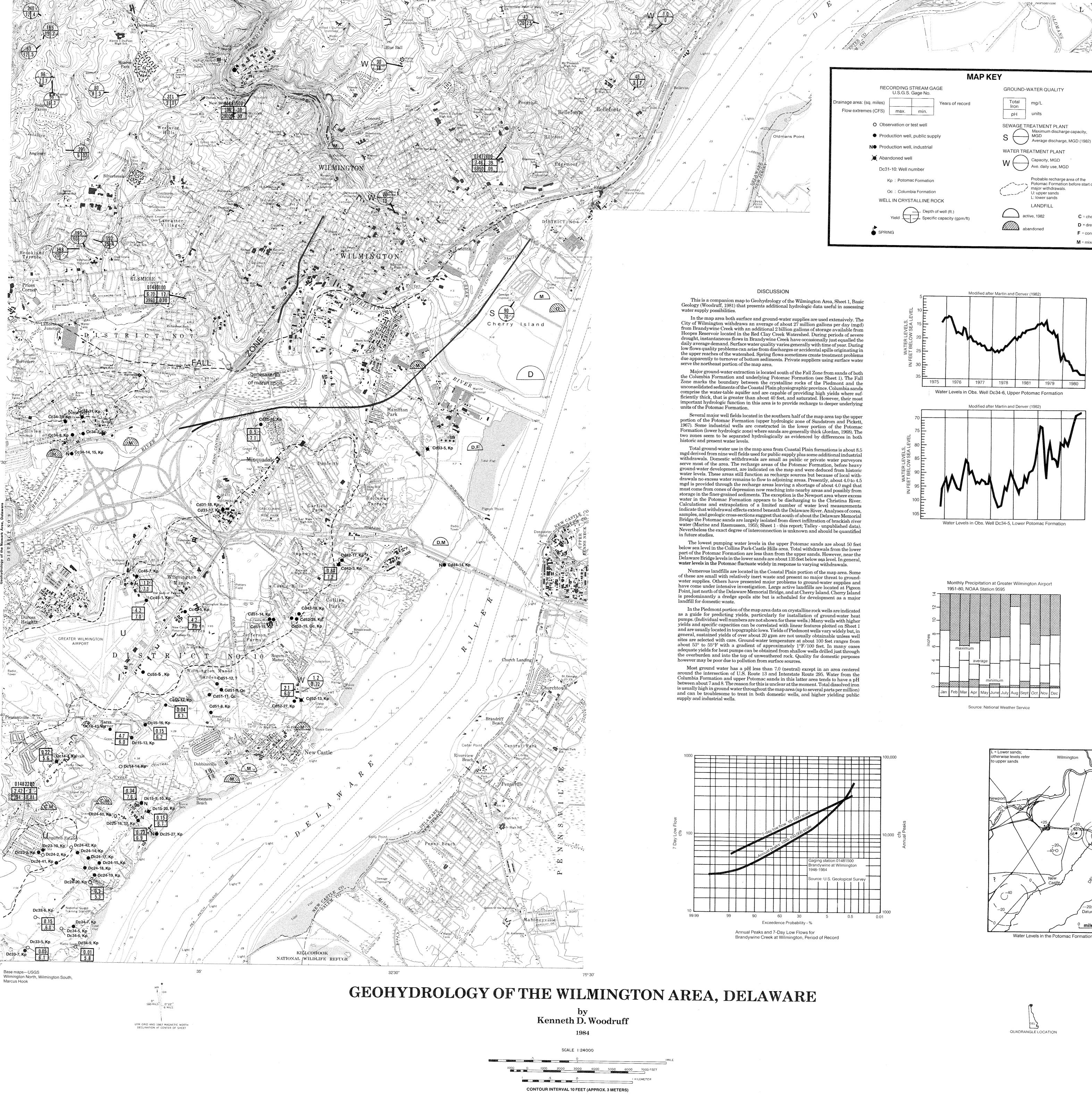
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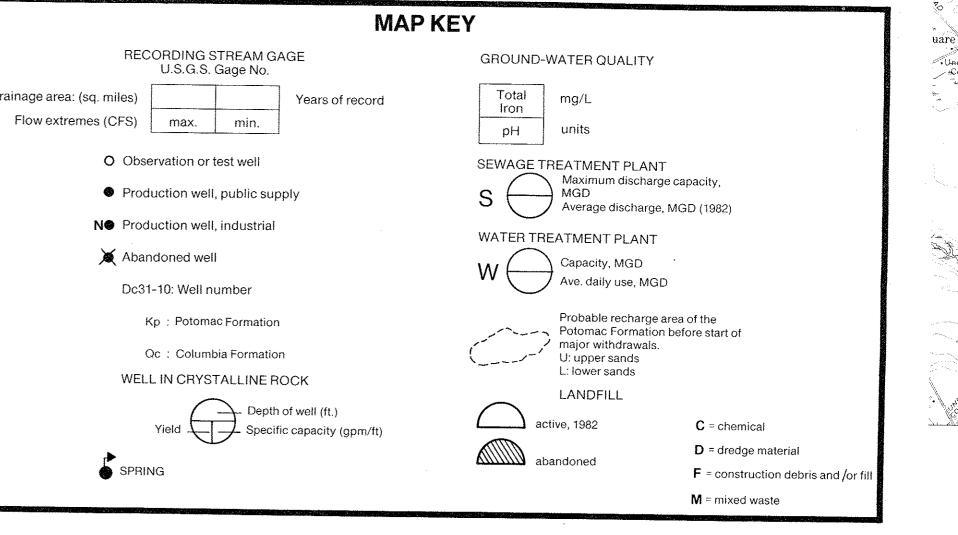
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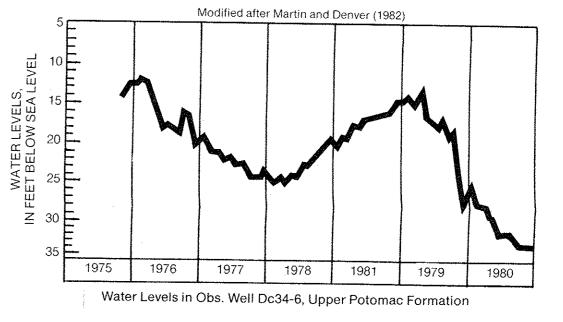
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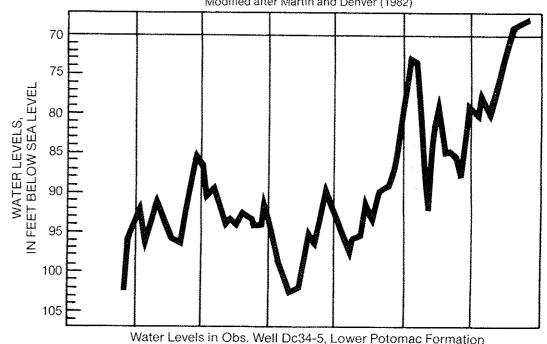
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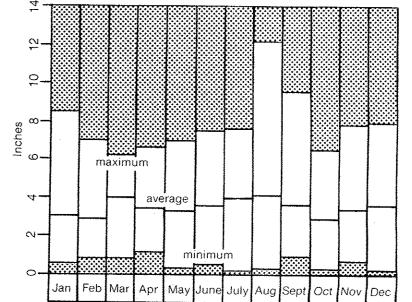
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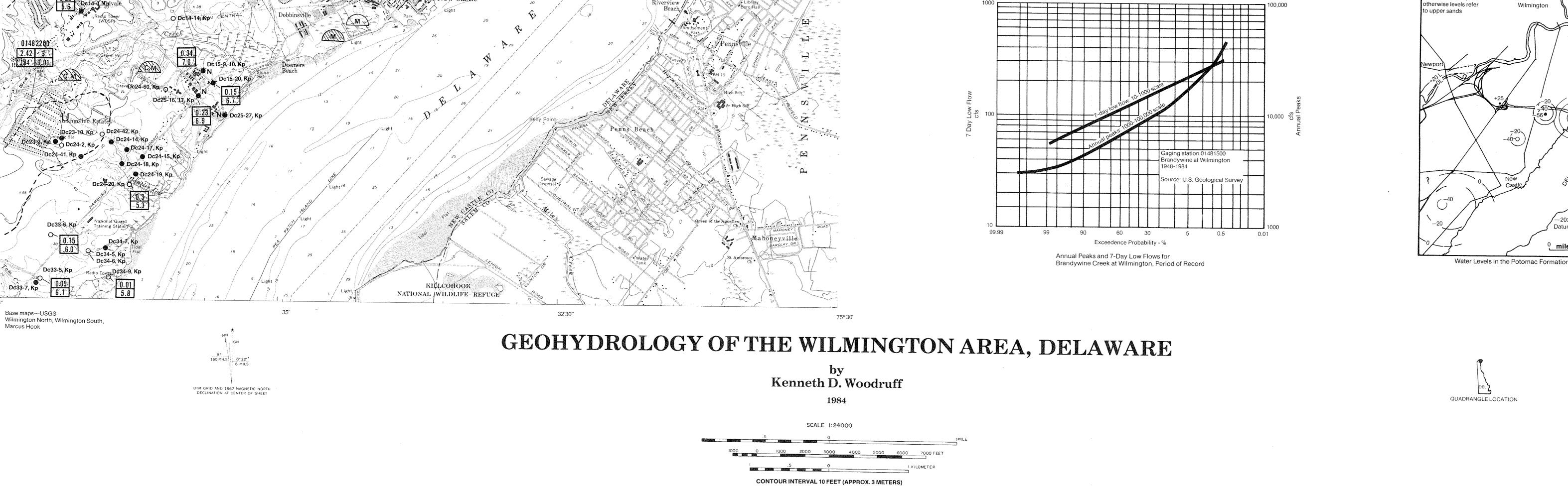


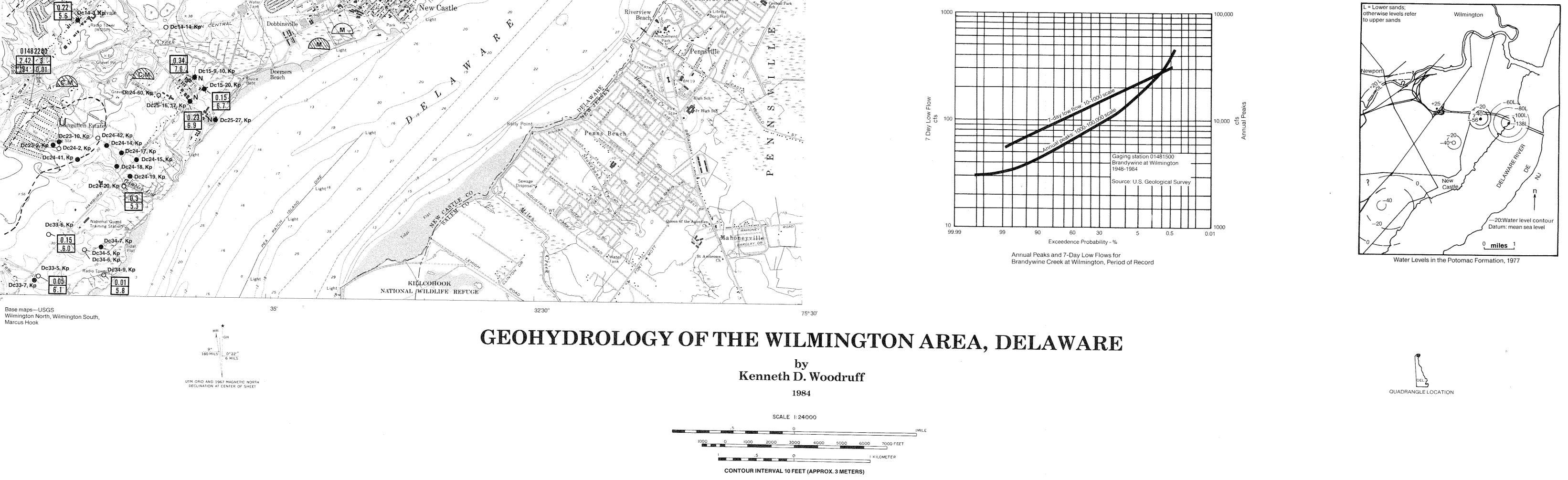












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DELAWARE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY GEOHYDROLOGY OF THE WILMINGTON AREA HYDROLOGIC MAP SERIES, NO. 3 SHEET 3 – STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY

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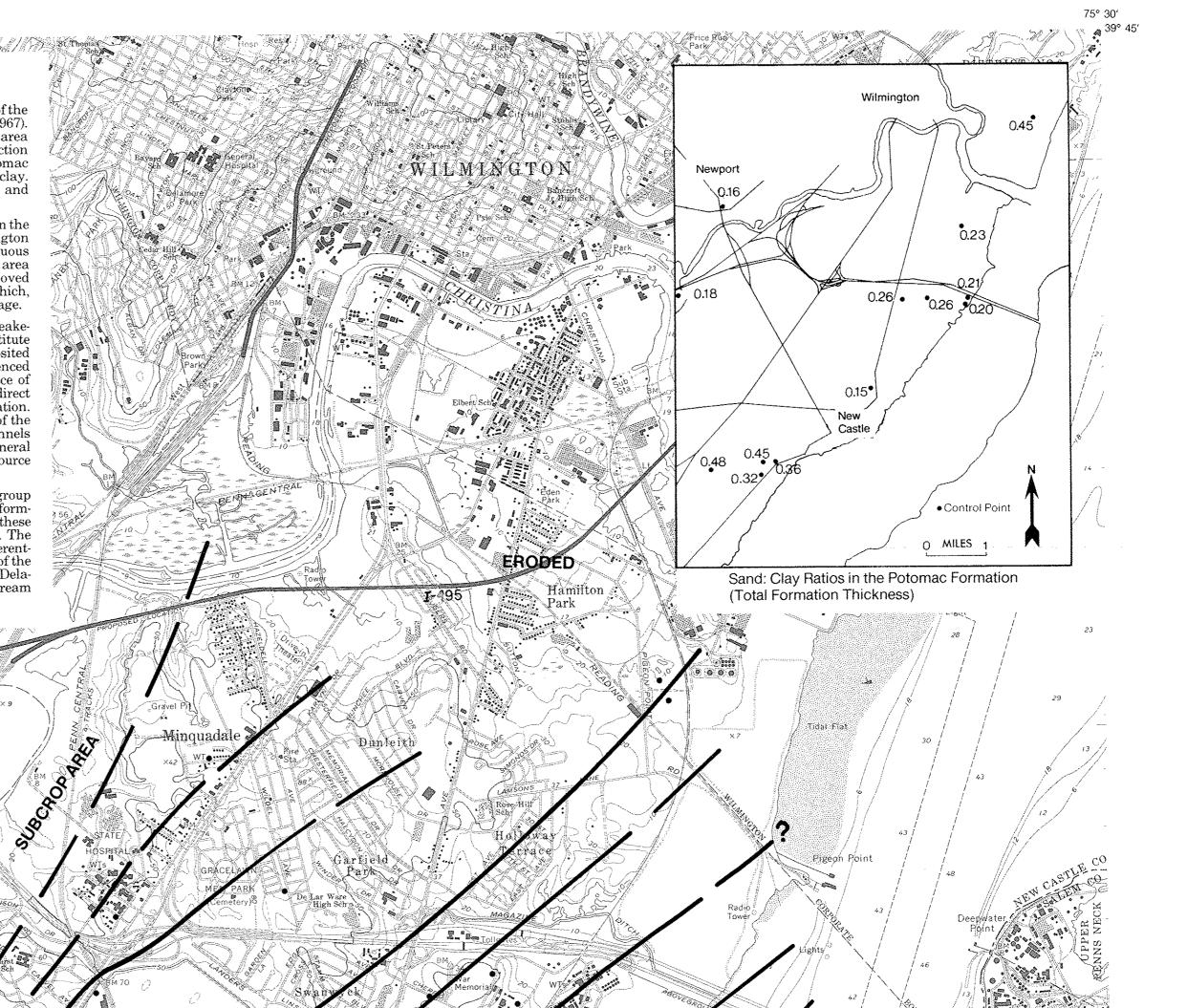
This map indicates the depth to the base of the sands in the upper part of the Potomac Formation (upper hydrologic zone of Sundstrom and Pickett, 1967). Cross-sections showing the stratigraphic position of these sands in the map area are shown on Sheet 1 (Basic Geology). The thickness of this upper sandy section may include thin interbedded clays or silts and extends from the first Potomac sands beneath the Columbia Formation to the top of a generally mappable clay. The clay occupies about the middle one-third of the Potomac Formation and separates hydrologically the upper sands from the lower, basal sandy unit.

The subcrop area of the upper sandy unit extends from about Midvale in the southwest corner of the map, northeasterly beneath the Greater Wilmington Airport and the Wilmington Manor area. However all sands are not continuous laterally along the strike of the subcrop. In the northeast corner of the map area much of the Potomac Formation (Early to Late Cretaceous age) has been removed by erosion followed by deposition of Columbia sediments (Pleistocene age) which, in turn, have been largely replaced by Delaware River sediments of Recent age.

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In Maryland and Virginia the Potomac sediments are elevated to group status and can be subdivided into the Patuxent, Arundel, and Patapsco formations (bottom to top) on the basis of gross lithologic differences. Overall these divisions are often difficult to assign and cannot be made in Delaware. The Potomac equivalent in New Jersey includes the Potomac Group (undifferentiated) and the overlying Raritan Formation (Jordan, 1983). The basal part of the Potomac Formation contains more clastic sediments in Maryland than in Delaware and deposition of these sediments has been attributed to braided stream systems (Glaser, 1969).

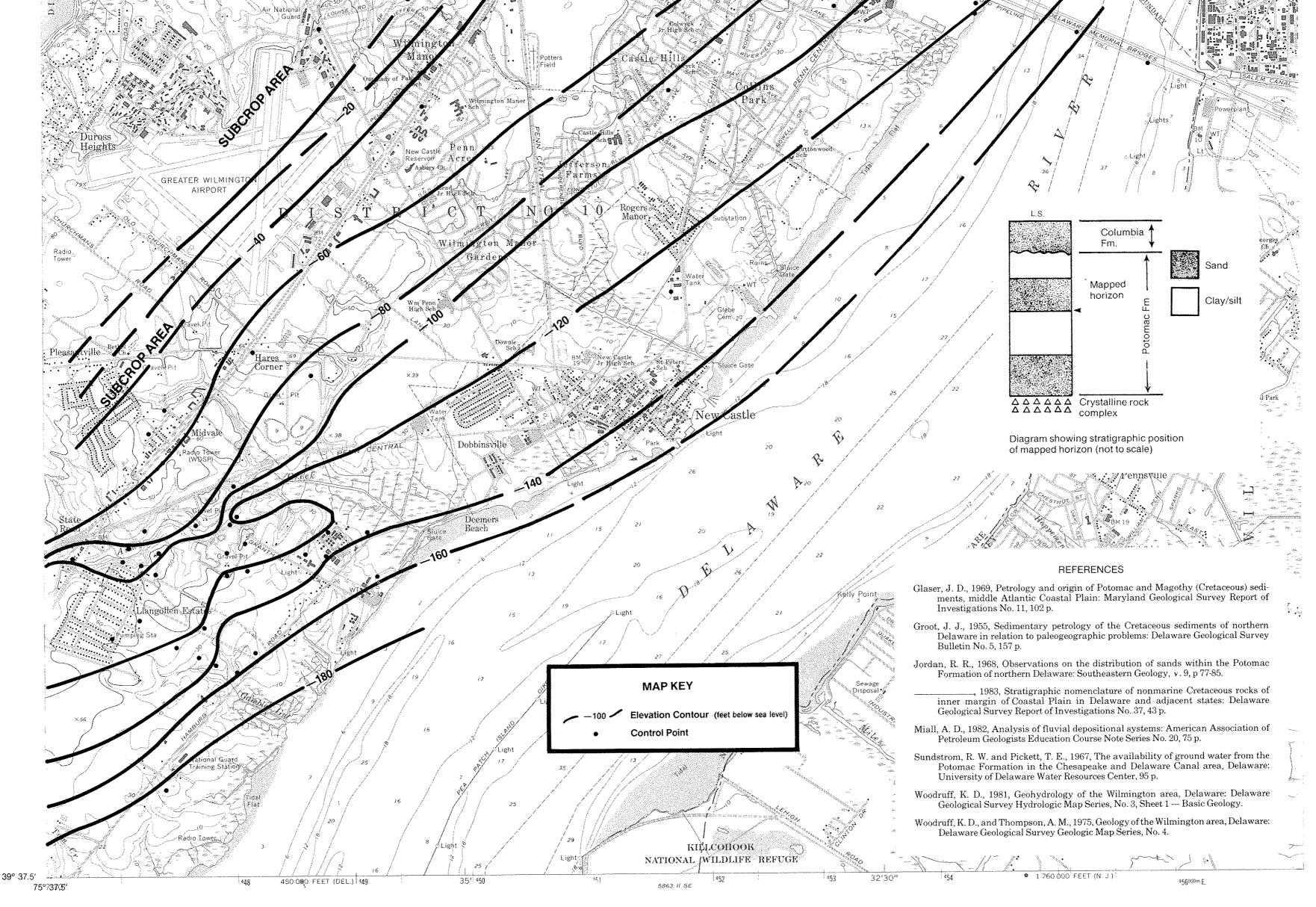
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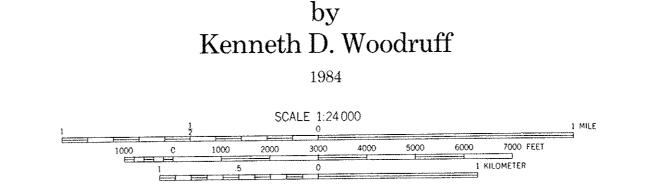
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ELEVATION OF THE BASE OF SAND IN THE UPPER PART OF THE POTOMAC FORMATION

Base map-USGS Wilmington South Quadrangle





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CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET

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This map shows the thickness of the sandy zone in the upper part of the Potomac Formation (upper hydrologic zone of Sundstrom and Pickett, 1967) by means of isopach lines (orange) and the elevation of the top of the zone by structure contour lines (black). Cross-sections showing the stratigraphic position of these upper sands appear on Sheet 1 (Basic Geology). Sheet 3 (Structural Geology) indicates the structure contours on the base of this zone.

The thickness of the upper sandy section may include thin interbedded clays or silts and is measured from the first Potomac sand lying beneath the Columbia Formation (Pleistocene age) downward to the top of a mappable clay. The clay occupies about the middle one-third of the Potomac Formation and hydrologically separates the upper sands from the lower sandy unit. Some workers have further subdivided the Potomac Formation by suggesting a middle sandy zone. This interpretation is possible in some portions of the map area, particularly just north of the City of New Castle.

The subcrop area of the upper sandy unit extends from the west central part of the map area northeasterly to the Christina River north of Minquadale. The Christina River appears to mark the northern edge of the subcrop zone, but sands are not always persistent along the strike, or trend, of the subcrop. Erosion has removed much or all of the upper part of the Potomac Formation in some areas as indicated on the map. In small areas between New Castle and the Greater Wilmington Airport the Potomac was reworked, particularly during deposition of the Columbia Formation. Slumping of the Potomac over the Columbia sediments appears to have occurred in the Hares Corner area.

In the southwest part of the map the trend of a Potomac paleochannel can be delineated by geophysical log shapes and by the high percentage of net sand in the upper zone (up to 100%). The trend may not necessarily coincide with the greatest thickness (isopach) of the upper zone.

Slight changes in configuration of geologic boundaries or structure noted between this map and previous maps are due to inclusion of new data or reinterpretation of older data. The map can be used to determine drilling depths to the upper sandy zone, predict well performance, and indicate where the upper zone is most susceptible to pollution.

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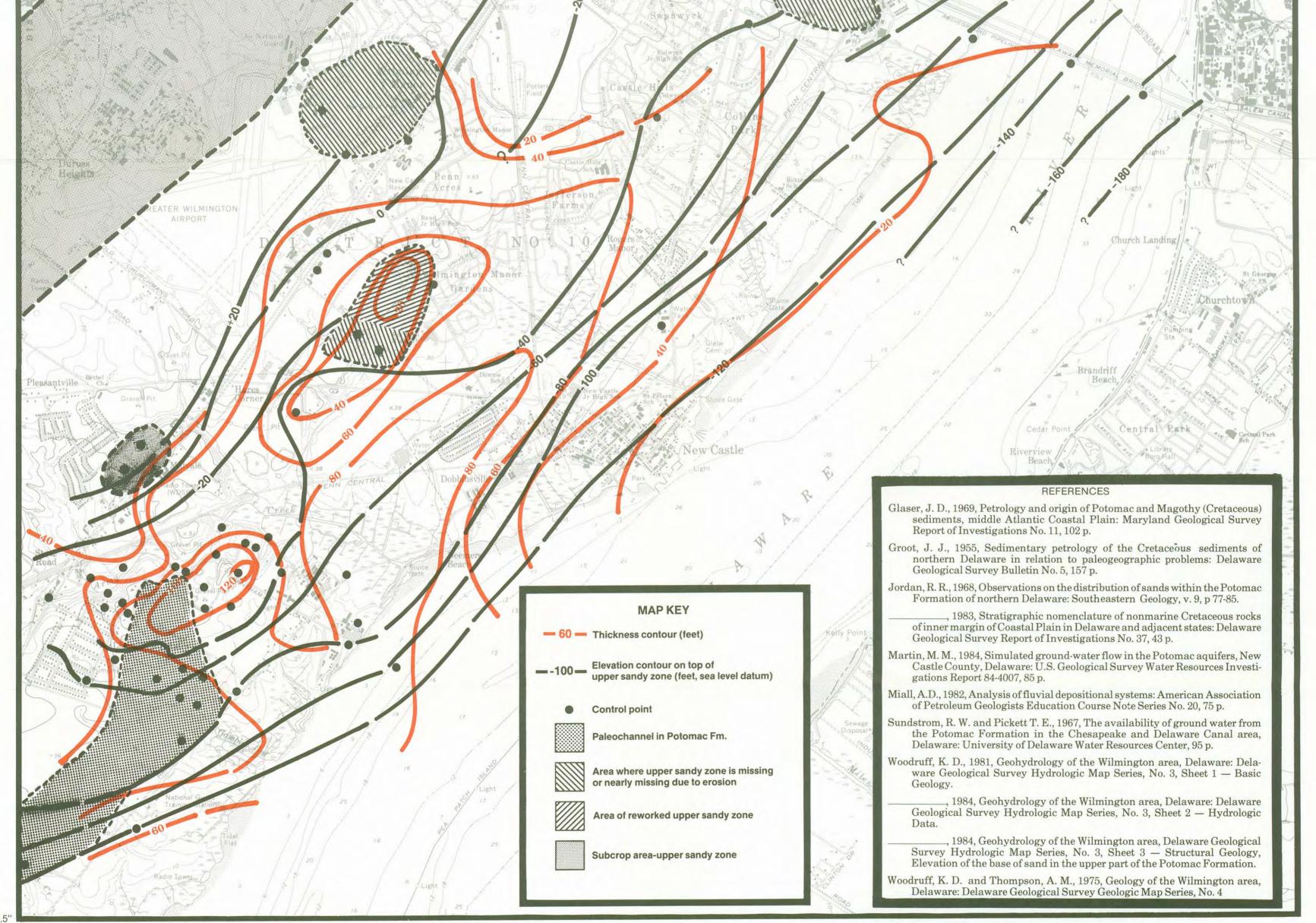
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Holocene sediments

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thickness



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Sand

Clay/Silt

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Diagrammatic cross-section showing stratigraphic relationships

(Not to Scale)

75° 37.5"

ELEVATION OF TOP AND ISOPACH MAP OF UPPER SANDY ZONE, POTOMAC FORMATION

