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West Permits Section
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Permit Application No. SAJ-2004-8754 (IP-TWM) **OCT 16 2004**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act:

APPLICANT: City of Naples
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102-6703

WATERWAY & LOCATION: The proposed project is located within Moorings Bay, Doctors Pass, and the Gulf of Mexico. The project sites are located within Sections 28 & 33, Township 49 South, Range 25 East, Collier County, Florida.

PROJECT PURPOSE:

Basic: To maintenance dredge an inlet.

Overall: To maintenance dredge an inlet to the Gulf of Mexico for the purpose of improving navigational access to the Moorings Bay system in Collier County, Florida.

LATITUDE & LONGITUDE: Latitude 26°10'27"N, Longitude 81°48'44"W

PROPOSED WORK: Doctors Pass Inlet provides water circulation and flushing of the Moorings Bay system as well as the only navigable access to the Gulf of Mexico. Results of surveys conducted in April of 2004 indicate that parts of the navigation channel near the mouth of Doctors Pass have shoaled to a depth of 3 feet. The applicant has requested a 10-year permit to maintenance dredge Doctors Pass every 2 to 4 years, as needed. The applicant proposes to use a cutterhead dredge.

The proposed project would consist of dredging a settling basin, an entrance channel, a channel along the west side of Moorings Bay, a channel along the east side of Moorings Bay, and a channel into the southern portion of Moorings Bay. The dredging would provide navigable access for vessels requiring up to a 6-foot draft. In order to provide this access, the channel through the ebb shoal

area would be maintained at a minimum depth of 9 feet below NGVD. The inlet channel and the channels through the flood shoal would be maintained at a minimum depth of 8 feet below NGVD. The settling basin would be dredged to a minimum depth of 14 feet below NGVD. The dredged areas would be 11.6 acres in size and would be limited to no more than 14,000 cubic yards per year. The total estimated volume of material to be dredged is 56,000 cubic yards.

The dredged material would be disposed of in ocean waters consisting two spoil areas approximately 200 feet from shore. The spoil disposal areas would total approximately 18 acres. The top elevation of both of the spoil areas would be 2 feet below NGVD. The applicant conducted a detailed survey to determine bottom characteristics in and around the disposal areas. The survey revealed low-relief hardbottom habitat comprised of limestone outcrops surrounded by a sand/sandy silt substrate approximately 500 feet from shore. To avoid impacts to aquatic life, no dredged material would be disposed of on the surveyed hardbottom areas. The applicant is not proposing mitigation for the proposed project.

Maintenance dredging and the disposal areas for Doctors Pass area were previously permitted under Department of Army (DA) permit number 199301833, which expired on September 24, 2003.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES: The proposed project is located in habitat utilized by the federally listed West Indian manatee (*Tricheus manatus*). However, the applicant has agreed to adhere to the Standard Manatee Construction Conditions. Based on the submitted information and *The Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Effect Determination Key for the Manatee in Florida, (the Key)* dated January 2, 2001, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has determined the proposed project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the federally listed West Indian manatee.

Endangered loggerhead sea turtles (*Caretta caretta*) nest on the beaches adjacent to Doctors Pass. Since the applicant is proposing to place the dredged material offshore, no impacts to nesting loggerhead sea turtles are anticipated. However because the dredged material would be disposed of approximately 200 feet from shore, impacts to free swimming loggerheads are possible. The applicant is proposing to implement protection measures to avoid or minimize potential impacts to sea turtles. Based on implementation of the protection measures, the Corps has determined the proposed project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the federally listed loggerhead sea turtle.

Endangered smalltooth sawfish (*Pristis pectinata*) are usually found in shallow waters very close to shore over muddy and sandy bottoms. They are often found in sheltered bays, on shallow banks, and in estuaries or river mouths. Historically, the U.S. population was common throughout the Gulf of Mexico from

Texas to Florida, and along the east coast from Florida to Cape Hatteras. The current range of this species has contracted to peninsular Florida, and smalltooth sawfish are relatively common only in the Everglades region at the southern tip of the state. The decline in smalltooth sawfish abundance has been caused primarily by bycatch in various fisheries, likely compounded by habitat degradation. The nearshore disposal areas that would be utilized by the proposed project are unvegetated bottoms near a sheltered bay that could be utilized by the smalltooth sawfish. No smalltooth sawfish have been documented in the project area and the muddy or sandy bottom areas that would be impacted are common in the region. The motile nature of the smalltooth sawfish would allow it to swim away from the proposed dredging and disposal areas. The Corps has determined the proposed project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the smalltooth sawfish.

These determinations will be coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service via separate letters. The Corps is unaware of any other threatened or endangered species concerns in the project area.

ESSENTIAL FISHERIES HABITAT: This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The proposed project would impact the water column utilized by various life stages of shrimp, red drum, reef fish, stone crab, migratory/pelagic fish, spiny lobster, and the snapper/grouper complex. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would have a minimal adverse impact on EFH of federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination is relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

NOTE: All information contained in this public notice is based on information furnished by the applicant and has not been verified.

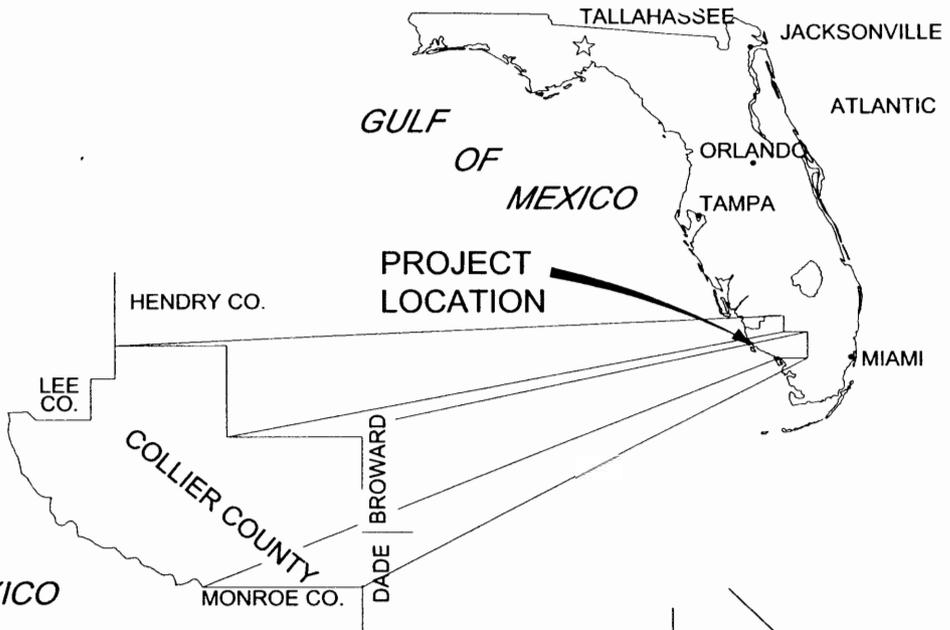
AUTHORIZATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES: The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is reviewing the proposed project under FDEP # 0235740-001-JC.

Comments regarding the application should be submitted in writing to the District Engineer at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Fort Myers Regulatory Office; 1520 Royal Palm Square Boulevard; Suite 310; Fort Myers, Florida 33919 within 30 days from the date of this notice.

If you have any questions concerning this application, you may contact Mr. Tunis McElwain at the Fort Myers Regulatory Office, telephone 239-334-1975 or by e-mail Tunis.W.McElwain@saj02.usace.army.mil.



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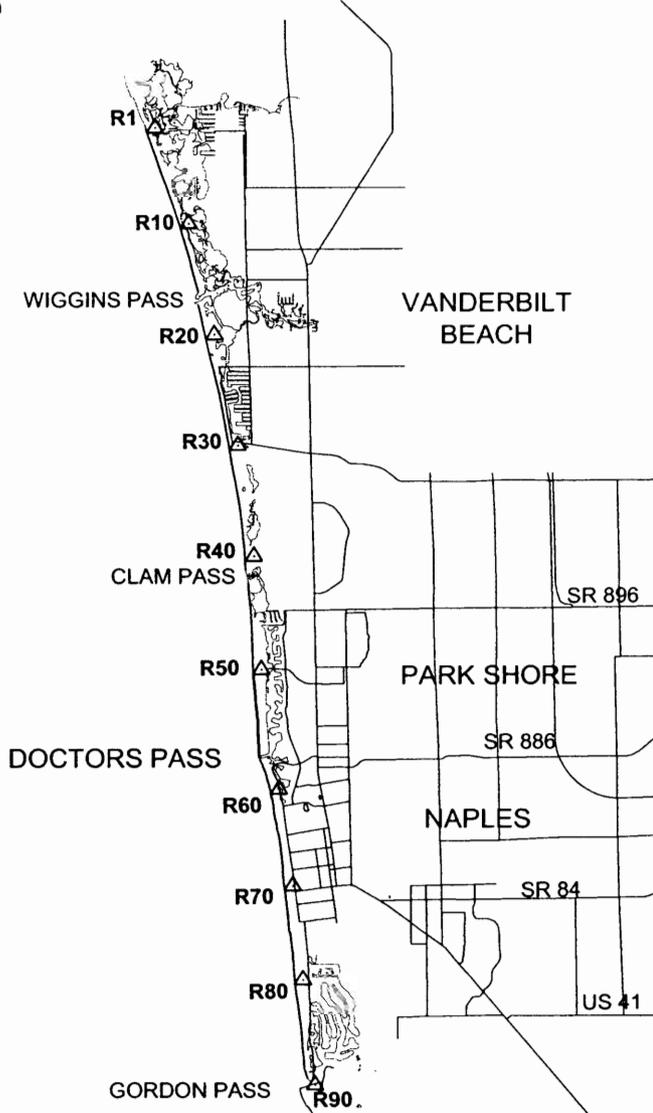
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SURVEY NOTES:

1. REFER TO SEA SYSTEMS CORPORATION SURVEY NO. 02-3389-S.
2. THIS HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY WAS PERFORMED ON NOVEMBER 15, 2002.
3. ALL AZIMUTHS ARE GRID, RECKONED CLOCKWISE FROM NORTH.
4. THE COORDINATES SHOWN HEREON ARE IN FEET AND ARE BASED ON THE FLORIDA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, EAST ZONE (0901), TRANSVERSE MERCATOR PROJECTION, NORTH AMERICAN DATUM, 1983 (NAD83).
5. VESSEL POSITIONING WAS OBTAINED BY A TRIMBLE, REAL-TIME DIFFERENTIAL GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (DGPS).
6. SOUNDINGS WERE COLLECTED USING AN ODOM HYDROTRAC SURVEY GRADE SOUNDER AND ARE IN FEET RELATIVE TO THE NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM, 1929 (NGVD29).
7. TIDE REDUCTIONS ARE BASED UPON A CONTROL POINT LOCATED AT THE TOP OF A BULKHEAD (ELEVATION 4.35', NGVD). THE CONTROL POINT IS PROVIDED BY THE CLIENT.
8. BASE INFORMATION DEPICTING DREDGE AREAS, SPOIL SITES AND GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES ARE PROVIDED BY THE CLIENT.
9. CONTOURS ARE SHOWN AT ONE-FOOT INTERVALS AND ARE BASED UPON A DIGITAL TERRAIN MODEL (DTM).
10. UNDERGROUND IMPROVEMENTS OR UTILITIES WERE NOT LOCATED AS PART OF THIS SURVEY AND SHOULD BE FIELD VERIFIED PRIOR TO ANY DREDGING AND/OR CONSTRUCTION.
11. THE INFORMATION DEPICTED ON THIS MAP REPRESENTS THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ON THE DATES INDICATED AND CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED AS INDICATING THE GENERAL CONDITIONS EXISTING AT THE TIME
12. REFER TO FIELD BOOK NUMBER - 3389- DOCTORS PASS
13. THE HARBOTTOM SHOWN ON THIS MAP REPRESENTS THE RESULTS OF THE CPE HARBOTTOM SURVEY APRIL 21 TO 23, 2003.

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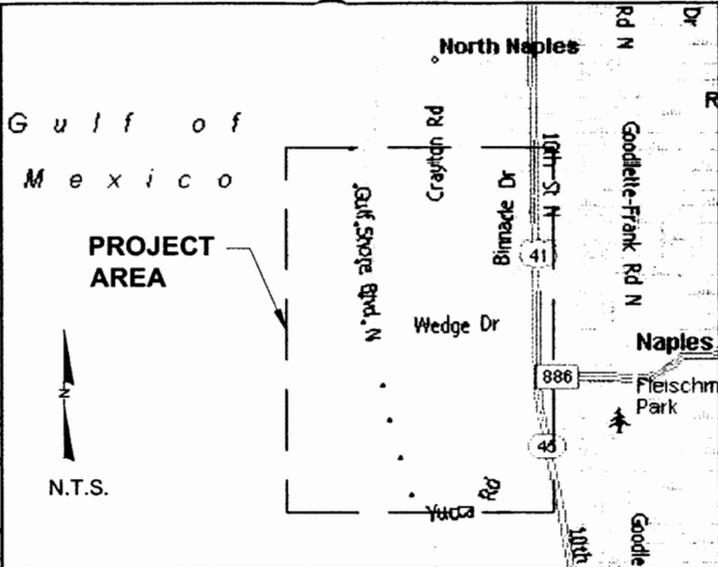
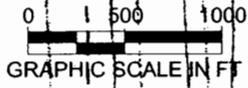
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MAINTENANCE DREDGING
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Doctors Pass

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Golf Course

Outer Doctors Bay
Moorings Bay
Bowline Bay

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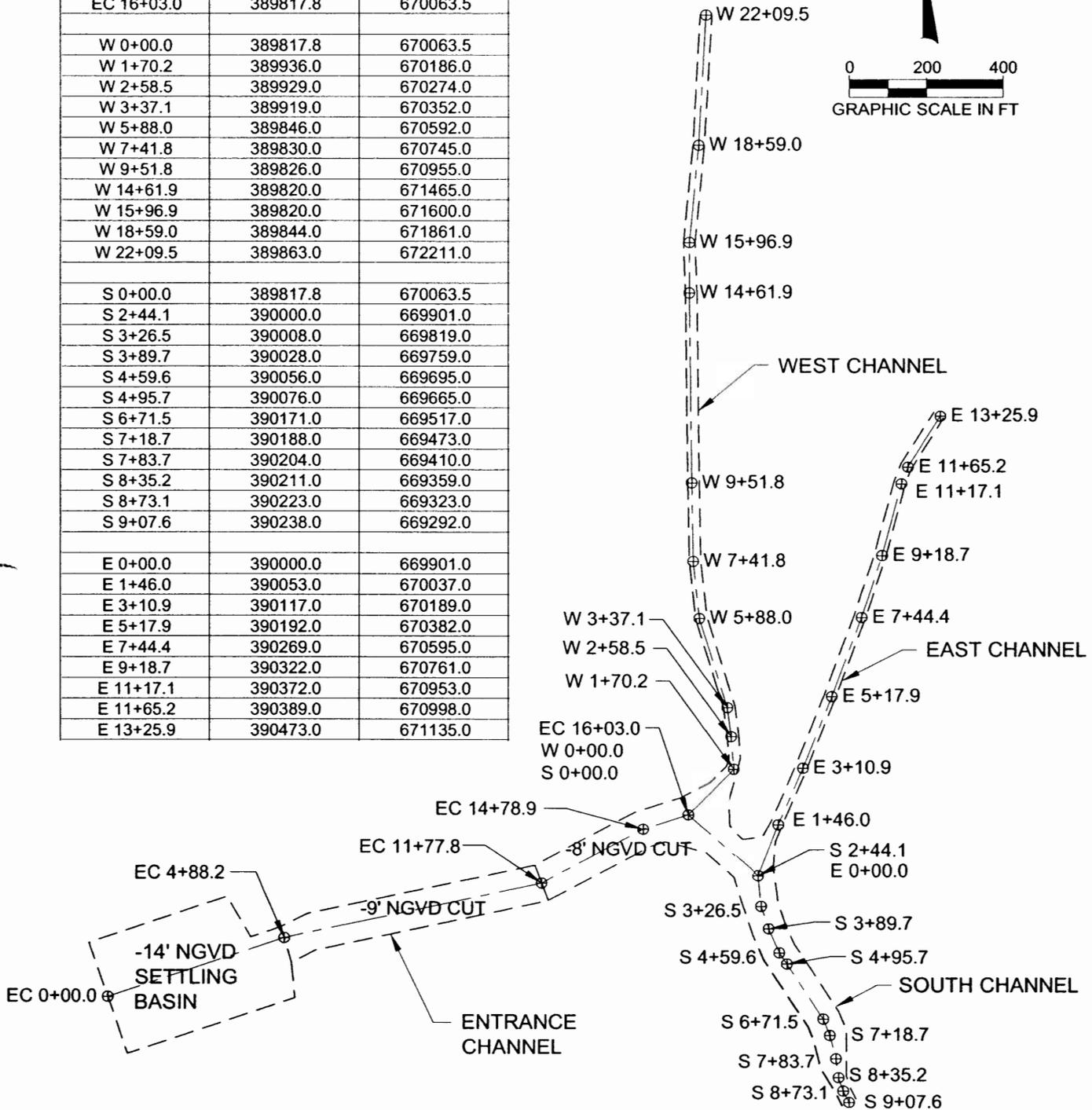
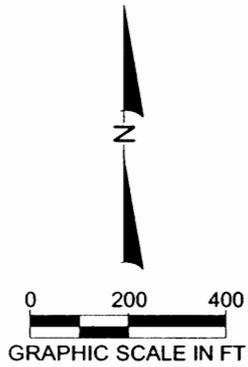
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EC 11+77.8	389435.3	669881.1
EC 14+78.9	389700.0	670024.8
EC 16+03.0	389817.8	670063.5
W 0+00.0	389817.8	670063.5
W 1+70.2	389936.0	670186.0
W 2+58.5	389929.0	670274.0
W 3+37.1	389919.0	670352.0
W 5+88.0	389846.0	670592.0
W 7+41.8	389830.0	670745.0
W 9+51.8	389826.0	670955.0
W 14+61.9	389820.0	671465.0
W 15+96.9	389820.0	671600.0
W 18+59.0	389844.0	671861.0
W 22+09.5	389863.0	672211.0
S 0+00.0	389817.8	670063.5
S 2+44.1	390000.0	669901.0
S 3+26.5	390008.0	669819.0
S 3+89.7	390028.0	669759.0
S 4+59.6	390056.0	669695.0
S 4+95.7	390076.0	669665.0
S 6+71.5	390171.0	669517.0
S 7+18.7	390188.0	669473.0
S 7+83.7	390204.0	669410.0
S 8+35.2	390211.0	669359.0
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S 9+07.6	390238.0	669292.0
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E 1+46.0	390053.0	670037.0
E 3+10.9	390117.0	670189.0
E 5+17.9	390192.0	670382.0
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- P.I. = POINT OF INTERSECTION

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ENTRANCE CHANNEL

INVOYD SETTLING BASIN
FOOT OVERDEPTH

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200' SEAN
HIGH WATER
(1.5' NGVD)

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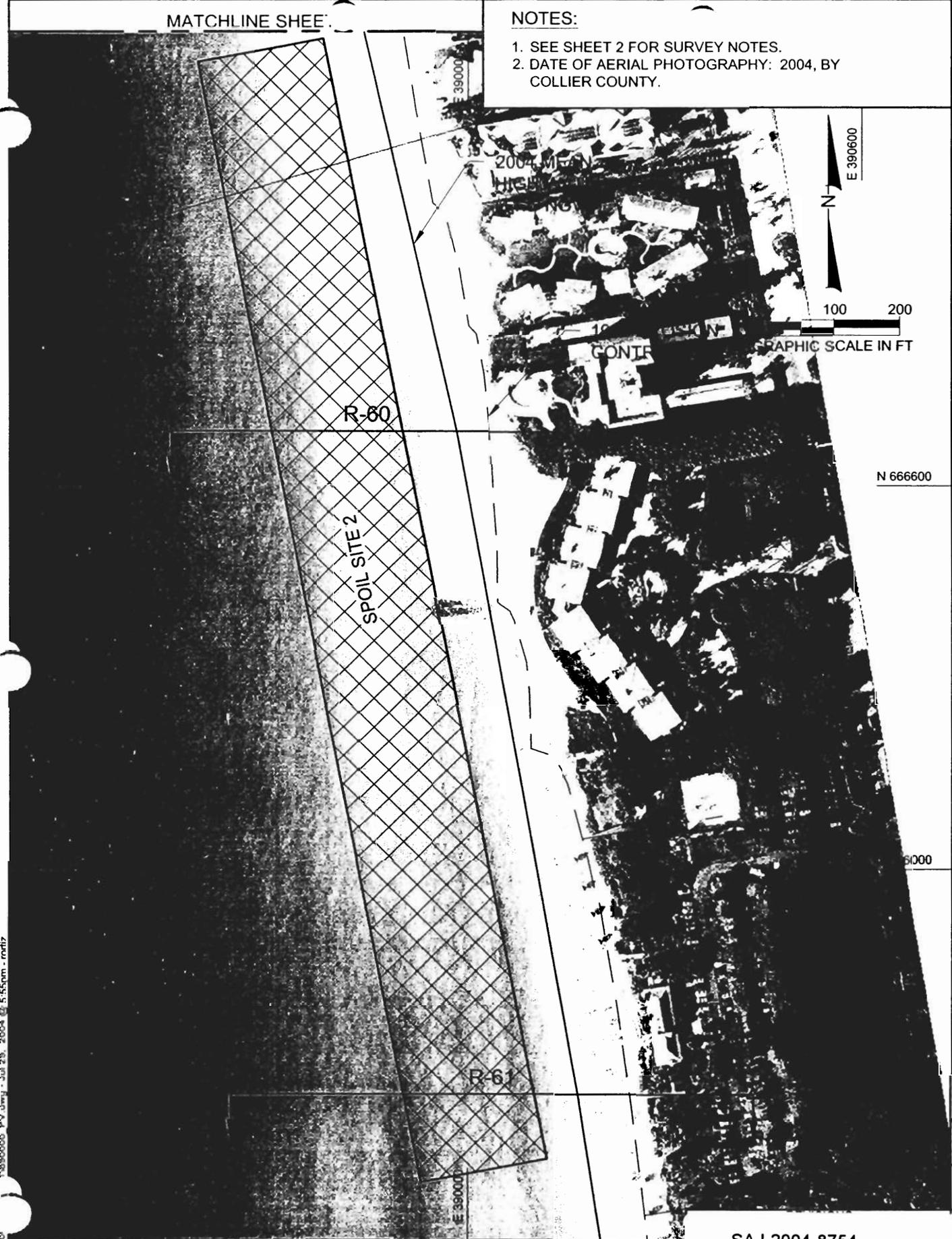
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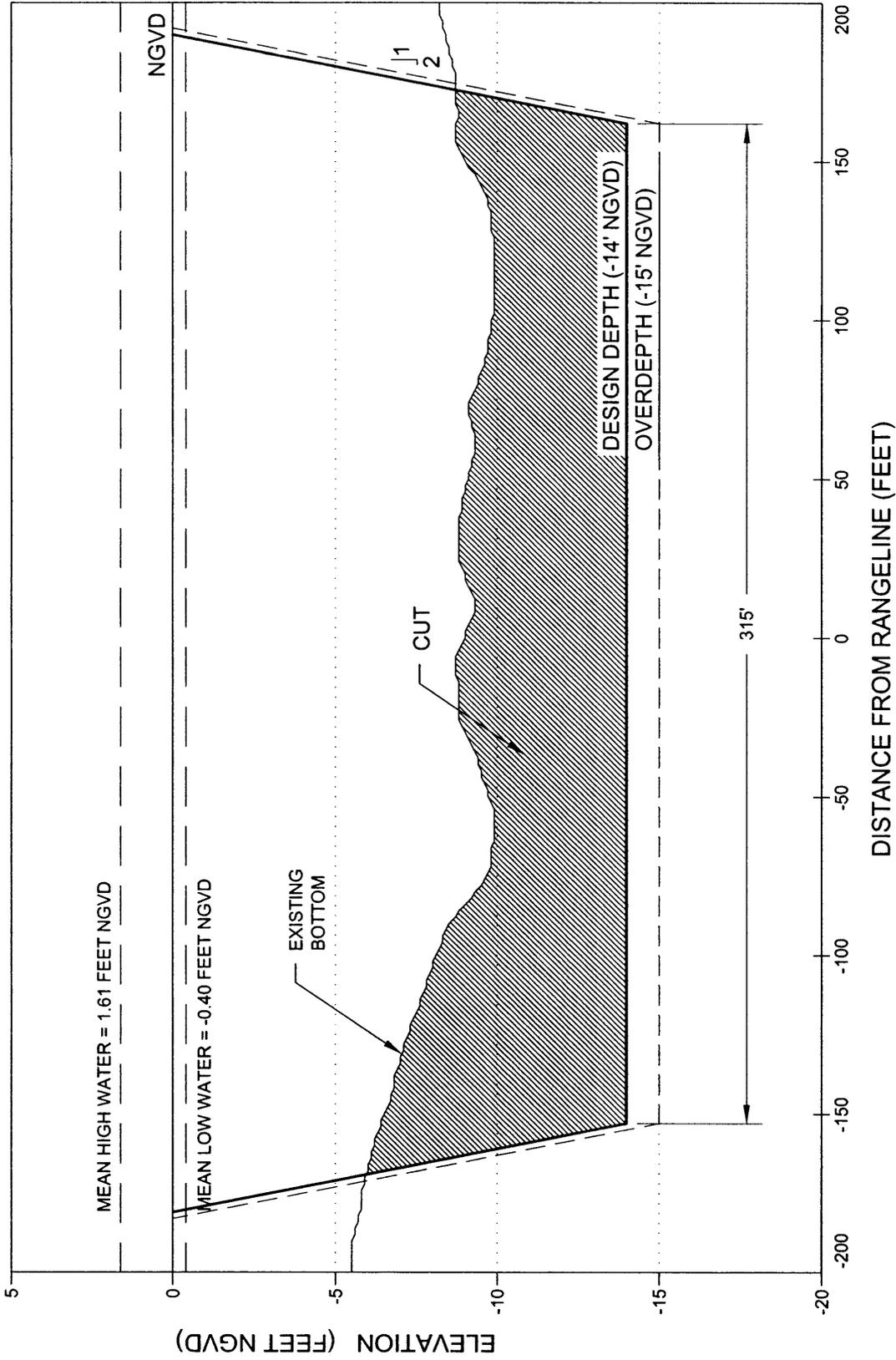
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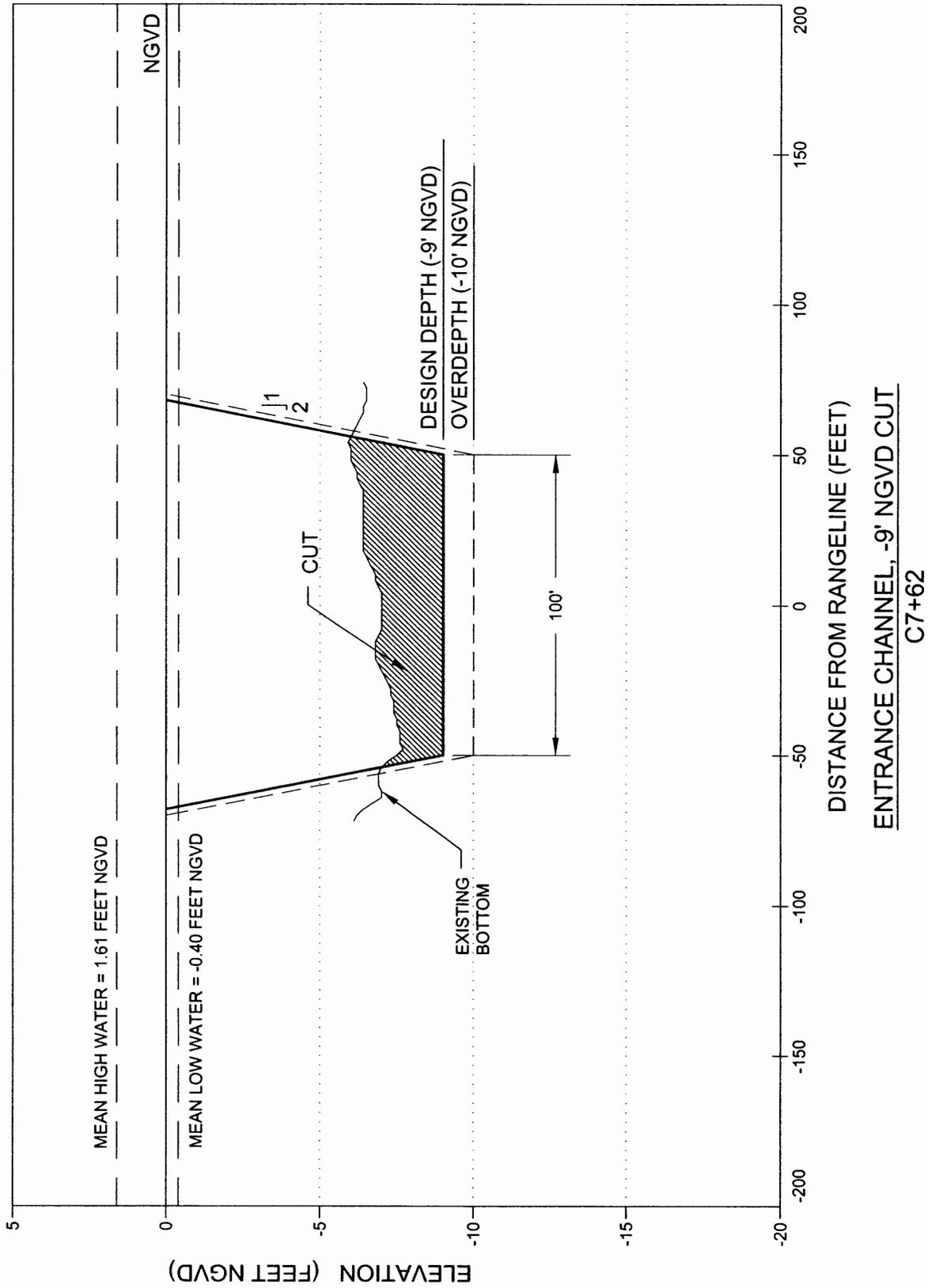
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 C3+82

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DISTANCE FROM RANGELINE (FEET)
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 C7+62

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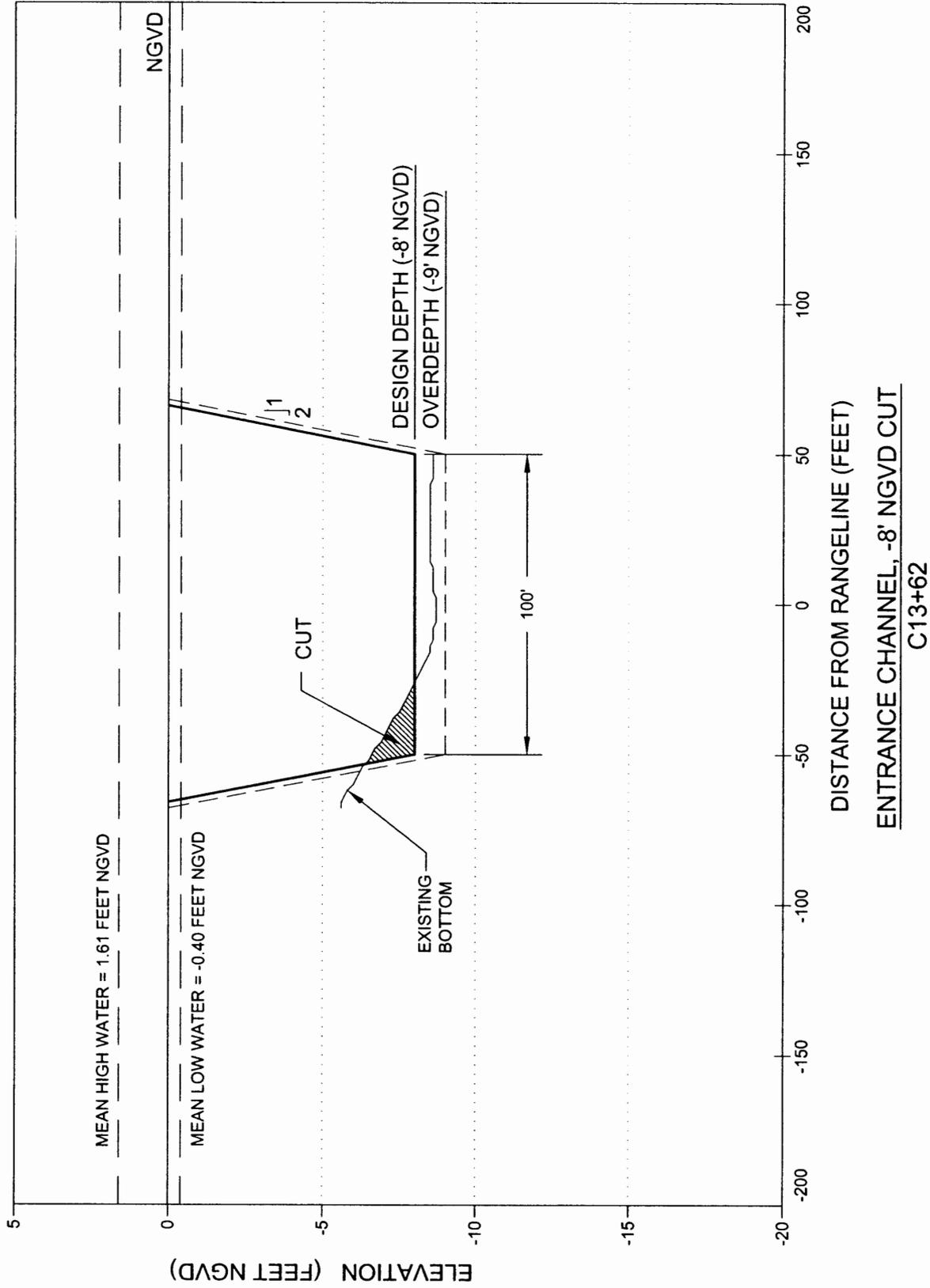
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DISTANCE FROM RANGELINE (FEET)
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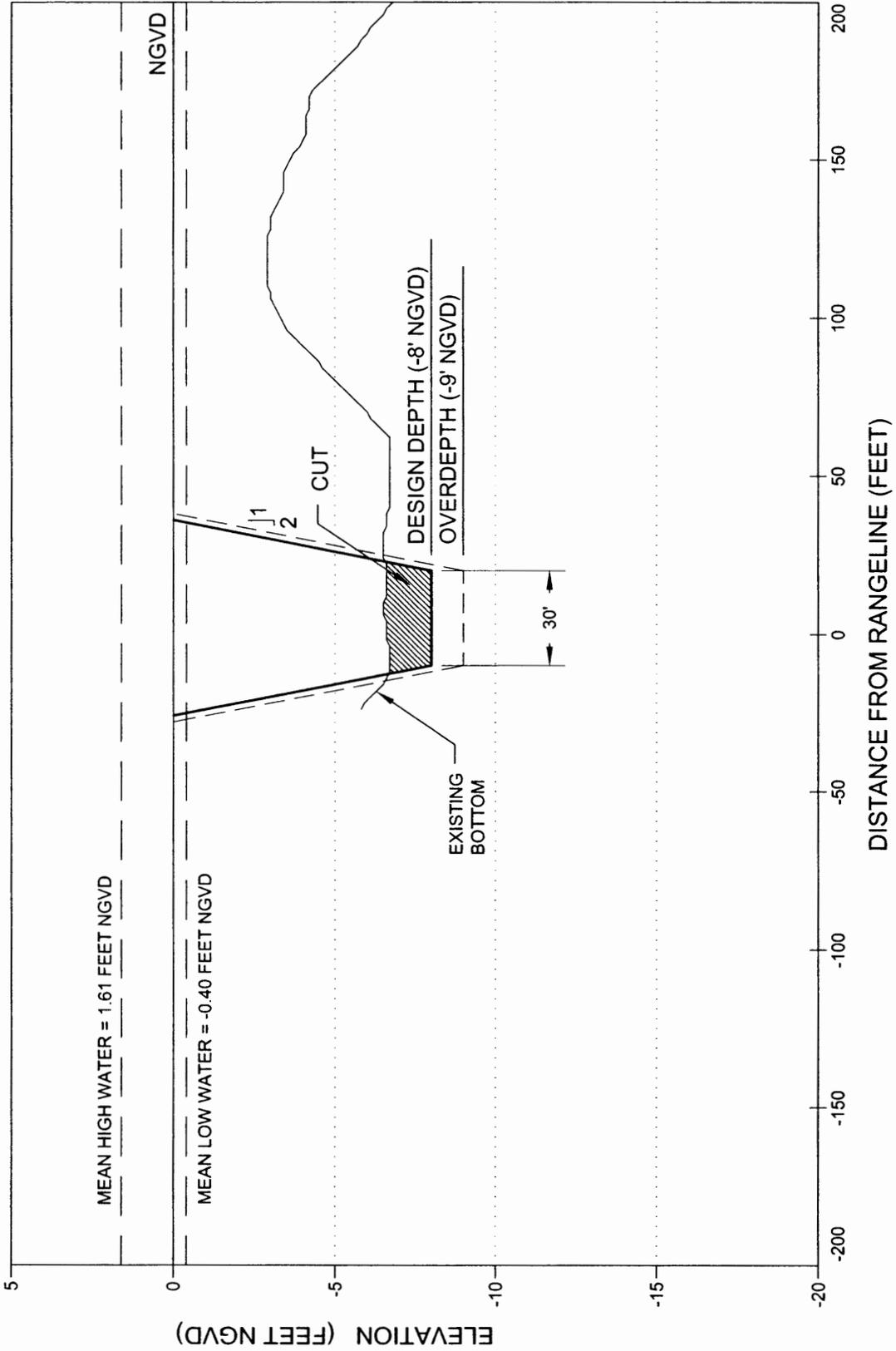
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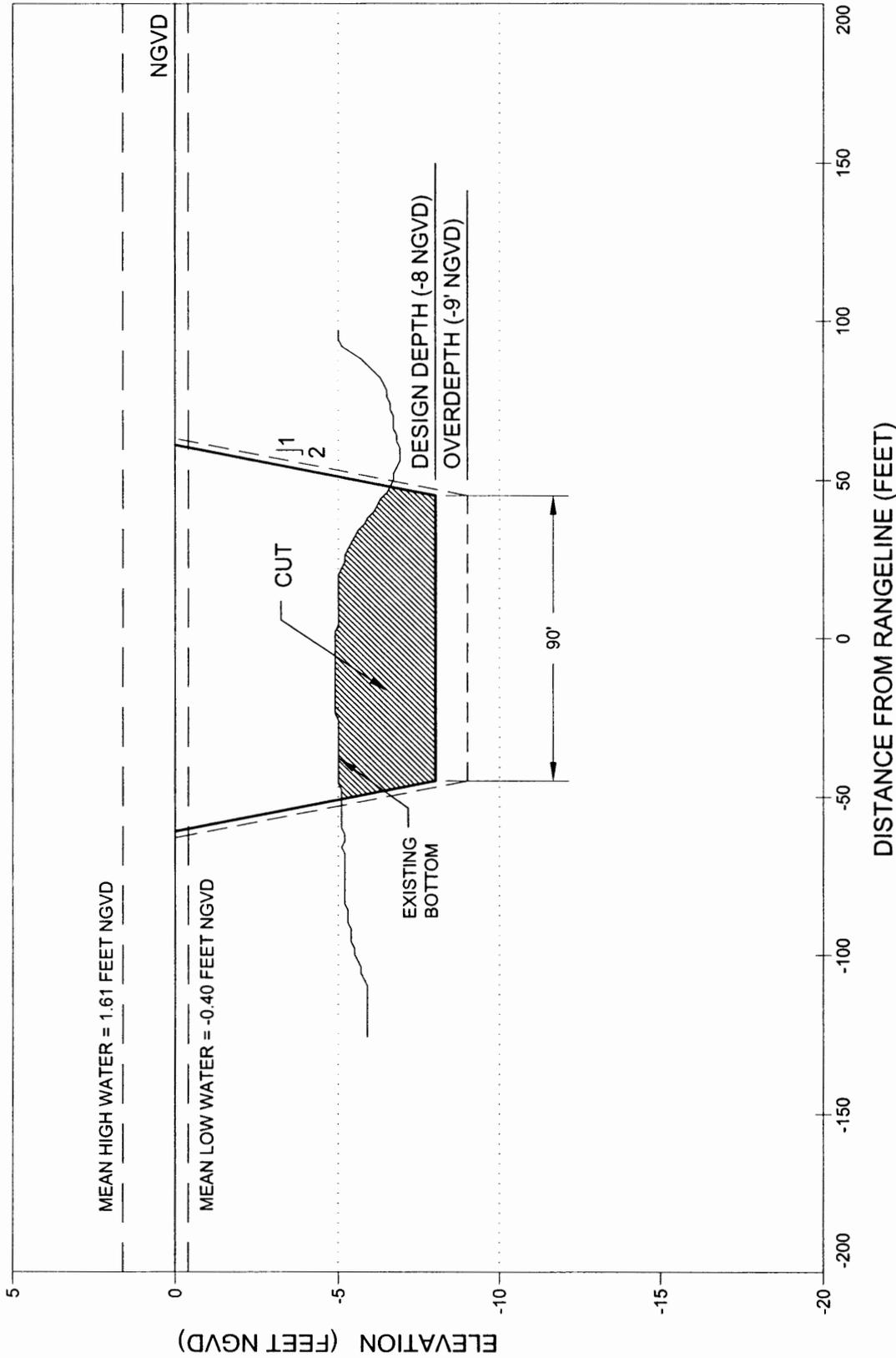
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SOUTH CHANNEL
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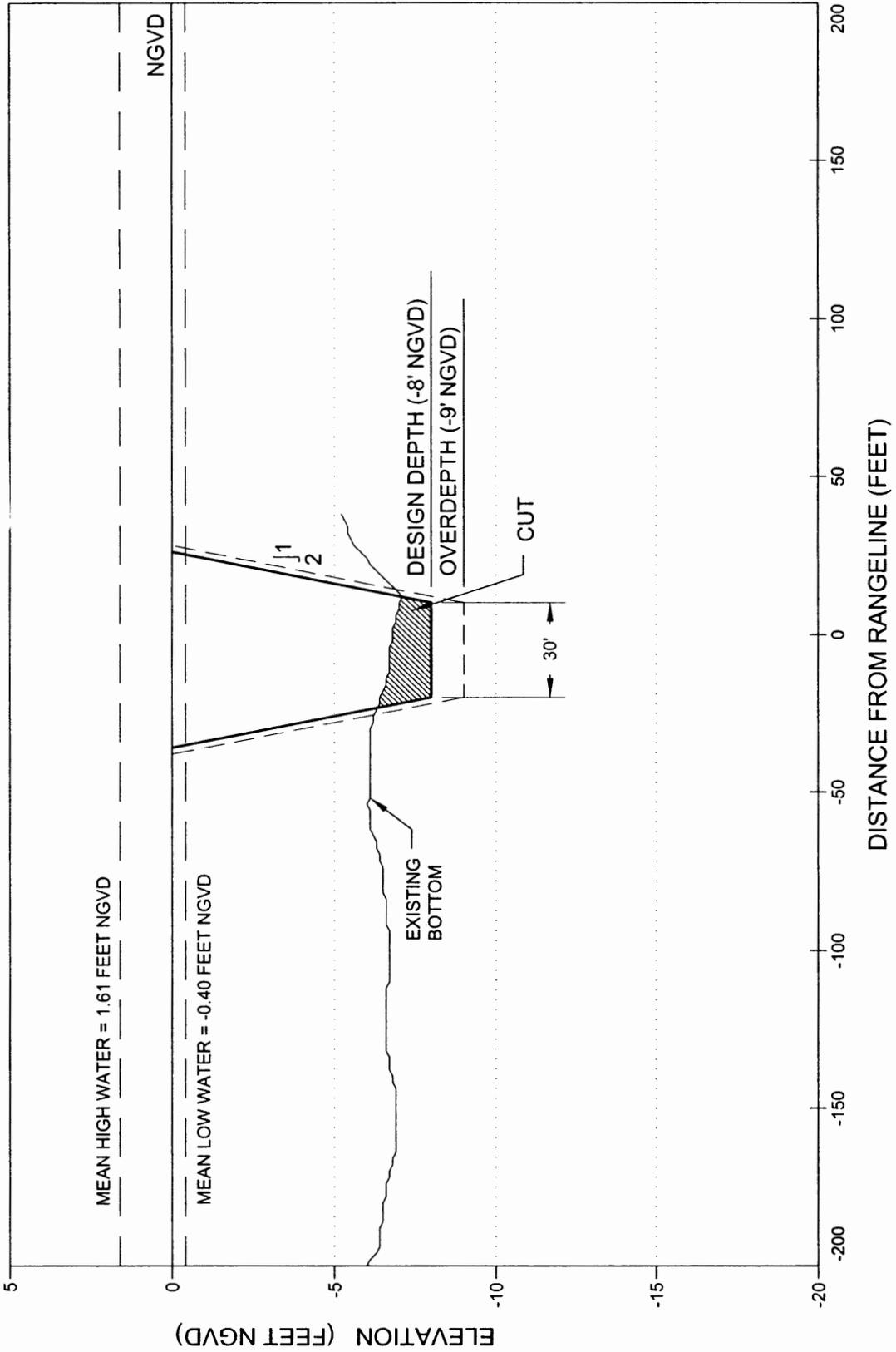
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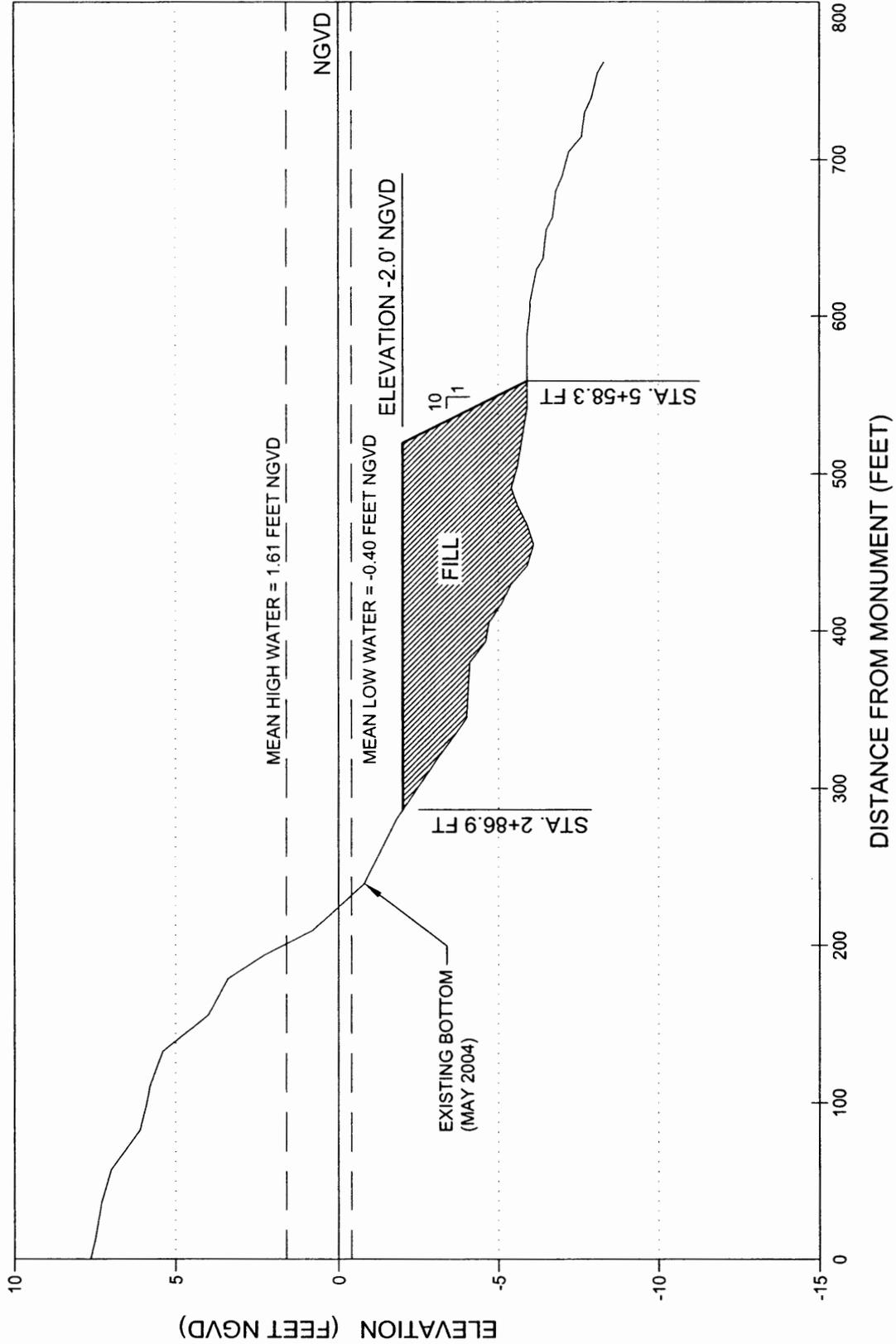
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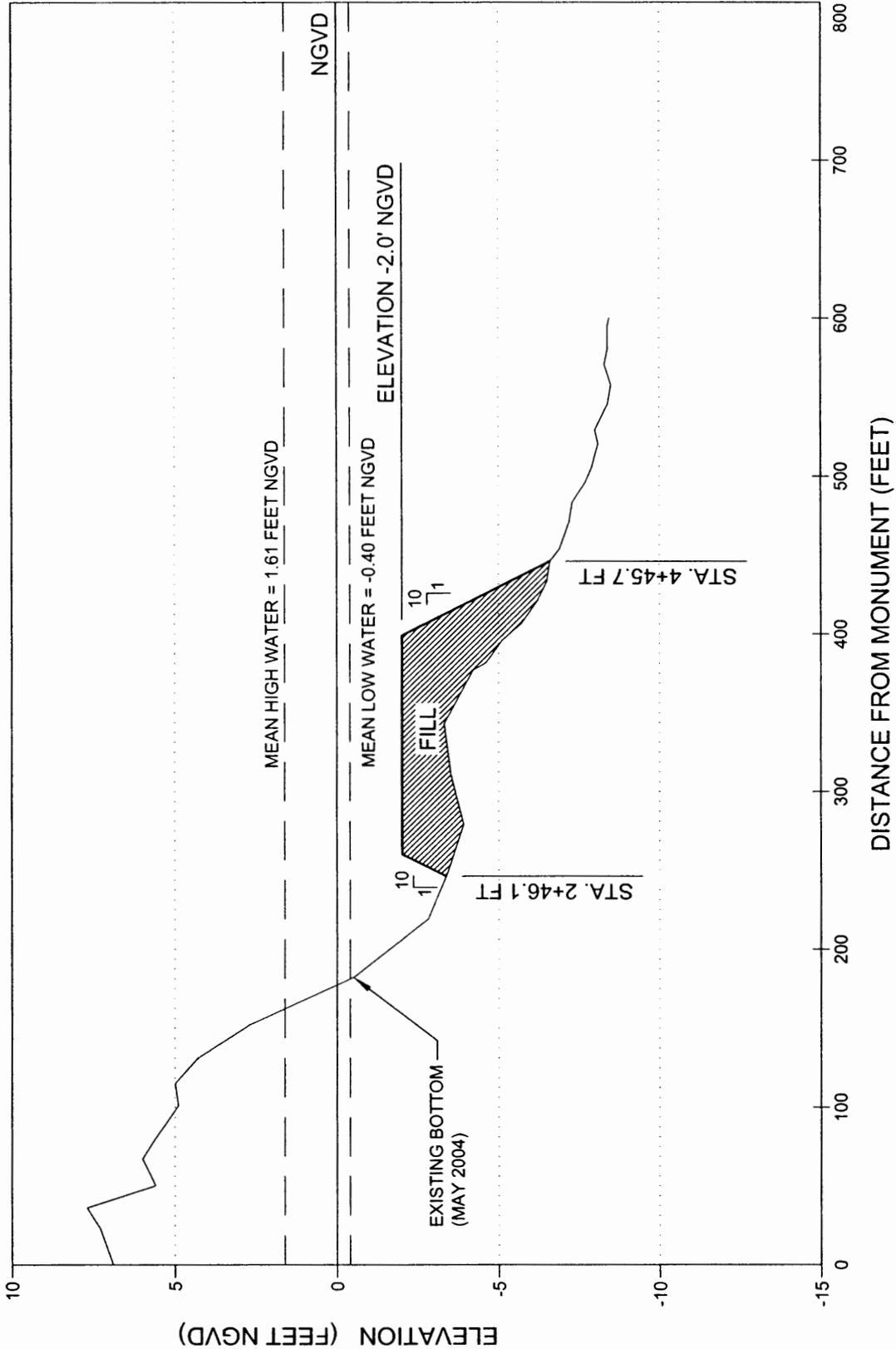
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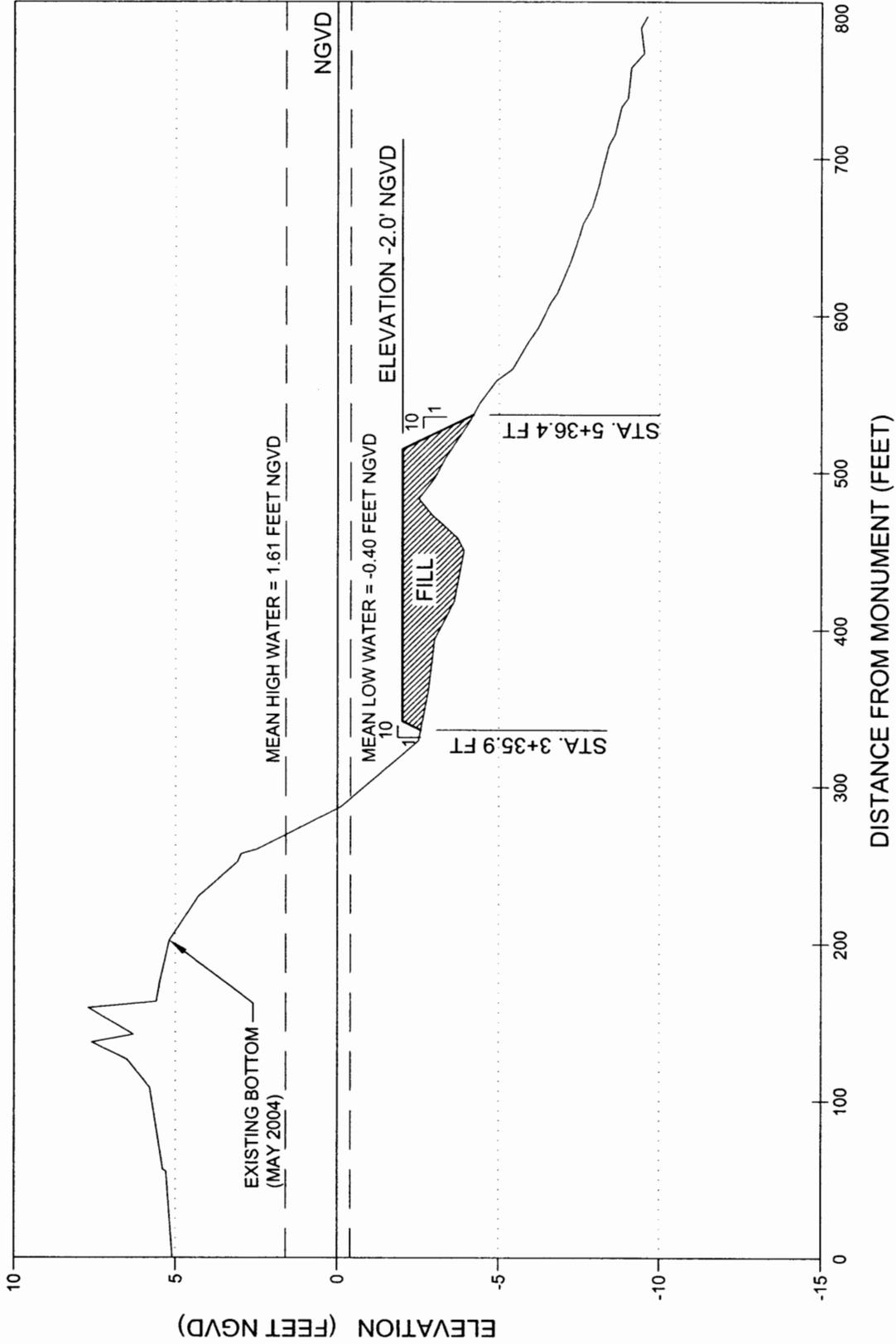


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TITLE: DOCTORS PASS MAINTENANCE DREDGING
 DISPOSAL AREA CROSS SECTION
 NAPLES, FL

IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: Preliminary review of this application indicates that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required. Coordination with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Marine Fisheries Services, and other Federal, State, and local agencies, environmental groups, and concerned citizens generally yields pertinent environmental information that is instrumental in determining the impact the proposed action will have on the natural resources of the area. By means of this notice we are soliciting comments on the potential effects of the project on threatened or endangered species or their habitat.

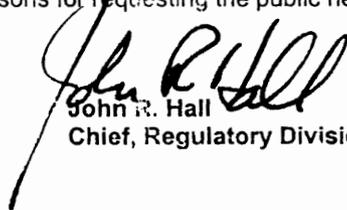
IMPACT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES: Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties, or properties listed as eligible or inclusion therein, are located at the site of the proposed work. Presently, unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including cumulative impacts thereof; among these are conservation, economics, esthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, EPA, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act of the criteria established under authority of Section 102(a) of the Marine, Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make or deny this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT CONSISTENCY: In Florida, the State approval constitutes compliance with the approved Coastal Zone Management Plan. In Puerto Rico, a Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence is required from the Puerto Rico Planning Board. In the Virgin Islands, the Department of Planning and Natural Resources permit constitutes compliance with approved Coastal Zone Management Plan.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer within the designated comment period of the notice and must state the specific reasons for requesting the public hearing.


John R. Hall
Chief, Regulatory Division