# **Technical Document LA24004A**

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Application for Amendment NRCB Natural Resources Conservation Boar Application under the Agricultural Operation Practices Act to amend a permit for a confined feeding operation, manure collection area and/or manure storage facility(ies). ("Permit" means an NRCB-issued or grandfathered approval, registration, or authorization, including a grandfathered municipal development permit.)

NRCB Application number

☐ Approval ☐ Registration ☒ Authorizatio	LA24004A	NRCB APPLICATION 21 JUL 25 RECEIVED
CONTACT INFORMATION		
Applicant Information		
Name: John Liefting	Corporate Name (i	f applicable)
Address: (Street/P.O. Box) Box 1116		
City/Town:  Picture Butte	Province:	Postal Code:
Agent consent (if applicable)		
I,, her	eby give consent for	
(name of applicant)	(name of a	gent and company)
Which permit do you wish to amend? (List permit number and issuing agency.)	NW-07-11-20-	W4
Legal Land Description(s)	NW-07-11-20- LA24004	(Qtr-Sec-Twp-Rg-W Mer)
APPLICATION DISCLOSURE This information is collected under the authority of the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protect written request that certain sections remain private.  Any construction prior to obtaining an NRCB permit if I, the applicant, or applicant's agent, have read and provided in this application is true to the best of my  Date of signing	is an offence and is subject to enforce understand the statements herein a knowledge.	is public unless the NRCB grants a sement action, including prosecution.
Corporate name (if applicable)	Print name	

### **Application for Amendment – contd.**



#### **AMENDMENT INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS**

Instructions:

For each part of your permit that you would like amended, please detail what change you would like made and why, and how your proposed change will meet the AOPA requirements. You may attach additional pages to this form to provide this information.

Please note that an approval officer may require a page (or pages) of the Part 2 application forms to be completed as part of this application for amendment, depending on what changes are proposed.

Combine Ems + catch basin to 45m x 45m x 6m deep move over to 8m from east property line

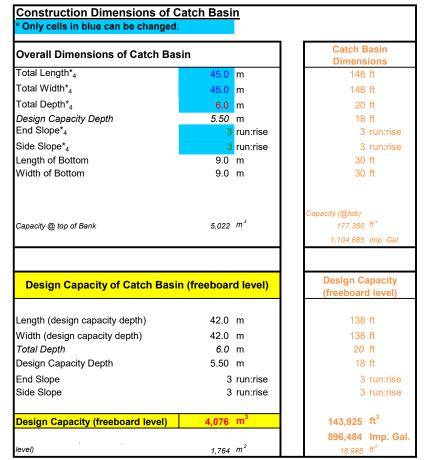
Rcc feed bt pers.

Authorization LA24004 permitted a catch basin (40 m x 25 m x 5 m deep) and an earthen liquid manure storage (EMS) (45 m x 40 m x 5 m deep). This application for amendment seeks to combine those facilities into one EMS that will also collect run off from the feedlot pens. The proposed dimensions of this facility are 45 m x 45 m x 6 m deep. The proposed location is approximately 20 m east of the originally permitted location. No changes to the naturally occurring layer are proposed with this application.

Placing roller compacted concrete (RCC) in the feedlot pens will be a secondary liner, which does not need to be permitted, but will increase run-off.

Last updated: March 31, 2020

#### **Catch Basin Storage Volume Calculator**



CFO Name <sub>1</sub>	
Land Location 1	

Paved Runoff Catchment Area(s)									
Area 2	Length (m)	Length (m) Width (m) Area (m²)							
1	144	144 120							
2									
3	0.								
4									
5	0.								
Total Area (m²) 17,280									

Unpaved Runoff Catchment Area(s)							
Area <sub>2</sub>	Length (m)	Width (m)	Area (m²)				
6			0.0				
7			0.0				
8							
9			0.0				
10			0.0				
Total Area (m <sup>2</sup> ) 0							

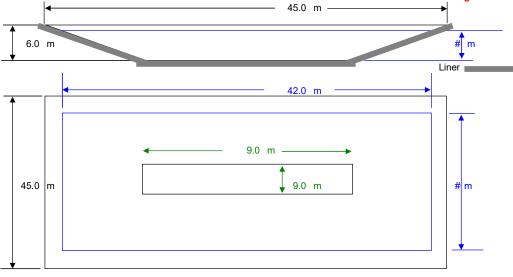
Rainfall (Select Town 3)	
Coaldale 85	
AOPA Design Rainfall	85 mm

 Minimum Catchbasin Storage Volume Required

 1,469 m³ \*\*
 51870.18248 ft³

 323090.7044 lmp. Gal.

\*\* Design capacity of catch basin should be equal to, greater than, minimum storage volume required.

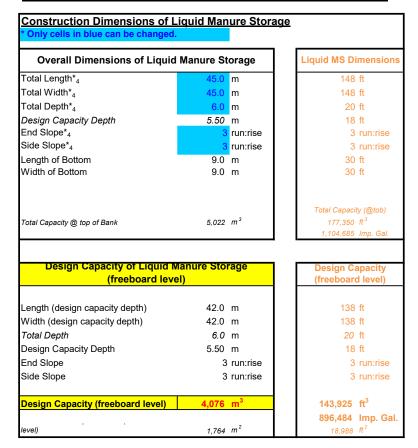


Lines in Black - Overall catch basin dimensions

Lines in Blue - Design capacity depth dimensions (excludes freeboard)

NTS - Not To Scale

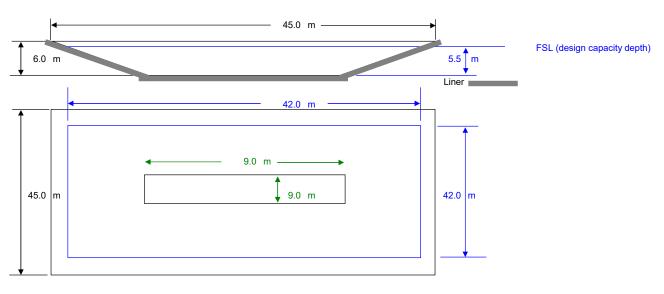
#### **Liquid Manure Storage Volume Calculator**



CFO Name <sub>1</sub> Land Location <sub>1</sub>		
Type(s) of Livestock 2	Number of Livestock	Annual Manure Production (m³/hd)
Free Stall: Lactating Cow Only	85	36.0
N/A		0.0
N/A	0	0.0
N/A	0	0.0
Total	manure Produ	iction (m³/yr)

Minimum 9 Month Liquid Manure Storage Volume Required				
2,295	m <sup>3 **</sup>	81,047	ft <sup>3</sup>	
		504,829	Imp. Gal.	

\*\* Design capacity of liquid manure storage should be equal to, or greater than, minimum 9 month liquid manure storage volume required.



Lines in Black - Overall liquid manure storage dimensions
 Lines in Blue - Design capacity depth dimensions (excludes freeboard)

NTS - Not To Scale



Site map included with original application LA24004. Included by AO for comparison to amended proposal.





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Liquid manure storage volume calculator attached: YES NO
Depth to uppermost groundwater resource: <u>&gt; 13mbgs</u> Requirements met: ✓ YES □ NO Comments: Groundwater resource not encountered within drilling depth and no wells in area.
ERST completed: ✓ see ERST page for details
Surface water control systems  Requirements met: YES NO Details/comments:
Naturally occurring protective layer details
Layer specification comments (e.g. description of the layer texture, layer thickness/depth and the methodology used to collect this information such as sand lenses, number, and location of boreholes):  Authorization LA24004 found that the naturally occuring liner meets AOPA's technical requirements for catch basins and liquid manure storages. The liner still meets the requirements for the proposed EMS.
The liner suit meets the requirements for the proposed Ewis.
Leakage detection system required: TYES NO If yes, please explain why.



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LIQUID MANURE STO	DRAGE VOLUME CALC	CULATOR (if applicable)
Facility 1		
Name / description	Old pit	Capacity 283 m3
Facility 2		
Name / description	EMS	Capacity 4,076 m3
Facility 3		
Name / description		Capacity
Facility 4		
Name / description		Capacity
		TOTAL CAPACITY 4,359 m3
	REQUIRED 9 MONTH	STORAGE CAPACITY 2,295 m3 (liquid manure) + 1,469 m3 (rune = 3,764m3)
MEETS THE REQUIREME	ENTS FOR A MINIMUM OF	



NRCB USE ONLY ENVIRONMENTAL RISK SCR	EENING INFORMAT	ION	
ERST for proposed facilities			
Facility	Groundwater score	Surface water score	File number
EMS	Low	Low	LA24004A
DCT for evicting facilities			
Facility	Groundwater score	Surface water score	File number
		Juliuce water score	The named
See LA24004A Decision Summar	<b>/</b>		
ERST related comments:			



NRCB USE ONLY WATER WELL AND SURFACE	WATER INFORMATI	ON					
Well IDs: No water wells with							
<del></del>	<del></del>						
Surface water related concerns from d	irectly affected parties or ref	erral agencies:	☐ YES M NO				
Groundwater related concerns from dir	rectly affected parties or refe	rral agencies:	☐ YES ☑ NO				
Water wells 🗹 N/A							
If applicable, exemption for 100 m dist	tance requirements applied:	YES NO Condition	required: YES NO				
Surface water 🔽 N/A	_						
If applicable, exemption for 30 m dista	ance requirements applied: L	」YES □ NO Condition	required: YES NO				
Water Well Exemption Screening T	ool 🗹 N/A						
Western Well ID	Dualinain and Cara anin a	Cooperdom: Composition	Facilità :				
Water Well ID	Preliminary Screening Score	Secondary Screening Score	Facility				
Construction on the format in	And name and						
Groundwater or surface water rela	ited comments:						



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MINIMUM DISTANCE SEPARATI	ON								
Methods used to determine distance (if appl	licable): <mark>G</mark>	oogle e	arth						
Margin of error (if applicable): +/- 3 m									
Requirements (m): Category 1: 340	Cat	egory 2:	<u>453</u>	Cate	egory 3: <u>567</u>		Category	4: <u>907</u>	
Technology factor:						YES 🗹			
Expansion factor:						YES 🗹			
MDS related concerns from directly affected Under section 3(5)(C) of AOPA, MDS do the nearby residence. In this case, the exEMS	es not ap	ply if the	e propo	sed faciltie	es are furthe	YES 🔽 er than the e (to the	he existin	g MCAs/MSFs to n the proposed	)
LAND BASE FOR MANURE AND (	COMPOS	ST API	PLICA	TION					
Land base required:	<u></u>								
Land base listed:			NA for	authorizat	tions				
Area not suitable:									
Available area	<del></del>			Requirem	ent met:	YES 🗆	] NO		
Land spreading agreements required:	☐ YES	□ NO							
Manure management plan:	☐ YES	□ NO		If yes, pl	an is attache	d: 📙			
PLANS			,						
Submitted and attached construction plans:		YES	<b>☑</b> NO						
Submitted aerial photos:		✓ YES							
Submitted photos:		☐ YES	☑ NO						
GRANDFATHERING									
Already completed:		✓ YES	□ NO	□ N/A					
If already completed, see PL21005									



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ALL SIGNATURES	¥YES □NO							
DATES OF APPROVAL OFFICER SITE VISITS								
July 21, 2025								
CORRESPONDENCE	E WITH MUNICIPAL	ITIES AN	ID REFER	RAL A	AGEN	CIES		
Date deeming letters sent	t: July 21, 2025							
Municipality: Lethbridge	e County				_			
☑ letter sent	response received	writter	n/email		verbal		no comments received	
Alberta Health Service	es: V/N/A							
☐ letter sent	response received	☐ writter	n/email		verbal		no comments received	
Alberta Environment a	nd Parks:							
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Alberta Transportation	: ☑ N/A							
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Alberta Regulatory Ser	Alberta Regulatory Services:   ✓ N/A							
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Other:						□ N/A		
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3 October 2023

WSP File: BX11613

John Liefting Farming Box 1116 Picture Butte, Alberta T1M 1M9

Attention: Mr. John Liefting:

Re: Geotechnical Review and Evaluation

NRCB Permitting of Proposed Pen and Lagoon NW-07-011-20-W4M, near Picture Butte, Alberta

As requested, WSP E&I Canada Limited (WSP) has carried out a geotechnical review and evaluation of the above-captioned site relative to the required protection of the groundwater resource, as required by the Agricultural Operation Practices Act, AB Reg. 267/2001 (hereinafter referred to as "AOPA"). This letter describes site soil conditions to support a permit application related to an area of proposed pen and a proposed lagoon within NW-07-011-20-W4M (refer to Figure 1, attached).

In order to demonstrate the suitability of the naturally existing soils for consideration as a naturally occurring protective layer to the groundwater, seven (7) boreholes were advanced at the site on April 25, 2023. The boreholes were advanced at the approximate locations denoted as JL1-23 to JL7-23 on Figure 1, attached.

The boreholes were advanced by a truck-mounted drill rig owned and operated by Chilako Drilling Services and extended to depths ranging between 3.0 m and 13.5 m below existing grades. The boreholes were logged by Larry Delong of Chilako Drilling Services.

In general, the natural mineral soils encountered within the boreholes comprised of a lacustrine deposit of silty clay loam to depths ranging between 0.4 m and 1.3 m below existing grade. The upper lacustrine layer was underlain by medium plastic clay till to the termination depth of all the boreholes. It was noted that saturated sand lenses and perched water was encountered in borehole JL1-23 at 11.0 m depth.

Samples of soil collected from the screened zone of the boreholes JL5-23 and JL7-23 were subjected to laboratory grain size (i.e., hydrometer) analyses. The results (attached) indicate a textural breakdown of approximately:

**Table 1: Soil Textural Analyses** 

Borehole/Depth	% Sand	% Silt	% Clay
JL5-23 / 5.9-9.2m	19	48	33
JL7-23 / 1.4-3.0m	24	49	27

To measure the *in situ* permeability of the subsurface soils, 50 mm diameter PVC monitoring wells were constructed in boreholes JL5-23 and JL7-23. Test well JL5-23 (proposed lagoon) was screened from 5.9 m to 9.2 m depth, and test well JL7-23 (proposed pen area) was screened from 1.4 m and 3.0 m depth. Well saturation of the 50 mm diameter monitoring wells was carried out by filling the monitoring well to the





top for several consecutive days. After several days, the average 24-hour water drop at JL5-23 was 1.6 m and the average 24-hour water drop at JL7-23 was 2.3 m.

To calculate the permeability of the screened portion of the clay till strata at the test well locations, a modified falling head test (as outlined in the USBR Engineering Geology Field Manual Volume 2 [2001]) was used. The input variables and output data are outlined on the attached In Situ Permeability Test reports. The results of the permeability testing indicate an *in situ* hydraulic conductivity,  $k_s$ , of 5.3 x 10<sup>-8</sup> cm/s at JL5-23 and a hydraulic conductivity,  $k_s$ , 6.2 x 10<sup>-7</sup> cm/s at JL7-23.

Using the measured permeability of the clay stratum, the 3.3 m of clay screened at JL5-23 is estimated to represent the equivalent of approximately 62 m of naturally occurring materials having a hydraulic conductivity of 1 x  $10^{-6}$  cm/s (the reference standard in AOPA). At JL7-23, the 1.6 m of clay that was screened is estimated to represent the equivalent of approximately 2.58 m of naturally occurring materials having a hydraulic conductivity of 1 x  $10^{-6}$  cm/s. This represents natural material protection in excess of the minimum requirements outlined by the AOPA for solid manure storage (minimum 2 m, Section 9.5-c) and for liquid manure storage (minimum 10 m, Section 9.5-a).

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#### Conclusion

Based on the results of the current investigation, permeability testing, and our understanding of the site and proposed development at the site, it is WSP's opinion that the naturally occurring materials at the site satisfy the AOPA requirements for permitting the proposed pens and proposed catch basin at this location.

We trust that this report satisfies your present requirements. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours truly,

WSP E&/ Canada Limited

Principal Geotechnical Engineer

Co-authored by: James Le, EIT Geotechnical Services

Reviewed by: Kevin Spencer, P.Eng., M.Eng. Senior. Associate, Geotechnical Engineer

PERMIT TO PRACTICE WSP E&I CANADA LIMITED

RM SIGNATURE:

RM APEGA ID #:

DATE:

PERMIT NUMBER: P004546

The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA)

Attachments

Figure 1 Borehole Locations In Situ Permeability Test Calculations Hydrometer Test

Soil Profile and Parent Material Description, Chilako Drilling Services





### In Situ Permeability Test

Modified Falling Head Permeability Equation

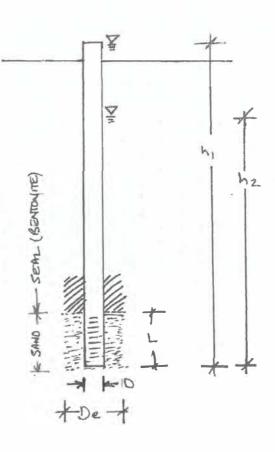
$$K_{s} = \frac{r^{2} \left[ \sinh^{-1} \frac{\ell}{r_{e}} \ln \left[ \frac{2H_{1} - \ell}{2H_{2} - \ell} \right] - \ln \left[ \frac{2H_{1}H_{2} - \ell H_{2}}{2H_{1}H_{2} - \ell H_{1}} \right] \right]}{2 \ln \left[ \frac{2H_{1}H_{2} - \ell H_{2}}{2H_{1}H_{2} - \ell H_{1}} \right]}$$

taken from USBR Engineering Geology Field Manual Volume 2 (2001)

# JL5-23 - Liefting Farms WSP File: BX30761

ES	Terms	Value	Definition
8	D	0.0520	diameter of standpipe (m)
4	De	0.1500	diameter of borehole (m)
A A	L	3.30	length of sand section (m)
>	h1	9.80	initial height of water above base of hole (m)
5	h2	8.20	final height of water above base of hole (m)
INPUT VARIABLES	t	24.0	time of test (h)

k<sub>s</sub> = 5.3E-08 cm/sec





### In Situ Permeability Test

Modified Falling Head Permeability Equation

$$K_{x} = \frac{r^{2}}{2\ell\Delta t} \left[ \frac{\sinh^{-1}\frac{\ell}{r_{e}}}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{2H_{1} - \ell}{2H_{2} - \ell} \right] - \ln \left[ \frac{2H_{1}H_{2} - \ell H_{2}}{2H_{1}H_{2} - \ell H_{1}} \right] \right]$$

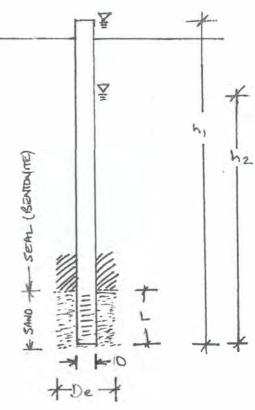
taken from USBR Engineering Geology Field Manual Volume 2 (2001)

# JL7-23 - Liefting Farms WSP File: BX30761

NPUT VARIABLES	Terms	Value D	Definition
표	D	0.0520 d	liameter of standpipe (m)
₹	De	0.1500 d	liameter of borehole (m)
A	L	1.60 le	ength of sand section (m)
>	h1	3.60 ir	nitial height of water above base of hole (m)
5	h2	1.29 f	inal height of water above base of hole (m)
D N	t		ime of test (h)

t 24.0 time of test (h)

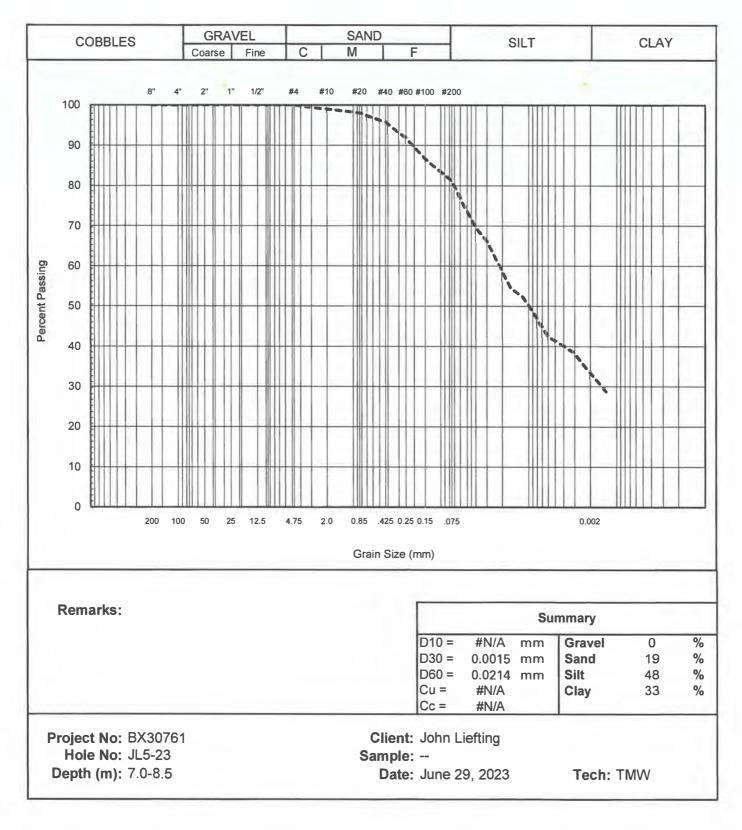
k<sub>s</sub> = 6.2E-07 cm/sec



#### HYDROMETER TEST

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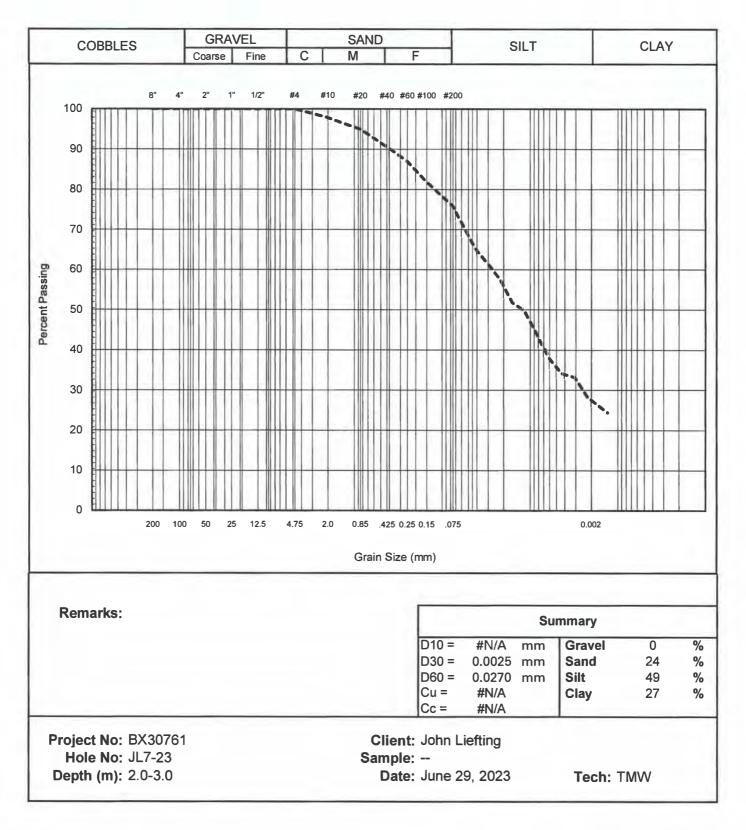


JL5-23 hydrometer

#### HYDROMETER TEST

WSP E&I Canada Limited





JL7-23 hydrometer

#### **CHILAKO DRILLING SERVICES LTD**

Box 942 Coaldale, Alberta, T1M 1M8 (403) 345-3710

#### SOIL PROFILE AND PARENT MATERIAL DESCRIPTION

Site Location: NW7-11-20W4, John Liefting Date: 25-Apr-23

	ite Location:	INVV 7-1	-20004	, John	Lieiting		Date: 25-Apr-23
Hole #	Location	Depth	Texture	Moisture	Geological	Sample	Remarks
JL1-23	0375723	0-0.15	CL	M	Topsoil		
	5528983	0.15-1.3	CL	М	Lac		Stiff, med plastic, brown
		1.3-3.1	С	М	Till		Stiff, med-high plastic, dark brown
		3.1-4.5	CL	м	Till		Stiff, med plastic, brown, trace gravel
		4.5-13.5		M	Till		Stiff, med plastic, dark brown, a few minor
		4.5-15.5	01-0	141			
1 1							sand lenses (sat). Free water @ 11.0m
JL2-23	0375713	0-0.15	CL	М	Topsoil		
1 1	5528917	0.15-0.6	SiCL	VM	Lac		Soft, med plastic, olive gray
		0.6-1.0	CL	VM	Lac		Soft, med plastic, olive gray
		1.0-4.4	CL-C	M	Till		Stiff, med plastic, brown
1 1		4.4-9.5	CL	M	Till		
1							Stiff, med plastic, brown, oxidized
		9.5-13.5	CL	M	Till		Stiff, med plastic, brown
							No free water
JL3-23	0375662	0-0.15	CL	Ιм	Topsoil		
1 020 20	5528918	0.15-0.35	SiCL	VM	Lac		Soft, med plastic, olive gray
	0020010	0.35-1.0		VM	Lac		Soft, med plastic, olive gray
		1.0-2.0	CL	M	Till		Stiff, med plastic, brown
		2.0-3.6	CL	M	Till		Stiff, med plastic, brown, trace gravel
1 1		3.6-6.1	С	M	Till		Stiff, med plastic, brown, trace gravel
		6.1-13.5	CL	M	Till		Stiff, med plastic, brown
							No free water
JL4-23	0375663	0-0.15	CL	Ιм	Topsoil		
354-23	5528985	0.15-0.3	SiCL	M	Lac		V Firm mod plastic alive brown
	3320903						V. Firm, med plastic, olive brown
1		0.3-1.1	C	M	Lac		Stiff, med plastic, brown
1 1		1.1-3.9	C	M	Till		Stiff, med-high plastic, yellow brown
		3.9-5.6	С	M	Till		Stiff, med-high plastic, brown
1		5.6-13.5	CL-C	M	Till		Stiff, med plastic, brown, iron staining
1							No free water
JL5-23	0375689	0-0.15	CL	М	Topsoil		
323-23	5528955	0.15-0.3	CL	M	Lac		
1	3320933						Califf and allowing allows become
		0.3-0.7	SiCL	M	Lac		Stiff, med plastic, olive brown
		0.7-2.3	CL-C	M	Till		Stiff, med plastic, brown
1 1		2.3-2.5	SCL	VM-Sat			Soft, mixed with gravel
		2.5-6.0	CL-C	M	Till		Stiff, med plastic, brown
1 1		6.0-9.2	CL	M	Till	7.0-8.5	Stiff, med plastic, brown
1						1	50mm H.C. Well installed ot 9.2m BGS
1							Screen: 9.2-6.2m
							Sand: 9.2-5.9m
1							Bentonite: 5.9-0.0m
							Stickup: 0.6m
							Hole Diameter: 0.15m
JL6-23	0375630	0-0.15	CL	M	Topsoil		
	5528910	0.15-0.4	SiCL	M	Lac		
		0.4-3.0	CL	М	Till		Firm, med plastic, brown,
							VM-Sat sand lensing @ 1.4m
				l			
JL7-23	0375631	0-0.15	CL	M	Topsoil		
	5528980	0.15-0.75	SiCL	M	Lac		Stiff, med plastic, olive brown
		0.75-3.0	CL	M	Till	2.0-3.0	Stiff, med plastic, brown, sand streaks
							50mm H.C. Well installed to 3.0m BGS
							Screen: 3.0-1.5m
		1				1	Sand: 3.0-1.4m
							Bentonite: 1.4-0.0m
							Stickup: 0.6m
							Hole Diameter: 0.15m
							1.00 Diamotor. O. form

 Legend:
 L
 Loam

 C
 Clay

 S
 Sand

 Gr.
 Gravel

 Si
 Silt

 F
 Fine (sand)

 VF
 Very Fine (sand)

Eg. VFSCL = Very Fine Sandy Clay Loam