



Geotechnical Applications for Expanded Clay and Shale Lightweight Aggregate

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Agenda

Arcosa Lightweight – Who we are

Expanded Shale and Clay History

Traditional Markets and Applications

Load Reduction and Lightweight Fill Options

Relevant Physical Properties

Project Profiles



Select Albuquerque History

- 1912
 - New Mexico was admitted to the U.S. as the 47th state.
- 1928
 - Airport Opens
- 1972
 - Balloon Fiesta Founded
- 1975
 - Bill Gates and Paul Allen Complete BASIC



Albuquerque History

- 1983
 - April 4, University Arena aka The Pit
 - NC State won the national title with a 54-52 victory over Houston
 - Ending of the game is one of the most famous in college basketball history
 - A buzzer beating dunk by the late Lorenzo Charles



NCAA Tournament Flashback

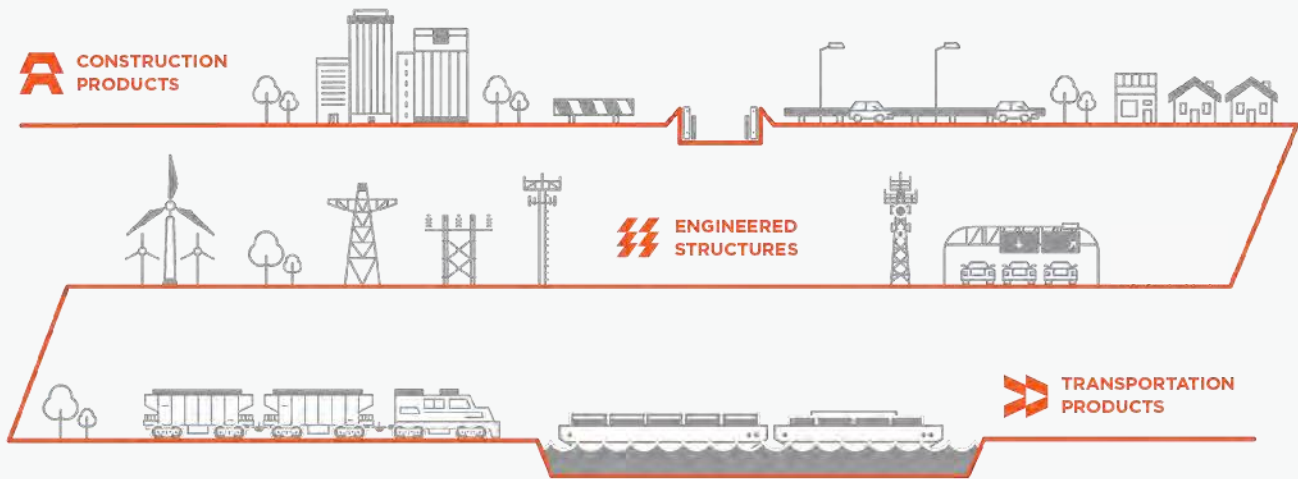


NCAA Tournament Flashback



ARCOSA AT A GLANCE

OUR THREE BUSINESS SEGMENTS



\$2.3B

Revenues

\$159M

Net Income

\$368M

Adjusted EBITDA

~6,075

Employees

85+

Years of Operating History

3

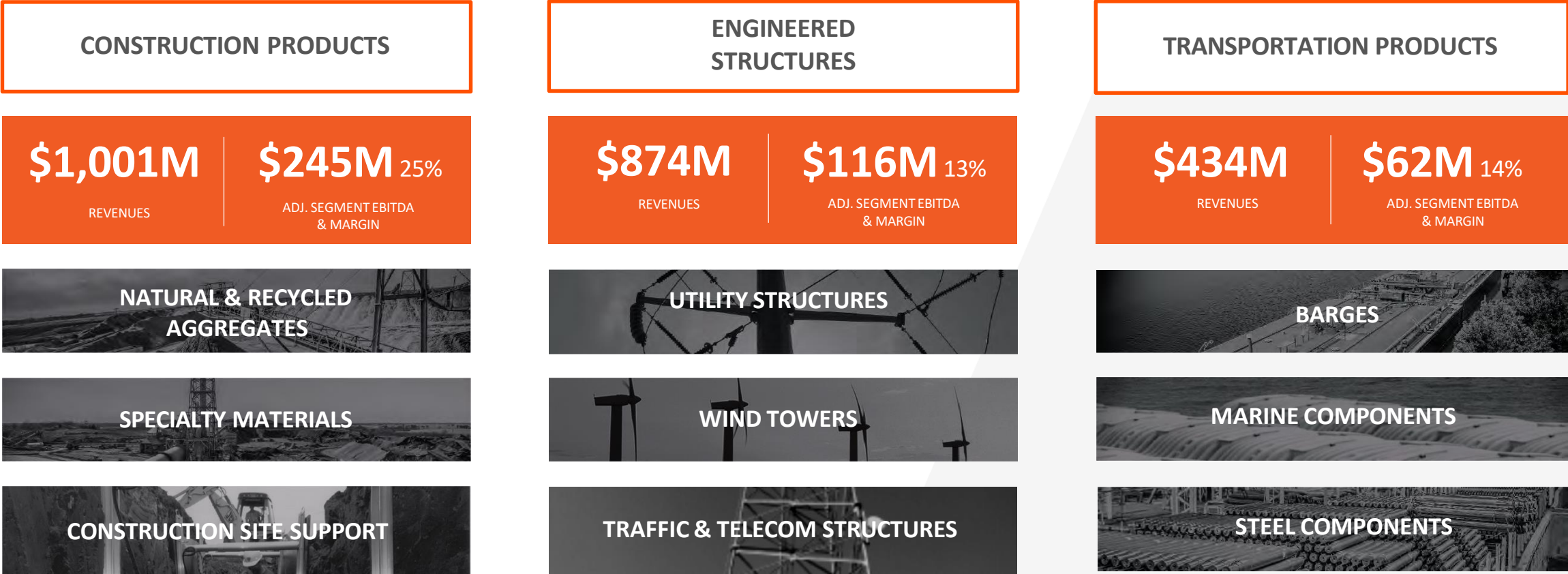
Infrastructure-related Segments

Revenue, net income, and Adjusted EBITDA are for the year ended 12/31/2023. See Adjusted EBITDA reconciliation in Appendix



BUSINESS OVERVIEW

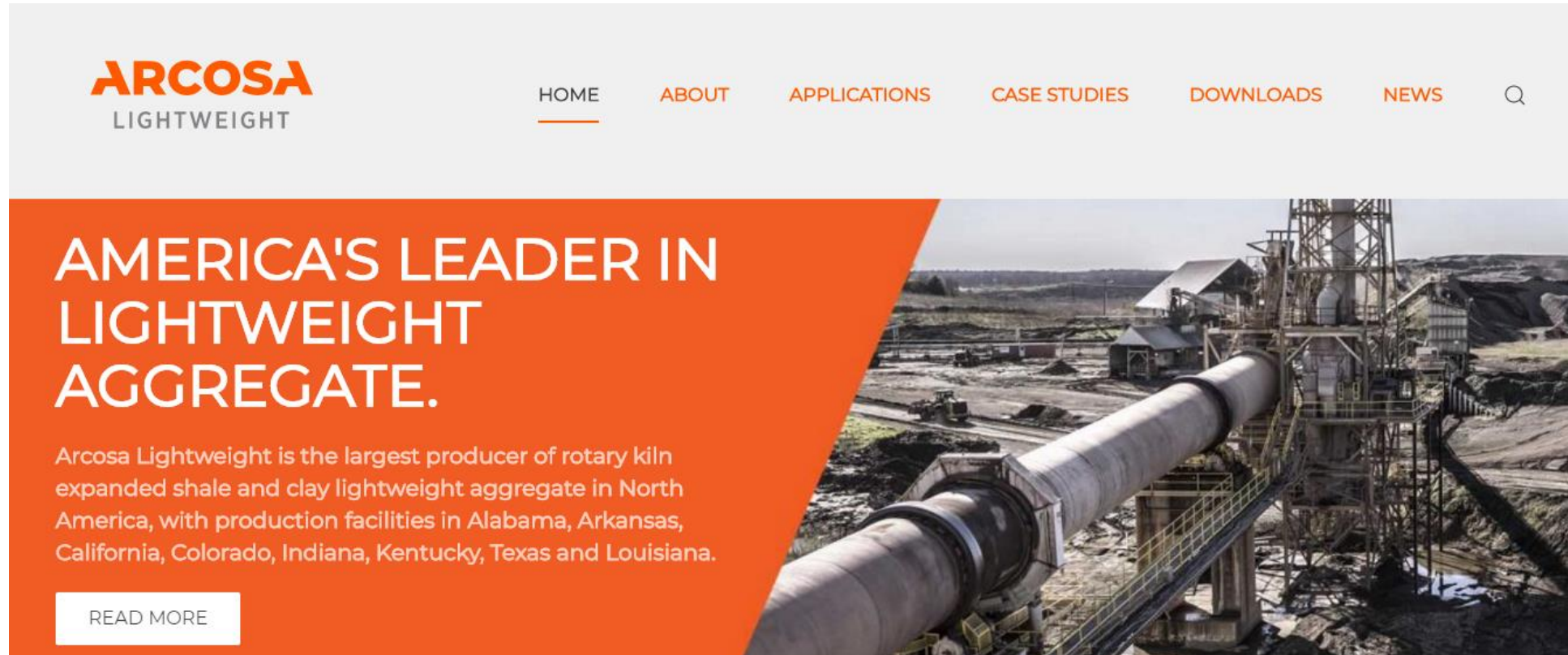
Arcosa’s three segments are made up of leading businesses that serve critical infrastructure markets



Revenues and Adjusted Segment EBITDA and margin for the year ended 12/31/2023. See Adjusted Segment EBITDA reconciliation in Appendix.



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Arcosa Lightweight is the largest producer of rotary kiln expanded shale and clay lightweight aggregate in North America, with production facilities in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky, Texas and Louisiana.

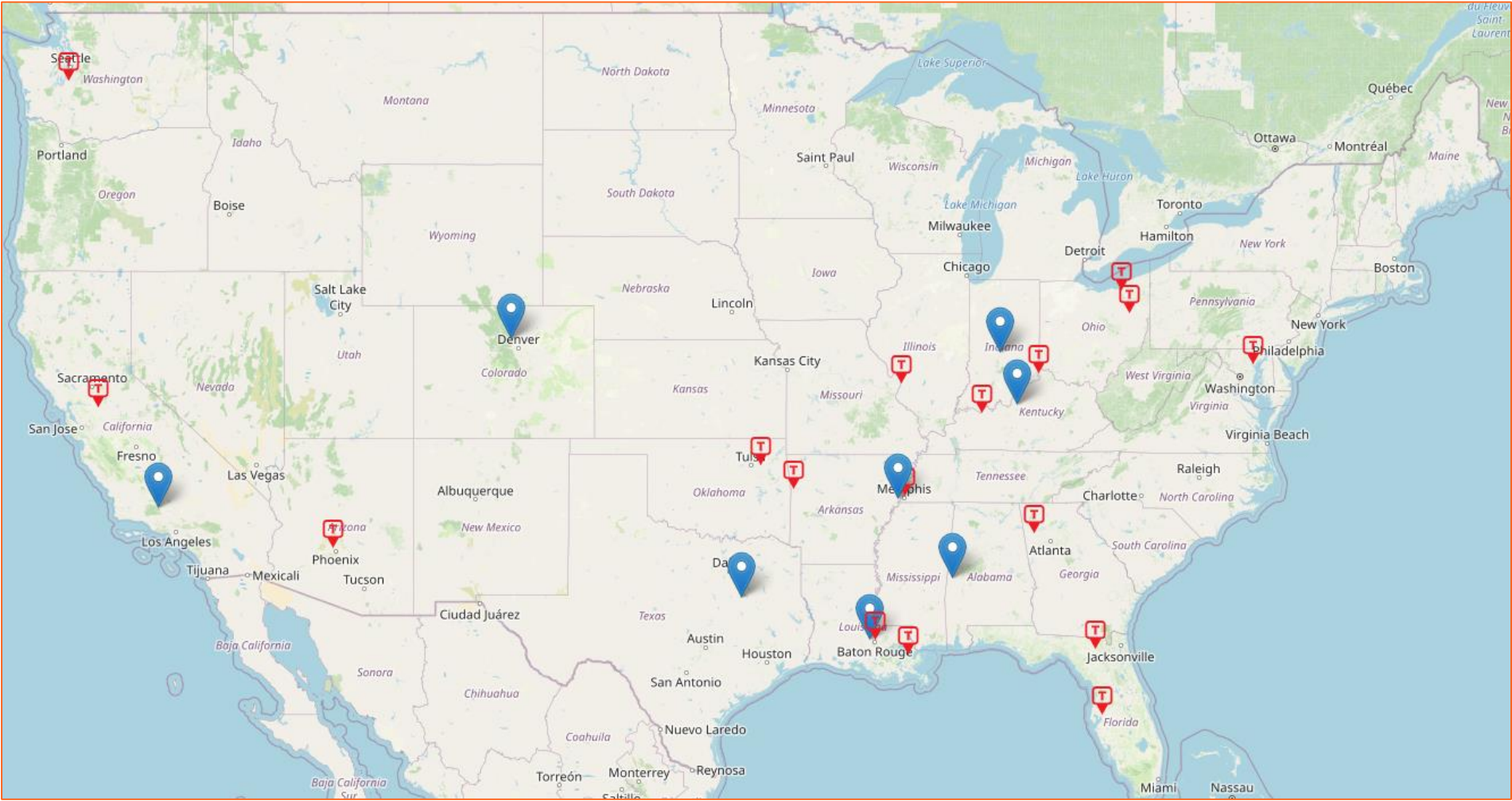
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Arcosa Lightweight Facilities and Terminal Footprint



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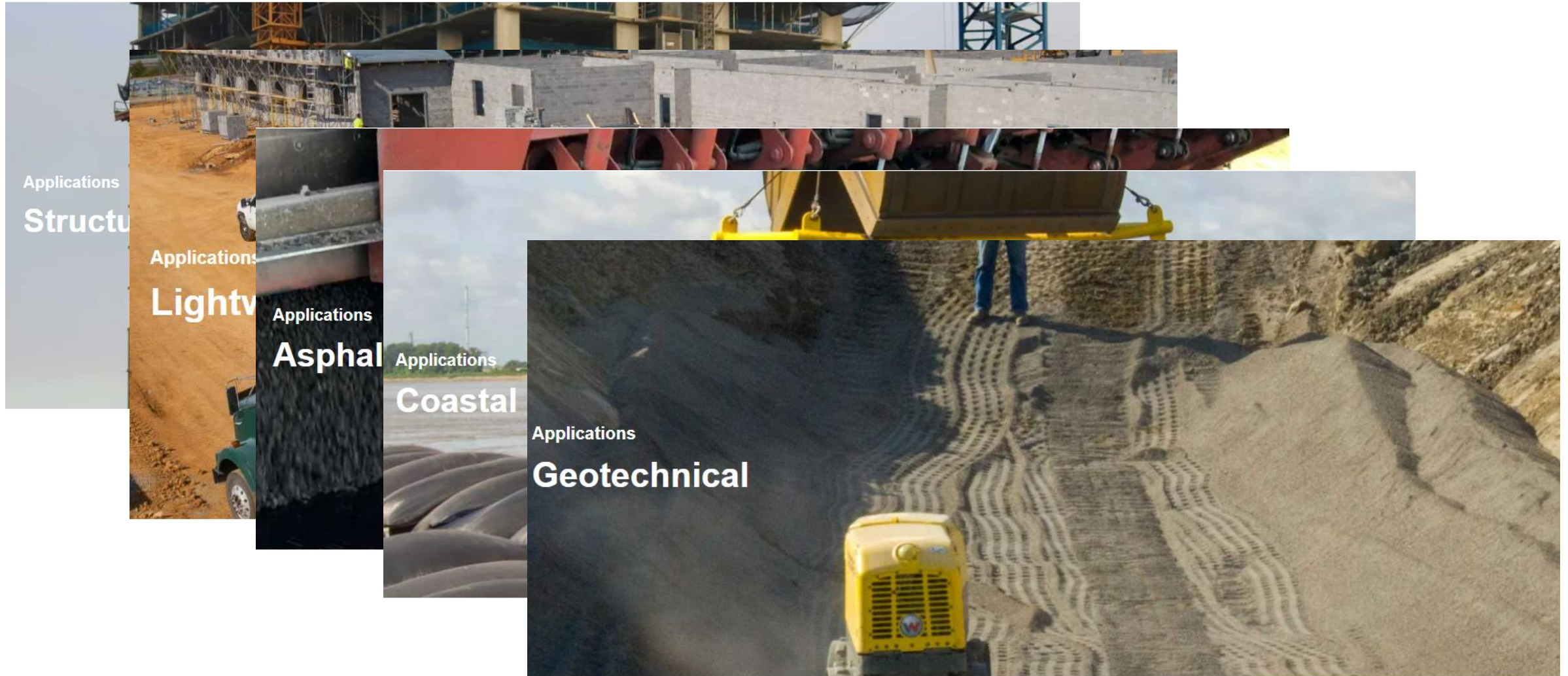
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Arcosa Lightweight Markets



History Of Rotary Kiln Produced Lightweight Aggregate

Brick Industry Roots

“Bee hive” brick kilns

Invention of Stephen Hayde

- Certain clays bloated with heat
- Bloated brick were culls
- Given lemons, make lemonade
- Patent issued in 1918

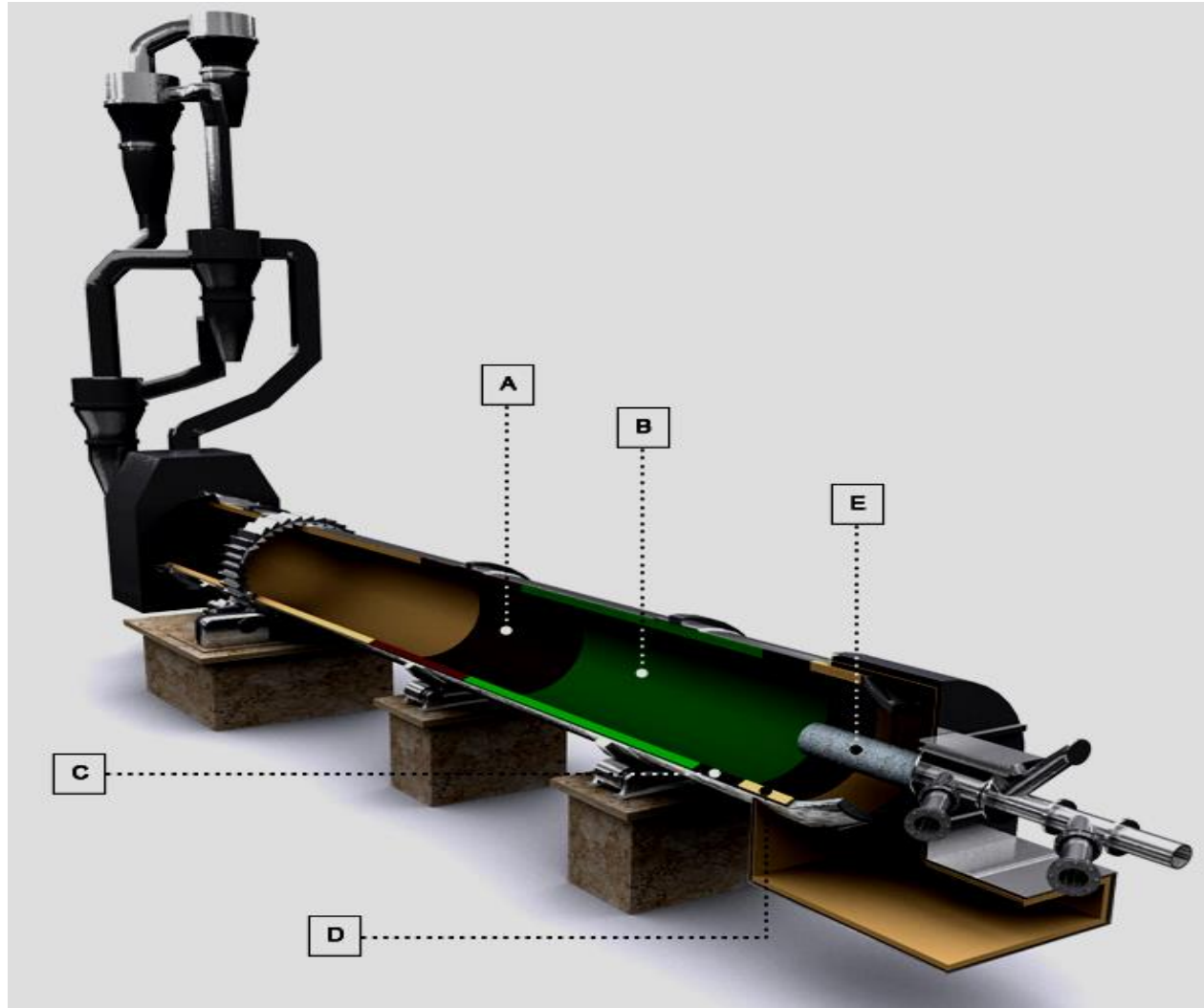


History Of Rotary Kiln Produced Lightweight Aggregate

Rotary Kiln Method

Study of Time-Temperature Relationship

- Stationary Material Not Important
- Rotary Kiln – Time & Temperature Control
- Proved to be the Most Efficient Method



History Of Rotary Kiln LWA – Expanded Shale, Clay, & Slate

Process Patented by
Stephen Hayde in 1918

During World War I, Hayde gave
patent rights to U.S.
Government

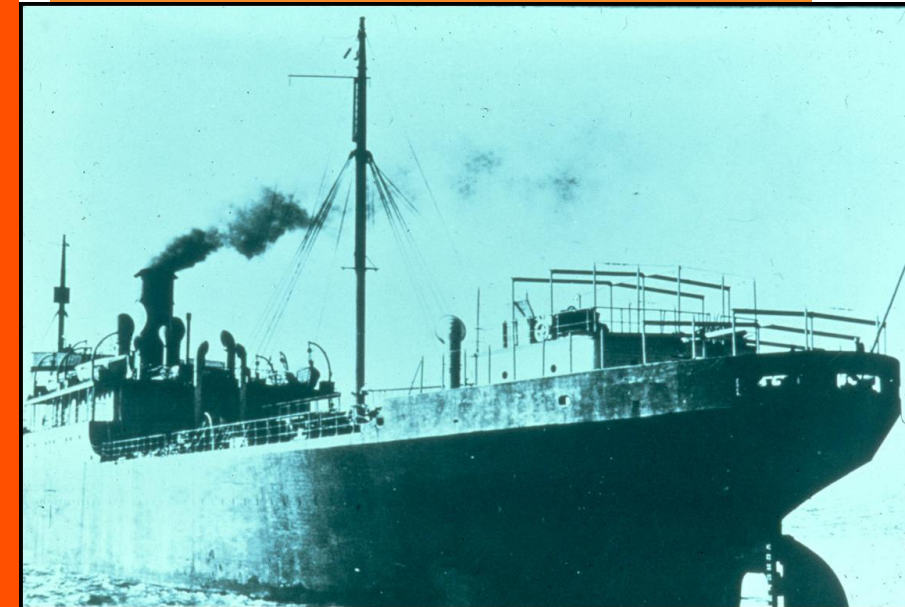
U.S. Government
developed lightweight
concrete and built LWC
ships

USS Selma was the first LWC
ship to be commissioned

Story repeated in WW II
At least 9 WW II ships
remain today
Powell River - Canada

USS Selma

Commissioned 1919



History Of Rotary Kiln LWA – Expanded Shale, Clay, & Slate

Other structural uses emerged

Bridges – S.F. Bay
Bridge, circa 1930

LWC ship passing under
LWC Bridge - 1944



Buildings – Floors and
frames



Parking structures –
Prestressed and cast-
in-place

150 ft. LWC Double Tee



Manufacturing Process



Ground Improvement/Modification

Method	Technology
Vertical Drains and Accelerated Consolidation	Prefabricated Vertical Drains (PVDs)
Deep Compaction	Deep Dynamic Compaction, Vibro-Compaction
Aggregate Columns	Stone Columns, Rammed Aggregate Piers
Soil Mixing	Deep Mixing, Mass Mixing
Grouting	Chemical Grouting, Jet Grouting, etc.
Reinforced Soil Structures	Reinforced Embankments, Walls, and Slopes
Load Reduction	Lightweight Fill Materials: Expanded Shale, Clay, and Slate (Lightweight Aggregates), Expanded Polystyrene, (EPS) Foamed Glass Aggregate (FGA), Low Density Cellular Concrete (LDCC)

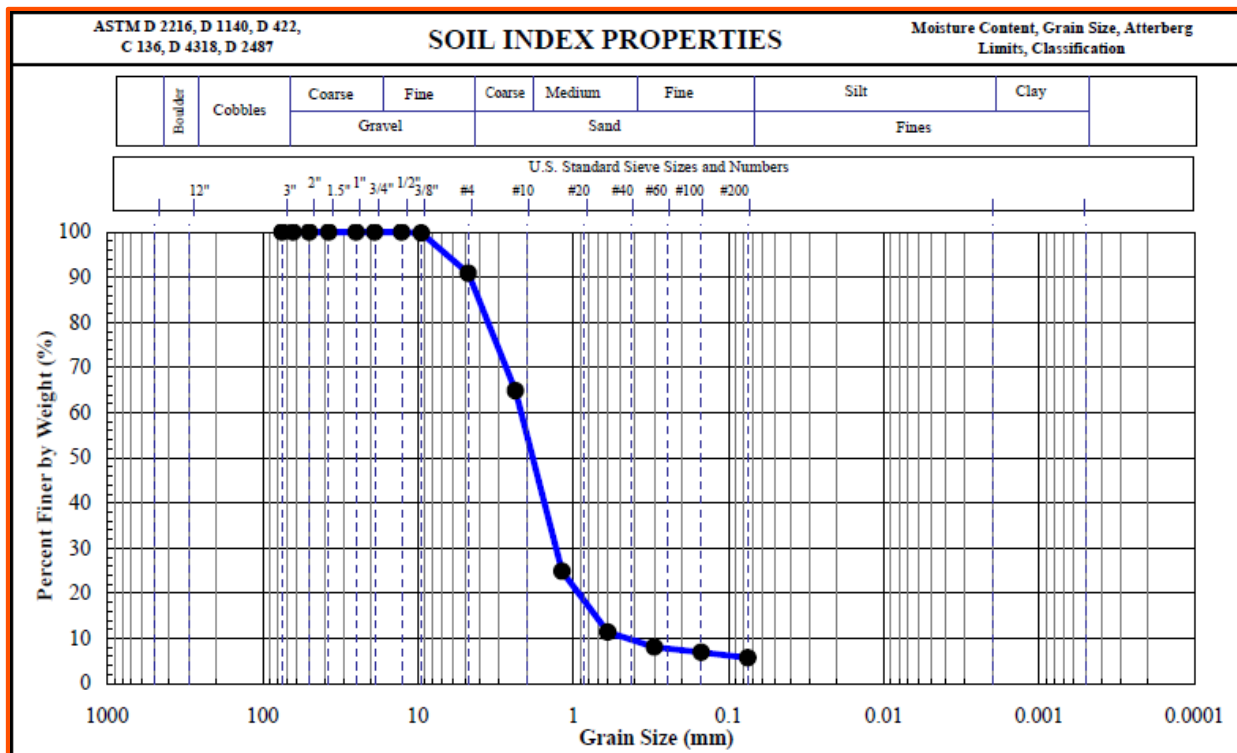
Lightweight Fill Materials

<u>Fill Material</u>	Unit Weight (lb./ft ³)
ESCS	40 – 65
Low Density Cellular Concrete (LDCC)	20 – 60
Waste Tires	24 – 33
Wood Chips	20 – 35
Expanded Polystyrene (EPS)	0.75 – 2
Foamed Glass Aggregate (FGA)	10 - 25
For Reference: Quarried Select Fill and Aggregates	95 - 135

Applicable Physical Properties

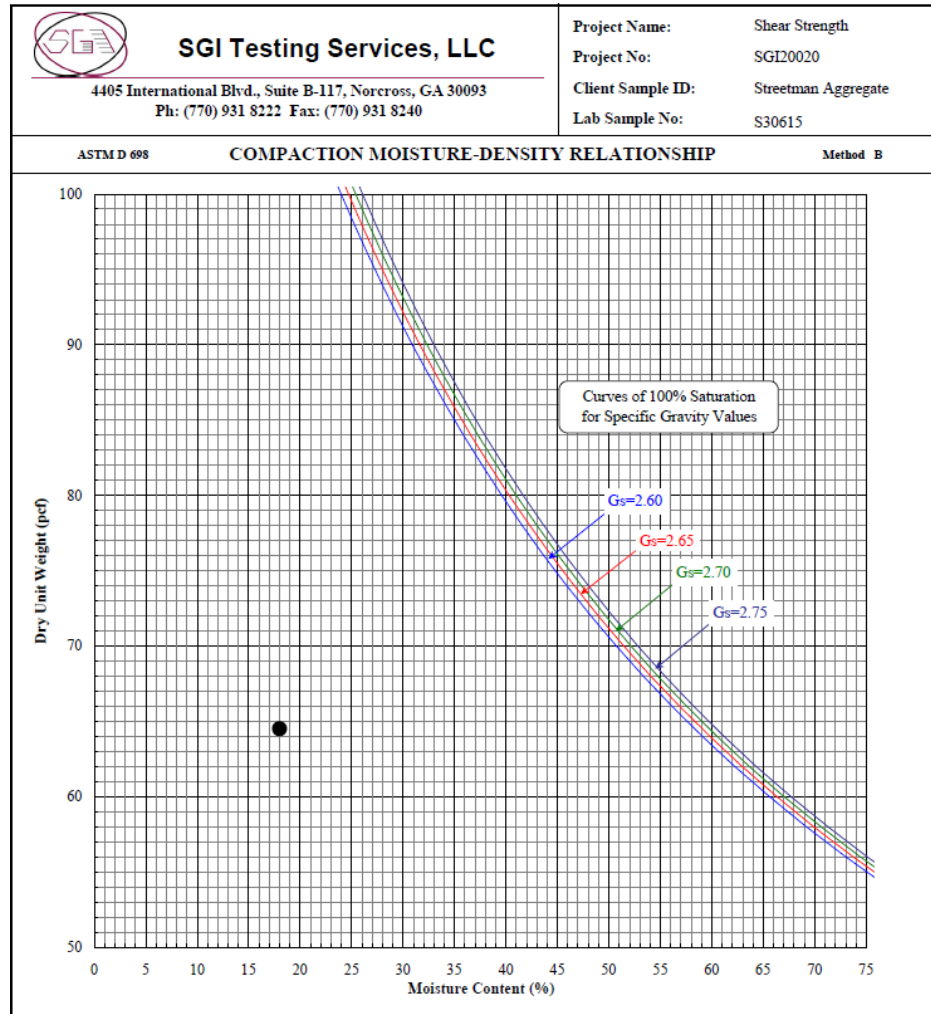


Physical Properties – Grading and Specific Gravity



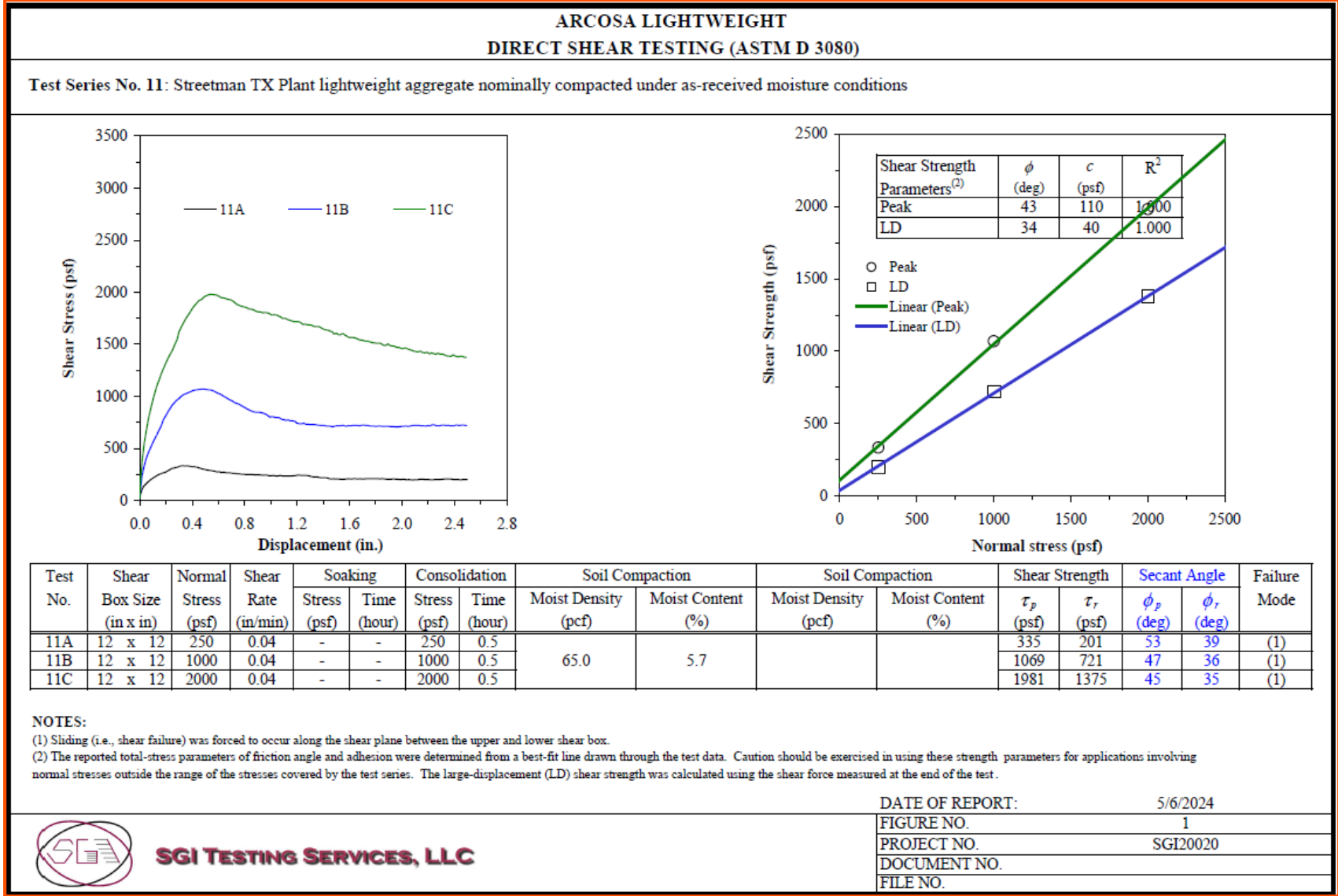
- Manufactured to meet grading requirements in ASTM C330
- Specific Gravity 2.1

Physical Properties – Loose Bulk Density and Proctor



- ASTM C29 Loose Bulk Density
 - 62 pcf
- ASTM D698 (modified) one-point proctor results
 - 65 pcf wetted, surface dry

Physical Properties – Internal Friction Angle



Physical Properties – Durability and Soundness

Table 3 – LA Abrasion (C Grading)

Passing	Retained on	Grading C Requirements (g)	Test Sample Size (g)
9.50 mm (3/8 in)	6.3 mm (1/4 in)	2,500 ± 10	2,500.0
6.3 mm (1/4 in)	4.75 mm (No. 4)	2,500 ± 10	2,500.0
Total		5,000 ± 10	5,000.0
Retained on #8 after Test			3,846.5
Percent Loss			23

Table 4 - Magnesium Sulfate Soundness

Sieve Size	Grading of Original Sample (% Retained)	Mass of Test Fractions Before Test (g)	% Passing Designated Sieve After Test	Weighted % Loss
9.5 to 4.75 mm (3/8 to #4)	67.5	300.0	7.0	4.7
Percent Loss				4.7

Table 5 - Sodium Sulfate Soundness

Sieve Size	Grading of Original Sample (% Retained)	Mass of Test Fractions Before Test (g)	% Passing Designated Sieve After Test	Weighted % Loss
9.5 to 4.75 mm (3/8 to #4)	67.5	300.0	1.7	1.1
Percent Loss				1.1

- Durability and Soundness Data
 - LA Abrasion 23% loss
 - Magnesium Sulfate 4.7% loss
 - Sodium Sulfate 1.1% loss

Physical Properties - Electrochemical

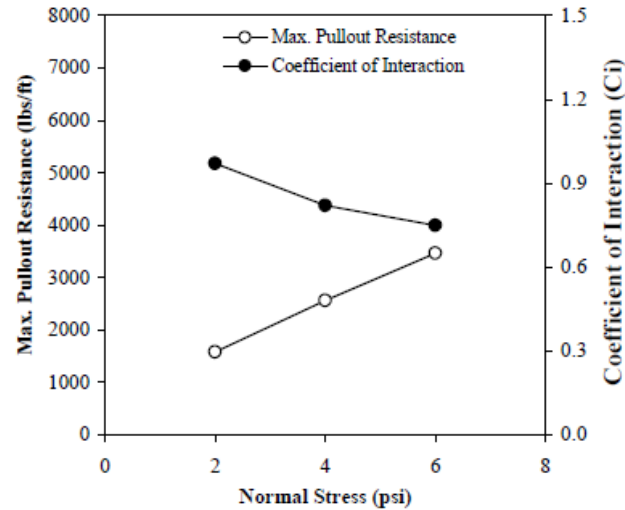
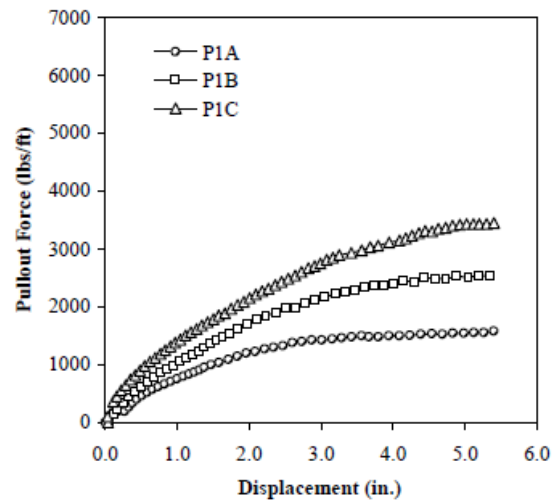
Chemical Composition	Test Results	Requirements
AASHTO T290 Soluble Sulfate Ion - (ppm)	186*	< 200 ppm
AASHTO T291 Water Soluble Chloride Ion - (ppm)	60	< 100 ppm
AASHTO T288 - (Modified Resistivity) – As Received	5,690*	>3000 ohms-cm
AASHTO T289 - (Ph)	9.57*	5 – 10

- Electrochemical Data
 - Soluble Sulfate Ion – 186 ppm
 - Soluble Chloride Ion – 60 ppm
 - Resistivity – 5,690 ohm-cm
 - pH – 9.57

Physical Properties – Geosynthetic Pullout Resistance

GEOSYNTHETIC PULLOUT TESTING (ASTM D 6706)

TEST SERIES NO. P1: Tensar UXMESA 3 (Quint) geogrid in machine direction within compacted Big River expanded clay lightweight aggregate material under as-received moisture condition:



Test No.	Test Specimen Width (in.)	Test Specimen Length (in.)	Normal Stress (psi)	Pullout Rate (in./min)	Residual Soil Shear Strength		Maximum Pullout Resistance (lb/ft)	Coefficient of Interaction	Failure Mode
					ϕ (degree)	c (psf)			
P1A	17.0	50.0	2.0	0.04	32	15	1578	0.97	Pullout
P1B	17.0	50.0	4.0	0.04	32	15	2563	0.82	Pullout
P1C	17.0	50.0	6.0	0.04	32	15	3464	0.75	Pullout



Lateral Earth Pressure

Lateral Earth Pressure is defined by the following formula:

$$F = \frac{1}{2} \alpha H^2 K_a$$

α is the density in lbs./ft³

H is the wall height in feet

K is the active earth pressure coefficient and is calculated by the following:

$$K_a = \frac{1 - \sin \phi}{1 + \sin \phi}$$

ϕ is the internal friction angle

Lateral Earth Pressure – Wall Height of 15 Feet

Select Fill

α of 115.0 lbs./ft³

ϕ of 30 degrees

K_a is 0.33

$F = \frac{1}{2} (115)(15)^2 (0.33) = \underline{\underline{4,270 \text{ pounds per foot}}}$ of lateral earth pressure

Expanded Shale Lightweight Aggregate

α of 65 lbs./ft³

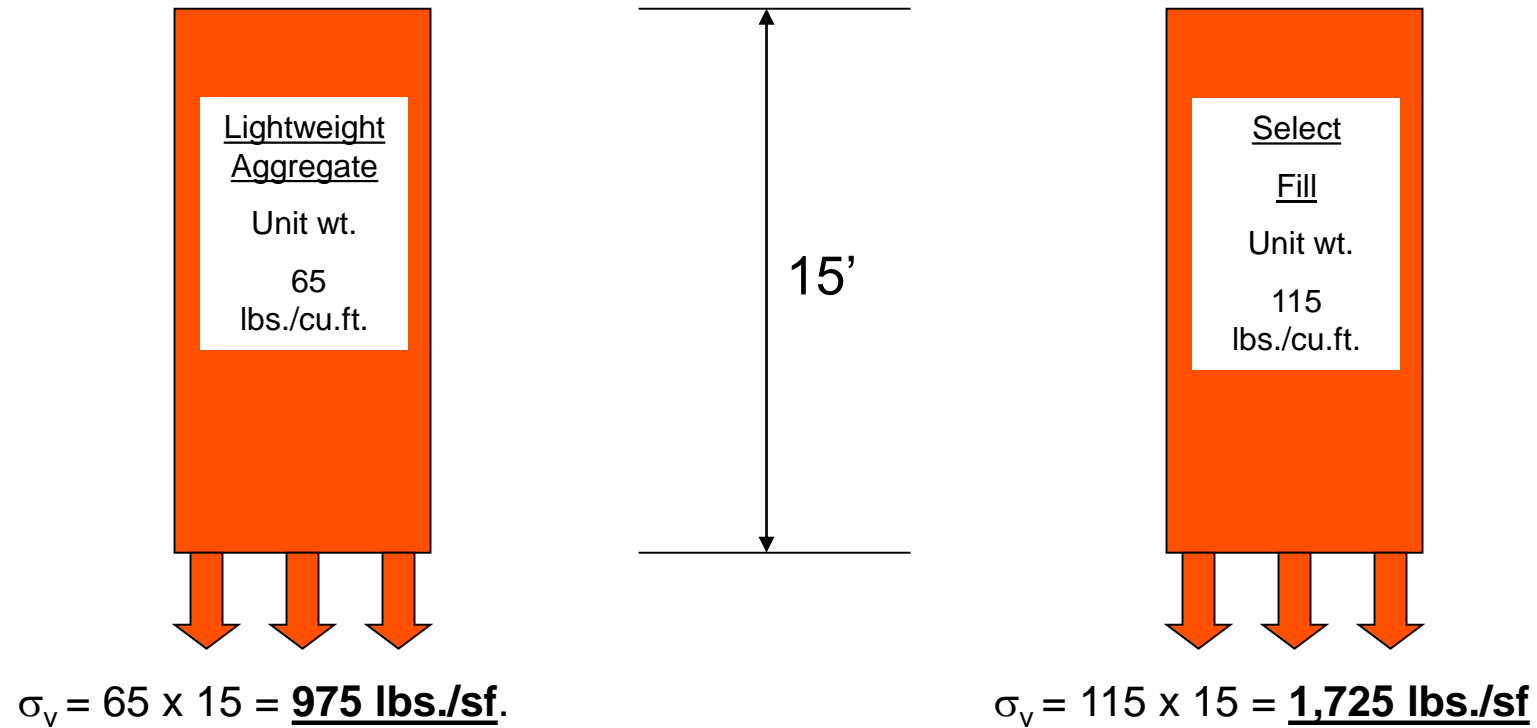
ϕ of 43 degrees

K_a is 0.19

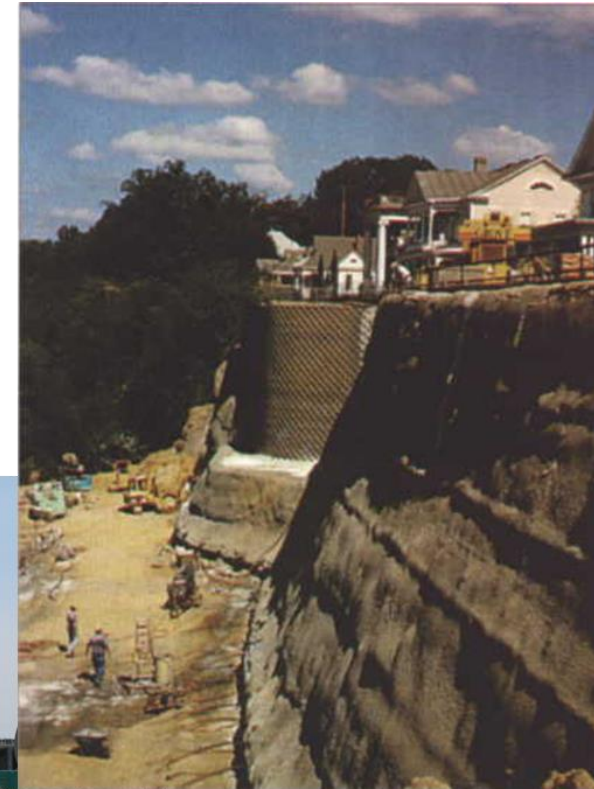
$F = \frac{1}{2} (65)(15)^2 (0.19) = \underline{\underline{1,176 \text{ pounds per foot}}}$ of lateral earth pressure

30% of the lateral earth pressure compared to quarried backfill

Vertical Pressure – Wall Height of 15 Feet



Lightweight Fill Project Profiles



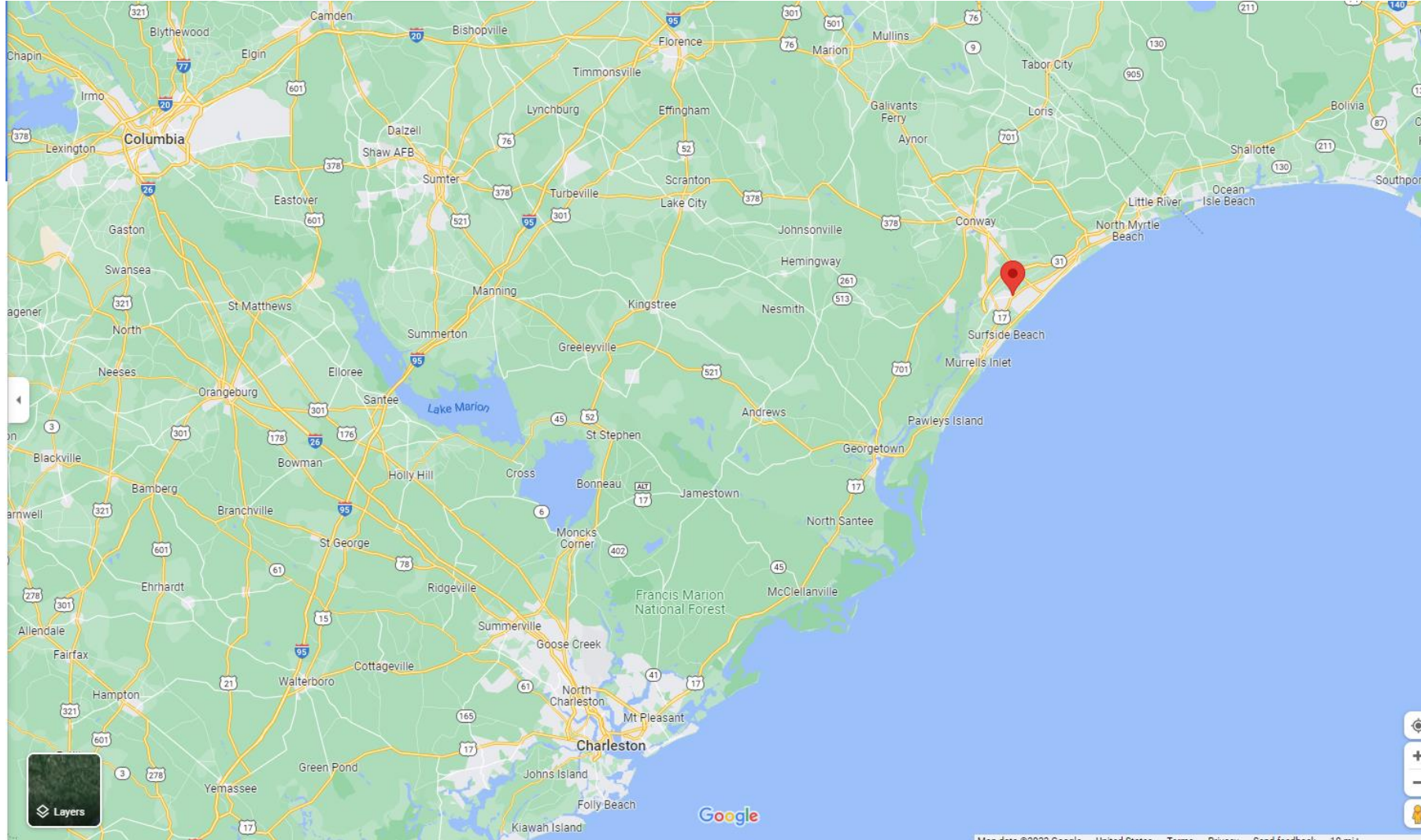
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- \$120 million redesign of an at-grade intersection by STV
- Dual 1,250' long bridges and associated ramps
- Coastal SC project with poor-bearing soils that required geotechnical modifications to support the structure, roadway, walls and drainage features
- Located near one of the most active earthquake zones on the East Coast

Lightweight Fill Project Profile

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Project Constraints

- High existing traffic volume
- No lane closure during summer
- Maintain access to numerous businesses
- 3.5 year construction requirement

Complex Construction Traffic Control

- 8 stages of construction
- Multiple traffic shifts
- Temporary alignments
- Detour routes

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Geotechnical Challenges

- Poor Subgrade conditions
 - 2' – 3' Bridge lift Required
- Settlement concerns – Total & Differential
- Slope Embankment stability – bearing and seismic

Geotechnical Design Approach

- Lightweight Aggregate Borrow
 - Reduce Magnitude of Settlement
- Prefabricated Vertical Drain (PVD) / Granular Surcharges
 - Increase Rate of Settlement and Facilitate Rapid Construction
- Deep Soil Mixing
 - Improve Seismic Slope Stability and Bridge Abutment Foundation Performance
- Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) Walls
 - 2-Stage MSE Wall Construction with Vertical Slip Joints

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Ramp C Construction



Ramp D Construction



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Project Recognition

NATIONAL RECOGNITION AWARD

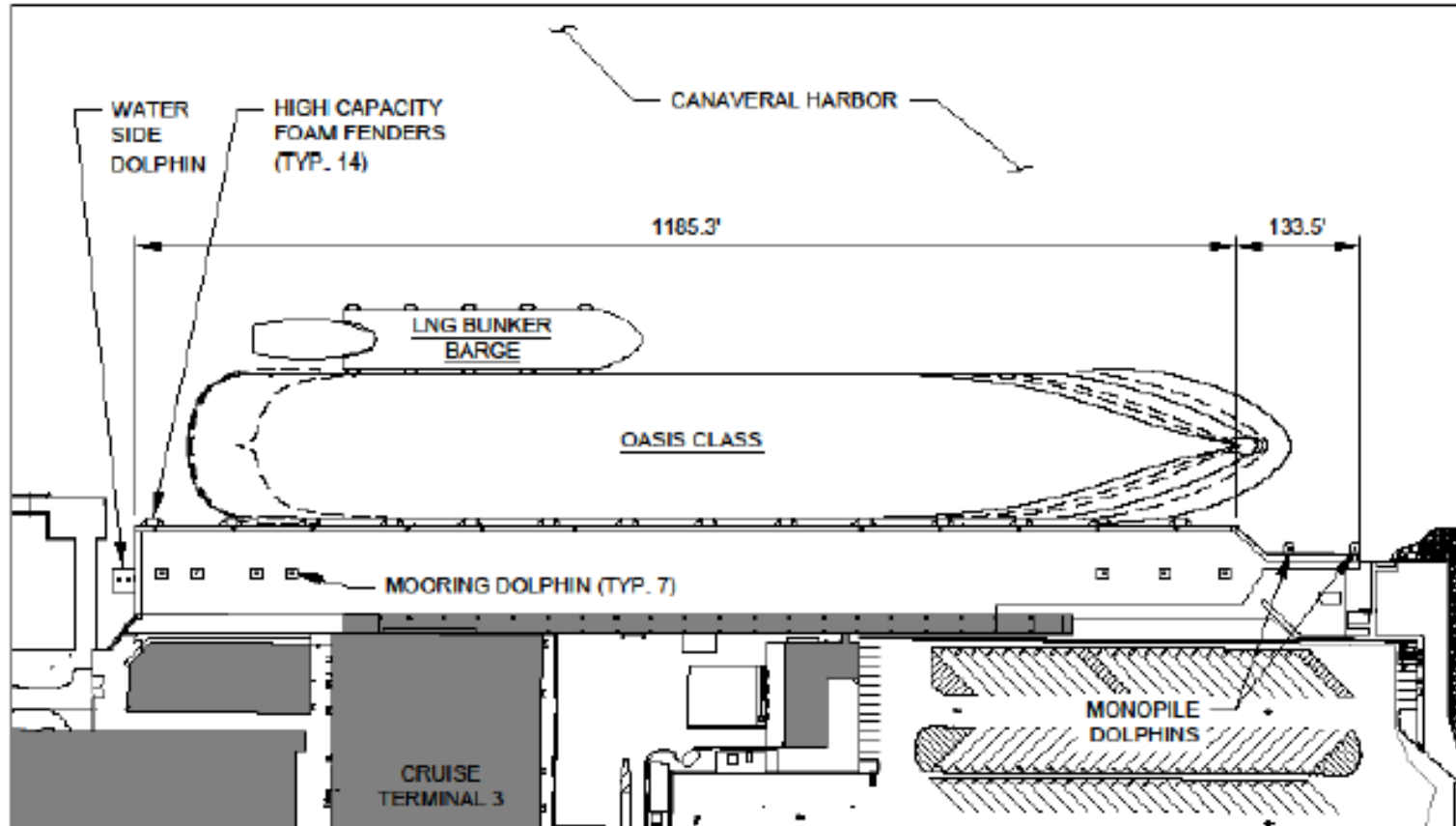
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Cruise Terminal 3 (CT-3) Marine Works Port Canaveral, Florida



***Port Canaveral Cruise Terminal 3 Wharf Design and Construction** Gary D. Ledford, P.E., M. ASCE, Bill Crowe, P.E., M. ASCE Ports19 Paper and Presentation

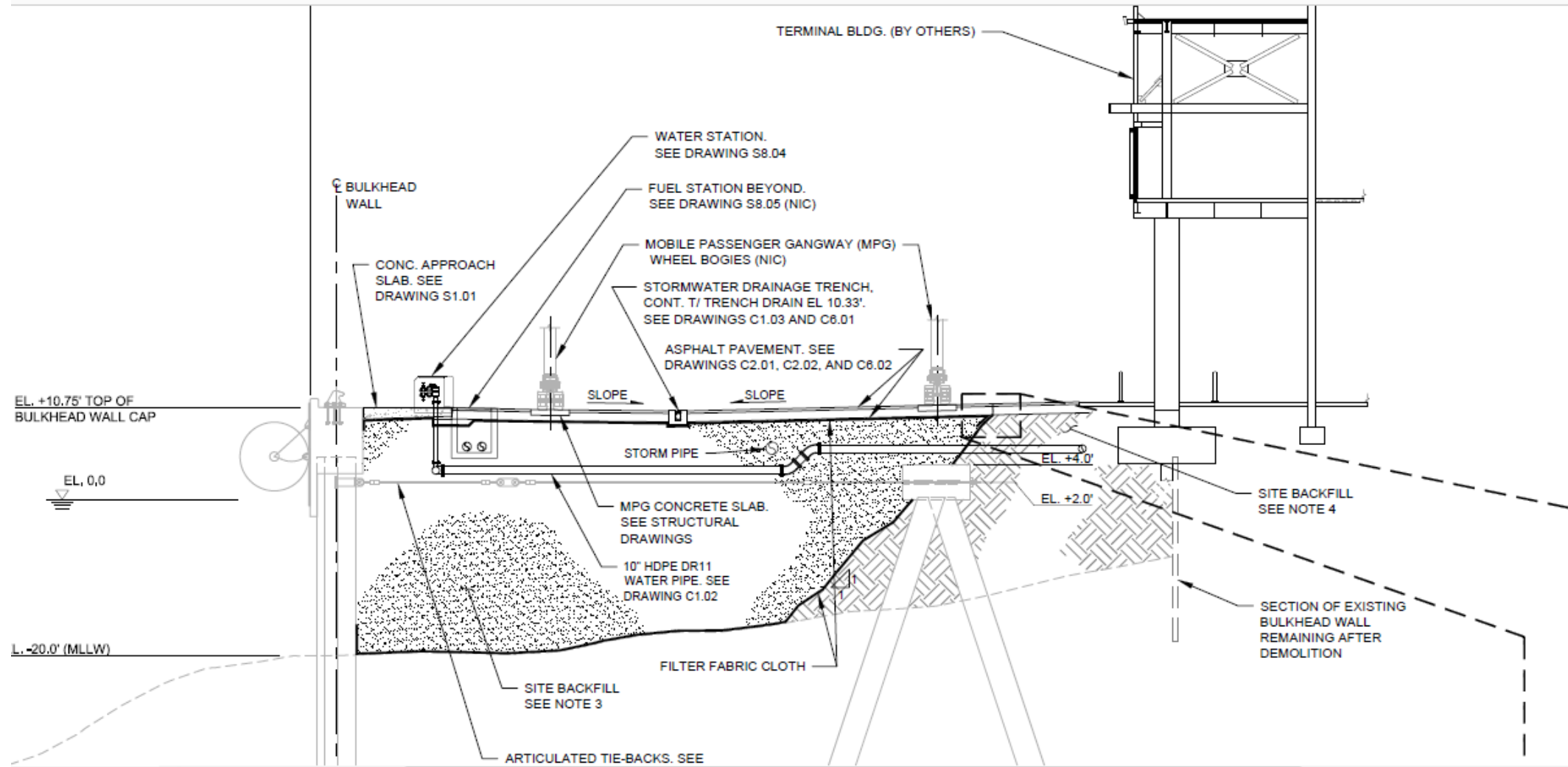
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Cruise Terminal 3 (CT-3) Marine Works Port Canaveral, Florida

- Rebuild of Cruise Terminal 3 to accommodate the increasing size of cruise vessels (Oasis Class)
- Constructed in 1983, the existing open pile wharf was functionally obsolete
- Berth construction and new terminal building were constructed simultaneously
- Lightweight aggregate fill was used to lower the demand on the bulkhead to facilitate reducing the steel pipe-pile section
- The creative lightweight aggregate fill solution provided considerable cost savings in the steel Combiwall section, the depth required, and reduction in the expected long-term settlement of the site.

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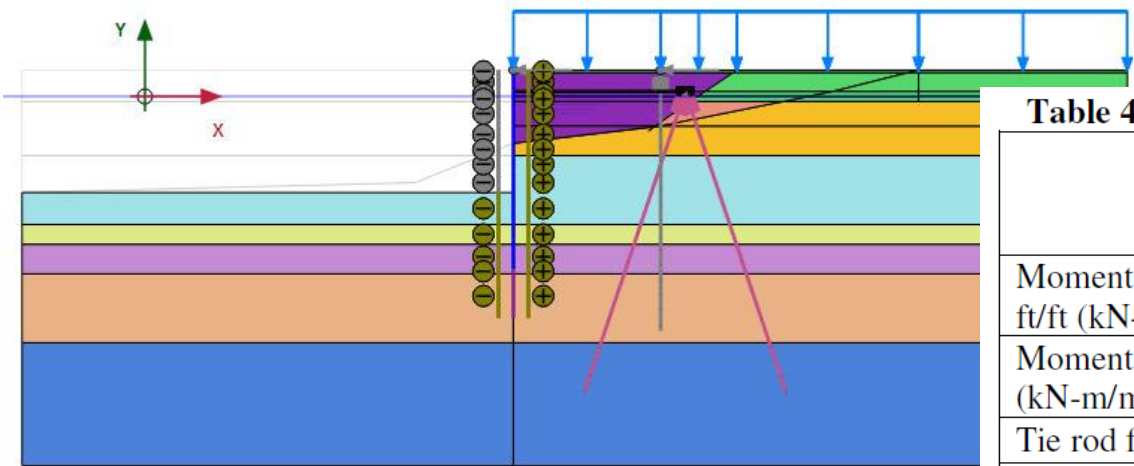


Table 4. Main Bulkhead Plaxis Analysis Results

Description	West Side Bulkhead		East Side Bulkhead (Note 1)
	Regular Fill	LWF	LWF
Moment (Extreme Condition) kip-ft/ft (kN-m/m)	841 (3741)	501 (2229)	395 (176)
Moment (Normal Condition) kip-ft/ft (kN-m/m)	684 (3043)	407 (1811)	301 (1339)
Tie rod force (Extreme) kip/ft (kN/m)	52.5 (766)	37 (540)	34 (496)
Tie rod force (normal) kip/ft (kN/m)	45.4 (663)	29.2 (426)	26.6 (388)

Notes: (1) Regular fill case was not analyzed for east side bulkhead.

Table 4 indicates that based on west side bulkhead analysis results, bulkhead bending moment would decrease by 40% by using lightweight fill, and the tie rod force would decrease by 30% to 35%. Based on a cost comparison, the savings resulting from the reduction of bulkhead and anchor size would outweigh the lightweight fill cost by approximately \$3 million US. The final bulkhead was designed based on the lightweight fill (LWF) case.

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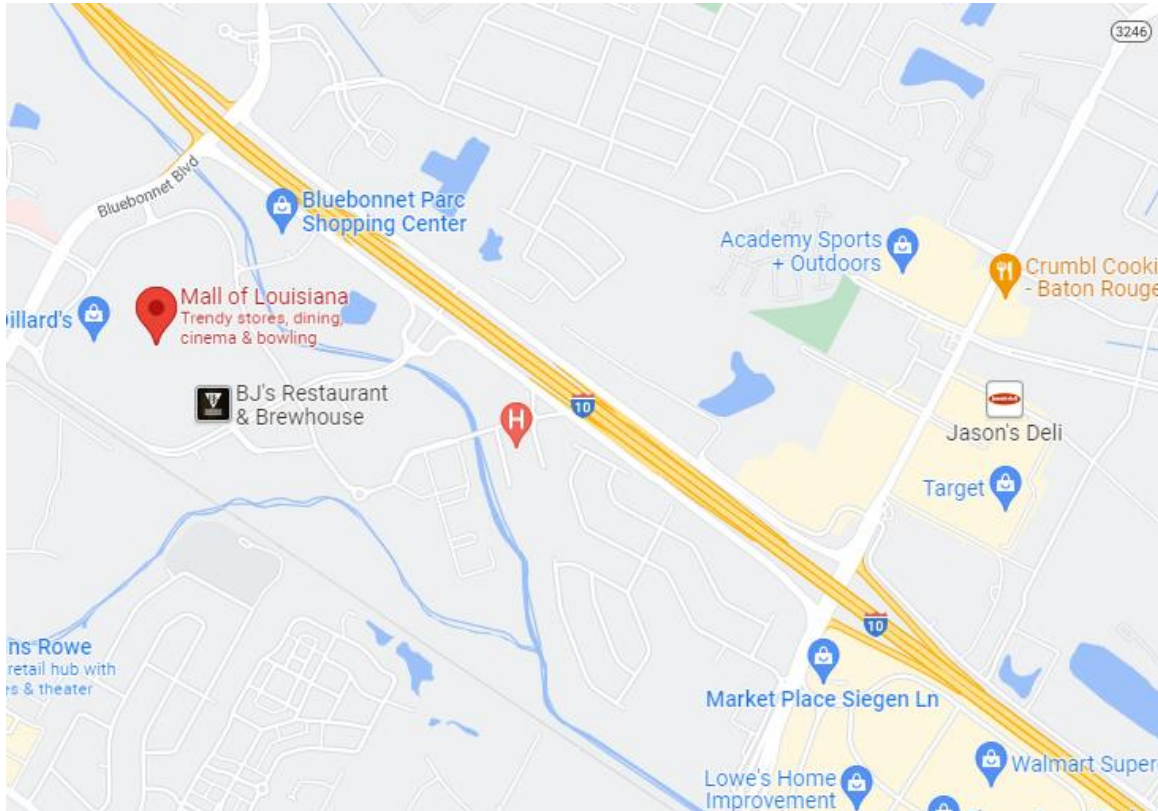
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Lightweight Fill Project Profile

LaDOTD Picardy Avenue Interchange at I-10 Baton Rouge, LA



- Need to reduce traffic congestion at I-10 at Bluebonnet Road and Siegen Lane
- Project added a new overpass above I-10
- Provided access to the Mall of Louisiana via the new Picardy Avenue extension
- Created two one-way eastbound and westbound frontage roads connecting Siegen Lane and Bluebonnet Blvd.

Lightweight Fill Project Profile

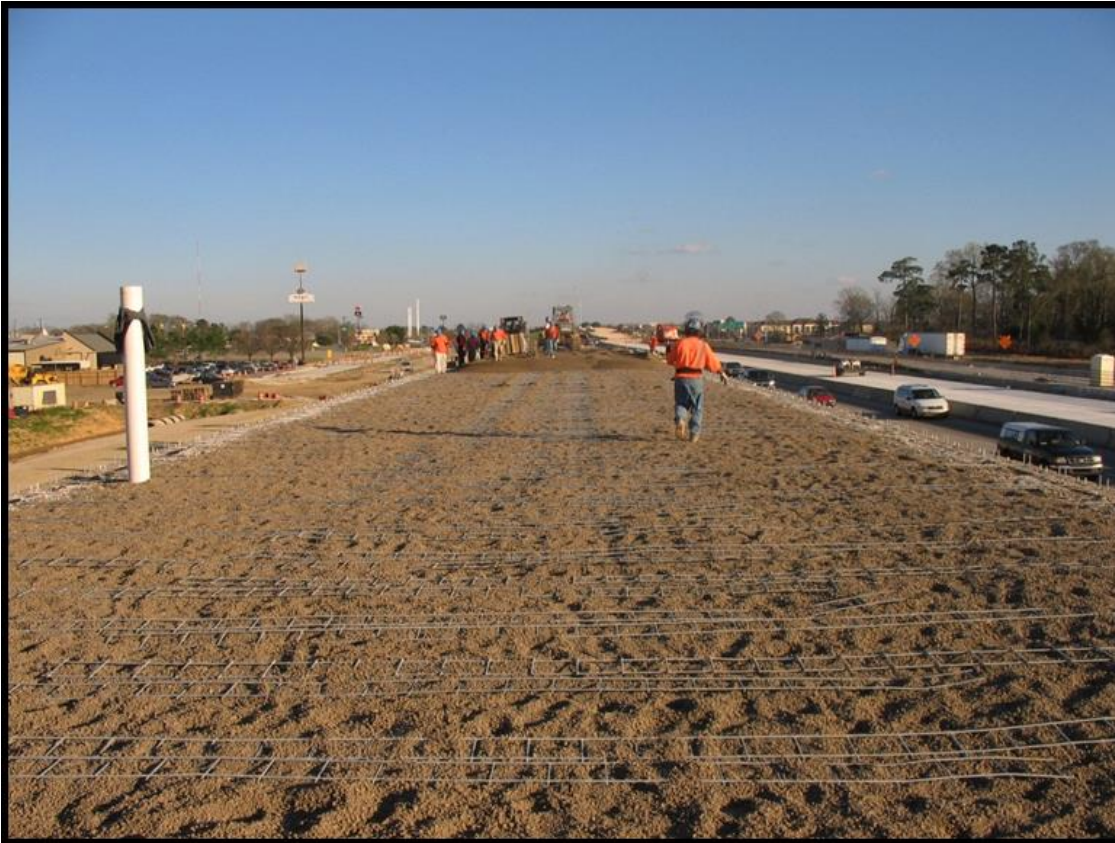
LaDOTD Picardy Avenue Interchange at I-10 Baton Rouge, LA



- Geotechnical Challenges
 - Low bearing capacity soils at retaining wall locations
 - Site geometry required MSE wall heights of 30 – 40 feet
 - Critical wall height was 22 feet using natural select fill
 - Transitioned to lightweight aggregate fill at 22 feet up to the maximum wall height
- Using LWA fill reduced the applied pressure on the low bearing capacity soils

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LaDOTD Picardy Avenue Interchange at I-10 Baton Rouge, LA



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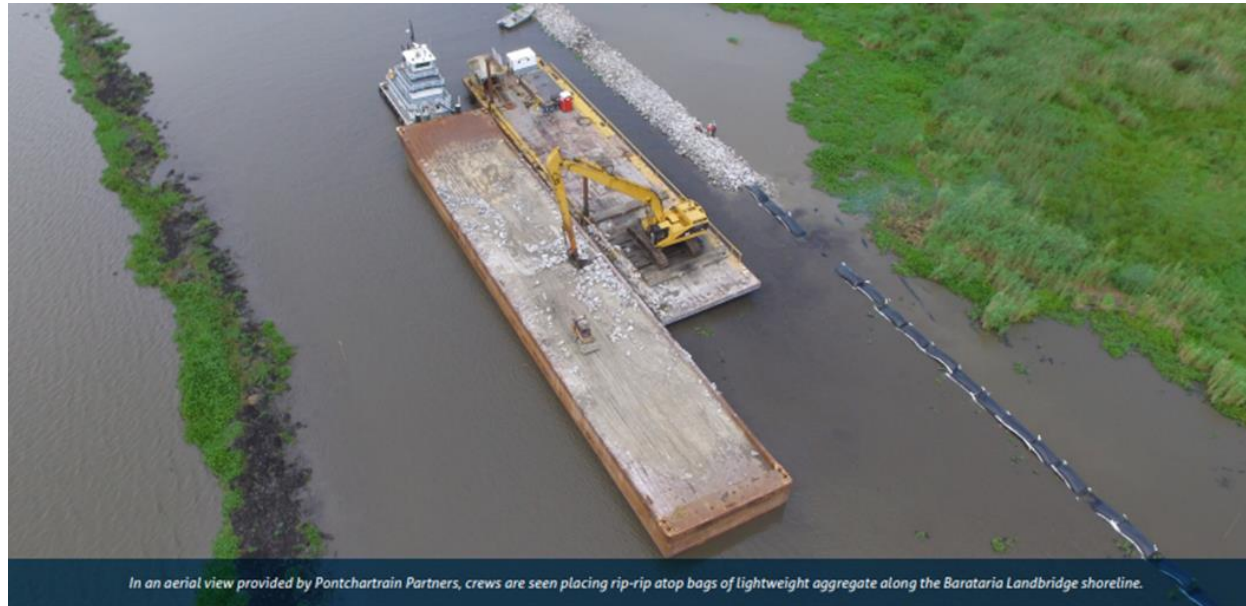
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LaDOTD Picardy Avenue Interchange at I-10 Baton Rouge, LA



- 214,000 ft² of modular block retaining walls
- 120,000 yards³ of lightweight aggregate
- \$50.6 million project was completed November 2006

Coastal Restoration

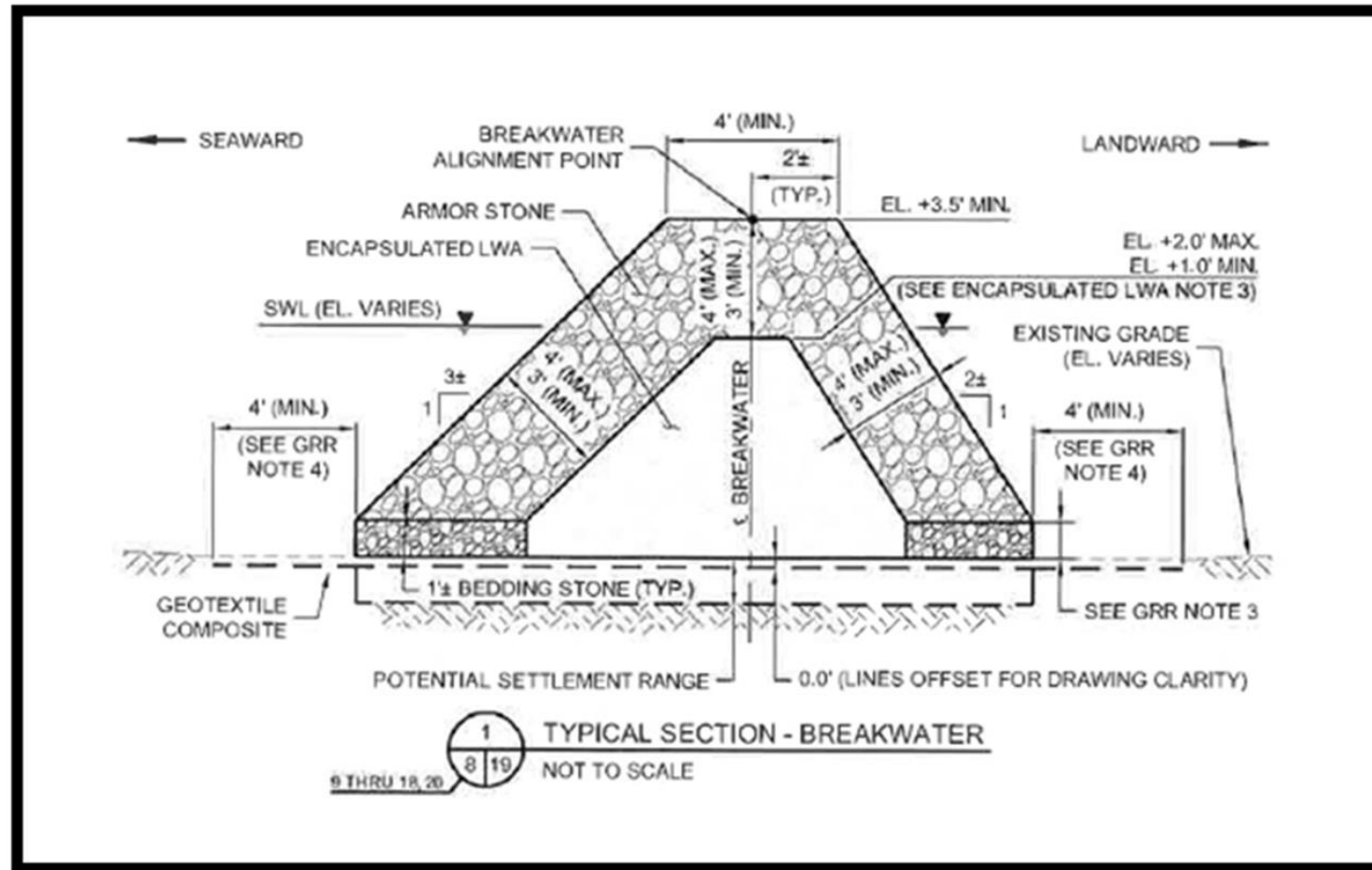


In an aerial view provided by Pontchartrain Partners, crews are seen placing rip-rap atop bags of lightweight aggregate along the Barataria Landbridge shoreline.

Coastal Restoration Project Utilizes Lightweight Aggregate Encapsulated in Geotextile Bags

Louisiana is shrinking. By some estimates, the state loses roughly 16-square miles of coastline every year. Bays and bayous marked on nautical maps for centuries have vanished, washed away by decades of erosion and storm surge. A series of projects hopes to change that.

Lightweight Aggregate Core for Breakwater Structures



Lightweight Aggregate Core for Breakwater Structures



Rockefeller Refuge Shoreline Stabilization



Rockefeller Refuge Shoreline Stabilization



Geotechnical Properties

Summary

Loose Bulk Density

42 - 62 pcf

High Internal Friction
Angle

40° - 43°

pH

8.5 - 9.6

Granular and Free
Draining Aggregate

> 300 in/hour

Durable (LA Abrasion)

17 - 30% loss

Specific Gravity

1.4 – 2.1



Questions

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