

EXHIBIT I



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST**

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Colonel Frederick D. Thaden
Commander
2901 Falcon Lane, Suite 100
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst NJ 08641-5002

The Honorable Ronald S. Dancer
New Jersey Assembly
405 Rt. 539
Cream Ridge NJ 08514

Dear Assemblyman Dancer

On October 29, 2015, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB MDL) representatives met with you, a representative from Congressman Chris Smith's Office, executives from the New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) Company, and other local government officials to discuss potential routes for a natural gas transmission pipeline through JB MDL to be constructed by NJNG.

The route currently proposed by NJNG, and before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for approval, crosses portions of JB MDL from Ocean County Route 539 through the southern edge of the former Lakehurst Naval Air Station. This route was developed in close coordination with Air Force engineering, environmental and legal experts. The current proposal is the best on-base route available because it presents minimal impacts to our mission, the people working and residing on JB MDL, and to the environment. It confines most of pipeline to already developed land areas. Careful planning resulted in placement of the proposed pipeline under existing hard-surfaced roadways. In addition, it will deliver gas to an underserved area of the base and provides energy redundancy.

The alternatives considered centered on an entrance point for the pipeline in proximity to the JB MDL Route 68 gate near Wrightstown. Bringing the pipeline from this area, across the installation to the Lakehurst side presents numerous impacts to operational requirements, to JB MDL residents and personnel, and to the environment. Moreover, a route from the east side to the west side of the installation would have to transverse the range complex. This is an area that has the potential for encountering unexploded ordnance (UXOs). Subsurface work in this area would require UXO investigation and possible clearance, which is time consuming and costly.

Gas supply to the eastern portion of JB MDL was identified as a critical system deficiency in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. This project provides a primary benefit of natural gas supply redundancy gained by looping the delivery pipeline, in addition to potentially converting facilities from liquid energy sources to gas. The current proposed route will provide direct service to the installation whereas, under the current state, JB MDL is near the terminus of

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the existing pipeline. The majority of the gas consumed by the installation will flow via the new pipeline, if completed.

My primary point of contact for this matter is the Deputy Base Civil Engineer, Mr. Christopher Archer. If there are any questions he may be reached at (609) 754-2768 or via email to christopher.archer@us.af.mil

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Thaden', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

FREDERICK D. THADEN, Col, USAF
Commander

cc:

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EXHIBIT J



November 30, 2015

Ernest Deman
Supervising Environmental Specialist
New Jersey Pinelands Commission
15 Springfield Road
New Lisbon, NJ 08064

APP # 20140045.001
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Re: **Application # 2014-0045.001**
County Route 539 & 547
Block 23601, Lot 1
Jackson Township
Block 70, Lot 18; Block 71, Lot 13; Block 72.01, Lot 14.03 & Block 73, Lot 42
Manchester Township
Block 91, Lot 1 & Block 92, Lot 1
Plumsted Township

Dear Mr. Deman:

AECOM, on behalf of New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG), is submitting this response to the New Jersey Pinelands Commission (NJPC) to address comments received on November 19, 2015 requesting additional information for Application # 2014-0045.001 and provide updates to the Project design.

Comments provided are represented below in bold, followed by the response.

1. **This application proposes to utilize Block 76, Lots 82.02 & 83.01 in Plumsted Township for the temporary storage of pipe. Please provide written consent from the owner of Block 76, Lots 82.02 & 83.01 in Plumsted Township to the filing of the application.**

Please find written survey consent from the landowner of Block 76, Lots 82.02 & 83.01 in Plumsted Township in **Attachment A**.

2. **Provide a typical detail of the three proposed valve stations on the plan. If any of the proposed valve stations will result in 5,000 square feet or greater of land disturbance, please provide a stormwater management plan and calculations for that valve station prepared by an appropriately licensed professional demonstrating that the proposed valve station(s) is consistent with the stormwater regulations contained in the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP, N.J.A.C. 7:50-6.84(a)6).**

Please find a typical detail / site plan of the three proposed valve stations in **Attachment B**. Please note, none of the proposed valve stations will exceed 5,000 square feet of land disturbance.

3. **Provide a detail on the plan of the proposed stormwater infiltration swale indicating the length, width and top and bottom elevations of the swale. Please also submit revised soil logs for the infiltration swale which utilize the Munsell Soil Color Chart system to describe the soils observed within the test pits and identify the elevation at which the seasonal high water table was encountered.**

A revised plan with cross-sections and dimensions detailing the length and top and bottom elevations of the stormwater infiltration swale are included in **Attachment C**.

Revised soil logs, utilizing the Munsell Soil Color Chart system, are included in **Attachment D**.

4. **The submitted information indicates that approximately 456 Sickle-leaved golden aster plants out of an existing population of approximately 5,014 plants will be impacted by the installation of the proposed natural gas main. The CMP requires that the proposed development be designed to avoid irreversible adverse impacts on the survival of the local population of Sickle-leaved golden aster. Please revise the plan to address the proposed impact to Sickle-leaved golden.**

Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) techniques were selected as the installation method for this waterbody crossing to minimize impacts to JB MDL operations. In order to avoid impacts to the local population of Sickle-leaved golden aster, the design has been revised to include a conventional bore installation as opposed to an HDD. The construction footprint has been revised to remove areas of impact to Sickle-leaved golden aster. A revised plan is included in **Attachment E**.

5. **The proposed gas main will be located in a Pinelands Regional Growth Area, a Pinelands Rural Development Area and a Pinelands Military and Federal Installation Area. The CMP provides that a gas main (public service infrastructure) is a permitted land use in a Pinelands Regional Growth Area and a Pinelands Rural Development Area. To be a permitted land use in a Pinelands Military and Federal Installation Area, the CMP requires that the proposed gas main be associated with the function of the Federal Installation (N.J.A.C. 7:50-5.29 (a)). Information submitted to date, including a November 6, 2015 letter from the Commander of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB MDL) to New Jersey Assemblyman Dancer, indicates that the portion of the proposed gas main located within the Military and Federal Installation Area will provide energy redundancy and the opportunity to potentially convert facilities from liquid energy sources to natural gas.**

Please confirm whether that there is an existing natural gas distribution main stub located on the Lakehurst portion of JB MDL. Clarify whether any existing uses on the Lakehurst portion of JB MDL are currently served by that existing natural gas distribution main. Indicate the purposes of the proposed valve stations on County Route 539 and within the Lakehurst portion of JB MDL.

New Jersey Natural Gas presently maintains a gas distribution system throughout the Lakehurst portion of JB MDL ("Lakehurst") that currently serves a majority of its buildings and facilities. This existing system begins near the Base's entrance on Route 547 and extends west to the New Jersey National Guard Center on Route 539.

The purpose of the proposed line valves on Route 539 and within Lakehurst is consistent with the other valves along the route, which is to isolate and shut down sections of the pipeline if needed. The location of the proposed valve on Route 539 specifically will facilitate the installation of a future regulator station that will provide a secondary gas supply to further enhance the reliability of the existing Lakehurst distribution system in JB MDL, to support conversion of other existing facilities in the Fort Dix portion of the Base to natural gas from other liquid fuel sources, as well as to supply any new facilities in the area that JBMDL may require natural gas service for in the future.

If you should require additional information or have any questions please contact me at (610) 832-3580 or barry.baker@aecom.com.

Sincerely,
AECOM

Barry A. Baker

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Impact Assessment and Permitting Department Manager

Cc: Keith Sturn, NJNG
Bryan Pariseault, AECOM

ATTACHMENT A: Written Survey Consent for Raceway.
ATTACHMENT B: Typical valve setting layout / detail
ATTACHMENT C: Revised stormwater feature plan
ATTACHMENT D: Revised soil logs, utilizing the Munsell Soil Color Chart system
ATTACHMENT E: Revised crossing plan utilizing conventional bore

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I hereby authorize the staff of the Pinelands Commission to conduct such onsite inspections of the parcel as are necessary to review this application and ensure compliance with the requirements of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan. I also acknowledge that if my application involves extraordinary or complex issue(s) that necessitate the retention of consultants with expertise in such matters, I will be advised of that need and the amount of money that must be placed in escrow to retain the consultants and that review of my application will not proceed until I provide the required escrow amount.

I hereby certify that the information furnished on this application form and all supplemental materials is true.

Signatures of Applicant(s):

Keith Prince 11-24-15
Signature Date

Signature Date

Name (Print) Keith Prince

Name (Print) _____

NEW EGYPT RACEWAY INC
BLOCK 76, LOTS 82.02 & 83.01

Signatures of Property Owner(s)³:

Signature Date

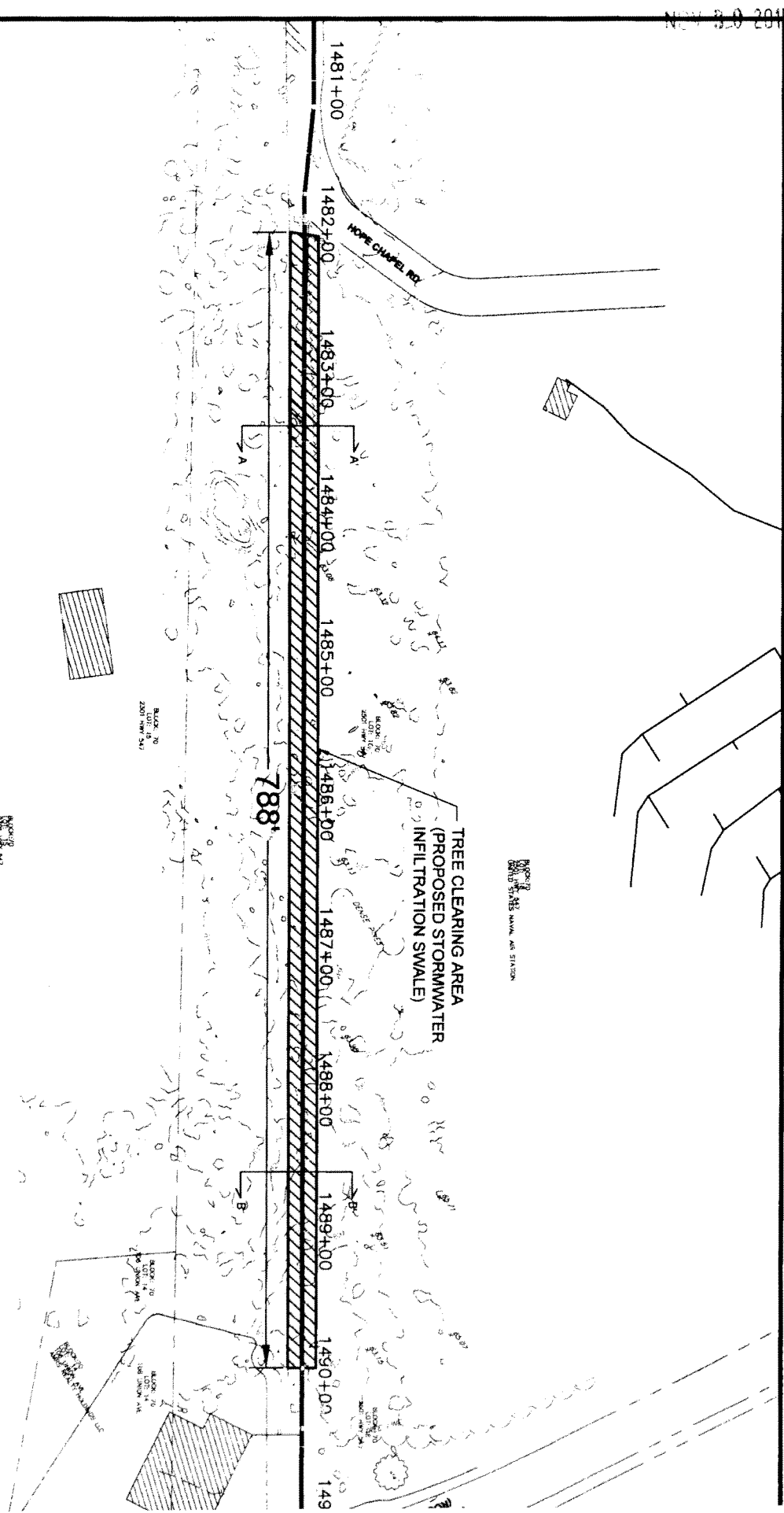
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³If an individual has signed the application form on the property owner's behalf, please provide a written explanation indicating how he/she is authorized to act on behalf of the property owner(s). Please also attach documentation demonstrating that he/she is authorized to act on behalf of the property owner.

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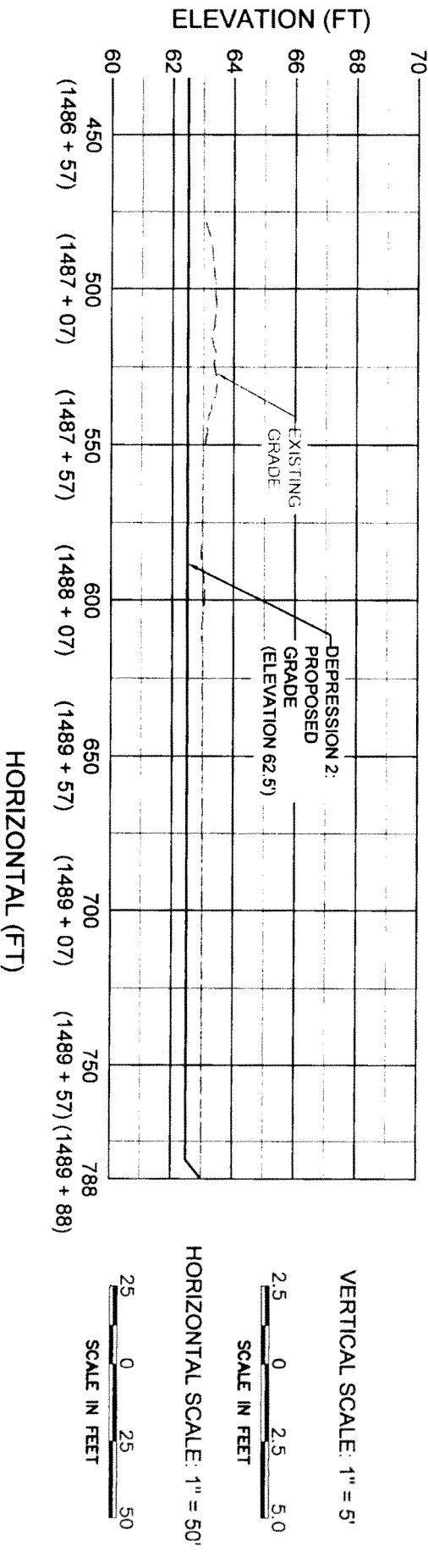
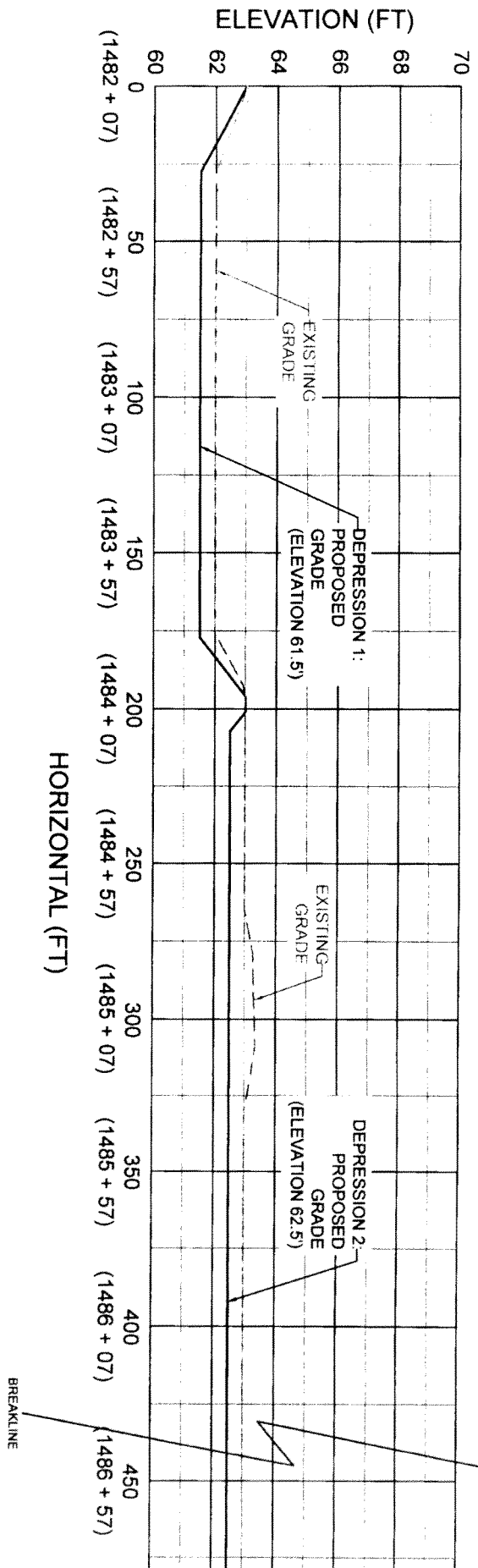
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SCALE: 1" = 100'



VERTICAL SCALE: 1" = 5'

HORIZONTAL SCALE: 1" = 50'

SCALE IN FEET

PROPOSED AREA OF TREE CLEARING
AND 6" DEPRESSION
PROFILE VIEW

NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS - SOUTHERN RELIABILITY LINK
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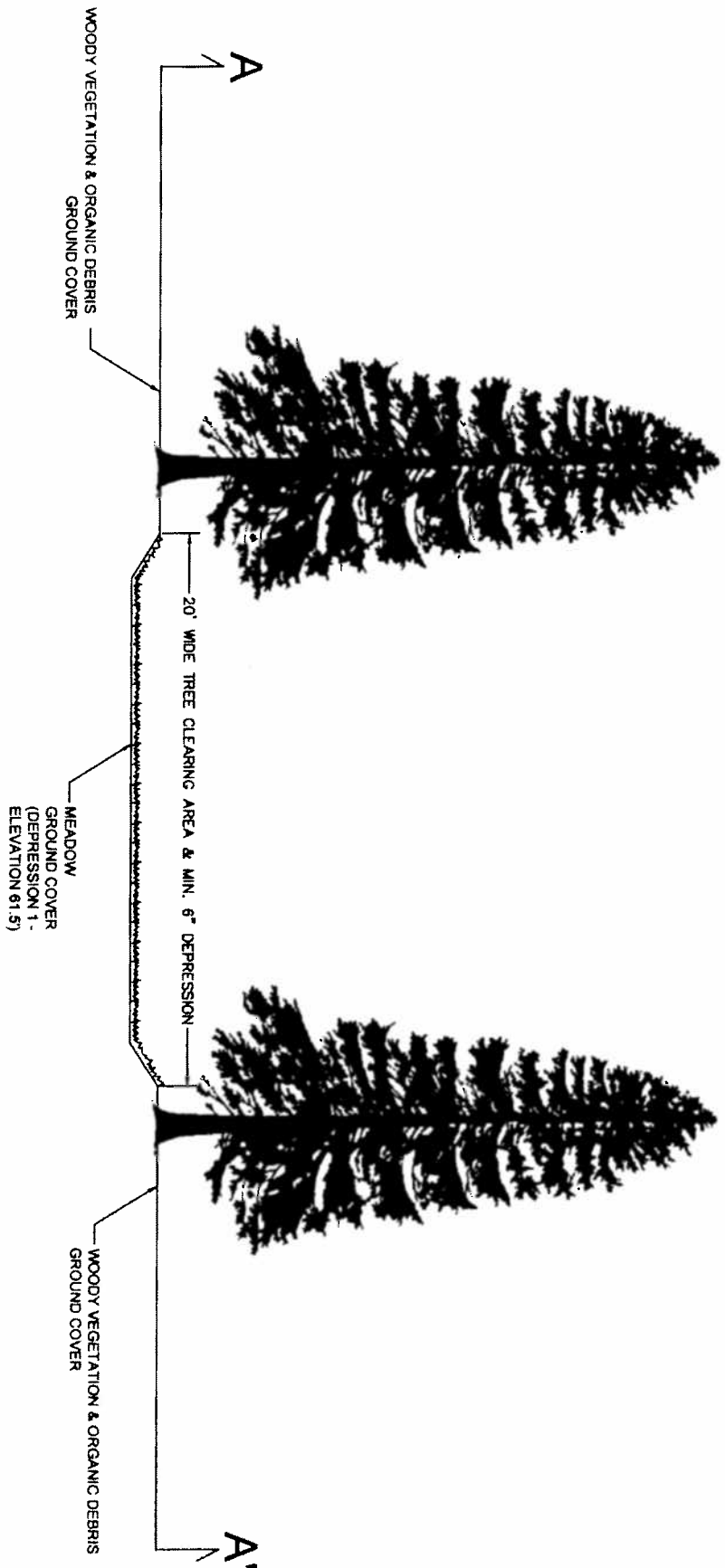
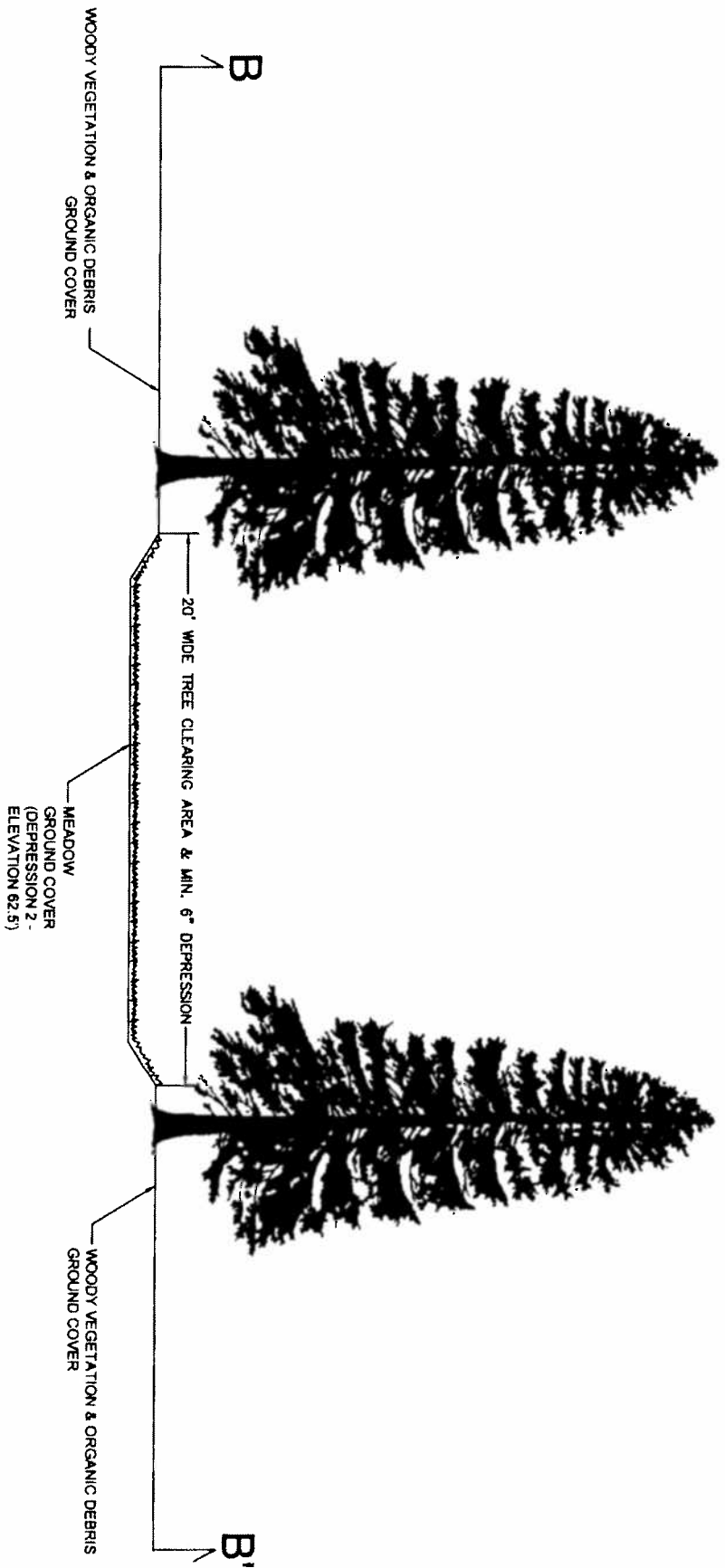


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PROPOSED AREA OF TREE CLEARING
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 CROSS-SECTION VIEW (A - A)
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PIT NUMBER: 1

AECOM PROJECT NUMBER: _____



WILLIAMSPORT, PA OFFICE

SOIL EVALUATION FORM

DATE: 8/26/2015 STATE: NJ COUNTY: _____ MUNICIPALITY: _____
 CLIENT: NING SUBDIVISION: _____ SITE LOCATION: SRL _____
 MORPHOLOGIC DETERMINATION: SEWAGE STORMWATER SHWT Soils INVESTIGATOR: Stacey Dorn

Horizon	Depth		Boundary A/C/D/G	Color	Texture	% CFs	REDOX		Structure	Consistence	Roots	NOTES (% clay, macro pores)
	Upper	Lower					A/C					
	0	10		10YR 4/3	SL		F/F		GR	VFR	C/F	
	10	24		10YR 2/1	ASPHALT							
	24	48		10YR 6/1	S		F/F		GR	VFR	F/F	
	48	96		10YR 6/6	S		F/F		GR	VFR	F/F	
COMMENTS:												

USDA Soil Drainage Class: _____
 Excessively Drained
 Well Drained
 Moderately Well Drained
 Somewhat Poorly Drained
 Poorly Drained
 Very Poorly Drained

COVER: Grass
 SLOPE: 0-5%
 WEATHER: 85°F, Sunny

METHOD: _____ EXCAVATED
 EXCAVATION DEPTH: 96 inches
 LANDSCAPE POSITION: Side of road

SIGNATURES: _____
 SOIL DESCRIPTION PREPARER:

REDOX - Redoxymorphic features (Drainage Mottling) A/C - Abundance/Contrast Boundary: A-abrupt, C-clear, G-gradual, D-diffuse
 Roots/Pores - f - few, c - common, m - many, f - fine, m - medium, c - coarse
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 Williamsport, PA 17701
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PIT NUMBER: 2

AECOM PROJECT NUMBER: _____



WILLIAMSPORT, PA OFFICE

SOIL EVALUATION FORM

DATE: 8/26/2015 STATE: NJ COUNTY: _____ MUNICIPALITY: _____
 CLIENT: NJNG SUBDIVISION: _____ SITE LOCATION: SRL
 MORPHOLOGIC DETERMINATION: SEWAGE STORMWATER SHWT Soils INVESTIGATOR: Stacey Dorn

Horizon	Depth		Boundary A/C/D/G	Color	Texture	% CFS	REDOX		Structure	Consistence	Roots	NOTES (% clay, macro pores)
	Upper	Lower					A/C					
	0	18		10YR 6/1	S			F/F	GR	VPR	C/F	
	18	72		10YR 6/6	S			F/F	GR	VFR	F/F	
COMMENTS:												

SOIL TYPE: Lakehurst sand
 Limiting Zone: WATER TABLE
 Depth: 72"

USDA Soil Drainage Class:
 Excessively Drained
 Well Drained
 Moderately Well Drained
 Somewhat Poorly Drained
 Poorly Drained
 Very Poorly Drained

Cover: TRESS
 Slope: 0-5%
 Weather: 85°F, Sunny

Method: EXCAVATED
 Excavation Depth: 72 inches
 Landscape Position: WOODS

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 SOIL DESCRIPTION PREPARER: _____