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Phase I reports include project information of the dam and appurtenances, all existing engineering data, operational procedures, hydraulic/hydrologic data of the watershed, dam stability, visual inspection report and an assessment including required remedial measures.
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In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through frequent inspections can unsafe conditions be detected and only through continued care and maintenance can these conditions be prevented or corrected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established Guidelines, the Spillway Test flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. Because of the magnitude and rarity of such a storm event, a finding that a spillway will not pass the test flood should not be interpreted as necessarily posing a highly inadequate condition. The test flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aide in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.
Name of Dam: Potomac Creek No. 2
State: Virginia
Location: Stafford County
USGS QUAD Sheet: Stafford
Coordinates: Lat 38° 23.2' Long 77° 29.7'
Stream: Tributary to Potomac Creek
Date of Inspection 1 May 1980

Potomac Creek Dam No. 2 is a zoned earthfill structure about 591 ft long and 37 ft high. The principal spillway consists of a rectangular concrete riser and an outlet pipe which extends through the structure. An earth emergency spillway is located at the left abutment with a 200 ft bottom width and 3H:1V side slopes. The structure is classified small in size and is assigned a significant hazard classification. The dam is located on a tributary to Potomac Creek approximately seven miles north of Fredericksburg, Virginia. The lake is used for flood control and recreation, is owned by Stafford County and maintained by the Stafford County Sanitation District.

Based on the criteria established by the Department of the Army, Office of the Chief of Engineers (OCE), the appropriate spillway Design Flood (SDF) is the 1/2 PMF. The spillways will pass 99 percent of the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) and 198 percent of the SDF without overtopping the crest of the dam. The spillway is judged adequate.

The visual inspection revealed no apparent problems. There is no routine...
maintenance operation program and no warning system. It is recommended that a warning system be established and the maintenance items listed in Section 7.2 be accomplished as part of the regular maintenance program within the next 12 months.

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RESERVOIR AT NORMAL POOL

OVERVIEW OF DAM (UPSTREAM SLOPE)

1 MAY 1980
SECTION I - PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 General:

1.1.1 Authority: Public Law 92-367, 8 August 1972, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a national program of safety inspection of dams throughout the United States. The Norfolk District has been assigned the responsibility of supervising the inspection of dams in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

1.1.2 Purpose of Inspection: The purpose is to conduct a Phase I inspection according to the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams (see Reference 1, Appendix VIII. The main responsibility is to expeditiously identify those dams which may be a potential hazard to human life or property.

1.2 Project Description:

1.2.1 Dam and Appurtenances: Potomac Creek No. 2 is a zoned earthfill structure approximately 591 ft long and 37 ft high.* The crest of the dam is 14 ft wide. The downstream slope is approximately 2.5 horizontal to 1 vertical (2.5:1). The upstream slope is approximately 2.5 horizontal to 1 vertical (2.5:1) to elevation 80.6 msl. A 10 ft wide berm is shown in the design drawings (Plate No. 4, Appendix I) between elevations 80.6 and 79.6 msl. The upstream slope continues at 3 horizontal to 1 vertical (3:1) below elevation 79.6 msl. The crest of the dam is at elevation 102 msl.
The principal spillway consists of a 7.5 ft x 2.5 ft reinforced concrete riser inlet. The riser is connected to a 30 inch diameter reinforced concrete outlet pipe which runs through the dam. The riser crest overflow weir is at elevation of 94.1 msl. There is also a 1.67 ft x 1.83 ft rectangular low level inlet on the riser structure with an invert elevation of 79.1 msl which establishes the normal pool elevation. A 30 inch diameter sluice gate in the riser at an invert elevation of 69.5 msl is used to lower the pool level. The outlet pipe has a length of 200 ft and an invert elevation at the outlet structure of 67.1 msl (See Plate No. 7, Appendix I).

An emergency spillway consisting of trapezoidal earthen channel is located at the left abutment, having a crest elevation of 95.1 msl. The emergency spillway has a 200 ft bottom width, side slopes of 3 horizontal to 1 vertical (3:1) and is located in a cut section (See Plates No. 2 and 3, Appendix I).

1.2.2 Location: Potomac Creek Dam No. 2 is located on a tributary of Potomac Creek approximately seven miles north of Fredericksburg, Virginia (See Plate No. 1, Appendix I).

1.2.3 Size Classification: The dam is classified as a "small" size structure because of the height of the dam and the lake storage potential.

1.2.4 Hazard Classification: The dam is located in a rural area; however, based upon the proximity of several inhabited structures (motel and commercial facility) located several miles downstream, the dam is assigned a "significant" hazard classification. The hazard
classification used to categorize a dam is a function of location only and has nothing to do with its stability or probability of failure.

1.2.5 **Ownership:** The dam is owned by the Stafford County and maintained by the Stafford County Sanitation District.

1.2.6 **Purpose:** Flood control and recreation.

1.2.7 **Design and Construction History:** The dam was designed and constructed under the supervision of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Soil Conservation Service (SCS). The structure was constructed by Draper Construction Company and Branch and Associates, Inc. and completed in 1972.

1.2.8 **Normal Operational Procedures:** The principal spillway is ungated; therefore, water rising above the crest of the riser inlet is automatically discharged downstream. Normal pool is maintained at elevation 79.5 ft, which is slightly above the crest of the orifice. Flood discharges which cannot be absorbed by storage and the riser flow through the emergency spillway at pool elevations and 95.1 msl.

1.3 **Pertinent Data:**

1.3.1 **Drainage Area:** The drainage area is 2.35 square miles.

1.3.2 **Discharge at Dam Site:** The maximum known flood is not known.

**Principal Spillway Discharge:**

| Pool Elevation at Crest of Dam (elev 102) | 115 CFS |

**Emergency Spillway Discharge:**

| Pool Elevation at Crest of Dam (elev 102) | 10,000 CFS |
1.3.3 Dam and Reservoir Data: See Table 1.1, below:

Table 1.1 DAM AND RESERVOIR DATA

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SECTION 2 - ENGINEERING DATA

2.1 Design: The dam was designed and constructed under the direction of the USDA, Soil Conservation Service (SCS) and was sponsored by Stafford County, Virginia. "As built" drawings and design data are available in the office of the State Conservationist, U. S. Soil Conservation Service, Federal Building, Room 9201, 5th and Marshall Streets, Richmond, Virginia 23240.

A subsurface investigation was conducted at the site by the SCS during the initial design stages. The investigation consisted of seismic and resistivity surveys in the foundation, and excavation of 75 test pits. Subsurface profiles and a report of the investigation with foundation recommendations were prepared based upon geologic field reconnaissance, test pit data and laboratory testing. A copy of the geologic report is included as Appendix VI. Subsurface profiles are shown on Plates No. 3, 4 and 5 of Appendix I.

The dam is a zoned, compacted earthfill embankment. The earthfill requirements shown on Plate No. 4, Appendix I, specify that sand, silt and clay materials classifying as SC, ML and CL be used in the core or Zone 1 of the dam. Soil classification is by the Unified Soil Classification System, ASTM D-2487. The remainder of the embankment was constructed with assorted combinations of gravel, sand, silt and clay classifying as GC, GM and SM. Differentiation of materials during construction was expected to be difficult and no distinct boundaries between Zones I and II were anticipated during construction (Sheet 6, Appendix IV). "As built" embankment slopes
for both zones are also illustrated on Plate No. 4, Appendix I.

A review of design data indicates the dam is founded on overburden and includes a cutoff trench which extends through sand and gravel to preconsolidated clays and/or sandstone bedrock. The cutoff also extends to the same materials in both abutments. No permeability test data was included with the information reviewed; however, material beneath the gravelly stratum was described as being "slowly" permeable. Details of the cutoff trench are provided on Plate No. 5, Appendix I.

A positive cutoff was not certain; therefore, an internal drainage system was constructed in order to collect seepage and control the phreatic surface within the embankment. This drainage system consists of 300 ft of 6 inch perforated corrugated metal pipe (CMP) enclosed in an envelope of coarse drain fill extending into the foundation soils. Collected water passes through two 6 inch non-perforated CMPs to the plunge pool. (See Plate No. 6, Appendix I). Six reinforced concrete anti-seep collars (See Plate No. 7, Appendix I) were installed around the principal spillway pipes and spaced at 20 ft intervals in order to control any potential piping problems along the pipes.

The principal spillway was designed as a drop inlet structure consisting of a two-stage reinforced concrete riser and a 30 inch diameter reinforced concrete outlet pipe. A riprapped plunge pool was included at the outlet end of the conduit to dissipate the energy of high velocity discharge. "As built" details are shown on Plate No. 7, Appendix I.
The emergency spillway is located in a gently sloping hillside in the abutment. The spillway is a 200 ft wide trapezoidal earthen channel bounded by 3H:1V cut slopes. The spillway is basically in cut materials; however, specifications required that the bottom of the spillway be undercut 1 ft and replaced by fill compacted to 95% of maximum dry density per ASTM D-698. Details of the spillway section are given on Plates No. 2 and 3 of Appendix I.

The design report and supplementary data provided by the SCS includes detailed laboratory test data describing the physical properties of the materials used to construct the embankment. Shear strength parameters used in design for the embankment, and foundation material were determined by direct shear and consolidated undrained triaxial compression tests as follows:

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The Swedish Circle Method of Analysis was used. The data included in Appendix V indicates an evaluation of 1) the sudden drawdown case (I), and 2) the steady seepage case (III) were performed. Cases I and III analyzed are in accordance with Reference 1, Appendix VIII. The upstream slope was checked for sudden drawdown for each pair \((\theta, c)\) of embankment design parameters. The parameters giving the lowest factor of safety were used to check the downstream slope for steady seepage. No berm and no foundation drain were assumed in the downstream slope analysis. Apparently only total strength parameters were utilized in a total stress analysis.

2.2 Construction: The construction records were not furnished by the SCS office in Richmond, but they are available from the SCS office in Washington, D.C.

2.3 Evaluation: "As built" drawings are representative of the structure. There is sufficient information to evaluate foundation conditions and embankment stability.
SECTION 3 - VISUAL INSPECTION

3.1 **Findings:** At the time of inspection, the dam was in good condition. Field observations are outlined in Appendix III.

3.1.1 **General:** An inspection was made 1 May 1980 and the weather was partly cloudy with a temperature of 60°F. The pool and tailwater levels at the time of inspection were 79.5 and 65.3 msl, respectively. This corresponds to normal pool and tailwater elevations. Ground conditions were wet at the time of inspection. Previous inspections have been made by the Soil Conservation Service as part of their annual inspection and reports of the inspections are included in Appendix VII.

3.1.2 **Dam and Spillway:** The embankment slopes were covered with 2 to 3 ft± tall grass and included scattered immature trees less than 3 inches in diameter (See Photos No. 1 and 2, Appendix II). The crest of the dam was sparsely vegetated and included some rutting as a result of vehicle traffic (Photo No. 2, Appendix II). Field measurements indicate both the upstream and downstream slopes are approximately 2.5H:1V. A 10 ft± wide berm occurs slightly above pool level along the toe of the upstream slope. The dam appears to be constructed with various combinations of sand, silt and gravel which visually range from SM to GM in accordance with Unified Soils Classification System. No surface erosion was noted on the embankment slopes.

Two wet or saturated areas were encountered along the toe of the downstream slope. The first is located at about the same elevation as the top of the principal spillway outlet. This area
is roughly 50 ft long, 25 ft wide and begins 25 ft left of the outlet. No flow or discoloration of water was observed. This area is believed to represent ponded water from recent rains. The second area is a 225 ft+ long saturated zone, which occurs to the right of the outlet, along the toe of the downstream slope. This saturated condition is the result of water flowing at approximately 5 gpm from a spring located immediately downstream from the embankment toe. This water flows down gradient along the toe of the slope toward the plunge pool. The area of saturation increases to a width of 25 ft+ near the outlet. Both saturated areas are illustrated on Sheet 1 of Appendix III.

Both abutments were well vegetated and only scattered, shallow erosional gullies (less than 1 ft deep) were noted along the embankment-abutment contacts. Surface soils in the surrounding area include alluvial and terrace deposits, which consist basically of assorted combinations of sand, silt, clay and gravel materials. Bedrock was not exposed at the site. No faults were observed in the field during this inspection and geologic maps of the area do not show the presence of faults in the immediate vicinity.

The riser structure and outlet pipe showed no signs of deterioration and were functioning properly at the time of inspection. The emergency gate was reportedly in good condition. The 6 inch CMP drain pipe present on the left side of the outlet pipe appeared to
be blocked with sediment. The right drain pipe was passing water at 2 gpm and appeared to be functioning properly. The plunge pool riprap was intact, indicating no signs of movement or erosion.

The emergency spillway at the left abutment consists of a vegetated earthen channel with 3H:1V side slopes. Tall grass 2 to 3 ft high was growing in the channel and on the adjacent slopes. A small group of pine trees were present near the end of the discharge channel along the base of the left cut slope (See Photo No. 3, Appendix II). Only minor surface erosion was noted in the channel.

3.1.3 Reservoir Area: The reservoir area was free of debris and the perimeter was wooded. The reservoir is located in a broad valley with side slopes at approximately 3H:1V. Sediment build-up was observed in the upper reaches of the reservoir.

3.1.4 Downstream Area: The downstream channel is located in a broad heavily wooded valley which included a 250 ft wide floodplain. Approximately two miles downstream where Potomac Creek crosses U. S. Route 1, there is a motel and commercial facility about 10 ft and 12 ft, respectively above the streambed.

3.1.5 Instrumentation: No instrumentation (monuments, observation wells, piezometers, etc.) was encountered for the structure. A staff gage does not exist for this structure.

3.2 Evaluation: Overall, the dam was in good condition at the time of the inspection. Corrective maintenance and vegetative
control are performed as the need arises. Uncontrolled growth encourages the development of deep-rooted vegetation. This type of growth under certain conditions can encourage piping within the embankment. Also, excessive growth inhibits effective visual inspections of the dam. A routine maintenance program should be initiated for this structure. The embankment, including its crest, slopes and emergency spillway should be mowed at least once a year, but more preferably twice a year. Trees presently growing in the embankment and in the emergency spillway should be cut to the ground. The crest of the dam should be reseeded or paved in attempt to control surface erosion. The minor surface erosion observed along the embankment-abutment contacts does not require any attention.

The saturated area located to the left of the outlet pipe is believed to be the result of ponded surface runoff. It is recommended that this area be monitored during routine maintenance operations in attempt to verify that it is not the result of seepage through the embankment. The saturated area located to the right of the outlet is the result of flow from a nearby spring. This saturated condition is not believed a hindrance to normal performance of the dam.

The outlet pipes and intake structure are in good structural condition. All operating appurtenances are functionally good. The left 6 inch CMP drain should be cleared and a staff gage should be installed to monitor water levels.
3.2.2 Downstream Area: A breach in Potomac Creek No. 2 Dam during extreme flooding would create a hazard to the downstream dwelling along U. S. Route 1.
SECTION 4 - OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

4.1 Procedures: Potomac Creek Dam No. 2 is used for flood control and recreational purposes. The normal pool elevation is maintained by a low level inlet acting as the principal spillway. Water automatically flows over the inlet at rates corresponding to the lake level. Floods which cannot be absorbed by storage pass through the emergency spillway.

4.2 Maintenance of Dam and Appurtenances: Maintenance is the responsibility of the owner. Maintenance consists of intermittent inspection and the removal of debris, mowing of vegetative cover, and repair as required. Routine maintenance is not performed as indicated by the previous inspection reports.

4.3 Warning System: At the present time there is no warning system or evacuation plan for the dam.

4.4 Evaluation: The dam and appurtenances are in good operating condition; however, maintenance of the dam is inadequate. A routine maintenance program should be developed for this structure, and records maintained of all maintenance and operational procedures for future reference. An emergency operation and warning plan should be developed. It is recommended that a formal emergency procedure be prepared and furnished to all operating personnel. This should include:

a. How to operate the dam during an emergency.

b. Who to notify, including public officials, in case evacuation from the downstream area is necessary.
SECTION 5 - HYDRAULICS/HYDROLOGIC DATA

5.1 Design: Potomac Creek Dam No. 2 was designed by the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) as a single-purpose dam and complete hydrologic and hydraulic data are available including stage-discharge, stage-storage, stage-area, inflow hydrograph and flood routing data. This structure is a Class "C" dam according to the SCS classification method.

5.2 Hydrologic Records: There are no records available.

5.3 Flood Experience: According to Mr. Don Farmer (USDA, SCS), a maximum pool elevation has not been observed.

5.4 Flood Potential: In accordance with the established guidelines, the spillway design flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" (flood discharges that may be expected from the most severe combination of critical meteorologic and hydrologic conditions that are reasonably possible in the region), or fractions thereof. The Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) and 100 Year Flood hydrographs were developed by the SCS method (References 4, 5 & 6, Appendix VII). Precipitation amounts for the flood hydrographs of the PMF and the 100 Year Flood are taken from U. S. Weather Bureau Information (References 5 & 7, Appendix VII). Appropriate adjustments for basin size and shape were accounted for. These hydrographs were routed through the reservoir to determine maximum pool elevations.

5.5 Reservoir Regulations: For routing purposes, the pool at the beginning of flood was assumed to be at elevation 80 msl. Reservoir stage-storage data and stage-discharge data were determined from the design report and verified for pool elevations up to 102 msl. Above pool elevation 102 msl stage-storage data was extrapolated from the existing curves and stage-discharge data was computed for the non-overflow section along with extrapolation of stage-discharge curves. Floods were routed through the reservoir using the principal spillway discharge up to a pool storage.
elevation of 95.1 msl and combined principal and emergency discharges for pool elevations above 95.1 msl and combined spillways and non-overflow section for pool elevations above 102 msl.

5.6 Overtopping Potential: The predicted rise of the reservoir pool and other pertinent data were determined by routing the flood hydrographs through the reservoir as previously described. The results for the flood conditions 100 Year Flood, 1/2 PMF and PMF are shown in the following Table 5.1:

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* Critical velocity at control section
5.7 Reservoir Emptying Potential: A 30 inch diameter gate at centerline elevation 71 msl is capable of draining the reservoir through the outlet culvert. Assuming that the lake is at normal pool elevation (79.6 msl) and there is 2.5 cfs inflow, it would take approximately one day to lower the reservoir to elevation 71 msl. This is equivalent to an approximate drawdown rate of 8.6 ft/day based on the hydraulic height measured from normal pool to the invert of the drawdown pipe divided by the time to dewater the reservoir.

5.8 Evaluation: The U. S. Army, Corps of Engineers, guidelines indicate the appropriate Spillway Design Flood (SDF) for a small size significant hazard dam is the 100 Year Flood to $\frac{1}{2}$ PMF. Because of the risk involved, the $\frac{1}{2}$ PMF has been selected as the SDF. The spillway will pass 99 percent of the PMF without overtopping the crest of the dam (198 percent of the SDF).

Hydrologic data used in the evaluation pertains to present day conditions with no consideration given to future development.
6.1 Foundation and Abutments: The dam is located along the western edge of the Coastal Plain Physiographic Province of Virginia. The floodplain, right abutment and adjacent hillsides are underlain by preconsolidated clays and sandstone bedrock belonging to the Patuxent Formation of Cretaceous Age. The left abutment is underlain by marine sands and gravels of Pliocene to Pleistocene Age. All of these formations dip gently eastward. Available geologic maps of the area do not indicate the presence of any faults in the site vicinity. Site geology is presented in more detail in the Design Geologic Report, which is included as Appendix VI.

No permeability test data was included with the information reviewed. However, subsurface and laboratory test data indicate that the overburden materials probably possess low to high natural permeabilities. It was recommended in the design report that the cutoff extend through gravel materials to the underlying low permeable materials, which probably refers to the clays and sandstones of the Patuxent Formation.

A consolidation test performed on a sample of highly plastic clay (CH) indicated that this material has been preconsolidated to loads in excess of those which would be applied by the constructed embankment. Other foundation materials were expected to consolidate somewhat when loaded, however, the consolidation potential of the foundation material was expected to be low and differential settlement was not expected to be a problem. Approximately 1 ft of settlement was specified in design of the embankment to compensate for residual
consolidation in the fill and foundation. Based upon design data, a stable foundation is assumed for this structure.

6.2 Embankment:

6.2.1 Materials: "As built" drawings describe the dam as a zoned structure. Zone I of the dam, consisting of the cutoff and interior core, was constructed with mixtures of sand, silt and clay materials classified as SC, CL and ML. Zone II was constructed with more permeable mixtures of sand, silt, clay and gravel classified as SM, GM and GC. Materials in both zones were to be compacted to 95% of maximum dry density in accordance with ASTM Standard D-698 (Standard Proctor). Maximum lift thickness of 9 inches and maximum rock sizes of 6 inches were specified.

6.2.2 Subdrains and Seepage: No special foundation treatment was required. In attempt to control seepage, a cutoff was constructed into "slowly permeable material" (clay or sandstone bedrock) below the gravelly stratum along centerline of the embankment. Details are shown on Plate No. 5 of Appendix I. An internal drainage system was also constructed, consisting of 300 ft of 6 inch perforated CMP enclosed in an envelope of course drain fill of variable depth. Drainage pipes were provided for transmitting the collected water to the plunge pool (See Plate No. 6, Appendix I). In attempt to prevent piping around the principal spillway pipe, 6 anti-seep collars were included as shown on Plate No. 7, Appendix I.

6.2.3 Stability: A stability analysis was performed for this structure and the report describing the engineering design data used is included in Appendix V. These data were reviewed along with the
stability analysis and were found to be acceptable. The factor of safety of the upstream slope for the drawn down condition is 1.81 as given in Appendix V. Reference 1, Appendix VIII recommends a factor of safety of 1.2. The factor of safety for the downstream slope under steady seepage conditions is indicated to be 1.92. The required factor of safety is 1.5 according to Reference 1.

The dam is 37 ft high and has a crest width of 14 ft. The upstream slope is 2.5H:1V with a 10 ft wide berm between elevations 79.6 and 80.6 msl. The downstream slope is 2.5H:1V. The dam is subjected to a sudden drawdown since the lake level can be drawn down 8.6 ft in one day. This exceeds the critical rate of 0.5 ft per day for earth dams. The existing pool is 0.5 ft above the maximum control storage pool, which is at the crest of the principal spillway. The dam experiences the maximum control storage pool with no apparent side effects.

According to the guidelines presented in Design of Small Dams, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation for small zoned dams, with stable foundations, subjected to a drawdown and composed of a CL, ML to SC "core" and a GC, GM to SM "shell", the recommended slopes are 3H:1V upstream and 2.5H:1V downstream. The recommended width is 17.5 ft. Based on these general guidelines, the dam has an inadequate upstream slope and inadequate crest width.

6.2.3 Seismic Stability: The dam is located in Seismic Zone 2. Therefore, according to the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, the dam is considered to have no hazard from earthquakes provided static stability conditions are satisfactory and conventional
safety margins exist.

6.3 **Evaluation:** Based upon the visual inspection and the design report, the foundation is considered sound. According to general Bureau of Reclamation guidelines, the upstream slope is inadequate and the crest width is 3.5 ft less than recommended. However, based on review of the SCS stability analysis, the structure is considered stable as designed and constructed. Factors of safety for the upstream slope during the drawdown condition and for the downstream slope under steady seepage meet U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers guidelines. Overtopping of the dam is not a problem, as the spillway will pass 99 percent of the PMF (198 percent of the SDF). Since no undue settlement, cracking or sloughing was noted at the time of inspection, it appears that the embankment is adequate for maximum control storage with water at elevation 79.6 msl.
SECTION 7 - ASSESSMENT/REMEDIAL MEASURES

7.1 Dam Assessment: Sufficient engineering data is available for assessing the dam. The visual inspection revealed no findings that proved the dam to be unsound. A routine maintenance program does not exist. Also, there is no emergency operation and warning plan. Overall, the dam was in good condition at the time of inspection. U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers' guidelines indicate the appropriate Spillway Design Flood (SDF) for this dam is the \( \frac{1}{2} \) PMF. The spillway will pass 99 percent of the PMF (198 percent of the SDF) without overtopping the crest of the dam. The spillway is judged adequate. Review of available stability data indicates the structure is stable as designed.

7.2 Remedial Measures: It is recommended that a regular maintenance operation program be established and documented for future reference. A formal emergency procedure should be prepared and furnished to all operating personnel. This should include how to operate the dam during an emergency and who to notify including public officials, in case evacuation from the downstream area is necessary. Also, the inspection revealed the following maintenance items that should be scheduled by the owner during a regular maintenance period within the next 12 months.

a) The grass on the dam embankment and in the emergency spillway should be cut at least once a year and preferably twice a year. Maintenance is recommended in the early summer and fall.

b) Trees present in the above described areas should be removed as part of an annual maintenance program.
c) The eroded crest of the dam should be reseeded or paved in order to prevent continued surface erosion.

d) The saturated area located to the left of the outlet pipe should be monitored during routine maintenance in attempt to verify that it is not the result of seepage through the embankment. If increased saturation or flow should occur, a professional Geotechnical Engineer should be contacted to evaluate the problem and make recommendations for required corrective measures.

e) The 6 inch drain pipe should be unplugged and monitored to assure proper operation.

f) A staff gage should be installed to monitor water levels.
PROFILE ALONG OUTER EDGE OF EMER. SPWY.

PROFILE ALONG CENTERLINE OF EMER. SPWY.
TYPICAL SECTION OF EMER. SPWY.
STA. 3+80

TYPICAL SECTION OF EMER. SPWY.
STA. 1+50

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DAM NO2 POTOMAC CREEK
POTOMAC CREEK WATERSHED
EMERGENCY SPILLWAY SECTIONS
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PLATE NO. 3
TYPICAL SECTION OF COMPACTED FILL

PROFILE ALONG C OF PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY

STATIONS ALONG C OF PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY
EARTH FILL REQUIREMENTS

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1. The fill area is shown in the plan as being excavated from the emergency spillway, represented by material from 10 to 28' from the toe.

2. The material will be placed in lifts not exceeding 3' in thickness and compacted per the specifications.

3. The excavation area is shown in the plan as being excavated to a depth of not less than 3' or as indicated by the plan.

PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY EXCAVATION

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FILL PLACEMENT & SPILLWAY EXCAVATION

PLATE NO. 4

Contract No. 16-11-640-666
PLAN VIEW OF CUTOFF TRENCH

PROFILE ALONG 6 OF DAM & CUTOFF TRENCH
CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

The profiles of the bottom of all excavation as shown are only approximate. The required grades will be determined during construction.

For logs of test holes, see sheet J8, J2, and J3.

All rock exposed in bottom of cutoff shall be handily, cleaned and shall be inspected by the Engineer prior to the placement of compacted fill.

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DETAILS OF CUTOFF TRENCH
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AS BUILT

PLATE NO. 5

VA-560-0
QUANTITY SUMMARY

- 310.6 cubic yards earth fill
- 310.6 yards pipe
- 9.6 linear feet of perforated pipe
- 9.6 linear feet of non-perforated pipe
- 2.4 cubic yards cement
- 2.4 units of rebar
- 2.4 units of steel guards
- 0.9 feet of 6" pipe for pay

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

- All pipe shall conform to Stan 11, and perforated pipe shall be 6" O.D., 5 Gauge, Siltweld, Class Type A, and non-perforated pipe shall be 6" O.D., 5 Gauge, Siltweld, Class II, Type A.
- The profiles of the bottom of all excavation are shown on plans. The required finished grades will be set by the Engineer.
- For size of test pits see sheets 18-20

PLAN OF DRAINAGE SYSTEM

PROFILE ALONG C OF DRAIN
PROFILE OF DRAIN OUTLET

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

6' 6" Non-perforated pipe each side of prin spillways

PROFILE OF DRAIN OUTLET

TYPICAL SECTION OF DRAIN OUTLET

SECTION A-A

SECTION B-B

DESIGN DATA FOR DRAIN FILL

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PLATE NO.6
RIPRAP NOTE
1. Equipment placed on ramp shall be well graded from 0° to 18° and should be uniform in grading.

2. Bedding sand should meet the gradation requirement.

PLANT VIEW
Top of dam pred 1030

6:100, 1:200

1. Class 4100 P abdomen concrete anti-seep collars a 200 C C

SEE SHEET 12

6. Class 2500 non-reinforced concrete bedding

SEE SHEET 17

PIECE DATA

(1) 12" Section
(2) 6" Section

(1) Half piece for 12" wall

Full Size:

200 lbs per ft

AWWA-C-301

PROFILE ALONG C OF PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY

Pressure head = 372 ft to design high water
Load = 22,000 lbs per lin ft based on OD of 2.96
Min 3-edge bearing strength for 0.01" crack
Non-prestressed pipe = 0.40 lbs per lin ft AWWA-C-300
Min 3-edge bearing strength for 0.01" crack
Prestressed pipe = 1000 lbs per lin ft AWWA-C-301
PIPE SUPPLIERS NOTES:
Cast outside of spigot joint ring
with concrete on one 16"-D" section
See pipe joint detail sheet J7.

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PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY
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PLATE NO. 7
### CONSTR. JOINT

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### PLATE

**CONSTR. JOINT**

- 1/4" x 9" Steel Plate, Grade Bar C.
- Continuous Thru Constr. Joint
- Splices Shall Be Either:
  1. Butt Welded
  2. Lapped 3" And Bolted
  3. Lapped 3" And Fillet Welded

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**POTOMAC CREEK WATERSHED**

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**RISER DETAILS**

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**AS BUILT**

PLATE NO. 8
APPENDIX II
PHOTOGRAPHS
PHOTO NO. 1
DOWNSTREAM SLOPE OF DAM

PHOTO NO. 2
UPSTREAM SLOPE OF DAM
PHOTO NO. 3
EMERGENCY SPILLWAY

PHOTO NO. 4
DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL
PHOTO NO. 5
INTAKE STRUCTURE

PHOTO NO. 6
OUTLET PIPE AND PLUNGE POOL
APPENDIX III
FIELD OBSERVATIONS
Check List
Visual Inspection
Phase I

Name Dam  Potomac Creek No. 2  County  Stafford  State  Virginia  Coordinators

Date(s) Inspection  May 1, 1980  Weather  Partly Cloudy  Temperature  60°F

Pool Elevation at Time of Inspection  79.6  msl  Tailwater at Time of Inspection  65.3  msl

Inspection Personnel:

Schnabel Engineering Associates, P.C.
  Raymond A. DeStephen, P.E.
  Stephen G. Werner (recorder)

J. K. Timmons and Associates, Inc.
  Robert G. Poop, P.E.
  Donald Balzer (recorder)

State Water Control Board
  Ed Constantine

Russell and Axon, Engineers
  Wayne Brooks (Owner's representative)

USDA, Soil Conservation Service
  Don Farmer

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<td>The slopes, crest, emergency spillway and abutment contacts were inspected and no cracks were noted. Both the upstream and downstream slopes are covered with tall grass (2-3 ft high). Scattered immature evergreens and hardwoods (less than 3 inch diameter) occur on both slopes.</td>
<td>Both the grass and trees should be cut.</td>
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<td><strong>UNUSUAL MOVEMENT OR CRACKING AT OR BEYOND THE TOE</strong></td>
<td>No unusual movements or cracking were noted on the dam or downstream beyond the embankment toe.</td>
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<td>No serious erosion was noted on the embankment. No stone or vegetation exists on the crest of the dam, which serves as a limited access roadway. Some rutting exists in the roadway area. Minor surface erosion, if present, was obscured by the thick grass cover. The embankment appears to be constructed with SM to GM materials. Both embankment slopes are 2.5H:1V. A 10 ft wide berm exists at the toe of the upstream slope at pool level.</td>
<td>The crest of the dam should be grassed or surfaced in attempt to minimize surface erosion.</td>
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<td>The vertical and horizontal alignment of the dam appeared to be good.</td>
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<td><strong>RIPRAP FAILURES</strong></td>
<td>The only riprap observed is in the plunge pool. This riprap was in good condition and appeared to be functioning properly.</td>
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<td>JUNCTION OF EMBANKMENT AND ABUTMENT, SPILLWAY AND DAM</td>
<td>The junctions of the embankment and abutments were well vegetated and no soils or bedrock were exposed. Only minor erosion, i.e. gullies less than 1 ft deep, were encountered intermittently along the junctions. The emergency spillway is also well vegetated. No faults or bedrock were observed in the vicinity. Surface soils exposed in surrounding area consist of alluvial or terrace sands, silts and clays.</td>
<td>The shallow gullies which are the result of surface runoff do not require any attention.</td>
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<td>ANY NOTICABLE SEEPAGE</td>
<td>A wet or saturated area was encountered 25 ft left of the outlet pipe at the downstream toe. No water flow or discoloration was noted. The ground to the right of the outlet pipe is also saturated as a result of water flowing from a small spring located 225 ft west of the pipe at an estimated rate of 5 gpm. See the accompanying field sketch, Sheet 1.</td>
<td>The wet area to the left of the outlet pipe is believed to represent accumulated surface runoff. This area should be monitored to verify its origin.</td>
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<td>STAFF GAGE AND RECORDER</td>
<td>None observed.</td>
<td>A staff gage should be installed.</td>
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<td>DRAINS</td>
<td>Two 6 inch CMP drains occur exit, one on each side, beside the principal spillway outlet pipe. Clear water was flowing at 2 gpm from the right CMP, while only a trace of water was dripping from the left CMP. Some sediment was present in the left pipe.</td>
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## EMERGENCY SPILLWAY

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<td>The channel is 200 ft wide, grassed and in good condition. Side slopes are roughly 3H:1V. Only minor surface erosion was noted. Tall grass 2 to 3 ft high was growing in the channel and on the adjacent slopes.</td>
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<td>DISCHARGE CHANNEL</td>
<td>The channel is grassed up to where it enters woods. The channel is in good condition. Numerous pine trees are growing on the left cut slope. Tall grass 2 to 3 ft high was growing in the channel and on the adjacent slopes.</td>
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<td>CRACKING AND SPALLING OF CONCRETE SURFACES IN OUTLET CONDUIT</td>
<td>No cracking or spalling was observed in the 30 inch RCP.</td>
<td>Good condition</td>
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<td>The concrete is in good condition. The valves were operational during last check. No debris was observed.</td>
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## Reservoir

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<td>Wooded and grassed slopes ranging from about 2H:1V to 3H:1V bound the reservoir. Except for some sloughing observed on the right side, the area appears to be in good condition. Some fallen trees exist on the right side.</td>
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<td>CONDITION (OBSTRUCTIONS, DEBRIS, ETC.)</td>
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<td>Side slopes are about 3H:1V and the flood plain is 250 ft² wide.</td>
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<td>One motel and one commercial facility occur along U.S. Route 1 approximately 2 miles downstream with a flood elevation approximately 10 ft above the stream bed.</td>
<td>The motel has been flooded before.</td>
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1. Wet area — no flow or discoloration observed located 25'-3" left of outlet at about same elev as top of pipe. Area 50'-3" long and 25'-3" wide.

2. Saturated area formed by water flowing from a spring located 225'-3" right of the outlet. Saturated area widens to 25'-3" near the plunge pool.

No scale.
POTOMAC CREEK
WATERSHED PROJECT

DESIGN REPORT

Dam No. 2
Stafford County
Virginia

U.S. Department of Agriculture
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INST. TO ENG.
This single purpose dam is located approximately 1/2 miles north of Pelham, Virginia on a tributary of Potomac Creek. The Stafford, Virginia 7½-minute quadrangle published by the U.S. Geological Survey can be used to locate the site. The location is approximately 36° 25' latitude and 77° 30' longitude.

The purpose of the structure is to reduce downstream flooding by providing temporary storage for the runoff from 1,500 acres. The temporary storage is released gradually through a two-stage principal spillway system. The results of the hydlogic and hydraulic computations are given on sheet 4 of this report.

The structure consists of a compacted earth fill with a cutoff extending through sands and gravels to hard clay and sandstone. A drainage system is located under the downstream portion of the earth fill to collect seepage and alleviate uplift pressures and to control the phreatic surface within the fill.

The principal spillway is a drop inlet structure consisting of a two-stage reinforced concrete riser, 30-inch diameter reinforced concrete water pipe, and reinforced plunge pool to dissipate the energy of high velocity discharge at the outlet end of the conduit.

The emergency spillway is designed as an earth cut in the left abutment. Copies of reports covering geologic conditions and soil engineering tests are included in the design folder.
US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

DESIGN REPORT SUMMARY

I. Watershed Data
A. Structure Class .................................................. C
B. Drainage Area .................................................. 1504 Ac.
C. Time of Concentration - Tc .................................. 15 Hrs.
D. Hydrologic Curve Number - Cn ............................... 01.5

II. Principal Spillway
A. Conduit
1. Inside Dia .................................................. 30 in.
2. Length .................................................. 200 Ft.
B. Riser
1. Inside Dimensions ........................................ 2.5 x 2.5 Ft.
2. Height (Floor to Crest) .................................. 25.0 Ft.
C. Weir Length .................................................. 4.5 Ft.
D. Orifice Dimensions .......................................... 2 x 2 in.
E. Reservoir Drain Size ........................................ 30 in.
F. Type of Energy Dissipator ................................ Riprap Basin

III. Emergency Spillway
A. Width .................................................. 200 Ft.
B. Side Slopes .................................................. 3:1
C. Length of Level Section .................................. 30 Ft.
D. Exit Slope .................................................. 0.03
E. Max. Velocity in Exit Section @ D.H.W. ............... 6.9
F. Duration of Flow thru Emer. Spillway @ D.H.W. ........ 11.0 Hrs.
G. Frequency of Use ........................................ ONCE EVERY 100 YEARS

IV. Earth Fill
A. Height .................................................. 340 Ft.
B. Volume .................................................. 60,100 C. Y.
C. Compaction .................................................. 95% Standard Proctor

FILL PLACEMENT
Criteria and procedures used in this design are given in the following Soil Conservation Service publications:

National Engineering Handbook No. 27 (2/74/65), Limiting Criteria for the Design of Earth Dams
National Engineering Handbook No. 50 (5/16/63), Live Inlet Spillway Standards
National Engineering Handbook Section 4, Hydrology
National Engineering Handbook Section 5, Hydraulics
National Engineering Handbook Section 6, Structural Design
National Engineering Handbook Section 8, Geology
Engineering Division Technical Release No. 2, Earth Spillways
Engineering Division Technical Release No. 5, Structural Design of Underground Conduits
Engineering Division Technical Release No. 12, Procedure for Computing Sediment Requirements for Reservoirs
Engineering Division Technical Release No. 24, Hydraulics of Twin-Way Covered Rippers
Engineering Division Technical Release No. 30, Structural Design of Standard Covered Rippers
Engineering Division Technical Release No. 31, Structural Analysis and Design at Low Stage Inlets
Engineering Division Technical Release No. 37, Structural Analysis and Design at Base of Riser with Conduit Openings in Both Endwalls

Copies of the above publications may be obtained from Mr. Tom F. McQuarrie, State Conservationist, USDA, Soil Conservation Service, Richmond, Virginia.

L. S. Sutton, Jr.
State Conservation Engineer
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* Volume expressed in inches of runoff from controlled watershed area of 1504 acres.
** Refer to hydrologic criteria in National Engineering Memorandum 505-27
  Time required to empty flood storage is 4.8 days.

<sup>@</sup> Does not include 48 ac.-ft prorated sediment allocated to flood pool
<sup>@@</sup> Does not include 102 ac.-ft of sediment storage
All the materials that will be used to construct this embankment are sufficiently high in order strength and low in permeability to the extent they can be used anywhere in the till. The silty sands will generally be placed downstream and the clays and silts in the cutoff trench and control area of the dam. No definite zoning is specified because the clays and sands and silts will not be easy to separate in the narrow areas. Mixing the materials will produce a good till material for any part of the dam and separately we have defined now to place them.

Hard rock on which to bottom the cutoff trench was not located during the geologic investigation, but hard clay was located below this clay is sandstone and sandstone. The trench will most likely extend to rock, but as long as it extends into the hard clay a sufficient cutoff should result.

A drainage system to intercept any water and relieve any pressure that might build up in the foundation will be installed. This drain will also draw down the phreatic surface in the embankment. With good till material in abundance and a good cutoff to rock or slowly permeable clays available, this structure should present no construction problems.

We have not followed the soils lab's recommendation to undercut the conduit to nare-hopen. Based on Advisory 26, paragraph 3, and the fact that long joints will be specified for the conduit, we do not feel the differential consolidation between the sands and gravels will be enough to adversely effect the functioning of the principal spillway.
APPENDIX V
SOIL TESTING SUMMARY
AND
STABILITY ANALYSIS
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: L. S. Button, State Conservation Engineer,
SCS, Richmond, Virginia

DATE: March 12, 1968

FROM: Lorn P. Dunnigan, Head, Soil Mechanics Laboratory,
SCS, Lincoln, Nebraska

SUBJECT: ENG 22-5, Virginia WP-08, Potomac Creek, Site No. 2 (Stafford County)

ATTACHMENTS

1. Form SCS-354, Soil Mechanics Laboratory Data, 5 sheets.
2. Form SCS-126, Consolidation Test Data, 4 sheets.
3. Form SCS-355, Triaxial Shear Test Data, 4 sheets.
4. Form SCS-366, Direct Shear Test Data, 2 sheets.
5. Form SCS-352, Compaction & Penetration Resistance Report, 9 sheets.
6. Form SCS-130, Drain Materials, 1 sheet.
7. Form SCS-357, Summary - Slope Stability Analysis, 2 sheets.
8. Investigational Plans and Profiles.

DISCUSSION

FOUNDATION

A. Bedrock: Sandstone and dark gray mudstone underly the right abutment and the floodplain. Marine sands and gravels of the Pliocene or Pleistocene age underly the thin soil mantle on the left abutment. The residual soil is about 10 feet thick on the left abutment, from 4 to 13 feet thick on the right abutment and from 9 to 17 feet thick in the floodplain section.

B. Soil Classification: The soil overlying the bedrock at this site is stratified sands, silts and clays classed as SM, SC, SC-SM, ML, MH, CL and CH. The extent of each of the soil classes is shown clearly on the attached form SCS-35B. The alluvial soil on the right side of the channel appears to be predominately fine-grained soils classed as ML, MH, CL and CH. The alluvium on the left side of the channel appears to be predominately sandy soil classed as SM and SC.

There is a fairly continuous stratum of gravel that occurs at depths of from 4 to 8 feet in the floodplain. The gravel stratum ranges from 1 to 3 feet thick and it is logged as GM and GP.

The sandy soil at the surface in the vicinity of the channel and at the base of the left abutment contains from 15 to 17 percent fines. The sandy material represented by the other samples submitted contain more than 24 percent fines.

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The fine-grained soils at the surface on the right side of the floodplain range from ML to CH.

C. Density: Core samples were submitted from TP #10, TP #3, and TP #401. The samples all represent the surface zone. The sandy soil from TP #10 contained 17 percent fines and the density ranged from 1.55 g/cc (96.7 pcf) to 1.60 g/cc (99.3 pcf). The sample from TP #3 contained 32 percent fines and had a density of 1.47 g/cc (91.7 pcf) to 1.56 g/cc (97.3 pcf). The sample from TP #401 contained 81 percent fines. The liquid limit is 52 and the PI is 25. The sample is classed as CH and the density of test specimens trimmed from the core sample ranged from 1.45 g/cc (90.5 pcf) to 1.50 g/cc (93.6 pcf).

D. Shear Strength: A direct shear test was made on sample 65W1537 from TP #3. This is a sandy soil from the right abutment. The sample from TP #10 was not suitable for testing, therefore, sample 65W1537 was the only sample available that could be used to provide shear strength information for the sandy material on this site. The shear strength values obtained are φ = 36°, c = 225 psf. A consolidated undrained triaxial shear test was made on the CH sample from TH #401. The test was made at saturation. The test data indicate that CH is preconsolidated and the shear strength has been conservatively interpreted from the test data as φ = 0, c = 2500 psf.

E. Consolidation: A consolidation test on the sample from TH #401 shows that the CH has been preconsolidated to loads in excess of those which will be applied by the proposed embankment. The minimum Pe is in the range of 7500 psf. The preconsolidation indicated by the test may be due to drying or possibly because the sample had a tendency to swell when the loading was less than 4000 psf.

The other foundation materials may consolidate somewhat when loaded. The consolidation potential is not expected to be high, however.

F. Permeability: The gravelly material logged as GP and GM in the floodplain may be quite permeable. We anticipate the cutoff trench will bottom on bedrock or in tight material below this depth, however.

ENGAGEMENT

A. Classification: The samples submitted from the emergency spillway and from the borrow area are classed as CL, ML, GC, SC, and SM. It appears that the emergency spillway will yield about 45,000 cubic yards of material that may be used in the embankment. The total fill requirements are estimated to be about 57,500 cubic yards. The CL and ML samples from the spillway contain from 51 to 69 percent fines and
from 21 to 33 percent finer than the number 200 sieve. The sandy materials contain from 18 to 23 percent fines and from 10 to 11 percent finer than 0.002 mm. The gravel sample contains 49 percent gravel and 14 percent fines.

The samples submitted from the emergency spillway are classed as SC and CL.

B. Compacted Density: Standard Proctor compaction tests were made on the samples from emergency spillway and from the borrow area. The maximum dry densities obtained on the CL's ranged from 101.5 pcf to 113.5 pcf. The maximum density obtained on the SM and SC samples ranged from 110 pcf to 116 pcf. The Proctor density of the GC is 117.5 pcf and the ML has a Proctor density of 96.5 pcf.

C. Shear Strength: Shear tests were made on samples 66W1600, 1603 and 1605. The available quantity of each type of material tested is not known, but it is considered that the samples tested cover the range of material sampled. The test data is summarized as follows:

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SLOPE STABILITY

The stability of 2 1/2:1 slopes was checked with a Swedish circle method of analyses. A phreatic line was assumed from emergency spillway elevation. The no drain condition was assumed for the analyses of the downstream slope and the full drawdown condition was assumed for analyses of the upstream slope. For a 37-foot embankment the lowest factors of safety were obtained when strength values of $\phi = 23^\circ$, $c = 575$ were used to represent the shear strength of the embankment. A 2 1/2:1 upstream slope has a factor of safety of 1.81 and a 2 1/2:1 downstream slope has a factor of safety of 1.92.

The shear test on the foundation materials indicate that the foundation is relatively strong and the analyses on the maximum embankment section is considered to represent conditions pretty well.
SETTLEMENT ANALYSES

The consolidation potential of the foundation material is expected to be low and differential settlement is not expected to be a problem.

RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Cutoff: In the floodplain section, we recommend that the cutoff trench bottom in slowly permeable material below the gravelly stratum that occurs at depths of from 4 to 8 feet. The trench may have to extend to bedrock in some areas to accomplish this. We suggest that the trench or the abutment bottom on bedrock or if slowly permeable materials overly bedrock the trench could bottom at a shallower depth. We suggest that CB material be used for backfill. We recommend that the backfill be compacted to a minimum of 95 percent of standard Proctor density with the control based on the minus #4 fraction. A placement moisture content near optimum is suggested.

B. Principal Spillway: Two locations were investigated for the principal spillway. Location A crosses centerline at station 4+50 and location B crosses centerline at station 5+35.

The foundation materials at both locations consist of sandy and gravelly soil overlying silts and clays that log as very hard. At location A, the gray to black clay that is logged as very hard occurs at depths of from 5.5 to 8.0 feet. At location B, the gravelly stratum occurs at depths of from 0 to 5.5 feet and the gray to black clay or green silt that is logged as very hard occur at depths of from 3.5 feet to 8 feet. The conduit may be located at either location. If location A is used, we suggest that the conduit trench be excavated to the "very hard" clay that underlies the sand and gravel alluvium because of the possibility of non-uniform consolidation between the sands and the gravel. If location B is used, it may be possible to bottom the trench in the GM. It occurs as a continuous stratum. If the GM is non-uniform, the trench could be bottomed on the "very hard" clay or silt.

The trench backfill should be like that suggested for the cutoff trench.

C. Drain: Positive cutoff is not certain, therefore, we suggest a drain to provide a safe outlet for seepage that may occur through the foundation and also to prevent the phreatic line from emerging on the downstream slope. A trench drain located at about c/b = 0.6 could be used. The gradation limits suggested for a single filter are shown on the attached form SCS-130. If desired a double filter with the appropriate grading limits could be used.
5 -- L. S. Button -- 3/12/63
Lorn P. Dunnigan
Subj: ENG 22-5, Virginia WP-08, Potomac Creek, Site No. 2

D. Embankment Design:

1. Placement of Material: We assume that there will be about 45,000 cubic yards of material excavated from the emergency spillway. The materials are classed as CL, ML, SM and GC and they will make up about 77 percent of the fill. We don't know the volume of each of the soil classes represented but if possible we suggest that the CL and ML materials be used for a core section in the embankment. The SC and CL like samples 6S1606 and 1607 from the borrow area could also be used in the core section. The SM like samples 6S1600, 1602 and 1605 could be used anywhere in the embankment. We expect that the SM will be slightly more permeable than the CL, ML and SC and for this reason we suggest that it be utilized in the downstream section if practical.

The GC material can probably be utilized to the best advantage in the shell section.

We recommend that all of the embankment material be placed at a minimum of 95 percent of standard Proctor density with the control based on the minus #4 fraction. If there is a significant amount of the GC the control might be altered to a method specification.

We suggest a placement moisture content near optimum.

2. Slopes: The stability analyses based on the shear strength values of the samples submitted indicate that the proposed 2 1/2:1 slopes have acceptable factors of safety.

3. Settlement: An overfill allowance of .75-foot is suggested to compensate for residual consolidation in the fill and foundation.

cc: L. S. Button, Richmond (3)
N. F. Bogner, Upper Darby
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FLOOD PLAIN SECTION @ STATION 74.00

5. Down 23:1 No, drain - No, enlarg. Arc cut from opp. shldr thru emb. (23°-575) 95' P&I (0°-2500). 3.5
APPENDIX VI

GEOLOGIC REPORT
DETAILED GEOLOGIC INVESTIGATION OF DAM SITES

GENERAL

State
Virginia
County
Stafford
Subwatershed
WP-2-2
Site Number
2
Structure class
c

SITE DATA

Drainage area size
2.35 sq mi
acres. Type of structure
Earthfill Purpose
Flood Protection
Direction of valley trend downstream
South
Maximum height of fill
34.9 feet
Length of fill
650 feet
Estimated volume of compacted fill required
57,494 yards

STORAGE ALLOCATION

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SURFACE GEOLOGY AND PHYSIOGRAPHY

Gently Rolling

Geological description
Coastal Plain

Topography
Attitude of slope
5°28'
Notes

Geology:

Potomac Creek Site 2 is located in Stafford County, Virginia, about 5 miles north of Fredericksburg. The site is on a northern tributary of Potomac Creek, in the Coastal Plain near its inner edge.

Hard, light-gray, cross-bedded sandstone and dark gray hard clay of the Potomac Formation (Cretaceous) underlies the right abutment, adjacent hillside and the floodplain. The left abutment is underlain by marine sands and gravels of Miocene or Pleistocene age, resting unconformably upon the Cretaceous rocks. The Aquia Formation, a hard glauconitic sand, may lie in patches upon the Potomac Formation and below the Pleistocene sands and gravels. All units dip gently east-southeast.

Residual soil occurs on the dam abutments and adjacent hilltops. The B-horizon consists of brown to yellow-brown clayey sand (right abutment) to yellow-brown or yellow-red silty sand and sandy silt (left abutment). Below this are Pleistocene sands and gravels of marine origin, or hard Cretaceous sediments. The floodplain soil includes gray and brown mottled clays, silts, and sands, topaz-quadra gravel, and gray sand.
Sandstone and hard gray clay outcrops along the right side of the Valley upstream, where the creek cuts into the hillside. The sandstone forms a cap layer over the mudstone. The stream pattern is a dendritic one with broad valleys incised in the Coastal Plain sediments.

Methods and Procedures

1. Soils were classified according to the Unified Soil System. The USDA System was used to correlate borrow material.

2. Seismic and resistivator surveys were made in the foundation.

Centerline of the Dam

The centerline of the dam is located on a wide flood plain between moderately sloping abutments. Gray sandstone, dark gray mudstone, and marine sands and gravels underlie the residual and alluvial soils. On the left abutment, residual soil extends from Station 3+90 to the top of the dam. Four feet of yellow-brown sand overlie a foot of gravel, which in turn overlies 1-2 feet of gray silty sand. Below this is another gravel layer, gray-green silty clay or sandy silt, mottled brown and yellow. This layer is a very hard parent material that may be of the Aquia or Patuxent formations.

On the right abutment, 3-4 feet of brown to yellow-brown clayey sand overlie gravel or gray to yellow-white silty sand. Gray, very hard clay lies at the bottom. On both abutments, the sand and gravel layers tend to intersect the slope rather than parallel it.

In the flood plain, 3-6 feet of silt, clay, or sand, mottled brown and gray (Ochlocknee Series), overlie 2-3 feet of gray silty to clayey sand. In some places this layer is missing and the top layer rests directly on 2-3 feet of topaz and quartz gravel. Below the gravel is dark gray to black silty clay, which was penetrated no more than 3 feet before refusal. Toward the left side of the flood plain, the top layer becomes a gray-brown silty sand, without mottles. In the vicinity of Station 5+25 the dark clay layer in the bottom becomes a green clayey sand or sandy clay (Aquia?). Cutoff varies from 3 feet to more than 17.5 feet below the flood plain. Thirteen test pits were dug along the centerline of the dam. They are TP-1 to TP-13.
Principal Spillway

Two pipe locations were investigated. Pipe "A" across the centerline of the dam at Station 4+50 on the centerline of the dam and Station 2+00 on the centerline of the pipe. The two centerlines form an angle of 86.5°. Conditions are generally the same as along the centerline in the flood plain, except that 2-3 feet of clayey silt or silty sand lie between the gravel layer and the hard dark clay layer along the downstream half of the pipe. Gravel is locally missing, and there are occasionally two layers of gravel separated by sand. The bedrock surface lies 8.0-9.5 feet below ground and undulates gently in elevation between 60.7 and 59.1 feet above sea level.

Pipe "B" crosses the centerline of the dam at Station 5+35 on the centerline of the dam and Station 1+75 on the centerline of the pipe. The two centerlines intersect at 70°. Again, conditions are similar to those of the flood plain portion of the centerline of the dam. The rock surface (refusal) lies from 6-12.5 feet below ground; elevation of rock varies from 59.6-57.7 feet above sea level. Fourteen test pits were dug along the pipe locations. They are TP 301 to TP 314.

Foundation

General foundation conditions are similar to conditions along the dam and pipe centerlines. Depth to rock averages about 11 feet below the surface and the water table is about 5-6 feet down. Eleven test pits were dug in the foundation. They are TP 401 to TP 411.

Emergency Spillway

The emergency spillway is located in a gently sloping hilltop, incised by a gully, left of the left abutment. Test pits were dug in a rectangular grid pattern with spacing usually of 100 feet. 4-6 feet of yellow-red to yellow-brown silty sand or sandy silt (Caroline Series) overlies 3-4 feet of red-gray or brown-gray mottled clayey silt or sand. The upper layer is often absent. Below the mottled layer, to a depth of 16 feet or more, are gravel and sand beds; the sand is generally yellow, gray, or white in color and probably is Pleistocene beach sand. Small pieces of decayed twigs were found embedded in sand at 10 feet or more here. No rock was encountered above grade. 21 test pits were dug in the spillway area. They are numbered TP-201 to TP-221.
Borrow Area

In addition to the material available in the spillway, borrow was prospected in the part of the flood plain and lower slopes within the sediment pool area. The borrow area extends about 750' upstream from the dam and is 400' wide. The materials are similar to those described earlier. The water table lies from 2.0-9.0 feet below ground. Gray-green very hard silty sand underlies the alluvium at about 8 feet in most places. It may be of the Aquia Formation. Sixteen test pits were dug in the borrow area. They are numbered TP-101 to TP-116.
# Soil Sample List

## Soil and Foundation Investigations

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Watershed: Potomac Creek

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1. The cutoff trench should be taken to bedrock. The dark gray, black, or
green clays and clayey sands in which refusal occurred are very tight
and should make a good foundation.

2. No rock will have to be removed from the emergency spillway.

3. Pipe B is the better location insofar as it lines up with the creek
downstream. Some of the pipe will be in the stream, but as this portion
lies in the foundation, a diversion will have to be made in any case.

4. Sufficient borrow is available to construct the embankment. Placement
of borrow materials is given in the soil correlation chart. Good core
material is to be had in several layers of the alluvial Ochlockonee Series
and the Caroline Series in the emergency spillway. The water table should
be lowered in the flood plain so as to give an average of 6 to 7 feet of
dry borrow.

5. All topsoil should be stockpiled for use as top-dressing.
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE INSPECTION REPORT

Watershed: Potomac Creek, Site #2                   Date: June 20, 1979


1. There was no evidence of any major erosion problem at this time.
2. Although the vegetation was in fairly good shape, it was suggested that some lime and fertilizer be applied based on the results of a current soils test. It was also noted that occasional mowing would not only control weeds and shrubs, but it would also improve the vigor of the vegetation.
3. Volunteer pines and maples are still present on the dam and emergency spillway. These trees should be removed as soon as possible.
4. The principal spillway and foundation drains appear to be operating properly.
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

Potomac Creek Site #2
Stafford, Virginia

The County of Stafford is responsible for the proper operation and maintenance of this structure.

As part of the operation and maintenance, visual inspections will be made annually and after major storms. These inspections will include representatives of Stafford County, Tri-County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Soil Conservation Service. A report will be prepared after each of these inspections to document the group's findings, as well as, determining the type of maintenance required. A follow-up report will also be prepared showing the status of any required maintenance.

To sustain a vigorous stand of vegetation on the dam and spillway, the following maintenance should be performed:

A. LIME AND FERTILIZER - Lime and fertilizer should be applied based on recent soils test. Generally, liming and fertilizing should be done every 2-3 years.

Apply lime and fertilizer between August 15 - October 1.

B. MOWING - If possible to do safely, mow the Sericea Lespedeza every 2-3 years in July 15 - August 15. However, it is not essential that the steep areas be mowed.

Do not mow below 4 inches.

C. BRUSH CONTROL - All woody vegetation, trees, shrubs, etc. should be removed as soon as possible.

D. DEBRIS REMOVAL - All debris that has been deposited by flows through the emergency spillway should be removed.

E. TRAFFIC - 4-wheel drive or other vehicles should not be permitted on this site except to perform necessary maintenance.
# Operation and Maintenance Schedule

**Potomac Creek #2**

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Potomac Creek #2 Watershed Project

Sericea lespedeza

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