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Kiewit North Carolina LNG Storage Facility Geotechnical Evaluation

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Subsurface Conditions



Provided Boreholes to Evaluate Geotechnical Characteristics





Soil Types

- Low plasticity clay for the first five feet below the surface (with the exception of one borehole)
- The deeper ground largely consists of:
 - Clayey sand
 - Clayey silt
- There are also regions of:
 - Poorly graded sand
 - Well graded sand



Soil Classifications

Physical Soil Type (Top 10' of boring)	Average Blow Count	Number of Values Averaged	Unconfined Compressive Strength	OSHA Soil Classification
Clayey Sand	7	5	>1.5 tsf	А
Low Plasticity Clay	6	16	0.5-1.5 tsf	В
High Plasticity Clay	4	1	< 0.5 tsf	В



Constructability Considerations



Considered Factors that may Determine Cost:

- Reuse of excavated soil:
 - Cost of excavation
 - Cost of replacement and compaction
 - Cost of labor
- Use of new structural fill:
 - Cost of excavation
 - Cost to bring in new material
 - Cost of compaction
 - Cost of labor



Considered Pros and Cons:

- Reuse of excavated soil:
 - Pros:
 - $\odot\,\text{No}$ need to purchase fill
 - Cons:
 - \odot Higher compaction cost
- Use of new structural fill:
 - Pros:
 - \circ High stability
 - \odot Lower compaction costs; lower labor costs
 - Cons:
 - \circ Cost of new fill



Potential Geotechnical Risks:

- Flooding
- Settlement
- Expansive Soil
- Slope Stability
- High Water Table

NCBC assigns this project a risk category of IV because of storage of toxic material.



Seismic Site Class: **D**

- Site Classification D (NCBC 16)
- Risk Category IV
- Seismic Spectral Response Acceleration (Chapter 16):
 - 1-second acceleration, S₁, determined from Figure 1613.3.1(4) = 0.11
 - 0.2-second acceleration, S_s, determined from Figure 1613.3.1(3) = 0.30



Shallow Foundations



Recommended: Strip Footings



Max Bearing Capacity: 1500 psf If 1.253 = d/B Where d is foundation depth and B is footing width

(Meyerhof and Hanna)



Deep Foundations



Individual Pile Capacity against Depth

- Assumed 12" diameter driven steel pipe pile
- Used API Alpha method for cohesive soils and Fellenius Beta method for cohesionless soils
- Followed Berezantsev's curve for toe bearing coefficient





Pavement Design



Classifications & Recommendations:

- Road class: Industrial
- Concrete modulus of rupture: 600 psi
 - About 4000 psi compressive strength
- Concrete pavement thickness: 8"
- AASHTO A-1a subbase thickness: 4"
- Use 1.5" reinforcing dowels
- Transverse joints 2.5" deep and spaced 15' apart



CAPSTONE



AASHTO Vehicle Class	Estimated Total Weight (kip)	Passes per Week
3	7	200
5	25	50
8	48	50
10	80	50

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Pavement Profile





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