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## <span id="page-7-0"></span>2.5.4 STABILITY OF SUBSURFACE MATERIALS AND FOUNDATIONS

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This section presents information on the stability of subsurface materials and foundations at the site of VCSNS Units 2 and 3. The information has been developed in accordance with NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants," Subsection 2.5.4 ([Reference 235\)](#page-49-1), following the guidance presented in Regulatory Guide 1.206, Subsection 2.5.4, and the regulatory guides identified in the subsections that follow. Information presented in this section was developed from the results of a subsurface investigation program implemented at the Units 2 and 3 site. The data are contained in [Reference 232](#page-49-0). The geological, geophysical, and geotechnical information obtained is used as a basis to evaluate the stability of subsurface materials and foundations at the site. VCS SUP 2.5-3

2.5.4.1 Geologic Features VCS COL 2.5-5

> <span id="page-7-1"></span>Subsection 2.5.1.1 addresses the regional geology, including regional physiography and geomorphology, regional geologic history, regional stratigraphy, regional tectonic and non-tectonic conditions, and geologic hazards, as well as maps, cross sections, and references. Subsection 2.5.1.2 describes the sitespecific geology and structural geology, including site physiography and geomorphology, site geologic history, site stratigraphy, site structural geology, and a site geologic hazard evaluation.

The Units 2 and 3 site is located within the Piedmont physiographic province of central South Carolina, bounded on the southeast and northwest by the Coastal Plain and Blue Ridge physiographic provinces, respectively. The site topography is characteristic of the region, consisting of gently to moderately rolling hills and generally well-drained mature valleys. Within a 5-mile radius of the site, ground surface elevations range from about El. 220 to 520 feet. (All elevations in this section are with respect to NAVD88.) Steep gullies, resulting from differential weathering of the rock, exist within the site area.

The geologic profile consists of residuum and saprolitic soils underlain by partially and moderately weathered rock, grading downward into sound rock. The combined thickness of residual soil and saprolite ranges from about 25 feet to 70 feet at the Units 2 and 3 site. Granodiorite and quartz diorite are the most commonly encountered rocks in the site area. Amphibolite-grade metaigneous and metasedimentary rocks of the Carolina Zone encountered within the site area include biotite and hornblende gneiss and amphibolite schist. Migmatites are the least commonly encountered of the principal rock types found at the site area

based on field reconnaissance data, geologic mapping, and core from foundation borings.

#### 2.5.4.2 Properties of Subsurface Materials VCS COL 2.5-6

<span id="page-8-0"></span>The Unit 1 UFSAR Subsection 2.5.4.6 ([Reference 249\)](#page-50-0) contains geotechnical information from previous subsurface investigations and subsequent analyses, and from the excavation for Unit 1. Units 2 and 3 are located approximately 1 mile southwest of Unit 1. In general, because of the distance between Unit 1 and Units 2 and 3, and because of the comprehensive nature of the subsurface investigation for Units 2 and 3, comparisons between the Unit 1 UFSAR data and the Units 2 and 3 geotechnical information presented here were not made, except where considered relevant.

## <span id="page-8-1"></span>2.5.4.2.1 Introduction

This section describes the static and dynamic engineering properties of the Units 2 and 3 site subsurface materials. An overview of the subsurface profile and materials is given in [Subsection 2.5.4.2.2.](#page-8-2) The field investigations are presented in [Subsection 2.5.4.2.3.](#page-10-2) (The geophysical investigations are described in detail in [Subsection 2.5.4.4](#page-20-1).) Laboratory testing performed for the investigation is summarized in [Subsection 2.5.4.2.4](#page-14-2). The engineering properties of the natural soil and rock and compacted fill are presented in [Subsection 2.5.4.2.5](#page-15-0).

## <span id="page-8-2"></span>2.5.4.2.2 Description of Subsurface Materials

The subsurface profile consists of shallow residual/saprolitic soils underlain by bedrock, which continues approximately 50 feet below the existing ground surface in the power block area (PBA). The profile can be divided into five layers, with the following descriptions:

- I. Residuum silts and silty sands with variable clay content.
- II. Saprolite completely weathered rock but with preserved relict rock structure.
- III. Partially weathered rock (PWR) decomposed rock matrix mixed with semi-hard rock fragments.
- IV. Moderately weathered rock (MWR) more than 50% by volume of sound rock interspersed with decomposed layers.
- V. Sound rock hard fresh to slightly discolored igneous rock with numerous metamorphic inclusions. Rock consists of granodiorite, quartz diorite, gneiss, migmatite, etc. (see Subsection 2.5.1.2).

The natural ground surface elevations at the time of the exploration showed variations within the PBA. The ground surface in the vicinity of Unit 2 ranged from approximately El. 374 feet to 428 feet, with an average elevation of 418 feet. In the vicinity of Unit 3, the ground surface was between El. 353 feet and 426 feet, with an average of El. 415 feet. These values are based on the elevations of the 200-series (Unit 2) and the 300-series (Unit 3) borings. The locations of the borings inside and outside the Unit 2 and Unit 3 PBAs are shown on [Figure 2.5.4-](#page-106-0) [208](#page-106-0) and [Figure 2.5.4-201](#page-92-0), respectively.

Design plant grade is at approximately El. 400 feet. For each unit, the soil beneath the seismic Category I nuclear island is excavated down to sound rock, and the nuclear island basemat is founded at El. 360 feet on sound rock or on concrete placed on top of sound rock. The soil underneath the seismic Category II annex building is excavated all the way to the rock formation and replaced with compacted granular structural fill up to El. 400 feet. In a similar manner, the area between the two units is excavated, and the natural soils are replaced with compacted fill. (The site grade is shown on the site grade plan in [Figure 2.5.4-](#page-152-0) [245](#page-152-0).) Consequently, the Layer I and II (residuum/saprolite) soils have no direct impact on the power block foundation performance. Nonetheless, the engineering properties of each layer are provided in [Subsection 2.5.4.2.5](#page-15-0) for completeness. The following is a description of the subsurface materials, giving the soil and rock constituents, and their range of thicknesses encountered at the Units 2 and 3 site.

<span id="page-9-0"></span>2.5.4.2.2.1 Layer V: Sound Rock

The Units 2 and 3 subsurface investigation [\(Reference 232](#page-49-0)) describes the bedrock underlying the main plant area mostly as granodiorite, quartz diorite, gneiss or migmatite. A detailed description of the bedrock is contained in Subsection 2.5.1.2.

The top of Layer V (sound rock) was estimated using a rock quality designation (RQD) of rock core samples from boring logs of at least 50%, but typically exceeding 70%. The top of Layer V encountered in the Unit 2 borings ranges from about El. 296 feet to 384 feet, with the corresponding range in the Unit 3 borings from El. 316 feet to 384 feet. Top of sound rock contours beneath the main Unit 2 and 3 plant areas are shown in [Figure 2.5.4-202.](#page-93-0)

The top of Layer V was also defined using shear wave velocity  $(V_s)$ measurements, as detailed in [Subsection 2.5.4.4.4](#page-24-0). For seismic analyses ([Subsection 2.5.4.7\)](#page-31-4), El. 355 feet was adopted as top of sound rock beneath the nuclear islands of both Units 2 and 3.

Additional information on the top of Layer V at locations site-wide is presented in [Table 2.5.4-201](#page-52-0) using the RQD criteria.

<span id="page-9-1"></span>2.5.4.2.2.2 Layers III and IV: Partially and Moderately Weathered Rock

Layer IV (MWR) typically has RQD values that range from 0% to 50%. Based on this, the top of MWR encountered in the borings at Unit 2 ranges from about El.

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317 feet to 391 feet, and ranges from El. 327 feet to 390 feet at Unit 3. Using shear wave velocity ( $V_s$ ) measurements [\(Subsection 2.5.4.4.4](#page-24-0)), the top of MWR is estimated to be at El. 370 feet for seismic analyses for the Unit 2 nuclear island, and at El. 360 feet for the Unit 3 nuclear island.

Layer III (PWR) typically has zero RQD when cored, but has SPT N-values ([Subsection 2.5.4.2.3\)](#page-10-2) of greater than 100 blows per foot (bpf). Based on this, the top of PWR encountered in the borings at Unit 2 ranges from about El. 331 feet to 396 feet, and ranges from El. 353 feet to 394 feet at Unit 3. Using  $V_s$ measurements [\(Subsection 2.5.4.4.4](#page-24-0)), the top of PWR is estimated to be at El. 375 feet for seismic analyses for the Unit 2 nuclear island, and at El. 365 feet for the Unit 3 nuclear island. This gives an estimated thickness of 5 feet for PWR at the nuclear island of each unit.

Additional information on the top of Layers III and IV at locations site-wide is presented in [Table 2.5.4-201](#page-52-0) using the RQD and N-value criteria.

## <span id="page-10-0"></span>2.5.4.2.2.3 Layers I and II: Residiuum and Saprolite

Layer I (residual soils) consists primarily of red fine-grained silts with varying amounts of lean clay content (ML/MH in the Unified Soil Classification System, [Reference 210\)](#page-47-0) and coarse-grained silty sands (SM). Although Layer II (saprolitic soils) is completely weathered rock with some preserved relict rock structure, it also consists mostly of ML/MH and SM soils, with overall engineering properties similar to Layer I. The majority of the saprolite found at the site is classified as a brown silty sand. The distribution of the Layer I and II soils varies throughout the site. The subsurface profiles beneath and beyond both Unit 1 and Unit 2 areas show that Layers I and II consist of interbedded layers of fine-grained and coarsegrained soils. From the soil samples classified in [Reference 232](#page-49-0), the majority (69%) was silty sand with the percentage of silt/clay at 29%.

## <span id="page-10-1"></span>2.5.4.2.2.4 Subsurface Profiles

[Figures 2.5.4-204](#page-95-0) through [2.5.4-207](#page-103-0) illustrate typical subsurface profiles across the Units 2 and 3 main plant area in east-west and north-south directions, with the associated subsurface profile legend in [Figure 2.5.4-203.](#page-94-0) The locations of these profiles are shown on the power block boring location plan in [Figure 2.5.4-209](#page-107-0). The four profiles that are drawn through the centers of the reactors, with structure cross sections added, are presented to illustrate foundation interfaces in [Subsection 2.5.4.3.](#page-20-0) They are also used to illustrate excavation for the new units in [Subsection 2.5.4.5](#page-26-0), and for bearing capacity and settlement considerations in [Subsection 2.5.4.10](#page-40-1)

## <span id="page-10-2"></span>2.5.4.2.3 Field Investigations

NRC Regulatory Guide 1.132 addresses the site investigation for nuclear power plants, and discusses the objectives of the subsurface investigation for the design of foundations and associated critical structures. Because the subsurface investigation should be site specific, Regulatory Guide 1.132 recognizes the need

for flexibility and adjustments in the overall program, and the exercise of sound engineering judgment, so that the program is tailored to the specific conditions of the site. This guidance was used to make adjustments to the subsurface investigation during field operations so that a more comprehensive subsurface description evolved. This included adjustments in field testing locations, and adjustments in the types, depths, and frequency of sampling.

The test location summary of standard penetration test (SPT) borings, observation wells, and cone penetrometer tests (CPTs) from the Units 2 and 3 site exploration program is provided in [Reference 232,](#page-49-0) and tabulated in [Table 2.5.4-202.](#page-54-0) Geophysical surveys are described in [Subsection 2.5.4.4.](#page-20-1)

The subsurface field investigation was performed during April through August 2006. Some borehole abandonment (grouting) activity occurred after August 2006. Surveying activities to locate as-built coordinates were completed by September 2006. Most of the investigation was conducted in the main plant area with the number and depth of investigation points conforming to the guidance provided in Regulatory Guide 1.132. Additional exploration points were located outside the main plant area, *i.e*., at the general location of the cooling towers (B-400 series), makeup water intake structure location (B-500 series), and remaining out-of-PBAs (B-600 series). The Units 2 and 3 exploration point locations are shown in [Figure 2.5.4-208](#page-106-0) (power block) and [Figure 2.5.4-201](#page-92-0) (outside power block).

The scope of work and the methods used to collect field data are listed below. The fieldwork was performed by MACTEC Engineering and Consulting of Charlotte, North Carolina, and various subcontractors and subconsultants to MACTEC, as described in [Reference 232](#page-49-0).

- 111 exploratory borings
- 31 observation wells
- 4 packer tests
- 36 CPTs plus 7 down-hole seismic cone tests, and pore pressure dissipation tests in 6 CPTs
- 8 sets of borehole geophysical logging and 8 sets of suspension primaryshear (P-S) velocity logging
- 6 sets of field soil electrical resistivity tests
- Survey of all exploration points
- 4 test pits

The fieldwork was performed under an audited and approved quality assurance program and work procedures developed specifically for the Units 2 and 3 project.

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MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, contracted to Bechtel to perform the subsurface investigation, worked under MACTEC's Quality Assurance Plan that meets the requirements of Appendix B of 10 CFR 50. This Plan included meeting the requirements of Subpart 2.20 of ASME NQA-1 [\(Reference 245](#page-50-1)).

The subsurface investigation and sample/core collection was directed by the MACTEC site manager who was on site at all times during the field operations. A Bechtel geotechnical engineer or geologist was also on site continuously during these operations. The draft boring and well logs were prepared in the field by MACTEC geologists.

Details and results of the exploration program are contained in [Reference 232.](#page-49-0) The borings, observation wells, CPTs and test pits are described in the following paragraphs. The laboratory tests are summarized and the results are presented in [Subsection 2.5.4.2.4](#page-14-2). The geophysical tests are summarized and the results are presented in [Subsection 2.5.4.4](#page-20-1).

## <span id="page-12-0"></span>2.5.4.2.3.1 Borings and Samples/Cores

A total of 88 borings, ranging from 10 to 350 feet deep, were drilled in the PBAs of Units 2 and 3. A 350-foot-deep boring was drilled at the center of each containment, to about 300 feet depth into sound rock beneath the bottom of the basemat level. All of the borings were advanced in soil using hollow stem augers and/or mud rotary wash drilling techniques until SPT refusal (defined as 50 blows per 1 inch or less) occurred. Once refusal was encountered, a steel or PVC casing was set to rock, and the holes were advanced using wire-line rock coring equipment consisting of a 5-foot or 10-foot long "NQ" or "HQ" core barrel with a split inner barrel.

The soil was sampled using an SPT sampler at 2.5-foot vertical intervals to about 15 feet depth and at 5-foot intervals below 15 feet. The SPT was performed using an automatic hammer, and was conducted in accordance with ASTM D 1586-99 ([Reference 206\)](#page-47-1). The recovered soil samples were visually described and classified by the onsite geologists. A selected portion of the soil sample was placed in a glass sample jar with a moisture-proof lid. The sample jars were labeled, placed in boxes, and transported to the sample storage area. This storage area consisted of climate-controlled rooms within the secured office facility used for the SCE&G New Nuclear Development project, and located about 2 miles from the Units 2 and 3 site. Each sample was logged into an inventory system. Samples removed from the facility were noted in the inventory logbook. A chain-of-custody form was also completed for all samples removed from the facility. Material storage handling was in accordance with ASTM D 4220-95 ([Reference 213\)](#page-48-0).

Energy measurements were made on each of the automatic SPT hammers used by the 12 drill rigs that performed the borings. The energy measurements were made in accordance with ASTM D 4633-05 [\(Reference 215\)](#page-48-1). The average energy transfer ratio (ETR) for the hammers ranged from 72% to 86.5% ([Table 2.5.4-](#page-66-0) [205](#page-66-0)).

Undisturbed samples were obtained in accordance with ASTM D 1587-00 ([Reference 207\)](#page-47-2) using a Shelby tube sampler or a rotary Pitcher sampler. Upon sample retrieval, the disturbed portions at both ends of the tube were removed, and both ends were trimmed square to establish an effective seal. Both ends of the sample were then sealed with hot wax, covered with plastic caps, and sealed once again using electrician tape and wax. The tubes were labeled and transported to the sample storage area. [Table 2.5.4-204](#page-64-0) provides a summary of undisturbed sampling performed during the subsurface investigation. Undisturbed samples are also identified on the boring logs included in [Reference 232](#page-49-0).

Rock coring was performed in accordance with ASTM D 2113-06 ([Reference](#page-47-3)  [209](#page-47-3)). After removal from the split inner barrel, the recovered rock was carefully placed in wooden core boxes. The onsite geologist visually described the core, noting the presence of joints and fractures, and distinguishing natural breaks from mechanical breaks. The geologist also computed the percentage recovery and the RQD. Photographs of the cores were taken in the field. Filled core boxes were transported to the onsite sample storage facility.

The boring logs and the photographs of the rock cores are in [Reference 232](#page-49-0), along with details of the automatic hammer energy measurements. The location and depth of each borehole are summarized in [Table 2.5.4-202](#page-54-0). The elevations of the subsurface zones observed from the individual borings are summarized in [Table 2.5.4-201.](#page-52-0)

#### <span id="page-13-0"></span>2.5.4.2.3.2 Observation Wells

Twenty-two observation wells were screened in the soil/weathered rock zone, while nine were screened in rock. The wells were installed in separate borings made between about 5 and 20 feet from the geotechnical boring with the same number, with the exception of OW-227, OW-617, OW-622, and OW-625. In these cases, borings B-227, B-617, B-622, and B-625 were reamed out and/or deepened for installation of the observation wells.

After the designated depth of each well was reached, and the PVC screen and casing were set, the sand pack and bentonite seal were placed, and then a grout plug was placed from the top of the bentonite seal to the ground surface. Each well was capped with a lockable steel cap and surrounded with a concrete pad.

Each well was developed by pumping and bailing. The development procedure involved bailing until the water showed minimal sediment, then pumping at least three standing well volumes of water, cycling the pump on and off to create a surging effect. The well was considered developed when the pumped water was reasonably free of suspended sediment.

Field permeability testing by slug test method was performed in each observation well (except OW-501 due to its proximity to Monticello Reservoir) in accordance with ASTM D 4044-96, Section 8 [\(Reference 212](#page-47-4)). Slug testing involves establishing a static water level, lowering a solid cylinder (slug) into the well to cause an increase in water level in the well, and monitoring the time rate for the

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well water to return to the pretest static level. The slug is then rapidly removed to lower the water level in the well, and the time rate for the water to recover to the pretest static level is again measured. Electronic transducers and data loggers were used to measure the water levels and times during the test.

Field permeability testing by the packer method was conducted in borings B-201, B-205, B-305, and B-330. Test procedures used are described in ASTM D 4630- 96 ([Reference 214\)](#page-48-3), as modified by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in their Rock Testing Handbook [\(Reference 248](#page-50-2)) to use a manually read flowmeter rather than a digitally recorded one. The packer testing method, known as the constant head injection test, involved establishing and maintaining a constant pressure in the test length, measured by an electronic transducer, to determine the rate of inflow associated with maintaining the pressure. A test length of 10 feet was used in all the tested borings.

[Reference 232](#page-49-0) contains logs for the observation wells, the well installation records, the well development records, and the well permeability and packer test results. Observation well locations and depths are summarized in [Table 2.5.4-202.](#page-54-0)

## <span id="page-14-0"></span>2.5.4.2.3.3 Cone Penetrometer Tests

The 36 CPTs were advanced using a track-mounted, 20-ton, self-contained cone rig. Each CPT was generally advanced to refusal, at depths ranging from about 20 to 76 feet. Tip resistance, sleeve friction, and pore water pressure were measured. The CPTs were performed in accordance with ASTM D 5778-95 ([Reference 219\)](#page-48-2). The pore pressure filter was located immediately behind the cone tip.

Seismic CPTs were performed at approximately 3-foot intervals in 7 of the 36 CPTs as described in [Subsection 2.5.4.4.3](#page-23-1). Pore pressure dissipation tests were performed in 6 CPTs at depths ranging from about 20 to 69 feet.

The CPT logs, shear wave time of arrival records, and pore water pressure versus time plots are contained in [Reference 232](#page-49-0). CPT locations and depths are summarized in [Table 2.5.4-202](#page-54-0).

#### <span id="page-14-1"></span>2.5.4.2.3.4 Test Pits

A rubber-tired backhoe was used to excavate four test pits to depths ranging from about 3 to 6 feet to obtain bulk samples of site soils to test for suitability as backfill. Bulk samples were collected in new 5-gallon plastic buckets. Small portions of the samples were placed in glass jars and sealed for moisture retention.

#### <span id="page-14-2"></span>2.5.4.2.4 Laboratory Testing

Numerous laboratory tests of soil and rock samples were performed for the Units 2 and 3 subsurface investigation. The types and numbers of laboratory tests performed on the soil samples and rock cores are shown on [Table 2.5.4-206](#page-67-0).

The laboratory testing program was selected and performed in accordance with the guidance presented in Regulatory Guide 1.138. The laboratory work was conducted under an approved quality assurance program with work procedures developed specifically for the Units 2 and 3 project. Soil and rock samples were shipped under chain-of-custody rules from the storage area (described in [Subsection 2.5.4.2.3](#page-10-2)) to the testing laboratory. Laboratory testing of soil and rock samples, except for chemical tests and resonant column torsional shear (RCTS) tests, was performed at MACTEC laboratories in Charlotte, North Carolina and Atlanta, Georgia.

Chemical testing for pH, chlorides and sulfates in selected soil samples (to test for corrosiveness toward buried steel and aggressiveness toward buried concrete) was conducted by Severn Trent Laboratories in Earth City, Missouri. RCTS testing was performed by Fugro Consultants in Houston, Texas, under the technical direction of Dr. K. H. Stokoe of the University of Texas in Austin. RCTS tests were run on selected saprolite and granular fill samples to determine shear modulus and damping ratio variation with cyclic strain (see [Subsection 2.5.4.2.5.4\)](#page-19-1).

The details and results of the laboratory testing are included in [Reference 232,](#page-49-0) which also includes references to the industry standards used for each specific laboratory test. The results of the tests on soil samples (excluding RCTS and strength tests) are summarized in [Table 2.5.4-207.](#page-68-0) [Table 2.5.4-208](#page-76-0) gives the results of the unconfined compression tests on the rock cores. The results of strength tests on soil are given in [Table 2.5.4-212](#page-84-0). The results of the RCTS tests are shown in [Figure 2.5.4-218.](#page-116-0) The results of the tests on bulk samples from the test pits and stockpiles are given in [Table 2.5.4-210](#page-82-0).

The results of the laboratory tests as they relate to the engineering properties of the soil and rock are discussed in [Subsection 2.5.4.2.5.](#page-15-0)

## <span id="page-15-0"></span>2.5.4.2.5 Engineering Properties

The engineering properties of Layers I, II, III, IV, and V derived from the Units 2 and 3 field exploration and laboratory testing programs are provided in [Table](#page-80-0)  [2.5.4-209](#page-80-0) and discussed in the following paragraphs. In most cases, the engineering properties of the materials below Units 2 and 3 were identical; any variations are noted on [Table 2.5.4-209.](#page-80-0)

## <span id="page-15-1"></span>2.5.4.2.5.1 Layers III, IV, and V: PWR, MWR and Sound Rock

The RQD and recovery values of Layers IV and V in the area of each nuclear island, annex, and radwaste building were obtained from 30 borehole logs presented in [Reference 232.](#page-49-0) The borehole logs of borings B-201, B-202, B-203, B-204, B-205, B-206, B-207, B-209, B-210, B-211, B-222, B-223, B-224, B-225, B-226, and the same 300-series borings, were selected. Average RQD values from these boreholes are presented versus elevation in [Figure 2.5.4-210](#page-108-0) and [Figure 2.5.4-211,](#page-109-0) for Layer IV and Layer V, respectively. In each figure, average values (mean) over 5-foot intervals are presented at mid-depth of each interval. The RQD for Layer III (PWR) is not applicable.

Average RQD values of Layer IV (MWR) in [Figure 2.5.4-210](#page-108-0) range between 0% and 50% at Unit 2, and between 0% and 60% at Unit 3. The Layer V (sound rock) at Unit 2 is generally very hard and intact, with an average RQD in the range of 80% to 100%, as shown in [Figure 2.5.4-211](#page-109-0). Below about El. 300 feet in Unit 2, the degree of variation in the RQD becomes increasingly less intense, and the rock exhibits an average RQD between 95% and 100%. The Layer V (sound rock) at Unit 3 exhibits minimal weathering and fracturing (even less than at Unit 2) with an average RQD in the range of 90% to 100%. Below El. 300 feet at Unit 3, average RQD is almost constantly 100%. Based on ASTM D 6032-02, the quality of sound rock in Unit 2 and 3 areas classify as "good to excellent" [\(Reference](#page-48-4)  [220](#page-48-4)).

Average recovery values of Layer IV (MWR) range between 0% and 90% at Unit 2, and between 20% and 100% at Unit 3. The average recovery of Layer V (sound rock) at Unit 2 ranges between 90% and 100%. Below El. 300 feet, average recovery is constant at 100%. The sound rock at Unit 3 exhibits a recovery of 95% to 100% above El. 300 feet and 100% below El. 300 feet.

The unconfined compression test results of 95 rock cores, obtained from the vicinity of Units 2 and 3, are presented versus elevation in [Figure 2.5.4-212](#page-110-0). For design, an unconfined compressive strength (U) of 25 kips per square inch (ksi) is adopted for the Layer V (sound rock). An average unit weight was calculated for each depth where the samples were obtained and the results are shown versus elevation in [Figure 2.5.4-213](#page-111-0). A total unit weight of 182 pounds per cubic foot (pcf) is adopted for sound rock at Units 2 and 3. For MWR and PWR, total unit weights of 160 and 145 pcf, respectively, are recommended.

The elastic modulus of each layer is derived from the results of the suspension P-S velocity logging geophysical tests performed for the Units 2 and 3 exploration program given in [Subsection 2.5.4.4.4](#page-24-0). These low strain values agree well with the higher strain elastic moduli obtained from the unconfined compression tests. [Figure 2.5.4-214](#page-112-0) shows the variation of the ratio of elastic modulus to unconfined compressive strength from these compression tests. The median ratio is about 340.

Shear modulus values are derived from the elastic modulus obtained from the compression tests using the Poisson's ratio values of 0.33 for PWR and MWR, and 0.24 for sound rock described in [Subsection 2.5.4.4.4.](#page-24-0) These shear modulus values are very similar to those computed from the  $V_s$  measurements (Subsection [2.5.4.4.4\)](#page-24-0) confirming that low- and high-strain modulus values are essentially the same for high strength rock, certainly for Layer V (sound rock) and Layer IV (MWR). Some strain softening has been allowed for the Layer III (PWR), as discussed in [Subsection 2.5.4.7](#page-31-4). Low strain is defined here as  $10^{-4}$ % while high strain is taken as 0.25% to 0.5%, the amount of strain frequently associated with settlement of structures on soil. A summary of low- and high-strain moduli of each layer is presented in [Table 2.5.4-209](#page-80-0).

## <span id="page-17-0"></span>2.5.4.2.5.2 Layers I and II: Residuum and Saprolite

Index tests for determination of engineering properties were performed on selected samples of Layer I and II soils. As noted earlier, of the soil samples classified in [Reference 232,](#page-49-0) most were silty sand with 69%, with the percentage of silt/clay being 29%. The fines content results of 188 tests are presented versus elevation in [Figure 2.5.4-215](#page-113-0). Layer I and II soils in the PBAs are generally characterized as nonplastic with an average fines content (materials passing No. 200 Sieve) of 37% and a median of 32% below El. 400 feet.

The Unified Soil Classification System (USCS) designations are silty sand (SM) for coarse-grained soils and mostly low to high plasticity silt (ML/MH) for finegrained soils. While MH soils show some plastic characteristics, the ML soils have no plasticity at all [\(Table 2.5.4-211](#page-83-0)). Similarly, almost none of the coarse-grained soils, silty sand (SM), show any plastic characteristics. For the relatively small percentage of samples that exhibited plasticity, assessed from [Table 2.5.4-211](#page-83-0), the median liquid limit was 63% while the plasticity index was 19%. The remaining 62 out of the 74 samples tested for Atterberg limits were nonplastic. The water content adopted for the overall site soils is 25%.

The measured SPT N-values ranged from 0 to refusal (defined as >100 bpf). Twelve drill rigs were used as part of the Units 2 and 3 exploration program, and ETR of each hammer was measured. The  $N_{60}$  values were adjusted by a factor of 1.20 to 1.44 depending on the measured ETR of the specific equipment used. The range of  $N_{60}$  values versus elevation is presented for soil type at each unit in [Figure 2.5.4-216](#page-114-0) and [Figure 2.5.4-217.](#page-115-0) For engineering design purposes, an  $N_{60}$ value of 20 bpf was adopted for Layers I and II soils below El. 400 feet at both unit areas.

The effective angle of internal friction of a medium dense saprolite ( $N_{60}$ =20 bpf) would typically be taken as around 33° [\(Reference 251](#page-50-3)). However, the relatively high silt content and the presence of low plasticity clay minerals reduce this angle. The effective friction angle (φ') and effective cohesive component (c') of Layers I and II soils were evaluated based on the results of laboratory testing, notably a series of consolidated isotropically undrained triaxial tests and direct shear tests performed on undisturbed samples in accordance with ASTM D 4767-04 ([Reference 216\)](#page-48-5) and ASTM D 3080-04 ([Reference 211\)](#page-47-5), respectively. [Table 2.5.4-](#page-84-0) [212](#page-84-0) summarizes the test results.

The consolidated isotropically undrained tests performed on silty sand (SM) soils produced a median  $\phi'$  of 27.1°, while the direct shear test results gave a median  $\phi'$ of 30.8°. The median c' was 0.33 kips per square foot (ksf) for consolidated isotropically undrained tests. Similarly, the consolidated isotropically undrained tests of silt (ML/MH) samples produced an average φ' of 28.5° and a median φ' of 30 $^{\circ}$ . The median c' was 0.22 ksf. This high-friction angle indicates that silt/clay soils show characteristics of granular soils rather than cohesive soils. Also, as stated earlier, silt/clay soils are mostly nonplastic. Therefore, silt/clay and silty sand soils have essentially the same effective strength parameter values. Since most of the soils in Layers I and II are nonplastic, an effective friction angle (φ') of

30° and an effective cohesive component (c') of 0.25 ksf were adopted for engineering design purposes.

Consolidation properties and stress history of Layers I and II soils were evaluated via laboratory testing. A summary of the laboratory consolidation test results is presented in [Table 2.5.4-213](#page-86-0), including the derived compression ratio and recompression ratio values of the PBA soils. Although most of the samples were very silty sands, the fines content (and possibly the mica content) provided consolidation characteristics. Results indicate that, on average, Layers I and II soils have a compression ratio of 0.160 and a recompression ratio of 0.030. [Reference 226](#page-49-2) provides a classification for compressibility of saturated normally consolidated and overconsolidated sandy soils at various densities. For normally consolidated SM soils, compression ratio ranges between 0.017 and 0.003; for saturated overconsolidated soils, recompression ratio is typically about one-third of the values for compression ratio. The high compressibility of the samples tested is most likely due to the silt and mica content in the soil.

The unit weights of undisturbed soil samples prepared for consolidated isotropically undrained, direct shear, and consolidation tests were measured before each test. There were isolated lower densities, but these are not considered typical. A design total unit weight of 110 pcf was adopted.

The specific gravity  $(G_s)$  results of 16 undisturbed samples are reported in [Reference 232.](#page-49-0) For design purposes, a  $G_s$  of 2.75 was adopted for Layers I and II soils at Units 2 and 3.

The high-strain elastic modulus  $(E_H)$  value is derived using the relationship with SPT N-value given in [Reference 228.](#page-49-3) The high-strain modulus is typically taken as the modulus at a strain between 0.25% and 0.5%, *i.e.*, 0.375% [\(Reference 243](#page-50-4)). The shear modulus  $(G_H)$  value is obtained using the relationship between elastic modulus, shear modulus, and Poisson's ratio [\(Reference 224](#page-48-6)). For engineering design purposes, an  $E_H$  of 720 ksf and a  $G_H$  of 270 ksf were adopted for Layers I and II soils at Units 2 and 3 below El. 400 feet. Values of  $E_H$  and  $G_H$  are shown in [Table 2.5.4-209.](#page-80-0)

The shear and compression wave velocities measured in the soil by suspension P-S velocity logging are shown in [Figure 2.5.4-224](#page-125-0) and [Figure 2.5.4-225,](#page-126-0) respectively. The average  $V_s$  ranges from about 500 to 1,000 fps with increasing depth in Layers I and II. Below El. 400 feet, a best estimate of 900 fps is selected beneath each unit. This is presented in more detail in [Subsections 2.5.4.4](#page-20-1) and [2.5.4.7.](#page-31-4) The best estimate low-strain (*i.e.*,  $10^{-4}$ ) shear modulus (G<sub>L</sub>) is derived from the  $V_s$  of 900 fps. The low-strain elastic modulus (E<sub>I</sub>) value is obtained using the relationship between elastic modulus, shear modulus, and Poisson's ratio ([Reference 224\)](#page-48-6). For engineering design purposes,  $G<sub>L</sub>$  of 2,750 ksf and an E<sub>L</sub> of 7,350 ksf were adopted for Layers I and II soils at Units 2 and 3 below El. 400 feet. Values of  $G_H$  and  $E_I$  are shown in [Table 2.5.4-209.](#page-80-0)

The unit coefficient of subgrade reaction  $(k_1)$  is based on the value for medium dense sand provided by Terzaghi ([Reference 247\)](#page-50-5). Based on material

characterization of Layers I and II soils, a  $k_1$  of 240 kips per cubic feet (kcf) was estimated and adopted for engineering design purposes.

The earth pressure coefficients are estimated based on Rankine's Theory, assuming level backfill and a zero friction angle between the soil and the wall (see also [Subsection 2.5.4.10\)](#page-40-1). Substituting previously adopted  $\phi$ '=30° for Layers I and II soils, the following earth pressure coefficients were estimated and adopted:  $K_a$ =0.33, K<sub>0</sub>=3.0, K<sub>0</sub>=0.50.

The sliding coefficient is tangent  $\delta$ , where  $\delta$  is the friction angle between the soil and the material it is bearing against, *i.e*., concrete in this case. Based on [Reference 234](#page-49-4), tangent δ=0.35 was adopted for Layers I and II soils.

All of the material properties designated for engineering purposes for Layer I and II soils, as well as other relevant information, are summarized in [Table 2.5.4-209](#page-80-0).

## <span id="page-19-0"></span>2.5.4.2.5.3 Compacted Fill

The soil underneath the annex building (at both units) is replaced with well-graded sandy structural fill (SW or SW-SP), extending from sound rock up to approximately El. 400 feet (see [Subsection 2.5.4.5.3\)](#page-28-0). It is compacted with heavy equipment in thin lifts to a dry density that is at least 95% of the maximum dry density obtained from ASTM D 1557-02 ([Reference 205\)](#page-47-6) (see also [Subsection](#page-26-0)  [2.5.4.5\)](#page-26-0). Based on this,  $N_{60}$  = 30 bpf,  $\phi$ ' = 36°, and a total unit weight of 125 pcf were selected as reasonable and conservative.

<span id="page-19-1"></span>2.5.4.2.5.4 RCTS Tests

The results of the three RCTS tests are presented in [Figure 2.5.4-218](#page-116-0). One of the tests was on saprolite (SM) and two tests were on samples of compacted fill. The test results on [Figure 2.5.4-218](#page-116-0) show normalized shear modulus ( $G/G_{\text{max}}$ )and damping ratio (D) versus shear strain for both the resonant column and torsional shear modes. The results are shown for a confining pressure equal to the in situ confining pressure.

Comparison of the RCTS results with the generic curves used in the seismic soil column analyses are discussed in [Subsection 2.5.4.7](#page-31-4).

## <span id="page-19-2"></span>2.5.4.2.5.5 Chemical Properties of Layers I and II

Three criteria—electrical resistivity, pH, and chloride content—were used to evaluate the corrosion potential of the foundation soils in Layers I and II. In addition, the sulfate content was used as an indicator of the soil aggressiveness towards concrete. Twenty-two sets of chemical tests were conducted on the soils between 6 and 53.5 feet depth. As described in [Subsection 2.5.4.4.1,](#page-20-2) six field electrical resistivity tests were performed using the Wenner 4-electrode array, at locations shown in [Figures 2.5.4-208](#page-106-0) and [2.5.4-201.](#page-92-0) Typically, the equivalent depth for each measurement is taken as half of the electrode spacing [\(Reference](#page-49-5)  [229](#page-49-5)). Guidelines to assess the corrosiveness and aggressiveness of the soil are

provided in [Table 2.5.4-214,](#page-87-0) based on various references ([References 202,](#page-47-7) [244,](#page-50-6) and [201\)](#page-47-8).

### Attack on Steel (Corrosiveness)

The electrical resistivity test results in [Reference 232](#page-49-0) indicate that the natural soils are essentially noncorrosive. In addition, the chloride contents, tabulated in [Table](#page-88-0)  [2.5.4-215](#page-88-0), vary from about 1.8 ppm to 8.5 ppm, which indicate soil with little corrosive potential. However, the pH values ranging from 4.9 to 6.0 indicate the soil to be mildly corrosive to corrosive. Based on the pH results, all natural soils at the site should be considered at least moderately corrosive to metals at this stage, requiring protection if metal is placed within them.

### Attack on Concrete (Aggressiveness)

The sulfate content, tabulated in [Table 2.5.4-215,](#page-88-0) varies from 0.0003% to 0.0017%. Based on the [Table 2.5.4-214](#page-87-0) guidelines, no special sulfate resisting cement is required.

## <span id="page-20-0"></span>2.5.4.3 Foundation Interfaces

The locations of all site exploration points for the Units 2 and 3 subsurface investigation, including borings, observation wells, CPTs, electrical resistivity tests, and test pits are shown on [Figure 2.5.4-201](#page-92-0) and [Figure 2.5.4-208.](#page-106-0) The locations of the subsurface profiles on [Figures 2.5.4-204](#page-95-0) through [2.5.4-207](#page-103-0) are shown on [Figure 2.5.4-209.](#page-107-0)

[Figure 2.5.4-219](#page-119-0) shows the excavation geometry for the safety-related and other major facilities. The cross sections of the structure foundations and the proposed excavation and backfilling limits are superimposed on [Figures 2.5.4-204](#page-95-0) through [2.5.4-207](#page-103-0) to produce [Figures 2.5.4-220](#page-121-0) through [2.5.4-223](#page-124-0).

Logs of all the core borings and test pits are contained in [Reference 232](#page-49-0).

## <span id="page-20-1"></span>2.5.4.4 Geophysical Surveys

The geophysical testing for Units 2 and 3 consisted of field electrical resistivity testing, geophysical down-hole testing, and seismic CPTs.

## <span id="page-20-2"></span>2.5.4.4.1 Field Electrical Resistivity Testing

Field electrical resistivity testing was conducted at the six locations shown in [Figures 2.5.4-208](#page-106-0) and [2.5.4-201](#page-92-0). The Wenner four-electrode method was used in accordance with ASTM G 57-06 ([Reference 223](#page-48-7)). In this method, four electrodes, two for current and two for voltage, are spaced an equal distance apart and inserted about 12 inches into the ground. A current is sent through the two outer electrodes and voltage is measured at the two inner electrodes. Electrode spacing ("A" spacing) ranged from 3 to 300 feet. The results of the testing are given in

[Reference 232](#page-49-0) and are discussed relative to corrosion potential in [Subsection](#page-15-0)  [2.5.4.2.5.](#page-15-0)

## <span id="page-21-0"></span>2.5.4.4.2 Geophysical Down-Hole Testing

Geophysical down-hole tests were performed in eight borings in the PBA. Four tests—B-201 (350 feet depth), B-206 (215 feet depth), B-207 (175 feet depth), and B-211/211A (175 feet depth)—were carried out in the Unit 2 area. The other four tests—B-301 (350 feet depth), B-306 (215 feet depth), B-307/307A (175 feet depth), and B-311 (175 feet depth)—were conducted in the Unit 3 area. The tests performed were natural gamma, three-arm caliper, long and short normal resistivity, spontaneous potential, borehole acoustic televiewer logging, boring deviation, and suspension P-S velocity logging. The results of all of these tests and detailed descriptions of the test methods are contained in [Reference 232](#page-49-0). Plots of the shear and compression wave velocity results versus elevation are presented in [Subsection 2.5.4.4.4.](#page-24-0) The descriptions below are summarized from the more detailed description in [Reference 232.](#page-49-0)

For most of the tests, the eight borings were logged as partially-cased borings, filled with clear water or polymer-based drilling mud, with a 4-inch PVC or steel casing placed in the top 40 to 60 feet of softer soil above bedrock contact during the measurements in the lower rock portions of the borings. The casing was then removed and measurements were performed in the upper soil portion of the borings. (In some cases, acceptable results were obtained from the suspension P-S logger in the cased soil hole, provided the casing was well grouted into the soil.) The instrument probe receives control signals from, and sends the digitized receiver signals to, instrumentation on the surface via an armored four-conductor cable. The cable is wound onto the drum of a winch and is used to support the probe.

## <span id="page-21-1"></span>2.5.4.4.2.1 Natural Gamma and Three-Arm Caliper

Caliper and natural gamma data were collected using a Model 3ACS three-arm caliper probe, manufactured by Robertson Geologging, Ltd, in accordance with ASTM D 6167-97 ([Reference 221\)](#page-48-8) and ASTM D 6274-98 [\(Reference 222](#page-48-9)). With this tool, caliper measurements were collected concurrently with the measurement of natural gamma emission from the borehole wall. The probe is 6.82 feet long and 1.5 inches in diameter and can:

- Measure boring diameter and volume
- Locate hard and soft formations
- Locate fissures, caving, pinching and casing damage
- Identify bed boundaries
- Correlate strata between borings

• Provide natural gamma measurements

Natural gamma measurements rely upon small quantities of radioactive material contained in all rocks that emit gamma radiation as they decay. The measurement is useful because the radioactive elements are concentrated in certain rock types, *e.g.*, clay or shale, and depleted in others, *e.g.*, sandstone or coal.

For testing, the probe was lowered to the bottom of the boring where the caliper legs were opened, and data collection was begun. The probe was returned to the surface at a rate of 9.8 feet/minute, collecting data continuously at 0.05-foot spacing.

## <span id="page-22-0"></span>2.5.4.4.2.2 Resistivity, Spontaneous Potential, and Natural Gamma

Resistivity, spontaneous potential, and natural gamma data were collected using a Model ELXG electric log probe, manufactured by Robertson Geologging, Ltd, in accordance with ASTM D 5753-05 ([Reference 218](#page-48-10)). The probe, which is 8.2 feet long and 1.73 inches in diameter, measures single point resistance, short and long normal resistivity, spontaneous potential, and natural gamma, and can:

- Identify bed boundaries
- Correlate strata between borings
- Identify strata geometry (shale indication)
- Provide natural gamma measurements

For testing, the probe was lowered to the bottom of the boring and data collection was begun. The probe was returned to the surface at a rate of 10 feet/minute, collecting data continuously at 0.05 foot spacing.

## <span id="page-22-1"></span>2.5.4.4.2.3 Acoustic Televiewer and Borehole Deviation Measurement

Acoustic image and boring deviation data were collected using a high-resolution acoustic televiewer probe, manufactured by Robertson Geologging, Ltd. The probe, which is 7.58 feet long and 1.9 inches in diameter, is fitted with upper and lower four-band centralizers, and can:

- Measure boring inclination and deviation from vertical
- Determine need to correct soil and geophysical log depths to true vertical depths
- Provide acoustic imaging of the borehole to identify fractures, dikes, and weathered zones, and determine dip and azimuth of these features

This system produces images of the borehole wall based on the amplitude and travel time of an ultrasonic beam reflected from the formation wall. The strength of

the reflected signal from the formation wall depends primarily upon the impedance contrast between the clear water or drilling fluid and the wall. The changes in contrast between native rock and dikes provide imaging of fracture filling. The acoustic wave propagates along the axis of the probe and is then reflected perpendicular to this axis by a reflector that focuses the beam to a 0.1-inch diameter spot about 2 inches from the central axis of the probe. The reflector has the ability to rotate, and data were collected at 360 samples per revolution during the survey.

The probe contains a fluxgate magnetometer to monitor magnetic north, and all raw televiewer data are referenced to magnetic north. In addition, a three-axis accelerometer is enclosed in the probe, and boring deviation data are recorded during the logging runs to permit correction of structure dip angle from apparent dip to true dip in non-vertical borings.

For testing, the probe was lowered to the bottom of the boring, and data collection was begun. The probe was returned to the surface at a rate of 3 feet/minute, collecting data continuously at 0.008-foot intervals. The data were presented on a computer screen for operator review during the logging run, and stored on hard disk for later processing.

## <span id="page-23-0"></span>2.5.4.4.2.4 Suspension P-S Velocity Logger

Soil velocity measurements were performed using a digital OYO Model 170 suspension P-S logging recorder and probe. This system directly determines the average in situ horizontal shear and compressional wave velocity measurements of a 3.3-foot high segment of the soil or rock column surrounding the borehole by measuring the elapsed time between arrivals of a wave propagating upwards through the soil or rock column.

Suspension P-S velocity logging uses a 19-foot-long probe containing a source near the bottom and a receiver pair centered 12.1 feet above the bottom end of the probe. The average wave velocity is determined from the travel time between the two receivers, which are 3.3 feet apart. For quality assurance, analysis is also performed on source-to-receiver data. The entire probe is suspended in the boring by the cable. The probe is lowered into the borehole to a specified depth where the source generates a pressure wave in the borehole fluid (drilling mud). The pressure wave is converted to seismic waves (P-wave and S-wave) at the borehole wall. At each receiver location, the P- and S-waves are converted to pressure waves in the fluid and received by the geophones mounted in the probe, which in turn send the data to a recorder on the surface. At each measurement depth, two opposite horizontal records and one vertical record are obtained. This procedure was repeated at 1.6-foot intervals.

## <span id="page-23-1"></span>2.5.4.4.3 Seismic Tests with Cone Penetrometer

Seven seismic CPTs were performed at approximate 3-foot vertical intervals in Layer I and II soils. Three tests—C-202, C-207, and C-209—were carried out in the Unit 2 area with a depth range of 36 to 51 feet. Three tests—C-302c (repeat of

C-302), C-307, and C-309—were carried out in the Unit 3 area with a depth range of 45 to 48 feet. One test—C-602b—was performed in the general area of the cooling towers, which is on the southeast side of the power block, to a depth of 58 feet.

Shear waves were generated by striking a heavy beam adjacent to the CPT location. Compression waves were not generated. The wave arrival was recorded by a geophone attached near the bottom of the cone string. The results of these seismic CPTs are provided in [Reference 232.](#page-49-0) Plots of the CPT  $V_s$  results versus elevation are presented in [Subsection 2.5.4.4.4.](#page-24-0)

### <span id="page-24-0"></span>2.5.4.4.4 Results of Shear and Compression Wave Velocity Tests

## <span id="page-24-1"></span>2.5.4.4.4.1 Layer V

Based on the RQD definition of sound rock (Layer V) in [Subsection 2.5.4.2.2](#page-8-2), the elevation of the top of Layer V is interpreted using the rock samples cored in the PBA (*i.e*., borehole logs of B-200 and B-300 series). The average and median elevation interpretations for the overall PBA are tabulated in [Table 2.5.4-201,](#page-52-0) and the top of sound rock is computed to be at El. 350 feet and El. 360 feet in the vicinity of Units 2 and 3, respectively. This gives an average of El. 355 feet for both units. The elevation of top of sound rock can also be defined based on a  $V_s$  of 6,500 fps. The 6,500 fps value is selected based on rock that is non-rippable with a very large ripper [\(Reference 225](#page-48-11)). The elevations of top of sound rock at boreholes where suspension P-S logging tests were performed (*i.e*., B-201, B-206, B-211, B-301, B-306, B-307 and B-311), are selected based on the bedrock elevations, where  $V_s$  is at least 6,500 fps and continually stays above 6,500 fps as the depth increases. For the four boreholes with suspension P-S logging at each unit, the elevations of top of sound rock based on the  $V_s$  criterion is about El. 355 feet. Thus the top of sound rock based on RQD definitions and based on the  $V_s$  approach is consistent. Consequently, El. 355 feet is adopted as the best estimate elevation of top of Layer V in the Units 2 and 3 nuclear island areas.

[Figure 2.5.4-224](#page-125-0) shows the measurements of  $V_s$  from suspension P-S logging four tests at each unit—in Layer I through Layer V versus elevation. [Figure 2.5.4-](#page-126-0) [225](#page-126-0) shows the corresponding measurements of compression wave velocity  $(V_n)$ . These measurements were taken in the PBA of each unit (*i.e*., at the reactor, turbine, auxiliary/radwaste buildings, and [plant] west of the reactor). In [Figure](#page-127-0)  [2.5.4-226](#page-127-0),  $V_s$  values of Layer V are averaged over 5-foot vertical intervals for each unit. The average value (mean) and the low/high ends (mean + standard deviation) are illustrated as vertical bars along each 5-foot-long interval. A best estimate  $V_s$  of 10,000 fps is adopted for Layer V in the PBA below El. 355 feet.

The values of low strain Poisson's ratio  $(\mu)$  are determined from a relationship between  $V_s$  and compression wave velocity. The average Poisson's ratio values derived from 4 suspension P-S loggings for each unit are shown in [Figure 2.5.4-](#page-128-0) [227](#page-128-0). In these plots, Poisson's ratio values are averaged over 5-foot vertical intervals. The average value (mean) and the low/high ends (mean  $\pm$  standard

deviation) are illustrated as vertical bars. The plots show an average μ of 0.23– 0.25 for sound rock under each unit. A best estimate Poisson's ratio of 0.24 is adopted for Layer V in the power block below El. 355 feet. The Poisson's ratios obtained from unconfined compression tests of rock ([Table 2.5.4-208\)](#page-76-0) are somewhat higher than the seismic test results: for Unit 2, the average  $\mu$  is 0.30 with a median of 0.31, and for Unit 3, the average μ is 0.32 with a median of 0.30. These were obtained from the readings from lateral and vertical strain gauges that were attached to the rock specimen. These differences are attributed to the difference in measurement method.

The average V<sub>p</sub> values are determined from the same relationship between V<sub>s</sub> and low strain Poisson's ratio ( $\mu$ ). Therefore, using the previously established best estimate  $V_s$  of 10,000 fps and a Poisson's ratio of 0.24, gives a value of  $V_p$  of just over 17,000 fps for Layer V. Based on this and the very consistent values shown in [Figure 2.5.4-225](#page-126-0), a best estimate value of 17,500 fps was selected.

## <span id="page-25-0"></span>2.5.4.4.4.2 Layers I, II, III, and IV

The measurements of  $V_s$  from suspension P-S logging tests and seismic CPTs in Layers I through IV (and the top of Layer V) are shown versus elevation in Figure [2.5.4-228](#page-129-0) (Sheets 1 and 2) for Units 2 and 3, respectively. In both figures, the shear wave velocities in Layers I and II show an increase from approximately 500 fps to 1,000 fps with increasing depth. In [Figure 2.5.4-229](#page-131-0) (Sheets 1 and 2),  $V_s$ values of Layers I and II are averaged over 5-feet vertical intervals. The average value (mean) and the low/high ends (mean  $\pm$  standard deviation) are shown as a vertical bar along each 5-foot long interval. A best estimate  $V_s$  of 900 fps is adopted for Layers I and II in the PBA below the site grade (*i.e*., El. 400 feet) down to top of PWR/MWR (*i.e*., El. 375 feet at Unit 2 and El. 365 feet at Unit 3).

Based on the RQD definitions listed in [Subsection 2.5.4.2.2](#page-8-2), the elevations of top of Layers III and IV (PWR and MWR) are interpreted using the rock samples cored in the PBA (*i.e*., borehole logs of B-200 and B-300 series). The elevations of top of each layer are summarized in [Table 2.5.4-201](#page-52-0) for Units 2 and 3 with average/median values. Given that PWR/MWR is a transition zone from soil to rock, the elevation of the top of Layer III (PWR) is also defined based on a  $V_s$  of 2,500 fps, given in [Reference 231](#page-49-6) as the transition velocity between strong soil and soft rock. The elevations of top of Layer III in eight boreholes, where suspension P-S logging tests were performed, are selected based on the bedrock elevations where  $V_s$  is at least 2,500 fps and continually stays above 2,500 fps as the depth increases. Accordingly, El. 375 feet and El. 365 feet are adopted as the top of Layer III in the Unit 2 and 3 nuclear island areas, respectively.

The values of  $V_s$  increase very quickly with increasing elevation through the transition zone, and so the average thickness of Layer III is selected as 5 feet, and thus El. 370 feet and El. 360 feet are determined as top of Layer IV in the Unit 2 and 3 nuclear island areas, respectively. Given that El. 355 feet is top of Layer V as described in [Subsection 2.5.4.4.4](#page-24-0), the results indicate minimal thickness of Layer III and relatively thin layers of Layer IV. In [Figure 2.5.4-230](#page-132-0) the  $V_s$  values of Layers III and IV are presented averaged over 5-foot vertical intervals, as well as

the low/high ends (mean  $\pm$  standard deviation). The best estimate for  $V_s$  of 3,000 fps and 6,000 fps for Layer III and Layer IV, respectively, are adopted in the PBA, respectively.

The values of low-strain Poisson's ratios  $(\mu)$  are determined from a relationship between  $V_s$  and  $V_p$ . The measurements of  $V_p$  from suspension P-S logging—four tests at each unit—in Layers I and II and Layers III and IV (above El. 355 feet) are shown versus elevation in [Figure 2.5.4-231](#page-133-0) (Sheets 1 and 2). The average Poisson's ratio values of Layers I, II, III and IV derived from 4 suspension P-S velocity logging tests at each unit are shown in [Figure 2.5.4-232](#page-135-0). In these plots, Poisson's ratio values are averaged over 5-feet vertical intervals, and the average value (mean) and the low/high ends (mean  $\pm$  standard deviation) are illustrated as vertical bars. These plots show a range between 0.3 and 0.4 for ML-MH-SM type of soil (Layers I and II). A best estimate Poisson's ratio  $(\mu)$  of 0.33 is adopted for Layers I and II in the PBA below the site grade (*i.e*., El. 400 feet) down to top of PWR/MWR (*i.e*., El. 375 feet at Unit 2 and El. 365 feet at Unit 3). Compared to published values of 0.3 for granular soils and silts, and 0.4 for cohesive soils ([Reference 224\)](#page-48-6), the calculated values are consistent. In a similar manner, a best estimate Poisson's ratio  $(\mu)$  of 0.33 is adopted for Layers III and IV in the PBA.

The average  $V_p$  values are determined from the relationship between  $V_s$  and lowstrain Poisson's ratio ( $\mu$ ). Therefore, using the previously established  $V_s$  and the Poisson's ratios, a best estimate  $V_p$  of 1,800 fps is adopted for Layers I and II. Similarly, compression wave velocities of 6,000 fps and 12,000 fps are adopted for Layers III and IV, respectively.

#### 2.5.4.5 Excavation and Backfill VCS COL 2.5-7

<span id="page-26-0"></span>This section describes the following topics:

- The extent (horizontally and vertically) of anticipated safety-related excavations, fills, and slopes.
- Excavation methods and stability.
- Backfill sources, quantities, compaction specifications, and quality control.
- Construction dewatering impacts.

## <span id="page-27-0"></span>2.5.4.5.1 Extent of Excavations, Fills and Slopes

[Figure 2.5.4-219](#page-119-0) shows the location of the excavation cross-sections and temporary slopes for Units 2 and 3. The site grade plan [Figure 2.5.4-245](#page-152-0) shows the extent of backfill and permanent outer slopes. The bottoms of foundations and backfill locations are shown in cross sections in [Figures 2.5.4-220](#page-121-0) through [2.5.4-](#page-124-0) [223](#page-124-0). The topography of the original ground surface with boring locations is shown in [Figure 2.5.4-233](#page-136-0).

To obtain plant grade of about El. 400 feet, the natural ground surface is leveled by excavating up to 28 feet of residuum and saprolite. The remainder of the saprolite is excavated down to top of sound rock using temporary slopes, as shown on [Figures 2.5.4-220](#page-121-0) through [2.5.4-223](#page-124-0). The natural soil at the two units is excavated to the top of sound rock which varies from as high as El. 384 feet to as deep as about El. 312 feet. The temporary construction slopes are (typical) 2 horizontal to 1-vertical (2H:1V), benched about every 20 feet.

As shown in [Figure 2.5.4-245,](#page-152-0) the PBA and cooling tower areas have a finished grade ranging from just below El. 400 feet to El. 390 feet, descending downward beyond the perimeter of the plant at approximately a 3H:1V slope. The largest slope descends from around El. 390 feet to El. 315 feet beyond the (plant) western perimeter. There are limited areas where existing ground rises at the perimeter to the (plant) north of Unit 3. This is a (typical) 3H:1V slope, with a maximum height of about 25 feet. The stability of temporary and permanent slopes is addressed in Subsection 2.5.5.

## <span id="page-27-1"></span>2.5.4.5.2 Excavation Methods and Stability

## <span id="page-27-2"></span>2.5.4.5.2.1 Excavation in Soil

Excavation in the soils (Layers I and II) and any existing fills is achieved with conventional excavating equipment. Excavation will adhere to OSHA regulations ([Reference 236](#page-49-7)) when less than 20 feet high. As noted in the previous subsection, a cut with benched (typical) 2-horizontal to 1-vertical (2H:1V) slope is used for support the power block excavation. The slopes have benches at about every 20 feet of height. Since the saprolitic soils can be highly erosive, even temporary slopes cut into the saprolite are sealed and protected.

## <span id="page-27-3"></span>2.5.4.5.2.2 Excavation in Rock

Excavation in Layer III (PWR) rock is achieved using conventional earthmoving equipment. A benched (typical) 2-horizontal to 1-vertical (2H:1V) slope is used to support the excavation.

In [Subsection 2.5.4.4.4](#page-24-0), it was noted that the top of sound rock for both units is taken at El. 355 feet, based on consideration of RQD and  $V_s$ . This is the top of rock used in the seismic analysis described in Subsection 2.5.2 and [Subsection](#page-31-4)  [2.5.4.7.](#page-31-4) However, El. 355 feet is the average top of sound rock. Beneath the nuclear island, sound (non-rippable) rock extends as high as El. 374 feet in Unit 2,

*i.e*., 14 feet above the bottom of the nuclear island basemat. The top of sound rock extends only about 3 feet above the bottom of the basemat in Unit 3. For Unit 2 limited hard rock excavation is needed.

Excavation in Layers IV and V (MWR and sound rock) is performed with "lessons learned" application from previous projects. The following methods of rock excavation employ techniques to reduce vibrations.

- Controlled blasting techniques, including cushion blasting, pre-splitting and line drilling may be used, with appropriately dimensioned bench lifts. The blasted faces are vertical.
- Any blasting is strictly controlled to preserve the integrity of the rock outside the excavations and to prevent damage to existing structures, equipment, and freshly poured concrete. Peak particle velocity is measured and kept within specified limits that is a function of distance from the blast.
- The rock is reinforced, if necessary, to ensure adequate support and safety.
- The excavation is mapped and photographed by experienced geologists. Appropriate measures are taken if weathered or fractured zones are encountered.
- <span id="page-28-0"></span>2.5.4.5.3 Backfill Sources, Compaction, and Quality Control
- <span id="page-28-1"></span>2.5.4.5.3.1 Structural Fill

Although a large amount of residual and saprolitic soil is excavated for the units, this material is not used as structural fill to support or back fill structures, but is used as common fill. Structural fill is either concrete or well-graded granular material. The anticipated extent of the concrete and granular fill is shown on the foundation cross sections on [Figures 2.5.4-220](#page-121-0) through [2.5.4-223](#page-124-0). The concrete fill is used mainly to replace any partially or moderately weathered rock exposed at the bottom of the excavations for the seismic Category I nuclear island foundation mat.

The granular structural fill material does not exist naturally on site. Therefore, this material is imported to the site. A source of suitable structural fill is located about 20 miles from the site, at Martin Marietta Aggregate's North Columbia Quarry. The material is granitic sand from the quarry's rock crushing operation. There are hundreds of thousands of tons of the sand stockpiled, with an estimated 30 year's future supply. Particle size distribution curves from samples of the material are shown on [Figure 2.5.4-234.](#page-137-0) The sand is classified as SW or SW-SP. Modified Proctor compaction test (ASTM D 1557-02) [\(Reference 205](#page-47-6)) results ([Figure 2.5.4-](#page-139-0) [235](#page-139-0)) indicate a maximum dry density in the 123 to 125 pcf range, with an optimum moisture content between about 8% and 11%. RCTS tests were performed on two

samples of this material, and the results are shown on [Figure 2.5.4-218](#page-116-0) and discussed in [Subsection 2.5.4.7.2.](#page-33-0)

This structural fill is placed in thin lifts and compacted to at least 95% of the maximum dry density as determined by ASTM D 1557-02 [\(Reference 205\)](#page-47-6), and to within 3% of its optimum moisture content. Compaction is performed with a heavy steel-drummed vibratory roller, except within 5 feet of a structure wall, where smaller compaction equipment is used to minimize excess pressures against the wall. As noted in [Subsection 2.5.4.2.5](#page-15-0), based on the type of material and its degree of compaction, a minimum  $N_{60}$  value of 30 bpf and an effective friction angle  $(\phi)$  of 36 $\degree$  were adopted as reasonable and conservative for this structural fill.

Fill placement and compaction control procedures are addressed in a technical specification. It includes requirements for suitable fill, sufficient testing to address potential material variations, and in-place density testing frequency (*e.g.*, a minimum of one test per 10,000 square feet of fill placed). It also includes requirements for an onsite testing laboratory for quality control (*e.g.*, gradation, moisture density, placement, and compaction) and requirements to ensure that the fill operations conform to the earthwork specification. The soil testing firm is required to be independent of the earthwork contractor and to have an approved quality program. Sufficient laboratory compaction (modified Proctor) and grain size distribution tests are performed to ensure that variations in the fill material are accounted for. A test fill program is also included for the purposes of determining an optimum size of roller, number of passes, lift thickness, and other relevant data for achievement of the specified compaction.

# <span id="page-29-0"></span>2.5.4.5.3.2 Common Fill

The residual and saprolitic soils excavated from the site can be used for common fill placed and compacted outside the structural fill ([Figures 2.5.4-220](#page-121-0) through [2.5.4-223](#page-124-0)). Most of these soils are silty sands, which are suitable for common fill, although the sandy silt and silty clay saprolite can also be used for common fill provided the liquid limit is less than 50%. Modified Proctor compaction tests results ([Reference 232](#page-49-0)) indicate a maximum dry density in the 106 to 109 pcf range, with an optimum moisture content between about 15% and 18%.

This common fill is placed in relatively thin lifts and compacted to at least 90% of the maximum dry density as determined by ASTM D 1557-02 [\(Reference 205](#page-47-6)), and to within 3% of its optimum moisture content.

# <span id="page-29-1"></span>2.5.4.5.4 Control of Groundwater During Excavation

Construction dewatering is presented in [Subsection 2.5.4.6.2](#page-31-0). Since the saprolitic soils can be highly erosive, sumps and ditches constructed for dewatering are lined. The tops of excavations are sloped back to prevent runoff down the excavated slopes during heavy rainfall.

#### 2.5.4.6 Groundwater Conditions VCS COL 2.5-8

#### <span id="page-30-1"></span><span id="page-30-0"></span>2.5.4.6.1 Groundwater Measurements and Elevations

Thirty-one observation wells were installed at the site as part of the subsurface investigation plan. Twenty-two of the wells were completed in the saprolite/ shallow bedrock zone and nine were completed in the deep bedrock zone. [Figure](#page-141-0)  [2.5.4-236](#page-141-0) shows the locations of the shallow wells in the vicinity of the PBA. The groundwater level measurements in the observation wells were taken between June 2006 and June 2007 on a monthly basis. These levels are shown for each well in Figure 2.4-235.

Groundwater is present in unconfined conditions in both the saprolitic soils and in the underlying bedrock at the Units 2 and 3 site. The piezometric levels in shallow wells range between El. 351 feet and El. 366 feet in the area of Unit 2, and between El. 359 feet and El. 374 feet in the area of Unit 3. Five sets of groundwater contours given in Subsection 2.4.12 present quarterly levels based on the monthly measured data. [Figure 2.5.4-237](#page-142-0) is included as a representative piezometric level contour map for the shallow wells and shows the contours for the March 2007 period. For Units 2 and 3, the maximum groundwater level for the main plant area is projected at El. 380 feet in Subsection 2.4.12.

As explained in [Subsection 2.5.4.2.2,](#page-8-2) the existing ground surface is reduced to approximately El. 400 feet during construction, resulting in removal of around 20 feet of soil in the PBA. This reduces the groundwater levels to some extent; however, the existing groundwater contours can be conservatively used where suitable for design purposes. Further details of measured groundwater levels and their fluctuations are given in Subsection 2.4.12. Logs and details of the 31 wells, and tests performed in the wells, are provided in [Reference 232.](#page-49-0)

The hydraulic conductivity values for the saprolite/shallow bedrock, based on the results of 16 slug tests, range from 0.0017 feet/day to 18 feet/day, with a geometric mean value of 0.60 feet/day. The hydraulic conductivity of the underlying deep bedrock (*i.e*., sound rock), as determined from the results of five slug tests, range from 0.0088 feet/day to 0.38 feet/day, with a geometric mean value of 0.07 feet/day. The results of packer tests conducted in selected geotechnical borings in deep bedrock provided a hydraulic conductivity varying between 0 feet/day and 1.14 feet/day, with a geometric mean value of 0.166 feet/ day. The differences in values measured by the two test methods are interpreted as a result of the depths at which the tests were conducted. A detailed description of hydraulic conductivity values is provided in Subsection 2.4.12.

The need for a permanent groundwater dewatering system is not anticipated for Units 2 and 3. However, localized temporary dewatering is expected to be required during plant foundation excavation and construction. This construction dewatering is performed in a manner that minimizes drawdown effects on the surrounding environment. Drawdown effects are expected to be limited to the immediate Units 2 and 3 area (see Subsection 2.4.12.5). The relatively low permeability of the saprolite and underlying rock means that temporary sumps

and pumps should be sufficient for successful dewatering during construction of the units, as presented in [Subsection 2.5.4.6.2.](#page-31-0)

## <span id="page-31-0"></span>2.5.4.6.2 Construction Dewatering and Seepage

Dewatering for all major excavations can be achieved by gravity-type systems using sumps and pumps.

## <span id="page-31-1"></span>2.5.4.6.2.1 Soils

Because of the relatively impermeable nature of saprolite, sump-pumping of ditches is adequate to dewater the soil. These ditches are advanced below the progressing excavation grade. As noted earlier, since the saprolitic soils can be highly erosive, sumps and ditches constructed for dewatering are lined.

## <span id="page-31-2"></span>2.5.4.6.2.2 Rock

Sump-pumping is used to collect water from ditches that are installed below the progressing excavation grade. During construction of Unit 1, groundwater entered the excavation in sufficient quantity to require such dewatering of the rock in only three areas.

## <span id="page-31-3"></span>2.5.4.6.3 Effect of Groundwater Conditions on Foundation Stability

As noted in [Subsection 2.5.4.6.1](#page-30-1), the highest anticipated groundwater level is assumed to be at El. 380 feet. Given that the existing ground surface is reduced to approximately El. 400 feet, groundwater level is expected to drop down to some extent. Nevertheless, this water level was used in computing hydrostatic pressures on the buried structure walls [\(Subsection 2.5.4.10](#page-40-1)).

As discussed in [Subsection 2.5.4.10](#page-40-1), there are no buoyancy issues with deep buried structures because of the appreciable dead loads imposed by these structures. Large diameter buried piping such as the circulating water pipes are designed to resist buoyancy when empty.

As noted in [Subsection 2.5.4.6.1,](#page-30-1) no permanent dewatering system is required for the PBA of Units 2 and 3.

## <span id="page-31-4"></span>2.5.4.7 Response of Soil and Rock to Dynamic Loading

The basemat for the nuclear island for each of the units is founded on Layer V (sound rock) or on concrete placed on sound rock. The annex, radwaste, and turbine buildings are founded on compacted structural fill placed on top of Layers III and IV and/or Layer V. The proposed foundation cross sections are illustrated on [Figures 2.5.4-220](#page-121-0) through [2.5.4-223](#page-124-0).

The seismic acceleration at the sound bedrock level is amplified or attenuated up through the weathered rock and soil column. To estimate this amplification or attenuation, the following data are required.

- $V_s$  profiles of the rock and the overlying soil
- Variation with strain of the shear modulus and damping values of the weathered rock and soil
- Site-specific seismic acceleration-time histories

## <span id="page-32-0"></span>2.5.4.7.1 Shear Wave Velocity Profiles

Various measurements were made at the Units 2 and 3 site to obtain estimates of the  $V_s$  in the soil and rock. These are summarized in [Subsection 2.5.4.4.4.](#page-24-0) All of the subsurface layers are of interest here, *i.e*., Layers I and II (residuum/saprolitic soils), Layers III and IV (PWR and MWR), Layer V (sound rock), and structural fill. Since the bedrock supports the seismic Category I structures, it is considered first.

## <span id="page-32-1"></span>2.5.4.7.1.1 Bedrock

Shear wave velocity  $(V_s)$  of the bedrock measured at the nuclear island of each unit (B-201/ B-301), and the surrounding major power block structures (B-206/B-306, B-207/B-307, B-211/B-311) is shown versus elevation in [Figure 2.5.4-224](#page-125-0). [Figure 2.5.4-226](#page-127-0) shows best-fit design values applied to these measured  $V_s$ profiles. In these plots,  $V_s$  values of Layer V are averaged over 5-feet vertical intervals for each unit. Each average  $V_s$  (mean) with corresponding low and high boundaries (mean  $\pm$  standard deviation) is illustrated as a vertical bar. In the vicinity of the Unit 2 nuclear island,  $V_s$  shows some scattering in the upper 90 feet or so of the sound rock (between El. 360 feet and El. 250 feet) before it reaches an almost constant value below El. 250 feet. This scattering seems to be relatively localized since the variation in  $V_s$  in sound rock of the Unit 3 nuclear island area is much smaller. The average mean value over the measured range in these plots is more than 10,000 fps at each unit.

## <span id="page-32-2"></span>2.5.4.7.1.2 Soil and Weathered Rock

The PWR/MWR layer is a transition zone from soil to sound rock. [Reference 231](#page-49-6) defines very dense soil and soft rock with  $V_s$  between 1,200 fps and 2,500 fps, and rock with  $V_s$  higher than 2,500 fps. Thus,  $V_s$  of 2,500 fps can be defined as the lower bound value for PWR. [Figure 2.5.4-228](#page-129-0) shows  $V_s$  for PWR/MWR layers above El. 355 feet. Although [Figure 2.5.4-228](#page-129-0) indicates the presence of PWR up to about El. 380 feet under the Unit 2 reactor based on the 2,500 fps criterion, the average top of PWR/MWR for Unit 2 is around El. 375 feet. The corresponding top of PWR/MWR can be taken as El. 365 feet for Unit 3. [Figure 2.5.4-230](#page-132-0) shows best-fit design values applied to the measured PWR/MWR  $V_s$  profiles in Figure [2.5.4-228](#page-129-0).

For the natural soil profile (Layers I and II), the measured  $V_s$  profiles in Figure [2.5.4-228](#page-129-0) were averaged vertically in 5 feet intervals to obtain the average, low, and high boundary profiles shown in [Figure 2.5.4-229.](#page-131-0)

For the structural fill beneath the annex building, there is no measured  $V_s$ , since the fill has not yet been constructed. To obtain a  $V_s$  profile range for the fill, the SPT N-value selected in [Subsection 2.5.4.2.5](#page-15-0) for the fill (*i.e.*,  $N_{60}$  = 30 bpf) was used. Using the relationship between  $N_{60}$  and  $V_s$  developed by Seed & Idriss ([Reference 241\)](#page-50-9) a profile of  $V_s$  versus depth was obtained, as shown in Figure [2.5.4-238](#page-143-0). The velocity values were adjusted for overburden pressure plus limited surcharge loading from locked-in stresses from compaction, and stresses from the structure itself. This profile was averaged vertically in 5-foot intervals to obtain the average  $V_s$  profile, also shown in [Figure 2.5.4-238](#page-143-0). The upper and lower bounds shown in this figure are 1.225 and 0.775 times the mean value of  $V_s$ , respectively, which correspond to 1.5 and 0.60 times the shear modulus.

### <span id="page-33-0"></span>2.5.4.7.2 Variation of Shear Modulus and Damping with Strain

## <span id="page-33-1"></span>2.5.4.7.2.1 Shear Modulus

As noted in [Subsection 2.5.4.2.5](#page-15-0), RCTS testing was performed on a representative sample of the saprolite and two samples of compacted structural fill. Shear modulus reduction curves (ratio of shear modulus to maximum shear modulus versus cyclic shear strain) were selected to run in the PSHAKE ([Reference 240\)](#page-50-8) analysis ([Subsection 2.5.4.7.3](#page-34-1)). These curves were then compared with the RCTS curves.

The shear modulus reduction curve for the Layer I and II soils (residuum and saprolite) was selected as the EPRI [\(Reference 230](#page-49-8)) curve for granular soils and low plasticity clays in the 20- to 50-foot depth range. This curve is illustrated on [Figure 2.5.4-239.](#page-144-0) The results of the RCTS tests (normalized shear modulus (G/  $G_{\text{max}}$ ) versus shear strain) from [Figure 2.5.4-218](#page-116-0) (Sheet 1) are superimposed on this curve in [Figure 2.5.4-240](#page-145-0) (Sheet 1). These results show reasonable agreement with the EPRI curve, and no additional PSHAKE runs were made using the RCTS shear modulus reduction curves. Since saprolite soils are completely removed from the PBA and nuclear island areas, a representative sample is considered acceptable for characterization purposes.

The shear modulus reduction curve for the granular structural fill was also selected as the EPRI curve for granular soils and low plasticity clays in the 20- to 50-foot depth range, as shown on [Figure 2.5.4-239](#page-144-0). The results of the RCTS tests (normalized shear modulus ( $G/G_{\text{max}}$ ) versus shear strain) from [Figure 2.5.4-218](#page-117-0) (Sheets 2 and 3) are superimposed on this curve in [Figure 2.5.4-240](#page-146-0) (Sheets 2 and 3). These results show good agreement with the EPRI curve, and so no additional PSHAKE runs were made using the RCTS shear modulus reduction curves.

The shear modulus values of the Layer IV (MWR) and Layer V (sound rock) are considered non-strain dependent. However, at some stage of weathering, rock becomes sufficiently decomposed to exhibit modulus reduction. The PWR layer is considered to fall into this sufficiently weathered state. [Reference 246](#page-50-7) developed a shear modulus versus strain curve for a soft rock material. This curve was

selected for the PWR, and is shown on [Figure 2.5.4-239](#page-144-0). Note that the PWR layer will be removed under the PBA structures.

## <span id="page-34-0"></span>2.5.4.7.2.2 Damping Ratio

Damping ratio versus cyclic shear strain curves were selected to run in the PSHAKE analysis [\(Subsection 2.5.4.7.3](#page-34-1)). These curves were then compared with the RCTS curves once the test results were available.

The damping ratio versus shear strain curve for the Layer I and II soils (residuum and saprolite) was selected as the EPRI [\(Reference 230\)](#page-49-8) curve for granular soils and low plasticity clays in the 20- to 50-foot depth range. This curve is illustrated on [Figure 2.5.4-241.](#page-148-0) The results of the RCTS tests for damping ratio from [Figure](#page-116-0)  [2.5.4-218](#page-116-0) (Sheet 1) are superimposed on this curve in [Figure 2.5.4-240](#page-145-0) (Sheet 1). These results show reasonable agreement with the EPRI curve, and so no additional PSHAKE runs were made using the RCTS damping ratio versus shear strain curves.

The damping ratio versus shear strain curve for the granular structural fill was also selected as the EPRI curve for granular soils and low plasticity clays in the 20- to 50-foot depth range, as shown on [Figure 2.5.4-241](#page-148-0). The results of the RCTS tests for damping ratio from [Figure 2.5.4-218](#page-117-0) (Sheets 2 and 3) are superimposed on this curve in [Figure 2.5.4-240](#page-146-0) (Sheets 2 and 3). These results show good agreement with the EPRI curve, and so no additional PSHAKE runs were made using the RCTS damping ratio versus shear strain curves.

The Layer IV (MWR) and Layer V (sound rock) are considered to have a damping ratio, but this ratio is non-strain dependent. A damping ratio of 1% was used for these materials. As with shear modulus, the damping ratio of PWR is considered to be strain dependent. [Reference 246](#page-50-7) developed a damping ratio versus strain curve for soft rock material. This curve was selected for the PWR, and is shown on [Figure 2.5.4-241.](#page-148-0)

Note that damping ratios versus cyclic shear strains are frequently cut off at 15% damping ratio. The curves in [Figure 2.5.4-241](#page-148-0) are cut off at 15% when the damping ratio is limited to 15%.

## <span id="page-34-1"></span>2.5.4.7.3 Rock and Soil Column Amplification/Attenuation Analysis

The PSHAKE computer program [\(Reference 240](#page-50-8)) was used to compute the site dynamic responses for the soil profiles described in [Subsection 2.5.4.7.1](#page-32-0). The analysis used the sound rock response spectrum presented in Figure 2.5.2-246. Although this site is considered a hard rock site with  $V_s$  of 9,200 fps directly beneath the nuclear island of each unit, [Figure 2.5.4-226](#page-127-0) shows minor variations in the  $V_s$  below the average top of sound rock elevation of 355 feet, especially in Unit 2. Thus, the sound rock response spectrum was input at various depths above and below El. 355 feet for the 60 randomized soil and rock profiles used in PSHAKE for each unit. For Unit 2, this ranged from about 15 feet above to about

45 feet below El. 355 feet, with the corresponding Unit 3 variation of about 15 feet above and 10 feet below El. 355 feet.

As described in Subsection 2.5.2.5, the 1993 EPRI study, in addressing the variation in several crustal models considered for the CEUS ([Reference 230\)](#page-49-8), as well as uncertainty in Poisson's Ratio—used for converting the original compressional-wave velocity-based crustal models to shear-wave velocity models—suggests at least an uncertainty of several hundred feet/sec in the specification of the best estimate of 9,200 ft/s. Further, the 1993 EPRI study concluded that this variability in shear-wave velocity was not significant in ground motion modelling compared to other modeling factors.

The natural soil profile described in [Subsection 2.5.4.7.1](#page-32-0) and shown in [Figure](#page-129-0)  [2.5.4-228](#page-129-0) was randomized along with the shear modulus and damping ratio relationships with strain described in [Subsection 2.5.4.7.2,](#page-33-0) and used as input to PSHAKE. [Figure 2.5.4-242](#page-149-0) shows the acceleration versus depth profiles obtained from PSHAKE for both units. This acceleration at El. 400 feet is about 0.55g for Unit 2 and 0.42g for Unit 3. The maximum mean peak ground acceleration is used as input into the liquefaction analysis for the Units 2 and 3 site soils, described in [Subsection 2.5.4.8](#page-35-0).

For the structural fill profile, the randomized profile described in [Subsection](#page-32-0)  [2.5.4.7.1](#page-32-0) along with the shear modulus and damping ratio relationships with strain described in [Subsection 2.5.4.7.2](#page-33-0) were input into the PSHAKE analysis.

#### 2.5.4.8 Liquefaction Potential VCS COL 2.5-9

<span id="page-35-0"></span>Regulatory Guide 1.198 is used to address liquefaction.

Soil liquefaction is a process by which loose, saturated, granular deposits lose a significant portion of their shear strength due to pore pressure buildup resulting from cyclic loading, such as that caused by an earthquake. Soil liquefaction can occur, leading to foundation bearing failures and excessive settlements, when all of the following criteria are met:

- Design ground acceleration is high
- Soil is saturated (*i.e*., close to or below the water table)
- Site soils are sands or silty sands in a loose or medium dense condition.

At the Units 2 and 3 site, the peak ground acceleration is high and portions of the soil are saturated where they are below the ground water table. However, much of the soil/rock at the site is not in a loose or medium dense condition. The PWR is a very dense decomposed rock matrix mixed with semi-hard rock fragments while the MWR has more than 50% by volume of sound rock interspersed with decomposed layers. Neither the PWR nor MWR has the potential to liquefy. The
engineered structural fill is a dense well-graded sand compacted to at least 95% of the maximum dry density from the modified Proctor test [\(Reference 205](#page-47-0)). This fill does not have the potential to liquefy. The only site materials that need to be analyzed to determine their potential to liquefy under the design earthquake are the Layers I and II (residuum and saprolite) soils that are close to or below the ground water table.

The seismic Category I nuclear island is to be founded on rock or on concrete placed on rock. The seismic Category II annex building is to be founded on structural fill on top of rock. As shown in [Figures 2.5.4-220](#page-121-0) and [2.5.4-223,](#page-124-0) the structural fill beneath the annex building extends laterally well beyond the bottom of the structure so that the zone of loading influence from the foundation is entirely within the structural fill. Thus, even if the residuum and saprolite were to liquefy at the Units 2 and 3 site, such liquefaction would have no impact on the stability of the seismic Category I and II structures. In fact, referring to [Figures 2.5.4-220](#page-121-0) through [2.5.4-223](#page-124-0), the residuum and saprolite are to be removed from below all of the structures around the nuclear island and replaced with structural fill, and thus liquefaction of the residuum and saprolite does not effect the stability of any of these structures.

Even though liquefaction of the residuum and saprolite do not impact the stability of the nuclear island or any of the surrounding structures, for completeness, this section examines the potential for these materials to liquefy. For the liquefaction analysis, the following information is needed:

- The locations of samples to be analyzed
- The material that makes up the residuum and saprolite to be analyzed
- The peak ground acceleration and corresponding earthquake moment magnitude
- The acceptable factor of safety against liquefaction.
- 2.5.4.8.1 Locations of Samples to be Analyzed

As noted in [Subsection 2.5.4.5.1](#page-27-0) and shown in the foundation excavation geometry in [Figures 2.5.4-220](#page-121-0) through [2.5.4-223](#page-124-0), the residuum and saprolite is removed down to bedrock at Units 2 and 3. There is little relevance in analyzing for liquefaction potential these soils that are removed. However, 17 borings were identified that were located either on the cut slope of the proposed power block excavation, or outside but quite close to the top of the slope. Two similarly located CPTs were also identified. These borings and CPTs are listed in [Table 2.5.4-216](#page-89-0). Soils in these borings are analyzed for liquefaction.

Liquefaction occurs due to pore pressure buildup between the soil particles, and thus is limited to soils that are close to or below the ground water table. The measured groundwater level contours are presented and discussed in Subsection 2.4.12 with a typical set of contours given in [Figure 2.5.4-237.](#page-142-0) The

groundwater level at each of the borings and CPT locations in [Table 2.5.4-216](#page-89-0) was estimated from the groundwater contours, and the groundwater level used to determine whether the soil in the boring or CPT was saturated (and thus potentially liquefiable) was taken as 5 feet above this level. In the remainder of this section, this is referred to as the liquefaction groundwater level. The liquefaction groundwater level for each boring and CPT is shown in [Table 2.5.4-](#page-89-0) [216](#page-89-0).

## <span id="page-37-0"></span>2.5.4.8.2 Material to be Analyzed

Saturated saprolite was encountered below the liquefaction groundwater table in only 4 of the 17 borings listed in [Table 2.5.4-216–](#page-89-0)only fine-grained saprolite (more than 50% fines), PWR/MWR or sound rock was found below the liquefaction groundwater table in the remaining 13 borings. (Note, since the residuum is typically found above the saprolite, very limited residuum was identified below the liquefaction groundwater table in the 4 borings, and so only the term saprolite is used for the analysis.) The granular saprolite was silty sand, with generally more than 35% fines. The saprolitic silty sand in these borings is analyzed for liquefaction potential.

It should be noted that the fabric of saprolitic sand contrasts strongly with that of alluvial or marine deposited sand. The saprolitic sand can retain the foliation of the original rock and has interlocking of grains. Such foliation and interlocking is absent in alluvial or marine sand deposits, even though the grains can be quite angular. The fabric of saprolite is, therefore, not one of a transported soil but one of the parent rock material. The fabric is anisotropic, *i.e*., it has strongly directional properties. The geometric interlocking of the grains and the lack of a void network that would allow reorientation of grains indicates that the saprolite should not typically liquefy.

Almost all of the materials identified by the 2 CPTs in [Table 2.5.4-216](#page-89-0) were clays or silts. Also, the liquefaction groundwater table was below the bottom of the CPT in one of the soundings. The equivalent N-value was above 25 bpf everywhere below the top 5 feet. Thus, for these 2 CPTs, there are no liquefiable soils.

# 2.5.4.8.3 Ground Acceleration and Earthquake Magnitude

The peak ground acceleration obtained from the PSHAKE analyses described in [Subsection 2.5.4.7.3](#page-34-0) is 0.55g for Unit 2 and 0.42g for Unit 3. Only the 0.55g Unit 2 value was used for the liquefaction analysis. The corresponding earthquake magnitude is 7.2, as interpreted from Table 2.5.2-218.

## 2.5.4.8.4 Acceptable Factor of Safety Against Liquefaction

Regulatory Guide 1.198 suggests that factors of safety ≤1.1 against liquefaction are considered low, factors of safety between 1.1 to 1.4 are considered moderate, and factors of safety > 1.4 are considered high. The Committee on Earthquake Engineering [\(Reference 233](#page-49-0)) states, "There is no general agreement on the appropriate margin (factor) of safety, primarily because the degree of

conservatism thought desirable at this point depends upon the extent of the conservatism already introduced in assigning the design earthquake. If the design earthquake ground motion is regarded as reasonable, a safety factor of 1.33 to 1.35 . . . is suggested as adequate. However, when the design ground motion is excessively conservative, engineers are content with a safety factor only slightly in excess of unity."

Based on the above opinions, a factor of safety of 1.25 is considered adequate for the saprolitic sands at the Units 2 and 3 site.

## 2.5.4.8.5 Liquefaction Analysis

The present state-of-the-practice considers an evaluation of data from SPT, CPT, and  $V_s$  measurements, with the method employing SPT measurements being the most well-developed, and well-recognized. Initially, a measure of the stress imparted to the soils by the ground motion is calculated, referred to as the cyclic stress ratio (CSR). Then, a measure of the resistance of soils to the ground motion is calculated, referred to as the cyclic resistance ratio (CRR). The factor of safety (FS) against liquefaction is then calculated as the ratio of the resisting stress, CRR to the driving stress, CSR. Details of the liquefaction methodology and the relationships for calculating CSR, CRR, FS, and other intermediate parameters such as the stress reduction coefficient  $(r_d)$ , the magnitude scaling factor (MSF), the  $K_{\sigma}$  correction factor accounting for liquefaction resistance with increasing confining pressure, and other correction factors, can be found in [Reference 252](#page-51-0). Note that a MSF of 1.11 was used in the analyses, based on the magnitude 7.2 earthquake. A review of the results of liquefaction potential analyses using the available SPT, CPT, and  $V_s$  data discussed earlier follows.

# 2.5.4.8.5.1 Liquefaction Analysis Using SPT Measurements

Liquefaction analysis of each sample of saprolitic silty sand obtained by SPT sampling in the 17 borings in [Table 2.5.4-216](#page-89-0) at or below the liquefaction groundwater table was performed to determine the factor of safety against liquefaction. The analysis conservatively ignored the age and mineralogy/fabric effects of the saprolite. Fine-grained samples and/or samples above the groundwater table were considered non-susceptible to liquefaction.

The analysis followed the method proposed by Youd et al. ([Reference 252](#page-51-0)), based on the evolution of the Seed and Idriss "Simplified Procedure" over the past 25 years. Overburden pressure and hammer ETR corrections were applied to the measured N-values. The CRR computed from the corrected N-values used the 35% fines curve. The  $K_{\sigma}$  factor for high overburden pressures was incorporated into the analysis, using a relative density of 40% to 80%.

Using the peak ground acceleration, the analysis of the SPT results gave factor of safety values against liquefaction greater than 1.25 for those samples that were liquefiable, except for three samples, where the computed factors of safety were less than 1.25.

## 2.5.4.8.5.2 Liquefaction Analysis Using CPT Measurements

As noted in [Subsection 2.5.4.8.2](#page-37-0), no liquefiable soils were identified in the selected CPTs.

# 2.5.4.8.5.3 Liquefaction Analysis using Shear Wave Velocity

No  $V_s$  measurements were made in the borings and CPTs in [Table 2.5.4-216.](#page-89-0) To use  $\overline{V}_s$  measurements in the analysis, the average values of  $V_s$  shown in Figure [2.5.4-229](#page-131-0) (which include all the  $V_s$  measurements performed in the residuum and saprolite in the PBA) were analyzed. The measured  $V_s$  values were corrected for overburden pressure using the method outlined in Youd et al. [\(Reference 252](#page-51-0)). The corrected values all fell into the "No Liquefaction" zone on Figure 9 of [Reference 252](#page-51-0).

# 2.5.4.8.6 Conclusions About Liquefaction

Only the saprolitic sand present onsite falls into the gradation and relative density categories where liquefaction is considered possible.

Any liquefaction of the saprolitic sand will not impact the stability of any Units 2 and 3 seismic Category I and II structures since the zone of loading influence of these structures does not reach the saprolitic sands.

The conclusions from the foregoing sections on the analysis of liquefaction potential of the saprolitic sand are as follows:

- The liquefaction analysis of the SPT measurements in 17 borings along and close to the perimeter of the area to be excavated gave factor of safety values against liquefaction greater than 1.25 for those samples that were liquefiable, except for three samples, where the factor of safety was less than 1.25. None of the soils in the two CPTs in these areas was potentially liquefiable.
- The liquefaction analysis of the average Unit 2 and Unit 3  $V_s$ measurements indicated the soil to be non-liquefiable.
- The analysis conservatively ignored the age and mineralogy/fabric effects of the saprolite.

Based on the above analysis results, it can be concluded that a small percentage of the saprolitic sands has a possible potential for liquefaction based on the design seismic parameters. The liquefaction analysis did not take into account the beneficial effects of age, fabric, and mineralogy. However, any liquefaction of the saprolitic sands will not impact the stability of any seismic Category I or II structure, or any of the other structures that surround the nuclear island since the zone of influence of these structures does not reach the saprolitic sands.

## 2.5.4.9 Earthquake Design Basis

The horizontal ground motion response spectrum (GMRS) was developed from the horizontal uniform hazard response spectrum (UHRS) using the approach described in ASCE/SEI Standard 43-05 and Regulatory Guide 1.208. The vertical GMRS was developed from the vertical UHRS.

The ASCE/SEI Standard 43-05 approach defines the GMRS using the sitespecific UHRS, which is defined for Seismic Design Category SDC-5 at a mean 10<sup>-4</sup> annual frequency of exceedance.

The GMRS is derived, and presented in detail, in Subsection 2.5.2.6.

# <span id="page-40-0"></span>2.5.4.10 Static Stability

The seismic Category I nuclear island (on a common basemat) for each unit is directly founded on top of Layer V (sound rock). If Layer III (PWR) and/or Layer IV (MWR) are encountered at foundation subgrade level, they are removed. Concrete is placed on the sound rock where required to bring subgrade up to the bottom of the foundation. The seismic Category II annex building for each unit is supported on compacted fill above sound rock. The other major structures that surround the nuclear island (turbine and radwaste buildings) are also supported on compacted fill above sound rock.

[Figures 2.5.4-220](#page-121-0) through [2.5.4-223](#page-124-0) show the subsurface profiles in the east-west and north-south directions along with the cross-sections of the major power block structures. Note that (1) Layer I and II (residuum/saprolite) soils in the overall PBA are removed and replaced with structural fill, and (2) the thickness of structural fill material beneath the foundation of the turbine building varies due to the different depths of the parts of the buildings ([Figures 2.5.4-221](#page-122-0) and [2.5.4-223](#page-124-0)). [Table 2.5.4-](#page-90-0) [217](#page-90-0) shows the bottom of foundation elevations for the seismic Category I and II structures, along with the turbine and radwaste buildings. Since the plan dimensions of some of the buildings are irregular, two cases, reflecting the effects of minimum and maximum dimensions, are considered in the bearing capacity and settlement analyses, as shown in [Table 2.5.4-217](#page-90-0).

#### 2.5.4.10.1 Bearing Capacity VCS COL 2.5-10

2.5.4.10.1.1 Bearing Capacity of Rock

The allowable bearing capacity values for each bedrock layer (III, IV and V) are given in [Table 2.5.4-218.](#page-90-1) These values are the same as in Table 2.5-22 of the Unit 1 UFSAR which recommends an allowable rock bearing capacity of 200 ksf for Layer V (sound rock), 100 ksf for Layer IV (MWR) and 40 ksf for Layer III (PWR) ([Reference 249\)](#page-50-0). It should be noted that although the 40 ksf allowable bearing capacity for PWR is greater than the maximum static bearing pressure from the nuclear island basemat, the nuclear island is not founded directly on the

PWR or MWR. If excavation for this foundation reveals any weathered or fractured zones at foundation level, such zones are overexcavated and replaced with concrete above sound rock.

Several building codes in [Reference 227](#page-49-1) give an allowable bearing capacity of rock of not more than 20% of its ultimate crushing strength (compressive strength). In that case, for Layer V (sound rock), 20% of 25 ksi (compressive strength) gives 5 ksi (=720 ksf). However, the concrete placed on sound rock, if any, is expected to have a compressive strength of 5 ksi. Then, 20% of 5 ksi gives 1 ksi (=144 ksf). Note that using 20% of ultimate crushing strength for concrete is very conservative due to the uniform properties and homogeneous nature of concrete. Between the recommended allowable sound rock bearing capacity of 200 ksf and a conservatively assumed allowable bearing capacity of 144 ksf for concrete, it is reasonable and conservative to use an allowable bearing capacity of 160 ksf for the nuclear island at Units 2 and 3.

## 2.5.4.10.1.2 Bearing Capacity of Soil

For granular soils such as Layers I and II (residuum/saprolite) and the engineered structural fill, bearing capacity is based on Terzaghi's bearing capacity equations modified by Vesic [\(Reference 250](#page-50-1)). The ultimate (gross) bearing capacity of a footing  $(q_{\text{ul}})$  supported on homogeneous soils can be estimated by (Reference [250](#page-50-1)):

 $\mathsf{q}_{\mathsf{ult}}$  = cN $_{\mathsf{c}}$ ζ $_{\mathsf{c}}$  +  $\gamma$ D<sub>f</sub>N $_{\mathsf{q}}$ ζ $_{\mathsf{q}}$  + 0.5 $\gamma$ BN $_{\gamma}$ ζ $_{\gamma}$ 

where, c  $=$  undrained shear strength for clay  $(c_{\text{u}})$  or cohesion intercept (c) for soil defined with c, φ,

 $\gamma D_f$  = effective overburden pressure at base of foundation,

 $\gamma'$  = effective unit weight of soil,

- $D_f$ = depth from ground surface to base of foundation,
- $B = width of$  foundation,

 $N_c$ ,  $N_q$ , and  $N_\gamma$  are bearing capacity factors (defined in [Reference 250\)](#page-50-1), and

 $\zeta_c$ ,  $\zeta_q$ , and  $\zeta_\gamma$  are shape factors (defined in [Reference 250](#page-50-1)).

These equations use the effective unit weight of the soil, the width and depth of the foundation, and bearing capacity and shape factors that are a function of the angle of internal friction of the soil. Consequently, each foundation has a different bearing capacity depending on the foundation dimensions. For large foundations that are founded at depth below grade, these equations can give very large bearing capacity values, even when a factor of safety of 3.0 is included for the allowable bearing value. In such situations, settlement, discussed in [Subsection](#page-42-0)  [2.5.4.10.2,](#page-42-0) normally governs.

## 2.5.4.10.1.3 Allowable Bearing Capacity of Structures

[Table 2.5.4-219](#page-90-2) gives the estimated allowable bearing capacity for the seismic Category I nuclear island, seismic Category II annex building, and major

nonseismic structures (turbine and radwaste buildings), based on the materials underlying the structures shown in [Figures 2.5.4-220](#page-121-0) through [2.5.4-223](#page-124-0). Because of the irregular shape of these structures, minimum and maximum dimensions are considered in the theoretical allowable bearing capacity analyses. The design bearing capacity given in the right-hand column of [Table 2.5.4-219](#page-90-2) is the minimum value for any layer beneath the structure. For the nuclear island, the value on [Table 2.5.4-219](#page-90-2) exceeds the required allowable static and dynamic bearing capacities of 8.6 ksf and 35 ksf, respectively, given in Table 2-1 of the AP1000 DCD.

Layers I and II (residuum/saprolite) can be used to support relatively lightly loaded, nonsettlement sensitive structures that are not classified as seismic Category I or II (*e.g.*, switchyard or cooling tower structures). For these buildings, a generic analysis was performed for various footing sizes, with a minimum width of at least 5 feet and a length of 5 to 50 feet. The allowable bearing capacity value is limited to 4.0 ksf because of settlement considerations. As noted in [Subsection](#page-42-0)  [2.5.4.10.2,](#page-42-0) settlement considerations usually dominate when the saprolite is used for supporting foundations, and the actual allowable bearing capacity may be less than 4.0 ksf, especially for larger foundations.

Groundwater table is conservatively assumed to be at El. 400 feet in these calculations. There are hydrostatic uplift forces on buried structures. All of the underground seismic Category I and II structures have applied foundation loads well in excess of hydrostatic uplift pressures, and so there are no net uplift forces. However, such forces could be significant in the design of buried piping, particularly when the pipe is empty. In such a situation, the weight and strength of the backfill above the pipe would be analyzed to confirm satisfactory resistance to the uplift forces. The normal factor of safety of 3 against soil failure is used in this analysis.

#### <span id="page-42-0"></span>2.5.4.10.2 Settlement Analysis VCS COL 2.5-12

For the large mat foundations that support the major power plant structures, general considerations based on geotechnical experience indicate that if total foundation settlement is limited to 2 inches, with differential settlement limited to 3/4 inch [\(Reference 238](#page-49-2)), the performance of the structure should not be impacted. For individual footings that support smaller plant components, the corresponding value of total settlement is 1 inch, while the differential settlement is 1/2 inch. VCS COL 2.5-16

> The pseudo-elastic method of analysis was used for settlement estimates. This approach is suitable for the granular soils and bedrock at the site. The analysis is based on a stress-strain model that computes settlement of discrete layers:

$$
\delta = \Sigma(\Delta p_i \times \Delta h_i)/E_i
$$

where,

 $δ =$  settlement

 $i = 1$  to n, where n is the number of soil layers

- $p_i$  = vertical applied pressure at center of layer i
	- $h_i$  = thickness of layer i
	- $E_i$  = elastic modulus of layer i

The stress distribution below rectangular foundations is based on a Boussinesqtype distribution for flexible foundations ([Reference 239\)](#page-50-2). The computation extends to a depth where the increase in vertical stress (ΔP) due to the applied load is equal to or less than 10% of the applied foundation pressure. The Boussinesq-type vertical pressure under a rectangular footing  $(\sigma_z)$  is as follows ([Reference 239\)](#page-50-2):

$$
\sigma_{z} = (p/2\pi)(\tan^{-1}(\text{lb}/(zR_3)) + (\text{lbz}/R_3)(1/R_1^2 + 1/R_2^2))
$$

where,

l = length of footing  $b =$  width of footing z = depth below footing at which pressure is computed  $R_1 = (I^2 + z^2)^{0.5}$  $R_2 = (b^2 + z^2)^{0.5}$  $R_3 = (I^2 + b^2 + z^2)^{0.5}$ 

Settlement estimates were made following the preceding relationships and using soil and rock properties given in [Table 2.5.4-209](#page-80-0). These estimates were made for the seismic Category I nuclear island, seismic Category II annex building, and major nonseismic structures (turbine and radwaste buildings), and are presented in [Table 2.5.4-220](#page-91-0). The applied pressure used in the settlement computation for the nuclear island foundation is 8.6 ksf, from Table 2-1 of the AP1000 DCD. The 6 ksf applied pressure for the other major structures is a best estimate, and is expected to be conservative.

As would be expected, the anticipated settlements under the nuclear islands are negligible since they are supported on Layer V (sound rock). Similarly, settlements of structures sitting on the dense to very dense structural fill underlain by rock formation are modest in light of the large applied pressures. The anticipated average settlements under the turbine, annex, and radwaste buildings supported on structural fill are on the order of 1.5 to 2.5 inches. Note that these settlements mainly occur during construction. Differential settlements within the structure should be less than 50% of the total settlement, except for the turbine building where parts of the structure are founded on bedrock and other parts are on relatively thick structural fill [\(Figures 2.5.4-221](#page-122-0) and [2.5.4-223](#page-124-0)). In such a case, the differential settlement within the structure can approach the total settlement value. Since the turbine building is such a large structure, the angular distortion is within acceptable limits.

#### 2.5.4.10.3 Earth Pressures VCS COL 2.5-11

Static and seismic lateral earth pressures are addressed for plant underground walls with a height of 45 feet (*e.g.*, to about 5 feet below the base of the nuclear island). Both active and at-rest cases are included for the structural fill case. The earth pressure coefficients are Rankine values, assuming level backfill and a zero friction angle between the soil and the wall. Hydrostatic pressures are based on assuming the groundwater table is at El. 380 feet, which is the anticipated maximum level. A conservative surcharge pressure of 500 psf was used. Lateral pressures due to compaction are not included; these pressures are controlled by compacting backfill with light equipment near structures.

For the active lateral earth pressure case, earthquake-induced horizontal ground accelerations are addressed by the application of  $k<sub>h</sub>·g$ . Vertical ground accelerations ( $k_v \cdot g$ ) are considered negligible and were ignored ([Reference 242\)](#page-50-3). The peak horizontal ground acceleration of 0.55g was used for developing the seismic active earth pressure diagrams (*i.e.*,  $k_h = 0.55$ ).

Recognizing the limitation of the [Reference 242](#page-50-3) method for design of building walls, Ostadan ([Reference 237\)](#page-49-3) developed a method to compute seismic soil pressure that focused on building walls rather than soil retaining walls. This method specifically considers the following: (1) the movement of the walls is limited due to the presence of the floor diaphragms and the walls are considered non-yielding; (2) the frequency content of the design motion is fully considered; and (3) appropriate soil properties, in terms of soil  $V_s$  and damping, are included in the analysis. The method is flexible to allow for consideration of soil nonlinear effect where soil nonlinearity is expected to be significant. This method was used to estimate the seismic lateral at-rest pressures against the buried structure walls. The response spectrum at the bottom of the nuclear island was used in this analysis.

[Figures 2.5.4-220](#page-121-0) through [2.5.4-223](#page-124-0) show structural fill below and around the major structures. In all cases, lateral pressures are from the structural fill; the insitu saprolite and saprolite common fill have no impact on the lateral earth pressures. The structural fill properties used in the calculation of lateral earth pressures are from [Table 2.5.4-209.](#page-80-0)

Lateral earth pressure diagrams for the active and at-rest cases are given in [Figures 2.5.4-243](#page-150-0) and [2.5.4-244,](#page-151-0) respectively. Note that these lateral pressures are best-estimate pressures with a factor of safety of 1.0. Appropriate safety factors are incorporated into the wall structural design. The factor of safety against a gravity wall or structure foundation sliding is normally taken as 1.1 when seismic pressures are included. The same factor of safety is applied against a wall overturning.

## 2.5.4.11 Design Criteria

Applicable design criteria are covered in various sections. The criteria summarized below are geotechnical criteria and also geotechnical-related criteria that pertain to structural design.

[Subsection 2.5.4.8](#page-35-0) specifies that the acceptable factor of safety against liquefaction of site soils should be  $\geq 1.25$ .

Bearing capacity and settlement criteria are presented in [Subsection 2.5.4.10.](#page-40-0) [Table 2.5.4-219](#page-90-2) provides allowable bearing capacity values for the seismic Category I and II structures, and other major structures. A minimum factor of safety of 3 is used when applying bearing capacity equations. This factor of safety is also applied against breakout failure due to uplift forces on buried piping. For soils, this factor of safety can be reduced to 2.25 when dynamic or transient loading conditions apply. [Table 2.5.4-220](#page-91-0) shows estimated structure settlements under assumed foundation loads. Generally, if total and differential settlements are limited to 2 inches and 3/4 inches, respectively, for mat foundations, and 1 inch and 1/2 inch, respectively, for footings, settlement will not impact foundation performance.

[Subsection 2.5.4.10](#page-40-0) also discusses factors of safety related to lateral earth pressures. The lateral pressures shown in [Figures 2.5.4-243](#page-150-0) and [2.5.4-244](#page-151-0) are best estimate values and thus have a factor of safety of 1.0. A factor of safety of 1.1 should be used in the analyses of sliding and overturning due to these lateral loads when the seismic component is included.

No pile or pier foundations are planned for the seismic Category I and II structures for Units 2 and 3. There may be situations where such foundations are used for other PBA structures. For axial pile and pier design capacity, a factor of safety of 3 is used for the end bearing component, and a factor of safety of 2 is used for skin friction. For lateral loading, the maximum allowable lateral load is taken as half of the load that produces 1 inch of lateral movement on the head of the pile.

Subsection 2.5.5 concluded that there are no slopes that could impact plant safety if they failed. Thus, required factors of safety against failure were not specified.

2.5.4.12 Techniques to Improve Subsurface Conditions

For Units 2 and 3, any residuum or saprolite beneath or within the zone of influence of seismic Category I or II structures is removed and replaced with compacted structural fill.

Zones of weathered or fractured rock encountered immediately beneath the nuclear island basemat are removed and replaced with concrete.

#### 2.5.4.13 Subsurface Instrumentation VCS COL 2.5-13

Since the nuclear island will be founded on sound bedrock, or on concrete placed on sound bedrock, no settlement monitoring of the nuclear island is required. There will be settlement monitoring of nonsafety-related structures that are not supported on bedrock, or on concrete placed on bedrock.

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## **Table 2.5.4-201 (Sheet 1 of 2) Termination Elevations of Soil Strata**



## **Table 2.5.4-201 (Sheet 2 of 2) Termination Elevations of Soil Strata**



(a) Suggested elevations using the  $\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{S}}$  measurements.

(b) NE = not encountered

# **Table 2.5.4-202 (Sheet 1 of 9) Field Testing Locations and Depths**



#### **Table 2.5.4-202 (Sheet 2 of 9) Field Testing Locations and Depths**



#### **Table 2.5.4-202 (Sheet 3 of 9) Field Testing Locations and Depths**



#### **Table 2.5.4-202 (Sheet 4 of 9) Field Testing Locations and Depths**



#### **Table 2.5.4-202 (Sheet 5 of 9) Field Testing Locations and Depths**



#### **Table 2.5.4-202 (Sheet 6 of 9) Field Testing Locations and Depths**



#### **Table 2.5.4-202 (Sheet 7 of 9) Field Testing Locations and Depths**



#### **Table 2.5.4-202 (Sheet 8 of 9) Field Testing Locations and Depths**



#### **Table 2.5.4-202 (Sheet 9 of 9) Field Testing Locations and Depths**



(a) Borings with the suffix "UDP" were drilled as directed by Bechtel to obtain undisturbed samples. Refer to the original boring for geologic layer information.

(b) Borings with the suffix "A" were drilled adjacent to the original location due to either difficulties encountered during drilling in the original location; for SPT energy measurements; or for geophysical logging purposes. Refer to original boring for geologic layering information.

(c) Coordinates and elevations shown for observation wells are for the PVC casing. Refer to [Reference 232](#page-49-4) for coordinates and elevations of concrete pad and ground surface adjacent to the pad.

(e) The elevations shown are the elevations at which residual soil, saprolite, and PWR were first encountered in the boring. In some isolated cases, multiple layers of either residual soil, saprolite or PWR where encountered in an interlayered manner.

(f) "Top of rock" tabulated above is the elevation at which diamond coring techniques began to advance the borehole. If no diamond coring was performed, then the elevation shown is the elevation of soil boring refusal.

(g) "Top of sound rock" is defined as generally hard, slightly discolored to fresh (bright mineral surfaces) rock with slight alteration/staining localized along joints and shears in the rock mass. RQD typically exceeds about 70%. May be underlain by zones of RQD <70% but that are composed of mostly slightly weathered to fresh rock. **Special Note:** Top of sound rock depths are MACTEC's interpretation and are generally based on the definition of sound rock described above and in the data report. Alternate interpretations of depth to top of sound rock could be made by Bechtel for some of the borings, including but not limited to the following: B-205: Highly weathered seam 82.5 - 85.0 feet; alternate top of sound rock deeper = 85.0, B-206: Highly weathered seams 76.5-77.2, 80.0-80.5, and 81.6-82.5; alternate top of sound rock deeper = 82.5, B-217: Low RQD (32%) due to moderate weathering and jointing 79.0–84.0, weathered seam 88.8-91.0; alternate top of sound rock deeper = 91.0, B-219: Lower RQ208A6.0-71.0 (57%) and 71.0-76.0 (60%); alternate top of sound rock shallower = 52.0, B-333: Highly weathered seams 52.2-53.5, 59.8-60.5, 63.0-65.4,and  $67.8-68.2$ ; alternate top of sound rock =  $68.2$ .

PWR <sup>=</sup> Partially Weathered Rock

bgs <sup>=</sup> Belowground surface

<sup>=</sup> Not Applicable

<sup>(</sup>d) From [Reference 232](#page-49-4).

NE <sup>=</sup> Not Encountered

## **Table 2.5.4-203 Field Testing Quantities**



### **Table 2.5.4-204 (Sheet 1 of 2) Details of Undisturbed Samples**



### **Table 2.5.4-204 (Sheet 2 of 2) Details of Undisturbed Samples**



(a) Due to computer roundoff, particle size fractions may total 100 ±1. Fines include silt plus clay.

(b) These results included with RCTS tests in [Reference 232](#page-49-4).

(c) USCS symbol is based on visual-manual method ([Reference 208](#page-47-1)) where incomplete classification testing was performed.

(d) Cons. = Consolidation.



## **Table 2.5.4-205 Hammer-Rod Energy Measurements**

(a) ETR= Percentage of theoretical hammer energy measured in the field.

(b) Hammer-rod energy measurements made at site other than V. C. Summer.

# **Table 2.5.4-206 Laboratory Tests and Quantities**



## **Table 2.5.4-207 (Sheet 1 of 8) Summary of Laboratory Tests on Soil Samples**



### **Table 2.5.4-207 (Sheet 2 of 8) Summary of Laboratory Tests on Soil Samples**



### **Table 2.5.4-207 (Sheet 3 of 8) Summary of Laboratory Tests on Soil Samples**



### **Table 2.5.4-207 (Sheet 4 of 8) Summary of Laboratory Tests on Soil Samples**


## **Table 2.5.4-207 (Sheet 5 of 8) Summary of Laboratory Tests on Soil Samples**



### **Table 2.5.4-207 (Sheet 6 of 8) Summary of Laboratory Tests on Soil Samples**



## **Table 2.5.4-207 (Sheet 7 of 8) Summary of Laboratory Tests on Soil Samples**



# **Table 2.5.4-207 (Sheet 8 of 8) Summary of Laboratory Tests on Soil Samples**



(a) Due to computer roundoff, particle size fractions may total 100 ±1. Fines include silt plus clay.

(b) These results included with RCTS tests in [Reference 232](#page-49-0).

(c) USCS symbol is based on visual-manual method ([Reference 208](#page-47-0)) where incomplete classification testing was performed.<br>(d) Cons. = Consolidation

(e) Estimated result. Result is less than STL laboratory reporting limit. Actual value will not exceed values shown.<br>(f) The associated method blank contains the target analyte at a reportable level. The actual value m



#### **Table 2.5.4-208 (Sheet 1 of 4) Summary of Unconfined Compression Tests on Rock Cores**

#### **Table 2.5.4-208 (Sheet 2 of 4) Summary of Unconfined Compression Tests on Rock Cores**



#### **Table 2.5.4-208 (Sheet 3 of 4) Summary of Unconfined Compression Tests on Rock Cores**





# **Table 2.5.4-208 (Sheet 4 of 4) Summary of Unconfined Compression Tests on Rock Cores**

(a) Specimen broke along mineral filled fracture during end preparation — specimen used for unit weight only.

(b) Specimen did not meet minimum length to diameter ratio for compressive strength - specimen used for unit weight only.

# **Table 2.5.4-209 (Sheet 1 of 2) Summary of Engineering Properties — Units 2 and 3**



## **Table 2.5.4-209 (Sheet 2 of 2) Summary of Engineering Properties — Units 2 and 3**



(a) The values tabulated are for use as a design guideline only. Refer to specific boring logs, CPT logs, and laboratory test results for appropriate modifications at specific design locations.

(b) Values are for MH soils only. ML soils are nonviscous and nonplastic. NP: nonplastic, NV: nonviscous.

(c) Based on averaged values over 5-foot vertical intervals.

(d) Values are for 1-foot square plates or 1-foot diameter pipes. Adjustments are necessary to account for actual size of foundation or pipe.

(e) The parameters are provided for residuum/saprolite (including silt/clay and silty sand) below El. 400 ft.

(f) Undrained shear strength for silt/clay applies only to soils with measurable plasticity, which constitutes only a small portion of the material.





(a) USCS symbol based on visual-manual examination ([Reference 208](#page-47-0)) if no test performed for LL and PI. See individual test reports for complete test results.

# **Table 2.5.4-211 Atterberg Limits — Units 2 and 3**



(a) USCS symbol is based on visual/manual method ([Reference 208\)](#page-47-1) where incomplete classification testing was performed.

NP = nonplastic

NV = nonviscous

 $-$  = not tested

						UU <sup>(a)</sup>	CU <sup>(a)</sup>		<b>Direct Shear</b>		
BH No.	<b>Sample</b> No.	<b>Depth</b> (f <sup>t</sup> )	<b>USCS</b>	<b>Fines</b> (%)	PI	$s_{\rm u}$	$\mathbf{c}^\bullet$	$\phi$ '	<b>Normal</b> <b>stress</b>	<b>Failure</b> <b>stress</b>	$\phi^{\bullet}$
						(ksf)	(ksf)	(deg)	(ksf)	(ksf)	(deg)
B-208	$UD-1$	8.5	<b>CH</b>	84	31		0.22	30.0			
<b>B-209</b>	$UD-1$	8.5	MH		11	2.8					
B-204	$UD-2$	18.5	<b>ML</b>		<b>NP</b>	$3.4^{(b)}$					
B-209	$UD-4$	38.5	ML		11	$4.\overline{1}$					
B-210	$UD-1$	8.5	<b>ML</b>	$\overline{\phantom{0}}$	<b>NP</b>	$3.2^{(b)}$					
B-210	$UD-3$	28.5	ML		<b>NP</b>	$3.2^{(b)}$					
B-216	$UD-1$	6.5	<b>ML</b>	95	<b>NP</b>		0.45	17.3			
B-216	$UD-2$	13.5	ML	83	<b>NP</b>		0.00	37.1			
B-216	$UD-3$	23.5	ML	84	<b>NP</b>		0.07	31.2			
B-222	$UD-2$	18.5	ML		<b>NP</b>	$2.4^{(b)}$					
B-309	$UD-3$	28.5	<b>ML</b>	70	<b>NP</b>		0.66	26.8			
B-319	$UD-3$	28.5	ML		<b>NP</b>	$4.0^{(b)}$					
B-325	$UD-1$	3.5	ML	57					0.7	0.8	48.7
				Min:		2.4	0.00	17.3			
				Max:		4.1	0.66	37.1			
				Average:		3.3	0.28	28.5			
				Median:		3.2	0.22	30.0			
B-209	$UD-2$	18.5	<b>SM</b>	43	12		0.00	30.5			
B-215	$UD-1$	8.5	<b>SM</b>		<b>NP</b>	2.5					
B-215	$UD-2$	18.5	<b>SM</b>		<b>NP</b>	1.2					
B-215	$UD-3$	28.5	<b>SM</b>	30					3.6	1.6	24.2
B-217	$UD-1$	8.5	<b>SM</b>	35	NP		0.52	23.6			
B-222	$UD-3$	28.5	<b>SM</b>	36					3.6	3.0	39.6
B-309	$UD-1$	$8.5\,$	${\sf SM}$	36	<b>NP</b>		0.33	27.1			
B-309	$UD-4$	38.5	SM	49					5.0	2.5	26.5
B-319	$UD-2$	18.5	<b>SM</b>	28					2.2	1.5	35.1
B-321	$UD-2$	18.5	<b>SM</b>	34	NP		0.27	30.8			
B-322	$UD-2$	18.5	<b>SM</b>	29	NP		0.64	24.6			
B-325	$UD-3$	13.5	<b>SM</b>		NP	3.1					
B-325	$UD-8$	38.5	SM		<b>NP</b>	3.8					

**Table 2.5.4-212 Laboratory Strength Test Results — Units 2 and 3 (Sheet 1 of 2)**

## **Table 2.5.4-212 Laboratory Strength Test Results — Units 2 and 3 (Sheet 2 of 2)**



(a) UU: unconsolidated undrained triaxial test; CU: consolidated undrained triaxial test.

(b) Nonplastic soils should have no undrained shear strengths. For those, the values shown just represent half of the deviator stress.

<b>BH</b> No.	Sample Depth No.	(f <sup>t</sup> )	<b>Description</b>	$e_{o}$	$c_{c}$	$\mathbf{c}_{\mathsf{e}}$	<b>CR</b>	<b>RR</b>	<b>CR/RR</b>	$p'_o$ (ksf)	<b>Specific</b> <b>Gravity</b>
<b>B-204</b>	$UD-2$	18.5	silty sand	0.81	0.249		$0.030 \, 0.138 \, 0.017$		8.3	9.5	2.87
B-204	$UD-3$	28.5	silty sand	1.11			0.492 0.060 0.233 0.028		8.2	20.3	2.95
B-209	$UD-1$	8.5	sandy elastic silt	1.51			$0.734 \mid 0.040 \mid 0.292 \mid 0.016$		18.4	19.7	2.81
B-209	$UD-4$ 38.5		silty sand	1.01			0.379 0.070 0.189 0.035		5.4	33.3	2.86
B-210	$UD-1$	8.5	silty sand	0.94			0.350 0.040 0.180 0.021		8.8	20.7	2.75
B-210	$UD-3$ 28.5 silty sand			0.72			0.230 0.050 0.134 0.029		4.6	33.3	2.73
B-210	$UD-4$	38.5	silty sand	1.05			0.340 0.030 0.166 0.015		11.3	11.9	2.78
B-215	$UD-1$	8.5	silty sand	0.97			$0.395 \mid 0.050 \mid 0.201 \mid 0.025$		7.9	33.5	2.78
B-215	$UD-2$	18.5	silty sand	1.25			0.520 0.060 0.231 0.027		8.7	5.2	2.82
B-222	$UD-1$	8.5	silty sand	0.87			0.320 0.060 0.171 0.032		5.3	33.3	2.71
B-222	$UD-2$	18.5	silty sand	0.91			0.370 0.060 0.194 0.031		6.2	7.8	2.83
			Min:	0.72			0.230 0.030 0.134 0.015		4.600	5.2	2.71
			Max:	1.51			0.734 0.070 0.292 0.035		18.350	33.5	2.95
			Average:	1.01			0.398 0.050 0.193 0.025		8.456	20.8	2.81
			Median:	0.97			0.370 0.050 0.189 0.027		8.200	20.3	2.81
B-319	$UD-3$	28.5	silty sand	0.75			0.279 0.060 0.159 0.034		4.7	29.1	2.75
B-319	$UD-4$	38.5	silty sand	0.67			0.150 0.040 0.090 0.024		3.8	3.6	2.75
B-321	$UD-3$	28.5	silty sand	0.72			0.186 0.060 0.108 0.035		3.1	16.7	2.83
B-325	$UD-3$	13.5	silty sand	0.90			0.352 0.050 0.185 0.026		7.0	33.1	2.77
B-325	$UD-8$	38.5	silty sand	0.66			0.153 0.050 0.092 0.030		3.1	11.0	2.69
			Min:	0.66			0.150 0.040 0.090 0.024		3.060	3.6	2.69
			Max:	0.90			0.352 0.060 0.185 0.035		7.040	33.1	2.83
			Average:	0.74			0.224 0.052 0.127 0.030		4.320	18.7	2.76
			Median:	0.72			0.186 0.050 0.108 0.030		3.750	16.7	2.75

**Table 2.5.4-213 Consolidation Properties — Units 2 and 3**

Notes:

 $C_c$ : compression index

 $C_e$ : recompression index

p'o: preconsolidation pressure

e<sub>o</sub>: initial void ratio

CR: compression ratio

RR: recompression ratio



## **Table 2.5.4-214 Guidelines for Soil Corrosiveness and Aggressiveness**



(a) From [Reference 202](#page-47-2)

(b) From[Reference 244](#page-50-0)

(c) From [Reference 244](#page-50-0), provided 5<pH<10, chlorides <200 ppm, and sulfates <1,000 ppm

(d) From [Reference 201](#page-47-3)

(e) Per [Reference 203](#page-47-4) or [Reference 204](#page-47-5)

 $(f)$  Or a blend of Type II cement and a ground granulated blast furnace slag or a possolan that gives equivalent sulfate resistance.

Source of <b>Sample</b>	<b>Sample</b> No.	Depth (ft)	<b>USCS</b> Note <sup>(a)</sup>	рH	<b>Chloride</b> (mg/kg)	<b>Sulfate</b> (mg/kg)
$B-201$	4	$\overline{6}$	$\overline{\text{SM}}$	5.4	4.1	$5.1^{(b)}$
$B-201$	$\overline{9}$	23.5	$\overline{\text{SM}}$	5.6	3.9	$6.0^{(b)}$
$B-201$	$\overline{11}$	33.5	SW-SM	6.0	$1.9^{(b)}$	7.5
$B-205$	4	6	<b>ML</b>	5.3	$\overline{4.5}$	$5.6^{(b)}$
$B-206$	8	18.5	<b>SM</b>	5.2	4.2	6.2
$B-207$	5	8.5	<b>SM</b>	5.4	5.8	15.4
$B-211$	9	23.5	<b>SM</b>	5.7	$3.3^{(c)}$	$3.5^{(b)}$
$B-215$	$\overline{8}$	33.5	<b>SM</b>	5.6	$1.9^{(b)(c)}$	3.0
$B-216$	7	28.5	<b>GM</b>	6.0	$1.8^{(b)}$	$4.6^{(b)}$
B-217	5	10.5	<b>SM</b>	$\overline{5.4}$	5.9	$3.3^{(b)}$
$B-220$	5	8.5	МH	5.5	3.4	$3.7^{(b)}$
B-301	4	$6\overline{6}$	<b>SM</b>	5.7	4.7	12.0
$B-301$	8	18.5	<b>SM</b>	5.3	3.2	$4.0^{(b)}$
$B-305$	5	8.5	<b>SM</b>	5.2	8.5	$4.0^{(b)}$
B-306	$\overline{6}$	$\overline{11}$	$\overline{\text{SM}}$	5.2	7.0	$5.4^{(b)}$
B-307	$\overline{\mathbf{4}}$	$\overline{6}$	<b>MH</b>	5.2	8.4	6.7
<b>B-311</b>	7	13.5	<b>SM</b>	5.3	4.5	6.0
B-311	15	53.5	$\overline{\text{SM}}$	5.9	2.9	7.3
B-317	5	8.5	SW-SM	5.0	6.5	14.5
$B-320$	5	8.5	<b>SM</b>	4.9	6.4	(b) 6.1
B-320	$\overline{12}$	38.5	<b>SM</b>	6.0	7.3	16.6
<b>B-325</b>	6	$\overline{21}$	<b>SM</b>	5.6	$\overline{3.4}$	10.3
			Min:	4.9	1.8	3.0
			Max:	6.0	8.5	16.6
			Average:	5.5	4.7	7.1
			Median:	5.4	4.4	6.0
				pH	$ppm^{(d)}$	$\overline{\phi_0(e)}$
	1 mg/kg = 1 ppm		Min:	4.9	1.8	0.0003
	10,000 mg/kg = $1\%$		Max:	6.0	8.5	0.0017
			Average:	5.5	4.7	0.0007
			Median:	5.4	4.4	0.0006

**Table 2.5.4-215 Chemical Test Results — Units 2 and 3**

(a) USCS symbol is based on visual-manual method (ASTM D 2488-06) where incomplete classification testing was performed.

(b) Estimated result. Result is less than STL laboratory reporting limit. Actual value will not exceed values shown.

(c) The associated method blank contains the target analyte at a reportable level. The actual value may be less than value shown.

(d)  $1 \text{ mg/kg} = 1 \text{ ppm}$ 

(e)  $10,000$  mg/kg =  $1\%$ 



# **Table 2.5.4-216 Borings and CPTs Referenced in Liquefaction Analysis**



## **Table 2.5.4-217 Major Structures — Units 2 and 3**

**Table 2.5.4-218 Allowable Bearing Capacity of Rock**



**Table 2.5.4-219 Allowable Bearing Capacity of Major Structures**

			BxL (ftxft)	$q_{\text{allow}}^{(b),(c)}$ (ksf)		$q_{\text{allow}}(ksf)$	
<b>Structure</b>	<b>Subsurface</b>	Case I	Case II	Case I	Case II	<b>Recommended</b>	
Nonsafety-related	Silty sand <sup>(a)</sup>	5x5	$5 \times 50$	5.96	4.44	4	
	Silt/clay <sup>(a)</sup>	5x5	$5 \times 50$	5.16	4.41	4	
Nuclear Island	Rock	90 x 255	160 x 255	160	160	160	
Turbine	Fill (SW)	155 x 300		75.5		75	
Annex	Fill (SW)	65 x 285	145 x 285	37.5	71.1	35	
Radwaste	Fill (SW)	70 x 150		36.6		35	

(a) The soil type reflects the composition of the residuum/saprolite layer beneath the non-safety related structure being considered. Silty sand soils constitute a major portion of the residuum/ saprolite layer compared to silt/clay soils.

(b) Factor of safety of 3 is used in the analyses.

(c) Groundwater level is assumed to be at the ground surface.



# **Table 2.5.4-220 Anticipated Settlement of Major Structures**



**Figure 2.5.4-201. Boring Location Plan (Out of Power Block)**



**Figure 2.5.4-202. Top of Layer V (Sound Rock) Contour**



**Figure 2.5.4-203. Subsurface Profile Legend**



**Figure 2.5.4-204. Inferred Subsurface Profiles Unit 2 East-West: A-A (Sheet 1 of 2)**



**Figure 2.5.4-204. Inferred Subsurface Profiles Unit 2 East-West: B-B (Sheet 2 of 2)**



**Figure 2.5.4-205. Inferred Subsurface Profiles Unit 2 North-South: E-E (Sheet 1 of 4)**



**Figure 2.5.4-205. Inferred Subsurface Profiles Unit 2 North-South: F-F (Sheet 2 of 4)**



**Figure 2.5.4-205. Inferred Subsurface Profiles Unit 2 North-South: G-G (Sheet 3 of 4)**



**Figure 2.5.4-205. Inferred Subsurface Profiles Unit 2 North-South: H-H (Sheet 4 of 4)**







**Figure 2.5.4-206. Inferred Subsurface Profiles Unit 3 East-West: D-D (Sheet 2 of 2)**



**Figure 2.5.4-207. Inferred Subsurface Profiles Unit 3 North-South: I-I (Sheet 1 of 3)**



**Figure 2.5.4-207. Inferred Subsurface Profiles Unit 3 North-South: J-J (Sheet 2 of 3)**



**Figure 2.5.4-207. Inferred Subsurface Profiles Unit 3 North-South: K-K (Sheet 3 of 3)**



**Figure 2.5.4-208. Boring Location Plan (Power Block)**



**Figure 2.5.4-209. Boring Location Plan with Subsurface Profiles (Power Block)**


**Figure 2.5.4-210. RQD of Layer IV (MWR)**



**Figure 2.5.4-211. RQD of Layer V (Sound Rock)**



**Unconfined Compressive Strength (psi)**

**Figure 2.5.4-212. Unconfined Compressive Strength of Rock Specimens**





**Unit Weight of Rock Specimens (pcf)**

**Figure 2.5.4-213. Unit Weight of Rock Specimens**



**Elastic Modulus / Unconfined Compressive Strength (E/U)**

**Figure 2.5.4-214. Ratio of Elastic Modulus to Compressive Strength of Rock Specimens**



**Figure 2.5.4-215. Fines Content**



Figure 2.5.4-216. Adjusted SPT N-Values (N<sub>60</sub>) — Silt/Clay



Figure 2.5.4-217. Adjusted SPT N-Values (N<sub>60</sub>) – Silty Sand

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Figure 2.5.4-218. RCTS Results G/G<sub>max</sub> and D versus Shear Strain **(Sheet 1 of 3)**

max (a) and (a b. Fill Sample MM-1 12.1 psi Confining Pressure





Figure 2.5.4-218. RCTS Results G/G<sub>max</sub> and D versus Shear Strain **(Sheet 2 of 3)**

c. Fill Sample MM-2 12.1 psi Confining Pressure









#### **LEGEND**



#### **Figure 2.5.4-219. Profile Location Map Showing Excavation Geometry, Unit 2 (Sheet 1 of 2)**



#### **Figure 2.5.4-219. Profile Location Map Showing Excavation Geometry Unit 3 (Sheet 2 of 2)**









**Figure 2.5.4-220. Cross-Section of Structure Foundations A-A**





#### **LEGEND**

- **DESTI STRUCTURAL FILL**
- **A CONCRETE FILL**
- **SSOON COMMON FILL**
- B-201 BORING DESIGNATION
- PWR PARTIALLY WEATHERED ROCK
- MWR MODERATELY WEATHERED ROCK

300FT 200 **FUNURUM** 

**Figure 2.5.4-221. Cross-Section of Structure Foundations B-B**





#### **LEGEND**

- **EXECUTE STRUCTURAL FILL**
- **NEWSTY CONCRETE FILL**
- **SSSS** COMMON FILL
- **B-201 BORING DESIGNATION**
- PWR PARTIALLY WEATHERED ROCK
- MWR MODERATELY WEATHERED ROCK



**Figure 2.5.4-222. Cross-Section of Structure Foundations C-C**

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- **STRUCTURAL FILL**
- **WEST CONCRETE FILL**
- **SSON COMMON FILL**
- B-301 BORING DESIGNATION
- PARTIALLY WEATHERED ROCK **PWR**
- MWR MODERATELY WEATHERED ROCK



**Figure 2.5.4-223. Cross-section of Structure Foundations D-D**



**Figure 2.5.4-224. Shear Wave Velocity of Layers I through V by Suspension P-S Logging**



**Figure 2.5.4-225. Compression Wave Velocity of Layers I Through V by Suspension P-S Logging**



**Figure 2.5.4-226. Shear Wave Velocity of Layer V with 5-Foot Vertical Distance Averaging**



**Figure 2.5.4-227. Poisson's Ratio of Layer V with 5-Foot Vertical Distance Averaging**



**Shear Wave Velocity - Unit 2 (ft/sec)**

**Figure 2.5.4-228. Shear Wave Velocity of Layers I Through IV by Suspension P-S Logging and Seismic CPT (Sheet 1 of 2)**



**Shear Wave Velocity - Unit 3 (ft/sec)**

**Figure 2.5.4-228. Shear Wave Velocity of Layers I Through IV by Suspension P-S Logging and Seismic CPT (Sheet 2 of 2)**



**Figure 2.5.4-229. Shear Wave Velocity of Layers I and II with 5-Foot Vertical Distance Averaging**



**Figure 2.5.4-230. Shear Wave Velocity of Layers III and IV with 5-Foot Vertical Distance Averaging**



**Compression Wave Velocity (ft/sec)- Unit 2** 

**Figure 2.5.4-231. Compression Wave Velocity of Layers I Through IV by Suspension P-S Logging (Sheet 1 of 2)**



**Figure 2.5.4-231. Compression Wave Velocity of Layers I Through IV by Suspension P-S Logging (Sheet 2 of 2)**



**Figure 2.5.4-232. Poisson's Ratio of Layers I, II, III and IV with 5-feet Vertical Distance Averaging**



**Figure 2.5.4-233. Pre-Construction Site Topography — Units 2 and 3**



**Figure 2.5.4-234. Particle Size Distribution of Fill Samples (Sheet 1 of 2)**



**Figure 2.5.4-234. Particle Size Distribution of Fill Samples (Sheet 2 of 2)**



**Figure 2.5.4-235. Modified Proctor Compaction on Fill Samples (Sheet 1 of 2)**



**Figure 2.5.4-235. Modified Proctor Compaction on Fill Samples (Sheet 2 of 2)**





#### **Figure 2.5.4-236. Shallow Groundwater Observation Well Locations**



**Figure 2.5.4-237. Piezometric Level Contours, 4th Quarter, March 2007 — Units 2 and 3**



**Figure 2.5.4-238. Shear Wave Velocity versus Depth for Structural Fill**


**Figure 2.5.4-239. Shear Modulus Reduction Curves** 

 $p$  ( ) and ( a. Saprolite Sample B-309 UD-2





Figure 2.5.4-240. EPRI Curves for G/G<sub>MAX</sub> and D Versus Shear Strain **Superimposed on RCTS Results (Sheet 1 of 3)**

 $p$  ( ) and ( b. Fill Sample MM-1







 $p$  ( ) and ( c. Fill Sample MM-2









**Figure 2.5.4-241. Damping Ratio Curves** 



**Figure 2.5.4-242. Peak Ground Acceleration Profile in Natural Soils** 



**Figure 2.5.4-243. Active Lateral Earth Pressure Diagrams**



**Figure 2.5.4-244. At-Rest Lateral Earth Pressure Diagrams**



**Figure 2.5.4-245. Site Grade Plan**