



Subsurface Investigation Overview

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- **Drilling and Sampling**
- **Geophysical Testing**
- **CPT Testing**
- **Laboratory Testing**
- **Ground Water Monitoring Well Installation and Monitoring**

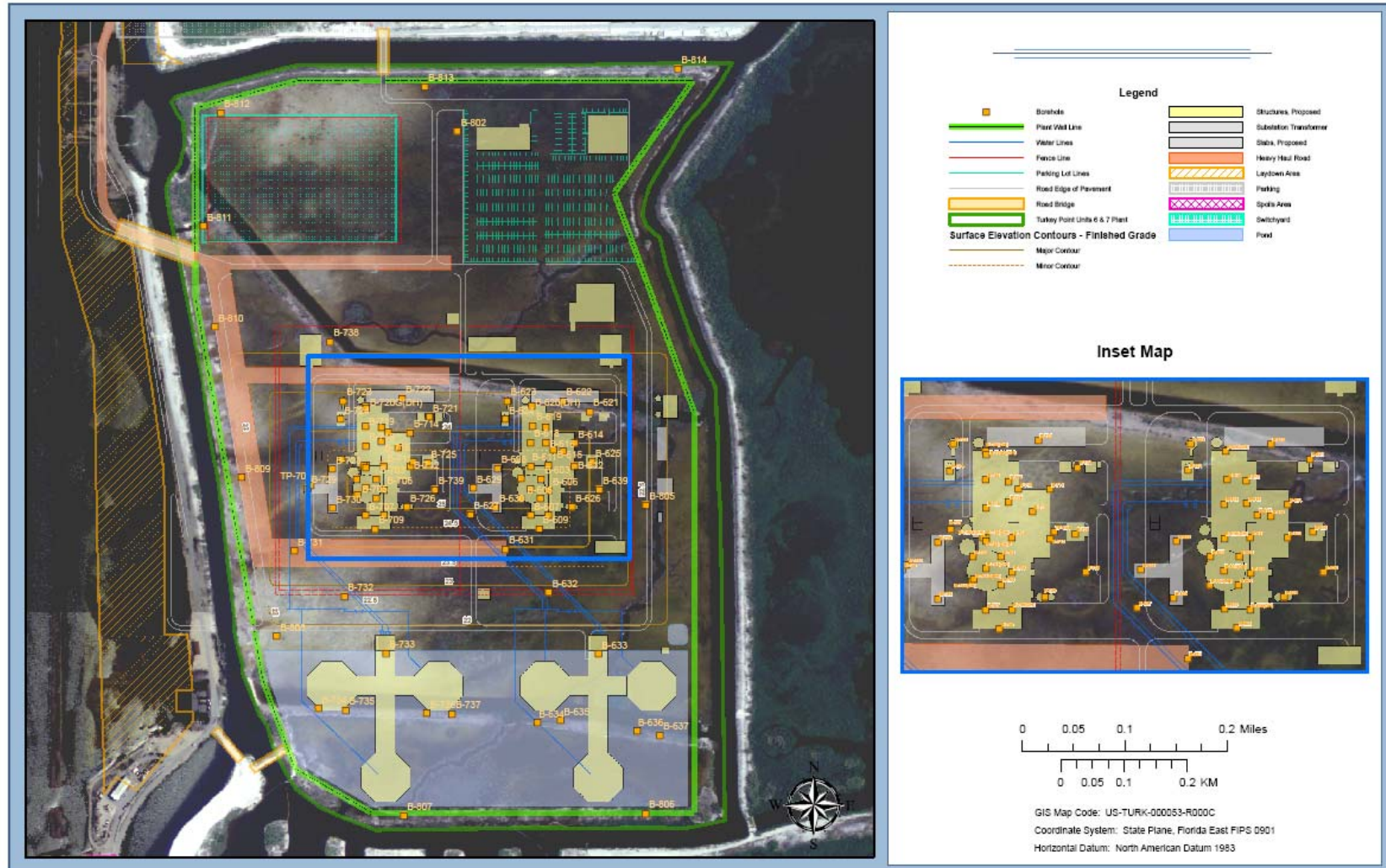
Summary of Subsurface Investigation for Units 6 and 7

Field Investigation Summary

- **Drilling and Sampling**
 - 88 soil borings with SPT and rock coring
 - 2 additional borings with down-hole geophysical testing only drilled
 - SPT N values, Rock recovery and RQD measured)
- **Geophysical testing in 12 borings by P-S Suspension and downhole methods**



Boring Location Plan



Drilling, Sampling, and Geophysical Summary

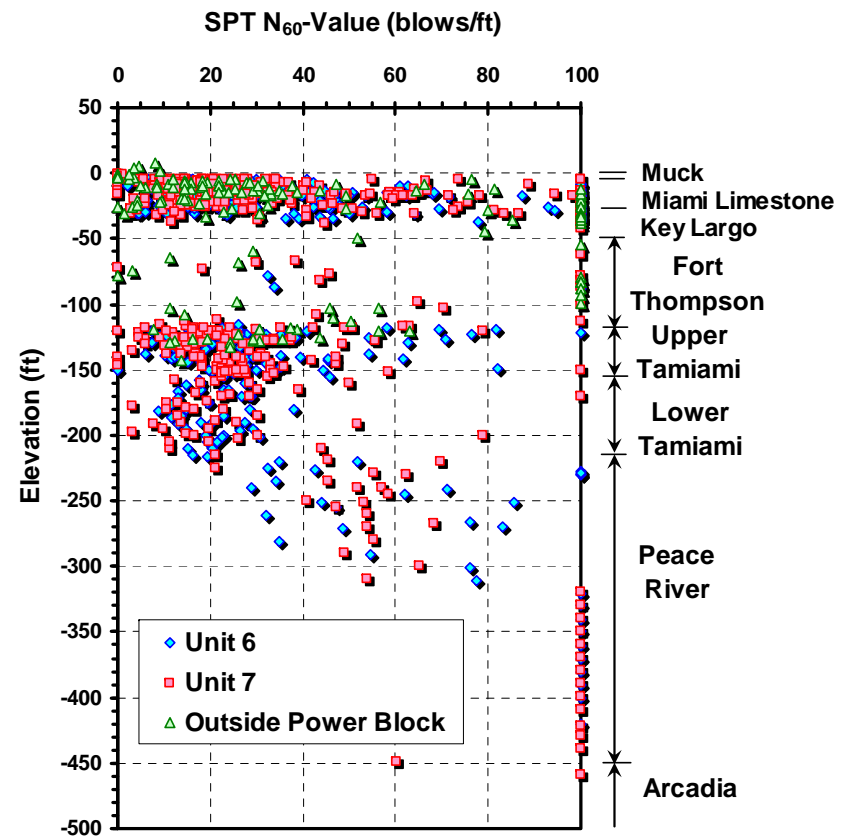
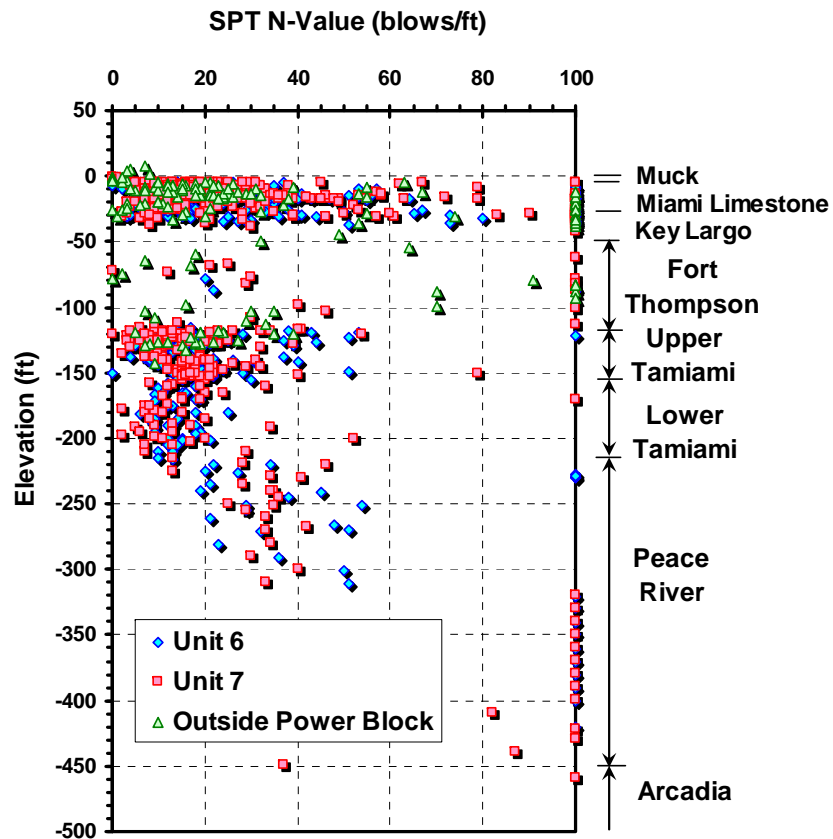
Unit 6

- 39 borings
- Maximum depth of 400 feet
- One boring with undisturbed (tube) samples
- 6 borings with geophysical testing
- SPT sampling every 5' to 100' and every 10 feet thereafter

Unit 7

- 38 borings
- Maximum depth of 616 feet
- 6 borings with geophysical testing
- SPT sampling every 5' to 100' and every 10 feet thereafter

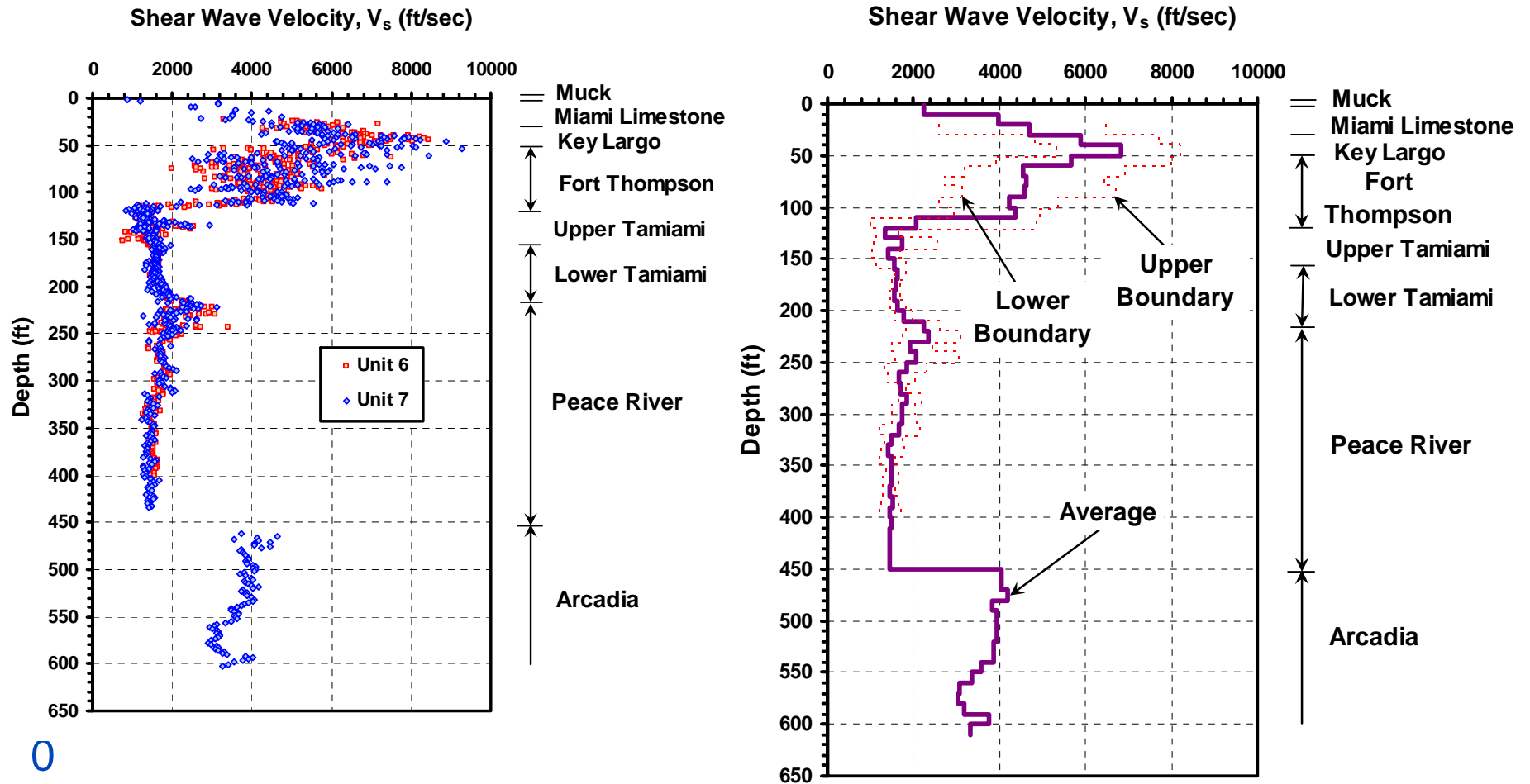
Summary of Measured and Corrected Blow Counts



Geophysical Testing

- **Primary Method for Vs and Vp measurements: P-S suspension logging (GEOVision Inc.) – 10 borings**
- **Down-hole velocity measurements – 2 borings**
- **Caliper/Natural Gamma Measurements – 2 borings**
- **Resistivity/Spontaneous Potential – 2 borings**
- **Acoustic Televiewer/Boring Deviation – 2 borings**

Shear Wave Velocity Results (Suspension Logs)



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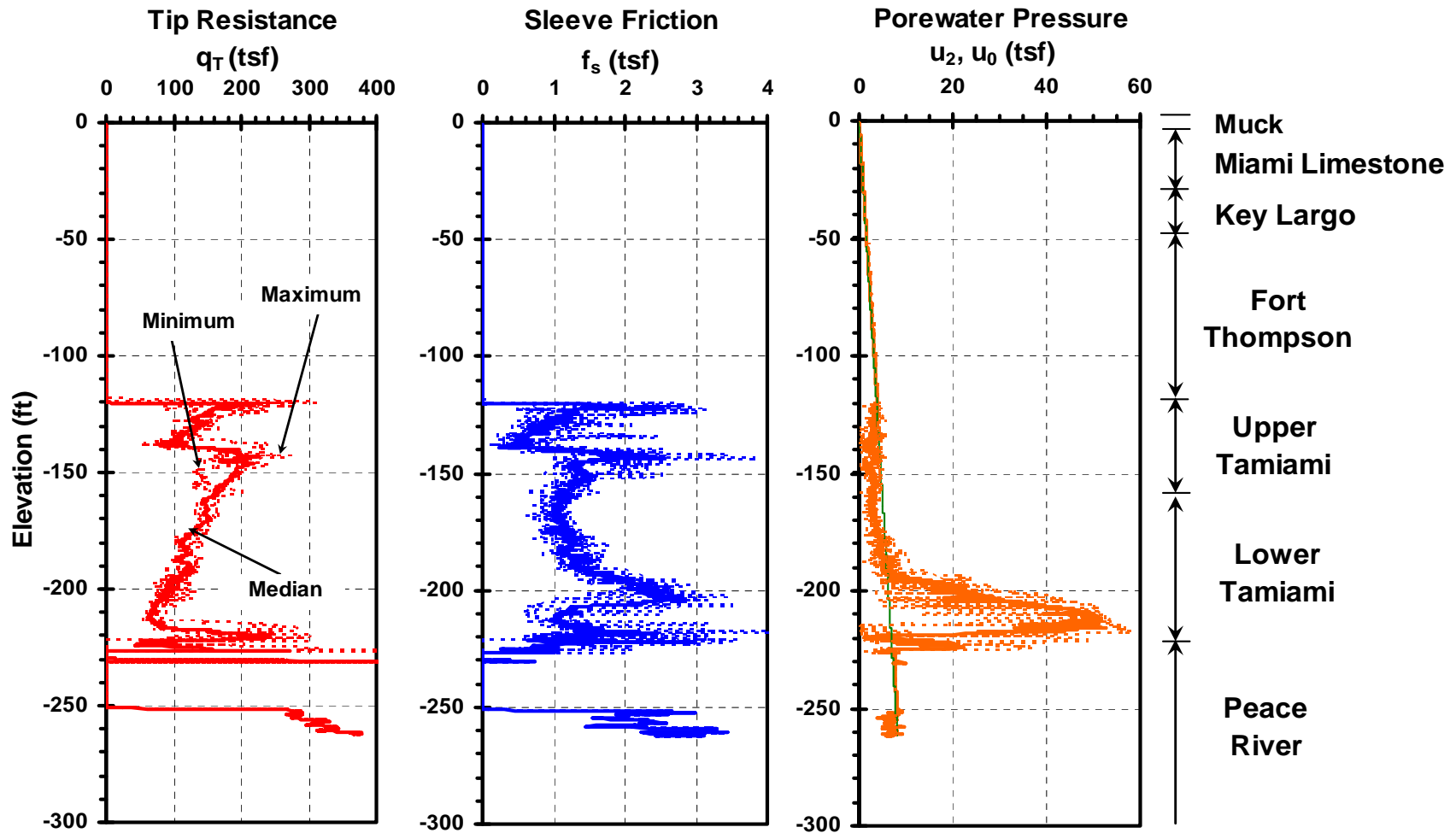
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CPT Testing

- **Four probes**
- **Advanced through rock by boring**
- **Advanced 120 to about 220 feet bgs in 3 borings**
- **Advanced to 290 feet after coring through 220-250 feet in one boring**

CPT Data (Uncorrected)

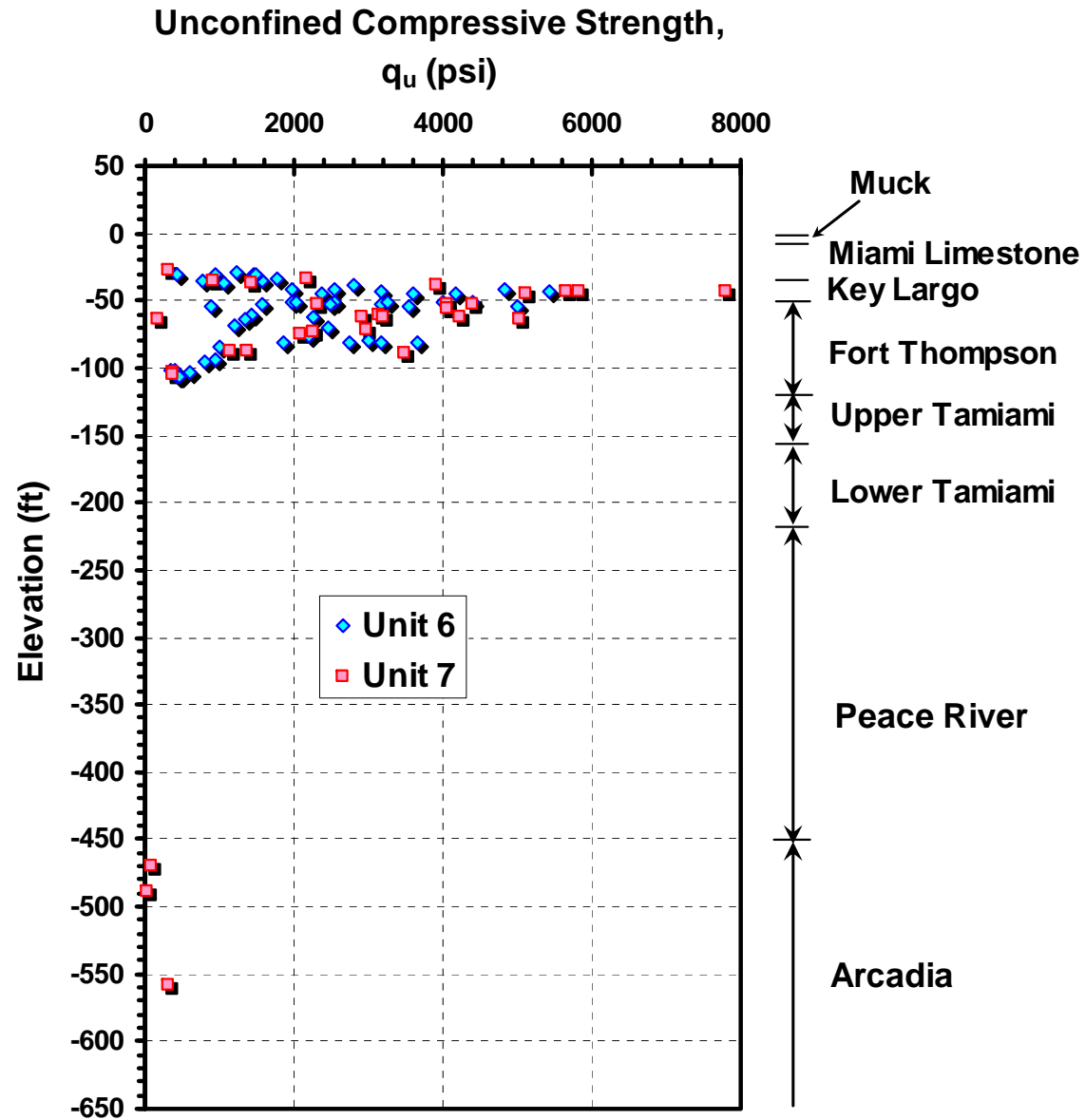


Laboratory Testing

Rock

- **Unconfined Compressive Strength**
- **Unit Weights**
- **Moisture Content**
- **Carbonate**
- **Unconfined Strength with Stress-Strain (2 samples)**

Rock UCS with Depth

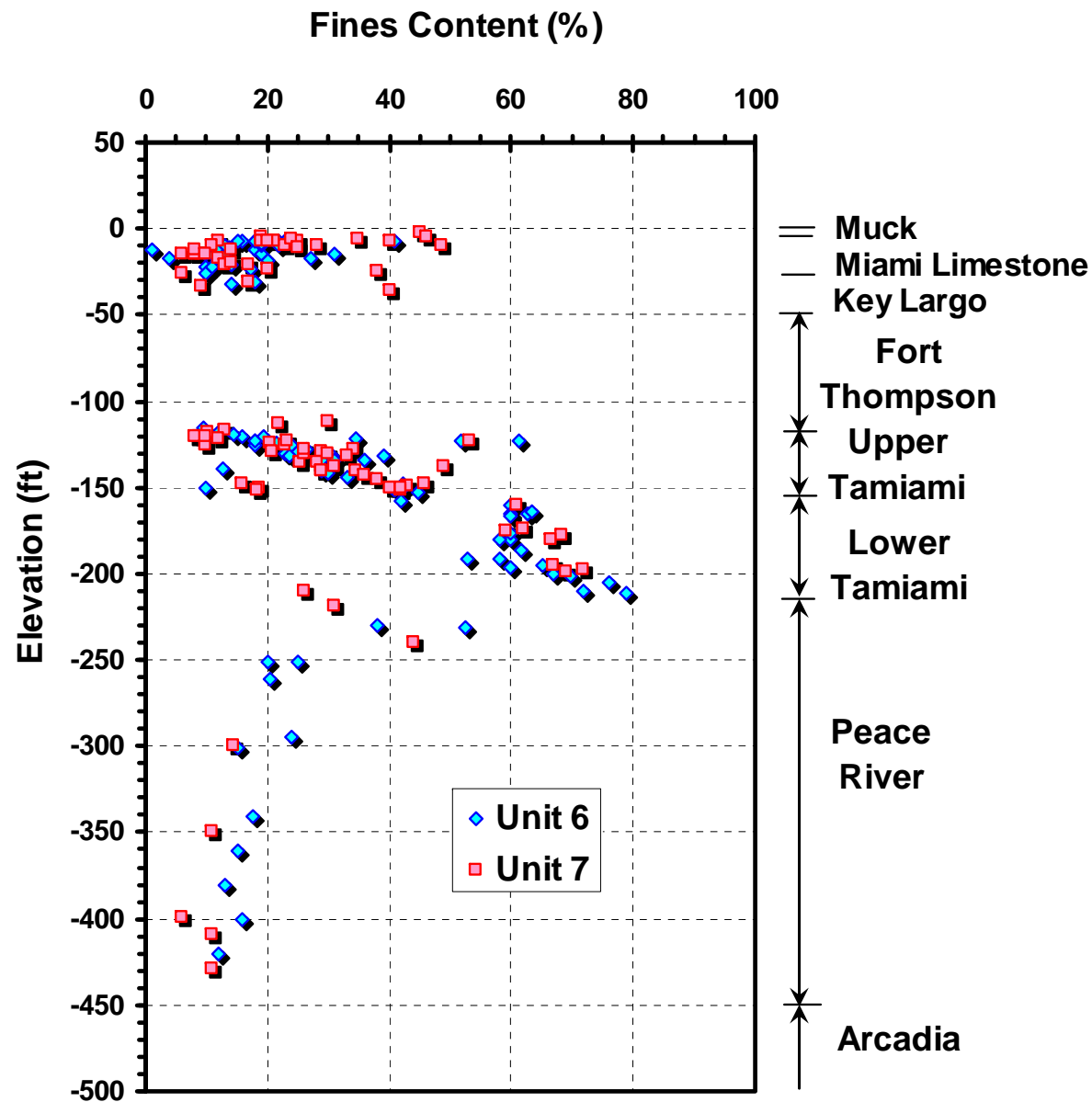


Laboratory Testing

Soil

- Index Testing
- Carbonate
- pH, Chloride and Sulfate
- 7 RCTS in Upper and Lower Tamiami
- 1 CIU test in Lower Tamiami

Fines Content with Depth



Ground Water Monitoring Well Drilling and Installation

- **8 well pairs around perimeter and within island area**
- **2 clusters of 3 wells (606 & 706) with deeper wells (into Upper Tamiami)**
- **Wells screened in 3 zones**
- **Approx 15 to 25 feet bgs**
- **Approx 95 to 110 feet bgs**
- **Approx 125 to 135 feet bgs (606 and 706 only)**



Geotechnical Considerations

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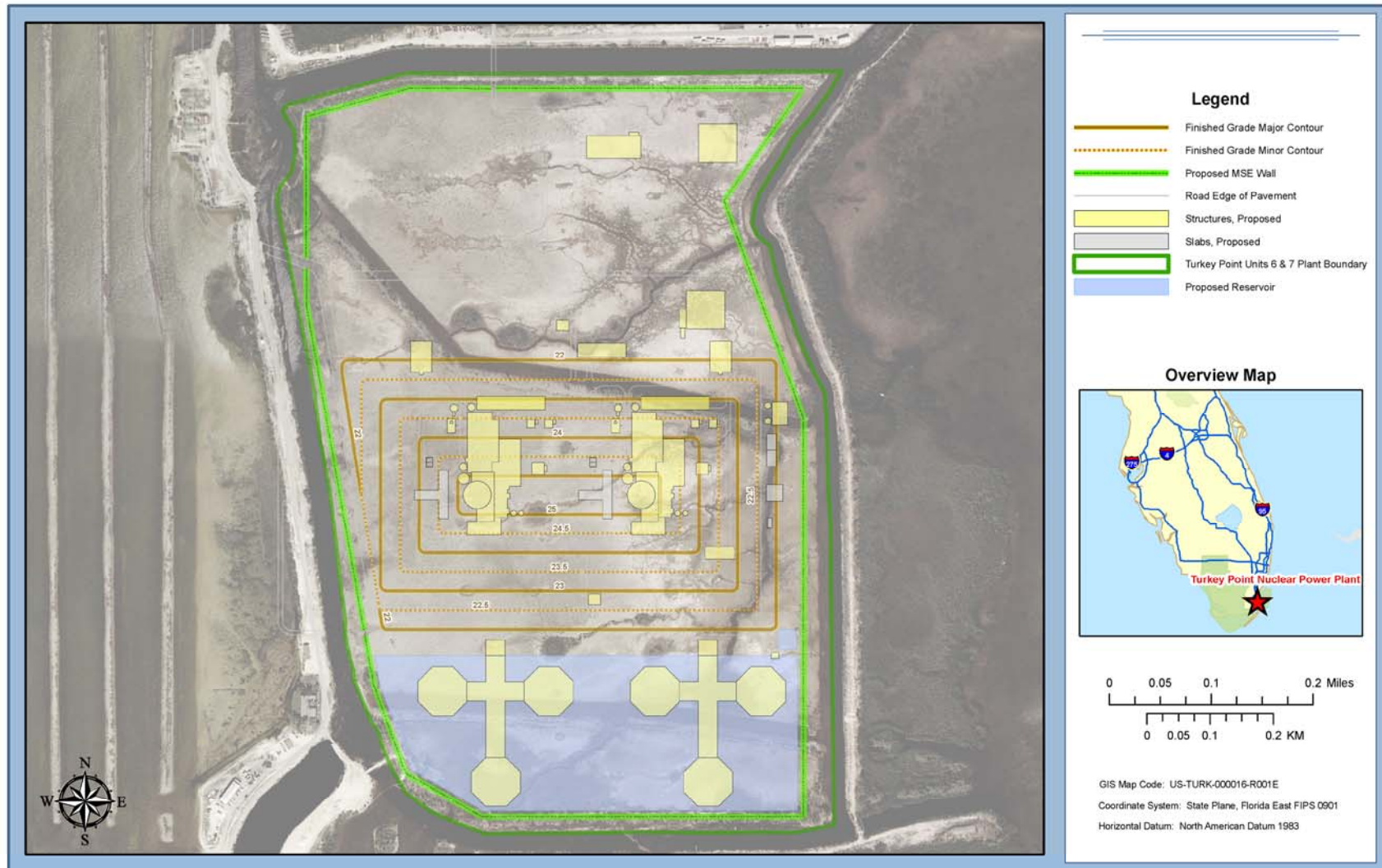
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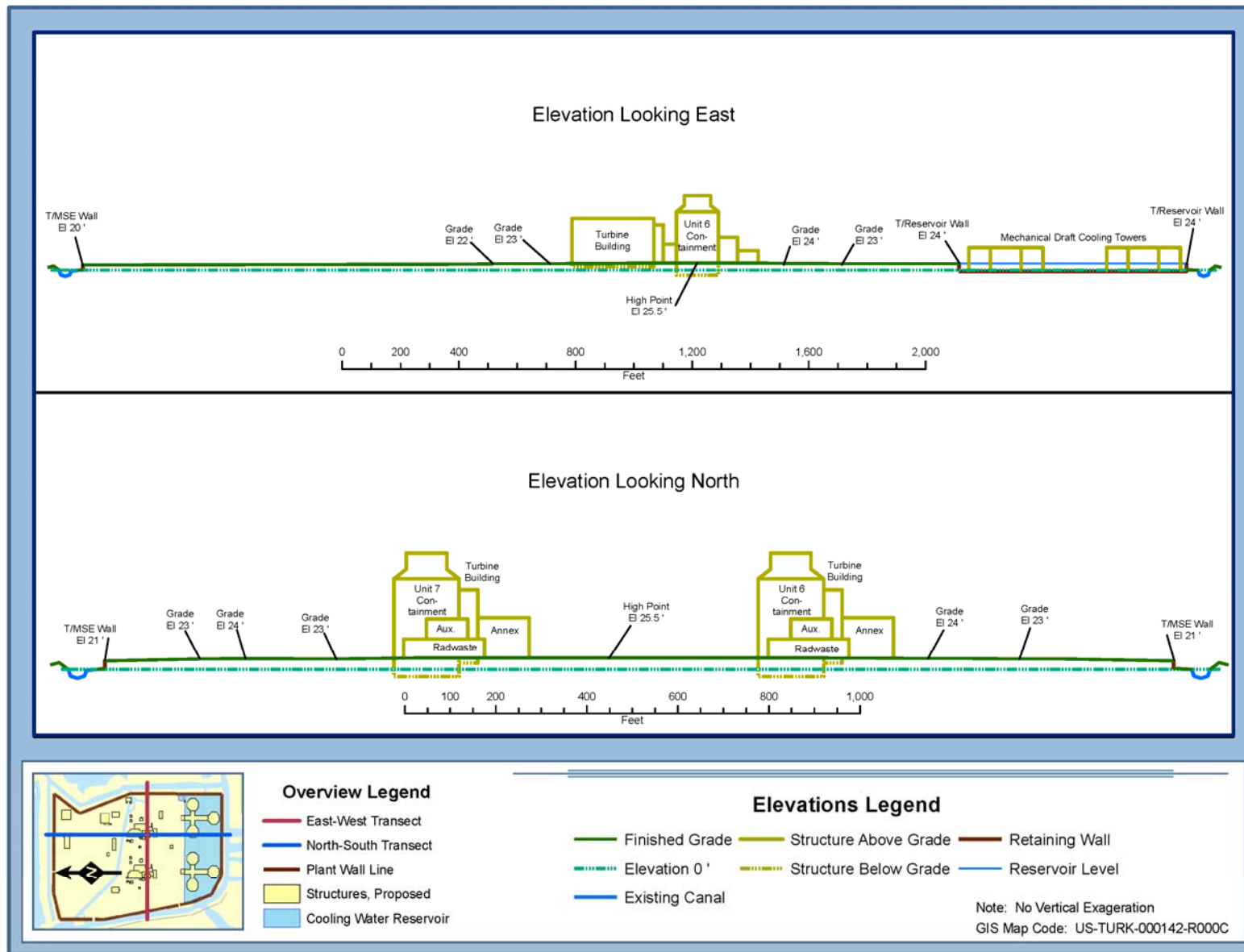
Geotechnical Considerations

- **Foundations**
- **Slopes**
- **Liquefaction**
- **Lateral Earth Pressures**

Planned Final Grading for Nuclear Island



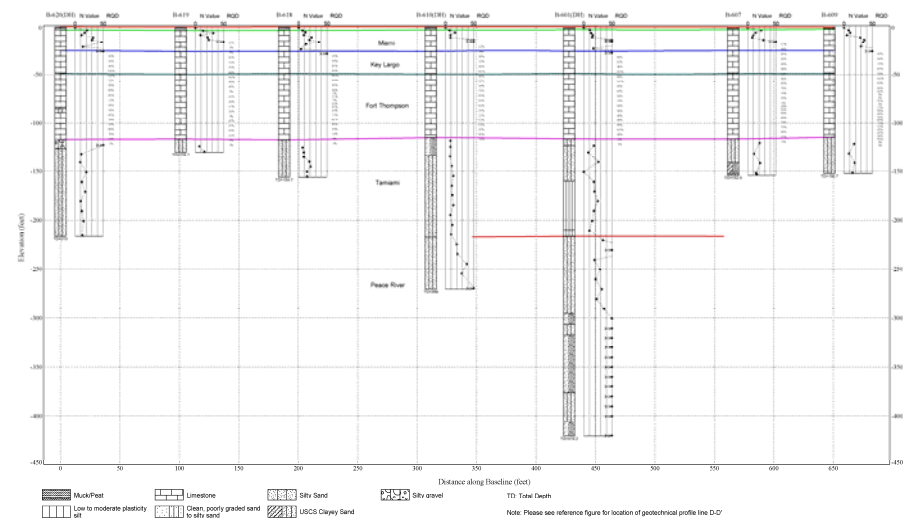
Planned Final Grading Sections for Nuclear Island



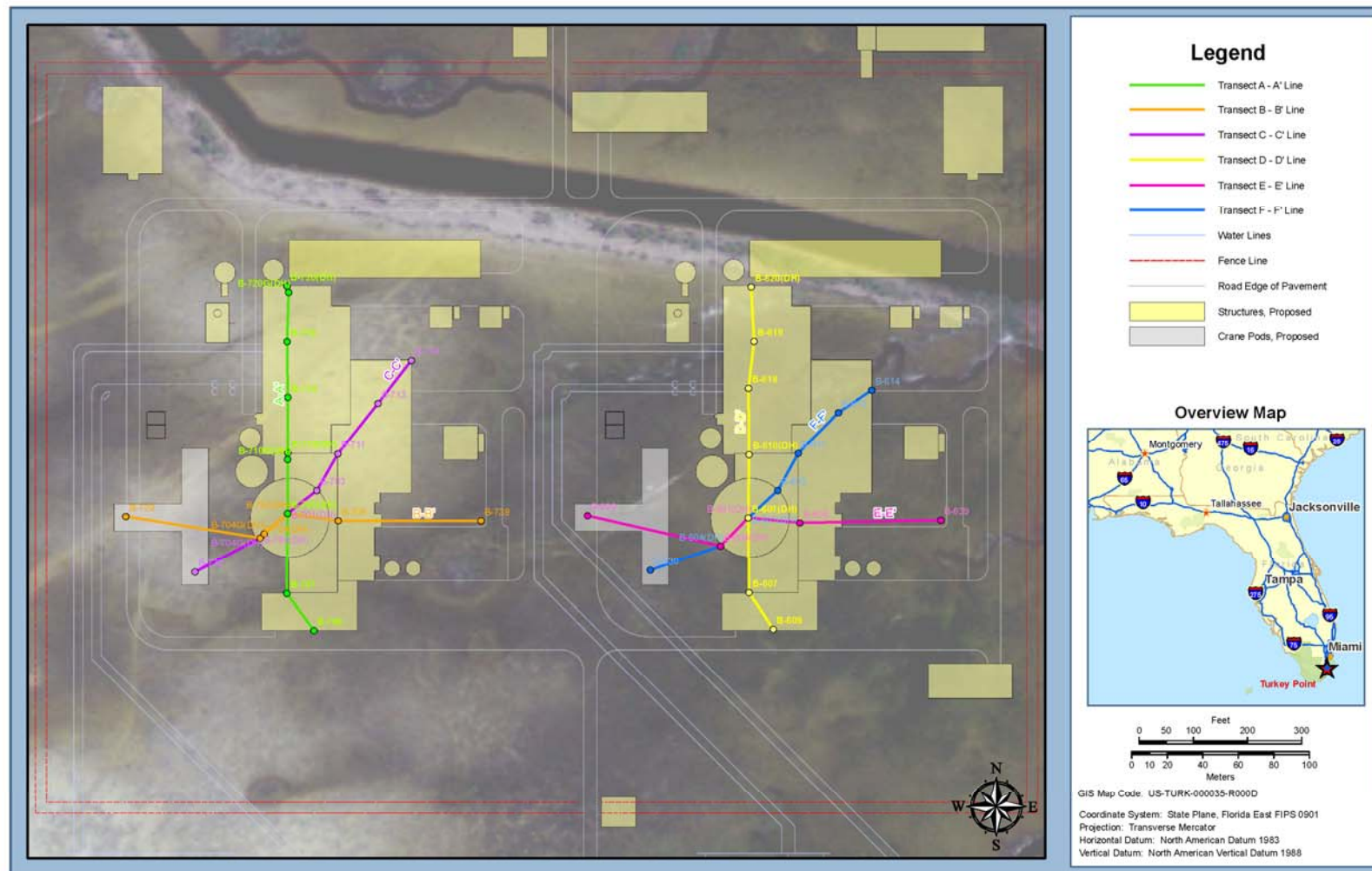
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Field Investigation Conclusions

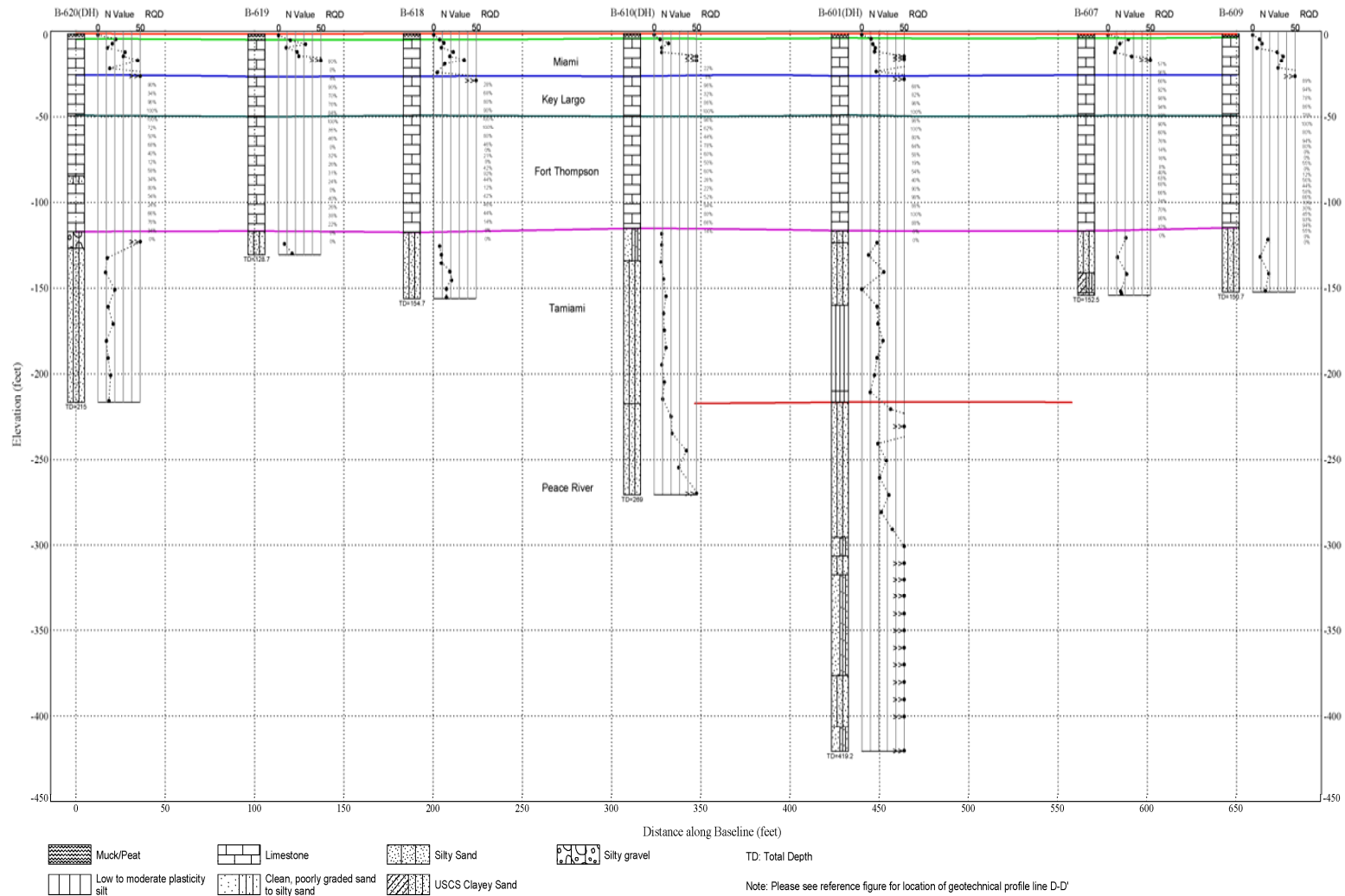
- **8 Strata Identified**
 - 4 soil/unconsolidated (including surficial muck)
 - 4 rock
 - Strata generally horizontally bedded and consistent across site
 - All strata below ground water
- **“Inverted” Shear Wave Velocity Profile in upper 450 feet**



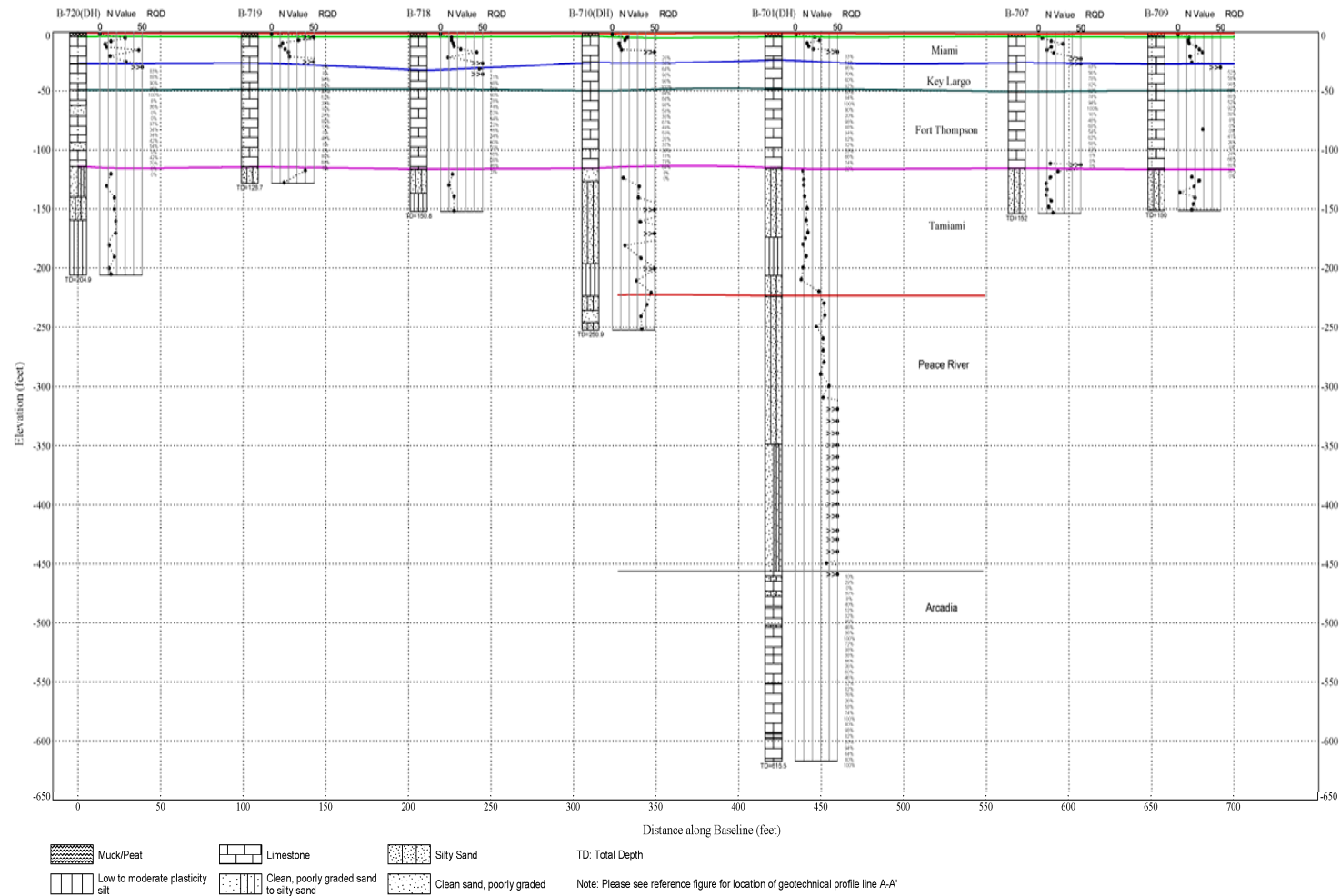
Subsurface Sections in Power Block



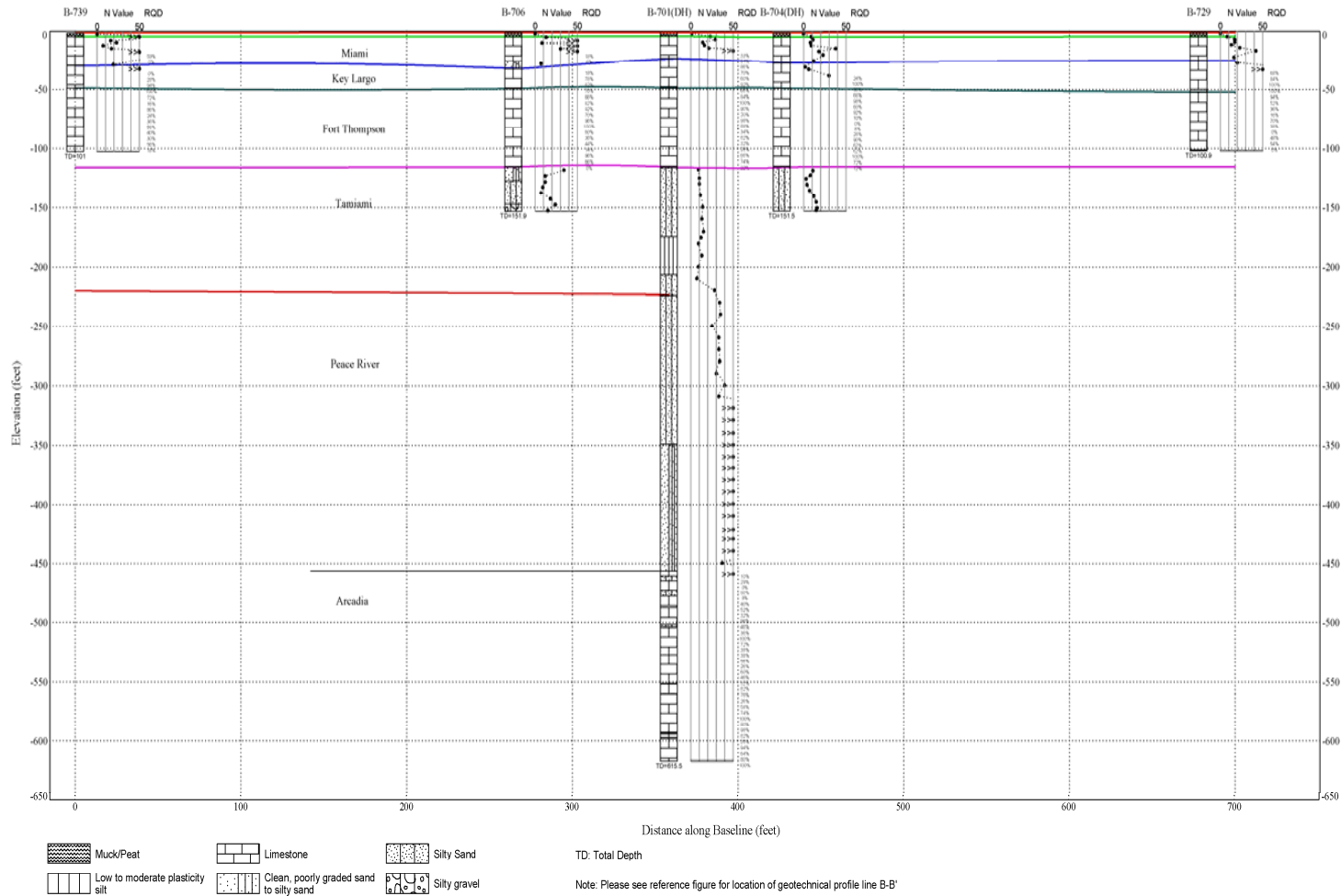
N-S Section Through Unit 6



N-S Section Through Unit 7



E-W Section Through Unit 7



Support of Nuclear Island

Support Structures on Competent Rock of Key Largo Limestone

- Although a coralline structure, this stratum has high compressive strength and Vs
- This stratum is generally encountered at El -27 feet
- To confirm competent material at subgrade, assume El -35 feet for base
- Use lean concrete to bring reactor base elevation to El. -16 feet
- Bearing and settlement requirements satisfied
- No solution cavities anticipated

Slope Stability

- **Slopes are minimal (0.5% or less)**
- **Grade changes achieved through MSE walls**
- **No offsite slopes to consider**

Liquefaction

- **Considered for Upper and Lower Tamiami and Peace River**
- **Upper Tamiami – starts at El. -115 ft, generally SM**
- **Lower Tamiami – starts at El. -159 feet, generally ML**
- **Peace River – starts at El. -215 feet, SM/ML (but fewer data points)**
- **Liquefaction resistance considered using N, q, and Vs data**
- **Not considered significant due to age and depth of sediments and rock overburden**

Lateral Earth Pressure

- **Considered for long-term case at-rest**
- **Considered for excavation support case as active case**



Groundwater

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Regional Hydrogeology

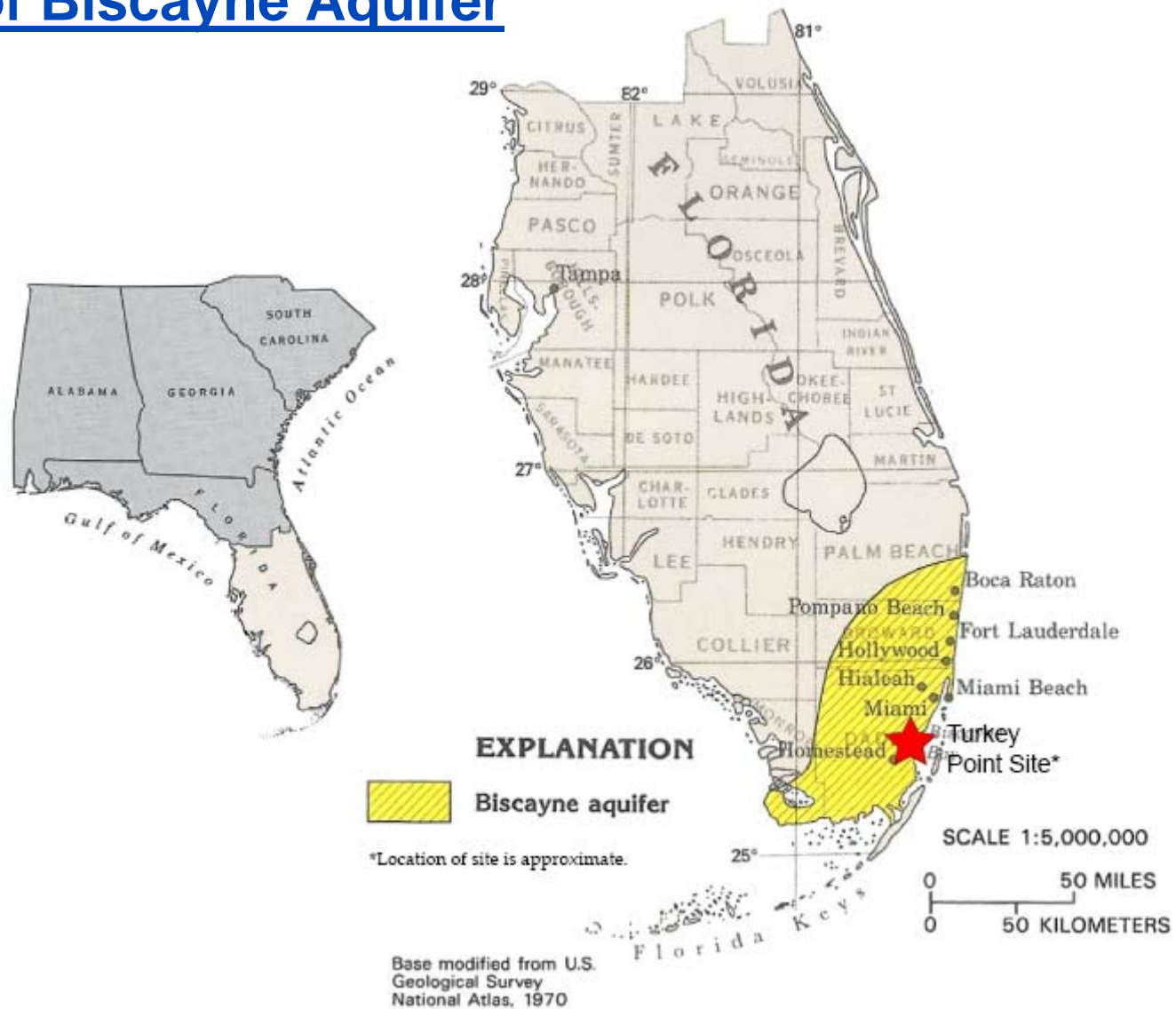
- **Two aquifer systems present in the region**
 - Biscayne Aquifer
 - Floridan Aquifer
- **Both systems exhibit saline/freshwater interfaces**
- **Groundwater flow in both systems is generally toward the ocean**
- **Both systems are highly transmissive**

Cenozoic-Aged Formations in Southeastern Florida

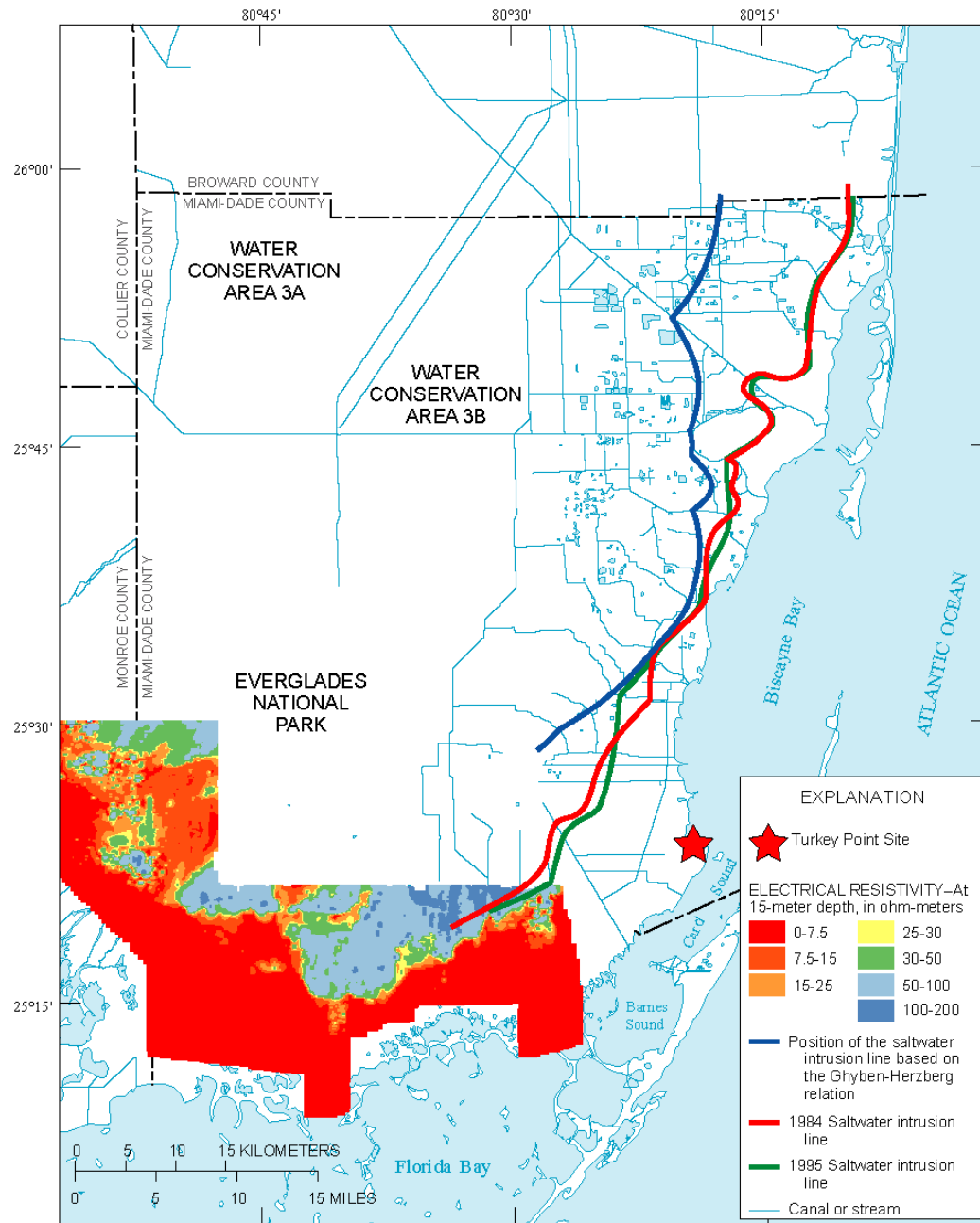
Series	Geologic unit		Marker units and horizons	Lithology	Hydrogeologic unit		Approximate thickness (feet)	<div>EXPLANATION</div> <div><div>*</div> Geologic unit(s) missing in some areas</div> <div>APPZ Avon Park permeable zone</div> <div>BZ Boulder Zone</div> <div>LHMU Lower Hawthorn marker unit</div> <div>PZ1, PZ2, PZ3 Permeable zones in west-central Florida</div> <div>MAP <div></div> Middle Avon Park marker horizon</div> <div>GLAUC <div></div> Glauconite marker horizon</div> <div>PLEISTOCENE-AGED FORMATIONS IN SOUTHEASTERN FLORIDA:</div> <div>Satilla Formation (formerly Pamlico Sand)</div> <div>Miami Limestone</div> <div>Fort Thompson Formation</div> <div>Anastasia Formation</div> <div>Key Largo Limestone</div>
HOLOCENE and PLEISTOCENE	Undifferentiated and various Pleistocene-aged formations			Quartz sand; silt; clay; shell; limestone; sandy shelly limestone	SURFICIAL AQUIFER SYSTEM	WATER-TABLE / BISCAYNE AQUIFER	20-400	
PLIOCENE	TAMIAMI FORMATION			Silt; sandy clay; sandy, shelly limestone; calcareous sandstone; and quartz sand		CONFINING BEDS LOWER TAMIAMI AQUIFER		
MIOCENE AND LATE OLIGOCENE	HAWTHORN GROUP	PEACE RIVER FORMATION		Interbedded sand, silt, gravel, clay, carbonate, and phosphatic sand	INTERMEDIATE AQUIFER SYSTEM OR CONFINING UNIT	CONFINING UNIT SANDSTONE AQUIFER OR PZ1(?)	0-900	
		ARCADIA FORMATION		Sandy micritic limestone; marlstone; shell beds; dolomite; phosphatic sand and carbonate; sand; silt; and clay		CONFINING UNIT MID-HAWTHORN AQUIFER OR PZ2		
						CONFINING UNIT		
EARLY OLIGOCENE	SUWANNEE LIMESTONE *			Fossiliferous, calcarenitic limestone	FLORIDAN AQUIFER SYSTEM	LOWER HAWTHORN PRODUCING ZONE PZ3	0-300	
EOCENE	LATE	OCALA LIMESTONE *		Chalky to fossiliferous, mud-rich to calcarenitic limestone		UPPER FLORIDAN AQUIFER (UF)	100-800	
	MIDDLE	AVON PARK FORMATION		Fine-grained, micritic to fossiliferous limestone; dolomitic limestone; and dolostone. Also contains in the lower part anhydrite/ gypsum as bedded deposits, or more commonly as pore filling material. Glauconitic limestone near top of Oldsmar Formation in some areas		MIDDLE CONFINING UNIT (MC1) APPZ	500-1,500	
				MIDDLE CONFINING UNIT (MC2)		0-600		
	EARLY	OLDSMAR FORMATION				LOWER FLORIDAN AQUIFER	BZ	
PALEOCENE	CEDAR KEYS FORMATION			Dolomite and dolomitic limestone				
				Massive anhydrite beds		SUB-FLORIDAN CONFINING UNIT	1,200?	

Source: USGS Scientific Investigations Report 2007-5207

Extent of Biscayne Aquifer



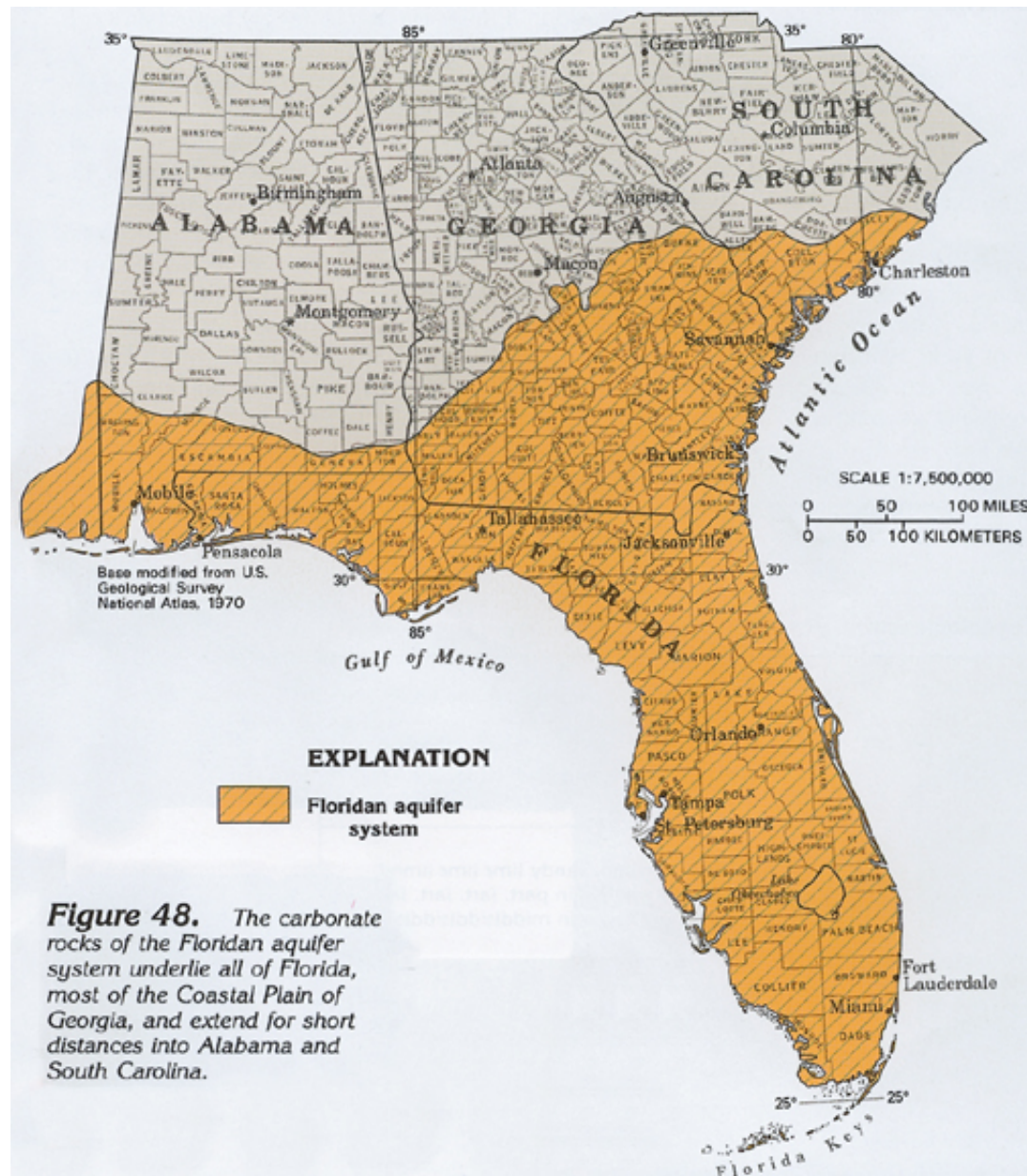
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Saline-Fresh Water Interface Biscayne Aquifer

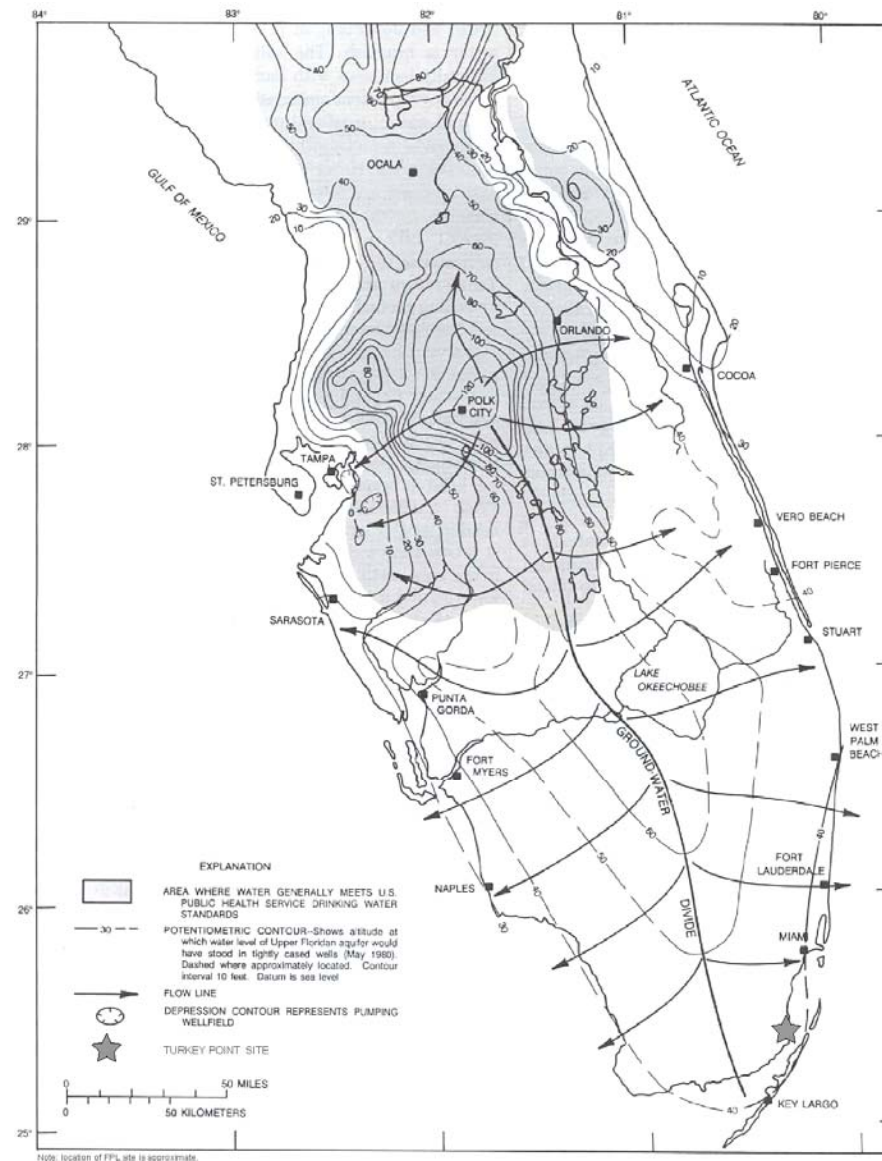
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Extent of Floridan Aquifer System



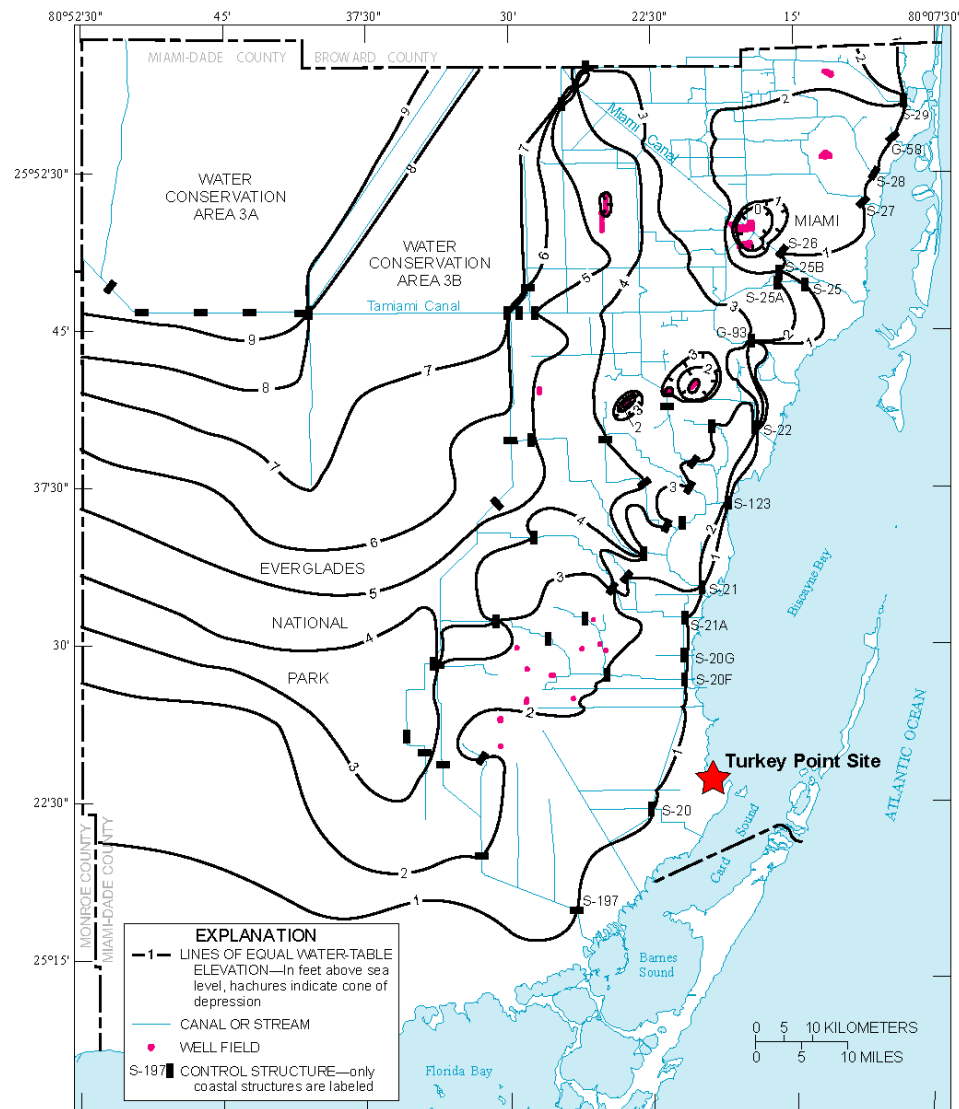
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Upper Floridan Aquifer Potentiometric Surface May 1980



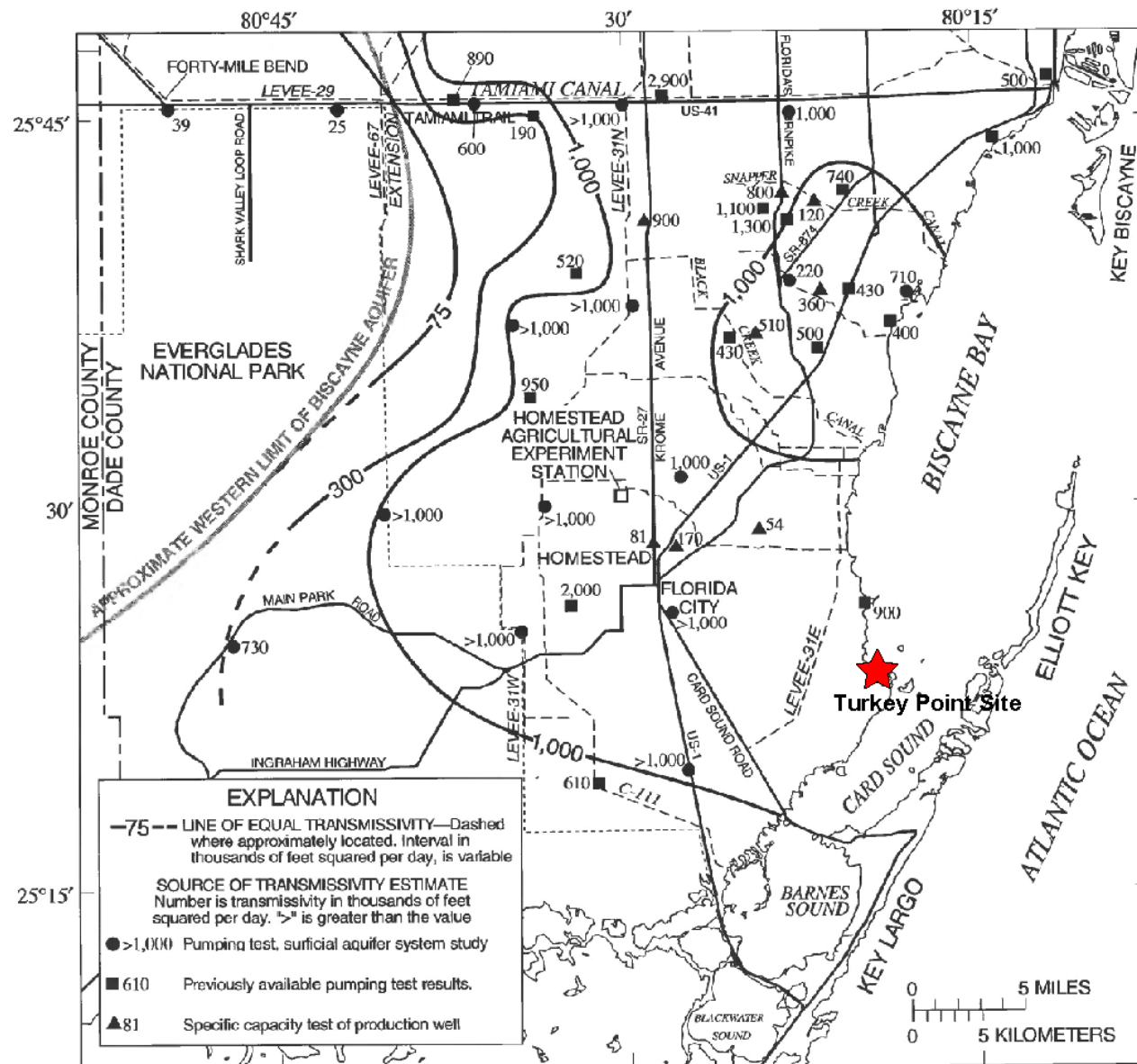
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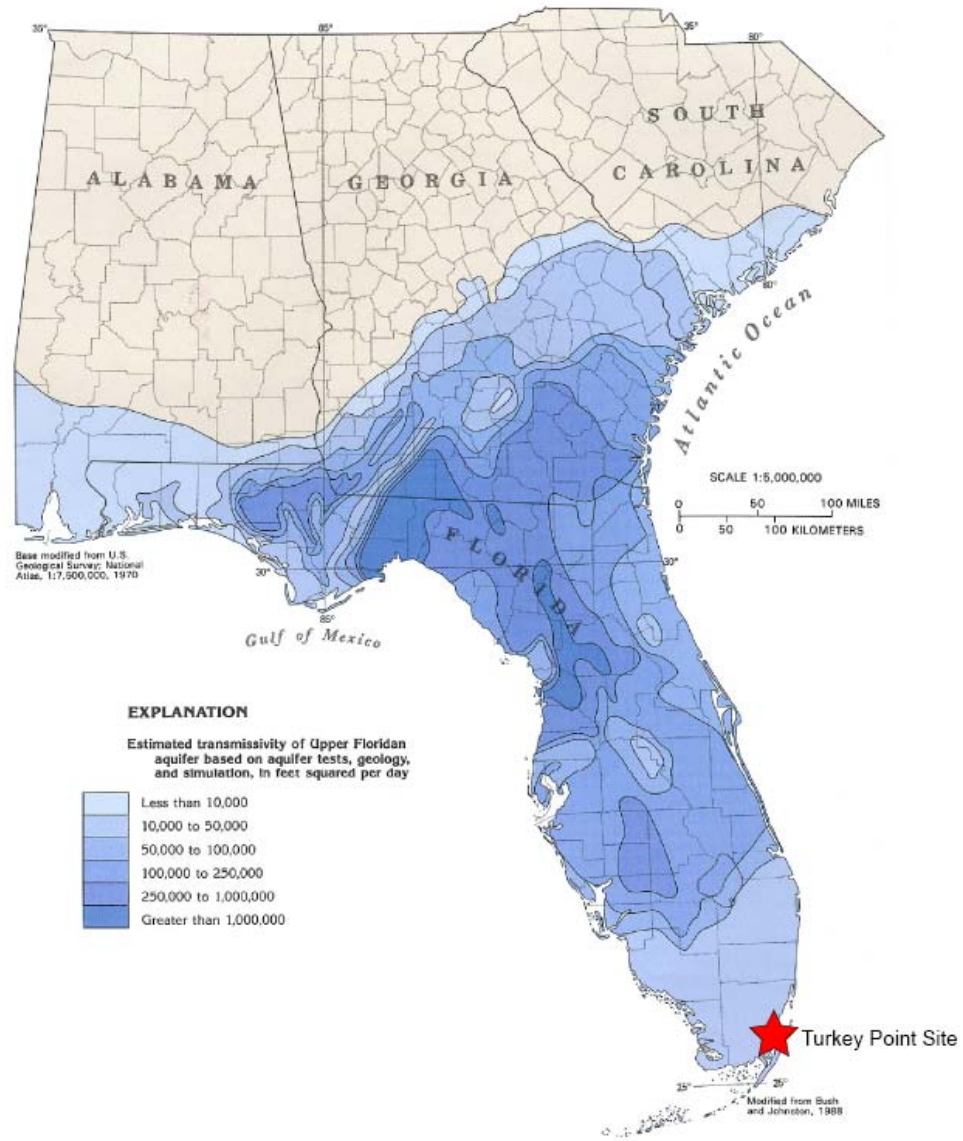
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Transmissivity of the Biscayne Aquifer



Source: USGS Water-Supply Paper 2458

Transmissivity of Upper Floridan Aquifer

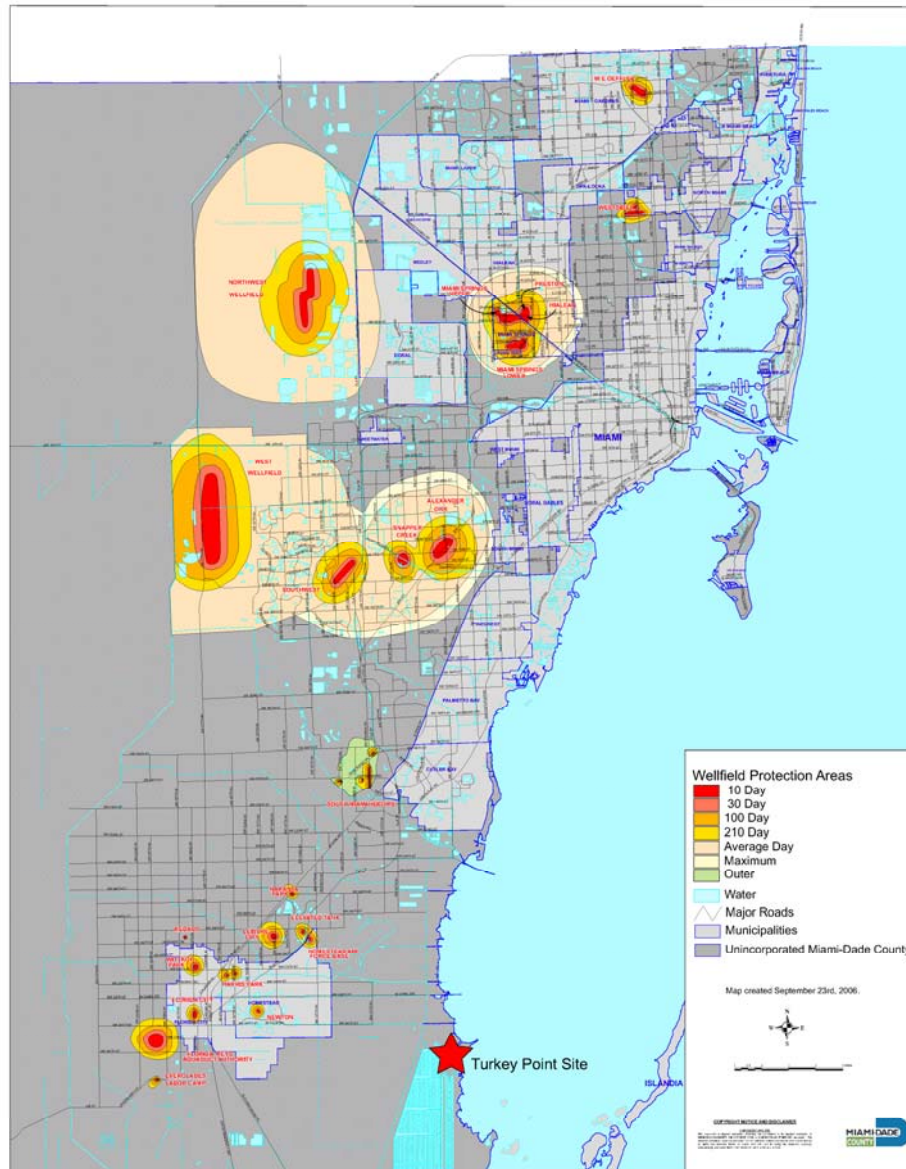


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Groundwater Use

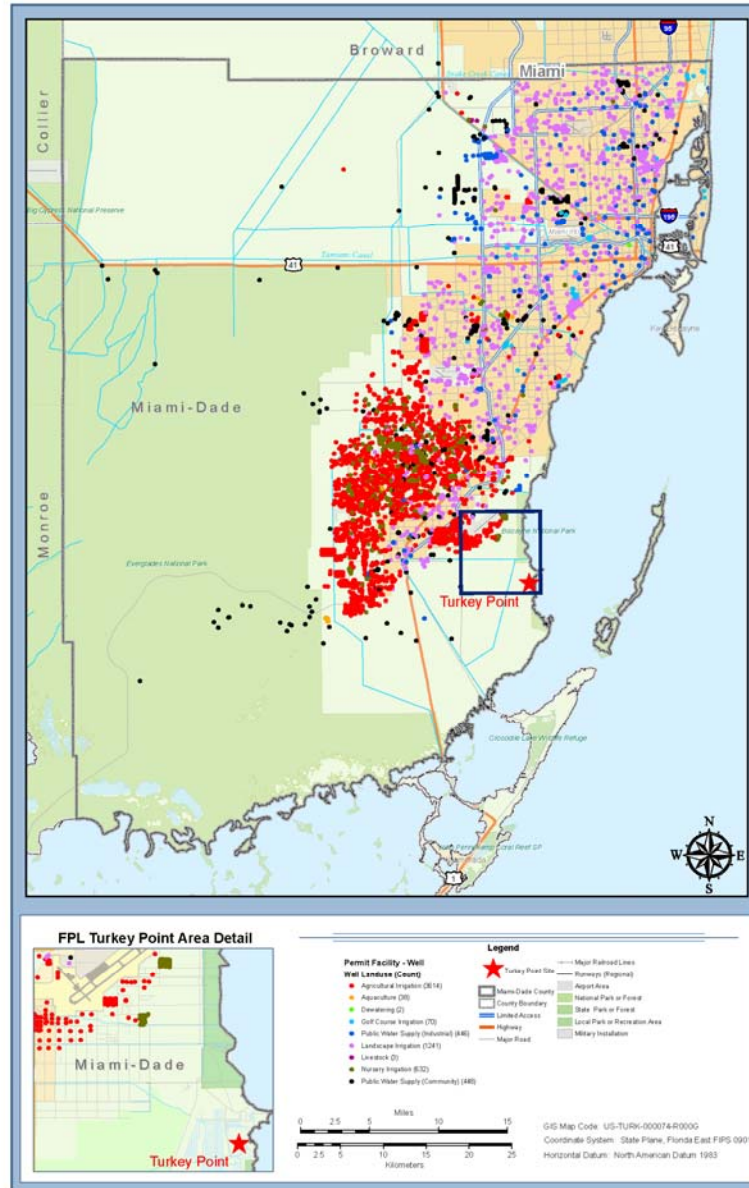
- **Potable water use in southeast Florida is from the Biscayne Aquifer**
- **Most areas are serviced by suppliers such as the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department**
- **In the area of the site, the Biscayne Aquifer is used primarily for irrigation**

Major Wellfields in the Miami Area



Source: Florida Department of Environmental Protection - Drinking Water Program

Biscayne Aquifer Water Use Permits in Miami-Dade County



Source: South Florida Water Management District – Regulatory Database

Site Hydrogeology Investigations

- **22 observation wells**
- **Two monitoring zones were defined in the subsurface investigation**
 - Upper Zone – Miami Limestone/Key Largo Limestone (~15 ft to 25 ft bgs)
 - Lower Zone – Lower Fort Thompson Fm (~95 ft to 105 ft bgs)
- **2 surface water locations**

Observation Wells and Surface Water Monitoring Locations



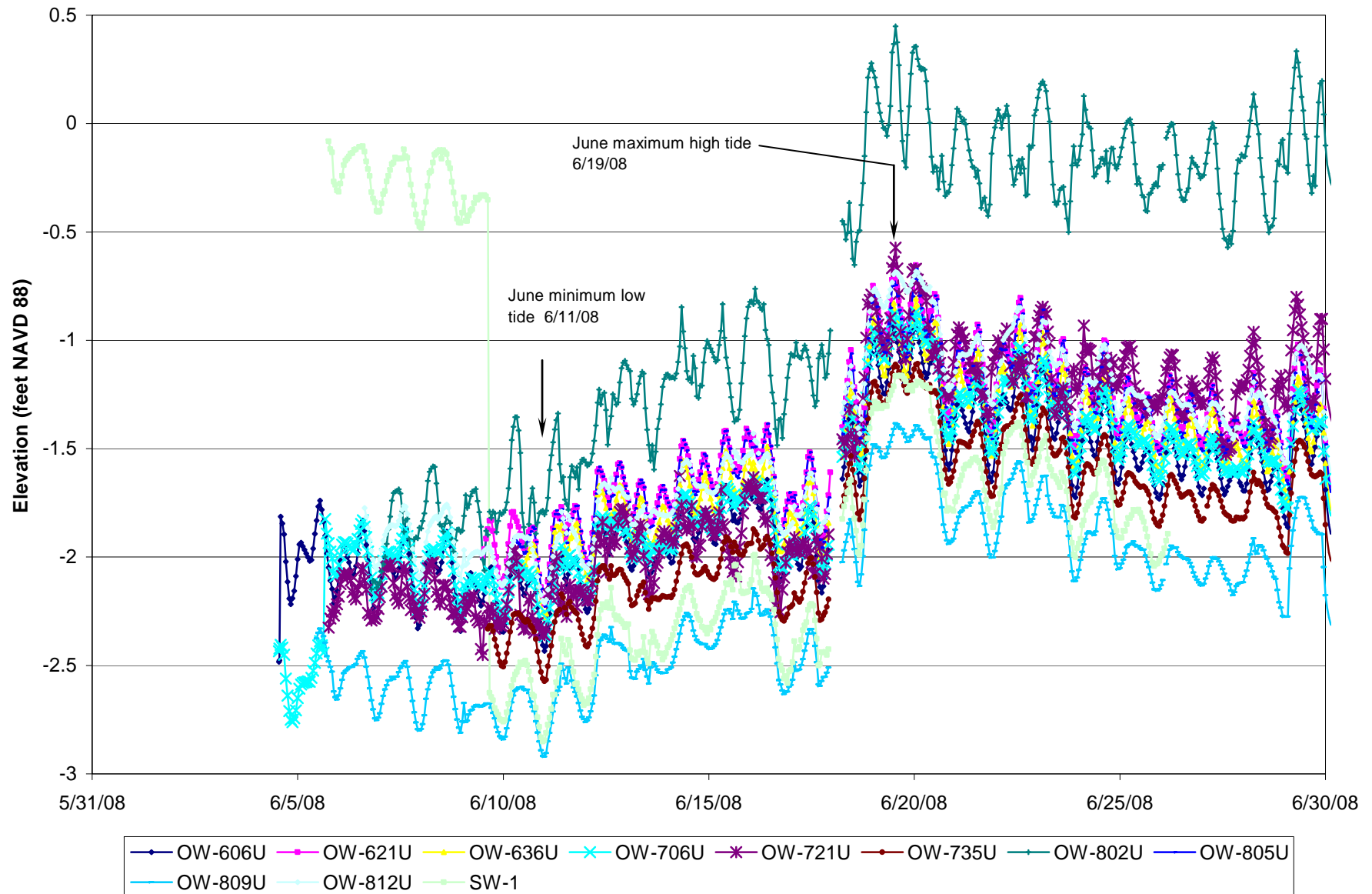
Site Hydrostratigraphic Column

ERATHEM	SYSTEM	SERIES	HYDRO- GEOLOGIC UNIT		STRATIGRAPHIC UNIT		LITHOLOGY	TOP ELEVATION	THICKNESS (ft)	
CENEZOIC	QUATERNARY	HOLOCENE	Surficial aquifer system	Biscayne aquifer	organic muck		organic soil and silt	0	3	
		PLEISTOCENE			Miami Limestone		sandy, oolitic limestone	-3	25	
					Key Largo Limestone		well indurated, vuggy, coralline limestone	-28	22	
					Fort Thompson Formation		poor/well indurated fossiliferous limestone	-50	65	
	TERTIARY	PLIOCENE		Semi-confining unit	Tamiami Formation		sand and silt with calcarenitic limestone	-115	105	
		MIOCENE	Intermediate confining unit			Hawthorn Group	Peace River formation	silty calcareous sand and silt	-220	235
							Arcadia formation	calcareous wackestone with indurated limestones, sandstone, and sand	-456	>160
									drilling ended at -616 ft	

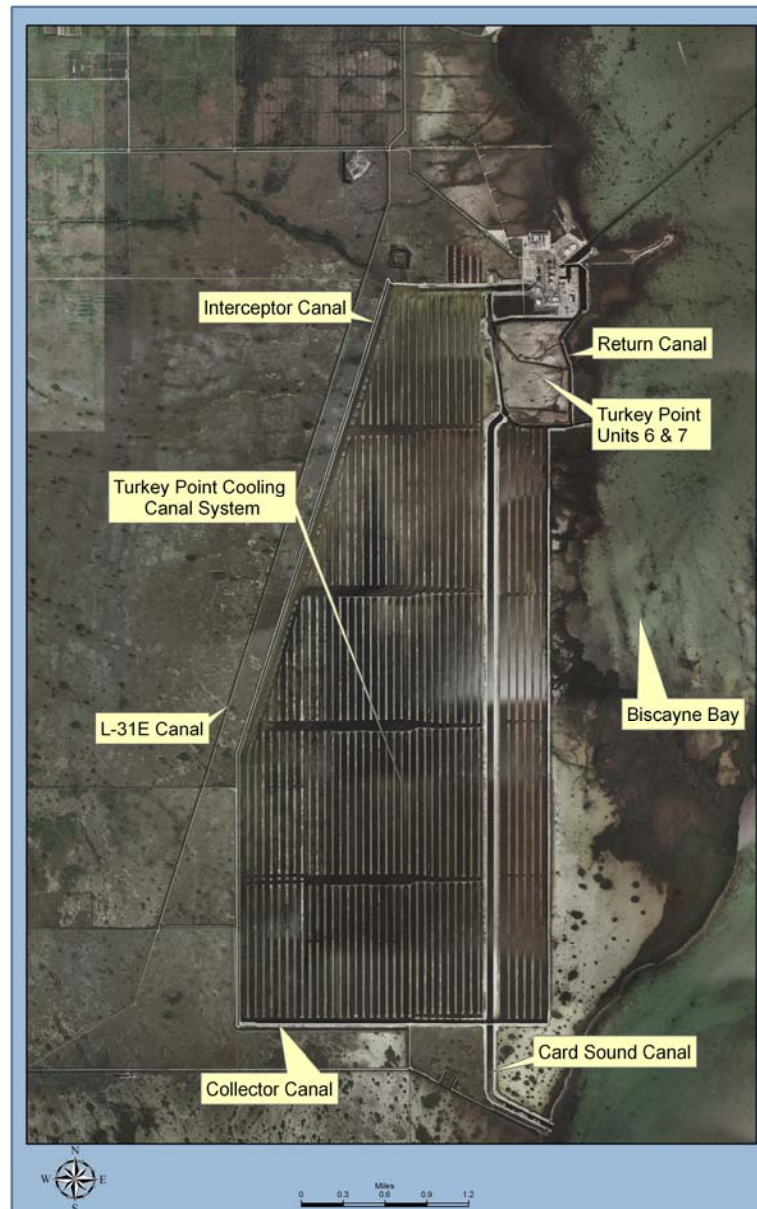
Site Hydrogeology

- **Groundwater and Surface Water Level Monitoring**
 - Remote monitoring system using recording transducers
 - Measure levels during a lunar tidal cycle
 - Measure salinity/specific conductivity to evaluate surface water – groundwater interactions

Sample Hydrograph of Groundwater & Surface Water Levels



Plan View of Cooling Canal System



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Construction Methods

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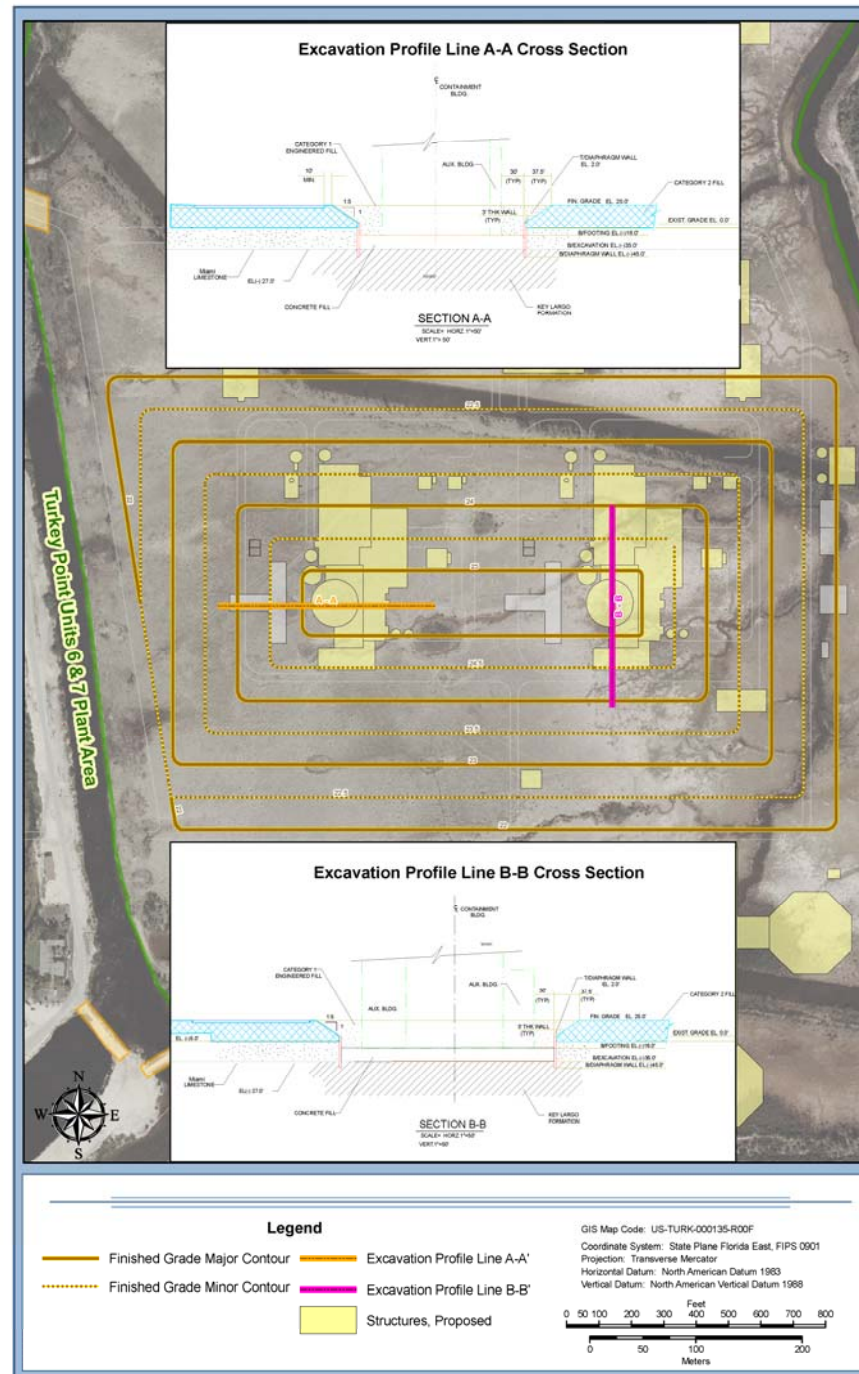
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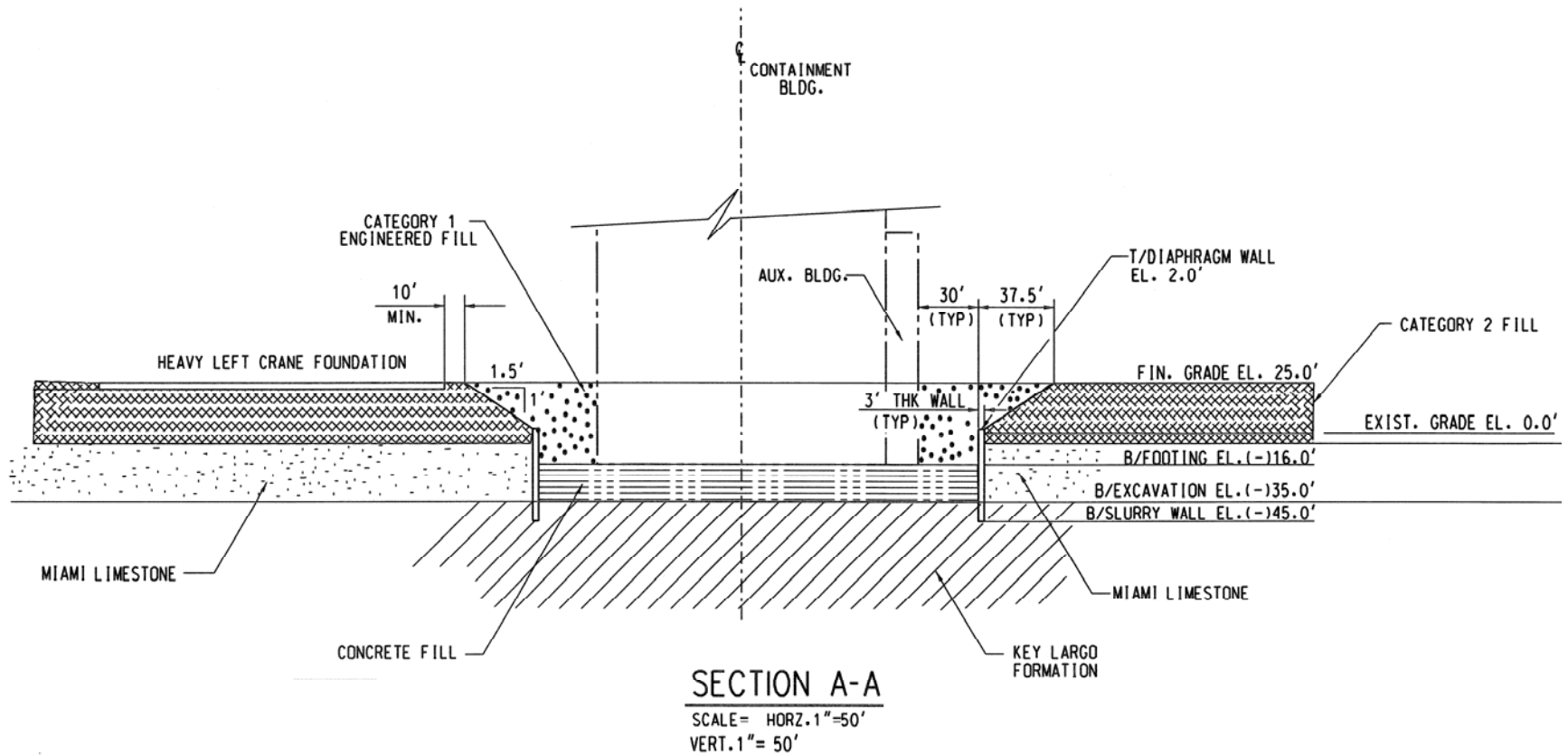
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Construction Considerations

- **Excavation to approximately -35 feet**
- **Vertical groundwater barrier and excavation support required**
- **Competent confining layer at the top of the Fort Thompson limestone expected to control vertical groundwater flow**
- **Backfill with imported fill required around nuclear island and to finish grade**



Draft Excavation Profile Line A-A Cross Section



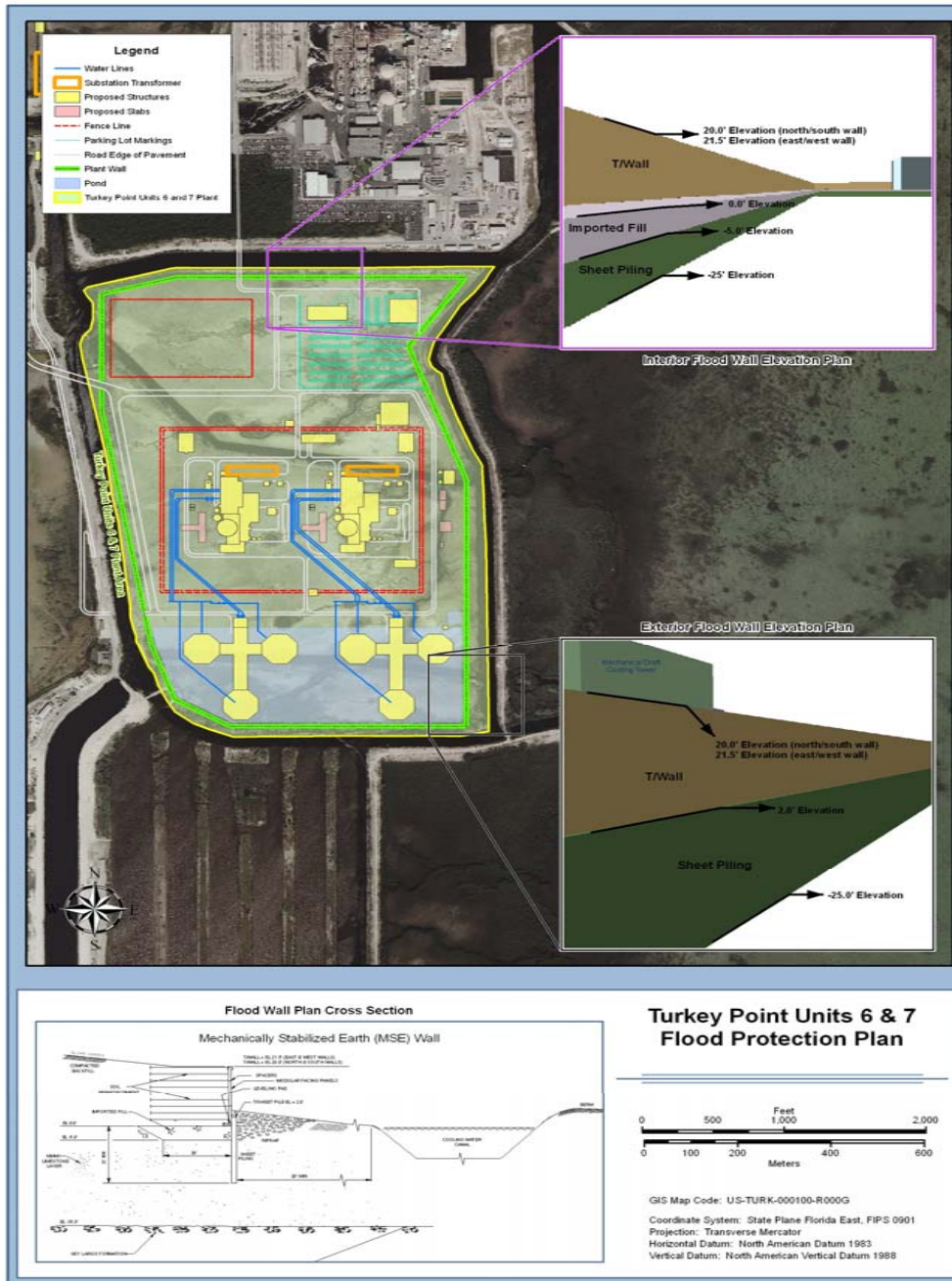
Construction Methods

- **Approximately the top 5 foot layer of the site is composed of organic material or “muck” that has no ability to support any buildings**
 - Approximately 1.8 million cubic yards of muck to be removed
 - Backfill with limestone fill will be performed in conjunction with de-mucking in segmented portions to control dewatering effort
- **The site will be raised up from approximate sea level elevation to 26 feet above sea level**
 - Limestone fill will be used to build up the island from about 20 feet above msl along the “island” edge to a finished grade elevation at the nuclear island of about 26 feet above msl
 - Approximately 11 million cubic yards of fill will be required

Construction Methods (Continued)

- **A mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) wall is planned as a retaining wall around the majority of site perimeter**
 - Will be designed to resist storm surge and tsunami wave forces
 - At the south end of the site, the exterior walls of the cooling water reservoir will also function as the exterior retaining wall
- **Reservoir structure will be constructed onsite to store several days of make-up water**
 - Reinforced concrete structure, will provide support for elevated mechanical draft cooling towers
 - Bottom of the reservoir will sit on the top layer of the exposed Miami limestone (after muck removal) to minimize dewatering during construction

MSE Wall Detail



Questions and Discussion