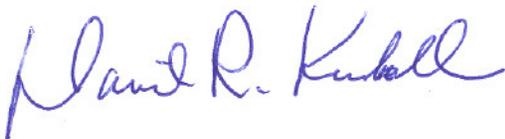


17 August 2005

SUBJECT: DMMP RECENCY EXTENSION DETERMINATION ON THE PORT OF SEATTLE'S TERMINAL-18 PERMIT REVISION (2003-00074).

1. The 28,100 cy of proposed dredged material at the Port of Seattle's Terminal 18 Stage 1A Project under Corps of Engineers Permit (2003-2-00074) was initially evaluated under a recency characterization suitability determination dated 11 February 2003. The material characterized was ranked high and had a recency expiration date of September 2004.
2. The purpose of this memorandum is to document the DMMP consensus on the recency extension request by the applicant, the Port of Seattle to enable them to locate and armor a buried communication cable in the project area.
3. This summary reflects a consensus determination of the agencies that comprise the regional Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) for the State of Washington. The agencies include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Ecology, Department of Natural Resources, and the Environmental Protection Agency.
4. The project described in the permit revision is relatively small in scope, and would involve removing approximately 150 cy of sediment in the vicinity of an existing buried communication cable by suction dredging, with upland disposal of this material proposed (see Figures 1 and 2). The Port of Seattle proposes to backfill the excavated area with up to five feet of small riprap material, to effectively armor the cable area, totaling approximately 60 cy. Then up to 90 cy of clean sand would be placed in the remainder of the excavation, consistent with the final vessel berth depth.
5. The DMMP agencies evaluated the scope of the project and concurred that an extension of the recency date of the surface suitable material through December 2005 is acceptable.
6. This recency extension is contingent upon no perturbations or unanticipated impacts occurring that would affect the quality of the sediments between the date of this recency extension memorandum and the dredging/excavation dates.
7. This recency extension determination was coordinated with all DMMP agencies, and the DMMP agencies concurred with the recency extension determination.
8. However, this recency determination extension does not constitute final agency approval of the project. A dredging plan for this project must be completed as part of the final project approval process. A final decision will be made after full consideration of agency input, and after an alternatives analysis is done under Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.



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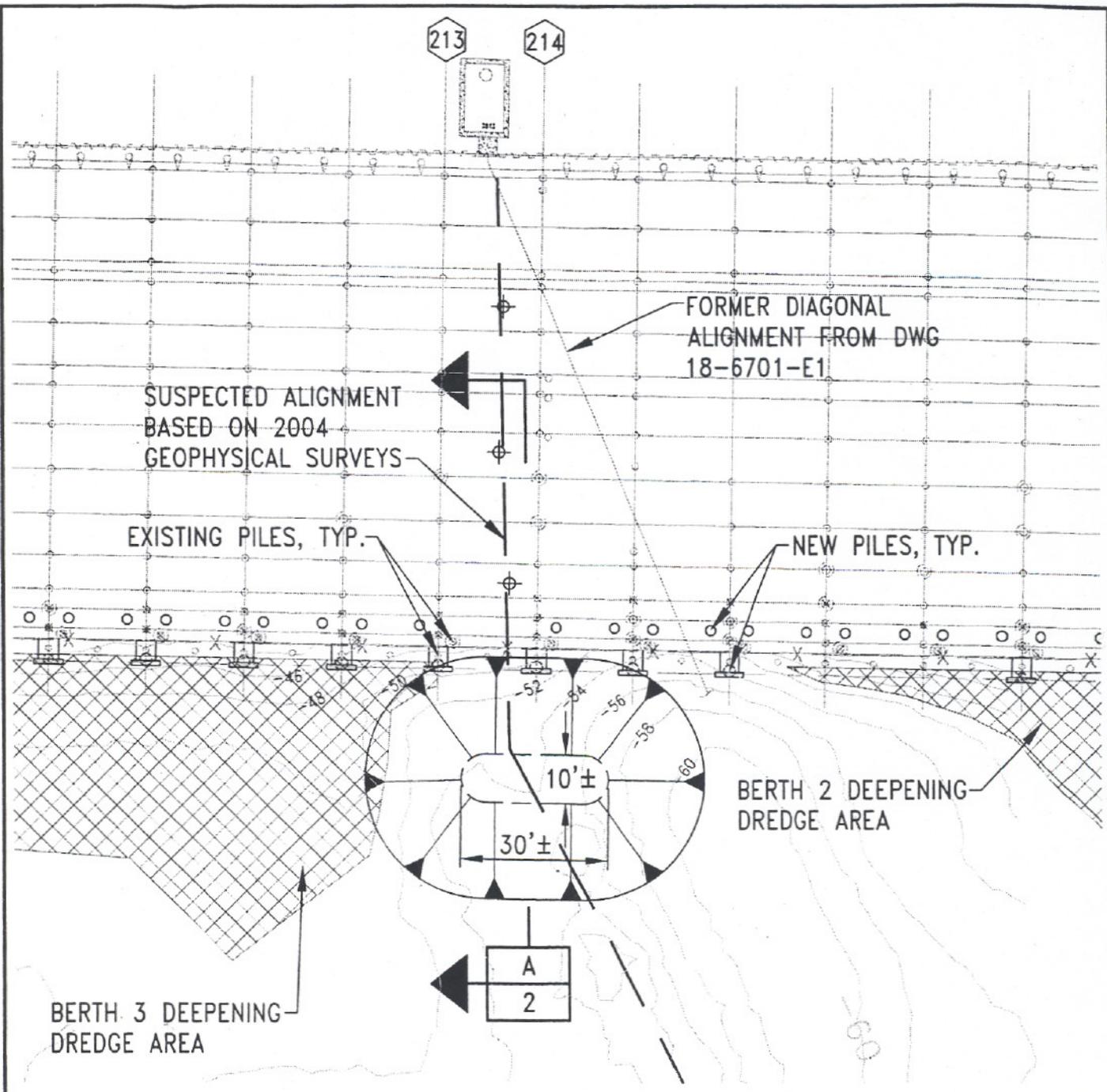
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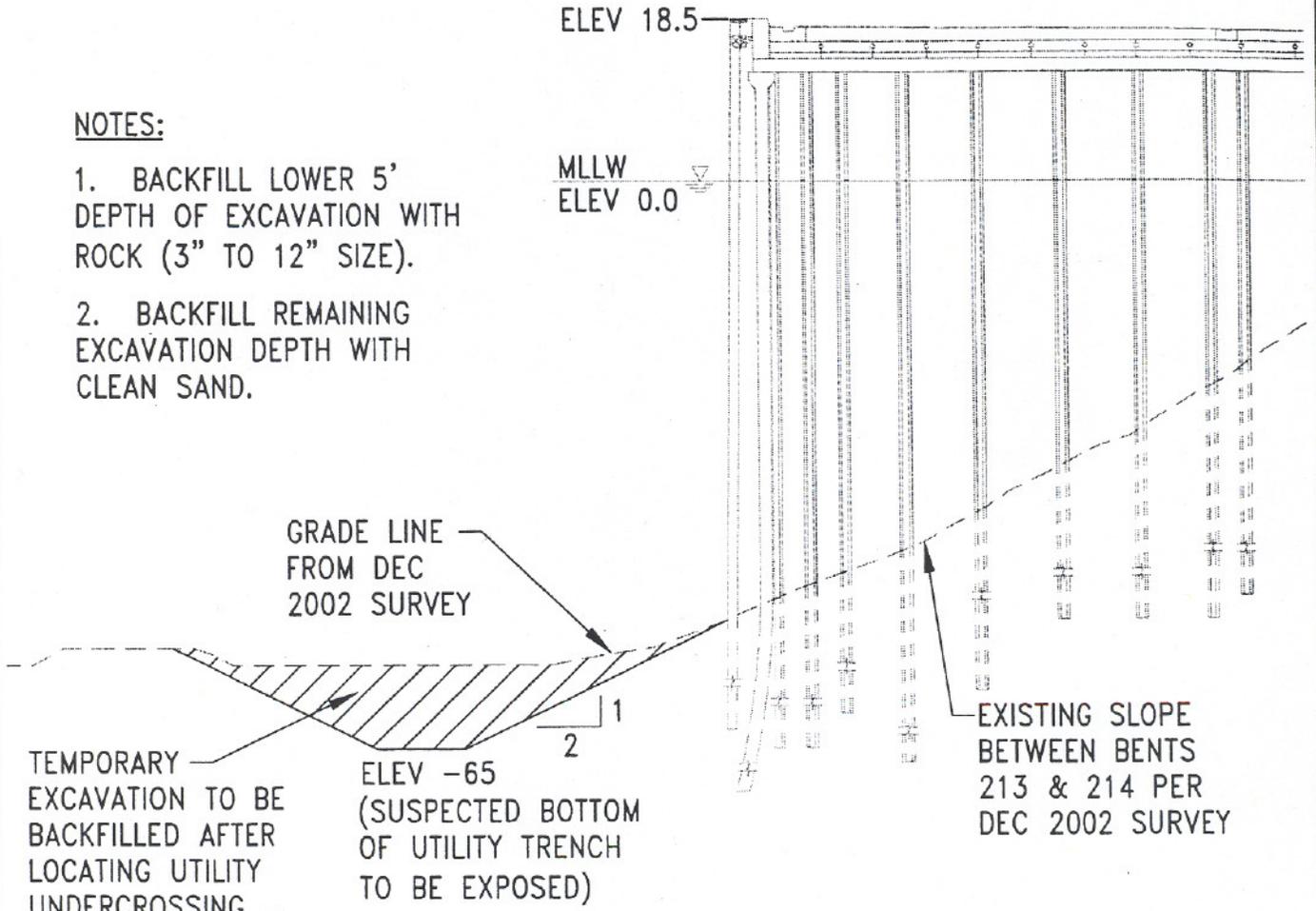
EXPLORATION/EXCAVATION FOR QWEST COMMUNICATION CABLES  
SCALE: 1"=30'



<p><b>PURPOSE:</b> LOCATE EXISTING QWEST COMMUNICATION CABLES</p> <p>DATUM: MLLW = 0.0-(P.O.S. DATUM)</p>	<p><b>SITE MAP</b></p> <p>0 30</p> <p>scale</p> <p><b>Port of Seattle</b></p> <p>P.O. Box 1209 Seattle, Washington 98111</p>	<p>TERMINAL 18 - NORTH APRON UPGRADE EXPLORATION/EXCAVATION FOR QWEST COMMUNICATION CABLES</p> <p>IN: TERMINAL 18 AT: SEATTLE, WA. COUNTY OF : KING STATE OF : WA APPLICATION BY : PORT OF SEATTLE SHEET 1 OF 2 DATE: 08/04/04</p>
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**NOTES:**

1. BACKFILL LOWER 5' DEPTH OF EXCAVATION WITH ROCK (3" TO 12" SIZE).
2. BACKFILL REMAINING EXCAVATION DEPTH WITH CLEAN SAND.



**SECTION**

EXPLORATION/EXCAVATION FOR QWEST COMMUNICATION CABLES  
SCALE: 1"=20'

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**PURPOSE:**

LOCATE EXISTING QWEST COMMUNICATION CABLES

DATUM: MLLW = 0.0-(P.O.S. DATUM)

**SITE MAP**



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