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June 9, 2016
C16257

Mr. John Wright
Town of Verona
335 N. Nine Mound Road
Verona, WI 53593

Re: Geotechnical Exploration Report
Manhole No. 10
USH 18 & 151 – Goose Lake Area
Town of Verona, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Wright

Construction • Geotechnical Consultants, Inc. (CGC) has completed the geotechnical exploration program for the project referenced above. The purpose of this exploration program was to evaluate the subsurface conditions adjacent to Manhole No. 10 that was installed in 1969 and has settled about 5 to 6 inches since then. An electronic copy of this report is provided for your use, and a paper copy can be provided upon request.

PROJECT AND SITE DESCRIPTION

Manhole No. 10 is located west of Goose Lake and southeast of USH 18 & 151 (refer to Soil Boring Location Map – Attached). The area is grass-covered and also southeast of a bike path. Based on the information you had provided, we understand the manhole consists of a standard precast concrete structure that is 4 ft in diameter and is 11 ft deep. No construction records or documentation prepared during the installation process are reportedly available.

SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

Subsurface conditions on site were explored by drilling one Standard Penetration Test (SPT) soil boring to a planned depth of 20 ft below existing site grades. The boring was located about 3 ft east of the manhole center, and drilled on June 2, 2016 by Badger State Drilling (under subcontract to CGC) using a truck-mounted CME-55 rotary drill rig equipped with hollow-stem augers and an automatic SPT hammer. The general boring location is shown in plan on the Boring Location Map. The elevation at the boring location was not determined.

The subsurface profile at the boring location can generally be described by the following strata, in descending order:

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- 5 in. of *topsoil*; over
- About 9 ft of *fill* involving very soft to stiff clays and concrete fragments with depth; underlain by
- About 1.5 ft of medium dense *sand* (to a depth of 11 ft) that is considered probable fill because it is above the anticipated Manhole base; over
- Loose to medium dense *sand* with some silt to the maximum depth explored.

Note that a gravel bedding layer was not observed below the manhole, nor did it appear the sands had been recompacted as stated on the construction drawings that "all new construction should be placed on undisturbed earth or well compacted sand".

Groundwater was encountered in the boring about 20 minutes after drilling completion at a depth of about 9 ft. Groundwater levels are expected to fluctuate with seasonal variations in precipitation, infiltration, evapotranspiration, the stage of nearby Goose Lake, and other factors. A more detailed description of the site soil and groundwater conditions is presented on the attached Boring Log.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In our opinion, based on the loose soil conditions extending below the base of the manhole, it is likely that poor dewatering methods were implemented in 1969 when the manhole was installed. We hypothesize that the sands became disturbed at that time prior to setting the manhole. Also, proper compaction would not have been possible if the sand bearing subgrade was not properly dewatered. Over time, the loose sands likely settled under the weight of the structure, potentially occurring shortly after installation. Groundwater level fluctuations over the last 47 years also may have contributed to some of the settlement.

Going forward, it is also our opinion that additional settlement of the structure will likely not exceed levels that would be detrimental to the functionality of the structure. As such, it is our opinion that the most cost effective method to address the manhole is to re-level the inbound and outbound piping and then repair (patch) the manhole sidewalls. The interior base of the manhole can also be raised by adding lightweight concrete, if necessary. Note that some dewatering may be needed during repair, with sumps typically effective for drawdowns of 2 ft or less. Well points are typically needed for greater drawdowns, with means and methods being the responsibility of the dewatering contractor.

It should be mentioned that another costly option to address the situation and create no risk of additional settlement would be to support the structure on helical piers. For further consideration, the existing manhole could be removed, the loose soils addressed by undercutting/stone replacement to establish a firm base, and a new manhole constructed. Well point dewatering would be needed for this option.



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It has been a pleasure to serve you on this project. Important limitations regarding the conclusions and recommendations presented in this report are attached for your review. If you have any questions or need additional consultation, please contact us.

Sincerely,

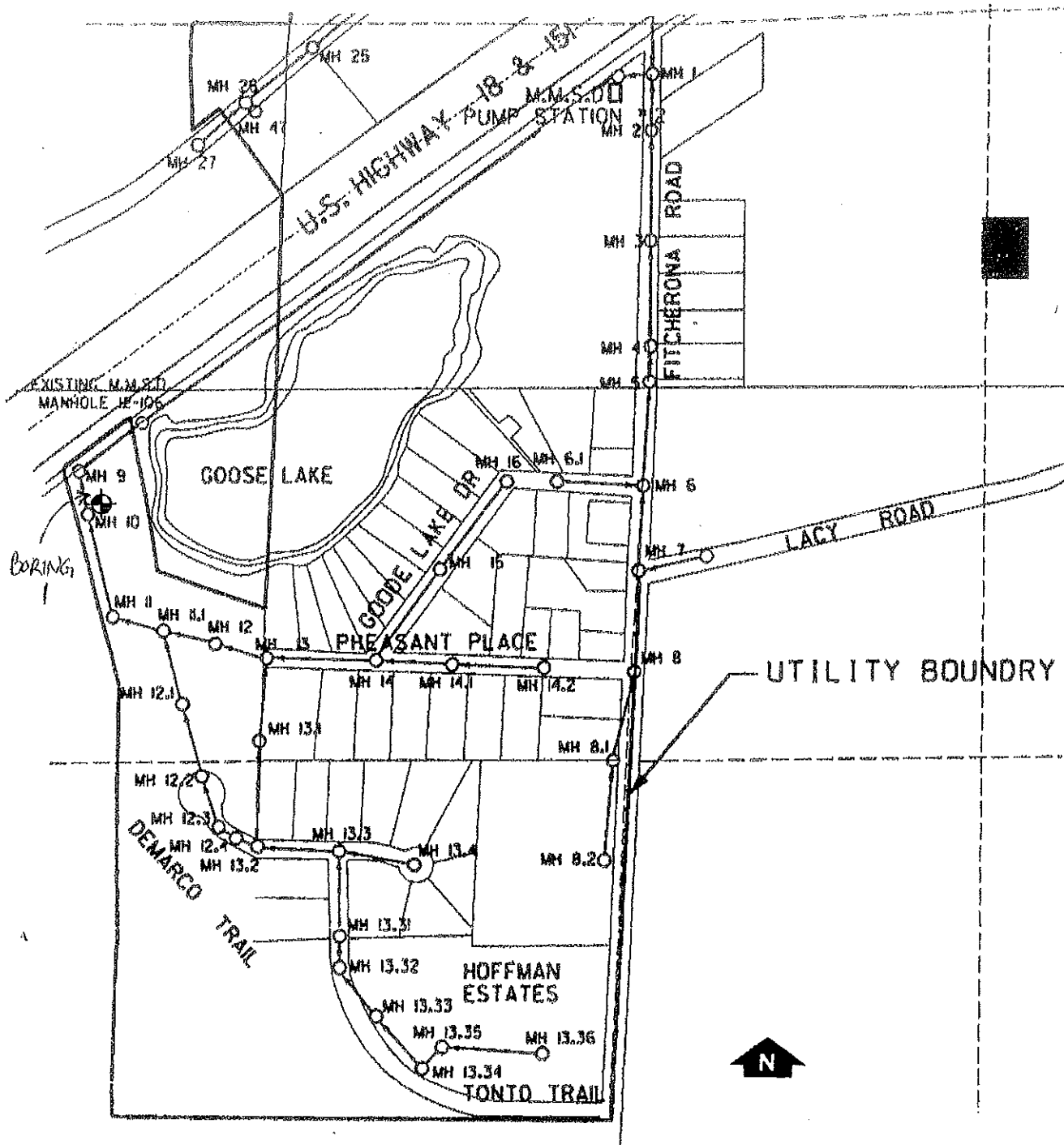
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Michael N. Schultz, P.E.
Principal/Consulting Professional

Encl: Soil Boring Location Map
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SOIL BORING LOCATION MAP
LOG OF TEST BORING (1)
LOG OF TEST BORING – GENERAL NOTES
UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



Legend

⊕ Denotes Approximate Boring Location and Number

Notes

1. Base map provided by Town of Verona.
2. Soil Boring performed by Badger State Drilling on May 27, 2016.
3. Boring location is approximate.

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SOIL BORING LOCATION MAP
Manhole No. 10
USH 18 & 151 - Goose Lake Area
Town of Verona, Wisconsin



LOG OF TEST BORING

Project Sanitary Sewer Manhole #10
Location Town of Verona, Wisconsin

Boring No. 1
Surface Elevation (ft) _____
Job No. C16257
Sheet 1 of 1

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SAMPLE					VISUAL CLASSIFICATION and Remarks	SOIL PROPERTIES				
No.	Typ P S	Rec (in.)	Moist	N		qu (qsf) (tsf)	W	LL	PL	LI
					5 in. TOPSOIL (OL)					
1		8	M	5	FILL: Dark Brown-Brown Sandy Clay to Lean Clay, Some Sand, Little to Some Gravel, Occasional Sand Inclusions	(1.25)				
2		10	M	5						
3		10	M/W	2	FILL: Brown Lean Clay, Little to Some Sand, Little to Trace Gravel, Trace Root Hairs	(0.25)				
4		12	M/W	27	FILL: Concrete Fragments					
5		14	W	5	Medium Dense, Brown Fine to Medium Sand, Some Silt, Little Gravel (SM - Probable Fill)					
6		18	W	6	Loose to Medium Dense, Light Brown Fine SAND, Some Silt (SM)					
7		10	W	11	(Interbedded Silt and Clay Seams from about 13 to 15 ft)					
8		8	W	15						
					End Boring at 20 ft					
					Backfilled with Bentonite Chips					
					Drilled 3'E of Center of MH #10					

WATER LEVEL OBSERVATIONS

While Drilling 11.0' Upon Completion of Drilling 20 min.
Time After Drilling _____
Depth to Water 9'
Depth to Cave in 9.5'

The stratification lines represent the approximate boundary between soil types and the transition may be gradual.

GENERAL NOTES

Start 6/2/16 End 5/27/16
Driller BSD Chief MC Rig CME-55
Logger DB Editor MNS
Drill Method 2.25" HSA; Autohammer

LOG OF TEST BORING

General Notes

DESCRIPTIVE SOIL CLASSIFICATION

Grain Size Terminology

Soil Fraction	Particle Size	U.S. Standard Sieve Size
Boulders	Larger than 12"	Larger than 12"
Cobbles	3" to 12"	3" to 12"
Gravel: Coarse.....	¾" to 3"	¾" to 3"
Fine	4.76 mm to ¾"	#4 to ¾"
Sand: Coarse.....	2.00 mm to 4.76 mm.....	#10 to #4
Medium	0.42 to mm to 2.00 mm	#40 to #10
Fine	0.074 mm to 0.42 mm.....	#200 to #40
Silt.....	0.005 mm to 0.074 mm.....	Smaller than #200
Clay	Smaller than 0.005 mm.....	Smaller than #200

Plasticity characteristics differentiate between silt and clay.

General Terminology

Physical Characteristics
Color, moisture, grain shape, fineness, etc.
Major Constituents
Clay, silt, sand, gravel
Structure
Laminated, varved, fibrous, stratified,
cemented, fissured, etc.
Geologic Origin
Glacial, alluvial, eolian, residual, etc.

Relative Density

Term	"N" Value
Very Loose.....	0 - 4
Loose.....	4 - 10
Medium Dense.....	10 - 30
Dense.....	30 - 50
Very Dense.....	Over 50

Relative Proportions Of Cohesionless Soils

Proportional Term	Defining Range by Percentage of Weight
Trace.....	0% - 5%
Little.....	5% - 12%
Some.....	12% - 35%
And	35% - 50%

Consistency

Term	q _u -tons/sq. ft
Very Soft.....	0.0 to 0.25
Soft.....	0.25 to 0.50
Medium.....	0.50 to 1.0
Stiff.....	1.0 to 2.0
Very Stiff.....	2.0 to 4.0
Hard.....	Over 4.0

Organic Content by Combustion Method

Soil Description	Loss on Ignition
Non Organic.....	Less than 4%
Organic Silt/Clay.....	4 - 12%
Sedimentary Peat.....	12% - 50%
Fibrous and Woody Peat...	More than 50%

Plasticity

Term	Plastic Index
None to Slight.....	0 - 4
Slight.....	5 - 7
Medium.....	8 - 22
High to Very High ..	Over 22

The penetration resistance, N, is the summation of the number of blows required to effect two successive 6" penetrations of the 2" split-barrel sampler. The sampler is driven with a 140 lb. weight falling 30" and is seated to a depth of 6" before commencing the standard penetration test.

SYMBOLS

Drilling and Sampling

CS - Continuous Sampling
RC - Rock Coring: Size AW, BW, NW, 2"W
RQD - Rock Quality Designation
RB - Rock Bit/Roller Bit
FT - Fish Tail
DC - Drove Casing
C - Casing: Size 2 ½", NW, 4", HW
CW - Clear Water
DM - Drilling Mud
HSA - Hollow Stem Auger
FA - Flight Auger
HA - Hand Auger
COA - Clean-Out Auger
SS - 2" Dia. Split-Barrel Sample
2ST - 2" Dia. Thin-Walled Tube Sample
3ST - 3" Dia. Thin-Walled Tube Sample
PT - 3" Dia. Piston Tube Sample
AS - Auger Sample
WS - Wash Sample
PTS - Peat Sample
PS - Pitcher Sample
NR - No Recovery
S - Sounding
PMT - Borehole Pressuremeter Test
VS - Vane Shear Test
WPT - Water Pressure Test

Laboratory Tests

q_a - Penetrometer Reading, tons/sq ft
q_a - Unconfined Strength, tons/sq ft
W - Moisture Content, %
LL - Liquid Limit, %
PL - Plastic Limit, %
SL - Shrinkage Limit, %
LI - Loss on Ignition
D - Dry Unit Weight, lbs/cu ft
pH - Measure of Soil Alkalinity or Acidity
FS - Free Swell, %

Water Level Measurement

▽ - Water Level at Time Shown
NW - No Water Encountered
WD - While Drilling
BCR - Before Casing Removal
ACR - After Casing Removal
CW - Cave and Wet
CM - Caved and Moist

Note: Water level measurements shown on the boring logs represent conditions at the time indicated and may not reflect static levels, especially in cohesive soils.

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Unified Soil Classification System

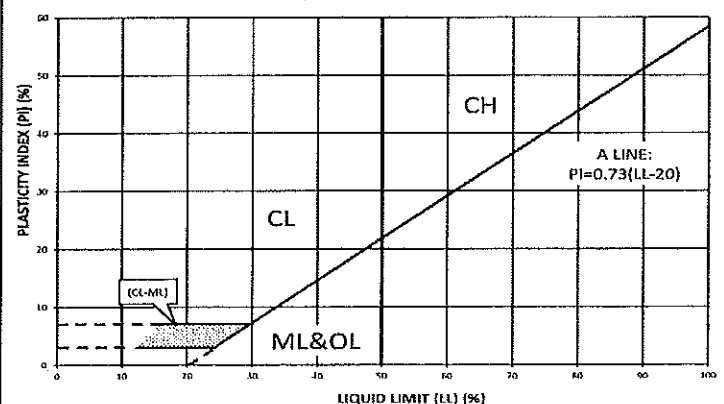
UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION AND SYMBOL CHART

COARSE-GRAINED SOILS (more than 50% of material is larger than No. 200 sieve size)			
Clean Gravels (Less than 5% fines)			
GRAVELS More than 50% of coarse fraction larger than No. 4 sieve size		GW	Well-graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines
		GP	Poorly-graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines
Gravels with fines (More than 12% fines)			
		GM	Silty gravels, gravel-sand-silt mixtures
		GC	Clayey gravels, gravel-sand-clay mixtures
Clean Sands (Less than 5% fines)			
SANDS 50% or more of coarse fraction smaller than No. 4 sieve size		SW	Well-graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines
		SP	Poorly graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines
Sands with fines (More than 12% fines)			
		SM	Silty sands, sand-silt mixtures
		SC	Clayey sands, sand-clay mixtures
FINE-GRAINED SOILS (50% or more of material is smaller than No. 200 sieve size.)			
SILTS AND CLAYS Liquid limit less than 50%		ML	Inorganic silts and very fine sands, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sands or clayey silts with slight plasticity
		CL	Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays
		OL	Organic silts and organic silty clays of low plasticity
SILTS AND CLAYS Liquid limit 50% or greater		MH	Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sandy or silty soils, elastic silts
		CH	Inorganic clays of high plasticity, fat clays
		OH	Organic clays of medium to high plasticity, organic silts
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS		PT	Peat and other highly organic soils

LABORATORY CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA

GW	$C_u = \frac{D_{60}}{D_{10}}$ greater than 4; $C_c = \frac{D_{30}}{D_{10} \times D_{60}}$ between 1 and 3	
GP	Not meeting all gradation requirements for GW	
GM	Atterberg limits below "A" line or P.I. less than 4	Above "A" line with P.I. between 4 and 7 are borderline cases requiring use of dual symbols
GC	Atterberg limits above "A" line or P.I. greater than 7	
SW	$C_u = \frac{D_{60}}{D_{10}}$ greater than 4; $C_c = \frac{D_{30}}{D_{10} \times D_{60}}$ between 1 and 3	
SP	Not meeting all gradation requirements for GW	
SM	Atterberg limits below "A" line or P.I. less than 4	Limits plotting in shaded zone with P.I. between 4 and 7 are borderline cases requiring use of dual symbols
SC	Atterberg limits above "A" line with P.I. greater than 7	
Determine percentages of sand and gravel from grain-size curve. Depending on percentage of fines (fraction smaller than No. 200 sieve size), coarse-grained soils are classified as follows:		
Less than 5 percent GW, GP, SW, SP		
More than 12 percent GM, GC, SM, SC		
5 to 12 percent Borderline cases requiring dual symbols		

PLASTICITY CHART



DOCUMENT QUALIFICATIONS

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I. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS/LIMITATIONS

CGC, Inc. should be provided the opportunity for a general review of the final design and specifications to confirm that earthwork and foundation requirements have been properly interpreted in the design and specifications. CGC should be retained to provide soil engineering services during excavation and subgrade preparation. This will allow us to observe that construction proceeds in compliance with the design concepts, specifications and recommendations, and also will allow design changes to be made in the event that subsurface conditions differ from those anticipated prior to the start of construction. CGC does not assume responsibility for compliance with the recommendations in this report unless we are retained to provide construction testing and observation services.

This report has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted soil and foundation engineering practices and no other warranties are expressed or implied. The opinions and recommendations submitted in this report are based on interpretation of the subsurface information revealed by the test borings indicated on the location plan. The report does not reflect potential variations in subsurface conditions between or beyond these borings. Therefore, variations in soil conditions can be expected between the boring locations and fluctuations of groundwater levels may occur with time. The nature and extent of the variations may not become evident until construction.

II. IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING REPORT

Geotechnical engineers structure their services to meet the specific needs of their clients. A geotechnical engineering study conducted for a civil engineer may not fulfill the needs of a construction contractor or even another civil engineer. Because each geotechnical engineering study is unique, each geotechnical engineering report is unique, prepared *solely* for the client. *No one except you* should rely on your geotechnical engineering report without first conferring with the geotechnical engineer who prepared it. *And no one - not even you* - should apply the report for any purpose or project except the one originally contemplated.

Serious problems have occurred because those relying on a geotechnical engineering report did not read it all. Do not rely on an executive summary. Do not read selected elements only.

A GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING REPORT IS BASED ON A UNIQUE SET OF PROJECT-SPECIFIC FACTORS

Geotechnical engineers consider a number of unique, project-specific factors when establishing the scope of a study. Typical factors include: the client's goals, objectives, and risk management preferences; the general nature of the structure involved, its size, and configuration; the location of the structure on the site; and other planned or existing site improvements, such as access roads, parking lots, and underground utilities. Unless the geotechnical engineer who conducted the study specifically indicates otherwise, *do not rely on a geotechnical engineering report* that was:

- not prepared for you,
- not prepared for your project,
- not prepared for the specific site explored, or
- completed before important project changes were made.

Typical changes that can erode the reliability of an existing geotechnical report include those that affect:

- the function of the proposed structure, as when it's changed from a parking garage to an office building, or from a light industrial plant to a refrigerated warehouse,
- elevation, configuration, location, orientation, or weight of the proposed structure,
- composition of the design team, or project ownership.

As a general rule, , *always* inform your geotechnical engineer of project changes - even minor ones - and request an assessment of their impact. *CGC cannot accept responsibility or liability for problems that occur because our reports do not consider developments of which we were not informed.*

SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS CAN CHANGE

A geotechnical engineering report is based on conditions that existed at the time the study was performed. *Do not rely on a geotechnical engineering report* whose adequacy may have been affected by: the passage of time; by man-made events, such as construction on or adjacent to the site; or by natural events, such as floods, earthquakes, or groundwater fluctuations. *Always* contact the geotechnical engineer before applying the report to determine if it is still reliable. A minor amount of additional testing or analysis could prevent major problems.

MOST GEOTECHNICAL FINDINGS ARE PROFESSIONAL OPINION

Site exploration identifies subsurface conditions only at those points where surface tests are conducted or samples are taken. Geotechnical engineers review field and laboratory data and then apply their professional judgement to render an opinion about subsurface conditions throughout the site. Actual subsurface conditions may differ - sometimes significantly - from those indicated in your report. Retaining the geotechnical engineer who developed your report to provide construction observation is the most effective method of managing the risks associated with unanticipated conditions.

A REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT FINAL

Do not over-rely on the construction recommendations included in your report. *Those recommendations are not final*, because geotechnical engineers develop them principally from judgement and opinion, geotechnical engineers can finalize their recommendations only by observing actual subsurface conditions revealed during construction. *CGC cannot assume responsibility or liability for the report's recommendations if we do not perform construction observation.*

A GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING REPORT IS SUBJECT TO MISINTERPRETATION

Other design team members' misinterpretation of geotechnical engineering reports has resulted in costly problems. Lower that risk by having your geotechnical engineer confer with appropriate members of the design team after submitting the report. Also retain your geotechnical engineer to review pertinent elements of the design team's plans and specifications. Contractors can also misinterpret a geotechnical engineering report. Reduce that risk by having CGC participate in prebid and preconstruction conferences, and by providing construction observation.

DO NOT REDRAW THE ENGINEER'S LOGS

Geotechnical engineers prepare final boring and testing logs based upon their interpretation of field logs and laboratory data. To prevent errors or omissions, the logs included in a geotechnical engineering report should *never* be redrawn for inclusion in architectural or other design drawings. Only photographic or electronic reproduction is acceptable, *but recognize that separating logs from the report can elevate risk.*

GIVE CONTRACTORS A COMPLETE REPORT AND GUIDANCE

Some owners and design professionals mistakenly believe they can make contractors liable for unanticipated subsurface conditions by limiting what they provide for bid preparation. To help prevent costly problems, give contractors the complete geotechnical engineering report, *but* preface it with a clearly written letter of transmittal. In that letter, advise contractors that the report was not prepared for purposes of bid development and that the report's accuracy is limited; encourage them to confer with the geotechnical engineer who prepared the report (a modest fee may be required) and/or to conduct additional study to obtain the specific types of information they need or prefer. A prebid conference can also be valuable. *Be sure contractors have sufficient time to perform additional study.* Only then might you be in a position to give contractors the best information available to you, while requiring them to at least share some of the financial responsibilities stemming from unanticipated conditions.

READ RESPONSIBILITY PROVISIONS CLOSELY

Some clients, design professionals, and contractors do not recognize that geotechnical engineering is far less exact than other engineering disciplines. This lack of understanding has created unrealistic expectations that have led to disappointments, claims, and disputes. To help reduce such risks, geotechnical engineers commonly include a variety of explanatory provisions in their reports. Sometimes

labeled "limitations," many of these provisions indicate where geotechnical engineer's responsibilities begin and end, to help others recognize their own responsibilities and risks. Read these provisions closely. Ask questions. Your geotechnical engineer should respond fully and frankly.

GEOENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS ARE NOT COVERED

The equipment, techniques, and personnel used to perform a *geoenvironmental* study differ significantly from those used to perform a *geotechnical* study. For that reason, a geotechnical engineering report does not usually relate any *geoenvironmental* findings, conclusions, or recommendations; e.g., about the likelihood of encountering underground storage tanks or regulated contaminants. *Unanticipated environmental problems have led to numerous project failures.* If you have not yet obtained your own *geoenvironmental* information, ask your geotechnical consultant for risk management guidance. *Do not rely on an environmental report prepared for someone else.*

OBTAIN PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE TO DEAL WITH MOLD

Diverse strategies can be applied during building design, construction, operation, and maintenance to prevent significant amounts of mold from growing on indoor surfaces. To be effective, all such strategies should be devised for the *express purpose* of mold prevention, integrated into a comprehensive plan, and executed with diligent oversight by a professional mold prevention consultant. Because just a small amount of water or moisture can lead to the development of severe mold infestations, a number of mold prevention strategies focus on keeping building surfaces dry. While groundwater, water infiltration, and similar issues may have been addressed as part of the geotechnical engineering study whose findings are conveyed in this report, the geotechnical engineer in charge of this project is not a mold prevention consultant; *none of the services performed in connection with the geotechnical engineer's study were designed or conducted for the purpose of mold prevention.* *Proper implementation of the recommendations conveyed in this report will not of itself be sufficient to prevent mold from growing in or on the structure involved.*

RELY ON YOUR GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

Membership in ASFE exposes geotechnical engineers to a wide array of risk management techniques that can be of genuine benefit for everyone involved with a construction project. Confer with CGC, a member of ASFE, for more information.

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