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MORROW POINT DAM

I. INTRODUCTION

1. General description. Morrow Point Dam is located on the Gunnison River in west central Colorado about 22 miles east of Montrose, Colorado. See figure 1. The dam is a double-curvature, thin-arch concrete structure. It has a structural height of 469 feet above the lowest point in the foundation. The crest of the dam is at El. 7,165 feet. At the crown center, the dam has a width of 12 feet at the crest and a width of 52 feet at the base. The maximum water surface is at El. 7,165 and the minimum tailwater is at El. 6,755.8, resulting in a maximum differential head of 390.8 feet. The reservoir is operated for generating peaking power and is normally held at El. 7,160 thus maintaining a near maximum head on the dam most of the time. The plan and elevation of the dam are shown on figure 2, and a section through the dam is shown on figure 3.

Most water is released from the reservoir through the powerplant which is located underground at the toe of the left abutment downstream of the dam. Water is supplied to the powerplant through two 13.5-foot-diameter penstock steel liners in 18-footdiameter tunnels through the left abutment.

The outlet works is located about 63 feet above streambed and consists of a 4-foot by 4-foot stainless-steel lined conduit

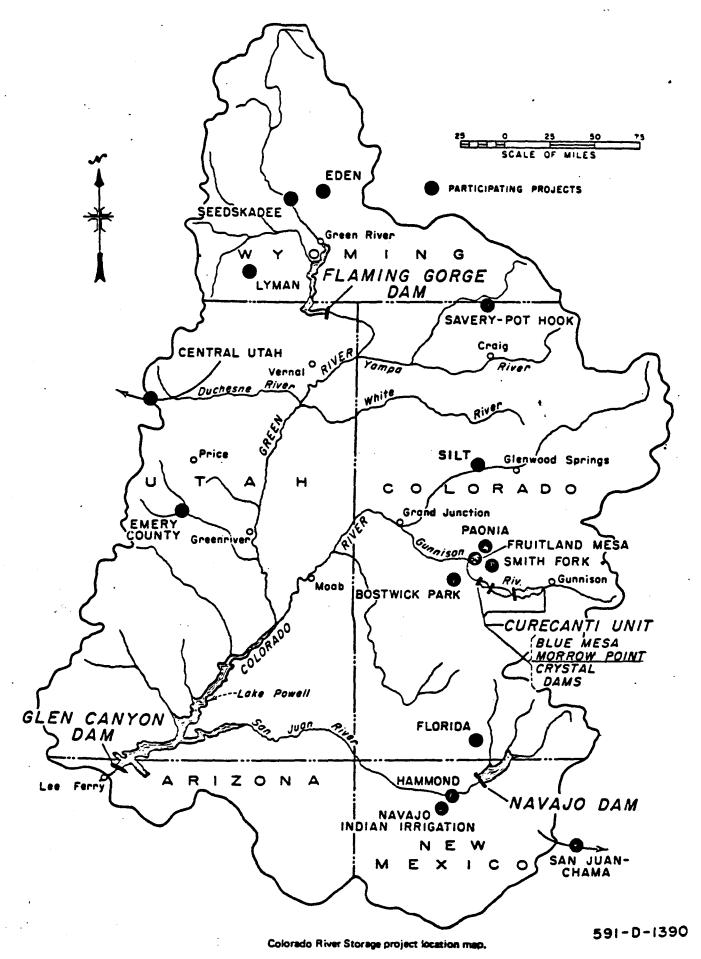
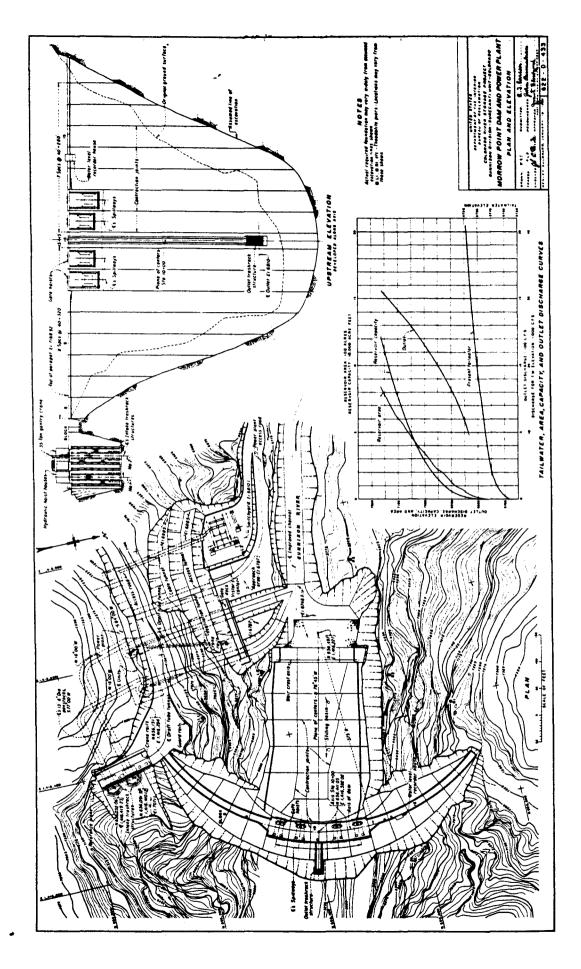
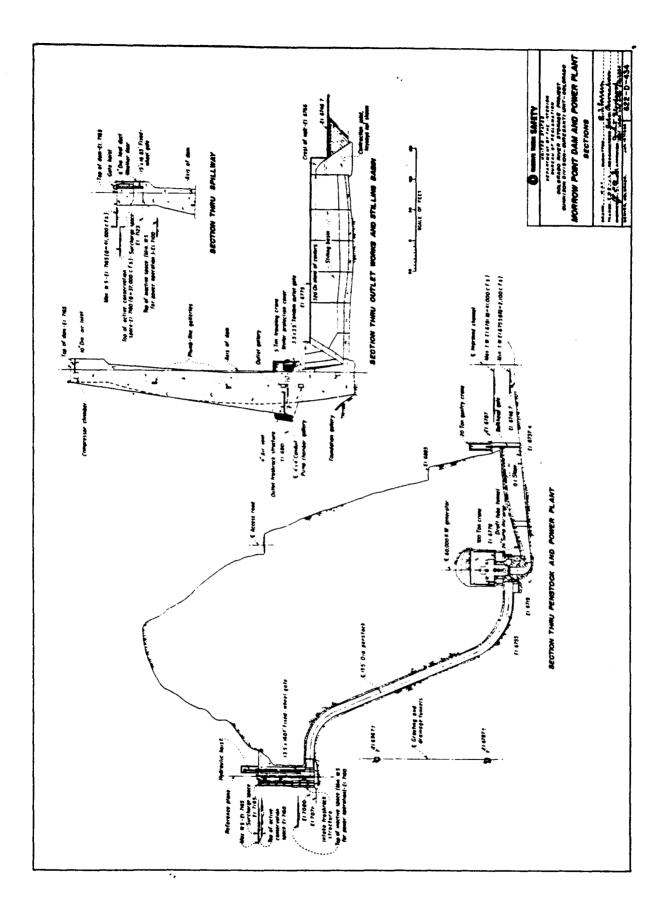


FIGURE 1





through the center of the dam. The outlet works is gated on the discharge end and discharges into the concrete-lined stilling basin at the toe of the dam. The spillway consists of four formed 15-foot by 15-foot submerged openings near the top central portion of the dam. Each opening is controlled by a 15-foot by 16.83-foot fixed-wheel gate. The spillway discharge falls about 400 feet into the concrete-lined stilling basin at the toe of the dam as shown on figure 3.

The contract for the dam was awarded on May 14, 1963 to a joint venture of Al Johnson Construction Co. and Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc. and the work was completed in 1968. Drilling and grouting were performed under a subcontract by Continental Drilling Co. Asphaltic grouting of the left abutment was done during the summer of 1969 under contract by Gunther and Shirley Co. Additional cement grouting of the left abutment was accomplished during the period of November 1969 to February 1970.

Excavation during construction involved removal of about 90 feet of alluvial material in the streambed. The work area was protected by upstream and downstream earthen cofferdams. The river flow was diverted through a tunnel excavated through the right abutment. The diversion tunnel was closed and sealed in January 1968.

2. <u>Consultants</u>. A board of consultants was engaged on the project. The available records only refer to one meeting of the board that was held in June 1963, which was shortly after the contract was awarded for the dam. The board was the same as the Flaming Gorge board and consisted of:

Julian Hinds, Chairman Raymond E. Davis John W. Vanderwilt John J. Hammond Edward B. Burwell, Jr.

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II. GEOLOGY

3. <u>Geologic setting</u>. The Gunnison River above Morrow Point Dam drains an area underlain by Pre-cambrian igneous and metamorphic rocks and Mesozoic sediments. Tributaries from the north and south generally drain areas underlain by Tertiary volcanics. The project is located in a transition zone between two physiographic provinces, the Southern Rocky Mountains on the east and the Colorado Plateau on the west. The geologic setting for the project is described in detail by Logan and Wantland in a published technical report⁽¹⁾, and therefore will not be reported here.

Site geology. Morrow Point Dam is located in a steep 4. rugged canyon which was cut through the Black Canyon uplift by the Gunnison River. Principal geomorphic features result from stress relief jointing, mechanical weathering, and mass wasting of the massive to blocky metamorphic and igneous rock. Talus slopes, slopewash, and scattered landslides involving both overburden and bedrock, represent minor geologic features in the canyon, but did receive significant engineering consideration during project design. The dam is located in a narrow reach of the gorge which prior to construction was about 200 feet wide at river level and over 600 feet wide at crest elevation. The canyon walls are nearly vertical to over-hanging and are separated by re-entrant benches or shelves. These features are shown in an aerial view of the site on figure 4 and a lower level upstream view of the site on figure 5.

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Aerial view looking upstream at Morrow Point damsite. Dam abutments are approximately opposite the old narrow gage railroad bridge shown crossing the Gunnison River. P622B-427-2292, June 25, 1963.



Figure ⁵

5. Rock types. The rock encountered at the damsite consists of alternating lenticular and irregular "beds" of biotite schist, mica schist, quartz-mica schist, and micaceous quartzite, all of which have been intruded by granitic pegmatite which ranges from small veinlets to massive intrusions. The hardness and strength of the rock types varies considerably, the hardest being the granite pegmatite and the micaceous quartzite with the other rock types grading downward in hardness to the weaker biotite schist. The quartz-mica schist comprised an estimated 55% of the total rock types encountered at the dam and the mica schist about 25%. The weaker biotite schist comprised only about 5% of the total. There was very little weathering at the site, except for moderate weathering of the biotite schist, which formed the narrow reentrant benches or shelves on the canyon walls. Rock properties are summarized in table 1, which was reproduced from table 3-1 of the technical data book with the names of rock types added.

Alluvial fill in the valley bottom consisted of rounded sand, gravel, cobbles and boulders mixed with large angular talus blocks. The fill was approximately 50 feet deep in the center of the channel increasing in depth on the right side under the talus area.

6. <u>Structure</u>. (a) <u>Synclinal fold</u>. The damsite is located on the axis of a small synclinal fold which strikes N 15° W and plunges to the south (into the left abutment) at about 5°. The syncline forms a structural trough as expressed by the attitude of the foliation which dips toward the dam axis from both upstream and downstream. The upstream dip of the foliation toward the dam

	Туре І	Туре II	Туре III	Туре IV	Туре V	Weighted average			
Percent of rock mass in:	Biotite Schist	Mica Schist	Quartz Mica Schist	Micaceous ⁴ Quartzite	Pegmatite				
Dam foundation Powerplant	5	25	55	10	5				
excavation	5	40	45	0	10				
Specific gravity	2.83	2.74	2.72	2.74	2.64	2.73			
Specific weight	177 lb/ft ³	171 1b/ft ³	170 16/ft ³	171 1b/ft ³	165 lb/ft ³	170 lb/ft ³			
Density ()	$5.50 \frac{1b/s^2}{ft^4}$	5.31 $\frac{1b/s^2}{ft^4}$	$5.28 \frac{1b/s^2}{ft^4}$	5.31 $\frac{1b/s^2}{ft^4}$	5.12 $\frac{1b/s^2}{ft^4}$	5.29 $\frac{1b/s^2}{ft^4}$			
foung's modulus (E)	0.86 x 10 ⁶ lb/in ²	1.19 x 10 ⁶ 1b/in ²	4.14 x 10 ⁶ 1b/in ²	8.84 x 10^{6} 1b/in ²	2.68 x 10^6 1b/in ²	2.65 x 10 ⁶ 1b/in			
Poisson's ratio ()	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.14	0.05	0.05			
õhear modulus (G)	$0.42 \times 10^6 \text{ lb/in}^2$	$0.57 \times 10^6 \text{ lb/in}^2$	$1.95 \times 10^{6} $ lb/in ²	$3.88 \times 10^6 \text{ lb/in}^2$	1.28 x 10 ⁶ 1b/in ²	1.25 x 10 ⁶ lb/ir			
♀ wave velocity (Cp)	4,750 ft/s	5,700 ft/s	10,500 ft/s	15,400 ft/s	8,700 ft/s	8,202 ft/s			
Ср	15.12 $\frac{1b/s}{in^3}$	$17.52 \ \frac{1b/s}{in^3}$	32.69 <u>]b/s</u> in ³	$47.32 \ \frac{1b/s}{in^3}$	25.78 $\frac{1b/s}{in^3}$	$25.10 \ \frac{1b/s}{in^3}$			
ncontined compressi strength	ve 3,170 lb/in ²	5,870 lb/in ²	14,990 1b/in ²	28,820 lb/in ²	15,070 lb/in ²	10.760 lb/in ²			
lensile strength	-	75 1b/in ²	480 1b/in ²	1,140 lb/in ²	870 1b/in ²	335 1b/in ²			
Ruck classification	Biotite schist	Mica schist	Micaceous quartzite	Quartzite	Pegmatite				

Table 1. - Rock properties

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axis reduces the possibility of slippage along the schist beds from the thrust of the arch dam as shown on figure 6. The synclinal fold which strikes diagonally across the dam axis may have helped to contain grout travel along the foliation planes as the grout flow would be up-gradient in both directions from the dam axis.

(b) <u>Joints</u>. Stress relief joints were the most significant structural defect encountered at the dam site. The relief joints roughly paralleled the canyon walls. Less predominate high angle joint sets, low angle "lift" joints and foliation planes were also mapped and can be seen on figures 5 and 6, and on the geologic map of the area, figure 7. Three predominate joint sets mapped near the powerplant site were:

Set A-Strike N 63° W, dip 82° SW (principal stress relief set) Set B-Strike N 36° E, dip 80° NW

Set C-Strike N-S, dip 43° E

Also, twenty joints were mapped in detail along a 40-foot horizontal section X-X', from the dam axis upstream along the toe of the right abutment, as shown on figure 7 upstream from DH-34. These joints showed strikes ranging from N 64° W to N 80° W and dips ranging between 69° SW to 87° NE. Because these joint sets are nearest the dam foundation they may best represent the joint system in this area. These joints were spaced from 0.2 to 6.0 feet apart along section X-X' and were closed to open from 1/32inch up to a maximum of 6 inches. It is assumed that section X-X' was mapped prior to removal of rock to foundation grade.

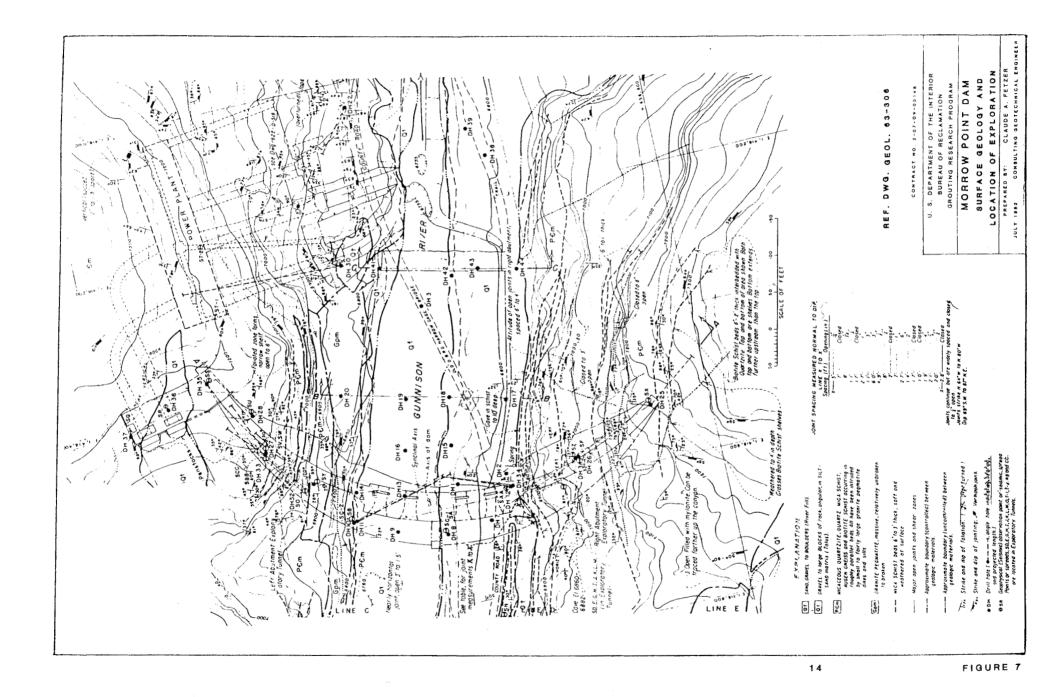
Jointing, especially in structure excavations near or on the surface, had an important influence on the rock excavation



Morrow Point Damsite - Right abutment downstream of axis. Note: The dip of limb of syncline is toward dam axis.

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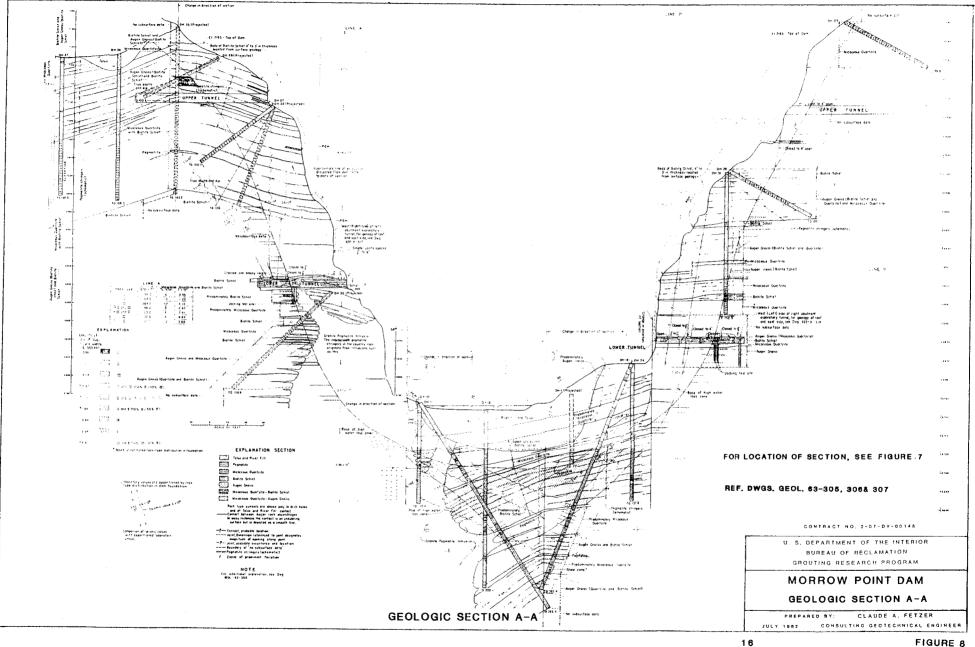
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with the most important being the stress relief joints. Practically all the construction of above ground features on the left side of the river experienced difficulties which could be attributed both directly and indirectly to the presence of stress relief joints. Major stress relief joints and shears are shown by dotted lines on the geology map on figure 7. Some of these features were over 350 feet in length and were open 3 to 4 feet or more at the surface. All but one of these features was located on the right abutment. The other one was located on the left abutment and was described as a nearly horizontal joint open from 3 inches to 1.5 feet, and running from 170 feet upstream of the dam axis to 45 feet downstream of the axis at El. 6,800+. On the geologic profile Section A-A on figure 8, this open horizontal feature appears to be closed or absent at the 6,800 elevation.

(c) <u>Rebound of valley floor</u>. Valley stress relief due to unloading was also expressed by a zone of fractured rock which extended to a depth of about 80 feet below the top of rock at the base of the valley alluvial fill.

(d) <u>Shear zones</u>. Two well developed shear zones were encountered in the powerplant area and two other possible shear zones were encountered in angle boring DH-12 at elevation 6,585± near the center of the dam axis and in DH-10 between elevations 6,735 and 6,745 located at the toe of the left abutment. Neither of these shear zones appear to carry through to adjacent borings and may represent near vertical shears striking in an upstreamdownstream direction. Based on a projection of the strike and dip



of the two powerplant shear zones there does not appear to be any correlation of these with the shears found in DH-12 or DH-10.

7. <u>Site investigations</u>. Comprehensive geologic investigations included: (1) detailed geologic mapping, (2) diamond core drilling, (3) excavation of five exploration tunnels, (4) examination of drill holes by a television drill hole camera, and (5) seismic surveys.

Geologic studies were also coordinated with horizontal and vertical jacking tests, Whittemore strain gage measurements, borehole strain gage measurements, and extensive laboratory tests for absorption, tensile, compression and triaxial shear, and creep.

One hundred and eight core-drill holes were completed during the preconstruction investigation with a total footage of approximately 8,000 feet. Water losses in drilling the exploratory holes followed by water pressure tests provided data for estimating foundation grouting and for powerplant dewatering and drainage studies.

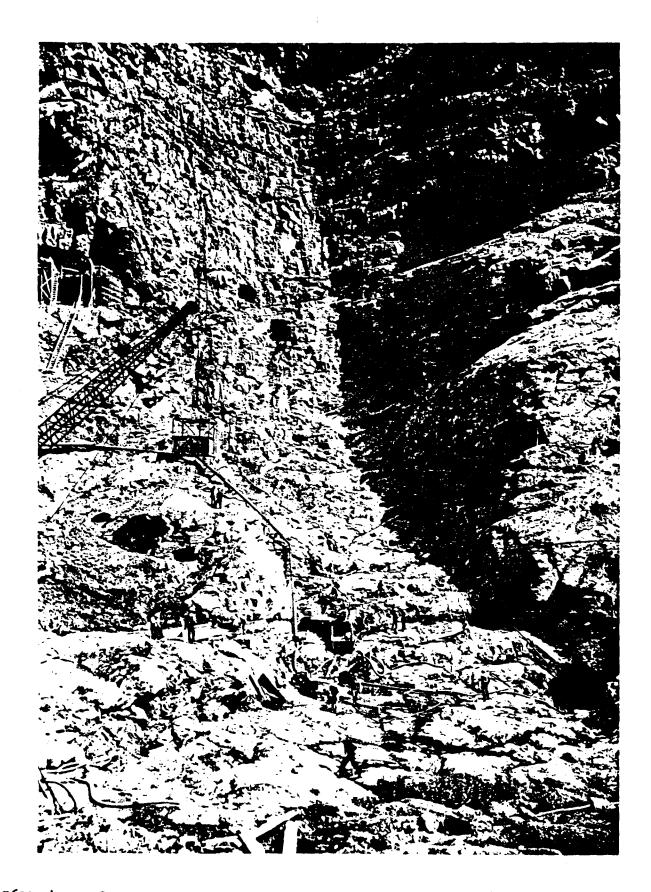
Five exploratory tunnels were excavated. Two tunnels in the dam foundation and one in the powerplant area were excavated during the preconstruction investigations. Two tunnels were excavated in the dam foundation during construction. These abutment tunnels provided data on the severity and orientation of the surface and stress relief-jointing and were also used as stations for seismic shots and sites for jacking tests. Four additional tunnels were excavated during construction for grouting and drainage.

III. FOUNDATION PREPARATION

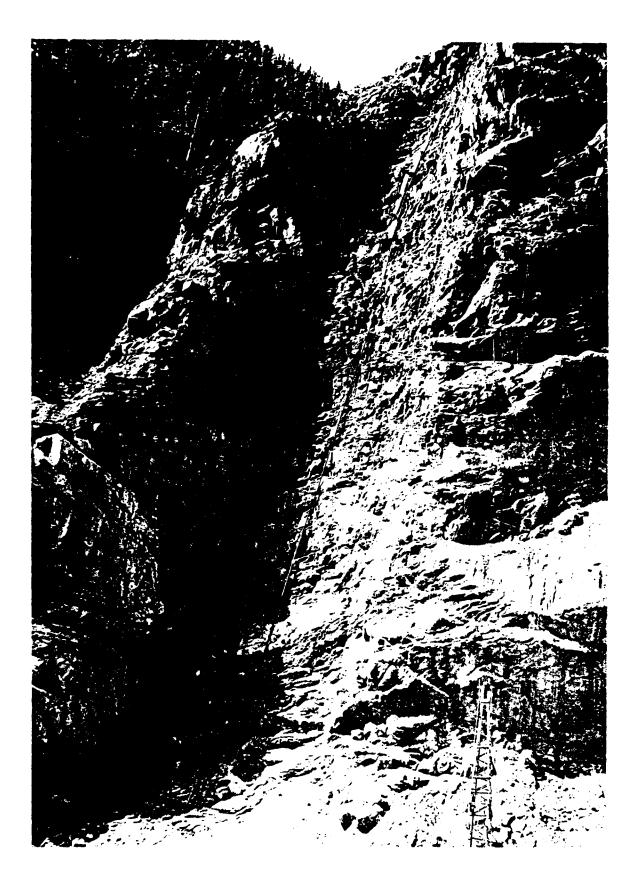
8. <u>Excavation</u>. Abutment keyways were excavated to sound rock at average depths of about 60 feet measured normal to the canyon walls as shown in the photographs on figures 9 and 10 and on section A-A of figure 11. The rock in the valley floor was excavated to a depth of about 20 feet.

At the beginning of excavation of the left keyway, a series of stress relief joints located in the rock immediately downstream from the keyway were found to have an open width as much as 21 inches. These joints were the principal stress relief set having a strike N 65° W, and a near vertical dip, and extended northwest from dam axis station 6+75 nearly parallel to the canyon wall. There was concern that the keyway blasting might open these joints further. To record any construction induced movement in the jointed area, a series of chaining points and Whittemore strain gage sites were installed. No appreciable movement occurred. Seventy-eight 1-inch-diamater, groutable rock bolts ranging in length from 15 to 20 feet were installed in the area for stabilization.

A wet seam of clay gouge, 1 to 3 inches thick, was uncovered at elevation 7,090 feet on the toe of the left keyway. This seam had a general strike of N 50° E and dipped 20° southeast. It was traced across the entire keyway and into the penstock intake area. After leaving the keyway area, considerable variation in attitude was seen. A vertical joint near the dam toe indicated the rock above the seam had previously moved about 3 inches toward the southeast. A Whittemore strain gage site was located across this



P622B-427-3081 NA---Curecanti Unit---Morrow Point Dam---Colorado View of the right keyway after excavation has been completed. Grouting is in progress. 8-4-65



P622B-427-3080 A---Curecanti Unit---Morrow Point Dam---Colorado View looking at the left keyway after excavation has been completed. 8-4-65 seam to record any movement during construction. Also, the mass of rock above the seam and downstream from the toe between elevations 7,120 and 7,080 feet was rockbolted with thirty-two 1-inch groutable type rock bolts which ranged from 20 to 40 feet in length.

It was necessary to reslope the right keyway from elevation 7,120 to elevation 6,960 to avoid a zone of near-vertical open joints crossing the toe. These joints strike N 65° W. (The principal stress relief set).

Four grouting and drainage tunnels were excavated into each keyway during construction. The right keyway exploratory tunnel at elevation 7,085 feet was also used for grouting and drainage. These tunnels connected with the dam galleries and were located at invert elevations 6,965 and 6,785 on the left keyway and 6,815 on the right keyway. The tunnel elevation 6,785 in the left keyway extends to the powerplant and is utilized as an access between the dam and powerplant. The surrounding rock at each portal was rockbolted prior to the initial portal blast for stability and prevention of overbreak. The other three exploratory tunnels in the keyways were backfilled with concrete.

A review of the geology indicated that there were no potentially unstable rock masses in the foundation area. Loads from the dam were carried into the rock mass in such a manner that they did not induce instability of the foundation.

IV. GROUTING AND DRAINAGE

9. <u>Reference</u>. The chapter on Foundation Grouting, Drilling and Drainage from the Final Construction Report has been reproduced as appendix B. Reduced drawings are included for the design and installation of the drainage, dam-foundation B-holes, and A-holes; these drawings are referred to in the reproduced text. The as-built drainage drawing 622-427-1116 was substituted for 622-427-1899 as it included additional drains drilled later. Other drawings with appendix B, but not mentioned in the text, include: B-hole design, 622-D-835; left abutment extended curtain 622-D-2435 and 622-427-1118; and left abutment downstream drain holes 622-D-2388. Drawings for grouting of the stilling basin and other appurtenant structures were not included.

10. <u>Design and installation</u>. The general plan developed in the design stage was to use low-pressure consolidation grouting from the dam foundation followed by a high-pressure deep curtain grouting from the foundation tunnels and galleries. Drainage holes were also drilled from the tunnels and galleries.

(a) <u>Foundation drainage</u>. The general scheme was to drill the drainage holes inclined 10 degrees from the vertical in a downstream direction after the grouting was completed. The drain holes in the valley bottom extended about 60 feet below the base of the dam and below the base of the lowest tunnels. See drawing 622-D-1056. In the abutment the drain holes formed a curtain between the tunnels as shown on drawings 622-D-1057 and 1494. Drain holes were also drilled from the powerplant drainage tunnel which connected to the lowest tunnel (E1. 6,785) on the

left abutment. Drain holes were also drilled to help stabilize the left abutment downstream as shown on drawing 622-D-2388.

(b) Consolidation grouting. The basic scheme was to drill four lines of holes to cover the entire foundation area. The two upstream lines were to be 10 feet apart with the third line 20 feet downstream of the second line and the fourth line 20 feet downstream of the third line. However, the width between the lines was narrowed near the top of the dam to maintain four lines of grout holes. A fifth line was added where the foundation contact area was wide enough to accommodate a fifth line. The holes in the bottom were drilled normal to the rock surface and to a design depth of 70 feet. The holes on the abutments were drilled at an angle of 30 degrees from the vertical to a design line that was 50 feet in depth normal to the slope. In the actual installation the holes were drilled to depths ranging from 20 to 70 feet, and the holes were angled in various directions to intersect surfacing joints. Several holes were drilled deeper than 70 feet to a depth range of 90 to 110 feet with one hole in block 5 having a depth of 143 feet.

The distribution of takes for the B-hole foundation grouting is shown in table 2; the data were taken from page 3 of the Drilling and Grouting Operations (L-10) Report for the period from July 24, 1967 through August 22, 1967, and include all drilling and grouting except for three remaining holes on top of block 1, which evidently took 228 sacks. Blocks 1 through 6, constituting the left abutment, had a take of 18,121 sacks or 588 of the total B-hole take. Blocks 7 through 12, constituting the

	Period July	y 24 to Augus	Total to August 23, 196					
	Drilling	Tal		Drilling	Tal			
Block	Lin. Ft.	No. Sacks	Sacks/Ft.	Lin. Ft.	No. Sacks	Sacks/Ft.		
1	0	0	-	983	3,377	3.44		
2	0	0	-	971	417	0.43		
3	0	0	-	2,296	3,945	1.72		
4	0	0	-	4,019	8,651	2.15		
5	0	0	-	3,070	1,049	0.34		
6	0	0	-	2,350	454	0.19		
7	0	0	-	1,290	435	0.34		
8	0	0	-	1,090	1,804	1.66		
9	0	0	-	1,350	1,585	1.17		
10	0	0	-	1,010	1,078	1.07		
11	0	0	-	9 40	1,202	1.28		
12	0	0	-	1,000	399	0.40		
13	0	0	-	1,260	333	0.26		
14	0	0	-	2,310	452	0.20		
15	0	0	-	3,240	781	0.24		
16	0	0	-	3,035	3,359	1.11		
17	0	0	-	1,456	712	0.50		
18	218	<u>12</u>	0.055	2,156	932	0.43		
TOTAL	218	12	0.055	33,835	30,965	0.91		

Table 2

Summary* of Foundation B-hole Drilling and Grouting

*Does not include three holes in block 1 that had a total take of 228 sacks.

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valley bottom, had a take of 6,503 sacks or 21% of the total take. Blocks 13 through 18, constituting the right abutment, had a take of 6,569 sacks or 21% of the total take. Several holes on the left abutment had large takes including one hole on line 2-1/2, Station 7+64, E1. 6,949, with a take of 3,457 sacks.

(c) Deep-curtain grouting. The A-holes for the deep curtain grouting were to be drilled and grouted after the B-hole grouting and after the concrete within a radius of 200 feet had been placed to a height of 120 feet above the foundation rock. The design grout curtain for the valley bottom showed grout holes extending to a maximum depth of 200 feet below the base of concrete with intermediate holes extending to depths of 100 and The holes on the left abutment were to be mostly 150 feet. drilled from the grouting and drainage tunnels at El. 6,785 and El. 6,965 extending 390 feet and 310 feet respectively into the abutment. Additional holes were to be drilled from the top of the On the right abutment the A-holes were to be drilled into dam. the abutment to a depth of 200 feet at the base and tapering to 100 feet at the top of the dam. The holes were to be inclined from the vertical about 30 degrees into the abutment. During the construction stage, it was decided to add three grouting and drainage tunnels in the right abutment at El. 6,815, El. 6,965 and E1. 7,085 extending 230 feet, 170 feet and 90 feet respectively into the abutment.

The basic spacing of the A-holes was set at 10 feet with provisions for drilling on 5-foot centers and to depths of 310 feet if required by the contracting officer. Holes in the

grouting and drainage tunnels were drilled parallel to the upstream-downstream direction with slight inclination upstream. The idea was to form a continuous curtain from drilling upwards and downwards from the tunnels. On the left abutment the holes from the tunnels were designed to bottom out at El. 6,840; and on the right abutment, the holes were designed to intercept the 200foot depth line. The A-line holes were installed in accordance with the design developed during construction except that some holes were extended deeper than planned - see Drawings 622-427-1624, -1625, -1896 and -1897. The takes for the abutments and foundation are shown in the tabulation on page 406 of appendix B.

11. <u>Specifications</u>. The specifications were complete insofar as the general performance of the work, but the specifications did not contain minimum requirements for many items such as capacity of the pumps, mixing tubs and sump agitators, or the minimum diameter of grout tube through the packer.

12. <u>Grouting methods and procedures</u>. (a) <u>Water pressure tests</u>. All holes were required to be thoroughly tested with clean water under continuous pressure up to the required grouting pressure. The packers were required to provide a seal without leakage under the full water pressure for a period of 5 minutes, indicating that the water-pressure tests were for that period of time.

(b) <u>Grout mixes</u>. The data in appendix B indicate that water-cement ratios for the B-holes varied from 5:1 to 1:1 with most of the grout being 5:1. Grout mixtures for the A-holes

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varied from 7:1 to 1:1 water-cement ratio by volume with most of the grout pumped at a 7:1 mix.

(c) <u>Grout injection pressures</u>. The specifications indicate that pressures up to a maximum of 500 psi may be used in grouting. The data in appendix B indicate that the pressures used were as follows:

(1) B-Holes - Dam Foundation - Limited to 15 psi at the collar and increased one psi per-foot depth of hole to the packer.

(2) B-Holes - Stilling Basin Foundation - Same as for B-holes in dam foundation except for horizontal holes which were limited to 10 psi at the collar and increased one half psi per foot of depth of hole to the packer.

(3) A-Holes - Curtain Grouting - Pressure of 75 psi at the collar with a gradual increase of up to 500 psi depending upon depth of hole.

(d) <u>Spacing of holes and closure</u>. Grouting of B-holes was accomplished by the split-spacing method of closure with the primary holes on 40-foot centers. The average unit take of B-line holes from primary to final closure is not given in appendix B, but unit takes by grout lines show a reduction in unit take from 0.78 on the original lines to 0.18 on closure holes between the original and closure lines.

Grouting of the A-holes was also by the split-spacing method of closure. The tabulations of takes from three orders of closure are presented on page 407 of appendix B. If the final

closure holes were on 10-foot centers, the primary holes would have been 80 feet.

No criteria were found in the available records for final spacing of holes or for determining that the curtain was tight.

(e) <u>Refusal criteria</u>. The requirements in the specifications were as follows:

> "The grouting of any hole shall be continued until the hole or grout connection takes grout at the rate of less than 1 cubic foot of the grout mixture in 20 minutes if pressures of 50 pounds per square inch or less are being used, in 15 minutes if pressures between 50 and 100 pounds per square inch are being used, in 10 minutes if pressures between 100 and 200 pounds per square inch are being used, and in 5 minutes if pressures in excess of 200 pounds per square inch are being used."

(f) <u>Final backfilling of holes</u>. The specifications did not include requirements for sounding and for final backfilling of completed grout holes. The grouting report in appendix B does not contain any record of this work.

13. <u>Asphalt grouting and extended cement grouting of the left</u> <u>abutment</u>. When the reservoir was being initially filled to El. 7,160, seepage in excess of 400 gpm developed in the powerplant drainage tunnel in the left abutment. There was also minor seepage along two prominent shear zones in the chamber excavated for the powerplant. Exploratory borings were drilled from the end of the El. 6,965 grouting and drainage tunnel and from the top of the left abutment. It was found that the seepage path was beyond the end of the existing grout curtain.

While lowering of the reservoir was being accomplished for vibration studies, grouting with catonic asphalt emulsion was

attempted in the exploratory holes. The reservoir during the grouting period (July-September 1969) ranged from El. 7,075 to El. 7,050. Additional cement grouting was accomplished from November 1969 to February 1970 from the El. 6,965 tunnel and from the top of the dam as shown on Drawing 622-427-1118. The reservoir level ranged from El. 7,012 to El. 7,020 during the cement grouting. The asphalt grouting and cement grouting were described in a paper by Gebhart⁽²⁾.

V. ANALYSIS

14. <u>Preconstruction geologic investigations</u>. The preconstruction geologic investigations for Morrow Point Dam were exceedingly thorough and complete. In contrast to several other dams in this study, the exploration tunnels and the drill holes were located along the final dam axis and at other appropriate locations. Except for the troublesome shears encountered in the powerplant excavations, rock conditions encountered during construction of Morrow Point varied only slightly from those predicted from the preconstruction investigations. The seepage path found as the reservoir initially filled was located landward of the geologic mapping and drill holes on the left abutment.

With regard to the grout curtain, there is no record on how the voluminous amount of geologic data was used to design the grout curtain. There is no record of any analysis of the geologic data being used to determine the extent of the grout curtain into the abutments or foundation, or to determine the angles and spacings of the holes, or to estimate the grout quantities. There is no record of a geologic or hydrogeological model being made to show the relationship of the spacing, attitude and openness of joints and foliation planes to grout take or probable grout flow patterns.

15. <u>Design</u>. The original design of the dam grout curtain extended 200 feet below the base of the dam which was approximately 130 feet below the base of the high-water loss zone shown on figure 8. The B-holes of the consolidation grouting extended to the base of the high water loss zone in the valley bottom. The

depth of grouting into the right abutment was appreciably extended into the abutment by the change made during construction, i.e. installation of the three grouting and drainage tunnels. The depth of grouting into the left abutment was also appreciable from the tunnels provided with the original contract plans and specifications.

The B-hole grouting on the abutments was accomplished through holes battered into the abutments. The abutment holes had high takes as they intersected many open relief joints. The A-holes had low takes in the zone grouted by the B-holes in the bottom of the valley and the abutments, indicating that the B-hole grouting was effective.

The design of the grout curtain did not extend into the left abutment far enough to intercept the seepage flow that developed when the pool was raised. However, there was no preconstruction geologic information that indicated a need for grouting to this depth in the abutment.

It is concluded that the design as modified during construction was satisfactory although angling of the A-holes into the abutments would have given a better chance to intersect the relief joints than the vertical holes used.

It is noted that the board of consultants in their June 1963 meeting suggested that a drift or drifts be excavated in the high right abutment to more fully explore the stress relief jointing indicated by cores and log of DH-25. The takes in several water tests in DH-25 exceeded the capacity of the pump. This suggestion of the board may have been the reason that the design of the deep

grout curtain on the right abutment was changed to include the three grouting and drainage tunnels, although this is not substantiated in the available records.

The board also suggested deepening of the drainage holes. The change in the right abutment grouting also increased the penetration of the drainage curtain into the abutment.

16. <u>Grouting methods and procedures</u>. The specifications established ascending-stage grouting with packers as the basic grouting method, but provisions were included to use descendingstage grouting with packers if directed by the contracting officer. The records indicate that descending-stage grouting was probably used only in the valley bottom where artesian conditions were encountered in several holes.

(a) <u>Specifications</u>. A travel report dated December 11, 1967 by L. R. Gebhart covering a trip to the site on November 15-17, 1967 indicated that the contractor had submitted several drilling and grouting claims, alleging overruns and changed conditions. The specifics on these claims were not available in the review documents; hence, it is not known if the claims were related to the specifications.

It is considered that the specifications should include: (1) minimum capacities for the mixing and grouting equipment; (2) minimum diameter of the grout tube through the packer; (3) a maximum length between the grout supply line from the sump to the header; (4) range of grouting mixes to be used; and (5) provisions for sounding and final backfilling of completed grout holes.

The specifications should prohibit the use of a pigtail as was used on some of the B-holes. The use of a long pigtail

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defeats the purpose of a circulating line. Grout is in continuous circulation in the line from the header to the sump; however, the grout in a pigtail is not in continous circulation unless the hole is on vacuum, and the cement tends to settle out and build up in the line causing the line to be eventually plugged. Contractors prefer to use the pigtail as only a single line has to be moved when a hole is completed.

(b) <u>Water-pressure tests</u>. It is considered that the specifications should state directly the requirement for a 5-minute water-pressure test for each zone to be grouted. As written the packer must be tested against the water pressure equal to the grouting pressure for 5 minutes, but the time for the waterpressure test with measurement of water takes is not directly stated.

It is considered that the results of the water-pressure tests should be used as a guide in selecting the initial grout mix.

(c) <u>Grout mixes</u>. To reduce shrinkage and bleeding, it is considered that the thickest grout that the hole will accept readily should be used. The use of overly thinned grout can also result in excess travel of the grout beyond the limits of the planned curtain.

A review of the summary of the daily drilling and grouting reports indicates that most A-holes were started and completed with a 7:1 water-cement ratio unless grout leaked to the surface or into tunnels. Many of the B-holes also used relatively

thin mixes throughout the grouting even though the hole had a high take. Examples are as follows:

(1) A-hole G-331 (stage depth 25 to 30 feet) accepted a total of 1,048 sacks of cement at a water-cement ratio of 7:1 and at pressures from 130 to 25 psi. The maximum rate of grout consumption was 66 sacks per hour or the equivalent of 57.75 gallons per minute of 7:1 grout. It must be assumed that the hole would accept the same (or more) in gpm of water. If so, the hole could have been started with a thicker mix, i.e. 4:1 or 3:1 and thickened gradually until the hole was taking grout at a reasonably steady rate at the maximum desired pressure.

(2) A-hole G-322 accepted a total of 2,639 sacks of cement at stage depth of 40 to 46 feet at water-cement ratios of 7:1 maximum to 4:1 minimum. Pressures ranged from 100 to 70 psi and the maximum rate of grout consumption was 90 sacks per hour or 78.75 gpm for a 7:1 mix. The reduction in water-cement ratio was probably because grout leaks occurred in the tunnel walls, the canyon wall above the draft tubes and in the powerplant drainage tunnel. The water-pressure tests must have also had high takes and the initial mix could have probably been established thicker than the final mix used.

(3) B-hole on line No. 1, block 16, Station 12+34, accepted 1,744 sacks of cement at stage depth 2 to 17 feet and at water-cement ratios of 5:1 maximum to 4:1 minimum. Injection pressures ranged from 15 psi to 0. The maximum rate of grout consumption was 34 sacks per hour. The inspector recorded grout and water leaks in the foundation tunnel, and water seeps at the

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rock surface from 50 to 250 feet downstream of the dam. After having pumped a hundred sacks of cement, the inspector could have reduced the water-cement ratio to reduce leakage and prevent the grout from travelling well beyond the area required for treatment.

In the examples cited above, it is considered that much thicker mixes could have been used in the grouting. If a hole is taking grout at a very fast rate with little or no pressure buildup, the water-cement ratio can be reduced in whole units until pressure starts to build up; thereafter, the mixes should be changed gradually in partial rather than whole units, i.e. 5:1 to 4.75:1 to 4.5:1, etc.

(d) <u>Grout-injection pressures</u>. It is considered that the rules used to establish the maximum permissible pressures are on the unsafe side and that the rules permit pressures higher than needed to move grout for the full width of the dam. The rules are based on the allowable pressures at the gage rather than the pressure at the packer, which also includes the pressure due to the grout in the line between the gage and the packer.

Where open relief joints exist in the abutments in combination with wet seams of clay gouge dipping toward the canyon, as was found at El. 7,090 in the left keyway, extreme care is needed to prevent movement of large rock blocks. Pre-bolting of abutments with open relief joints is a necessary precaution because even under the best geologic investigations it may not be possible to determine that presheared horizontal weak seams in the rock do not exist. Hence, for holes into abutments, even after

rockbolting, pressure sufficiently only to move the grout the desired distance should be used. The build-up of a substantial height of fluid grout over a long distance could create enough horizontal force to move a large section of the abutment rock. Although thicker grouts create a higher hydrostatic pressure than thin grouts the thicker grouts set much quicker and do not spread over such a long distance. Hence, thicker grouts are safer to use than thin grouts from a sliding stability standpoint.

A review of the available grouting records indicates that rules for establishing the maximum pressures on this project were followed; however, the need for the maximum pressures used is questioned as per the following examples:

(1) B-hole, line No. 5, block 5, Station 7+80. This hole accepted 228 sacks of cement at a stage depth of 52 to 72 feet (hole was angled 30 degrees from vertical) at pressures ranging from 65 psi to 0. The water-cement ratio was 4:1. The static head pressure of 4:1 grout at a vertical depth of 45 feet is 24 psi. Hence the total pressure at the packer with 65 psi at the gage was 89 psi.

(2) B-hole, line 1, block 2, Station 6+93, rock El. 7,106, pipe angle 30 degrees from vertical. In the stage from 20 to 27 feet the hole had a take of 49 sacks at gage pressures ranging from 35 to 20 psi with water-cement ratios of 7:1 maximum to 5:1 minimum and at a maximum pumping rate of 12 sacks per hour. The maximum pressure at the packer would have been approximately (35+9) 44 psi. The water level in the hole was at a depth of 27 feet. In this same hole at a depth of 50 to 71.5 feet a gage

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pressure of 65 psi was used with no grout take. The rock in block 2 was located above the wet seam of clay gouge found at El. 7,070 dipping toward the canyon. Hence the lowest possible pressures to make the grout flow should have been used in blocks 1 and 2 above the gouge seam.

(3) In A-hole G-9-2, which was grouted from the lower foundation gallery, the pressures were increased with depth with all stages below a depth of 165 feet having a gage pressure of 360 psi. The hole had a take of 472 sacks at a depth of 180 to 185 feet using a water-cement ratio of 7:1. The total pressure at the packer was (360+88) 448 psi. With this much take of highly fluid grout the pressure could have spread over a large area of the foundation. Computations of effective pressures as were made for Hungry Horse Dam would indicate that the uplift was excessive.

(d) <u>Spacing of holes and closure</u>. With reference to the takes in the table on page 407 of appendix B, the progressive decrease in unit take from primary through the final closure holes indicates that the voids in the rock were being progressively filled and that the grouting was effective. In the B-hole grouting, considerable split spacing was used to fill the voids in the rock, and a limited amount of split spacing was used in the A-holes. A review of the grouting profiles indicates many places where additional split spacing of the A-holes to 5 feet or less was warranted as several 10-foot spaced holes had large take. At the left end of the grout curtain there were two holes that had high takes in the area where seepage developed later. Hole G-1016 was the end hole grouted from the top of the dam as shown on

Drawing 622-427-1896. It had a take of 368 sacks of cement in the upper 20 feet. At the next level down, hole G-339 was drilled as a "fanned out" hole from the El. 6,965 tunnel. It had a take of 1,862 sacks from a depth of 50 to 55 feet. Although G-340 had been previously grouted with no take, it is not understood why additional "fanned out" holes were not drilled from the end of the tunnel and from the end of the dam as two holes indicated large voids in the rock in this area.

As shown on Drawing 622-427-1897, all four end holes (G-721, G-816, G-913 and G-1109) on the right abutment had large takes without additional holes being drilled and grouted from the ends of the two tunnels. Although no seepage problems have developed on the right abutment, it is considered that ends of the tunnel should have been used to extend the curtain further into the abutment, especially because the end holes indicated appreciable voids in this area.

(e) <u>Refusal criteria</u>. Experience has shown that a hole accepting grout at a rate of one cubic foot of grout mixture or less in 10 minutes at the maximum specified pressure is at practical refusal and the time spent in trying to inject additional grout is of little or no benefit to the owner. If payment to the contractor is based on the number of sacks placed rather than by pumping time, it works a hardship on the contractor to continue pumping the additional time. Unless the owner maintains close inspection, an unscrupulous contractor can, and often does, "kill the hole" by sudden application of high pressure at the grout header or by "accidently" thickening the mix.

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(f) <u>Final backfill of holes</u>. It is considered that all completed grout holes should be sounded to determine the level of solid grout fill and that any voids found should be filled by the tremie method with thick grout.

17. Asphalt grouting and extended cement grouting of the left abutment. The asphalt grouting was used in an attempt to reduce the flow in the large water channels. Gebhart⁽²⁾ states:

> "The amount of leakage into the power plant drainage tunnel was measured as the reservoir filled. To obtain the effectiveness of the asphalt grouting, comparison was made at comparable reservoir elevations as the reservoir surface was lowered during grouting operations. These figures show that asphalt grouting resulted in 65% reduction in total leakage into the drainage tunnel between July 18 and September 9, 1969."

Gebhart also indicated that when the asphalt was encountered in the later cement grout work it was still plastic and that its use for long-term blockage under pressure was questionable.

The cement grout takes in the extended curtain indicate that the original curtain should have been extended into the abutment about 120 feet. The core drilling provided in the specifications could have been used to determine the extent of the voids at the end of the tunnel as indicated by grout holes G-1016 and G-339.

18. <u>Unexpected geologic conditions encountered during</u> <u>grouting</u>. The open water channel found in the extended grouting on the left abutment was unexpected as neither the geologic mapping nor the drill holes extended this far. If DH-36 and DH-37 had been inclined into the abutment (see figure 8) they would have had a better chance of encountering the relief joints and other defects in the abutment.

19. Grout takes as related to geologic conditions. The grout takes at this site were in accordance with the geologic conditions. The site conditions were such that open relief joints should have been expected in the abutments and crushed rock and/or sprung beds should have been expected in the valley bottom. These conditions were confirmed by the surface mapping and by the drill holes. The angle holes in the abutments had several water losses in excess of pump capacity, and the zone of high water loss and high grout takes were in agreement within the areas explored. To illustrate this point the logs of DH-26 (right abutment), DH-14 (valley bottom), and DH-27 (left abutment) are included as figures 11, 12 and 13.

20. Evaluation of grouting and drainage. The main objectives of the grouting and drainage are to control the seepage and uplift within tolerable and safe limits. A secondary purpose of the B-hole grouting is to fill the voids in the rock directly beneath the structure to decrease the foundation movements from the dead and live loads.

The recorded seepage flows for 1980 and 1981 are shown on figure 14, with the total volume ranging from 30 to 55 gpm. According to the SEED report these flows are within tolerable limits. The additional grouting accomplished in 1969 and 1970 was particularly effective in reducing the seepage flows into the powerplant drainage tunnel. Without effective grouting of the relief joints in the abutments and the fractured rock in the valley bottom, seepage at this site would have been excessive. The SEED inspection of 25-27 April 1978 found fines adjacent to

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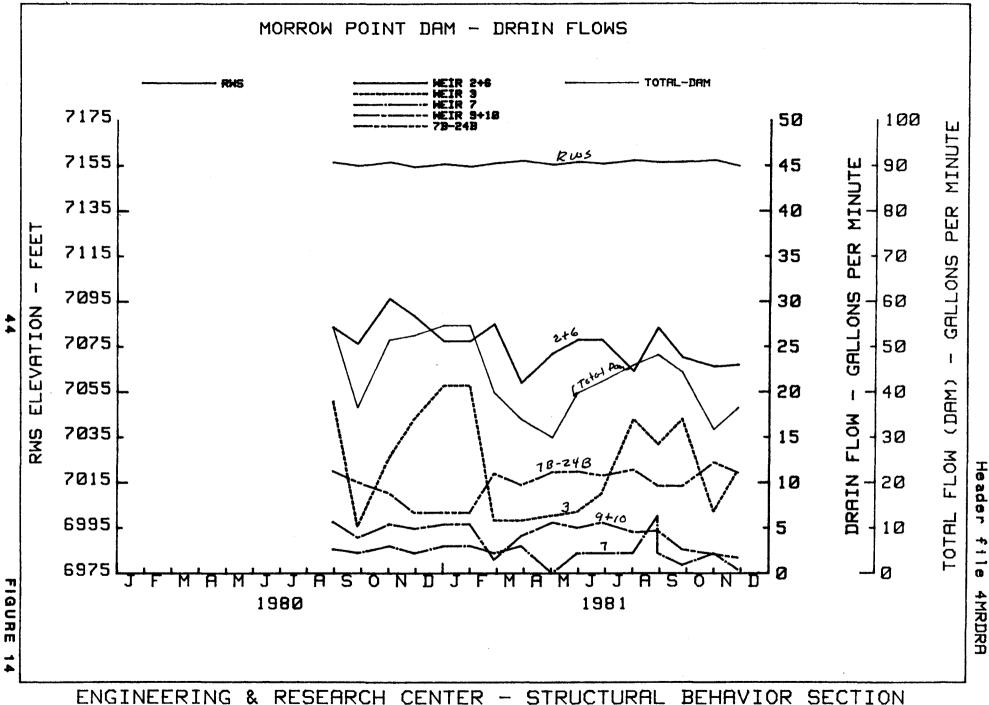
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There are no instruments to measure the uplift on the base of the dam or to measure the hydrostatic pressures in the joints and bedding planes of the supporting rock beneath and immediately downstream of the dam. It can be postulated that the extensive grouting and drainage has greatly reduced the uplift and hydrostatic pressures, but a positive evaluation of the pressures cannot be made without instrumentation.

With regard to the effectiveness of the B-hole grouting in consolidating the foundation, the draft SEED report indicates the movement of the dam was more than predicted during initial This was attributed to closing of joints in the left loading. Comparison of movements after initial deformation abutment. indicated the dam was behaving elastically, as predicted. Α review of the B-hole grouting on the left abutment indicates that the holes were drilled on relatively close centers with moderate grout takes. Any unfilled joints encountered by the B-holes or by the A-holes would have been filled with grout. However, as most joints are partly filled with weathered rock and soil, the cement grout could not be expected to displace or fill the voids in these materials. The best method to prevent excessive foundation deflection is to remove all weathered rock and to remove the unweathered rock as far as possible until the joints are tight.

As the foundation movements were evidently within tolerable limits, it must be concluded that the foundation excavation and grouting were adequate.

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VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

21. Morrow Point Dam.

(1) Piezometers be installed in the bedrock immediately downstream of the dam as there may be high hydrostatic pressures in the rock joints even though no seepage is occurring.

(2) Pipes be installed between selected drain holes in the El. 6,725 foundation gallery to determine the uplift pressures at the base of the dam.

(3) For Phase II investigations core holes be located to intercept areas of high grout takes in the foundation and abutments to determine if the grout has deteriorated.

22. Other large concrete dams.

(1) The preconstruction geologic investigations be expanded to include an analysis of the geologic conditions in regard to the design of the grouting and drainage programs.

(2) Geologic mapping and angled core drilling in the preconstruction stage be extended into abutments with relief joints until no evidence of the joints is found.

(3) Specifications contain minimum requirements on the capacity of mixing and grouting equipment, minimum diameter of grout tube through packer, and method of sounding and final backfilling of grout holes.

(4) Consideration be given to use of angled grout and drain holes in foundation and drainage tunnels located in abutments with vertical relief joints.

(5) Higher order splits be drilled and grouted on both sides of holes having high grout takes until the curtain is tight.

(6) Grouting and explorations be made from the ends of grouting and drainage tunnels to determine if the grouting has been extended a sufficient depth into the abutments.

(7) Results of water-pressure tests be used as a guide in starting the hole with as thick a mix as practical and that the mix be progressively thickened in accordance with the rate of take and pressures encountered.

(8) Safe grout injection pressures be determined by the site geologist and engineers for the packer settings in various reaches of the dam based on effective pressures at the packer with appropriate consideration given to the topographic and geologic conditions.

(9) Rock bolting be installed on all abutments with relief joints prior to grouting.

(10) Grouting program be continuously reviewed by site geologist and engineer to determine if changes should be made in the drilling and grouting and to determine if explorations are needed.

APPENDIX

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APPENDIX A

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APPENDIX B

Foundation Grouting, Drilling and Drainage

Introduction

The foundation rock beneath Morrow Point Dam and adjacent areas was drilled and grouted and foundation drainage was provided by holes drilled into the rock. The general plan followed in pressure grouting the rock foundation is outlined below:

(a) Drilling and grouting the rock foundation of the dam with low-pressure shallow (B-hole) grout holes, followed by highpressure deep curtain (A-hole) grout holes.

(b) Drilling and grouting the rock under the spillway stilling basin and weir.

(c) Drilling and grouting that part of the rock surrounding the penstock intake structure and penstock tunnels immediately behind the penstock intake structure.

(d) Grouting the backfill concrete placed in exploration tunnels.

(e) Placing grout by the grouting method to complete the placement of concrete in tunnels.

(f) Drilling and/or grouting as required, for permanent closure of the diversion structure.

(g) Drilling and grouting at other locations as directed.

Foundation drainage of the dam and powerplant was provided by drilling holes into the rock through 3-inch-diameter pipes embedded in concrete in the dam foundation gallery and tunnels or drilling directly into the rock on up-drain holes. All the drilling and grouting was performed by Continental Drilling Company of Los Angeles, California, subcontractors of the prime contractor.

The first grouting of the project began in April 1964 when backfill grouting of the diversion tunnel was started. The foundation grouting was completed in January 1968. No drilling or grouting was performed during the periods from May 1964 through July 1965 and during the winter months of 1965-1966 and 1966-1967. Drawing Nos. 622-D-1056, 622-D-1057, 623-D-1494 and 622-D-1800 show the general plan for foundation drainage.

Drilling and Grouting Equipment:

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All of the "B" hole and "A" hole drilling was performed with Chicago pneumatic No. 55 drills. Chicago pneumatic No. 65 drills were used for drilling all down (NX) holes and the shallower NX up drain holes and Chicago pneumatic No. 8 drills were used for drilling the deeper NX up drain holes. All drilling was accomplished with diamond bits. Both plug and core bits were used for drilling l_2^1 -inch (EX) grout holes. Only core bits were used for drilling the 3-inch-diameter (NX) drain holes.

Portable grout plants were set up at various locations for the different phases of the work. Various sizes of Gardner-Denver or Worthington duplex piston-type grout pumps were used, depending upon the required pumping pressures. A grout plant consisted of a pump mixing tub and agitator tub in series, each tub having a capacity of 18 cubic feet and equipped with air-driven agitator. Grouting was performed with a gauge equipped header using circulating lines, through 1-inch-diameter flush-joint packer pipe and leather cup packers. Field telephones provided communication between the various components of grouting activity. See Photograph Nos. P622B-427-3098NA, P622B-427-3100NA and P622B-427-8033NA, and P622B-427-8560NA.

Consolidation Grouting

B-Holes Dam Foundation:

Initially the B-hole foundation grouting program in the river bottom was to consist of 4 lines of holes, maximum 70 feet deep, 20 feet apart, paralleling the upstream face of the dam. The lines were spaced 20 feet apart except for the two upstream lines which were 10 feet apart. After excavation of the foundation had been completed, the joint systems had not tightened as anticipated and artesian water flows from drilled grout holes indicated that a more extensive consolidation grouting program would be required.

The B-hole grouting program was initiated on August 2, 1965, and continued through November 24, 1967, when work was shutdown for the winter. Most of the grouting in Elocks 7 through 13 and Block 1 was accomplished directly from nipples anchored in the rock surface, except for a few shallow holes in Blocks 7, 9, 11 and a portion of Block 13 where supplemental grouting was accomplished through riser pipes extended through one or more concrete lifts. These pipes were set in the rock in areas where surface leaks were very extensive and it was felt that a more satisfactory job of consolidation could be attained. All holes above E1. 6755 were grouted from pipes extended through the concrete after one or more lifts had been placed. Photograph No. P622D-427-3661NA shows pipe nipples installed in the rock in the Block 1 area.

Holes in the river bottom were drilled to intersect cracks and shear planes at angles varying from vertical to 30 degrees from vertical.

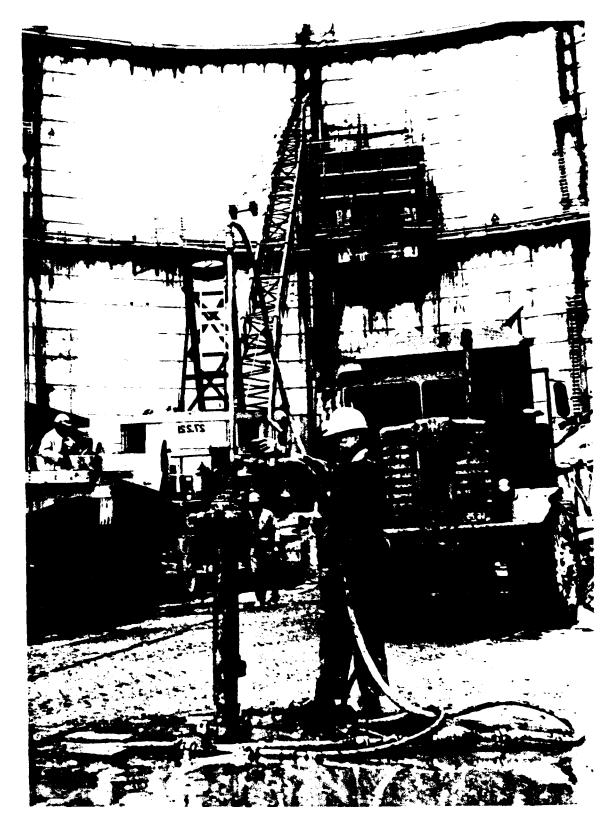


P622B-427-3098--Curecanti Unit - Morrow Point Dam, Colorado Grout plant located downstream from toe station 9+80 (approx.). Upper pair of tanks are the mixing tanks. Lower pair of tanks are agitating tanks. Johnson-MK, Spec. No. DC-5915. 8-18-65

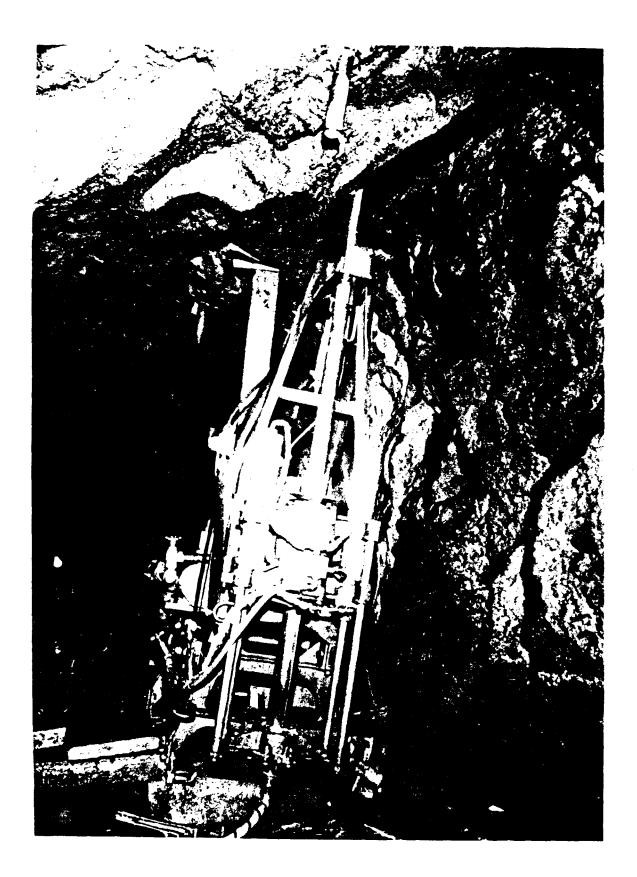
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P622B-427-3100 NA--Curecanti Unit - Morrow Point Dam - Colorado--Typical grouting manifold. Hole is being grouted from nipple. Johnson-MK, Specification No. DC-5915. 8-18-65



P622B-427-8033 NA-- Curecanti Unit - Morrow Point Dam, Colorad View shows a CP drill set up and drilling at Sta. 1+35, 10 feet left of the plane of centers in the stilling basin. Holes in this area are drilled and grouted through previously placed nipples in the stilling basin slab. 4-12-67



P622B-427-8560 NA--Curecanti Unit - Morrow Point Dam - Colorado--Foundation Tunnels: CP-8 drill drilling up-holes in elevation 6965 foundation tunnel on the left abutment. 2-28-68



P622B-427-3661 NA--Curecanti Unit - Morrow Point Dam - Colorado--Dam: View of the Block 1 foundation rock. The forms have been built to Elev. 7137.5. The form near the center is on the Block 1-2 line. Johnson-MK, Spec. No. DC-5915. 8-10-66 Considerable difficulty was experienced in grouting these holes because of excessive leakage at the surface. The grout traveled through the cracks in the rock for considerable distances from the hole being grouted. Irregular jointing was also quite apparent at depths up to 50 feet as several holes leaked grout at the surface from stages at this depth. Due to a moderate grout acceptance at depth it was decided to drill some holes deeper than 70 feet to insure foundation qualities.

As grouting progressed up the abutments a small number of additional holes were drilled beyond the 70 foot maximum depth as specified. Some were drilled to act as a grout curtain upstream of the foundation tunnels and others were drilled when large grout takes occurred near the bottom of a standard 70 foot hole.

Although leaks in the river bottom area were extensive and covered large areas, leaks on the abutments were usually of the local type and not serious, with exception of several holes on the left abutment where leakage occurred in the canyon wall downstream from the dam in the vicinity above the draft tube outlets. See Photograph No. P622B-427-3698NA. These holes usually had large grout takes and grout leakage which was assessed as moderate. Caulking of these leaks was impractical and unsafe due to jointing and the presence of thin slabs paralleling the canyon walls. Extreme care was taken in controlling pressure in this area.

All grouting of B-holes was performed using leather cup packers in conjunction with flush-joint packer pipe. Grout mixtures varied from a 5:1 to a 1:1 water-cement ratio, with most of the grout being 5:1. Pressures for B-hole grouting were limited to 15 psi at the collar of the hole and increased one psi per foot depth of hole to the packer. A total of 762 holes and 34,474 lineal feet of rock drilled accepted 31,193 sacks of cement grout for an average take of 0.91 sack of cement per lineal foot of hole. The layout and grouting results are shown on Drawing Nos. 622-427-1570, -1635, -1636, -1674, -1675, -1703, -1704, -1717, -1718, -1719, -1847 and -1849.

B-Holes Stilling Basin Foundation:

The B-hole grouting program specified for the stilling basin foundation rock consisted of a pattern of holes 20 feet apart on lines perpendicular to centerline and staggered on 20-foot centers extending from the toe of the dam to the toe of the weir which is 350 feet downstream from the dam. The lines were to extend to E1. 6780 on each canyon wall. Holes were to be 70 feet deep in the area of the river bottom and were gradually decreased to a depth of 50 feet on the near vertical canyon walls. Later this pattern was somewhat modified since several areas of the canyon wall were overhanging and determined unsafe to grout using the normal procedure.



P622B-427-3698 NA--Curecanti Unit - Morrow Point Dam - Colorado--View of the powerplant open cut area above the downstream portal of draft tube No. 1. Grout which leaked out above draft tube No. 1 during the foudation grouting of Block 4 at Elev. 6956+ can be seen in the right center of the picture. Johnson-MK, Spec. DC-5915. 8-31-66

Consequently a pattern consisting of a fan and horizontal holes was designed for grouting the near vertical sections of the canyon walls.

The B-hole grouting program for the stilling basin was initiated in February 1967 and continued through August 1967. Most of the grouting was accomplished through nipples set directly in the rock. However, those holes in the near vertical canyon wall section on the right abutment of the weir were grouted through pipe embedded in the concrete. Grouting was accomplished by the closure method, the initial holes being on 40 foot centers, starting in the canyon bottom and progressing upward. All horizontal holes placed in the near vertical sections were drilled after all other grouting in the stilling basin had been completed. Grouting of these horizontal holes then progressed upwards from the lowest horizontal holes with the upper holes acting as vents, which were then grouted progressively as they carried a grout return. Pressure for these horizontal holes was limited to 10 psi at the collar of the holes and increased one-half psi per foot depth of hole to the packer. The use of a long pigtail between the grout header and the grout hole was used so that grouting personnel would be in a safer position during grouting operations. Pressures for all other holes were similar to those used in the dam foundation B-holes.

Surface leaks were extensive over most of the stilling basin area and considerable time was spent in caulking these leaks by the contractor in order to seal the foundation rock properly. Grout mixtures varied from a 7:1 to 1:1 water-cement ratio, with most of the grout being 7:1. Breakdown of the grout take is shown in the following table. The layout and grouting results are shown on Drawing Nos. 622-427-1805, -1806, -1815, -1816, -1817, -1818, -1819, -1820,-1838, -1841, -1842, -1843, -1844, -1845 and -1846 which are included in the Appendix and the following table:

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Location	Holes	Lin.Ft.	No. Sacks	Sacks per foot			
Weir	73	4,437	5,433	1,22			
Original Lines	161	9,940	7,759	0.78			
Closure Lines	160	9,282	3, 513	0.38			
Closure Holes	69	3,661	653	0.18			
between origina and closure lin							
Subtotal	463	27,320	17,358	0.63			
		(Horizonta)	Holes)				
	51	1,571	1,182	0.75			
Grand Total	514	28,890	18,540	0.64			

A-Holes - Curtain Grouting:

Drilling of the first deep curtain cutoff holes from the foundation gallery was initiated in May 1967. A-hole drilling and grouting was performed continually in conjunction with other drilling and grouting until January 1968.

Drawing Nos. 622-D-1054, -1055 and -1493 illustrate the general layout of the grout hole pattern. This pattern was generally pursued, with the exception of an additional fan on the end of the left abutment foundation tunnels at El. 6965 and El. 6785. A few of the holes in the foundation gallery were deepened when grout takes occurred in the bottom stages of holes drilled to the specified depth.

Grout mixtures used for the A-hole grouting varied from 7:1 to 1:1 water-cement ratio by volume with most of the grout pumped being 7:1 water-cement ratio. Pressure of 75 psi at the collar with a gradual increase of up to 500 psi depending upon depth of hole was used.

Grout leaks throughout the A-hole grouting program were minimal. A few leaks occurred in the foundation tunnels adjacent to holes being grouted. No grout leaks occurred on the left canyon wall where leaks from B-hole grouting were dominate.

A total of 343 A-holes were drilled from the dam foundation gallery, tunnels and intake structure through 34,562 feet of rock and concrete. These holes accepted 25,092 sacks of cement for an average take of 0.76 sacks per lineal foot of hole. The average grout take in the foundation rock would be slightly higher than the above figure by considering only the total depth of rock drilled and neglecting the footage through concrete. Also grout takes around the periphery of the dam that previously had been grouted by B-holes were negligible. The layout and grouting results of A-hole grouting are shown on Drawing Nos. 622-427-1624, -1625,-1896, and -1897 and the following table:

	No. of Holes	Drilling Lin. Ft.	Take	
Location			No. Sacks	Sacks per foot
Dam Foundation Holes below El. 6785	36	7,565	2,902	0.38
Dam Foundation Tunne Left Abutment	ls 177	16,700	14,492	0.87
Dam Foundation Tunne Right Abutment	ls 115	9,462	7,100	0 .7 5
Intake Structure	14	835	598	0.72
Total	342	34,562	25,092	0.76

	Drilling	Take	
	Lin. Ft.	No. Sacks	Sacks per foot
Original Holes	5,580	11,061	1.98
First Closure Holes	5,296	5,578	1.05
Semi Closure Holes	9,420	7,947	0.84
Final Closure Holes	14,267	506	0.04
Total	34,562	25,092	0.76

Closure Take

B-Holes - Penstock Intake Structure:

B-hole grouting in the penstock intake structure area consisted of vertical holes in the rock foundation beneath the intake structure and trashrack apron; radial holes in the penstock tunnels immediately behind the penstock intake structure; and near horizontal holes paralleling the penstocks behind the intake structure. Photograph No. P622B-427-3977NA shows the area prior to placement of concrete.

The vertical holes were drilled and grouted during March and April 1967 through pipes embedded directly in the rock prior to concrete placement. Initially 70 foot holes were placed 20 feet apart in order to cover the area adequately. However, during the grouting process several holes accepted grout in the 50-70 foot stage and consequently were deepened to a maximum of 90 feet. A total of 485 sacks of cement-grout was injected into 21 holes which were drilled a total of 1,345 lineal feet for an average take of 0.36 sack per lineal foot of hole. Most of the grout pumped consisted of a 5:1 water-cement ratio by volume. Results of grouting these vertical holes are shown on Drawing No. 622-427-1814.

Radial hole grouting of the penstock tunnels immediately behind the penstock intake structure was performed during April 1967. The layout of these holes is shown on Drawing No. 622-D-446.

The four grout rings in each penstock tunnel with six radial holes, each 12 to 30 feet deep, took 619 sacks in 1,190 lineal feet for an average take of 0.52 sack of cement per lineal foot of bole. All of the grout pumped consisted of 5:1 water-cement ratio by volume. Maximum pumping pressure for these holes was 60 psi and results are shown on Drawing No. 622-427-1848.

The near horizontal holes paralleling the penstock tunnels immediately behind the penstock intake structure are shown on Drawing No. 622-D-1811. These holes were all drilled by installing 2-inch-diameter nipples in the rock face and drilling the holes from the top of the concrete placements. After drilling a row of holes 1¹/₂-inches in



P622B-427-3977 NA--Curecanti Unit - Morrow Point Dam - Colorado Penstock: View of the upstream portal of the penstocks. The areas for the Intake Structure base slabs has been excavated and are being cleaned up. Bulkheads for winter protection are visible in both penstock tunnels. Johnson--M.K., Spec. No. DC-5915. 3-8-67

diameter, thin wall pipe was installed from the hole to the nearest concrete form surface and embedded.

Grouting of these holes was not initiated until all holes had been drilled and all concrete in the intake structure had been placed. Grouting was initiated on October 4, 1967 and completed on October 13, 1967. One hundred and three holes were hooked and the remaining 47 holes leaked grout from other holes and were valved or capped. Grouting was started on the bottom row of holes with the row immediately above acting as vents, some of which were hooked as grouting progressed. Surface leaks were concentrated on the left side of the intake structure above the fillet at E1. 7130 to E1. 7137. A total of 2,763 sacks of cement grout ranging from 5:1 to 1:1 water-cement ratio by volume was injected into 3,778 lineal feet of hole for an average take of 0.76 sack of cement per lineal foot of hole. Pressure for all holes was 25 psi. For layout and grouting results of the horizontal holes see Drawing Nos. 622-427-1900 and 622-427-1901.

Penstock Liner Backfill

Backfill grouting of the horizontal sections of the two penstock liners at both intake and outlet ends to complete the placement of concrete was performed in January and March 1967. The grout was injected through a grout system installed previous to concrete placement as shown on Drawing No. 622-D-446. A total of 3,153 sacks of 1:1 water-cement ratio by volume grout was injected into the grout systems of the penstock liners.

Draft Tube Tunnel Backfill

Grout was placed to complete the concrete placement of the draft tube tunnels in June 1967. Pipes for the grout and vent holes were placed at high points in the excavated tunnel arch and extended through the form prior to the placement of concrete. After the tunnel lining had been placed the pipes were checked with air and those found tight were drilled into rock with a jackhammer. Grout consisting of a 1:1 watercement ratio was pumped into the grout pipes beginning at the powerplant end of the tunnels. A total of 2,785 sacks of cement grout was placed into 340 lineal feet of tunnel for an average take of 8.19 sacks of cement per lineal foot of tunnel. No leaks from the construction joints occurred as these contain Type "F" waterstop; however, some negligible leaks did occur from the rock inside the powerplant chamber and from the rock above the draft tube gate structure.

Exploratory Tunnel Backfill

Grout was placed to complete the concrete backfill of exploratory tunnels excavated on the canyon walls. This grout was placed through a grout system installed as shown on brawing No. 622-D-894. A total of 322 sacks of 1:1 water-cement ratio by volume was injected into the three tunnels for an average take of 2.30 sacks per lineal foot of tunnel.

Foundation Drainage

Foundation drainage for Morrow Point Dam was provided by diamond drilling 3-inch-diameter NX holes into the foundation rock downstream from the grout cut-off curtains. Drilling was initiated in September 1967 and continued until March 1968. Drawing Nos. 622=D-1056, -1057, and -1494 illustrate the general layout of the drain pattern. This pattern was explicitly followed with the exception of additional up holes in the El. 6785 foundation on the left abutment. These additional holes were provided to drain the area grouted by the fan pattern A-holes in the El. 6965 foundation tunnel. Drawing No. 622-427-1899 shows the depths of all holes drilled in the dam foundation gallery and tunnels, which consisted of 23,961 lineal feet of rock and concrete.

In addition to the foundation drainage holes from the dam and foundation tunnels, other holes were drilled in the powerplant drainage tunnel. Drilling was initiated in September 1967 and gontinued until January 1968. A total of 5,659 lineal feet of hole was drilled in this tunnel as shown on Drawing No. 622-427-1898.

Miscellaneous Drilling and Grouting

In March 1966, the concrete lining of the control cable tunnel was backfill grouted through pipes embedded in the concrete. A total of 296 sacks of 1:1 water-cement ratio by volume grout was placed in approximately 95 lineal feet of tunnel for an average take of 3.12 sacks per lineal foot of tunnel.

In June 1966 the buttress downstream of the right keyway was backfill grouted with 1:1 grout. A total of 83 sacks was injected through pipes embedded in the concrete.

Other backfill grouting accomplished was: access tunnel, inside portal arch, 3 sacks of cement grout; access tunnel, outside portal, 37 sacks cement grout; ventilation tunnel, inside portal, 4 sacks of gement grout, and 3.5-foot by 3.5-foot river outlet conduit, 2 sacks of cement grout.

Numerous gravel or french drains placed in the foundation rock in the dam, stilling basin and draft tube tunnels were grouted and these drains accepted 646 sacks of cement grout.

Quatimental Drilling Company, subcontractor, also performed other drilling including the following:

prilling 10-inch-diameter concrete core specimens - 238 feet

Drilling NX core in rock and concrete - 404 feet

Diversion Tunnel

Backfill grouting and pressure grouting of the foundation rock at the diversion tunnel plug section was performed in April and May 1964. A total of 101 sacks of cement grout was required for backfill grouting the 40 foot section in the tunnel plug area.

The four rings of four holes each, 30 feet deep, took 3.5 sacks of 5:1 water-cement ratio by volume grout in 480 lineal feet of rock and concrete for an average take of 0.008 sacks per lineal foot of hole. Maximum pumping pressure for these holes was 100 psi and results are shown on Drawing No. 622-427-1515.

The contractor also performed some pressure grouting immediately downstream from the bulkhead gate seat, in order to consolidate the rock near the bulkhead gate area. Pipes at 10 foot centers were set prior to placing the lining with four holes on each ring. These pipes were used for a combination backfill and low pressure grouting operation. Twenty holes were drilled and grouted in this area which accepted 474 sacks in 600 lineal foot of hole for an average take of 0.79 sack per lineal foot of hole. For results see Drawing No. 622-427-1516.

Backfill and contraction joint grouting of the tunnel plug was performed in March 1968. A total of 64 sacks of cement grout was injected into the system with a holding pressure of 50 psi at completion. Backfill grouting to complete concrete placement of the 18-inch-diameter bypass pipe was also performed in March 1968. A total of 36 sacks of cement grout was injected into the grout system with a holding pressure of 90 psi.

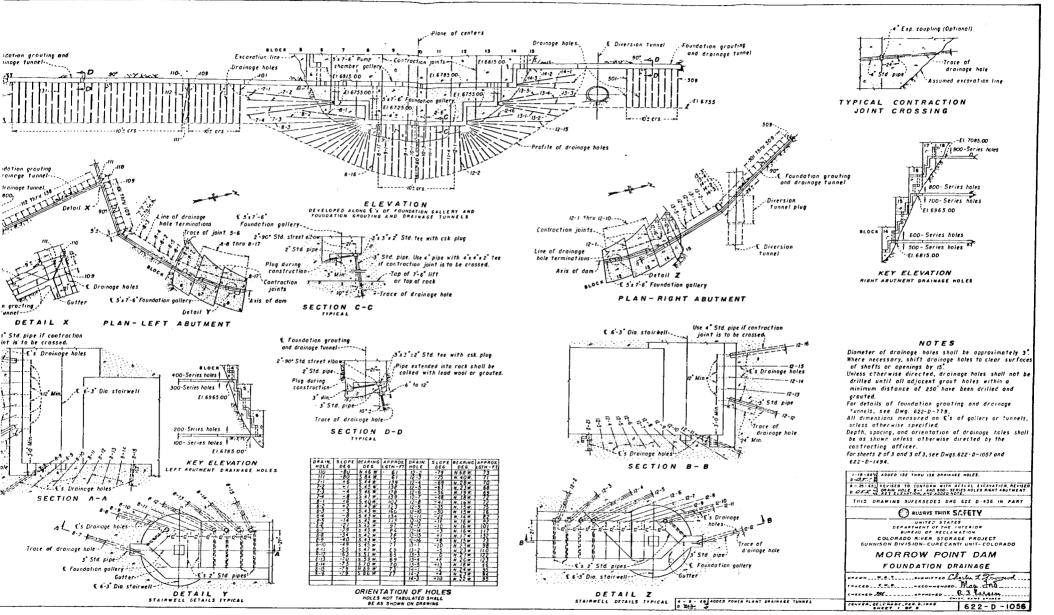
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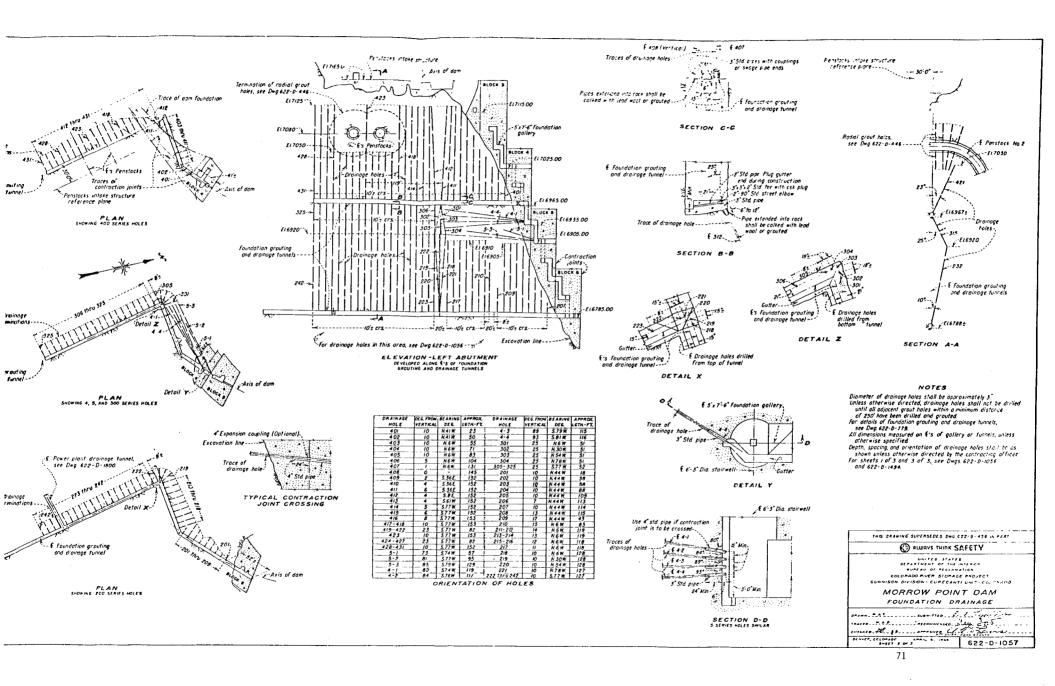
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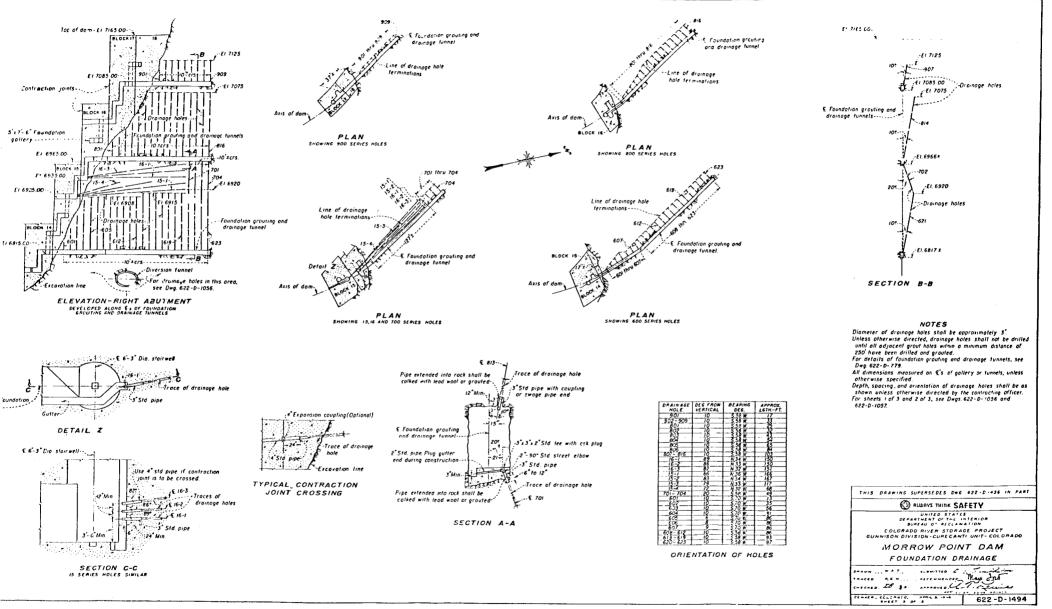
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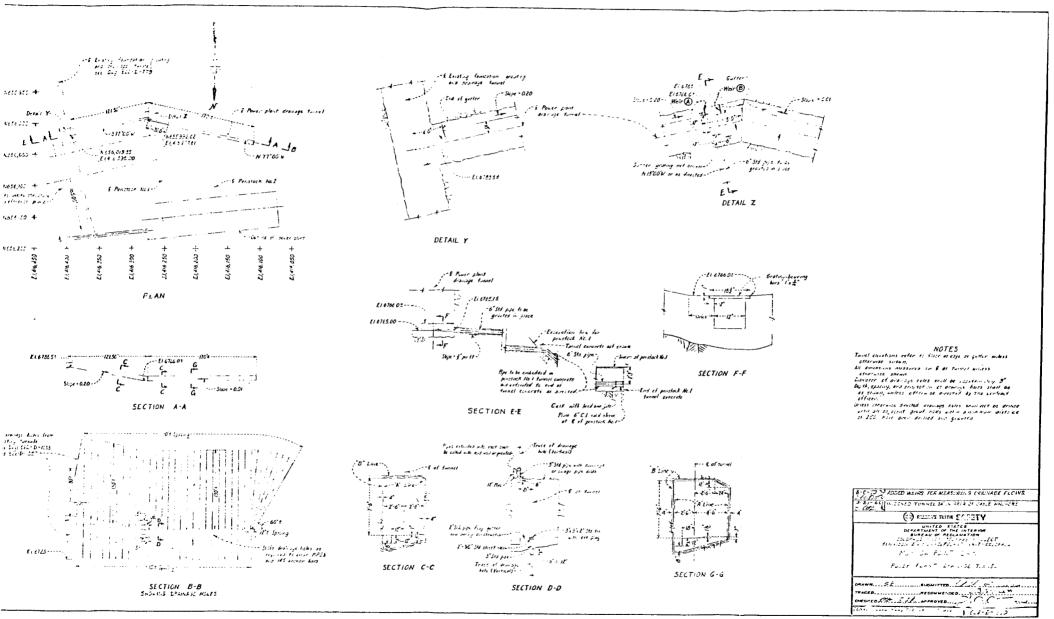
Continental Drilling Company, subcontractor for all drilling and grouting operations at Morrow Point Dam, performed the contraction joint grouting with a crew of six to eight men.

The contraction joints in Morrow Point Dam consist of transverse joints which are separated by metal seals into two areas. A small area, 4-feet 6-inches wide, which is located near the upstream face shall hereafter be designated as a "TT" and the large area of the contraction joint will be designated as a "T". The piping for the contraction joints was installed as shown on Drawing Nos. 622-D-439, -1124, and -1125. Sumps in Blocks 8 and

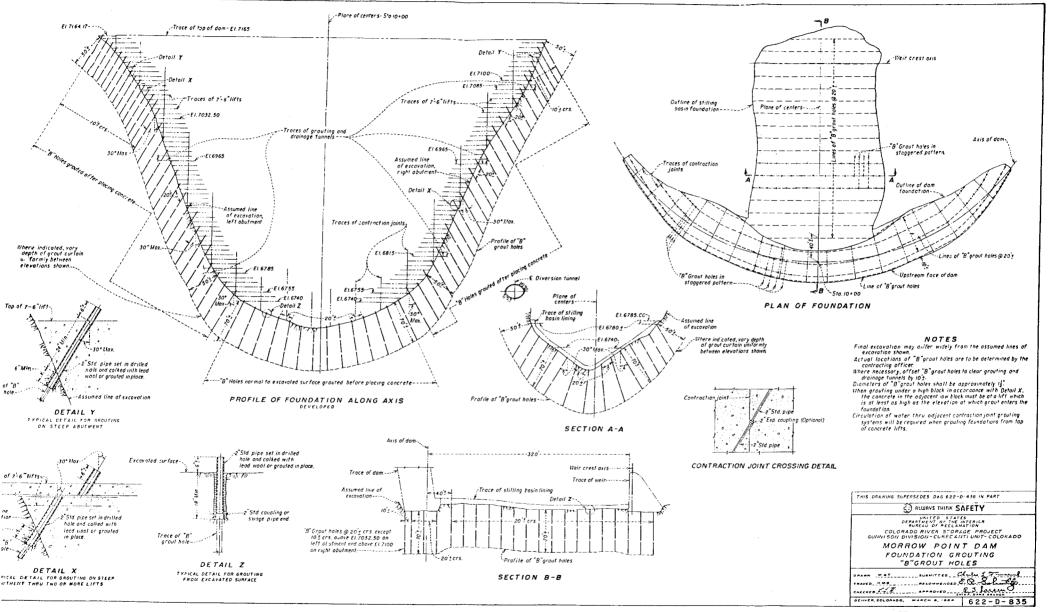


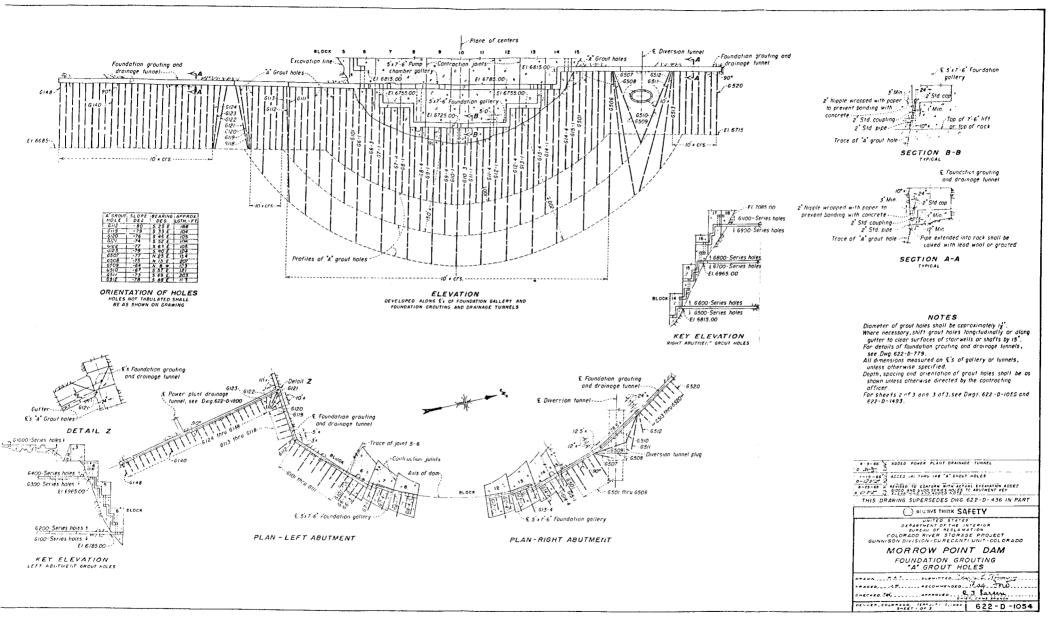


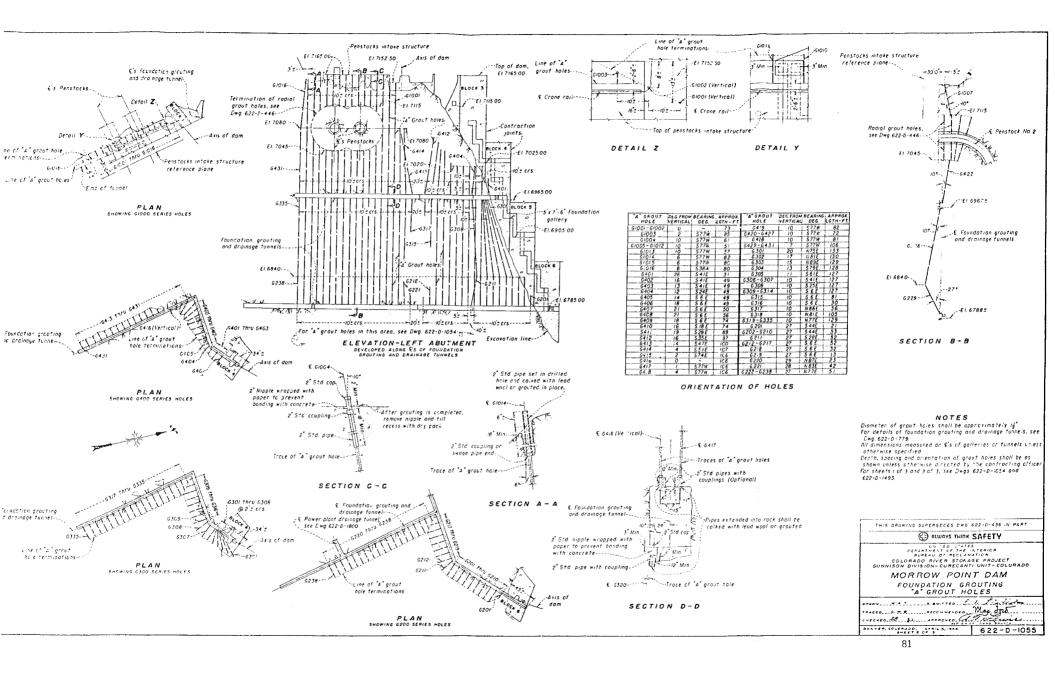


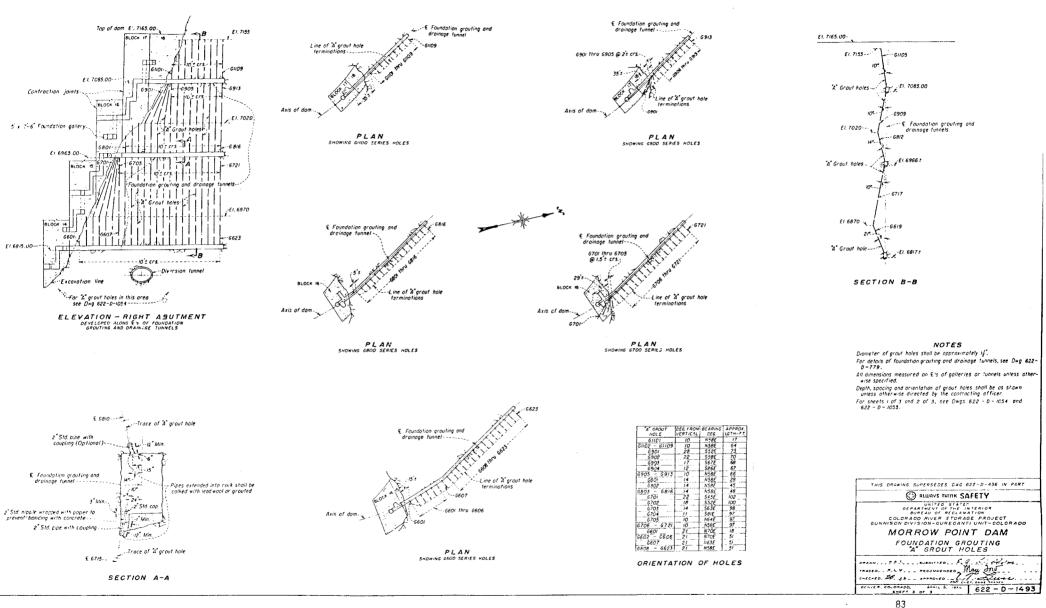


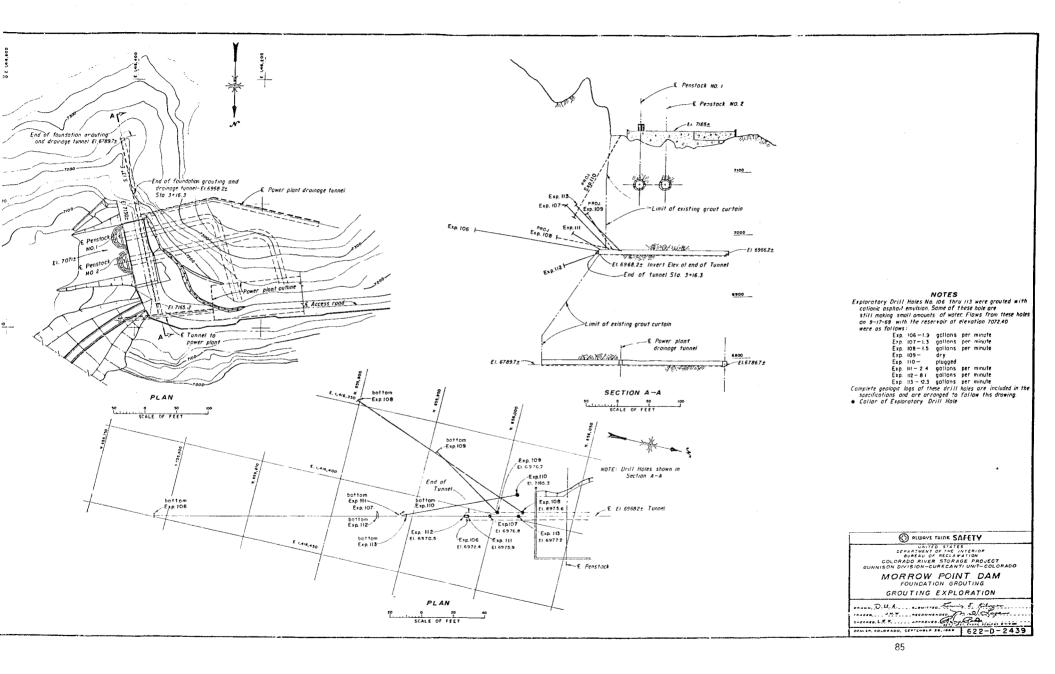
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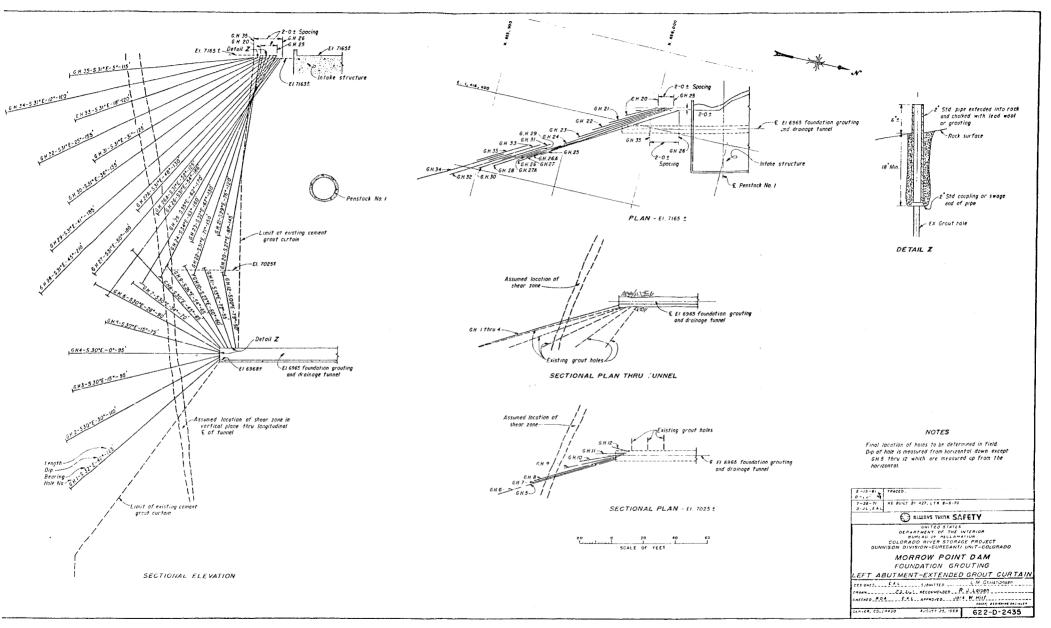


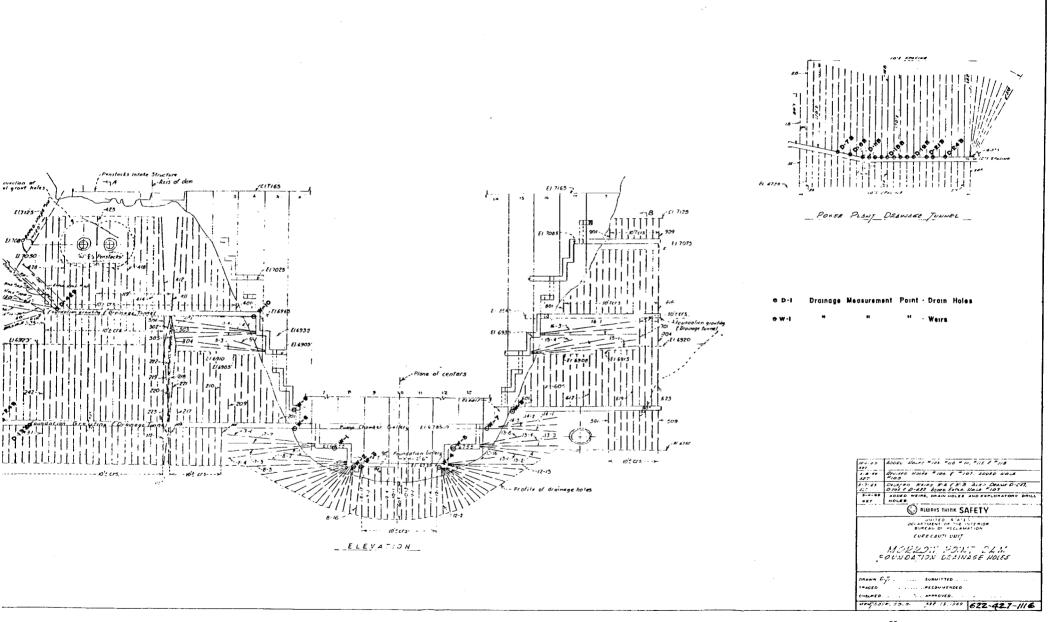


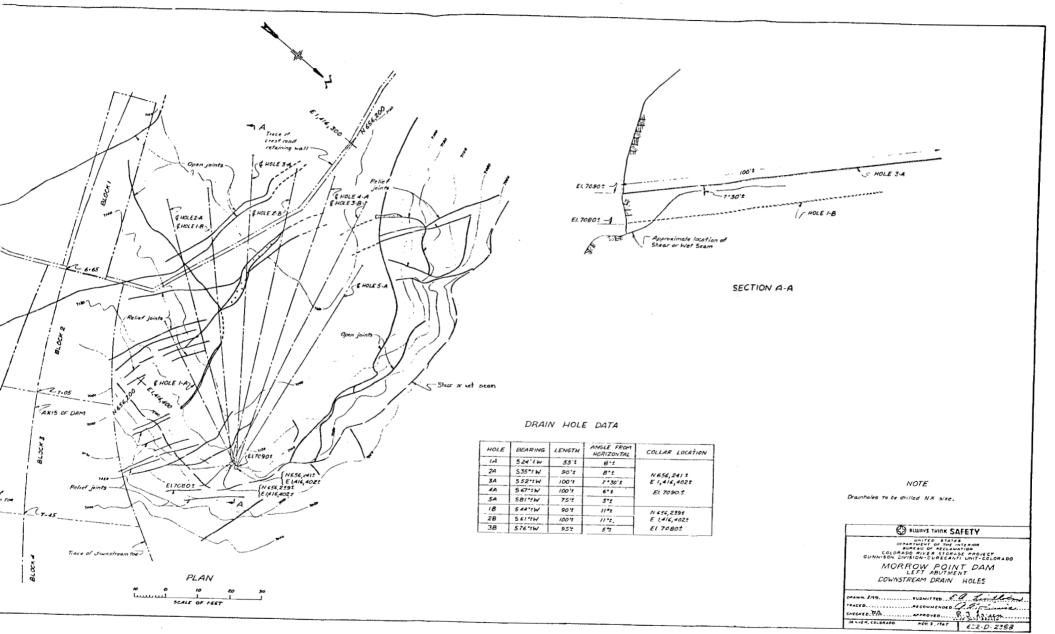


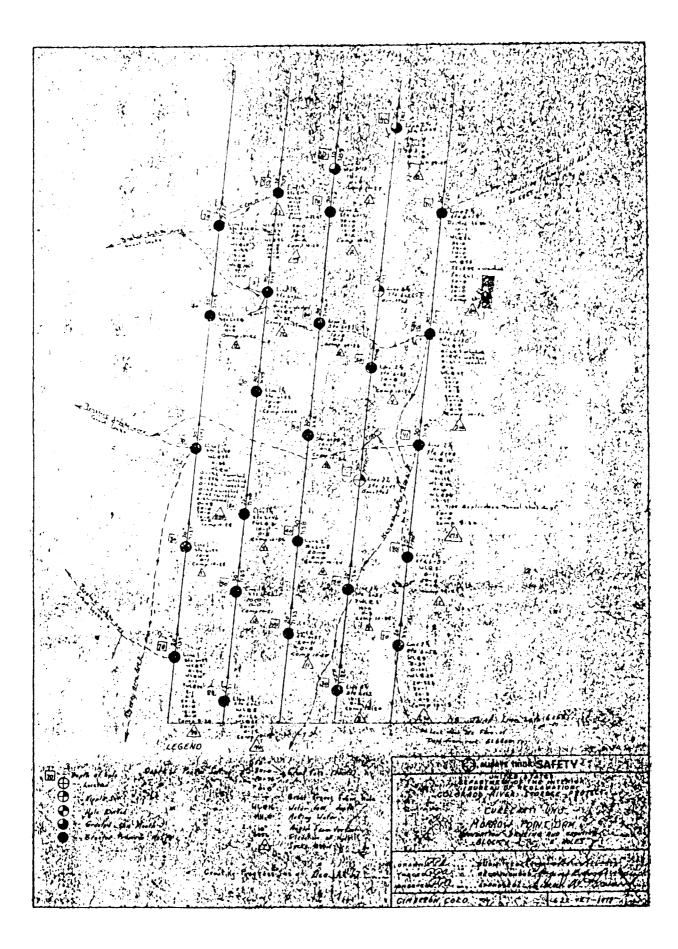


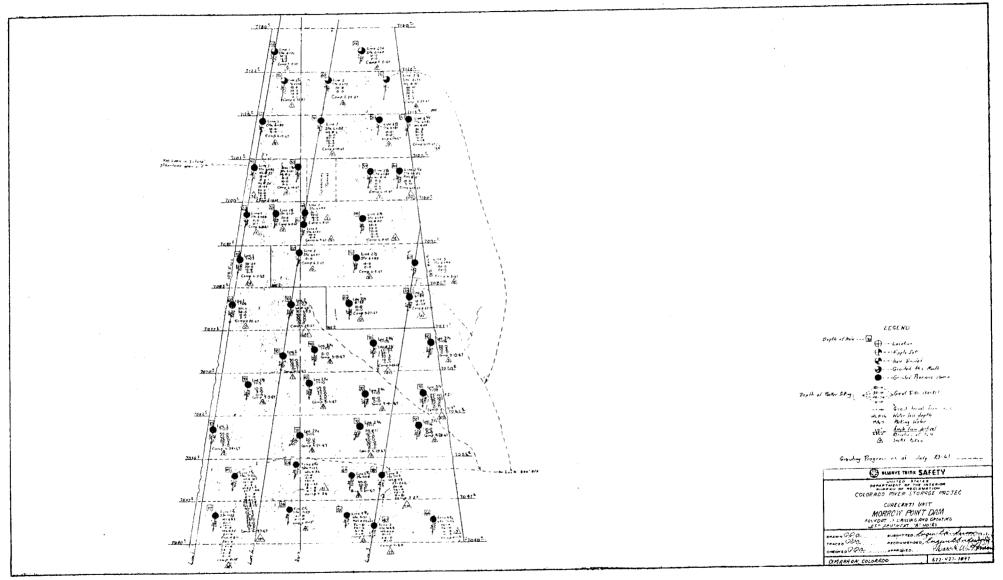
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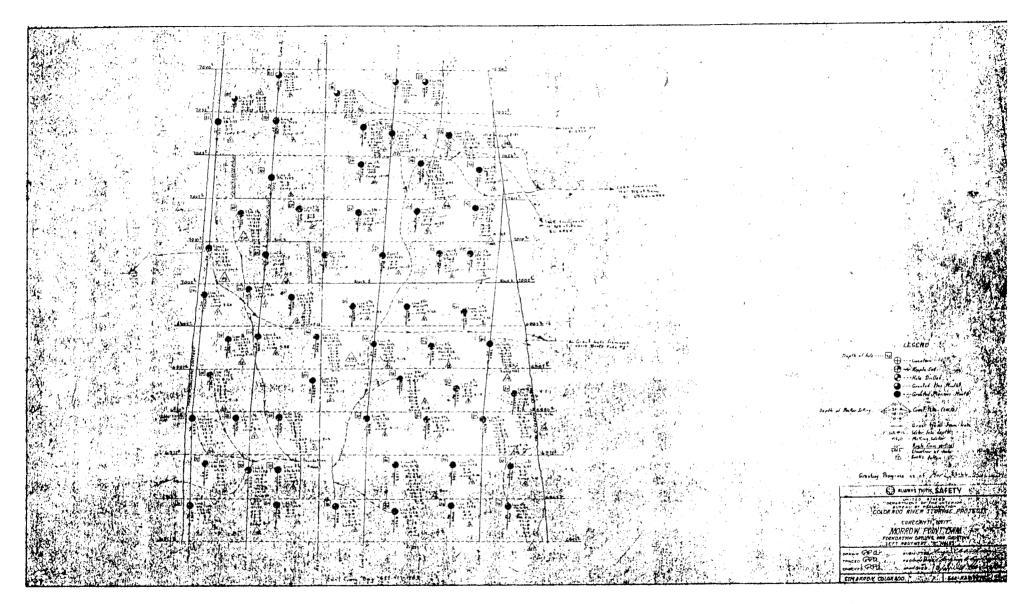


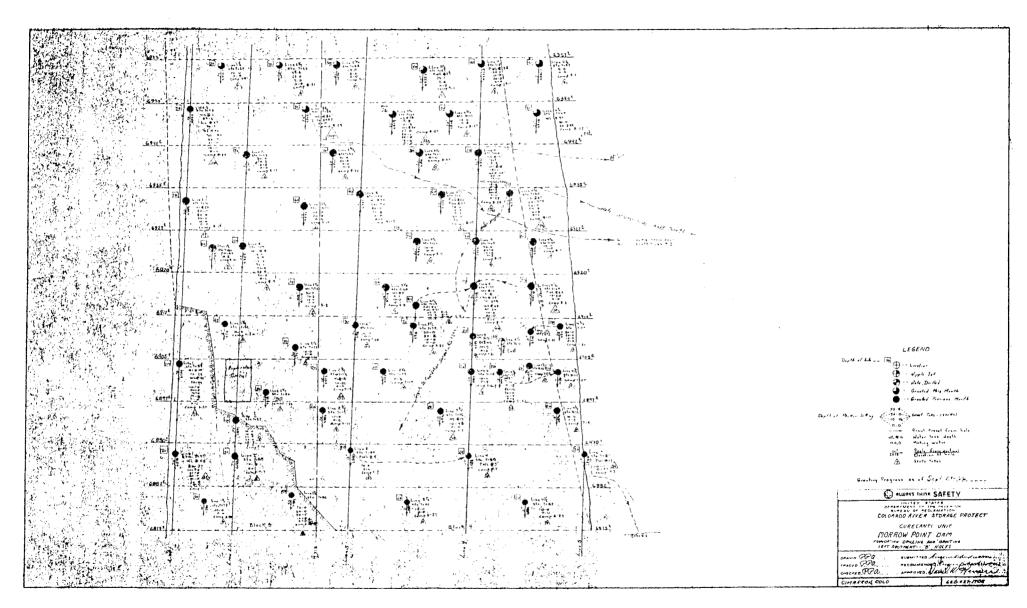


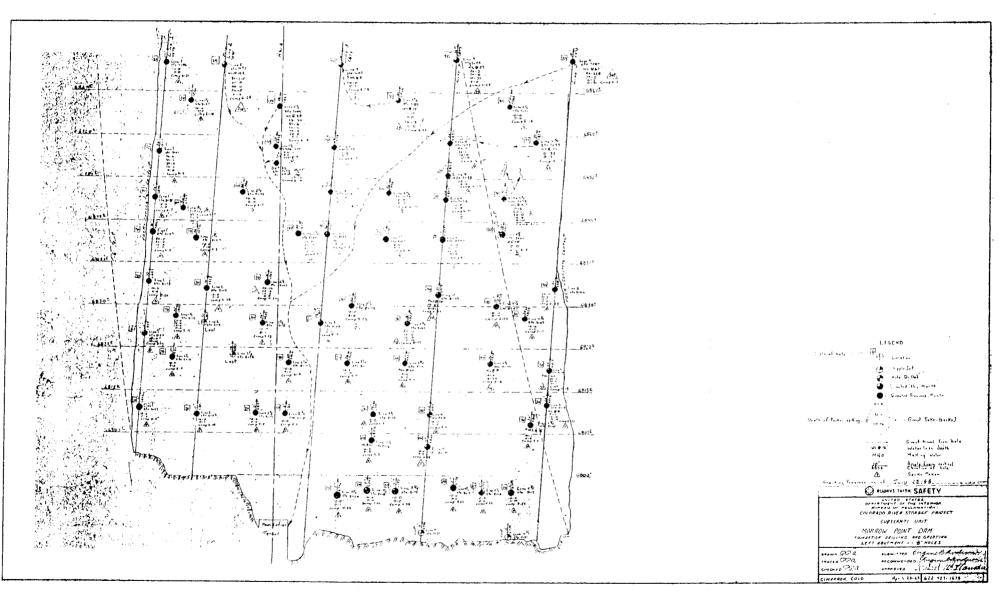


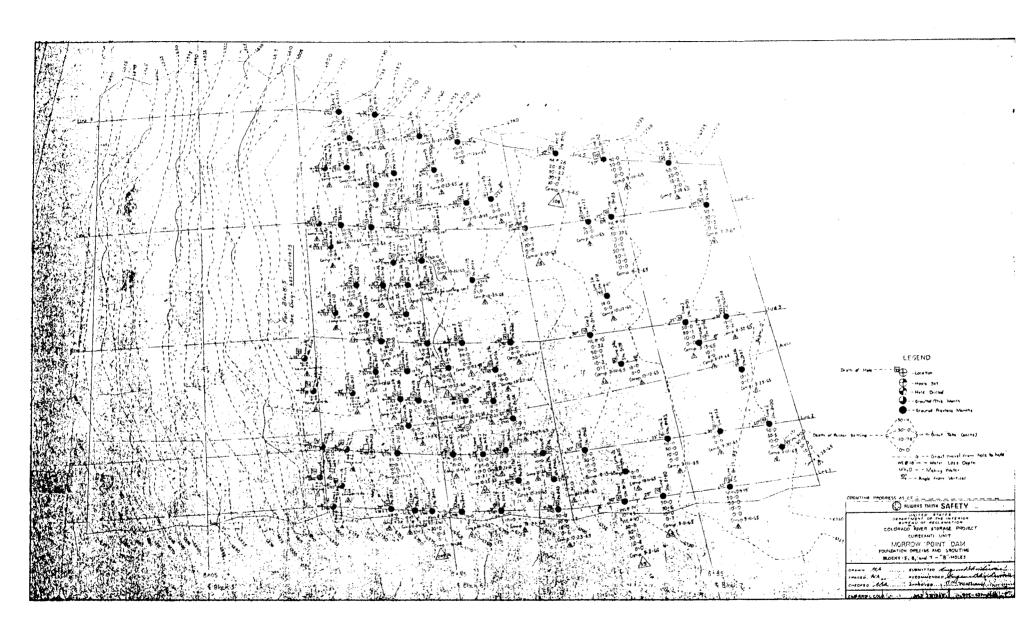


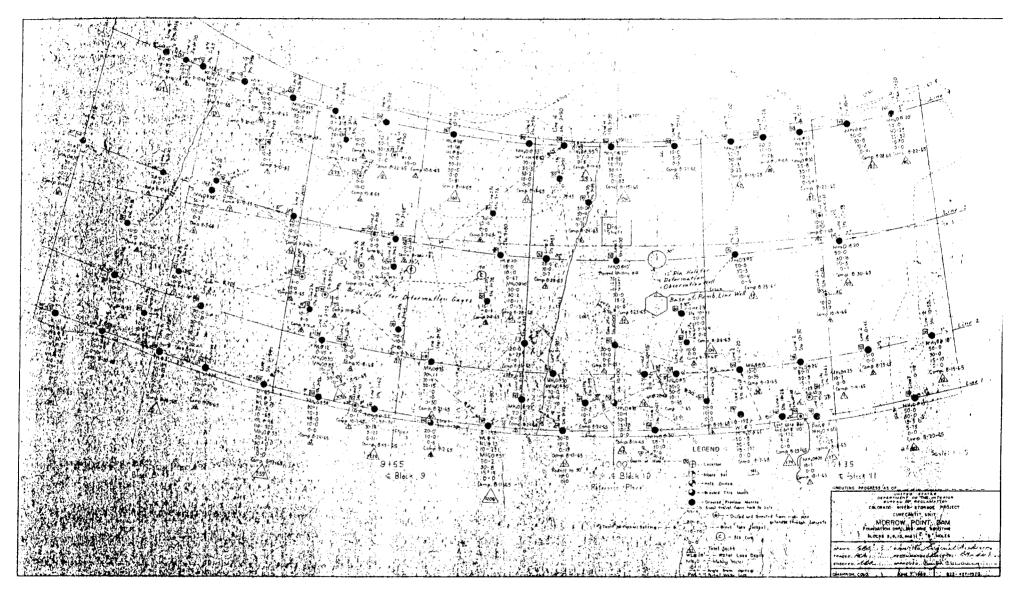




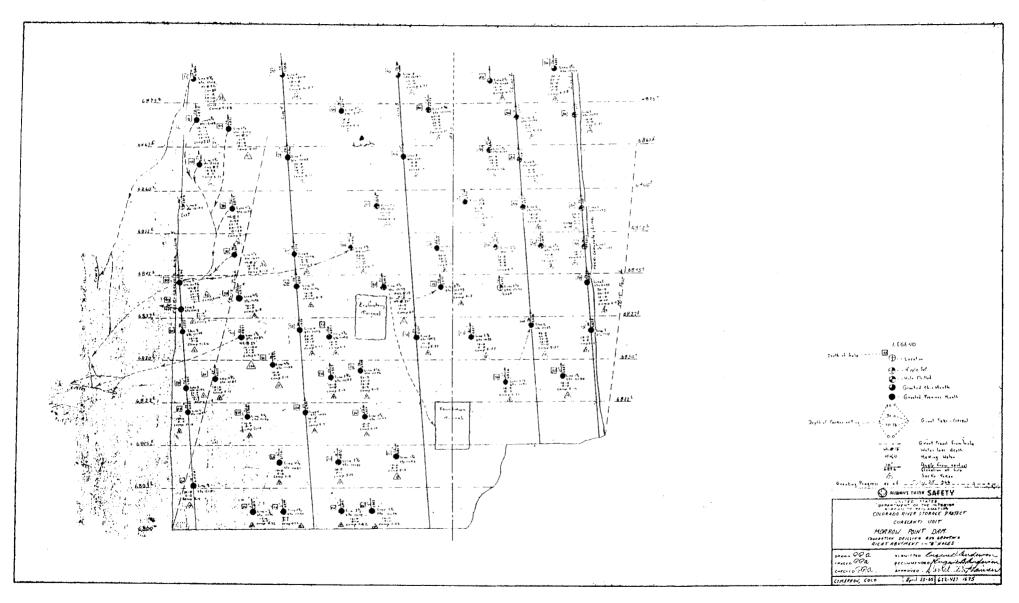


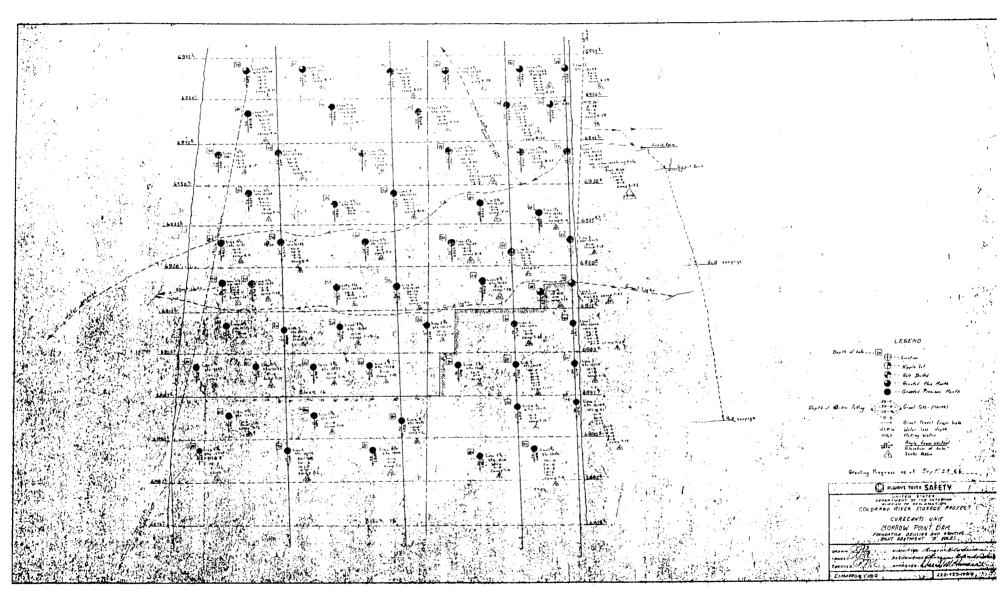


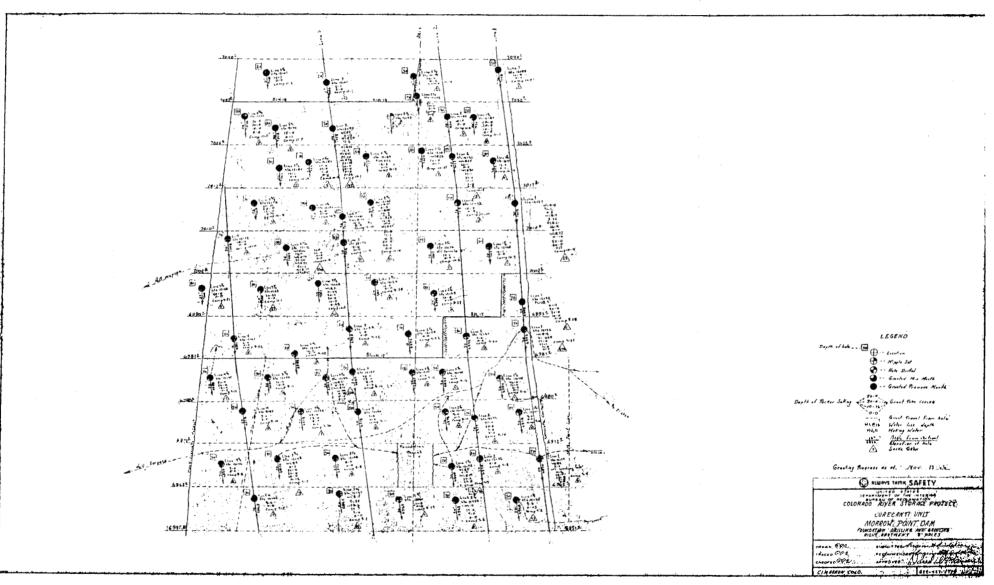


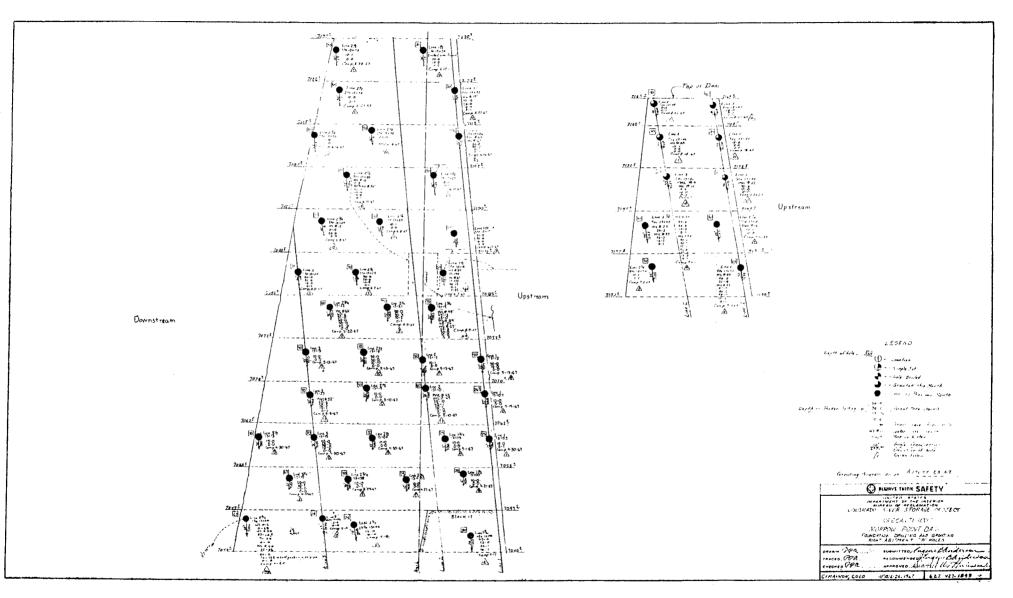




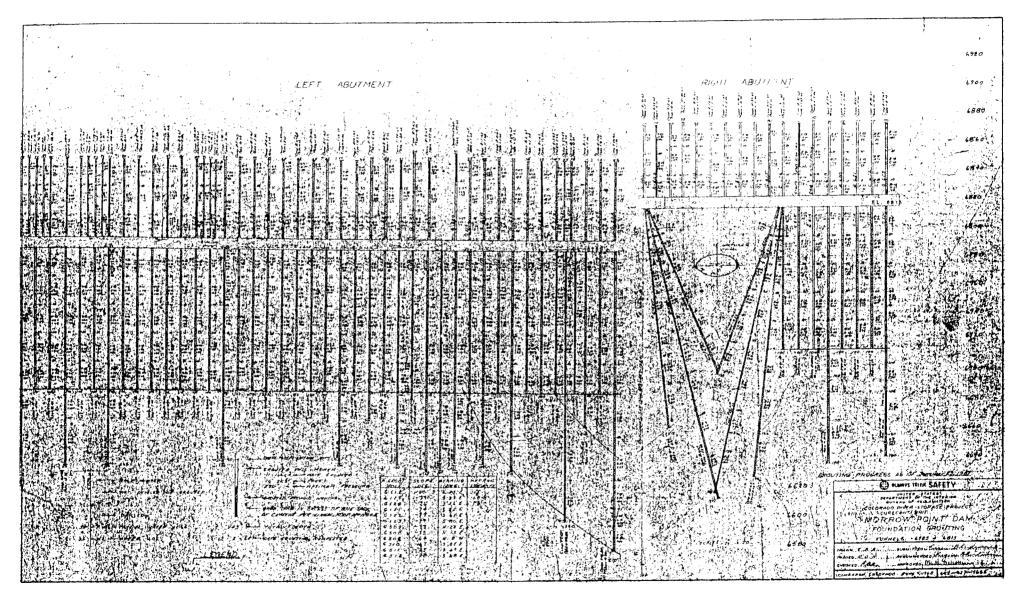




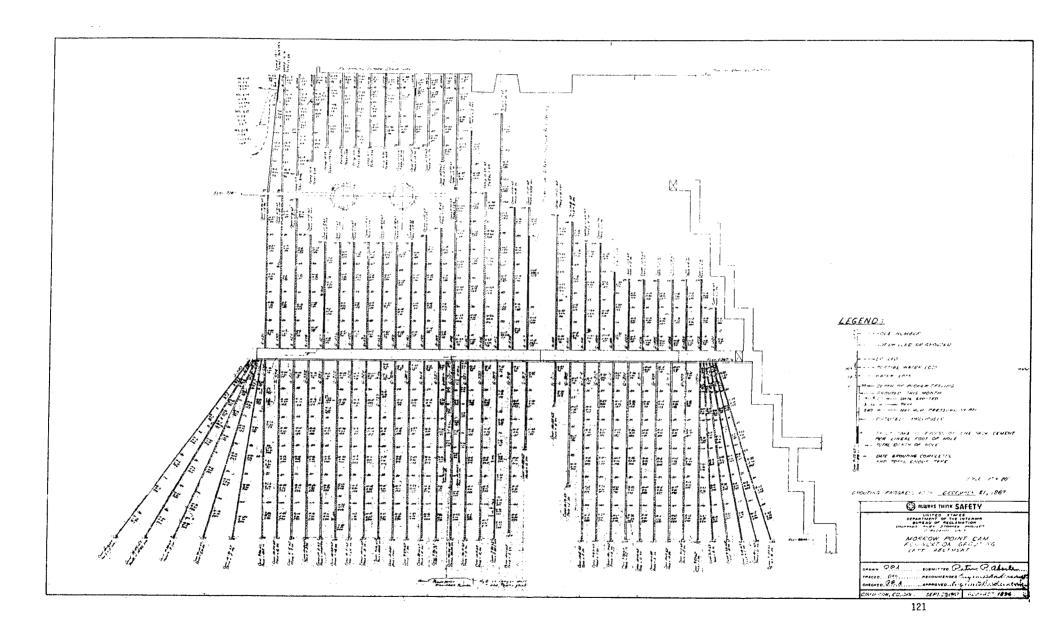


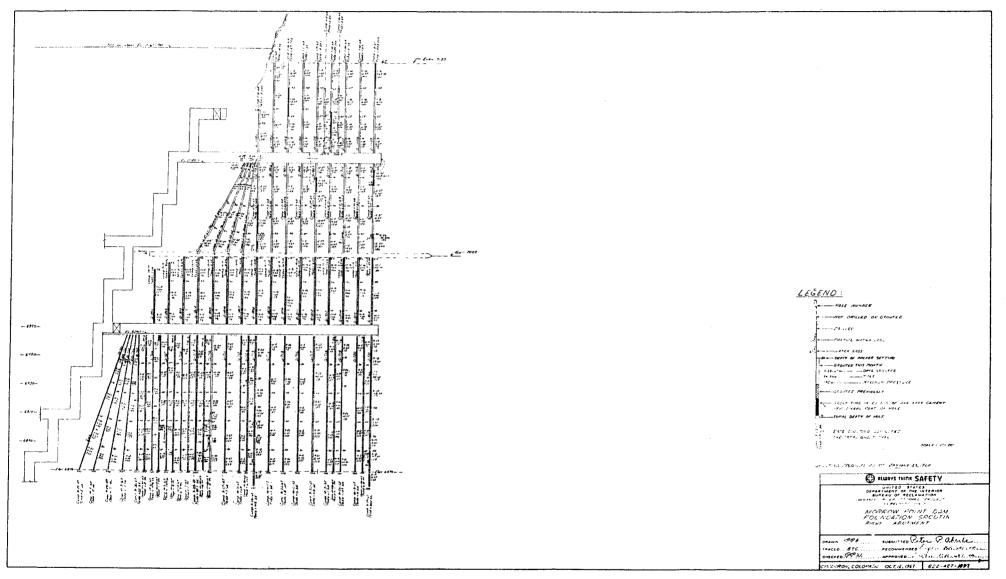


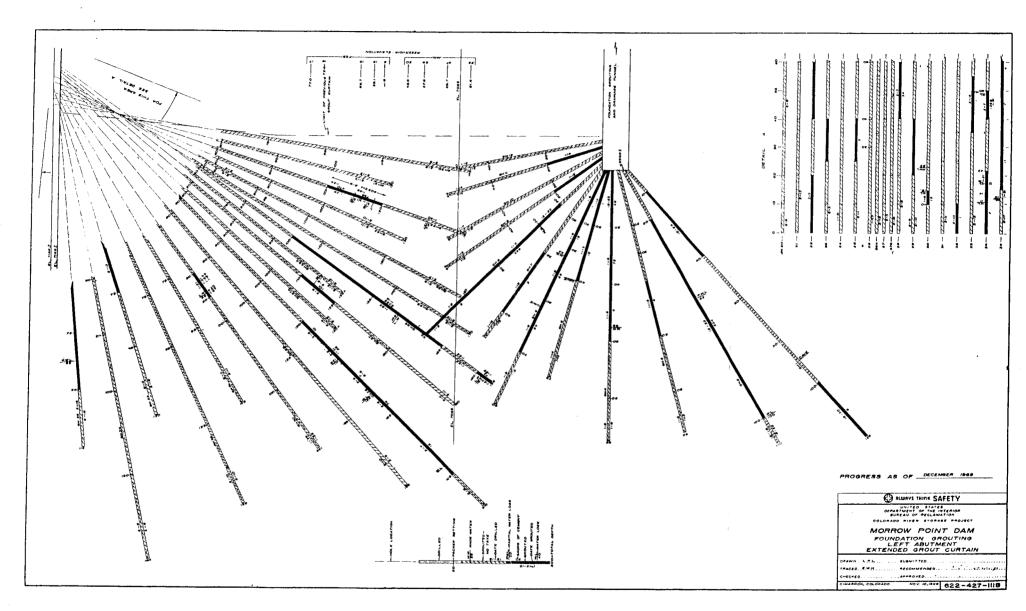
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APPENDIX C

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