



US Army Corps
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Alaska District

Public Notice of Application for Permit

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PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:	March 15, 2018
EXPIRATION DATE:	March 30, 2018
REFERENCE NUMBER:	POA-2018-00082
WATERWAY:	Golovnin Bay

Interested parties are hereby notified that a Department of the Army permit application has been received for work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed project drawings.

All comments regarding this Public Notice (PN) should be sent to the address noted above. If you desire to submit your comments by email, you should send it to the Project Manager's email as listed below or to regpagemaster@usace.army.mil. All comments should include the PN reference number listed above.

All comments should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this PN to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Mary Romero at (907) 753-2773, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, by fax at (907) 753-5567, or by email at mary.r.romero@usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

APPLICANT: Mr. Brice Conklin, ASRC Civil Contracting, LLC (ACCL); 3900 C Street, Suite 301, Anchorage, Alaska 99503; 907-339-5413

AGENT: Mr. Wade Collins, Travis/Peterson Environmental Consulting, Inc.; 3305 Arctic Boulevard, Suite 102, Anchorage, Alaska 99503; 907-522-4337

LOCATION: The project site is located within Section 2, T. 11 S., R. 22 W., Kateel Meridian; USGS Quad Map Solomon C-3; Latitude 64.56208° N., Longitude 163.0137° W.; north of Golovin, Alaska.

PURPOSE: The applicant's stated purpose is to develop a gravel mine site.

PROPOSED WORK: Mechanized land clearing of 1.01 acres for the development of a 210' x 210' gravel mine site in order to mine 15,000 cubic yards (cy) of Crushed Aggregate Surface Course (CASC) material and the placement of approximately 85 cy of fill material into 0.017 acre for the construction of a 30' x 25' access road, with a total impact to 1.03 acres of wetlands. Overburden and materials not meeting CASC specifications would be stockpiled in the Existing Landfill Pit #1 as shown on sheet 2 of 5. Work is proposed to start May 15, 2018 start day with mining being completed by June 1, 2018. Ground disturbance would be completed by May 19, 2018, to conform to the bird window of May 20 – July 20.

All work would be performed in accordance with the enclosed plan (sheets 1-5), dated March 5, 2018.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A modification was granted to the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities in November 2017 to provide additional stockpile areas for overburden extracted out of the mine site adjacent to the Golovin Airport, identified on Sheet 2 of 5 as Existing Pit. However, that mine site did not produce the CASC material needed to meet durability specifications.

In support of the Golovin Airport Improvements Project, ASRC Civil Construction, LLC (ACCL) intends to mine approximately 30,000 cy of rock to be processed into CASC material from Golovin Native Corporation land. While mining for suitable CASC material in 2017 in the existing Landfill Road pit, ACCL encountered a very small zone of competent rock that degraded at depth. Approximately 15,000 cy was mined from the existing pit adjacent to the proposed pit associated with this MRP.

In order to complete the projects' CASC requirements, ACCL assumes that additional area is required for development. Based on surface investigation and observations while mining in 2017, ACCL is confident that this zone of competent rock carries to the west in the vicinity of the proposed pit location ACCL permitted for expansion of the existing pit in 2017 (POA-2003-598) and is now seeking additional land to mine and complete the project.

ASRC Civil Contracting assumes the pit walls will be at or near one to one side slopes while mining. With this assumption, and five feet of overburden to remove, the total available material with 15' of usable depth (below overburden) is approximately 19,000 cy. It is very unlikely that 100% of this will be suitable. 15,000 cy equates to approximately 80% useable within the developed area.

ACCL anticipates needing approximately one acre of land to produce the quantity of CASC required to complete the project. Trees and/or brush are not present on the site. Overburden will be stripped, hauled and stockpiled in disturbed portions of the existing landfill road pit. The type of mining for the landfill road pit will be ripping and stockpiling with bulldozers. ACCL will be using one to two large dozers to rip the material. While the pit is being mined, the floor will be developed to ensure water will flow and pond to the south west corner of the pit floor. Upon completion of mining, ACCL will ensure all slopes are reclaimed to 3:1 (H:V), track walk slopes and clean up existing debris from mining operations.

The overburden and organics that were stripped and stockpiled will primarily be left in place in the existing pit. If required to safely slope the pit walls, stockpiled overburden from the initial stripping operations will be hauled and graded along the pit walls. A 25 foot buffer zone will be left between the pit and Landfill Road.

APPLICANT PROPOSED MITIGATION: The applicant proposes the following mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, and compensate for impacts to waters of the United States from activities involving discharges of dredged or fill material.

a. Avoidance: Most of the area around Golovin is wetlands, the upland rock outcropping does not provide the grade of gravel needed for the airport construction.

b. Minimization: ACCL has selected a one-acre section of property to develop. One-acre is the smallest area needed to supply this project with CASC. The existing Landfill Pit #1 is located directly adjacent to the airport and will serve as overburden storage during the development of the proposed project. By utilizing the adjacent pit to store overburden, ACCL will prevent impacts to surrounding wetlands.

c. Compensatory Mitigation: Due to the lack of available wetland mitigation banks and the small area of impact, ACCL does not propose to provide a fee in-lieu of mitigation for the impacts to Waters of the United States. ACCL will restore the site by revegetating slopes upon completion.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A permit for the described work will not be issued until a certification or waiver of certification, as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217), has been received from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The latest published version of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRs) has been consulted for the presence or absence of historic properties, including those listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. There is a cultural resource in the permit area or within the vicinity of the permit area. The permit area has been determined to be the project area and the road to the Golovin Airport. Consultation of the AHRs constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the Corps of Engineers (Corps) at this time, and we are otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. The Corps has made a No Historic Properties Affected (No Effect) determination for the proposed project. This application is being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Any comments SHPO may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by work under the requested permit will be considered in our final assessment of the described work. The Corps is requesting the SHPO's concurrence with this determination.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The project area is within the known or historic range of the polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*), Steller's eider (*Polysticta stelleri*), and spectacled eider (*Somateria fischeri*).

We have determined the described activity may affect the polar bear, Steller's and spectacled eider. We have initiated the appropriate consultation procedures under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any comments they may have concerning endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH).

No EFH species are known to use the project area.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION: The Alaska District fully supports tribal self-governance and government-to-government relations between Federally recognized Tribes and the Federal government. Tribes with protected rights or resources that could be significantly affected by a proposed Federal action (e.g., a permit decision) have the right to consult with the Alaska District on a government-to-government basis. Views of each Tribe regarding protected rights and resources will be accorded due consideration in this process. This Public Notice serves as notification to the Tribes within the area potentially affected by the proposed work and invites their participation in the Federal decision-making process regarding the protected Tribal right or resource. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Commander during the public comment period.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts, which the proposed activity may have on the public interest, requires a careful weighing of all the factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The outcome of the general balancing process would determine whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur. The decision should reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge that would be authorized by such permit would not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines.

Subject to the preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria (see Sections 320.2 and 320.3), a permit will be granted unless the District Commander determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be issued or denied under the following authority:

(X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States – Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

Project drawings and a Notice of Application for State Water Quality Certification are enclosed with this Public Notice.

District Commander
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Enclosures

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER
401 Certification Program
Non-Point Source Water Pollution Control Program

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct an activity that might result in a discharge into navigable waters, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL95-217), also must apply for and obtain certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that the discharge will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. By agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation, application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge dredged or fill material into navigable waters under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act also may serve as application for State Water Quality Certification.

Notice is hereby given that the application for a Department of the Army Permit described in the Corps of Engineers' Public Notice No. **POA-2018-00082, Golovnin Bay**, serves as application for State Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

After reviewing the application, the Department may certify there is reasonable assurance the activity, and any discharge that might result, will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. The Department also may deny or waive certification.

Any person desiring to comment on the project, with respect to Water Quality Certification, may submit written comments to the address above by the expiration date of the Corps of Engineer's Public Notice.



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Figure 1—General Location Map

POA-2018-00082, Golovin Bay
Gravel Mine for Golovin Airport construction
ASRC Civil Contracting, LLC
Drawings dated March 5, 2018
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Project No: 1183-33

File: Jupiter\Wade\1183-33\Wetland Application






<p>Travis/Peterson Environmental Consulting, Inc. 3305 Arctic Boulevard, Suite 102 Anchorage, AK 99503</p>	<p align="center">Golovin Airport Improvement Project ASRC Civil Construction, LLC 3900 C Street, Suite 301 Anchorage, Alaska 99503</p>	<p align="right">Figure 2—General Site Map</p> <p>POA-2018-00082, Golovin Bay Gravel Mine for Golovin Airport construction ASRC Civil Contracting, LLC Drawings dated March 5, 2018 Sheet 2 of 5</p>
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Fig. 2 - Landfill Rd. Pit Locations

Existing Pit, Proposed Pit and Proposed Overburden Stockpile

Legend

-  Existing Landfill Road Pit #1 Boundary
-  Landfill Road Pit #2 Overburden Stockpile
-  Proposed Landfill Road Pit #2

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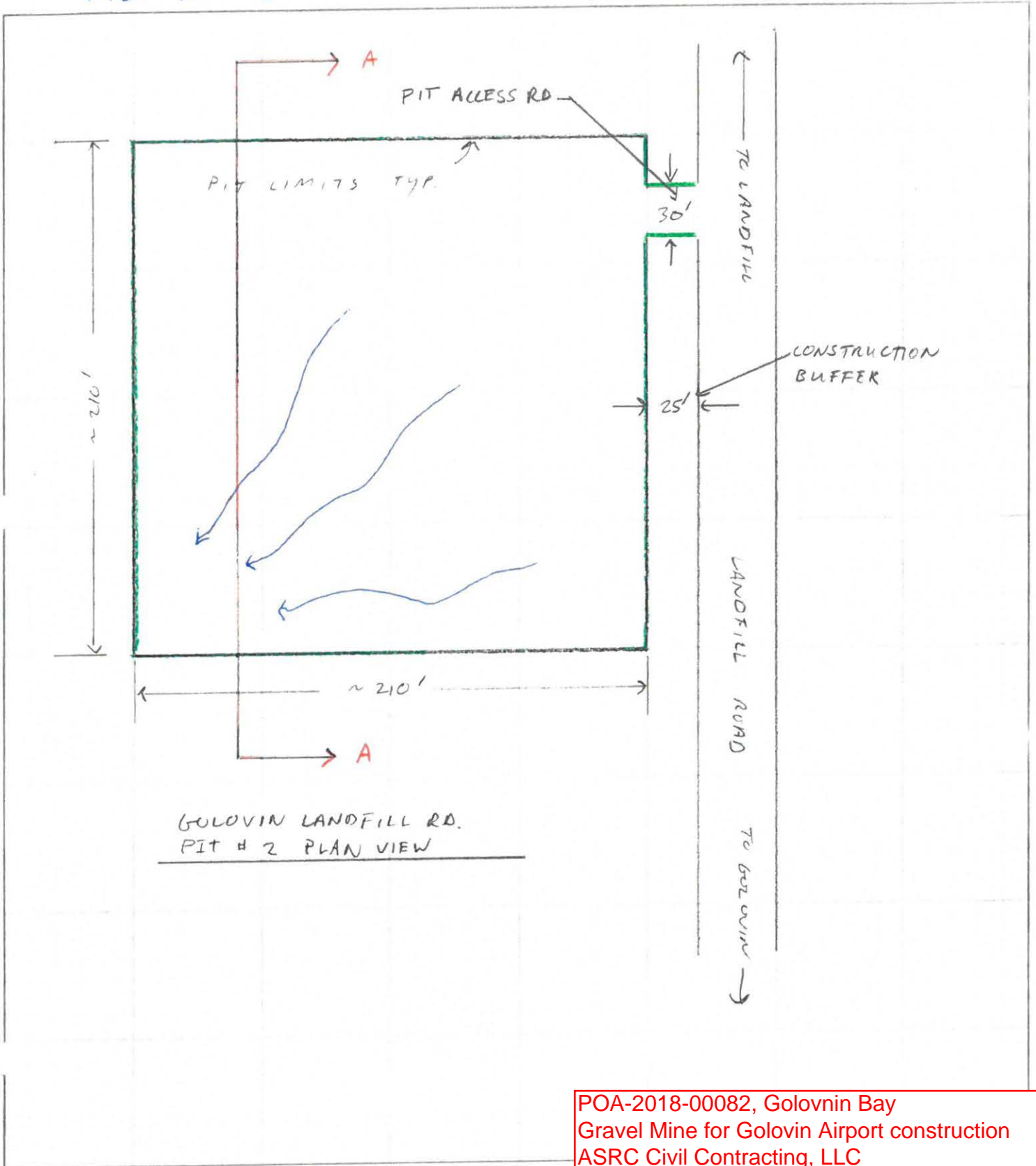


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FIG. 3 - LANDFILL RD. PIT # 2 PLAN VIEW



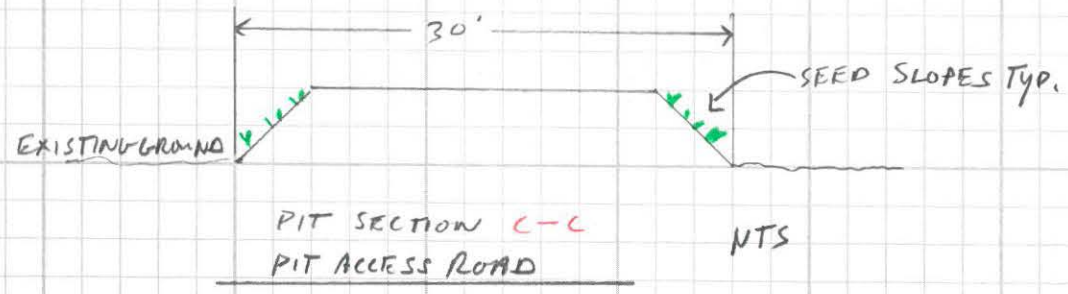
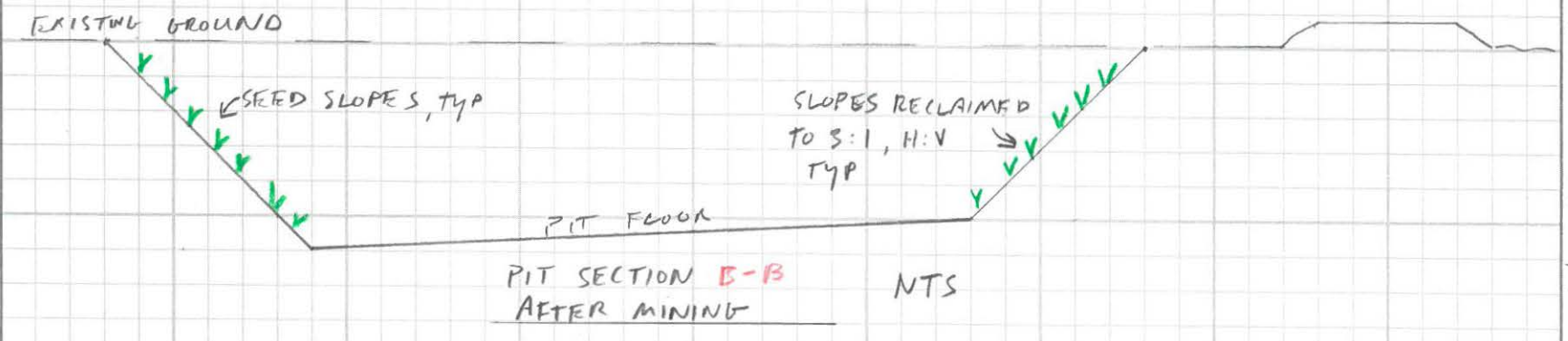
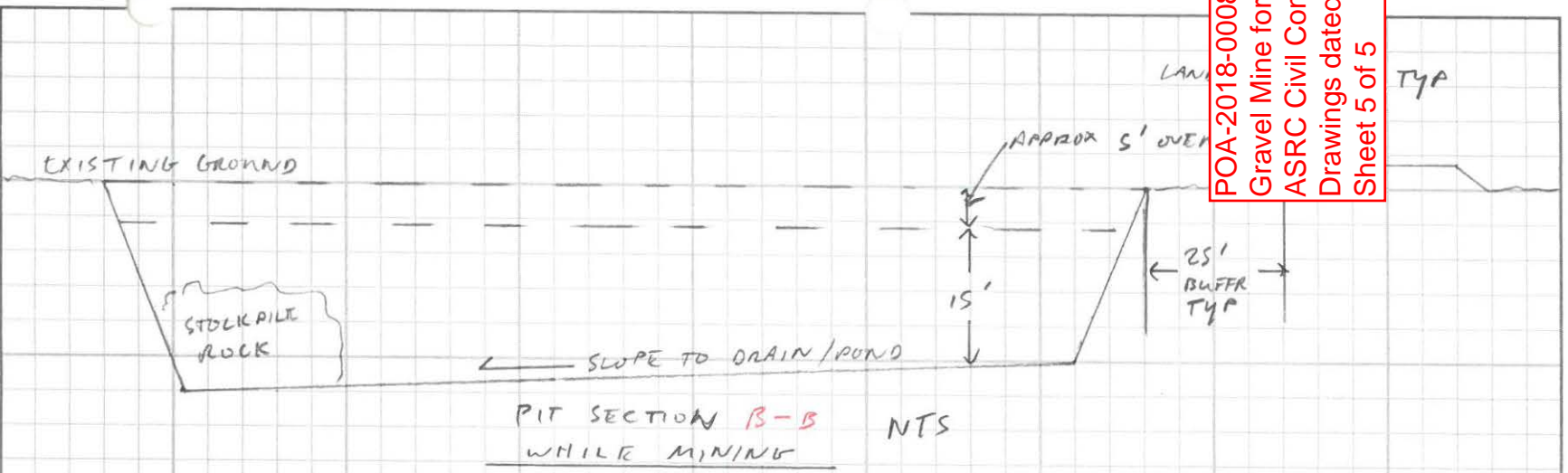
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