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1 Purpose

The Tentatively Selected Plan for the Texas Coastal Protection and Restoration project calls for construction a coastal flood barrier along portions of Galveston Island and Bolivar Peninsula. This barrier is being designed to reduce risk of inundation from storm surge. This memorandum presents the results of axial pile design calculations and provide those results as recommendations for feasibility-level design. Pile axial capacities have been developed using available historical geotechnical data at the following locations:

- Clear Creek
- Dickinson Bayou
- City of Galveston Pump Stations (East and West)

Additionally, this memorandum includes a discussion of nearby pipeline data, and a summary of the available geotechnical data and the interpreted soil profiles.

2 Data Collection

2.1 Geotechnical Data

Mott MacDonald has compiled a GIS database of the available geotechnical information in the region of the proposed improvements. The historical geotechnical reports date from the 1950s through the early 2000s. Few cone penetration tests are available in the data, and soil sampling typically used standard penetration tests without hammer energy measurements. Some locations include geotechnical data to depths appropriate for design of foundations for the Coastal Texas project, but many are for shallow improvements such as roadways or low levees.

Geotechnical data to support foundation design would include boreholes with sampling at regular intervals or cone penetration tests extending below specified pile tip elevations.

2.1.1 Vertical Datums

The various sources use various datums for reference. Some refer to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD29), North American Vertical Datum (NAVD88), or simply depth below mudline. During subsequent phases of the project, these datums should be reconciled.

2.1.2 Borings

The available data for four flood protection and pump station sites have been evaluated: Clear Creek, Dickinson Bayou, Galveston East, and Galveston West. The data available for each site are described in Table 1 below. See the references section of this memorandum for details regarding each report. Generally, only the Clear Creek and Dickinson geotechnical conditions are well characterized for the purposes of feasibility level pile capacity estimates. The proximity of the available data to the proposed facilities is shown in Figure 1 through Figure 3.

Site Name	Geotechnical Data	Reference
Clear Creek	Site-specific boreholes to 75 feet below onshore grade.	McBride-Ratcliff and Associates (1982)
Clear Creek	Site-specific boreholes to 90 feet below onshore grade.	McBride-Ratcliff and Associates (1985)
Clear Creek	Site-specific boreholes to -80 feet, NGVD. Stratigraphy and unconfined compression strength.	USACE (1987)
Dickinson Bayou	Boreholes to approximately 20 feet below grade located greater than 2,500 feet away. No SPT N values.	USACE (1962)
Dickinson Bayou	Site specific boreholes for SH146 Bridge over Dickinson Bayou.	Geotest Engineering (2000)
Galveston West	Site-specific boreholes to 27.5 feet depth below mudline.	USACE (1958)
Galveston East	Site-specific boreholes to 35 feet depth below nearby site grade.	Fugro South (2003)
Galveston East	Boreholes to 5 feet below nearby site grade approximately 1,500 feet to the south. Generally not relevant for this study.	McLellend Engineers (1961)

Table 1: Source Geotechnical Information for Site.



Figure 1: Aerial image showing location of proposed Dickenson Pump Station and available geotechnical information from Geotest Engineering (GT). Borehole locations from USACE (1962) are approximately 2500 feet southward.



Figure 2: Aerial image showing location of proposed Clear Creek Pump Station and available geotechnical information from McBride Ratcliff and Associates (1982, 1985).



Figure 3: Aerial image of Galveston Island improvements with geotechnical borehole coverage from USACE (1958), Fugro South (2003), and McLellend Engineers (1961).

2.1.3 Soil Samples

The soil sampling documented in the historical geotechnical reports comprises standard penetration tests (SPT), which yield generally disturbed samples not appropriate for advanced laboratory testing and strength characterization. For the Clear Creek Site the USACE (1987) work included unconfined compression test profiles. This profile indicates a relatively weak (unconfined compressive strength values between 400 and 800 psf), near-surface clay layer overlying stiff to very stiff clays (unconfined compressive strength values between 1,200 and 3,000 psf).

For locations with geotechnical investigation information that did not reach sufficient depth, the conditions documented in the available data were extended for the analysis. For instance, the generally sandy profiles at Galveston east and west sites are extrapolated from data extending only to about 35 feet. Data at Clear Creek and Dickinson Bayou extend to approximately 100 feet.

2.2 Bathymetry and Topography

Generally, the available geotechnical data were collected referencing the onshore ground surface, NGVD29 vertical datum, or the mudline. A generalized stratigraphy has been developed at each location for depth below surface grade or mudline and does not consider depth of water above.

2.3 Pipelines

Mott MacDonald has performed a preliminary analysis of all pipelines in the vicinity of the Clear Creek Gate and Wall, Dickinson Bayou Gate and Wall, and Galveston Pump Station. A pipeline database showing pipelines in the Galveston, Chambers, and Brazoria County portion of the National Pipeline Mapping System was provided by the USACE (USACE, 2018). This database was used to flag areas all potential pipelines in the project footprint. To delineate pipelines within the footprint of ER measures outside of Galveston, Chambers, and Brazoria Counties, the Texas Railroad Commission (GIS Database) was used to delineate pipelines within the project footprint. It is anticipated that a magnetometer survey will be conducted to verify the location of

all pipelines with the ER and CSRM measure project footprints before final design of these features is conducted.

2.3.1 CSRM Measures

Pipeline locations within the Clear Creek and Dickinson Bayou structures were identified from the USACE, 2018 data. A summary of all pipelines identified in the vicinity of this structure are shown below in Table 2 and Table 3.

Table 2: Pipelines identified within Clear Creek Gate and Wall footprint

Feature	Size/Type	Owner
Clear Creek	6" Propylene	ExxonMobil
Clear Creek	12" Gas	NuStar Logistics
Clear Creek	12" Pipeline	Magellan Pipeline Co
Clear Creek	6" Ethylene	UCAR Pipeline Incorp.
Clear Creek	Unknown	Enterprise Texas Pipeline
Clear Creek	12"	Seadrift Pipeline Corp
Clear Creek	Unknown	Lavaca Pipeline Co.

Table 3: Pipelines identified within Dickinson Bayou Gate and Wall footprint

Feature	Size/Type	Owner
Dickinson Bayou	6" Propylene	Flint Hills Resources
Dickinson Bayou	12" Gas	NuStar Logistics
Dickinson Bayou	12" Pipeline	Magellan Pipeline Co
Dickinson Bayou	6" Ethylene	UCAR Pipeline Incorp.
Dickinson Bayou	Unknown	Enterprise Texas Pipeline
Dickinson Bayou	12"	Seadrift Pipeline Corp
Dickinson Bayou	Unknown	Lavaca Pipeline Co.

The high number of pipelines within the project footprint will likely require relocation. It is anticipated that the pipelines will be relocated via a trenching and horizontal directional drilling methodology to install the pipelines at a deeper depth. It is assumed that this will be done prior to construction of the Clear Creek and Dickinson Features.

Based on the pipeline database provided by the USACE, no pipelines were identified at any of the proposed Galveston Pump station locations footprints. It is recommended that the USACE separately investigate any pipelines within the proposed Ring Levee footprint.

2.3.2 ER Measures

Mott MacDonald has also performed a preliminary pipeline investigation for the Ecosystem restoration measures. Mott MacDonald has identified potential pipeline conflicts for all Measures. Note that the available pipeline database provided by the USACE (USACE, 2018) only covered ER measures in Brazoria, Galveston, and Chambers County. To identify any potential pipeline conflicts in other counties, Mott MacDonald used the Texas Railroad Commission Pipeline viewer tool (TXRR GIS Database,2018). All pipelines identified within the proposed project footprints are listed below. Note that no pipelines were identified within the proposed project footprint measures B-2 or W-3.

Table 4: Pipelines Identified within Measure G-5

Feature	Size/Type	Owner
ER Measure G-5	Unknown/ Natural Gas	Centana Intrastate Pipeline, LLC
ER Measure G-5	Unknown/ Natural Gas	Impact Midstream, LLC
ER Measure G-5	Unknown/Petroleum Products	Cameron Highway Oil Pipeline Company
ER Measure G-5	Unknown/ Natural Gas	Black Marlin Pipeline Company
ER Measure G-5	Unknown/ Natural Gas	Impact Midstream, LLC
ER Measure G-5	Unknown/ Oil/Natural Gas/Condensate	Emerald Gathering and Transportation, L.L.C.
ER Measure G-5	Unknown/ Hazardous Material	Chevron Pipe Line Company

Source: USACE, 2018

Table 5: Pipelines Identified within Measure G-28

Feature	Size/Type	Owner
ER Measure G-28	24"/ Crude Oil	ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS OPERATING LLC
ER Measure G-28	Unknown/Natural Gas	Gulf Energy Exploration Corp.
Source: LISACE 2018		

Source: USACE, 2018

Table 6: Pipelines Identified within Measure B-12

Feature	Size/Type	Owner
ER Measure G-28	16"/Natural Gas	ENERGY TRANSFER COMPANY
ER Measure G-28	8"/Natural Gas	ENERGY TRANSFER COMPANY
ER Measure B-12	20"/Natural Gas	BLUE DOLPHIN PIPELINE COMPANY
ER Measure B-12	12"/Natural Gas	AMERICAN MIDSTREAM (SEACREST), LP
ER Measure B-12	42"/Natural Gas	FREEPORT LNG DEVELOPMENT, L.P.
ER Measure B-12	24"/Crude Oil	EXXONMOBIL PIPELINE CO
ER Measure B-12	Unknown/Gas	ABANDONED
ER Measure B-12	30"/Crude Oil	EXXONMOBIL PIPELINE CO
ER Measure B-12	42"/Crude Oil	ENTERPRISE CRUDE PIPELINE LLC
ER Measure B-12	8"/Hydrogen	PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY - SWEENY REFINERY
ER Measure B-12	12"/Liquid Propane	DOW PIPELINE CO
ER Measure B-12	8"/Methane	DOW PIPELINE CO
ER Measure B-12	8"/Natural Gas	AMERICAN MIDSTREAM (SEACREST), LP

Source: TXRR GIS Database,2018

Table 7: Pipelines Identified within ER Measure M-8

Feature	Size/Type	Owner
ER Measure M-8	30"/Natural Gas	Transcontinental Gas Co.
ER Measure M-8	16"/Natural Gas	Panther Pipeline, LLC
ER Measure M-8	8.63"/Natural Gas	Houston Pipeline Company, LLC
ER Measure M-8	8.63"/Natural Gas	HARVEST PIPELINE COMPANY

Feature	Size/Type	Owner
ER Measure M-8	3.5"/Natural Gas	MILAGRO EXPLORATION, LLC

Source: TXRR GIS Database,2018

Table 8: Pipelines Identified within ER Measure CA-5

Feature	Size/Type	Owner
ER Measure CA-5	2.38"/Natural Gas	COX, EDWIN L.
ER Measure CA-5	4.5"/Natural Gas	ONYX PIPELINE COMPANY
ER Measure CA-5	3.5"/Natural Gas	CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, L.L.C
ER Measure CA-5	2.38-3.5"/Natural Gas	NEUMIN PRODUCTION COMPANY
Source: TVBB CIS Detebage 2019		

Source: TXRR GIS Database,2018

Table 9: Pipelines Identified within ER Measure CA-6

Feature	Size/Type	Owner
ER Measure CA-6	16"/Natural Gas	HIGH ISLAND GAS LLC
ER Measure CA-6	Unknown/Natural Gas	LAVACA PIPE LINE COMPANY
ER Measure CA-6	8.63"/Natural Gas	COASTLAND OPERATIONS, LLC
ER Measure CA-6	8.63/Crude Oil	BUTTES RESOURCES COMPANY

Source: TXRR GIS Database,2018

Table 10: Pipelines Identified within ER Measure SP-1

Feature	Size/Type	Owner
ER Measure SP-1	16"/Natural Gas	ENBRIDGE PIPELINES (TX INTRA) LP
ER Measure SP-1	12.75"/Natural Gas	CINCO NATURAL RESOURCES CORP.
ER Measure SP-1	12.75"/Natural Gas	SOUTHCROSS CCNG GATHERING LTD.
ER Measure SP-1	4.5"/Natural Gas	LAMAR OIL & GAS, INC.
ER Measure SP-1	12.75"/Ntural Gas	SOUTHCROSS CCNG TRANSMISSION LTD

Source: TXRR GIS Database,2018

All pipelines identified within the ER measure footprints are listed in Table 7 - Table 10. The construction activities specific to each measure will dictate weather pipeline relocated is necessary. It is recommended that pipeline relocation be investigated on a measure by measure basis during final design. It is anticipated that a magnetometer survey will be conducted to verify the location of all pipelines with the ER measure project footprints before final design of these features is conducted.

3 Geotechnical Design Parameter Development

Soil profiles have been developed for axial capacity evaluations. Inputs to the pile capacity calculations include soil strength (either undrained shear strength, s_u, or friction angle, φ), unit weight (γ), and a soil-pile interface coefficient related to the soil type and pile diameter (α or K_S). For this feasibility level evaluation, the API (2000) recommendations have been applied. In accordance with that approach, a limiting unit skin friction value is applied for each soil type and consistency. Later stages of design should refine pile capacity estimates based on new geotechnical borings, sampling and testing and allow for pile capacity estimates from cone penetration test data.

At the Clear Creek site, the available historical geotechnical information is sufficiently detailed to support a refinement of a typically clay profile with a sand layer. Dickinson has a similar clay profile with a sandy soil layer. The local available data show the sand layer to be dense to very dense and of sufficient thickness to provide a bearing layer. Additional checks for settlement and consolidation for end bearing piles should be completed at later stages of design as the clay layer underlying the sand is stiff and likely normally consolidated to slightly over consolidated.

At the Galveston Pump Station sites (East and West), the available geotechnical information extends to a maximum depth of 35 feet below grade, and shows a profile comprising silty sand. To derive axial pile capacity values beyond that depth, the stratum has been assumed to extend to 100 feet. Only with further geotechnical data (collected in later project phases or identifying other historical sources) can this estimate be refined.

The resulting axial pile capacity curves are not adjusted for downdrag, scour, or localized site issues such as zones of hard driving or gravels. Pile capacities developed require pilings be driven with an impact hammer to generate specified capacity. As a result, they should be used solely to develop feasibility level design and concept verification. The capacities presented are "ultimate" and should be factored down by a Factor of Safety in accordance with the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System Design Guidelines (HSDRRS, USACE 2012), or other governing design criteria as appropriate. A minimum Factor of Safety of 2.0 is recommended for both tension and compression cases for this feasibility evaluation.

Pile capacities have been developed for the pile types identified in Table 2.

Table 11: Pile Types Used for Axial Pile Calculations

Reinforced Concrete Pile Types	Steel Pipe Pile Sizes
12-inch diameter round	12.75-inch outside diameter
24-inch diameter round	18-inch outside diameter
36-inch diameter round	24-inch outside diameter
	36-inch outside diameter

3.1 Clear Creek

The Clear Creek soil profile is described in Table 12 below. See Plates 1-a through 1-g for the resulting pile capacities. The soil profile has been developed from information found in McBride-Ratcliff (1982), McBride-Ratcliff (1985), and USACE (1987).

Table 12: Interpreted Soil Profile for Clear Creek Site

Layer Depth (ft)	Soil Type	Su (psf)	φ (°)	(Ks or α) ¹	Nq ²	Skin/Tip Limit (ksf) ³
0-45	Soft Clay	0.22 * <i>σ</i> _{v0} '		α =1.0	9	
45-59	Stiff Clay	1500		<i>α</i> =0.5-0.6	9	
59-100	Very Dense Sand		36	K _S = 0.8-1.0	16	2 / 200

Notes:

¹Soil-Pile Interface Factor K_S for sands, adhesion factor α for clays. K_S increases for large displacement piles. ²End-bearing tip factor N_a

³Skin friction limit and tip resistance limit per API 2000

3.2 Dickinson Bayou

The Dickinson Bayou soil profile is described in Table 13 below. See Plates 2-a through 2-g for the resulting pile capacities. The soil profile has been developed from geotechnical borehole logs completed for the design of the State Highway 146 Bridge over Dickinson Bayou dated February and March 2000, by Geotest Engineering, Inc. The logs, profile, and location portions of the report were provided on August 10, 2018, as the result of an information request made to the Texas Department of Transportation.

Table 13: Interpreted Soil Profile for Dickinson Site

Layer Depth (ft)	Soil Type	Su (psf)	φ (°)	(K s or α) ¹	N_q^2	Skin/Tip Limit (ksf) ³
0-20	Soft Clay	250		<i>α</i> =1.0	9	
20-65	Stiff Clay	0.242 * <i>σ</i> _{v0} '		α =0.3-0.8	9	
65-70	Very Dense Sand		36	$K_{\rm S} = 0.8-1.0$	40	2 / 75
75-85	Very Dense Sand		36	$K_{S} = 0.8-1.0$	40	2 / 200
85-90	Very Dense Sand		36	$K_{S} = 0.8-1.0$	40	2 / 50
90-100	Stiff Clay	0.22 * <i>σ</i> _{v0} '		<i>α</i> =1.0	9	

Notes:

¹Soil-Pile Interface Factor K_S for sands, adhesion factor α for clays. K_S increases for large displacement piles. ²End-bearing tip factor N_a

³Skin friction limit and tip resistance limit per API 2000. End bearing limited intentionally at top and bottom of sand layer due to softer clay material above and below.

3.3 Galveston Pump Station Locations

The Galveston Island soil profile is described in Table 14 below. See Plates 3-a through 3-g for the resulting pile capacities. The soil profile has been developed from geotechnical borehole logs by McLellend Engineers (1961) and Fugro South (2003). The references do not include data deeper than 35 feet below site grades at the time of investigation, so the soil conditions have been extrapolated to depths. Both references indicate a relatively sandy profile. The assumed soil profile must be validated by site-specific geotechnical investigation, which should extend to depths beyond estimated pile toe elevations.

Layer Depth (ft)	Soil Type	Su (psf)	φ (°)	(Ks or α) ¹	Nq ²	Skin/Tip Limit (ksf) ³
0-100	Loose- to Medium- Dense Silty Sand		30	$K_{\rm S} = 0.8-1.0$	12	1.4 / 60
Notes:						

Table 14: Interpreted Soil Profile for Galveston Sites

¹Soil-Pile Interface Factor K_S for sands, adhesion factor α for clays. K_S increases for large displacement piles.

 2 End-bearing tip factor N_q

³Skin friction limit and tip resistance limit per API 2000.

4 Conclusions

Axial pile capacity curves have been developed from available geotechnical data for the planned sites in Galveston County, Texas.

For the Clear Lake Pump Station site and Dickinson Bayou site, sufficient geotechnical data are available to develop stratigraphy that would support a concept level design estimate of pile axial capacities. At Galveston sites the available data are more sparse, and actual ground conditions may vary considerable once detailed soils investigations are performed.

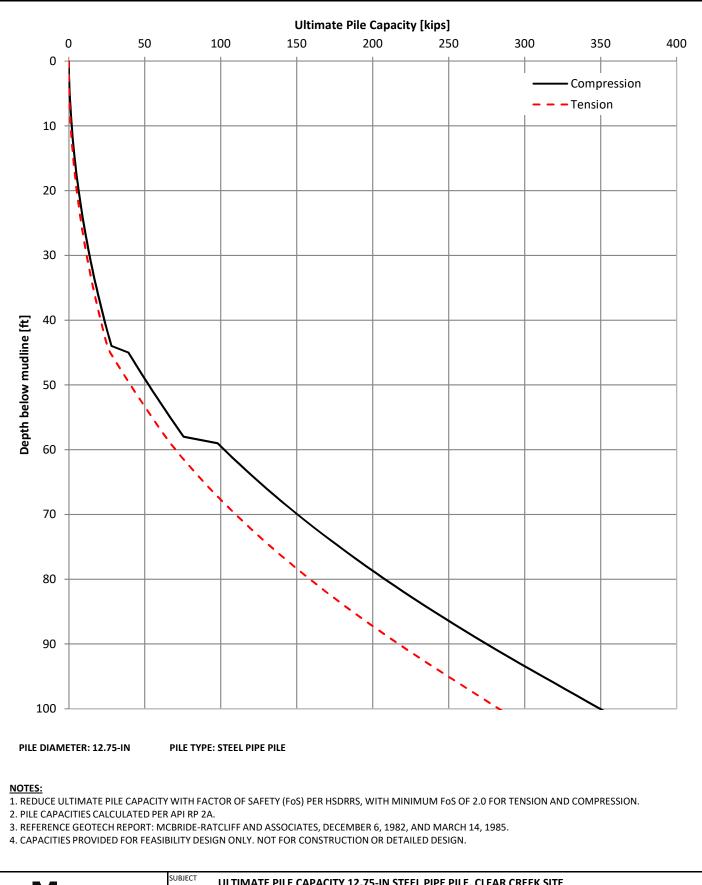
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Steel pipe piles may require additional thickness for corrosivity in saline environments. The axial pile capacities provided have taken the lower of the plugged and unplugged driving conditions.

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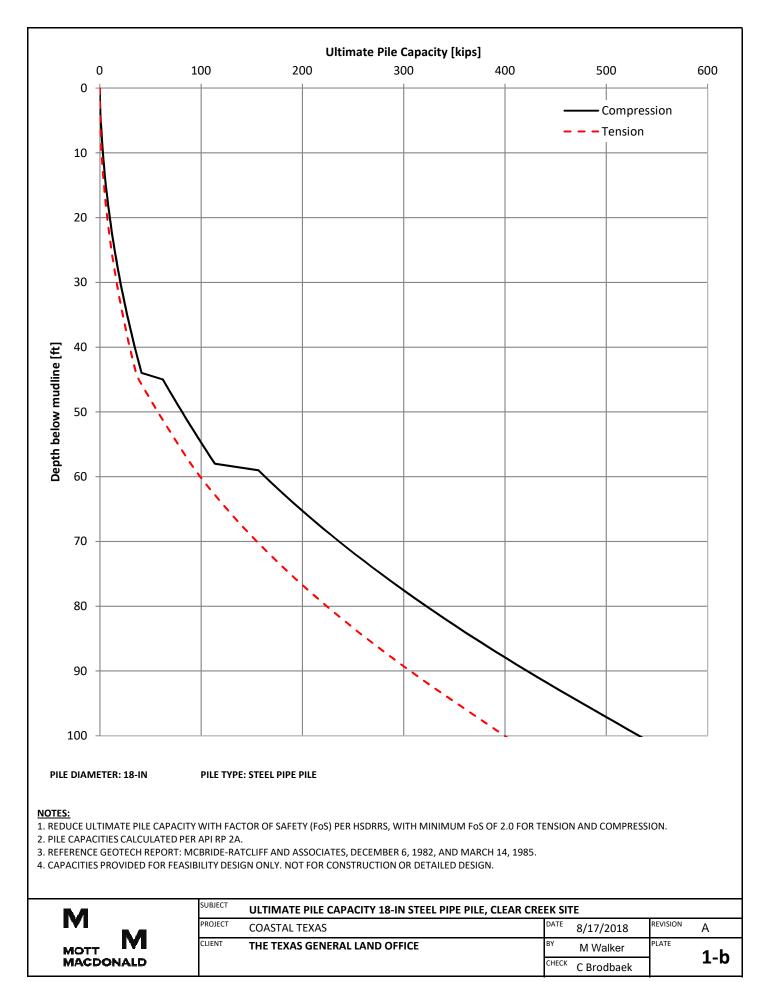
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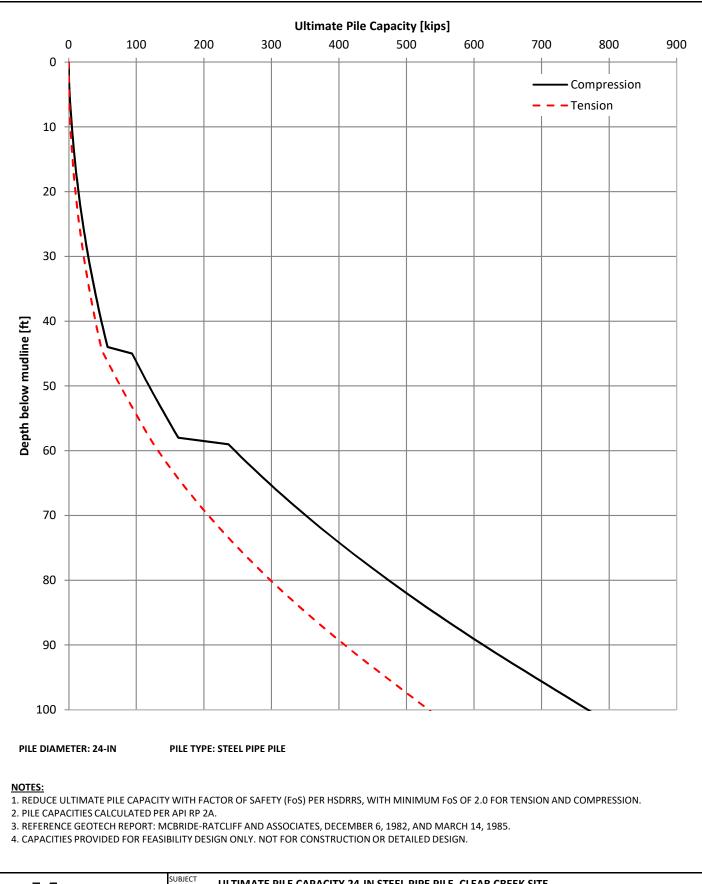
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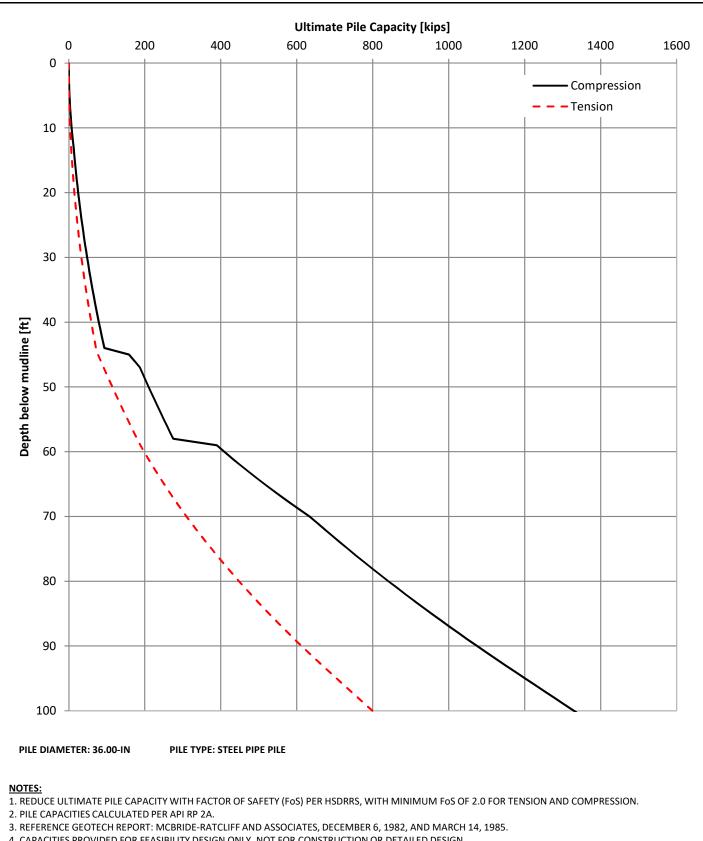
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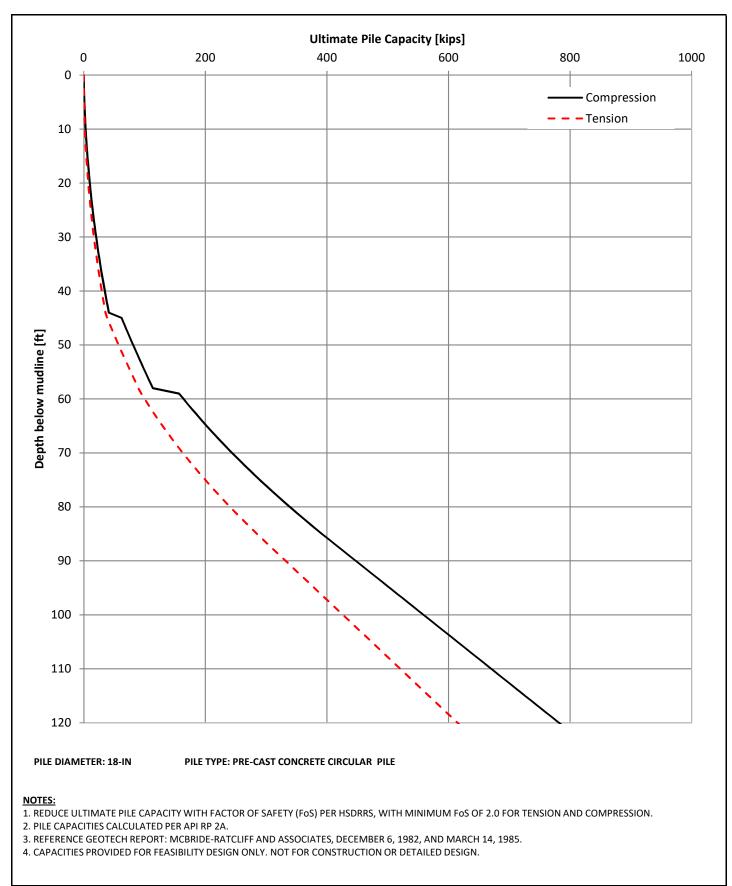
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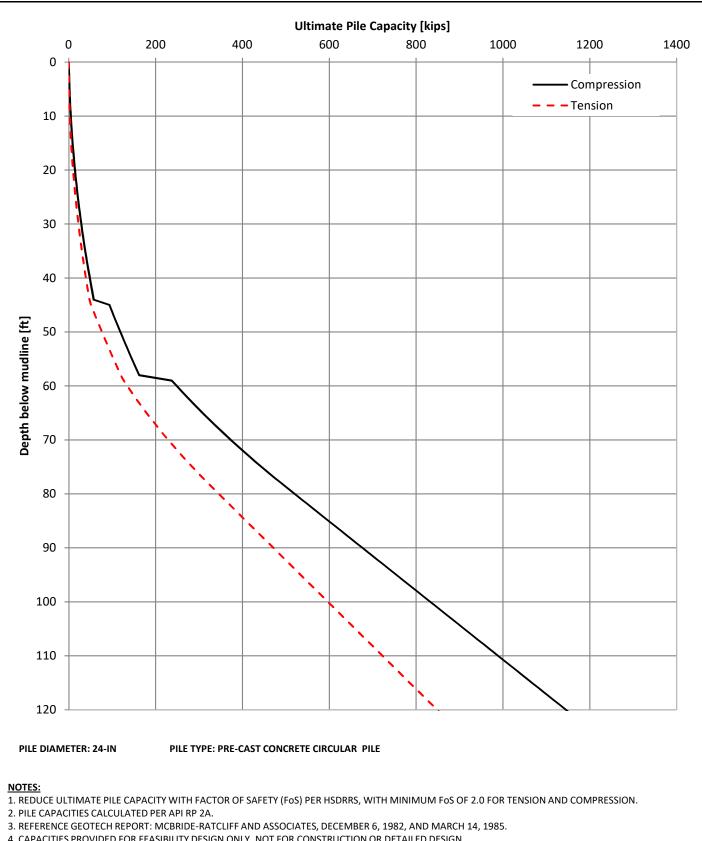
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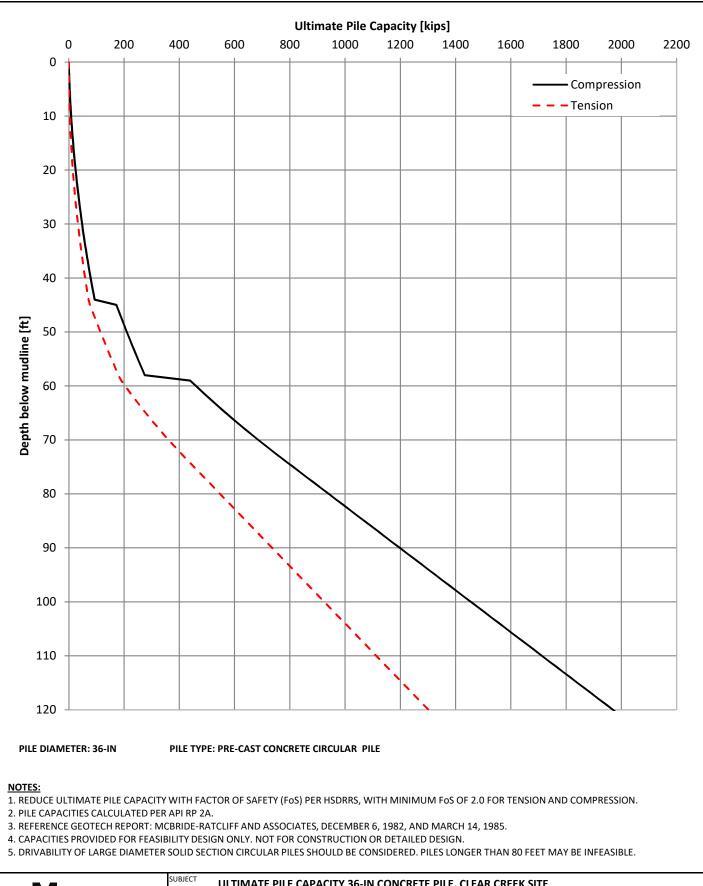
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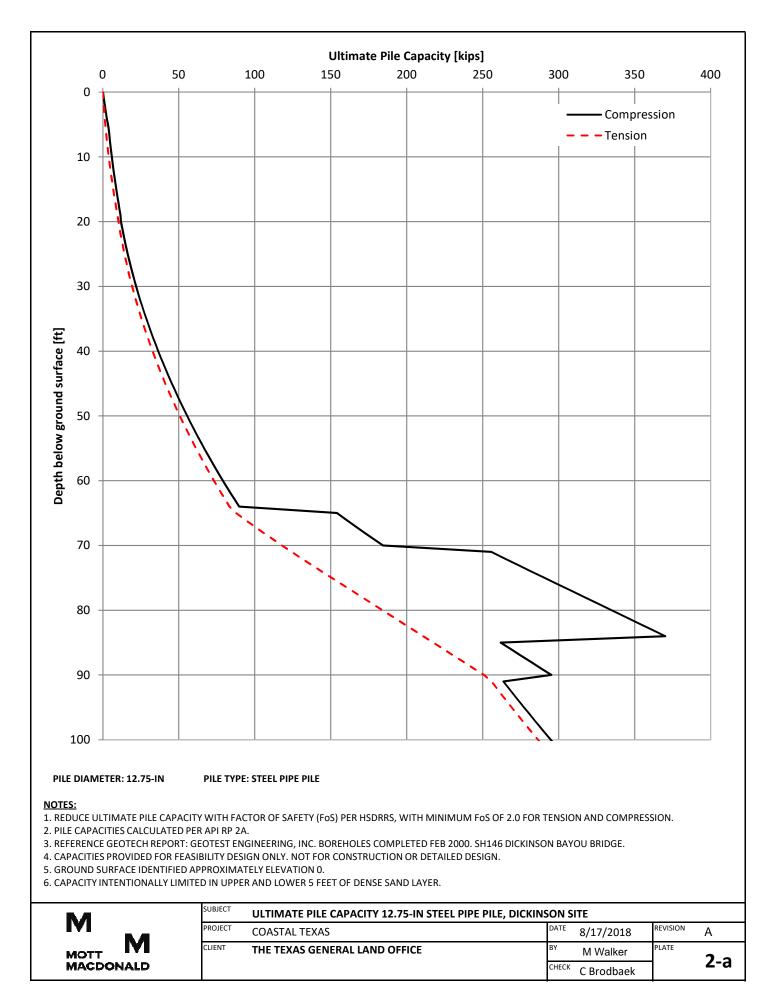
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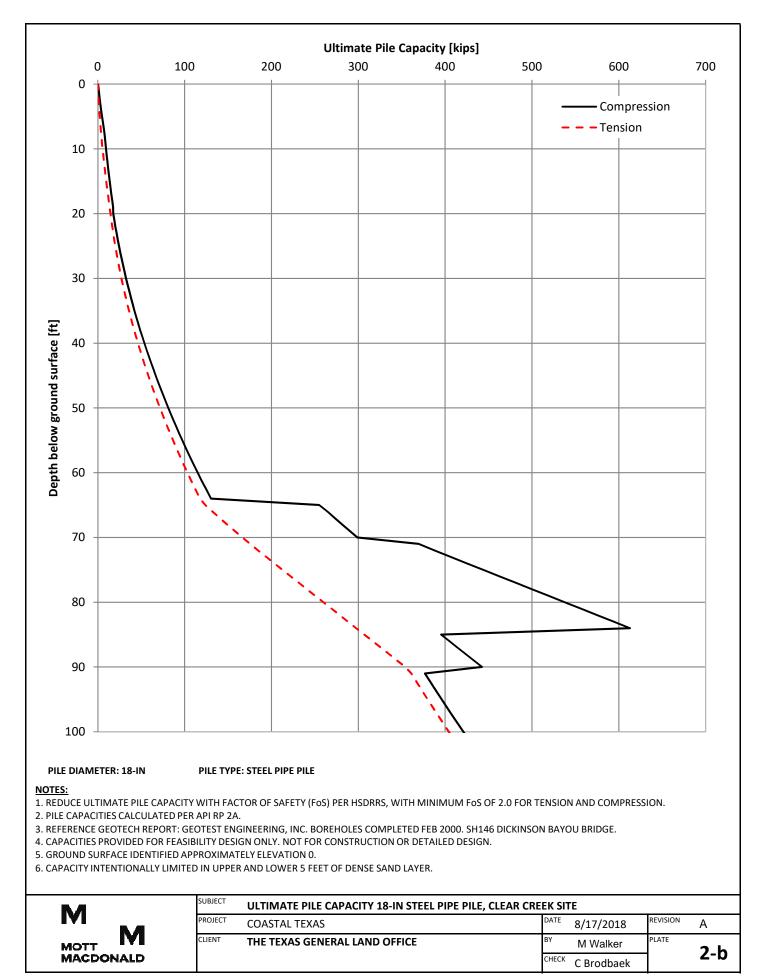


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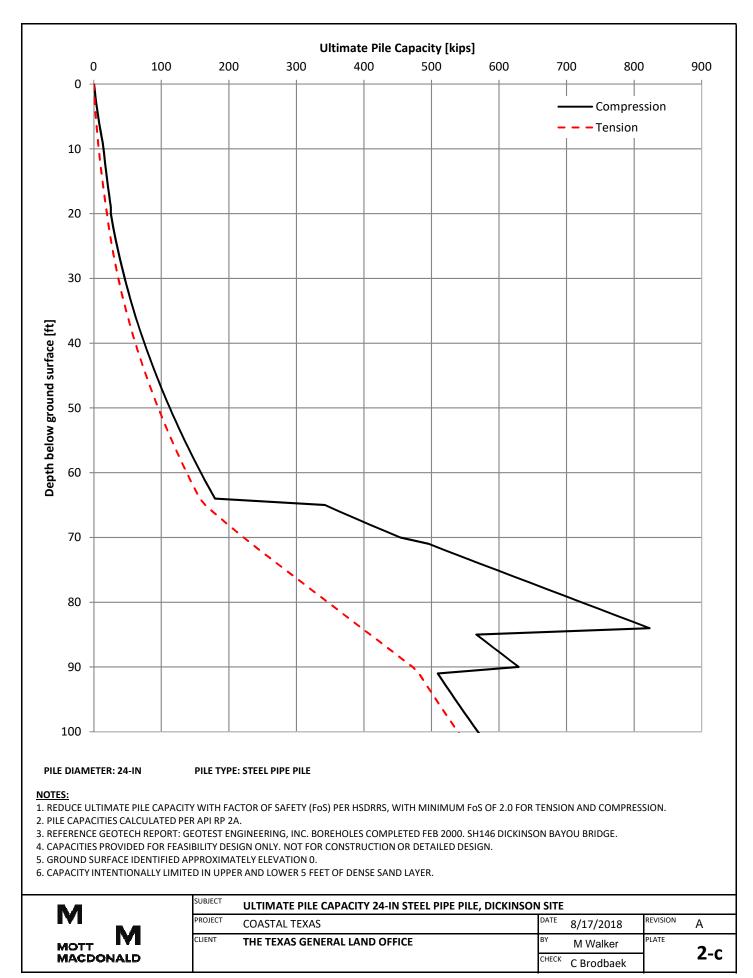


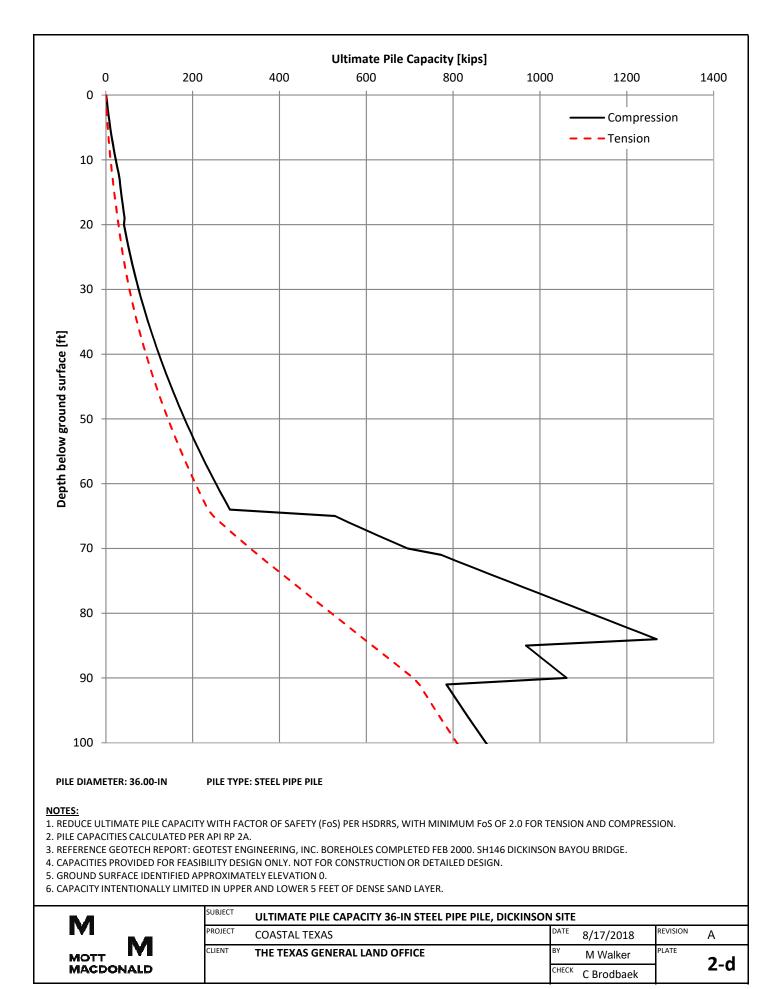
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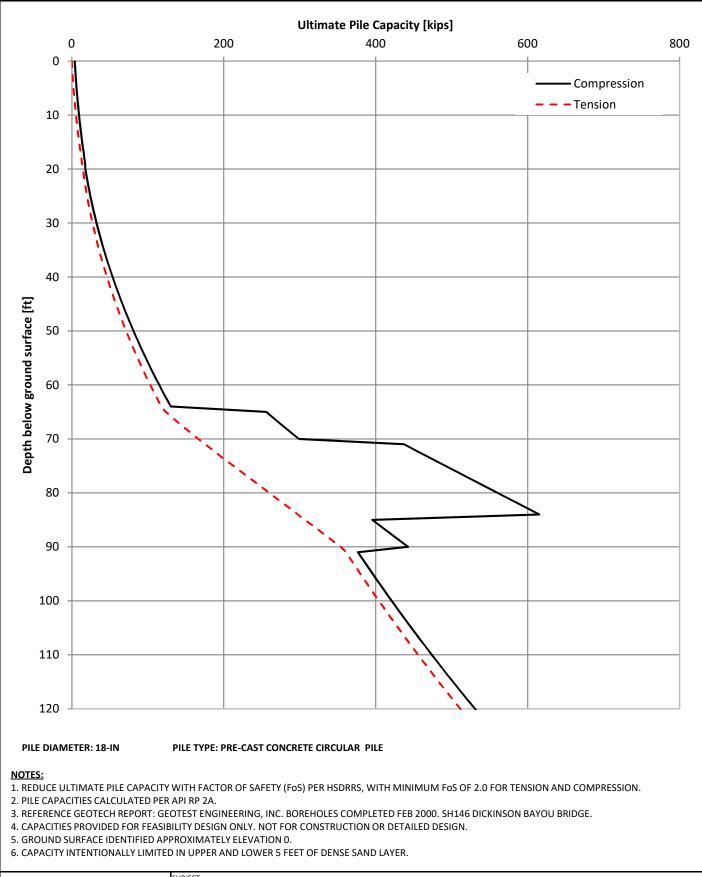




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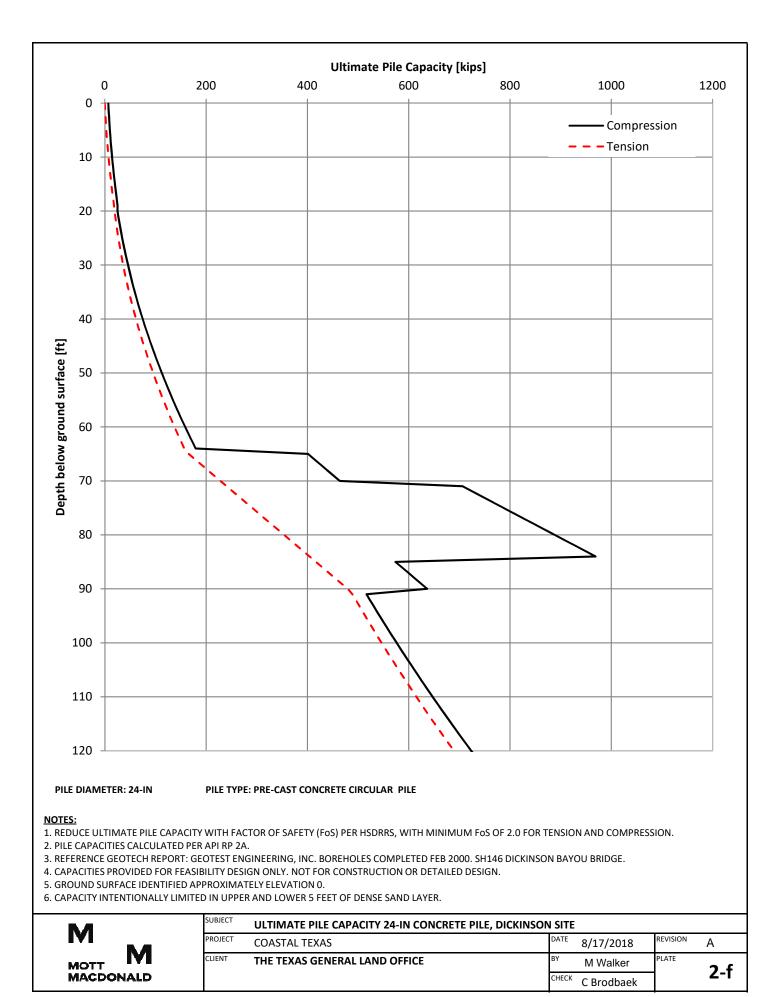


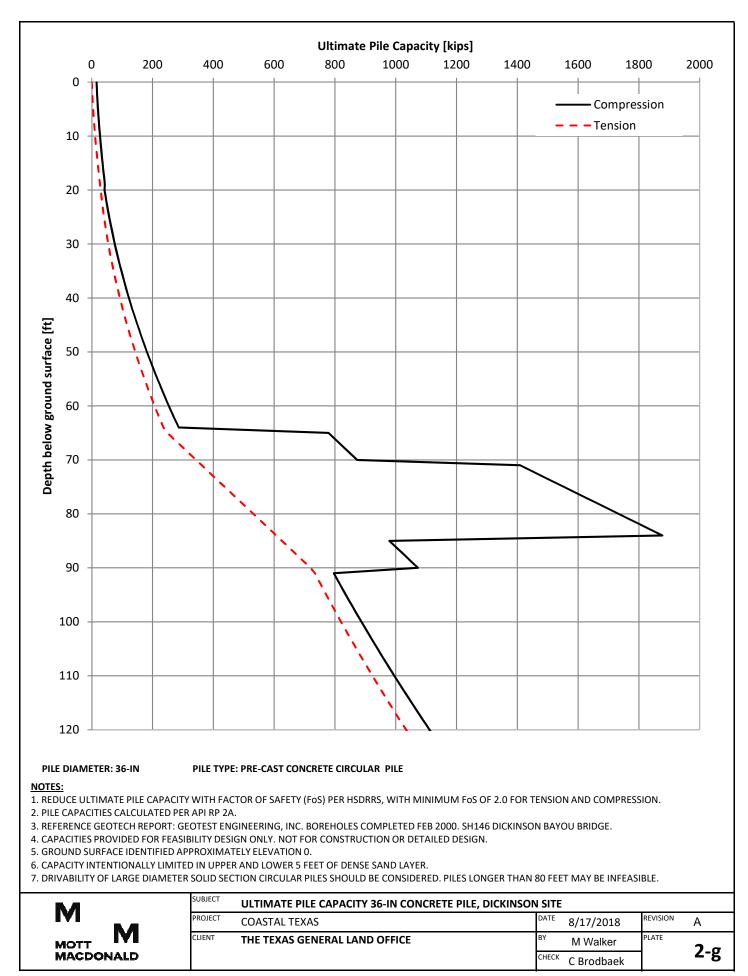


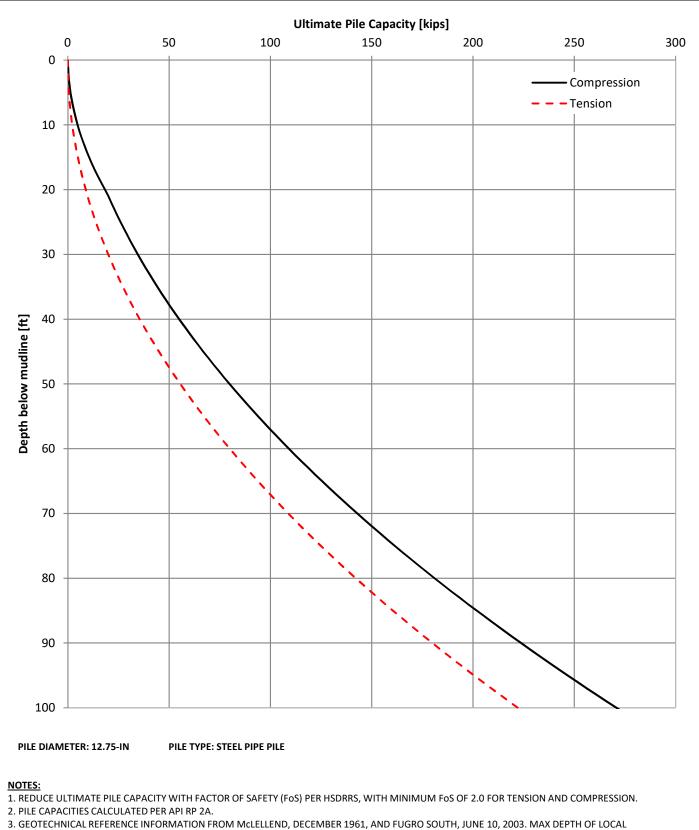


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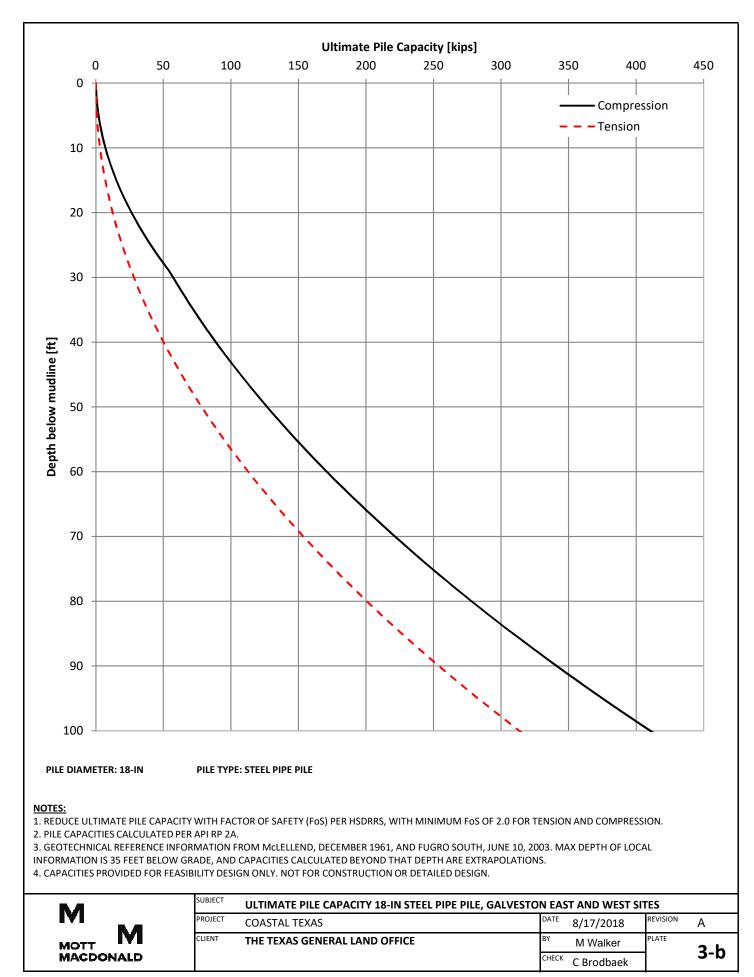


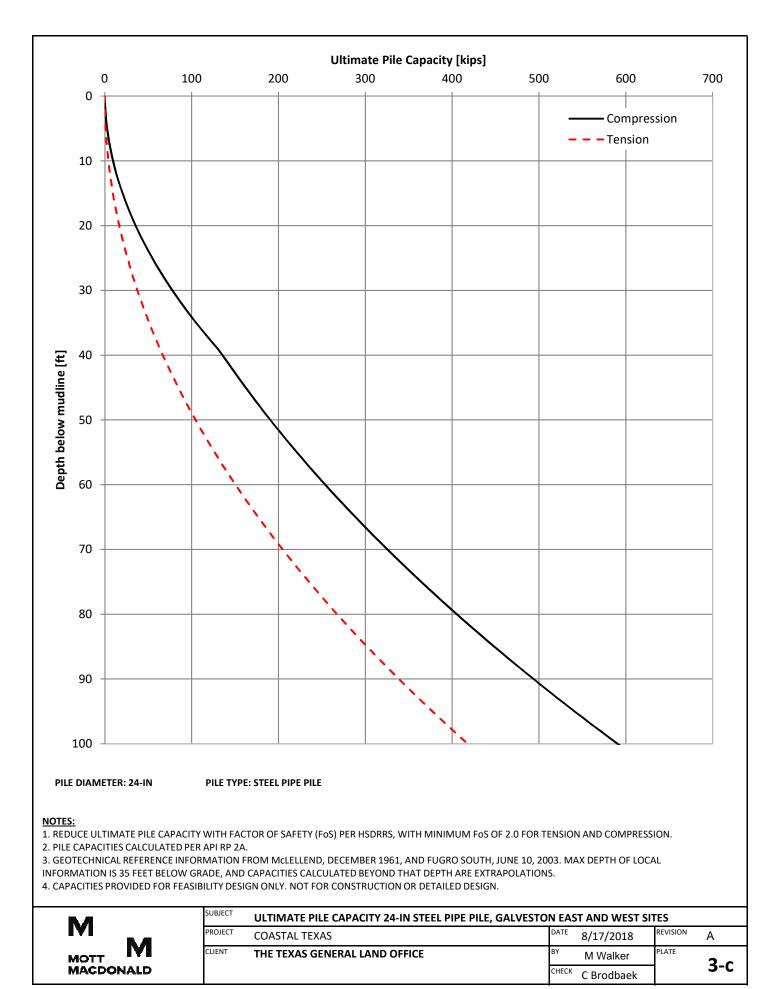
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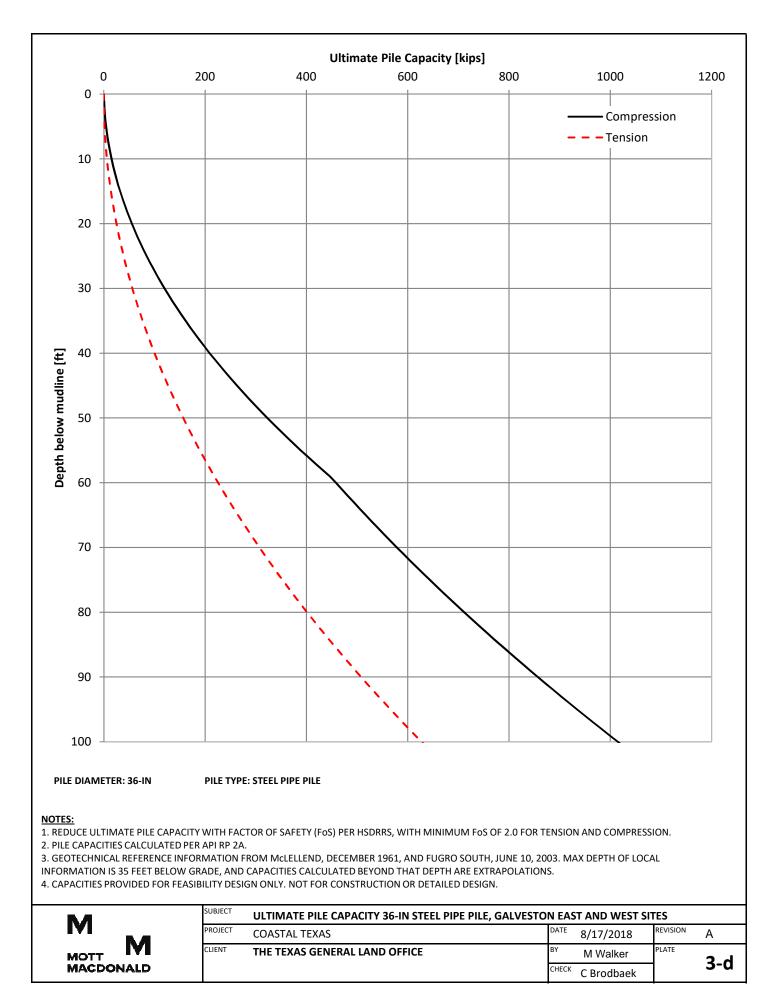
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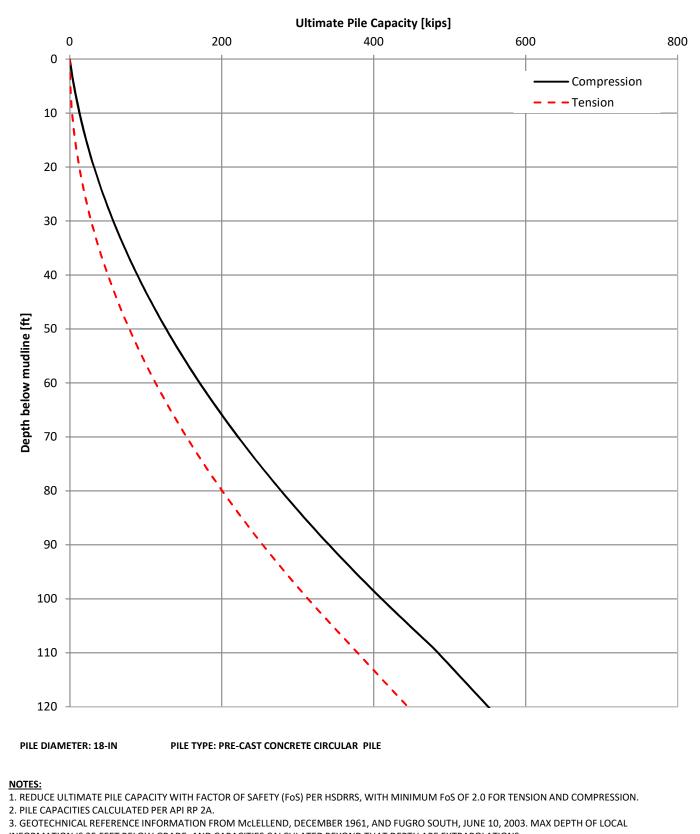


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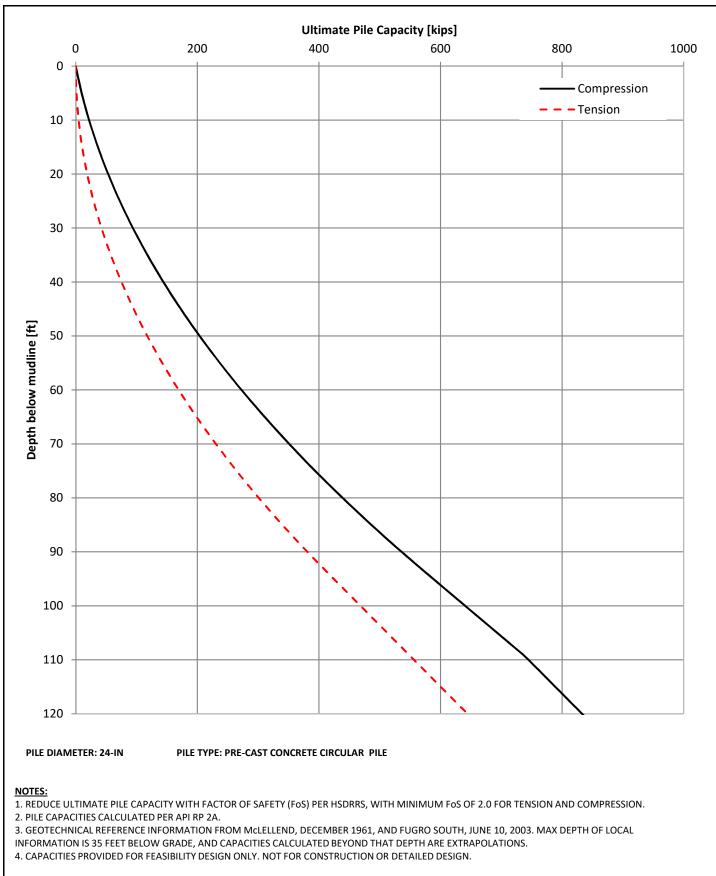
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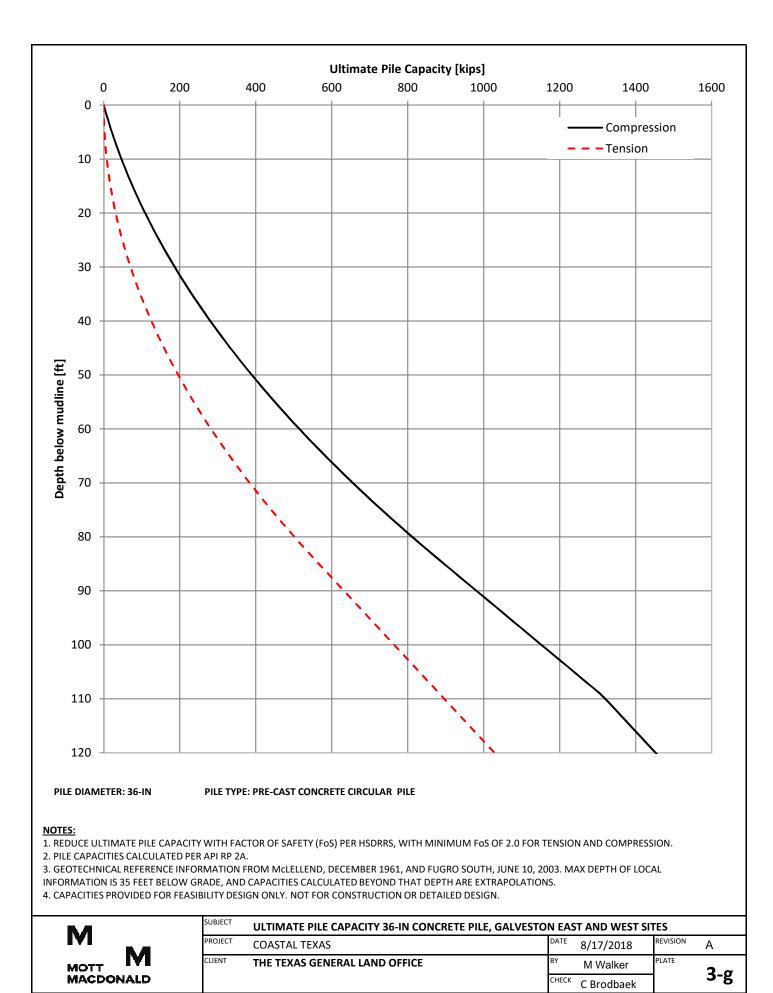
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B. Lateral Pile and SOE Analysis



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1 Purpose

The Tentatively Selected Plan for the Texas Coastal Protection and Restoration project calls for construction a coastal flood barrier along portions of Galveston Island and Bolivar Peninsula. This barrier is being designed to reduce risk of inundation from storm surge. This memorandum presents the results of lateral pile design calculations and provides those results as recommendations for feasibility-level design. Pile lateral capacities have been developed using available historical geotechnical data at the following locations:

- Clear Creek
- Dickinson Bayou
- City of Galveston Pump Stations (East and West)

This memorandum uses the same stratigraphic information developed for a similar feasibilitylevel analysis of axial pile capacities, published under separate cover. Additionally, this memorandum includes a cursory evaluation of the depth of support of excavation (SOE) that would be required to function as a cutoff for seepage flow, and provides recommendations for the lateral loads to be exerted on those walls.

2 Data Collection

2.1 Geotechnical Data

Mott MacDonald has compiled a GIS database of the available geotechnical information in the region of the proposed improvements. The historical geotechnical reports date from the 1950s through the early 2000s. Few cone penetration tests are available in the data, and soil sampling typically used standard penetration tests without hammer energy measurements. Some locations include geotechnical data to depths appropriate for design of foundations for the Coastal Texas project, but many are for shallow improvements such as roadways or low levees.

Geotechnical data to support foundation design would include boreholes with sampling at regular intervals or cone penetration tests extending below specified pile tip elevations.

2.1.1 Vertical Datums

The various sources use various datums for reference. Some refer to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD29), North American Vertical Datum (NAVD88), or simply depth below mudline. During subsequent phases of the project, these datums should be reconciled.

2.1.2 Borings

The available data for four flood protection and pump station sites have been evaluated: Clear Creek, Dickinson Bayou, Galveston East, and Galveston West. The data available for each site are described in Table 1 below. See the references section of this memorandum for details regarding each report. Generally, only the Clear Creek and Dickinson geotechnical conditions are well characterized for the purposes of feasibility level lateral pile capacity estimates.

Site Name	Geotechnical Data	Reference
Clear Creek	Site-specific boreholes to 75 feet below onshore grade.	McBride-Ratcliff and Associates (1982)
Clear Creek	Site-specific boreholes to 90 feet below onshore grade.	McBride-Ratcliff and Associates (1985)
Clear Creek	Site-specific boreholes to -80 feet, NGVD. Stratigraphy and unconfined compression strength.	USACE (1987)
Dickinson Bayou	Boreholes to approximately 20 feet below grade located greater than 2,500 feet away. No SPT N values.	USACE (1962)
Dickinson Bayou	Site specific boreholes for SH146 Bridge over Dickinson Bayou.	Geotest Engineering (2000)
Galveston West	Site-specific boreholes to 27.5 feet depth below mudline.	USACE (1958)
Galveston East	Site-specific boreholes to 35 feet depth below nearby site grade.	Fugro South (2003)
Galveston East	Boreholes to 5 feet below nearby site grade approximately 1,500 feet to the south. Generally not relevant for this study.	McLellend Engineers (1961)

Table 1: Source Geotechnical Information for Site.

2.1.3 Soil Samples

The soil sampling documented in the historical geotechnical reports comprises standard penetration tests (SPT), which yield generally disturbed samples not appropriate for advanced laboratory testing and strength characterization. For the Clear Creek site, the USACE (1987) work included unconfined compression test profiles. This profile indicates a relatively weak (unconfined compressive strength values between 400 and 800 psf), near-surface clay layer overlying stiff to very stiff clays (unconfined compressive strength values between 1,200 and 3,000 psf).

For locations with geotechnical investigation information that did not reach sufficient depth, the conditions documented in the available data were extended for the analysis. For instance, the generally sandy profiles at Galveston east and west sites are extrapolated from data extending only to about 35 feet. Data at Clear Creek and Dickinson Bayou extend to approximately 100 feet.

2.2 Bathymetry and Topography

Generally, the available geotechnical data were collected referencing the onshore ground surface, NGVD29 vertical datum, or the mudline. A generalized stratigraphy has been developed at each location for depth below surface grade or mudline and does not consider depth of water above.

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3 Geotechnical Design Parameter Development

Soil profiles have been developed for axial capacity evaluations. Inputs to the pile capacity calculations include soil strength (either undrained shear strength, s_u, or friction angle, φ), unit weight (γ), and lateral soil stiffness parameters. For this feasibility level evaluation, the suggested values provided by ENSOFT in the Technical Manual for LPile 2015 (2015) have been used with adjustments based on soil type and strength results. With additional geotechnical investigation, including cone penetration tests, it may be possible to refine these values.

At the Clear Creek site, the available historical geotechnical information is sufficiently detailed to support a refinement of a typically clay profile with a sand layer. Dickinson has a similar clay profile with a sandy soil layer. The local available data show the sand layer to be dense to very dense and of sufficient thickness to provide a bearing layer for axial pile capacity. This has been incorporated in the Clear Creek soil model for lateral pile analysis.

At the Galveston Pump Station sites (East and West), the available geotechnical information extends to a maximum depth of 35 feet below grade, and shows a profile comprising silty sand. To derive axial pile capacity values beyond that depth, the stratum was assumed to extend to 100 feet. This model has been applied to the lateral pile analysis. Only with further geotechnical data (collected in later project phases or identifying other historical sources) can this estimate be refined.

The resulting lateral pile capacity (shear), moments developed in the piles, and resulting displacements assume the load is applied at the pile head and the pile head is at the soil surface. Thus, if the piles are immersed or extend above the mudline to support the superstructure, the cantilevered rotation and displacement will be larger. No scour has been incorporated into the soil model. These results should be used solely to develop feasibility level design and concept verification. The capacities presented are "ultimate" and should be factored down by a Factor of Safety in accordance with the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System Design Guidelines (HSDRRS, USACE 2012), or other governing design criteria as appropriate. For groups of piles, the use of ENSOFT GROUP can be used with the soil parameters presented in the tables below. GROUP would be used to identify the reductions in pile lateral capacities for shadowing effects caused by rows of piles.

Pile capacities have been developed for the pile types identified in Table 2. The stratigraphic models are described in subsequent sections. The results of the analyses are attached to this memorandum for these piles pushed in free head conditions to 0.25 inches, 0.5 inches, 1.0 inches, and 2.0 inches.

Pile Types	Structural Properties	Pile Sizes
12-inch dia. steel pipe	E = 30,000ksi, Fy = 50ksi	12.75-inch OD, 3/8-inch thickness
24-inch dia. steel pipe	E = 30,000ksi, Fy = 50ksi	24-inch OD (nominal) 1/2-inch thickness
24-inch dia. concrete	F'c = 4,000psi, 2% steel, 3-inches concrete cover	24-inch outside diameter, round

Table 2: Pile Types Used for Lateral Pile Calculations

3.1 Clear Creek

The Clear Creek soil profile is described in Table 3 below. The soil profile has been developed from information found in McBride-Ratcliff (1982), McBride-Ratcliff (1985), and USACE (1987).

Layer Depth (ft)	Soil Type	Su (psf) ¹	φ (°)	$\gamma^{\prime 1}$ (pcf) ²	LPile Soil Type	k (pci)	E 50
0-45	Soft Clay	0.22*♂ _{v0} ' (225)		45	Stiff Clay w/ Free Water	300	0.02
45-59	Stiff Clay	1500		45	Stiff Clay w/ Free Water	500	0.02
59-100	Very Dense Sand		36	65	Reese Sand	50	

Table 3: LPile Soil Profile for Clear Creek Site

Notes:

¹For a shear strength varying with depth, an average value was calculated using $(\sigma_{v0})^*(\gamma)$ at the midpoint of the layer. The average value is reported in parentheses.

² Effective Unit Weight is denoted by γ'

3.2 Dickinson Bayou

The Dickinson Bayou soil profile is described in Table 4 below. The soil profile has been developed from geotechnical borehole logs completed for the design of the State Highway 146 Bridge over Dickinson Bayou dated February and March 2000, by Geotest Engineering, Inc. The logs, profile, and location portions of the report were provided on August 10, 2018, as the result of an information request made to the Texas Department of Transportation.

Layer Depth (ft)	Soil Type	Su (psf) ¹	φ (°)	$\gamma^{\prime 1}$ (pcf) ²	LPile Soil Type	k (pci)	E 50
0-20	Soft Clay	250		45	Stiff Clay w/ Free Water	250	0.02
20-65	Stiff Clay	0.242*♂ _{v0} ' (460)		45	Stiff Clay w/ Free Water	400	0.02
65-75	Very Dense Sand		36	65	Reese Sand	50	
75-85	Very Dense Sand		36	65	Reese Sand	50	
85-90	Very Dense Sand		36	65	Reese Sand	50	
90-100	Stiff Clay	0.22*σ _{ν0} ' (1050)		45	Stiff Clay w/ Free Water	500	0.01

Table 4: Interpreted Soil Profile for Dickinson Site

Notes:

¹For a shear strength varying with depth, an average value was calculated using $(\sigma_{v0})^*(\gamma')$ at the midpoint of the layer. The average value is reported in parentheses.

² Effective Unit Weight is denoted by γ'

3.3 Galveston Pump Station Locations

The Galveston Island soil profile is described in Table 5 below. The soil profile has been developed from geotechnical borehole logs by McLellend Engineers (1961) and Fugro South (2003). The references do not include data deeper than 35 feet below site grades at the time of investigation, so the soil conditions have been extrapolated to depths. Both references indicate

a relatively sandy profile. The assumed soil profile must be validated by site-specific geotechnical investigation, which should extend to depths beyond estimated pile toe elevations.

Table 5: Interpreted Soil Profile for Galveston Sites

Layer Depth (ft)	Soil Type	Su (psf)	φ (°)	γ^{\prime^1} (pcf) ²	LPile Soil Type	k (pci)	8 50
0-100	Loose- to Medium-Dense Silty Sand		30	55	Reese Sand	20	
Notes: ¹ Effective Uni	t Weight is denoted by	γ '					

4 Shoring Recommendations

Feasibility-level analyses were performed for a sand and clay profile in order to evaluate approximate minimum depth of embedment to form a water seepage cut-off. The objective of the analysis was to identify the depth of embedment required to reduce the seepage head (i) below the critical exit gradient (icrit). With i/icrit less than unity, the bottom of excavation is anticipated to be stable from seepage. The volume of seepage may still require dewatering systems, particularly for the sandy soil profile at the Galveston sites. At this stage of design and with the limited available geotechnical information, determination of groundwater flow volumes is premature, but should be considered once excavation geometry is finalized. Using simplified manual flow net procedures, assumed permeability values, and simplified geometry, we have estimated the depth of embedment to lower the exit gradient below the critical exit gradient.

The Rankine lateral pressures acting on anticipated temporary SOE have also been calculated. The resulting active pressures assume that the walls will be free to rotate sufficiently to mobilize the active condition. Internal bracing may alter these loads and would need to be evaluated during later stages of design. The results from the feasibility-level analyses for shoring recommendations are presented in Table 6.

Embedment Depth for Flow Net Analysis	Active Below GWT (psf/foot)	Active Above GWT (psf/foot)	Passive* Below GWT (psf/foot)	Passive* Above GWT (psf/foot)
30 ft	80	40	225	350
30 ft	85	55	155	220
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Table 6: Shoring Embedment and Lateral Pressure Recommendations

Notes:

Assumed excavation depth is 35 feet below surrounding site grades.

Assumed excavation with is 100 feet for purposes of developing the flow net.

*Neglect the first two feet of embedment for passive pressure development.

GWT = groundwater table. For the calculation of lateral loads, this can be assumed to be equivalent to the mean higher high water determined locally.

5 Conclusions

Lateral pile analyses have been developed from available geotechnical data for the planned sites in Galveston County, Texas. Lateral loads on temporary SOE have been estimated, and the

For the Clear Lake Pump Station site and Dickinson Bayou site, sufficient geotechnical data are available to develop stratigraphy that would support a concept level design estimate of pile lateral capacities. At Galveston sites the available data are more sparse, and actual ground conditions may vary considerable once detailed soils investigations are performed.

Steel pipe piles may require additional thickness for corrosivity in saline environments. The lateral pile capacities provided have considered nominal wall thicknesses only, and are not reduced for corrosion section loss.

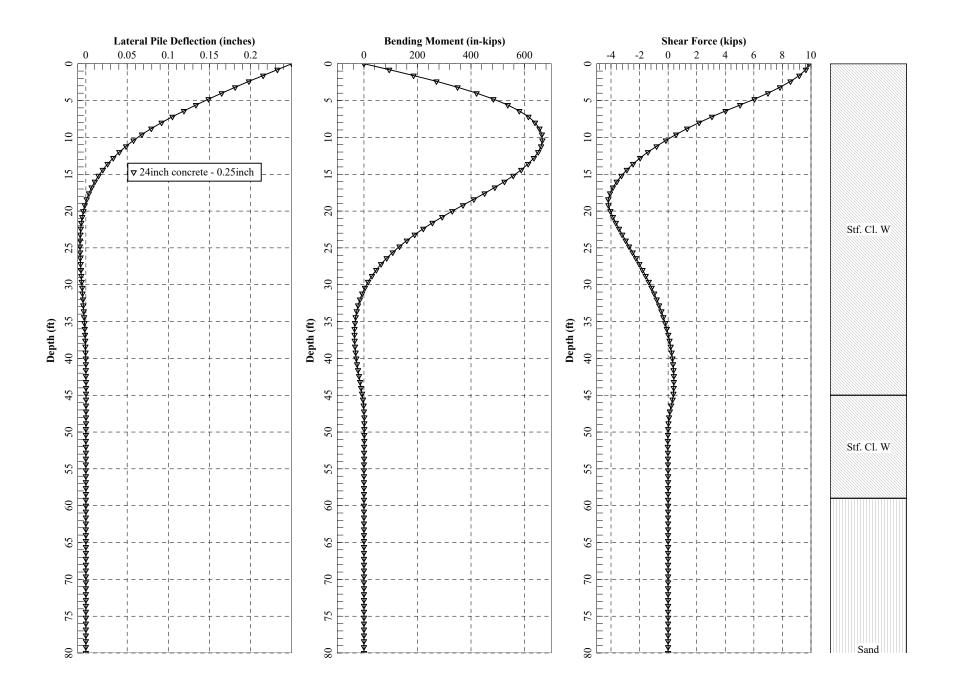
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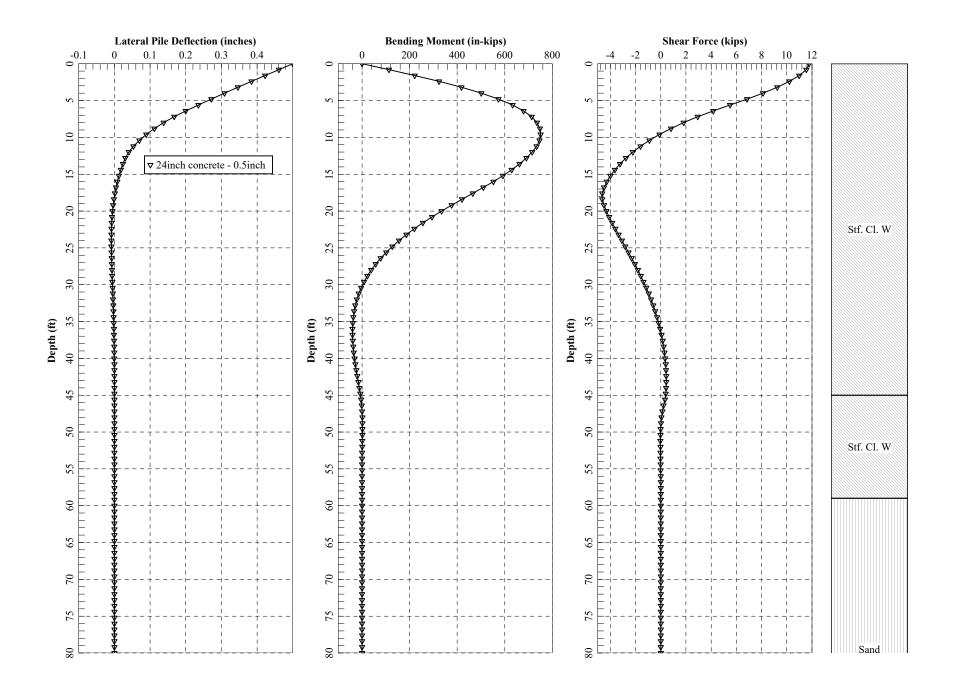
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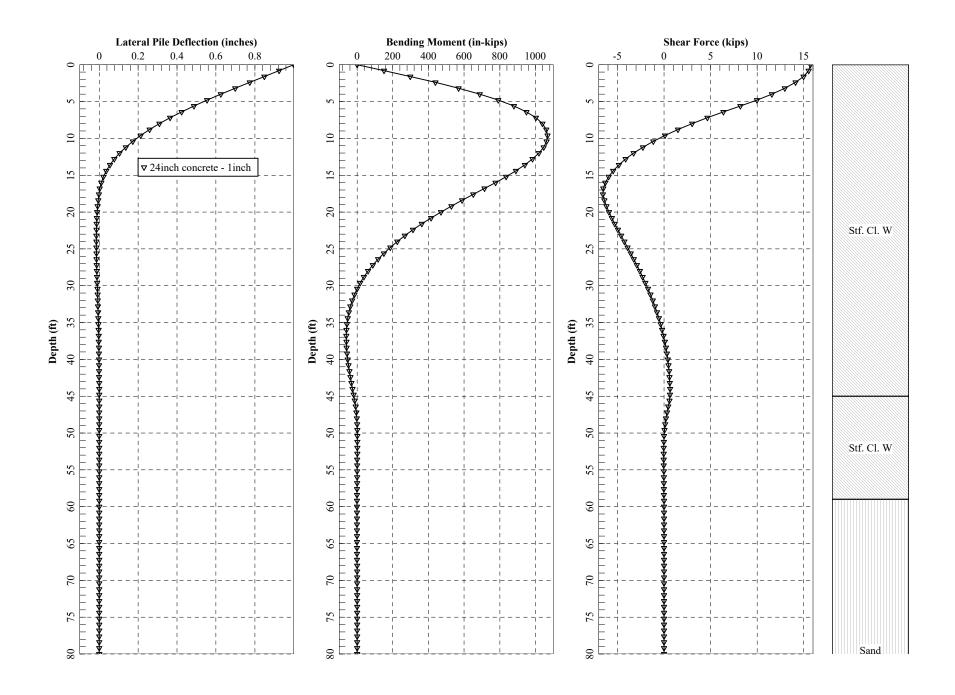
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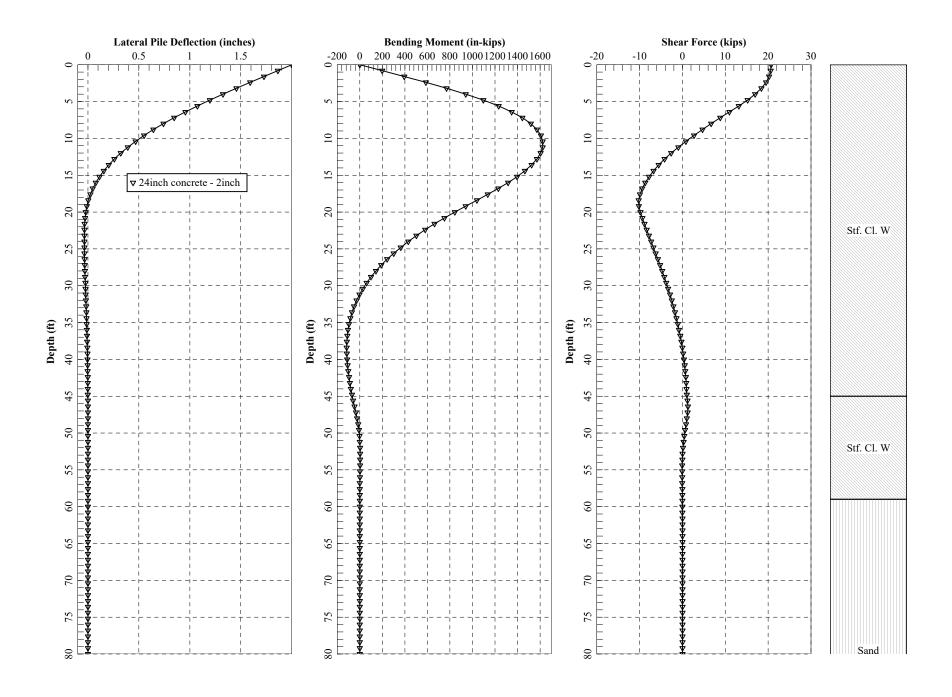
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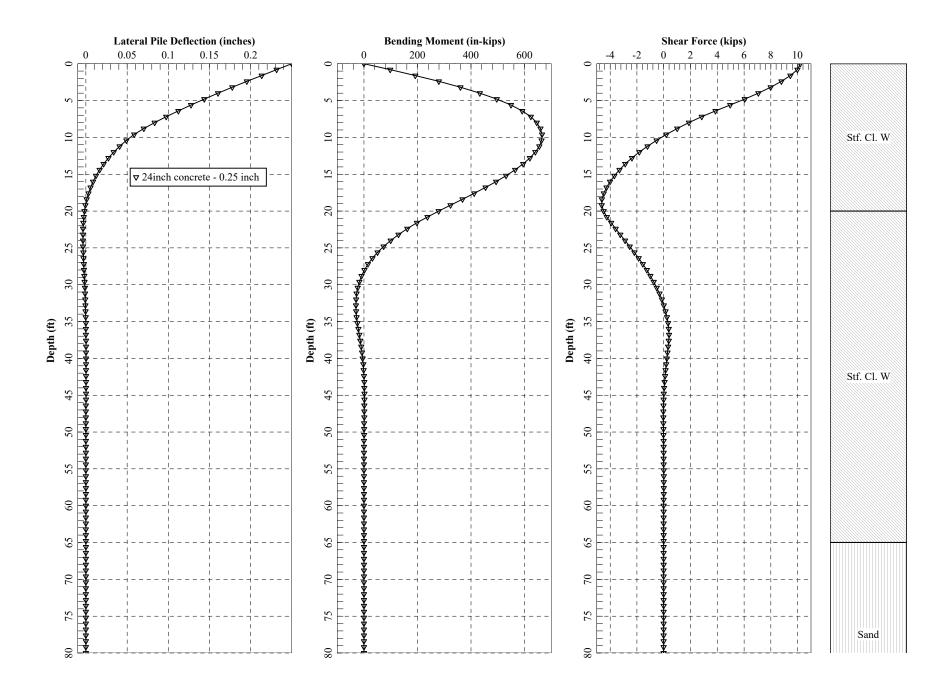


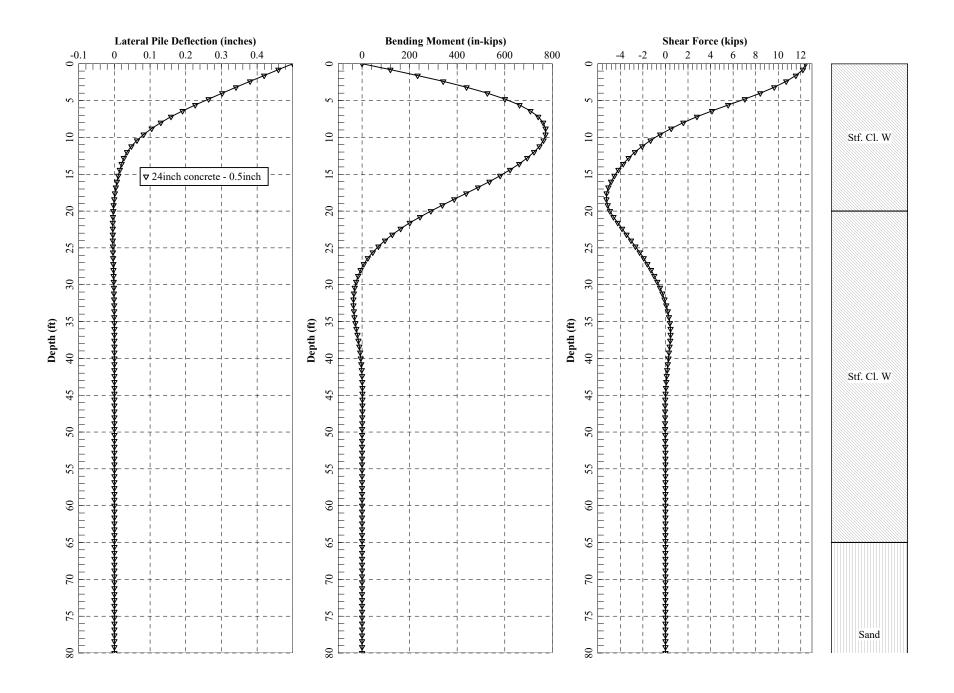


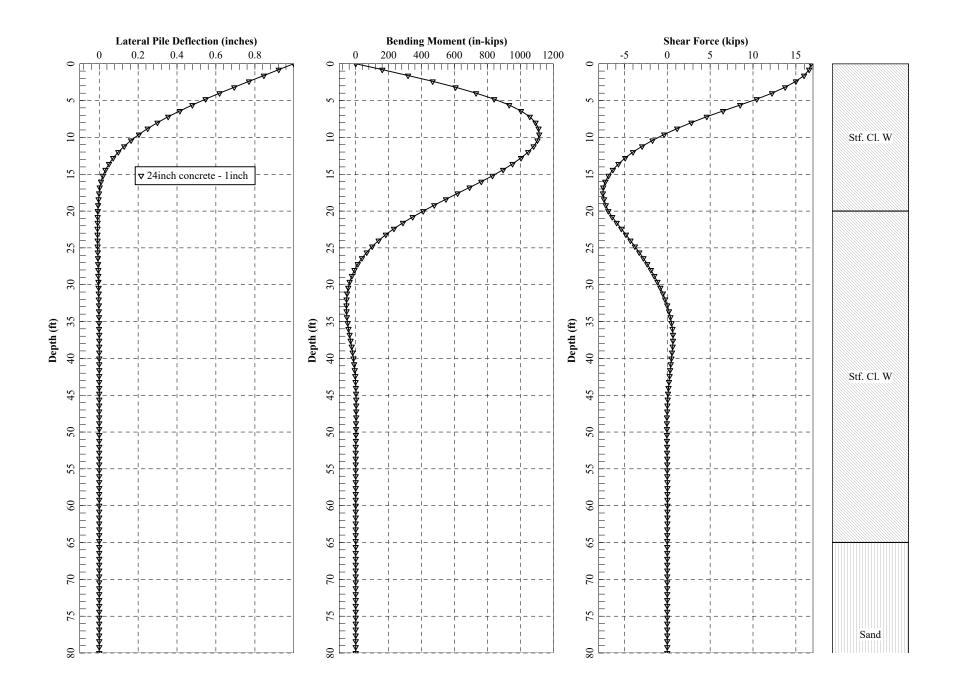
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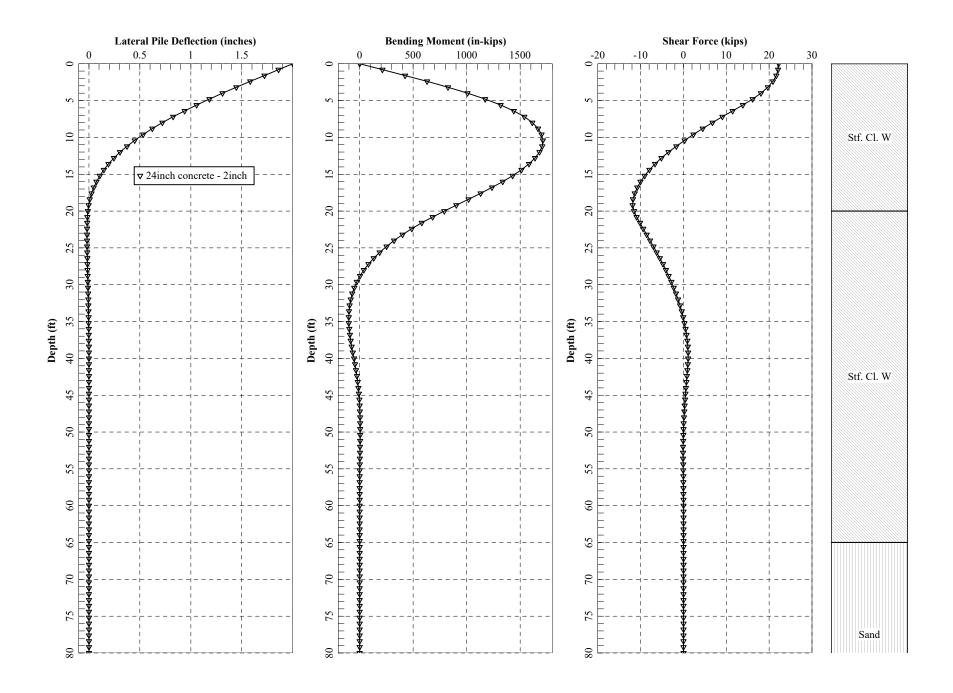
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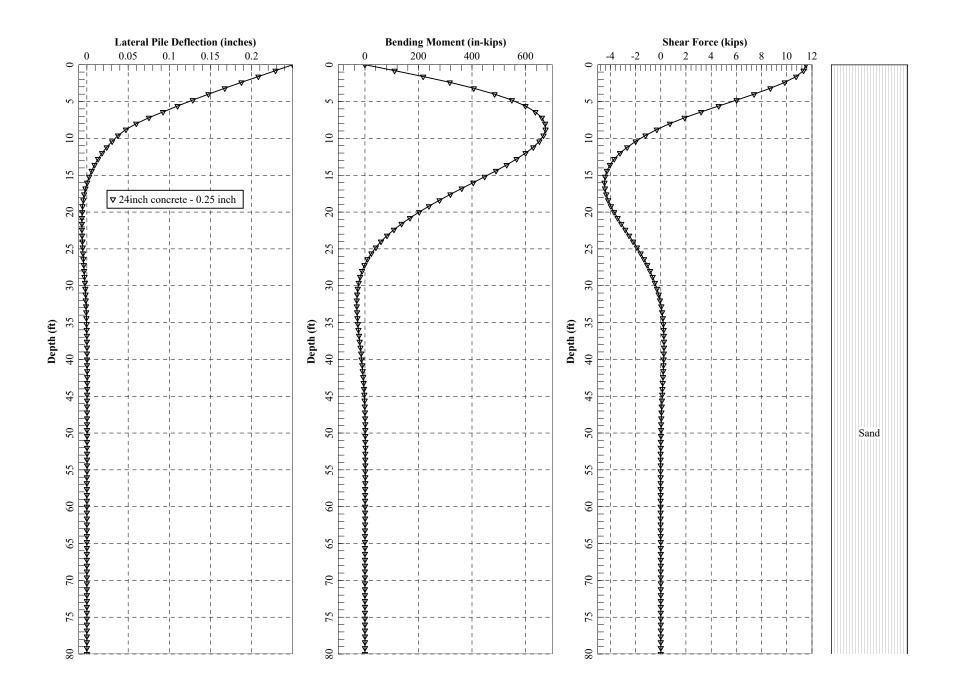


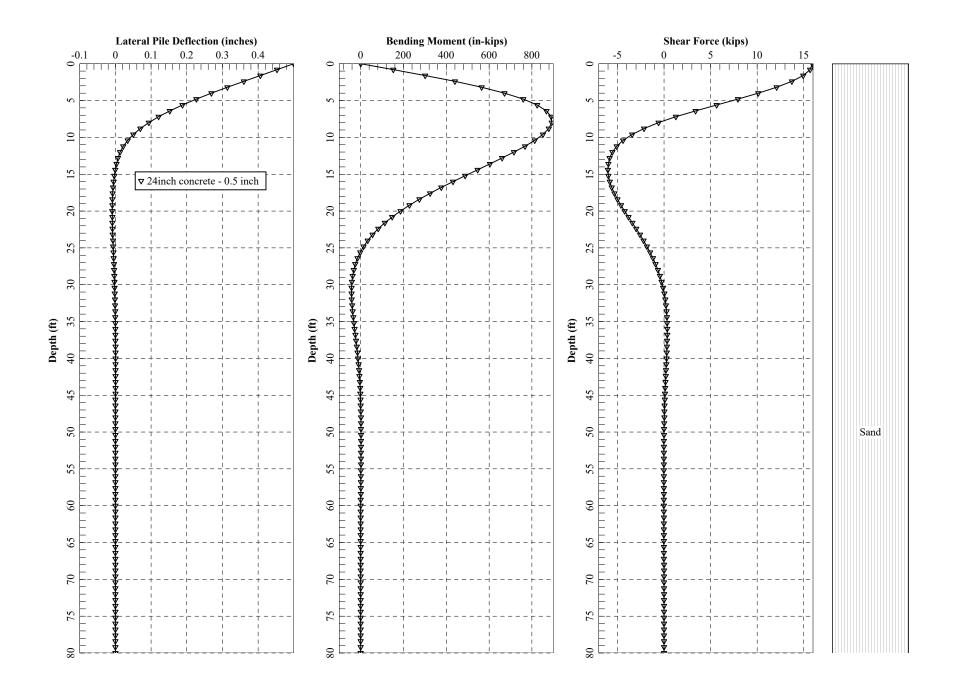


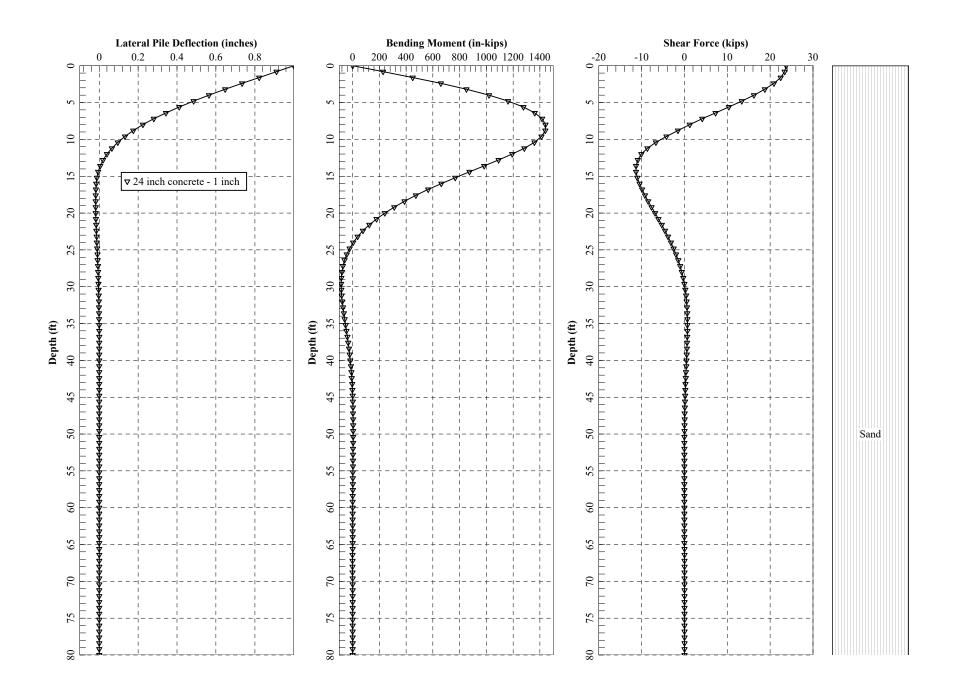
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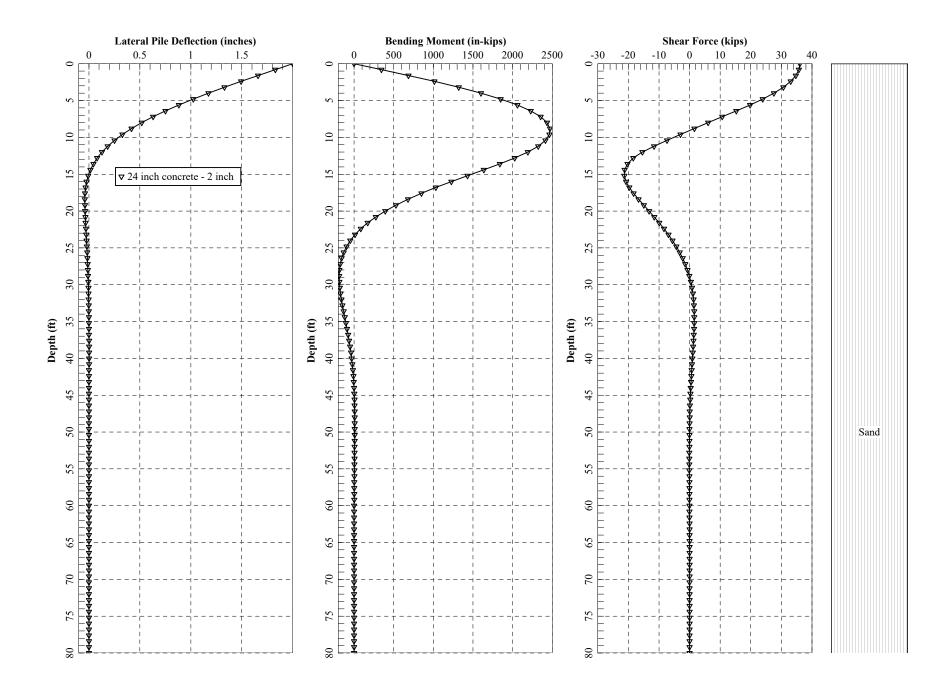
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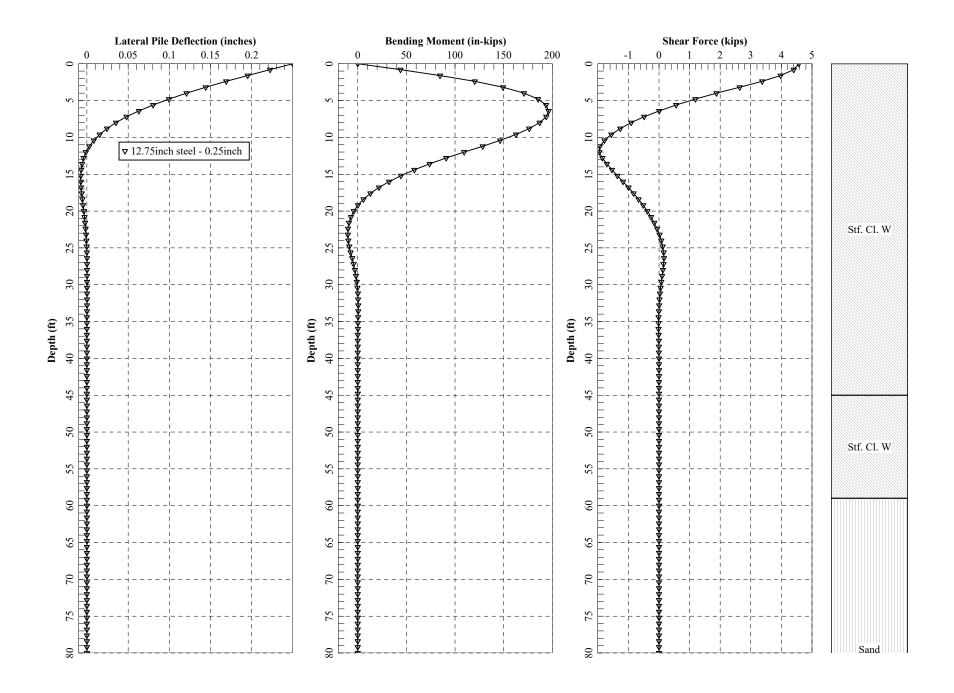


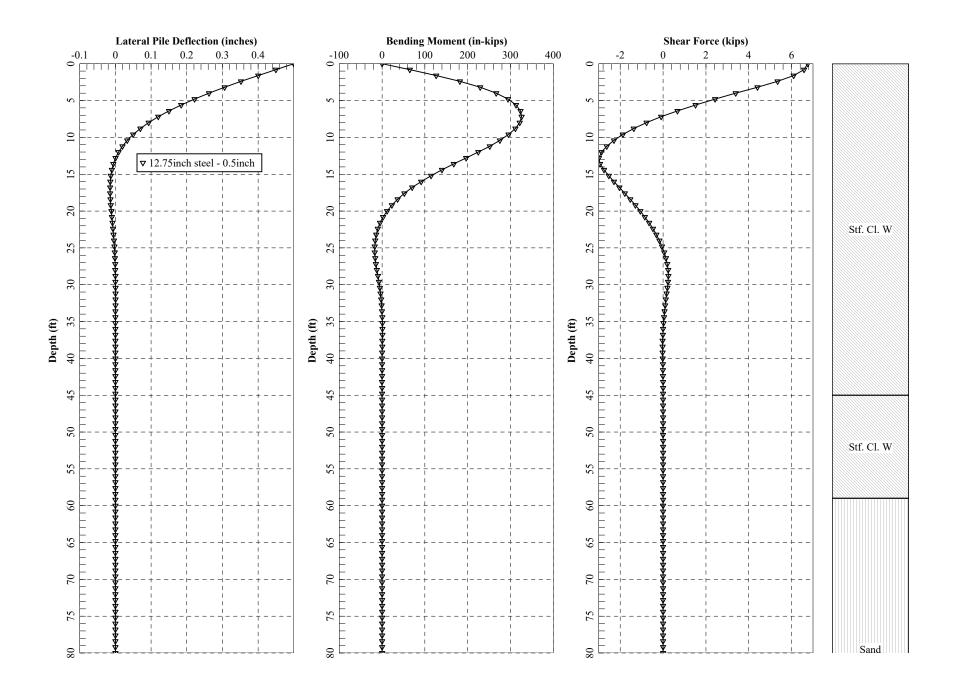


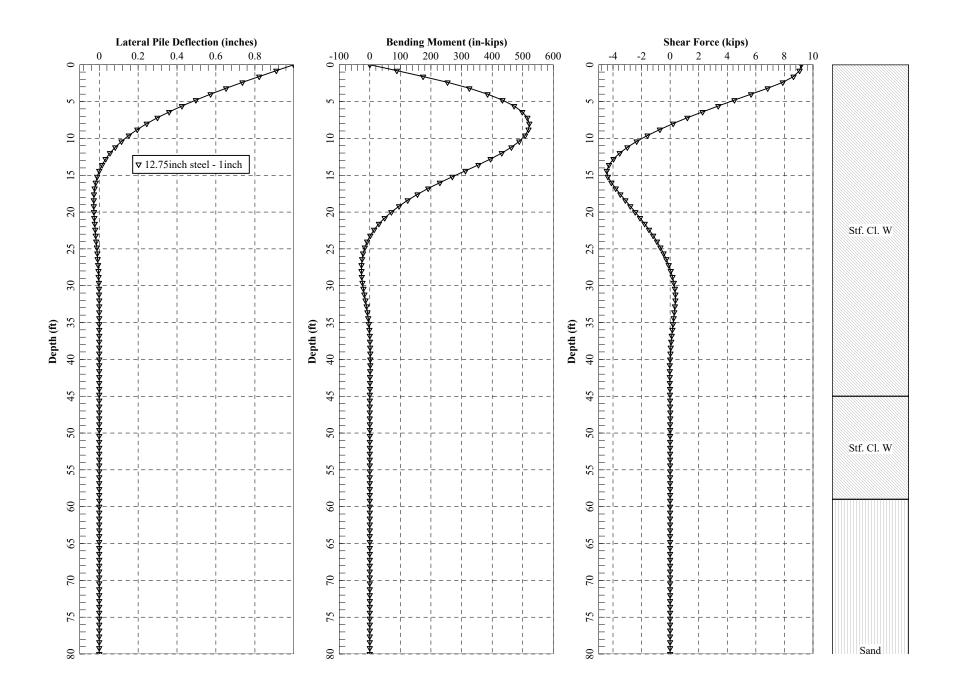


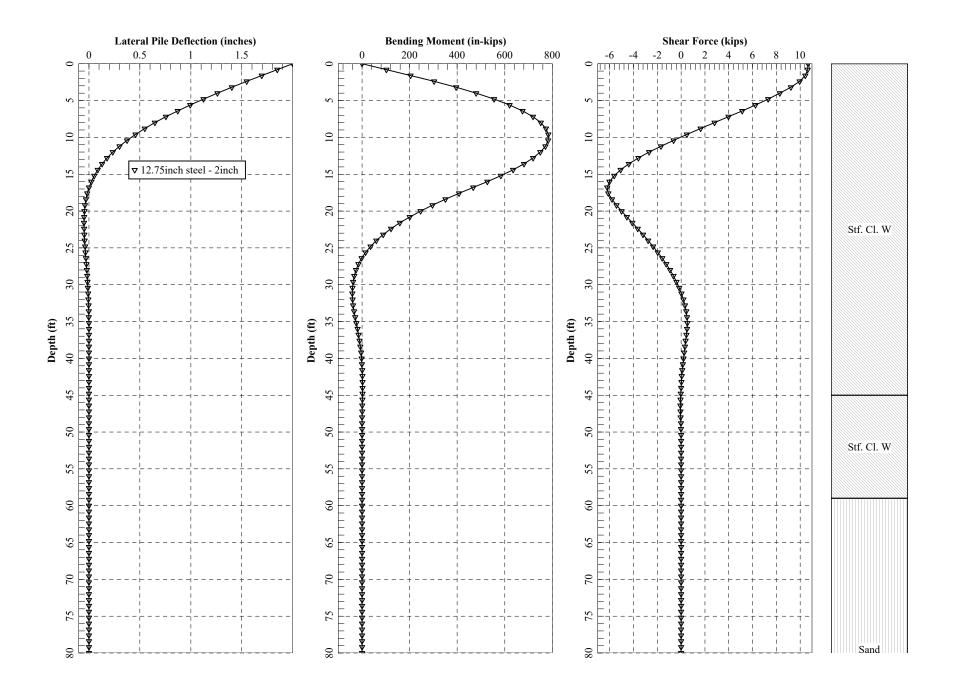
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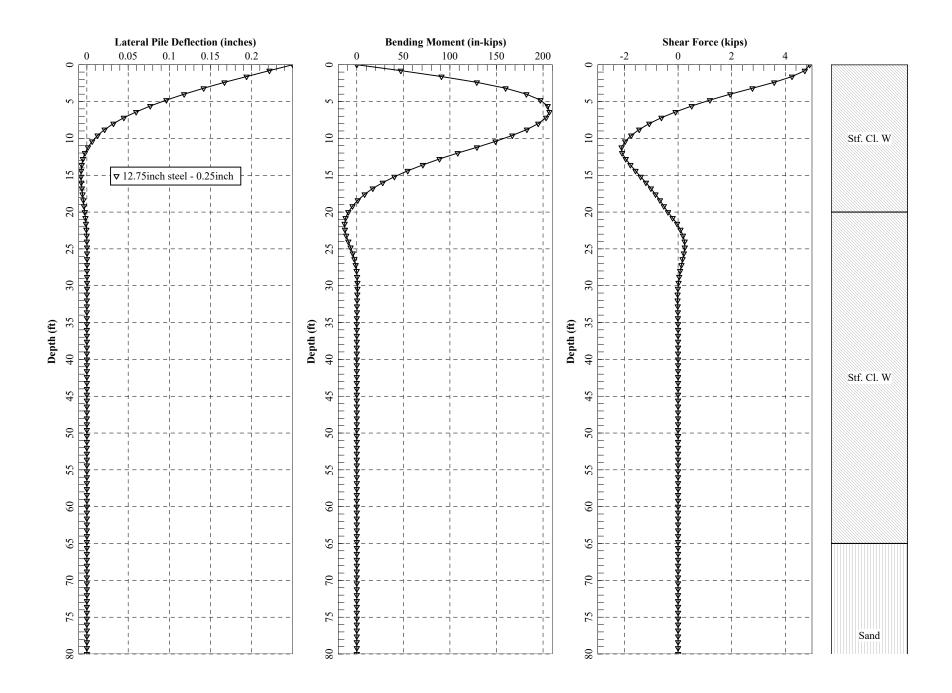


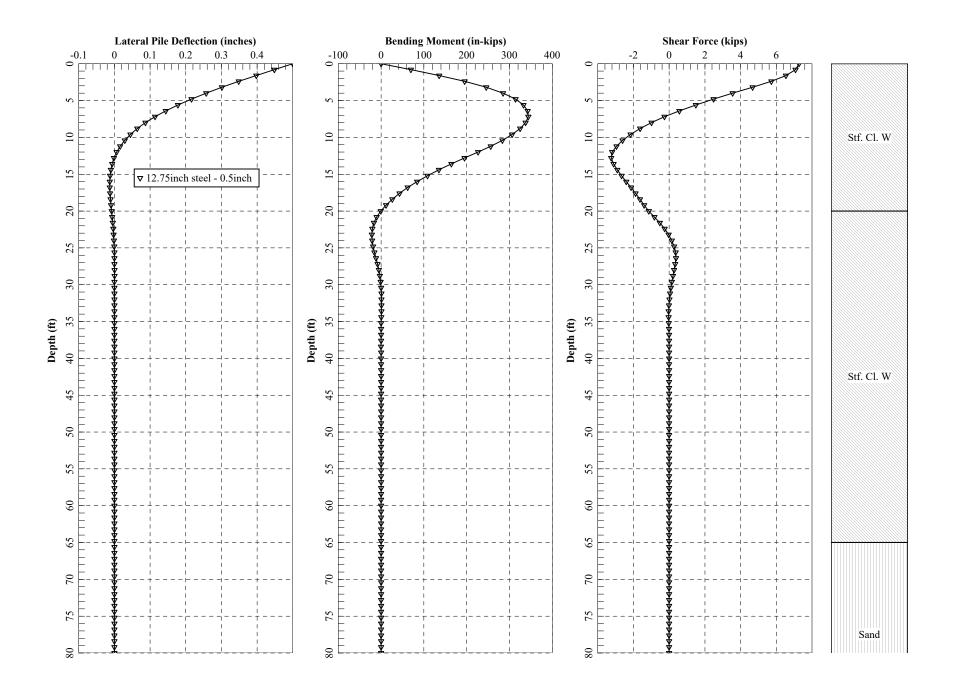


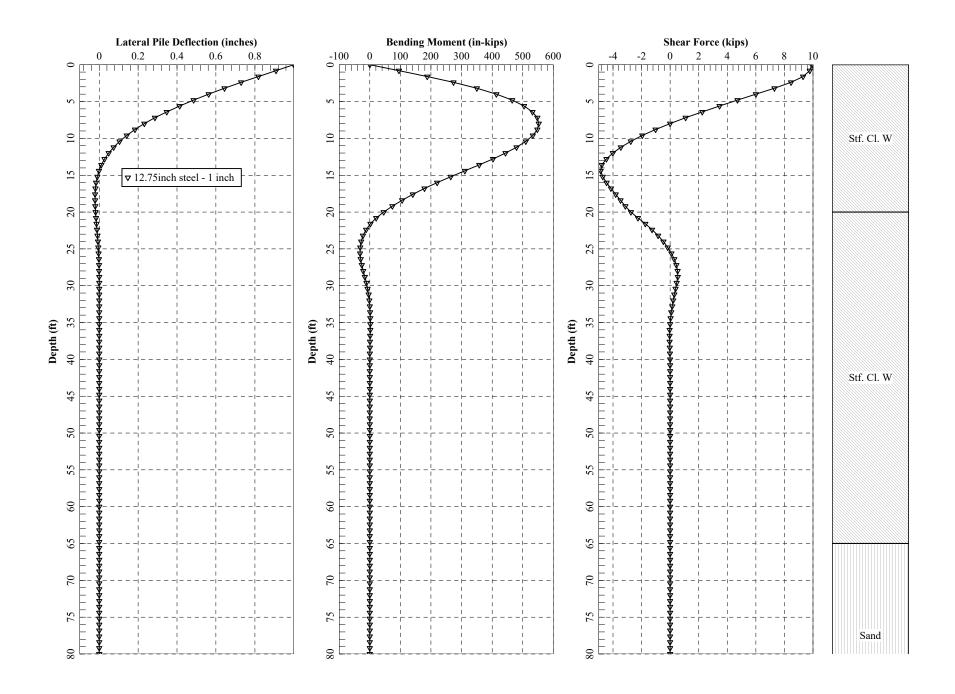


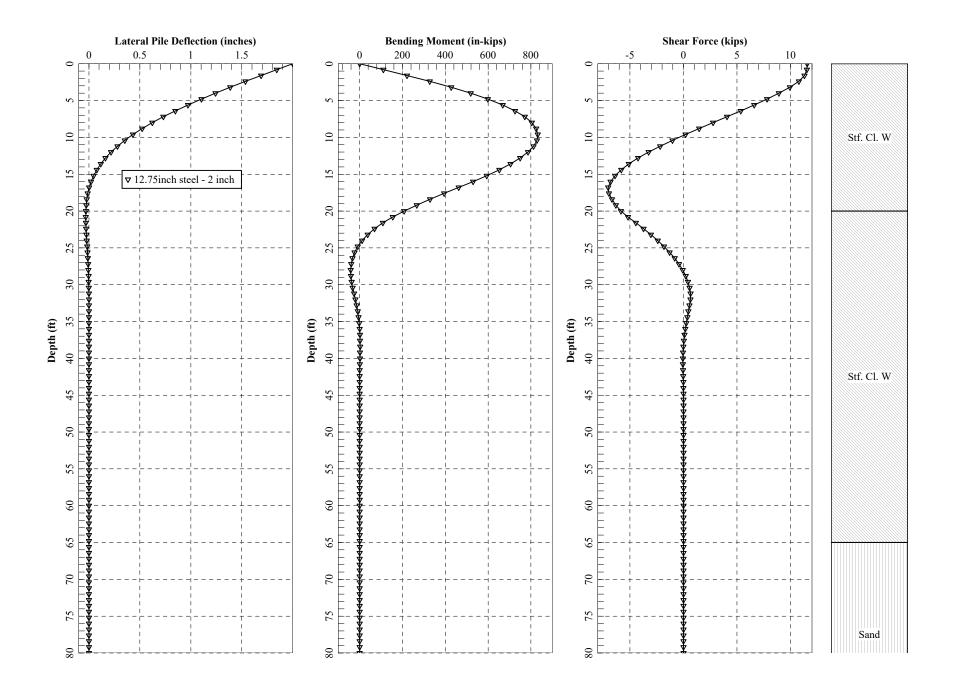
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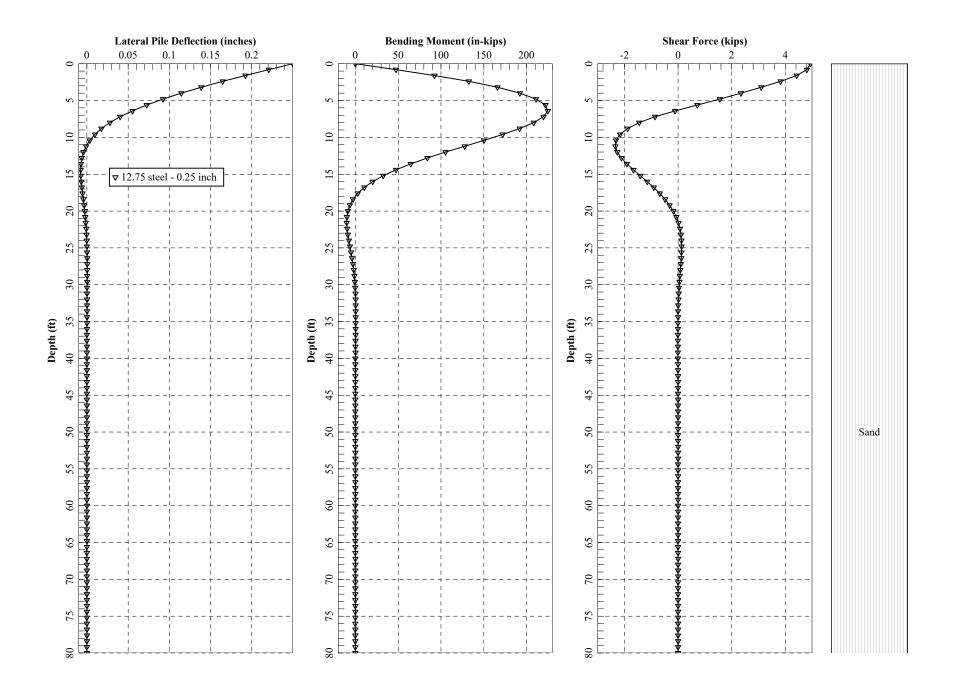


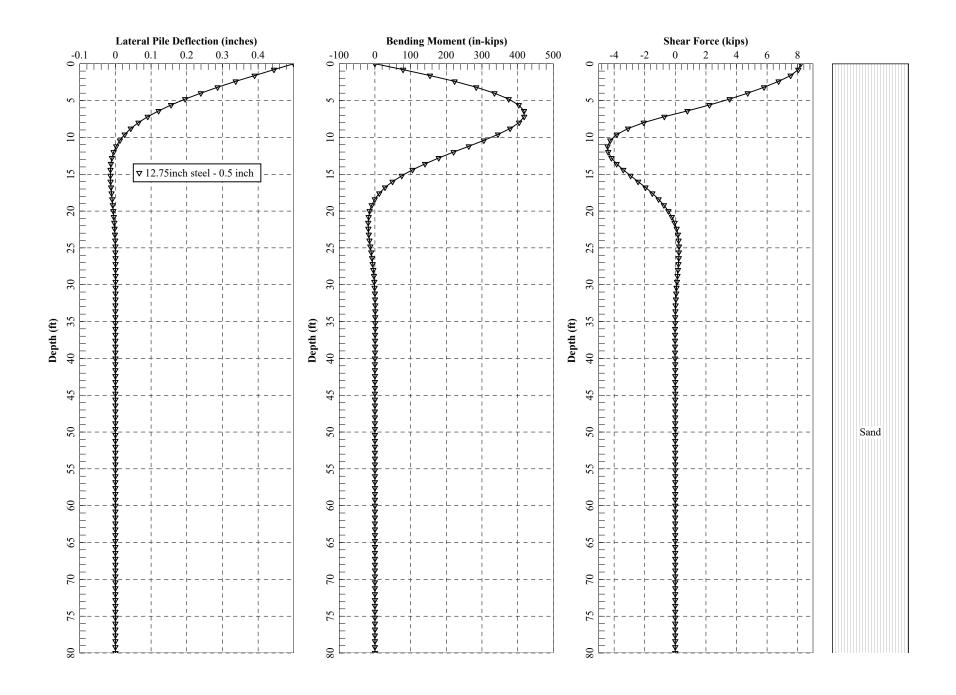


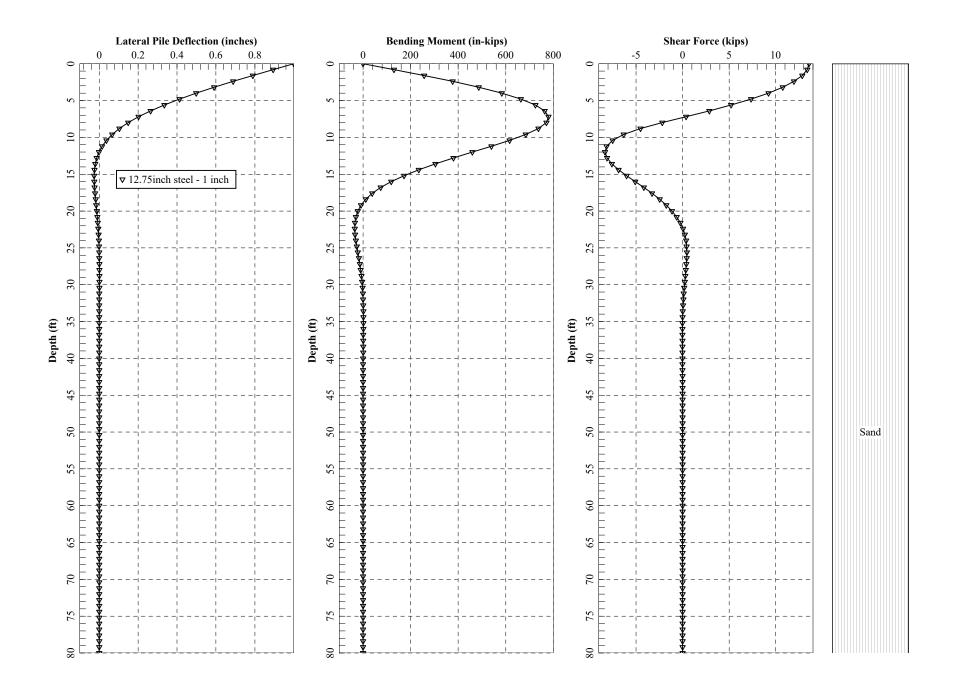


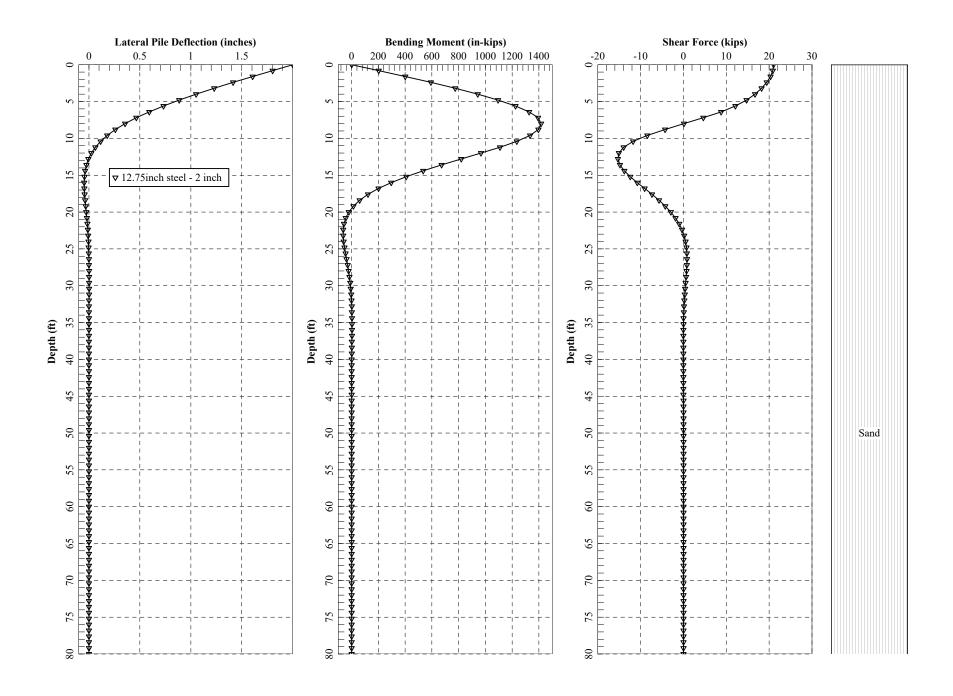
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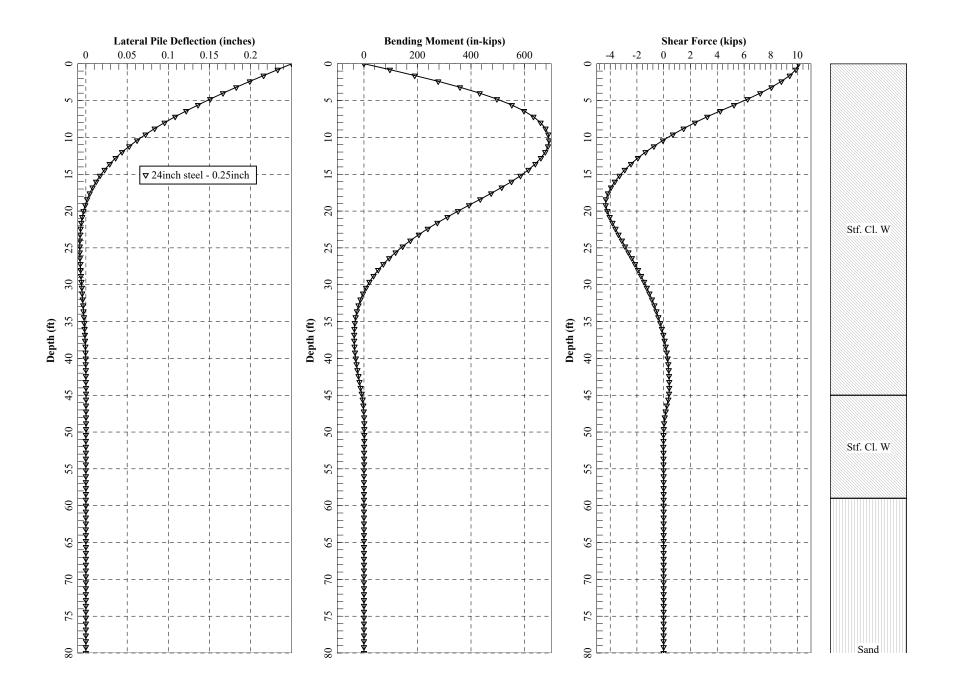


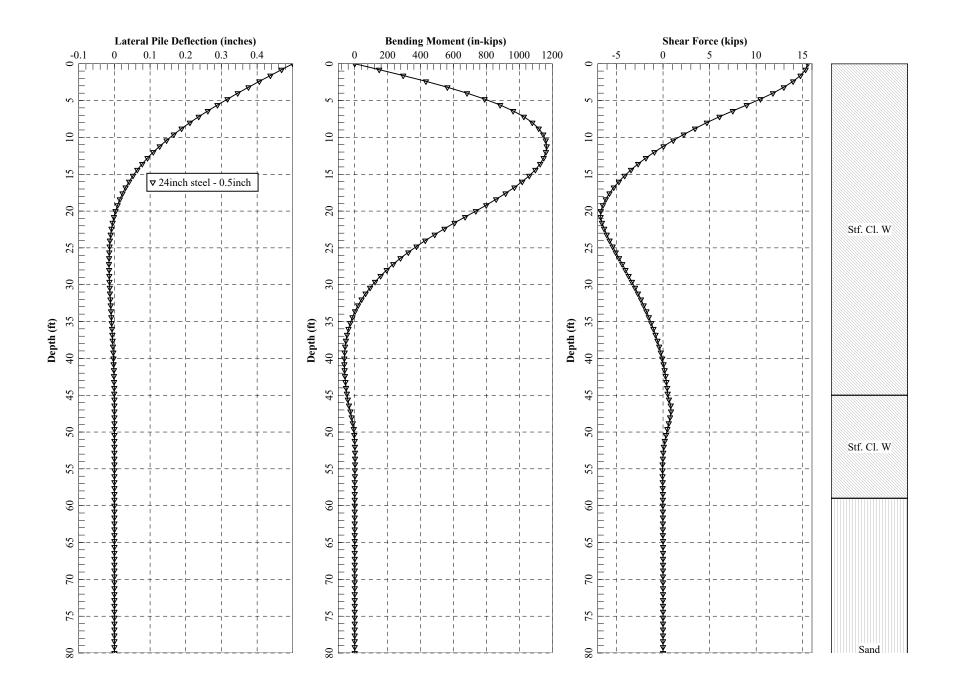


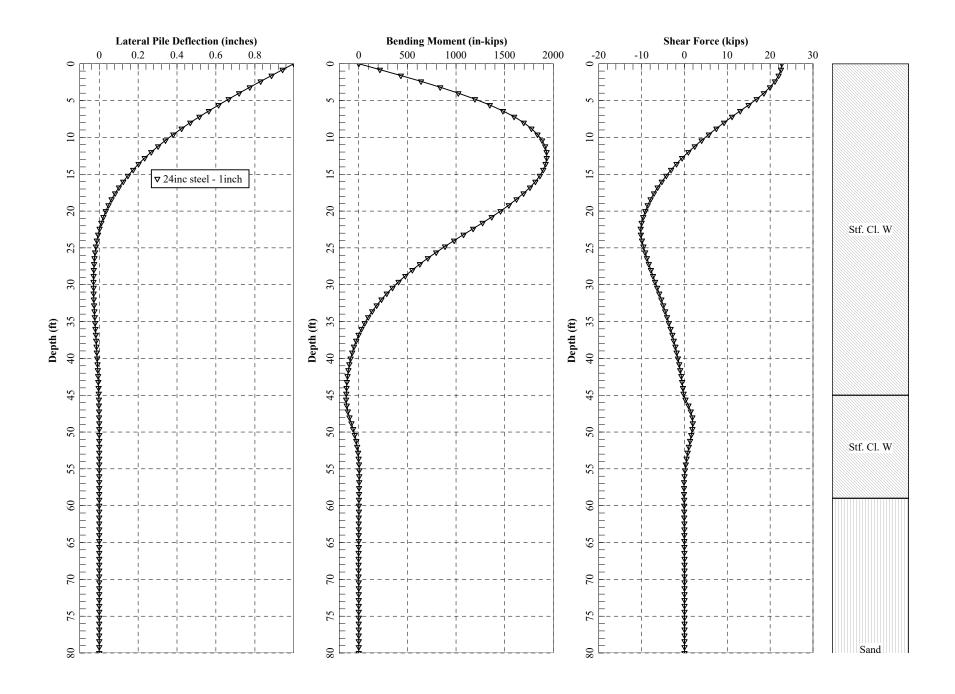


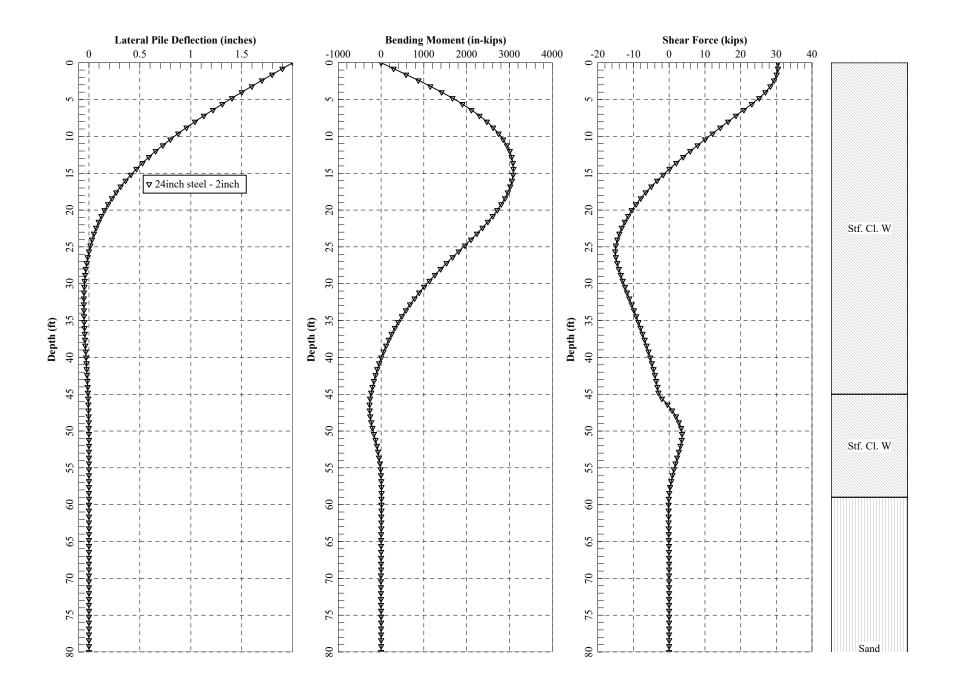


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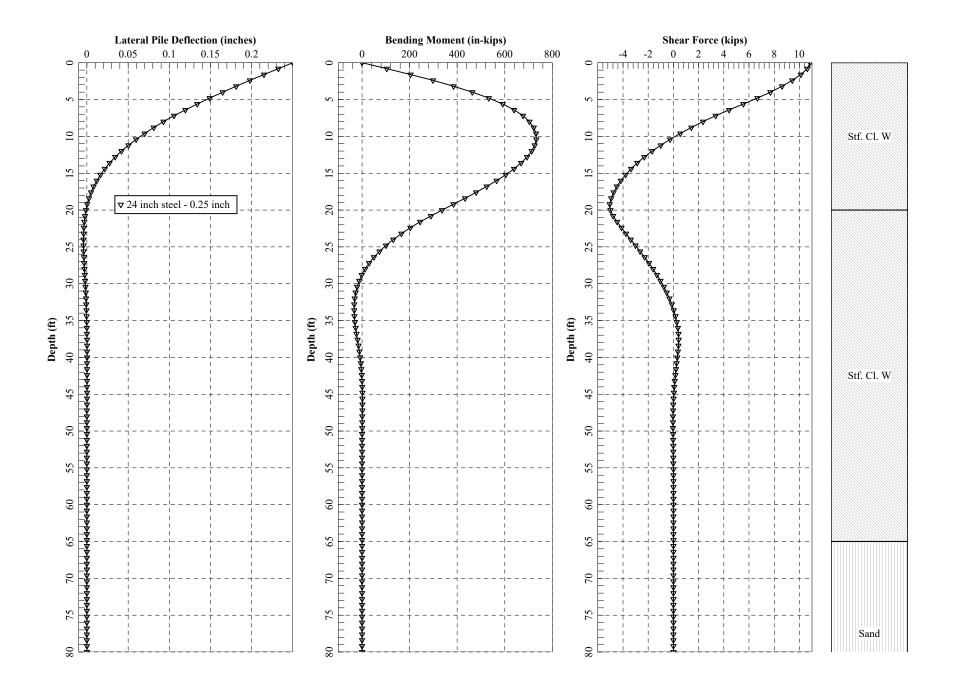


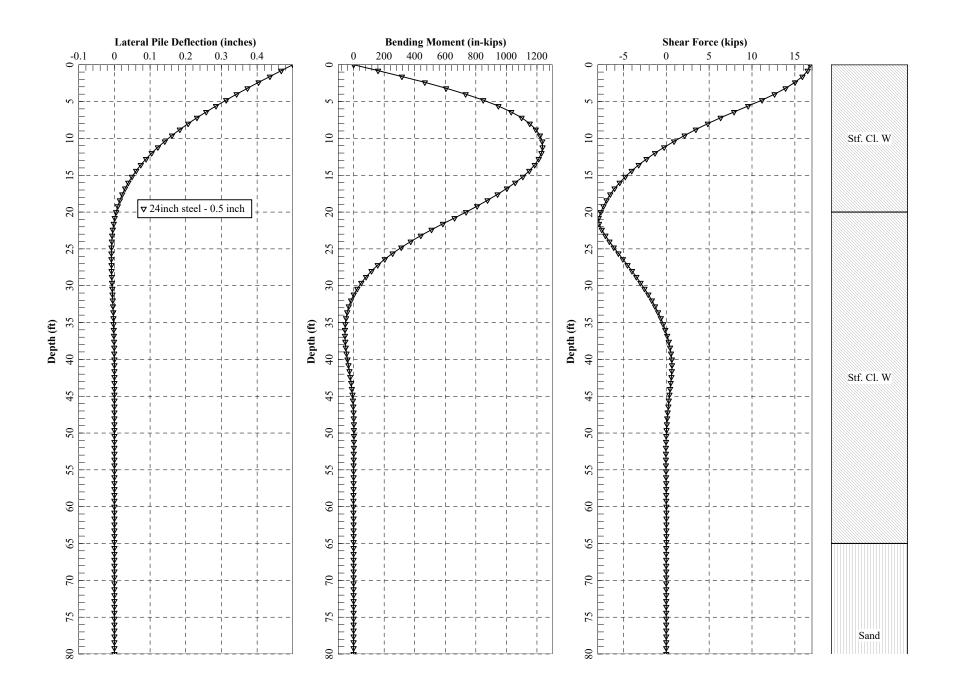


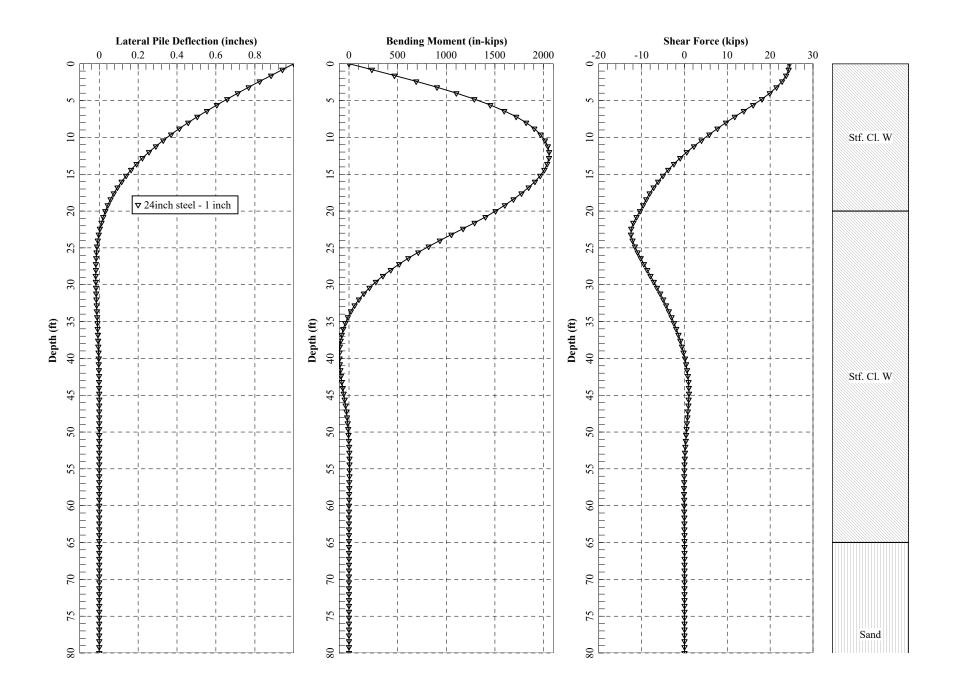


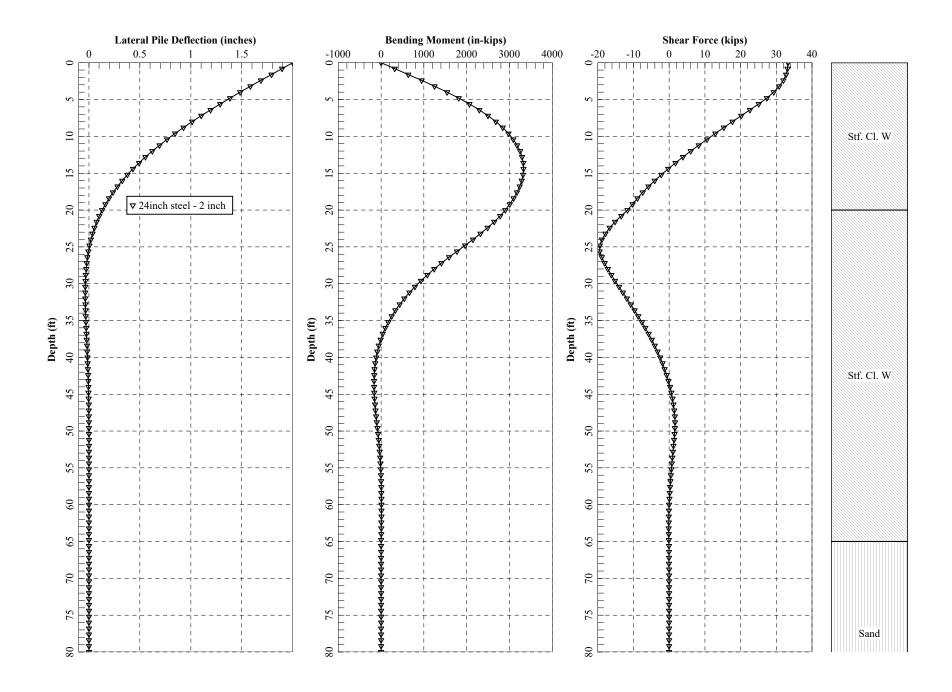
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