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INCIDENT:

On June 14, 2007, a construction incident claimed the lives of two construction employees at the site of the new Bay St. Louis Bridge on U.S. 90. The new bridge under construction will connect the towns of Bay St. Louis on the west and Pass Christian on the east. Gulfport and Biloxi are major cities nearby. Hurricane Katrina destroyed the old bridge located just a few yards away from the location of the new bridge. The incident occurred when the steel forms of a bridge column # 31 WB (west bound) suddenly collapsed and fell into the bay while the form was being filled with wet concrete. The column form, approximately 12' by 6' and approximately 46' high, had received approximately 94 cubic yards (CY) of concrete at the time of the incident.

The bridge is a design-build project awarded to a joint venture of Granite Construction Company of Watsonville, CA, and Archer Western Contractors of Atlanta. The joint venture is called Granite Archer Western (GAW). The bridge consists of four lanes supported by two independent structures, side by side. Each structure supported two lanes. The south bridge was opened in May and carried traffic in both directions until the completion of the north bridge, see figure 4. The incident occurred on the north bridge under construction.

The following were the key players:

1. Owner: Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT)
2. General Contractor: Design-Build Project: Granite Archer Western
3. Concrete Supplier: Gulf Concrete (GC) of Gulfport, MS
4. Formwork designer and supplier: EFCO of Des Moines, IA
5. Bridge Structural Designer: The HNTB companies (HNTB) of Kansas City, KS.
(a part of the design-build team)
6. Quality Control: HNTB subcontracted to Civil Tech
7. Quality Assurance: URS, Inc. contracted by MDOT

EFCO prepared the shop drawings for the forms of the concrete columns and furnished all of the parts but did not erect them. Assembly, transportation from the dock to the bridge location, and actual erection of the forms were GAW's responsibility. EFCO was not responsible for furnishing, designing or erecting the column form braces. EFCO clearly noted on their drawings that the braces were the responsibility of others.

GAW assembled the column forms on a barge either near the dock or near the actual location of the columns. Generally, the column forms were to be assembled in three pieces; one top piece containing column form and platform, and two bottom pieces for the column form. The top 7' high piece would be assembled with all four sides connected to each other, and to a working platform installed on the top. The bottom portion of the column form was assembled in two L-shaped pieces. Each L-piece consisted of two sides, one long side and one short side, connected to each other. The crane first placed the two L-shaped pieces around the rebar cage and the employees then bolted them together, and then aligned and plumbed the forms. The pre-assembled top forms were then placed over the just assembled L-shaped pieces and then connected together. A similar erected column form is shown in figure 6. The forms were braced by sloping pipe braces connected at the top to the column forms and at the bottom to the forms of the footing forms.

Gulf Concrete Inc. (GC) was the concrete supplier for the project. GC established a batching plant near the site for economy and efficiency, as large volumes of concrete were required for the bridge construction. The normal procedure was for GC to deliver concrete in mixing trucks to the dock and empty them into concrete buckets on barges. Each barge had two buckets; each had a capacity of 5 cubic yards (CY). After two barges were loaded with concrete, a tugboat then towed the barges in a row, to the location of placement of the footings or columns. A crane placed over a nearby barge, see figure 5, then hoisted one bucket at a time and swung it to the top of the platform and through a funnel and tremie, the concrete would then flow from the buckets to the inside of the column forms. After one bucket was emptied, the crane hoisted another bucket. After the concrete from all four buckets were emptied, the tugboat took the barges back to the dock to make room for another series of barges with buckets full of concrete already

waiting in line. The process would continue until the entire footing or column form was filled with concrete.

The incident occurred at the westbound column # 31 on the north bridge. The column, 12'x 6'x 39' high, was located in the center of the column footings, 25'-6" by 20'-6". The footing was completed a few weeks earlier but the forms were left intact and were not stripped. The footing was supported by eight 30"x 30" concrete piles driven some 110' deep into the bearing strata. The column form was erected a day earlier on June 13. The forms stripped from column 30 WB were erected in three pieces. The bottom portion of the forms consisted of two pre-assembled L-shaped pieces and these were hoisted and placed around the rebar cage. The two pieces were then connected to each other to form a rectangle with an inside dimension of 12' by 6'. The top piece of the column form was then placed over the just connected L-shaped forms. Four braces consisting of round pipes were then erected to provide stability to the forms. The braces were connected at the top near one-third of the height from the base of the column form and at the bottom; the braces were supported on the concrete forms of the footing as they were not yet stripped.

On June 14, GC began delivering concrete to the dock in trucks and it was promptly unloaded into buckets on barges to cast the column 31 WB. One barge had two buckets. After four buckets were filled with concrete, the barges were towed by a tugboat to the location of column 31 WB. The crane operator began hoisting the buckets one at a time and began unloading them into the concrete form through the funnel and tremie. As the crane operator was unloading the 19th bucket at the top of the platform, he suddenly heard a loud bang and saw the concrete form falling in a northeast direction into the bay. Three employees located on the top platform quickly hung onto the concrete bucket and were safely brought down. The three employees inside the column forms who were engaged in vibrating the concrete and the other employees on the top platform fell with the column into the bay.

There were twelve employees involved in the concrete placement. Ten were employed by the general contractor, Granite Archer Western (GAW). The other two were employed by Civil Tech Inc. (CT) and URS Inc. CT was a subcontractor to HNTB Inc. HNTB had a contract with

the joint venture for quality control. URS had a contract with the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) for quality assurance.

Of the ten GAW employees, two were located inside the column form vibrating the freshly poured concrete, two were located above them inside the column form turning the vibrator on and off, and two were located at the top of the rebar cage, also inside the column form, supervising the employees below. The other four GAW employees were situated on the very top platform directing the crane operator and assisting in the transfer of the concrete from the buckets to the tremie into the column form. There were two additional employees on the top platform. One worked for URS on quality assurance and the other worked for CT on quality control.

Nine employees fell into the bay with the fallen column. Three employees on the top of the platform latched onto the concrete bucket and were safely brought down by the crane operator. Of the nine, eight were rescued shortly after the incident and were taken to the hospital. One of the employees who was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital was a CT employee. The remains of the ninth employee were recovered the next day; he was a GAW employee.

The column fell in a north-easterly direction with the reinforcing cage arching in the same direction. There was very little concrete adhering to the reinforcing bars, indicating the highly fluid state of concrete up to the time of the failure, see figures 8 thru 13. Almost all the concrete fell into the bay. The lower piece of the column form approximately 39' high fell in one piece with the bottom 9' of the north side folding approximately 180 degrees. The bottom seam of the column form at the south-west, north-east and north-west were torn apart for an approximately distance of 9'. The seam at south-east remained intact. The upper piece of the form approximately 7' high supporting the platform fell in to the bay in one piece, see figure 7.

Structural evaluation:

EFCO designed and furnished the formwork elements for the bridge columns. GC's personnel assembled and erected the formwork. Generally, the rectangular formwork was assembled in

two L-shaped pieces and transported to the location of casting and then the two pieces were bolted together with high strength bolts at 12" o.c. Forms were stripped from column No. 30 and transported to column No. 31. The forms were assembled on column No. 31 the same day they were stripped from column No. 30. EFCO form drawings indicated that the forms were designed to withstand a maximum hydrostatic pressure of 1000 pounds per square foot (psf). The general contractor was aware of this limitation and this fact is not disputed. The pressure on the forms would vary depending upon a number of factors, e.g., rate of placement of concrete, height of the column, ambient temperature and the use of retarders and fly ash in the concrete. The concrete industry uses the American Concrete Institute guide known as ACI-347 to compute the pressure exerted by the wet concrete on the forms and this guide is regarded as the industry standard.

The ACI-347 has also been incorporated in the Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges, Seventeenth Edition, 2002, the governing document for this bridge construction. The following is an excerpt from the specifications:

"The structural design of formwork shall conform to ACI standard, "Recommended Practice for Concrete Formwork," (ACI 347) or some other generally accepted standard. In selecting the hydrostatic pressure to be used in the design of forms, consideration shall be given to the maximum rate of concrete placement to be used, the effects of vibration, and the temperature of concrete and any expected use of set-retarding admixtures or pozzolanic materials in the concrete mix."

As EFCO had indicated the limits of their design, it was then the general contractor's responsibility to ensure that with due consideration of all the variables discussed above, the hydrostatic pressure on the forms did not exceed the maximum allowable value.

EFCO design:

The column in question was 12' x 6'. The EFCO forms consisted of 3/16" steel plates reinforced with Z-shaped elements welded to the plate at 12" o.c., see figures 2. EFCO provided drawings

for WB 31 column form, see figure 3. The Z-shaped elements greatly enhanced the plate's bending capacity. The physical properties of the elements were provided by EFCO. The yield strength of the steel was 36 ksi. High strength A 325 bolts were used to connect the two L-shaped pieces. Using a simple bending span of 12', it was determined that the forms would be capable of safely supporting a hydrostatic pressure of 1000 psf with the code prescribed factors of safety. It was also determined that if factors of safety were not considered, and the forms were stressed to their ultimate values, the forms would fail at a hydrostatic pressure of 2,700 psf. The analysis was done using American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) Load and Resistance Factor Design. The load and resistance factors were assumed to be 1.0 to determine the ultimate failure loads. This gave a factor of safety of 2.7 in the EFCO design. The connecting bolts had higher failure loads. The EFCO design was, therefore, considered satisfactory.

Rate of placement of concrete:

As discussed earlier, concrete was transported to the column location by two barges at a time, pulled by a tugboat. There were three tugboats and six barges available at the site on the day of the incident. Each barge contained two buckets, each bucket containing 5 cubic yards of wet concrete. Once the tugboat reached the column location, the crane would hoist the four buckets, one at a time, to unload the concrete into the column form. The barges would then return to the dock to bring fresh concrete. The next set of barges waiting in line would take its place, and the process would continue, ensuring a continuous flow of concrete. Each trip of the barges would bring 20 cubic yards of concrete (4×5 cubic yards = 20 cubic yards). Concrete contained in 8 buckets brought in four trips by the tugboats was all placed in the column form. Concrete brought in the fifth trip was being unloaded. The crane had unloaded two buckets from the fifth trip completely and was unloading the third bucket when the incident occurred. Approximately one cubic yard of concrete from the third bucket remained to be placed. Based on the above, approximately 94 cubic yards of concrete was placed in the form up to the time of the incident. Given the column's dimension of 12' x 6', a height of approximately 35 feet of wet concrete was placed in the form before the incident.

The first concrete truck for column 31WB left the batching plant at approximately 9:15 a.m., arriving at the dock at approximately 9:30 a.m. With the time required to load the buckets on the barge, and transport them to the column location, the placement of concrete in the forms began at approximately 10:00 a.m. As discussed, concrete was continuously brought out by the barges and placed in the forms. By most accounts, the incident when the forms failed and overturned in the water occurred at approximately 1:00 p.m., see figures 8 to 13. Given the fact that the concrete was placed up to a height of approximately 35 feet in three hours, the rate of placement was approximately 11'-8" per hour.

EFCO shop drawings for the column formwork provided a graph to determine the maximum rate of placement of concrete, see figure 1. The graph accounted for the use of fly ash, retarder, and ambient temperature. The graph indicated that the rate of placement of concrete should not have been greater than 2'-8" per hour. The actual rate of placement was much higher, i.e., 11'-8" per hour.

Concrete mix design:

The contractor ordered 105 cubic yards of concrete, which was later increased to 112 cubic yards, conforming to a mix design No. G4200AAR from the concrete supplier. Copies of mix design G4200AAR were readily available from the general contractor. AA indicates high slump concrete and the last letter R signifies the use of a retarding agent in concrete that is primarily used to extend the initial setting of concrete to provide extra time to transport the concrete and place it in the forms. Generally speaking, three ounces of retarder per 100 pounds of cement and fly ash would extend the initial setting time of wet concrete by two hours or more. In this design mix, pozzolith 100 XR, type D manufactured by Master Builders (BASF) was used, as stated in the mix design. BASF states in its product data that pozzolith 100 XR will "generally extend the setting time of concrete containing normal portland cement approximately 1½ to 8 hours compared to that of a plain concrete mixture, depending on job materials and temperature". The design mix using 100 XR and other admixtures prepared by Gulf Concrete indicates an initial setting time of 6 hours and 15 minutes. Further BASF product data indicates that pozzolith 100

XR provides “excellent performance” in slump retention. Simply stated, this would mean that the concrete with 100 XR would remain “fluid” for a longer time.

The decision to use G4200AAR in columns was made by the concrete supervisor of the contractor contrary to the contractor’s work plan document. It is believed that this decision was prompted by the earlier experience of the contractor when the concrete without the retarder would begin to harden even before it could be placed in the forms. The work plan indicated the use of the concrete without the retarder, i.e., G 42000AA, see attachment A. On June 13, the contractor had used the same design mix, G4200AAR, earlier to complete the first lift (36’ high) of column 36WB. Concrete for column 36WB was scheduled to be placed in two lifts, the first lift being 36’ high. On June 11, the same design mix was also used to cast column No. 30WB (36’ high). The rate of placement of concrete in columns 36WB and 30WB is not known. The employees, however, stated that the rate of placement of concrete in the failed column was much faster than for the previous columns.

The Mississippi Department of Transportation had tentatively approved the mix design, G4200AAR, on August 31, 2006 subject to site verification, see attachment B. The retarder used in the design mix was pozzolith 100 XR, type D manufactured by BASF, Inc. The mix design called for 2 to 4 fl. oz. of the retarding agent per cwt of the cementitious material. As per the mix design, 608 pounds of cement and fly ash were used per cubic yard of concrete. At the rate of 2 oz. of retarder per cwt, 12.2 oz. of retarder was required per cubic yard of concrete. The concrete delivery tickets consistently indicated 12.2 oz. of retarder per cubic yard of concrete. This mix design also used 140 pounds of fly ash, class F, per cubic yard of concrete. The amount of air entrained, AE 90, was in the range of 3-6%, as per the mix design.

The testing agency for quality assurance tested the concrete at the site from the concrete truck bearing ticket No. 10916668 at approximately 11:45 a.m. and noted the following observations, see attachment C.

Slump = 8”

Air content: 5.3%

Air temperature: 93 degrees

Concrete temperature: 86 degrees

The testing agency for quality control also tested concrete from truck # 10916663 and provided the following results, see attachment E.

Slump = 7 ½"

Air content: 3.9%

Air temperature: 90 degrees

Concrete temperature: 88 degrees

The slump and the air content were within the range of the mix design. The concrete was not tested to determine the actual amount of retarder present in the concrete. Immediately following the incident, however, the general contractor and concrete supplier retained a consultant, Alabama Scale & Instruments, Inc. of Mobile, AL to examine the accuracy of the batch controller at the Henderson Point batch plant of Gulf Concrete. The purpose of the tests was to determine whether the actual amount of ingredients and admixtures in the concrete were as they were claimed to be. Generally, the test results were within the acceptable range of the Mississippi DOT except for the retarder 100XR. Three tests were done for the retarder. The amount of variation was +15%, +14% and +17% in the three tests, see attachment D. Though these variations exceeded the MDOT limits of 3%, they were still within the range of the mix design. Mix design G4200AAR permitted the use of the admixture 100XR from 2 to 4 oz. per cwt. The claimed amount of retarder was 2 oz. and with an increase of perhaps 16%, the actual amount would be 2.32 oz., still less than the upper limit of 4 oz.

Water floating at the top of the concrete:

As stated earlier, concrete began to be placed in the forms at approximately 10:00 a.m. There were six employees situated inside the column form; two were vibrating the concrete; the other two were located a few feet above, assisting the employees below in holding the tremie and turning the vibrator on and off; and the last two were standing over the plywood at the top of the

rebar cage, supervising the four employees below. At the very top of the form was a working platform where six employees were located. Four were employees of the general contractor assisting and directing the placement of concrete by signaling to the crane operator and operating the handle of the concrete buckets. Another employee was the MDOT-retained URS technician performing quality assurance and the other worked for Civil Tech Inc., a subcontractor to HNTB to perform quality control.

The employees inside the formwork immediately noticed that the concrete was too “watery”, something they had not noticed in earlier pours. As the concrete was being continuously placed at a relatively faster rate according to the general contractor’s superintendent, the problem of the concrete being too fluid became a matter of increasing concern to them. The employees noticed that approximately 4” of water was standing at the top of the concrete. As the concrete placement progressed, the amount of water standing at the top of the concrete increased to 8”. They brought this development to the attention of both the general contractor’s foreman positioned inside the column, and the technician on the platform. The foreman heard of this situation and conveyed the concerns to the superintendent. Concrete, however, kept on coming and the placement of concrete continued until the failure at approximately 1:00 p.m.

After the incident, one of the eyewitnesses inside the column stated that “the whole time we were pouring concrete, we had 6” to 8” of water in the concrete. We told the foreman that it was too watery. The inspectors did not say anything. One was sleeping and the other was taking notes but did not say anything. The foreman said he was going to inform the superintendent the next time they placed an order. After we dropped the first batch we had about 4 inches of water; 30 minutes later, the second batch came and it added about another 4 inches of water.” Another eyewitness, also inside the column, stated that “we poured approximately 13 or 14 buckets of concrete. At that time there was about 6-7 inches of water on top of the cement. When I was standing at grade level, there was about 6 to 8 inches of water on top of the concrete.” The contractor’s foreman, also an eyewitness inside the column, acknowledged in his statement that “an employee* told me that the concrete was too watery. At about the 8th bucket an employee* told me that it was still too watery and that it was not getting fixed; an employee* said that they

* = Name of employee withheld

were sending it too fast. I told the URS guy and I told superintendent. I do not know if the URS inspector called his boss. I was inside the column when I told the URS inspector. We have never had this much water before.”

It was, therefore, well documented that the concrete continued to retain water to the extent that as much as approximately 8 inches of water was standing at the top of the concrete, delaying the onset of the initial setting of the concrete. In normal conditions, concrete would begin to gel and the ingredients would begin to bind together even before the initial setting time, thus partially relieving the forms of the full hydrostatic pressure. In the present case, however, due to the retention of water in the concrete, the concrete remained fully fluid and continued to exert the full hydrostatic pressure. At the time of the incident, a height of approximately 33’-8” of concrete was placed in the column forms, exerting a lateral pressure of 150 pcf x 33.67 feet = 5,050 pounds per square foot, above the ultimate capacity of the forms.

The above circumstances warranted immediate action on the part of the general contractor to address the adverse condition of water standing above the concrete, as reported by the employees. Instead of temporarily stopping the placement of concrete until corrective measures were determined by consulting the concrete supplier, EFCO’ engineers or design structural engineers, the work was allowed to progress unhindered, resulting in a catastrophic failure.

ACI 347:

ACI 347 requires that unless the concrete slump is 7” or less, the forms must be designed for the full hydrostatic lateral pressure of newly placed concrete. It provides an equation of $P = wh$, with w being the unit weight of concrete, and h being the depth of the plastic concrete. The fact that the slump of the design mix and the actual concrete furnished by the concrete batch plant was 8” was known to all, and this is not disputed. Based upon the $P = wh$ formula, the lateral pressure amounted to 5,050 pounds per foot, many times greater than the maximum allowable pressure of 1,000 pounds per foot.

For the sake of discussion, if the slump is not considered a violation of the ACI 347, the lateral pressure was computed to be 1,400 pounds per foot. Given the rate of concrete placement of approximately 11'-4" per hour and the temperature of 90 degrees, ACI 347 pressure equation,

$$P_{max} = C_W C_C [150 + 43,400/T + 2800 R/T] \text{ (for concrete slump not greater than 7")}$$

Where P_{max} = maximum design lateral pressure

C_W = unit weight of coefficient which is 1.0 for 150 pcf

C_C = chemistry coefficient (explained below)

T = temperature of concrete during placing (explained below)

R = rate of placement of concrete

yielded a lateral pressure of 1,400 pounds per foot. Chemistry coefficient C_C was 1.4 because of the use of retarder and fly ash. The contractor used concrete mix G4200AAR (MDOT Mixture No. AA67.0609700) which contained the following chemical admixtures.

- AE 90 admixture, air entraining admixture.
- Pozzolith 322 N admixture meeting ASTM C 494 requirements for Type A, water reducing.
- Glenium 3030 NS admixture meeting ASTM C 494 requirements for Type F, water reducing, high range.
- Pozzolith 100 XR admixture meeting ASTM C 494 requirements for Type D, water reducing and retarding.

Conclusions:

1. The contractor violated OSHA standard 1926.703(a)(1) because the column formwork was not capable of supporting the lateral load of the wet concrete.
2. Given the ambient temperature, rate of placement of concrete, concrete slump, and the admixtures used in the concrete design mix, the lateral pressure of the concrete on the column forms exceeded the maximum allowable pressure of 1000 pounds per square foot recommended by the formwork designer and manufacturer. The formwork drawings provided a graph to readily determine the rate of placement of concrete in to the column form.
3. Based upon the fact that the concrete had a slump higher than 7", the pressure of the concrete on the forms was five times the maximum allowable pressure, as per American Concrete Institute ACI 347. Standards Specifications for Highway Bridges, Seventeenth Edition, 2002, requires that the structural design of formwork shall conform to ACI 347.
4. Even without considering that the concrete slump was higher than 7", the lateral pressure on the form, as per ACI 347, was 40% greater than the maximum recommended pressure based upon the use of fly ash, retarders, rate of placement of concrete, and the ambient temperature.
5. The contractor's superintendent and foreman failed to take remedial measures in response to repeated warnings from the employees who were placing concrete in the column forms indicating that the concrete was too "watery" and that water, as much as 8", was floating on the top as the concrete was being placed. If the contractor's superintendent had taken immediate action, the incident could have been averted.

6. The testing agency retained by the Mississippi DOT was negligent in monitoring the quality of the concrete being placed in the column forms because its representative dismissed the warnings from the employees that the concrete was too “watery” and that water was floating over the top of the concrete. If the representative had taken immediate action, the incident would have been averted.

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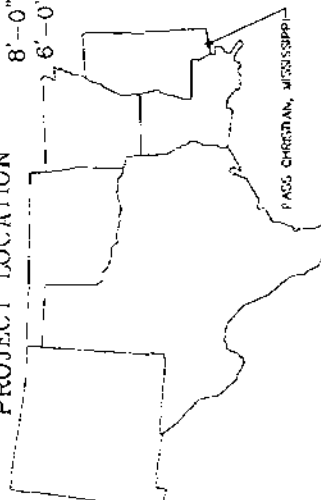
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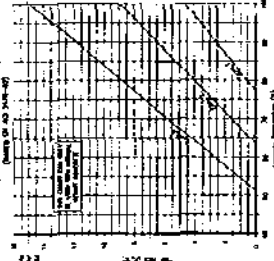
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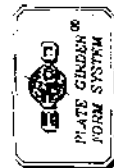
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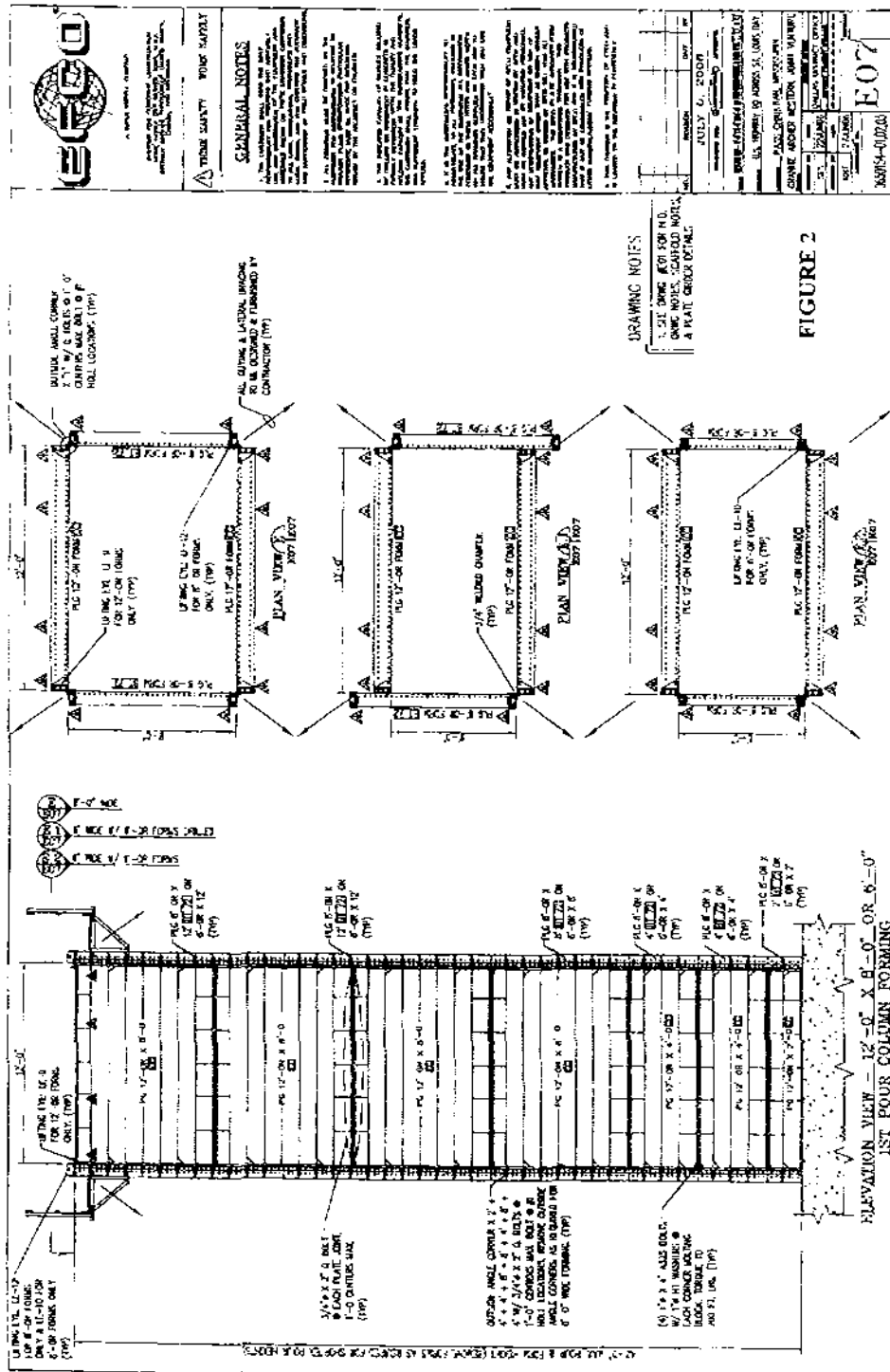
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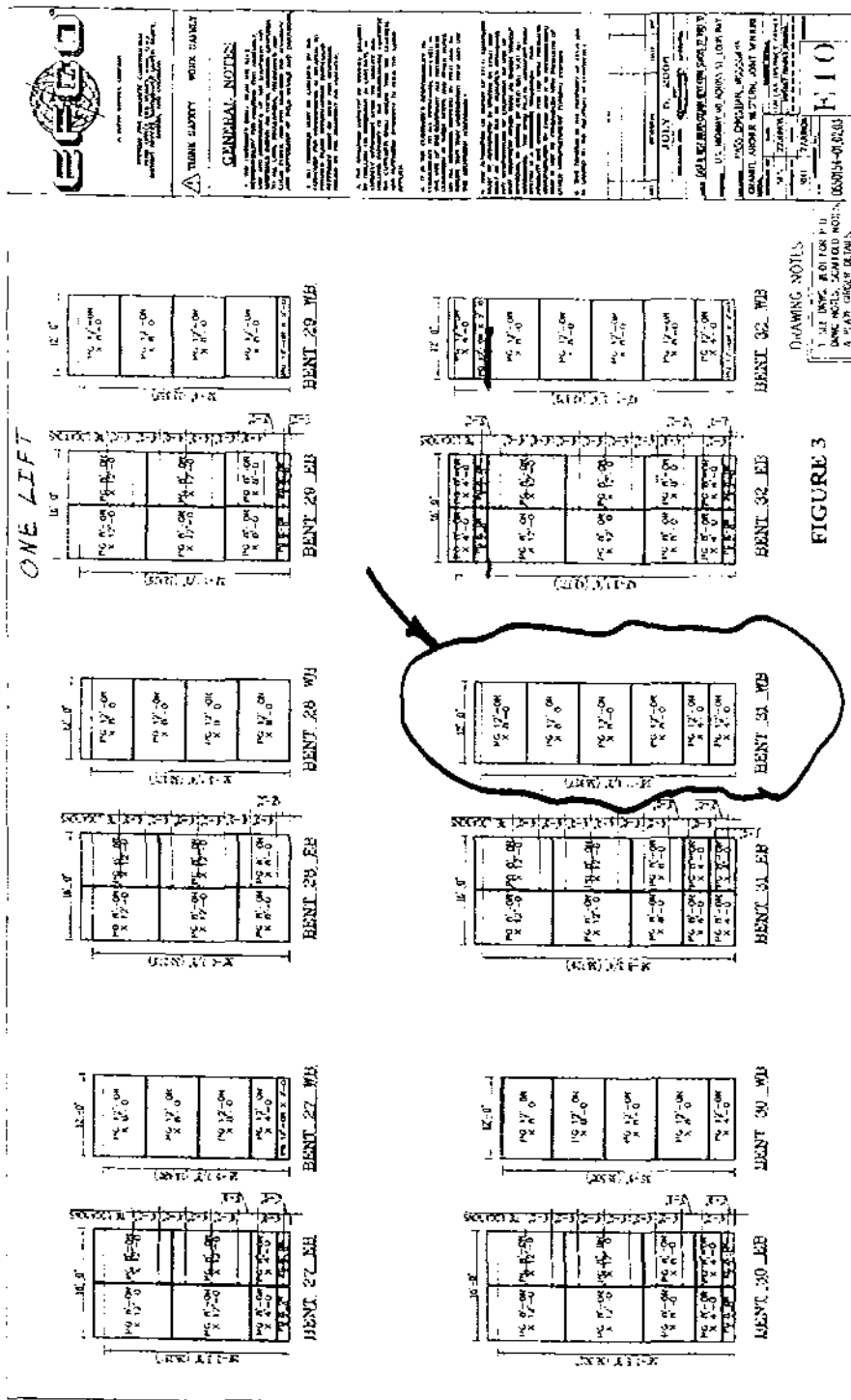




FIGURE 4



FIGURE 5



FIGURE 6



FIGURE 7



FIGURE 8



FIGURE 9



FIGURE 10



FIGURE 11



FIGURE 12



FIGURE 13

Specification Summary and QC Requirements

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- **Construction Requirements**

Place Pier columns and hammerheads in accordance with the plans and specifications.

- **Tolerance of Concrete Placement**

Column to be incorporated into cap designs - shall not be out of position shown on plans by more than one inch.

- **Proportioning and Mixing Concrete for Caps, Pedestals, Closure Pours, etc.**

Concrete shall be Class AA, 4,000 psi. (MMC Mix # G42000AA.)

- **Reinforcing Steel for Columns and Hammerheads**

The following reinforcement shall be used in the caps as per MDOT 711.02:

Black reinforcing steel.

Bars shall be tied at all intersections except where spacing is less than one foot in each direction, alternate intersections shall be tied.

Rebar shall have four inches clear from form edges on columns, and 2 inches clear from form edges on caps, typical. Chairs shall have plastic-coated tips.

Burns, Cooley, & Dennis will perform rebar inspection before the concrete pour to ensure proper alignment.

- **Formwork Requirements**

EFCO Plate girder forms will be used for columns and hammerhead caps.
¼" chamfer is welded to forms on all corners.

- **Handling and Placing Concrete**

Concrete shall be placed in forms within 90 minutes from batching cement into mix.

Maximum placement temperature shall be 95 DegF. Concrete shall be placed in lifts of less than 1.5 feet.

No drops of concrete material over 5' in height. Consolidate with high-cycle internal vibrator throughout with minimum 2" vibrator head and re-insert vibrator every 5 feet (1.5 times 3.5 ft radius of action)

Careful handling is required around form tie (she-bolts) and thermocouple wires.

Burns, Cooley, & Dennis will perform concrete QC testing at each concrete placement.

- **Removal of Forms, Finishing, and Curing**

Forms shall not be removed until the concrete has reached a minimum of 1000 psi for side forms and 2000 psi for soffit forms. (THIS IS SUPERCEDED BY MASS CONCRETE THERMAL MONITORING TIMEFRAMES).

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ATTACHMENT B
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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Materials Division
Form for Approving Proportions of Portland Cement Concrete Mixtures

Project Unit: English
Project Specification: 2004 M207.004
MOOT Unit No.: 2227 263700
Mixture Class: AA
Maximum Slump: 8 in.
Design Slump: 8 in max.

POC Producer: Gulf Concrete
POC Producer's Mixture No.: G1202AAR
Specified Min. Strength: 4000 psi
Specified Air Content: 3 to 6 %
Basis of Proportioning: Laboratory Trial Batch

MIXTURE PROPORTIONING										
Material	Source	Description	Max Quantity (lb/cy)	Spec % Quantity	Max Quantity (lb/cy)	Apparent Specific Gravity	Absorpt (%)	FM	Absorpt Volume (%)	Status
Cement	WALSH-TRIPPORE	Type I/II S	484	3.15	468				2.38	Acceptable
Fly Ash	SEAFORTH TECHNOLOGICAL SERVICES	Class F	214	2.25	110				1.61	Acceptable
Gravel										
Coarse Sand										
Water			235	1.00	235				5.17	
Fine #1	HUNTER	Sand	1170	12.00	1174	2.62	0.55	3.45	7.15	
Coarse #1	SEAFORTH TECHNOLOGICAL SERVICES	PSI	1718	2.40	1600	2.55	1.50		11.4	Acceptable
Coarse #2										
Coarse #3										
Air (%)			4.5%		4.5%				1.22	Acceptable
Total			3745		3517				27.2	Acceptable

Water-Cementitious Material Ratio: 0.57 Acceptable

CHEMICAL ADJUSTMENT INFORMATION				
Type	Supplier	Name	Dosage Range (lb/cy concrete)	Cost/100
ASA	BASF, INC.	AE 50	0.001 to 0.010	
Type A	BASF, INC.	POZZOLOH 150R	0.001 to 0.010	
Type F	BASF, INC.	SEAFORTH 2000	0.001 to 0.010	
Type D	BASF, INC.	POZZOLOH 150R	0.001 to 0.010	

BASIS FOR PROPORTIONING				
PREVIOUS FIELD EXPERIENCE			LABORATORY TRIAL BATCH	
Sl. Data	Cylinder Strength #1 #2	Average Strength	Test Results	Tolerance Status
			Sample	Ex 0.75 in. Acceptable
			Air Content	6.0 to 6.5 % Acceptable
			Cylinder Strength	
			Date	08/28/20
			No. 1	5150
			No. 2	5220
			No. 3	5310
			1 Test Average Strength	5240
			Required Strength	5000
			Status	Acceptable
			10 Test Average Strength	
			Standard Deviation	
			Required Strength	
			Status	

AGGREGATE ANALYSES									
FINE AGGREGATE					COARSE AGGREGATE				
Fin #1	Fin #2				Course #1	Course #2	Course #3	Size #57	
100.0	100.0				100.0	100.0	100.0		
Accum. Wt. Retained	Accum. Wt. Retained	Total % Passing	Gradation Requirements		Accum. Wt. Retained	Accum. Wt. Retained	Accum. Wt. Retained	Total % Passing	Gradation Requirements
1/2 inch		100.0	100		1/2 inch			100.0	100
3/8 inch		100.0	100		3/8 inch			100.0	100
No. 4	2.9	99.1	92-100		1 inch			100.0	100
No. 6	31.5	90.5	75-100		3/4 inch	118.4		58.2	63-100
No. 10	64.3	60.6	45-69		1/2 inch	100.0		75.1	
No. 20	100.0	60.1	25-79		3/8 inch	57.2		48.9	25-55
No. 30	273.0	11.8	3-15		No. 4	58.4		5.2	0-10
No. 100	223.1	0.8	0-10		No. 10	65.0		1.2	0-5
Fin	325.7				Fin	65.0			

Remarks: Acceptable. The permitted slump range is 5.5 to 8 in. The maximum concrete acceptance temperature is 95°F.

This mixture meets the requirements for moderate sulfate exposure and exposure to seawater.

The combined aggregate gradation falls into Zone II on the Modified Coarseness Factor Chart.

Application Criteria for Sulfate Conditions
exposure to seawater

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FX Mixtures				FX Mixtures			
Specified Strength	Min. Mass of Cementitious Material	Max. Mass of Water	Water	Air Content for D.S.F. Mixes	Exposure to Seawater	Air Content for D.S.F. Mixes	Exposure to Seawater
PSH	5	0	0	3	3	3	3

Gulf Concrete										Lab # 7		Comments / Notes / Observations	
Customer	Project	Notes	Class	ASTM	Spec	Size	Factor	Test	Result	Unit	Remarks	Technician	who
Client	8/21/2005	Notes	Class	ASTM	Spec	Size	Factor	Test	Result	Unit	Remarks	Bobby Dowdy	
Material	Vol. (cu ft)	550 mil	1 cu. yd.	lab batch	MC (lb/cu yd)	Adjusted	MC (lb/cu yd)	MC (lb/cu yd)	MC (lb/cu yd)	MC (lb/cu yd)	MC (lb/cu yd)		
Cement	2.35	408	28.0	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8		
Fly Ash	1.01	140	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8		
Sand #1	7.14	114	65.2	67.0	67.0	67.0	67.0	67.0	67.0	67.0	67.0		
Sand #2	0.00	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Coarse Agg	11.40	160	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Air	4.00%	1.22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Water	5.77	236	13.1	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2		
GGBFS	0.00	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Other													
Total	27.90	381.7											
ASTM INFORMATION													
Type	on form	on dry	batch	actual	batch	actual	batch	actual	batch	actual	batch	actual	batch
Air	2.0	12.2	208.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Water	4.0	24.3	792.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0
Coarse Agg	3.0	18.2	339.4	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
PLASTIC TEST RESULTS													
Batch Time	8:00 AM	Yield	Yield	Yield	Yield	Yield	Yield	Yield	Yield	Yield	Yield	Yield	Yield
Sample Time	8:15 AM	Unit Weight (pcf)	140.38	140.38	140.38	140.38	140.38	140.38	140.38	140.38	140.38	140.38	140.38
Sample In.	6	Yield	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.51
Max Temp.	80	Initial set, min.											
Air Temp.	73	Final set, min.											

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REPORT OF FIELD TESTING OF CONCRETE

DATE 6-14-07

MIX CLASS: G4200AA R
START TIME: 0856
END TIME: 1.30

TOTAL YARDS PLACED: 153
PERSON PERFORMING TEST: D. YANCY

TEST#	CONCRETE SUPPLIER TICKET NUMBER	TIME DISPATCHED	TIME OF TEST	CUBIC YARDS OF CONCRETE	SLUMP	AIR CONTENT %	AIR TEMP	CONCRETE TEMP
1	10916658	0856	0915	10	8	3.2	82	90.5
LOCATION	Bent 9 WB Exp Dia 45+05 WB Column Bent 31							
2	10916668	11 ¹⁷ 1122	1147	104	8	5.3	93	86
LOCATION								
3								
LOCATION								
4								
LOCATION								
5								
LOCATION								

NOTE: APPLICABLE STANDARDS, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED: MAKING SPECIMENS: T23-02; SLUMP: T119-09; AIR CONTENT: T152-01;
TEMPERATURE: T309-09; SCALES: T141-01
REMARKS:

ATTACHMENT D
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Testing Company:
Alabama Scale & Instrument, Inc
1054 Vance Dr
Mobile, AL 36683

Manufacturer:
Serial #:
Equipment ID #:
Model #:
Description:

Allen
93737
Scale
Spectrum Version
Scale Controller

Permitted For:
Our Company, LLC
Henderson Park
Pace Christi, Ms
Contact: Henry W. Shelton

Phone: 734

Calibration Date:
Calibration Due Date:
Calibration Interval:
Calibration Procedure:
Calibration Results:

6/16/2007

10/2/2007

6 months

Manufacturer's Spec.

Manufacturer's Spec.

Manufacturer's D.O.T. Tolerance
2%
1%
3%

2%
1%
3%

Cement		Scale Capacity: 7,000	Scale Capacity: 5500	Scale Capacity: 20000	Scale Capacity: 20000
Test	Known Load	Scale Load	Test Result	Test Result	Test Result
1	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0
13	0	0	0	0	0

SAND		Scale Capacity: 25,000	Scale Capacity: 20000	Scale Capacity: 20000	Scale Capacity: 20000
Test	Known Load	Scale Load	Test Result	Test Result	Test Result
1	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0
13	0	0	0	0	0

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Aggregate		Scale Capacity= 25,000		Tared Capacity= 20,000		Tared Capacity= 20,000		Tared Capacity= 20,000	
Test	Sample No.	Known Load	Sub Load	Total Known Standard	Scale Read	Error	Tolerance = %	Test Results	
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Pass	
2	1000	1000	0	1000	1000	0	75	Pass	
3	2000	1000	7240	3240	3280	20	85	Pass	
4	4000	1000	4000	5000	5000	0	100	Pass	
5	6000	1000	6000	7000	7080	0	145	Pass	
6	8000	1000	7000	8000	8080	0	160	Pass	
7	10000	1000	10000	11000	11080	0	220	Pass	
8	12000	1000	12000	13000	13080	0	260	Pass	
9	14000	1000	14000	15000	15120	0	300	Pass	
10	16000	1000	16000	17000	17140	0	340	Pass	
11	18000	1000	18000	19000	19060	0	300	Pass	
12	20000	1000	20000	21000	21000	0	400	Pass	
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Pass	

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1	MB AE 90	START	Known Standard	Sub-Standard	Computer Reading	Reference Standard	Error	Tolerance = 3% or Division size	Test Results
	Test 1	-1	17	0	18	17	0	1	Pass
	Test 2	-1	33	0	36	33	-3	1	Pass

2	DELVE	No test required							
		START	Known Standard	Sub-Standard	Computer Reading	Reference Standard	Error	Tolerance = 3% or Division size	Test Results

3	322N	START	Known Standard	Sub-Standard	Computer Reading	Reference Standard	Error	Tolerance = 3% or Division size	Test Results
	Test 1	4	24	0	25	24	0	1	Fail
	Test 2	4	57	0	61	50	-11	2	Pass

4	997	Not In Service							
		START	Known Standard	Sub-Standard	Computer Reading	Reference Standard	Error	Tolerance = 3% or Division size	Test Results
	1		100	0	100	100	0	3	Fail
	2		100	0	100	100	0	6	Fail

5	GL3030	START	Known Standard	Sub-Standard	Computer Reading	Reference Standard	Error	Tolerance = 3% or Division size	Test Results
	1	0	100	0	100	100	0	3	Pass
	2	0	300	0	300	300	0	3	Pass
	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	Pass

6	100XR	START	Known Standard	Sub-Standard	Computer Reading	Reference Standard	Error	Tolerance = 3% or Division size	Test Results
	1	0	20	0	21	20	1	1	Fail
	2	0	60	0	62	60	2	1	Fail
	3	0	61	0	61	60	1	2	Pass

Weighed Water As Found		Scale Capacity = 2,000				Tested Capacity 1800			
Known weight	Sub-weight	Total known weight	Scale Results	Error	Tolerance	Total Results			
1000.0	0	1000.0	1000	0.0	2.0	Full			
1000.0	545	1545.0	1545	0.0	3.1	Pass			
1000.0	1000	2000.0	2000	0.0	4.1	Pass			
1000.0	1500	2500.0	2500	0.0	5.1	Pass			
Total 1									
Total 2									
Total 3									

Weighed Water As Left		Scale Capacity = 2,000				Tested Capacity 1800			
Known weight	Sub-weight	Total known weight	Scale Results	Error	Tolerance	Total Results			
1000.0	0	1000.0	1000	0.0	2.0	Full			
1000.0	545	1545.0	1545	0.0	3.1	Pass			
1000.0	1000	2000.0	2000	0.0	4.1	Pass			
1000.0	1500	2500.0	2500	0.0	5.1	Pass			
Total 1									
Total 2									
Total 3									

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CONCRETE TEST LOG (No Cylinders Made)

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Project:	U.S. 90 St. Louis Bay Bridge Replacement	Page	of	Total Pages
Project No.:	050916-CMT	Contractor (circle one):	Granite Archer Western / Landmark	
BCD Report No.:	050916-CMT (assigned when typed)	Concrete Provider:	Gulf Concrete (circle plant) Henderson Point / Bay St. Louis	
Sample Location:	Bent # 21 Column at W.B. Bent # 22-25 Intermediate Diaphragm at W.B.	Concrete Mix Design:	G4290AAR	
Sample Date:	6-14-07, 2007	Design Strength:	4,000 psi	
Technician(s):	Craig Smith	Notes:		

	Truck No.	Ticket No.	CY Placed	Time			Slump (in.)	Air Content (%)	Temperature, °F	
				Batched	Tested	Placed			Ambient	Concrete
1	159	10916663	60	9:42 ^A	9:57 ^A	10:13 ^A	7 1/2"	3.4%	90°	88°
2										
3										
4										
5										
6										
7										
8										
9										
10										

BURNS COOLEY DENNIS, INC.
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