

Applicant: Quality Coal Co., Inc.
Mine Name: Sparks Branch Mine
Permit Number: P- 3907 Revision R-4

Part III - Operation Plan

A. General Operation Information

1. Describe the type and method of coal mining procedures and major equipment to be used. (780.11)

See Attachment III-A-1 in the original permit application and subsequent revisions.

Major equipment to be used includes but may not be limited to:

- Backhoes
- Bulk Anfo Trucks
- Off Road Haulers
- Loaders
- Service Trucks
- Dozers
- Track Backhoes
- Drills

2. Describe the sequence and timing of increments to be mined (as shown on permit map) over the total life of the permit. (780.11)

The timing increments are as follows:

<u>Increment No.</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Estimated Life</u>
1	43	Reclamation Phase	
2	39	Reclamation Phase	
3	5	Reclamation Phase	
5	11	Reclamation Phase	
6	10	Issuance of Permit	Life of Permit

The sequence of mining operations will be generally as follows:

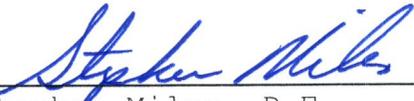
- 1) Construction of Sediment Control Structures
- 2) Clearing and Grubbing
- 3) Topsoil Removal (if required)
- 4) Overburden Drilling and Blasting
- 5) Overburden Removal
- 6) Coal Recovery
- 7) Re-Grading
- 8) Revegetation

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Attachment III-B-2(a)

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

I hereby certify that Attachment III-B-2(a) prepared for Quality Coal Co., Inc.'s Spark Branch Mine, Revision R-4 is in accordance with the Regulations of the Alabama Surface Mining Commission as adopted by Act 81-435 of December 18, 1981 and amended to date, and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



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ADDENDUM TO THE GENERAL PLAN

The addendum to the general plan consists of changing Basin 020E from a temporary basin to a permanent water impoundment, fish and wildlife habitat.

Geologic investigations of the area indicate layers of sandstone, siltstone, shale and minor amounts of bituminous coal and underclay. The coal to be mined by Quality Coal Co., Inc., will be confined to the Mary Lee Coal Seam. The strata in the area is characterized by small scale normal faulting and gentle open folding.

All surface drainage from the proposed mining area flows into Sparks Branch and Rocky Branch.

All diversions are to be temporary and will be re-graded and revegetated. (See diversion ditch criteria).

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<u>Basin No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Drainage Area (Acres)</u>
020P	SW 1/4 of SW 1/4,	59.5

within Section 11, Township 14 South, Range 8 West, Walker County, Alabama, as found on the Jasper, Alabama USGS Quadrangle Map.

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Pond Construction Criteria

The embankment for sediment basins (temporary and permanent) shall be designed and built using the following as minimum criteria:

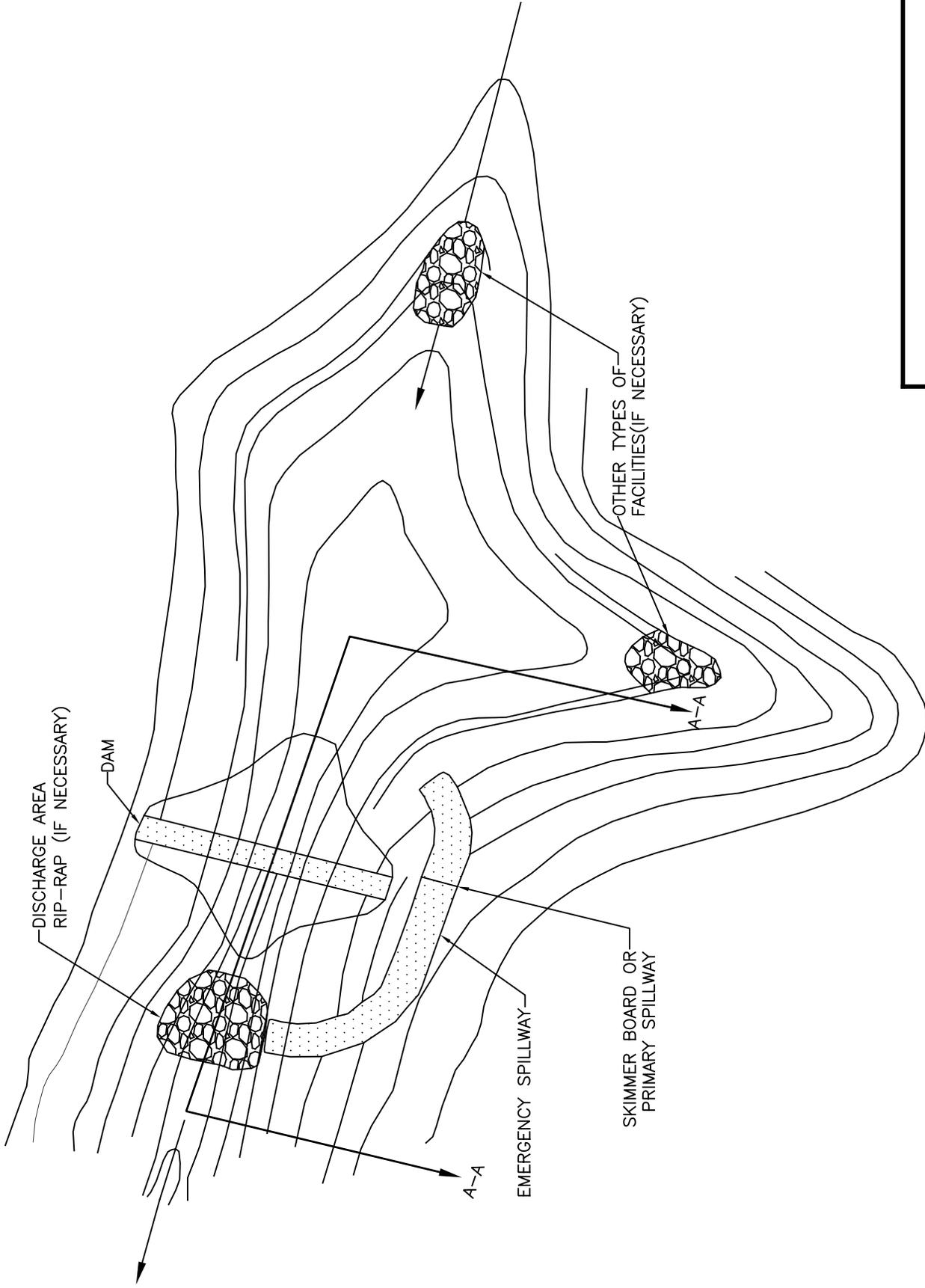
1. The top of the dam shall be no less than 12 feet wide.
2. See design sheet for maximum and minimum embankment slopes.
3. The foundation and abutments for the impounding structure shall be designed to be stable under all conditions of construction and operation of the impoundments, with a minimum static safety factor of 1.5 for the normal pool with steady seepage saturation conditions, and a seismic safety factor of at least 1.20.
4. The dam shall be constructed with a cutoff trench based upon prudent engineering practices for the site. The cutoff shall be located on the dam centerline and be of sufficient depth to extend into a relatively impervious material from which the core of the dam shall also be constructed.
5. The embankment foundation area shall be cleared of all organic matter, all surfaces sloped to no steeper than 1v:1h, and the entire foundation surface scarified.
6. The entire embankment and cutoff trench shall be compacted to 95 percent density, based on standard proctor as outlined in ASTM.
7. The material placed in the embankment shall be free of sod, roots, stones over 6 inches in diameter, and other objectionable materials. The fill material shall be placed and spread over the entire fill area, starting at the lowest point of the foundation, in layers not to exceed 12 inches in thickness. Construction of the fill shall be undertaken only at such times that the moisture content of the fill material will permit satisfactory compaction in accordance with paragraph 5.
8. The pool area of the basin will be cleared of timber and large undergrowth.
9. The primary decant system when consisting of a pipe shall be installed according to Class C pipe installation for embankment bedding.
10. The primary decant system shall be equipped with a device, or constructed, such as to insure that subsurface withdrawal is accomplished to prevent discharge of floating solids. If a channel is used as the primary decant a skimmer shall be installed to prevent floating solids from discharging.

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11. A splash pad or riprap may be required under the discharge of the primary decant system where necessary to insure that the discharge does not erode the embankment.
12. The combination primary and secondary decant system shall be designed to safely carry the expected peak flow from a 25 year - 6 hour storm. The entire emergency overflow spillway channel will be a stabilized channel and will be stabilized upon completion of construction as specified within the detailed design plans using prudent engineering measures. These measures may consist of lining the spillway with concrete or a durable rock riprap, or the spillway being constructed in consolidated non-erodible material and planted with a mixture or both annual and perennial grasses, or a combination of any or all of the above.
13. Sediment basins using a single spillway system shall be an open channel of non-erodible construction consisting of concrete, durable rock riprap or its being constructed in consolidated non-erodible material as specified in the detailed design plans.
14. The settled embankment for temporary impoundments shall be a minimum of 1.0 foot above the maximum water elevation for the runoff from a 25 year - 6 hour, or a 10 year - 24 hour precipitation event (whichever has the greatest runoff). The settled embankment for permanent impoundments shall be a minimum of 1.0 foot above the maximum water elevation for the runoff from a 25 year - 6 hour, or a 10 year - 24 hour precipitation event (whichever has the greatest runoff).
15. If basins are built in series, then the combined decant system for each shall be designed to accommodate the entire contributing drainage area.
16. The dam and all disturbed areas shall be seeded with both perennial and annual grasses, fertilized and mulched in order to insure erosion is minimized. Hay bales or riprap may be placed at the toe of the dam immediately upon completion of construction.
17. The constructed height of the dam shall be increased a minimum of 5 percent over the design height to allow for settlement over the life of the embankment.
18. Final graded slopes of the entire permanent water impoundment area shall not exceed 2.5H-1.0V to provide for adequate safety and access for proposed water users.
19. Prior to Phase II bond release, additional data concerning water quality, water quantity, depth, size, configuration, postmining land use, etc., for each proposed permanent water impoundment, shall be submitted to the Regulatory Authority for permanent water impoundment approval.

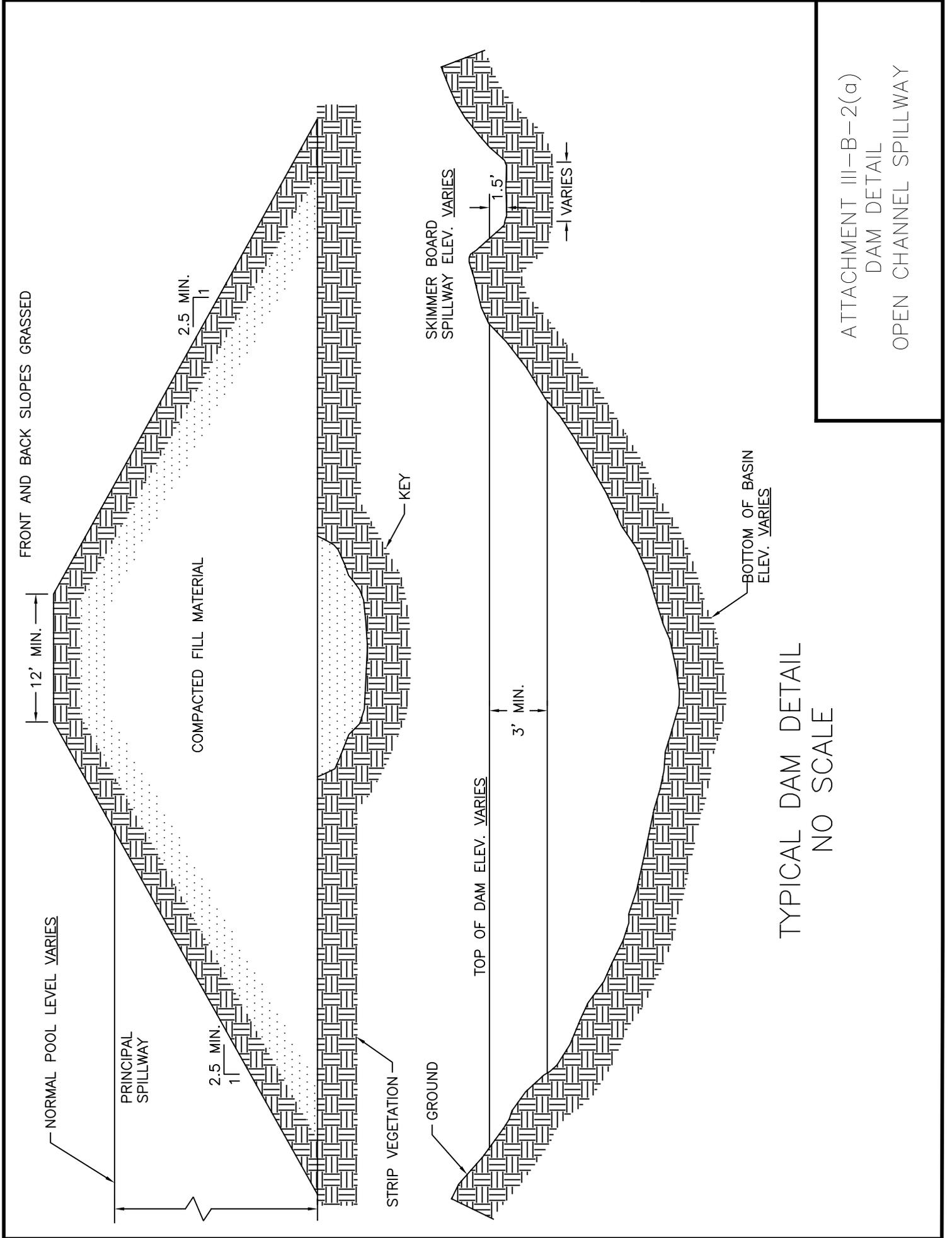
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20. All sediment basins will be inspected for stability, erosion, etc. two (2) times a month until removal of the structure or release of the reclamation bond.
21. The embankment and spillway will be maintained by repairing any damage such as erosion, slope failure or spillway damage until removal of the structure or release of the performance bond.
22. All ponds shall be examined quarterly for structural weakness, instability, erosion, or other hazardous conditions and maintenance performed as necessary. Formal inspections shall be made on an annual basis, including any reports or modifications, in accordance with 880-X-10C-.20[l(j)] of the Alabama Surface Mining Commission Regulations.
23. Sediment will be removed from each pond when the accumulated sediment reaches the sediment storage volume as shown on the detailed design sheet.
24. Upon completion of mining, successful reclamation and effluent standards being met, each sediment basin not remaining as a permanent water impoundment will be dewatered in an environmentally safe manner (such as siphoning, pumping, etc.) and reclaimed to approximate original contours by the following procedure: A permanent diversion channel (designed for a 10 year - 24 hour precipitation event) shall be cut along the outer edge of the basin to re-route drainage around the basin and back through the stabilized spillway to allow reclamation of the sediment basin. The diversion channel shall be designed and grassed as per enclosed information. (See permanent diversion for basin disposal). Upon completion of the diversion channel the back slope of the dam shall be graded to a minimum 3H to 1V slope. The dewatered sediment basin area shall be seeded with some combination of the following: Fescue, bermuda, rye grass, canary grass and willows. After seeding the area shall be mulched. Any additional sediment or embankment material not used to meet original contour, if non-toxic, shall be spread in thin layers within the permit area and vegetated as stated in the approved reclamation plan. All toxic material encountered in the basin disposal shall be buried and covered with 4 feet of non-toxic material and vegetated as stated in the approved reclamation plan.
25. A qualified registered professional engineer or other qualified professional specialist, under the direction of the professional engineer shall conduct regular inspections during construction and upon completion shall inspect each basin for certification purposes.
26. Point source discharge embankments shall be constructed and abutments keyed into desirable material if at all possible. In the event that undesirable material is encountered, addition design and construction criteria shall be submitted prior to certification.



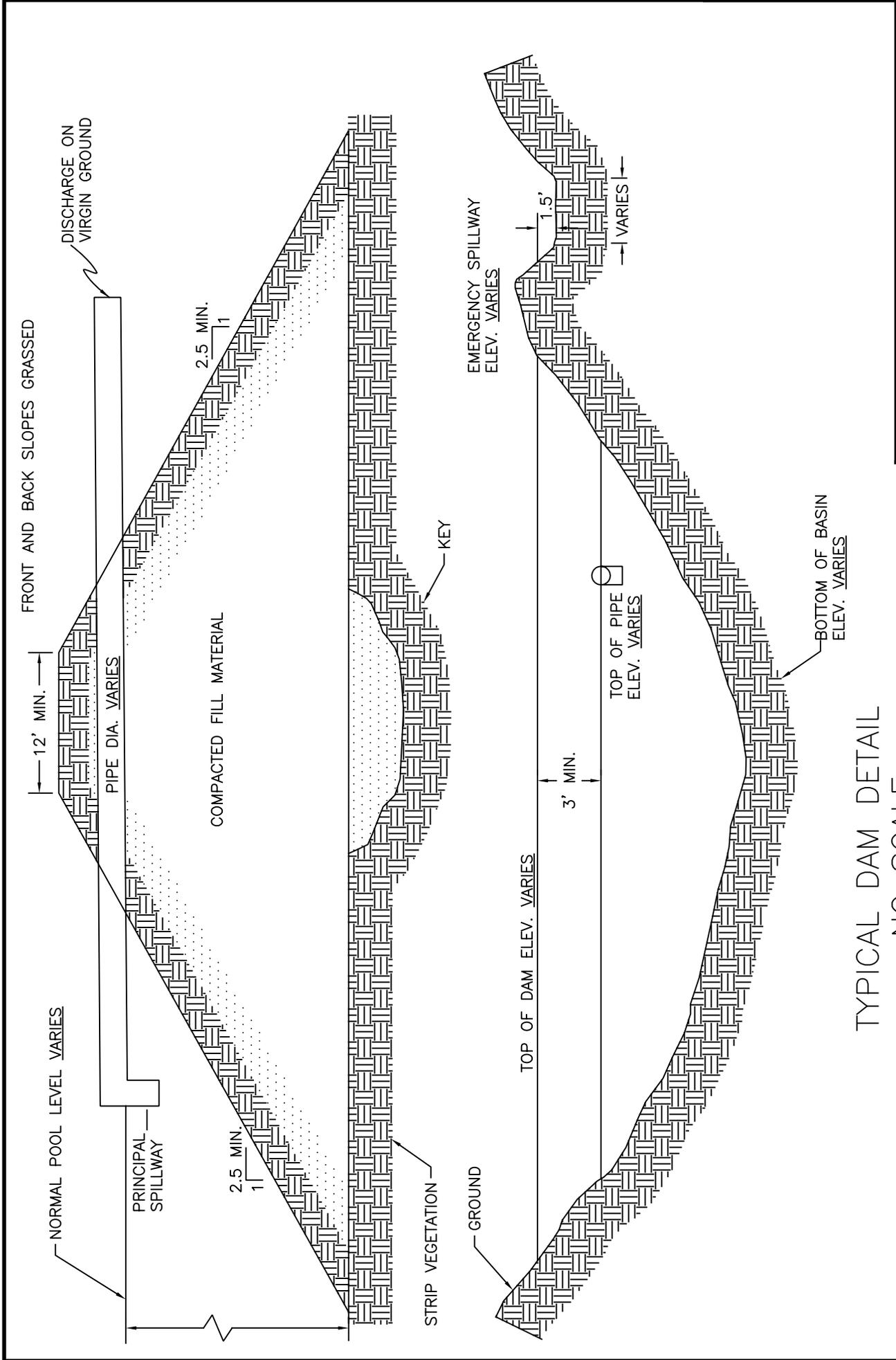
PLANVIEW OF EMBANKMENT POND

ATTACHMENT III-B-2(a)
 TYPICAL PLANVIEW
 OF POND EMBANKMENT



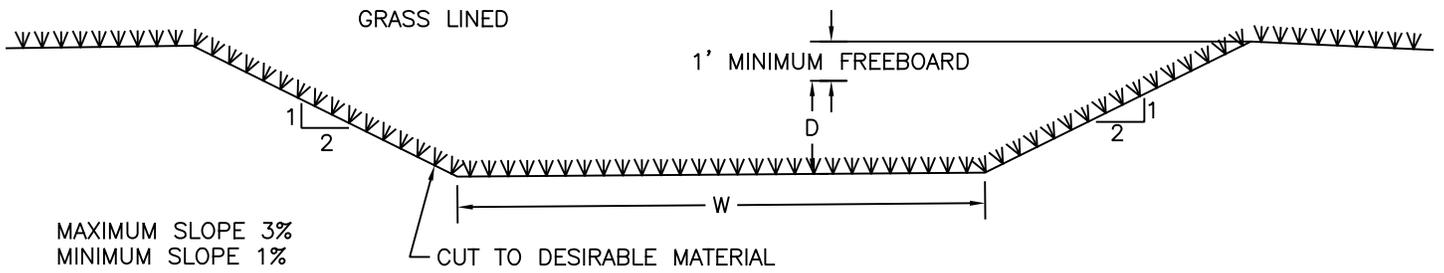
TYPICAL DAM DETAIL
NO SCALE

ATTACHMENT III-B-2(a)
DAM DETAIL
OPEN CHANNEL SPILLWAY



TYPICAL DAM DETAIL
 NO SCALE

ATTACHMENT III-B-2(a)
 DAM DETAIL
 PIPE SPILLWAY



$$Q = \frac{1.49}{N} A R^{2/3} S^{1/2}$$

$N(\text{LOOSE STONE OR GRASS LINED}) = 0.035$
 $A = \text{AREA}$
 $R = \text{AREA/WETTED PERIMETER}$
 $S = \text{SLOPE}$

* GRASS LINING: FESCUE, BERMUDA, RYE GRASS

DIVERSION CHANNEL DEPTH (D) FOR WIDTH (W) 8.0 FT.	
PEAK FLOW Q (CFS)	DEPTH D (FT)
0-15	0.5
15-50	1.0
50-100	1.5
100-180	2.0
180-270	2.5

DIVERSION CHANNEL DEPTH (D) FOR WIDTH (W) 10.0 FT.	
PEAK FLOW Q (CFS)	DEPTH D (FT)
0-15	0.5
15-60	1.0
60-120	1.5
120-210	2.0
210-320	2.5

DIVERSION CHANNEL DEPTH (D) FOR WIDTH (W) 12.0 FT.	
PEAK FLOW Q (CFS)	DEPTH D (FT)
0-20	0.5
20-70	1.0
70-150	1.5
150-250	2.0
250-383	2.5

DIVERSION CHANNEL DEPTH (D) FOR WIDTH (W) 15.0 FT.	
PEAK FLOW Q (CFS)	DEPTH D (FT)
0-25	0.5
25-90	1.0
90-180	1.5
180-300	2.0
300-450	2.5

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TYPICAL PERMANENT DIVERSION
FOR BASIN DISPOSAL