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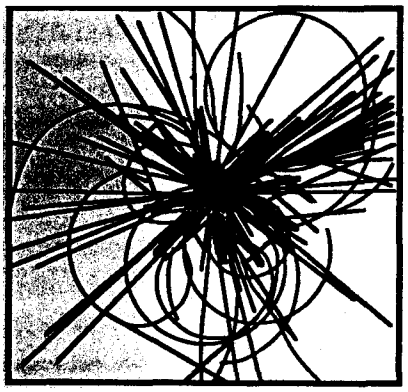

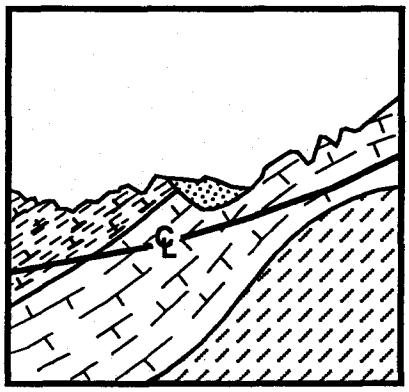


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# 1 GEOLOGIC OVERVIEW

The Superconducting Super Collider (SSC) site is situated in a northeast-trending belt of shallowly southeast-dipping, Cretaceous marine strata. The strata owe their origin, and their dip, to the development and filling of the Gulf coastal embayment in Cretaceous through Tertiary time. Today, the eroded landward ends of these strata form a series of northwest facing bluffs or escarpments, of which the White Rock Escarpment, west of the site, is the best known. Dip slopes face gulfward and are gentle.

The strata of concern to the SSC project are divided into three formations:

- Taylor Marl (a calcareous shale)
- Austin Chalk
- Eagle Ford Shale.

SSC excavations will occur in all three. Accordingly, 116 borings have been drilled to various depths in all three formations to provide an overall geologic/geotechnical characterization of the site environs. From these borings and associated geological mapping and geophysical surveys, some insights into the various geologic aspects of the site, particularly as the geology relates to the SSC project, have been gained. These insights are summarized below.

**Site Stratigraphy:** Strata in which site structures will be excavated include the lower 300 feet of Taylor Marl (Ozan Fm), 400 feet of Austin Chalk, and the upper 100 feet of Eagle Ford Shale (South Bosque Fm). The Marl is a highly homogeneous, calcite-cemented shale. The Austin Chalk is characterized as thick-bedded chalk with variable percentages of moderately to very argillaceous chalk (occasionally shaly chalk) as interbeds, with infrequent thin bentonite layers. Chalk at the site is much thinner than in the Dallas area (where it reaches 800 feet in thickness). The Eagle Ford Shale is a highly homogeneous compaction shale with infrequent thin limestone interbeds. The site stratigraphy is discussed in greater detail in Section 2.

**Tunnel Profiles:** Geologic profiles, based on borings drilled to below tunnel depth, have been constructed along the collider tunnel alignment, and along the high-energy booster (HEB) alignment. The main ring tunnel will encounter 16.8 miles of Eagle Ford Shale, 29.5 miles of Austin Chalk, and 7.8 miles of Taylor Marl (excluding bypasses). The HEB tunnel alignment includes an additional 6.7 miles in Austin Chalk and Eagle Ford Shale. Tunnel profiles are discussed in more detail in Section 3.

**Geology of Shafts:** Ground surface at the shaft sites ranges from 90 to 240 feet above the center of the beam line. Depending on location, each shaft will penetrate one or two of the bedrock formations. Thickness of soil above bedrock may be as great as 50 feet. Weathered rock may extend up to 50 feet below ground surface. Shaft geology is described in Section 4.

**Geology of IRs:** The geology of the interaction regions is known from multiple borings at each IR site. At IRs 1, 2, 3, and 4, the geology of the construction zone includes the lower 220 feet of Austin Chalk and the top 25 feet of the Eagle Ford Shale. The top of the shale ranges from 44 feet below beam line at IR 4 to 39 feet below beam line at IR 1. At IRs 5 and 8, 137 to 194 feet of Taylor Marl overlies the top of the Austin Chalk. Chalk is 36 feet below beam line at IR 5 and 1 foot below beam line at IR 8. Geologic structure at the hall sites is simple and flat lying, with one exception: at IR 3, there is a graben with 72 feet of downdrop just north of the hall. Geology of the IRs is covered in more detail in Section 5.

**Site Faulting:** In addition to the overall slight (1 percent) gulfward tilt of the site strata, a number of faults create a locally more complicated structure. The site sits astride the likely northeastward continuation of the northeast-trending Balcones fault zone, a zone along which down-to-the-gulf flexure occurred in Tertiary time. Elsewhere this hinge-zone is marked by normal faults and grabens; site faults have the same tectonic style. Small normal faults with a few feet of displacement are considered to be ubiquitous. Larger **faults and grabens** thousands of feet long and with tens of feet of offset are relatively infrequent. Only 20 are known in the county and only 11 are known in the SSC construction zone. The majority are known from the Austin Chalk; characteristically, each comprises a normal fault with considerable offset (either down-to-the-gulf or down-to-the-craton) and an antithetic fault with less offset. The net result is a narrow graben terminating downward a short distance below the top of the underlying Eagle Ford Shale. There is evidence from seismic reflection profiles that the faults may not extend downward through the base of the shale. All of the mappable, large-offset faults have north-northeast to east-northeast trends. Grabens are a few hundred feet across, and individual faults are less than 10 feet thick. Faulting is described in more detail in Section 6.

# 2 SITE STRATIGRAPHY

## GENERAL STRATIGRAPHY

The three major lithologic units at the site are the Taylor Marl, Austin Chalk, and Eagle Ford Shale. The primary characteristics of these units are summarized below.

**Taylor Marl**

- Medium-gray to bluish-black shale cemented with calcite
- Soft to medium-hard
- Occasional fossil fragments and thin calcite layers
- Maximum thickness at the site is 360 feet
- Exposed at the surface on the eastern third of the site.

**Austin Chalk** (exposed at the surface on the western two-thirds of the site)

Top 150 feet

- Thick chalk beds, generally greater than 1 foot thick but ranging from 0.1 to 8 feet
- Moderately argillaceous to shaly chalk interbeds usually less than a foot thick but generally ranging from 0.1 to 5.3 feet
- Infrequent thin bentonitic shale interbeds.

Middle 195 feet

- More frequent interbeds of argillaceous chalk and shaly chalk (to calcareous shale) than in the overlying 150 feet
- Common bentonitic layers, generally 1 to 2 inches thick
- Common pyrite nodules, 1 to 3 inches in diameter
- A bentonite marker bed, 0.75 to 1.0 foot thick, widely traceable laterally, occurs at the base of this section. This marker bed is nominally 70 feet above the base of the Austin Chalk.

Bottom 70 feet

- Thick chalk beds with thin interbeds of moderate to very argillaceous chalk and shaly chalk
- Lithologically similar to the top 150 feet
- Small (generally less than 0.25 inch) pyrite nodules
- A fossiliferous argillaceous and arenaceous zone at the base known as the Fish Beds.

**Eagle Ford Shale**

- Dark, gray-black, soft to medium-hard shale
- Contains very thin limestone laminae, particularly in a zone 40 to 75 feet below the top of the formation
- Contains calcite concretions and pyrite nodules
- On the order of 300 feet thick at the site
- Does not crop out in the site area.

The top, middle, and bottom divisions described for Austin Chalk, above, do not correlate with the formally defined upper, middle, and lower Austin Chalk members known in the Dallas area. It is likely that the top 150 feet of Austin Chalk at the SSC site is a much-thinned equivalent of the upper and middle Austin Chalk observed elsewhere in the region. Chalk at the site is only 400 to 415 feet thick, in contrast to a thickness of over 800 feet in the Dallas area.

## REFERENCE STRATIGRAPHIC COLUMN

A reference stratigraphic column was compiled for the SSC site based on data from a number of site borings. Developing this site-specific stratigraphy is preferable to extrapolating stratigraphic data from elsewhere in the region to the site. For the geologist, the reference column has been a valuable baseline against which each new boring has been compared. It is an important tool for correlations around the ring, because it identifies stratigraphic divisions and subdivisions that are laterally traceable throughout the site. For the geotechnical engineer, it is a nominal description of all the strata in the construction zone.

The complete reference stratigraphic column (Drawing SR-1 in pocket) includes the following:

- Lithologic descriptions of recognizable subdivisions of the site rocks, including the lower part of the Taylor Marl, all of the Austin Chalk, and the top part of the Eagle Ford Shale
- Nominal thicknesses of lithologic subdivisions referenced to key contacts
- Type wireline logs (single-point resistance and natural gamma) for use in correlations.

## WIRELINE STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS

The reference site stratigraphy has been further subdivided into "wireline stratigraphic units." Just as stratigraphic units are correlative, laterally traceable lithologic groupings, "wireline stratigraphic units" are correlative, laterally traceable signatures on wireline logs -- in this case single-point resistance and natural gamma. A wireline stratigraphic unit is thus a geophysical signature for a particular stratigraphic interval that can be correlated between borings. For some of the site formations, particularily the Austin Chalk, the wireline units are more distinctive and traceable than the visible lithology.

Wireline units for the Taylor, Austin, and Eagle Ford have been given an alphabetic prefix of T, A, and E, respectively, followed by a numeric suffix that increases with increasing geologic age. The depths, thicknesses, and position relative to reference contacts of each wireline unit shown in Table 1.

## TABLE 1. WIRELINE STRATIGRAPHY

| Wireline Stratigraphic Unit | Thickness of Unit (feet) | Thickness Above/Below Reference Contact (feet) | |
|---|---|---|---|
| T-21 | 116.0 | 109.0 - 225.0 + | Above Austin Chalk |
| T-22 | 62.0 | 47.0 - 109.0 | Above Austin Chalk |
| T-23 | 47.0 | 0.0 - 47.0 | Above Austin Chalk |
| A-15 | 76.5 | 0.0 - 76.5 | Below Taylor Marl |
| A-16 | 31.4 | 76.5 - 107.9 | Below Taylor Marl |
| A-17 | 20.9 | 107.9 - 128.8 | Below Taylor Marl |
| A-18 | 18.6 | 128.8 - 147.4 | Below Taylor Marl |
| A-19 | 14.1 | 147.4 - 161.5 | Below Taylor Marl |
| A-20 | 56.5 | 161.5 - 218.0 | Below Taylor Marl |
| A-21 | 40.0 | 218.0 - 258.0 | Below Taylor Marl |
| A-22 | 19.5 | 258.0 - 277.5 | Below Taylor Marl |
| A-23 | 15.5 | 277.5 - 293.0 | Below Taylor Marl |
| A-24 | 17.5 | 293.0 - 310.5 | Below Taylor Marl |
| A-25 | 23.9 | 310.5 - 334.4 | Below Taylor Marl |
| A-26 | 17.0 | 334.4 - 351.4 | Below Taylor Marl |
| A-27 | 51.8 | 351.4 - 403.2 | Below Taylor Marl |
| E-20 | 41.7 | 0.0 - 41.7 | Below Austin Chalk |
| E-21 | 34.2 | 41.7 - 75.9 | Below Austin Chalk |
| E-22 | 30.0 | 75.9 - 105.9 + | Below Austin Chalk |

Wireline stratigraphic units are identified on Drawing SR-1 (in pocket).

# 3 GEOLOGY OF TUNNEL ALIGNMENT

Geologic profiles along the tunnel alignments (HEB tunnel as well as main ring tunnel) are based on drilling as follows:

- Coreholes at 18 shaft sites
- Six borings along the HEB alignment
- Borings specifically to locate the top of the Eagle Ford Shale
- Coreholes at the experimental hall sites
- Angled coreholes and rotary wash borings probing ten faults
- Several borings where the ring tunnel will cross bentonite layers and formational contacts.

Formation contacts are easily identifiable in core; intraformational subdivisions and correlations were interpreted based on wireline logs.

## COLLIDER TUNNEL GEOLOGY

The geology along the main ring alignment is illustrated on Drawing TP-18 (in map pocket). The tunnel will penetrate 16.8 miles of Taylor Marl in one segment, 29.5 miles of Austin Chalk in two large segments and possibly one small segment, and 7.8 miles of Eagle Ford Shale in one long segment and possibly one short segment. The character of crossings from one formation to another at tunnel depth is as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Taylor Marl to Austin Chalk | Near IR 8, normal stratigraphic contact with very shallow dip, but repeated by normal fault for total crossing length of 0.4 mile. |
| | Fault contact (Italy Graben) between E8 and F8. |
| Austin Chalk to Eagle Ford Shale | Part fault contact (SE 10.9) and part normal stratigraphic contact between E10 and E1 for a total crossing length of 0.3 miles. |
| | Possibly two fault contacts (inferred faults) south of E2. |
| | Normal stratigraphic contact with very shallow dip north of E2. The crossing is expected to be 1.8 miles long. |

The main ring tunnel will pass through the bentonite marker bed (in the Austin Chalk; Drawing SR-1 in map pocket) only once; a second possible crossing (near E10) is faulted-out.

Taken in its entirety, the tunnel will pass through the lower 160 feet of the Taylor Marl, all of the Austin Chalk (approximately 400 feet), and the upper 70 feet of Eagle Ford Shale.

**Mapped faults**, with tens of feet of displacement will be crossed by the tunnel at nine locations as follows (see also Drawing TP-18; in map pocket, and Section 6):

| Mapped Fault | Type/Offset | Tunnel Station Where Crossed |
|---|---|---|
| SE1* | graben/25 ft. | 1619+00 and 1623+00 |
| SE5.2* | graben/25 ft. | 2719+30 and 2722+30 |
| SE5.8 | normal/8 ft. | 0+00 approximately |
| Italy | normal/10 ft. | 842+00 |
| SF8.3* | horst/25 ft. | 941+60 and 950+60 approximately |
| SIR3* | graben/73 ft. | 1349+00 and 1351+50 |
| SE10.7 | normal/20 ft. | 1392+80 |
| SE10.9* | graben/80 ft. | 1440+10 and 1445+60 |
| SF10.1* | graben/90 ft. | 1502+90 and 1504+40 |

* Ground conditions at these faults are described in Appendix A.

Additionally, ten **possible fault structures** have been identified based on borings along the tunnel alignment, but have not been confirmed by geological mapping or closely spaced drilling. These are as follows:

| Possible Fault | Type/Offset | Tunnel Station Where Crossed |
|---|---|---|
| SF1.8 | graben/21 ft. | 1550+00 and 1575+00 approximately |
| SE3 | normal/65 ft. | 2144+00 |
| SE5 | normal/70 ft. | 2710+10 |
| SE5.4 | normal/21 ft. | 2764+00 approximately |
| SE5.9 | normal/48 ft. | 2841+00 approximately |
| SF5.2 | normal/5 ft. | 62+00 approximately |
| SE8.3 | normal/53 ft. | 758+00 approximately |
| SF9 | normal/55 ft. | 1140+30 |
| SE10 | normal/54 ft. | 1286+00 approximately |
| SF10.8 | normal/14 ft. | 1547+00 approximately |

The faults and possible faults found to date are principally in the areas of the east and west campuses, which are the most intensely explored portions of the site. Additional faults will probably be found as exploration continues in other areas.

## HEB TUNNEL GEOLOGY

The geology along the HEB tunnel alignment is illustrated in drawing PI-3. The tunnel is expected to penetrate 5.8 miles of Austin Chalk and 0.2 miles Eagle Ford Shale; the remaining 0.7 mile of HEB tunnel appears to lie tangent to the contact between Eagle Ford and Austin (reference GR-50).

Stratigraphically, the tunnel will traverse the lower 150 feet of the Austin Chalk and the upper ten feet of Eagle Ford Shale. Fifteen percent of the HEB tunnel may be expected to include the formation contact.

Mapped faults will be crossed by the HEB tunnel at four locations (see also Drawing PI-3 and Section 6) as follows:

| Mapped Fault | Type/Offset | Tunnel Station Where Crossed |
|---|---|---|
| SE 10.9* | graben/80 ft. | 113+00 and 115+50 |
| SF 10.1* | graben/6 ft. | 145+00 and 148+00 |
| SF 10.8 | graben/80 ft. | 191+80 |
| SI 2* | graben/90 ft. | 295+00 and 298+80 |

* Ground conditions at these faults are described in Appendix A.

Additionally, a normal fault, interpreted from borings along the alignment but not yet identified by mapping, appears to cross the tunnel at approximately station 191+80. This fault structure (SF10.1), appears to have 10 feet of vertical offset.

# 4 GEOLOGY OF SHAFT SITES

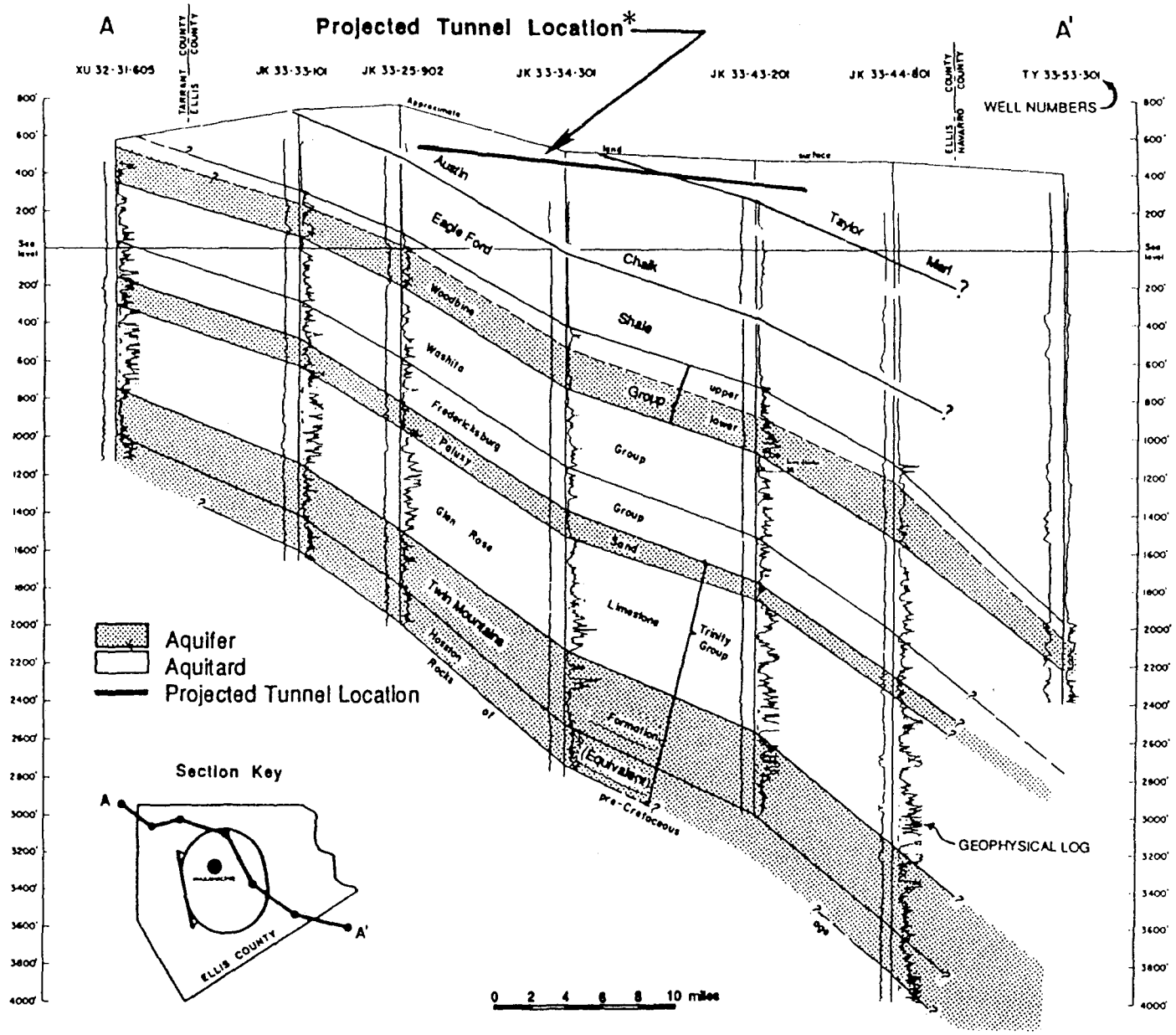
Eighteen core holes were drilled at E- and F-shaft sites to characterize the geology of the shaft locations. Two of the borings were not located at the actual shaft locations because of access problems, but were sited nearby. Stratigraphy encountered by the shaft borings is shown in Figure 1.

Predictably, eleven shaft locations on the western side of the site (E9 through F4, proceeding clockwise) are principally in chalk, with lesser thicknesses of shale at the bottoms of three shafts. East-side shafts (E5 through F8) will encounter principally marl, with small amounts of chalk at the bottoms of shafts E5 and F8.

The upper portions of the shaft geology (upper 4 to 53 feet) consists of soil, weathered rock or both. The thickest soil cover (up to 50 feet) is at shaft sites in alluvial/terrace deposits. The thickness of weathered rock (up to 44 feet) tends to be greatest at shaft locations with marl bedrock (see also Appendix B).

The shaft-site boring at E3 penetrated a normal fault with 60 feet of normal offset; the borings at E5 and F9 also intersected faults, with 75 feet and 37 feet of offset, respectively, but well below tunnel depth. The other borings encountered occasional fractured zones without noticeable fault offsets. Faulting is described in more detail in Section 6.

## FIGURE 1-1 HYDROSTRATIGRAPHIC CROSS SECTION OF SSC REGION

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*The tunnel will be excavated in Eagle Ford Shale on the western side of the ring.

# 5 GEOLOGY OF INTERACTION REGIONS

Interaction region (IR) geology was investigated by three to five coreholes at each of six IR sites. The coreholes were located close to the corners of the planned experimental halls. One corehole at each IR was an angle boring oriented diagonally across the volume of the proposed hall; each site also had a deep boring extending considerably below planned floor grade. Geologic mapping, trenching, and geophysical surveys also contributed to the geologic picture.

IRs 1, 2, 3, and 4, on the western side of the ring have 175 to 235 feet of Austin Chalk overlying Eagle Ford shale. IRs 5 and 8, on the eastern side of the ring have 140 to 190 feet of Taylor Marl overlying the top of Austin Chalk. The geologic structure comprises flat-lying beds at all IR sites except IR 3. At IR 3 the flat lying beds are broken by a graben located adjacent to the planned hall. Specific characteristics of each site are summarized below and illustrated in Drawings GS-3A through GS-8A (in map pockets).

Interaction Region 1 (Drawing GS-3A and reference GR-37):

- Depth to sound rock; 4 to 5 feet
- Chalk in construction zone; 220 to 225 feet of units A21 through A27
- Marker bentonite to beam line; 25 to 28 feet
- Shale in construction zone; top of units E20 to E22 lies less than 10 feet below planned excavated grade
- Beamline to top of shale; 40 to 41 feet
- Geologic structure; beds in chalk have 2.0 to 3.2 percent tilt to the east; chalk/shale contact has 2.3 to 3.6 percent tilt to the east; no fault offsets over 3 feet expected
- Joints; bedding (subhorizontal), N38° to 46°E (subvertical), N0° to 20°W (subvertical).

Interaction Region 2 (Drawing GS-4A and reference GR-36):

- Depth to sound rock; 5 to 10 feet
- Chalk in construction zone; 230 to 235 feet of units A21 through A27
- Marker bentonite to beam line; 20 to 21 feet
- Shale in construction zone; top of units E20 through E22 lies 15 to 20 feet below planned excavated grade
- Beam line to top of shale; 45 to 48 feet
- Geologic structure; beds in chalk have 1.9 percent tilt to the east; chalk/shale contact has 2.9 to 3.1 percent tilt to the east; no fault offsets over 3 feet expected
- Joints; bedding (subhorizontal); N38° to 46°E (subvertical); N40° to 50°W (subvertical).

Interaction Region 3 (Drawing GS-5A and reference GR-35)

- Depth to sound rock; 13 to 14 feet
- Chalk in construction zone; 155 to 170 feet of units A21 through A27
- Marker bentonite to beam line; 32 to 35 feet
- Shale in construction zone; top of units E20 through E22 lies 7 to 11 feet below planned excavated grade
- Beam line to top of shale; 35 to 37 feet

- Geologic structure; beds in chalk have 4 percent tilt to the east; chalk/shale contact has 3.2 percent dip to east; graben with maximum 72 feet offset (down to the northwest) runs approximately along the northwestern wall of the planned hall; smaller subsidiary faults are expected in the hall excavation
- Joints; bedding (subhorizontal); N10° to 60°E (subvertical), N45° to 80°W (subvertical).

Interaction Region 4 (Drawing GS-6A and reference GR-34)

- Depth to sound rock; 6 to 14 feet
- Chalk in construction zone; 175 to 179 feet of units A21 through A27
- Marker bentonite to beam line; 25 to 28 feet
- Shale in construction zone; top of units E20 through E22 lies 19 to 22 feet above planned excavated grade
- Beam line to top of shale; 37 to 40 feet
- Geologic structure; beds in chalk have 2.8 to 3.5 percent tilt to east; chalk/shale contact has 2.2 to 3.0 percent tilt to the east; no fault offsets over 6 feet expected
- Joints; bedding (subhorizontal); N55° to 84°E (subvertical); N50° to 72°W (subvertical).

Interaction Region 5 (Drawing GS-7A and reference GR-33)

- Depth to sound rock; 19 to 25 feet
- Marl in construction zone; 180 to 190 feet of units T21 through T23
- Chalk in construction zone; top of units A15 through A21 lies 4 to 10 feet above planned excavated grade
- Beam line to top of chalk; 31 to 39 feet
- Geologic structure; marl/chalk contact has 6.8 percent tilt to east; no fault offsets over 3 feet expected
- Joints; bedding (subhorizontal; N70°W to N62°E (subvertical).

Interaction Region 8 (Drawing GS-8A and reference GR-26)

- Depth to sound rock; 22 to 28 feet
- Marl in construction zone; 138 to 142 feet of units T21 through T23
- Chalk in construction zone; top of units A15 through A21 lies 27 to 29 feet above planned excavated grade
- Beam line to top of chalk; 0 to 2 feet
- Geologic structure; marl/chalk contact has 2.9 percent tilt to southeast; no fault offsets over 3 feet expected
- Joints; bedding (subhorizontal); N20° to 58°W (subvertical); N10°W to N20°E (subvertical).

Further details on the geology of the interaction regions are given in geotechnical reports GR-26, GR-33, GR-34, GR-35, GR-36, and GR-37.

# 6 SITE FAULTING -- OBSERVATIONS AND INTERPRETATION

## STRUCTURAL SETTING AND FAULTING

The SSC site lies along the eastern margin of the Texas Craton, in a thick sedimentary sequence with a shallow dip. The sediments are exposed at the surface as broad northeast-trending belts that are progressively older to the west. **Beds and formation contacts fairly uniformly strike N12.5-13° E and dip 0.7° (about 1 percent) to the east-southeast.** A geologic map of the site (Drawing GE-1) is enclosed in the map pocket.

Rapid and abundant deposition of sediments in the Gulf of Mexico Basin (in Cretaceous through Miocene time), and associated subsidence of the Gulf Region, resulted in several arcuate zones of faults subparallel to the edge of the basin along the margin of the Texas Craton. These zones of faults in the Cenozoic and Mesozoic sediments generally comprise inactive, northeast-trending, steeply dipping, normal faults of moderate displacement. The closest of these zones to the site are the **Mexia-Talco fault zone** to the east of the site and the **Balcones fault system** southwest of the site. The majority of the mapped Balcones faults occur in a broad belt that stretches from Valverde County in southwestern Texas to Waco in McLennan County, south of the site. However, the northeastern limit of this fault belt appears to extend into the site area and coincides with the local northeast-trending faults and associated grabens.

Several normal faults with up to 100 feet of offset were known in the region prior to siting of the SSC (Reaser, 1957, 1961, 1989; Reaser and Collins, 1988). These faults generally have northeast trends and are up to several miles long. Additionally, small normal faults and shear zones with a few inches to a few feet of displacement have been observed in numerous outcrops (principally chalk). These are sufficiently common that they are thought to be ubiquitous.

As a result of recent geological mapping and drilling, 18 mappable faults are now known in the site vicinity (see Drawing DL-4 in the map pocket). The characteristics of mappable faults in the vicinity of the site are summarized in Table 2 . Ten more faults have been interpreted from drill hole data along the collider ring (including three that were actually penetrated by the drill holes) but have not yet been mapped (see Section 3). The **mapped faults** commonly trend north-northeast to northeast (paralleling the Balcones trend) with steep dips and normal offsets. Faults are mapped based on subtle photo lineaments and the occurrence of calcite (fault-healing mineralization) in float. Offsets on the faults (based on drilling or correlations of offset units at the surface) commonly range from 25 to 75 feet, and some appear to have offsets greater than 100 feet. Several of the mapped faults are grabens, which is consistent with the tectonics of the Balcones fault system.

The reported abundance of **small-scale faults** throughout the chalk, as well as the extension of the Balcones system of larger-scale faults into the site area, suggests that additional faults not recognized to date may be identified in the future.

## STRUCTURAL STYLE

Drilling, mapping, and reflection surveys of large-offset faults in the construction zone have revealed consistency in the style of deformation from fault to fault. The consistent aspects are as follows:

- In a gross sense, each fault structure is a normal fault. The **normal offset** is distributed over **two to four similarly striking faults** that are 100 to 300 feet apart. All offsets are dip-slip.
- The largest (displacement) fault structures generally include a **graben** bounded by a **principal fault** and an **antithetic fault**; the two faults have the same strike. The net normal offset from one side of the total structure to the other is smaller than the amount by which the graben block is down-dropped.

## TABLE 2. MAPPED FAULTS NEAR THE SSC SITE*

| Fault | Strike | Dip | Displacement |
|---|---|---|---|
| Italy Graben | N15°E-N5°W | Steeply NW to SW | ~10 ft down to the west |
| SF 8.3 | N5°-15°E | Steeply SE | ~25 ft down to the southeast |
| SIR 3 Graben | N40°E to N50°E | Southern fault 70-75° NW | Graben; southern fault has 73 ft down to north; northern fault has 64 ft down to the south |
| SE 10.7 Fault | Due north to N5°E | 65°-90° west | 20 ft down to west |
| SE 10.9 Fault | Average trend N28°E | ~65° SE | Graben; 80 ft on southern fault, 35 ft on northern fault |
| SF10.1 Graben | N50°E | northern fault steeply SE; southern fault steeply NW | ~25 ft on northern fault; 60 ft on southern fault |
| SI 2 Fault | N40°E | Steeply SE | 75-80 ft. down to the southeast |
| SF10.6 Fault | N10°-20°E | Steep to the NW | 10 ft down to the west |
| SE1 Graben | N10° to 30°E | northern fault ~44 SE; southern fault steep to the NW | northwest fault 23 ft down to southeast; southeast fault 25 ft down to the northwest |
| SE1.5 Fault | N10°E | Moderately steep SE | 4 ft down to east |
| Sardis Fault | N65°E | Steeply to the NW ~60° | ~90 ft down to the northwest |
| Sterrett Fault | N50°E | Steeply NW | >100 ft down to the northwest |
| Bear Creek Fault | N40°E | ~63°NW | > 90 ft of offset down to the northwest |
| Rockett Graben | N30°E | north fault steeply SE, south fault steeply NW | >100 ft of offset in the graben |
| SE 5.2 Fault | E-W | ~55°N | 25 ft down to north |
| SF 5.8 Fault | E-W | – | Tenuous correlation suggests 8 ft down to the south |
| Unnamed Fault | N15°-20°E | – | down to the west |
| Lake Waxahachie Graben | N70°E | north fault dips steeply SE; southern fault dips 50-70° NW | >60 ft |

* The faults are also shown on Drawing DL-4 in the map pocket.

References: Reaser and Collins, 1988; The Earth Technology Corporation GR-5, GR-7, GR-8, GR-9, GR-10, GR-15, GR-16, GR-22, GR-24, GR-52, GR-54, GR-55, GR-59, GR-60, GR-61.

- The graben (if one occurs) or the down-dropped side of the normal fault may be rotated so that it tilts toward the upthrown block.
- Faults that offset the Austin Chalk/Eagle Ford Shale contact appear to flatten dip in the shale. Reflection surveys indicate that these faults **do not offset** the base of the Eagle Ford Shale.

The overall style described above is consistent with extensional faulting such as is usually observed along the Balcones fault zone to the southwest. Additionally, several characteristics -- development of an antithetic graben, backtilting of the down-dropped block, faults flattening with depth in shale and faults not passing through the shale -- are reminiscent of regimes in which **listric styles of faults** have been interpreted.

An additional important observation is that fracture zones and shear zones are common in the Eagle Ford Shale, comprising over 4 percent of the shale encountered in vertical borings (see Appendix B). A reasonable interpretation for this observation is that displacements that result in discrete offsets in the relatively brittle chalk, may be absorbed by **diffuse shearing and fracturing** (possibly parallel to bedding) in the underlying more "**ductile**" **shale**.

**FAULTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION ZONE**

Several faults in the construction zone were carefully evaluated by mapping, borings, reflection surveys, and VLF surveys to determine their precise locations and characteristics in the construction zone. Six faults were probed by angled coreholes specifically intended to penetrate the fault where it will be intersected by an SSC tunnel. Angled borings included core logging, wireline logging, sampling and laboratory testing of fault materials for geomechanical properties, downhole photography, and straddle-packer testing of fault zones. These data are available in geotechnical reports GR-10, GR-16, GR-22, GR-52, GR-54, GR-55, GR-59, GR-60 and GR-61.

The tables and maps in Appendix A describe and illustrate the **geotechnical conditions** that are interpreted to exist at seven fault zones that intersect the collider tunnel or the HEB tunnel. These examples should be representative of the type of conditions that may be encountered at other, as yet undiscovered or unexplored site faults. The observations may be generalized as follows:

- Stratigraphic offsets generally occur on **two or three discrete normal faults** that are 100 to 300 feet apart.
- The **rock between the individual fault planes** is not particularly fractured, sheared, weathered, or otherwise altered.
- The fault planes are 1 to 5 or (rarely) 10 feet thick and are noticeable in core as zones of **closely spaced (1 to 10 inches apart) shears and fractures**. Many of the shears and fractures are oriented parallel to the fault, but others appear to be second- or third-order shears or cross-joints.
- Shears within the faults have slickensides (dip-slip) and are generally **closed/tight, and/or mineralized with calcite**. Calcite mineralization is less common in shale and marl than in limestone.
- Alteration, weathering, or vugs along faults were noted in three borings where drilled at depth.
- Hydraulic conductivity measured by packer-testing at faults ranges from $< 4 \times 10^{-8}$ to $3.5 \times 10^{-5}$ cm/sec (Earth Technology, GR-63), with most values in the range of $3 \times 10^{-7}$ to $4 \times 10^{-6}$ cm/sec. The median conductivity, **$2 \times 10^{-6}$ cm/sec**, is one order of magnitude higher than the median for the rock mass in general.

- Geomechanically, the faulted material is comparable to unfaulted rock. For Austin Chalk and Eagle Ford Shale (faulted Taylor Marl was not encountered in borings at tunnel depth) faulted and non-fault sample populations yield very similar values of moisture content, dry density and unconfined compressive strength. Young's Modulus (in chalk) is quite similar in faulted and non-fault samples. However, liquid limit and plasticity index in shale are 30 to 35 percent lower in fault-boring samples than in non-fault samples; this may be due to a change in clay mineralogy.

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| GR-45 | Data Report for Corehole BE 4, 1990 |
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GR-64 Groundwater Monitoring Wells at the Superconducting Super Collider Site May 1989 to May 1990, 1990.

# APPENDIX A

# FAULT GEOTECHNICAL DATA

# APPENDIX A

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**SI2 FAULT**

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Reflection Profile

**SF 10.1 FAULT**

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**SE 1 FAULT**

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**SE 5.2 FAULT**

Interpreted Characteristics
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Geologic Profile
gINT Log

**SF 8.3 FAULT**

Interpreted Characteristics
Fault Map
Geologic Profile

# SIR 3 FAULT

| | |
|---|---|
| LOCATION | SIR 3 Fault crosses the main tunnel alignment 3 miles south of Farm Route 66 along the main tunnel between Station 1349 + 00 and 1351 + 50. |
| GENERAL INTERPRETATION | A northeast trending, northwest dipping normal fault having 70 to 75 ft. of down-to-the-north offset, surmounted by two antithetic faults. |
| STRIKE/DIP of FAULT | The fault is a sinuous plane with a trend of N40° to 50° E and dipping approximately 55° northwest. |
| OFFSET AMOUNT / DIRECTION | The north dipping main fault has an offset of 70 to 75 ft. down-to-the-north. Offset on the antithetic faults have an overall displacement of 50 ft. down-to-the north with the most northern splay offset by as much as 28 ft. . Net vertical displacement is 20-25 ft. down-to-the-north. |
| FORMATION AT TUNNEL DEPTH | The formation at tunnel depth is Austin Chalk (Kau), medium to moderately hard, light gray to dark gray with interbeds of slightly to moderately argillaceous chalk and pyrite nodules. |
| FRACTURE ORIENTATIONS NEAR TUNNEL DEPTH | Fractures on the main fault were encountered 85 ft. below tunnel depth and strike N 20° to 75° W dipping generally 45° to 56° NW in the Eagle Ford . Fractures on the antithetic fault strike N 35° W to N 78° E dipping 65° southeast in the Austin Chalk. |
| THICKNESS AT TUNNEL DEPTH | The main fault is approximately 5 ft. thick in the Austin Chalk (BIR 31) and 0.6 ft. thick in the Eagle Ford Shale. The antithetic fault in the Austin Chalk is approximately 0.6 ft. thick. |
| FRACTURE SPACING | Fracture spacing on the main fault ranges from 0.1 to 3.3 ft. apart (Eagle Ford Shale) with the average spacing about 1 ft. Fracture spacing on the antithetic faults are 0.2 ft. to 0.4 ft. (Austin Chalk) and averages 0.25 ft. |
| ALTERATION/MINERALIZATION | The main fault in the Austin Chalk is calcite filled and slightly brecciated while the fractures in the Eagle Ford Shale are smooth, tight, slickensided and non-mineralized. The antithetic faults have fewer healed fractures and are generally smooth, tight and non-mineralized in the Austin Chalk. |
| HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY | The hydraulic conductivity at the fault zone is $<4.6 \times 10^{-7}$ cm/sec. |
| KEY REFERENCE POINTS | Boreholes: J6-87, BIR31,BIR32,BIR33, SIR3A,SIR3B, Seismic Reflection Survey GSIR4 and Straddle Packer Test results from SIR 3B. |

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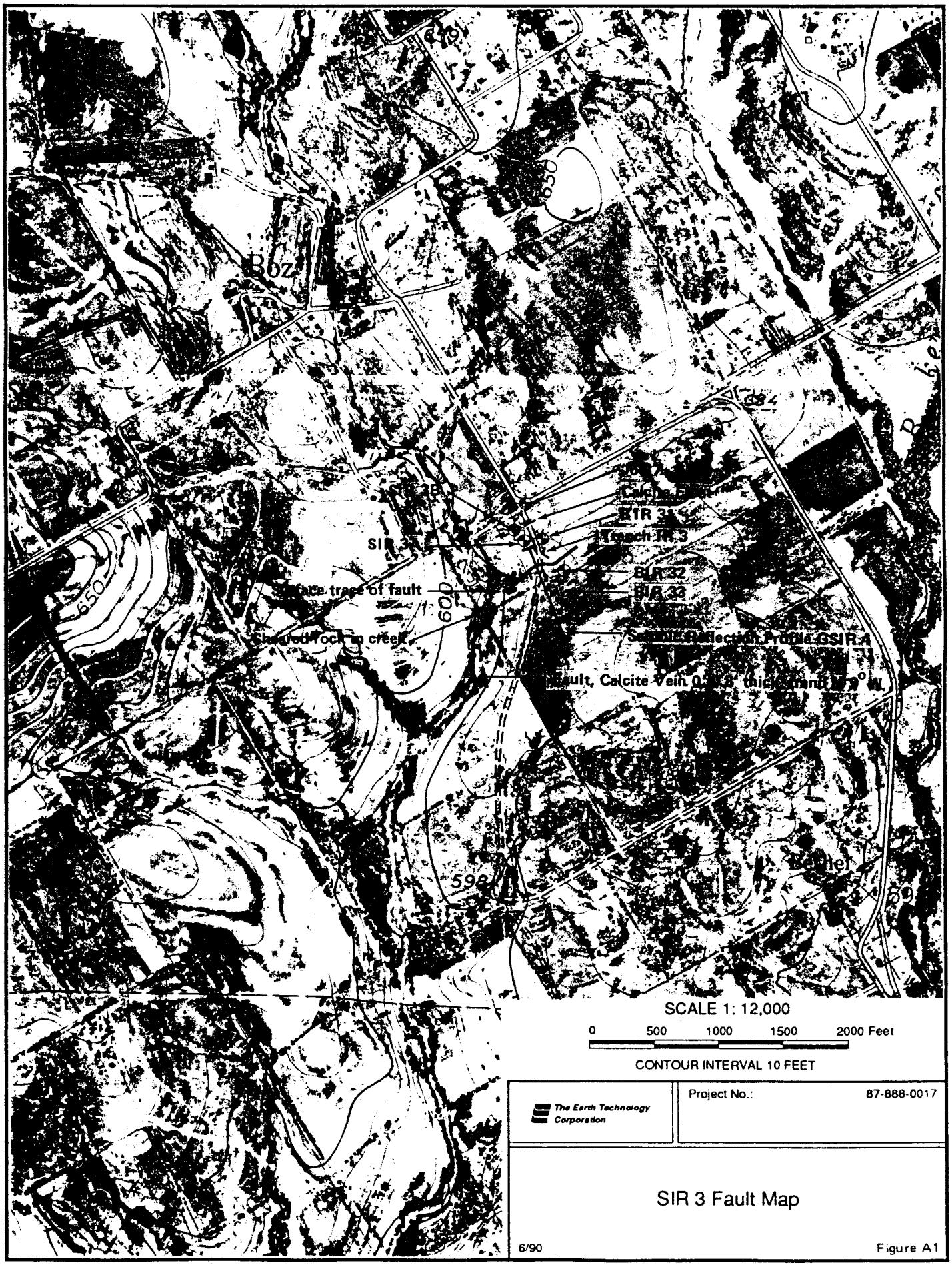


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SIR 3 Fault Map

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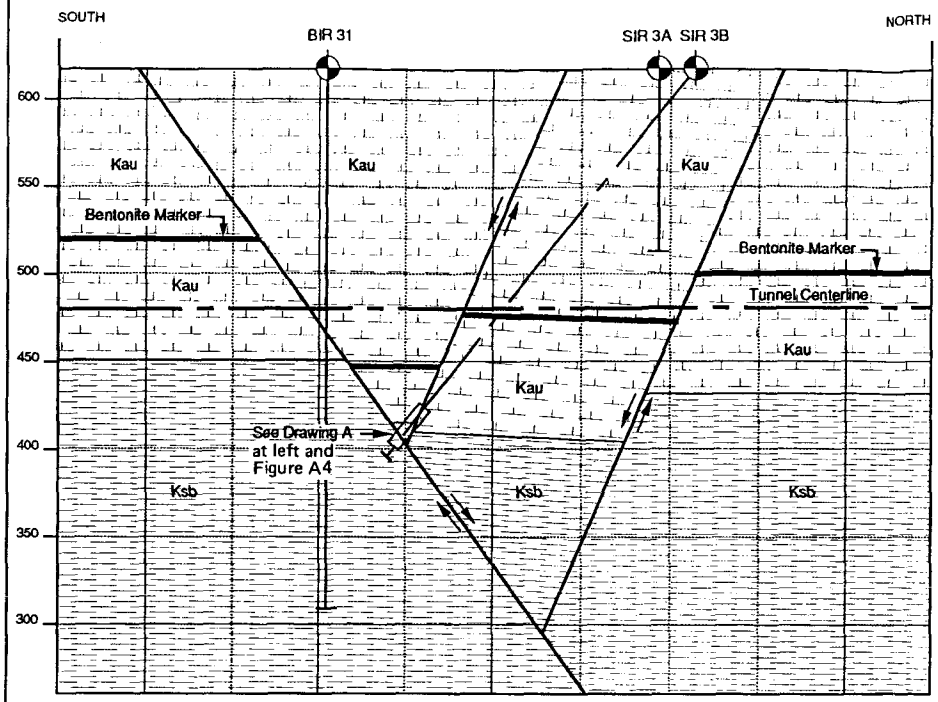


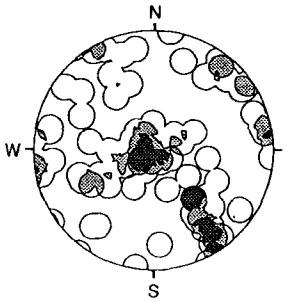


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Stereographic Plot of Poles to Fractures

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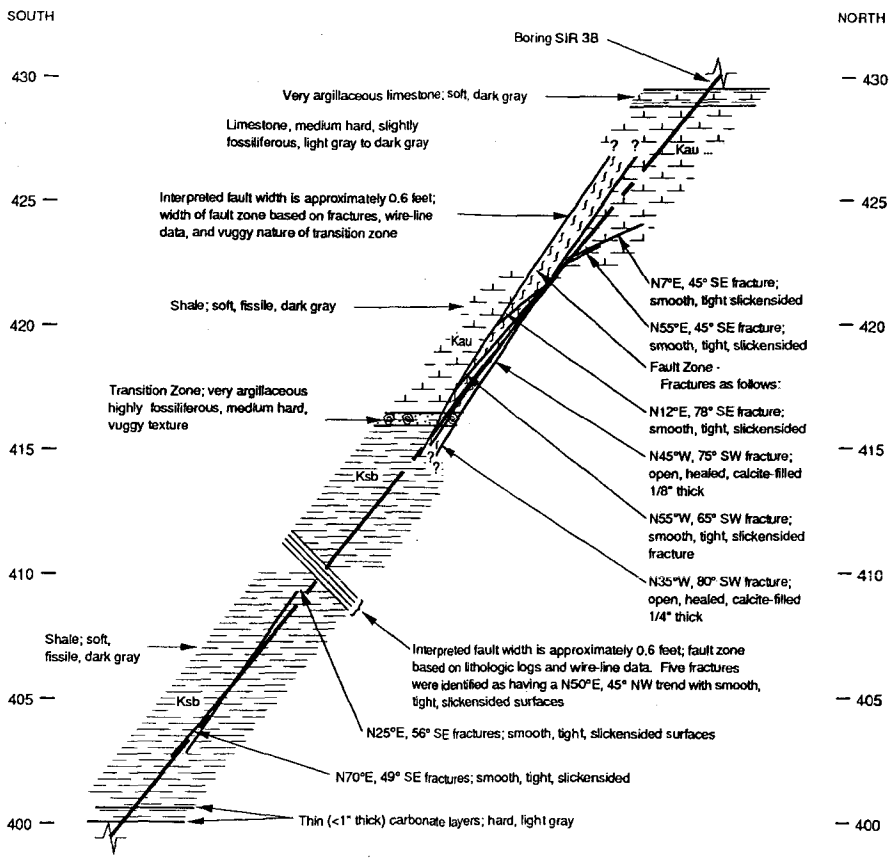


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SIR 3 Fault
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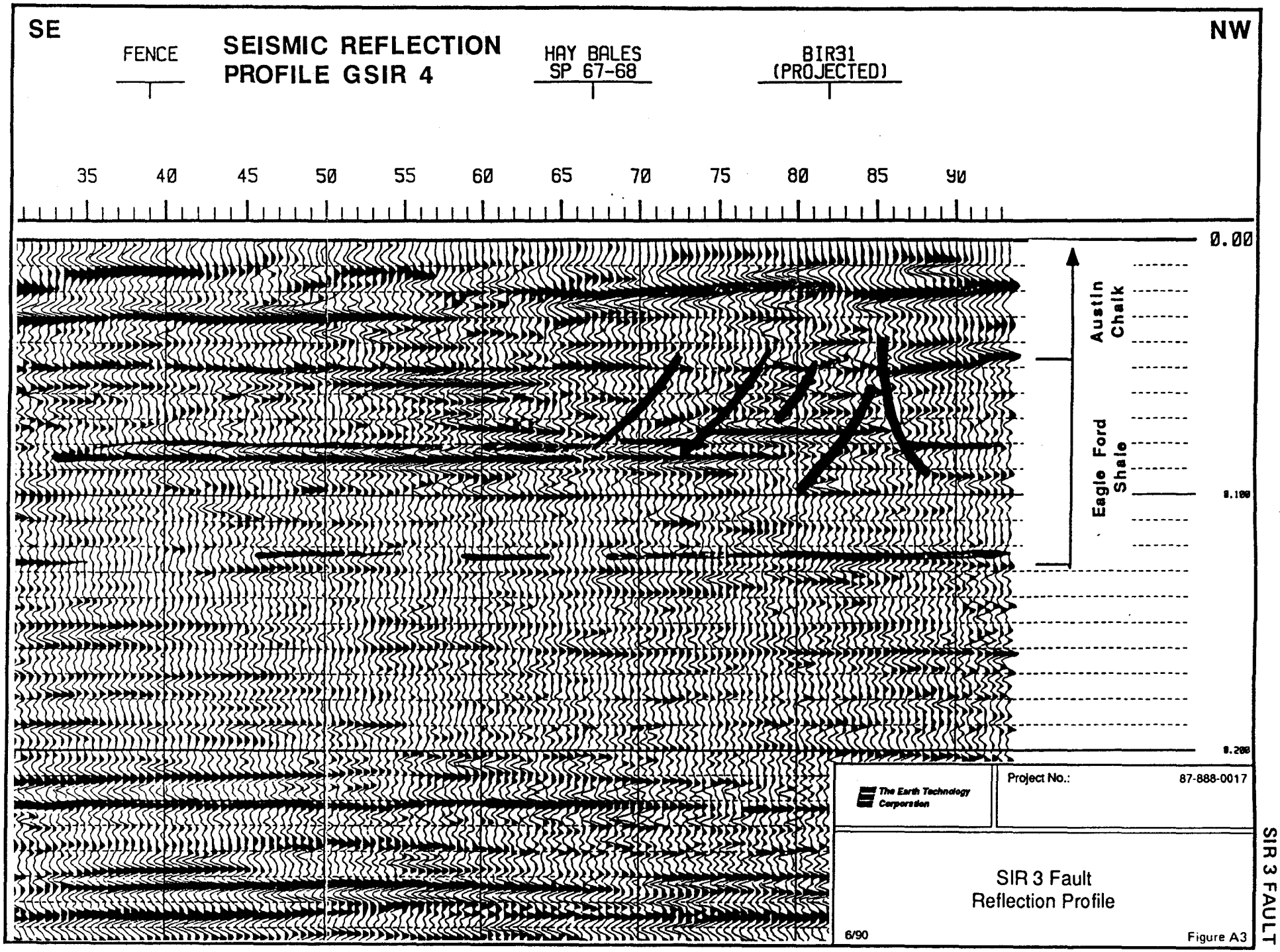
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Figure A3

SIR 3 FAULT

Project ID.: 87-888
Boring No.: SIR3B
Ground.Elev.: 617.8 ft.
North Coord.: 232246.0 ft.
East Coord.: 2178195.0 ft.
Field Engr Geologist: S. Wood
Driller: SWL
Date Began: 2/19/90
Date of Completion: 3/10/90

## GEOLOGY

| Depth (ft) | Elevation (ft) | Formation | Unit | Graphic | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 430 | | | | Very argillaceous layers, soft, dark gray, gradational contacts at 188.0'-188.6' |
| 190 | | | | | LIMESTONE (Austin Chalk), moderately to medium hard, fresh, light gray with medium to high angle fractures. |
| | 425 | Kau | A27 | | |
| 195 | | | | | N 7 E,45 SE, Fracture; smooth, tight, slickensided<br>N 55 E,45 SE, Fracture; smooth, tight, slikensided<br>N 12 E,78 SE, Fracture; smooth, tight, slickensided<br>N 45 W,75 SW, Fracture; open healed, calcite-filled,1/8" thick<br>N 55 W,65 SW, Fracture; smooth, tight, slickensided<br>N 35 W,80 SW, Fracture; open, healed, calcite-filled |
| | 420 | Kau | A27 | | |
| 200 | | | | | |
| | | | FB | | SHALEY LIMESTONE (Transition) medium, fresh, very argillaceous, gray to dark gray with abundant fragments of fish bones, teeth and other broken fossil debris, traces of vuggy texture. |
| | 415 | | | | SHALE (Eagle Ford), soft, fresh, fissile, dark gray with occasional harder carbonate layers 0.7' thick, medium angle fractures, and septarian concretions. |
| 205 | | | | | |
| | 410 | Ksb | E20 | | Interpreted Fault zone based on lithologic logs and wire-line data. Five fractures were identified as having N 50 E,45 NW trend with smooth, tight, slickensided surfaces. |
| 210 | | | | | |
| | 405 | | E20 | | N 25 E,56 SE, Fracture; smooth, tight, slickensided (212.2) Septarian concretions, hard, gray<br>N 70 E,49 SE, Fracture; smooth, tight, slickensided |
| 215 | | Ksb | | | |
| | 400 | | E21 | | 217.0'-217.65' Carbonate layer, hard, light gray.<br>* VERTICAL DEPTHS DERIVED FROM DEVIATION LOGS |

## FIELD DATA

| Depth (ft) | Water Gain/Loss | Core Recovery (%) | RQD (%) | Location of Breaks | Bedding Spacing (ft) | Joint/Bedding/Shear | Dip (Deg.) | Separation | Type of Filling | Amount: None | Amount: Partial | Amount: Complete | Discont. Condition | Discont. Surface Roughness | Piezometer Installation Details |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 190 | | | | | | S | 45 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
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| 195 | | | | | | J | 75 | W | calcite | X | | X | S | R | |
| | | | | | | S | 78 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | S | 65 | C | | | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | J | 80 | W | | | | | S | R | |
| 205 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 210 | | | | | | S | 45 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | S | 45 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | S | 45 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | S | 45 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | S | 45 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| 215 | | | | | | S | 56 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | S | 49 | C | | X | | | S | S | |

## LABORATORY TEST DATA

| Depth (ft) | Moisture Content (%) | Dry Density (pcf) | Liquid Limit | Plasticity Index | Carbonate Content (%) | Unconfined Compressive Strength (psi) | Tensile Strength (psi) | Triaxial Test: Confining Stress (psi) | Triaxial Test: Shear Strength (psi) | Triaxial Test: Elastic Modulus (x10E6 psi) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 190 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 195 | 14.9 | 118 | | | | | | 2450 | 200 | 5.41 |
| | 13.5 | 122 | | | | 845 | | 2810 | 300 | 5.68 |
| | 11.6 | 126 | | | | | | | | 3.33 |
| 200 | 9.6 | 132 | | | | | | | | |
| 205 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 210 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 215 | | | | | | | | | | |

REMARKS

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FIGURE A4
**SIR 3B Fault gINT Log**

# SE 10.9 FAULT

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|---|---|
| LOCATION | SE10.9 Fault crosses the main tunnel 1 mile south of Farm Route 66 between Stations 1440 + 10 and 1445 + 60. |
| GENERAL INTERPRETATION | A north-northeast trending , southeast dipping fault having a net vertical displacement of 20-25 ft. down-to-the-south |
| STRIKE /DIP of FAULT | The fault trends N 20° - 53° E with an average trend of N 28° E and dips approximately 65° southeast. |
| OFFSET AMOUNT / DIRECTION | The southeast dipping main fault has a net offset of 20 -25 ft. down-to-the-south surmounted by a north dipping antithetic fault that has produced a graben with as much as 86 ft. of displacement locally. |
| FORMATION AT TUNNEL DEPTH | The formation at tunnel depth is Austin Chalk (Kau), medium to moderately hard, slightly fossiliferous, with slightly to very argillaceous limestone and shaly limestone interbeds, light gray to dark gray with occasional pyrite nodules. |
| FRACTURE ORIENTATIONS NEAR TUNNEL DEPTH | Fractures noted on the main fault (Boring SE10.9C) strike N68°W with an average dip of 64° SE The north dipping antithetic fault has fractures ranging from N70°W to N90°E dipping 15° to 65° NW . |
| THICKNESS AT TUNNEL DEPTH | The main fault is approximately 11.9 ft. thick in the Eagle Ford Shale (Boring SE10.9C) 38 ft. below the tunnel centerline. The north dipping antithetic fault is approximately 4.5 ft. thick in the Austin Chalk (Boring SE10.9D) 55 ft. above the tunnel centerline. |
| FRACTURE SPACING | Fracture spacing in the Austin Chalk ranges from less than 0.1 ft. to 3.2 ft. with an average of 1.2 ft.. Fracture spacing in the Eagle Ford Shale range from 0.3 ft. to 0.1 ft. with an average spacing of 0.12 ft. |
| ALTERATION/MINERALIZATION | Boring BE10.9 penetrated a weathered zone in the Austin Chalk (68-88 ft. vertical) that contained a few thin calcite filled fractures. Boring SE10.9 C encountered the main fault at a boring depth of 285 ft. where the Austin Chalk is faulted against the Eagle Ford Shale. The Austin Chalk is characterized by hairline width calcite-filled fractures. Fractures extend for several feet beyond the interpreted fault. Fractures in the Eagle Ford Shale are smooth to slightly rough, slickensided, and non-mineralized. Boring SE10.9C encountered the antithetic fault(boring depth 175-182 ft.) in the Austin Chalk. Fractures are typically slickensided, clean, and closed with only occasional calcite in-filling. |
| HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY | The hydraulic conductivity along the main fault (depth of 217.6-266.6 ft. ) where the Austin Chalk is faulted against the Eagle Ford Shale is $3.3 \times 10^{-7}$ cm/sec. The hydraulic conductivity along the antithetic fault (depth of 130.2 -146.3 ft.) is $3.1 \times 10^{-7}$ cm/sec. |
| KEY REFERENCE POINTS | Boreholes: BE 10.9, SE10.9,SE10.8,SE10.9C, SE10.9D<br>Straddle Packer Test SE10.9C |

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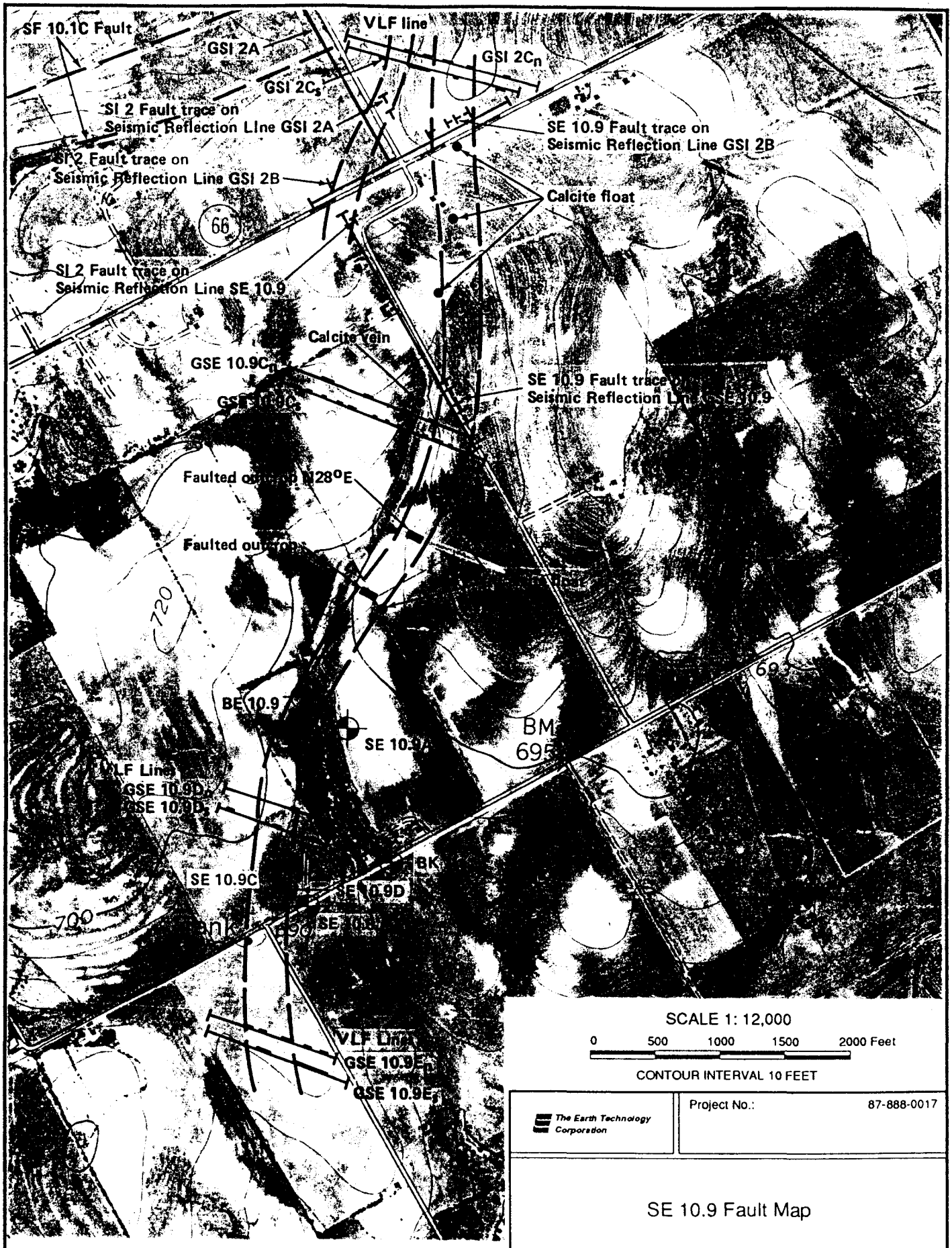
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Seismic Reflection LIne GSI 2A
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Seismic Reflection Line GSI 2B
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Seismic Reflection Line GSI 2B
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66
SI 2 Fault trace on
Seismic Reflection Line SE 10.9
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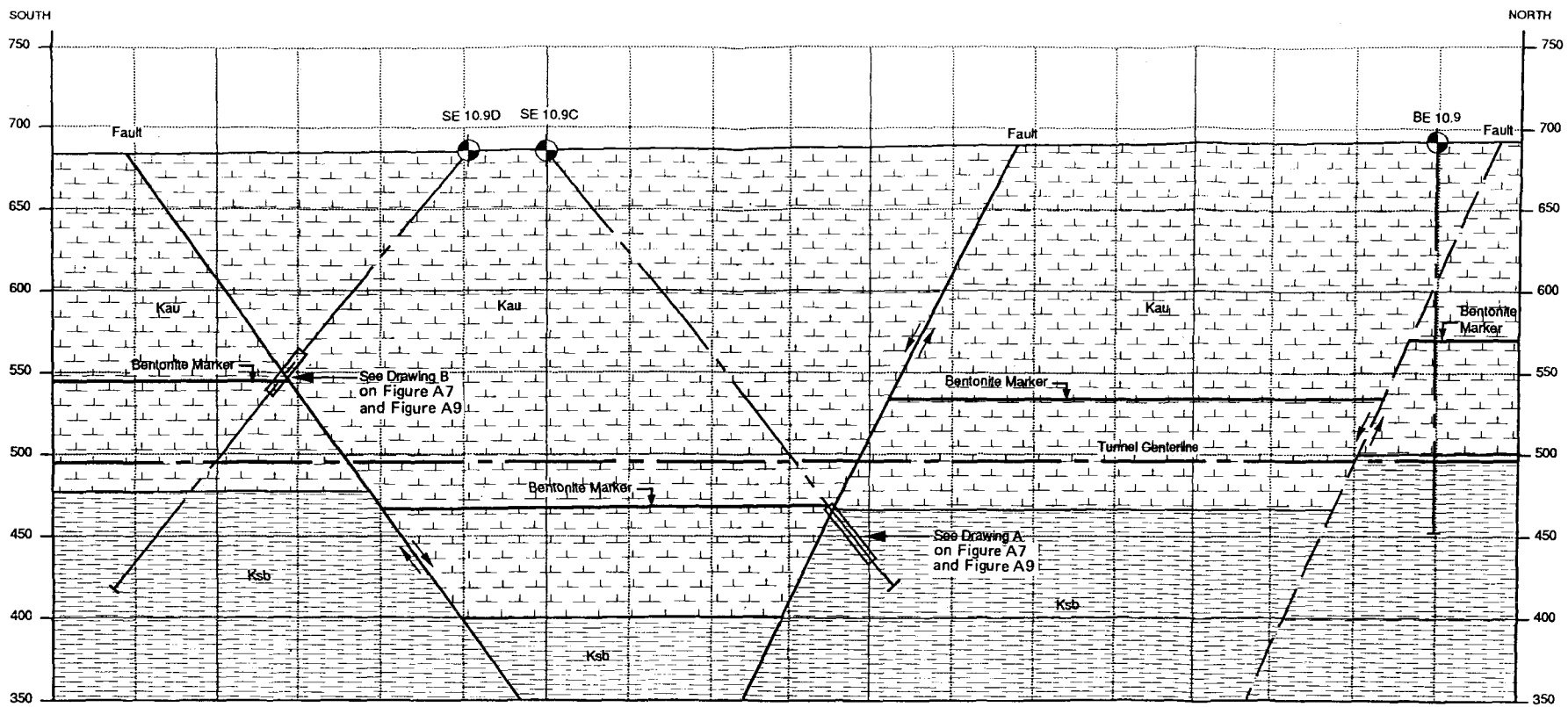
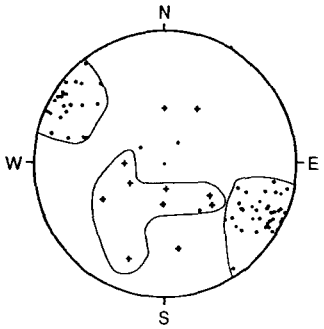
Figure A5




**Stereographic Plot of Poles to Fractures**

- ● Fractures noted in outcrops
- + Fractures noted in boring logs

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Figure A6

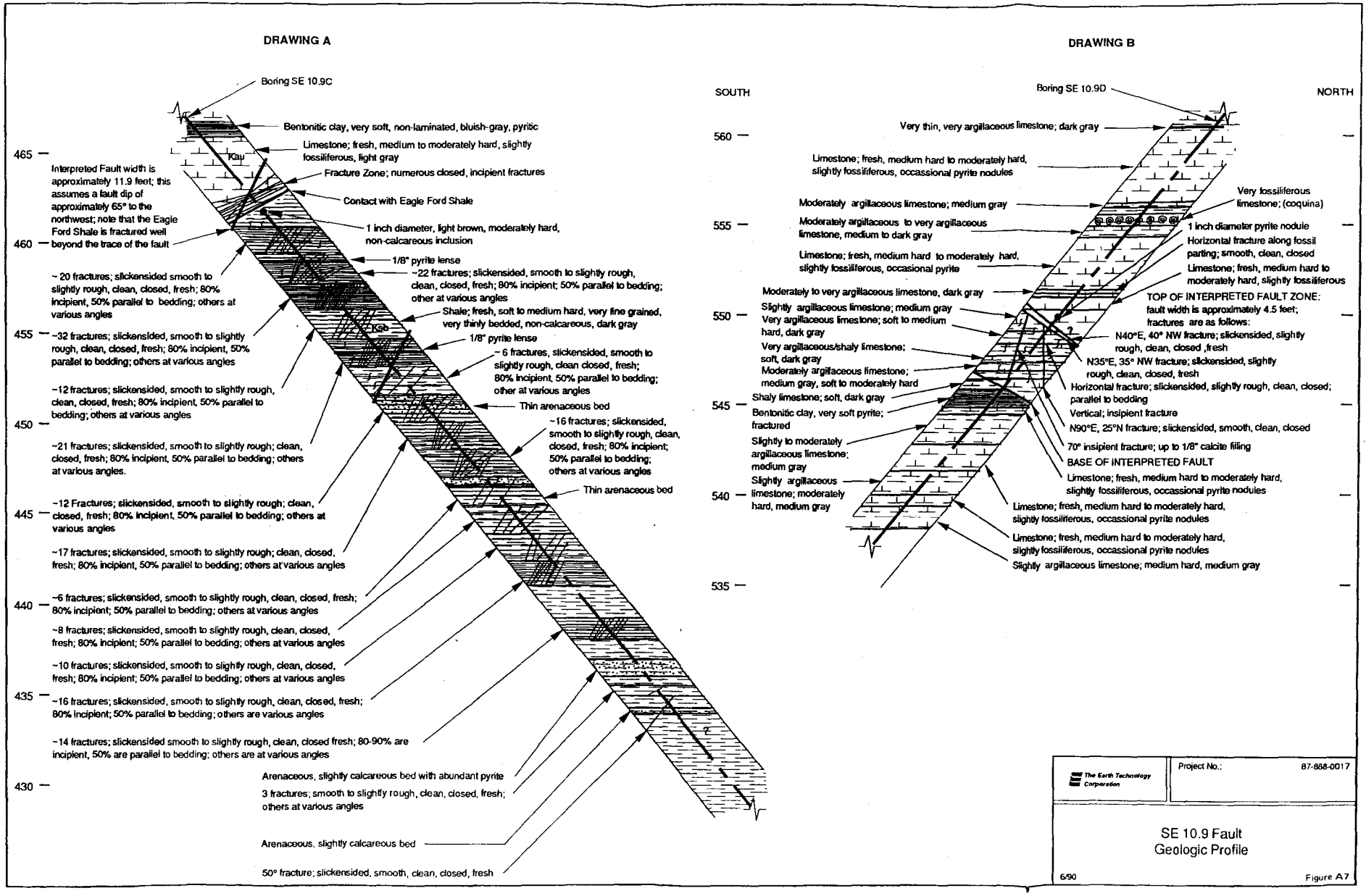
DRAWING A
Boring SE 10.9C
Bentonitic clay, very soft, non-laminated, bluish-gray, pyritic
Limestone; fresh, medium to moderately hard, slightly fossiliferous, light gray
Fracture Zone; numerous closed, incipient fractures
Contact with Eagle Ford Shale
1 inch diameter, light brown, moderately hard, non-calcareous inclusion
1/8" pyrite lense
~22 fractures; slickensided, smooth to slightly rough, clean, closed, fresh; 80% incipient; 50% parallel to bedding; other at various angles
Shale; fresh, soft to medium hard, very fine grained, very thinly bedded, non-calcareous, dark gray
1/8" pyrite lense
~ 6 fractures, slickensided, smooth to slightly rough, clean closed, fresh; 80% incipient, 50% parallel to bedding; other at various angles
Thin arenaceous bed
~16 fractures; slickensided, smooth to slightly rough, clean, closed, fresh; 80% incipient; 50% parallel to bedding; others at various angles
Thin arenaceous bed
Kau
Ksb
465
460
455
450
445
440
435
430
Interpreted Fault width is approximately 11.9 feet; this assumes a fault dip of approximately 65° to the northwest; note that the Eagle Ford Shale is fractured well beyond the trace of the fault
~ 20 fractures; slickensided smooth to slightly rough, clean, closed, fresh; 80% incipient, 50% parallel to bedding; others at various angles
~32 fractures; slickensided, smooth to slightly rough, clean, closed, fresh; 80% incipient, 50% parallel to bedding; others at various angles
~12 fractures; slickensided, smooth to slightly rough, clean, closed, fresh; 80% incipient, 50% parallel to bedding; others at various angles
~21 fractures; slickensided, smooth to slightly rough; clean, closed, fresh; 80% incipient, 50% parallel to bedding; others at various angles.
~12 Fractures; slickensided, smooth to slightly rough; clean, closed, fresh; 80% incipient, 50% parallel to bedding; others at various angles
~17 fractures; slickensided, smooth to slightly rough; clean, closed, fresh; 80% incipient, 50% parallel to bedding; others at various angles
~6 fractures; slickensided, smooth to slightly rough, clean, closed, fresh; 80% incipient; 50% parallel to bedding; others at various angles
~8 fractures; slickensided, smooth to slightly rough, clean, closed, fresh; 80% incipient; 50% parallel to bedding; others at various angles
~10 fractures; slickensided, smooth to slightly rough, clean, closed, fresh; 80% incipient; 50% parallel to bedding; others at various angles
~16 fractures; slickensided, smooth to slightly rough, clean, closed, fresh; 80% incipient; 50% parallel to bedding; others are various angles
~14 fractures; slickensided smooth to slightly rough, clean, closed fresh; 80-90% are incipient, 50% are parallel to bedding; others are at various angles
Arenaceous, slightly calcareous bed with abundant pyrite
3 fractures; smooth to slightly rough, clean, closed, fresh; others at various angles
Arenaceous, slightly calcareous bed
50° fracture; slickensided, smooth, clean, closed, fresh
DRAWING B
SOUTH
NORTH
Boring SE 10.9D
560
555
550
545
540
535
Very thin, very argillaceous limestone; dark gray
Limestone; fresh, medium hard to moderately hard, slightly fossiliferous, occassional pyrite nodules
Moderately argillaceous limestone; medium gray
Moderately argillaceous to very argillaceous limestone, medium to dark gray
Limestone; fresh, medium hard to moderately hard, slightly fossiliferous, occasional pyrite
Moderately to very argillaceous limestone, dark gray
Slightly argillaceous limestone; medium gray
Very argillaceous limestone; soft to medium hard, dark gray
Very argillaceous/shaly limestone; soft, dark gray
Moderately argillaceous limestone; medium gray, soft to moderately hard
Shaly limestone; soft, dark gray
Bentonitic clay, very soft pyrite; fractured
Slightly to moderately argillaceous limestone; medium gray
Slightly argillaceous limestone; moderately hard, medium gray
Very fossiliferous limestone; (coquina)
1 inch diameter pyrite nodule
Horizontal fracture along fossil parting; smooth, clean, closed
Limestone; fresh, medium hard to moderately hard, slightly fossiliferous
TOP OF INTERPRETED FAULT ZONE: fault width is approximately 4.5 feet; fractures are as follows:
N40°E, 40° NW fracture; slickensided, slightly rough, clean, closed ,fresh
N35°E, 35° NW fracture; slickensided, slightly rough, clean, closed, fresh
Horizontal fracture; slickensided, slightly rough, clean, closed; parallel to bedding
Vertical; insipient fracture
N90°E, 25°N fracture; slickensided, smooth, clean, closed
70° insipient fracture; up to 1/8" calcite filling
BASE OF INTERPRETED FAULT
Limestone; fresh, medium hard to moderately hard, slightly fossiliferous, occassional pyrite nodules
Limestone; fresh, medium hard to moderately hard, slightly fossiliferous, occassional pyrite nodules
Limestone; fresh, medium hard to moderately hard, slightly fossiliferous, occassional pyrite nodules
Slightly argillaceous limestone; medium hard, medium gray
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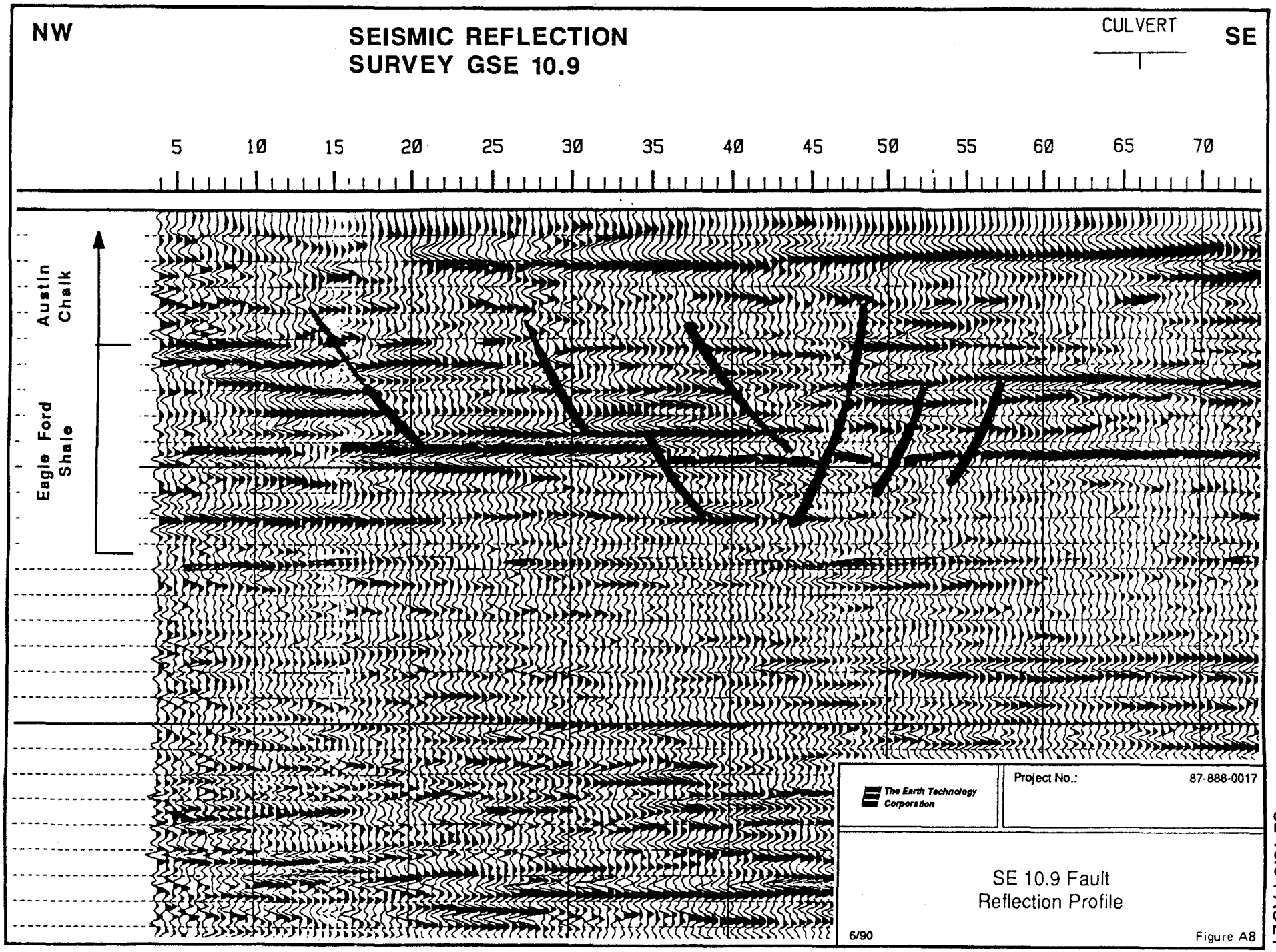
Figure A7


NW
SEISMIC REFLECTION
SURVEY GSE 10.9
CULVERT
SE
5
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Austin Chalk
Eagle Ford Shale
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Figure A8

SE 10.9 FAULT

Project ID.: 87-888
Boring No.: SE10.9D
Ground.Elev.: 683.2 ft.
North Coord.: 240906.7 ft.
East Coord.: 2174764.7 ft.
Field Engr. Geologist: W. Flannigan
Driller: MJA
Date Began: 3/1/90
Date of Completion: 3/6/90

## GEOLOGY

| Depth (ft) | Elevation (ft) | Formation | Unit | DESCRIPTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 125 | | Kau | A25 | Very thin, very argillaceous, dark gray bed. LIMESTONE (Austin Chalk), fresh, medium to moderately hard, slightly fossiliferous, occasional pyrite nodules and very fossiliferous beds, light gray with 0.05 to 2.3 ft. thick slightly to very argillaceous and occasionally shaly interbeds 0.7 to 5.6 ft. apart. |
| | 780 | | | |
| | | | | Thin, moderately argillaceous, medium gray bed. |
| | | | | Thin, very fossiliferous bed (coquina-like) |
| | | | | Medium thick, moderately to very argillaceous, medium to dark gray bed. |
| 130 | | | | |
| | | | | Thin, moderately to very argillaceous, dark gray bed. |
| | 785 | | | Fracture. (40) smooth, clean, closed (along fossil parting) |
| | | | | smooth, clean, closed (horisontal) |
| | | | | -1" diameter pyrite nodule. |
| | | | A25 | Fracture, slickensided, slightly rough, clean, closed, fresh, (N40E,40NW) |
| | | | | (60) Incipient Fracture Fracture. slickensided, slightly rough, clean, closed, fresh (N35E,35NW) |
| 135 | | | | Thin, slightly argillaceous, medium gray bed. |
| | | | | Medium thick, very argillaceous, soft to medium hard, dark gray bed. (50) Incipient Fracture Fracture. slickensided, slightly rough,clean, closed, (horizontal) |
| | | | | Thin, very argillaceous, shaly., soft, dark gray bed. |
| | | Kau | | Thin, moderately argillaceous, medium gray bed. |
| | | | | (70), Incipient fracture, up to 1/8" calcite filling. |
| | | | | Thin, shaly, soft, dark gray bed Fracture. slickensided, smooth, clean, closed, fresh |
| | | | | (E-W,25N) Thin, bentonitic clay, very soft, pyritic, fractured. |
| | 790 | | | Medium thick, slightly to moderately argillaceous, medium gray bed. |
| 140 | | | A26 | |
| | | | | Medium thick, slightly argillaceous, medium gray bed. |

## FIELD DATA

| Depth (ft) | Water Gain/Loss | Core Recovery (%) | RQD (%) | Location of Breaks | Bedding Spacing (ft) | Joint/Bedding/Shear | Dip (Deg.) | Separation | Type of Filling | Amount: None | Amount: Partial | Amount: Complete | Discont. Condition | Discont. Surface | Piezometer Installation Details |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | | X | | | S | | |
| 125 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 780 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | | X | | | S | | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | | X | | | S | | |
| 130 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | J | 0 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| 785 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | | X | | | S | | |
| | | | | | | S | 40 | C | | X | | | S | SR | |
| | | | | | | J | 35 | C | | X | | | S | SR | |
| | | | | | | S | 90 | | | X | | | S | | |
| 135 | | | | | | J | | | | X | | | S | | |
| | | | | | | S | 0 | C | | X | | | S | SR | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | | X | | | S | | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | | X | | | S | | |
| | | | | | | J | | | Calcite | | X | | S | | |
| | | | | | | S | 25 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | | X | | | S | | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | | X | | | S | | |
| 790 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | | X | | | S | | |
| 140 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | | X | | | S | | |

## LABORATORY TEST DATA

| Depth (ft) | Elevation (ft) | Moisture Content (%) | Dry Density (pcf) | Liquid Limit | Plasticity Index | Carbonate Content (%) | Unconfined Compressive Strength (psi) | Tensile Strength (psi) | Triaxial Test: Confining Stress (psi) | Triaxial Test: Shear Strength (psi) | Triaxial Test: Elastic Modulus (x10E5 psi) | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 125 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 780 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 130 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 785 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 135 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 12.3 | 125 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 10.8 | 130 | | | | 1268 | 190 | | | 2.06 | |
| | | 10.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 28.7 | | 89 | 46 | 13 | | | | | | |
| | | 11.4 | 129 | | | | | | | | | |
| 790 | | 10.1 | 132 | | | | 1534 | | | | 5.22 | |
| 140 | | 11.2 | 128 | | | | | | | | 3.21 | |
| | | 10.8 | 127 | | | | | | | | 3.97 | |
| | | 11.5 | 126 | | | | | | | | | |

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FIGURE A10
**SE 10.9D Fault gINT Log**

Project ID.: 87-888
Boring No.: SE10.9C
Ground.Elev.: 684.0 ft.
North Coord.: 240951.0 ft.
East Coord.: 2174744.0 ft.
Field Engr.
Geologist: B. Flannigan
Driller: MJA
Date Began: 3/9/90
Date of Completion: 3/14/90

## GEOLOGY

| Depth (ft) | Elevation (ft) | Formation | Unit | Graphic | DESCRIPTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Medium thick, bentonitic, clay, very soft, non-laminated, bluish gray, pyritic bed. |
| 220 | 465 | Kau | A27 | | LIMESTONE (Austin Chalk), fresh, medium to moderately hard, slightly fossiliferous, slightly to very argillaceous and shaly light gray. |
| | | | | | Fracture zone, hairline incipient fracture. all appear to be closed. |
| 225 | 460 | Ksb | E20 | | SHALE (Eagle Ford), fresh, soft to medium hard, very fine grained, very thinly bedded, non-calcareous, dark gray with small (1/2"-1" diameter), light brown, moderately hard, non-calcareous inclusions and occasional thin arenaceous interbeds. -1" diameter light brown, moderately hard, non-calcareous inclusions. Approximately 20 fractures. slickensides, smooth to slightly rough, clean, closed, fresh, most (-80%) are incipient. Approximately half (50%) are parallel to bedding planes others at various orientations. |
| 230 | 455 | | | | -22 fractures. Same characteristics as above. -1/8" thick pyrite lens. -32 Fractures. Same characteristics as above. -12 Fractures. Same characteristics as above. -21 Fractures. Same characteristics as above. -1/8" diameter pyrite lens. 6 Fractures. Same characteristics as above. Thin arenaceous bed. |
| 235 | 450 | | | | Approximately 6 fractures, slickensides, smooth to slightly rough, clean, closed, fresh, most (-80%) are incipient - approximately half(50%) are parallel to bedding planes, others at various orientations. -8 Fractures. Same characteristics as above. -10 Fractures. Same characteristics as above. -16 Fractures. Same characteristics as above. |
| 240 | 445 | | | | |
| 245 | 440 | | | | Approximately 14 fractures, slickensides, smooth to slightly rough,clean, closed, fresh, most (80%-90%) are incipient - approximately half(50%) are parallel to bedding planes - others are at various orientations. Medium thick, arenaceous, slightly calcareous bed with abundant pyrite. 3 Fractures. Same characteristics as above. |
| 250 | 435 | | | | (50) Fracture. slickensides, smooth, clean, closed, fresh, thin arenaceous, calcareous bed. |

## FIELD DATA

| Depth (ft) | Water Gain/Loss | Core Recovery (%) | RQD (%) | Location of Breaks | Bedding Spacing (ft) | Joint/Bedding/Shear | Dip (Deg.) | Separation | Type of Filling | Amount: None | Amount: Partial | Amount: Complete | Discont. Condition | Discont. Surface Roughness | Piezometer Installation Details |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 220 | | | | | | J | | C | | X | | | S | | |
| 225 | | | | | | S | 0 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | S | 0 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | S | 0 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| 230 | | | | | | S | 0 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | S | 0 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | S | 0 | | | X | | | S | | |
| 235 | | | | | | S | 0 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | S | 0 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| 240 | | | | | | S | 0 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | S | 0 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| 245 | | | | | | S | 0 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | S | 0 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| 250 | | | | | | S | 50 | C | | X | | | S | S | |

## LABORATORY TEST DATA

| Depth (ft) | Moisture Content (%) | Dry Density (pcf) | Liquid Limit | Plasticity Index | Carbonate Content (%) | Unconfined Compressive Strength (psi) | Tensile Strength (psi) | Triaxial Test: Confining Stress (psi) | Triaxial Test: Shear Strength (psi) | Triaxial Test: Elastic Modulus (x10E5 psi) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 220 | 29.8 | 91 | 102 | 42 | 8 | | | | | 0.29 |
| | 29.6 | 96 | | | | | | | | 0.31 |
| | 35.4 | 85 | | | | | | | | |
| 225 | 16.2 | 122 | 60 | 34 | 7 | | | | | |
| 230 | 15.9 | 117 | 59 | 34 | 15 | | | | | |
| 235 | 16.6 | 101 | 56 | 27 | 5 | | | | | |
| 240 | 12.2 | 132 | 39 | 21 | 35 | | | | | |
| 245 | 18.0 | 123 | 62 | 34 | 6 | | | | | |
| 250 | 17.1 | 115 | 63 | 37 | 5 | | | | | |

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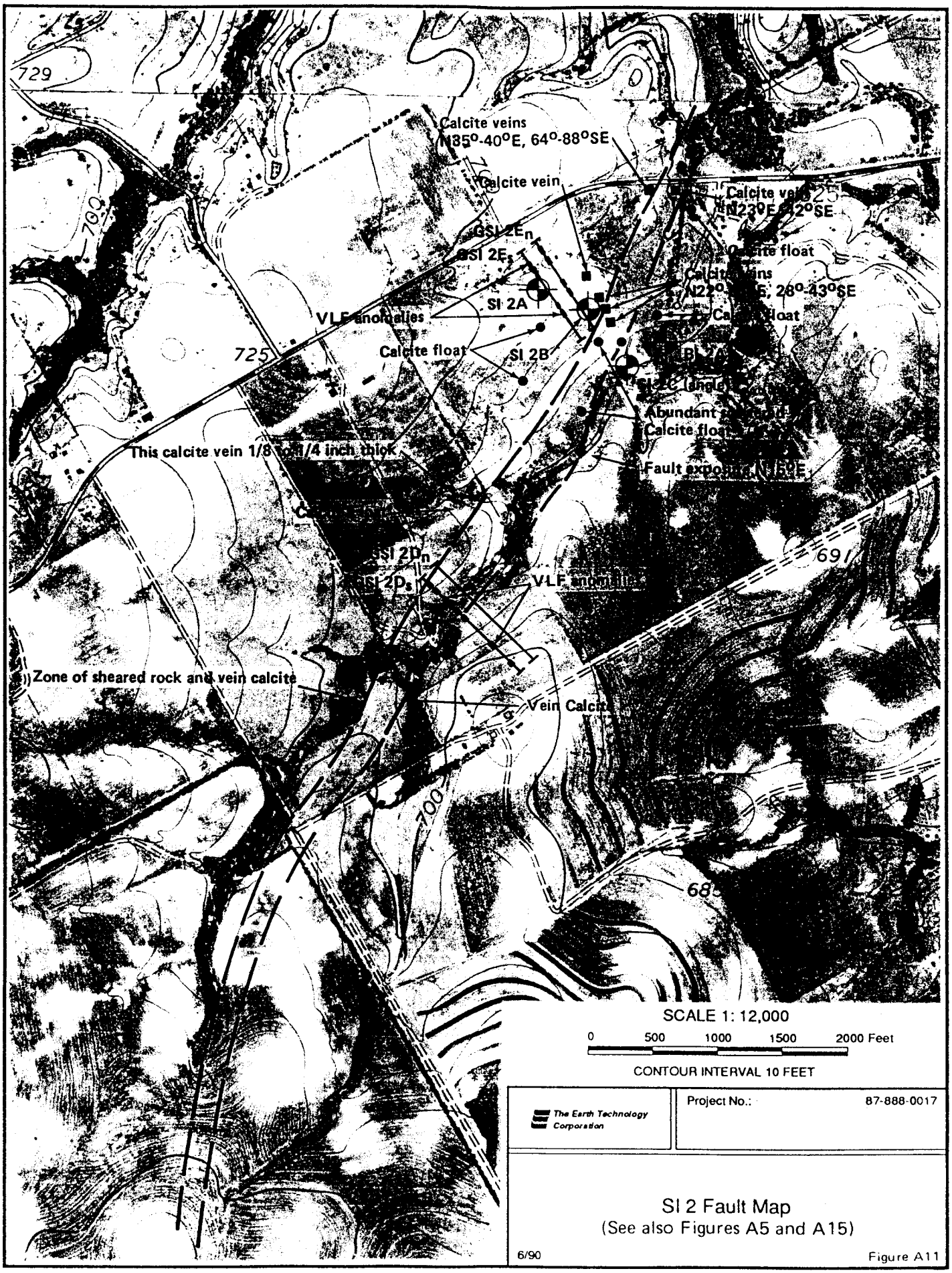
FIGURE A9
**SE 10.9C Fault gINT Log**

# SI 2 FAULT

| | |
|---|---|
| LOCATION | The SI2 fault crosses the HEB ~4 miles west of Waxahachie near Farm Route 1446 between Stations 296 + 80 and 300 + 10. |
| GENERAL INTERPRETATION | A north-northeast trending, southeast-dipping fault (probably two splays) with a total of 80 ft. of down-to-the-southeast offset. This fault is probably an en echelon continuation of the SE 10.9 structure to the south near Highway 66. |
| STRIKE/DIP of FAULT | Photo lineament trends N15° to 40°E and gently bends south-southeast near Highway 66. Slickensided calcite trends range from N22° - 61° E and dips 28° -87° SE. |
| OFFSET AMOUNT / DIRECTION | The overall displacement is about 80 ft. of down-to-the -southeast offset. Southern splay has 37 ft. of down-to-the-south offset . |
| FORMATION AT TUNNEL DEPTH | The formation at tunnel depth (HEB tunnel) is Austin Chalk (Kau), fresh, moderately hard, light gray, slightly fossiliferous, with occasional pyrite nodules and interbeds of moderately to very argillaceous limestone. |
| FRACTURE ORIENTATIONS NEAR TUNNEL DEPTH | Fracture orientations near the fault zone range from N9°W to N35°E and dip 20° to 71° north and 82° southeast. These fracture orientations were measured about 50 ft. below the tunnel centerline. |
| THICKNESS AT TUNNEL DEPTH | Corehole SI2C shows a discrete zone of severely weathered and sheared chalk at about 190 ft. The fault is approximately 8.7 ft. thick. |
| FRACTURE SPACING | No Data |
| ALTERATION/MINERALIZATION | The chalk adjacent to the fault is severely weathered at depth and consists of soft to medium hard limestone, yellowish-tan with oxidized pyrite. This zone contains calcite veins with crystals up to 0.1 ft. in diameter and numerous voids 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch wide . The fault itself appears to be healed with calcite mineralization. |
| HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY | The hydraulic conductivity at the fault zone is 2.9 x $10^{-5}$ cm/sec ( vertical depth of 136.1 - 152.3 ft.) |
| KEY REFERENCE POINTS | Coreholes: SI2A,SI2B,SI2C,BI2A, Seismic Reflection Profiles GSI 2A, and GSI 2B, VLF Surveys GSI 2D, GSI 2E and GSI 2C. |

TABLE A3




SCALE 1: 12,000

0 500 1000 1500 2000 Feet

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET

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SI 2 Fault Map
(See also Figures A5 and A15)

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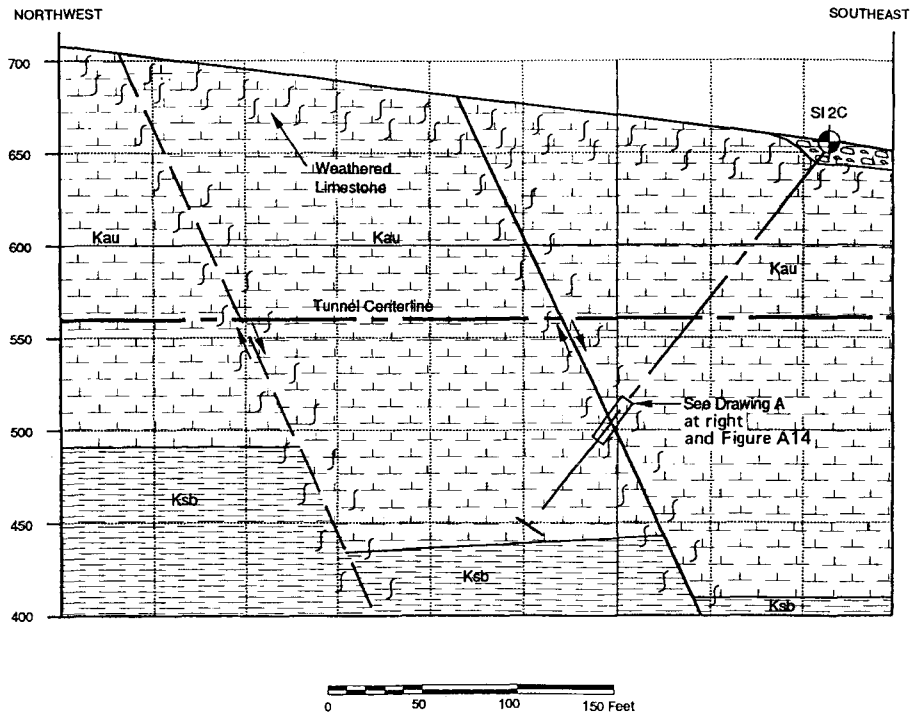
Figure A11

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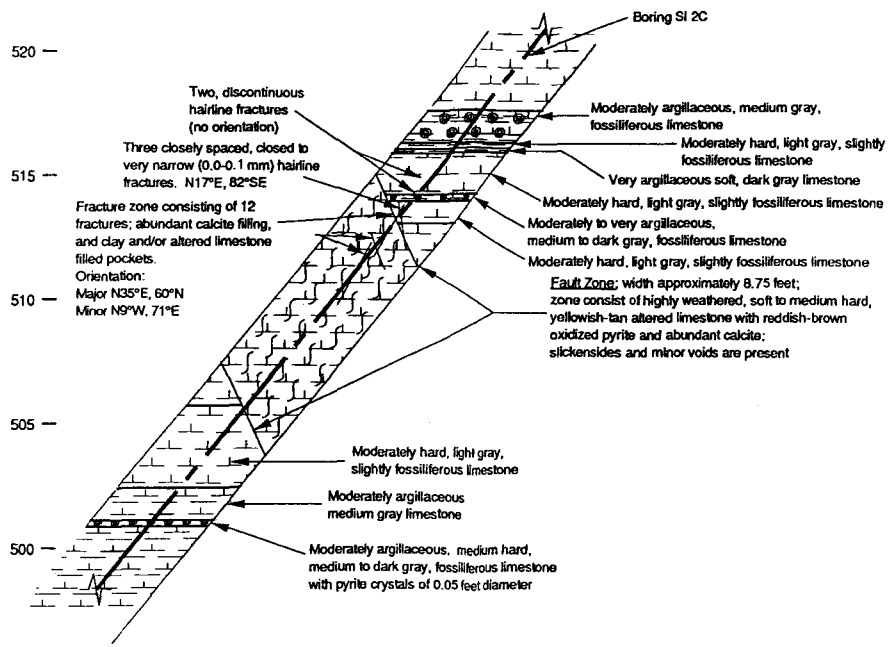


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SI 2 Fault
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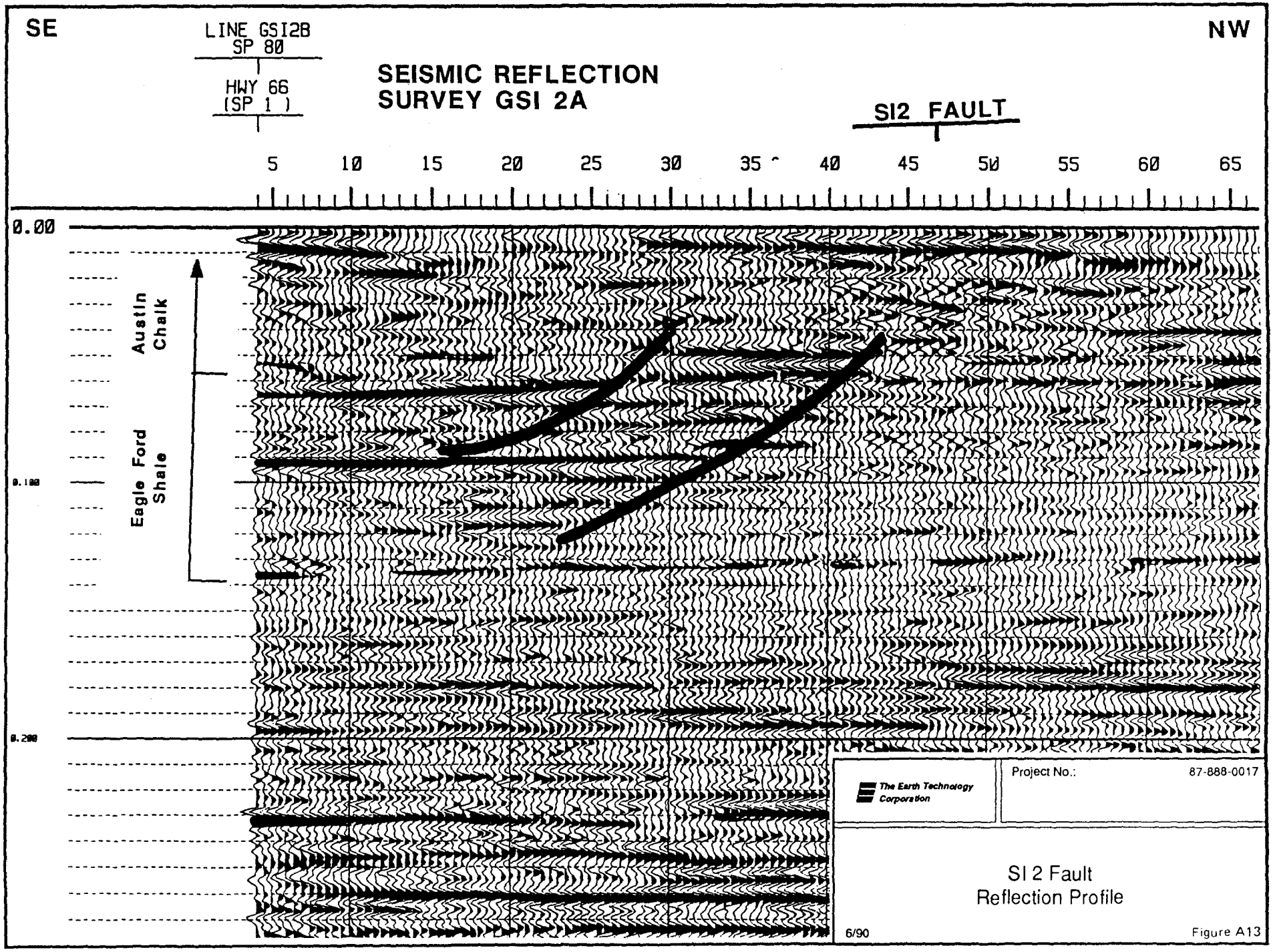
Figure A12


SE
NW
LINE GSI2B
SP 80
HWY 66
(SP 1 )
SEISMIC REFLECTION
SURVEY GSI 2A
SI2 FAULT
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Austin
Chalk
Eagle Ford
Shale
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Reflection Profile
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Figure A13

SI 2 FAULT

Project ID.: 87-888
Boring No.: SI2C
Ground.Elev.: 655.0 ft.
North Coord.: 256049.0 ft.
East Coord.: 2178907.0 ft.
Field Engr. Geologist: B. Flannigan
Driller: MJA
Date Began: 3/19/90
Date of Completion: 3/21/90

## GEOLOGY

| Depth (ft) | Elevation (ft) | Formation | Unit | DESCRIPTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 130 | 525 | Kau | | Thin, moderately argillaceous, medium gray, fossiliferous bed. |
| | | | | Thin, very argillaceous, soft to medium hard, dark gray bed, with bentonitic clay. Fracture. Smooth, closed, clean (N23E,13NW) |
| | | | | Thin, moderately to very argillaceous, medium hard, dark gray, fossiliferous bed. |
| 135 | 520 | | | Very thin, moderately argillaceous, medium gray bed. |
| | | | | Medium thick, moderately argillaceous, medium gray, fossiliferous bed. |
| | | | | Very thin, very argillaceous, soft, dark gray bed. |
| 140 | 515 | | | Thin, moderate to very argillaceous, medium to dark gray, fossiliferous bed. |
| | | | | LIMESTONE (Austin Chalk), highy weathered, soft to medium hard, yellowish-tan, with reddish-brown oxidised pyrite, numerous calcite crystals up to 0.1 ft. dia., evidence of minor voids, slickensides, and fault zone. |
| 145 | 510 | Kau | | |
| 150 | 505 | | | LIMESTONE (Austin Chalk), fresh, moderately hard, light gray, slightly fossiliferous with occasional pyrite nodules and 0.1 to 1.7 ft. thick moderately to very argillaceous interbeds spaced 0.4 to 5.75 ft. apart. |
| | | | | Medium thick, moderately argillaceous, medium gray bed. |
| | | | | Thin, moderately argillaceous, medium hard, medium to dark gray, fossiliferous bed with pyrite crystals up to 0.05 ft. dia. |
| 155 | 500 | | | |

## FIELD DATA

| Depth (ft) | Joint/Bedding/Shear | Dip (Deg.) | Separation | Type of Filling | Condition | Roughness |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 130 | B | 0 | | | S | |
| | B | 0 | C | | S | S |
| | J | 13 | | | S | |
| | B | 0 | | | S | |
| 135 | B | 0 | | | S | |
| | B | 0 | | | S | |
| 140 | B | 0 | | | S | |
| | B | 0 | | | S | |
| 150 | B | 0 | | | S | |
| 155 | B | 0 | | | S | |

## LABORATORY TEST DATA

| Depth (ft) | Moisture Content (%) | Dry Density (pcf) | Liquid Limit | Plasticity Index | Carbonate Content (%) | Unconfined Compressive Strength (psi) | Tensile Strength (psi) | Elastic Modulus (x10E6 psi) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 145 | 14.7 | 119 | 2 | | | | | 3.43 |
| | 14.7 | 117 | | | | | | 5.05 |
| | 15.8 | 114 | | | | 891 | | 3.81 |
| | 14.1 | 117 | | | | | | |
| | 14.3 | 119 | | | | | | 2.42 |
| | 13.2 | 122 | | | | 1330 | | |
| | 15.2 | 112 | | | | | 147 | |
| | 15.5 | 115 | | | | | | |
| 150 | 17.9 | 112 | | | | 467 | | 2.19 |
| 155 | 25.4 | 102 | | | | | | |
| | 20.8 | 104 | | | | | | |
| | 10.8 | 109 | | | | | | |

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FIGURE A14
**SI2C Fault gINT Log**

# SF 10.1 FAULT

| | |
|---|---|
| LOCATION | SF10.1 Fault is located 0.3 miles north of Farm Route 66 and crosses the main tunnel alignment between Stations 1502 + 90 and 1504 +40 and across the HEB tunnel between Stations 145+00 and 148 +10. |
| GENERAL INTERPRETATION | A northeast trending, northwest dipping main fault with 50 - 57 ft. offset surmounted by a northeast trending, southeast dipping antithetic fault with 25 ft. displacement. |
| STRIKE /DIP of FAULT | The main fault has a trend of N 46° E to East-West with a dominant strike of N 50° E and dipping 30° to 90° northwest. |
| OFFSET AMOUNT / DIRECTION | The main fault has 50 to 57 ft. of down-to-the north displacement. The antithetic fault has about 25 ft. of down-to-the-south displacement. |
| FORMATION AT TUNNEL DEPTH | The formation at tunnel depth is the Eagle Ford Shale (Ksb), soft to medium hard, moderately fractured, slightly fossiliferous, fissile with occasional pyrite nodules and septarian concretions. |
| FRACTURE ORIENTATIONS NEAR TUNNEL DEPTH | Fracture orientations near tunnel depth range from N 10° E to S 70° E with the majority of fractures dipping 30° to 90° northwest. |
| THICKNESS AT TUNNEL DEPTH | The main fault is approximately 2.3 ft. thick in the Eagle Ford Shale . The antithetic fault is between 0.3 and 1.1 ft. thick in the Austin Chalk. |
| FRACTURE SPACING | Fracture spacing near the main fault in the Eagle Ford Shale averages about 0.6 ft. The fractures along the antithetic fault range from 0.1 to 6.1 feet with an average spacing of 1.8 ft. |
| ALTERATION/MINERALIZATION | The fractures at depth are generally unweathered and typically calcite filled in the Austin Chalk .Along the antithetic fault the chalk consists of brecciated limestone with occasional clay. Fractures in the Eagle Ford Shale are typically smooth to slightly rough, slickensided, undulating and closed. |
| HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY | The hydraulic conductivity at the Austin Chalk/EagleFord Shale contact is $8.5 \times 10^{-7}$ cm/sec. (depth of 198.8-215.5 ft.) .The hydraulic conductivity in the Eagle Ford Shale is $4.1 \times 10^{-8}$ cm/sec(depth220.3-237.2 ft.) |
| KEY REFERENCE POINTS | Coreholes: SF10.1, SF10.1A,SF10.1B,SF10.1C,BF10.1 and BI6. VLF Surveys- GSF10.1A, GSF10.1B and GSF10.1C , and reflection surveyGSI2A and Straddle Packer Tests Results from SF10.C. |

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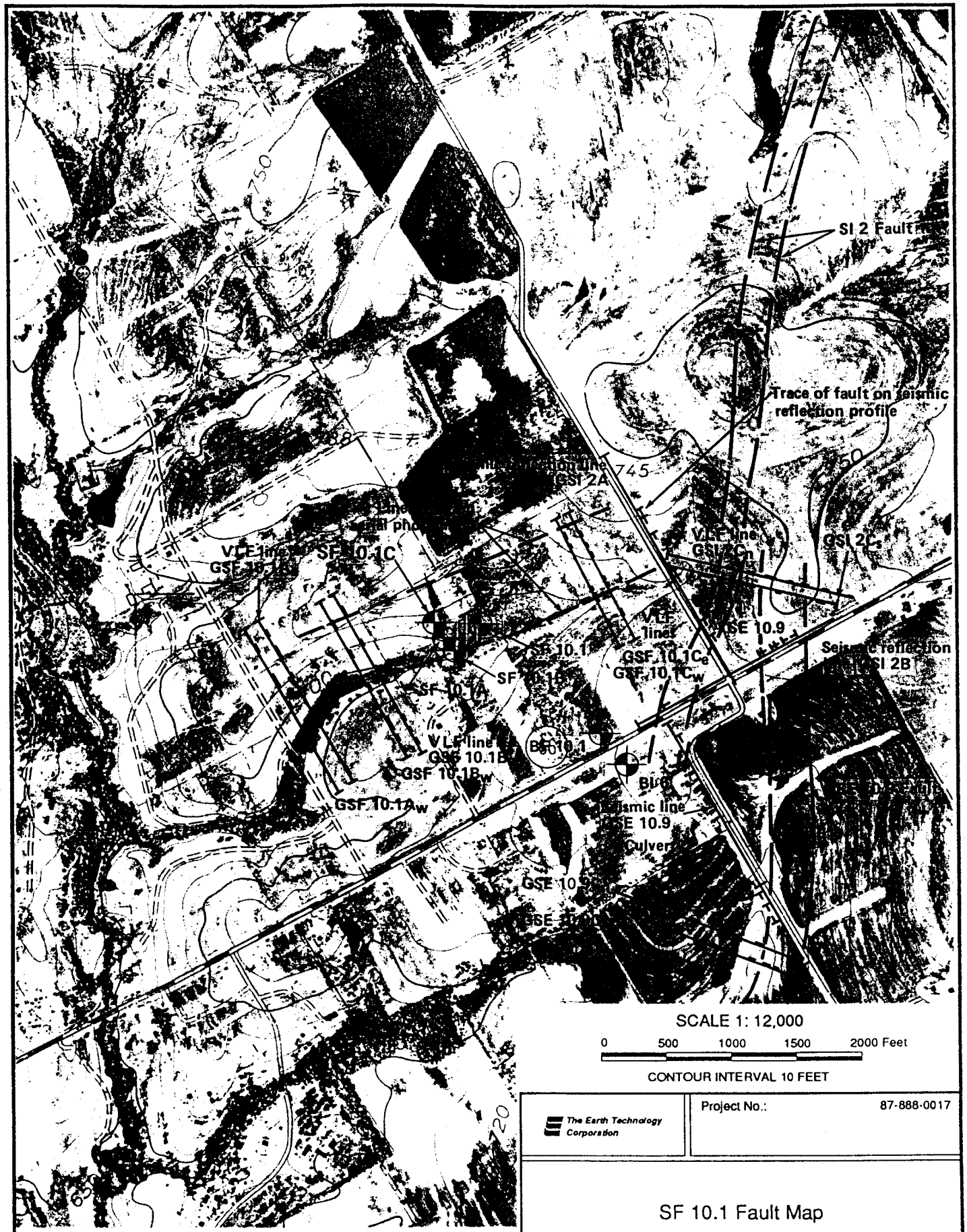


SCALE 1: 12,000

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CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET

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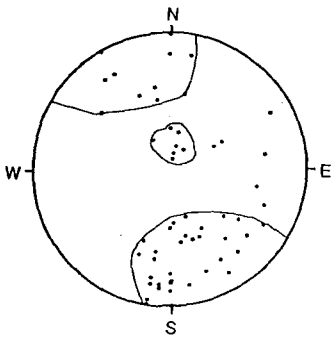
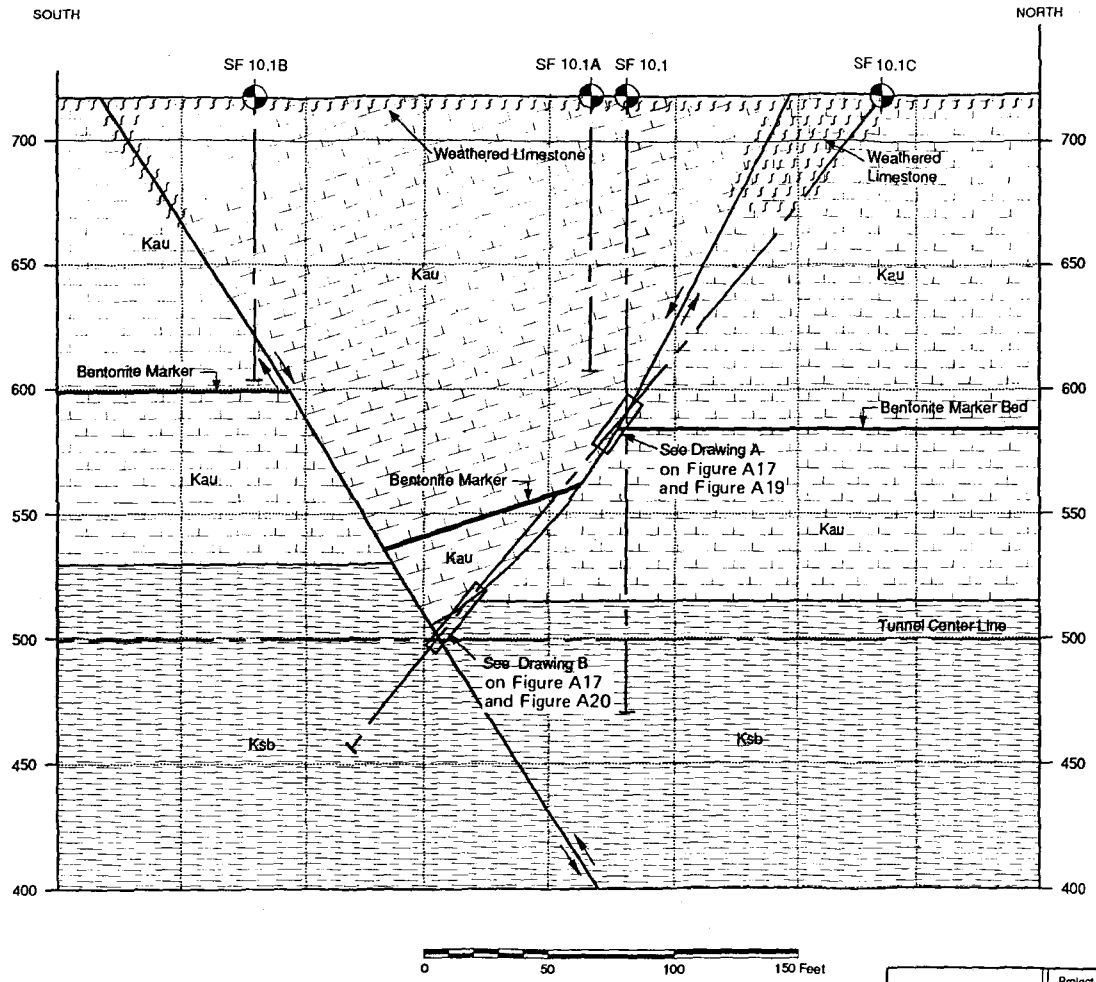
Figure A15




Stereographic Plot of Poles to Fractures

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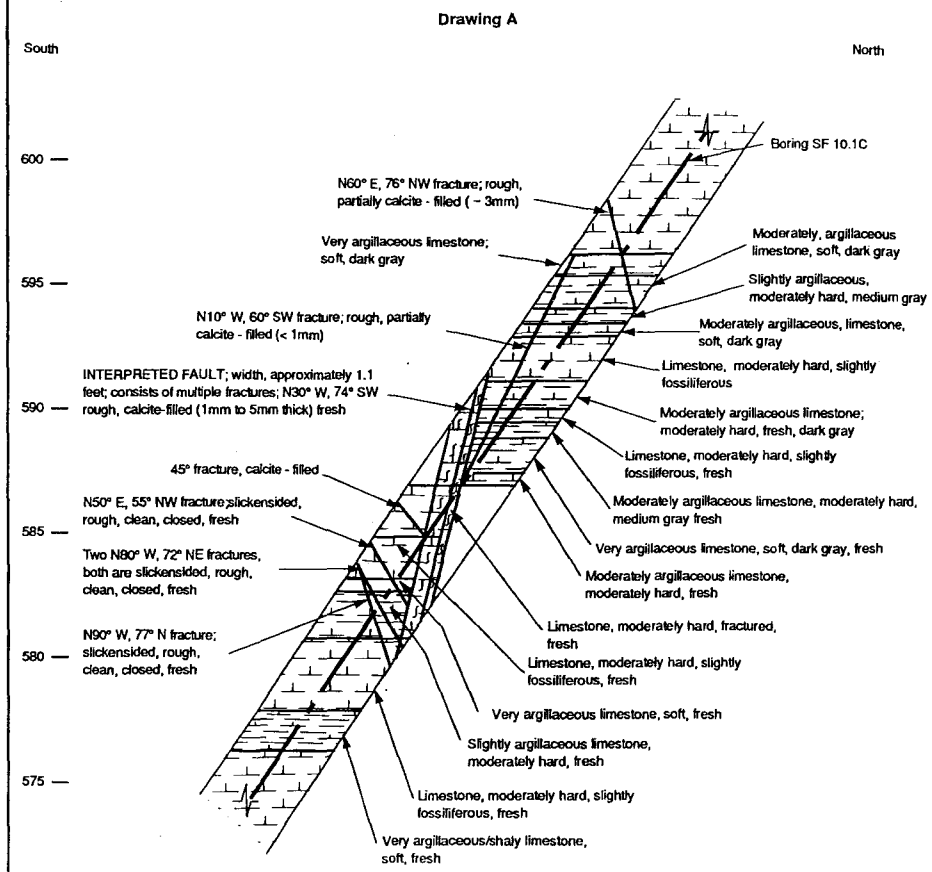


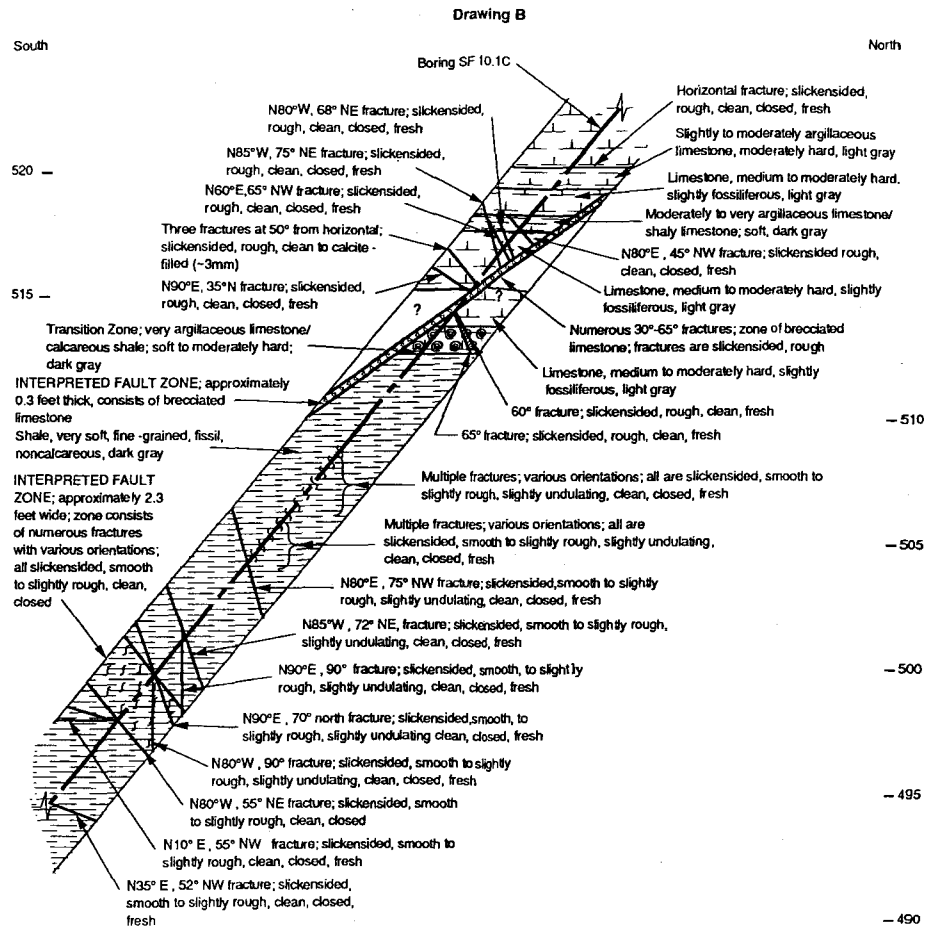


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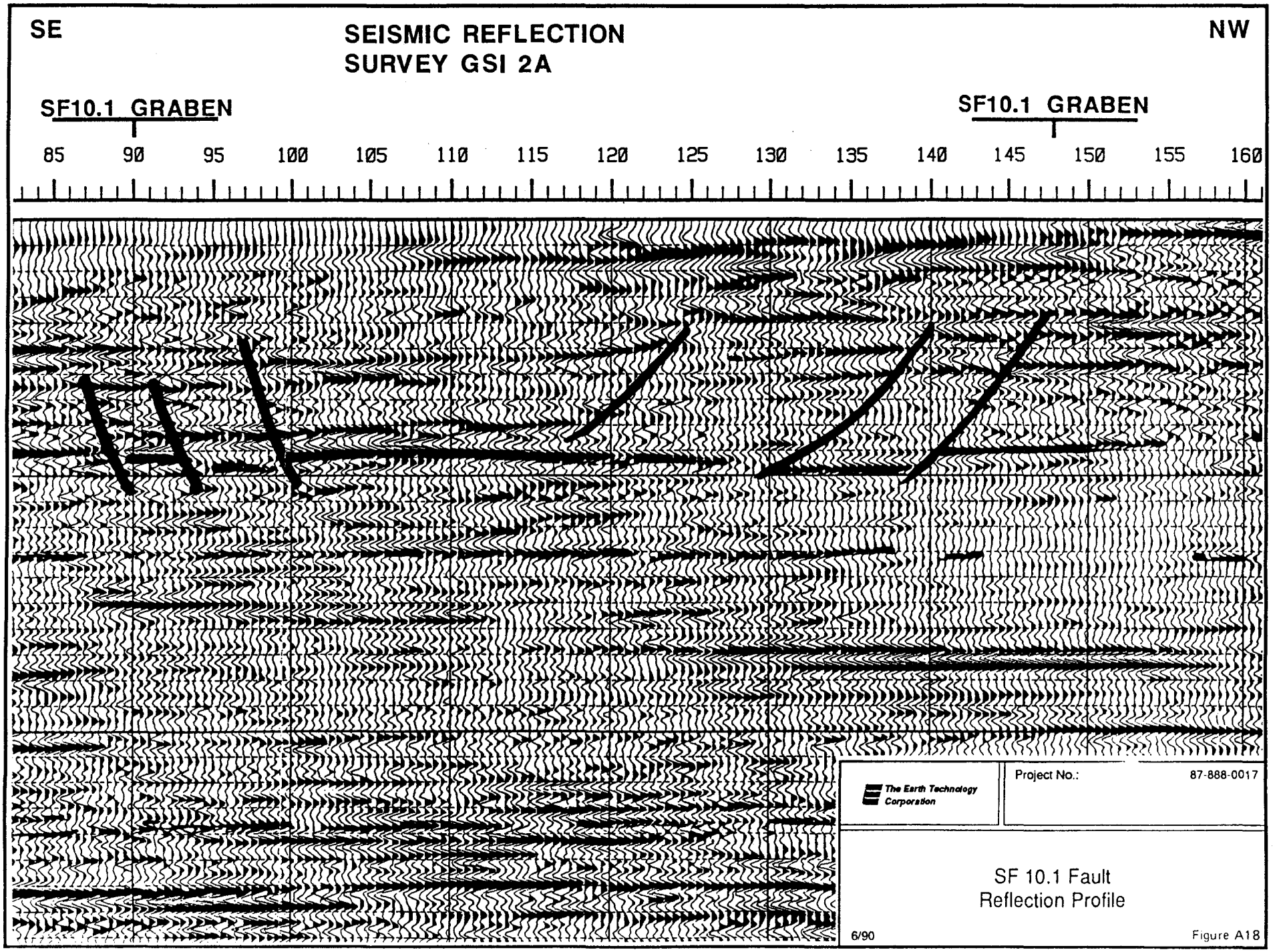
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SF10.1 GRABEN
SF10.1 GRABEN
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135
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Figure A18

SF 10.1 FAULT

Project ID.: 87-888
Boring No.: SF10.1C
Ground.Elev.: 718.3 ft.
North Coord.: 247047.0 ft.
East Coord.: 2173209.0 ft.
Field Engr. Geologist: Flanningan
Driller: MJA
Date Began: 3/1/90
Date of Completion: 3/7/90

| Depth (ft) | Elevation (ft) | Formation | Unit | Graphic | DESCRIPTION | Water Gain/Loss | 20 40 60 80 Core Recovery (%) | 20 40 60 80 RQD (%) | Location of Breaks | <0.2 0.2-0.9 1.0-2.9 3.0-10.0 >10.0 Bedding Spacing (ft) | Joint/Bedding/Shear | Dip (Deg.) | Separation | Type of Filling | Amount: None | Amount: Partial | Amount: Complete | Discont. Condition | Discont. Surface Roughness | Piezometer Installation Details | Moisture Content (%) | Dry Density (pcf) | Liquid Limit | Plasticity Index | Carbonate Content (%) | Unconfined Compressive Strength (psi) | Tensile Strength (psi) | Triaxial Test: Confining Stress (psi) | Triaxial Test: Shear Strength (psi) | Triaxial Test: Elastic Modulus (x10E5 psi) | Depth (ft) | Elevation (ft) | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Kau | | | LIMESTONE(Austin Chalk), fresh, medium to moderately hard, slightly fossiliferous, light gray with 0.4 to 3.3 feet thick, slightly to very argillaceous/shaly and occasional bentonitic, medium to dark gray, soft to moderately hard, interbeds spaced .4 to 3.5 feet apart; occasional fractures, often slickensided and occasionally calcite-filled. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Fracture. Rough, partially calcite-filled(-3mm), fresh, (N60E,76NW). | | | | | | B | 0 | | | X | | | S | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Medium thick, very argillaceous, soft, dark gray bed. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 125 | | | A24 | | Medium thick, slightly to moderately argillaceous, soft to moderately hard, medium to dark gray bed. (soft, dark gray 124.87-125.49, 125.72-126.03) | | | | | | B | 0 | | | X | | | S | | | | | | | | | | | 125 | | | |
| | 815 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 815 | |
| | | | | | Medium thick, moderately argillaceous, moderately hard, dark gray bed. | | | | | | B | 0 | | | X | | | S | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 130 | | | | | Thick, moderately to very argillaceous, soft to moderately hard, medium to dark gray bed. (soft, dark gray bed 129.94-130.5) | | | | | | S | | C | | X | | | S | R | | | | | | | | | | 130 | | | |
| | | | | | Fracture. slickensided, rough, clean, fresh. | | | | | | B | 0 | | | X | | | S | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Medium thick, moderately hard, light gray, fractured bed. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Fracture. rough,partially calcite-filled(<1mm) , closed, fresh (N10W,60SW) | | | | | | J | 60 | C | Calcite | | X | | S | R | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 820 | | | | Multiple fractures. rough, calcite-filled (1 to 5mm), fresh (N30W,74SW) | | | | | | J | 74 | | Calcite | | | X | S | R | | | | | | | | | | | | 820 | |
| | | | A24 | | (45) Fracture, calcite filled. | | | | | | J | 45 | | Calcite | | | X | S | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 135 | | Kau | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 135 | | | |
| | | | | | Thick, slightly argillaceous to very argillaceous, soft to moderately hard, medium gray bed. (soft, 135.39-135.85) | | | | | | B | 0 | C | | X | | | S | R | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Fracture. slickensided, rough, clean, closed, fresh (N50E,55NW) | | | | | | S | 55 | | | X | | | S | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Fractures(2) slickensided, rough, clean, closed, fresh, both (N80W,72NE) | | | | | | S | 72 | C | | X | | | S | R | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Fracture. slickensided, rough, clean, closed, fresh, (N90W,77N) | | | | | | S | 72 | C | | X | | | S | R | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Medium thick, very argillaceous, shaly, soft, dark gray bed. (140.6'-142.1') | | | | | | S | 77 | C | | X | | | S | R | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 825 | | | | * VERTICAL DEPTHS DERIVED FROM DEVIATION LOGS * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 825 |

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FIGURE A19
SF 10.1C Fault gINT Log

Project ID.: 87-888
Boring No.: SF10.1C
Ground.Elev.: 718.3 ft.
North Coord.: 247047.0 ft.
East Coord.: 2173209.0 ft.
Field Engr. Geologist: Flanningan
Driller: MJA
Date Began: 3/1/90
Date of Completion: 3/7/90

## GEOLOGY

| Depth (ft) | Elevation (ft) | Formation | Unit | Graphic | DESCRIPTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 870 | Kau | A26 | | Medium thick, slightly to moderately argillaceous, moderately hard, medium gray bed. |
| 200 | | Kau | A26 | | Thin, moderately to very argillaceous, Shaly, dark gray bed. Fracture. slickensides, rough, clean, closed, fresh, (horizontal) Fracture. slickensides, rough, clean, closed, fresh (N80E,45NW) Fracture. slickensides, rough, clean, closed, fresh, (N80W,68NE) Fracture. slickensided, rough, clean, closed, fresh, (N60E,65NE) Fracture. slickensided, rough, clean, closed, fresh, (N85W,75NE) Fractures(3)@50 to horizontal, slickensides, rough,clean to calcite filled (~3mm) Fracture. slickensided, rough, clean, closed, fresh (E-W,35N) |
| 205 | 875 | | FB | | Medium, thick, moderately hard, fractured bed, (203.1'-203.7' comp. brecciated) Fractures (numerous) ~35-60, brecciated, slickensided, rough. Fracture. slickensided, rough, clean, fresh, (60) Fracture. slickensided, rough, clean, fresh, (65) |
| 210 | | Ksb | E20 | | TRANSITION ZONE, medium, thick, very argillaceous, shaly, calcareous, soft to medium hard, dark gray bed. |
| | 880 | | | | SHALE (Eagle Ford), fresh, soft, very fine grained, very thinly bedded, non-calcareous, dark gray with numerous slickensided fractures. Fracture. (multiple) slickensided, smooth to rough, slightly undulating, closed, clean, fresh. Fractures. slickenside, smooth to rough, slightly undulating, clean, closed, fresh, @213.1'-213.7',213.9',213.9'-214.3',214.6'-214.7'. Fracture. slickensided, smooth to slightly rough, slightly undulating, clean, closed, fresh. (N80E,75NW) |
| 215 | | | | | |
| | 885 | | | | Fracture. Slickensided, smooth to slightly rough, slightly undulating, clean, closed, fresh. (N85W,72NE) Fracture. slickensided, smooth to slightly rough, slightly undulating, clean, closed, fresh (E-W, vertical) Fracture. slickensided, smooth to slightly rough, slightly undulating, clean,closed,fresh. (E-W,70N) Fracture. slickensided, smooth to slightly rough, slightly undulating,clean, closed, fresh. (N80W,vertical) Fractures (numerous)-lab samples, no measurements made. Fracture. slickensided, smooth to slightly rough, clean, closed, fresh. (N80W,55NE) Fracture slickensides, smooth to slightly rough, clean, closed, fresh.(N10E,55NW) Fracture. slickensides, smooth to slightly rough, clean, closed, fresh. (N35E,52NW) |
| 220 | | Ksb | E20 | | |
| | 890 | | | | |
| 225 | | | | | |

## FIELD DATA

| Depth (ft) | Water Gain/Loss | Core Recovery (%) | RQD (%) | Location of Breaks | Bedding Spacing (ft) | Joint/Bedding/Shear | Dip (Deg.) | Separation | Type of Filling | Amount: None | Amount: Partial | Amount: Complete | Filling | Discont. Condition | Discont. Surface Roughness | Piezometer Installation Details |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 200 | | | | | | B | 0 | | | X | | | | S | R | |
| | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | S | R | |
| | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | S | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | S | R | |
| | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | S | R | |
| | | | | | | S | 0 | C | | X | | | | S | R | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | C | | X | | | | S | R | |
| | | | | | | S | 45 | C | | X | | | | S | R | |
| | | | | | | S | 68 | C | | X | | | | S | R | |
| | | | | | | S | 65 | C | | X | | | | S | R | |
| | | | | | | S | 75 | C | | X | | | | S | R | |
| | | | | | | S | 25 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | S | 25 | C | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | S | 25 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | S | 35 | | | | | | | | | |
| 205 | | | | | | S | 60 | | | | | | | | | |
| 210 | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | S | | C | | X | | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | S | S | |
| 215 | | | | | | S | | C | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | S | 75 | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | S | 72 | | | | | | | | | |
| 220 | | | | | | S | 90 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | S | 70 | | | X | | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | S | 90 | | | X | | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | S | 55 | C | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | S | 55 | C | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | S | S | |
| 225 | | | | | | S | 52 | C | | | | | | | | |

## LABORATORY TEST DATA

| Depth (ft) | Moisture Content (%) | Dry Density (pcf) | Liquid Limit | Plasticity Index | Carbonate Content (%) | Unconfined Compressive Strength (psi) | Tensile Strength (psi) | Triaxial Test: Confining Stress (psi) | Triaxial Test: Shear Strength (psi) | Triaxial Test: Elastic Modulus (x10E5 psi) | Elevation (ft) | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 200 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 205 | | | | | | | | | | | 875 | |
| | 21.8 | 105 | 89 | 65 | 5 | | | | | | | |
| 210 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 880 | |
| | 15.3 | 118 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 215 | 15.4 | 118 | 67 | 42 | 8 | 199 | | | | 0.88 | | |
| | 17.0 | 114 | 75 | 47 | 6 | 161 | | | | 0.51 | | |
| | 17.9 | 111 | | | | | | | | | 885 | |
| 220 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 15.5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 17.7 | 114 | | | | | | | | | 890 | |
| | 17.6 | 114 | 86 | 58 | 5 | | | | | | | |
| 225 | 18.0 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | |

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FIGURE A20
**SF 10.1C Fault gINT Log**

# SE 1 FAULT

| | |
|---|---|
| LOCATION | SE1 fault crosses the west side of the ring about 1 mile north of Farm Route 1446 between Stations 1619 + 00 and 1623 + 00. |
| GENERAL INTERPRETATION | A northeast trending, southeast dipping main fault with 23 ft. of down-to-the-south offset surmounted by an antithetic fault with 25 ft. of down-to-the-north offset. |
| STRIKE /DIP of FAULT | The SE1 fault has a general trend of N10E dipping about 44° southeast on the northern fault and N32E ,dipping steeply northwest on the southern fault. |
| OFFSET AMOUNT / DIRECTION | The northern fault has 23 ft. of down-to-the-south offset and the southern fault has 25 ft. of down -to-the-north offset . |
| FORMATION AT TUNNEL DEPTH | The formation at tunnel depth is Austin Chalk (Kau), medium hard, moderately to very argillaceous, slightly fossiliferous, light to dark gray. |
| FRACTURE ORIENTATIONS NEAR TUNNEL DEPTH | Fractures measured in SE1 strike generally E-W, with very steep, near vertical dips to the south. |
| THICKNESS AT TUNNEL DEPTH | The fault penetrated by SE1 is ~1.25 ft. thick in the Austin Chalk. |
| FRACTURE SPACING | No Data |
| ALTERATION/MINERALIZATION | Fractures are generally calcite filled and slickensided with some pyrite inclusions. |
| HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY | The hydraulic conductivity at the upper portion of fracture zone taken at depth interval 65.25' to 86.35' is 3.4 x $10^{5}$ cm/sec. The lower portion of the fracture zone has a hydraulic conductivity of 2.7 x $10^{-6}$ cm/sec and was measured at a depth of 87.25' to 108.35'. |
| KEY REFERENCE POINTS | Coreholes: BE1, BE1A, K2-87, SE1, Packer Hydraulic Test Results from SE1. |

TABLE A5

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SE 1 Fault Map

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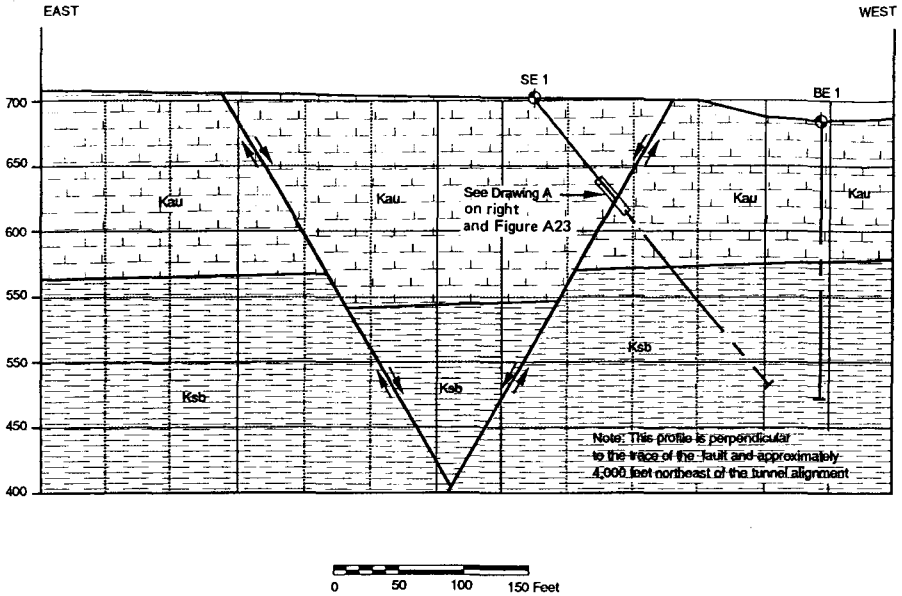
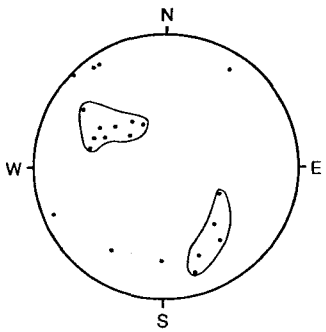
Figure A21




**Stereographic Plot of Poles to Fractures**

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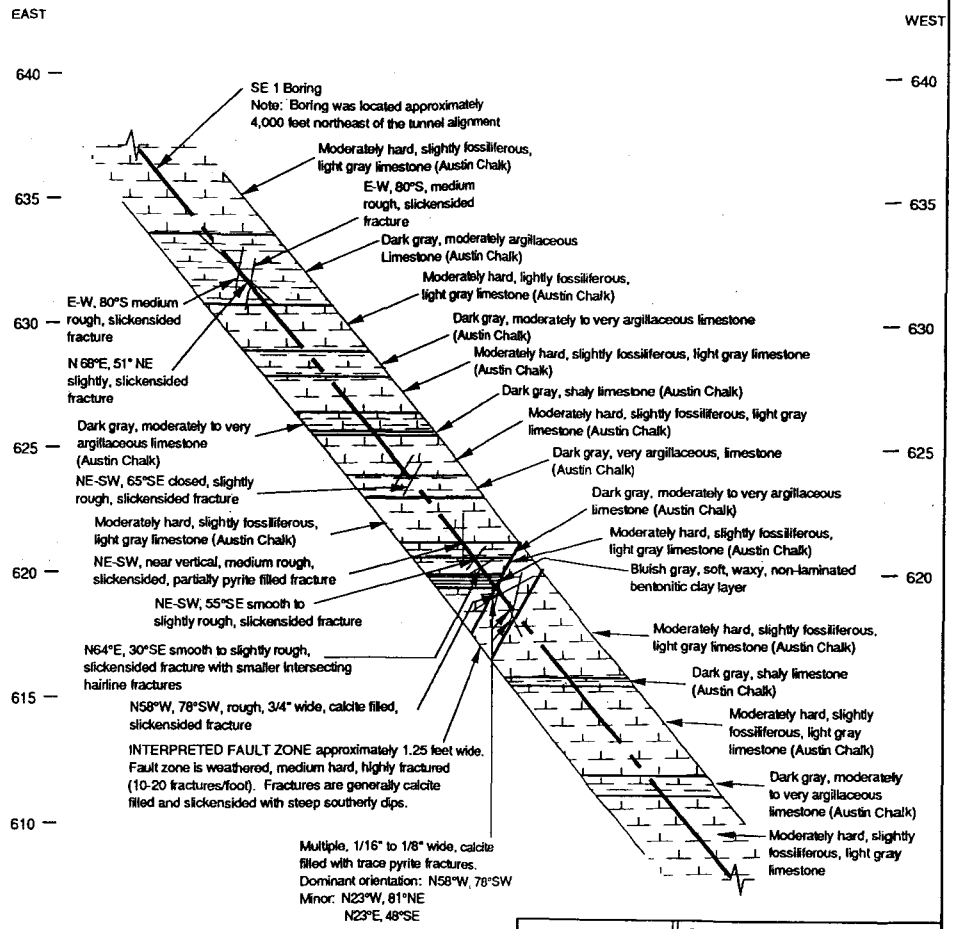


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SE 1 Fault
Geologic Profile

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Figure A22

Project ID.: 87-888
Boring No.: SE1
Ground.Elev.: 696.2 ft.
North Coord.: 261548.2 ft.
East Coord.: 2172406.1 ft.
Field Engr. Geologist: S. Lesikar
Driller: MJA
Date Began: 6/20/89
Date of Completion: 6/26/89

## GEOLOGY

| Depth (ft) | Elevation (ft) | Formation | Unit | Graphic | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 635 | Kau | | | 62.1-63.1 Dark gray moderately argillaceous limestone. |
| 65 | | | A25 | | 64.4-67.1 Dark gray moderately argillaceous limestone. |
| | 630 | | | | Fracture. Medium rough, slickensided (dip:80S, strike:E-W) Fracture. Slightly rough, slickensided. Fracture. Medium rough, slickensided. (dip:80S,strike:E-W) |
| 70 | | | | | 69.1-70.1 Dark gray moderately - very argillaceous limestone. |
| | 625 | | | | 71.5-72.3 Dark gray moderate - very argillaceous limestone. 72.3-72.5 Dark gray shaly limestone, area of probable core loss |
| | | | A25 | | Fracture. Slickensided, closed. (dip:65SE,strike:NE-SW) Fracture. Slightly rough, slickensided (dip:65SE,strike:NE-SW) 74.0-74.8 Dark gray very argillaceous zone |
| 75 | | | | | |
| | 620 | | | | Fracture. Medium rough, slickensided, partially filled w/pyrite.(dip:near vertical. strike:NE-SW) 76.8-77.3 Dark gray moderate - very argillaceous limestone. |
| | | | BM | | Fracture. Smooth to slightly rough, slickensided (dip:55SE,strike:NE-SW) |
| | | | A26 | | Fracture. 2 intersecting, smooth to slightly rough, slickensides(dip:70 - 80 SE) |
| 80 | | Kau | | | Clay, bentonitic, soft, waxy, non-laminated, bluish gray. |
| | 615 | | | | Fracture. Rough, slickensides with approximately 3/4" calcite filling. (N58W,78SW) Weathered limestone, medium hard with multiple fractures, most 1/16"-1/8" calcite filling with traces of pyrite and small pyrite nodules. LIMESTONE, (Austin Chalk) fresh, moderately hard, slightly fossiliferous, argillaceous layers, light gray |
| 85 | | | A26 | | 82.2-82.5 Dark gray shaly zone, probable core loss area |
| | 610 | | | | 85.8-86.7 Dark gray moderate - very argillaceous |
| | | | | | * VERTICAL DEPTHS DERIVED FROM DEVIATION LOGS * |
| | | | A27 | | |

## FIELD DATA

| Depth (ft) | Water Gain/Loss | 20 40 60 80 Core Recovery (%) | 20 40 60 80 RQD (%) | Location of Breaks | Bedding Spacing (ft) <0.2 0.2-0.6 0.6-2.0 2.0-6.0 6.0-18.0 >18.0 | Joint/Bedding/Shear | Dip (Deg.) | Separation | Type of Filling | Amount: None | Amount: Partial | Amount: Complete | Discont. Condition | Discont. Surface Roughness | Piezometer Installation Details |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | S | 50 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 65 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | S | 80 | | | | | X | S | | |
| | | | | | | S | 80 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | S | | | | | | | | | |
| 70 | | | | | | B | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | CL | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | S | 65 | C | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | S | 65 | | | X | | | A | R | |
| 75 | | | | | | B | 0 | | | X | | | A | R | |
| | | | | | | S | 90 | M | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | S | 55 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | S | 0 | | CL | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | S | 15 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | B | | | | | | | | | |
| 80 | | | | | | S | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | J | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | CL | | | | | | |
| 85 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | | | | X | S | | |

## LABORATORY TEST DATA

| Depth (ft) | Moisture Content (%) | Dry Density (pcf) | Liquid Limit | Plasticity Index | Carbonate Content (%) | Unconfined Compressive Strength (psi) | Tensile Strength (psi) | Triaxial Test: Confining Stress (psi) | Triaxial Test: Shear Strength (psi) | Triaxial Test: Elastic Modulus (x10E6 psi) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 65 | 18.6 | 113 | | | | | | | | |
| | 17.1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 70 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 75 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 80 | 16.2 | 115 | | | | 106 | | | | |
| 85 | 18.2 | 113 | | | | | | | | |

| Depth (ft) | Elevation (ft) |
|---|---|
| | 545 |
| 155 | |
| | 540 |
| 160 | |
| | 535 |
| 165 | |
| | 530 |
| 170 | |
| | 525 |
| 175 | |
| | 520 |

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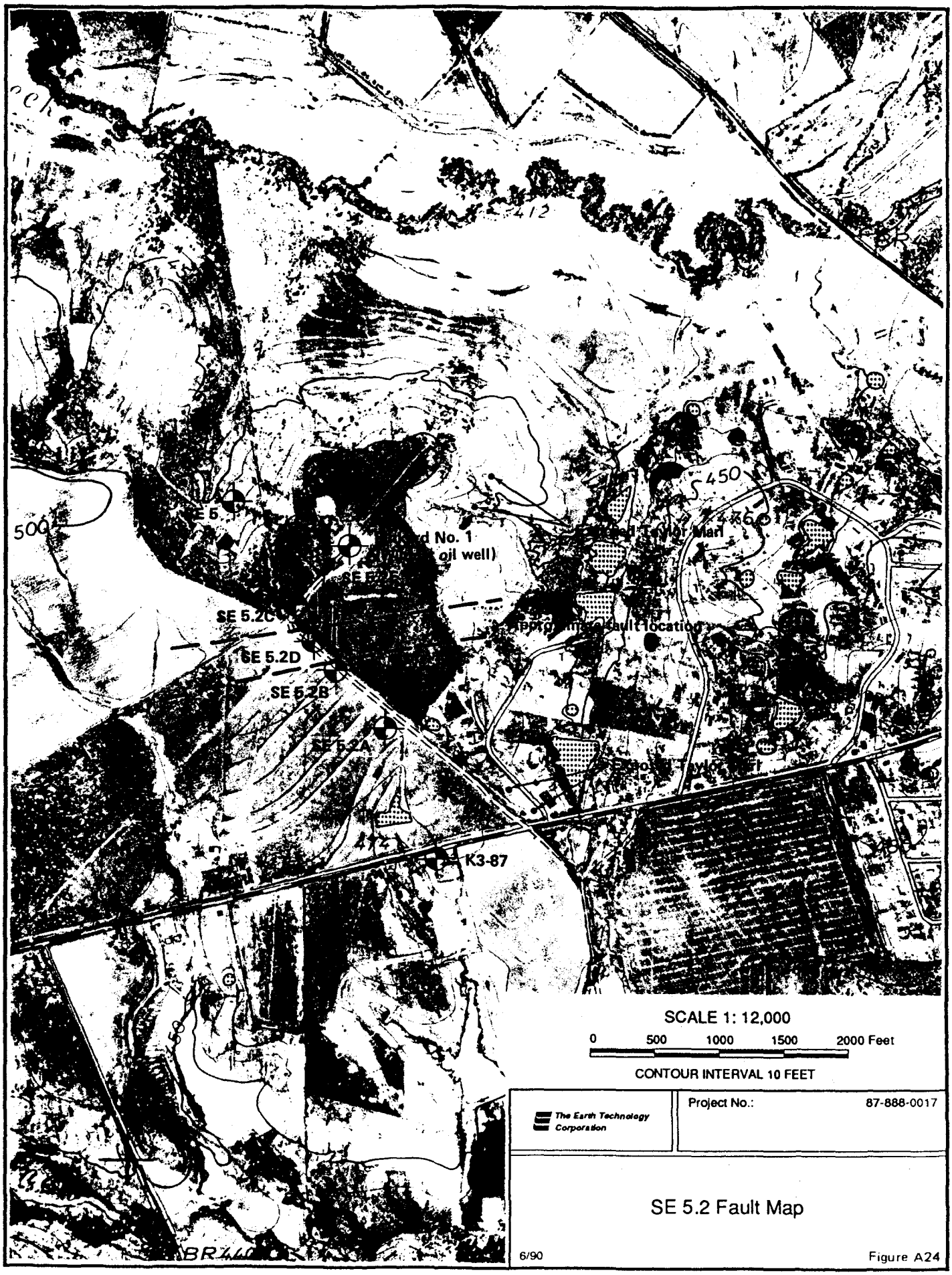
FIGURE A23
SE 1 Fault gINT Log

# SE 5.2 FAULT

| | |
|---|---|
| LOCATION | Fault SE5.2 is located on the eastern side of the proposed tunnel alignment approximately 2 miles west of Palmer and crosses the main tunnel alignment between Stations 2719 + 30 and 2722 + 30. |
| GENERAL INTERPRETATION | An east-west trending, north dipping main fault with 15 -25 ft. of displacement surmounted by a an east-west south dipping antithetic fault with less than 5 ft. of displacement . |
| STRIKE /DIP of FAULT | The main fault strikes generally east-west (N85° W to S62°W) and dips 56°-69° north . The antithetic fault also strikes east-west and dips 11°-86° south. |
| OFFSET AMOUNT / DIRECTION | The main fault has 15 to 25 ft. of down-to-the-north offset . The antithetic fault appears to have less than 5 ft. of down-to-the-south offset. |
| FORMATION AT TUNNEL DEPTH | The formation at tunnel depth is uppermost Austin Chalk, medium to moderately hard, slightly fossiliferous, light gray limestone with interbeds of moderately argillaceous limestone. |
| FRACTURE ORIENTATIONS NEAR TUNNEL DEPTH | Fractures mapped in the exposed Taylor Marl have trends of N 5°-30°E dipping 40°-69°SE and 40°-50°NW. Fractures along the main fault in the Austin Chalk have strikes ranging from N62°-85°W and dipping 56°-69° north while fractures measured in the Taylor Marl along the antithetic fault have strikes ranging from N70°-85°E and dipping 11°-86° south. |
| THICKNESS AT TUNNEL DEPTH | The main fault was encountered in the Austin Chalk and is approximately 2.4 ft. thick while the estimated thickness in the Taylor Marl along the antithetic fault is 3.2 ft. |
| FRACTURE SPACING | Fracture spacing in the Austin Chalk ranges from 0.3 to 3.25 ft. with an average spacing of 1.7 ft. In the Taylor Marl and along the antithetic fault, fracture spacing ranges from 0.12 to 5.6 ft. with an average spacing of 1.6 ft. |
| ALTERATION/MINERALIZATION | Alteration along the main fault in the Austin Chalk consists of calcite mineralization along the fractures. The antithethic fault encountered in the Taylor Marl is typically gypsum filled, iron stained and slightly weathered. |
| HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY | The hydraulic conductivity along the main fault in the Austin Chalk (depth of 160.3 - 178.4 ft. ) is $4.2 \times 10^{-7}$ cm/sec. At a depth of 218.7-236.2 ft. the hydraulic conductivity in the Austin Chalk is $1.5 \times 10^{-6}$ cm/sec (below the fault). |
| KEY REFERENCE POINTS | Coreholes BE5, SE5.2A,B,C,D,E, K3-87, and Straddle Packer Test Results for SE5.2E |

TABLE A6

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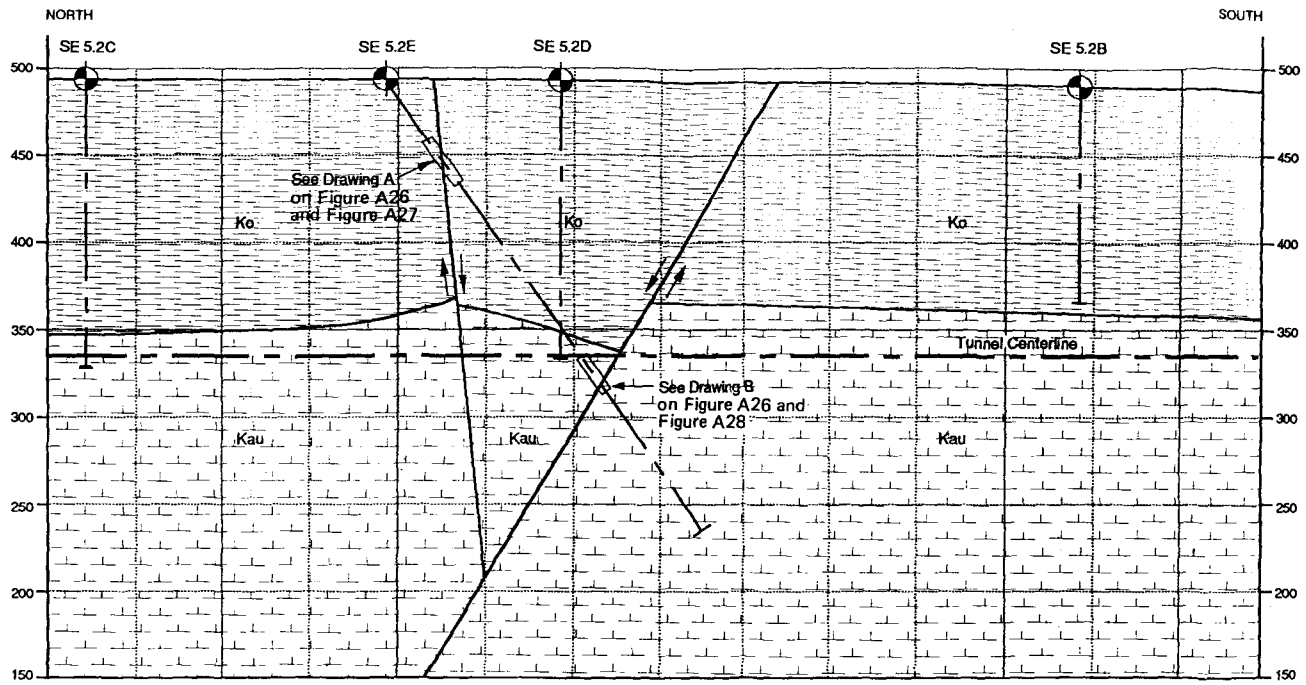


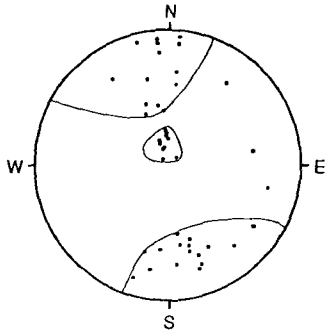


Stereographic Plot of Poles to Fractures

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Figure A25

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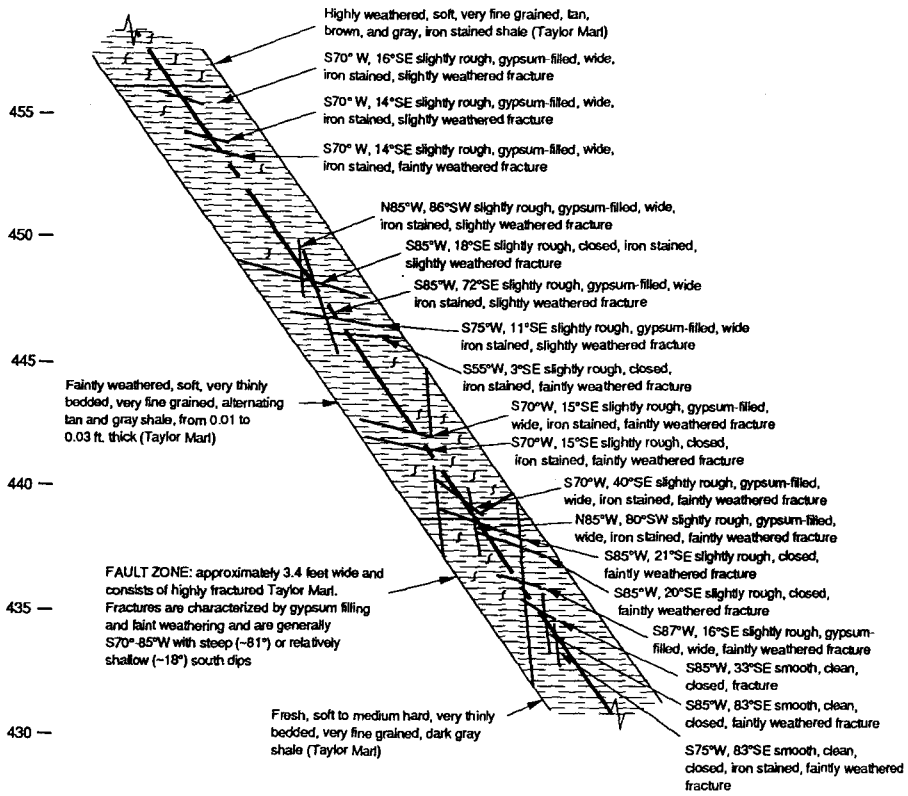


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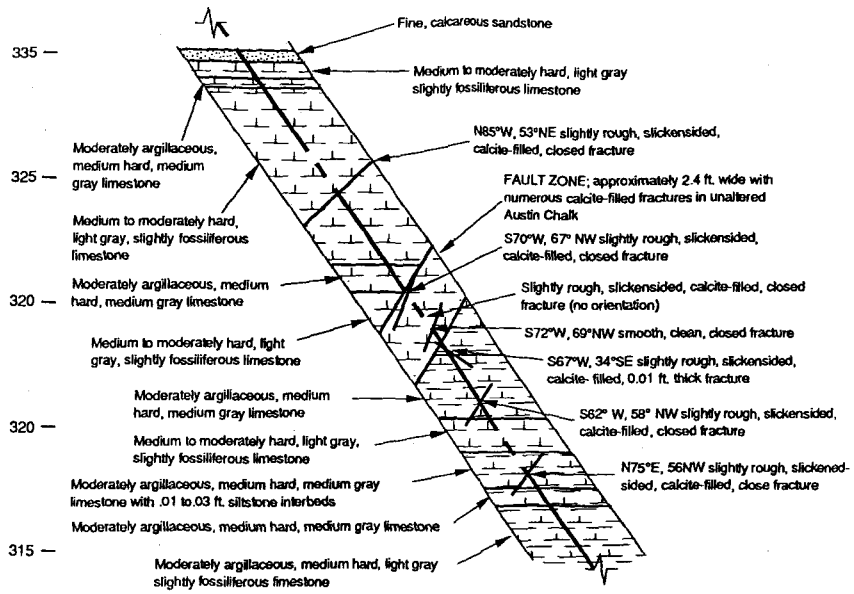


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Figure A26

Project ID.: 87-888
Boring No.: SE5.2E
Ground.Elev.: 495.0 ft.
North Coord.: 277945.0 ft.
East Coord.: 2245580.0 ft.
Field Engr.
Geologist: W. Flannigan
Driller: MJA
Date Began: 3/26/90
Date of Completion: 3/30/90

## GEOLOGY

| Depth (ft) | Elevation (ft) | Formation | Unit | Graphic | DESCRIPTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | SHALE (Taylor Marl), highly weathered, soft, very thinly bedded, very fine grained,tan, brown and gray, iron stained. |
| 40 | | Ko | | | SHALE (Taylor Marl), faintly weathered, soft, very thinly bedded, very fine grained, alternating tan and gray beds 0.01' to 0.03" thick. |
| | | | | | Fracture. Slightly rough, gypsum, filled wide, iron stained, slightly weathered 38.53' to 39.10',(S70W,16SE). |
| | | | | | Fracture. Slightly rough, gypsum filled, wide, iron stained, slightly weathered 39.93' to 40.44',(S70W,14SE) |
| 45 | | | | | Fracture. Slightly rough, gypsum filled, wide, iron stainrd, faintly weathered (S70W,14SE) |
| | | | | | Fracture. Slightly rough, gypsum filled, wide, iron stained, slightly weathered 45.12' to 45.27' (N85W,86SW) |
| | | | | | Fracture. slightly rough, closed, iron stained, faintly weathered(S85W,18SE) |
| 50 | | | | | Fracture. Slightly rough, gypsum filled, iron stained, slightly weathered 46.23' to 46.49' (S75W,11SE) |
| | | | | | Fracture. Slightly rough, gypsum filled, iron stained, slightly weathered 47.18' to 47.37' (S85W,72SE) |
| | | | | | Fracture. Slightly rough, closed, iron stained, faintly weathered (S55W,35E) |
| 55 | | Ko | | | Fracture. Slightly rough, gypsum filled, wide, iron stained, faintly weathered 52.33' to 52.64' (S70W,15SE) |
| | | | | | Fracture. Slightly rough, closed, iron stained, faintly weathered 52.76' to 53.31' (S70W, 15SE) |
| | | | | | Fracture. Slightly rough, gypsum filled, wide, iron stained, faintly weathered 54.91' to 55.34' (S70W,40SE) |
| | | | | | Fracture. Slightly rough, gypsum filled, wide, iron stained, faintly weathered on face. (N85W,80SW) |
| 60 | | | | | SHALE (Taylor Marl), fresh, soft to medium hard, very thinly bedded, very fine grained, dark gray. |
| | | | | | Fracture. Slightly rough, closed, faintly weathered on face (S85W,21SE) |
| | | | | | Fracture. Slightly rough, closed, faintly weathered on face (S85W,20SE) |
| 65 | | | | | Fracture. Slightly rough, gypsum filled, wide, faintly weathered 57.70' to 58.25' (S87W,16SE) |
| | | | | | Fracture. Smooth, clean, closed, (S85W,33SE) |
| | | | | | Fracture. Smooth, clean, closed, faintly weathered 59.02' to 59.37' (S85W,83SE) |
| | | | | | Fracture. Smooth, clean, closed, iron stained, faintly weathered (S75W,83SE) |
| 70 | | Ko | | | |
| 75 | | | | | * VERTICAL DEPTHS DERIVED FROM DEVIATION LOGS * |

## FIELD DATA

| Depth (ft) | Water Gain/Loss | 20 40 60 80 Core Recovery (%) | 20 40 60 80 RQD (%) | Location of Breaks | <0.2 0.2-0.8 1.0-2.8 >10.8 Bedding Spacing (ft) | Joint/Bedding/Shear | Dip (Deg.) | Separation | Type of Filling | Amount: None | Amount: Partial | Amount: Complete | Discont. Condition | Discont. Surface Roughness | Piezometer Installation Details |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | J | 16 | W | Gypsum | | | X | A | SR | |
| 40 | | | | | | J | 14 | W | Gypsum | | | X | A | SR | |
| | | | | | | J | 14 | W | Gypsum | | | X | A | SR | |
| 45 | | | | | | J | 86 | W | Gypsum | | | X | A | SR | |
| | | | | | | J | 18 | C | | X | | | A | SR | |
| | | | | | | J | 72 | W | Gypsum | | | X | A | SR | |
| | | | | | | J | 11 | | Gypsum | | | X | A | SR | |
| | | | | | | J | 3 | C | | X | | | A | SR | |
| 50 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | J | 15 | W | Gypsum | | | X | A | SR | |
| | | | | | | J | 15 | C | | X | | | A | SR | |
| 55 | | | | | | J | 40 | W | Gypsum | | | X | A | SR | |
| | | | | | | J | 80 | W | Gypsum | X | | X | A | SR | |
| | | | | | | J | 21 | C | | X | | | A | SR | |
| | | | | | | J | 20 | C | | | | | A | SR | |
| | | | | | | J | 33 | C | | X | | | A | S | |
| 60 | | | | | | J | 83 | C | | X | | | A | S | |
| | | | | | | J | 83 | C | | X | | | A | S | |
| 65 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 70 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 75 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## LABORATORY TEST DATA

| Depth (ft) | Moisture Content (%) | Dry Density (pcf) | Liquid Limit | Plasticity Index | Carbonate Content (%) | Unconfined Compressive Strength (psi) | Tensile Strength (psi) | TRIAXIAL TEST: Confining Stress (psi) | TRIAXIAL TEST: Shear Strength (psi) | TRIAXIAL TEST: Elastic Modulus (x10E5 psi) | Elevation (ft) | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | 525 | |
| 40 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 45 | | | | | | | | | | | 530 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 50 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 535 | |
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| 55 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | 540 | |
| 60 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 65 | | | | | | | | | | | 545 | |
| 70 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 550 | |
| 75 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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FIGURE A27
**SE 5.2E Fault gINT Log**

Project ID.: 87-888
Boring No.: SE5.2E
Ground.Elev.: 495.0 ft.
North Coord.: 277945.0 ft.
East Coord.: 2245580.0 ft.
Field Engr.
Geologist: W. Flannigan
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Date Began: 3/26/90
Date of Completion: 3/30/90

## GEOLOGY

| Depth (ft) | Elevation (ft) | Stratigraphy: Formation | Stratigraphy: Unit | Lithology: Graphic | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 615 | | | | |
| 160 | | | | | LIMESTONE (Austin Chalk), fresh, medium to moderately hard, light gray, slightly fossiliferous, with 0.5 to 3.7 ft. thick, moderately argillaceous interbeds spaced 1.55 to 15.9 ft. apart and occasional calcite filled fractures. Fine, sand, calcareous. Thin, moderately argillaceous, medium hard, medium gray bed. |
| | 620 | Kau | A15 | | |
| 165 | | | | | Fracture. Slickensides, slightly rough, calcite filled, closed, fresh, (N85W,53NE) |
| | | | | | Medium thick, moderately argillaceous, medium hard, medium gray bed. |
| | 625 | | | | |
| 170 | | | | | Fracture. Slickensides, slightly rough, calcite filled, closed, fresh, (S70W,67NW) |
| | | | | | Fracture. Slickensides, slightly rough, calcite filled, closed, fresh. |
| | | | | | Fracture. Smooth, clean, closed, fresh, (S72W,69NW) |
| | | | | | Fracture. Slickensides, slightly rough, calcite filled, -0.01' thick, narrow, fresh (S67W,34SE) |
| | | | | | Thick, moderately argillaceous, medium hard, medium gray bed. |
| 175 | | | A15 | | Fracture. Slickensides, slightly rough, calcite filled, closed, fresh (S62W,58NW) |
| | 630 | Kau | | | Medium thick, moderately argillaceous, medium hard, medium gray bed with siltstone interbeds from 0.01' to 0.03' thick. |
| | | | | | Fracture. Slickensides, slightly rough, calcite filled, closed, fresh, (N75E,56NW) |
| | | | | | Thin, moderately argillaceous, medium hard, medium gray bed. |
| 180 | | | | | |
| | 635 | | | | |
| 185 | | | | | * VERTICAL DEPTHS DERIVED FROM DEVIATION LOGS * |

## FIELD DATA

| Depth (ft) | Water Gain/Loss | Drilling: Core Recovery (%) | Drilling: RQD (%) | Location of Breaks | Bedding Spacing (ft) | Joint/Bedding/Shear | Dip (Deg.) | Separation | Type of Filling | Discontinuity Description: Amount: None | Amount: Partial | Amount: Complete | Discont. Condition | Discont. Surface Roughness | Piezometer Installation Details |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 160 | | | | | | S | 53 | C | Calcite | | | X | S | SR | |
| 170 | | | | | | B | 0 | | | X | | | S | | |
| | | | | | | S | 67 | | Calcite | | | X | S | SR | |
| | | | | | | S | | C | Calcite | | | X | S | SR | |
| | | | | | | J | 69 | C | | X | | | S | S | |
| | | | | | | S | 34 | | Calcite | | | X | S | SR | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | | X | | | S | | |
| | | | | | | S | 58 | | Calcite | | | X | S | SR | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | Calcite | X | | X | S | SR | |
| | | | | | | S | 56 | | | | | | S | | |
| | | | | | | B | 0 | | | X | | | S | | |

## LABORATORY TEST DATA

| Depth (ft) | Moisture Content (%) | Dry Density (pcf) | Liquid Limit | Plasticity Index | Carbonate Content (%) | Unconfined Compressive Strength (psi) | Tensile Strength (psi) | Triaxial Test: Confining Stress (psi) | Triaxial Test: Shear Strength (psi) | Triaxial Test: Elastic Modulus (x10E6 psi) | Elevation (ft) | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 160 | | | | | | | | | | | 615 | |
| 165 | | | | | | | | | | | 620 | |
| 170 | | | | | | | | | | | 625 | |
| 175 | | | | | | | | | | | 630 | |
| 180 | | | | | | | | | | | 635 | |
| 185 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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FIGURE A28
**SE 5.2E Fault gINT Log**

# SF 8.3 FAULT

| | |
|---|---|
| LOCATION | SF 8.3 fault crosses the main tunnel 2.7 miles east of I-35E between Stations 941 + 60 and 950 + 60. |
| GENERAL INTERPRETATION | A northeast trending main fault with as much as 25 ft. of down-to-the-east offset and a minor fault with 10 ft. down-to-the -west offset. |
| STRIKE /DIP of FAULT | Two 6000 ft. long, parallel trending lineaments can be identified from aerial photos having an overall trend due North to N 5° E. . |
| OFFSET AMOUNT / DIRECTION | The main fault has an overall offset of 25-30 ft. down-to-the-east. Displacement along the minor fault is 10 ft. down-to-the-west. |
| FORMATION AT TUNNEL DEPTH | The formation at tunnel depth is Austin Chalk(Kau), medium, fresh, sound, light gray. |
| FRACTURE ORIENTATIONS NEAR TUNNEL DEPTH | None of the borings in the structure study area penetrated the faults in question and therefore no fracture orientations were measured. |
| THICKNESS AT TUNNEL DEPTH | No Data |
| FRACTURE SPACING | No Data |
| ALTERATION/MINERALIZATION | Calcite float and dense concentrations of crystalline and slickensided calcite were found along the lineament by surface geologic mapping. No borings penetrated faults, therefore descriptions of the bedrock along the suspected fault zone were not recorded. |
| HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY | No Data |
| KEY REFERENCE POINTS | Coreholes: SF8.3A, SF8.3B, SF8.3C, SF8.3E, and SF8.3F,SF8.6 |

TABLE A7

SCALE 1: 12,000

0 500 1000 1500 2000 Feet

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET

**LEGEND**

| | |
|---|---|
| U / D — — — | Fault, dashed where inferred; U, upthrown block; D, downthrown block |
| —— — — | Contact, dashed where inferred |
| Kau | Austin Chalk |
| Ko | Taylor Marl |
| Qal | Quaternary Alluivum |
| Qt | Gravel terrace deposits |
| Qtu | Undifferentiated Quaternary terrace deposits and cut terrace surface |

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SF 8.3 Fault Map

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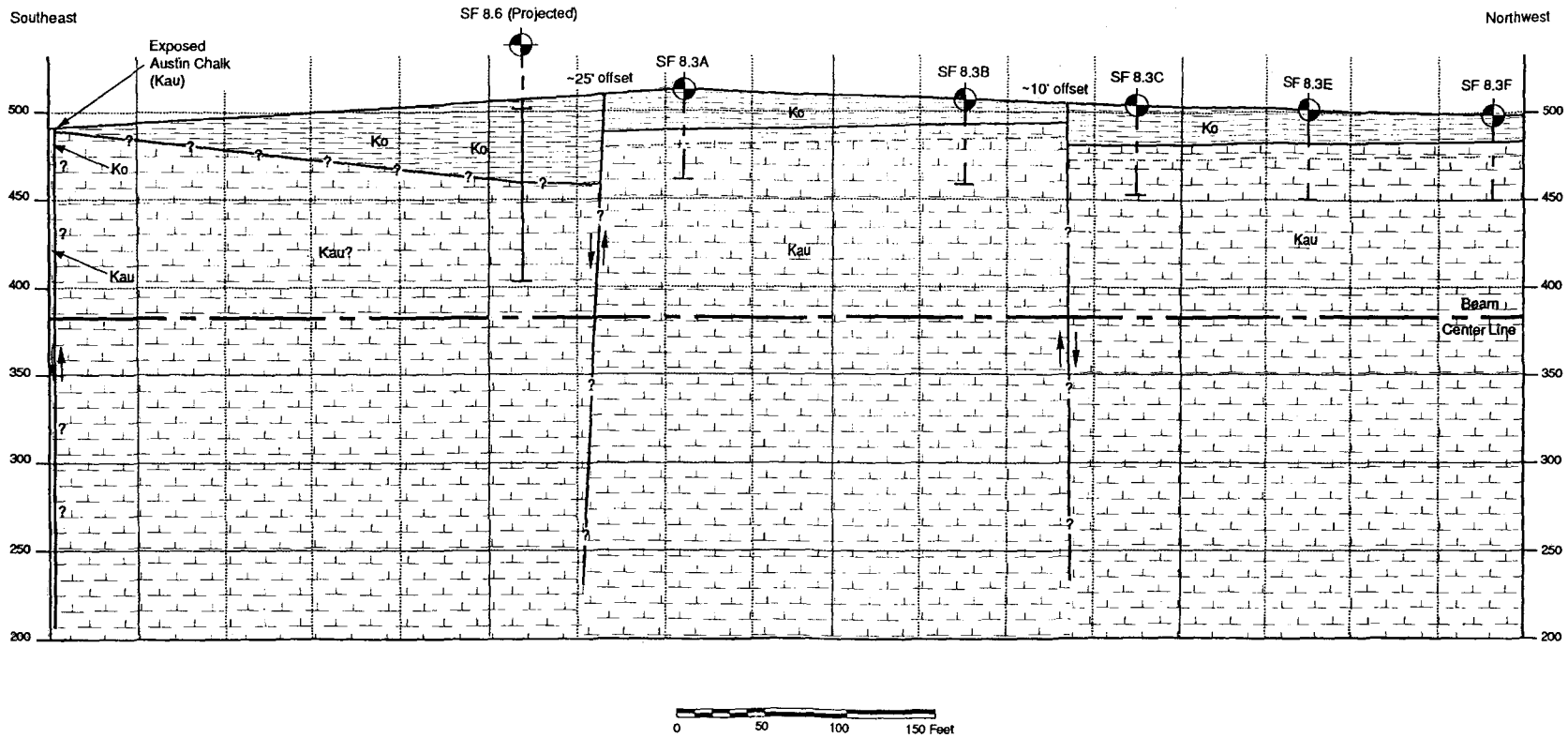
Figure A29

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SF 8.3 Fault
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Figure A30

# APPENDIX B

# FRACTURE ZONES, WEATHERING AND CORE-DISKING IN CORED BORINGS

# APPENDIX B

## FRACTURE ZONES, WEATHERING AND CORE-DISKING IN CORED BORINGS

### INTRODUCTION

Boring logs and core photographs from SSC site borings were examined to identify rock properties that could affect construction of the facility. Data on 172 fracture zones were compiled from 78 vertical borings and 71 from 13 angle borings that penetrated faults. In addition, data on 71 zones of core-disking were compiled from 33 borings for which there were photographs of the cores. Weathering depths were compiled from 78 borings.

A fracture zone was defined as a depth range containing two or more fractures per foot of borehole. The distribution of fracture zones was examined to determine; (1) relation to strata, (2) zone widths, (3) thickness of overburden, and (4) location around the ring. The effect of faults upon the numbers of fracture zones was examined in the angled borings.

A disking zone was defined as a depth range where core has fragmented into short cylinders with length equal to or less than diameter.

### METHODOLOGY

The source of fracture data and weathering data was the stratum description column of the boring logs. Fractures were described by their depth, rock type, angle of break (dip angle; the strike direction is unknown), and texture of the break surface (i.e., smooth, rough, slickensided). True-depth data for the angled borings were obtained from deviation-survey results. Weathering was described as slight, moderate, or severe; color, hardness, and fragmentation were noted. The source of core-disking data was color photographs of the cores.

The set of borings used includes borings for the Texas proposal and those drilled for start-up Geotechnical Characterization. The following information was collected from each core boring:

- Boring identification
- Coordinates north and east (feet)
- Ground elevation (feet)
- Formation-top depths (feet)
- Total depth of boring (feet)
- Fracture-zone depth ranges (feet)
- Disking-zone depth ranges (feet)
- Weathering depths (feet).

Data for zones where the fracture density was less than two fractures per foot were not compiled.

## ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

**Fracture Distribution by Rock Type** - Figure B-1 shows the percent of borehole length that is fractured in each rock type. Fracturing is seen to be more common in the top 150 feet of the Austin Chalk (given as one of three divisions of the Austin Chalk in the Site Reference Stratigraphic Column [1989]) than elsewhere in the chalk, or in the overlying Taylor Marl. The greatest fracturing, however, is in the underlying Eagle Ford Shale. Over 4 percent of the Eagle Ford Shale encountered in vertical boreholes is fracture zones.

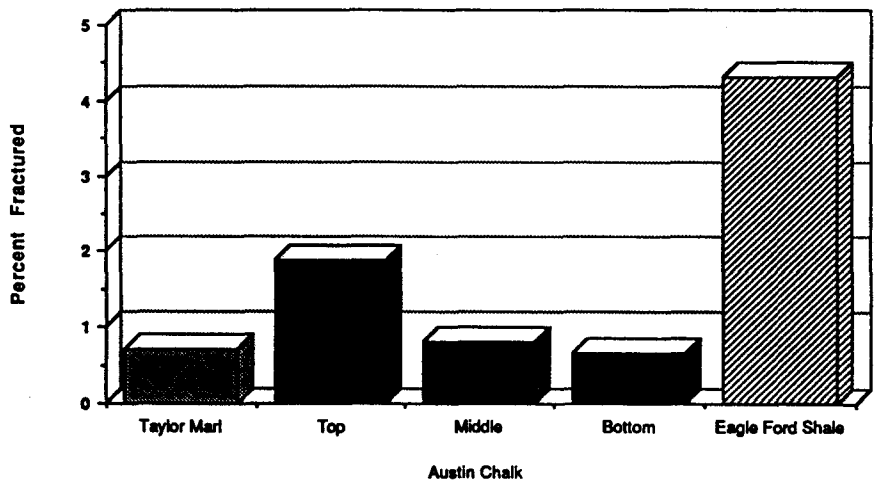



**Figure B-1. Percent Fractured by Rock Type**

**Fracture Distribution by Depth** - Figure B-2 shows the distribution of fracture zones with depth, in 50-foot intervals. Fracturing is seen to be most common between 200 and 300 feet. However, this distribution is the result of uneven sampling; there was more drilling on the western side of the site, for example, where the Eagle Ford Shale is about 200 feet deep. Also, because of the strata dip, the 200- to 300-foot depth range contains all rock types. Therefore, conclusions should be conservative; such as, the number of fracture zones in a 50-foot interval of the average borehole is between zero and one. Overburden thickness does not seem to be a dominant variable.

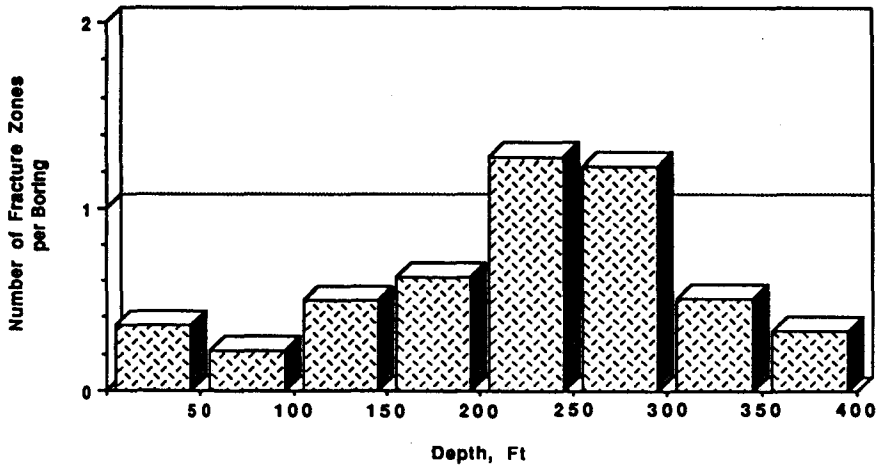



**Figure B-2. Occurrence of Fracture Zones Versus Thickness of Overburden (Depth)**

**Fracture Distribution by Tunnel Section** - Figure B-3 shows the distribution of fracture zones by tunnel section (in eighths) clockwise from the east minor axis of the tunnel ring. The distribution shows most fracturing in the SW, W, and NW sections and least fracturing in the E section. The most fracturing appears where the Eagle Ford Shale is sampled most. The least fracturing appears where the Taylor Marl is sampled most. The effect of strata dip and rock type appear to shape the distribution.

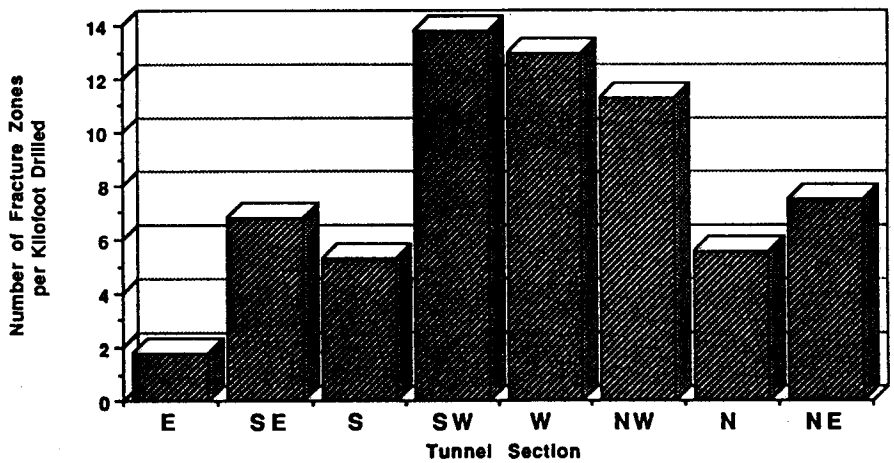
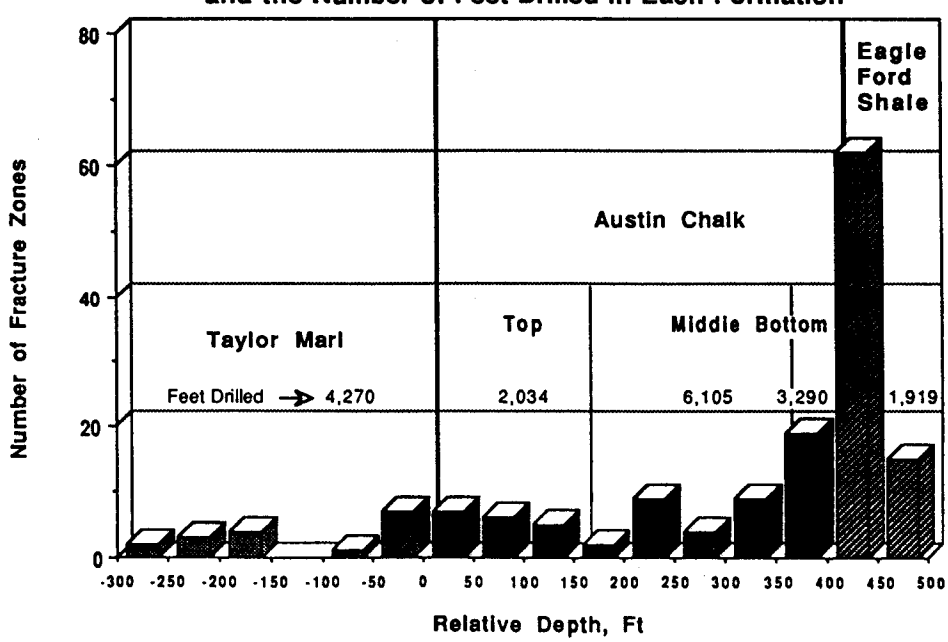



**Figure B-3. Distribution of Fracturing by Tunnel Section**

**Fracture Distribution by Stratum** - Figure B-4 shows the number of fracture zones in each 50-foot interval measured relative to the top of the Austin Chalk. Fracturing appears throughout each stratum, and more near contacts -- much more near the Austin Chalk/Eagle Ford Shale contact. Fracture zones in the shale are three times more numerous than those in the immediate overlying chalk.

**Figure B-4. Number of Fracture Zones Versus Their Depth (relative to top of Austin Chalk), the Formations in Which They Occur, and the Number of Feet Drilled in Each Formation**



**Fracture Distribution by Zone Width** - Figure B-5 shows the number of fracture zones versus width of the zone. The narrowest zones are the most numerous; over half are less than 1 foot wide and 84 percent are less than 2 feet wide. Only one observed zone exceeds 10 feet in width. The few wider zones are in the Austin Chalk. These statistics are summarized in Table B-1.

**Figure B-5. Number of Fracture Zones Versus their Width**

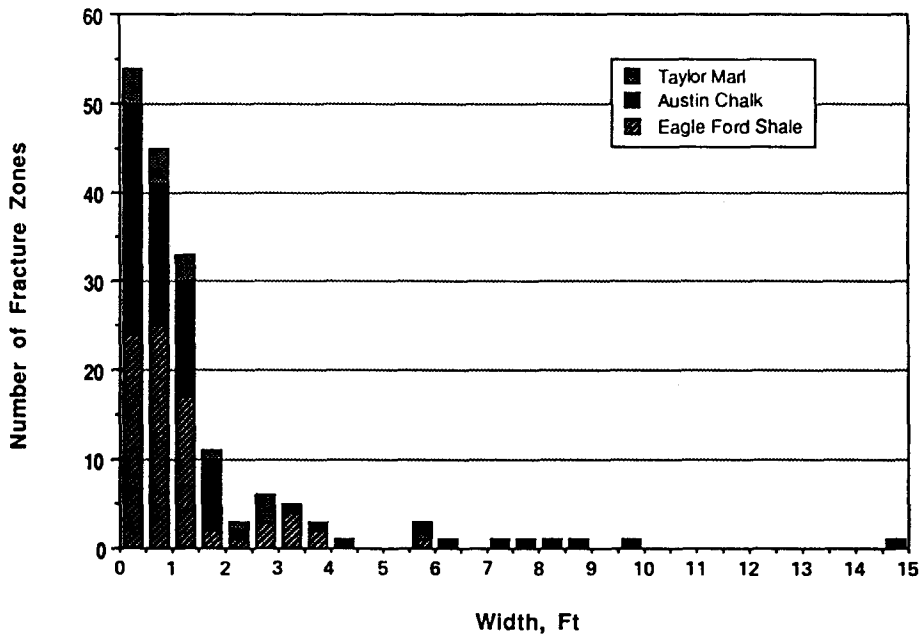



**TABLE B-1. STATISTICS OF FRACTURE ZONE WIDTH**

| Formation | Width of Fracture Zones (ft) | | | Percent Fractured | Number of Samples |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mean | Std. Dev | Max. | | |
| Taylor Marl | 1.8 | 1.7 | 5.6 | 0.7 | 17 |
| Austin Chalk | | | | | |
| - Top | 1.9 | 3.1 | 14.6 | 1.9 | 20 |
| - Middle | 2.5 | 3.1 | 9.8 | 0.8 | 20 |
| - Bottom | 1.1 | 1.5 | 7.0 | 0.6 | 20 |
| Eagle Ford Shale | 1.1 | 1.1 | 5.9 | 4.3 | 73 |

## Fracture Zones in Angled Boreholes that Penetrated Faults

**Percent Fractured by Rock Type.** The widths of the fracture zones in the Taylor Marl, the Austin Chalk, and the Eagle Ford Shale in the 13 angled borings were compiled, summed, and divided by the length (in feet) drilled in each formation. Figure B-6 shows the result (two anomalously wide zones associated with a fault in Boring SE10.9C have been omitted). Fracture zone widths may be narrower than a fault width because data from core samples containing less than two fractures per foot were not compiled as fracture zones (by definition). Additional statistics are shown in Table B-2.

**Figure B-6. Percent Fractured by Rock Type in 13 Angle-Borings that Penetrated Fault Zones**

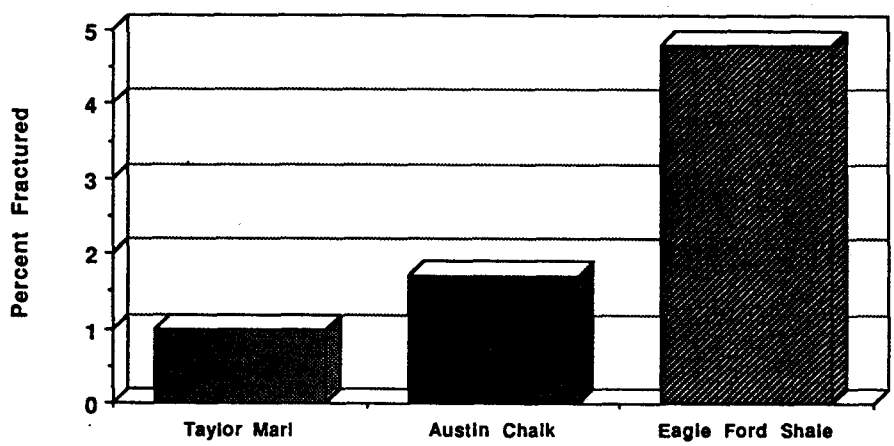


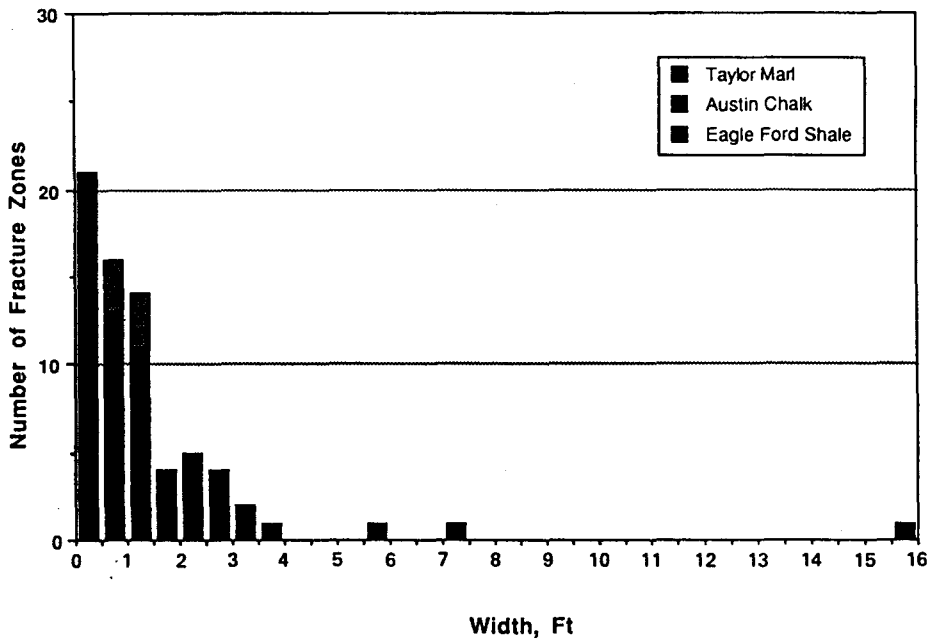

**TABLE B-2. STATISTICS OF FRACTURE ZONE WIDTH IN 13 ANGLE-BORINGS THAT PENETRATED FAULT ZONES**

| Formation | Width of Fracture Zones (ft) | | | Percent Fractured | Number of Samples |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mean | Std. Dev | Max. | | |
| Taylor Marl | 1.0 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 6 |
| Austin Chalk | 1.0 | 0.9 | 3.4 | 1.7 | 47 |
| Eagle Ford Shale | 2.0 | 2.1 | 7.2 | 4.8 | 16 |

Thus, in the 13 holes that penetrated faults, the percent fractured is of the same order of magnitude as those for the other holes. In fact, the Austin Chalk is less fractured for this data set. The mean width and the standard deviation of widths is also of the same magnitude as for the other holes, being actually smaller for the Taylor Marl and Austin Chalk and less than a factor of 2 larger for the Eagle Ford Shale.

**Number of Fracture Zones Versus Width in 13 Angle-Borings that Penetrated Fault Zones.** Figure B-7 shows a fracture-zone width distribution similar to that for the holes that did not penetrate a fault (Figure B-5). Thus, there appears to be no reason to expect a greater volume of fracturing in the neighborhood of a fault.

**Figure B-7. Number of Fracture Zones Versus Their Width in 13 Angle Borings that Penetrated Fault Zones**




**Core Disking Distribution by Stratum** - The phenomenon of "core disking", in which rock cores break into a set of hockey-puck-like fragments, has been observed in cores from the SSC site. This effect is possibly produced by in-situ horizontal stress, which would have implications for tunnel construction.

Core photographs from 33 borings were examined to compile statistics of disking-zone widths and percent of core disked, as shown in Table B-3.

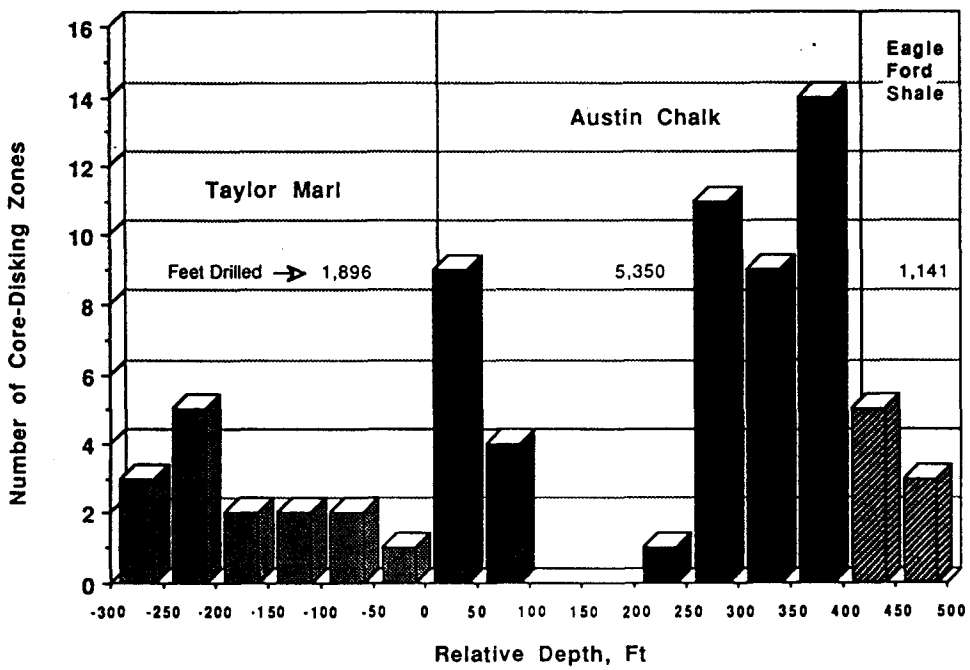
**TABLE B-3. STATISTICS OF DISKING ZONE WIDTH**

| Formation | Width of Disked Zones (ft) | | | Percent Fractured | Number of Samples |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mean | Std. Dev | Max. | | |
| Taylor Marl | 6.2 | 6.6 | 25.0 | 4.9 | 15 |
| Austin Chalk | 2.9 | 3.2 | 14.0 | 2.6 | 48 |
| Eagle Ford Shale | 2.6 | 2.2 | 6.0 | 1.8 | 8 |

Disking observed in the SSC cores was evident when the core was first removed from the core barrel. The disk breaks are parallel to bedding, and were not noted to be slickensided or mineralized. The disking may be a result of stress-relief upon being cored. A comparison of Table B-3 data with the data for fracture zones (Tables B-1 and B-2) shows that the width of disked zones (and their variability) averages two or three times greater than that for fracture zones. The percent of disked core is less than the percent of fracture-zone core in Austin Chalk. The ratios for Taylor Marl and Eagle Ford Shale are of doubtful value because disking for these formations was observed in only three or four borings.

Figure B-8 shows the distribution of disking with depth, where depth is measured relative to the top of the Austin Chalk. Comparison of Figure B-8 (disking distribution) with Figure B-4 (fracture distribution) shows that disking is more prevalent nearer the top and especially nearer the bottom of the Austin Chalk, while fracturing is greatest near the top of the underlying Eagle Ford Shale. A hypothetical explanation for this relationship may be that stresses were concentrated near the Austin Chalk/Eagle Ford Shale contact during some prior tectonic episode; the shales' long-term response to the stresses was to form zones of fracturing, whereas the chalk retained the residual stress and did not fracture. The observations of core disking and fractured zones near the Austin Chalk/Eagle Ford Shale contact should be confirmed during future drilling.

**Figure B-8. Number of Core-Disking Zones Versus Their Depth (relative to top of Austin Chalk) and the Formations in Which They Occur**




**Depth of Weathering** - The bedrock on site is usually covered by a layer of soil and clay, and its top is weathered to varying depths. Because weathered rock has very different physical properties than unweathered rock, we examined the weathered layer thickness and its relation to elevation and drainage for Taylor Marl and Austin Chalk. The statistics are shown in Table B-4.

TABLE B-4. STATISTICS OF WEATHERING THICKNESS

| Formation | Thickness of Weathering (ft) | | | | Number of Samples |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mean | Std. Dev | Max. | Min. | |
| Taylor Marl | 13.1 | 12.6 | 44.0 | 0.0 | 25 |
| Austin Chalk | 8.9 | 6.5 | 32.5 | 0.0 | 53 |

The table shows that the thickness of the weathered layer averages about 10 feet, although in places it does attain 40 feet. The average thickness of weathering for Taylor Marl is about 50 percent greater than that for Austin Chalk and its variability is about twice as great.

The boring locations on the topographic map were examined to determine the relation of elevation and drainage to thickness of the weathered layer. No simple relation was apparent. The thickness seems to be a very local response to weathering processes acting on specific lithology.

## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The distribution of fracture zones is primarily a function of formation and proximity to a formation contact. The Eagle Ford Shale has the most fracture zones and the Top Austin Chalk has the second most zones. The contact between Austin Chalk and Eagle Ford Shale is the stratigraphic location of the greatest concentration of fracture zones, with most in the shale. The number of fracture zones in a 50-foot interval of an average borehole is between zero and one. The width of the fracture zones is likely to be less than 1 foot (58 percent) or 2 feet (84 percent), with the wider zones in the Austin Chalk. The number and width of fracture zones in boreholes that penetrated faults is about the same as observed in boreholes elsewhere.

Core-disking is most prevalent near the bottom of the Austin Chalk whereas fracture zones are most prevalent near the top of the underlying Eagle Ford Shale. This relationship may have implications for rock-performance characteristics.

Weathering depth in the bedrock averages about 10 feet, although in places it is as great as 40 feet. No simple relation to elevation and drainage is apparent.