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A Case Study on a Trenchless Crossing Under USACE Levee

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Project Location – Galveston County, TX





Project Background

- INEOS Styrolution (INEOS) facility operates shares water and wastewater facilities with adjacent to the Marathon Galveston Bay Refinery (GBR) and BP Chemicals.
- In 2019, INEOS was required to reduce the allowable water flow from a hydraulic maximum of 2,200 gpm to as low as 300 gpm.
- Necessary to be in compliance with National Emission Standards for Hazardous Pollutants (NESHAPs) 40 CFR QQQ regulations.
- In response, INEOS Styrolution installed a wastewater discharge pipeline to transfer wastewater from the INEOS Styrolution, Texas City facility to the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority facility (GCA.)



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Project Stakeholders

- INEOS Styrolutions
- Marathon Petroleum
- BP Chemical
- Amec Foster Wheeler
- Laney Directional Drilling
- J. M. Davidson, Inc.



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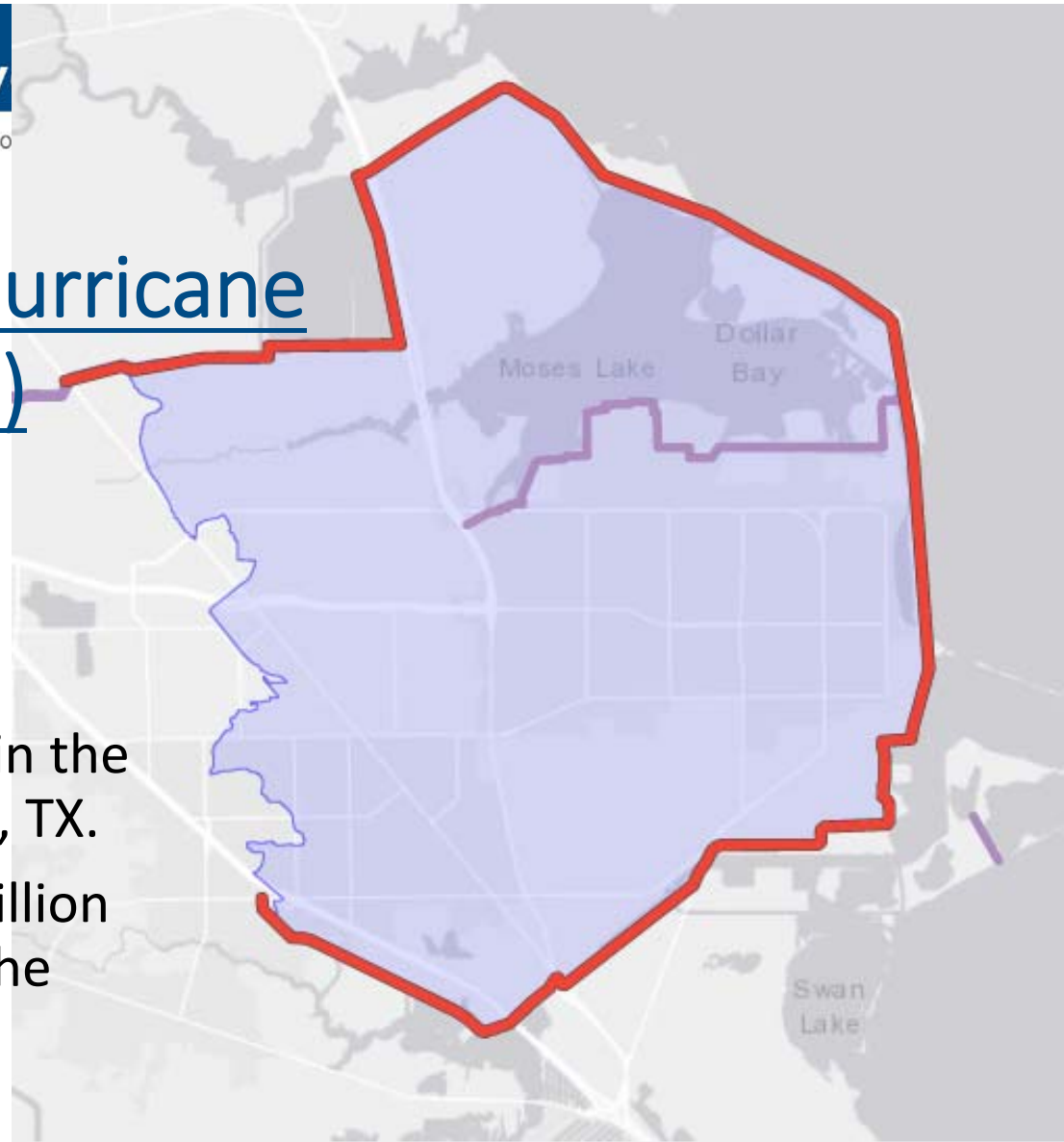
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Texas City & Vicinity Hurricane Flood Protection (HFP)

- Constructed in 1930.
- 20.6 miles of levees.
- 1.35 miles of flood wall.
- Reduces risk for 45,000 people in the cities of Texas City & La Marque, TX.
- \$4 billion in property and \$20 billion petrochemical industry within the leveed system.





Design & Permitting

- INEOS Styrolution submitted an initial 408 permit application to the USACE Galveston District in July 2017.
- USACE levee requiring FS=2 and heightened sensitivity of USACE due to other construction challenges near by led to higher level of scrutiny than usual of design and permit.
- Adjusting design and permitting documents during the process as perpendicular pipeline installed via HDD was constructed.
- Discuss this crossing being the final HDD crossing using HDD in Galveston Country.



Engineering & Design

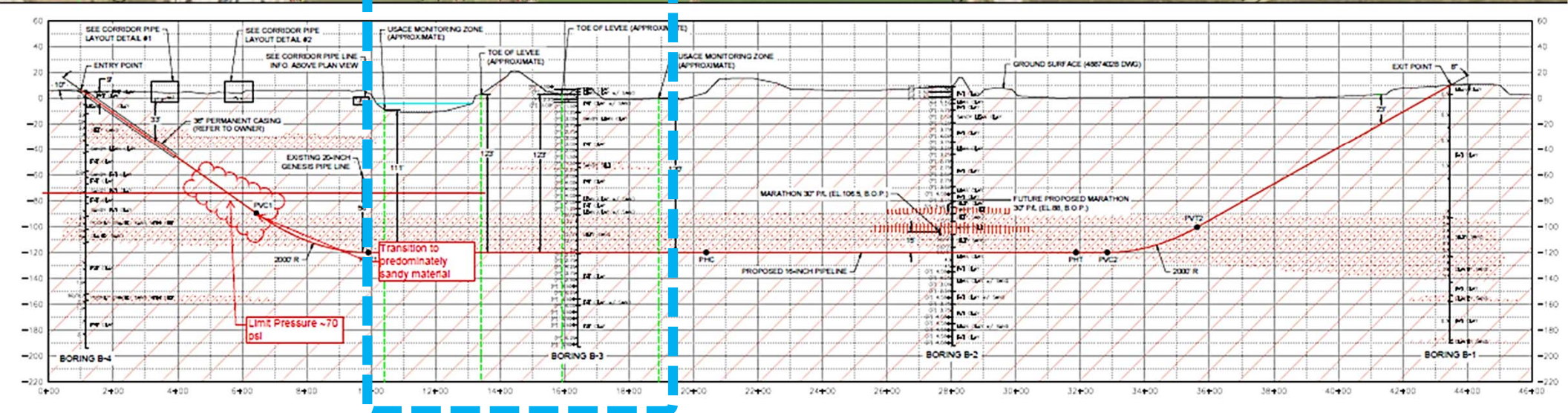
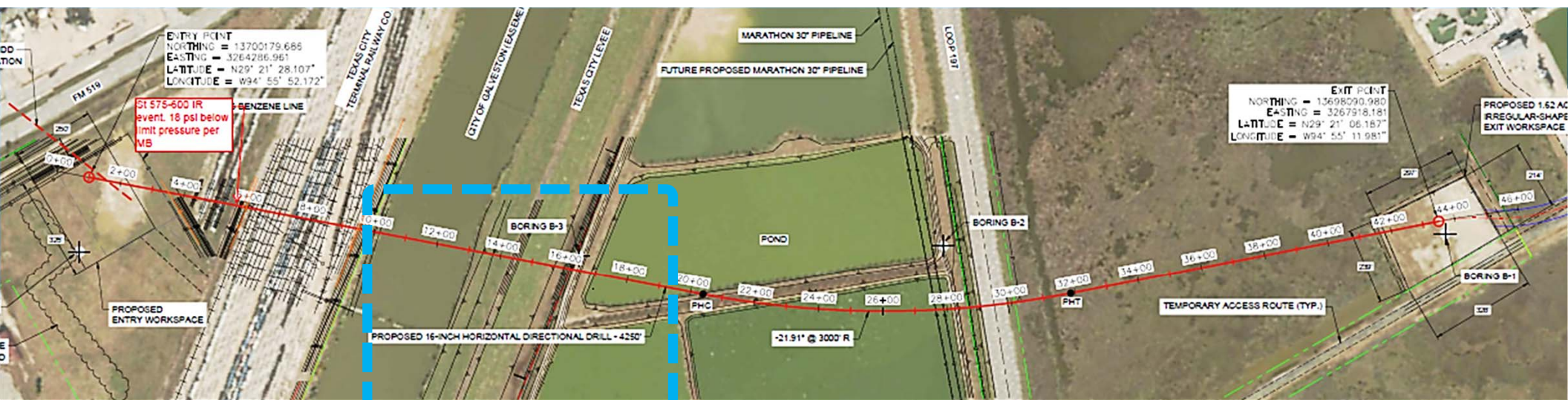
- Casing Pipe: 16" OD x 0.250" w.t.
- Casing Pipe Grade: A53 X-42 Steel
- Carrier Pipe: 8.625" OD DR-9 IPS 8
- Carrier Pipe Grade: HDPE 4710
- Design Factor: 0.72
- Design Radius: 2,000' Vertical
3,000' Horizontal
- Minimum Radius: 1,400' Vertical
- Horizontal Length of Crossing: 4,250'

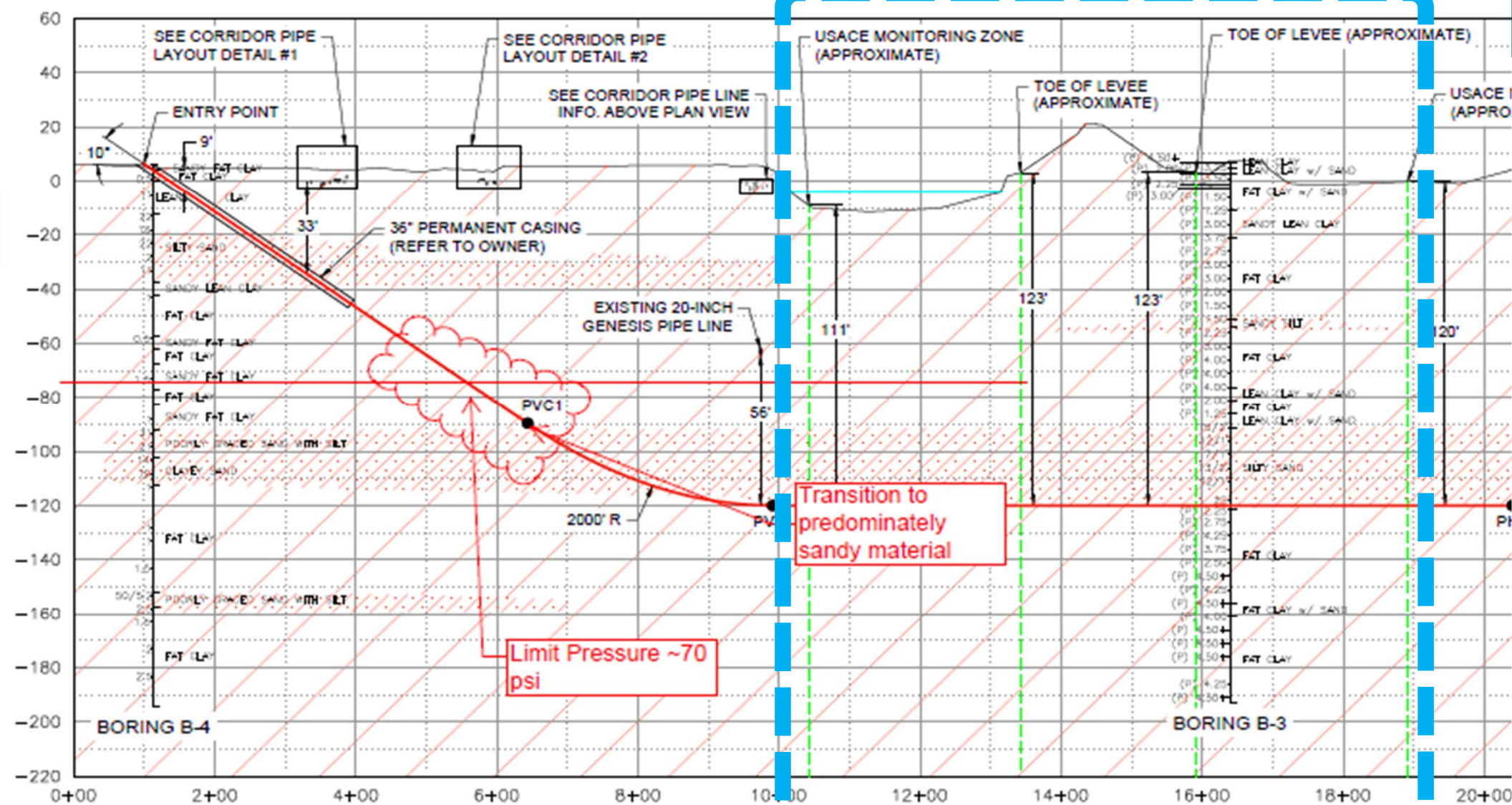
HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILL DATA
TEXAS HURRICANE PROTECTION LEVEE HDD

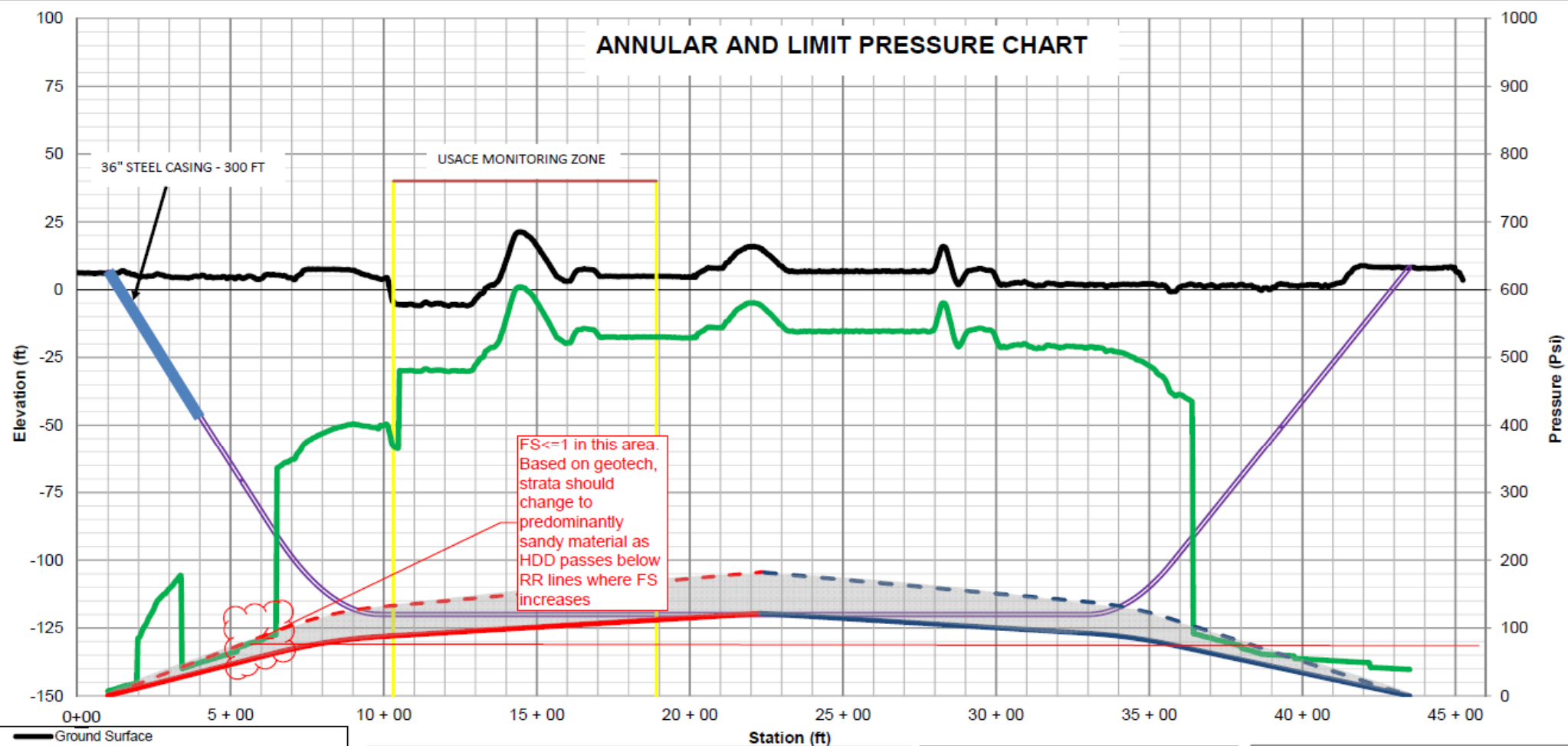
DESCRIPTION	STATION (ft)	ELEVATION (ft)
ENTRY @ 10°	1+00.00	6.24
PVC1 = 2000' RADIUS	6+43.60	-89.62
PVT1 =	9+90.90	-120.00
PHC = -21.91' 3000' RADIUS	20+39.46	-120.00
PHT =	31+86.55	-120.00
PVC2 = 2000' RADIUS	32+83.34	-120.00
PVT2 =	35+61.69	-100.54
EXIT @ 8°	43+50.00	10.25

HORIZONTAL DISTANCE (ft) = 4250.00

DIRECTIONAL DRILL PIPE LENGTH (ft) = 4268.81



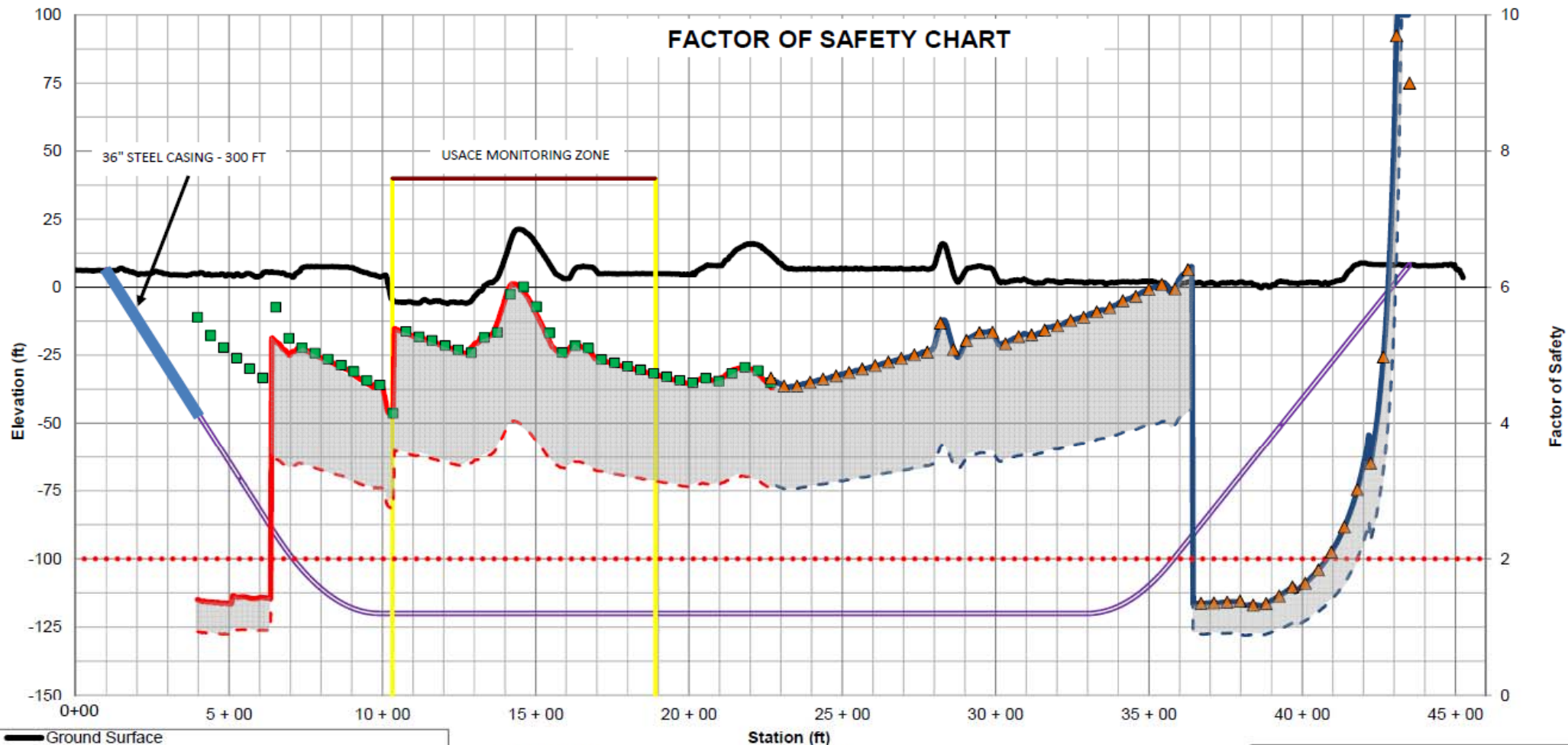




Length of Drill:	4250 ft
Unit Weight of Drilling Fluid:	9.5 ppg
Effective Borehole Diameter:	12.250 in
Drill Pipe Diameter:	6.625 in
Plastic Viscosity of Drill Fluid:	15.0 cp
Yield Point of Drilling Fluid:	30 lb/100 sf
Drilling Fluid Discharge:	400 gpm

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- Ground Surface
- HDD Profile
- USACE Monitoring Zone
- FOS against Hydraulic Fracture from BP Site
- FOS against Hydraulic Fracture from Dow Pad
- FOS Against Inadvertent Returns from BP site
- ▲ FOS against Inadvertent Returns from Dow Pad
- - - FOS against Hydraulic Fracture from BP Site - 50%
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- Factor of Safety = 2

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Construction – Equipment Selection

- Executed using the intersect method and utilized gyroscopic steering tools because wireline over the water was not permitted.
- Both the primary rig and the auxiliary rig had a Push/Pull Capacity of 500,000 lbs.





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Construction - Tooling & Casing

- Drill Pipe - 6.625-inch-diameter
- 31' Non-magnetic (Monel) steering collar
- 12.25" MT tri-cone drill bit
- 20" Barrel Reamer
- 24" Barrel Reamer
- 30" Fly Cutter





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Casing

Casing @ Entry:

- 295-feet of 36-inch steel casing in three separate sections
- 1st @ 100-feet, 2nd @ 100-feet, 3rd @ 95-feet
- 305-feet of 16-inch centralizer casing in three separate sections
- 1st @ 105-feet, 2nd @ 100-feet, 3rd @ 100-feet
- Staged to be installed within 36-inch casing

Casing @ Exit:

- 500-feet of temporary 16-inch casing by washing over drill string

ACTIVITY	LANEY RIG 1 (ENTRY)	LANEY RIG 2 (EXIT)
RIG UP	RIG UP	RIG UP
CASING	INSTALL 36" CASING (24 HOUR OPERATIONS)	
	CLEAN OUT 36" CASING	
	INSTALL 20" CASING CENTRALIZED IN 36" CASING	
PILOT HOLE	TRIP DRILL STRING THROUGH 16" CASING (+ 305' = 305')	DRILL PILOT HOLE (+ 500' = 500')
	DRILL PILOT HOLE (+ 195' = 500')	INSTALL 16" WASHOVER CASING (+ 500' = 500')
	EXTRACT 16" CASING TO REMOVE CENTRALIZERS	DRILL PILOT HOLE (+ 500' = 1000')
	INSTALL 500' OF 16" CASING OVER DRILL STRING	SCHEDULED TRIP BACK TO CASING (- 500' = 500')
	DRILL PILOT HOLE UP TO MONITORING ZONE (+ 300' = 800')	TRIP BACK TO BOTTOM (+ 500' = 1000')
	SCHEDULED TRIP BACK TO CASING (- 300' = 500')	DRILL PILOT HOLE (+ 1000' = 2000')
	TRIP BACK TO BOTTOM (+ 300' = 800')	SCHEDULED TRIP BACK TO CASING (- 1500' = 500')
	DRILL PILOT HOLE THROUGH MONITORING ZONE (+ 1000' = 1800')	TRIP BACK TO BOTTOM (+ 1500' = 2000')
	DRILL PILOT HOLE TO INTERSECT POINT (+ 400' = 2200')	DRILL PILOT HOLE TO ~NTERSECT POINT (+ 41' = 2041')
INTERSECT	PILOT HOLE INTERSECT - BOTH RIGS (24 HOUR OPERATIONS)	
	TRIP BHA ACROSS TO ESTABLISH CONTINUOUS DRILL STRING	
	REMOVE 16" CASING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE CROSSING	
REAM PASS	30" REAM PASS, SWAB PASS & PULLBACK (24 HOUR OPERATIONS)	
	PULL REAM FROM PIPE SIDE TO MONITORING ZONE (+ 2450' = 2450')	
	TRIP REAMER OUT TO PIPE SIDE	
	FORWARD REAM TO INTERSECT EXISTING 30" HOLE (+ 1791' = 4,241')	
	SWAB PASS	
PULLBACK	PULL PIPE	
RIG DOWN	RIG DOWN	













Project Challenges

- Pressure requirements: Very difficult to manage but it was accomplished this also effects the drill schedule.
- Tight workspace on Plant side, limited space to try to get equipment or pipe in that side.
- Limited depth of cover under ditch and FM519, potential for HF/IR. Depth of tie-in at BP property (10-15')
- Groundwater contamination requiring large diameter casing installation.
- The pipeline crossed land owned by BP Chemical, Texas City Terminal
- Railroad (TCTR), Galveston County, Marathon, DOW and the GCA...



Construction Results

- Construction began January 2019 and completed in March 2019.
- Project successfully executed safely with no lost time due to injury.

ACTIVITY	SIZE	PLANNED SHIFTS	ACTUAL SHIFTS
RIG UP		3.00	4.00
PILOT HOLE	12.25 in	18.00	4.00
REAMING PASS #1	30.00 in	30.00	
INTERSECT		8.00	
CASING RUN #1	16.00 in	4.00	7.00
CASING RUN #2	20.00 in	1.00	1.00
CASING RUN #3	36.00 in	7.00	11.00
SWAB PASS		2.00	
PULLBACK		2.00	
RIG DOWN		2.00	
SECONDARY SHIFTS			32.00
TOTAL SHIFTS:		77.00	59.00



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