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#### ABSTRACT

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One of the waste products of the Florida phosphate mining industry is a **highly** plastic **CH** clay **(P.I.=70** to **190%)** that is pumped to "storage" ponds in the form of a slurry at **3** to **5** per cent solids. The very long time required for consolidation of the clay causes three major problems: **(1)** loss of water that is required for mining;  $(2)$  the necessity of constructing dams around the storage ponds in order to contain all the waste, and **(3)** the long time required before the land can be reclaimed.

Numerous methods have been investigated to accelerate "dewatering" of ponds, but few have considered basic soil mechanics. Researchers at M.I.T. were engaged tc apply soil mechanics principles to the problem, define the pertinent engineering properties of phosphatic clay, and to evaluate the methods of dewatering.

This thesis deals with the laboratory measurements of the geotechnical engineering properties of three Florida phosphatic clays. The program included: **(1)** designing and constructing an eight inch diameter consolidometer for consolidation and permeability tests; (2) consolidating from about **0.001** to **1.5** kg/cm2 in the consolidometer, and then trimming samples for constant rate of strain (CRSC) consolidation tests and  $K_0$  consolidated-undrained directsimple shear (CK<sub>O</sub>UDSS) tests; (3) using a slightly smaller container for consolidation under seepage forces; (4) performing sedimentation tests with concentration, height and diameter of containers as variables; **(5)** comparing the addition of flocculant to a clay that had no flocculant, and **(6)** performing specific gravity and Atterberg Limits tests.

Consolidation and permeability data were obtained from six tests on untreated and flocculated samples of two clays. Compression curves and coefficient of consolidation data are presented over a range of stresses varying from 1 gm/cm<sup>2</sup> to 16 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>. The magnitude of  $c_v$  was quite constant at about  $1.810 \cdot 4 \times 10^{-4}$  cm<sup>2</sup>/sec for normally consolidated clay. Values of permeability, both directly measured and calculated from  $k=c\sqrt{m}\sqrt{\lambda}$ . range from about 10~4 cm/sec at **10** per cent solids to about 10<sup>-7</sup> cm/sec at 40 to 50 per cent solids. The K<sub>o</sub> consolidated-undrained direct-simple shear tests yield an undrained strength ratio of 0.22 for normally consolidated samples.

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#### 1.1 General

In 1974, Florida produced **35** million tons of phosphate, which is over **80** per cent of the United States' and one-third of the world's marketable supply (Florida Phosphate Council, **1975).** At present, there are 14 operational mining and processing companies in Florida, and together they form a trade association known as the Florida Phosphate Council. Although **90** per cent of the marketable supply of Florida's phosphate is used for agricultural fertilizer, phosphate has dozens of uses, including food preservatives, dyes, toothpaste, and additives for gasoline and oil.

One of the major problems associated with phosphate mining is the disposal of a very plastic clay that is part of the mined material. The clay comes as slurry from the processing plant at **3** to **5** per cent solids content (the ratio of weight of solids to the total weight of the slurry) and is disposea of in a previously mined area. Because of the low solids content, and therefore high water content, the volume of slurry pumped back into a mined area is much greater than the initial volume of raw material removed. This has resulted in the necessity of building dams around the periphery of the mined area to contain the slurry. As an appreciation for the magnitude of the problem, every one foot depth of raw material mined generates about **9** feet of

slurry.

The slurry exhibits extremely slow consolidation characteristics and has required many tens of years to reach a state where the land may be reclaimed. Thus with thousands of acres being mined annually, land reclamation and water supply are major problems. Although **85** per cent of the water used in the overall mining operation is recirculated, many millions of gallons remain in the settling ponds, thereby placing a burden on Florida's water supply.

The Florida Phosphatic Clay Research Council was established to conduct and support research aimed at improving disposal methods of the clay slurry. The objective of the research is to develop an economical process whereby the clay slurry and sand may be disposed of and returned to the original volume occupied **by** the raw material matrix within five years without requiring the construction of dams.

#### 1.2 Scope of Work

Professor **C.C.** Ladd and Doctor R.T. Martin were engaged **by** the Florida Phosphatic Clay Research Council to study the geotechnical engineering aspects of the problem. The scope of work included:

(a) Measurement of the engineering properties of the clay slurry, especially consolidation behavior and sedimentation characteristics.

**(b)** Make a prediction of field rates of consolidation and the effect of hydraulic boundary conditions.

(c) Investigate various means of accelerating the conlidation process, such as the use of sand drains. The author was engaged **by** the above in this research project with primary emphasis on developing the required engineering properties.

In order to better define the engineering properties of Florida phosphatic clay slurries, a laboratory program was initiated at M.I.T. An eight inch diameter consolidometer was especially designed and built for consolidation-permeability tests. After consolidation to' about **1.5** Kg/cm2 , samples were trimmed from the large consolidation unit for constant rate of strain (CRSC) consolidation tests and Ko consolidated-undrained direct-simple shear  $(CK<sub>o</sub>UDSS)$  tests. Also, a slightly smaller container was used for consolidation tests using seepage forces.

Sedimentation tests were performed on several slurries with a number of variables, such as diameter and height of containers and initial per cent solids.

Engineering tests were run on six laboratory prepared clay slurries (four untreated and two flocculated) and on a block sample of a flocculated clay slurry taken from a field test site in Florida.

The above engineering tests were supplemented **by** index tests (Atterberg Limits and specific gravity) and mineralogical analyses using x-ray diffraction.

The purpose of this thesis is to:

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- (a) describe the experimental procedures; and
- **(b)** present and analyze test data.

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#### 2.1 Geology

The land-pebble phosphate deposits underlie an area of about 2000 square miles in Central Florida. Figure 2.1 presents a map of this location. This area is known as the Bone Valley Formation and is a shallow water, marine and estuarine phosphorite of the Pliocene age **(10** to **15** million years ago). The phosphorus mineral was, present in the waters of the oceans which swept across what is now Florida and settled into these areas in a matrix with sand and clay **(U.S.** Geological Survey, 1964). The size of phosphate in this deposit ranges from one half inch pebbles to extremely fine sized particles. The matrix is generally comprised of one third phosphate, one third clay, and one third sand.

The thickness of the matrix ranges from **1** to **50** ft, and averages about **16** ft. The overburden covering the matrix consists principally of quartz sand, and averages about 24 ft in thickness. Figure 2.2 presents a schematic sketch of the Bone Valley Formation. The matrix ranges in color from green to brown to black. The bone phosphate of lime (BPL) contents **of** the matrix, calculated as  $Ca_{3}(P0_{4})_{2}$ , ranges from 15 to 40 per cent, which is equivalent to 7 to 18 per cent  $P_2O_5$  (recoverable phosphate).

#### 2.2 History of Mining

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In **1881,** Captain **J. F.** Le Baron of the Army Corps of Engineers discovered phosphate pebble along the Peace River in Central Florida, but the deposits were not mined until **1888.** In that year, the Arcadia Phosphate Company mined **3000** tons of phosphate. In **1888** further discoveries were made and **by 1892** over **100** mining companies were in operation, most of them being in the hardrock field inland from the river pebble **(U.S.** Geological Survey, 1964).

From **1888** to the present day, production has increased steadily from **3000** tons in **1888,** 22,000 tons in **1892, 15** million tons in **1963,** to **35** million tons in 1974. The companies presently in operation today, however, number only 14.

#### **2.3** Mining Operation

The first step in the mining of phosphate is for prospecting crews to determine the location, quality and thickness of the matrix. If required, swampy areas are drained and vegetation is removed **by** bulldozers. **All** mining in Florida is done **by** open pit methods using electrically-powered walking draglines. The machines presently in operation generally are equipped with buckets ranging from **35** to **60** cubic yard capacity and booms **225**

to **300** ft in length. The machines may weigh over 2000 tons (Florida Phosphate Council, **1975).**

The initial overburden from a new area is placed on top of natural ground. Cuts are generally **150** to **250** ft in width, may be up to **70** ft in depth, and may range from a few hundred yards to a mile or more in length. Overburden from succeeding cuts is side-cast into a previous**ly** mined area. The matrix is then dug out and dumped into a previously excavated "sump" or "sluice pit", where highpressure water guns convert it to a fluid mixture, called a "slurry". The slurry is then forced **by** centrifugal pumps through a pipeline to the recovery plant located up to five miles away.

#### 2.4 Beneficiation and Recovery

Each plant process may differ somewhat, but a generalized process is as follows. When the slurry matrix of phosphate, sand, and clay arrives through the pipe at the plant, the first treatment is in the washing and screening section. The slurry is first washed, then screened to separate phosphate pebble larger than **1/32** of an inch. What is left after the washing and screening section is made up of fine particles of sand, phosphate, and clay, which was discarded in the early days of mining. Today, modern methods enable about two-thirds of the phosphate in the ore to be recovered (Florida Phosphate Council,1975). **7**

The clays and very fine phosphate particles are then separated out and pumped to the settling ponds, as there is no economical method of removing the very fine phosphate particles. Next, using a process called "double flotation", the remaining fine sand and phosphate mixture is throughly mixed with a chemical, called a reagent, in an air-water bath to form a froth. The sand drops to the bottom of the tank where it will be removed and used elsewhere, while the phosphate, clinging to the air bubbles at the top of the tank, is skimmed off with paddles. The skimmed phosphate still has some fine sand particles clinging to it, however, and therefore is put through a reverse process whereupon the reagent combines with the sand which floats to the surface where it is skimmed off. The recovered phosphate is then dried in kilns before shipping.

#### **2.5** Description of Phosphatic Clay Slime

The major portion of the phosphate slimes is made up of the following five clay minerals: smectite (montmorillonite), kaolinite, palygorskite (attapulgite), illite, and sepiolite. Smectite, kaolinite, and palygorkite are. generally observed as major constituents of the slimes, with smectite being the most common and abundant. Kaolinite is the next most common constituent, followed **by** palygorskite, as observed **by** the **U.S.** Bureau of Mines **(1975).**

Illite is occasionally found as a minor constituent, while sepiolite occurs very rarely in trace amounts. **All** the clay minerals are generally less than 2 microns in size.

There are several non-clay minerals consistently present in the slimes, of which apatite, quartz, dolomite, and various aluminum phosphate minerals are the most common. Apatite is found in all slimes, as is quartz. Dolomite is frequently found, but in very small amounts. Apatite is less than 1/2 micron in size, while dolomite is generally more than 2 microns in size. Quartz is usually found as sand size particles. Wavellite, crandallite, and millisite are the aluminum phosphates generally found in the slimes. Wavellite is the most common, but all are found in minor amounts. Other non-clay minerals, generally occurring if at all in trace amounts, are orthoclase, microcline, plogioclase, shert, calcite, muscovite, and **gypsum.**

The occurence of the above specific minerals in the slimes is relatively consistent, but the relative amounts may very considerably. Generally speaking, the variation in minerals at one plant is as large as the variation over the field.

Atterberg Limits are used in geotechnical engineering to help classify cohesive soil according to their engineering properties. Figure **2.3** presents Atterberg Limit data plotted on Casagrande's Plasticity Chart for several slimes

and some of the clay minerals typically found in the slimes. Soils plotting above the A-line behave as typical "clays", while those below the A-line behave as typical "silts" and "organic soils". Results of the Atterberg Limit tests run on the slimes would suggest that they behave as very **highly** plastic clays and silts, **CH** and OH soils on the Unified Soil Classification system.

The **U.S.** Bureau of Mines reported that the range of specific gravities for tests performed on slimes was **2.56** to **2.81,** with an average of **2.69.**

#### **2.6** Methods of Disposal and Storage Requirements

Upon completion of processing at the plant, the clay with phosphate fines are in the form of a slurry with **3** to **5** per cent solids. The slurry is pumped into a previously mined area for storage and disposal. The volume of slurry pumped into a mined area is much greater than the entire initial volume of raw material removed. This necessitates the building of dams around the periphery to contain the slurry. Dams are constructed from a mixture of overburden and the uniform fine to medium sand from the processing plant. What has been a major problem in the past, but has not occurred within the past few years because of stricter controls, is the failure of dams resulting in great environmental damage to aquatic, plant, and animal life (U.S.B.M., 1975).

#### **2.7** Environmental Protlems

Aside from the problem of damage when a dam fails, environmentalists are also concerned with water loss and land reclamation. Many billions of gallons of water are retained within the settling ponds because of the very slow consolidation characteristics of the slurry. Though the mining companies take great care to recirculate as much water as possible, deep wells are required to supplement the thousands of gallons of water used daily in the phosphate recovery operation. On the average, a total of **10,000** gallons of water are needed for every ton of phosphate produced, which puts a great demand on Florida's water supply. **Of** this amount, about **8500** gallons are recirculated and **1500** gallons are from wells.

With many thousands of acres being mined annually and replaced with settling ponds, land reclamation becomes a major problem. Figure 2.4 presents a typical surve of solids content in a storage pond versus time. Solids content from the plant is **3** to **5** per cent and increases relatively quickly to **15** per cent. However, consolidation to 20 per cent and higher is a very slow process. In some field cases, ponds over 40 years old have achieved a solids content of only about **35** per cent.



**FIGURE Z.I**

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TYPICAL **CURVE** of **SOLIDS CONTENT IN A** STORAGE **POND** VERSUS TIME **(UsM, 1975)**

**FIGURE 2.4**

#### CHAPTER **3** DESCRIPTION OF LABORATORY **TEST** PROGRAM

#### **3.1** Scope and Materials Tested

The objective of the laboratory test program was to define the engineering properties of the Florida phosphate slimes. Index properties were determined **by** Atterberg Limits and specific gravity tests. One-dimensional consolidation tests were performed wherein the effective vertical stress varied from a slurry settling under its own weight ( $\approx$  0.7 gm/cm<sup>2</sup>) to several kg/cm<sup>2</sup>. The coefficient of consolidation,  $c_v$ , and the vertical permeability, **k,** were determined as a function of effective stress. Measured permeability values are compared with the permeability calculated from the coefficient of volume change,  $m_{v_A}$  and the coefficient of consolidation,  $k = \lambda_w c_v m_v$ . The undrained strength was also determined as a function of the effective vertical stress. Finally the sedimentation characteristics of the slimes were examined.

The materials tested were collected at the Mobil, Noralyn, and **U.S.** Steel processing plants in Florida at **3** to **5** per cent solids content **by** weight. After allowing the solids to settle somewhat, water was drawn off and like samples mixed together, resulting in a slurry of **6** to **8** per cent solids. This slurry was then sent to M.I.T., where tests were performed on slurries as received from Florida. Also, Dow "Separan MG-500"flocculant at **0.01**

per cent solution was added to Mobil and Noralyn slurries. The flocculant was added to the slurry and throughly mixed until flocs formed of about one eighth inch diameter.

Results of Atterberg Limit tests on the natural and flocculated samples are plotted on Figure **2.3.** The specific gravity of the samples are **:**

SPECIFIC GRAVITY



**3.2** Sedimentation

After a search of literature regarding sedimentation, it was realized that no theory of sedimentation exists that is applicable to a wide range of materials and conditions. An article **by** Michaels and Bolger **(1962)** involving kaolin suspensions seemed to come closest to the problem at hand. However, after a series of tests it was concluded that their theory may not be applicable to the very plastic Florida phosphatic clays at the per cent solids of primary interest.

For both the Mobil and Noralyn slurries, the following sedimentation tests were performed.

**(1)** In the original containers sent from Florida (approximately 14 inches square **by 18** inches tall), read-**17**

ings of the clay-water interface with time were made. The initial solids content and height varied in these tests.

(2) At the beginning of each large-diameter consolidation test (about **8** inches and **7** inches diameter **by 28** cm high), slurries were allowed to settle under their own weight before applying seepage forces. The initial solids content varied.

**(3) A** series of tests were made in *3* inch diameter glass containers up to 4 ft long. The initial solids content and height varied in these tests.

3.3 Large Diameter Consolidation

Two large diameter consolidometers were especially designed and constructed for the project. Both units were constructed of lucite and measure **8** and **6 7/8** inches inside diameter, 12 1/2 and **23** 1/2 inches high respective**ly.** Also both units were designed to enable the direct measurement of permeability during consolidation increments.

The first consolidometer is equipped with a transducer at the bottom porous stone surface for total stress measurements, a transducer at the wall one inch from the bottom, and a porous tip at the center one inch from the bottom connected to a differential pressure transducer for pore pressure measurements. Ports were placed at varying heights on the wall for connection to standpipes, also for pore pressure measurements.

Consolidation first occurred **by** the solids settling under their own weight. Next, increased increments of seepage forces were applied. Finally, further consolidation was achieved **by** a porous piston applying a vertical force at the top of the sample. This consolidation scheme provided drainage from both ends of the sample. The piston was operated **by** air pressure through a calibrated load cell, with maximum loads on the order **of 1.5 kg/cm2.** Data were periodically recorded **by** an automatic data acquisition system. The temperature was also recorded via thermisters placed around the test. Constant-head permeability tests were run at the end of each consolidation increment.

Stresses were applied in the second consolidometer solely **by** seepage forces. Head losses were incrementally increased to achieve consolidation of the slurry.

#### 3.4 Constant Rate of Strain Consolidation

Using the Constant Rate of Strain Consolidation device (CRSC) developed at M.I.T. (Wissa et al., **1971),** tests were performed on all samples upon completion of loading in the large diameter consolidometer unit. The rate of strain was selected to try to keep the excess pore pressure within **5** to **10** per cent of the applied load, as suggested **by** Wissa et al. **(1971)** in order to properly define the compression curve and obtain continuous  $c_v$ data.

#### 3.5 **CU** Strength Tests

Using a Geonor direct-simple shear device (Bjerrum and Landva, **1966;** Ladd and Edgers, **1972)** consolidatedundrained direct-simple shear tests (Ck<sub>Q</sub>UDSS) were performed on samples upon completion of loading in the large diameter consolidometer unit. This type of test was selected since it requires less time and effort than isotropically consolidated undrained compression tests (CIUC). Also, this test attempts to reproduce in the laboratory all the strain conditions in the field when a portion of soil has horizontal displacement due to shear.

The cakes of slime were consolidated incrementally in the Geonor device to varying stresses and were either sheared to failure normally consolidated, or unloaded in increments and sheared over-consolidated. Constant volume was maintained throughout shearing.

#### CHAPTER 4 **RESULTS** OF SEDIMENTATION **TESTS**

#### 4.1 General

First, let a "sediment" be defined as soil particles independent of each other in a fluid suspension with zero effective stress and a "soil" be defined as soil particles in contact with one another with an effective stress greater than zero.

According to our present state of knowledge no successful theory of sedimentation applicable to a wide range of materials and conditions has been derived. Therefore when dealing with a particular soil one has either to run a limited number of tests, trying to match a problem with an existing theory or to run a fairly extensive number of tests to derive an individual experimental model. The goal of this investigation was primarily to. reach the former.

The most attractive theory found in the literature was that developed **by** Michaels and Bolger, **1962.** Even though the components of phosphatic slimes are quite different from the kaolinite used **by** Michaels and Bolger, it was hoped that the general principles might apply. Therefore the aim of the experimental study was to asses the effect of the concentration of the slime and of the testing container height and diameter upon the rate of sedimentation and the final solids content.

No evident similarity was found, however, with the Michaels and Bolger data when compared with Florida phosphatic slimes, because the slimes did not appear to fit the theory very well. Other questions which still require an answer are; **(1)** what is the maximum per cent solids after which "sedimentation"' will not occur and (2) what is the per cent solids at the "end of sedimentation".

4.2 Effect of Slime Concentration

In **Figures**  $4.1$  and  $4.2$  are presented the results of a Mobil sedimentation test with varying initial per cent solids. Three containers were used, all with a diameter of **6** cm and the initial slurry height was **28** cm. As may be seen in Figure  $4.2$ , the trend is that the lower the initial per cent solids, the faster the initial rate of settling. But as can be seen in Figure 4.1, a slurry of lower initial per cent solids will not reach with time as high a per cent solids as a slurry starting with a higher initial per cent solids.

4.3 Effect of Height

In Figures  $4.3$  through  $4.8$  are presented the results of sedimentation tests on samples of **U.S.** Steel slurry to determine the effect of initial height of slurry. Slurry

with an initial solids content **of** 7.46 per cent was used in containers **6** cm in diameter. Five containers were used with the initial slurry height varying from **15.30** to **103.10** cm. As can be seen in the figures, the higher the initial height of slurry, the faster the initial rate of settling, and the greater the final per cent solids. For example, the slurry of initial height **15.30** cm settles a maximum rate of **0.00175** cm/min with a final per cent solids of **10.98.** The slurry of initial height 103.10 cm settles a maximum rate of **0.026** cm/min with a final per cent solids of **11.90.** This is quite reasonable as the higher the slurry, the greater the effective stress due to the weight of slurry.

4.4 Effect of Diameter

In Figure 4.9 is presented the results of two Mobil tests to determine the effect of the container diameter on sedimentation. The author believes, however, that because the initial per cent solids was so high, no valid conclusions may be drawn.

4.5 Discussion

This series of tests has not provided any new empirical formula applicable to the settlement behavior of phosphate slimes.

As to the question of what is the maximum per cent solids at which sedimentation can occur, it would seem that there is no straightforward answer. In Figures 4.1 and 4.2 with Mobil, sedimentation occurs at **2.86** per cent and most likely at 4.79 per cent, but not **8.78** per cent. In Figures 4.3 through 4.8 for **USS,** it appears that sedimentation occurs with **7.4b** per cent solids. It would seem therefore that the maximum per cent solids at Which sedimentation can occur will vary from slurry to slurry.








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CHAPTER **5 RESULTS** OF CONSOLIDATION-PERMEABILITY **TESTS**

**5.1** Compressibility

Tables **5.2,** 5.4. **5.6, 5.8, 5.10,** and **5.12** present a summary of results from the four consolidation and two seepage tests performed. Details of the tests are presented in Appendix **C.**

Void ratio versus log consolidation stress data are presented in Figures **5.4,** 5.6, 5.8, **5.10,** 5.12, and 5.14 for each test and the results are summarized in Figure **5.1.** Most discrepancies in void ratio occur at lower stresses. As can be seen, a disproportionate decrease in void ratio results when the piston load is applied to the sample. An example of this may be seen for consolidation test No. 2 in Figure **5.6** and summarized in Table 5.4. A disproportionate decrease in void ratio is obtained **by** increasing the effective stress from 3.82 **gm/cm2** to **8.62** gm/cm2. The effective stress **of 3.82** gm/cm2 is caused **by** a seepage force and the soil's own weight, while the stress of **8.62** gm/cm2 is due to a piston load, a seepage force and the soil's own weight. For the seepage forces, a uniform stress distribution from zero at the top of the soil to a maximum at the bottom of the soil-top of porous stone interface was assumed. This is quite probably not the case with the exact distribution being

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unknown. Because of this variable effective stress distribution, we have a variable per cent solids distribution. This leads to a variable permeability and therefore head loss through the sample. **A** problem that developed during the application of seepage forces was that the higher the seepage force the more the sides' of the slurry would pull away from the sides of the consolidometer, with the maximum amount being about **5** mm at the top tapering to zero somewhere near the bottom. **A** dish also occurred at the top of the slurry with the application of seepage forces. With the application of piston loads, the slurry was pressed against the aides of the consolidometer and the dish was removed. The author believes that with the slurry pulling away from the sides of the consolidometer, the full seepage effect was not acting on the soil, partially resulting in the discrepancies shown on the compression curve summary sheet, particularly at higher head losses. After the piston forces were applied, quite consistent compressibility results were attained. Also during some load increments, primary consolidation was not reached. **A** note is made on the summary sheets and on the figures for these cases. In about every case, however, the final reading was close to primary and therefore the void ratio would not have appreciably changed.

## **5.2** Coefficient of Consolidation

A summary of the coefficient of consolidation,  $c_{\cdot\cdot}$ , versus effective stress,  $\overline{\sigma}$ , is presented in Figure 5.3. For most clays,  $c_v$ , in the normally consolidated range is approximately constant. With the exception of some scatter, particularly at low stresses, the coefficient of consolidation appears reasonably constant in Figure **5.3** at a value of about  $1.8 \times 10^{-4}$  cm<sup>2</sup>/sec. This is shown through four orders of magnitude of change in effective stress. **C,** results from the seepage portion of the tests are also plotted in Figure **5.3,** but because of the aforementioned problems the author believes them to be misleading and therefore should not be weighed as heavily as results from consolidation under an applied piston load. Results of **cv** from the square root method and the log fitting method agree quite well, but generally  $c_v$  computed from the square root method tends to be slightly higher than the log fitting method.

#### **5.3** Temperature

**All** consolidation and seepage tests were conducted in a "constant temperature room", with the temperature being set at 70<sup>°</sup>F. To measure any changes, thermisters were placed around the consolidation tests. The thermisters

showed a fluctuation of plus or minus **1** to 2 degrees F on a weekly basis, increasing and decreasing as the lights were turned on and off. On a long term basis, however, every two to three months, trouble would develop with the air conditioning system and the temperature would rise to about **88F** for a week or two until the system was repaired and returned to  $70^{\circ}$  F. No direct temperature measurements were taken of the water in the consolidometer during these high temperatures, but cooler tap water was occasionally substituted during the test to offset the higher room temperatures.

# 5.4 Coefficient of Permeability

The permeability results are presented in Tables **5.1** thrcugh **5.12.** Measured results and values calculated from  $k=c_v\gamma_w m_v$ , where k is the permeability and  $m_v$  is the coefficient of volume change, are plotted for each test in Figures **5.5, 5.7,** 5.9, 5.11, 5.13, and **5.15** while a summary of measured results for the four consolidation tests are plotted in Figure **5.2.** Calculated results generally tend to be slightly lower than measured, with permeabilities calculated **by** the square root method slightly greater than those **by** the log fitting method. The measured permeability from the four consolidation tests in Figure **5.2** show excellent agreement among consolidation tests **No. 2 through 4 on Noralyn, while results of test**

of test No. **1** on Mobil show the permeability several times larger at the same per cent solids. Differences in mineralogy could explain this difference.

At the completion of seepage test No.1, an experiment was performed in that tailings sand was placed in the bottom of the consolidometer and the Noralyn slurry was placed on top of the sand. **A** head loss of **128** cm was immediately applied to the slurry and this head loss was maintained as the slurry consolidated. At the completion of this experiment, the Noralyn sample was dissected to determine the per cent solids distribution through the sample. It was noted that because the sand is fine enough, no slurry entered the sand-slime interface. Also there existed a more **highly** consolidated "cake" of soil about 2 mm in thickness at the bottom of Noralyntop of sand interface. This "cake" was stiffer in consistency and was at a higher per cent solids than the rest of sample, but an exact determination of the per cent solids of the cake could not be obtained because of some sand mixing in with the slime while being dissected. The author observed this cake when a very large head loss was suddenly applied to the slurry, but it should be pointed out that no cake was observed if small head losses, such as 2 cm, was applied and incrementally increased **by** doubling the head losses to a maximum of **128** cm.

#### 5.5 Pressure Measurements

Three pressure transducers were used throughout the consolidation tests. One for total stress measurements was placed level with the porous stone surface at the bottom of the consolidometer, midway between the center of the stone and the side of consolidometer. Another for pore pressure measurement was placed through the center of the porous stone with the tip one inch above the porous stone. The third, also for measuring pore pressures, was placed on the side of the consolidometer, one inch from the bottom. Quantitative measurements were unable to be made with any of the transducers because of the insensitivity of each. Zero readings fluctuated to such an extent that no meaningful absolute values could be attained. It was possible, however, during the test to measure qualitative trends. At higher stresses, all three transducer readings showed an immediate increase when loads were applied. Then as consolidation took place and excess pore pressure dissipated, the pore pressure readings would decrease.

Ten ports for standpipes were placed at the sides of the consolidometer at varying heights around the circumference. Three to four ports were used for a test and the remaining ones blocked off. It was realized that the standpipes served little use during consolidation increments because of the time it took for the water to flow

into the pipes, i.e. excessive time lag. The standpipes were to serve for checking the head losses through the sample during permeability tests. During the sedimentation and consolidation increments however, the standpipes became clogged with slurry and no meaningful results could be obtained.

# **5.6** Effect of Flocculant

To find the effect of flocculation on phosphatic clays Dow Seperan **MG-500** flocculant at **0.01** per cent solution was continually added to a slurry in small amounts and stirred until flocs appeared. This was done for consolidation test No. 4 on a Noralyn sample, and seepage test No. 2 on a Mobil sample. The maximum size flocs that could be obtained was about **3** mm. The time for a slurry to consolidate under its own weight was decreased **b**<sub>4</sub> t least an order of magnitude **by** the addition of a flocculant. When small seepage forces were applied however, the time for consolidation was generally increased **by** about two orders of magnitude. With larger seepage forces and piston loads, the time for consolidation was not changed significantly. In all cases, the amount of consolidation from a load increment, whether flocculated or not, was not appreciably changed, as can be noted from Figure **5.1.**

It would seem at low effective stresses after settling 40

under its own weight, that a much longer time is needed to break down the bonds due to flocs, but at higher stresses, no particular differences are noted between flocculated slurries and slurries that had no flocculant added.

## **5.7** CRSC Results

Figures **5.16** through **5.26** present results from five Constant Rate of Strain Consolidation, CRSC, tests. Four tests, CRSC No. **1** through 4, were performed on soil upon completion of testing in the large-diameter consolidometer, while the fifth test, CRSC No. 21, was performed on a portion of a block field sample of Mobil flocculated slime taken in Florida.

In Figures 5.17 and 5.18 are plotted  $c_v$  results from CRSC No. **1** using non-linear and linear theory respectively. Non-linear theory assumes  $C_c$ , the compression index, to be constant, while linear theory assumes  $m_{v}$ , the coefficient of volume compressibility, to be constant. Because the intervals of time and consequently the change in effective stress between readings is kept relatively small, the difference in the computed  $c_v$  is generally not significantly influenced by assuming constant C<sub>c</sub> rather than constant mv. This may be observed in Figures **5.17** and **5.18** which show very little difference.

Figure  $5.27$  presents a summary of e-LOG  $\vec{\sigma}$  curves for the loading portions of CRSC tests. Very consistent

results were obtained for the tests, with a void ratio of **1.6** to **1.7** at a stress of **10,000 gm/cm2 .** The compression index, **Cc,** varied between **1.0** and **4.0** depending where on the normally consolidated curve the slope was taken. Generally for  $\overline{C_V}$  less than 1000 gm/cm<sup>2</sup>. C<sub>C</sub> equalled about 2 to 4 while for  $\overline{\sigma_v}$  between 4000 and 10,000 **gm/cm<sup>2</sup> , C.** equalled about **1** to 1.5. Difficulty with the automatic data acquisition system resulted in various load-unload cycles of CRSC No. 2.

The coefficient of consolidation,  $c_v$ , should decrease during recompression and then become constant in the normally consolidated range. This trend can be noted in the c<sub>v</sub> versus consolidation stress plots in Figures **5.17, 5.18, 5.22, 5.26** for CRSC No.'s **1, 3,** and 21. For CRSC No. 2 and 4 on Figures **5.20** and **5.24,** the trend seems to be that  $c_v$  is continously decreasing. The author is unable to explain this or the fact that in Figure  $5.20$ ,  $c_v$ for the second loading portion is so low. Because the loading is recompression,  $c_v$  should be much higher in Figure **5.20.**

The values of  $c_v$  for the normally consolidated soil range from about 1  $\times$  10<sup>-4</sup> to 3  $\times$  10<sup>-4</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>/sec., which agree reasonably well with  $c_v$  data obtained from the large-diameter consolidometer tests.

Tabulz ted values of e and  $\overline{\sigma}$  for the five CRSC tests are presented in Appendix **E.**











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## CHAPTER **6 RESULTS** OF **CU STRENGTH TESTS**

## **6.1** Test Program and Procedures

Three K<sub>0</sub> consolidated-undrained direct-simple shear (CK<sub>0</sub>UDSS) tests were performed on samples of phosphatic clay upon completion of testing in the large diameter consolidometer; one test on Mobil and two tests on Noralyn slimes. All tests were K<sub>0</sub> consolidated and sheared under controlled strain conditions. The first two samples were sheared normally consolidated. The third, a Noralyn sample, was sheared normally consolidated to its peak strength, returned to zero horizontal strain, further consolidated and rebounded to an OCR=4 and then again was sheared.

The direct-simple shear test attempts to reproduce in the laboratory the conditions which exist in the field when an element of soil deforms horizontally due to shear. Although the stress state in the sample during the test is not completely defined, the test results probably yield a reasonably accurate knowledge of the stresses on the horizontal plane. Undrained failure is defined as the peak horizontal shear stress.

The tests were performed in the Geonor Direct Simple Shear Device using the procedure outlined in Bjerrum and Landva **(1966),** and Ladd and Edgers **(1972).** The sample

which is cylindrical with a nominal height of two cm and an area of 50  $\text{cm}^2$ , is prepared with a special cutting frame and shoe. This apparatus trims the sample and aligns it for placement in a wire reinforced rubber **mem**brane which prevents lateral deformation during consolidation. The sample volume is maintained constant during shear (thus modeling undrained conditions) **by** adjusting the normal load to keep a constant sample height. In order to ensure pore pressure equalization during shear, a nominal strain rate **of 5** per cent per hour was selected.

## **6.2 Results of CK<sub>O</sub>UDSS Tests**

The results are presented in Table **6.1** and Figures **6.1** through **6.18.** Appendix **D** contains tabulated stressstrain data. The vertical strain-log  $\overline{f}$ <sup>v</sup> curves are consistent with the maximum past pressure and compressibility from the large-diameter consolidometer.

The three normally consolidated **(N.C.)** tests with  $\vec{\sigma}$ <sub>v</sub> =3, 0.8, and 2.5 KG/cm<sup>2</sup> yielded fairly consistent normalized behavior. The value of  $s_{\sqrt{\sigma_v}}(s_{\nu}:(\gamma_h))$  ranged from 0.22 to **0.227.** The shear strain at fai.ure is quite high  $\gamma$  =15 to 20 per cent), and there is little strain softening after failure, except for No. 2. The normalized stress paths in Figures 6.3, **6.7,** and **6.11** show a continous decrease in vertical effective stress during **90**

shear, which is typical of  $\overline{CK_OUD}$ SS tests on N.C. clays. Little significance can be attached to the values of  $\vec{\phi}$  = arctan (  $\mathcal{L}_{h}/\bar{\sigma}_{v}$  ) presented in Figures 6.3 and 6.7 because of the unknown stress conditions within the sample (Ladd and Edgers, 1972).  $E_u/s_u$  versus the applied shear stress level data are plotted in Figure  $6.14$ . E<sub>u</sub> is the secant Young's modulus computed assuming that the applied stresses are pure shear. The first and third tests give reasonably consistent data, with  $E_u/s_u$  decreasing from about **800** to 40 as the stress level increased from **10** to **90** per cent of the undrained shear strength. For the second test,  $E_{u}/s_{u}$  decreased from about 200 to 40 as the stress level increased from **10** to **85** per cent of the undrained shear strength. Because each load increment was left on for about the same time, perhaps this low modulus of the second test is associated with the low confining stress.

Data from the overconsolidated portion of the third test (OCR=4) shows an increase in Su/ $\vec{\sigma}$  . The stressstrain and stress path data in Figure **6.13, 6.14,** and **6.15** show development of negative "pore pressures" for overconsolidated samples prior to failure. After failure the "pore pressures" increase and the sample exhibits strain softening. **Of** course, the "pore pressures" are actually a negative change in effective stress required to maintain constant volume. This behavior is typical of  $\overline{\text{CK}}$  UDSS

tests on overconsolidated samples.  $E_{ij}/s_{ij}$  decreased from about **250** to 40 as the stress level increased from **10** to **65** per cent of the undrained shear strength.

## **6.3** Discussion

The program of  $\overline{CK}$ <sup>UDSS</sup> tests generally yielded excellent stress-strain-strength data that fit in well with results on other clays.

The most useful information derived from CK **UDSS** tests **<sup>0</sup>** are the values of  $s_u/\bar{\sigma}_{v}$  and  $E_u/s_u$ . Figure 6.17 presents a plot of  $s_u/\sqrt{v}$  versus OCR from  $\overline{CK}_0$  **UDSS** tests on five clays. The phosphatic clays has a higher undrained strength ratio than the lean, somewhat sensitive illitic Boston Blue Clay and the Connecticut Valley varved clay, which has a very low strength for shear parallel to the varves. The Bangkok Clay, which is a slightly less plastic deltaic clay than the Louisiana backswamp clay, has a similar undrained strength behavior and both are somewhat higher than the phosphatic clays.

 $\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{u}}/\mathbf{s}_{\mathbf{u}}$  versus stress level data are plotted in Figure **6.18** for four normally consolidated clays. The normalized modulus of the Louisiana backswamp clay and the Florida phosphatic clays is generally one half to one fifth the Boston Blue or Bangkok clays. One would predict larger undrained deformations for construction

on clays with a lower modulus, It is unusual, however, that the modulus of phosphatic clay is so high compared to Louisiana backswamp clay since the phosphatic clay is much more plastic.

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## CHAPTER **7** SUMMARY, **CONCLUSIONS, AND** RECOMMENDATIONS

One of the major problems associated with phosphate mining is the disposal of a very plastic clay  $(P,I,=70)$ to **190** per cent) that is part of the mined material. The clay comes as slurry from the processing plant at **3** to **5** per cent solids content and is disposed of in a previously mined area. Because the volume of slurry pumped back into a mined area is much greater than the initial volume of raw material removed, the necessity arises to build dams around the periphery of the mined area to contain the slurry. The slurry exhibits extremely slow consolidation characteristics and requires many tens of years to reach a state where the land may be reclaimed. Although **85** per cent of the water used in the overall mining operation is recirculated, many millions of gallons remain in the settling ponds, thereby placing a burden on Florida's water supply. Research was initiated to develop an economical process whereby the clay slurry may be disposed of and returned to the original volume occupied by the raw material within five years without requiring the construction of dams.

In order to better define the engineering properties of Florida phosphatic clay slurries, a laboratory program was initiated at M.I.T. An eight inch diameter

consolidometer was especially designed and built for consolidation-permeability tests. After consolidation to about **1.5** kg/cm<sup>2</sup> , samples were trimmed from the large consolidation unit for constant rate of strain (CRSC) consolidation tests and  $K_0$  consolidated-undrained directsimple shear (CK<sub>O</sub>UDSS) tests. Also, a slightly smaller container was used for consolidation tests using seepage forces. Sedimentation tests were performed on several slurries with concentration, height and diameter of containers used as variables. Engineering tests were run on six laboratory prepared clay slurries (four untreated and two flocculated **)** and on a block sample of a flocculated clay taken from a field test site in Florida. The engineering tests were supplemented **by** specific gravity and Atterberg Limits tests.

Tables **5.2.** 5.4, **5.6** 5.8, 5610, and **5.12** present a summary of results from the four consolidation and two seepage tests performed. Figure **5.1** summarizes void ratio versus log consolidation stress data. Most discrepancies in void ratio occur at lower stresses. For the seepage forces, a uniform stress distribution from zero at the top of the soil to a maximum at the bottom of the soil-top of porous stone interface was assumed. This is quite probably not the case with the exact distribution being unknown. **A** problem that developed during

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the application of seepage forces was that the higher the seepage force, the more the sides of the slurry would pull away from the sides of the consolidometer, with the maximum amount being about **5** mm at the top tapering to zero somewhere near the bottom. With the application of piston loads, the slurry was pressed against the sides of the consolidometer. After the piston forces were applied, quite consistent compressibility results were attained.

A summary of the coefficient of consolidation,  $c_{\mathbf{v}}$ , versus effective stress,  $\overline{\sigma}$ , is presented in Figure 5.3. With the exception of some scatter, particularly at low stresses, the coefficient of consolidation appears reasonably constant in Figure **5.3** at a value of about **1.8** x  $10^{-4}$  cm<sup>2</sup>/sec. This is shown through four orders of magnitude of change in effective stress. Results of  $c_v$  from the square root method and the log fitting method agree quite well.

**All** consolidation and seepage tests were conducted in a "constant temperature room", with the temperature being 70 degrees  $F \pm 1$  to 2 degrees  $F$ . Occasionally when trouble would arise with the air conditioning system, the temperature would rise considerably for a short period of time. When this problem arose, cooler tap water was occasionally substituted in the consolidometer to offset the higher room temperatures.

The permeability results are presented in Tables **5.1** through **5.12. A** summary of measured results for the four consolidation tests are plotted in Figure **5.2.** Calculated results from  $k=c_v/m_v$  generally tend to be slightly lower than measured. Values of permeability range from about 10-4 cm/sec at **10** per cent solids to about **10-7** cm/sec at 40 to **50** per cent solids.

From an experiment of slurry consolidating on sand, it appeared that when a very large head loss was suddenly applied to the slurry, a more **highly** consolidated "cake" of soil about 2 mm in thickness resulted at the top of sand-bottom of slurry interface. No cake was observed if small head losses was applied and incrementally increased **by** doubling the head loss to the same very large head loss.

Three pressure transducers were used throughout the consolidation tests, One was used for total stress measurements and two were used for pore-pressure measurements. While quantitative results could not be obtained because of zero reading fluctuations, it was possible to measure qualitative trends that showed an immediated pore pressure increase when higher loads were applied.

To find the effect of flocculation on phosphatic clays Dow Seperan **MG-500** flocculant at **0.01** per cent solution was added to a slurry. The time for a slurry to consolidate under its own weight was decreased **by** at least

an order of magnitude **by** the addition of a flocculant. When small seepage forces were applied however, the time for consolidation was generally increased **by** about two orders of magnitude. With larger seepage forces and piston loads, the time for consolidation was not changed significantly. In all cases, the amount of consolidation from a load increment, whether flocculated or not, was not appreciably changed, as can be noted from Figure **5.1.**

Figures **5.16** through **5.26** present results from five Constant Rate of Strain Consolidation, CRSC, tests. Very consistent results were obtained for the tests, with a void ratio of 1.6 to 1.7 at a stress of 10.000  $\text{gm/cm}^2$ . The values of  $c_v$  for the normally consolidated soil range from about  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  to  $3 \times 10^{-4}$  cm<sup>2</sup>/sec, which agree reasonably well with  $c_v$  data obtained from the largediameter consolidometer tests.

From the sedimentation tests, it would seem that there'is no straightforward answer as to the question of what is the maximum per cent solids at which sedimentation can occur, and that it will vary from slurry to slurry. Generally speaking, it appears that sedimentation will not occur over about **8** per cent solids. At an initial solids content **of** 7.46 per cent and a height *of 103.10* **cm,** sedimentation occurs at a maximum rate of **0.026** cm/min.

Three  $K_0$  consolidated-undrained direct-simple shear

tests were performed on samples upon completion of testing in the large-diameter consolidometer. The results are presented in Table **6.1** and Figures **6.1** through **6.18.** The value of  $s_{u}/\sqrt{v}$  ranged from 0.220 to 0.227 with  $E_{u}/s_{u}$ for two tests decreasing from about **800** to 40 as the stress level increased from **10** to **90** per cent of the undrained shear strength. One test on overconsolidated clay showed the same trends with increasing  $s_{u}/\bar{\sigma}_{uc}$  with OCR as for other clays.

It is hoped that field tests being performed will provide information to correlate with the laboratory tests in order to aid in arriving at an economical solution of phosphatic clay slurry disposal.

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# APPENDIX **A**

# NOTATION

Note: Prefix **a** indicates a change

**A** bar over a stress indicates an effective stress

## 1 **STRESSES AND PRESSURES**

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#### $APPENDIX - B$

PROCEDURES FOR TESTING SLURRY IN LARGE-DIAMETER CONSOLIDOMETER

The following is the step **by** step procedure used in testing the slurry in the large-diameter consolidometer.

- 1. Thoroughly shake slurry in container as received from Florida.
- 2. If flocculant was used, add Dow Separan **MG-500** flocculant at **0.01%** solution to slurry, continuously stirring and adding flocculant until flocs formed.
- **3.** Pour slurry into dish for water content determination.
- 4. Place de-aired transducers into place.
- **5.** Pour slurry into consolidometer.
- **6.** Start time.
- **7.** Record solids settlement with time.
- 8. Start automatic data acquisition system for periodic readings of output voltage, total stress, pore pressure measurements, and thermisters **-** note that transducers had previously been calibrated.
- **9.** Also take periodic readings of transducers using a voltmeter.
- **10.** Allow slurry to settle under its own weight-note that bottom drain was closed in this increment, but in piston-loaded consolidometer, generally 4 to **6** ports were open for standpipes at various heights.
- **11.** Set drain outlet for desired head loss.
- 12. Open drain valve at bottom to start seepage forces.
- **13.** Start permeability measurements.
- 14. For  $3^{rd}$  and  $4^{th}$  consolidation and  $2^{nd}$  seepage tests, place constant water supply into operation **-** prior to this, water level was periodically adjusted the constant water supply kept water level within  $\pm$ **1.5** mm.
- **15.** After consolidation at an increment, double the head loss for further consolidation.
- **16.** With the exception of using transducers, the above steps were the same whether a consolidation or seepage test.
- **17.** At the completion of seepage forces, place porous piston into operation and apply load to top of sample **-** '.oads are applied through a calibrated load cell **-** a head loss is maintained throughout piston loading.
- **18.** At end of consolidation for an increment, piston loads are doubled for further consolidation.
- **19.** At end of test, keep piston load applied while remove water from consolidometer.
- 20. Remove piston load.
- 21. Remove cake of soil from consolidometer.
- 22. Immediately take representative water contents.
- **23.** Store well-wrapped remaining sample in moist room for future use such as **CRSC,DSS,** and limits testing.
- 24. If there was a discrepancy between actual final water content and the final as calculated using the initial water content, the actual final was used to backfigure the actual initial water content, void ratio, and percent solids.







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CONSOLIDATION TEST **\_\_\_\_ PRESSURE INCREMENT** 

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FROM 0.04292 hg/eq cm TO 0.08272 kg/eq cm




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PRESSURE INCREMENT<br>FROM 0.176 hg/sq cm. TO 0.363 kg/sq cm.



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FRESSURE INCREMENT<br>FROM 0.363 hg/sq cm TO 0.806 hg/sq cm

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nemmeri<br>FROM*D-00382*,hg/sq.cm. TO<u>O-00862,</u>kg/sq.cm.



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PRESSURE INCREMENT<br>FROM 0.00862 hg/sq cm. TO 0.01812 hg/sq cm

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PRESSURE INCREMENT<br>FROM 0.02842 hg/eq.cm. TO 0.04832 hg/eq.cm.

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FROM 0.04832 kg/eq cm 700.08822 kg/eq cm



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# TEST NO CONSOL "3 TESTED BY JRR CONSOLIDATION TEST<br>
NORALYN "2 TESTED BY JRR PRESSURE INCREMENT

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0 hg/sq cm. TO 0.000 63 kg/sq cm.



FRESSURE INCREMENT<br>FROMO.00063.hg/sqcm. TO 0.00163.hg/sqcm.

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FROM 0.00163 hg/sq cm. TO 0.00263 kg/sq cm.

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FROM 0.00863 hg/sq cm TO 0.02738 kg/sq cm



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FROM 0.02738 hg/eq cm 700.01033 kg/eq cm



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**EXERCISE INCREMENT** 

FROM 0.01213 hg/eq cm. TO 0.01619 hg/eq cm.



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PRESSURE INCREMENT<br>FROMO.O1619\_hg/sq.cm. TOO.O2413\_hg/sq.cm.



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PRESSURE INCREMENT<br>FROM 0.02413 kg/eq.cm. TO 0.04033 kg/eq.cm.



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FROM 0.04033 kg/sq cm TO 0.07213 kg/sq cm



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INCR. NO.  $13$ FROM 0.07213 kg/sq cm TO 0.13613 kg/sq cm



TEST NO CONSOL "3 TESTED BY J.R.R.

FROM 0.13613 hg/eq cm. TO 0.26413 kg/eq cm.

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PRESSURE INCREMENT<br>FROM 0.26413 kg/sq cm. TO 0.40913 kg/sq cm.







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NORALVN COMPOSITE

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## DETAILS of CONSOLIDATION TEST No. 1 Sheet2 of 2

## SAMPLE: MOBIL "I BY JRR



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## SAMPLE: NORALYN "I BY JRR



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SAMPLE NORALYN "2 BY JRR



# DETAILS of CONSOLIDATION TEST No. 3 Sheet2 of 2

SAMPLE NORALYN #2 BY JRR







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#### DIRECT - SIMPLE SHEAR TEST

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SOIL TYPE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TESTED BY JRR\_ DEVICE GEONOR DATE AFRIL, 1975

LOCATION ELORIDA - CONSOLIDATION (Stresses in  $\frac{Y G}{X X}$ )  $T_{VC}$  3.032  $T_{hc}$   $T_{vc}$   $T_{hc}$   $T_{v}$  3.032



DURING SHEAR<br>Controlled Strain <u>V</u> Stress Rate (% / Hr.) 4.4



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#### DIRECT - SIMPLE SHEAR TEST

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### DIRECT - SIMPLE SHEAR TEST

PROJECT FLORIDA TYPE OF TEST CHOUDSS NO. 3 OCR 1 SOIL TYPE PHOSPHATES TESTED BY JRR DEVICE GEONOR DATE AUG 25 CONSOLIDATION (Stresses in  $\frac{\kappa \sigma_{\ell m^2}}{2}$ ) **LOCATION MORALYN**  $\vec{\sigma}_{VC}$   $\frac{2.468}{\pi}$   $\vec{r}_{nc}$   $\frac{1}{2.468}$   $\vec{\sigma}_{vm}$   $\frac{1}{2.488}$ FROM, CONSOL, "3  $t_c(Day)$  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  $\xi_a(y_0)$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\delta_c(y_0)$  \_\_\_  $t_c(Day)$  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



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DURING SHEAR Controlled Strain V Stress \_\_\_\_ Rate (%/Hr.) 2.98



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#### DIRECT - SIMPLE SHEAR TEST

PROJECT FLORIDA TYPE OF TEST CKAUDSS NO. 3 OCR 3983

SOIL TYPE PHOSPHATESTESTED BY JRR DEVICE GEONOR DATE SEPT.75



CONSOLIDATION (Stresses in Kolch)

 $\vec{\sigma}_{vc}$  1254  $r_{hc}$   $\vec{\sigma}_{vm}$  2.983 



DURING SHEAR Controlled Strain. V Stress Rate (%/ Hr.) 3.49



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