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This appendix provides information to help you manage your risks with respect to the use of this report.

Geotechnical Services Are Performed for Specific Purposes, Persons and Projects

This report has been prepared for HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) and their authorized agents and regulatory agencies. The information contained herein is not applicable to other sites.

GeoEngineers structures our services to meet the specific needs of our clients. No party other than HDR, may rely on the product of our services unless we agree to such reliance in advance and in writing. This is to provide our firm with reasonable protection against open-ended liability claims by third parties with whom there would otherwise be no contractual limits to their actions. Within the limitations of scope, schedule and budget, our services have been executed in accordance with our Agreement with the Client and generally accepted geotechnical practices in this area at the time this report was prepared. Use of this report is not recommended for any purpose or project except the one originally contemplated.

A Geotechnical Data Report is based on a Unique Set of Project-Specific Factors

This report has been prepared for Mid-Barataria Diversion (BA-153) project in Myrtle Grove, Louisiana. GeoEngineers compiled the data report based on information provided by other agencies/companies. Unless GeoEngineers specifically indicates otherwise, it is important not to rely on this report if it was:

- not prepared for you,
- not prepared for your project,
- not prepared for the specific site explored, or
- completed before important project changes were made.

For example, changes that can affect the applicability of this report include those that affect:

- the function of the proposed structure;
- elevation, configuration, location, orientation or weight of the proposed structure;
- composition of the design team; or
- project ownership.

If important changes are made after the date of this report, we recommend that GeoEngineers be given the opportunity to review our interpretations and recommendations. Based on that review, we can provide written modifications or confirmation, as appropriate.

¹ Developed based on material provided by ASFE, Professional Firms Practicing in the Geosciences; www.asfe.org.

Subsurface Conditions Can Change

This geotechnical or geologic data report is based on information available at the time the study was performed. The findings and conclusions of this data report may be affected by the passage of time, by man-made events such as construction on or adjacent to the site, or by natural events such as floods, earthquakes, slope instability or groundwater fluctuations. If more than a few months have passed since issuance of our report or work product, or if any of the described events may have occurred, please contact GeoEngineers before applying this report for its intended purpose so that we may evaluate whether changed conditions affect the continued reliability or applicability of our data report.

Geotechnical Engineering Data Report Is Not Final

The geotechnical data included in this report are those provided by others to GeoEngineers and should not be considered final. GeoEngineers is unable to assume responsibility for the data provided in this report.

A Geotechnical Data Report Could Be Subject to Misinterpretation

Misinterpretation of this data report by members of the design team or by contractors can result in costly problems. GeoEngineers can help reduce the risks of misinterpretation by conferring with appropriate members of the design team after submitting the data report.

Do Not Redraw the Exploration Logs

Geotechnical engineers and geologists compiled the boring and testing logs based upon information provided by other agencies/companies. The logs included in a geotechnical data report should never be redrawn for inclusion in architectural or other design drawings. Photographic or electronic reproduction is acceptable, but separating logs from the report can create a risk of misinterpretation.

Read These Provisions Closely

It is important to recognize that the geosciences practices (geotechnical engineering, geology and environmental science) are less exact than other engineering and natural science disciplines. Without this understanding, there may be expectations that could lead to disappointments, claims and disputes. GeoEngineers includes these explanatory “limitations” provisions in our reports to help reduce such risks. Please confer with GeoEngineers if you need to know more how these “Report Limitations and Guidelines for Use” apply to your project or site.

Biological Pollutants

GeoEngineers’ Scope of Work specifically excludes the investigation, detection, prevention or assessment of the presence of Biological Pollutants. Accordingly, this report does not include any interpretations, recommendations, findings or conclusions regarding the detecting, assessing, preventing or abating of Biological Pollutants, and no conclusions or inferences should be drawn regarding Biological Pollutants as they may relate to this project. The term “Biological Pollutants” includes, but is not limited to, molds, fungi, spores, bacteria and viruses, and/or any of their byproducts.

A Client that desires these specialized services is advised to obtain them from a consultant who offers services in this specialized field.

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