

January 4, 2011

Mr. Ethan Caldwell, LG, PE NCDOT, Geotechnical Engineering Unit 1020 Birch Ridge Drive Raleigh, NC 27610

RE: State Project: R-2303A

WBS Element: 34416.1.1 County: Cumberland

Description: Stedman – NC 24 from West of SR 1006 (Maxwell Road/Clinton Road)

in Cumberland County to SR 1853 (John Nunnery Road)

Subject: Project 09210013.31 Report on Geophysical Surveys

Parcel 902, Cumberland County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

**SCHNABEL ENGINEERING SOUTH, PC** (Schnabel) is pleased to present this report on the geophysical surveys we conducted on the subject property. We understand this letter report will be included as an appendix in your report to the NCDOT. The report includes two 11x17 color figures and two 8.5x11 color figures.

## INTRODUCTION

The work described in this report was conducted on November 8, 2010, by Schnabel under our 2009 contract with the NCDOT. The work was conducted over the accessible areas of the parcel as indicated by the NCDOT to support their environmental assessment of the subject property. Photographs of the parcel are included on Figure 1. The property is located on the north side of Clinton Road approximately 1900 feet west of Windwood Drive in Stedman, NC. The purpose of the geophysical surveys was to locate possible metal underground storage tanks (USTs) in the accessible areas of the right-of-way and/or easement.

The geophysical investigation consisted of electromagnetic (EM) induction surveys using a Geonics EM61-MK2 instrument. The EM61 metal detector is used to locate metal objects buried up to about eight feet below ground surface. Photographs of the equipment used are shown on Figure 2.

#### FIELD METHODOLOGY

Locations of geophysical data points were obtained using a sub-meter Trimble Pro-XRS DGPS system. References to direction and location in this report are based on the US State Plane 1983 System, North Carolina 3200 Zone, using the NAD 83 datum, with units in US survey feet. The locations of existing site features (monitoring wells, signs, etc.) were recorded for later correlation with the geophysical data and for location references to the NCDOT drawings.

The EM61 data were collected along parallel survey lines spaced approximately 2.5 feet apart. The EM61 and DGPS data were recorded digitally using a field computer and later transferred to a desktop computer for data processing.

## **DISCUSSION OF RESULTS**

The contoured EM61 data collected over Parcel 902 are shown on Figures 3 and 4. The EM61 early time gate results are plotted on Figure 3. The early time gate data provide the more sensitive detection of metal objects. Figure 4 shows the difference between the response of the top and bottom coils of the EM61 instrument (differential response). The difference is taken to remove the effect of surface and very shallowly buried metallic objects. Typically, the differential response emphasizes anomalies from deeper and larger objects such as USTs.

The early time gate results show anomalies apparently caused by buried utilities or known site features (Figures 3 and 4). GPR data were not collected at the site since there were not any differential EM61 anomalies that suggested the presence of unknown USTs. The geophysical data do not indicate the presence of metallic USTs within the areas surveyed.

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

Our evaluation of the geophysical data collected on the subject property on Project R-2303A in Stedman, NC indicates the following:

The geophysical data do not indicate the presence of metallic USTs in the areas surveyed on the subject property.

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## **LIMITATIONS**

These services have been performed and this report prepared for the North Carolina Department of Transportation in accordance with generally accepted guidelines for conducting geophysical surveys. It is generally recognized that the results of geophysical surveys are non-unique and may not represent actual subsurface conditions.

We appreciate the opportunity to have provided these services. Please call if you need additional information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: Figures (4)

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Parcel 902 – NCDOT Property, looking northeast



Parcel 902 - NCDOT Property, looking north



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PARCEL 902 SITE PHOTOS



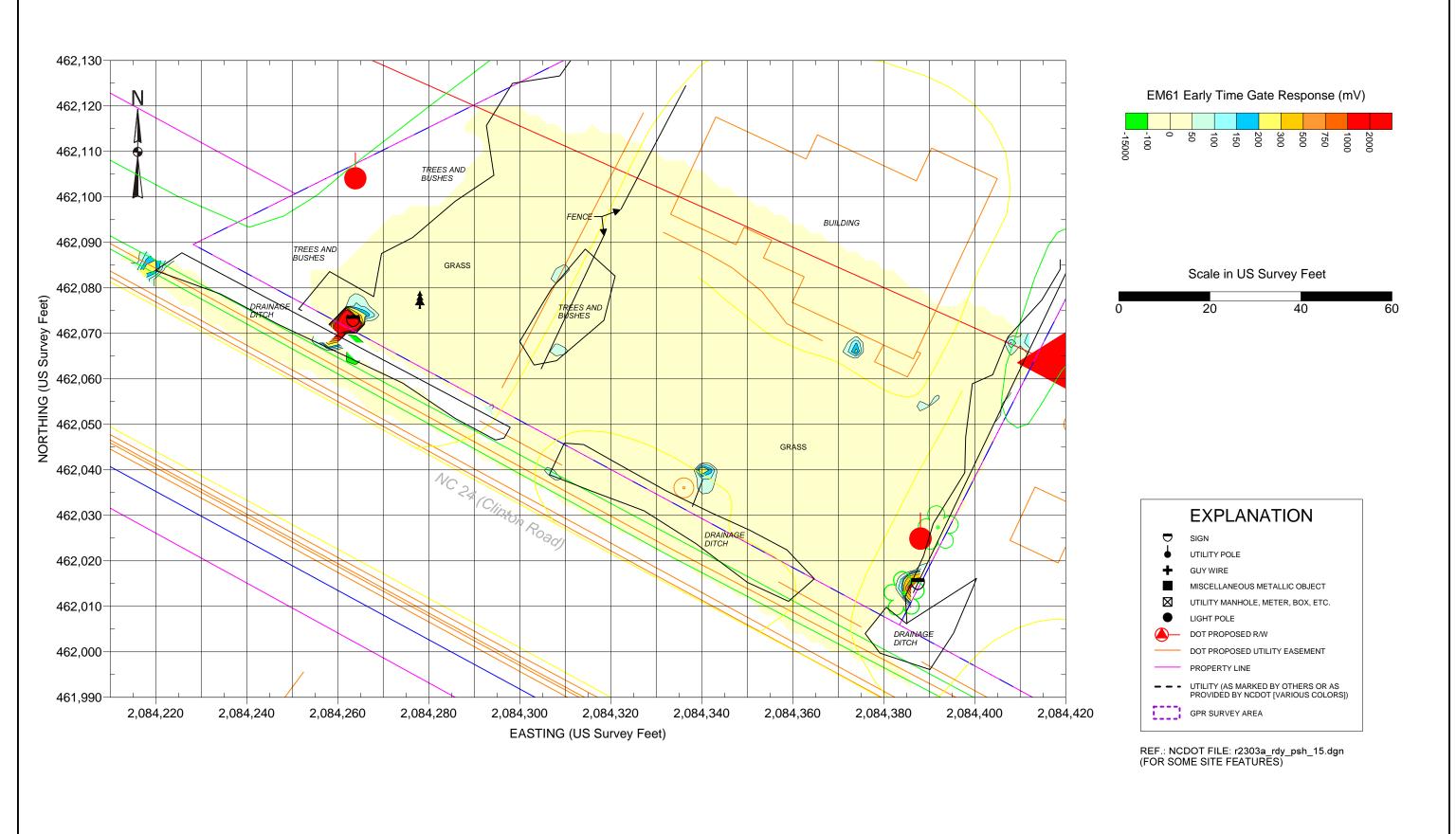
Geonics EM61-MK2



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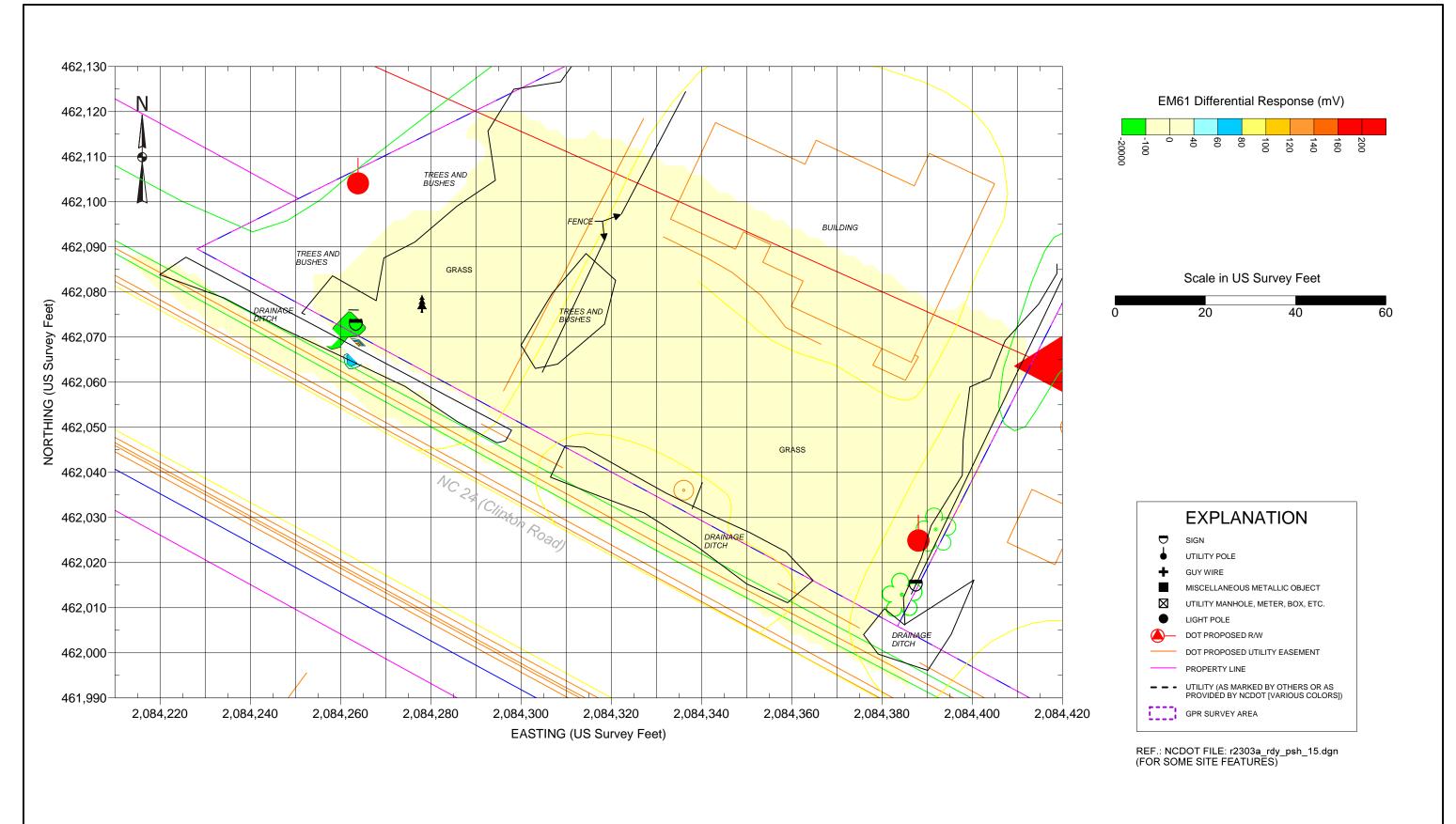
STATE PROJECT R-2303A NC DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION CUMBERLAND CO., NORTH CAROLINA PROJECT NO. 09210013.31 PHOTOS OF GEOPHYSICAL EQUIPMENT USED



Note: The contour plot shows the earliest and most sensitive time gate of the EM61 bottom coil/channel in millivolts (mV). The EM data were collected on November 8, 2010, using a Geonics EM61-MK2 instrument. Positioning for the EM61 survey was provided using a submeter Trimble ProXRS DGPS system. Coordinates are in the US State Plane 1983 System, North Carolina Zone 3200, using the NAD 1983 datum.



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Note: The contour plot shows the difference, in millivolts (mV), between the readings from the top and bottom coils of the EM61. The difference is taken to reduce the effect of shallow metal objects and emphasize anomalies caused by deeper metallic objects, such as drums and tanks. The EM data were collected on November 8, 2010, using a Geonics EM61-MK2 instrument. Positioning for the EM61 survey was provided using a submeter Trimble ProXRS DGPS system. Coordinates are in the US State Plane 1983 System, North Carolina 3200 Zone, using the NAD 1983 datum.



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