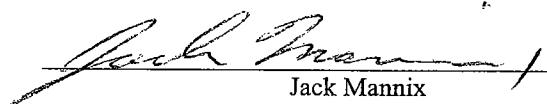




***CONE PENETROMETER SUBSURFACE  
INVESTIGATION REPORT***

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## INTRODUCTION

Handex was retained by Sunoco Inc. to conduct a Cone Penetrometer Technology (CPT), characterization at 2700 Passyunk Ave., Philadelphia, PA. The CPT is used to assess and partially delineate the subsurface petroleum impacted areas of concern using electronic sensors and a Fuel Fluorescence Detector (FFD). The investigation was completed in September of 2000 and utilized the Handex CPT which is equipped with a Fuel Fluorescence Detector (FFD) to identify and delineate the presence of subsurface hydrocarbons. The following report, geologic logs and model output summarizes the results of the CPT / FFD soil investigation.

The Handex CPT is equipped with a fuel fluorescence detector that projects ultraviolet light through a sapphire window onto the soil as the tool is being advanced into the ground. If hydrocarbons are present they absorb the ultraviolet (UV) light and emit energy in the form of fluorescent light. This light passes back through the sapphire window and is collected by a fiber optic cable and transmitted to two photo-multipliers in the FFD probe. Here the optical signal is converted to two electric signals and transmitted through a cable into the truck, where the signals are amplified and logged by the on-board data acquisition system. The resulting output is two continuous FFD profiles displaying fluorescence intensity versus depth below the land surface.

The wavelength of the excitation light source located in the FFD module is 254 nanometers (nm) (Bratton and Shinn). If hydrocarbons are impacted by the excitation light source, they will fluoresce. The fluorescent response signal is split and then filtered at each photo-multiplier. One half of the signal is filtered to remove wavelengths below 280 nm and above 450 nm



while the other half is filtered to remove wavelengths below 450 nm and above 575 nm. The fluorescence response signal for gasoline and fuel oil (diesel) range hydrocarbons is observed in the 280 to 400 nm wavelength range. The fluorescence response from heavier compounds such as creosote and coal tar residuals are observed at longer wavelengths, primarily impacting the photo-multiplier equipped with the long pass filter (only allowing 450nm to 575nm wavelength range of light to pass). Since all of the hydrocarbons encountered at this site had a more significant response from the higher wavelength FFD (HFFD) and are best represented by this signature, only the HFFD was used to generate the hydrocarbon distribution model shown in the Figures section of this report. The intensity of the FFD signals are expressed in volts and in previous applications have been found to be proportional to the amount of hydrocarbon present in the pore space in the sediments along with air and groundwater.

## **FIELD INVESTIGATION**

### **CPT/FFD Sounding Program**

A total of 22 CPT/FFD soundings were completed at the site to depths ranging from approximately 21 to 53 feet Below Land Surface (BLS). All locations were cleared to 5 feet with an air knife prior to the CPT/FFD sounding to insure that subsurface utilities were cleared before the work began. The locations of the CPT soundings are shown on the site plan (Figure 1).

### **Site Geology and CPT Soil Classification**

The CPT data was collected in accordance with ASTM D 3441-1986 and was used to determine the subsurface stratigraphy. The CPT sounding profiles generated from the data are included as Appendix A.

The site is primarily underlain by sand and gravelly sand to a depth of about 30 feet BLS. Most of the soundings displayed 1 to 4 foot thick layer of sand mix or clayey silt between 20 and 30 feet BLS, which is within the primary sand layer. A fine grained sand mix, clayey silt and clay was detected under the primary sand layer in most soundings, starting between 31 and 41 feet BLS and extending to the bottom of the soundings.

### **Fuel Fluorescence Detector Results**

The FFD tool was calibrated with a card that has a black area and a white area designed to give a known difference in FFD output from each of the colors, on each of the FFD detectors. The voltage output was in the same range as previous outputs for the same calibration card. The results of the FFD calibration are provided in Appendix B. In Appendix A, the columns

labeled "LFFD" and "HFFD" represent the fluorescent light response, which is located 2.37 feet above the cone tip. This is the reason the FFD profiles are shorter than the terminal depth of the push.

High FFD responses were encountered in all soundings except CPT-19 which met refusal at 20.61 feet BLS, above the expected hydrocarbon level and CPT-20 which was the farthest point from the loading rack. Since the locations were cleared to 5 feet BLS prior to performing the soundings, most of the data above 5 feet BLS was lost. High FFD readings were observed at various depths from 5 feet BLS to approximately 38 feet BLS. The responses were not detected at uniform depths in all soundings, but the following trends in the data should be noted.

As shown on Figure 4 (3D Hydrocarbon Distribution Model), the Hydrocarbons were detected predominantly within two elevation intervals. The upper interval is between 10 and 30 feet in elevation (at grade to 20 feet below grade) and the lower interval is between negative 10 and -5 feet in elevation (20 to 35 feet below grade). Figure 4 also shows a connection between the two levels near the western-most loading rack. The hydrocarbon connection can be observed in this area where elevated FFD readings exist between the two levels. Three good example soundings where hydrocarbons were detected between these two elevations are CPT-3, CPT-8, and CPT-12. The lower level FFD readings generally occur within the primary sand layer and below the 1 to 4 foot thick sand mix or clayey silt layer. Two different hydrocarbons were detected in the lower level that are distinguished primarily by their fluorescent properties. The LFFD readings are higher near the top of the hydrocarbon impacted zone while the HFFD readings are higher near the bottom of the zone. These two lower level

hydrocarbon saturated zones are separate in some soundings and they run together in others.

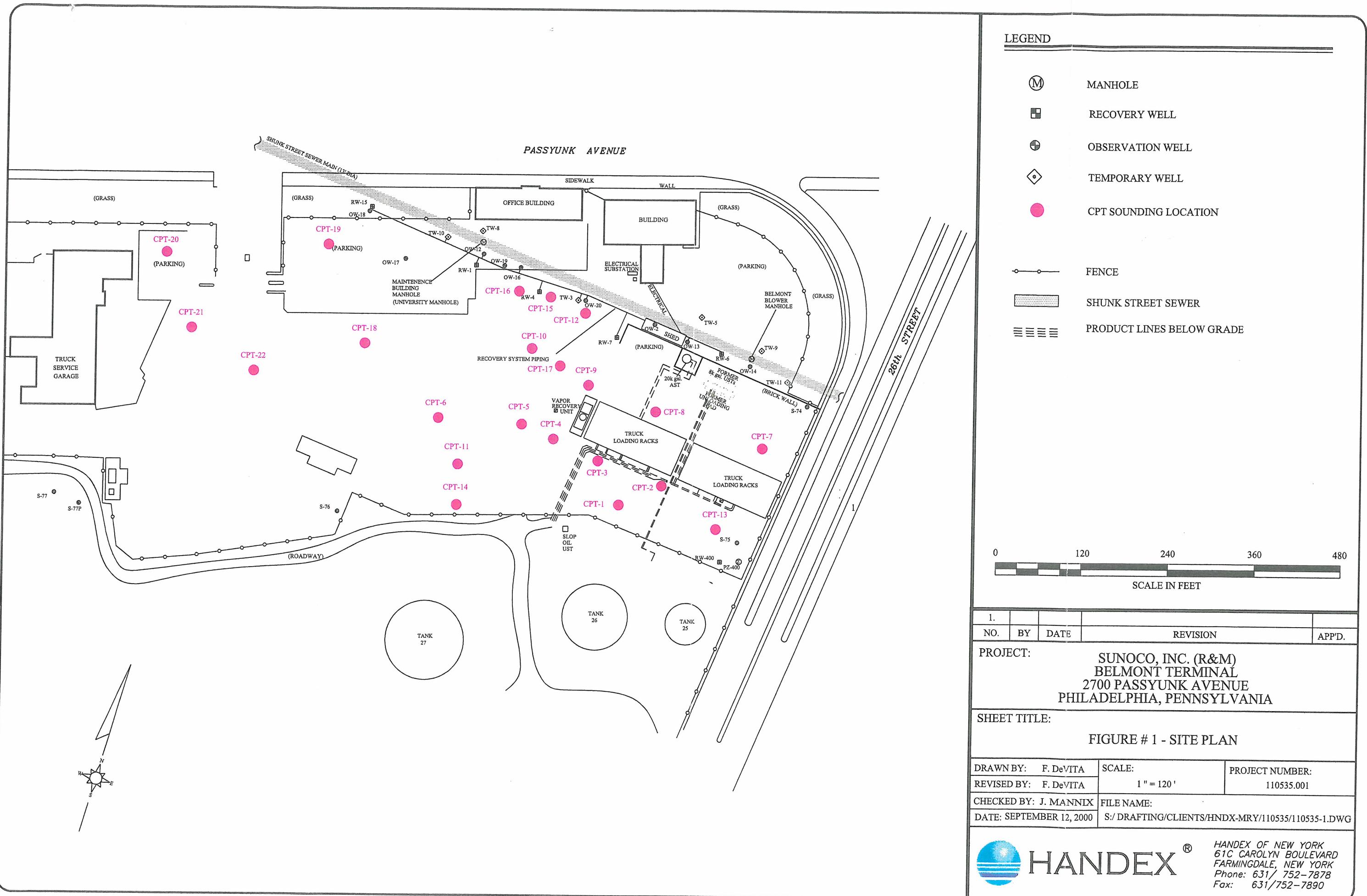
The upper level hydrocarbons (between 10 and 30 feet in elevation) were detected primarily under the loading racks, under the paved area between the loading racks and the main parking lot and just to the south of the main entrance. The lower level hydrocarbons produced the highest FFD readings in three areas. The first was just to the south of the loading racks, the second was approximately 140 feet south of the main parking lot in sounding CPT-6 and the third was just south of the main entrance in CPT-22. Please note that the two eastern-most areas of lower level hydrocarbons may be connected as the sounding separating the two areas (CPT-4) did not go deep enough to detect the lower level hydrocarbons.

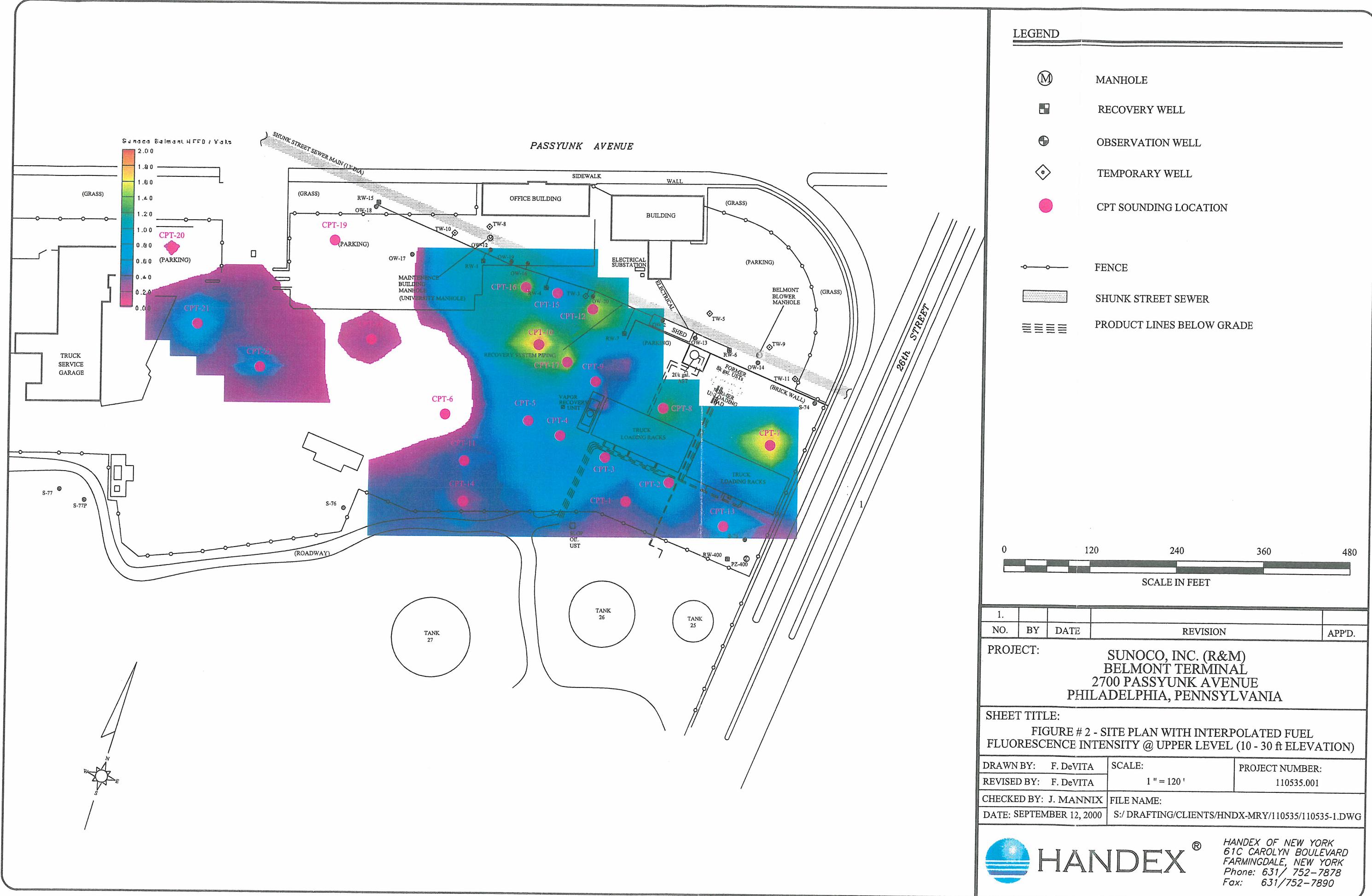
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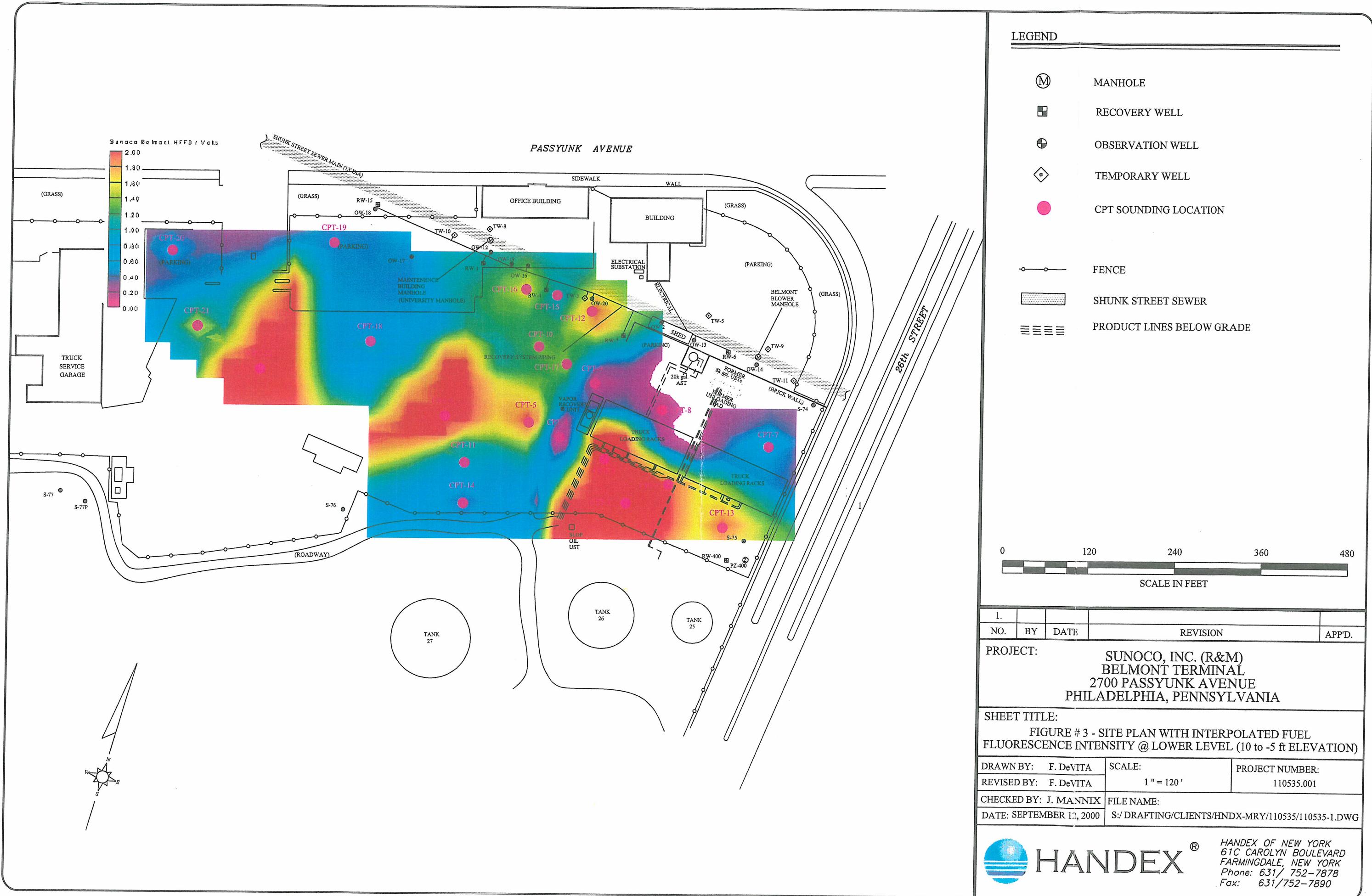
Based on the interpolated fuel fluorescence intensity maps shown on Figure 2 and Figure 3, the upper level hydrocarbons and the lower level hydrocarbons are centered along two different lines. Figure 2 shows the upper level hydrocarbons' intensity at it's highest on a line from CPT-7 to CPT-16. Figure 3 shows the lower level hydrocarbons' intensity at it's highest farther to the southwest, on a line from CPT-13 to CPT-22.

In order to fully delineate the extent of hydrocarbons on this site, additional delineation should be performed on the western portion of the site.

## **FIGURES**

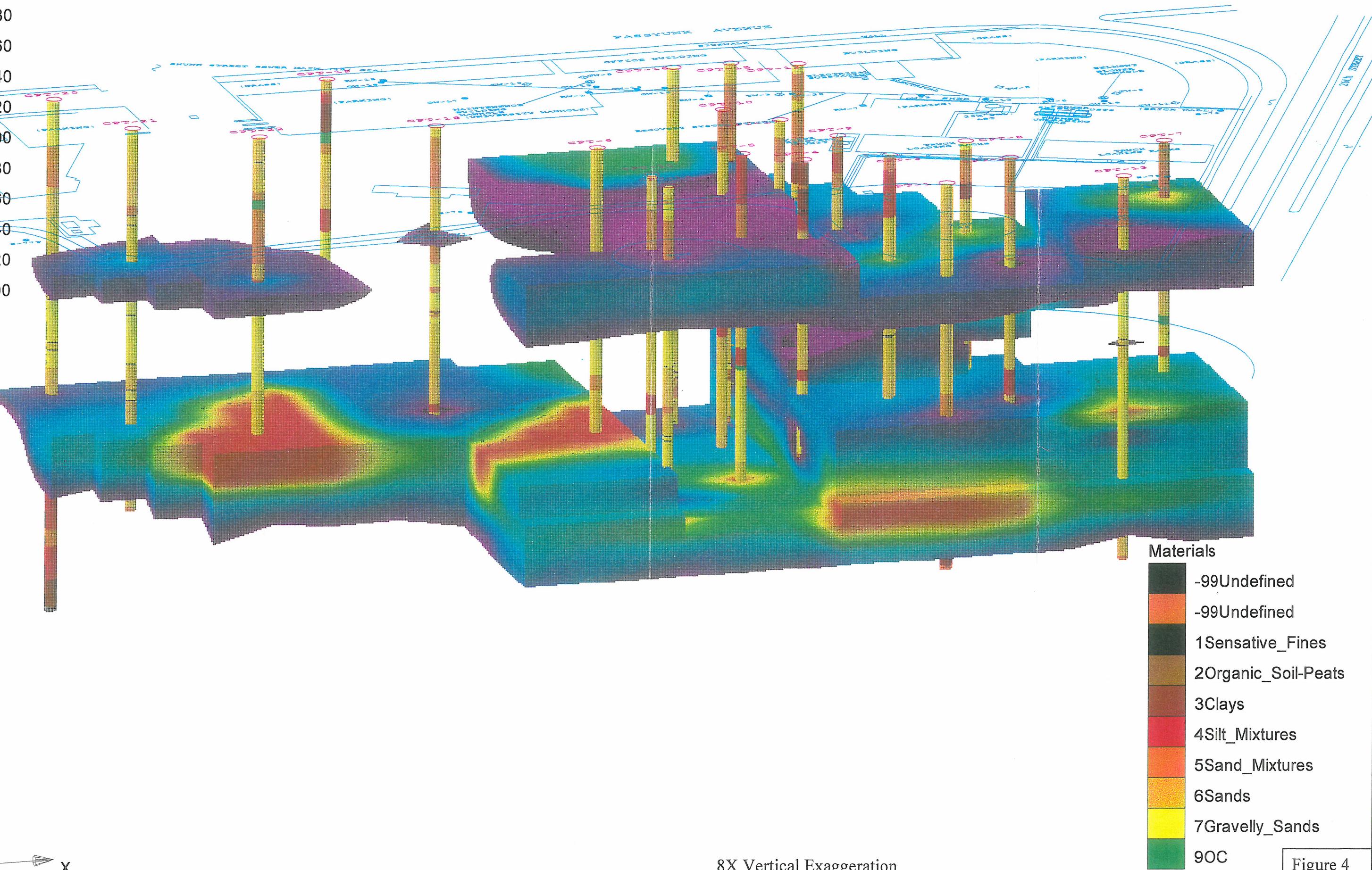
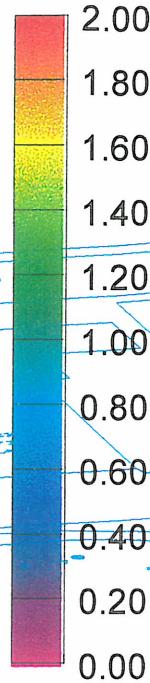






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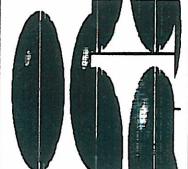
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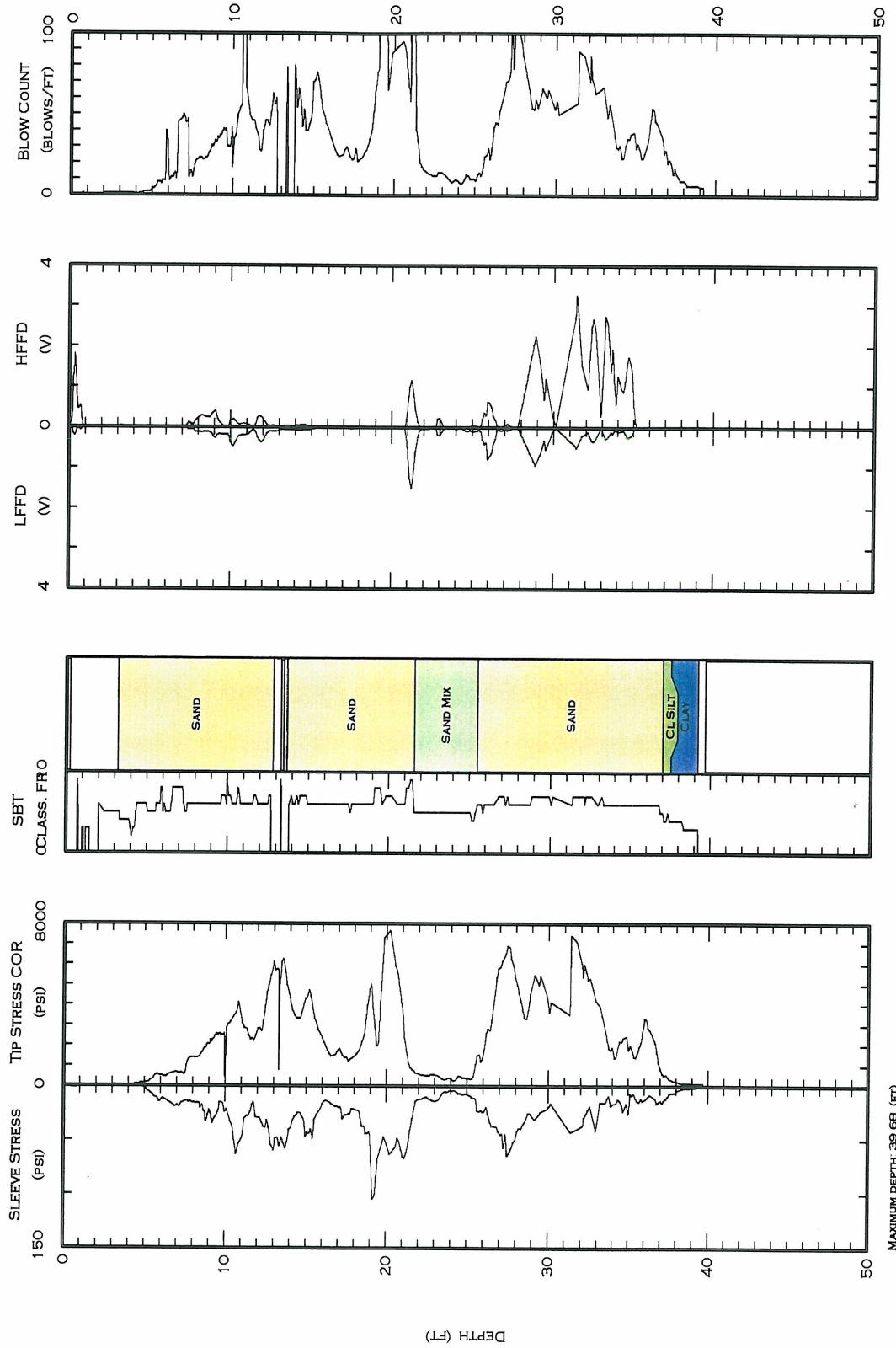


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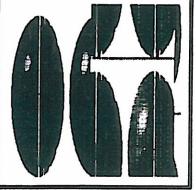
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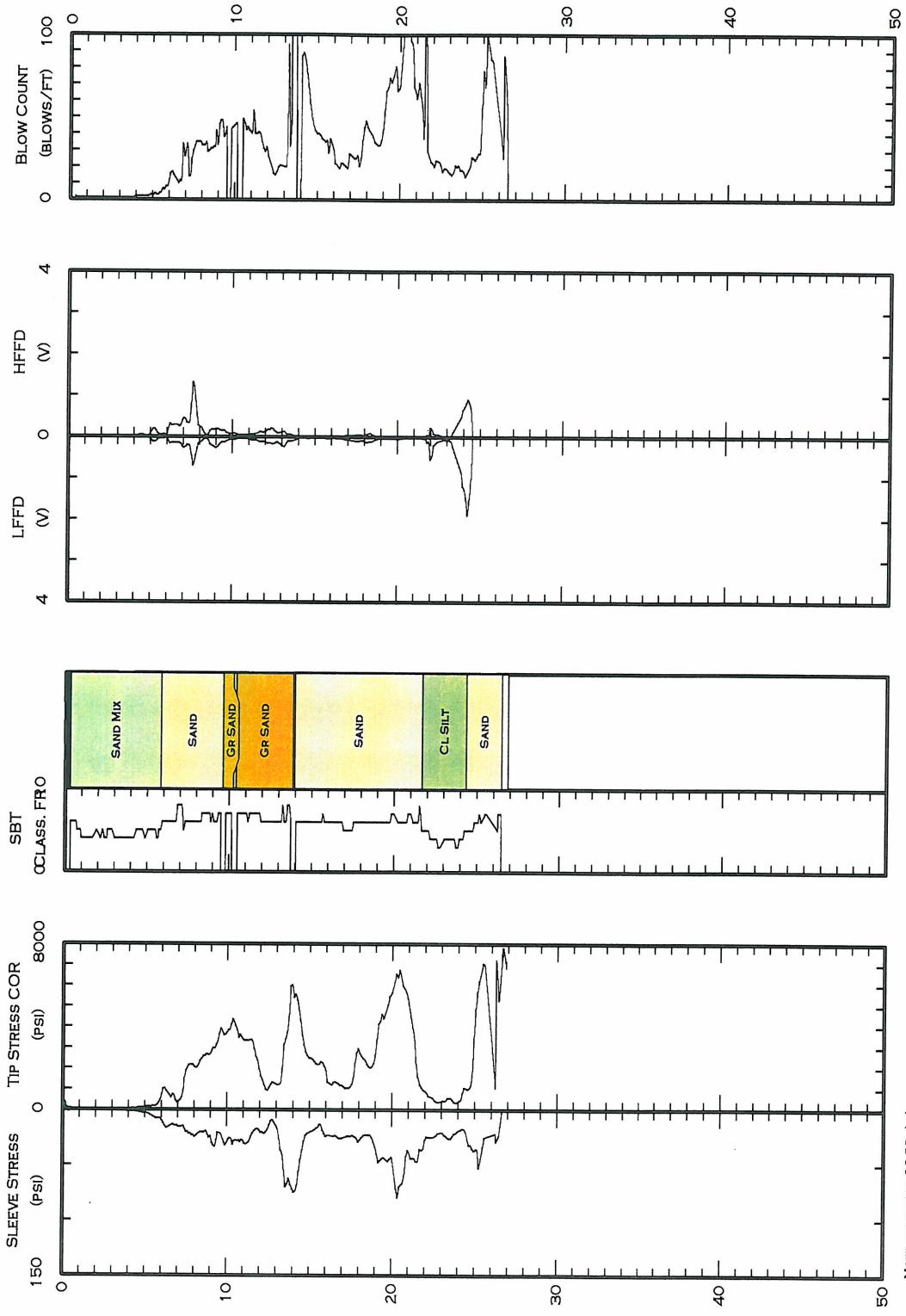


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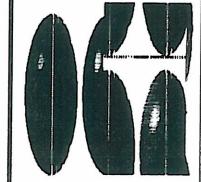


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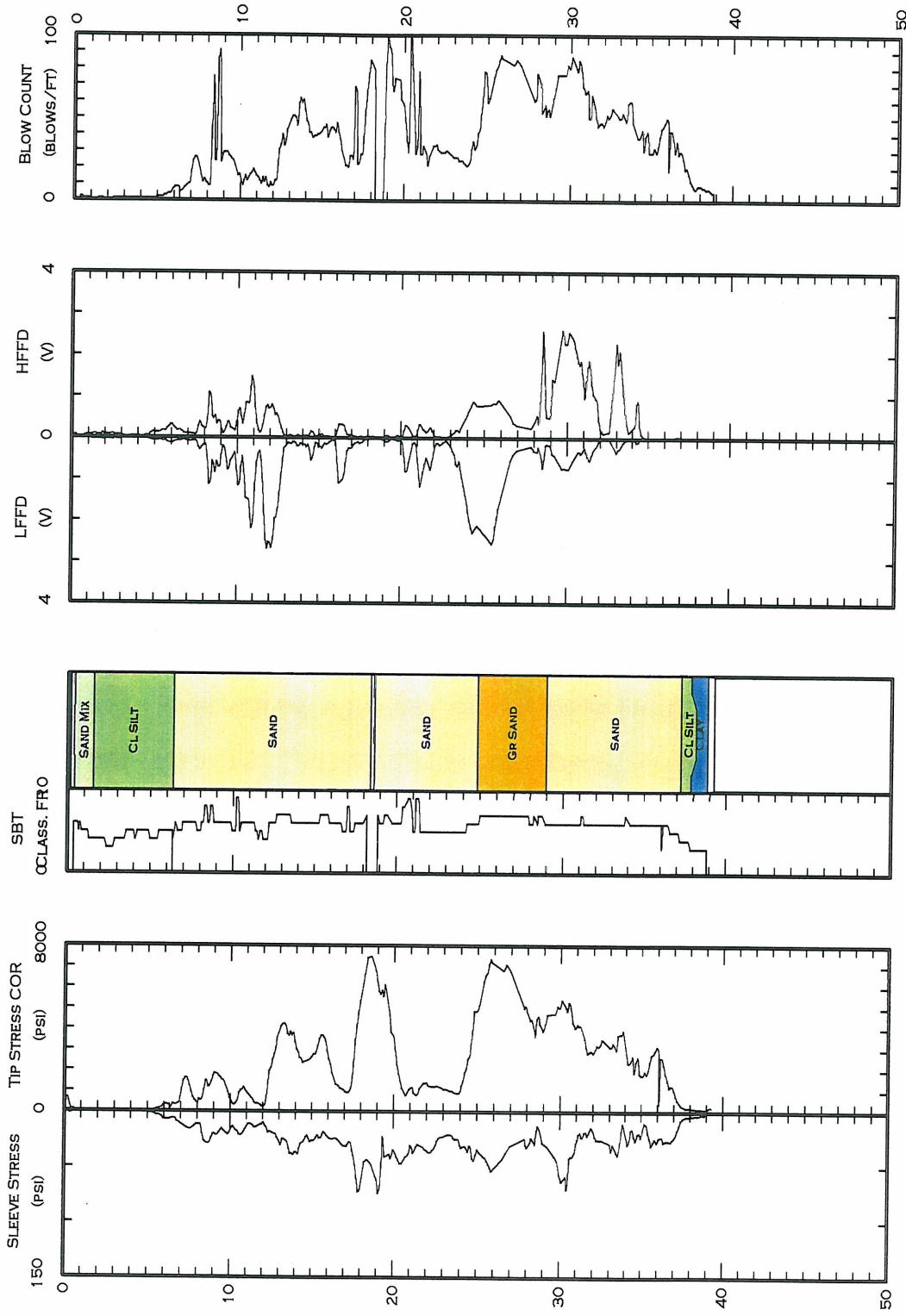


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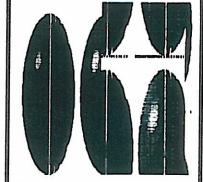


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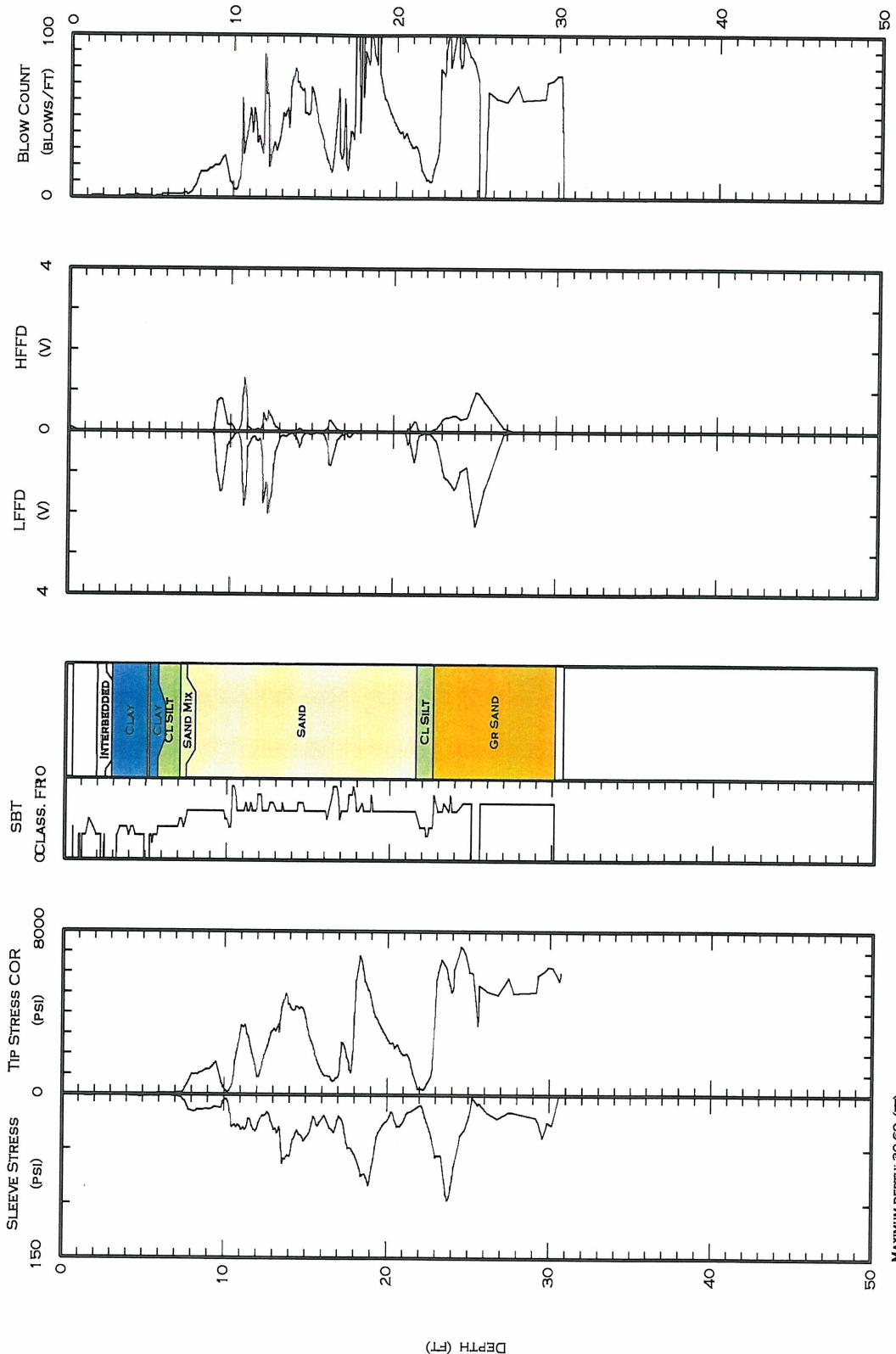


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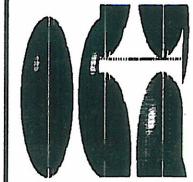


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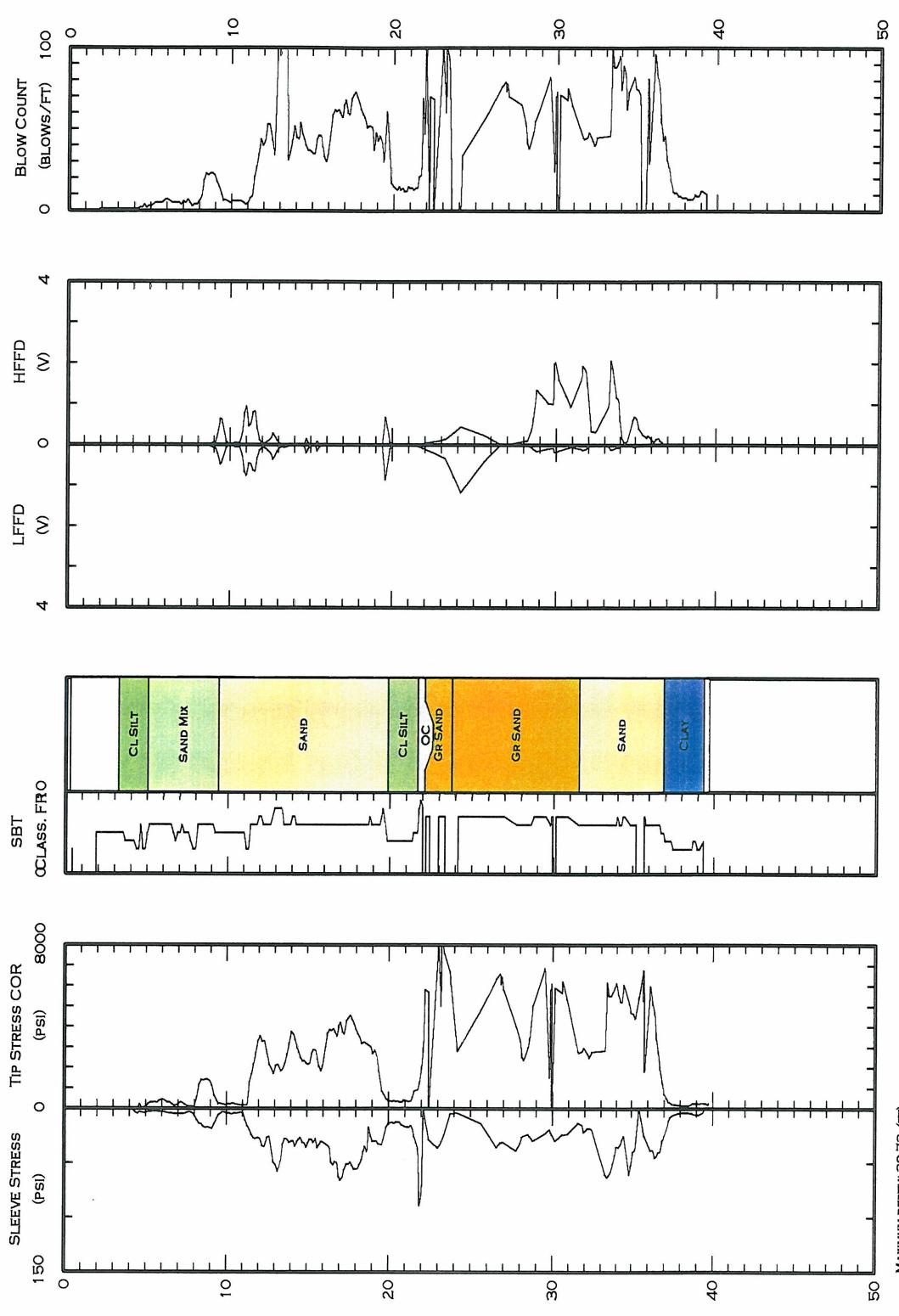
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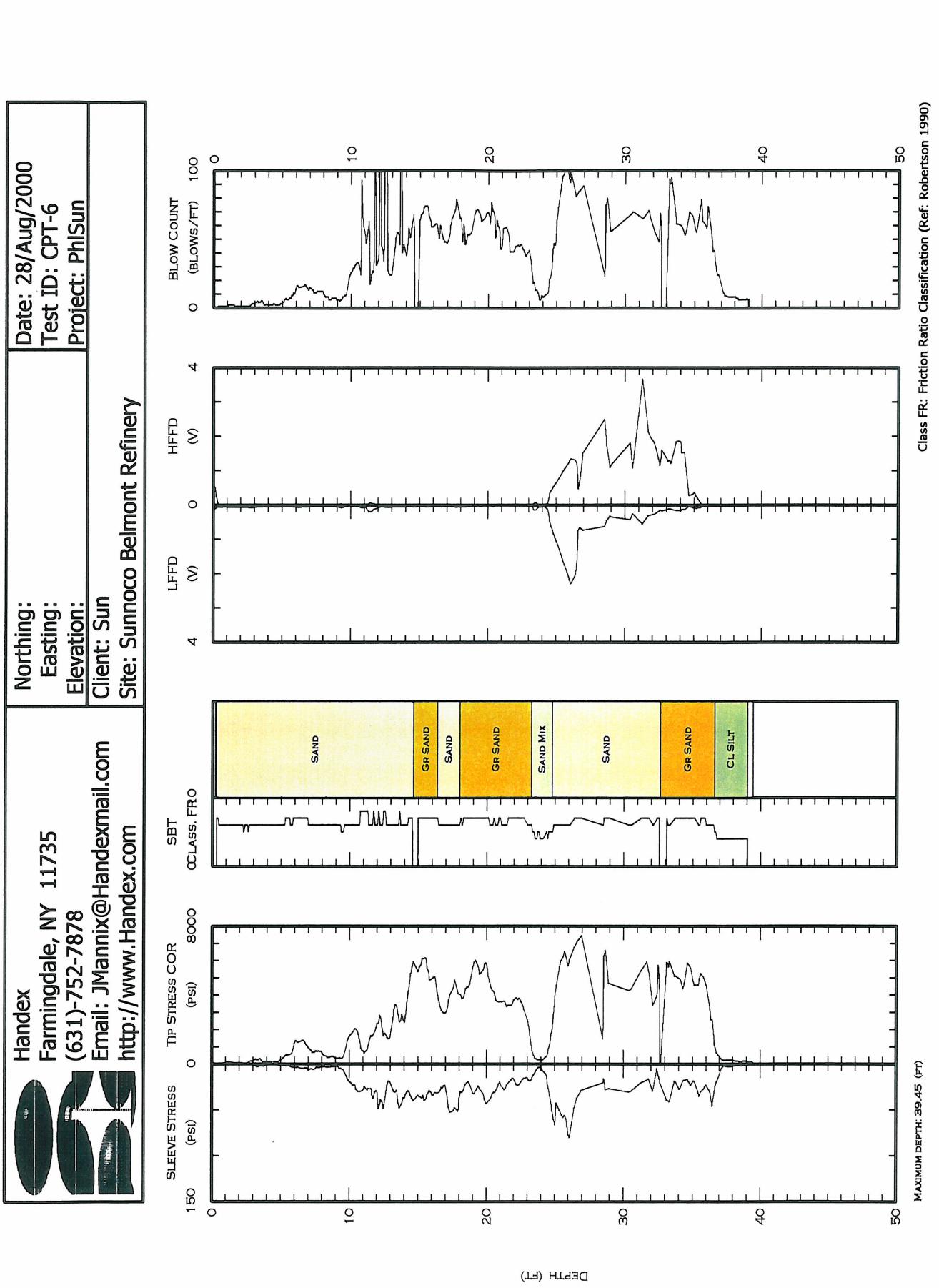
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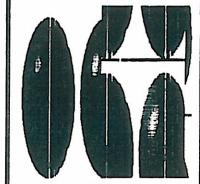
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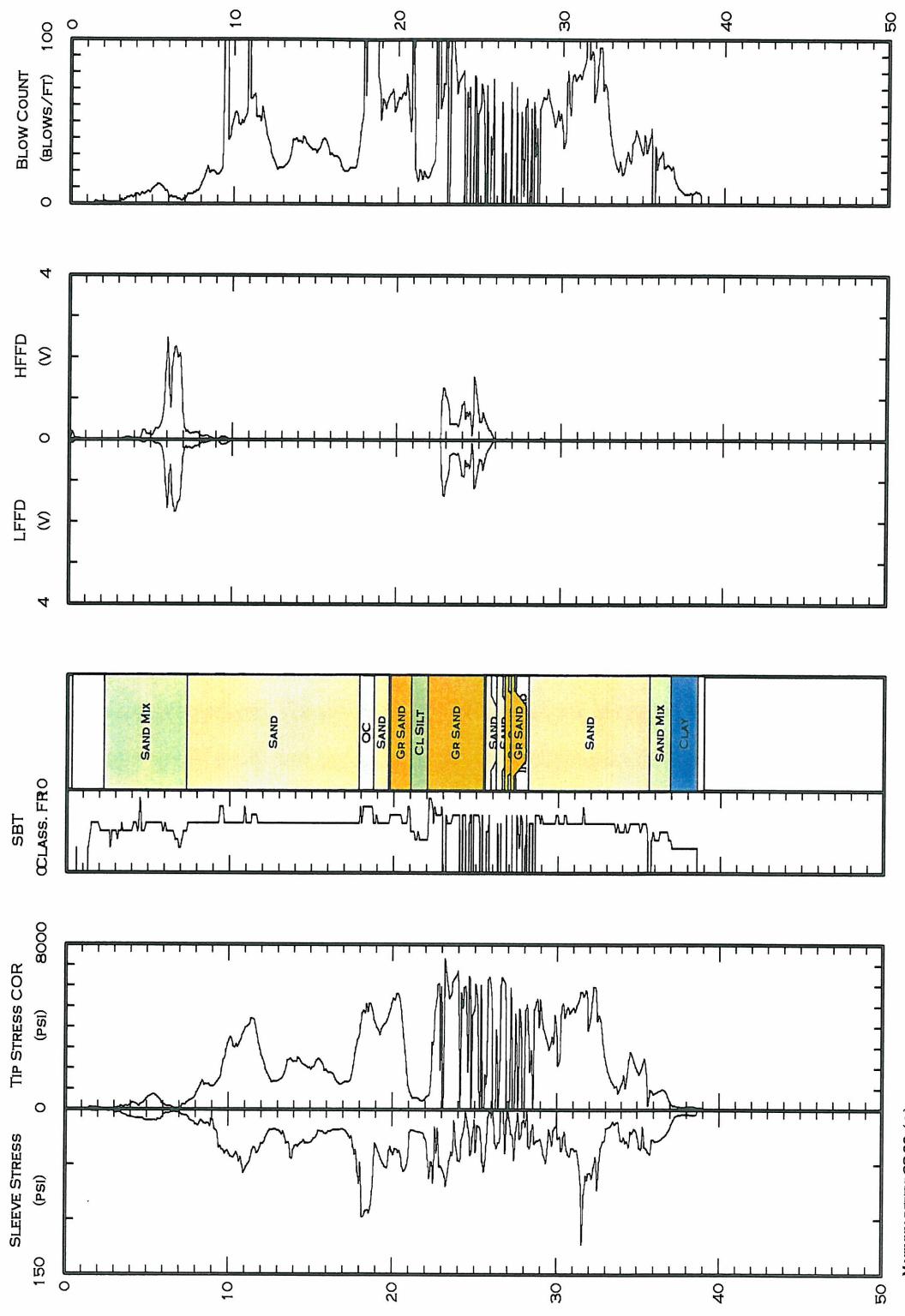
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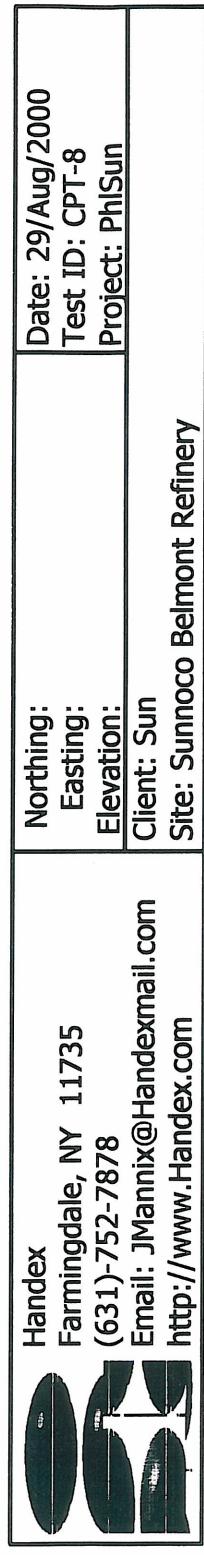
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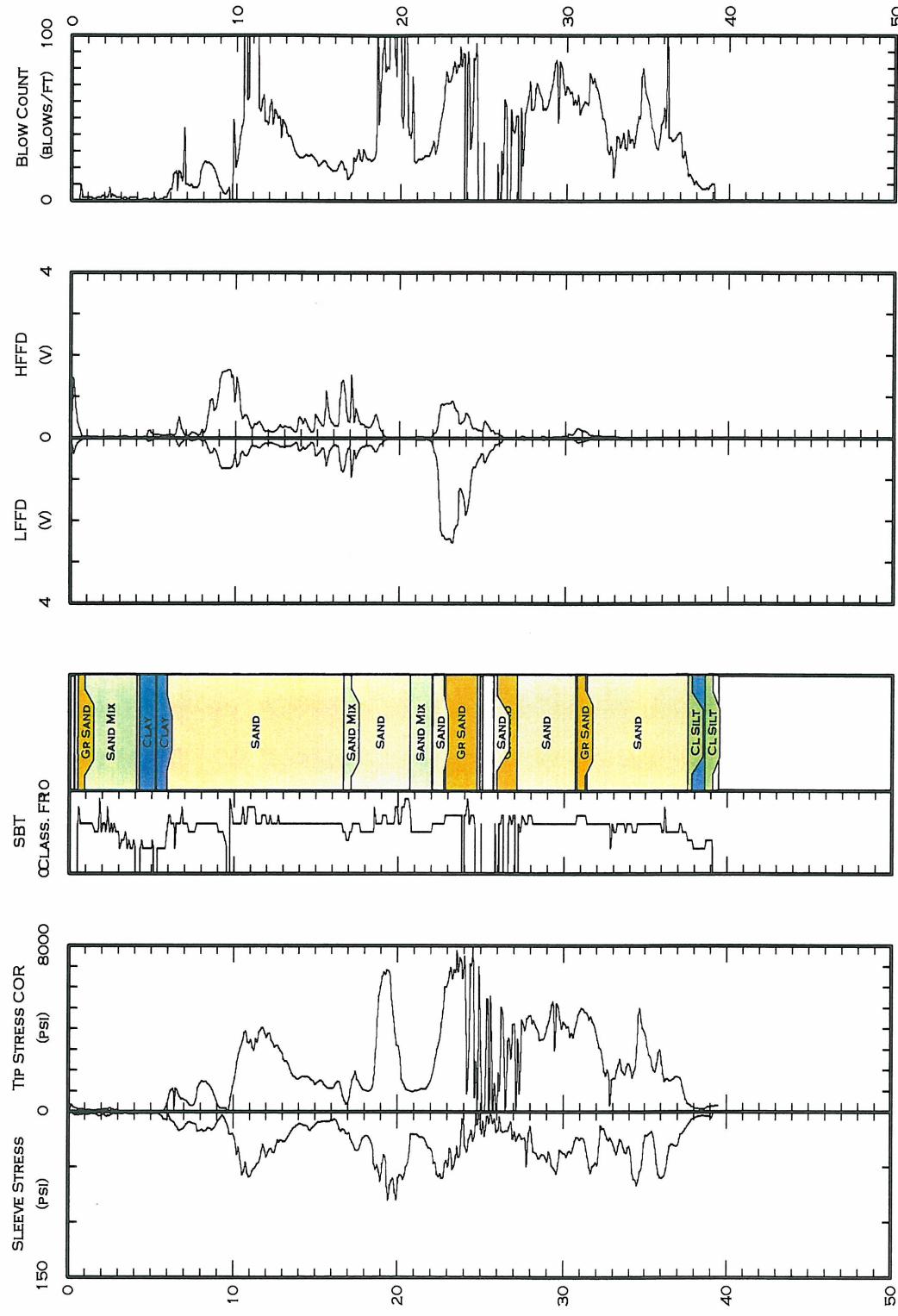
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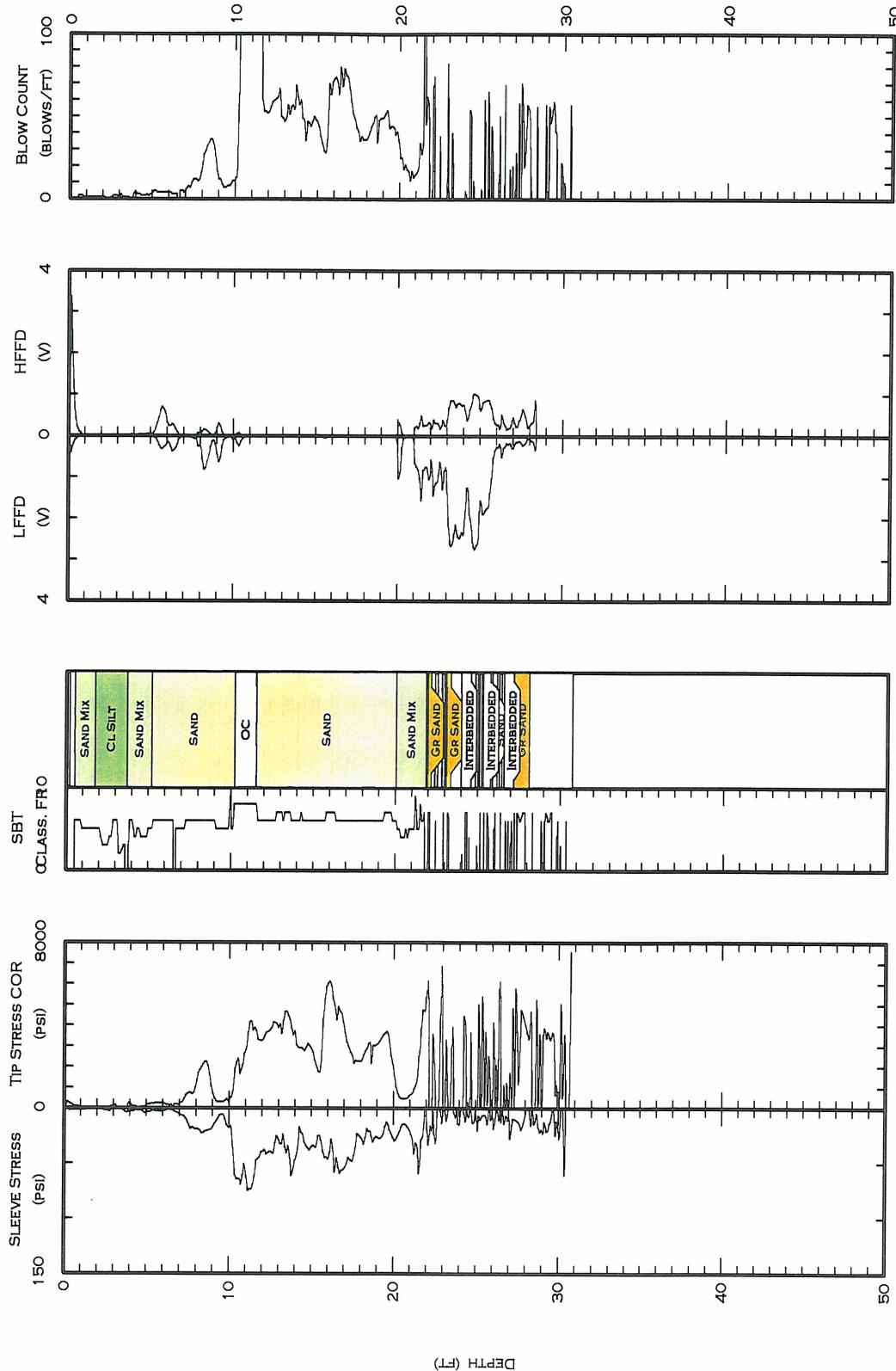
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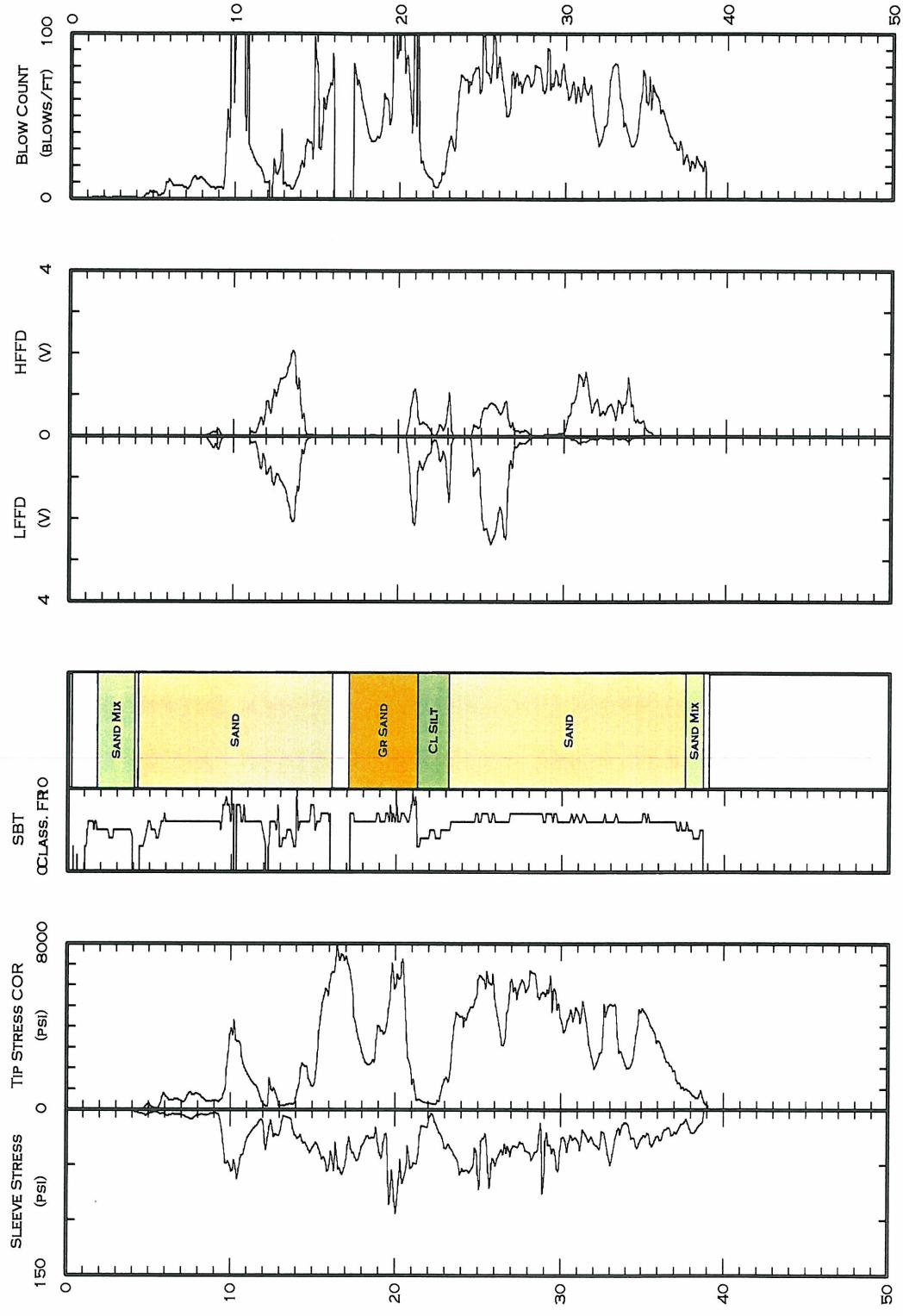


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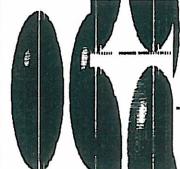
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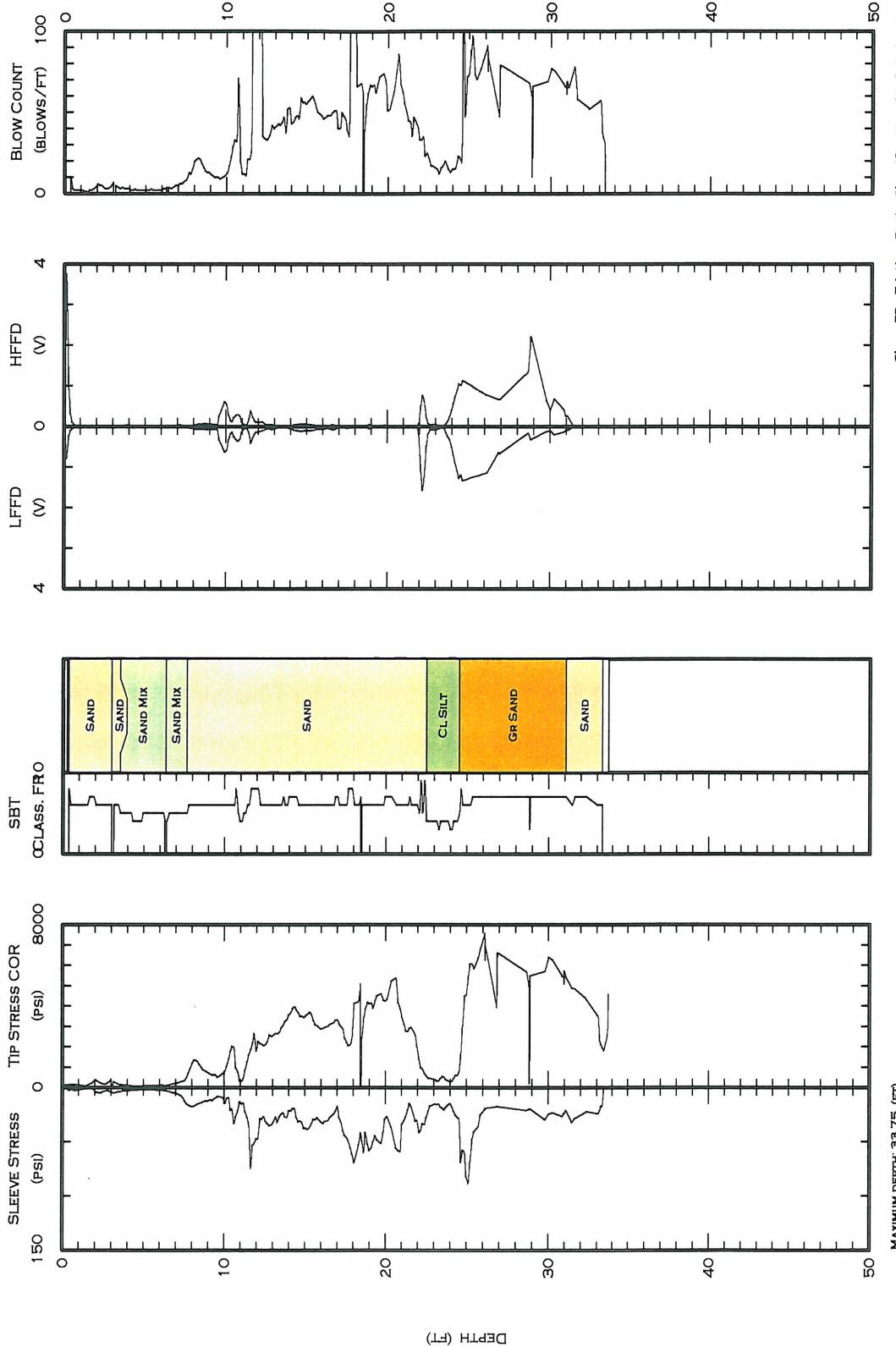


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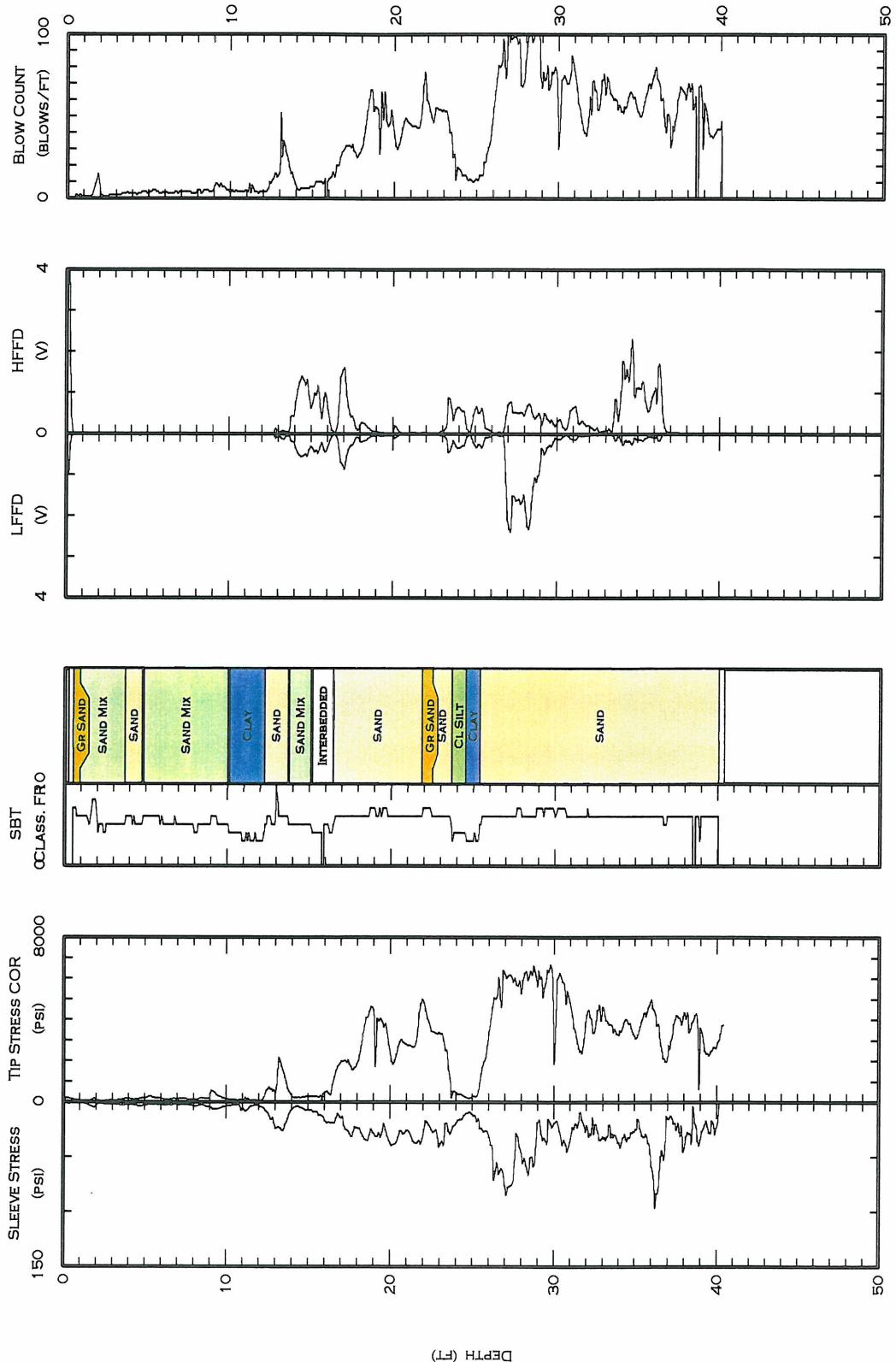
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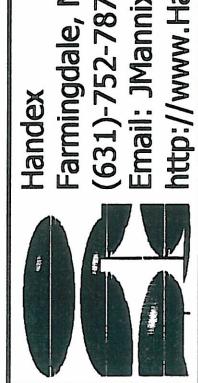


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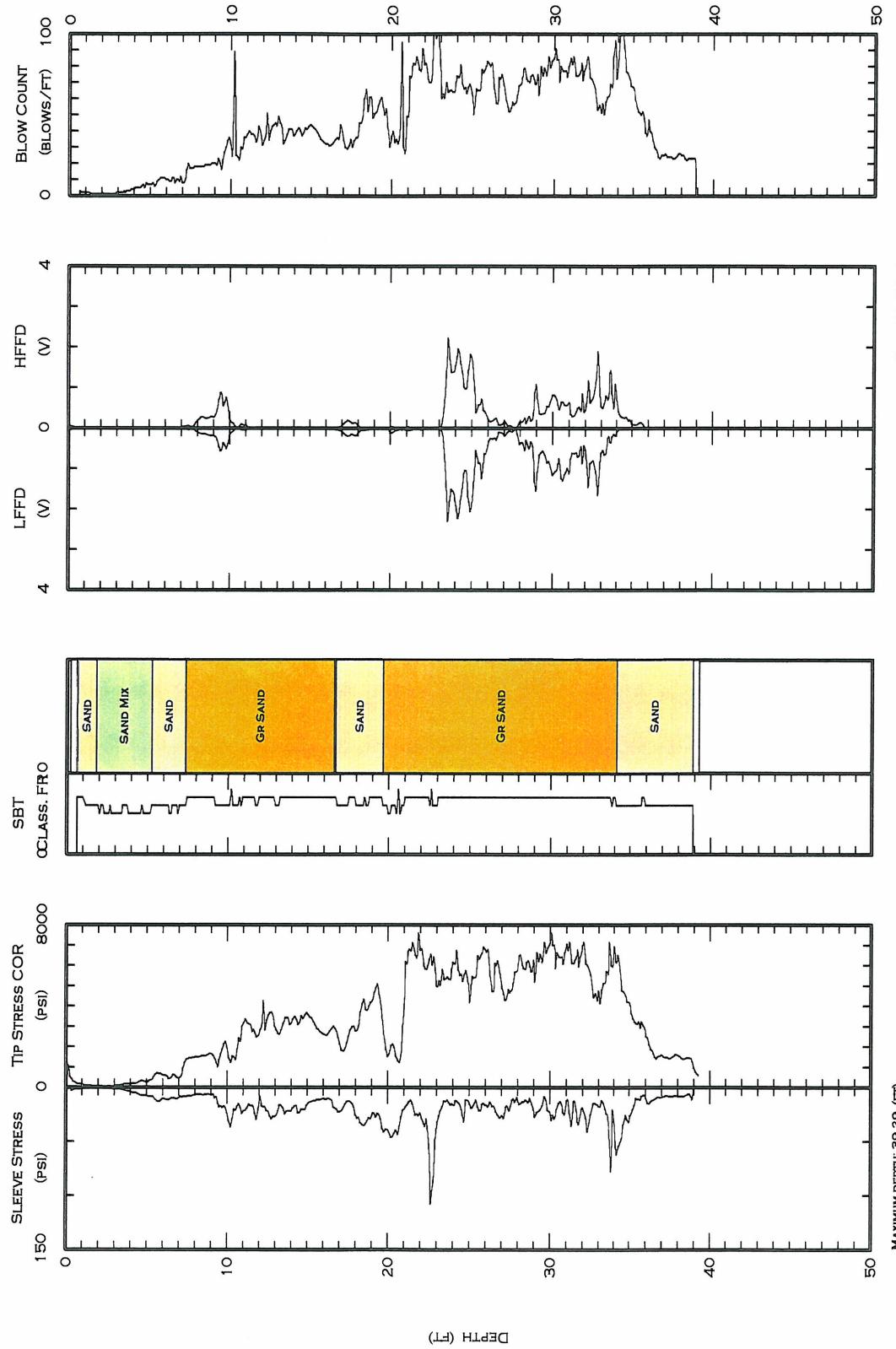
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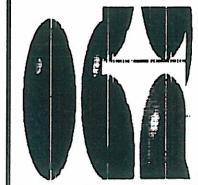
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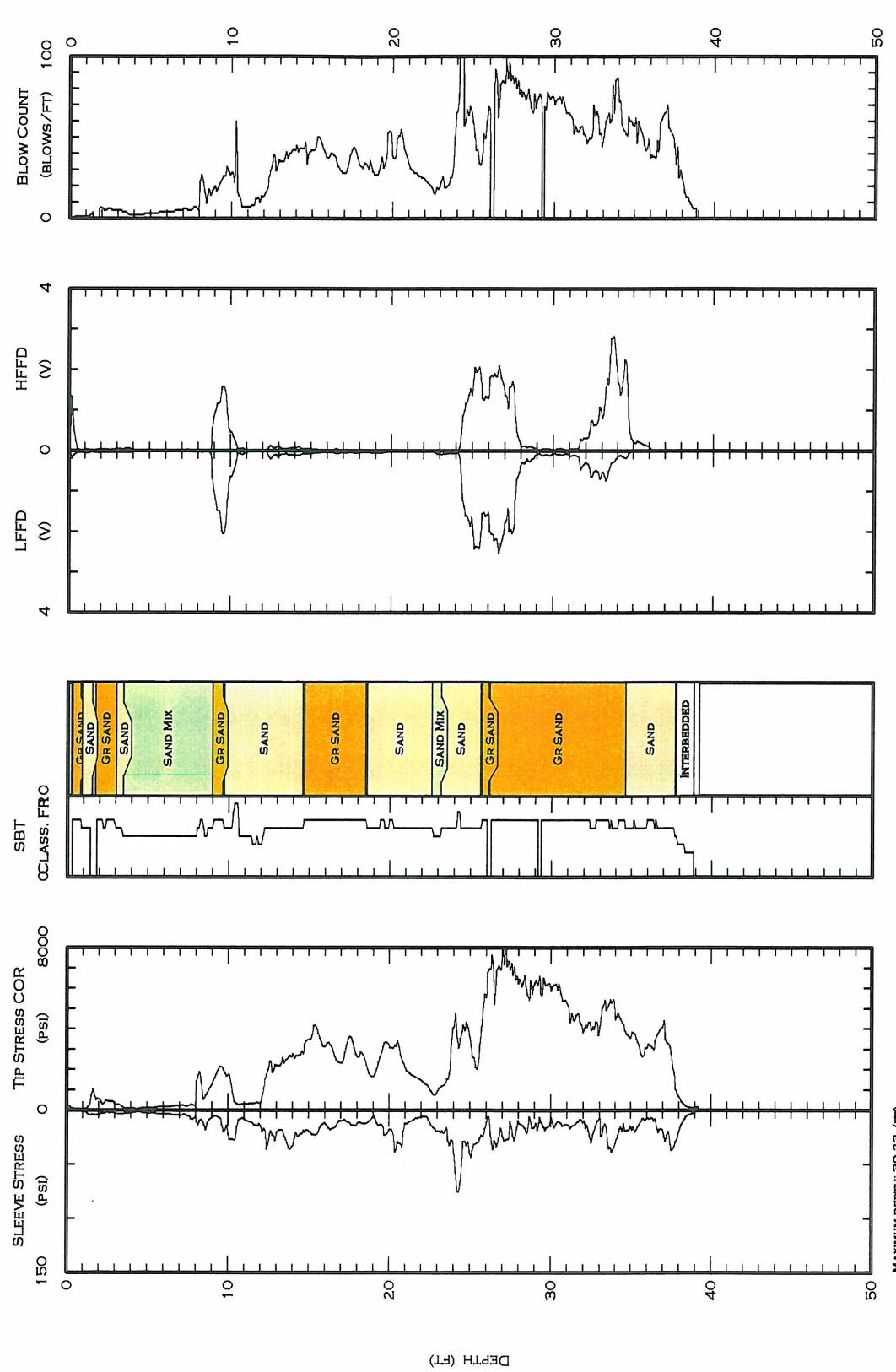
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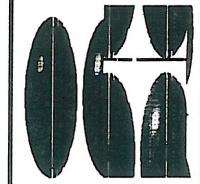
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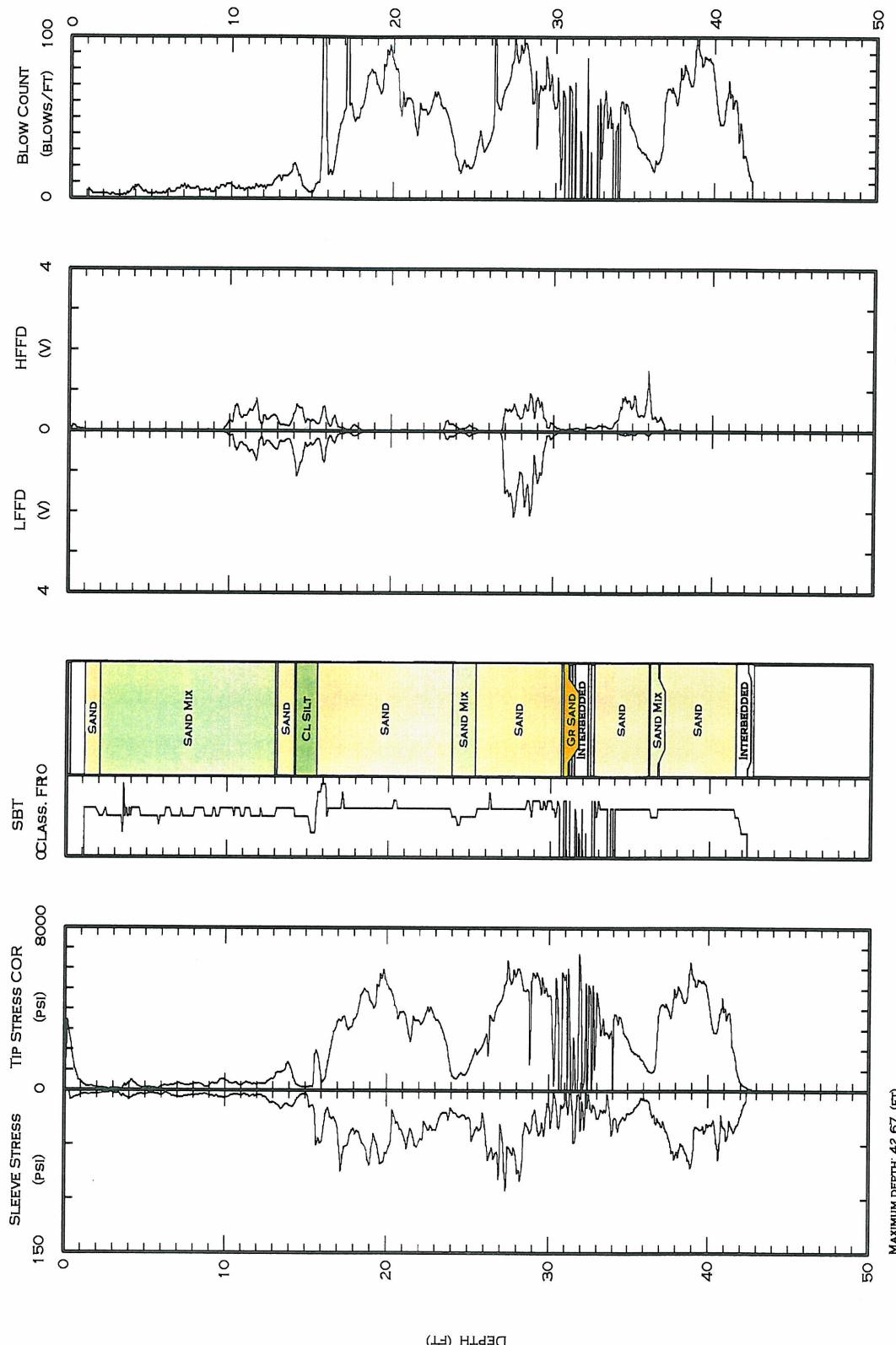
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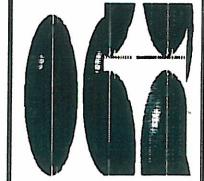
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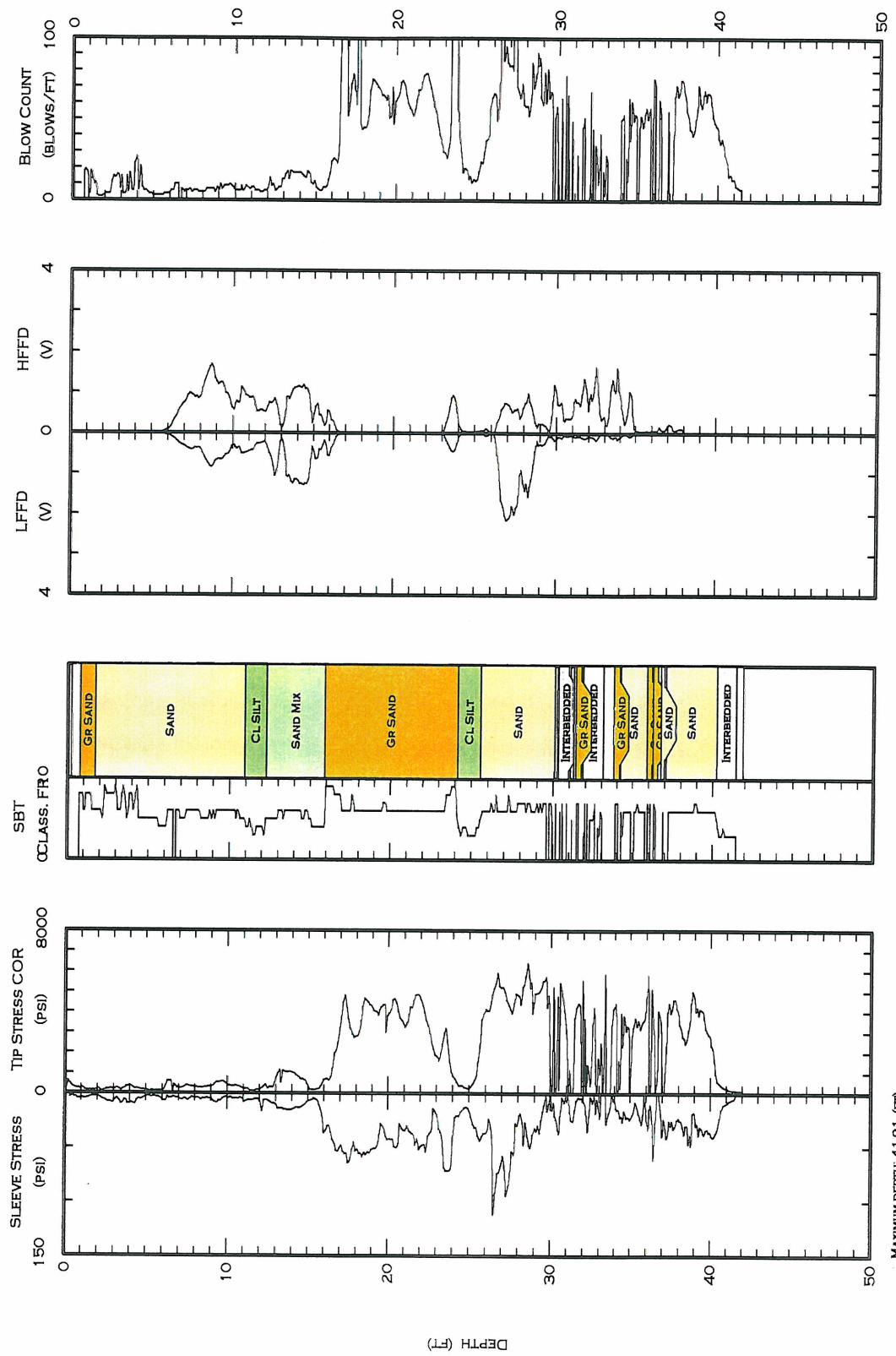
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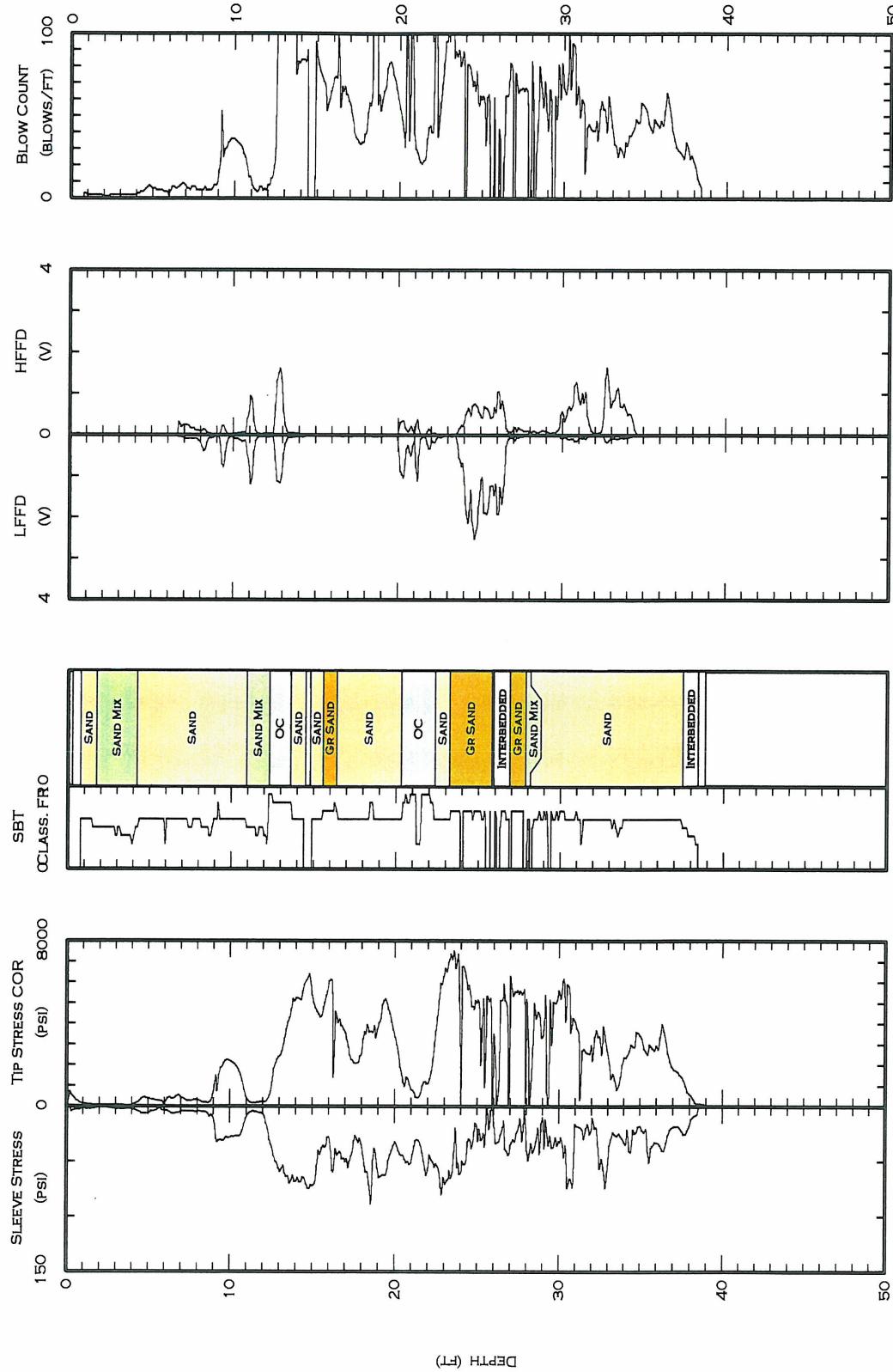
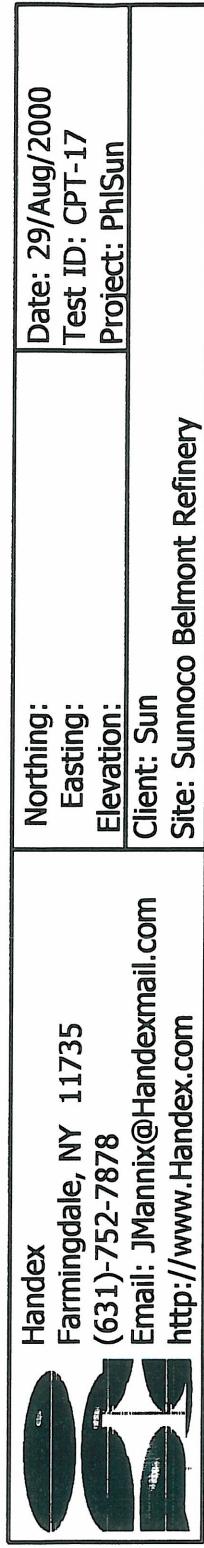
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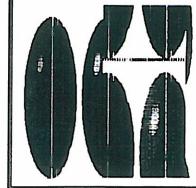
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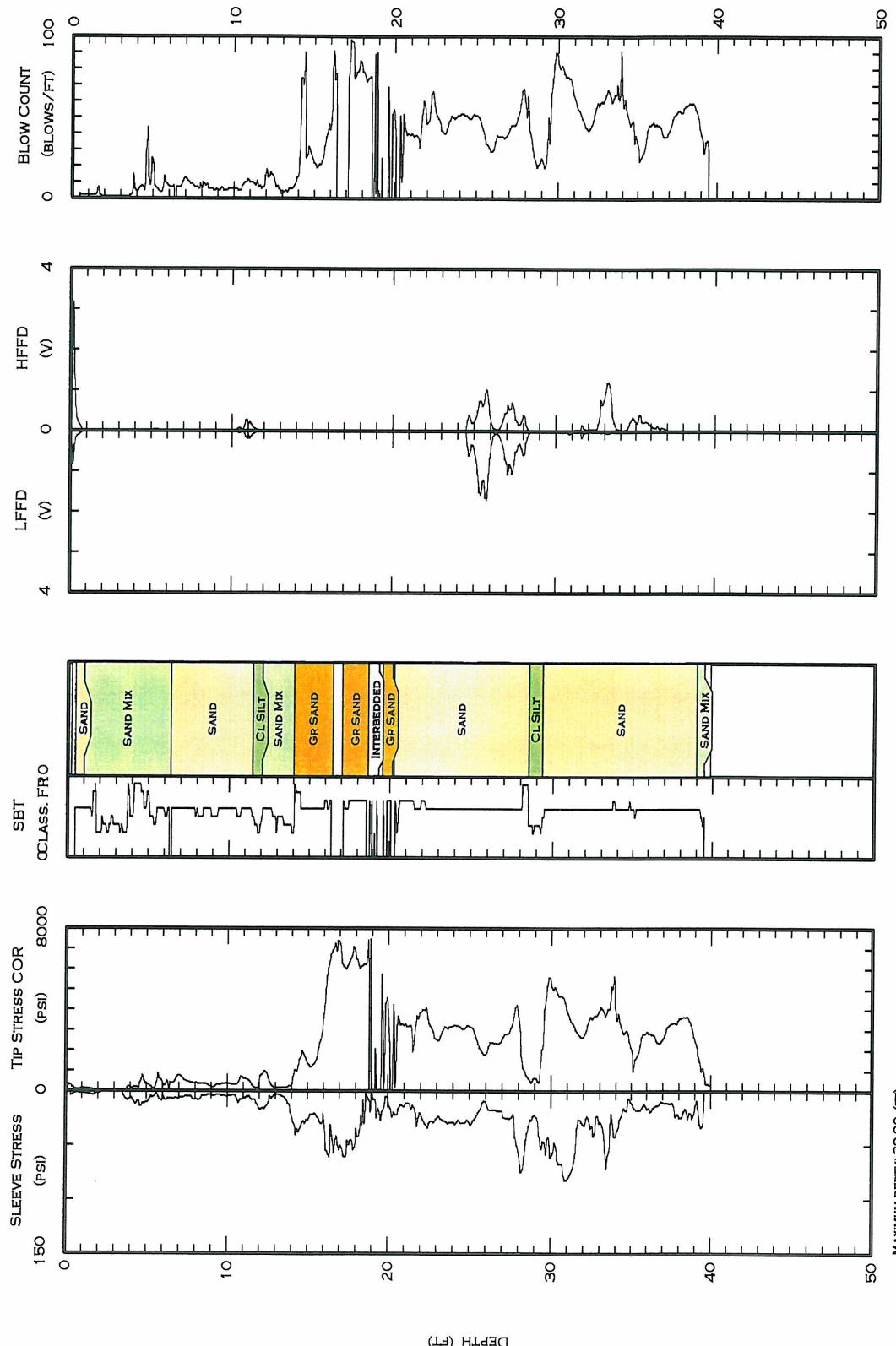
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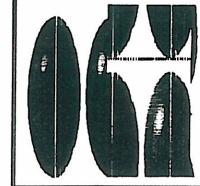
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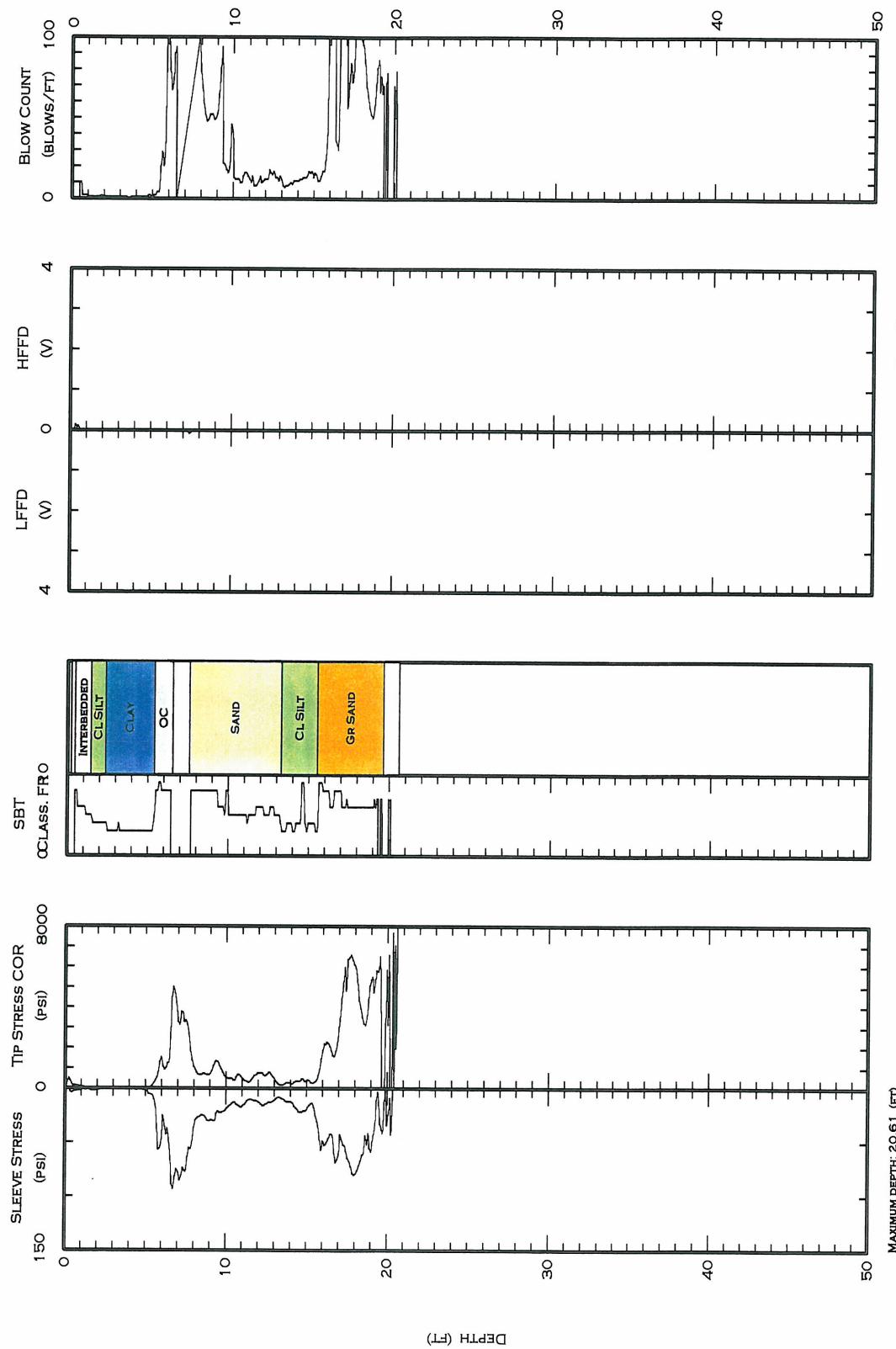
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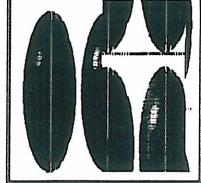
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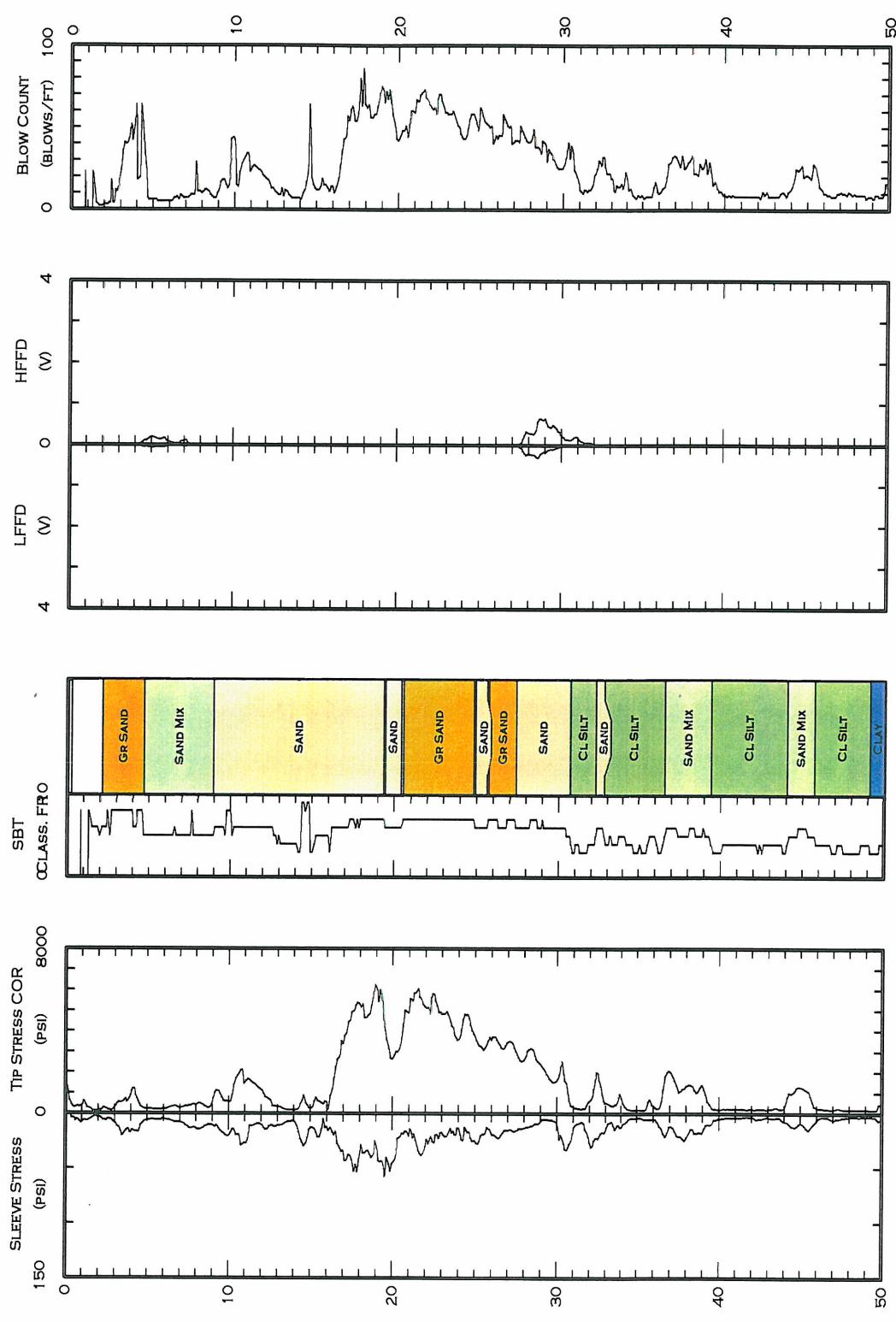
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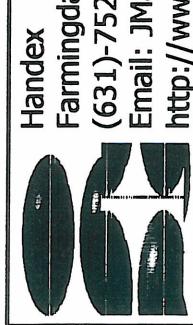
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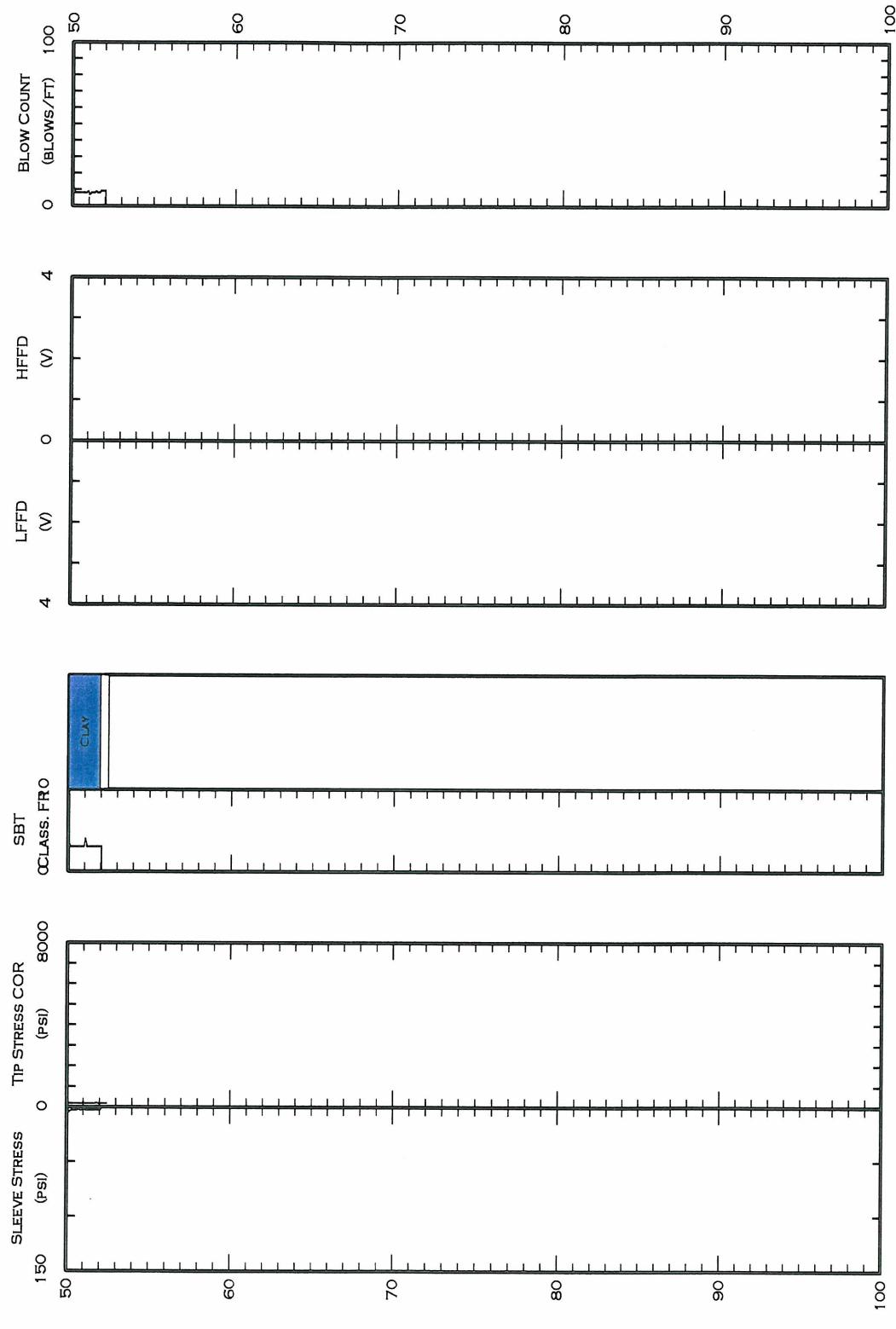


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Nothing:  
Easting:  
Elevation:  
Client: Sun

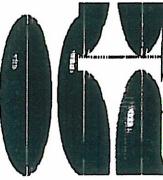
Site: Sunoco Belmont Refinery

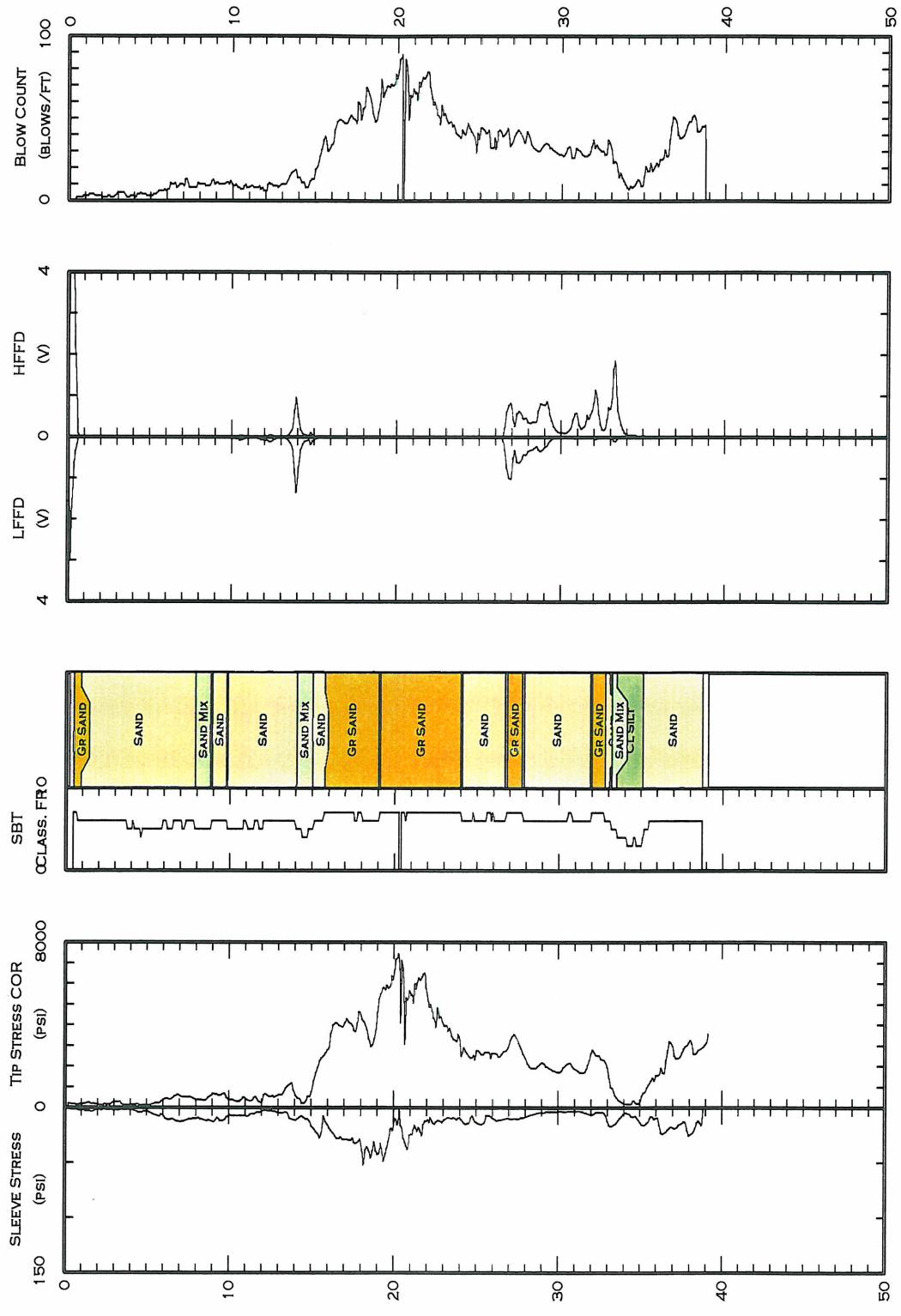
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Test ID: CPT-20  
Project: PhlSun



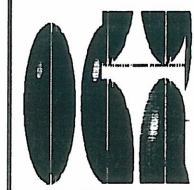
MAXIMUM DEPTH: 52.45 (ft)  
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Class FR: Friction Ratio Classification (Ref. Robertson 1990)

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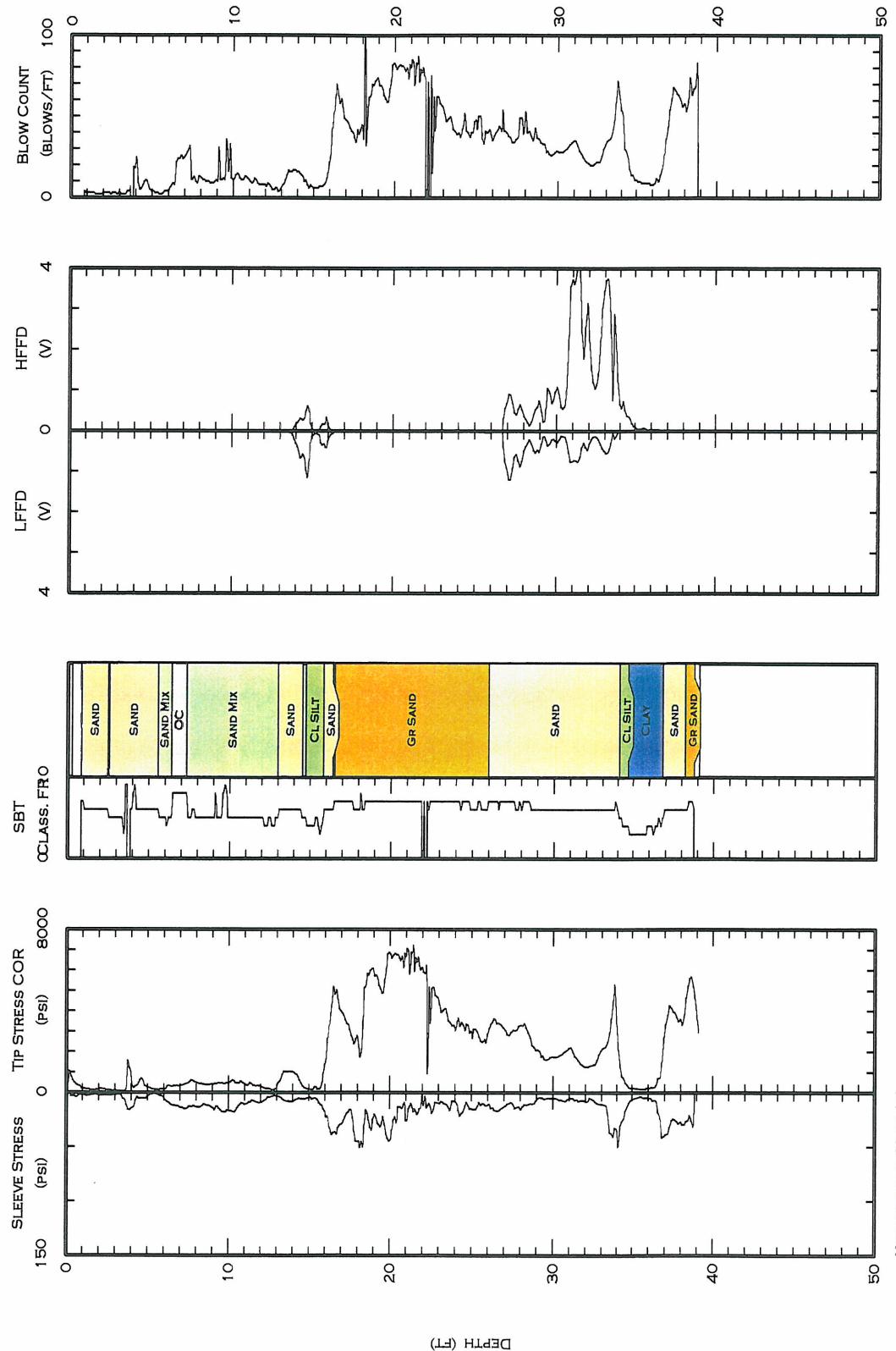
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Client: Sun  
Site: Sunoco Belmont Refinery

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Test ID: CPT-22  
Project: PhlSun



MAXIMUM DEPTH: 39.13 (FT)

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## **APPENDIX B**

### **SITE CALIBRATION DATA (CPT/FFD MODULE)**



**Sensor Verification**

30/Aug/2000 08:37

HFFD

Manual

HFFD

04934

Print Screen

Exit

Reset

Exit

Select the desired Sensor and Channel the Reference Device is connected to.  
Then Press Start.

Select the desired Sensor and Channel the Reference Device is connected to.  
Then Press Start.

Vertek Calibration Card  
#2

**Sensor Verification**

20/Aug/2000 08:57

*Vertek Calibration Cred  
# 2*

LFFD

Manual

Print Screen

LFFD

0.4005

End

Reset

OK

Select the desired sensor and channel. The reference device is connected to them. Press Start.

Select the desired device and channel. The reference device is connected to them. Press Start.

**Sensor Verification**

30/Aug/2000 08:57

Cone - Tip

6

Print Screen

Cone - Tip

606

Cone - Tip

615.8

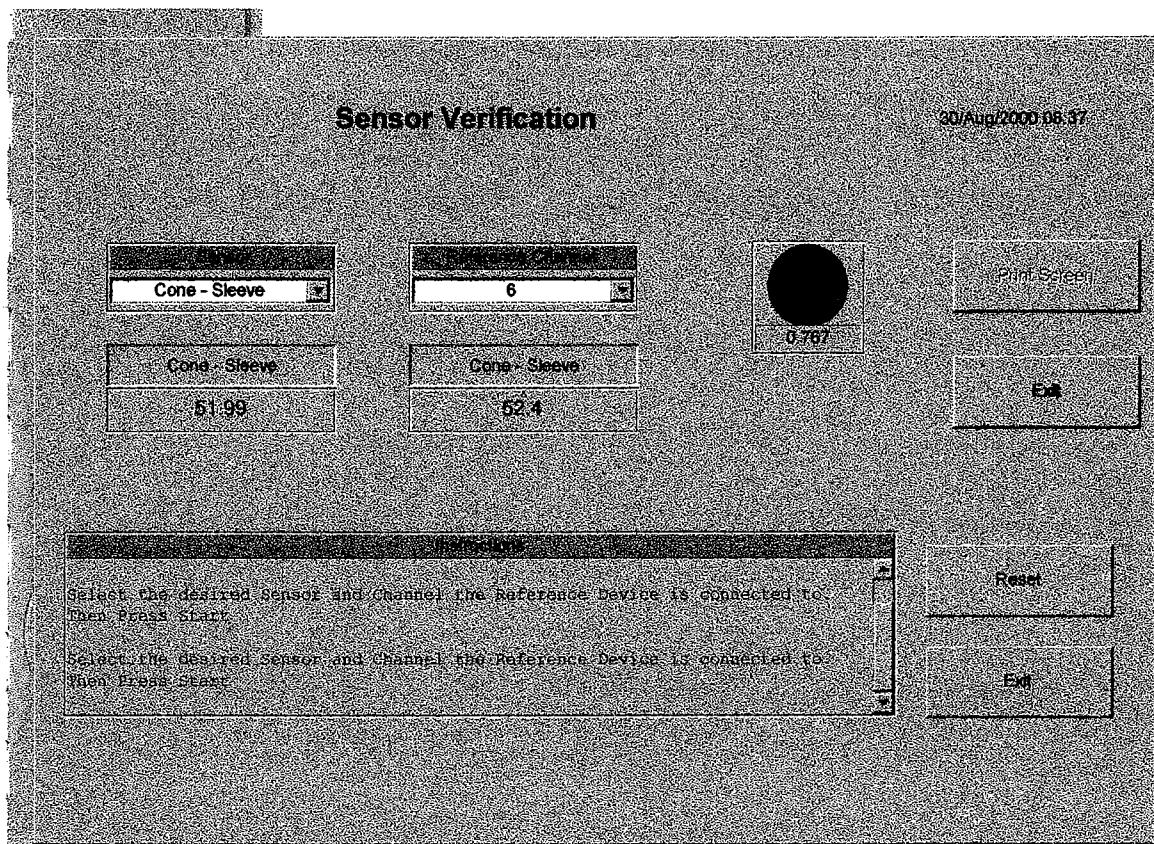
Exit

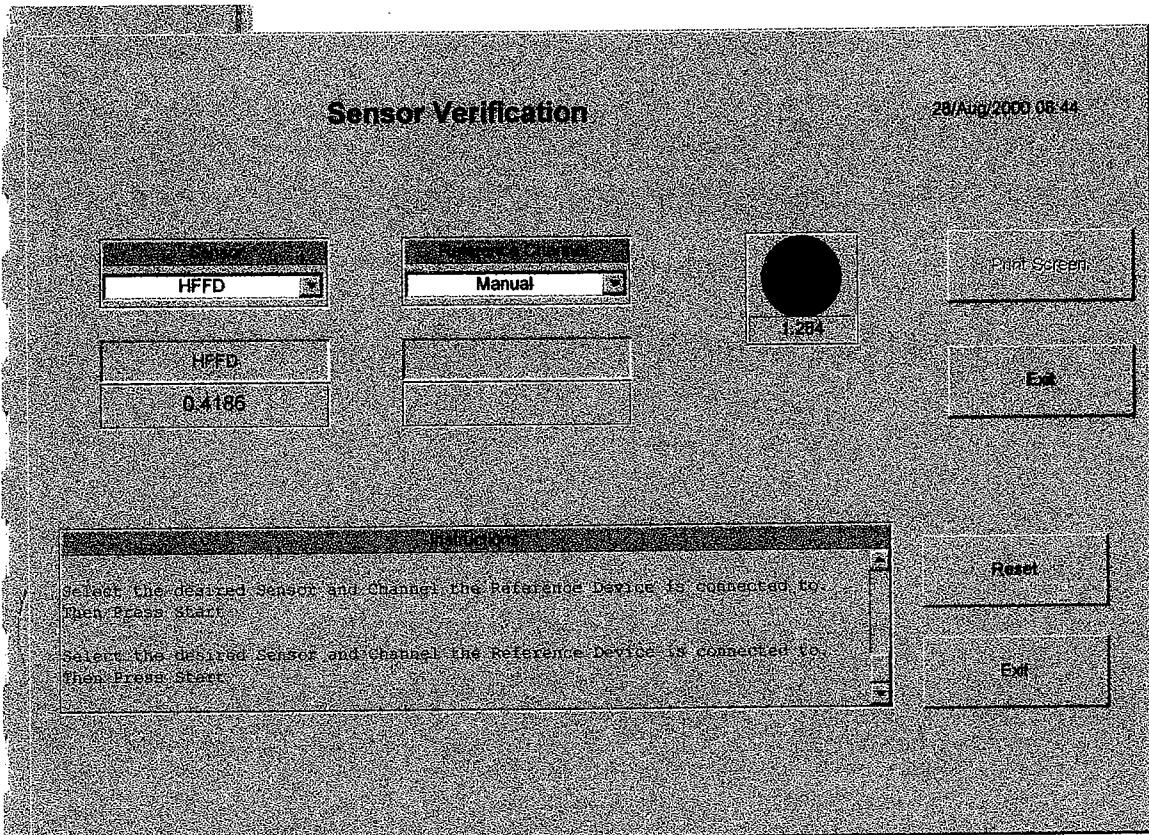
Select the desired sensor and channel the Reference Device is connected to.  
Then Press Start.

Select the desired sensor and Channel the Reference Device is connected to.  
Then Press Start.

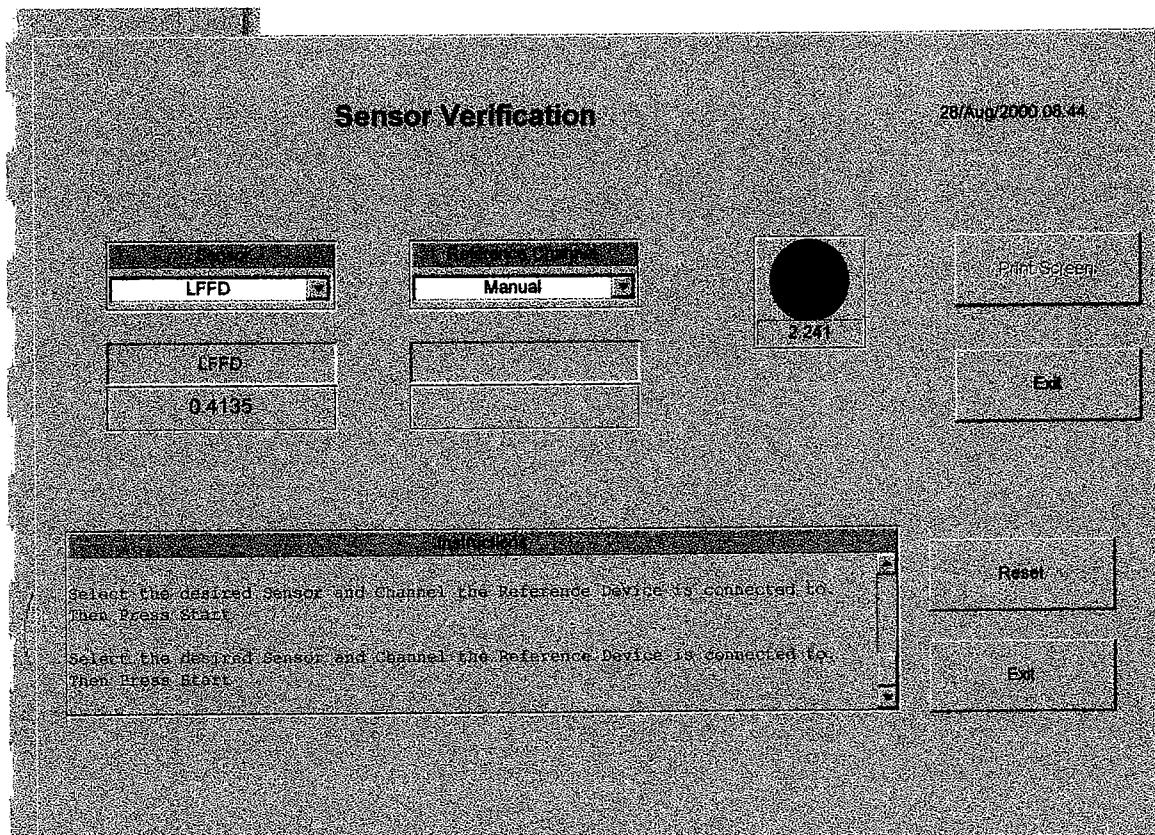
Reset

Exit





Vertek Card #2



Vertek Card #2

**Sensor Verification**

26/Aug/2000 09:44

Rod Depth

Manual

PrintScreen

Rod Depth

3.01

Exit

**Set Reference Device**

Select the desired sensor and channel the Reference Device is connected to. Then Press Start.

Select the desired sensor and channel the Reference Device is connected to. Then Press Start.

Reset

Exit

**Sensor Verification**

28/Aug/2000 08:44

Cone - Pore Pressure

7

Pore Pressure

7.202

Cone - Pore Pressure

Cone - Pore Pressure

67.99

59.29

Exit

**Set Sensor and Channel**  
Select the desired Sensor and channel the Reference device is connected to.  
Pore Pressure ChartSelect the desired Sensor and channel the Reference device is connected to.  
Pore Pressure Start

Reset

Exit

**Sensor Verification**

28/Aug/2000 08:44

**Cone - Tip****6****Print Screen****Cone - Tip****529.8****Cone - Tip****536.5****Exit**Select the desired Sensor and Channel the Reference Device is connected to.  
Then Press Start.Select the desired Sensor and Channel the Reference Device is connected to.  
Then Press Start.**Reset****Exit**

**Sensor Verification**

28/Aug/2000 09:44

Cone - Sleeve

6



Print Selected

Cone - Sleeve

19.14

Cone - Sleeve

16.23

Select the desired Sensor and Channel the Reference Device is connected to then Press Step 1

Select the desired Sensor and Channel the Reference Device is connected to then Press Step 1

Reset

Exit

## Sensor Verification

29/Aug/2000 08:57

HFFD

Manual

Print Screen

HFFD

0.4778

12.08

Exit

### Set Sensor and Channel

Select the desired Sensor and Channel the Reference device is connected to.  
Instrument Step

Select the desired Sensor and Channel the Receiver device is connected to.  
Flow Break Step

Reset

Exit

## Sensor Verification

29/Aug/2000 08:27

LFFD

Manual

LFFD

0.4039

4.514

Print Screen



Reset

Exit

### Sensor Selection Information

Select the desired Sensor and Channel the Reference Device is connected to.  
Then Press Start.

Select the desired Sensor and channel the Reference Device is connected to.  
Then Press Start.

## Sensor Verification

29/Aug/2000 08:27

Rod Depth

Manual

Rod Depth

3.008

0.2521

Print Screen



Reset

Exit

Select the desired Sensor and Channel. The Reference Device is connected to the Press Start.

Select the desired Sensor and Channel. The Reference Device is connected to the Press Start.

**Sensor Verification**

29/Aug/2000 08:27

Cone - Tip

6



Cone - Tip

183.9

Cone - Tip

188.7

Select the desired Sensor and channel the Reference device is connected to then press Start.

Select the desired Sensor and channel the Reference device is connected to then press Start.

Reset

End

**Sensor Verification**

29/Aug/2000 08:27

Cone - Sleeve	<input type="checkbox"/>
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6	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Print Screen	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Cone - Sleeve	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Cone - Sleeve	<input type="checkbox"/>
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10.86

10.79

Set Sensor Channel	1
Select the desired Sensor and channel the Reference Devic is connected to.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Then Press Start	<input type="checkbox"/>

Select the desired Sensor and channel the Reference Devic is connected to.

Then Press Start