

## **Section 8.1**

### **Earthwork Presentation/Shop Exercise/Volume Homework Handout**

This section will discuss the creation and implementation of a school presentation, shop exercise, and homework handout focused on the Heavy Civil "Earthwork" Industry.

Meet with CTE Educators to discuss the availability of coming into the classroom and presenting a lesson on a practical real-world exercise that pertains to your area of expertise in the construction industry. This could be as simple as a PowerPoint presentation or can become a greater lesson with a shop experience and even leaving the class with a homework handout revolving around a real exercise you would have to perform in your job role.

Determine the time available for classroom visit.

- a. PowerPoint Presentation = approximately 45 minutes
- b. Shop Exercise = approximately 45 minutes
- c. Debrief and Analysis = approximately 30 minutes
- d. Q&A = approximately 20 minutes

This exercise took approximately 2 hours 20 minutes but with transition times between the classroom and shop along with a quick bio-break, total time resulted in 2 hours 45 minutes.

Once the presentation material is completed, set up a trial run at the school with the teachers to make sure timing and technical issues are worked out prior to the final run with students. Make sure the facility is setup for easy presentation. Coordinate any supplies necessary to complete the exercise.

Please make sure the presenters and assistants are familiar with the exercise and can answer questions as they arise.

Tip! Candy give aways are always a good thing to have when keeping the attention of students.

The following resources will help to give you a better understanding of the lesson that was presented along with developing a lesson in your field of expertise.

**PowerPoint Presentation w/Presenter's notes:** PDF Document 8.1a - Earthwork, volume, characteristics of earth, shrink & swell, and employment opportunities.

**Volume Activity Packet & Answer Key:** PDF Document 8.1b - Instructions and Activity Handout to explain the shop exercise.

**Shop Exercise – Supply List w/pictures:** PDF Document 8.1c – Pictures and list of supplies needed for exercise.

**Volume Computation Math Packet & Answer Key:** PDF Document 8.1d – Volume computation problem based on a real scenario for an "Earthwork" gravel excavation.

## Educator Externships



Externship Template

Job Shadowing

Ride-a-long

Gather Educator Feedback

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### Kris

- Thank the panel, introduce how I got involved and where I could contribute.
- The committee identified the teachers who were interested in doing an externship and what they were possible looking to learn.
- No exact process.
- I felt like I could help meet the learning objectives that Molly and Jenne from Service High was looking for.
- I put together an agenda and sent to Ruby at the AGC to merry up.
- It was a rush as we were trying to get it done in just a couple of days prior to school starting.
- This externship was a full day job shadowing, beginning the day with a safety briefing with the crew.
- Project office to review the days scope of work. How we use geometry and simple math to help determine the necessary resources needed (crew size, equipment selection, and trucking needs). Example of how we set up Excel Spreadsheets to help us quickly determine the route we need to take for the day based on the resource availability or weather concerns. Also, emphasized on how important quantities are in our industry.
- Also, this allows us to forecast how profitable the day may or not be. Our report card!
- Spent a few hours on the job observing the work and talking with the crew. We discussed the use of GPS and drone technologies.
- Went to lunch and just talked about their program and what they were excited about!
- Visited our gravel pit and discussed how using Drone technology helped us get accurate stockpile qty's but how we used math as a quick double check.
- We then visited a second job site and talked with the grade checker on how he uses math and GPS tech to rebuild ADA Pedestrian Ramps.
- We finished the day back at the job office and discussed some of what we saw that day.
- Aaron was able to take Jason from Bartlett on a more informal ride-along externship. Something that could be done in an afternoon/evening during school. They didn't have a set plan but just allowed the questions to free flow. They visited a job site that had multiple types of work going on from concrete, electrical, earthwork, and mechanical scopes. They were able to talk to a PM from a general contractor and ask additional questions.
- Again, there was no perfect externship process but both allowed for us to gather valuable educator feedback.

## Heavy Civil Construction

- "Dirt Work" or "Earthwork"
- We build things
- Small to HUGE equipment
- Heavy Civil Industry
  - Pays very well
  - Benefits



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- Heavy Civil construction will sometimes be referred to as "Dirt Work or Earthwork", and yes we do get to play in the dirt.
- One of the coolest things about construction is that we get to build things. Examples: parking lots, roadways, bridges, foundations for buildings, etc...
- We also get to play with equipment.
- Our industry puts a ton of effort into making sure our workers are well taken care of. Taken care of not just financially but we are looking out for them by offering training, insurance, and retirement.
- View the picture and point out the human standing beside the bucket.

## Opportunities



- Project management, HR, IT, accounting, quality control.
- Operators, laborers, truck drivers, foreman, grade checkers, traffic supervisors, and flaggers.

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Engage the students on how this topic can result in employment. Explain all the different paths of employment within the industry.

## Dirty Details



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### ○ Terms:

- soil
- topsoil
- mud
- silt
- clay
- caliche
- bed rock
- peat

- Discuss the different types of "dirt", let the students come up with what they can.
- All types of dirt have differing properties which is what they are made up of and how much they weigh.
- Think of it like mammals. A human and a whale have some similar traits but we don't look, feel, or weight the same.

## Bank -> swell -> Loose

- Dirt in its natural state = "bank"
- When you loosen dirt by disturbance
- Grow in size by about 25%
- This represents it in a "loose" state



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- Explain how dirt just naturally in place is called "bank" yards. Just sitting there with all the natural elements like gravity and rain. Again, we would call this a "Bank Yard".
- When you loosen dirt by disturbance, like digging a hole with a shovel, takes material out of its natural or bank state.
- Have you ever noticed that when you try to put the material you dug out of the hole back in it doesn't exactly fit? You have added air and sometimes reduce moisture content. The pile is just not the same size as the hole without using some sort of force to put it back in.
- Loosening a "Bank Yard" tends to "Swell" about 25%. This mainly is that you are adding air voids to the material.
- This represents dirt being in a "loose" state. We would call this a "Loose Yard".
- Reassure the students that this will all make sense and is important when we do the shop experiment.

## Bank -> shrink -> Compacted

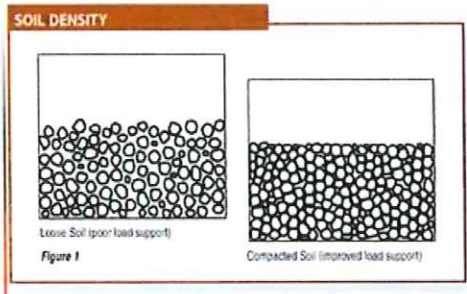
- Dirt in its natural state = "bank"
- When you compact dirt
- Shrink in size by about 20%
- This represents it in a "compacted" state



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- Refer the students back to a "Bank Yard", material that is in its natural resting state.
- When you compact dirt by adding pressure, like stepping in the sand on a beach, you are taking the material from its natural state "Bank" to a compacted state.
- Compacting natural material from a bank state to a compacted state typically "Shrinks" by about 20%.
- This is what we call taking a "Bank Yard" to a "Compacted Yard".
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## Soil (dirt) Density



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### Why Compact?

There are five reasons to compact soil:

- Increases load-bearing capacity
- Prevents soil settlement and frost damage
- Provides stability
- Reduces water seepage, swelling and contraction
- Reduces settling of soil

- Typical soil is naturally at a 92% compaction. Target stabilization for stabilized ground to build on is 96% compaction.
- How many people notice how our roads in Alaska will grow and shrink during freeze/thaw conditions. This is the moisture that is in the material freezing and thawing.
- You wouldn't want to build a school or house on ground that has half of it compacted and the other half not compacted. You would get settling and your building would lean and ultimately crack.

## Volume

- $L \times W \times H$
- $1 \text{ in} \times 1 \text{ in} \times 1 \text{ in} = 1 \text{ cubic in}$
- $12 \text{ in} \times 12 \text{ in} \times 12 \text{ in} = 1,728 \text{ cubic inches}$
- $1 \text{ ft} \times 1 \text{ ft} \times 1 \text{ ft} = 1 \text{ cubic ft}$
- $3 \text{ ft} \times 3 \text{ ft} \times 3 \text{ ft} = 27 \text{ cubic ft}$
- $1 \text{ yd} \times 1 \text{ yd} \times 1 \text{ yd} = 1 \text{ cy}$



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- How do you figure volume mathematically: Length x Width x Height
- A cubic inch would be calculated by what formula? Show off the cube and let the students visualize the size.
- How many cubic inches is in a cubic foot? Work the problem and have them come up with the answer of 1,728. Show the students and let them visualize the box that is 1 cubic foot.
- How many feet are in a yard? Work the problem on feet to yards. Show them the cubic yard frame so they can visualize how big this is. In Heavy Civil we quantify volume by cubic yards, usually because inches and feet are too small of a volume.

## Volume and Weight

### Volume

- 1 cubic foot of dirt in pounds
- 1 cubic yard of dirt in pounds
- 1 cubic yard of dirt in tons

### Weight

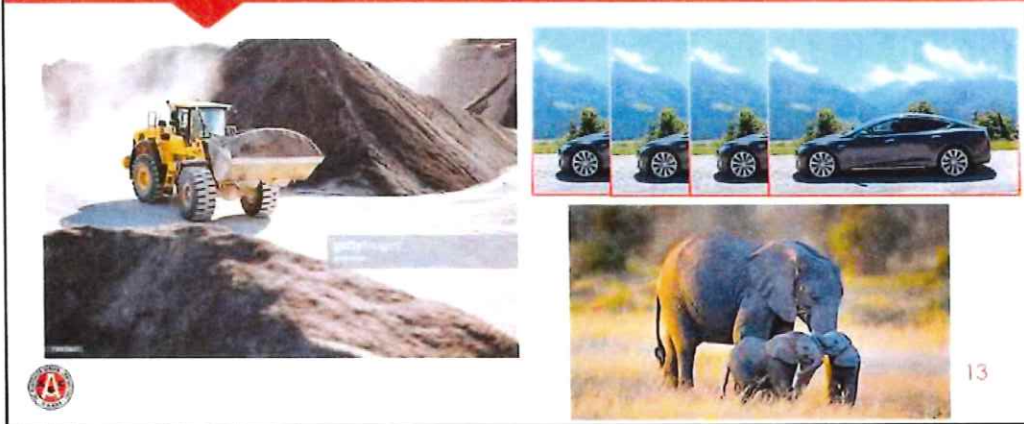
- Approx. 75 – 110 pounds
- Approx. 2,025 – 2,970 pounds
- Approx. 1.01 – 1.485 tons



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- explain that a cubic foot of dirt equals approx. 75 – 110 pounds
- Have students calculate what a cubic yard would approx. weigh. Approx. 2,000 lbs
- Have students convert the pounds to tons. Tons are a unit of weight that Heavy Civil uses.
- Have a student feel the cubic foot box full of sand to understand the weight.

## How much do you bench?



- Typical wheel loader can hold about 8 cyd bucket. This is approx. 17,600 pounds.
- A Tesla weights about 4,500 pounds. Thus the loader is packing about 4 Tesla's in 1 scoop.
- The largest African Elephant weighs about 12,000 pounds. Thus the loader is packing a full grown African Elephant and 2 ea. 1 year old calves.

- Price out "BID" jobs
- Historical data
  - Similar scopes of work
  - Accurate data
  - Analyze

## Estimating



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Give examples of how you would have to price out a job.

1. If you had a summer lawn mowing business and you had to quote a person a price to mow their lawn.

Give examples of how having accurate history data helps you.

1. After you have mowed multiple lawns and tracked the time it took; how could you use that data to help adjust your pricing on future lawns?

## Shop Exercise



- Transfer material from a gravel pit to a dump site.
  - Load into trucks.
  - Haul material to job site.
  - Dump truck into job site.
  - Compact material (only 2 teams will be allowed)
- DO NOT SPILL MATERIAL!!
- Document information.

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Show a couple of videos so students can visualize the types of equipment you are talking about to aid in the vision of the simulation.

Give a brief overview of the rules to the simulation to the entire class.

## Instructions

### Groups 1 & 3

- Assign personnel
  - Project Foreman
  - Excavator operator
  - Truck drivers (1 - 4 ea.)
  - Grade Checker (oversite only)
  - Project Engineer (documentation)



### Groups 2 & 4

- Assign personnel
  - Project Foreman
  - Excavator operator
  - Truck drivers (1 - 4 ea.)
  - Compactor operator (compaction efforts)
  - Project Engineer (documentation)

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Give more detailed instructions to the Project Foreman and Project Engineer.

- Divide teams into 4 groups of 5 - 8 = 20 - 32 students
- Explain what is required of each team and the difference between oversight and compaction efforts at the dump site.
- Hand out recording sheet to project engineer and foreman explain what needs to be done.
- Emphasize the importance of communication and documentation.



## Share Results

- How many cubic inches was the gravel pit?
- How many total bucket scoops?
- How many total truck loads?
- What was your total time to transfer the material?

### GIC: VOLUME ACTIVITY - ANALYSIS

GRAVEL PIT VOLUME	346.5 cubic inches
EXCAVATOR (SCOOP SIZE = 1 TBSP)	0.9153561 cubic inches
TOTAL SCOOPS PER PLAN	379 scoops
TRUCK VOLUME	6.25 cubic inches
TOTAL TRUCK LOADS	55.44 truck loads
TOTAL TIME (assume 3 seconds per scoop)	18.93 minutes



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- Get total time to transfer the material. Document on excel spreadsheet.
- Get total bucket scoops used. Document on excel spreadsheet.
- Get total truck loads used. Document on excel spreadsheet.

## Bank -> swell -> Loose "TRUCK"

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- Reference how in place ground to put in the back of a truck will swell in size by about 25%
- It should have taken exactly 56 truck loads to transfer the material in the shop exercise based on perfect world geometry.

## What did we learn?

- Did you run out of room at your dump site?
- Did you have more room at your dump site?
- Why was there a difference in bucket and load counts?
- Where were the sticky points or areas that were slow?
- What could you have done different to increase production?

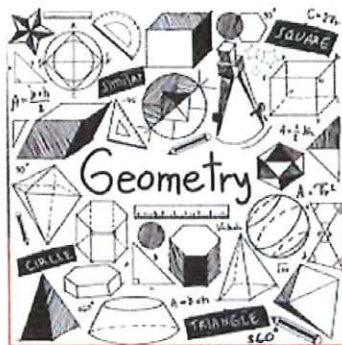


CONTRACTOR	
TOTAL TIME TO TRANSFER MATERIAL	18.91 minutes
CREW SIZE	COST
PROJECT ENGINEER	\$ 0.68
PROJECT FOREMAN	\$ 1.50
EXCAVATOR W/OPERATOR	\$ 4.83
GRAVEL TRUCK W/OPERATOR	\$ 2.92
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GRADE CHECKER	\$ 1.33
ROLLER COMPACTOR W/OPERATOR	\$ 2.67
<b>TOTAL COST PER MINUTE:</b>	<b>\$ 22.68</b>
<b>TOTAL COST:</b>	<b>\$ 429.35</b>
<b>TOTAL CUBIC INCHES:</b>	<b>346.5</b>
<b>TOTAL COST PER CUBIC INCH:</b>	<b>\$ 1.24</b>

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- Discuss with class if they had a shrink or swell.
- Discuss why there might have been a difference in the amount of scoops from team to team. Material, scoop size?
- Discuss areas where a team had difficulties or slow points. Compaction efforts, haul route?
- Discuss what could have made the team more efficient. Bucket size, # of trucks, haul route, compaction efforts?
- Share exact math results and explain why documentation and feedback is important in the real world of contractors. This helps the estimators properly price projects because it is more difficult than it appears.

## Geometry Exercise



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- Solve for quantity.
  - Overburden volume.
  - Gravel volume.
- Solve for quantity.
  - Overburden to build berm.
  - Remaining overburden.

- Hand out and explain the geometry exercise.
- Use a real-world project so the students can get a better understanding of the type of work we do.

**GIC: Volume Activity Handout**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_

**GROUP #:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Step 4:** Identify & Calculate

1. What type of material are you working with (circle one)?      Flour (overburden)    Sugar/M&M's (gravel)
2. Looking from the top down, find the surface area of the earth you need to excavate:  
Length \_\_\_\_\_ x Width \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ (in square inches – to nearest 1/8")
3. Find the volume of the earth you need to excavate: Length \_\_\_\_\_ x Width \_\_\_\_\_ x Depth \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ (in cubic inches)

**Step 5:** Begin & Document

1. What was the total # of Scoops: \_\_\_\_\_
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3. What was the total amount of time needed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 6: Review**

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	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
	0	0	0	0
variance	-379	-379	-379	-379
	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
	0	0	0	0
variance	-56	-56	-56	-56
	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
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variance	-18.9	-18.9	-18.9	-18.9
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\$	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
\$	4.83	4.83	4.83	4.83
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\$	2.92	2.92	2.92	2.92
\$	2.92	2.92	2.92	2.92
\$	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33
\$	20.01	20.01	20.01	20.01
\$	-	-	-	-
\$	346.5	346.5	346.5	346.5
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Length 13 x Width 9 = 117 (in square inches – to nearest 1/8")
3. Find the volume of the earth you need to excavate: Length 13 x Width 9 x Depth 3 = 351 (in cubic inches)(exact size is 346.5 cubic inches)

**Step 5:** Begin & Document

1. What was the total # of Scoops: 379 using 1 Tbsp
2. What was the total # of Truck Loads: 56 loads using 6.25 cu in per load
3. What was the total amount of time needed: 18.93 minutes (based on 3 sec per scoop)

**Step 6: Review**

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QUALITY ASPHALT PAVING  
General Contractors

Container Size Options:  $231 \text{ in}^3 = 1 \text{ gal}$   
quick ( $9 \times 13 \times 3 = 351 \text{ in}^3$ )  
 $1.5 \text{ gal} = 5.6 \text{ L} = 346.5 \text{ in}^3$   
 $2.5 \text{ gal} = 9.4 \text{ L} = 577.5 \text{ in}^3$   
 ~~$3.5 \text{ gal} = 13.2 \text{ L} = 808.5 \text{ in}^3$~~

Truck Size:  $4'' \times 2.5'' \times \frac{1.625''}{\frac{5}{8}''} = 6.25 \text{ in}^3$

Scoop Size:  $1 \text{ Tbs} = .9153561 \text{ in}^3$   
 $2 \text{ Tbs} = 1.8307122 \text{ in}^3$

Truck Volume:  $1 \text{ Tbs} = 6.83 \text{ scoops}$   
 $2 \text{ Tbs} = 3.41 \text{ scoops}$

Scoops =  $378.54 \text{ @ } 3 \text{ sec} = 1,135.62 / 60 = 18.927 \text{ min}$   
 $630.90 \text{ @ } 3 \text{ sec} = 1,892.7 / 60 = 31.545 \text{ min}$

$\approx 10 \text{ lbs of material}$

(5 lb of flour  $\approx 5.5 \times 4 \times 8 = 176 \text{ in}^3$ )

( $\times 2$   
 $352 \text{ in}^3$ ) NEED 346.5

## **Section 8.1c**

### **Earthwork Presentation/Shop Exercise/Volume Homework Handout**

**Shop Exercise – Supply List w/pictures:** PDF Document 8.1c – Pictures and list of supplies needed for exercise.

**Gravel Pit/Dump Sites:** Rubbermaid containers or equivalent (need to be sturdy), all must be the same in size. Make sure to measure the exact volume if the size is not given. For this exercise we used 1.5 gallon containers, purchased from Walmart. **8 ea**

**Excavators:** Set of measuring spoons, you will use the 1 Tbsp. for the exercise but recommend having a variety to allow students to think about how size would affect the outcomes. Faberware professional set of 7 measuring spoons, purchased from Walmart. **4 ea**

**Dump Trucks:** Containers that are much smaller than the gravel pits or dump sites. Use Equate soap holder, purchased from Walmart. Make sure that you can measure the exact volume and calculate in the exercise. Example is attached to the instructions. **16 ea**

Compactor: Burger Press, purchased at Walmart. **2 ea**

#### **Material:**

Flour – 5 lb bags – 4 ea

Sugar – 4 lb bags – 6 ea

Peanut M&M's – family size – 1 ea

Regular M&M's - family size – 1 ea

Mini M&M's – large size – 1 ea

Candy - large size – for each student 32 ea (optional)

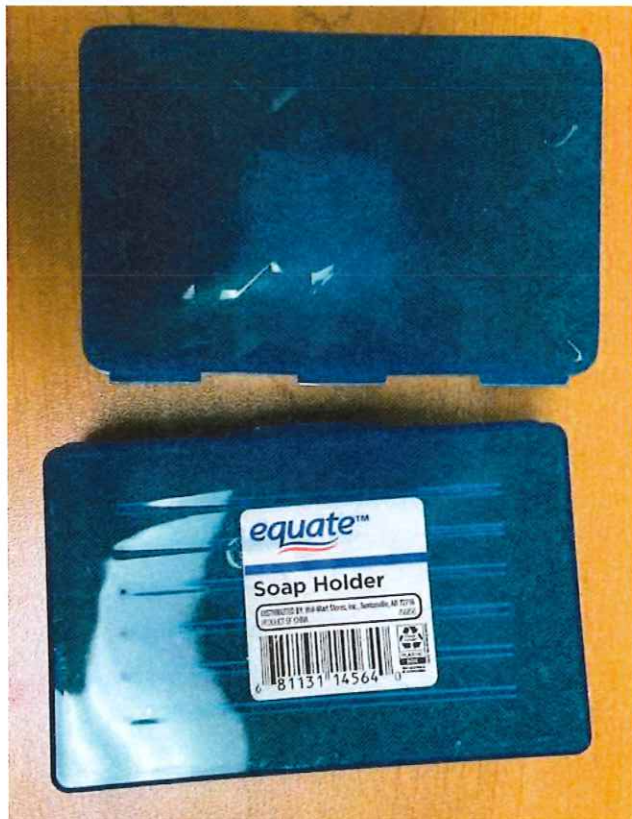
**Optional:** Larger Container to hold all of supplies. **1 ea**

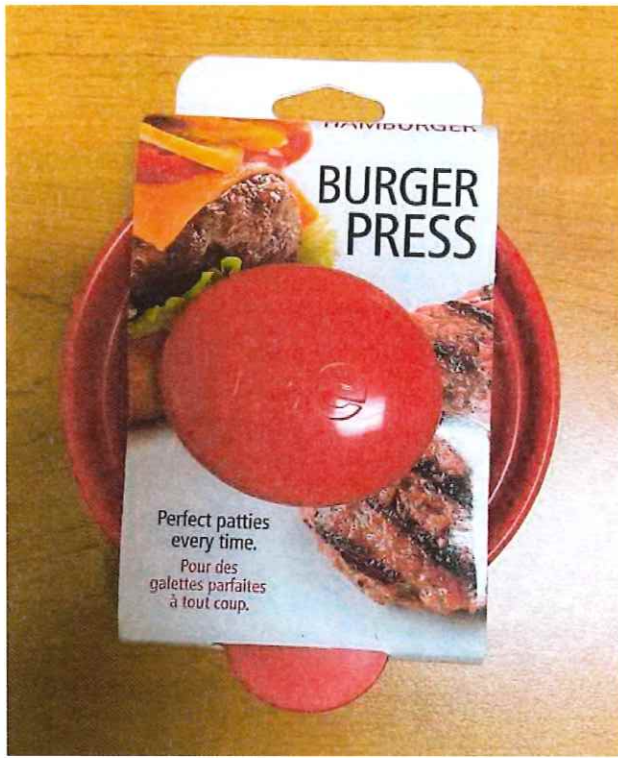
#### **Directions:**

**Flour:** Pour 2 ea 5 lb bags into one of the 1.5 gal containers. The material will be moderately compacted but should fit. The object is when the students excavate the material, it has the potential to “loosen or swell” and the potential for “compaction”.

**Sugar and M&M's:** Pour 3 ea 4 lb bags into one of the 1.5 gal containers, mixing in a generous amount of M&M's to create a finely graded gravel mixture. The material will be moderately compacted but should fit. The object is when the students excavate the material, it has the potential to “loosen or swell” and the potential for “compaction”.











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- Convert the cubic feet of overburden into cubic yards: \_\_\_\_\_ (cubic yards)

**Step 2:** Solve for the following gravel quantities:

- Calculate the total surface area of gravel (lift 2) available for excavation: \_\_\_\_\_ (square feet)
- Calculate the total volume of gravel (lift 2) available for excavation: \_\_\_\_\_ (cubic feet)
- Convert the cubic feet of gravel (lift 2) into cubic yards: \_\_\_\_\_ (cubic yards to the nearest whole number)
- Calculate the total surface area of gravel (lift 3) available for excavation: \_\_\_\_\_ (square feet)
- Calculate the total volume of gravel (lift 3) available for excavation: \_\_\_\_\_ (cubic feet)
- Convert the cubic feet of gravel (lift 3) into cubic yards: \_\_\_\_\_ (cubic yards)
- Calculate the total amount of gravel available for excavation: \_\_\_\_\_ (cubic yards)

**Step 3:** Solve for the following quantities of overburden needed to construct a perimeter berm at the mine site and quantity of overburden to be put back in the mine site for reclamation.

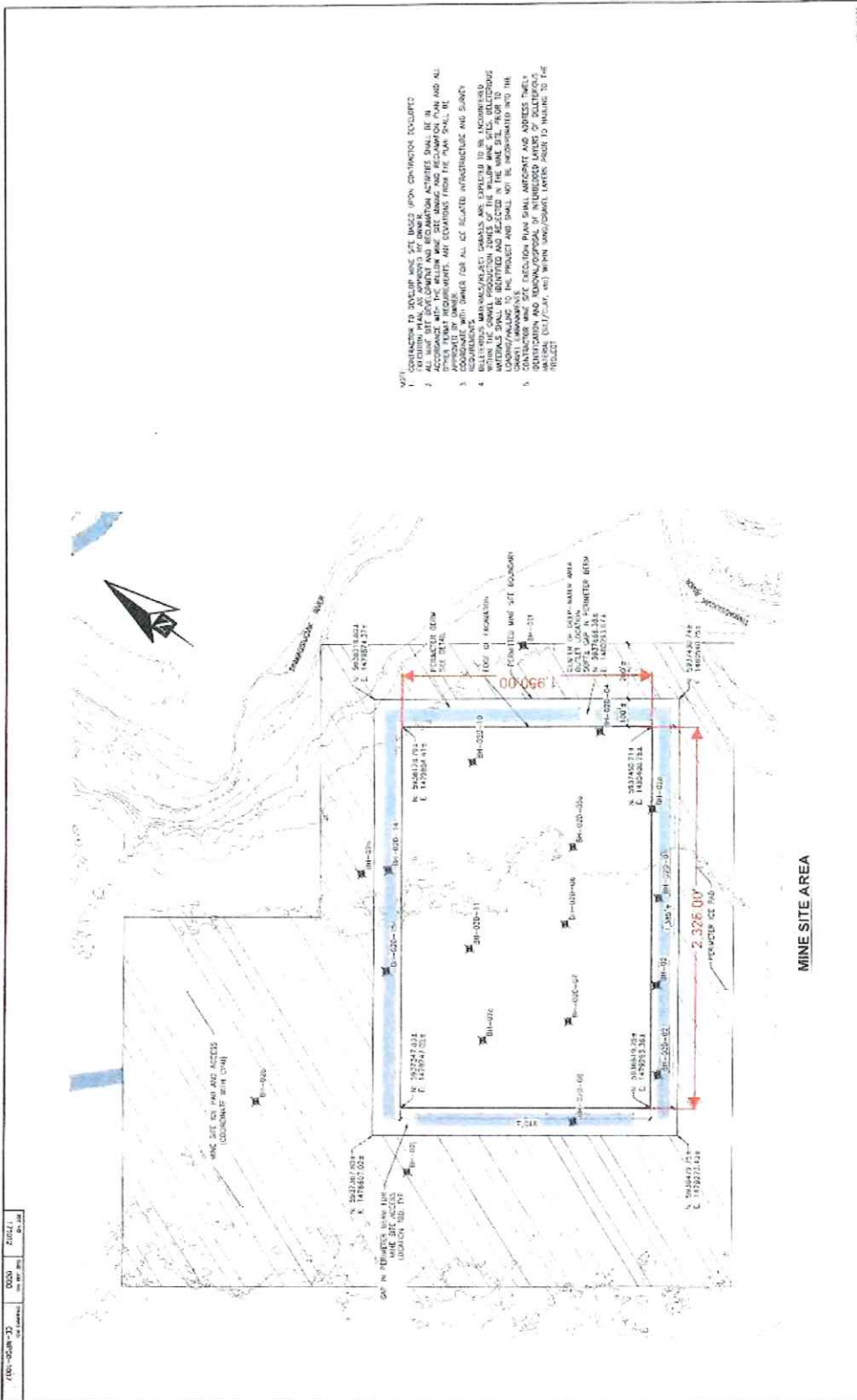
- Calculate the total length of the perimeter berm: \_\_\_\_\_ (linear feet)



- b. Calculate the total amount of overburden needed to construct the berm: \_\_\_\_\_ (cubic feet)
- c. Convert the amount of overburden needed to construct the berm to cubic yards: \_\_\_\_\_  
(cubic yards to the nearest whole number)
- d. Calculate the remaining amount of overburden to be placed back in the mine site for reclamation:  
\_\_\_\_\_ (cubic yards)

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**GRAVEL PIT - PERIMETER BERM & RECLAMATION**

LAYER	LENGTH	WIDTH			
OVERBURDEN	2,325.00	1,950.00	4,533,750.00	SF	
			30.00	DEPTH	
			136,012,500.00	CF	
			27.00	FACTOR	
			5,037,500.00	BANK CYDS	PAYMENT MEASUREMENT
		25%	1.25		
			6,296,875.00	LOOSE CYDS	HAULED TO STOCKPILE
		-20%	0.80		
			4,030,000.00	COMPACTED CYDS	IF NEEDED TO CALCULATE

**BERM**

NORTH	2,470.00	LF	2,325 + 145' (50 setback + 15 slope + 7.5 to center of berm x 2)		
SOUTH	2,470.00	LF	2,325 + 145' (50 setback + 15 slope + 7.5 to center of berm x 2)		
EAST	2,095.00	LF	1,950 + 145' (50 setback + 15 slope + 7.5 to center of berm x 2)		
WEST	2,095.00	LF	1,950 + 145' (50 setback + 15 slope + 7.5 to center of berm x 2)		
VEHICLE ACCESS	<u>(50.00)</u>	LF			
	9,080.00	TOTAL LF			

MAIN BERM	681,000.00	CF			
	25,222.22	BANK CYDS			
SLOPES	340,500.00	CF			
	12,611.11	BANK CYDS			
	<b>37,833.33</b>	TOTAL BANK CYDS			

**RECLAMATION**

5,037,500.00	AVAILABLE BANK CYDS
<u>37,833.33</u>	PLACE IN BERM
<b>4,999,666.67</b>	TOTAL AVAILABLE TO RECLAIM

**TRUCK LOADS**

6,296,875.00	
<u>36</u>	
<b>174,913.19</b>	
<b>174,914</b>	TRUCK LOADS - A PARTIAL TRUCK COUNTS AS A LOAD

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- Calculate the total volume of overburden available for excavation: 136,012,500 (cubic feet)
- Convert the cubic feet of overburden into cubic yards: 5,037,500 (cubic yards)

**Step 2:** Solve for the following gravel quantities:

- Calculate the total surface area of gravel (lift 2) available for excavation: 3,796,650 (square feet)
- Calculate the total volume of gravel (lift 2) available for excavation: 94,916,250 (cubic feet)
- Convert the cubic feet of gravel (lift 2) into cubic yards: 3,515,417 (cubic yards to the nearest whole number)
- Calculate the total surface area of gravel (lift 3) available for excavation: 3,231,900 (square feet)
- Calculate the total volume of gravel (lift 3) available for excavation: 48,478,500 (cubic feet)
- Convert the cubic feet of gravel (lift 3) into cubic yards: 1,795,500 (cubic yards)
- Calculate the total amount of gravel available for excavation: 5,310,917 (cubic yards)

**Step 3:** Solve for the following quantities of overburden needed to construct a perimeter berm at the mine site and quantity of overburden to be put back in the mine site for reclamation.

- Calculate the total length of the perimeter berm: 9,080 (linear feet)

- b. Calculate the total amount of overburden needed to construct the berm: 1,021,500 (cubic feet)
- c. Convert the amount of overburden needed to construct the berm to cubic yards:  
37,833 (cubic yards to the nearest whole number)
- d. Calculate the remaining amount of overburden to be placed back in the mine site for reclamation:  
4,999,667 (cubic yards)

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- b. If a heavy haul truck can hold 36 cubic yards ("loose or truck"), how many truck loads are needed to transport the overburden: 174,914 (truck loads)
- c. Based on this situation, was Dirt Diggers faced with a "shrink" or "swell" factor when excavating the overburden from its natural state (bank cubic yard) to its truck cubic yard: swell