

CENTRAL REGION GEOHAZARD RISK ASSESMENT



SITE C6: NORTH OF MYRNAM

LEGAL LOCATION: NE 11 and SE 14-54-9-4

REFERENCE LOCATION

ALONG HIGHWAY: Sta. 5+060 to Sta. 5+329

UTM COORDINATES (NAD83): N 5,955,320 E 485,480

AT FILE: **SH881:10**

AT PLAN & PROFILE: Myrnam – N. of Myrnam

Date of Initial Observation: September 1989

Dates of Previous Inspections: May 29, 2000 (KCCL)

(Inspected By) February 27, 2001 (KCCL)

June 19, 2001 (AT) May 19, 2004 (KCCL)

Instruments Installed: None

Instruments Operational: None

Risk Assessment: PF(9) * CF(4) = 36

Last Updated by: Klohn Crippen Consultants Ltd. (KCCL)

Date: May 2004



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Location and General Description of Instability

A 2 km stretch of SH 881:10 immediately south of the North Saskatchewan River crossing and north of Myrnam (Sta. 5+060 to Sta. 5+329) has suffered from frost heave of the pavement causing numerous breaks in about 6 main areas. Yearly maintenance has been required since construction in 1975. Recommendations for remedial measures were provided in 1991 (see attached).

Geotechnical Conditions

See attached Note to File.

Chronology (Refer to Section G for Further Information)

1970

A serious groundwater problem was encountered during construction that required the groundwater being captured and channeled west into a coulee. In time, the culvert became famous as a drinking water source known as the Myrnam Spring. However, it was noted that controlling the water at this location did not dry up the water further down the slope towards the river.

1975

The highway was paved with 100 mm of asphalt stabilized base pavement and 50 mm asphalt concrete pavement.

September 1989

Site inspection noted that frost susceptible soils, fine sands and sandy silts were documented on the mosaics.

September 1990

This investigation included a review of the files, viewing the 1987 videotapes, an airphoto interpretation and test pitting.

May 1991

Note to file with recommendations – see attached.

2003-2004

Surveys conducted of heaved areas.



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Reports and Documents

May 2000 (KCCL) Inspection Report February 2001 (KCCL) Inspection Report May 2004 (KCCL) Inspection Form

14-Sep-89	Site Inspection Report (AT)
18-Jul-90	Memo to Materials Eng Branch (AT)
10-Oct-90	Memo to District (AT)
Sep/Dec 90	Soil Survey Test Results (AT)
4-May-91	Memo to District (AT)
21-Jan-92	Memo to File (AT)
19-Mar-92	Note to File (AT)
9-Apr-92	Memo to District (AT)