Gravel Pit Reservoirs Slurry Walls and Seepage Control

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What we will be discussing today

•Using gravel pits for reservoir storage

- •General concepts of slurry wall cutoffs
- •Issues of concern regarding seepage and groundwater impacts.

•Infrastructure for water delivery

Gravel Pit Reservoirs



- Gravel pits are hydraulically connected to the alluvial aquifer they are situated in.
- If that alluvial aquifer can be isolated from the mined out resource, they can store and hold water.

Slurry Wall Construction Method



Slurry Wall Trench Cross Section



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+ Excavation and Slurry Mixing

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Slurry Wall Backfill being mixed

Slurry Wall Backfill being placed by Dozer

Slurry Wall Prior to Capping

Basic Requirements for Slurry Wall Construction

Good UnderlyingBedrock

- Adequate Quantity
 and Quality of
 Overburden
 Materials on Site
- Good QualityControl/QualityAssurance Program



Data for Slurry Wall Design

- GeotechnicalProperties of Soils
- 🕸 Survey Data
- Quantity Estimatesof On-Site Materials
- Groundwater TableData
- Location of bedrock
- Floodplain location



Engineering Issues





- Mounding and Shadowing impact on groundwater table
- Trench collapses during construction

 Long term settlement and movement





Quality Control



Marsh Funnel

Examples of Slurry Wall Construction





Other Slurry Trenching Methods



Slurry Wall Construction using Bentonite Injection and In-situ mixing



Water Management Infrastructure











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