



M-19. - Northern side of the Freight Storage Pad



M-20. - Northern side of the Freight Storage Pad



M-21. – Northern corner of the Freight Storage Pad. Note some ponding water signs at the lower points between access road and the pad



M-22. – Eastern side of the Freight Storage Pad. Note ponding waters along the toe of the pad

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M-23. – Fill material used for the Freight Storage Pad construction.



M-24. – Eastern corner of the Freight Storage Pad looking west.



M-25. – Spill mat at the eastern side of the Freight Storage pad.



M-26. – Overview of the Freight Storage Pad surface.



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M-27. – Surface undulation at the Camp Pad.



M-28. – Surface undulation at the Camp Pad.



M-29. – Materials and seacans are placed at the crest of the pad.



M-30. – Thickness of the Camp Pad.



M-31. – East corner of the Cap Pad looking NW. Note camp pad thickness



M-32. – Western side of the Cam Pad looking SE.



M-33. – Southern extension of the Camp Pad looking north. Note the uncompact material and thickness of the pad.

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M-34. – Access road to the Shoreline Pad looking west



M-35. – Access road to the Shoreline Pad looking west, note thickness of the embankment



M-36. – Access road and pad at the norther side of the Fright Storage Pad



M-37. – Former Explosives Storage Berm. Note ponding waters along the toe of the embankment



M-38. – Former Explosives Storage Berm.



M-39 Former Explosives Storage Berm. Note ponding waters along the toe of the embankment



M-40. – Former Explosives Storage Berm. Note cracks along the road edge.



M-41. – Former Temporary Fuel Containment access road.





M-42. – Insta Berm with three empty fuel tanks. Note ponding water at the base of the containment area



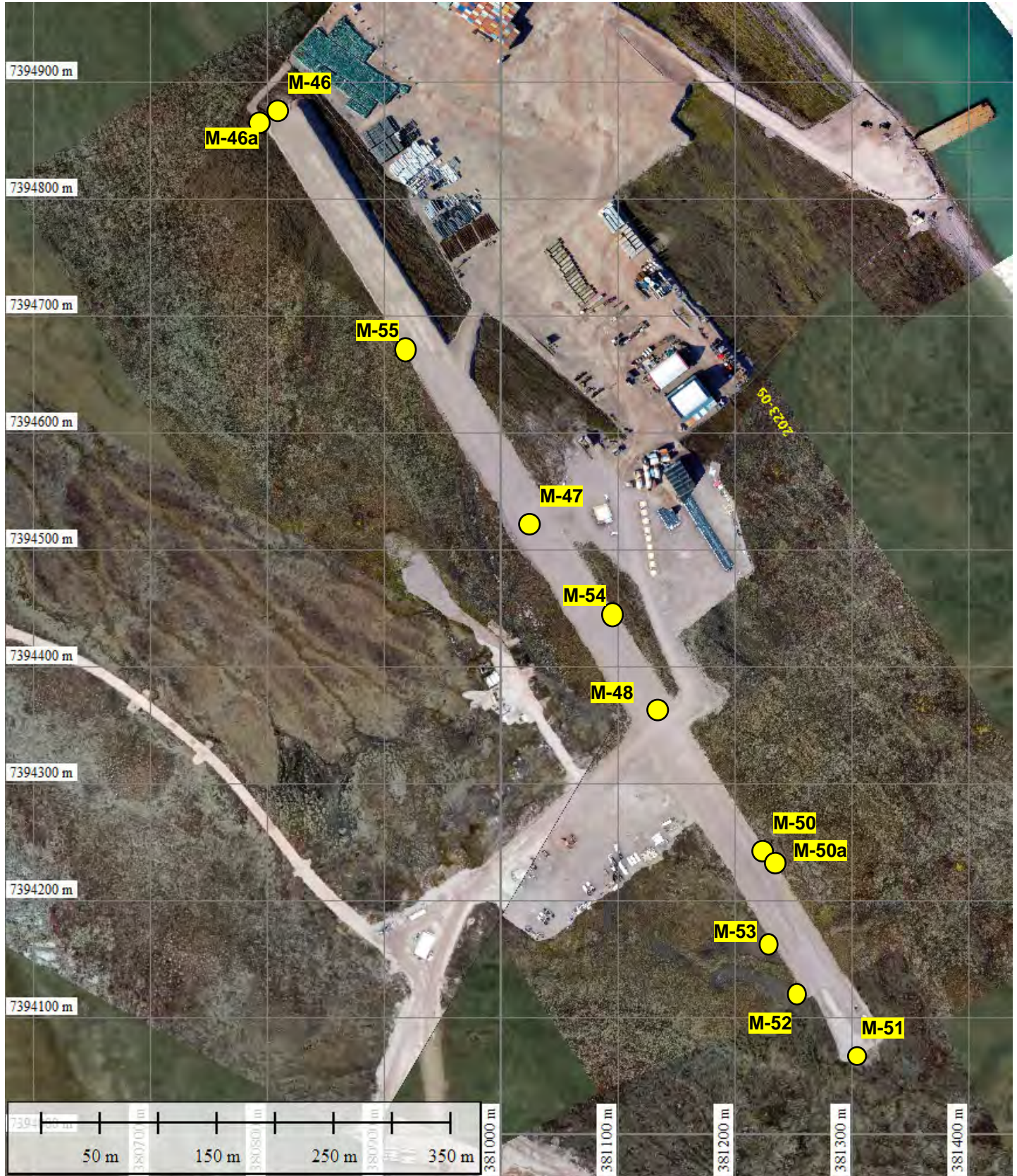
M-43. – Degradation of the tundra after replacement of the containment berm. Oil was noted at the surface of the ponding water



M-44. – Fill material is spreading on the tundra southeast to the Former Temporary Fuel Containment Area



M-45. – A stream and ponding water along the northern side of the Former Temporary Fuel Containment Area



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M-46. – Set of deep erosion gullies at the NW end of the airstrip



M-46a. – Erosion gullies at the NW end of the airstrip



M-47. – Overview of the Airstrip surface looking SE



M-48. – Overview of the Airstrip surface looking NW

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M-50. – SE end of the airstrip. Note a series of elongated cracks at the embankment crest.



M-50a. – SE End of the airstrip. Note that the crack width is 2-2.5 inch



M-51. – SE end of the airstrip. Note ponding waters at the toe of the embankment and crack at the crest.

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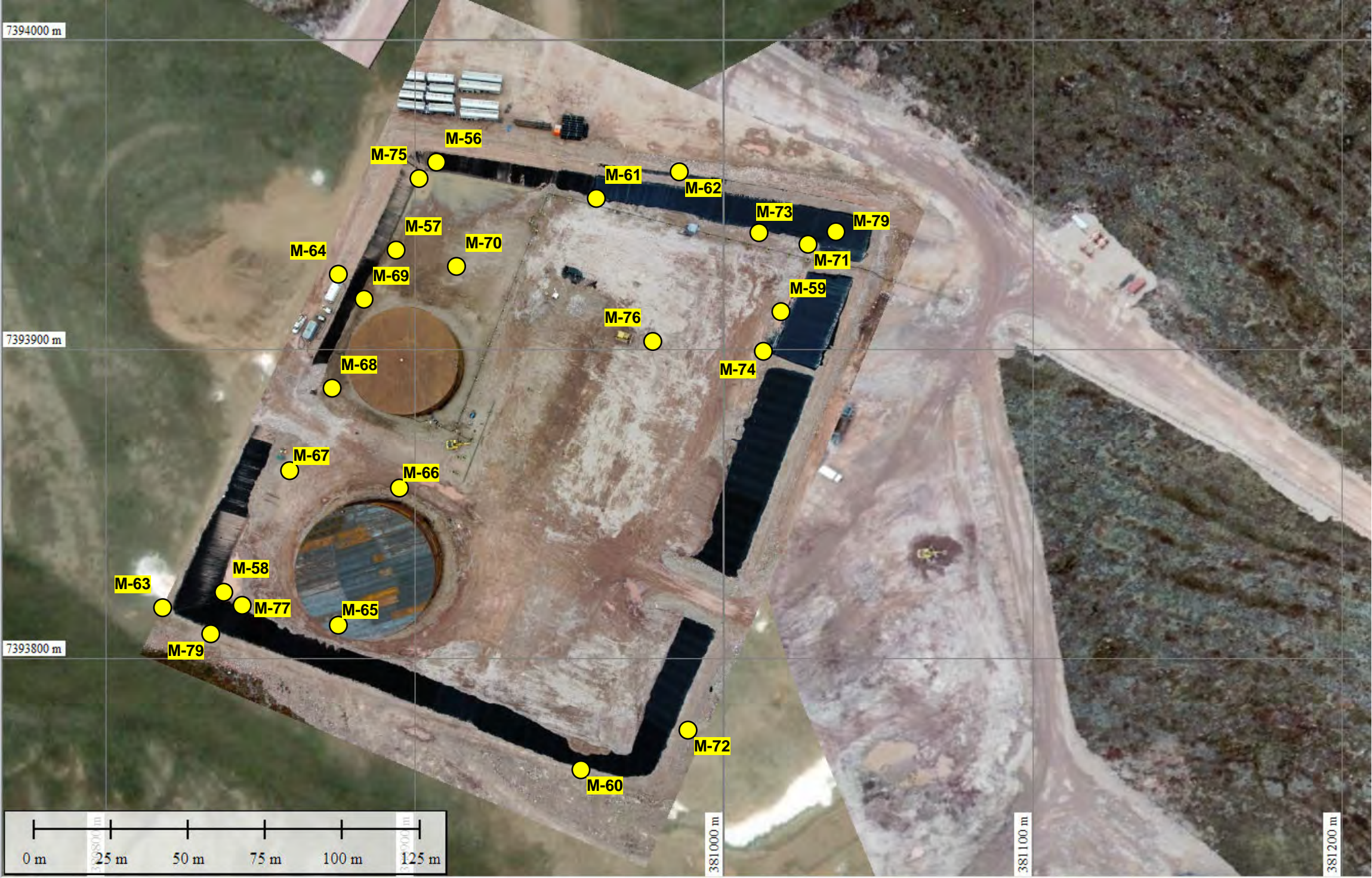
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M-56. – Ponding water at the base of the NW corner of the containment area, looking south.



M-57. – Ponding water at the base of the NW corner and along the toe of the western berm of the containment area, looking NE.



M-58. - Ponding water at the base of the SW corner of the containment area, looking NW.



M-59. – Ponding water at the base of the NE corner along the toe of the western berm of the containment area, looking N.

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M-60. – SE corner and eastern berm of the containment area. Note that the HDPE liner is not backfilled.



M-61. – Northern and western inner slopes. Note that the slopes are oversteepened (approx. 1.5H:1V) and not covered with the fill material.



M-62. – Outer slope of the northern berm of the containment area



M-63. – Outer slope of the SW corner of the containment area. Note that the slope is oversteepened and has a height about 4 m

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M-64. – Outer slope of the western berm



M-65. – Tank #2 pedestal. Southern slope and berm, looking NE. Note some cracks at the crest.



M-66. – Tank #2 pedestal. Northern slope, looking south



M-67. – Overview of the SW corner of the containment area and Tank #2, looking SE



M-68. – Pedestal of Tank #1. Southern slope, looking east



M-69. – Pedestal of Tank #1. Western slope and western berm of the containment area, looking south.



M-70. – Pedestal of Tank #1. Northern slope, looking south



M-71. – A drainage at the NE corner of the containment area



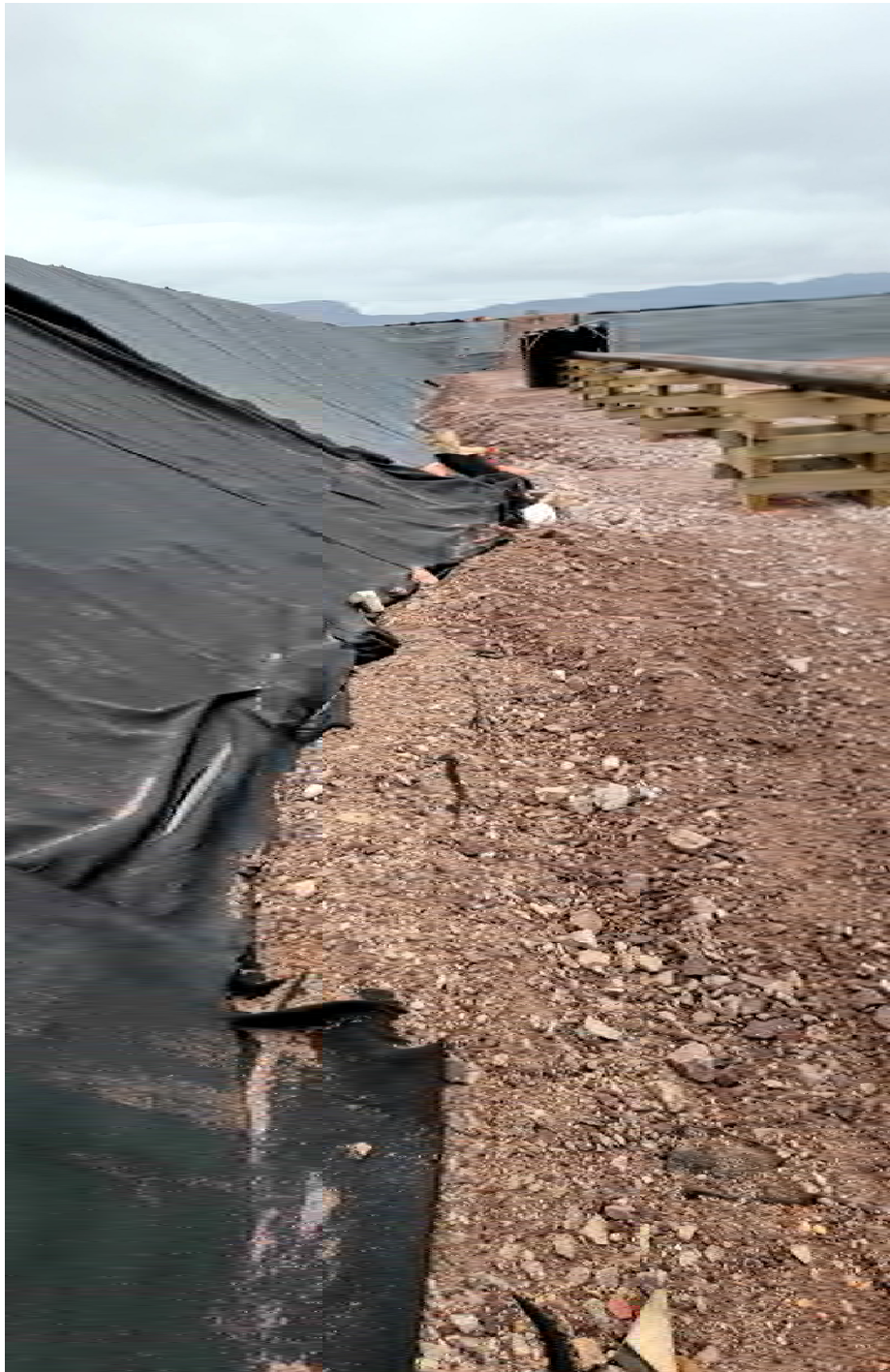
M-72. – Southeast berm of the containment area. Note that the fill material cracking at the crest.



M-73. – Northern berm of the containment area. Note unwelded and unprotected HDPE liner panels at the toe



M-74. – exposed liner at the toe of the eastern berm



M-75. – Toe of the northern berm of the containment area



M-76. – Exposed Geotextile and HDPE liner at the base of the containment area.

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M-77. – Note there is no cap



M-78. – Water discharge point at the NW corner of the berm.



M-79. – NE corner of the containment area. Note unwelded and unprotected HDPE liner panels at the toe.

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M-80. – Quarry. Southern wall, looking south.



M-81. – Laydown area adjacent to the eastern side of the MLA Tank Farm, looking NW. Note some depressions at the base contain water.



M-82. – SE corner of the Upper Laydown Area adjacent to the SE side of the MLA Tank Farm, looking west.



M-83. – Eastern side of the Upper laydown Area, looking NW. Note that the thickness of the pad is less than 1m and materials are stored to close to the crest.

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Fuel Offload and Access Road

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M-84. – Fuel Offload Access road. Note the thickness of the embankment



M-85. - Fuel Offload Access road. Note the thickness of the embankment



M-86. – Fuel Offload Access road.



M-87. - Fuel Offload Access road. Note the thickness of the embankment



M-88. – Fuel Offload Access road. Note that the edges of the road lack proper compaction of the fill material.



M-89. – Fuel Offload Access road.



M-90. – Offload Pad, looking NE. Note that the eastern slope of the pad is oversteepened and the thickness of the access road is less than 0.5m



M-91. – Offload pads, looking NE. Note that the thickness of the pad is less than 1m.

Appendix C Echo Pit: Southern-Southwestern Wall

Echo Pit - SSW Slopes

Observations and notes for site consideration

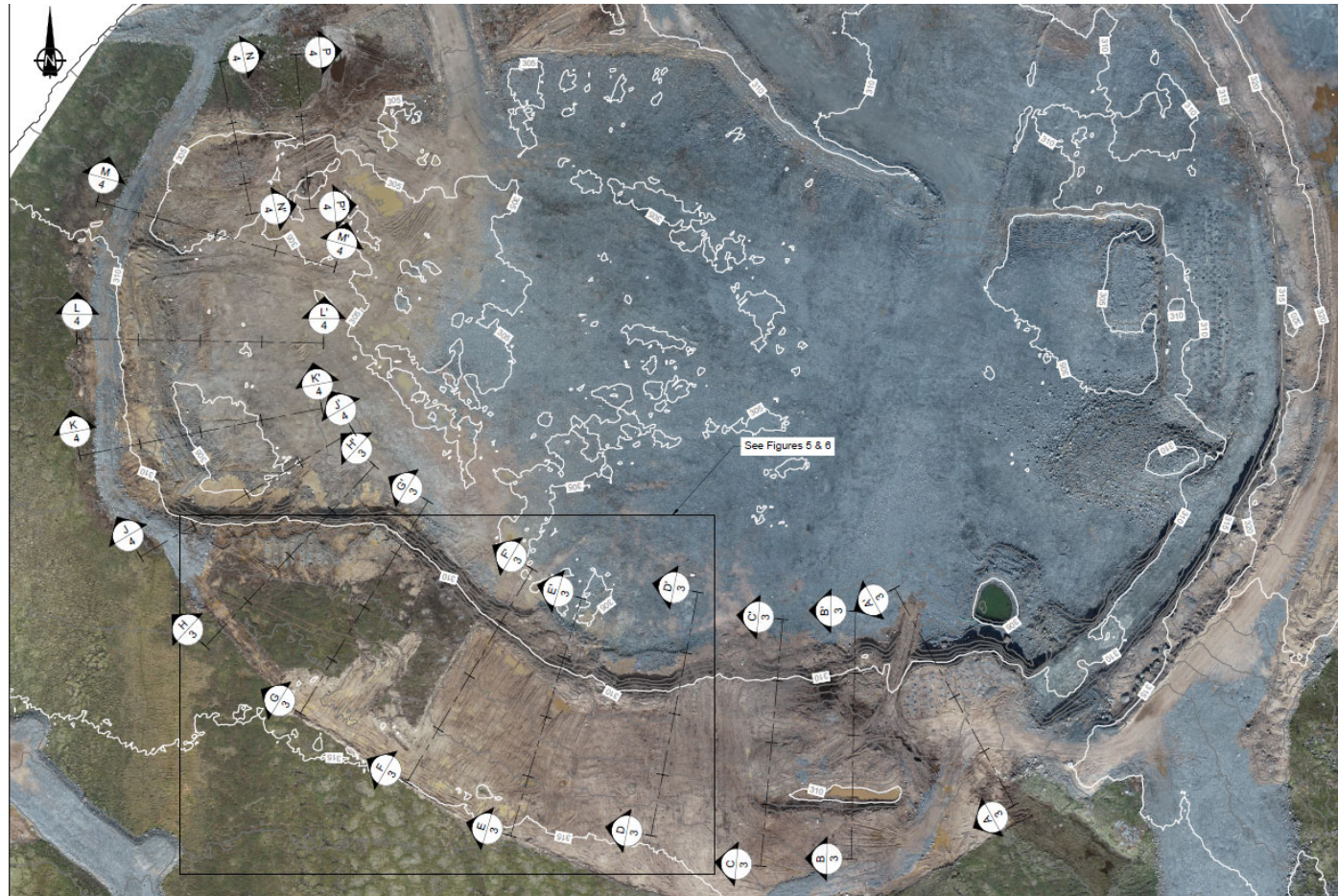
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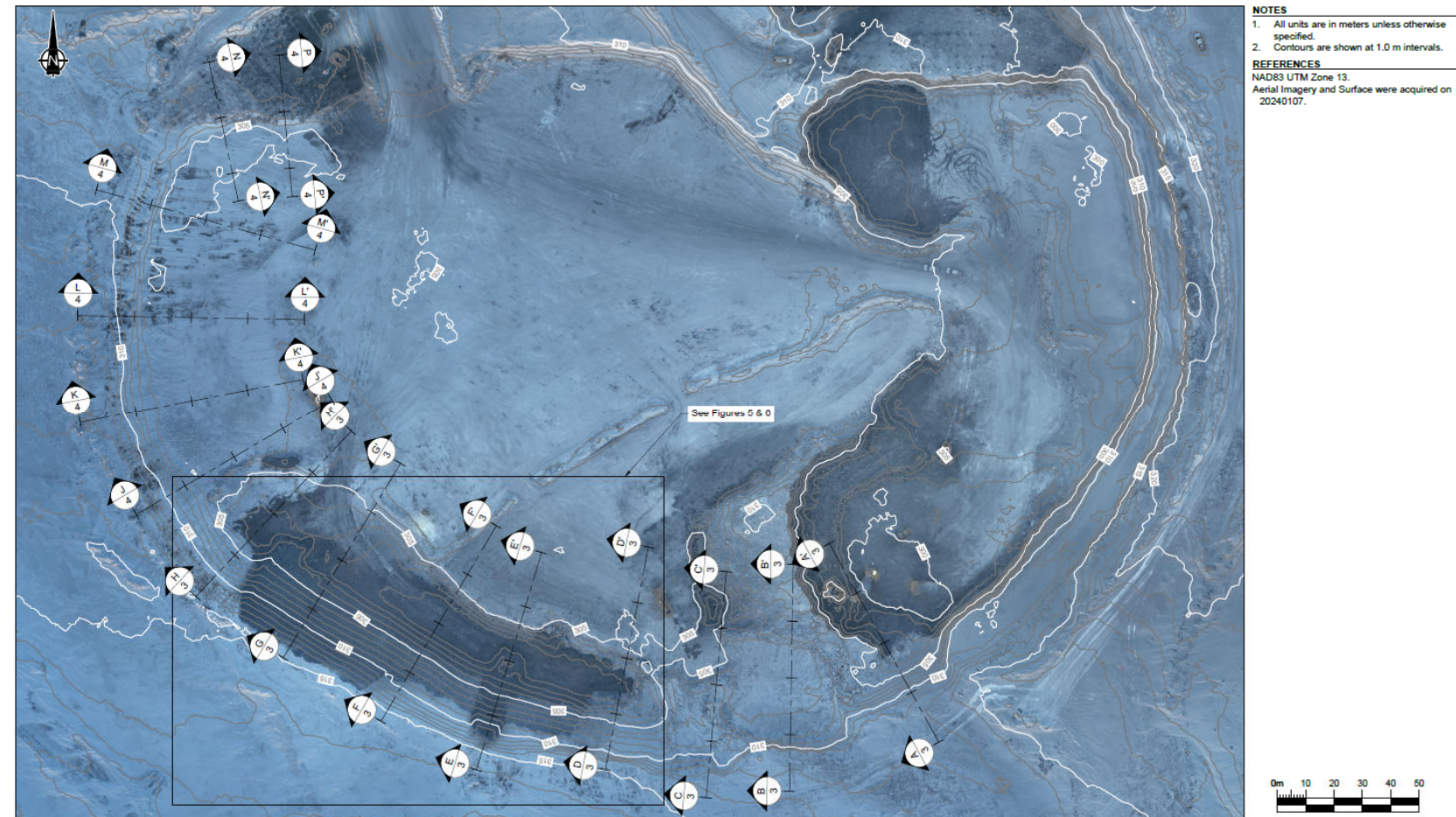
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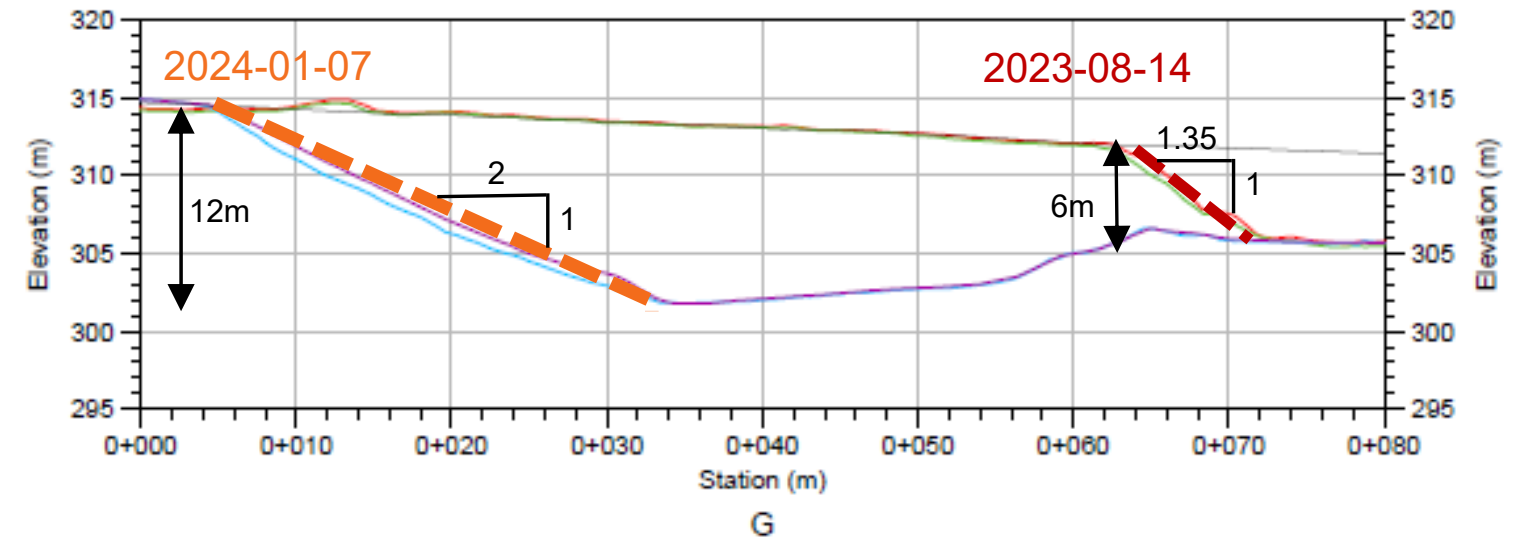
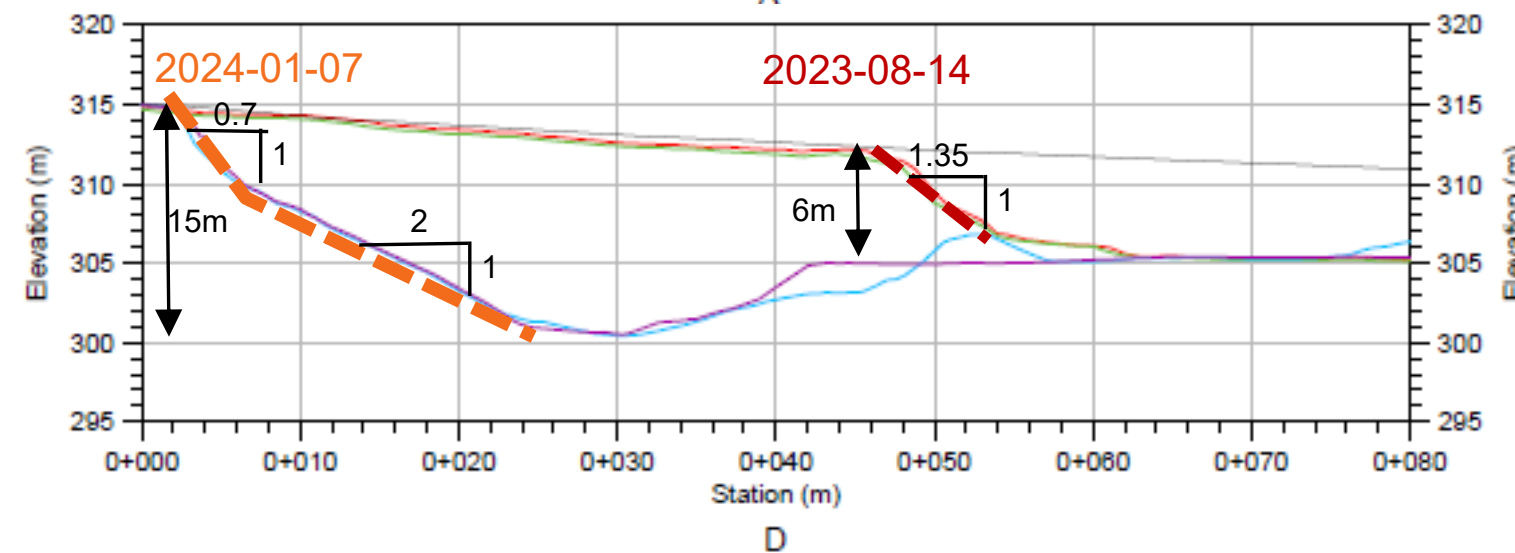
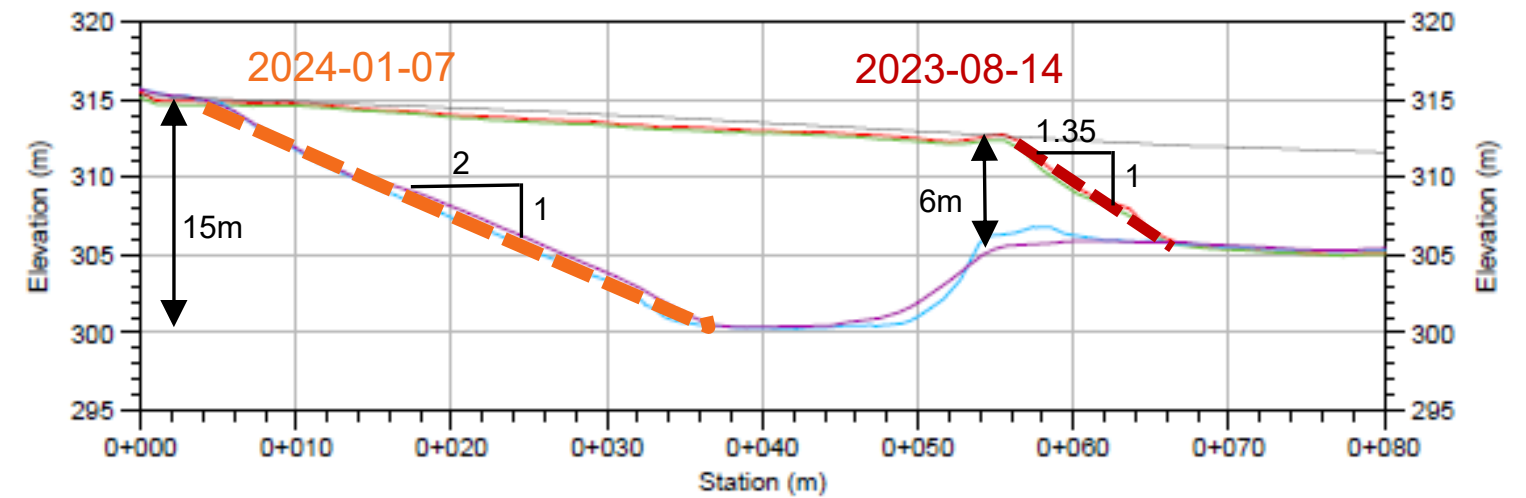
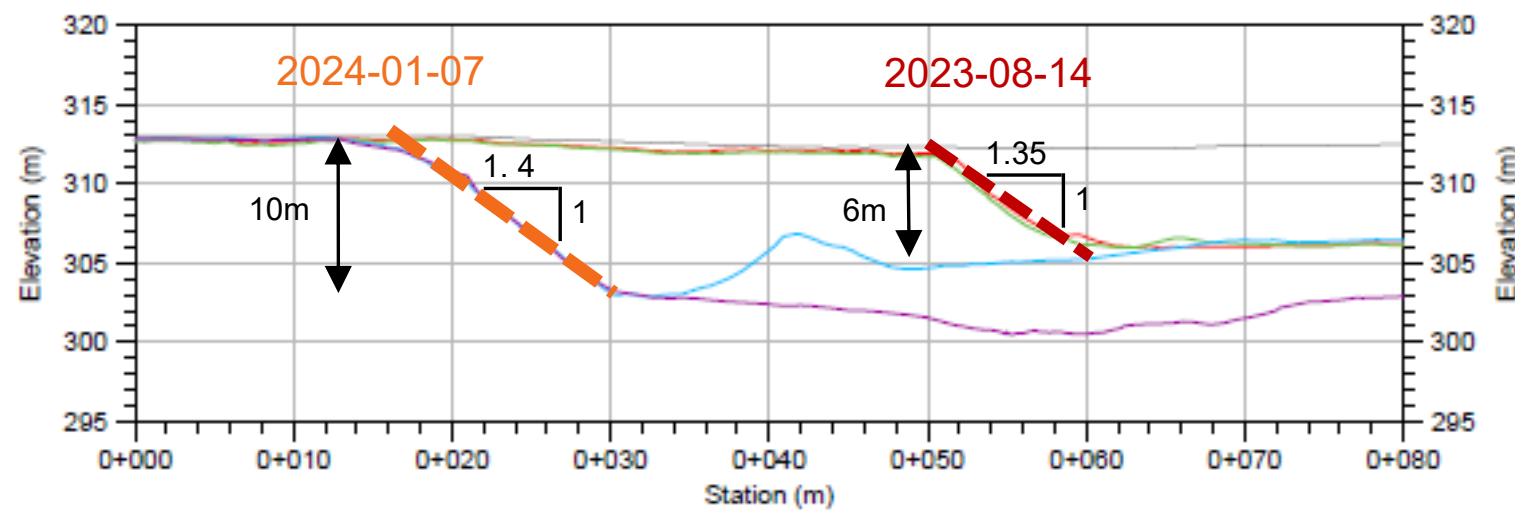
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2024-01-07 Plan view



Re-Sloping of the SSW wall



- The slopes of the SSW wall vary from 1.4H:1V to 2H:1V.
- The top 6 m of the southern wall is observed to be too steep: slope 0.7H:1V (55°) .