

AVEC Foundation Design for Wind Turbines

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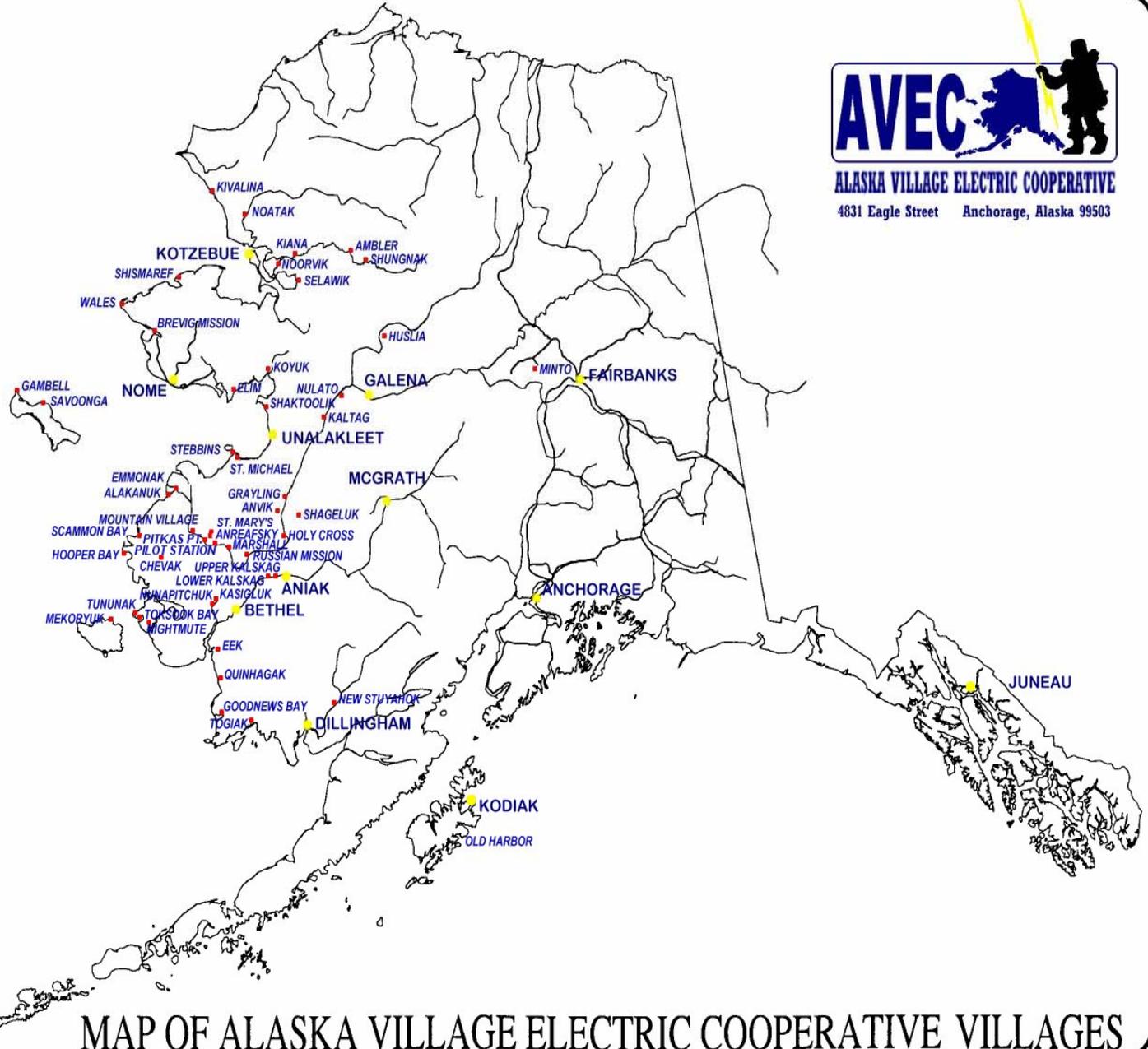
Toksook Bay, Alaska

Background Information

- **27 of AVEC's 52 villages are in wind regimes of class 4 or better.**
- **Given the characteristics of an NW/100, this means that one machine should be able to produce about 250,000 kWh per year.**
- **Given a diesel efficiency of 14 kWh/gallon generated by our new diesel sets, this means that one 100-kW wind turbine might displace about 17,800 gallons per year of diesel fuel use for power generation. A mini-wind farm of three units would displace about 53,400 gallons per year.**



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MAP OF ALASKA VILLAGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE VILLAGES

Consider that in 2004 AVEC:

- Purchased 4.9 million gallons of diesel fuel
- Actively used nearly 550 fuel tanks for storage
- Took on fuel in 134 separate deliveries (including 27 by air)
- Has only one village – Minto – that can be supplied by a fuel truck
- Continued to experience electric load growth driven by new water and sewer systems, airports, schools and housing in the villages
 - This load growth increases fuel use and fuel storage needs



Therefore, successful integration of wind generation could mean the following to AVEC:

- A hedge against increasing fuel costs
- A hedge against the increasing costs of marine deliveries
- Extension of on-hand fuel supplies which may translate to favorable delivery scheduling by marine transporters
- A reduction of the need to build expensive, additional storage on hard-to-acquire or difficult-to-construct sites.



To do such efforts cost effectively, we need to do good planning and coordinate efforts with other construction projects underway in the village.

- The recent bulk fuel tank farm and power plant priorities of the Denali Commission provide some opportunity to coordinate logistics and use specialty equipment such as pile drivers or cranes that may be on-site.



Access for specialty equipment required to place foundations and erect turbines is a challenge.



A wide-angle photograph showing a muddy, rutted dirt road leading towards a cluster of industrial or agricultural buildings. The road is heavily eroded with deep tire tracks and several large puddles of water. The buildings in the background are mostly light-colored with dark roofs. The sky is blue with some light clouds. The overall scene suggests a poorly maintained or undeveloped site.

**Poor roads, water and sewer lines,
boardwalks and existing overhead
power and phone lines present
obstacles and challenges.**





Foundations in permafrost are a challenge

- They must not settle, tilt or be uplifted
- Pile foundations (six to eight piles) may extend $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ the height of the tower into the ground



Overview – Toksook Bay

Wind site



- Holes pre-drilled
- Piles driven to refusal
- Piles later cut



- Drilling out center of piles

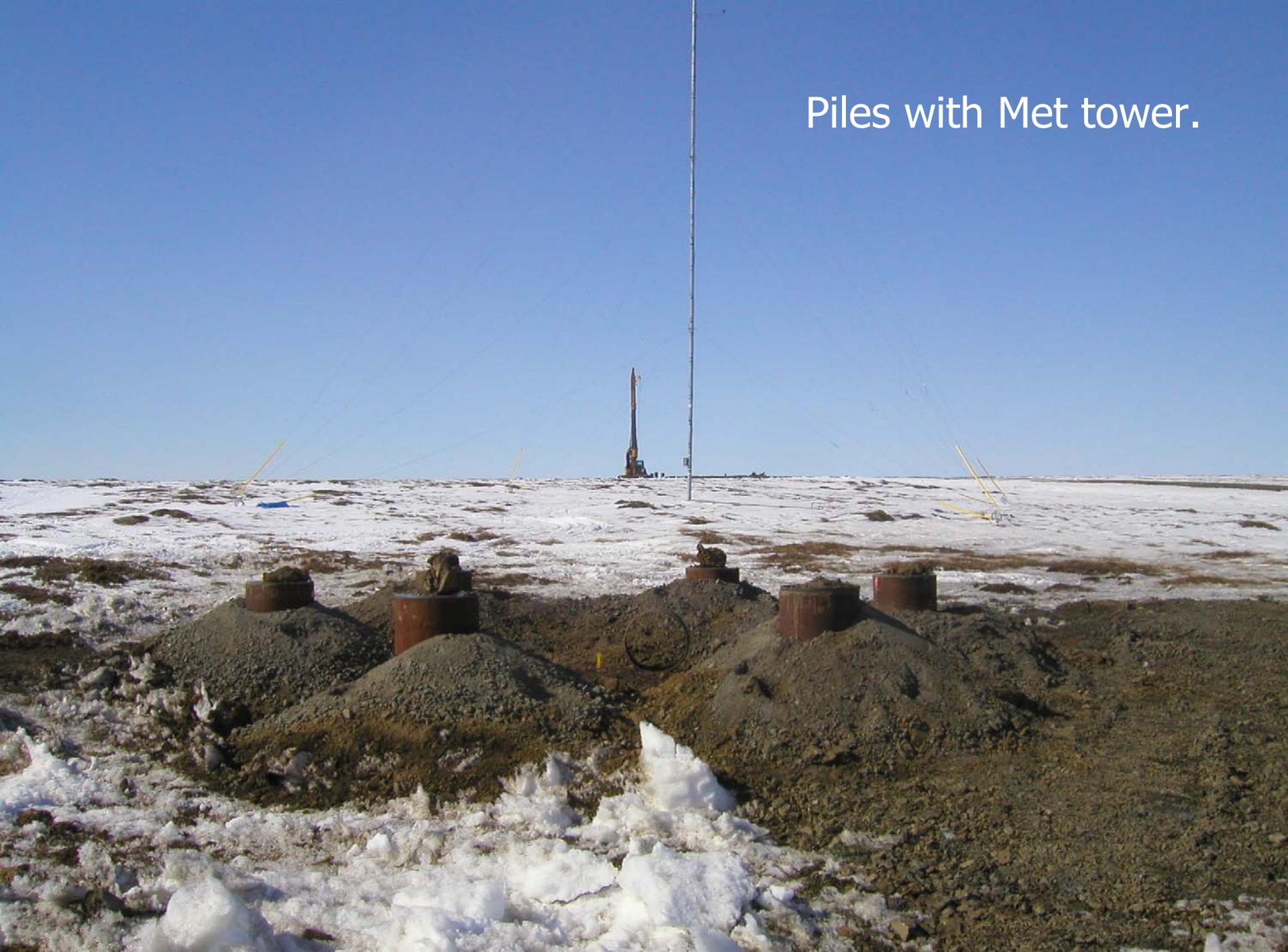
20' below end of pile



- **Six piles for a single tower foundation**

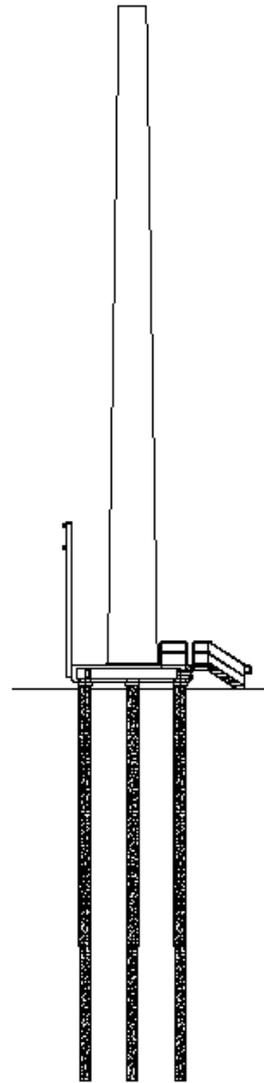


Piles with Met tower.



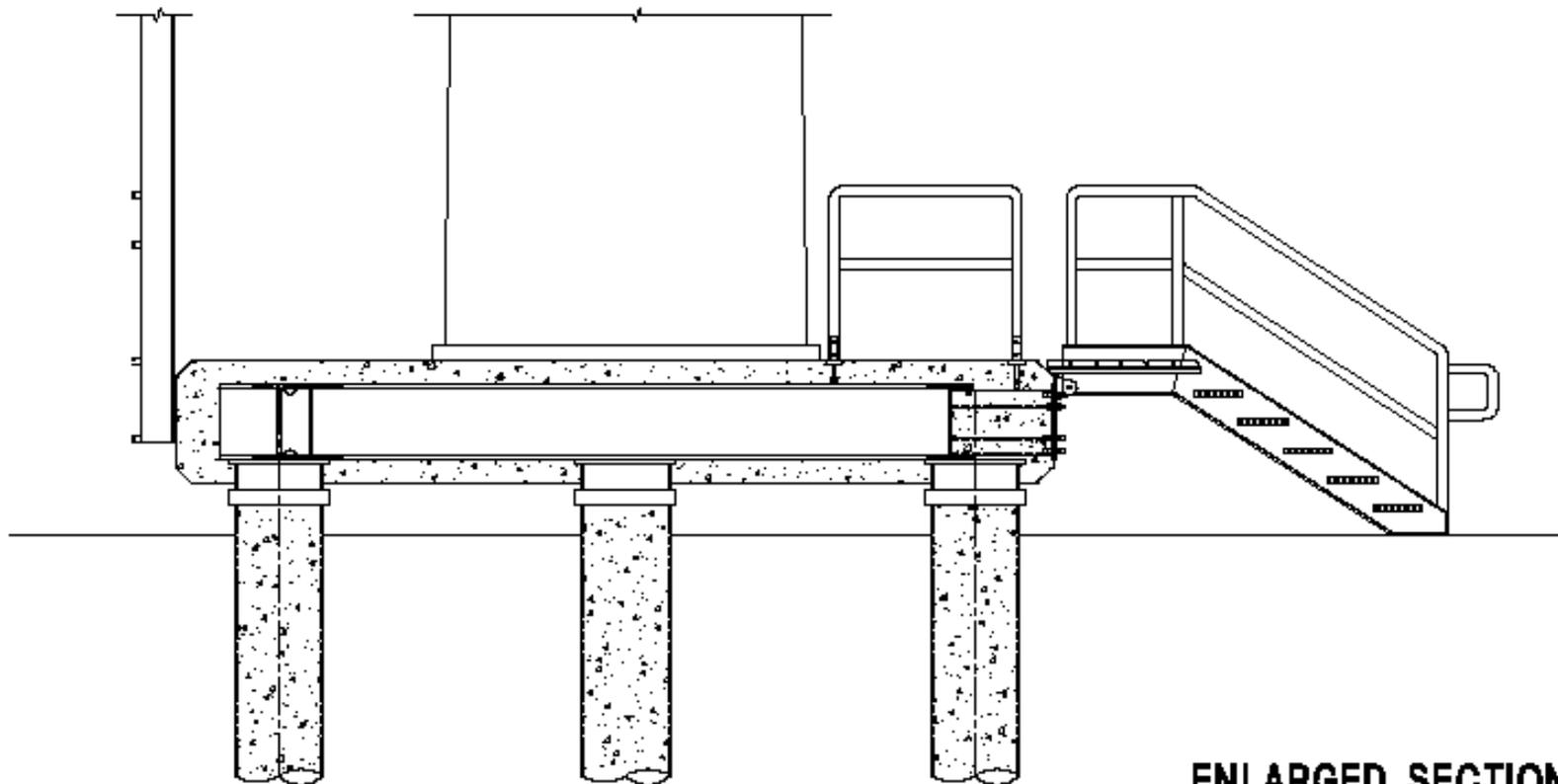
Steel Foundation Star (Typical of 3)





**TOWER &
FOUNDATION
SECTION**





ENLARGED SECTION



Nacelle at NPS production facility at Barre, Vermont

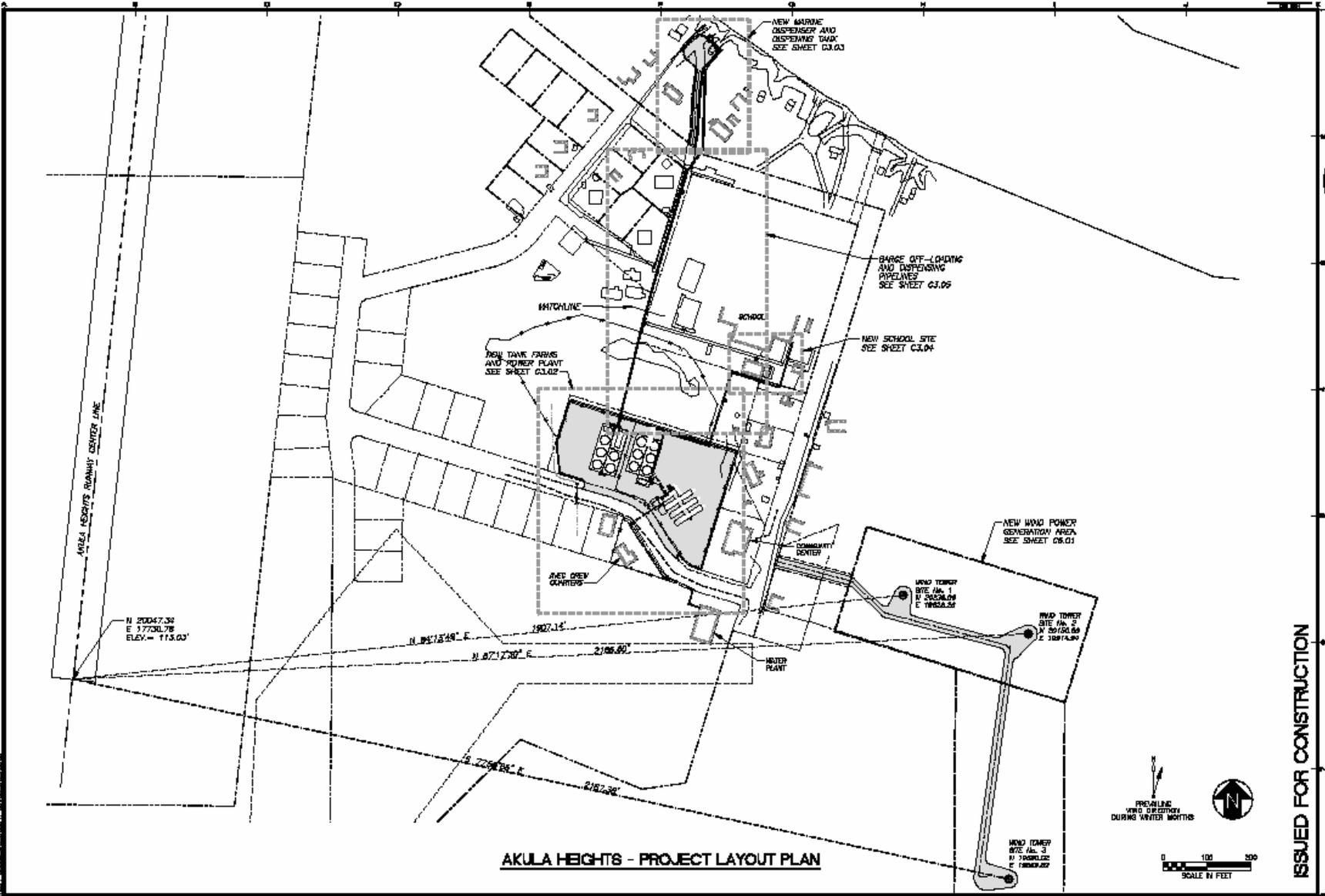


Danwin Tower Midway Platform



Danwin Tower Inside Flange/Bolt Holes



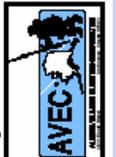


AKULA HEIGHTS - PROJECT LAYOUT PLAN

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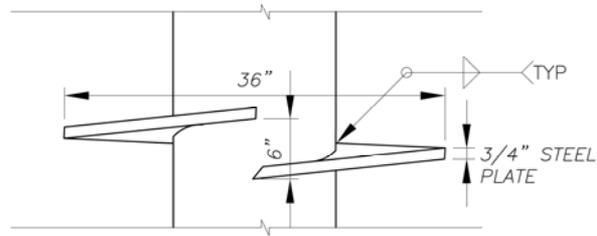


KASIGLUK/NUKAPITOKAK ENERGY PROJECT
ALASKA VILLAGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
 AKULA HEIGHTS, AKUAPITOKAK AND OLD KASIGLUK, ALASKA

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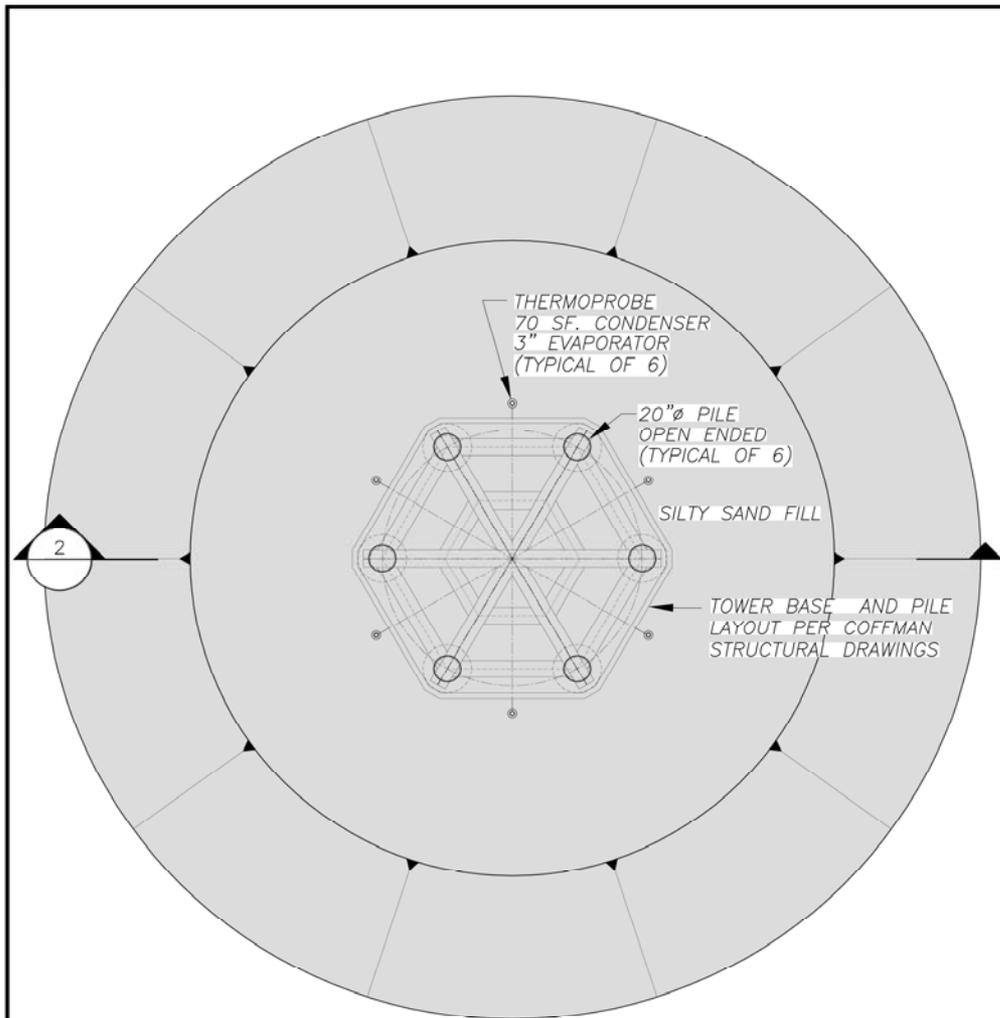




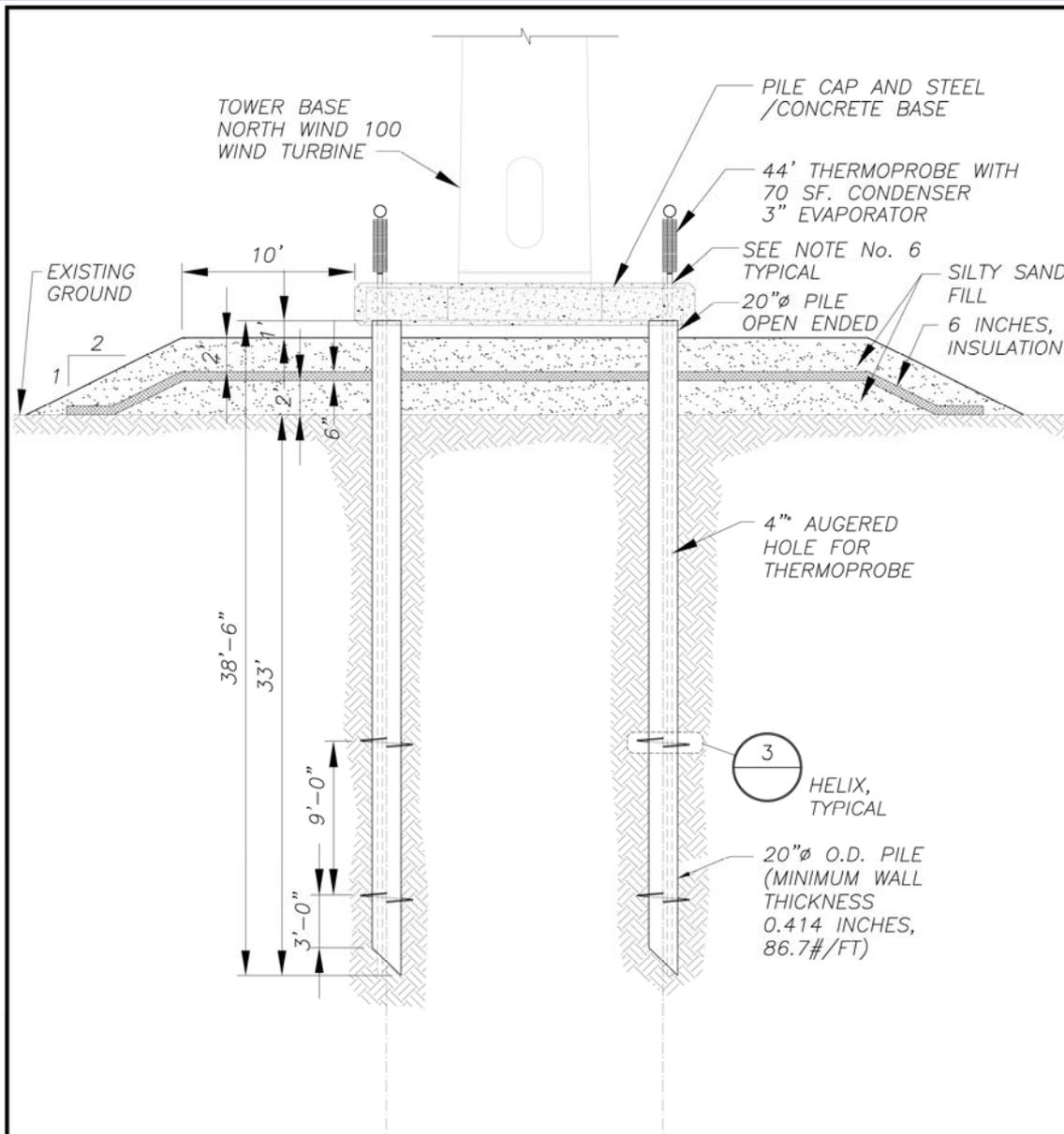
3 SECTION - TYPICAL HELIX
SCALE: NONE

NOTES

1. ALL PILES SHALL BE INSTALLED OPEN ENDED WITH ENDS CUT AT 45 DEGREES.
2. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL SUPPLY THE ENGINEER WITH THE INSTALLATION TORQUE OF EACH PILE. THE TORQUE VALUE SHALL BE AVERAGED OVER 24-INCHES DURING INSTALLATION OF EACH PILE WITHIN 5 FEET OF THE FINAL PILE INSTALLATION DEPTH.
3. ALL PIPE SPICING SHALL BE FULL PENETRATION BUTT WELDS.
4. ALL WELDING, WELD PROCEDURES, PROCEDURES SPECIFICATIONS, AND WELDER QUALIFICATIONS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AWS D1.1. WELD ELECTRODES SHALL BE E70XX MINIMUM.
5. ALL WELD SIZES SHALL BE THE THINNER OF THE TWO METALS JOINED, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.
6. FIELD WELD 1/2"x12" LONG, STEEL PLATE TO TOWER BASE AND CLAMP TO THERMOPROBE ADJUST WIDTH OF STEEL PLATE AS NECESSARY. DO NOT WELD TO THERMOPROBE.



1 **WIND GENERATION TOWER BASE PILE LAYOUT PLAN**
 SCALE: NONE



2 SECTION
SCALE: NONE

A large yellow pile driving rig is positioned in a snowy field. In the foreground, a large, dark metal pile is visible, showing its flared base. The rig has a yellow body and a black cab. The background shows a clear blue sky and some snow on the ground.

Dover Substation - Fort McMurray

C) Pile Design

[Design of Piles Dover substation.doc](#)

Ruth Lake Project- Fort McMurray

G) Design of single Helix in Tension

Design of Piles at Ruth Lake project SINGLE
HELIX.doc



The end.

Any questions?