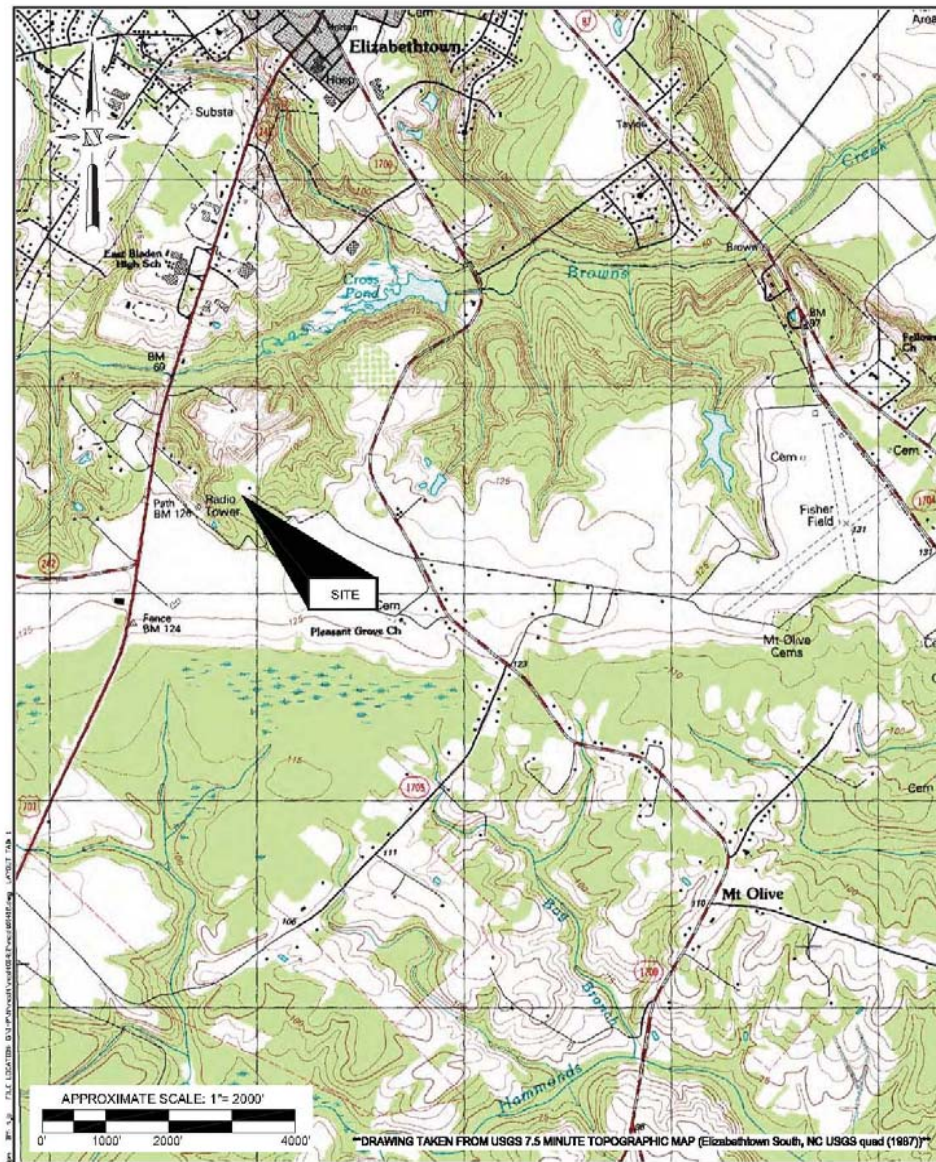


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**Determination of lateral and vertical
extent of landfilled flyash using
geophysical methods**

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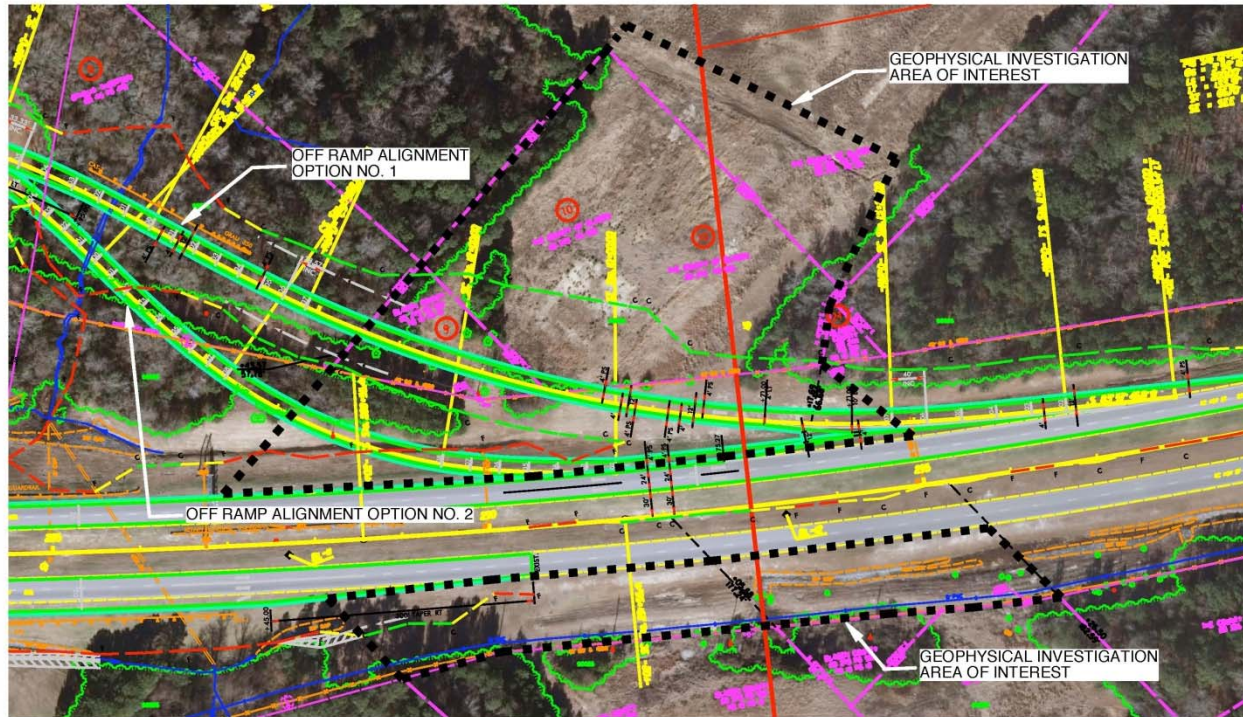
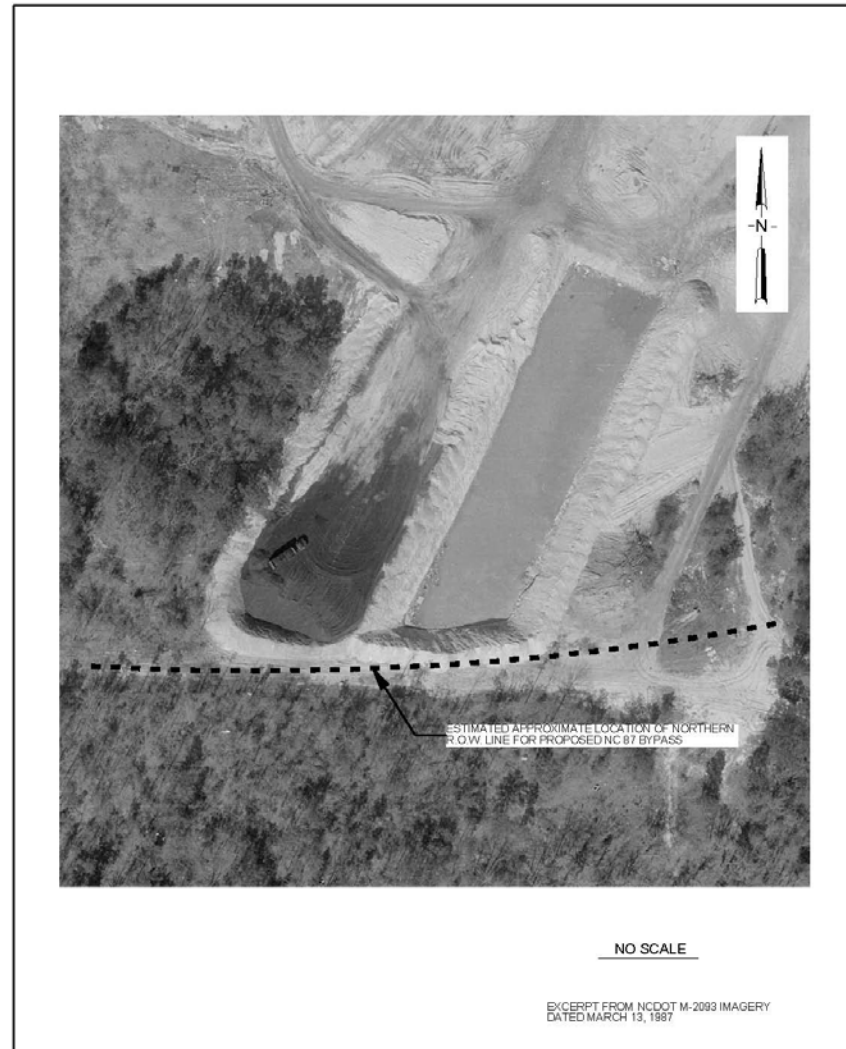
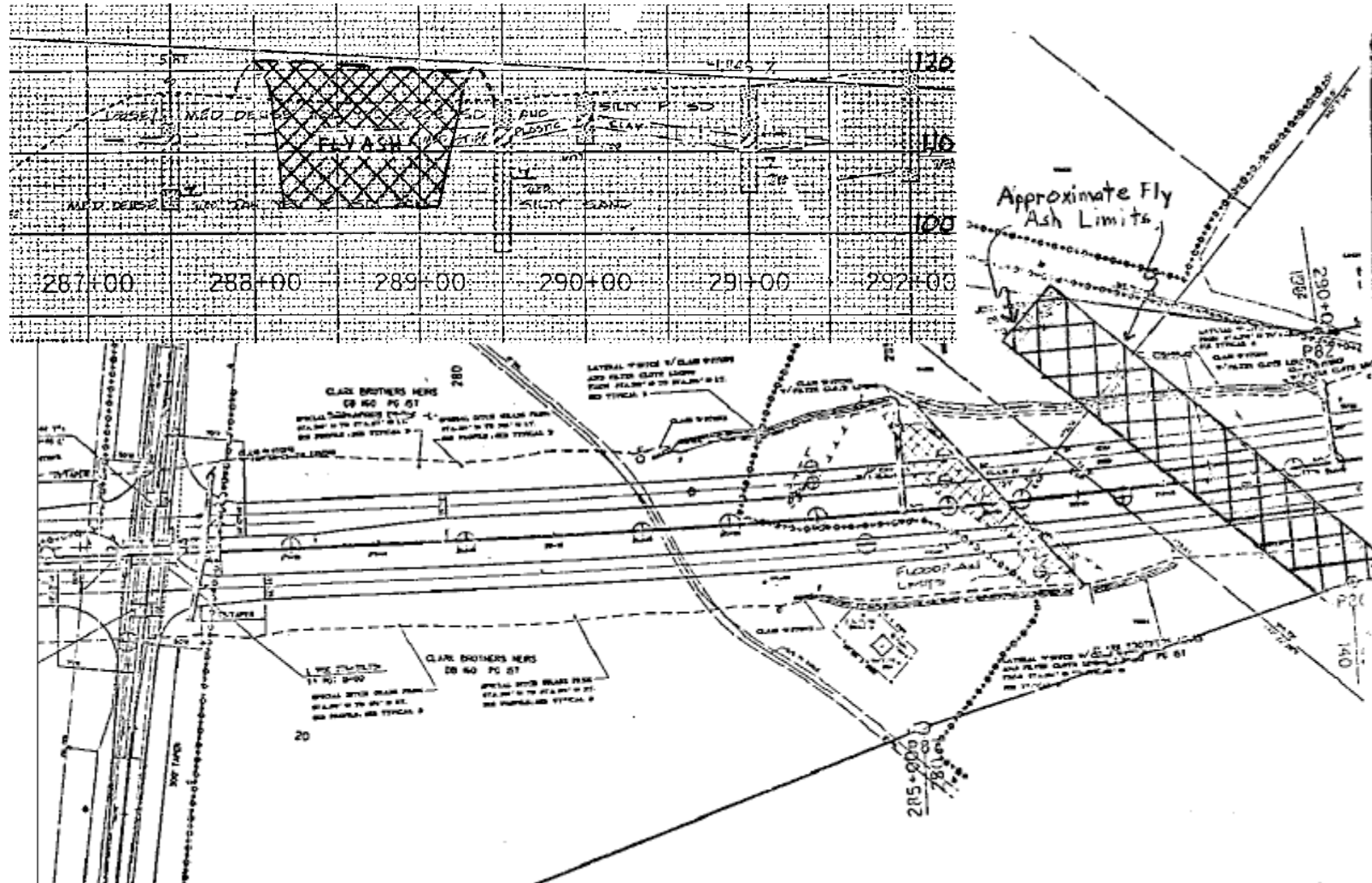


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One flyash trench was encountered during the construction of NC 87 Bypass





Top of landfill



Defined edge of landfill on west side



Undefined edge of landfill on east side



South side of NC 87 Bypass. No visual evidence of flyash trench

Objectives of investigation

Perform a geophysical investigation to identify the lateral and vertical limits of the closed flyash landfill within the area of interest at the site

Geophysical Instrumentations used

- ❑ Electromagnetic ground conductivity instrument (CMD-4)

Applications:
Detect lateral extent of conductivity anomalies with metallic content (i.e. landfill cells)



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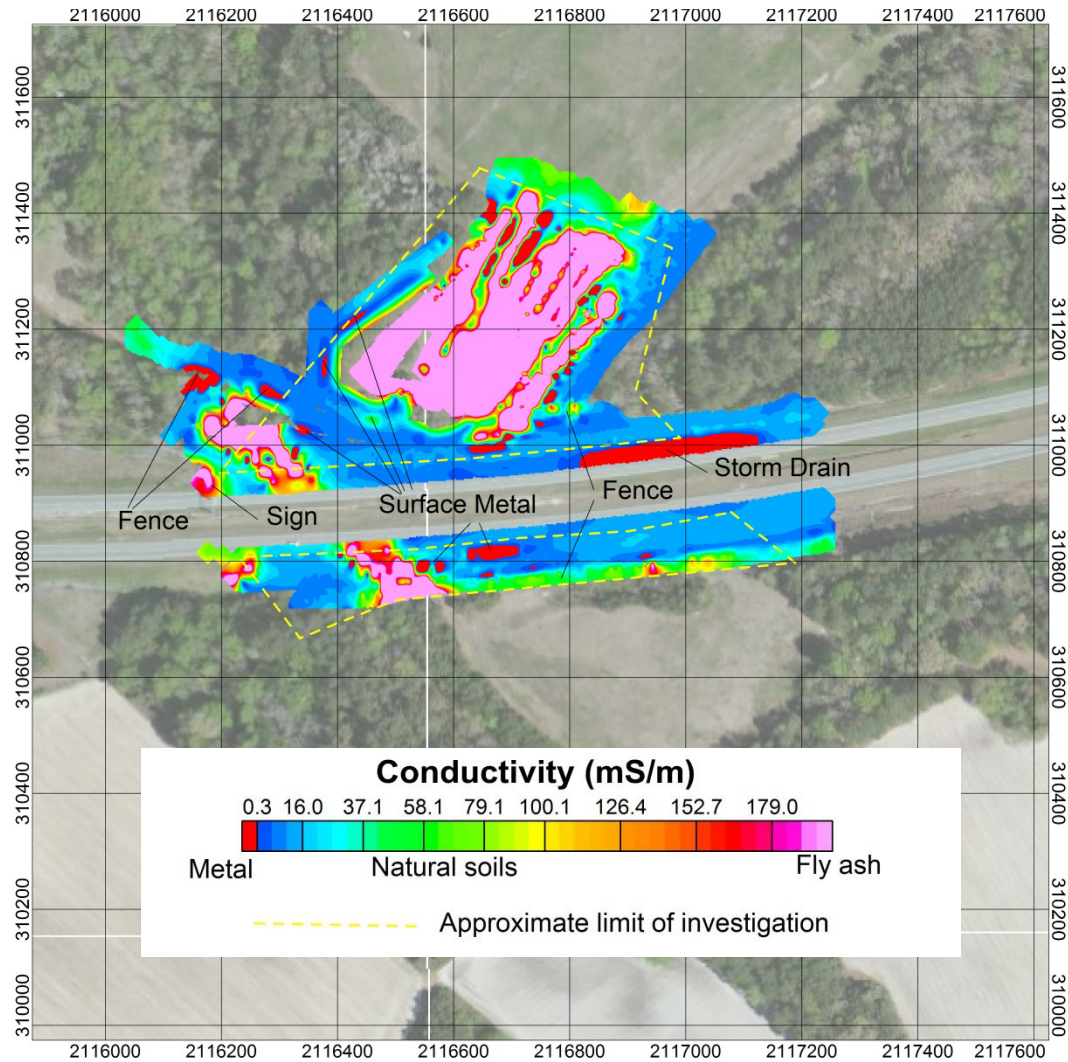
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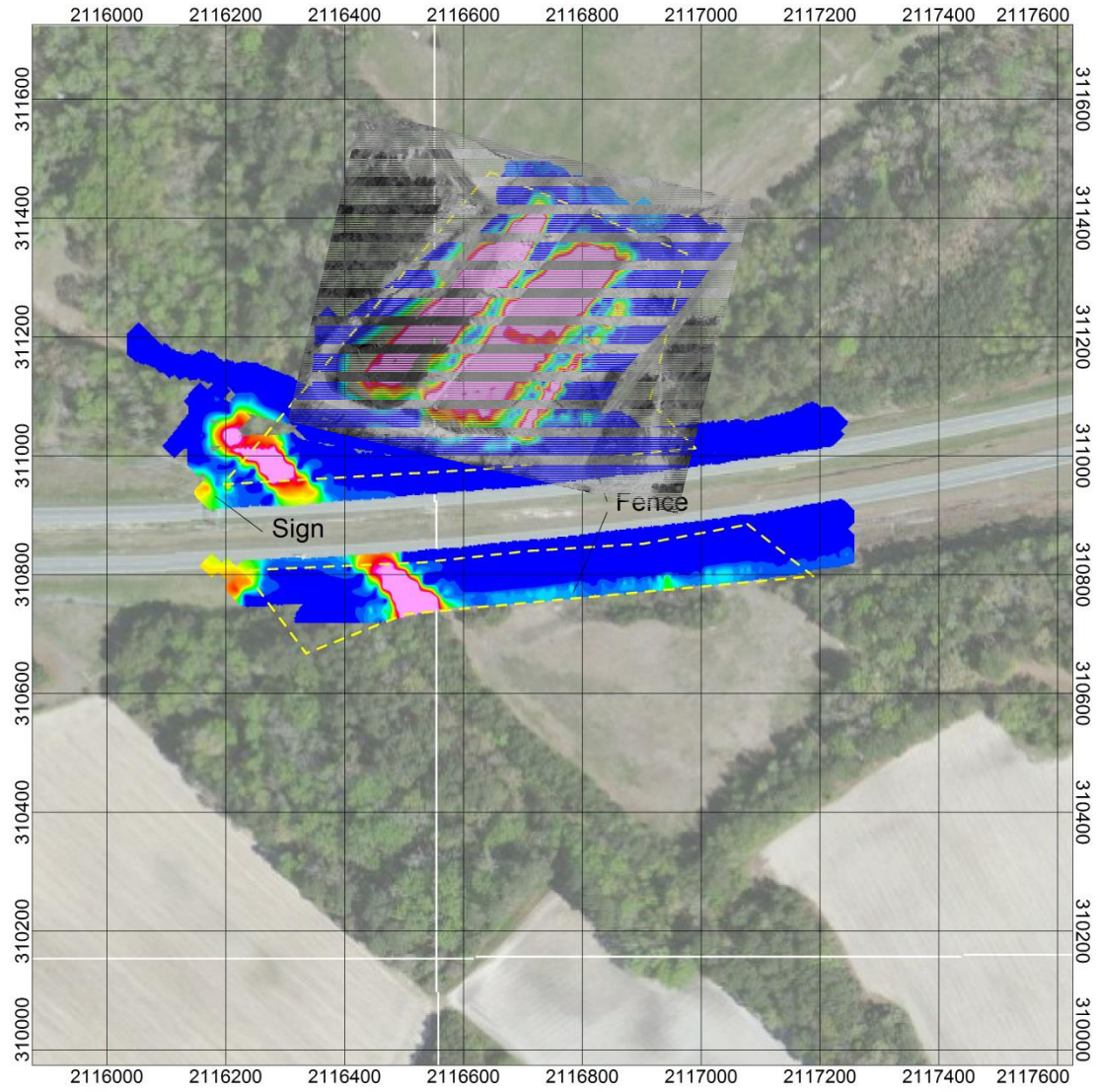
Applications

Determining vertical extent of conductivity and chargeability anomalies (i.e. landfill cells)

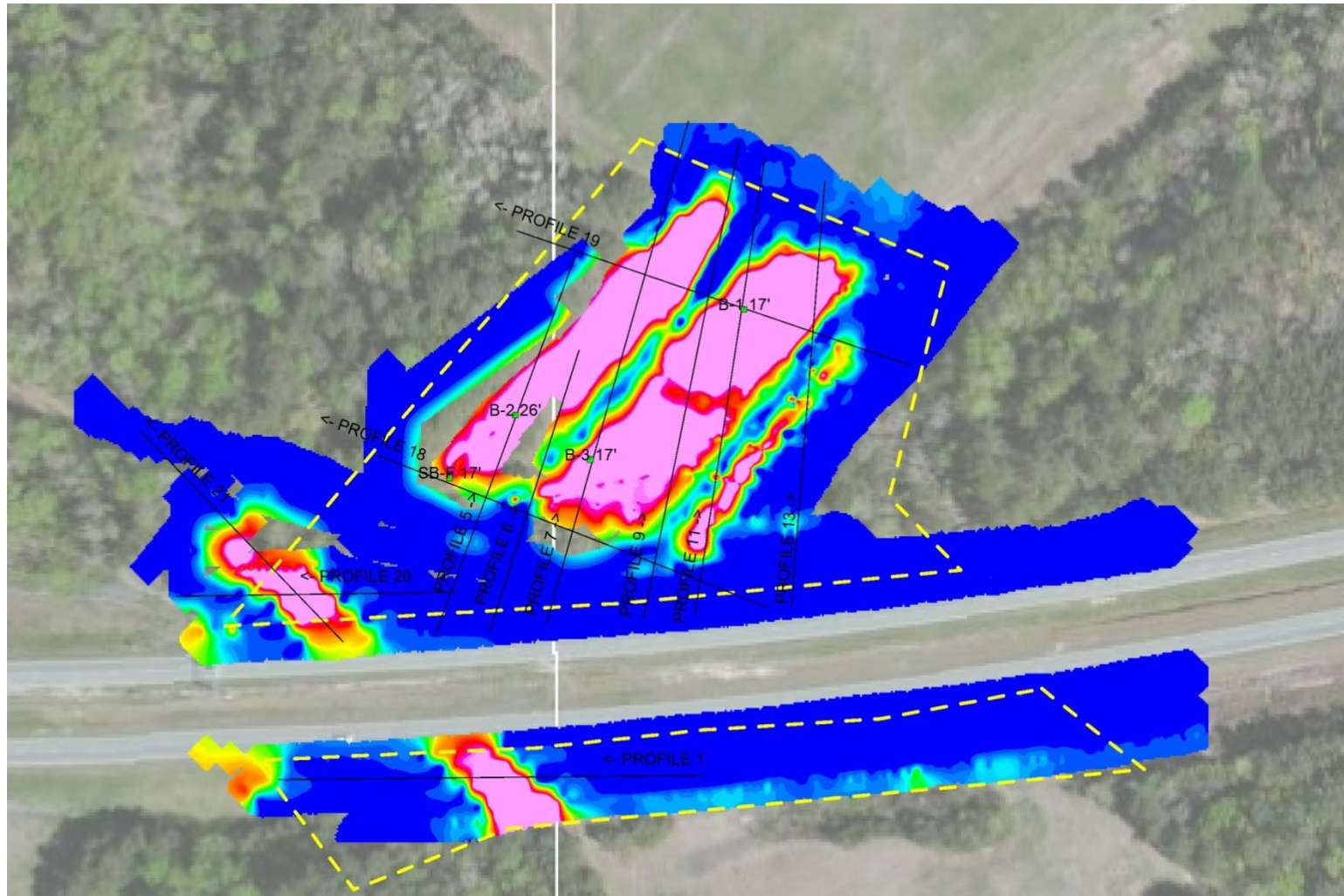


CMD-4 Conductivity data



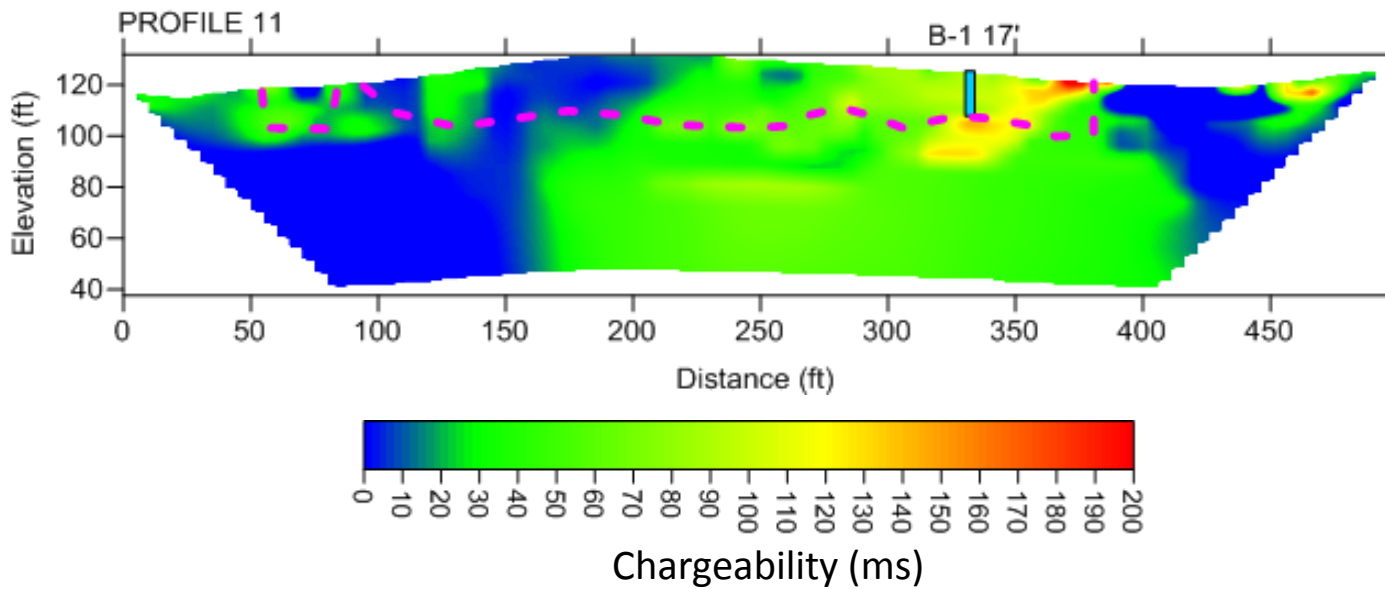
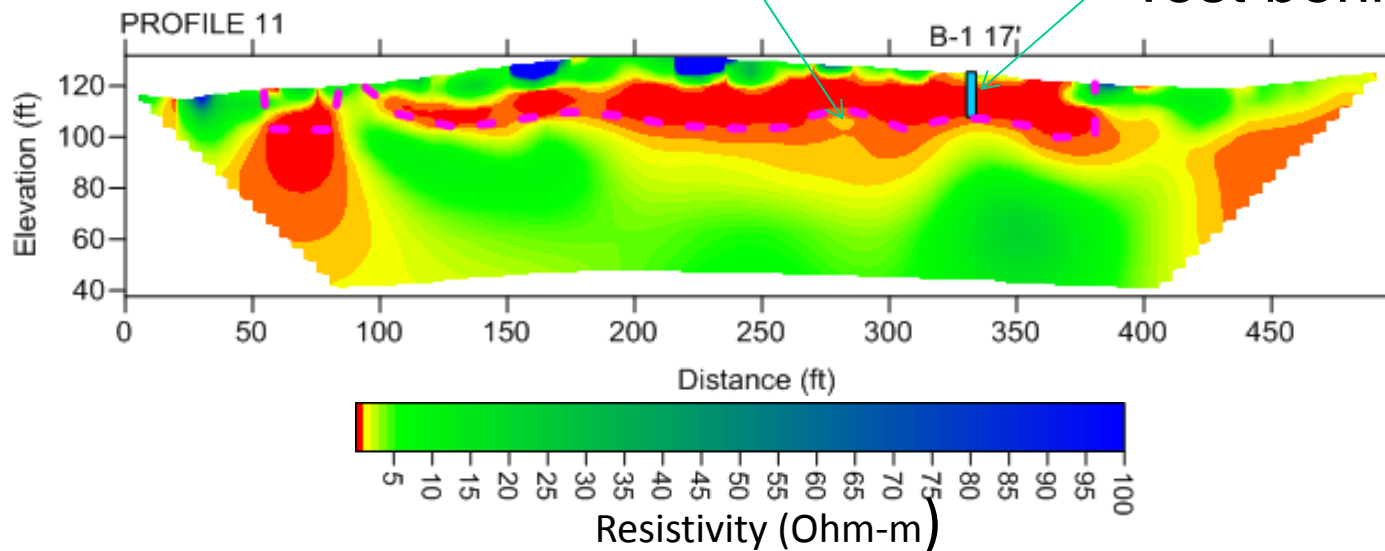


ERI/IP Data Profile Locations



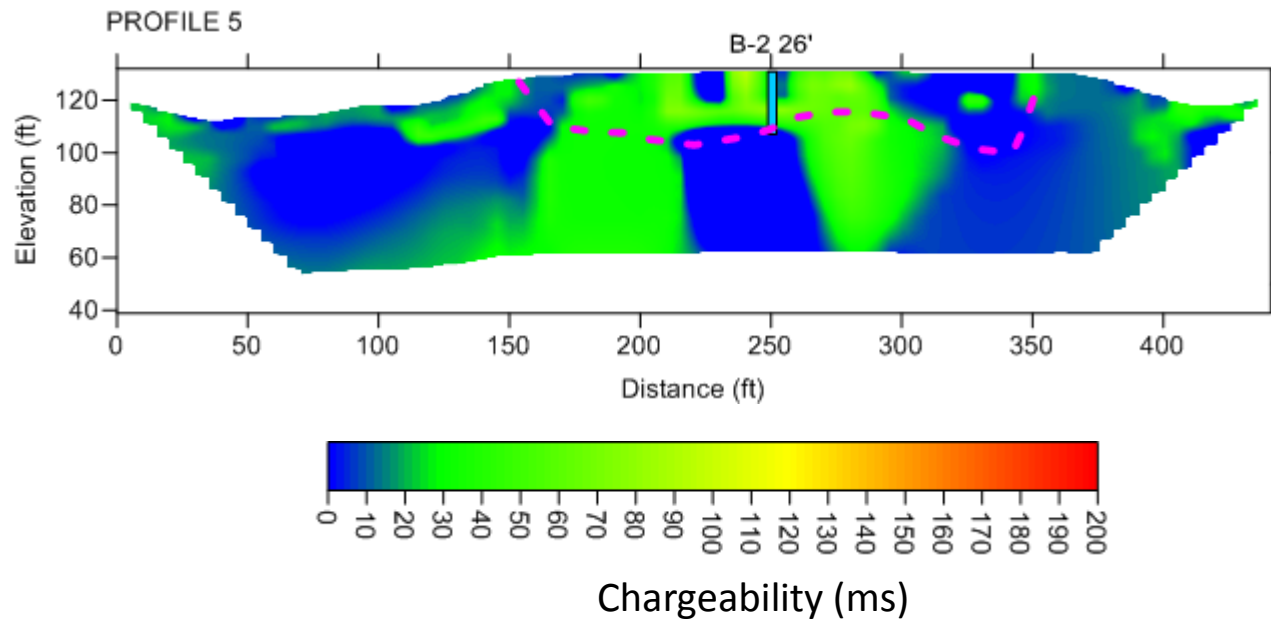
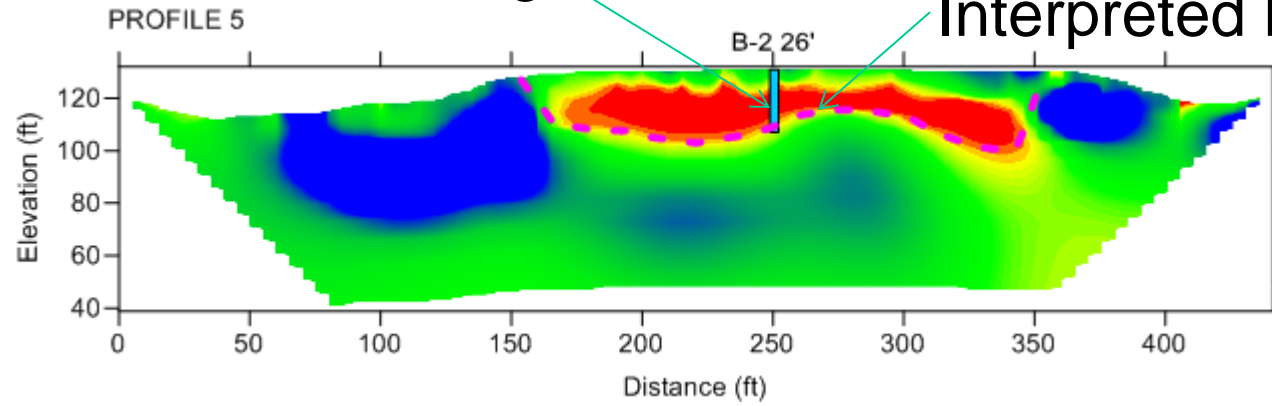
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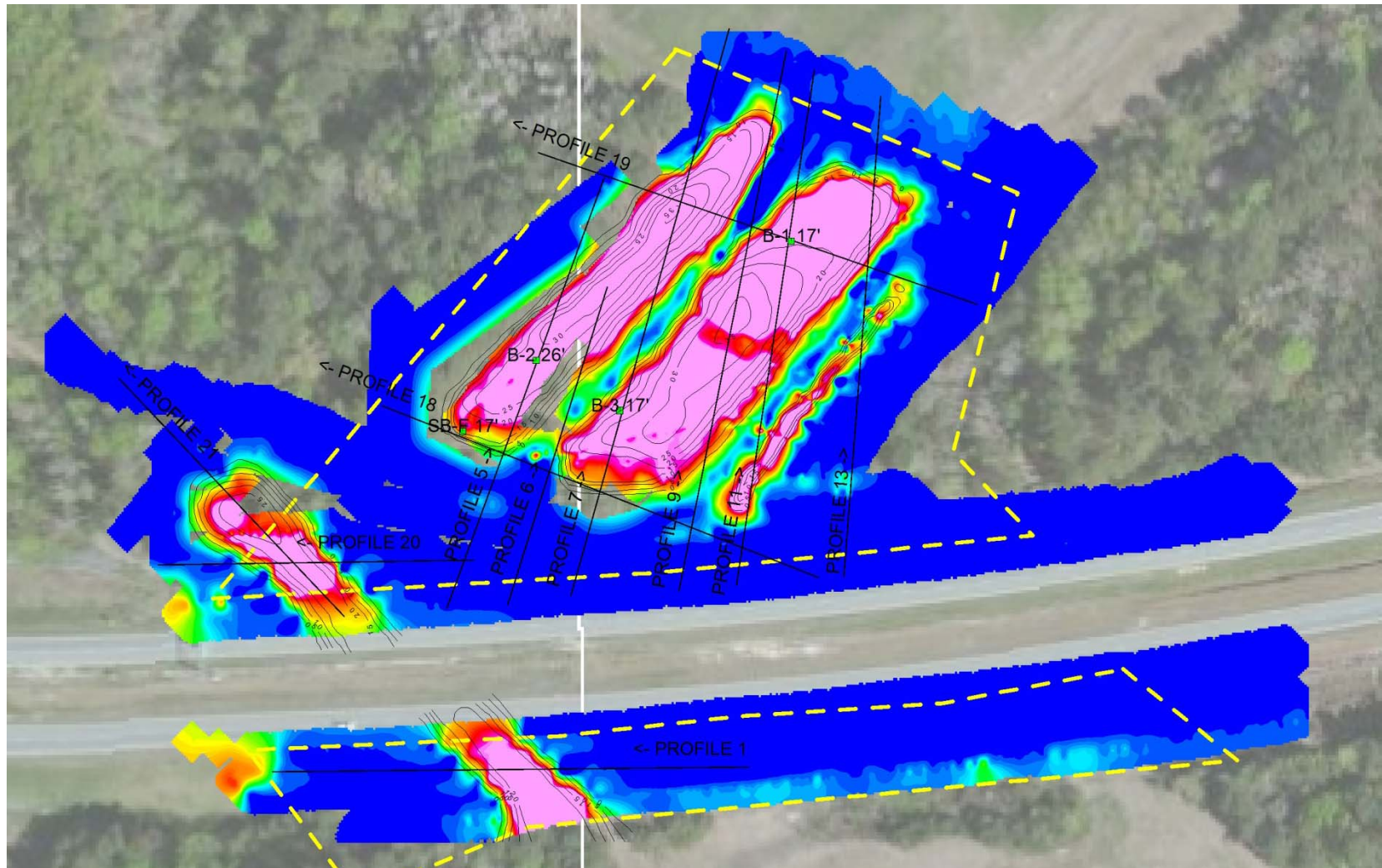


Test boring

Interpreted base of flyash



Flyash thickness contour lines from CMD-4 and ERI data



Conclusions

- Lateral and vertical limits of landfilled flyash trenches were determined through a combination of electromagnetic and electrical resistivity imaging
- Borehole data was used to calibrate the geophysical data and improve the accuracy of the geophysical models
- Based on the geophysical results, NCDOT selected a different option for the proposed alignment of the exit ramp to minimize the amount of flyash to be removed

Thank you

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