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#### ROLLER COMPACTED CONCRETE FOR McALPINE LOCK REPLACEMENT: BY DAVID E. KIEFER P.E.







#### CONSTRUCTION OF 360' 2-STAGE LOCK, 1870





## CONSTRUCTION OF 600' LOCK, 1900





#### **CONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING 1200' LOCK, 1960**





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\*360' lock deactivated due to miter gate failure

- \*600' lock used only as back-up (slow and unreliable)
- \*New 1200' lock will add capacity and reliability
- \*New lock will be located south of existing 1200' lock



#### NEW 1200' LOCK

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#### **Downstream Cell Construction**







#### **Upstream Cofferdam Cells**







#### Demolition and Foundation Excavation





#### ENGINEERING AND DESIGN OF NEW LOCK

\*Evaluate Alternative/Innovative Emptying and Filling Systems
\*Evaluate Alternative Lock Wall Designs
\*Perform Hydraulic Model Studies

\*Select Best Alternative for Hydraulic and Wall Construction Considerations.

#### CONVENTIONAL INTAKE SYSTEM US Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District W/LOCK FLOOR CULVERTS





#### NEW 1200' LOCK CROSS SECTION





#### **LOCK WALL OPTIONS**

- \* Thin-wall design with tie-back anchors
- \* Reinforced Earth type wall
- \* Thin-wall design with deadmen
- \* Grouted Stone Fill
- \* Roller Compacted Concrete (RCC) Selected as Preferred Option



#### ROLLER COMPACTED CONCRETE

- \* ACI 207; Concrete of no-slump consistency in its unhardened state that is transported, placed, and compacted using earth and rockfill construction equipment.
- \* A well graded aggregate mixture with a little bit of cement, fly ash and water thrown in for good measure.
- \* Looks like a pile of wet rock.
- \* Work it like dirt/soil, core it like concrete.



#### **RCC CONSTRUCTION**

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## MCALPINE St LOCK CONSTRUCTION

\* 150,000 cubic yards rock excavation

\* 400,000 cubic yards concrete

\* Access Bridge: 42 drilled shafts,6' diameter, 45' to 100' long

\* 165,000 cubic yards backfill

\* Traylor Bros, Granite, Massman (TGM)



\* Crushed Limestone Coarse Aggregate,2" NMSA

\* Natural, River Dredged Fine Aggregate

\* Class F Fly Ash

\* Type II, max 80 cal/g cement



#### **BATCH PLANT**

- Twin 6-yard Besser compulsory mixers
- ASTM #3 (2-inch) and #57 (1-inch) coarse aggregate.
- Coarse aggregate wet belt and liquid nitrogen for temperature control.
- 70 Degree (Mass) and 80 Degree (RCC) temperature requirements.



#### **BATCH PLANT**





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#### WET-CHILL BELT





#### LIQUID NITROGEN

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- Constructed to demonstrate suitability of Contractor's equipment, methods and personnel.
- 50' long by 30' wide at top, (5) 1-foot lifts.
- Test section saw cut and inspected after placement for evaluation of RCC placement procedures.













#### McALPINE RCC CONSTRUCTION

RCC and conventional concrete transported from batch plant using Maxon Agitor trucks.

- •Rotec creter-crane primarily used for concrete placement.
- •Buckets and creter-crane used for RCC facing concrete
- •Large and small rollers used for compaction



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#### FACING CONCRETE





#### **BEDDING MORTAR**





#### CONSOLIDATION OF INTERFACE





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#### **PRIMARY ROLLER**







#### SECONDARY ROLLER

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#### **SEGREGATION**





#### QC – NUCLEAR DENSITY TESTING





#### INSERTING MONOLITH JOINT





#### **SLOPING BACKFACE**







#### LOCK WALL FACE

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#### **MIX PROPORTIONS**

	<u>MASS</u>	<u>RCC</u>
Cement	259	120
Fly Ash	187	156
Coarse Agg.	2350	2440
Fine Agg.	1070	1132
Water	187	174





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### **QUESTIONS ???**