Concrete Damage at Carters Dam

January 2005



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Reregulation Dam – Downstream View





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Downstream D-2, Lifts 23, 24?







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Upstream D-2



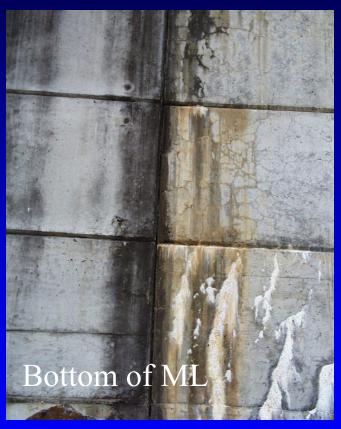


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Downstream Joint - D-8 and D-9

Top of ML







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Upstream D-9





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Upstream D-1





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Trunnion Block, ML D-8





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Emergency Spillway







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Shaft in ML 11





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Aggregate

- Single source Dalton Quarry
- At least 3 distinct types in the 1.5 and 3 inch sizes
 - One suspected of ACR

- Problems with ACR rock: Sep - Nov 71



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Portland Cement

3 sources

 All low alkali
 0.45 - 0.55 Na₂O_{eq}

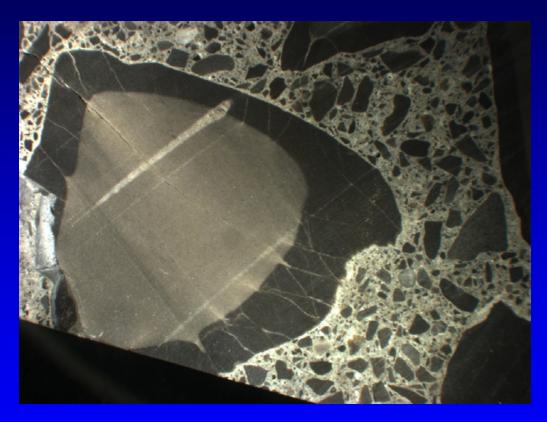
 Pozzolan

 Probably not



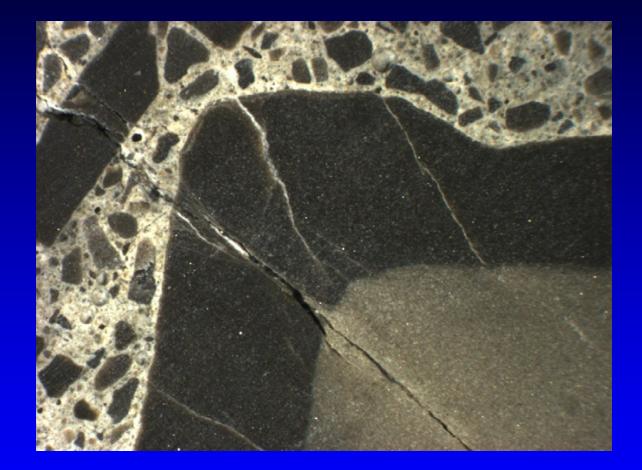
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Reactive Pieces





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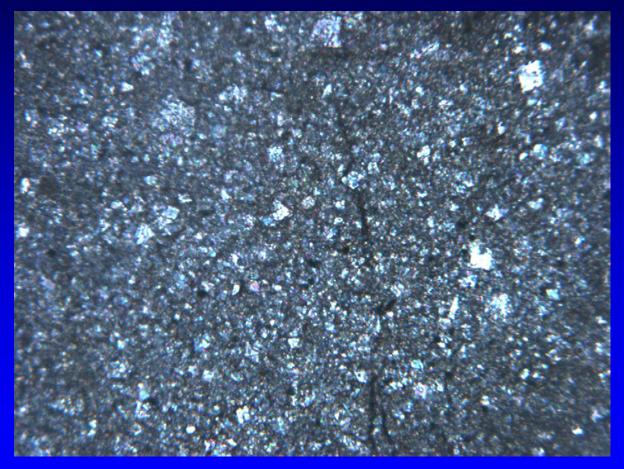








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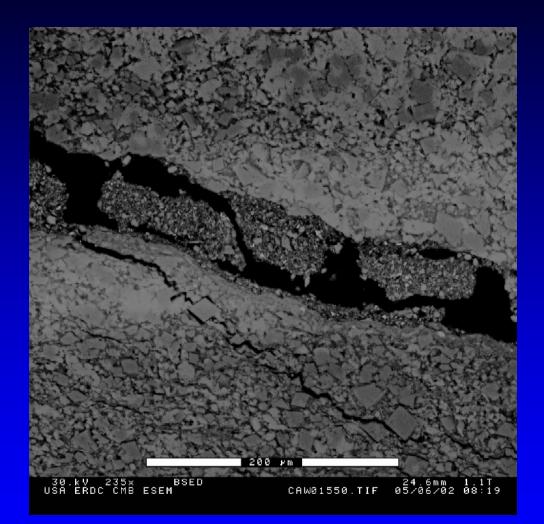
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Reaction Products

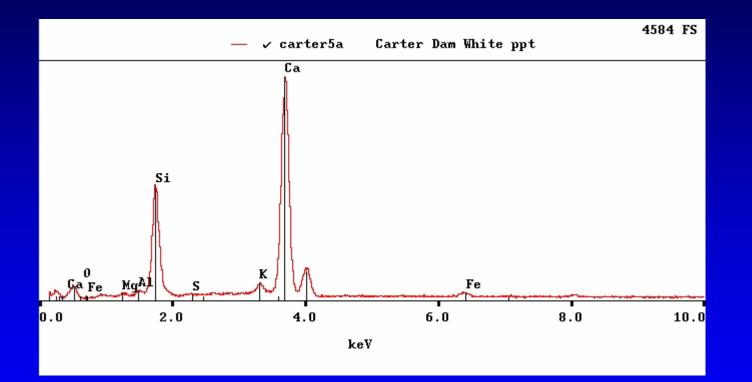




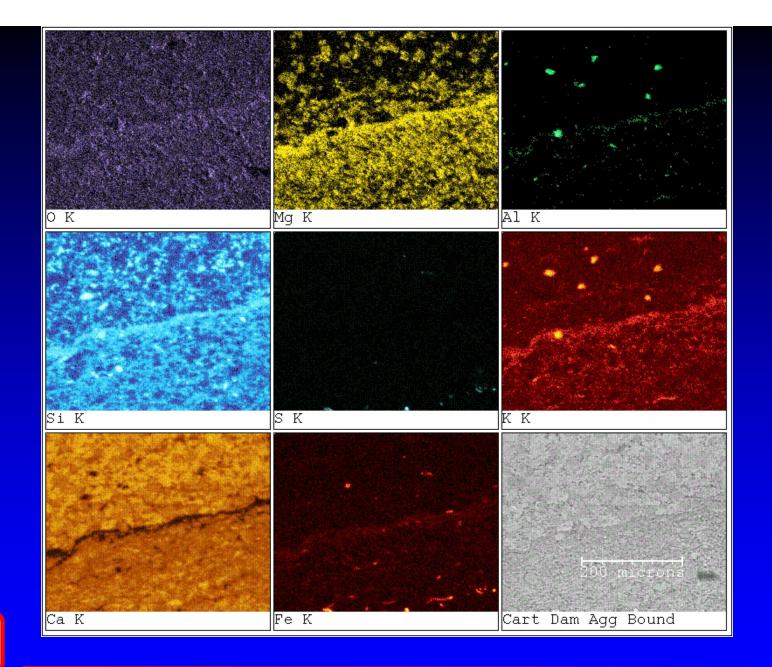
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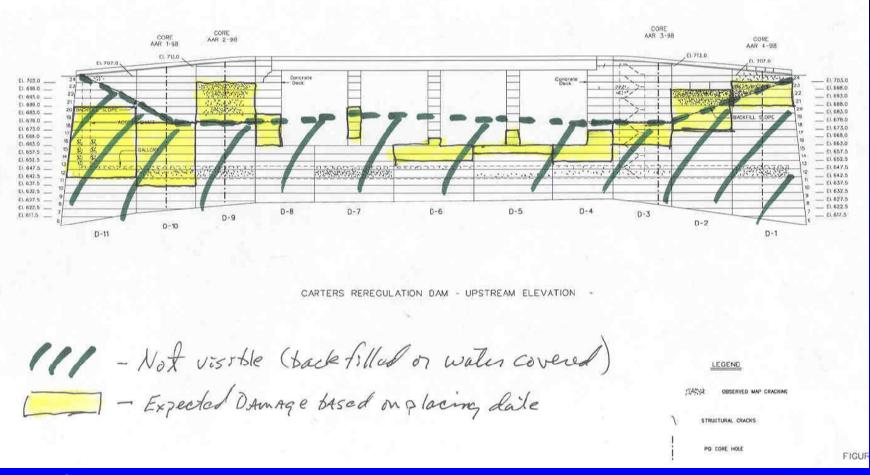








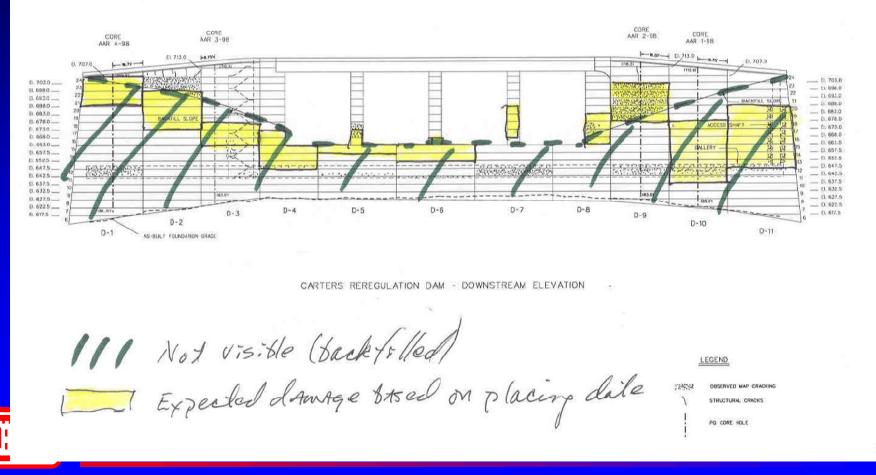
Expected Damage – Upstream Face



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Expected Damage - Downstream Face



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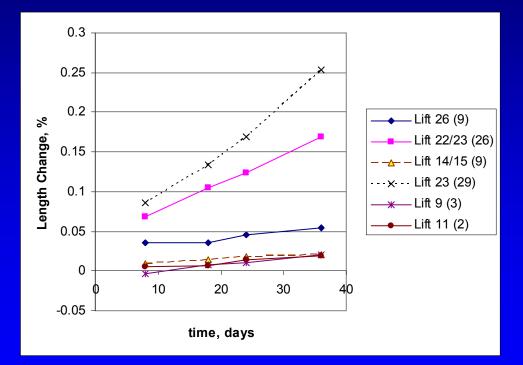
Strength

- Strength ~ number reactive particles/ft
 - Low counts: 3935 psi
 - Moderate counts: 3357 psi
 - High counts: 2884 psi (best of the worst!!)



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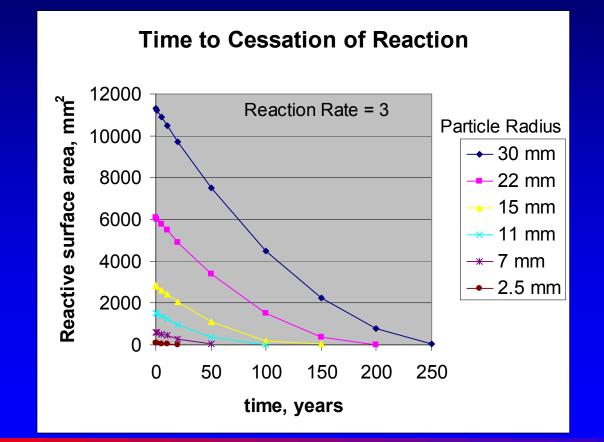
Residual Expansion





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Remaining Reaction





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Similar Structures

Chickamauga

Lock soon to be replaced

Center Hill



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Major Materials Issue

- Aggregate QC
- Alkali Carbonate Reaction
 - First analysis suggests
 - Bad news for aggregate sources
- Alkali Silica Reaction
 - Similar in some features
 - Better news for aggregate sources



AAR - Do we really know what we're doing?

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