## Kansas Department of Transportation

MEMO TO:	Jim L. Kowach, P.E., Chief, Bureau of Design
ATTENTION:	James O. Brewer, P.E., Engineering Manager, State Road Office
FROM:	Delmar L. Thompson, P.G., Regional Geologist, Lawrence
DATE:	June 7, 2001
SUBJECT:	GEOLOGY REPORT FINAL DESIGN GEOLOGY REPORT
RE:	Project 900-75 K-8212-01 Pottawatomie County State Fishing Lake Bridge Bridge No. 900-75-1.40 (053) Bridge Approaches Pottawatomie County

Three copies of the above combined report are attached to this memorandum. A stratigraphic section will not be needed, as bedrock will not be encountered in the construction of the approaches for this proposed project. If questions arise over the contents of this report, please contact the Lawrence Regional Geology Office.

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## GEOLOGY REPORT and FINAL DESIGN GEOLOGY REPORT

Pottawatomie County State Fishing Lake Bridge Project 900-75- K-8212-01 Bridge No. 900-75-1.40 (053) Bridge Approaches

**Pottawatomie County** 



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### FINAL DESIGN GEOLOGY REPORT



#### INTRODUCTION

This proposed project consists of a bridge replacement at the Pottawatomic County State Fishing Lake located just west of K-99 approximately 7.24 to 8.0 km (4.5 to 5 miles) north of Westmoreland. The existing bridge is a small wooden structure on concrete block footings at the north end of the lake. The proposed replacement structure will be a single span bridge approximately 9.5 m in length at the same location. The bridge approaches will be improved approximately 23 m on either side of the bridge by slightly raising and widening the embankments to match the new structure.

#### **Engineering Geology of the Project**

#### Geology of the Site

The hills surrounding the lake are made up of thin residual soils over the lower bedrock units of the Chase Group and the upper units of the Council Grove Group of the Permian System of geologic time. The individual members range from the Florence Limestone Member to the Funston Limestone Member. At the project site, the existing bridge crosses a stream channel at the northern end of the lake. The soil mantel consists of approximately .5 m of fill and residual silty clays over 4 m a very soft, saturated alluvium. Below the soil mantle, the remnants of the Blue Rapids Shale Formation and the Crouse Limestone Member will be encountered only at depth. With the exception of construction of the foundations for the bridge, bedrock will not be encountered on this proposed project.

#### **Engineering Recommendations**

Any excavation will be classified as common in the soil mantle. All backslopes should be set to a 1:3 or flatter. Rock toes may be required to help stabilize any additional berm placed around the new abutments and for the fill for the widening of the new approaches.

#### Hydrology

The water level of the lake was measured at an elevation of 422.03 in December of 2000. It should be noted that the water level of the lake could change rapidly during construction due to precipitation and runoff. Fluctuations in the lake level could cause considerable problems during construction of the bridge and approaches.

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MEMORANDUM

TO:	Jim L. Kowach, P.E. Chief, Bureau of Design
DATE:	Dec. 15, 2000
SUBJECT:	Bridge Foundation Geology Report
RE:	Project 75 K-8212-01 Pottawatomie County State Fishing Lake Bridge Bridge No. 900-75-1.40 (053) Pottawatomie County

Three copies of the above report are attached to this memorandum. Due to a lack of available plans and the small size of the planned structure, an Engineering Geology Bridge Sheet was not drawn for the proposed structure. Two copies of the drill sounding logs are attached to the report.

If questions arise over the contents of this report, please contact the Lawrence Regional Geology Office.

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