



***FOAMED GLASS AGGREGATE:***  
A “New” and Unique Lightweight Fill

Mid-Atlantic QAW  
February 14, 2018



## **Outline**

- Introduction
- History of Development
- Material Properties
- Applications and Installation
- Research and Testing
- Case Studies

# Introduction

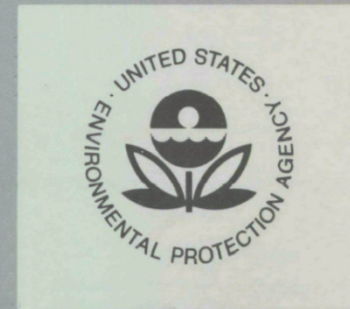


# History US EPA - Insulation 1977

EPA-600/3-77-030  
August 1977

Ecological Research Series

## FOAM GLASS INSULATION FROM WASTE GLASS



Municipal Environmental Research Laboratory  
Office of Research and Development  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45268

# History of Foamed Glass Aggregates - Europe

- Developed in Germany in early 1980s
- Technology taken to Norway in 1990s
- Thermal barrier for roadways
- Led to lightweight applications
- Growth throughout Scandinavia
  - Geotechnical Applications
- Germany and Switzerland
  - Thermal insulation
  - Additive for lightweight concrete

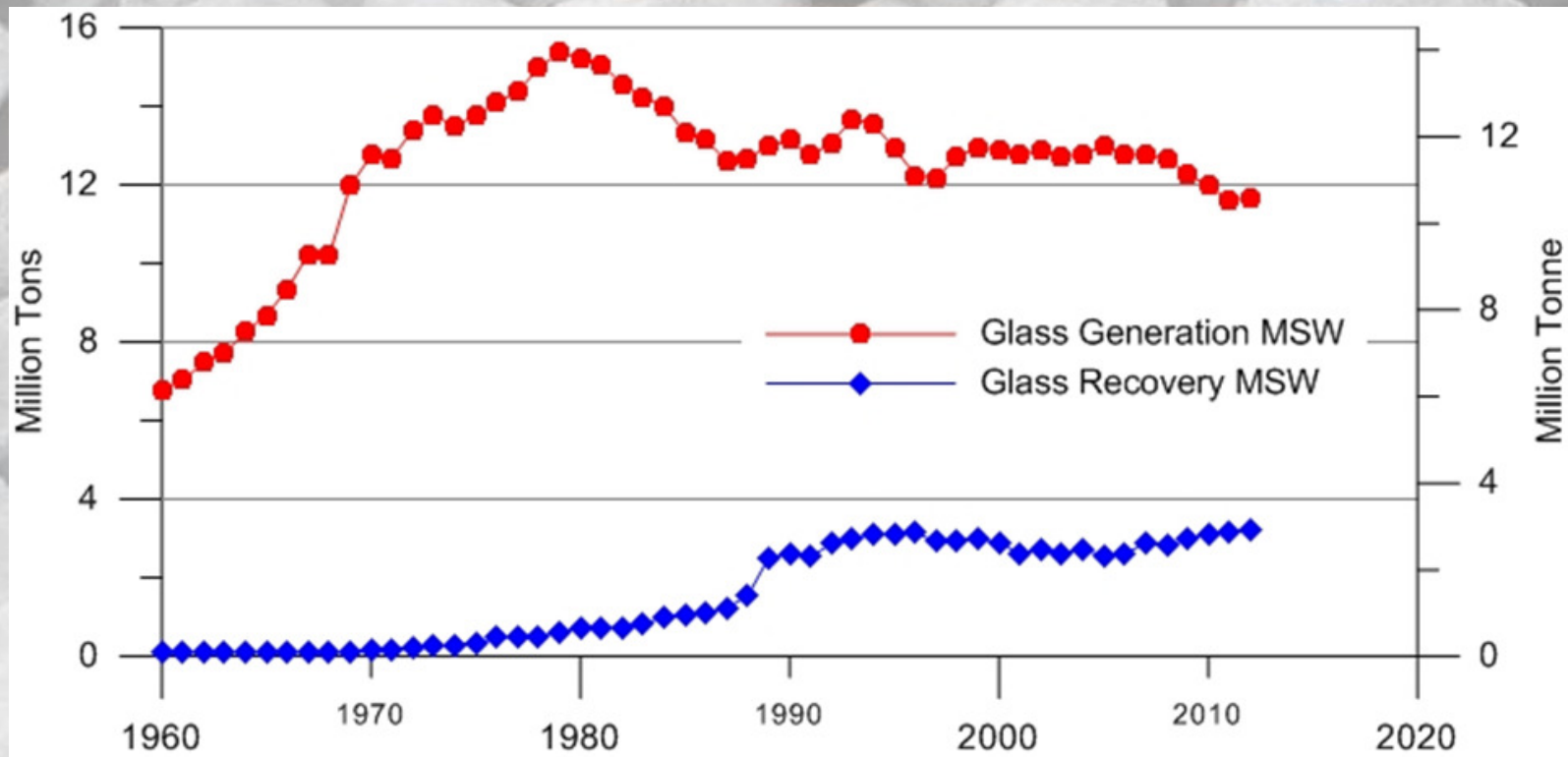


Glass Containers: 9.38 M tons/year

Recovery ~34%

Total Glass: 11.57 M tons/year

Recovery ~28%



US EPA

# Glass Processing

## *MRF-Cleaning-Milling*



- Cleaning of glass cullet
- Uses all colors and any size



- Milled into powder
- Mixed with foaming agent

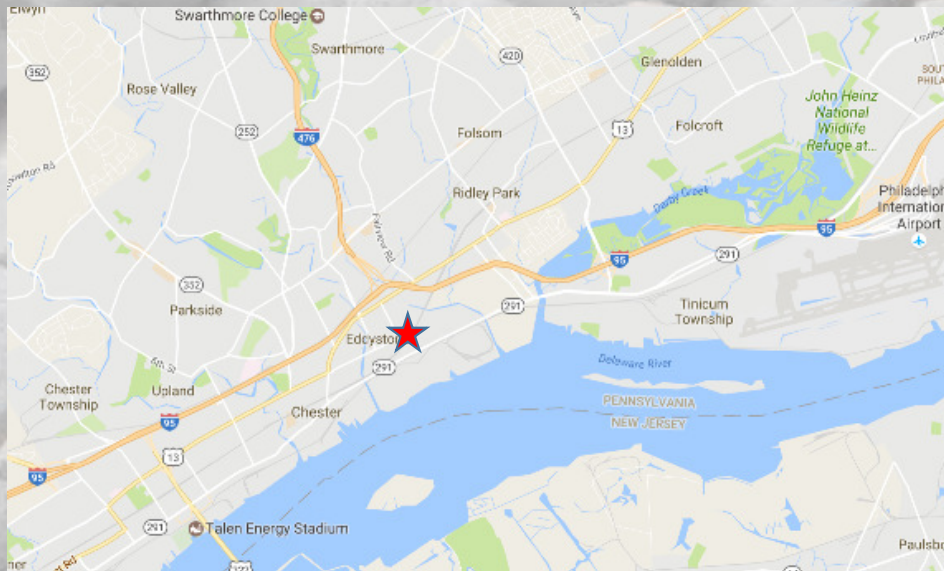
Process transforms the cullet into a new material





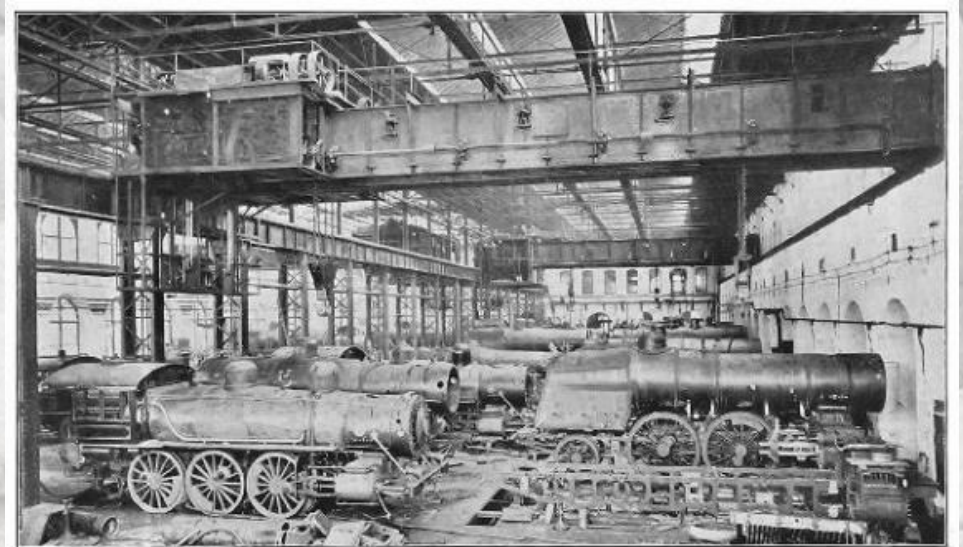


1500 Chester Pike, Eddystone, PA



10 acre site

Baldwin Locomotive Plant



97,000 sq.ft. building



Baldwin Facility

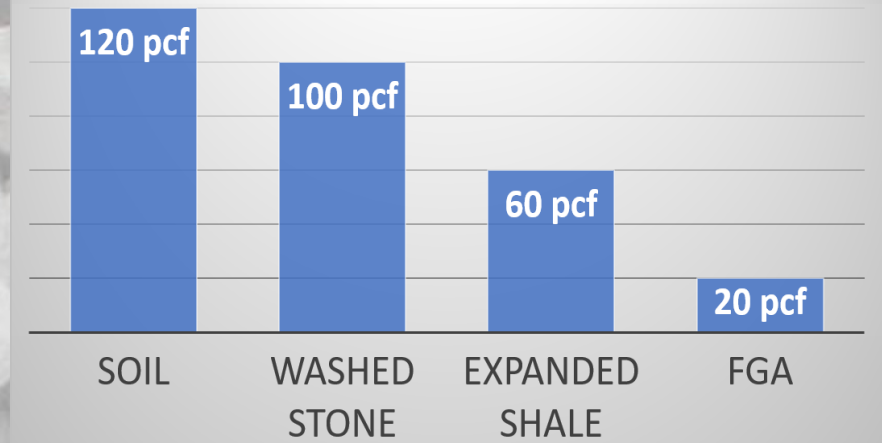
# UL-FGA

ULTRA-LIGHTWEIGHT  
FOAMED GLASS AGGREGATES



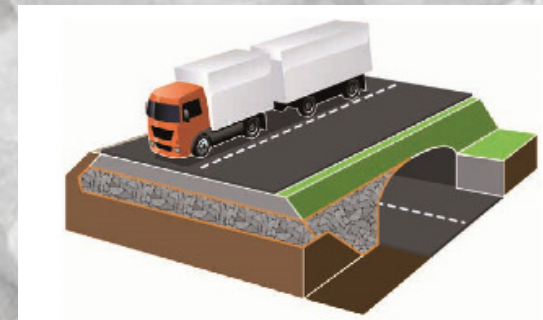
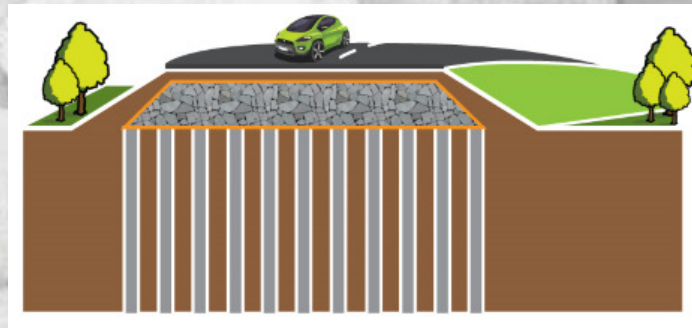
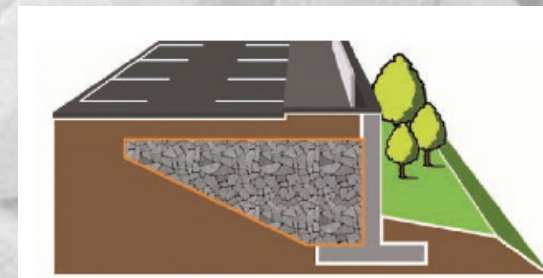
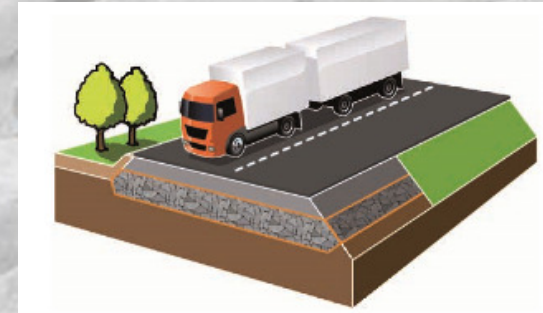
Property	Units	Value
Particle Size	mm (in)	10 – 60 (0.4 – 2.4)
Loose Bulk Density (dry), max	kg/m <sup>3</sup> (pcf)	240 (15)
Compacted Density (dry)	kg/m <sup>3</sup> (pcf)	265-310 (16.5-19.5)
Thermal Conductivity	W/mK	0.11 dry    0.15 wet
Peak Friction Angle	degrees	55.7

Compacted Unit Weight Comparison



# Applications

- Many uses for lightweight aggregates
  - Embankment fill over soft soils
  - Retaining walls
  - Bridge abutments
  - Reduced lateral load of backfill
  - Lightweight fill over culverts and utilities
  - Under foundation slab insulation and drainage
  - Insulation layer
    - Horizontal or vertical
  - Greenroofs



# Transportation

## *Highway Embankments and Landslide Repairs*



Norwegian Public Road Authority

# Transportation

## *Highway Embankments and Landslide Repairs*



Hasapor Sweden

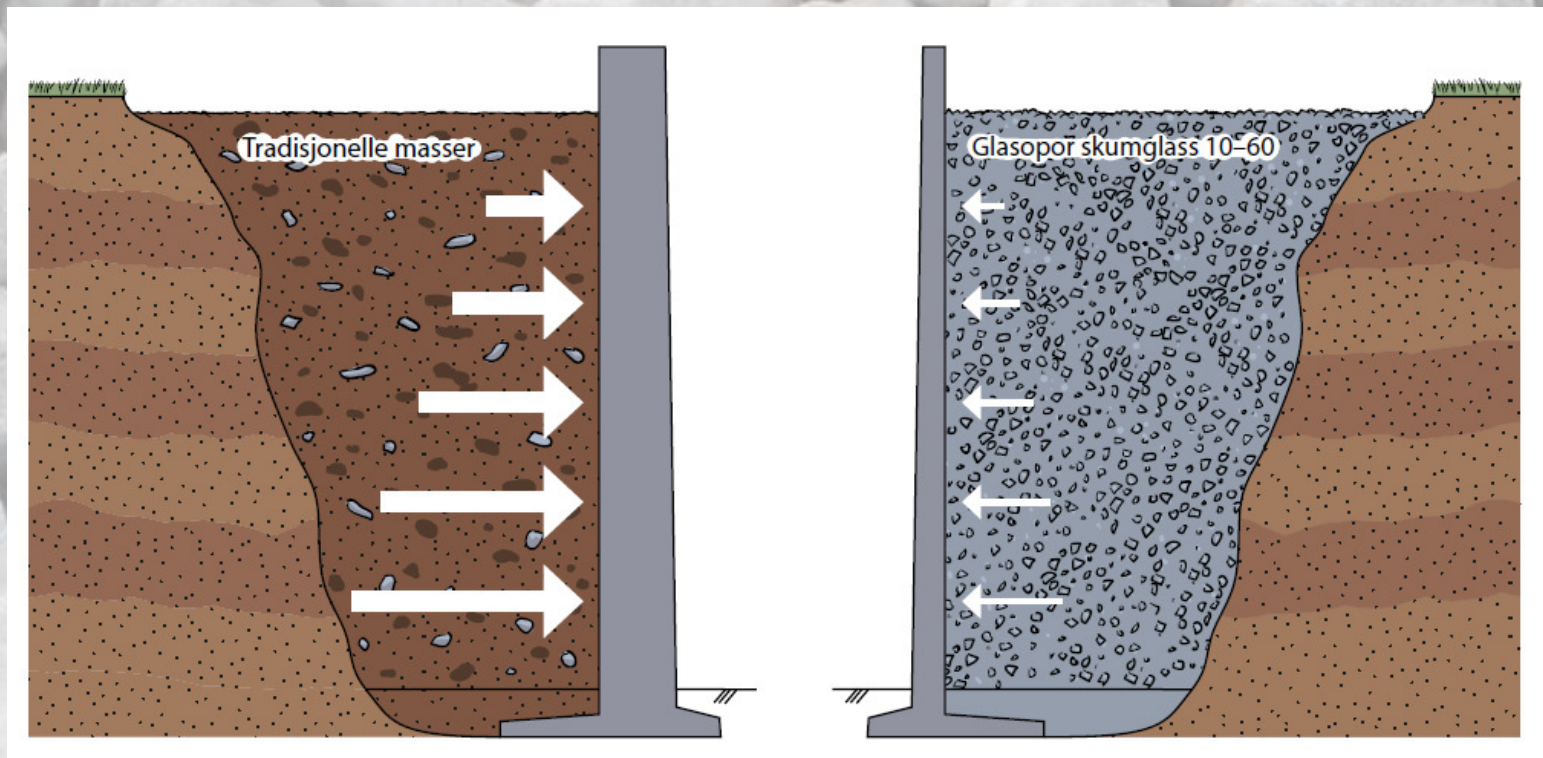
# Approach Fill for Bridge Abutments



Hasopor, Sweden

- Reduces lateral earth pressure
- Reduces settlement at interface

# Lightweight Backfill for Retaining Walls



Glasopor, Norway



# Lightweight Backfill against Foundations



Uusioaines Oy, Finland

# Cut and Cover Tunnels



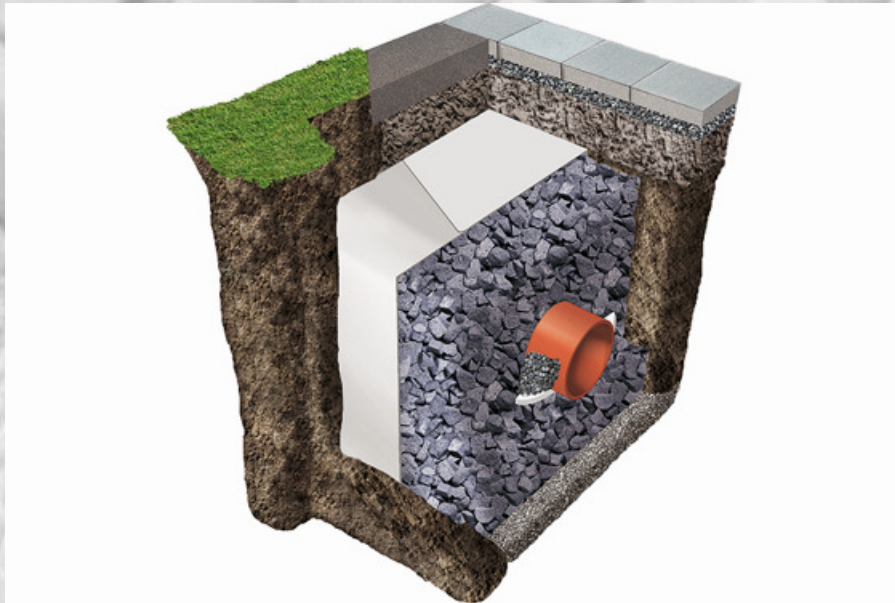
# Insulation for Permafrost

*Drainage and Capillary Break*



Norwegian Public Road Authority

# Insulation and Lightweight Backfill - Utilities



# Sound Walls

---

- Absorbs noise
- Lightweight – reduced foundation
- Porous
- UV Stable



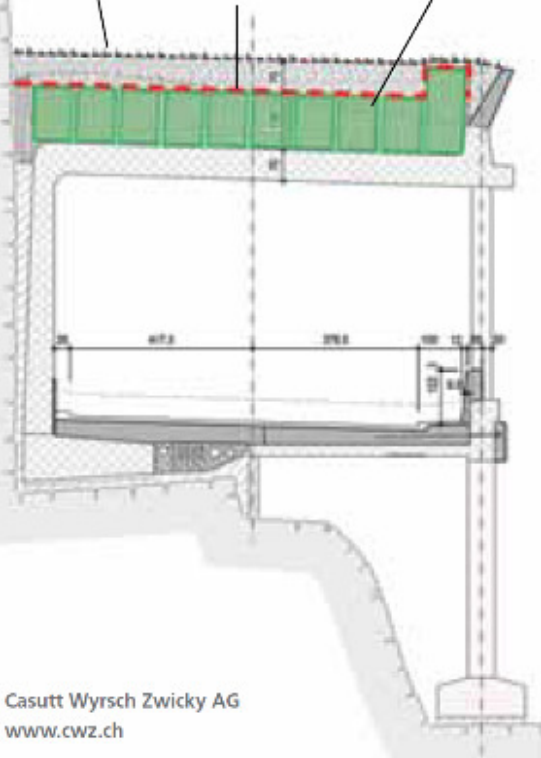
Noise insulation (gabions)

SGGC Germany



# Rockfall Protection

Gravel ballast  
Horizontal layer of TECCO® mesh  
ROCKFALL-X™ G damping system



Geobrugg AG ROCKFALL-X™ G

# Green Roofs

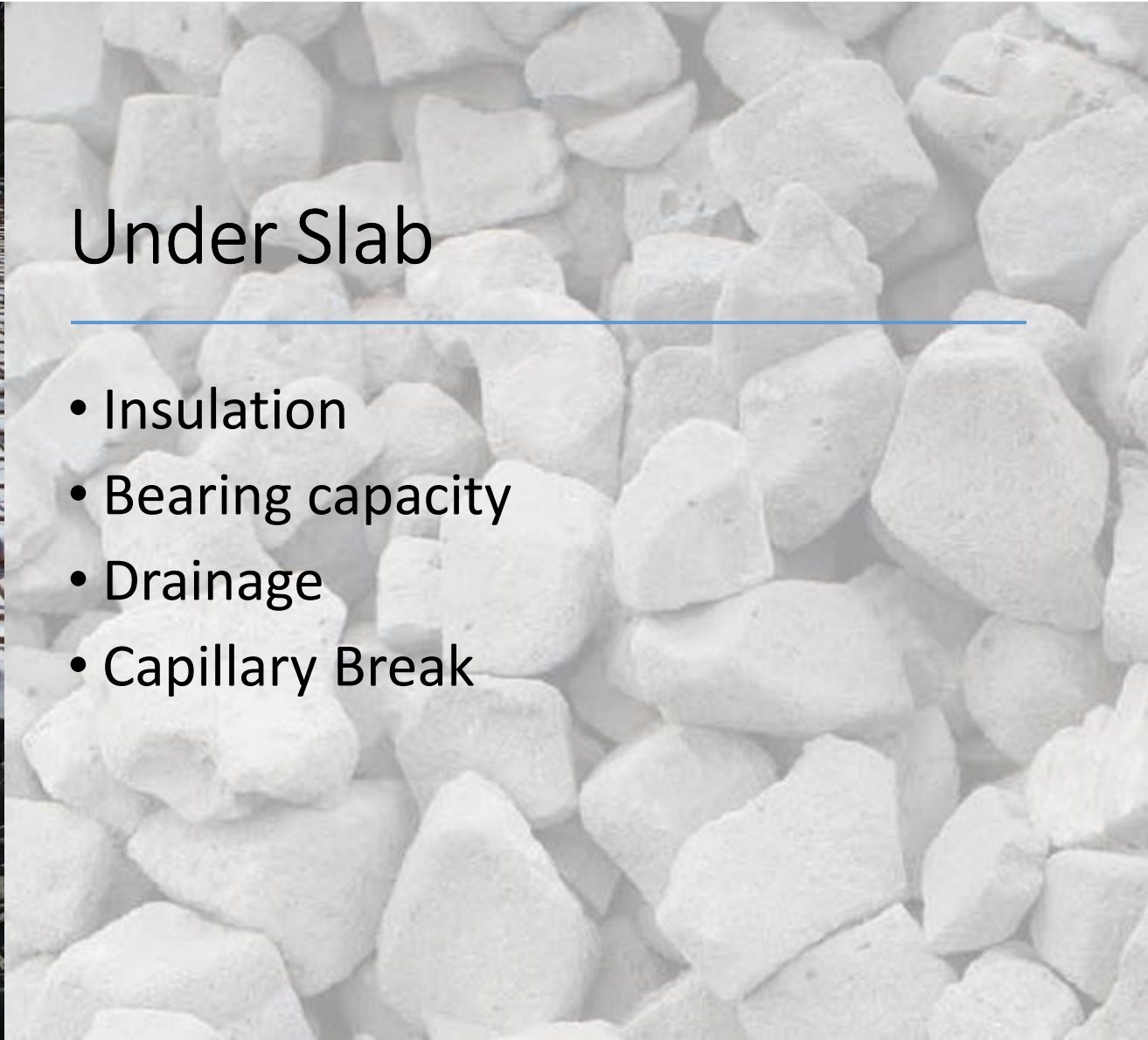




## Under Slab

---

- Insulation
- Bearing capacity
- Drainage
- Capillary Break





# Under Foundations

Meets European Energy Efficiency Requirements



# Lightweight Additive for Concrete



Misapor

# Installation and Compaction

- Maximum lift thicknesses of 24 inches (0.6 m)
- Compaction is performed with a tracked excavator or dozer 600 - 1,000 psf (30 - 50 kPa)
- 2 to 4 passes over the UL-FGA layer



# Installation and Compaction



**Easily  
graded**



**Plate  
Compactor  
Lifts 12"  
Max.**



## Side Slopes @ 45°

- Geotextile Separator (Recommended 6 oz./SY minimum)
- Cover soil



# Shipping

- Up to 100 CY/trailer
- Reduced carbon footprint
  - 1 trailer of Foamed Glass
  - 7 tri-axial loads of stone



Delivery in Super Sacks  
3CY 1,200 lbs. vs. 8,000 lbs.



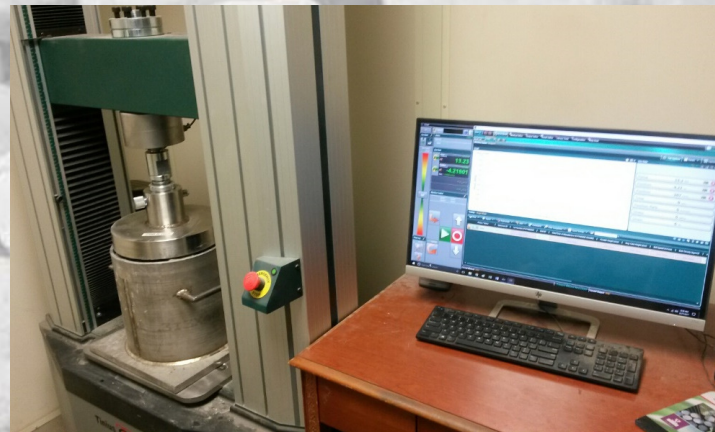
# Research and Testing

# Quality Control Program

- Modified versions of the European Standard EN 1097-11, “Tests for mechanical and physical properties of aggregates, Part 11: Determination of compressibility and confined compressive strength of lightweight aggregates”.
- Density (Dry, bulk density < 15 pcf)
- Compression (Stress @ 20% Deformation > 15,000 psf)



Determination of dry bulk density

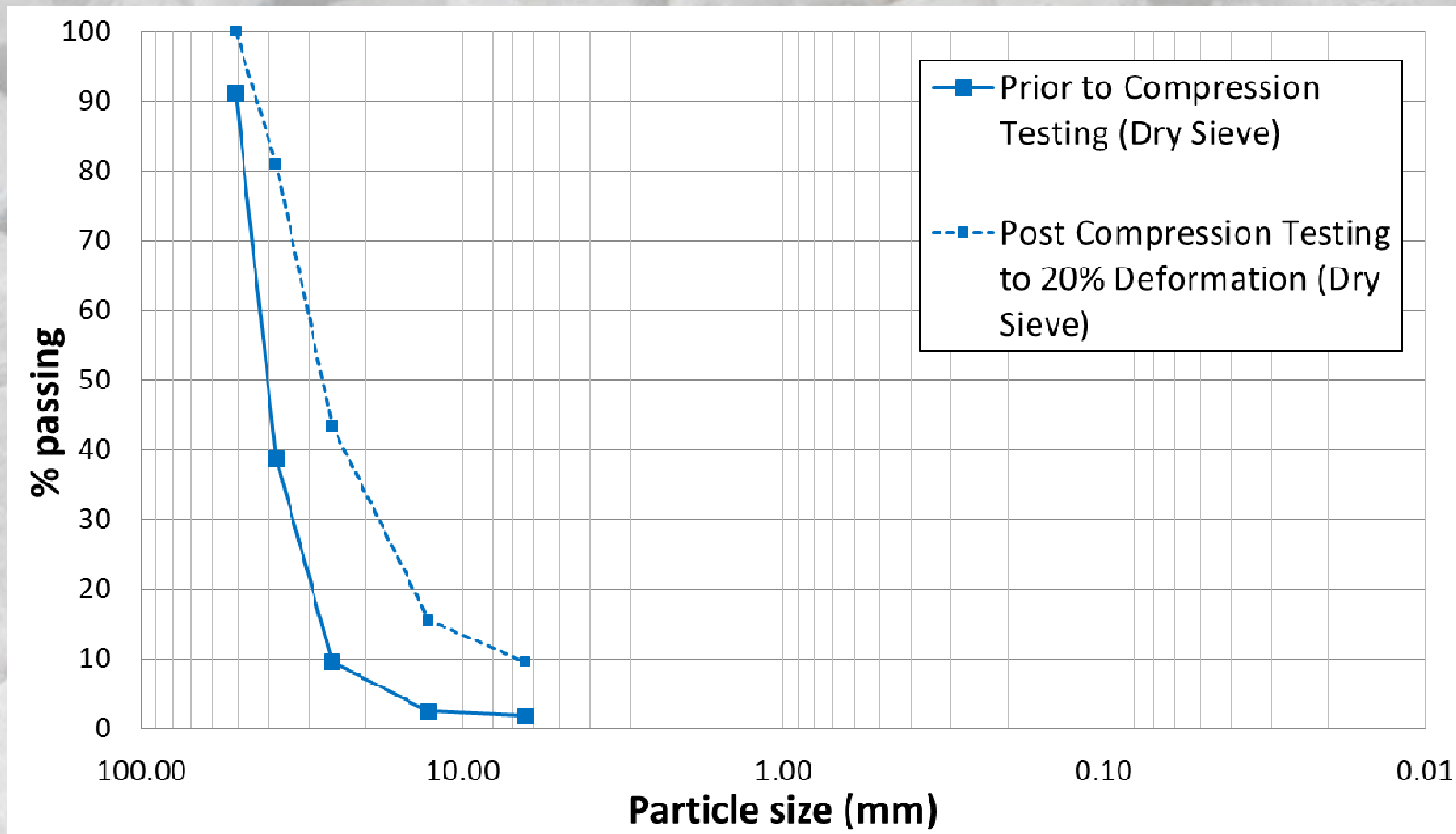


Compressive Strength Testing





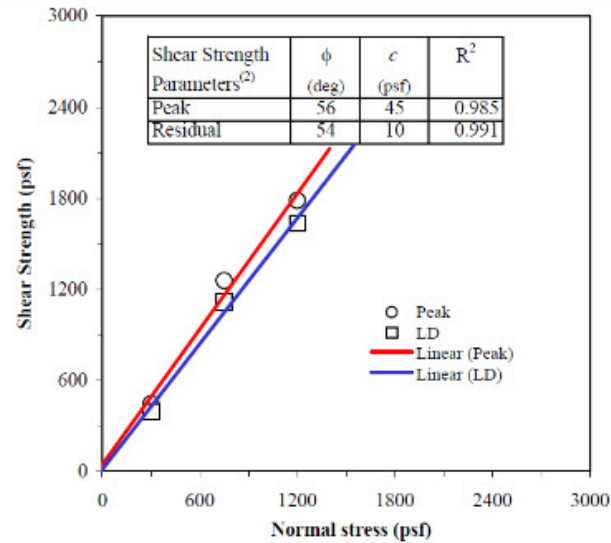
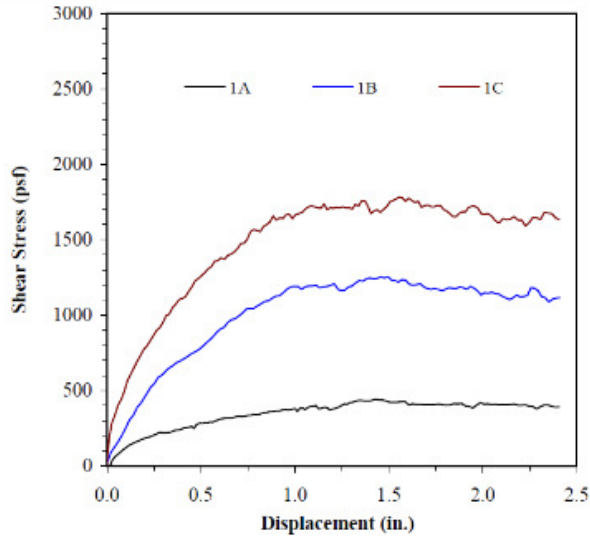
# GSD Pre- and Post-Compression Testing



Source: AeroAggregates

**DREXEL UNIVERSITY - CIVIL, ARCHITECTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING**  
**DIRECT SHEAR TESTING (ASTM D 3080 MODIFIED)**

Test Series No. 1: Lightweight aggregate (LWA-FG) lightly compacted under dry conditions



Test No.	Shear Box Size (in. x in.)	Normal Stress (psf)	Shear Rate (in./min)	Soaking		Consolidation						Soil Compaction			Shear Strength		Failure Mode		
				(psf)	(hour)	Step 1		Step 2		Step 3		$\gamma_m$ (pcf)	$e_s$ (%)	$e_r$ (%)	$\tau_p$ (psf)	$\tau_R$ (psf)			
						(psf)	(hour)	(psf)	(hour)	(psf)	(hour)								
1A	12 x 12	300	0.04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.3	-	-	444	392	(1)
1B	12 x 12	750	0.04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1255	1116	(1)
1C	12 x 12	1200	0.04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1784	1634	(1)

**NOTES:**

- (1) Shear failure was forced to occur internally through the soil specimen at the predetermined plane between the upper and lower shear box during each test.
- (2) The reported total-stress parameters of friction angle and cohesion were determined from a best-fit line drawn through the test data. Caution should be exercised in using these strength parameters for applications involving normal stresses outside the range of the stresses covered by the test series. The residual shear strength was calculated using the shear force measured at the end of the test.

DATE REPORTED: 4/28/2016

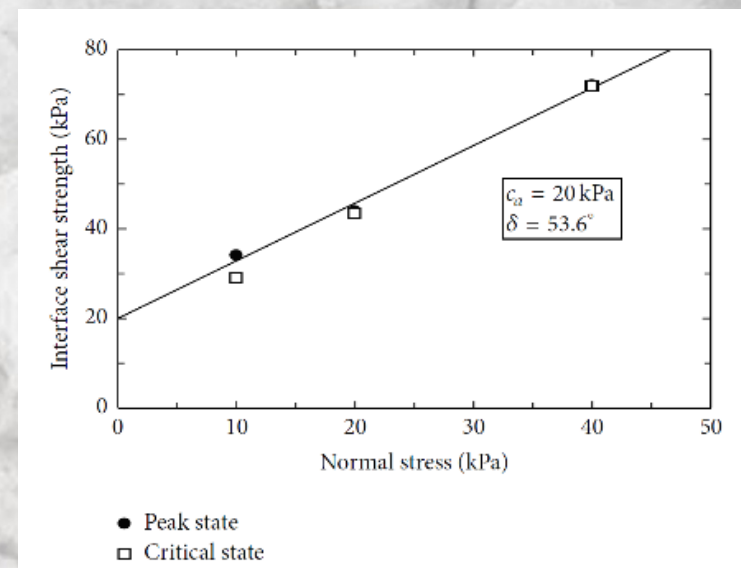
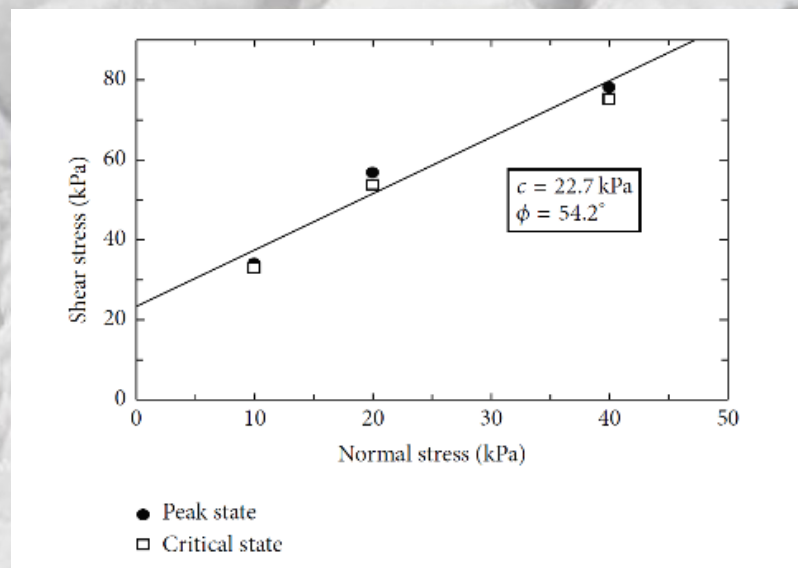


**SGI TESTING SERVICES, LLC**

FIGURE NO.	C-1
PROJECT NO.	SGI16023
DOCUMENT NO.	
FILE NO.	

Arulrajah et al., 2015. "Evaluation of Interface Shear Strength Properties of Geogrid Reinforced Foamed Recycled Glass Using a Large-Scale Direct Shear Testing Apparatus." *Advances in Material Science and Engineering*.

- Evaluation of Interface Shear Strength
- Geogrid/FG interface shear strength



# Moisture Content and Buoyancy

## Moisture Content

- Adsorption of Water to Surface – for Closed Cell
- Moist conditions - Typical 6% by volume (additional 3.75 pcf)
- Can be higher if submerged

## Buoyancy

- Testing completed – Schnabel Engineering, West Chester
- Using -15 pcf as a typical buoyant unit weight, you would need about 1 foot of “typical” fill (120 pcf) to offset the uplift on 8 feet of submerged FGA (8:1 ratio.....120/15)

# Retaining Walls

- T-Wall – The Neel Company
- RECO – FGA meets the backfill requirements for steel straps
- Pullout Testing completed for PET and HDPE Geogrids
- Pullout Testing completed on steel and Poly straps



# European Case Studies

# New Metro Line

From Jar to Kolsås



- Constructed over marsh area
- Owner wanted to reduce excavation
- From top-bottom:
  - Tracks
  - Ballast
  - Subbase
  - GT
  - FGA
  - GT
  - Subbase
  - GT

# Halden Rail Yard

- Expansion of Rail yard
- 6 new tracks
- Very soft soil near river
- Required lightweight option to reduce surcharge
- 15,000 m<sup>3</sup> used to build up area





# New E18 Motorway - Retvet- Knapstad



- 61,000 m<sup>3</sup> FGA is part of the new E18 Winton - Vinterbro.
- The six-kilometer long stretch to be built 20 meters wide
- Motorway with four lanes and central reserve.
- The stretch will have a speed limit of 100 km / h.

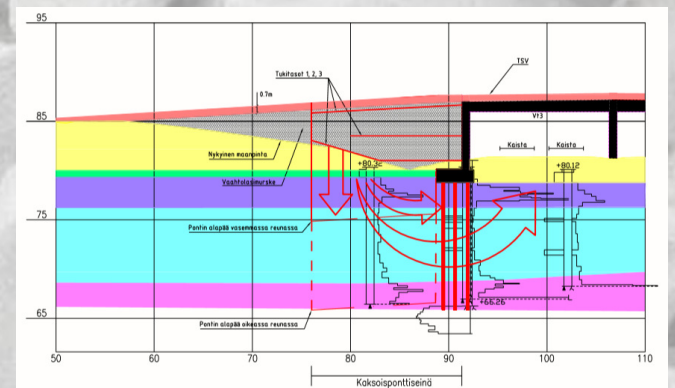
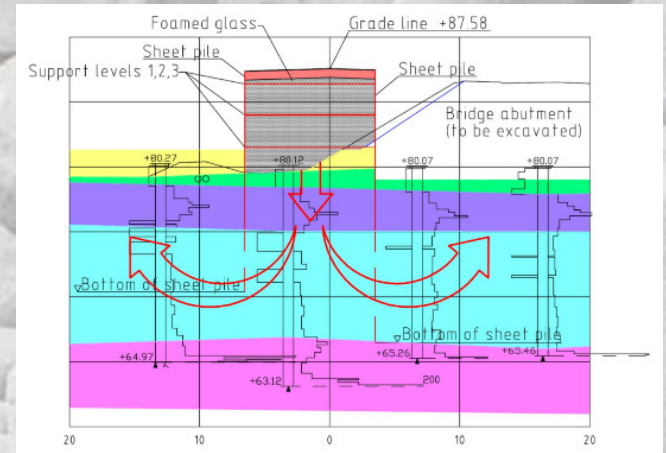
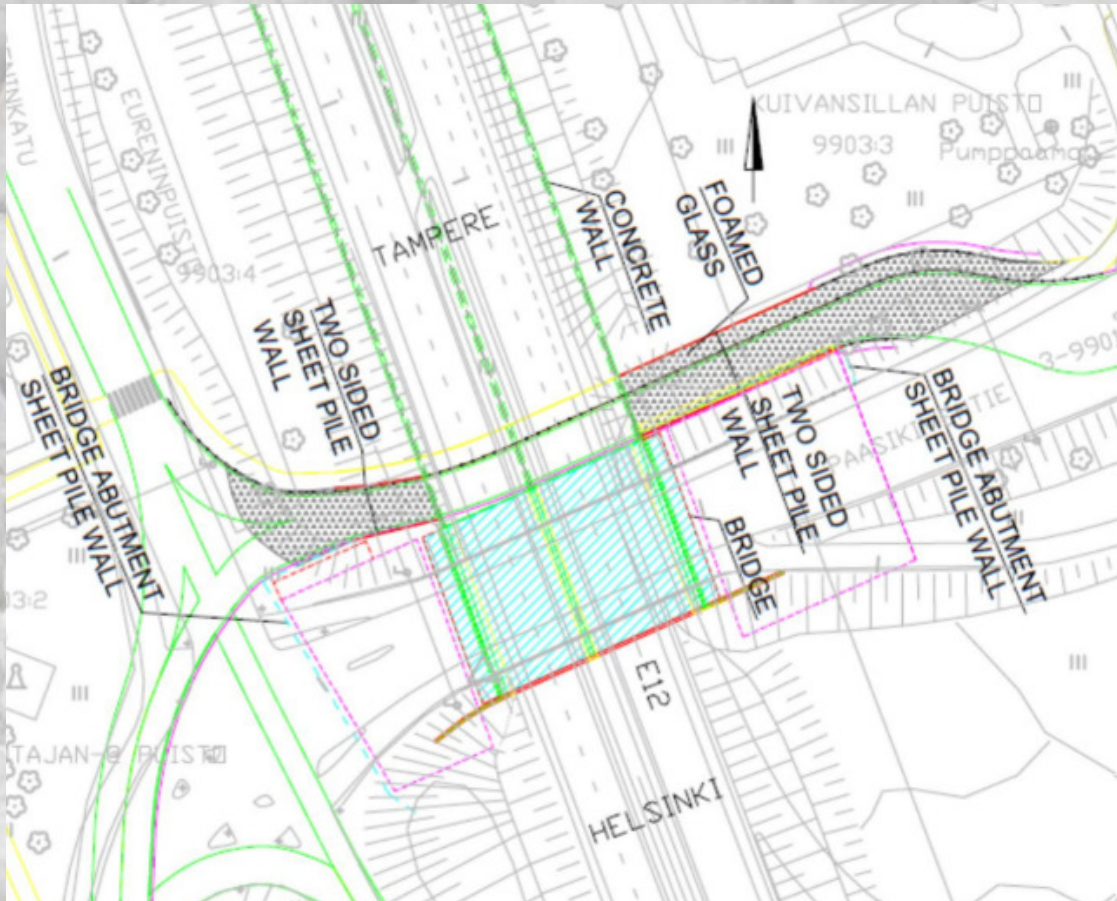
# Norwegian Public Roads Administration

## Sjørenga Bridge Approach



- Reconstruction of Bridge approaches due to settlement
- Total of 4,000 m<sup>3</sup>

# Hämeenlinna, Highway E12



# Hämeenlinna, Highway E12



# Hämeenlinna, Highway E12



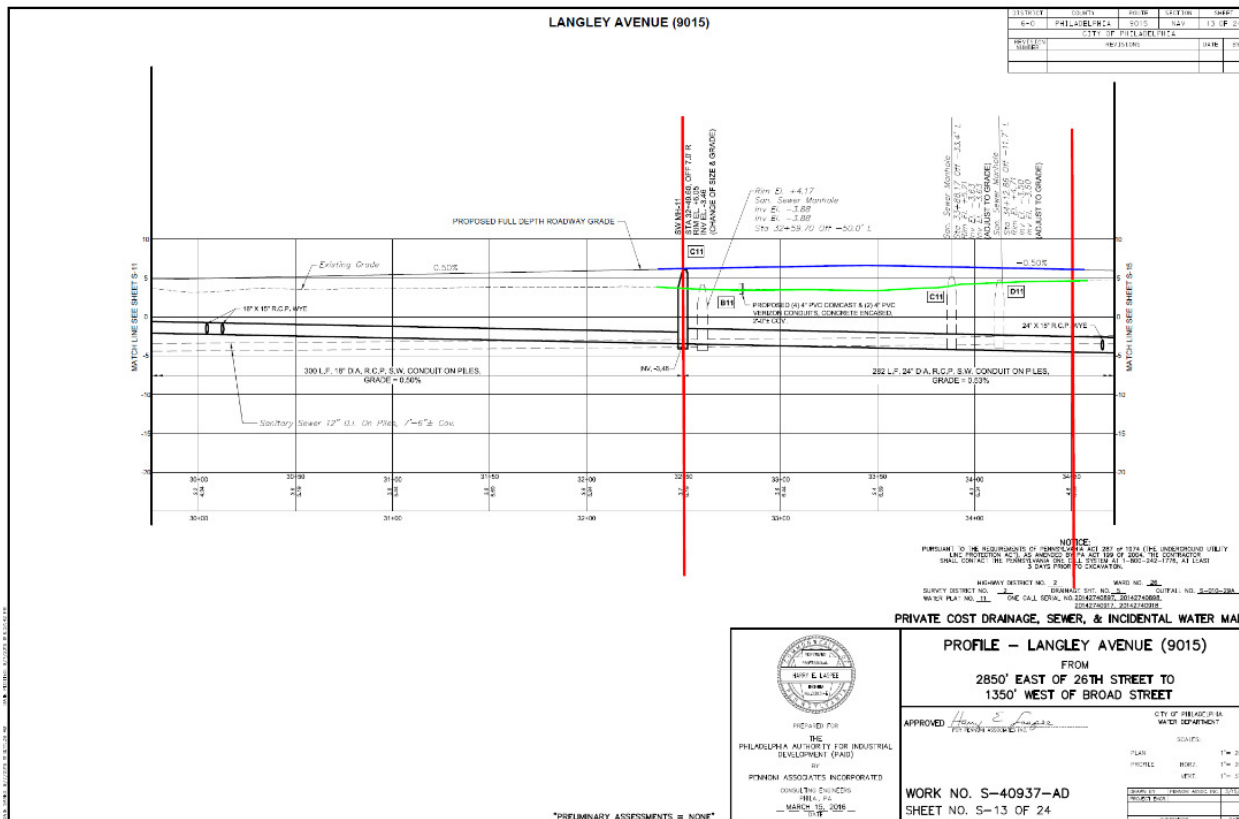
# Current DOT status

- Approved by MD SHA
- Approved VDOT
- 2 Projects with PADOT
- 1<sup>st</sup> Project with NJDOT
- NYSDOT
- MassDOT
  - READi (Review, Evaluate, Accelerate, Deploy, innovation) Committee
- ConnDOT
- NHDOT
- PA Turnpike – Innovation Council in October 2017



# U.S. Case Studies

# Philadelphia Navy Yard - PADOT





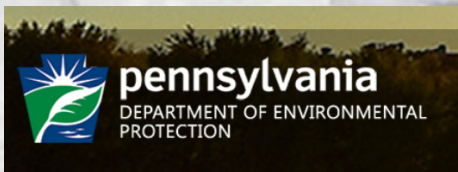
# Philly Navy Yard -- PADOT



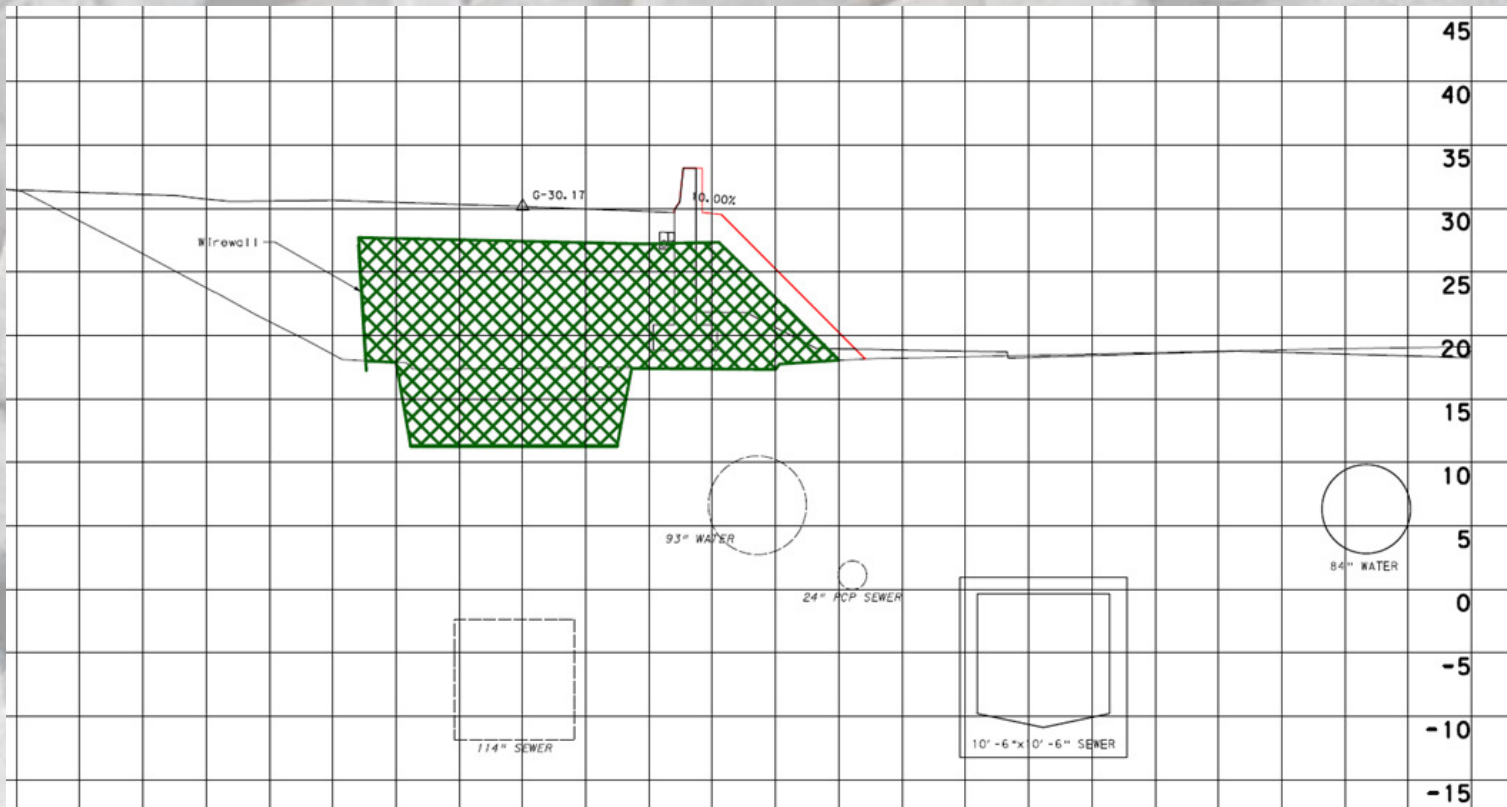
PA DEP Press Release 11/27 – “First North American Use”  
– “Its reuse right here in the city”

Secretary Patrick McDonnell

<http://www.ahs.dep.pa.gov/NewsRoomPublic/articleviewer.aspx?id=21344&typeid=1>



# I-95 - CP2 - Ramp F -- PADOT

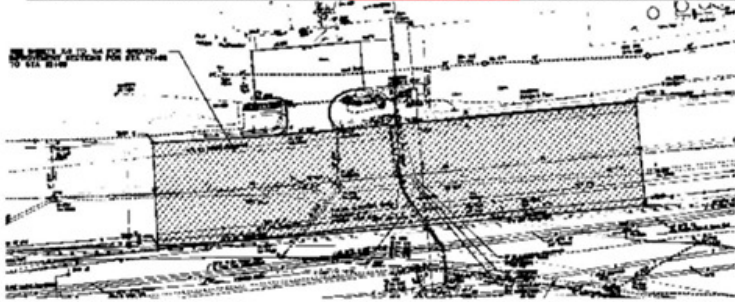


The Lightest Aggregate Available – The Benefit of being Ultra-Lightweight

# Route 7 / Hackensack -- NJDOT

## RT 7 Hackensack River Wittpenn Bridge Contract 4

### Ground Improvements: **Lightweight** Aggregate (LWA)



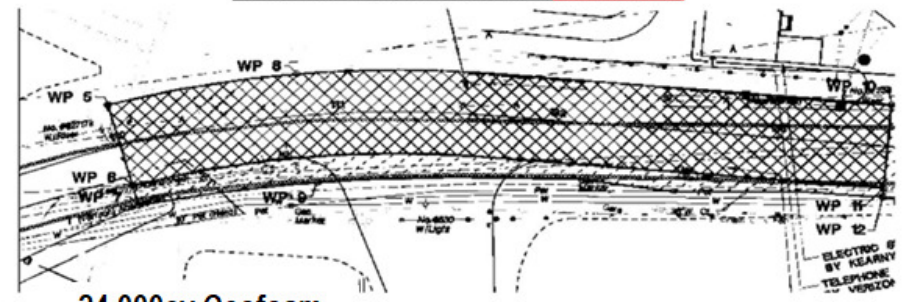
- ~28,000cy LWA
- Use Geotextile at base of LWA
- Over-excavation required prior to placing LWA
- Dewatering required during earthwork



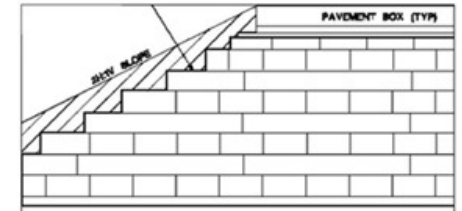
wittpenn  
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

## RT 7 Hackensack River Wittpenn Bridge Contract 4

### Ground Improvements: **Geofoam**



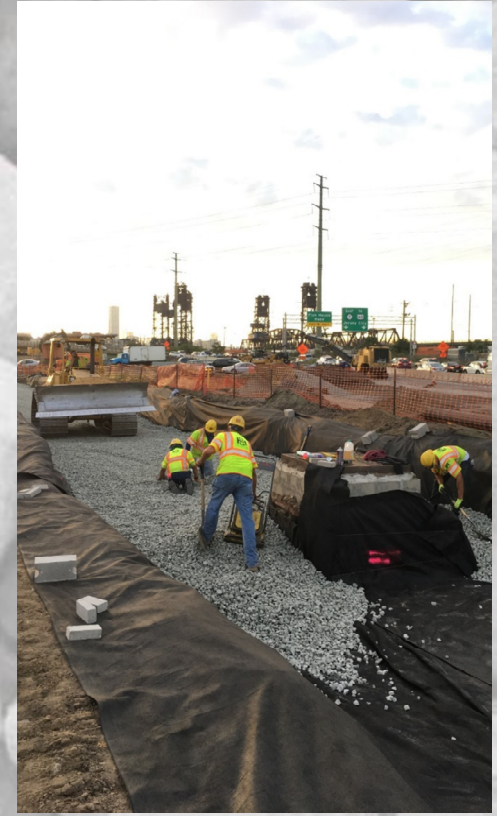
- ~24,000cy Geofoam
- Wrapped in Geomembrane
- Covered with 4" concrete slab
- Staged Construction Required along FHR Sta 130 to 133+50 to maintain traffic



wittpenn  
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

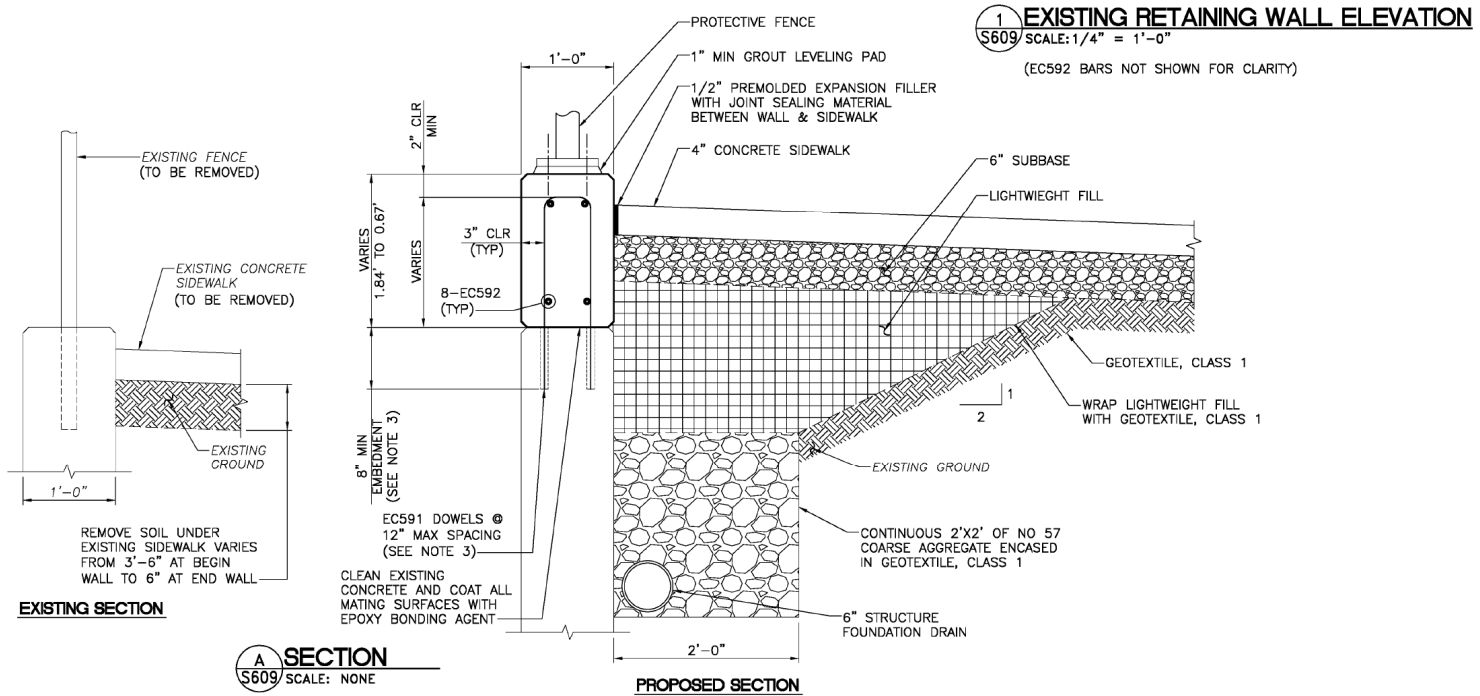
- First 450 CY Installed October 2017

## Route 7 / Hackensack -- NJDOT



- Paved, Trafficked & Monitored, Shows No Movement

# SEPTA –Media Line



# Engineered Material

**Ultra Lightweight Material**

**High Strength to Density Ratio**

**High Friction Angle**

**Freeze-Thaw Tested**

**MSE Wall Tested**

**Chemically Inert, UV Stable, Volume Stability**

**Efficient Installation, Not Weather Sensitive**



*Thank You*

