LABORATORY EVALUATION OF FLYASH TREATED EMBANKMENT AND BASE MATERIALS

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ABSTRACT

This study was undertaken to provide the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) with a data base from which decision-making information can be taken concerning the modification or stabilization of soils using flyash as a full or partial replacement for hydraulic cement or hydrated lime.

This report deals with application to pavement bases only. It is further restricted to two soil types that are commonly used in road bases in Louisiana. Data was obtained from soil specimens combined with cement, lime, and/or flyash from three local generating plants.

Unconfined compressive strengths and vacuum saturation strengths were compared to those presently required for stabilization using cement as the sole additive.

METRIC CONVERSION FACTORS*

To Convert from	<u>To</u>	Multiply by		
	<u>Length</u>			
foot inch yard mile (statute)	<pre>meter (m) millimeter (mm) meter (m) kilometer (km)</pre>	0.3048 25.4 0.9144 1.609		
	<u>Area</u>			
square foot square inch square yard	square meter (m ²) square centimeter (cm ²) square meter (m ²)	0.0929 6.451 0.8361		
	Volume (Capacity)			
<pre>cubic foot gallon (U.S. liquid)** gallon (Can. liquid)** ounce (U.S. liquid)</pre>	<pre>cubic meter (m³) cubic meter (m³) cubic meter (m³) cubic centimeter (cm³)</pre>	0.02832 0.003785 0.004546 29.57		
	Mass			
ounce-mass (avdp) pound-mass (avdp) ton (metric) ton (short, 2000 lbs)	gram (g) kilogram (kg) kilogram (kg) kilogram (kg)	28.35 0.4536 1000 907.2		
Mass per Volume				
<pre>pound-mass/cubic foot pound-mass/cubic yard pound-mass/gallon (U.S.)** pound-mass/gallon (Can.)**</pre>	kilogram/cubic meter (kg/m³) kilogram/cubic meter (kg/m³) kilogram/cubic meter (kg/m³) kilogram/cubic meter (kg/m³)	16.02 0.5933 119.8 99.78		
Temperature				
<pre>deg Celsius (C) deg Fahrenheit (F) deg Fahrenheit (F)</pre>	kelvin (K) kelvin (K) deg Celsius (C)	$t_k = (t_c + 273.15)$ $t_k = (t_F + 459.67)/1.8$ $t_c = (t_F - 32)/1.8$		

^{*}The reference source for information on SI units and more exact conversion factors is "Metric Practice Guide" ASTM E 380.

^{**}One U.S. gallon equals 0.8327 Canadian gallon.

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INTRODUCTION

The use of flyash, aside from a positive use of a "waste" product, could provide the LDOTD with a direct monetary savings on materials in that its use would reduce the amount of cement or lime currently being used to stabilize or modify soils. Coal burning power plants in Louisiana are now producing a self-hardening ASTW Class C flyash which may have the ability to enhance the quality of treatment of soils with lime or portland cement.

This study will provide a data base from which decision-making information can be taken to modify or stabilize pavement base soils using locally produced flyash. The proportions of flyash, cement, or lime needed to achieve acceptable strengths will be recorded. Strengths of soils modified by flyash must reach comparable strengths achieved through the addition of cement or lime alone to be acceptable. Tests used to determine strength parameters will include unconfined compression and vacuum saturation.

This interim report covers only Phase I of a two-phase study. Phase I is limited to two soils used commonly for pavement bases; Phase II will be devoted to soils used in embankment construction. Each soil will be evaluated with respect to percent additive, flyash source, strength index, and curing time.

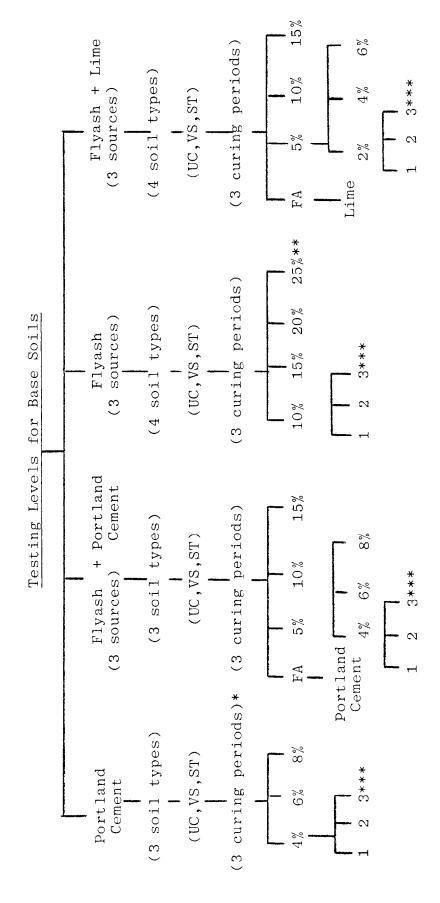
METHODOLOGY

Method of Procedure

The experimental design for Phase I of this study is illustrated in Figure 1 on Page 3. The variables discussed in this report are as follows:

soil types	sand (A-3-0) and sandy silt (A-2-4)
tests	vacuum saturation, unconfined compression and indirect tensile
curing periods	7, 28, and 56 days
% flyash	5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 (by weight)
% cement	4, 6 and 8 (by weight)
% lime	2, 4 and 6 (by weight)
flyash sources	1. Cajun Power Plant - New Roads, La.
	2. Nelson Power Plant - Westlake, La.
	3. Rodemacher Power Plant - Boyce, La.

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN



*Specimens tested after 7, 28, 56 days curing.

FIGURE 1

^{**}Percentages may vary according to specific soil types.

^{***}Replicas.

Laboratory Molding and Testing Pocedures

Soil samples were obtained, oven-cured at 140°F, and prepared in the lab. Optimum moisture contents and dry weight densities were obtained for all combinations of flyash, cement and lime using LDOTD procedure TR418-81. Summaries of these design values are shown in Tables 5 and 6 of the Appendix (pages 53 and 54).

All materials were mechanically mixed dry for one minute and wet for two minutes. A slake time of one minute was followed by an additional two minutes of mixing. Specimens were immediately compacted in a standard Proctor mold (4 inches diameter by 4.6 inches high) with three layers at 25 blows per layer using a mechanical hammer with a drop height of 12 inches. After molding, specimens were immediately extruded and cured prior to testing for 7, 28 or 56 days at a temperature of 73.4 + 3°F and a relative humidity of 90 percent or greater.

Moisture contents during compaction were allowed to vary within plus or minus one percent of optimum, and dry weight densities were maintained to within plus or minus three pounds of the theoretical dry weight density. Any specimens not meeting moisture or density requirements were remolded.

After curing, each set of three specimens was soaked four hours and then tested in unconfined compression. Three specimens were also conditioned in a vacuum saturation chamber and tested for compressive strength according to ASTM C593 with the following exception: Vacuum specimens were cured in the Louisiana Transportation Research Center (LTRC) damp room instead of at the 100°F temperature called for in the ASTM procedure. This procedure is hereinafter called modified vacuum saturation procedure.

For each test the average of the three companion specimens was the value reported for analysis. These average values are presented in the Appendix, Tables 7 through 12 (pages 55 to 60).

Materials

Soils

The soils evaluated in this phase were a nonplastic A-3-0 sand and a slightly plastic A-2-4 sandy silt. Each of these soils is commonly used in road base construction in Louisiana. Both soils were obtained from a borrow pit located along the construction route of Interstate 49 in Evangeline Parish. (See Figure 2 on page 6 for locations.)

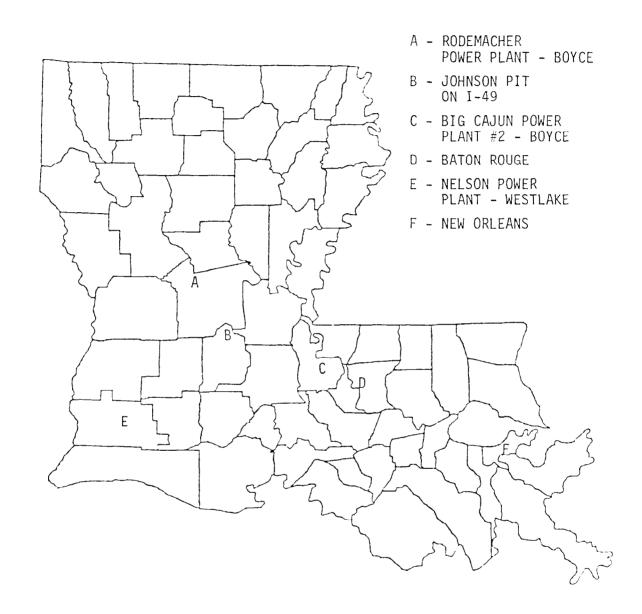
The following DOTD test procedures were used to determine the engineering properties of the raw soils:

- 1. TR-407-74 Mechanical Analysis of Soils
- 2. TR-418-81 Moisture Density Relationships
- 3. TR-428-67 Atterberg Limits of Soils
- 4. TR-430-67 pH Values of Soils

The results of these tests are summarized in Table 1 of the Appendix (page 49).

Flyash

Three flyashes were tested with each of the two soil types. The producers are currently burning subbituminous coal from the Gilette, Wyoming, area and are producing Class C flyash.



Louisiana State Map
FIGURE 2

All flyashes were tested according to ASTM-C618 for physical and chemical properties. Table 2 on page 50 gives results from these tests for the flyash specimens used in molding. A summary of flyash properties from each generating plant is shown on page 61 of the Appendix. This data was provided by the Materials Testing Laboratory from April 1982 through March 1985.

Lime

The lime used in this study was hydrated, high calcium lime conforming to LDOTD 1982 Specifications. A minimum calcium oxide plus magnesium oxide content of 90 percent by weight of total material is required by Section 1018 of the Specifications. The source of the lime was Pelican State Lime in Morgan City, Louisiana. Lime material properties are presented in Table 4 of the Appendix (page 52).

Cement

The cement used in this study was Type I portland cement which conforms to LDOTD 1982 Specifications, Section 1001. One source of cement used was produced at Lone Star Industries in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the other at Blue Circle Inc. in Birmingham, Alabama. Reported values from chemical and physical tests are shown in Table 3 of the Appendix (page 51).

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

Cement Base Stabilization

LDOTD Standard Specifications require that percent cement added to a soil for base stabilization be determined by LDOTD Test TR 432 (Method A or B). This test designation states that the minimum cement content producing an unconfined compressive strength of 250 psi at seven days will be considered the amount required for stabilization.

This same requirement was made of improvement sought by addition of flyash alone or flyash in conjunction with cement.

Lime Base Stabilization

The criteria for soil stabilization using lime requires that the liquid limit after treatment be less than 40 and that the plasticity index be less than 10. Both of the soil types tested in this phase met these requirements prior to testing. The strength requirements for lime specimens or lime-flyash specimens were the same as those specimens containing cement.

RESULTS

Two types of soil were evaluated against three combinations of additives in two different tests, with one of the additives (flyash) coming from three different sources. In an effort to improve readability and minimize confusion, the soils will be discussed separately. The conclusions and recommendations will be a discussion of the two soils taken together.

SAND

Sand and Cement Combinations

Sand and cement strength relationships are illustrated in Figure 3 (page 12). Cement specimens all increased in strength with time and with each additional percentage of cement for unconfined compression and modified vacuum saturation. In most cases the modified vacuum saturation strengths were equal to the compressive strengths.

Sand and Flyash Combinations

Sand and flyash strength combinations are illustrated in Figures 4 and 5 (pages 13 and 14).

Flyash was used as a single additive in quantities of 10, 15, 20 and 25 percent by weight. Above 20 percent by weight and 28 days or beyond curing time, all specimens in this group passed the 250 psi compressive strength criterion. Above 25 percent by weight flyash, all specimens passed regardless of curing time. Generally, these specimens attained a gradual strength gain with time. All specimens achieved half of the reported 56-day strength by 7 days.

The modified vacuum saturation test produced results similar to those in unconfined compression. For the lower percentages of flyash, ten and fifteen percent, the two types of test results were within 20 psi of each other. At higher flyash concentrations and longer curing times the difference grew, although not appreciably, to approximately 60 psi in favor of the unconfined compression test specimens. Figure 5 on page 14 shows the modified vacuum saturation strengths.

Sand, Cement and Flyash Combinations

With the exception of the lowest percentages of the combinations (5 percent flyash and 4 percent cement), all specimens achieved over 300 psi compressive strength at 7 and 28 days curing time. At 56 days the strengths had climbed to over 400 psi. This was true for all sources of flyash.

The modified vacuum saturation specimens followed the same pattern as the unconfined compression specimens. Strengths achieved after modified vacuum saturation were approximately the same as the unconfined strengths.

Flyash, cement and sand combination strengths are illustrated in Figures 6 through 11 on pages 15 to 20.

Sand, Lime and Flyash Combinations

Fifteen percent flyash from any source in combination with four or six percent lime produced strengths ranging from 277 psi at 7 days to over 900 psi at 56 days. Lesser combination percentages of lime and flyash achieved over 300 psi on only one specimen and at the maximum curing time of 56 days.

The addition of lime caused a significant increase in strength over specimens containing flyash as a single additive.

Increases for specimens containing lime ranged from 1.5 to 4 times the strength achieved for specimens with flyash alone.

Sand-lime-flyash specimens tested with the modified vacuum saturation procedure showed strengths similar to those achieved in unconfined compression testing.

This group's strength characteristics are illustrated in Figures 12 through 17 on pages 21 to 26.

CHART OF UNCONFINED COMPRESSION STRENGTH CEMENT ONLY SAND

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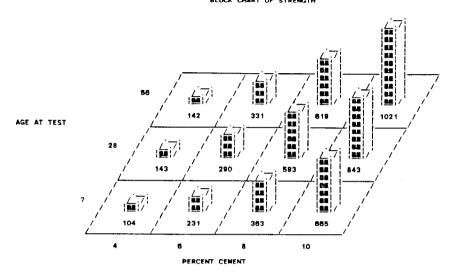


CHART OF VACUUM SATURATION STRENGTH

CEMENT ONLY

SAND

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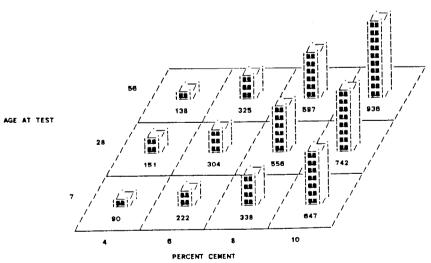
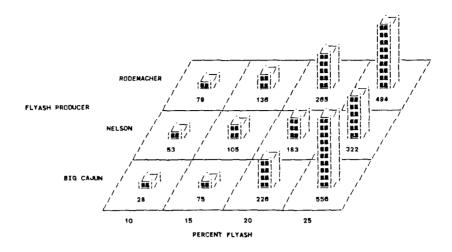


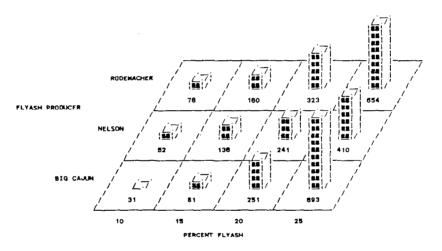
FIGURE 3

CHART OF UNCONFINED COMPRESSION STRENGTH FLYASH ONLY SAMD AGE AT TEST-7

AGE AT TEST=7



SAND AGE AT TEST*28 BLOCK CHART OF STRENGTH



SAND AGE AT TEST+BB BLDCK CHART OF STRENGTH

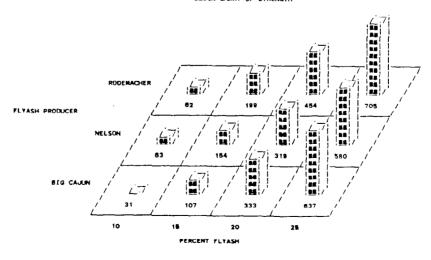
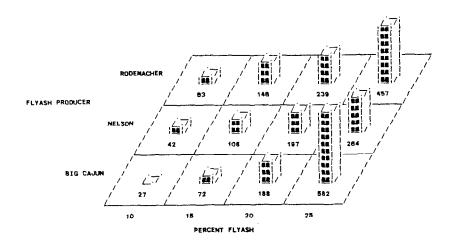
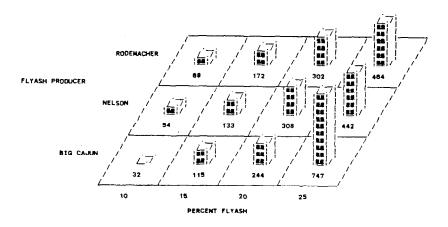


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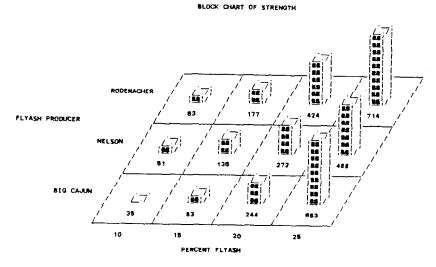
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SAND AGE AT TEST=28 BLOCK CHART OF STRENGTH

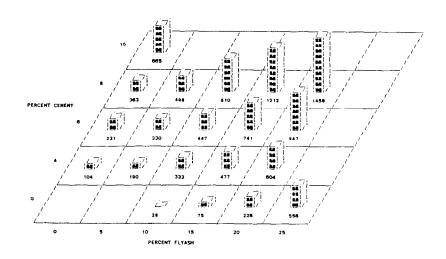


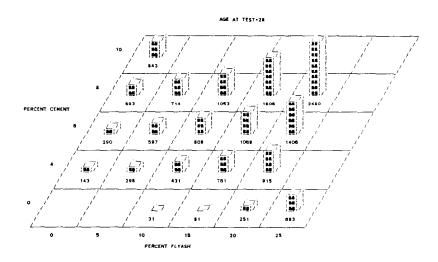
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FIGURF 5

CHART OF UNCONFERED COMPRESSION STRENGTH FLYASH AND CENENT COMBINATIONS SAND AGE AT TEST*7 FLYASH PRODUCER-BIG CAJAN BLOCK CHART OF STRENGTH ,





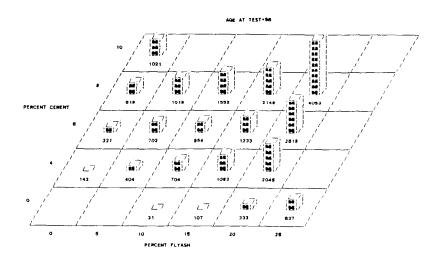
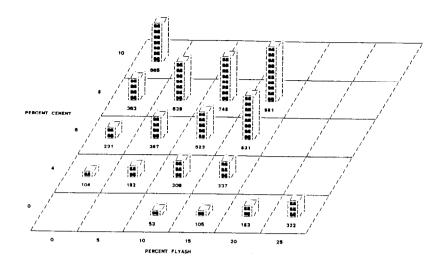
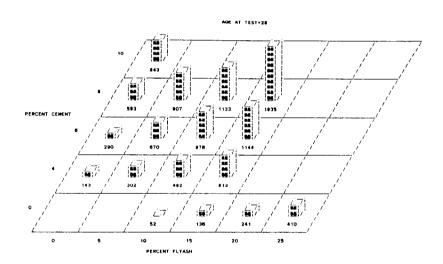


FIGURE 6

HART OF INCOMPTHEO COMPRESSION STRENGTH FLYASH AND CEMENT COMBINATIONS SAND AGE AT TEST=7 FLYASH PRODUCER-NELSON BLOCK CHART OF STRENGTH





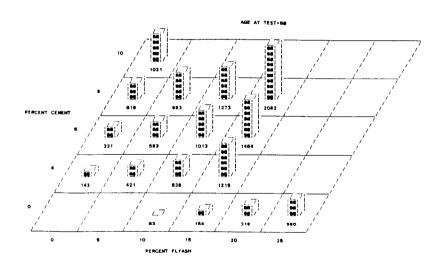
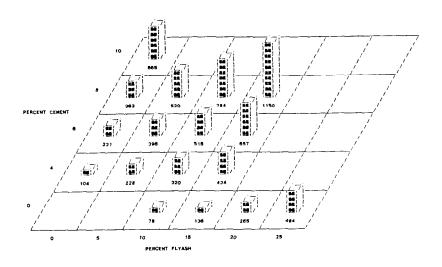
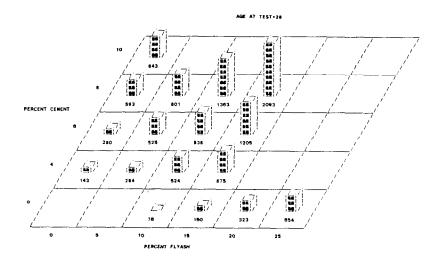


FIGURE 2

CHART OF UNCONFINED COMPRESSION STRENGTH
FLYASH AND CEMENT COMBINATIONS
SAND
AGE AT TEST+7
FLYASH PRODUCER-RODEMACHER





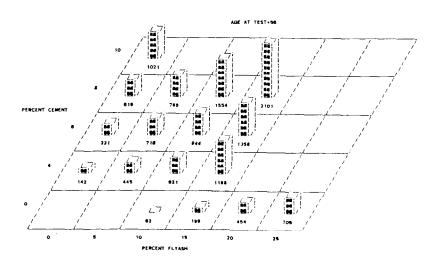
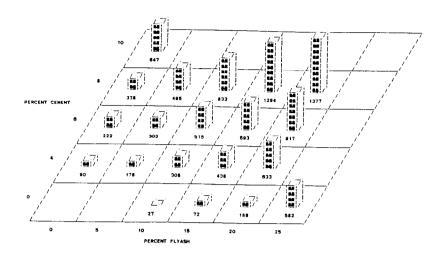
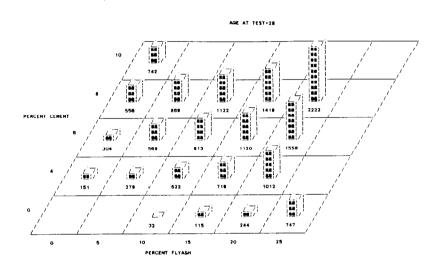


FIGURE 8

CHART OF VACUUM SATURATION STRENGTH
FLYASH AND CEMENT COMBINATIONS
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AGE AT TEST-7 FLYASH PRODUCER-BIG CAJUM
BLOCK CHART OF STRENGTH





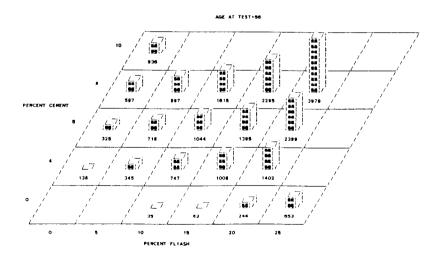
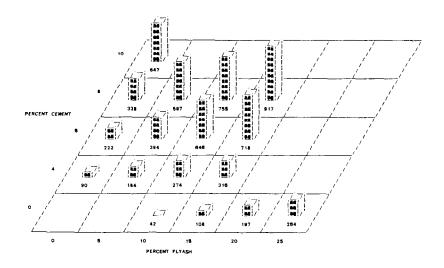
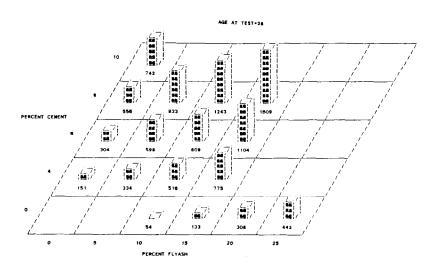


FIGURE 9

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FLYASH AND CEMENT COMBINATIONS
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AGE AT TEST-7
FLYASH PRODUCER-NELSON
BLOCK CHART OF STRENGTH





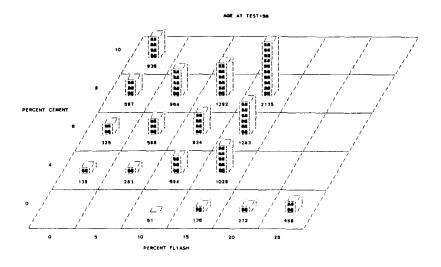
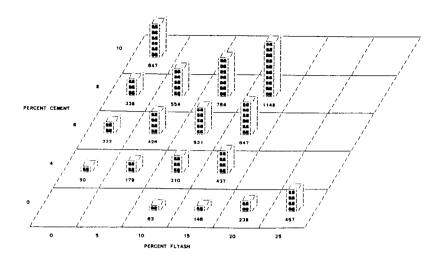
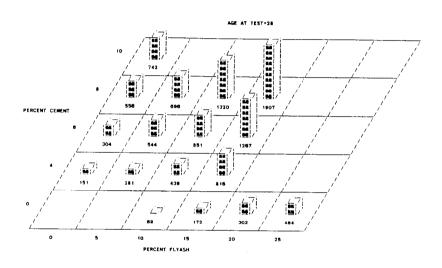


FIGURE 10

CHART OF VACUUM SATURATION STRENGTH FLYASH AND CEMENT COMBINATIONS SAND AGE AT TEST-7 FLYASH PRODUCER-RODEMACHER BLOCK CHART OF STRENGTH





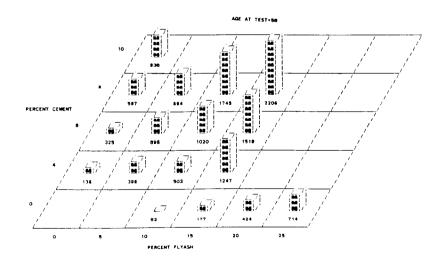


FIGURE 11

CHART OF UNCONFINED COMPRESSION STRENGTH
FLYASH AND LINE COMBINATIONS
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AGE AT TEST-7 FLYASH PRODUCER-BIG CAJUN
BLOCK CHART OF STRENGTH

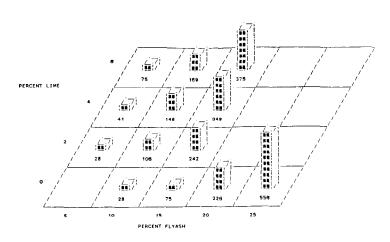


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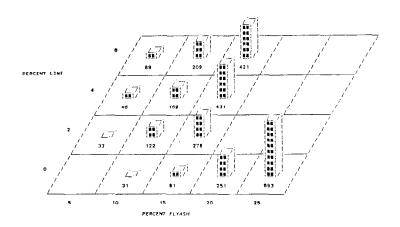


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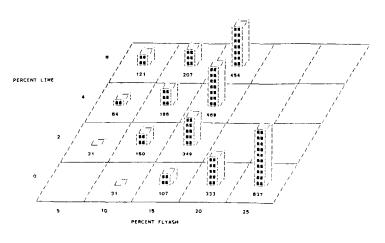
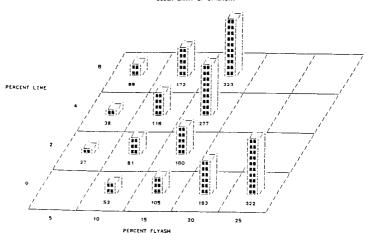


FIGURE 12

RT OF UNCONFINED COMPRESSION STRENGTH FLYASH AND LIME COMBINATIONS SAND
AGE AT TEST=7 FLYASH PRODUCER*NELSON

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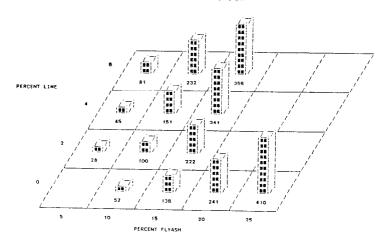


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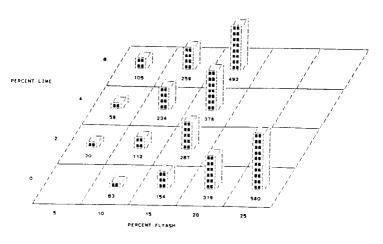


FIGURE 13

CHART OF UNCONFINED COMPRESSION STRENGTH
FLYASH AND LIME COMBINATIONS
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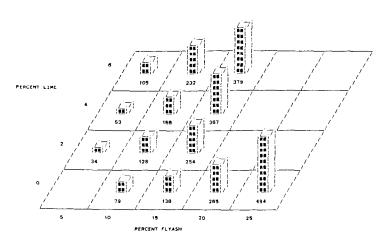


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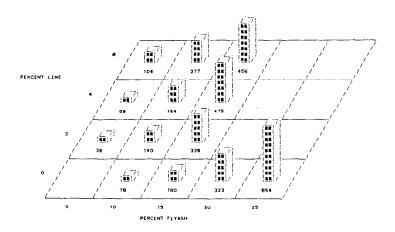


CHART OF UNCONFINED COMPRESSION STRENGTH
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AGE AT TEST-58 FLYASH PRODUCER: RODEMACHER
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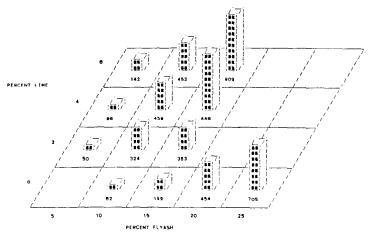


FIGURE 14

CHART OF VACUUM SATURATION STRENGTH
FLYASH AND LIME COMBINATIONS
SANO
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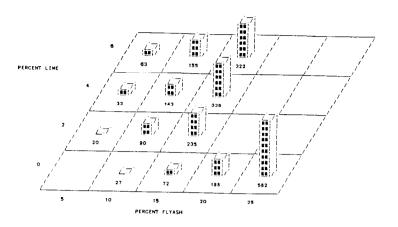


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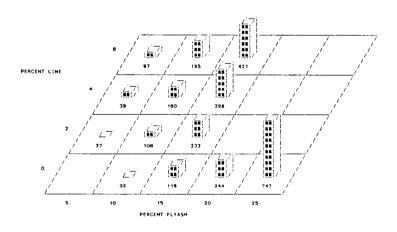


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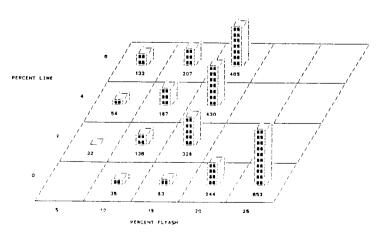


FIGURE 15

CHART OF VACUUM SATURATION STRENGTH

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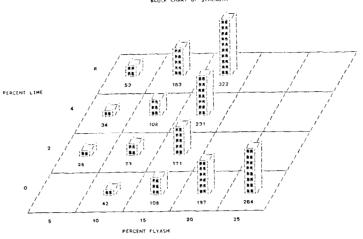


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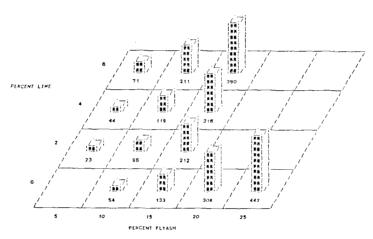


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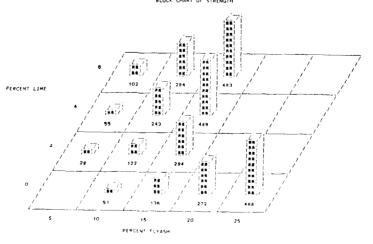
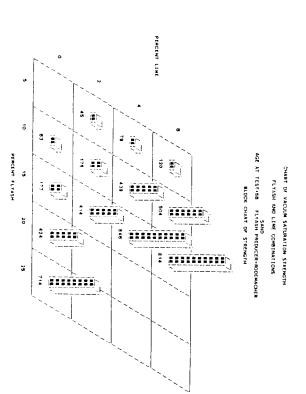
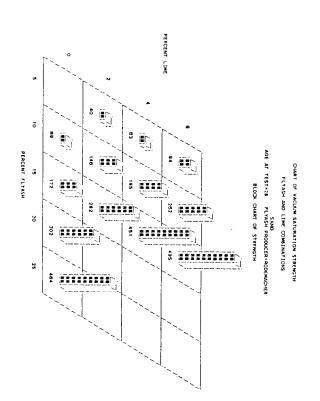


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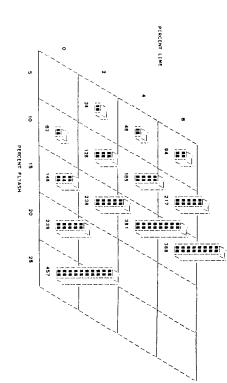


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SANDY SILT

Sandy Silt Cement Combination

Cement was added to the sandy silt in quantities ranging from 4 to 10 percent by weight. Strength relationships are illustrated in Figure 18 (page 29) for the unconfined compression and the modified vacuum saturation tests.

Specimens increased in strength with additional curing time and with each additional percentage of cement. Minimum and maximum strengths were 321 psi at 7 days and 1032 psi with 10 percent at 56 days, respectively.

Modified vacuum saturation specimens were generally lower in strength than the unconfned compressive samples. As curing time and percentage of cement was increased, the strength differential between the two tests also increased. Modified vacuum saturation strengths varied from 283 psi to 735 psi.

Sandy Silt and Flyash Combination

Strength relationships for the sandy silt flyash combinations are shown in Figures 19 and 20 (pages 30 and 31).

With one exception, at 25 percent by weight flyash at 56 days curing time from Nelson Power Plant, no specimens achieved the minimum requirement of 250 psi until the flyash proportion was at 30 percent at 56 days curing time.

Samples tested using the modified vacuum saturation method were very close in strength to those tested under unconfined compression. Most of the combinations tested were within 30 psi of their counterparts.

Sandy Silt, Cement and Fyash Combinations

Figures 21 through 26 on pages 32 to 37 show the strength relationships of this group.

All of the specimens in this group exceeded the minimum strength criterion of 250 psi in 7 days. Those with no cement, included as a control, behaved as previous sandy silt samples with flyash only as an additive—none reaching the minimum strength until 30 percent by weight flyash was reached at 56 days curing time.

The modified vacuum saturation test produced the same strength increase pattern as the unconfined compression test. In most cases, the vacuum saturation specimens developed less strength than their counterparts.

Sandy Silt, Lime and Flyash Combinations

This group of strength relationships is shown in Figures 27 through 30 (pages 38 to 41). Only two sources of flyash were tested in this combination.

No combination of lime-flyash met the minimum strength criterion of 250 psi in 7 days curing time.

Modified vacuum saturation testing results were generally lower than the unconfined compressive testing results.

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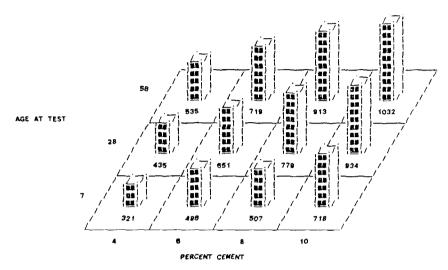


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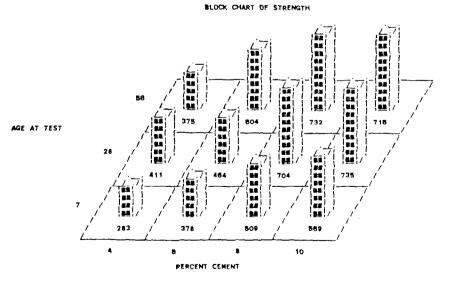


FIGURE 18

CHART OF UNCONFINED COMPRESSION STRENGTH FLYASH ONLY SANDY LOAM AGE AT TEST=7

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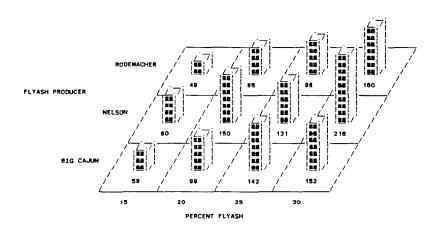


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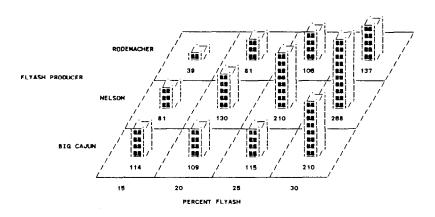


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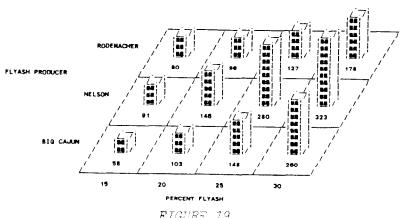


FIGURE 19

CHART OF VACUUM SATURATION STRENGTH

FLYASH ONLY SANDY LOAM AGE AT TEST+7

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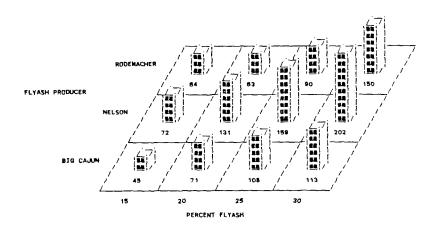


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SANDY LOAM
AGE AT TEST*28
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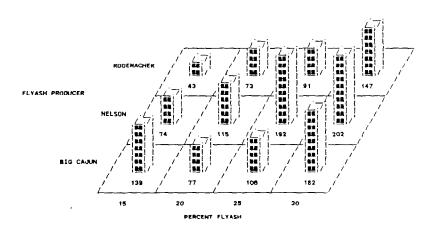


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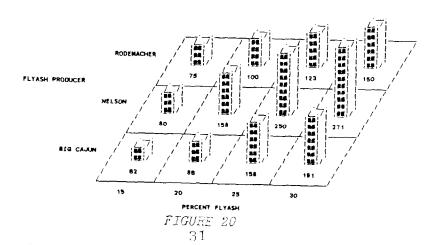
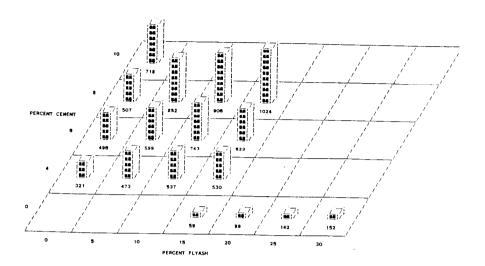
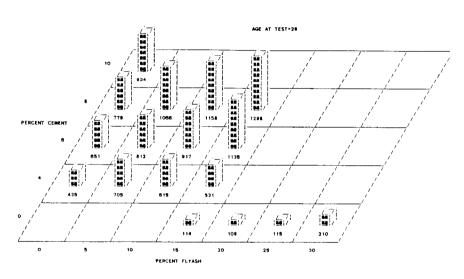


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SANOT LOAM
AGE AT TEST-7
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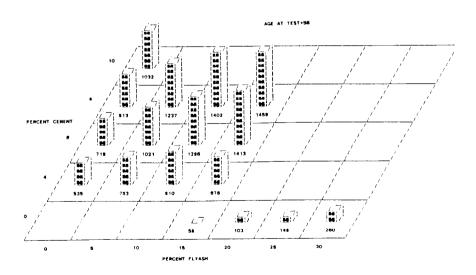
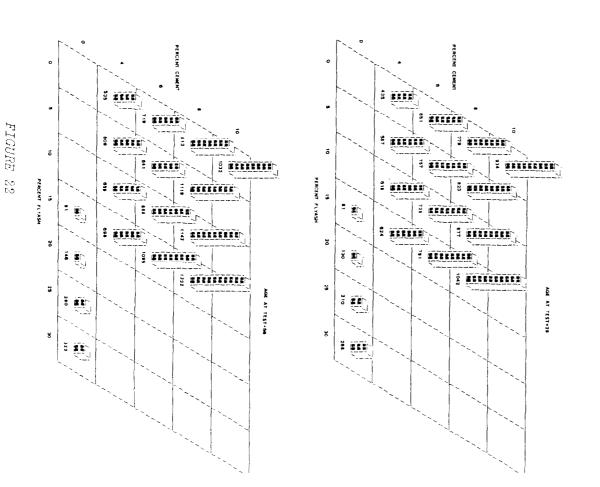


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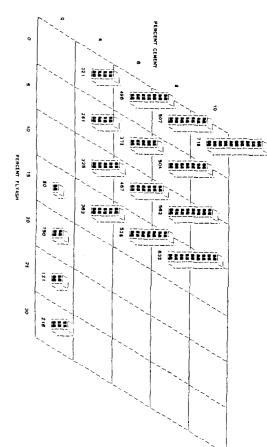
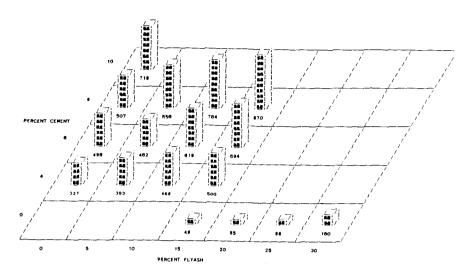
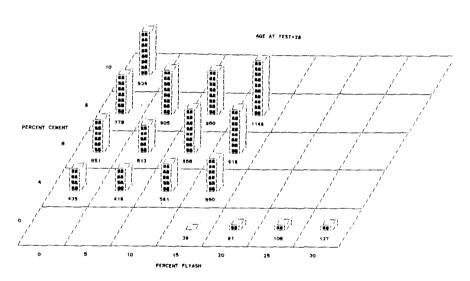


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AGE AT TEST-7 TELFASH PRODUCED-HELSON
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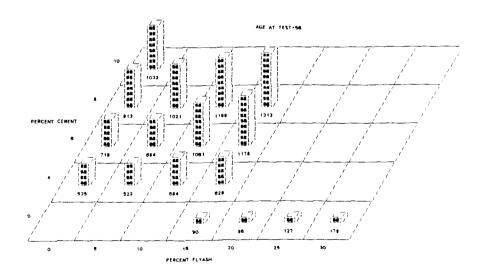


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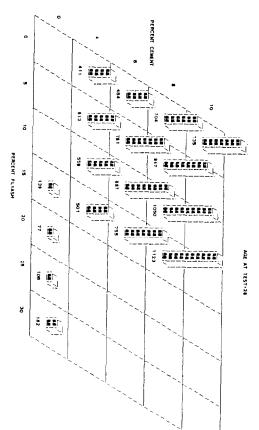
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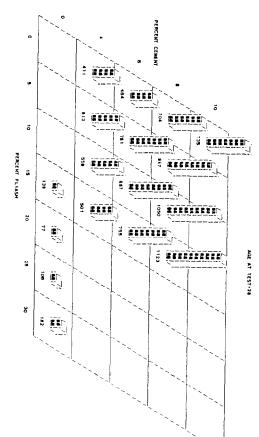
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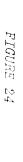
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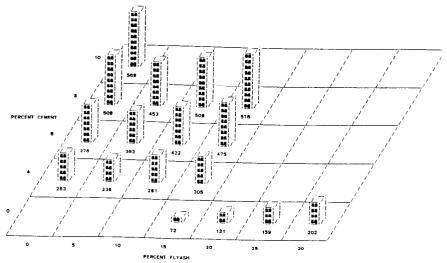
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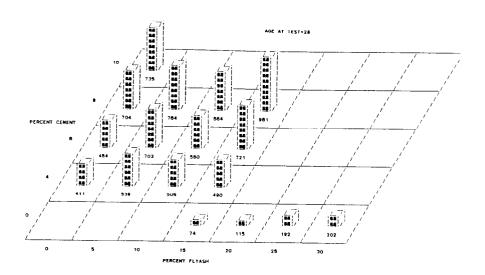
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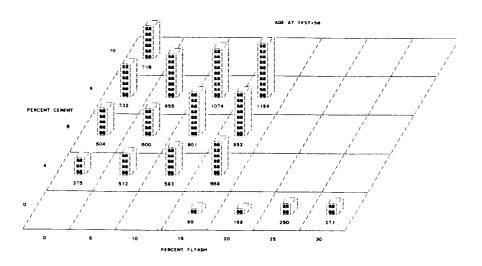
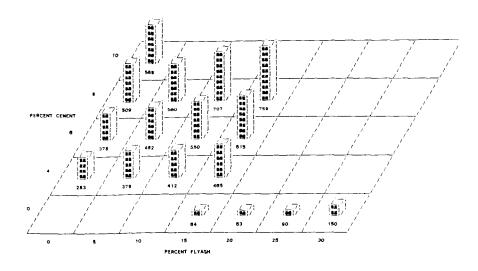
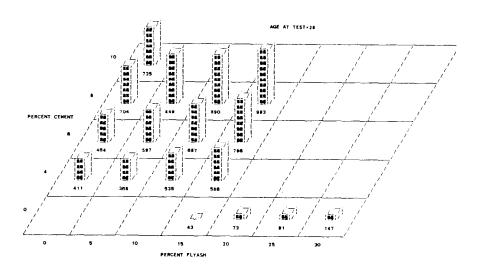


FIGURE 25

CHART OF VACIAM SATURATION STRENGTH FLYASH AND CEMENT COMBINATIONS SNOT LOAM AGE AT TEST+7 FLYASH PRODUCER-RODENACHER BLOCK CHART OF STRENGTH





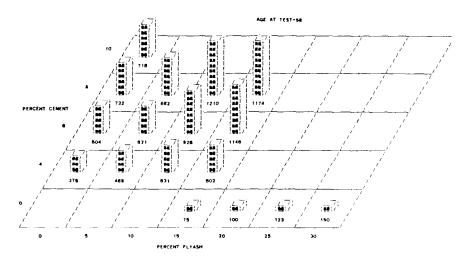


FIGURE 26

CHART OF UNCONFINED COMPRESSION STRENGTH
FLYASH AND LIME COMBINATIONS
SANDY LOAM
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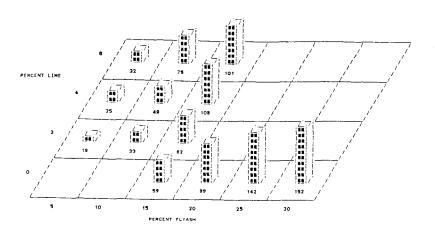


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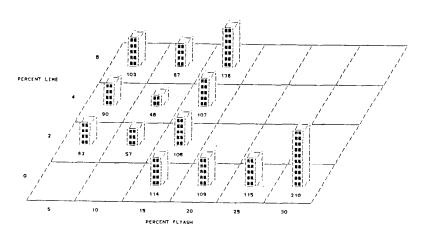


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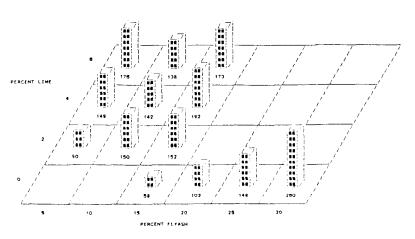


FIGURE 27

CHART OF UNCONFINED COMPRESSION STRENGTH FLYASH AND LIME COMBINATIONS

SANDY LOAM
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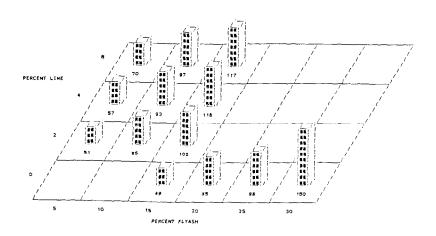


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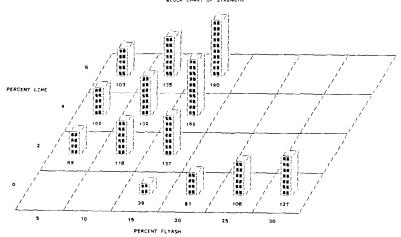


CHART OF UNCONFINED COMPRESSION STRENGTH
FLYASH AND LIME COMBINATIONS
SANDY LOAM

AGE AT TEST-58 SANDY LOAM
FLYASH PRODUCER=RODEMACHER
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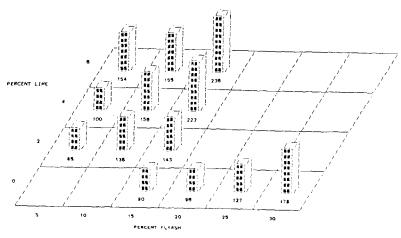
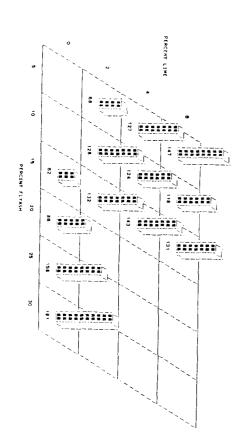


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CHAPT OF VACIOM SATURATION STRENGTH
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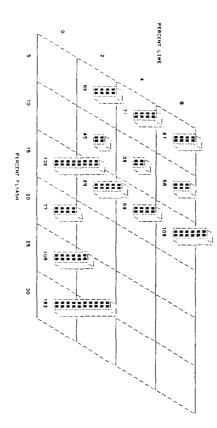


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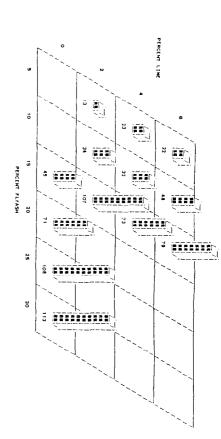
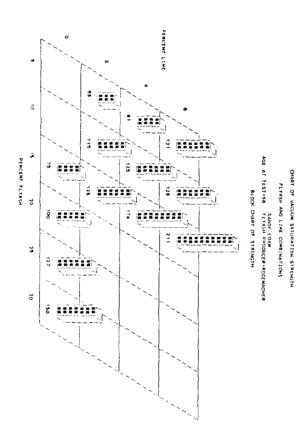
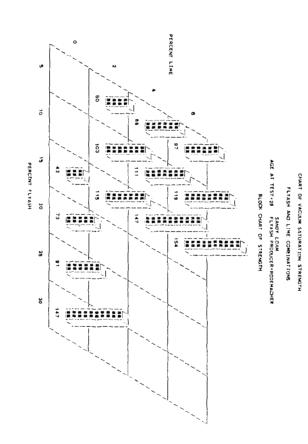


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AGE AT TEST-7 SLYNDY LOAM
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FIGURE 30





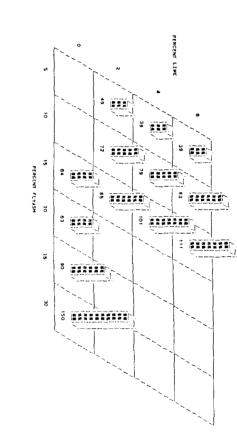


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FLYASH AND LINE COMMINATIONS
SANDY LOAM
AGE AT 1657-7 FLYASH PROGUCER-RODEMACHER
BLOCK CHART OF STRENGTH

CONCLUSIONS

Neither the sand nor the sandy silt soil was effectively improved by the addition of flyash alone as an additive. The sand did not achieve the minimum required strength until the flyash proportion had reached between 20 and 25 percent. The sandy silt did not meet the minimum performance criterion with one exception, and that required 56 days curing time to achieve it.

Adding lime to either of the soils in conjunction with flyash acting as a pozzolan was not notably effective. The sand did not reach acceptable strengths until the level of flyash had reached 15 percent with 4 to 6 percent lime. The sandy silt did not reach acceptable strengths at all.

Cement alone worked well as a stabilizer with both types of soils. The sand exceeded minimum strength requirements with 8 percent by weight cement added, while the sandy silt exceeded the strength criterion at only 4 percent cement content.

The combination of cement and flyash was an effective stabilizer with either of the tested soils. Some very low percentages (5 percent flyash and 4 percent cement) did not reach the minimum strength criterion with the sand. All of the rest of the specimens tested met the criterion successfully and most far exceeded it.

The modified vacuum saturation procedure did not cause any startling differences from the results of the ordinary unconfined compression test. As was expected, the strengths were consistent slightly less than the unconfined compression tests.

The predictability of strength increase due to source of flyash is very low. The only consistency noted when comparing strengths between sources under "identical" testing conditions was inconsistency of results. There is a considerable variance in activity of this by-product not only from source to source but also from truckload to truckload from a particular source.

RECOMMENDATIONS

There is so much about the performance of flyash that is unpredictable that it is essential that each instance of using it either alone or with another additive must be very carefully evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Cost of the product must be considered along with engineering properties.

Field evaluations of actual base courses should be undertaken to determine performance and construction criteria to be used.

Procedures for incorporating two additives into an actual base course project should be studied to determine the difficulty that will be encountered in achieving the desired quality of the final mix.

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Table 1
Soil Properties

Variable	Sand	Sandy Silt
% Coarse Sand (Ret # 40)	40	3
% Fine Sand (Ret # 200)	52	62
% Silt	5	18
% Clay & Colloids	2	17
Liquid Limit	NP	21
Plasticity Index	NP	7
Max. Dry Wt. Den. (pcf)	109.1	119.1
Optimum Moisture (%)	13.0	12.1
Specific Gravity	. 2.62	2.63
Ph	6.6	5.4
Soil Classification	Sand	Sandy Loam
AASHTO Classification	A-3 (0)	A-2-4 (O)

Table 2
Chemical and Physical Analysis of Fly Ashes *

Flyash Source	Cajun		Rodemacher		Nelson	
% Retained #325	9.2	7.6	12.0	11.0	13.9	18.3
Loss On Ignition	1.30	0.50	0.50	1.90	0.70	1.00
Total Oxides **	65.80	66.50	62.30	64.70	51.50	62.90
Calcium Oxide	21.50	24.50	27.20	24.00	25.20	25.80
Magnesium Oxide	4.40	4.70	4.90	4.50	4.90	2.90
Sulfer Trioxide	2.80	2.80	2.70	2.90	3.10	3.30
Alkalais	1.34	0.66	1.40	1.06	1.45	1.74

^{* -} Material tested according to ASTM Designation : C 311,

^{** -} SiO2 + Al2O3 + Fe2O3

Table 3

Portland Cement
Chemical and Physical Properties

Variable	SPECIFICATION	LONE STAR	BLUE CIRCLE
Loss on Ignition	3.0 max. %	1.3	1.5
Sulfur Trioxide	3.0 max. %	2.0	2.7
Iron & Alum. Oxide	12.0 max. %	8.0	5.9
Magnesium Oxide	5.0 max.%	0.4	1.0
Insoluble Residue	0.75 max. %	0.49	0.23
Tricalcium Aluminate	15.0 max.%	4.3	6.0
Ferric Oxide		3.9	2.2
Aluminum Oxide		4.1	3.7
Alkalais	0.6 max.%	0.44	0.25
Set Time Vicat Init.	0.75 hr. min.%	1.15	1.50
Set Time Vicat Final	8.0 hr. max.%	3.55	3.50
Autoclave Expansion	0.8 max.	0.03	0.04
Air Permeability	2600min 4200max	3310.00	3960.00
Air Content	12.0 max.%	10.40	7.50
Comp. Stength 72hrs	1800 min. PS1	3330.00	4310.00
Comp. Strength 7days	2800 min. PSI	5100.00	5220.00

Table 4
Chemical Properties of Lime

Lab Number	22-422122	22-394023
Total Calcium plus Magnesium Oxides	95.9	95.6

Table 5

Theoretical Dry Weight Densities and Optimum Moisture Contents

Soil Type -- Sandy Silt A-2-4(0)

Flyash	0/0	Per	cent Cement	
Source	Flyash	4	6	8
Cajun	5	122.5 @ 11.5	121.5 @ 11.9	121.8 @ 11.9
	10	122.5 @ 11.8	122.6 @ 11.8	122.3 @ 11.8
	15	121.7 @ 11.9	122.3 @ 11.1	122.6 @ 11.4
Rodemacher	5	117.5 @ 14.0	118.3 @ 13.8	117.3 @ 13.5
	10	120.1 @ 12.4	120.4 @ 12.4	121.1 @ 12.3
	15	120.6 @ 12.0	120.8 @ 12.2	120.9 @ 12.2
Nelson	5	118.4 @ 12.6	118.7 @ 12.7	119.0 @ 13.1
	10	119.1 @ 12.7	119.7 @ 13.1	119.2 @ 13.2
	15	119.8 @ 13.1	121.2 @ 13.0	121.4 @ 12.6

flyash	%	Per	cent Lime	
Source	Flyash	2	4	6
Cajun	5	119.2 @ 13.0	118.1 @ 13.2	113.6 @ 15.2
	10	118.6 @ 13.3	117.9 @ 13.8	117.9 @ 14.2
	15	118.0 @ 13.2	119.1 @ 12.8	118.7 @ 13.4
Rodemacher	5	114.0 @ 14.4	114.2 @ 14.6	114.2 @ 14.6
	10	115.8 @ 14.2	115.2 @ 14.1	114.4 @ 14.6
	15	116.0 @ 14.4	116.3 @ 14.0	115.6 @ 14.0
Nelson	5	116.4 @ 14.0	116.0 @ 14.2	116.3 @ 14.0
	10	118.4 @ 13.0	116.6 @ 14.0	117.1 @ 13.8
	15	119.0 @ 13.2	118.4 @ 13.1	117.2 @ 14.0

%	Flyash Source								
Flyash	Cajun	Rodemacher	Nelson						
15 20 25 30	124.0 @ 10.9 125.8 @ 10.3 126.0 @ 10.3 124.8 @ 11.0	122.3 @ 10.5 122.8 @ 11.5 121.5 @ 12.0 120.5 @ 11.4	120.1 @ 12.4 122.2 @ 11.7 122.4 @ 11.5 122.5 @ 10.9						

Table 6 Theoretical Dry Weight Densities and Optimum Moisture Contents Soil Type -- Sand A-3(0)

Flyash	%	Percent Cement						
Source	Flyash	4	6	8				
Cajun	5	118.0 @ 9.2	119.5 @ 9.1	121.8 @ 8.5				
	10	122.2 @ 8.4	124.0 @ 8.0	127.1 @ 7.6				
	15	127.0 @ 7.2	129.0 @ 7.4	129.9 @ 7.2				
	20	131.0 @ 6.6	133.4 @ 7.0	133.7 @ 6.0				
Rodemacher	5	121.5 @ 8.6	121.5 @ 8.2	121.9 @ 8.5				
	10	124.0 @ 8.0	123.8 @ 8.0	125.0 @ 8.0				
	15	127.9 @ 7.6	127.3 @ 7.6	130.0 @ 6.7				
Nelson	5	118.5 @ 8.9	120.0 @ 8.5	120.9 @ 8.3				
	10	122.8 @ 7.9	123.6 @ 7.6	124.6 @ 7.7				
	15	126.2 @ 7.2	130.6 @ 6.6	128.7 @ 7.3				

Flyash	%	Per	cent Lime	
Source	Flyash	2	4	6
Cajun	5	117.4 @ 9.2	120.6 @ 9.6	122.4 @ 8.6
	10	121.1 @ 8.3	123.4 @ 7.8	123.3 @ 9.0
	15	125.2 @ 7.5	127.4 @ 7.7	126.2 @ 8.4
Rodemacher	5	115.3 @ 9.9	118.0 @ 9.0	120.4 @ 8.5
	10	121.0 @ 7.8	123.0 @ 8.1	125.0 @ 8.5
	15	126.2 @ 8.1	129.2 @ 7.9	127.4 @ 8.5
Nelson	5	117.8 @ 9.5	118.7 @ 9.4	120.7 @ 9.0
	10	120.6 @ 8.9	124.1 @ 8.6	123.8 @ 8.5
	15	124.6 @ 8.4	127.2 @ 7.7	128.0 @ 7.7

9,	Fly	ash Source		
Flyash	Cajun	Nelson		
10 15 20 25	118.7 @ 8.7 124.3 @ 7.0 131.1 @ 6.8 132.8 @ 5.7	119.2 @ 7.0 122.2 @ 8.0 126.9 @ 7.2 132.6 @ 5.1	119.4 @ 8.5 124.2 @ 7.2 126.9 @ 6.8 130.2 @ 6.7	

Table 7
Unconfined Compression and Vacuum Saturation Strengths-PSI
Additive -- Portland Cement

Test	Cement	SAND				SANDY LOAM			
		Age	in Da	ys	-	Age	in Da	y s	
C 0	%	7	28	56	-	7	28	56	
M P R	4	104	143	142		321	435	535	
E	6	231	290	331		496	651	719	
E S S	8	363	593	619		507	779	913	
0 N	10	665	843	1021		718	934	1032	
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		7	28	56		7	28	56	
V	4	90	151	138		283	411	375	
A C	6	222	304	325		378	464	604	
U U M	8	338	556	597		509	704	732	
	10	647	742	936		569	735	716	
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Table 8
Unconfined Compressive Strengths -PSI
Additive -- Flyash

%	Soil Type	С	ajun		Rode	emache	r	Ne	elson	
Fly	Soil	Age	in Da	ıys	Age	in Da	уs	Age	Age in Days	
Ash	Туре	7	28	56	7	28	56	7	28	56
10 15 20 25	S A N D	28 75 226 556	31 81 251 693	31 107 333 637	79 136 265 494	76 160 323 654	62 199 454 705	53 105 183 322	52 136 241 410	63 154 319 580
15 20 25 30	S A S N I D L Y T	59 99 142 152	114 109 115 210	58 103 148 260	49 85 98 160	39 81 106 137	90 96 127 178	80 150 131 216	81 130 210 268	91 146 280 323

Vacuum Saturation Strengths - PSI

Additive -- Flyash

%	Soil Type	Ca	ajun		Rode	emache	r	Ne	elson	
		Age	in Da	уs	Age	in Da	ys	Age	in Da	ys
Fly	Soil									
Ash	Type	7	28	56	7	28	56	7	28	56
			·							
10	S	27	32	35	63	69	63	42	54	51
15	A	72	115	83	146	172	177	108	133	136
20	N	188	244	244	239	302	424	197	308	272
25	D	582	694	653	457	464	714	264	442	488
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	S									_
15	AL	45	139	62	64	43	75	72	74	80
20	N O	71	77	86	63	73	100	131	115	158
25	DA	108	106	158	90	91	123	159	192	250
30	Y M	113	182	191	150	147	150	202	202	271
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Table 9
Unconfined Compressive Strengths

Soil Type -- Sand A-3 (0)

Additives--- flyash and Portland Cement

Flyash	% Fly	4 %	Ceme	nt	6	% Ceme	nt	8 % C	ement	
Source	ASH	7	28	56	7	28	56	7	28	56
none		104	143	142	231	290	331	363	593	619
Cajun	5	190	298	404	330	597	702	498	714	1019
	10	333	431	704	447	808	954	810	1053	1552
	15	477	761	1093	741	1069	1233	1212	1806	2149
Rod	5	228	284	445	396	525	716	520	801	789
	10	320	524	621	515	838	944	784	1363	1554
	15	434	875	1198	657	1205	1359	1150	2093	2101
Nel	5	192	302	421	387	670	593	639	907	993
	10	306	492	638	523	976	1013	748	1133	1273
	15	337	813	1215	831	1144	1464	981	1935	2082

Fly Ash and Lime Combinations

	%	2 %	Lime		4 5	Lime		6 %	Lim	ie
Flyash	Fly				Í					
Source	ASH	7	28	56	7	28	56	7	28	56
					ļ					
	5	28	33	31	41	46	64	75	89	121
Cajun	10	106	122	150	148	169	196	169	209	207
	15	242	278	349	349	431	469	375	421	454
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	5	34	38	50	53	68	96	105	104	142
Rod	10	128	140	324	166	184	459	232	277	452
	15	254	339	383	367	475	886	379	456	909
	_		- 0		- 0				0.	
	5	27	28	30	38	45	59	66	81	105
Nel	10	81	100	112	116	151	234	172	232	259
	15	160	222	267	277	341	378	323	356	492
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Table 10

Unconfined Compressive Strengths - PSI

Soil Type --- Sandy Silt A-2-4(0)

Additives -- Flyash and Portland Cement

Flyash	% Fly	4 %	Cemer	nt	6	% Ceme	nt	8 %	Ceme	ent
Source	ASH	7	28	56	7	28	56	7	28	56
none		321	435	535	496	651	719	507	779	913
Caj	5 10 15	473 537 530	705 615 531	753 910 676	599 743 623	812 917 1135	1021 1296 1413	906	1066 1158 1298	
Rod	5 10 15	393 489 500	418 581 650	522 684 629	462 619 694	613 866 918	684 1061 1178	656 764 870	905 960 1148	1021 1199 1313
Nel	5 10 15	281 335 363	587 618 624	609 659 698	372 467 528	757 729 791	641 888 1095	504 562 632	877	1119 1143 1332

Fly Ash and Lime Combinations

Flyach	% Fly	2 %	Lime		4 8	Lime		6 % L	ime	
Flyash Source	ASH	7	28	56	7	28	56	7	28	56
Caj	5	19	83	90	35	90	149	32	103	176
	10	33	57	150	49	46	142	75	87	138
	15	82	106	152	108	107	192	101	138	173
Rod	5	51	69	85	57	102	100	70	103	154
	10	85	116	136	93	132	156	97	135	155
	15	102	137	143	118	182	223	117	190	236

Table 11

Vacuum Saturation Strengths - PSI

Soil Type -- Sand A-3(0)

Additives Flyash and Portland Cemen	Additives		Flyash	and	Portland	Cement
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Flyash	% Fly	4 9	6 Ceme	nt	6	% Ceme	nt	8 %	Cemer	nt
Source	ASH	7	28	56	7	28	56	7	28	56
none		90	151	138	222	304	325	338	556	597
Cajun	5	178	279	345	303	569	718	495	869	997
	10	308	522	747	515	913	1044	833	1122	1615
	15	438	719	1008	693	1120	1395	1294	1419	2295
Rodemacher	5	179	281	398	426	544	695	554	696	894
	10	310	439	503	531	851	1020	764	1320	1745
	15	437	816	1247	647	1267	1519	1148	1907	2208
Nelson	5	184	334	281	394	598	589	597	933	964
	10	274	516	694	646	809	934	755	1243	1292
	15	316	775	1028	718	1104	1283	917	1609	2135

Additives -- Flyash and Lime

Flyash	% Fly	2 5	% Lime		4 5	Lime		6 %	Lime	-
Source	ASH	7	28	56	7	28	56	7	28	56
Cajun	5	20	27	32	33	39	54	63	97	132
	10	90	106	136	143	160	187	155	195	207
	15	235	233	328	338	398	430	322	421	465
Rodemacher	5	34	40	45	46	63	79	94	94	120
	10	128	146	175	165	195	439	217	262	504
	15	238	282	414	381	451	846	388	495	814
Nelson	5	28	23	29	34	44	55	53	71	102
	10	73	96	122	108	119	243	163	211	284
	15	171	212	294	231	316	489	322	390	483

Table 12

Vacuum Saturation Strengths - PSI

Soil Type -- Sandy Silt A-2-4(0)

Additives	Flyasi	n and	Port?	land	Cement
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Flyash	% Fly	4	% Ceme	ent	6	% Cem	ent	8 %	Cemer	nt
Source	ASH	7	28	56	7	28	56	7	28	56
none	0	283	411	375	378	464	604	509	704	732
Cajun	5	445	613	650	562	781	950	741	947	1185
	10	461	559	803	641	887	1148	799	1050	1417
	15	488	501	719	574	755	1395	859	1123	1426
Rodemacher	5	379	369	469	462	597	631	560	849	862
	10	412	535	631	550	687	926	707	890	1210
	15	465	586	602	615	796	1146	759	993	1174
Nelson	5	239	538	512	363	703	600	453	764	955
	10	281	505	583	422	560	901	509	664	1074
	15	305	490	668	475	721	952	576	961	1194

Additives -- Flyash and Lime

	%	2 %	Lime		4 %	Lime		6 %	Lime	
Flyash Source	Fly ASH	7	28	56	7	28	56	7	28	56
Cajun	5	13	69	68	23	71	127	22	81	147
	10	34	45	128	32	38	124	48	56	118
	15	107	86	132	73	69	143	79	108	131
Rodemacher	5	45	60	68	39	88	81	39	97	131
	10	72	103	115	79	111	125	83	119	129
	15	85	115	128	101	147	174	111	154	211

			SOUR	CE=BOYCE					
	VARIABLE	N	MEAN	RANGE	CV	STD	MIN	MAX	
	% RETAINED ON THE #325	37	15.8838	10.50	17.354	2.75646	11.00	21.5	
	POZZALANIC ACTIVITY INDEX	31	87.0032	10.00	2.359	2.05272	83.00	93.0	
	AUTOCLAVE EXPANSION	31	0.0874	2.01	408.970	0.35752	-0.01	2.0	
	SPECIFIC GRAVITY	29	2.5590	0.35	2.815	0.07203	2.35	2.7	
	LOSS ON IGNITION	37	1.3730	2.70	55.593	0.76327	0.30	3.0	
	SULFUR TRIOXIDE CONTENT	37	2.7784	4.00	36.480	1.01356	1.50	5.5	
	TOTAL OXIDES	37	66.1081	15.60	4.931	3,25939	55.90	71.5	
	CALCIUM DXIDES	37	22,9297	12.20	13.781	3.15998	18.00	30.2	
	MAGNESIUM OXIDES CONTENT	37	4.1054	2.70	16,269	0.66789	3.10	5.8	
	MOISTURE CONTENT		1.3226	3.00	61.137	0.80858	0.00	3.0	
· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			SOUR	CE=CAUUN -					
	VARIABLE	N	MEAN	RANGE	CV	STD	MIN	MAX	
	% RETAINED ON THE #325	45	11.2978	46.00	20.444	2 40047	r 00	04.00	
	POZZALANIC ACTIVITY INDEX	30	86.8300	16.00 11.50	30.114	3.40217	5.00	21.00	
	AUTOCLAVE EXPANSION	30	0.0370	0.11	2.497	2.16829	81.50	93.00	
	SPECIFIC GRAVITY	30	2.7010	0.11	118.160	0.04372	0.00	0.11	
	LOSS ON IGNITION	47			1.848	0.04992	2.58	2.78	
	SULFUR TRIOXIDE CONTENT	48	1.3277	4.70	66.349	0.88088	0.20	4.90	
	TOTAL OXIDES	48	2.5437	6.30	35.403	0.90057	1.50	7.80	
	CALCIUM DXIDES	48	66.3729	13.40	3.924	2.60423	58.10	71.50	
			23.0250	12.70	10.292	2.36971	18.00	30.70	
	MAGNESIUM OXIDES CONTENT MOISTURE CONTENT		4.0915	4.30	20.256	0.82878	1.10	5.40	
	MOISTORE CONTENT	37	1.0459	3.00	79.532	0.83186	0.00	3.00	
			SOURCI	E=NELSON -					
	VARIABLE	N	MEAN	RANGE	CA	SID	NIM	MAX	
	% RETAINED ON THE #325	41	18.1561	20.00	23.358	4.24088	11.60	31.6	
	POZZALANIC ACTIVITY INDEX	26	85.3885	4.50	1.692	1.44453	81.40	85.9	
	AUTOCLAVE EXPANSION	28	0.0314	0.12	137.119	0.04309	-0.02	0.1	
	SPECIFIC GRAVITY	28	2.5761	0.30	3.046	0.07847	2.40	2.7	
	LOSS ON IGNITION	41	1.6317	3.20	45.625	0.74446	0.10	3.3	
	SULFUR TRIOXIDE CONTENT	41	3.4756	31.50	138.596	4.81704	1.50	33.0	
	TOTAL OXIDES	41	65,6829	25.20	8.164	5.36218	50.00	75.2	
	CALCIUM OXIDES	41	22.8780	10.30	11.966	2.73756	18,40	28.7	
	MAGNESIUM OXIDES CONTENT	4.1		4.80	24.957	0.94107	1.00	5.8	
	MOISTURE CONTENT	38	1.6263	2.80	41.794	0.67970	0.10	2.9	

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