

# March 2016 Septic Training



# \* Presentation Topics

- EEP updates
- Web page items
- Safety, Sizing and Siting
- MLSS



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# \* Technical Standards

## \* Code Advisory Committee

- \* CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
- \* CT Home Builders & Remodelers Association
- \* CT Environmental Health Association
- \* CT Association of Directors of Health
- \* CT Engineering Associations
- \* CT On-site Wastewater Recycling Association
- \* CT Soil Scientists
- \* DPH



### CONNECTICUT PUBLIC HEALTH CODE

#### On-site Sewage Disposal Regulations, and Technical Standards for Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems

**PHC Section 19-13-B100a** (e.g., Building Conversions, Changes in Use, Building Additions)

Effective August 3, 1998

**PHC Section 19-13-B103** (Design Flows 5,000 Gallons per Day or Less)

Effective August 16, 1982

#### Technical Standards for Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems

Effective August 16, 1982

Former revisions: 1986, 1989, 1992, 1994, 1997, 2000, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2011

Revised January 1, 2015

**PHC Section 19-13-B104** (Design Flows Greater than 5,000 Gallons per Day)

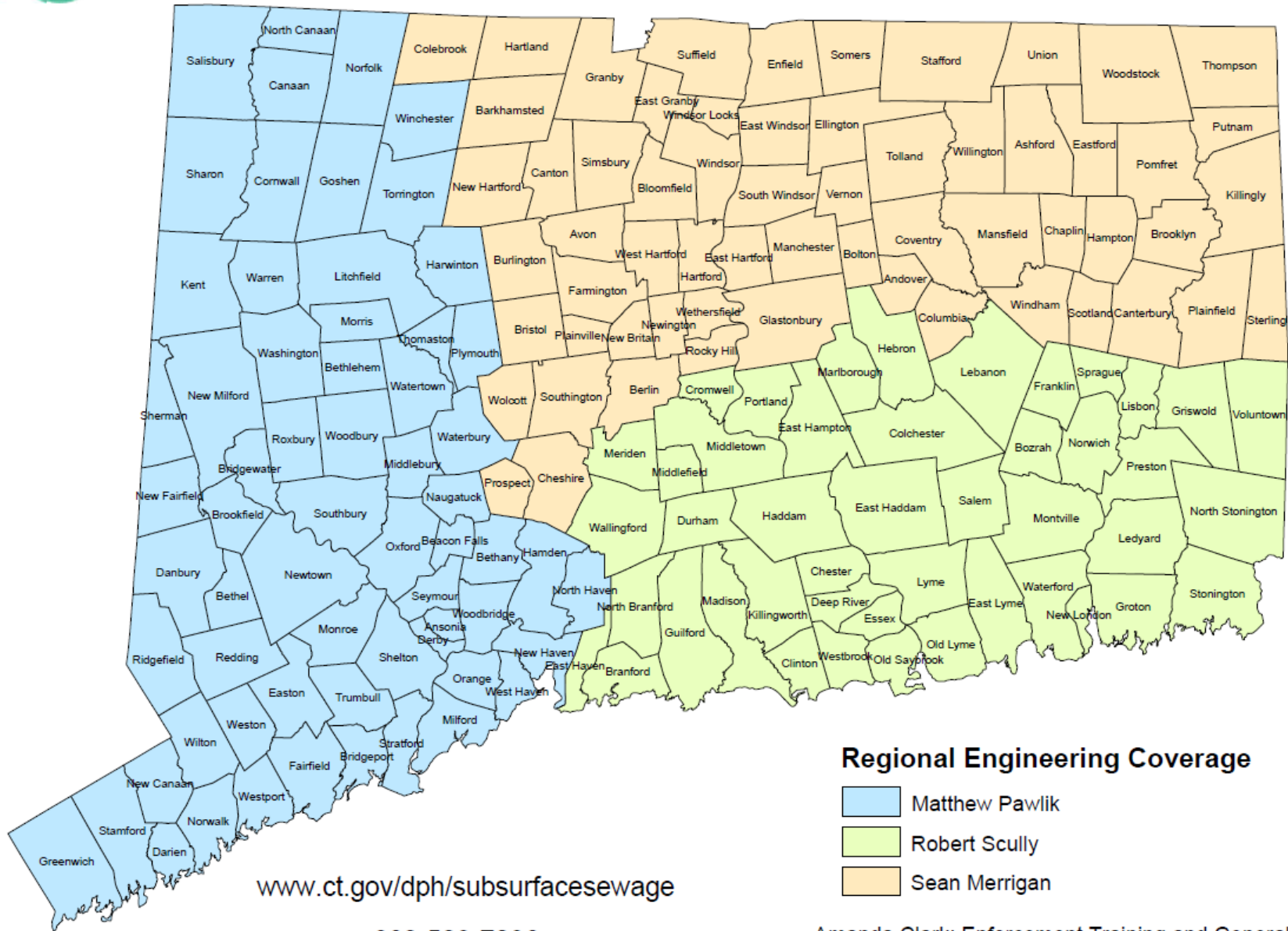
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Amanda Clark: Enforcement, Training and General Questions

# \* Secondary Safety Lid

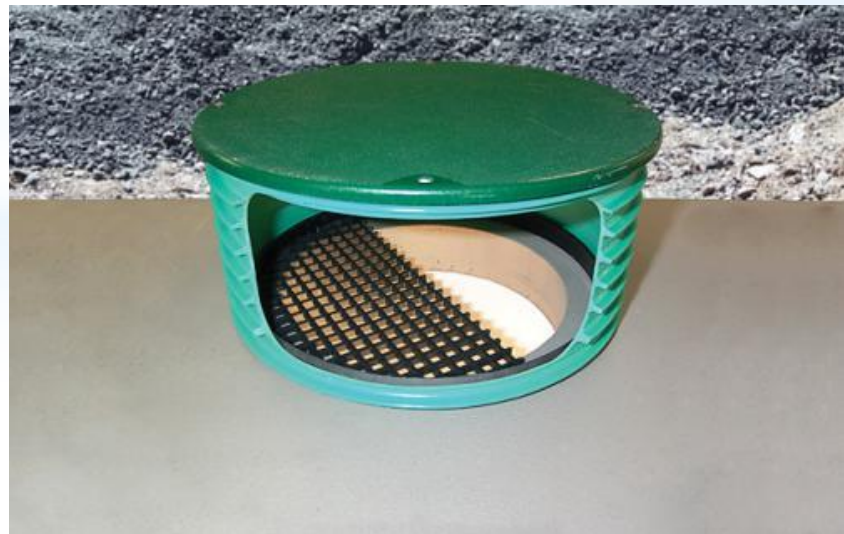
- \* Septic tank, pump chamber, holding tanks and grease interceptor tank covers shall be kept on the tank when riser assemblies are utilized, and in no case shall a cover be left off a tank when the riser cover weighs less than 59 pounds unless a secondary safety lid or device is provided below the riser cover.

- \* Retroactive requirement





# \*Secondary Safety Lid



# \* Sizing

- \* **Outbuilding** means an ancillary structure *served by a water supply and sewage system* that is located on a lot with an associated primary residential building, which cannot be split off and sold separately from the primary building. Outbuildings: detached garages w/ ½ bath, pool house cabanas, guest bedroom/rec bldg., in-law apartments, etc.





# \* Sizing

- \* Reserve areas are not required for outbuildings w/ design flows of 150 GPD or less on single-family residential building lots.
- \* 1-bedroom leaching system sizing for residential outbuildings on single-family residential building lots. Minimum ELA is 50% of the required 2-bedroom ELA. MLSS Flow Factor would be 0.5

# \* Sizing Multi-family

- \* Table 5: includes the minimum septic tank capacities for residential buildings.

## B. Septic tank capacities

### 1. Residential Buildings

The minimum liquid capacities/volumes of septic tanks serving residential buildings shall be based on Table 5.

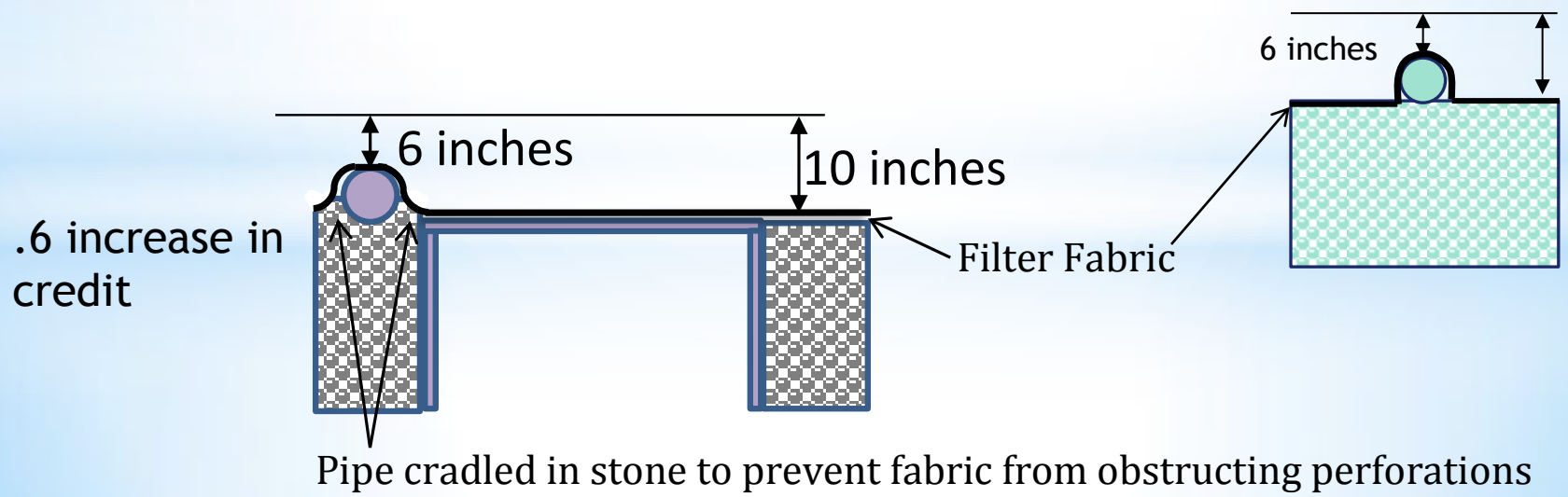
**Table 5**

	<b>Single-family</b>	<b>Multi-family</b>
<b>1-3 bedrooms</b>	1,000 gallons	1250 gallons
<b>4 bedrooms</b>	1250 gallons	1250 gallons
<b>For each bedroom beyond 4</b>	Add 125 gallons per bedroom	Add 250 gallons per bedroom

- \* Table 6: Required ELA for multi-family residential building shall be based on a minimum of 4 bedrooms.

# \*Sizing: Leaching Systems

\*Leaching trenches and galleries with perforated piping (SDR 35) on the top of the system's stone: ELA credit increased by 0.6 SF/LF for trenches and 12 inch galleries. All other galleries ELA credit increased by 0.8 SF/LF.



# \* Sizing

- \* **Proprietary pressure-dosed dispersal system added to Technical Standards.**
- \* **A manufactured dosing and dispersal system that uniformly applies effluent into the receiving soil via small diameter holes in small diameter distribution piping.**
- \* **Sized based on 3 foot trench equivalent.**

# \* Sizing

- \* Perc Rite drip irrigation (dispersal) system
- \* DPH Approval stipulates minimum linear footage to be 4 times the required linear footage of a 3-foot wide trench system.
- \* Minimum tube spacing is 1.5 feet center to center (minor deviations allowed-around tree, etc.).





# \* Sizing: Center to Center

- \* Reduced center to center spacing for certain leaching systems possible, upon application to DPH
- \* Approval for Geomatrix GeoMat spacing reduction pending.

# \*Sizing

- \* Leaching system elevated entirely in select fill can be sized on anticipated perc rate of select fill. (changed from 10.1-20 minimum)
- \* Confirmation perc test required.

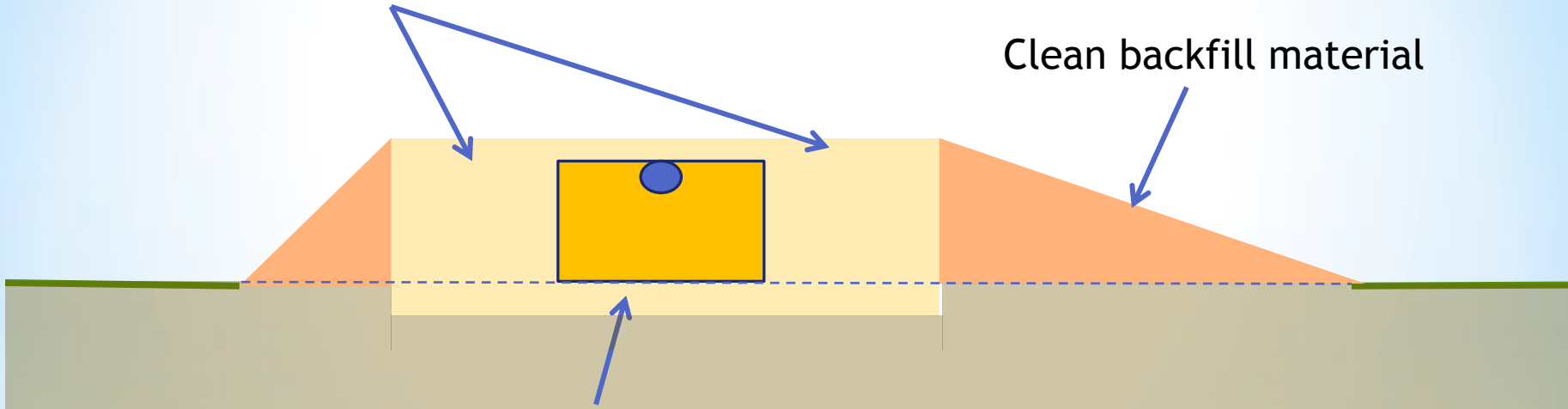


# \*Elevated Entirely in Select Fill

\*Elevated means 50% or more of the system above existing grade.

Select fill 5'

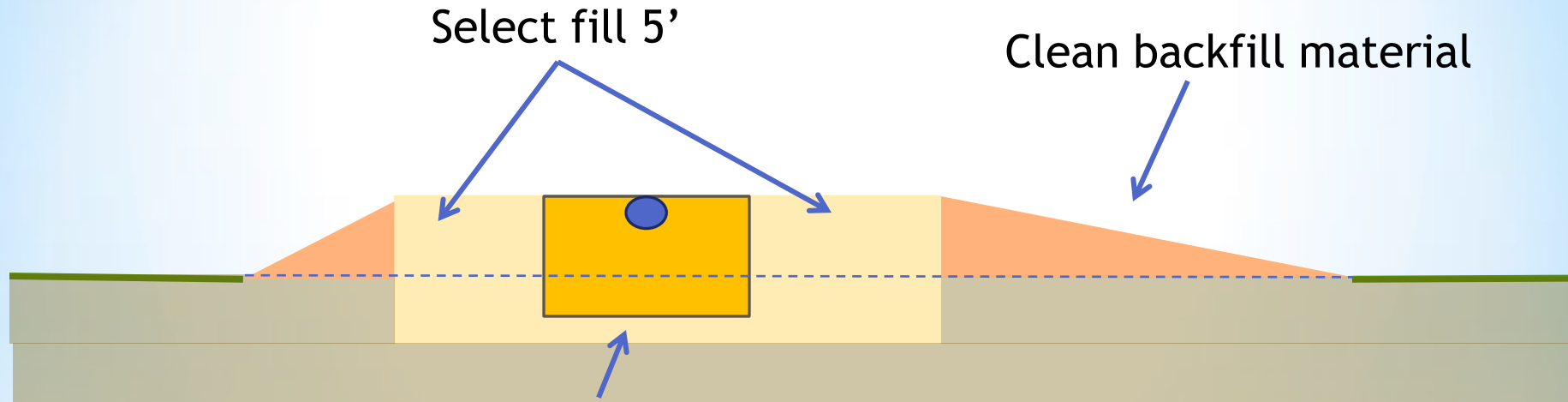
Clean backfill material



System bedded in a minimum of 2" of select fill to be considered entirely in select septic fill.

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# \* Not Entirely in Select Fill



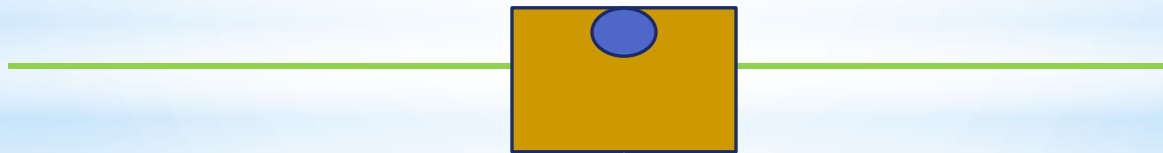
Not bedded in select fill

- ELA calculated on perc rate in natural soil



# \* Siting: Vertical Control

- \* **Non-Engineered** repair plans shall include information about the placement of the leaching system relative to *restrictive layers*.
- \* How deep into grade?



GW at 26"  
Bottom no more than 8" into grade

18" to groundwater

# \* Siting: Table 1 Item S

- \* **Grade cuts or soil disturbances down gradient of a leaching system.**
- \* **Grade cuts within 50 feet not allowed if bleed-out may be a concern.**
- \* **LHD may reduce distance if demonstrated that cut/soil disturbance does not diminish the receiving soil necessary for the proper operation of the leaching system.**

# \* Siting: Coastal Areas

- \* Sites with tidally impacted groundwater table
  - \* Minimum separation distance for the bottom of the leaching system above maximum groundwater shall be 24 inches.
  - \* Max. groundwater determination shall take into account water level rise associated with high tides.



# \* Minimum Leaching System Spread (MLSS)

# \* Pre-MLSS

- \* 1982 Health Code requires sufficient naturally occurring soil to handle sewage flow and allows for hydraulic assessments.
- \* Natural soil does not include fill
- \* Design Manual for early 80's provides guidance on hydraulic assessments based on Darcy's law.



# \* Henry Darcy



## The Public Fountains of the City of Dijon

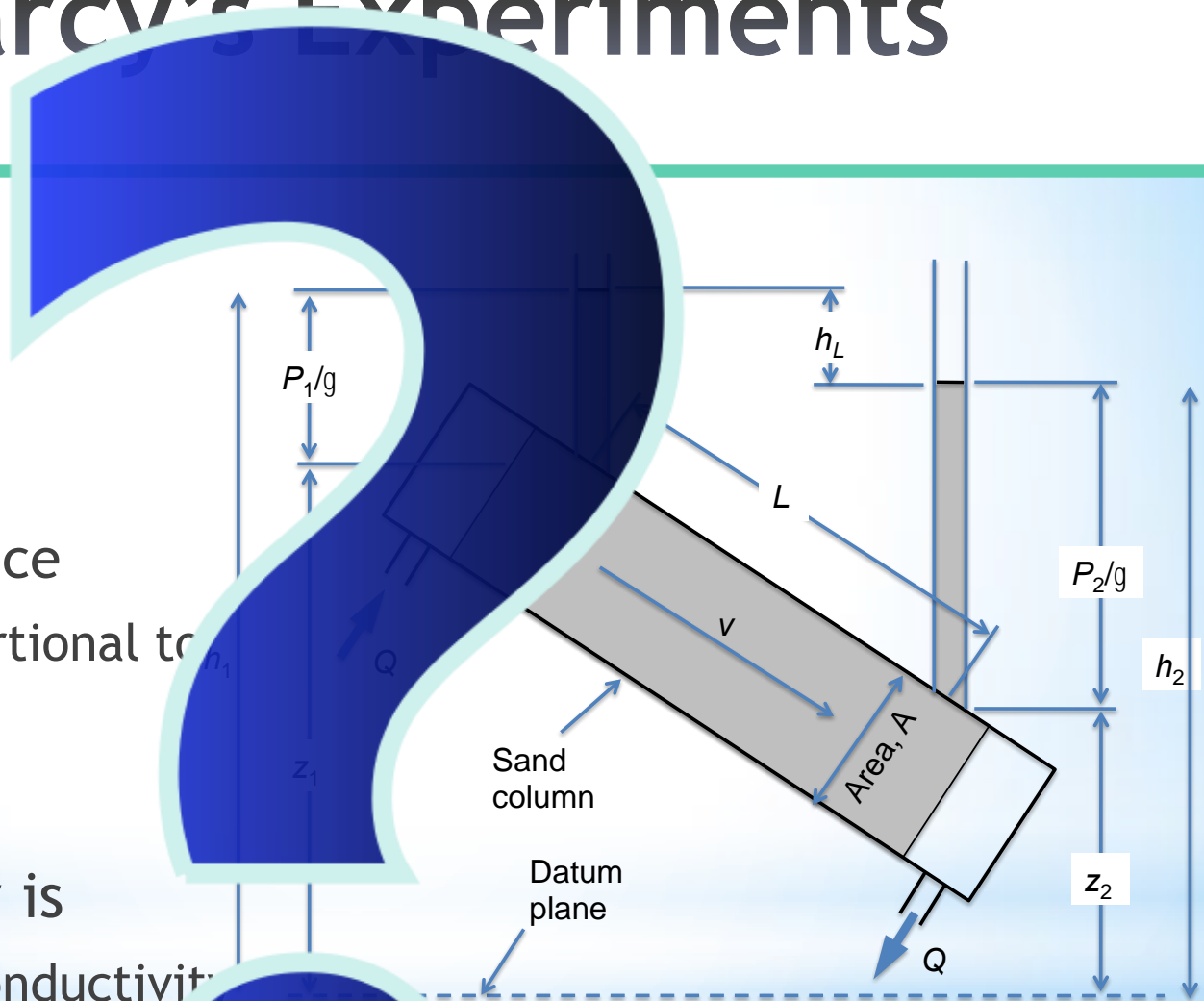
Henry Darcy, 1856

*English Translation by Patricia Bobeck*

- Henry Darcy, a French engineer, was commissioned by the city of Dijon to find a solution for cleaning the city's water supply contaminated by the waste of the mustard industry.
- Darcy conducted experiments with sand packed filters .
- The work of Darcy published in 1856 and provides the law of fluid flow through a porous media.

# \* Darcy's Experiments

- \* Discharge is Proportional to
  - \* Area
  - \* Head difference
  - Inversely proportional to
    - \* Length
- \* Coefficient of proportionality is
  - $K = \text{hydraulic conductivity}$



$$Q \propto A \frac{h_1 - h_2}{L}$$

$$Q = -KA \frac{h_1 - h_2}{L}$$

$$Q = -KA \frac{Dh}{L}$$

# \* Site Hydraulics

\* Modified Darcy's Law

\*  $Q = KiA$

\*  $Q =$  Flow

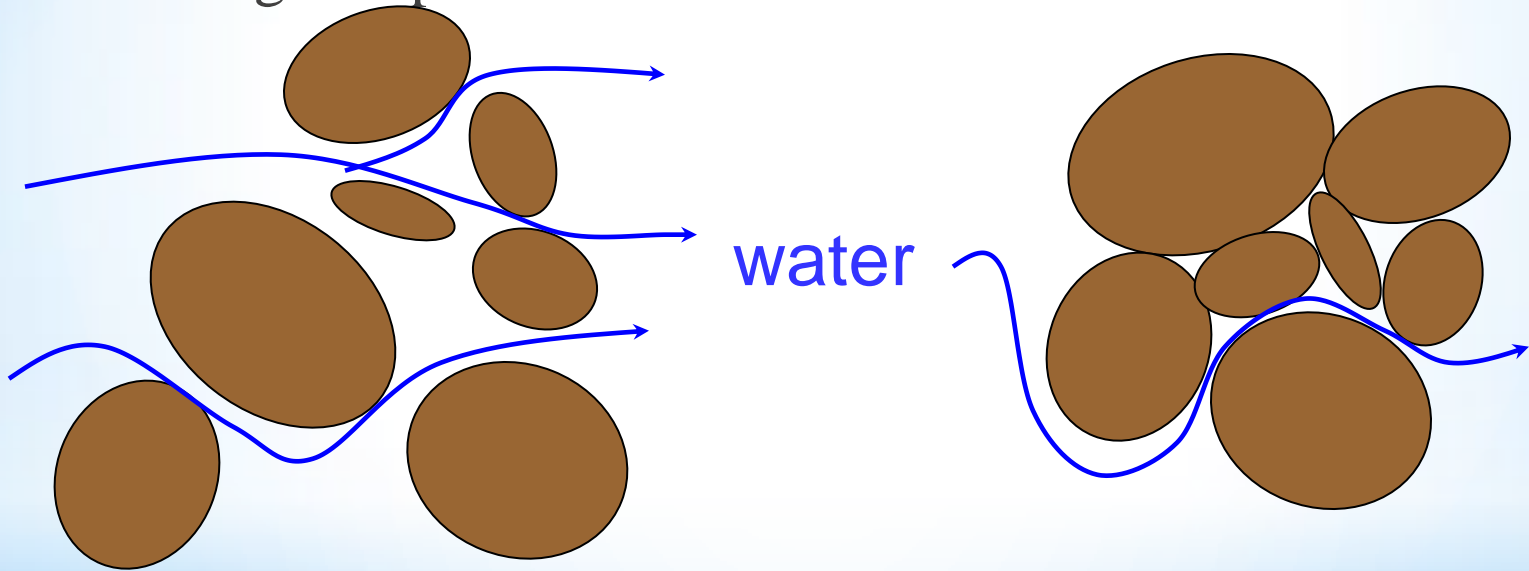
\*  $K =$  Permeability

\*  $i =$  Hydraulic gradient

\*  $A =$  Soil Area

# \* What is Permeability?

\* Permeability is the measure of the soil's ability to permit water to flow through its pores or voids.



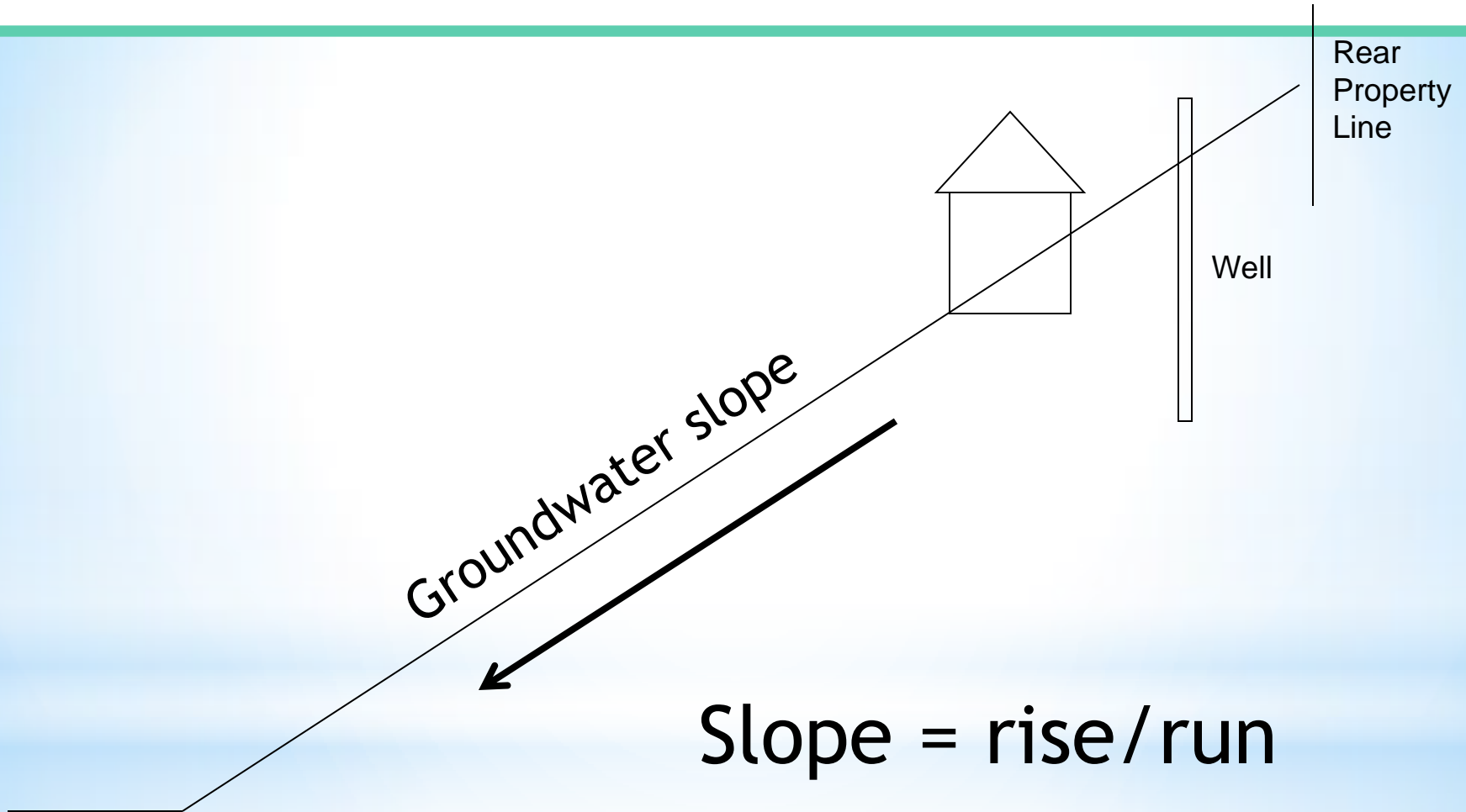
## Loose soil

- easy to flow
- **high** permeability

## Dense soil

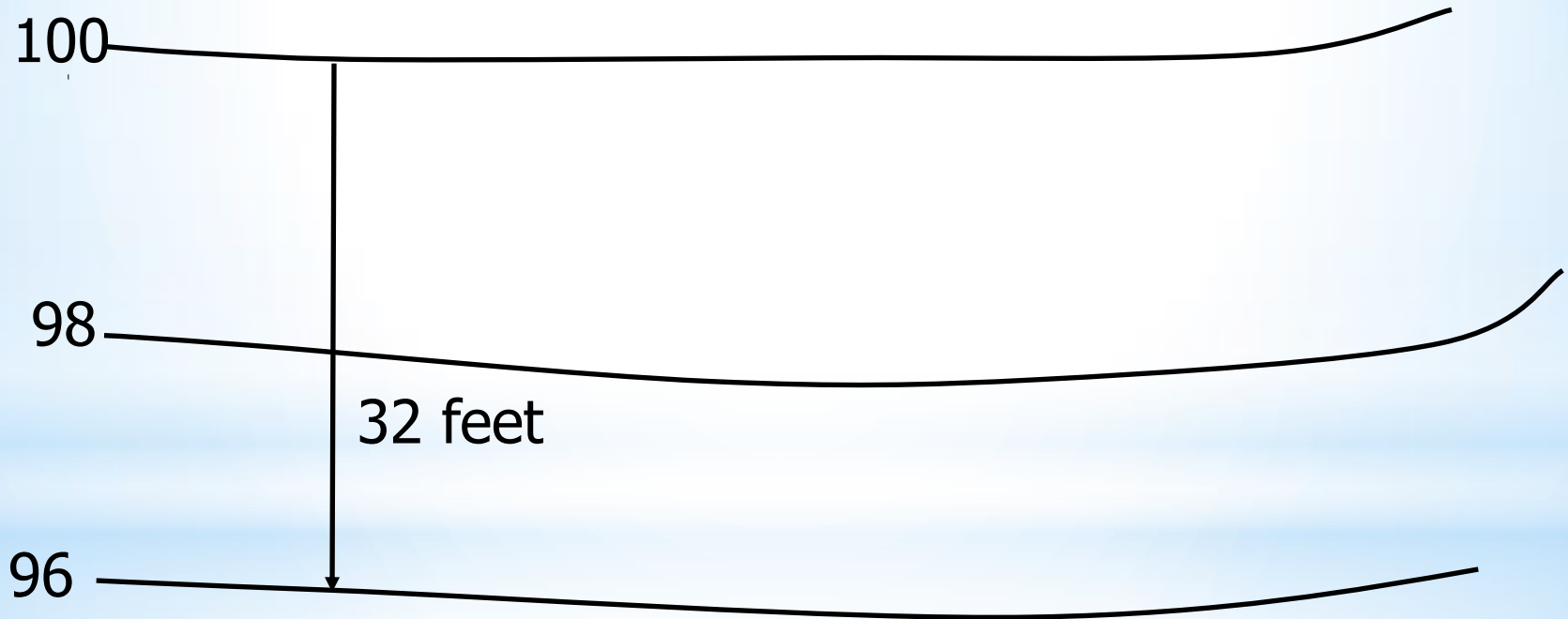
- difficult to flow
- **low** permeability

# \* Hydraulic gradient



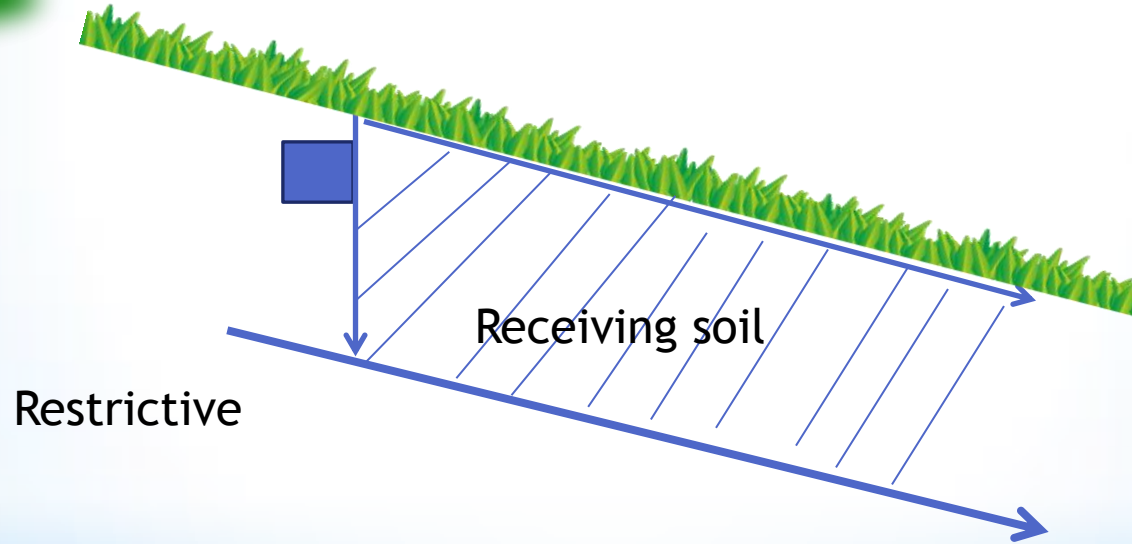


# \* Calculating Slope



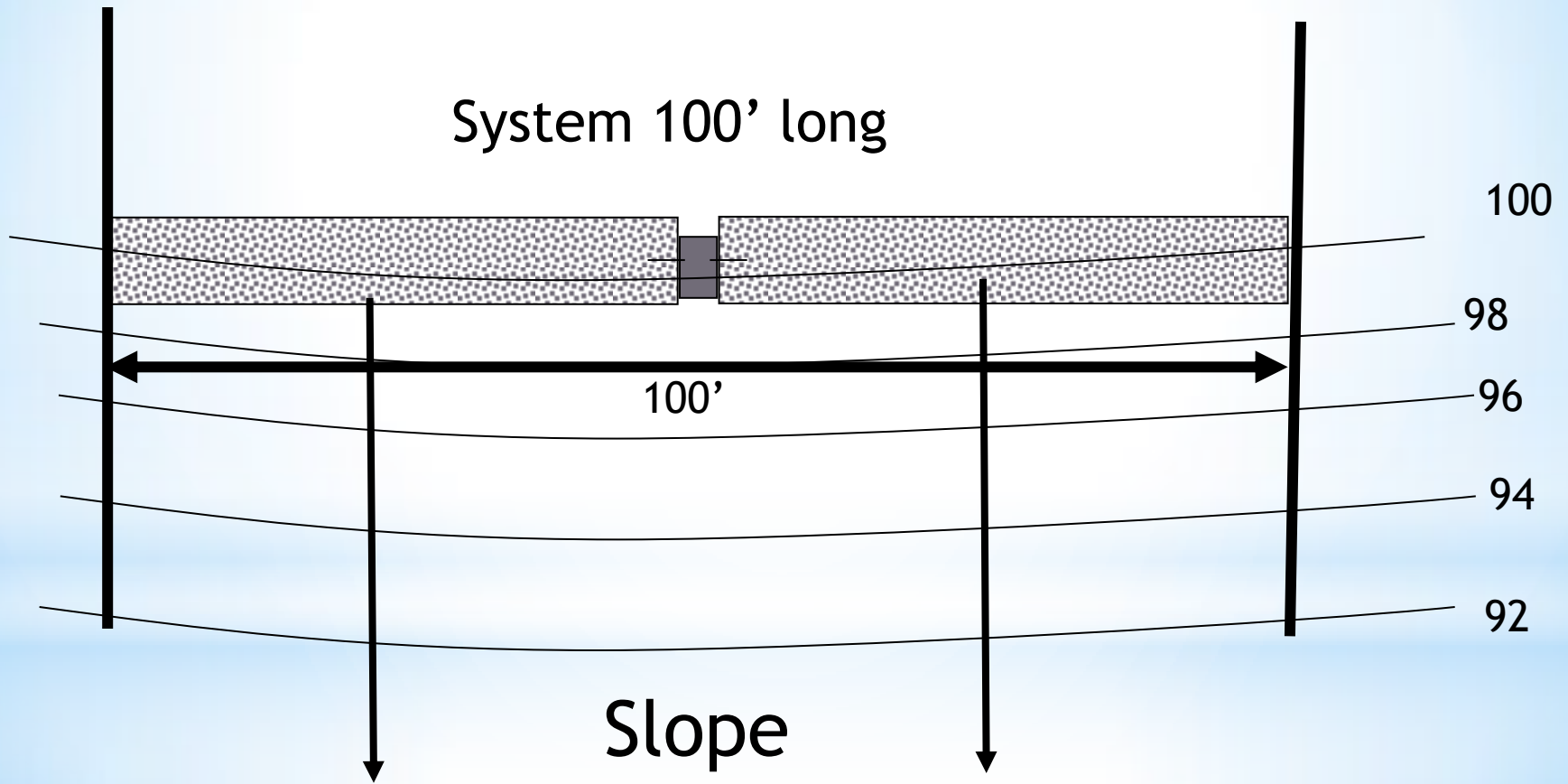
$$4 / 32 \times 100 = 12.5\%$$

# \* Area



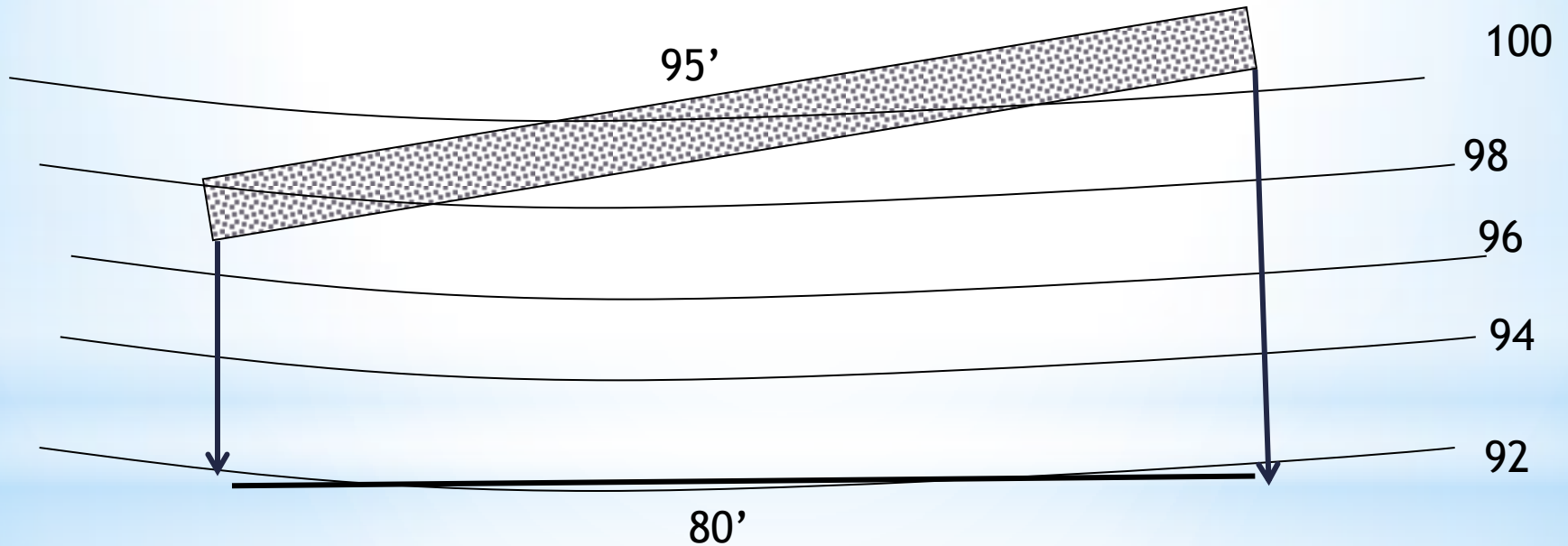
$$\text{Height} \times \text{Spread} = \text{Area}$$

# \* Spread and Slope



100 feet of MLSS being provided

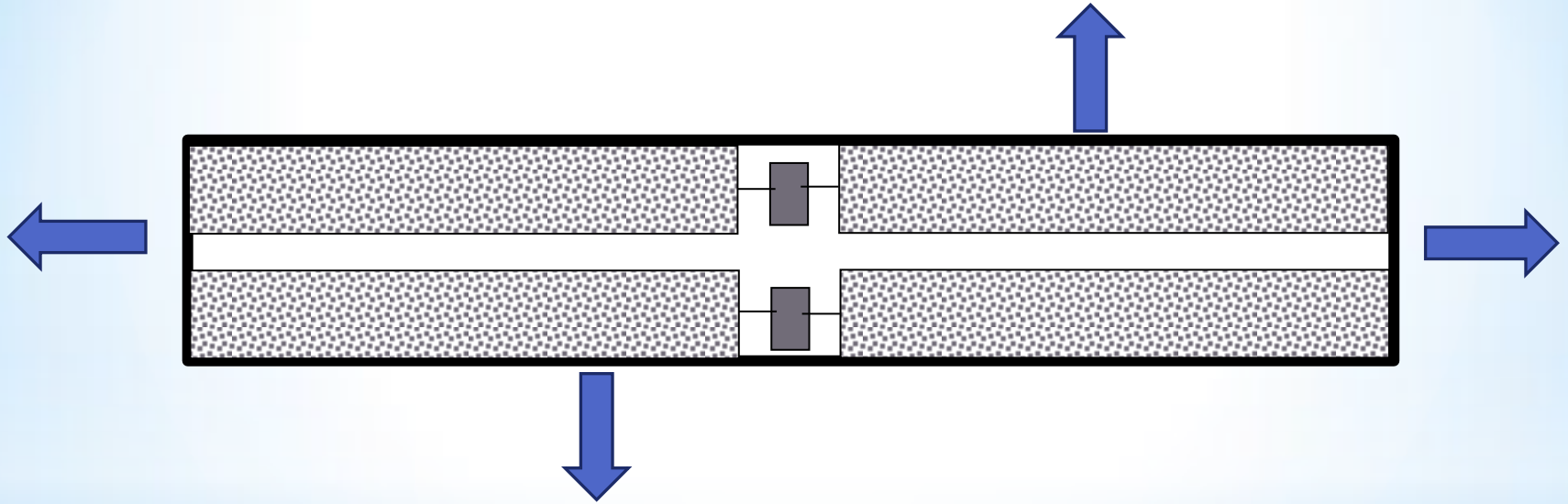
# \* Spread and Slope



Only 80 feet of MLSS being provided

# \*Spread Flat GW

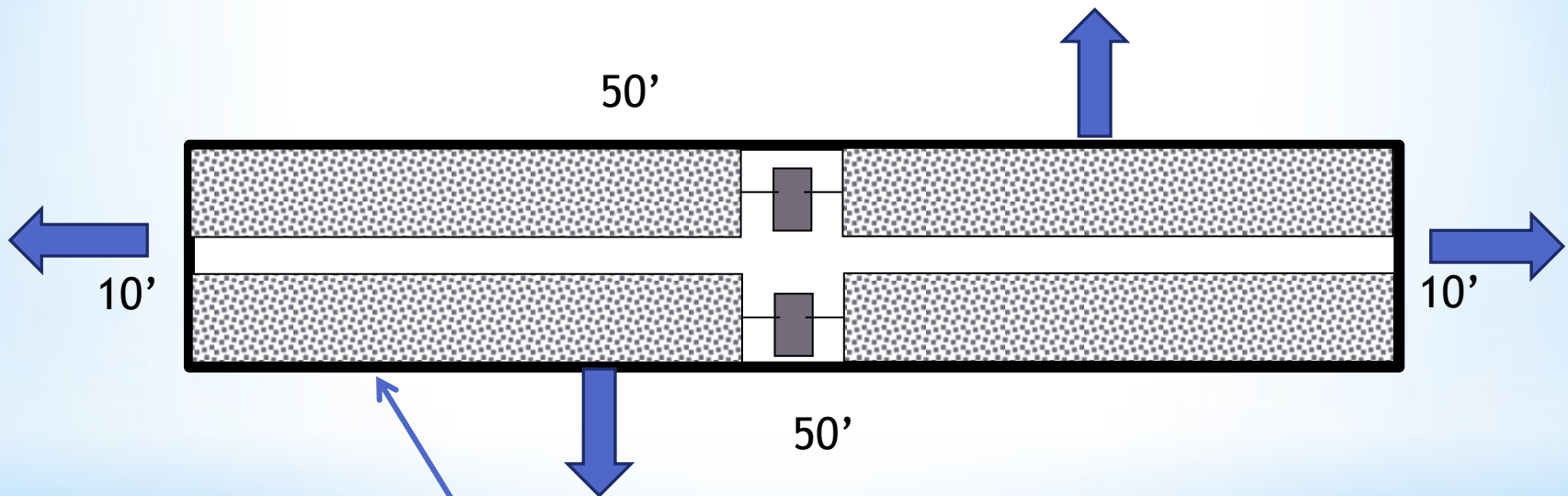
## What is a flat GW table lot?



- Typically found in areas with sand and gravel type soils such as shoreline sites.
- Radial flow occurs
- Determination should be made based on actual GW elevations in the area

# \* Spread Flat GW

## Spread flat GW lots



Spread can be measured around the perimeter of leaching system

$$\text{MLSS} = 50+50+10+10 = 120' \text{ total}$$





# \* Minimum Leaching System Spread (MLSS)

- \* Simplified method to address site hydraulics based on Darcy's law introduced into the TS in 1994 based on natural soils only.
- \* Not applicable for reserve areas.
- \* Minimum spread based on design flow, perc rate, hydraulic gradient and available depth of receiving soil.
- \* Hydraulic Analysis not needed if MLSS compliance is demonstrated.

# \* MLSS

- \* In 2011 modified to consider fill (select or existing) for repairs thru a Non-Compliant Repair (NCR) analysis.
- \* In 2015 further modified:
  - PE plan requirement reduced to 25% or less of required MLSS.
  - Standardized determination of depth of receiving soil.

# \* MLSS Definitions

- **Hydraulic gradient** means the percent slope of the naturally occurring grade, or when demonstrated slope of restrictive layer.
  - If groundwater table that has been confirmed to be flat (essentially 0%), then radial flow applies.
  - Slope based on naturally occurring soil shall be evaluated in leaching system area and to at least 25 feet down-gradient.
- **Leaching system spread** means the leaching system length of effluent application to the receiving soil.

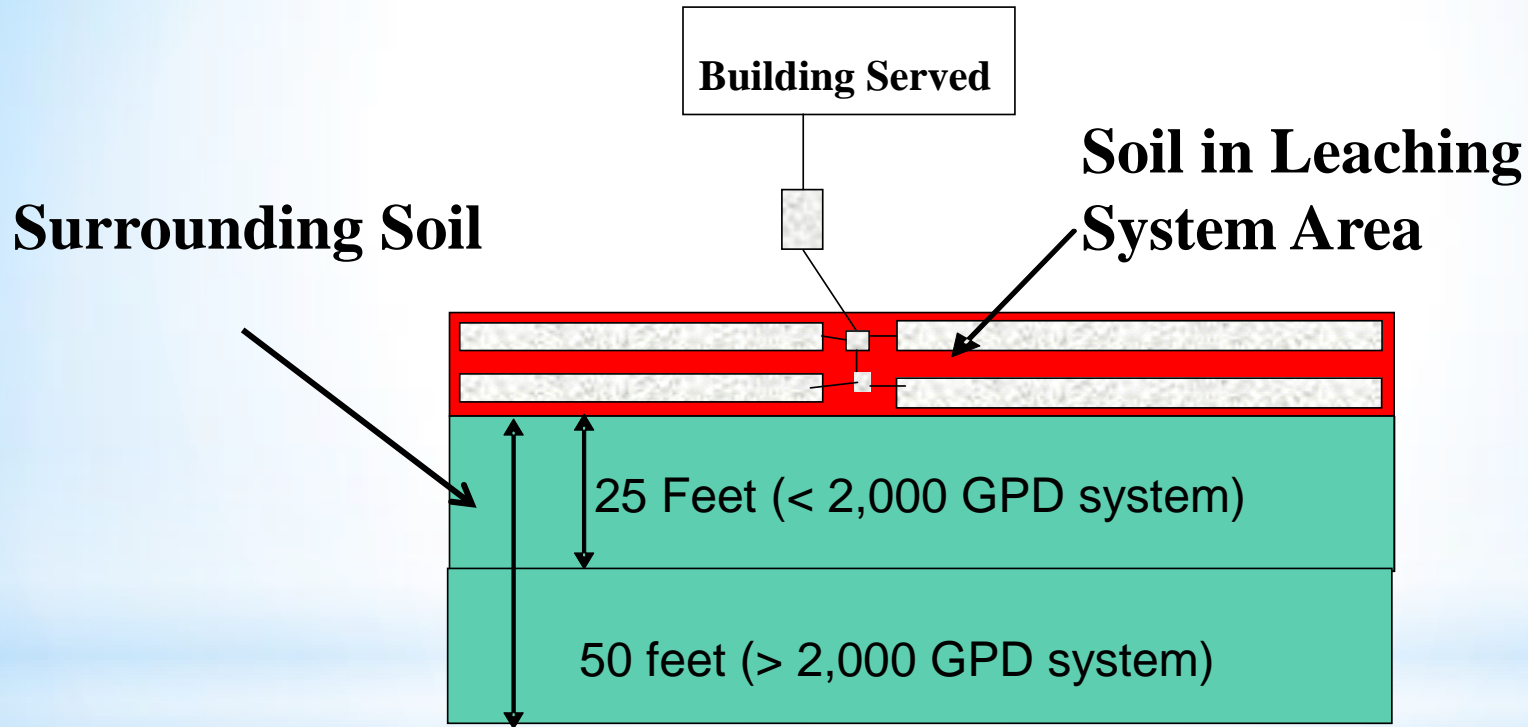
# \* MLSS Definitions

- **Restrictive layer** means the first layer beneath the receiving soil that impedes downward movement of effluent.
  - ledge rock
  - maximum groundwater (redoximorphic features/mottling or groundwater monitoring)
    - groundwater monitoring: average of at least 5 consecutive weekly readings taken during the most restrictive 30-day period of the wet season (Feb. 1 - May 31)
  - impervious soil (percolation rate slower than 60 minutes per inch).

# \* MLSS Definitions

- **Receiving soil** is the soil in the leaching system area and surrounding soil
  - flat groundwater table includes the soil within 25 feet around the perimeter of the leaching system.
  - Lots with a slope
    - Includes the soil 50 feet down-gradient of a large system (2,000 GPD or greater)
    - Includes the soil at least 25 feet down-gradient of a small system.
- **Receiving soil depth (RS Depth)** means the average depth of receiving soil (soil in a leaching system area and surrounding soil) measured down to the restrictive layer.

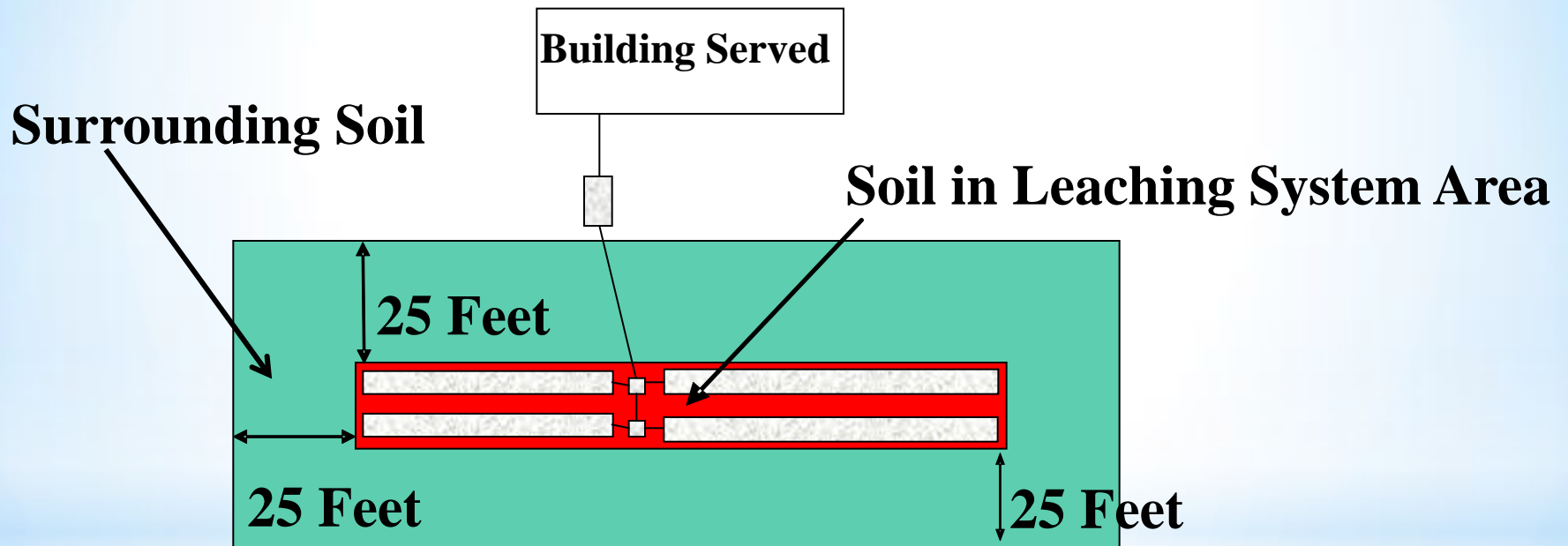
# \*Receiving Soil on Sloped Lots



RS Depth = average depth of receiving soil in system area and surrounding soil



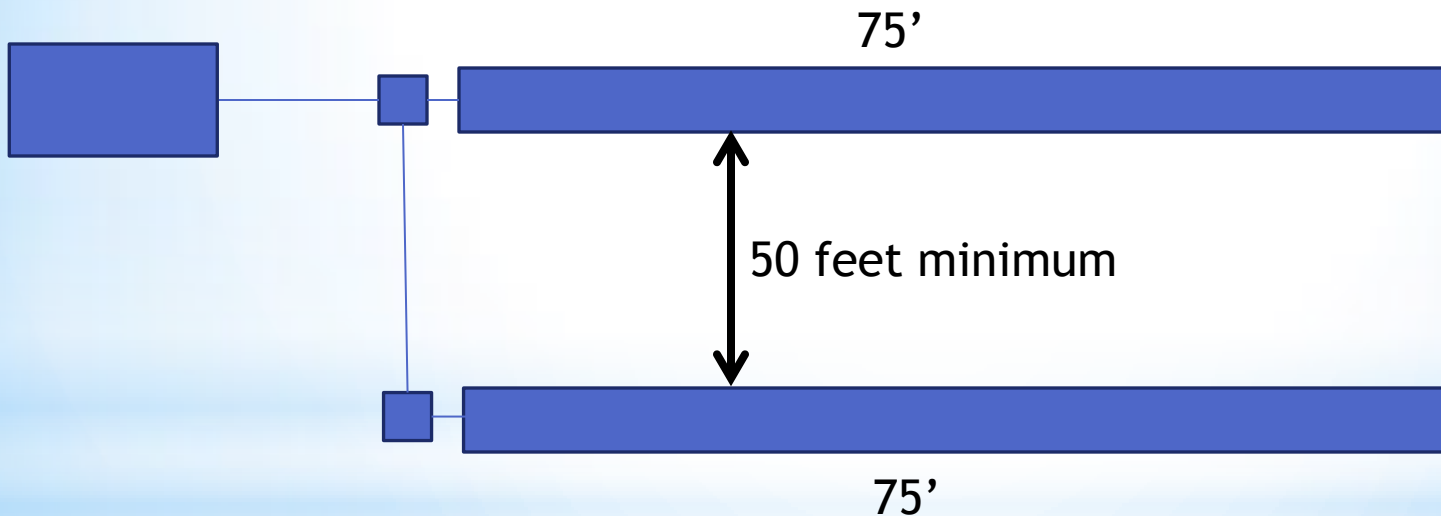
# \* Receiving Soil on Flat Water Table Lots



RS Depth = average depth of receiving soil in system area and surrounding soil.

# \* MLSS

\* Leaching systems or leaching rows at least 50' apart on a sloped lot can be viewed independently.



Spread Provided = 75' + 75' = 150'

# \* MLSS Formula

- \* Hydraulic Factor (HF)
  - \* Percolation Factor (PF)
  - \* Flow Factor (FF)
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- \*  $MLSS = HF \times PF \times FF$

# \* Factor tables

Receiving  
Soil Depth  
(Inches)

### HYDRAULIC FACTORS (HF)

	Hydraulic Gradient (% Slope)								
	<1.0	1.0-2.0	2.1-3.0	3.1-4.0	4.1-6.0	6.1-8.0	8.1-10.0	10.1-15.0	>15.0
0.1 - 17.9	See Comments in Section VIII A								
18.0 - 22.0	72	62	54	48	42	34	30	28	26
22.1 - 26.0	66	56	48	42	34	30	28	26	24
26.1 - 30.0	56	49	42	34	30	28	26	24	20
30.1 - 36.0	48	42	34	30	28	26	24	20	18
36.1 - 42.0	42	36	30	28	26	24	20	18	16
42.1 - 48.0	36	32	28	26	24	20	18	16	14
48.1 - 60.0	30	28	24	22	20	18	16	14	10
>60.0	MLSS Need Not be Considered								

### FLOW FACTORS (FF)

Flow Factor = Design Flow/300	
<b>Residential:</b> Design Flow for each bedroom is 150 gallons per day (GPD) except for bedrooms beyond 4 in single-family residential buildings, which have a 75 GPD per bedroom design flow.	
<u>Single-family lots:</u>	<u>FF</u>
1 Bedroom = 150/300	0.5
2 Bedroom = 300/300	1.0
3 Bedroom = 450/300	1.5
4 Bedroom = 600/300	2.0
5 Bedroom = 675/300	2.25 Increase FF by 0.25 for each additional bedroom
<u>Multi-family buildings:</u> Minimum FF is 2.0 (4 bedrooms) and each additional bedroom increases FF by 0.5.	
<u>Non-Residential:</u>	Design Flow (GPD) / 300

### PERCOLATION FACTORS (PF)

Percolation Rate	Percolation Factor (PF)
Up to 5.0 Minutes/Inch	1.0
5.1 to 10.0 Minutes/Inch	1.2
10.1 to 20.0 Minutes/Inch	1.5
20.1 to 30.0 Minutes/Inch	2.0
30.1 to 45.0 Minutes/Inch	3.0
45.1 to 60.0 Minutes/Inch	5.0

# \* Flow Factor

- \* FF = Flow Factor-Based on the number of bedrooms in residential buildings, and design flow for non residential.
- \* Single family lots flow factors:
  - \* 1 Bedroom = .5 (including outbuildings)
  - \* 2 bedrooms = 1.0
  - \* 3 bedrooms = 1.5
  - \* 4 bedrooms = 2.0

# Flow Factor

## FLOW FACTORS (FF)

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1 Bedroom = 150/300

**FF**

0.5

2 Bedroom = 300/300

1.0

3 Bedroom = 450/300

1.5

4 Bedroom = 600/300

2.0

5 Bedroom = 675/300

2.25

Increase FF by 0.25 for each additional bedroom

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Design Flow (GPD) / 300





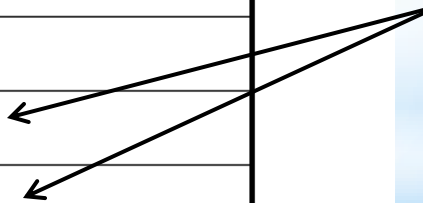
# \* MLSS Perc Factor

\* PF = Percolation Factor-Based on the percolation rate of the receiving soil

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Large impact on MLSS requirement.



# Percolation Factor

- \* The percolation rate of the naturally occurring soil is always used for the PF for new systems, B100a code-complying areas (CCAs), new lot layouts and MLSS compliant repairs.
- \* The percolation rate of the receiving soil is used for non-compliant repairs (NCR MLSS).

# Hydraulic Factor

## Hydraulic analysis

↓  
 Receiving  
 Soil Depth  
 (Inches)

**HYDRAULIC FACTORS (HF)**

Hydraulic Gradient (% Slope)

	<1.0	1.0-2.0	2.1-3.0	3.1-4.0	4.1-6.0	6.1-8.0	8.1-10.0	10.1-15.0	>15.0
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RS Depth: means the average depth of soil (soil in leaching system area and surrounding soil) measured down to the restrictive layer.

# \* Use of MLSS Formula

## \* MLSS categories:

- 1) New systems, B100a code-complying areas (CCAs), and conceptual layouts for new lots
- 2) MLSS compliant leaching system repairs and B100a potential repair areas.
- 3) Non-compliant MLSS repairs and B100a potential repair areas.



# Conceptual B100a CCAs and system layouts for new lots

- \* RS depth based on naturally occurring soil only.
- \* No consideration given for septic fill.



# \* New and B100a Code Compliant Leaching System (LS) Installations

- \* Keep shallow (top of system 12” or less below natural grade) to include full natural soil depth in LS area. If not, depth measured from top of LS.





# New and B100a Code Compliant Leaching System (LS) Installations

Count up to 24” of select fill in the leaching system area for elevated systems on sites with at least 18” of naturally occurring receiving soil on the property (25’/50’ downgrade for small/large systems).



- \* **LS repairs and B100a (MLSS compliant) potential repair areas (PRAs)**
- \* Conceptual B100a PRAs consider natural receiving soil only
- \* LS installations:
- \* Keep system shallow as possible; however still can count full natural soil depth in the LS area even if top of LS is more than 12” below natural grade.



# LS repairs and B100a (MLSS compliant) potential repair areas (PRAs)

## LS Installations:

Count up to 24” of select fill in the leaching system area for elevated systems on sites with at least 18” of naturally occurring receiving soil on the property (25’ / 50’ downgrade for small / large systems).

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0-6 TOPSOIL  
6-40 BRN SANDY LOAM  
40-81 GRY SILT LOAM  
REDOX AT 40

TEST PIT B

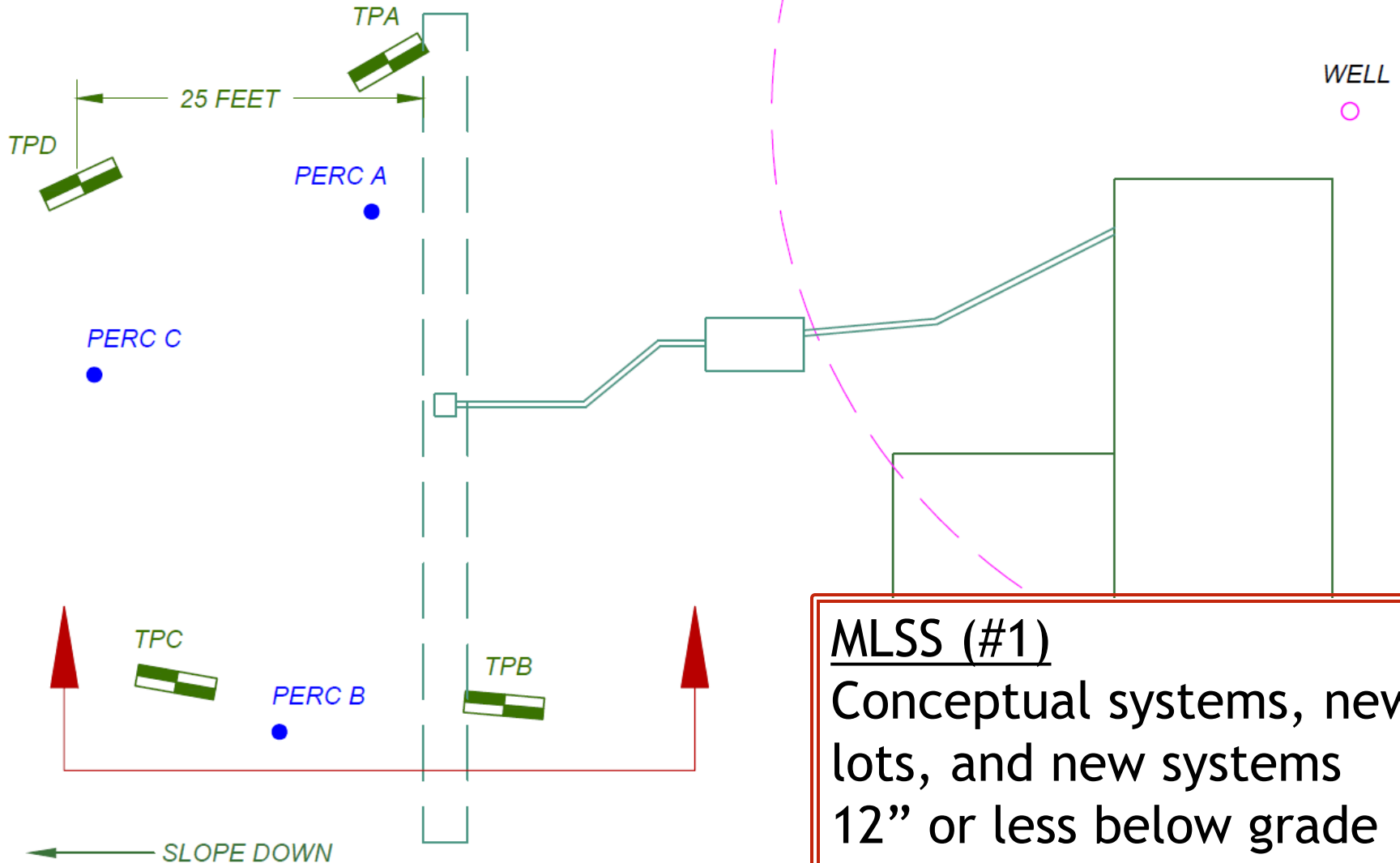
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40-85 GRY SILT LOAM  
REDOX AT 40

TEST PIT C

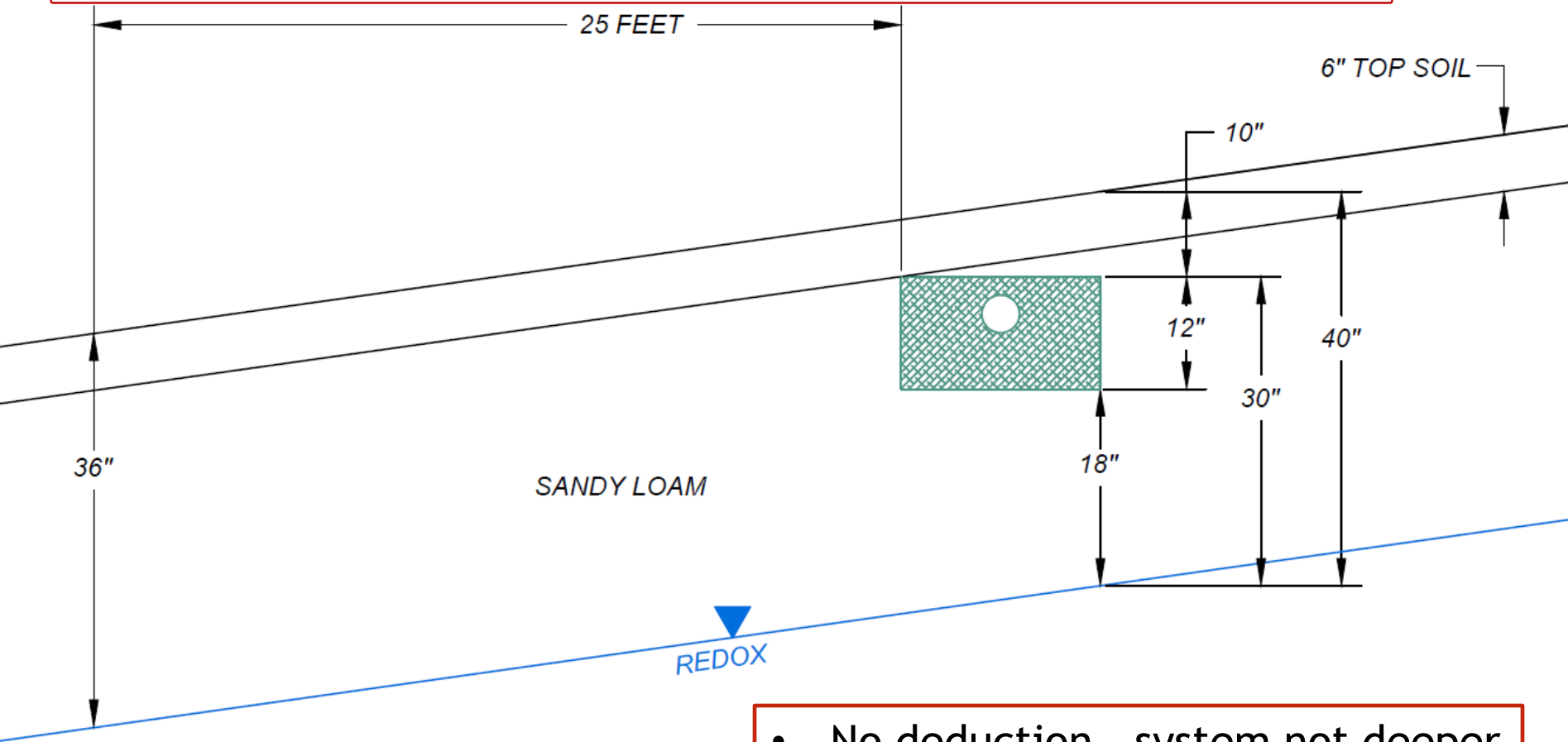
0-6 TOPSOIL  
6-36 BRN SANDY LOAM  
36-81 GRY SILT LOAM  
REDOX AT 36

TEST PIT D

0-6 TOPSOIL  
6-36 BRN SANDY LOAM  
36-81 GRY SILT LOAM  
REDOX AT 36



# MLSS (#1): Conceptual systems, new lots, and new systems 12" or less below grade



*MLSS IS BASED ON RECEIVING SOIL DEPTH OF  
(40" + 36") / 2 = 38"*

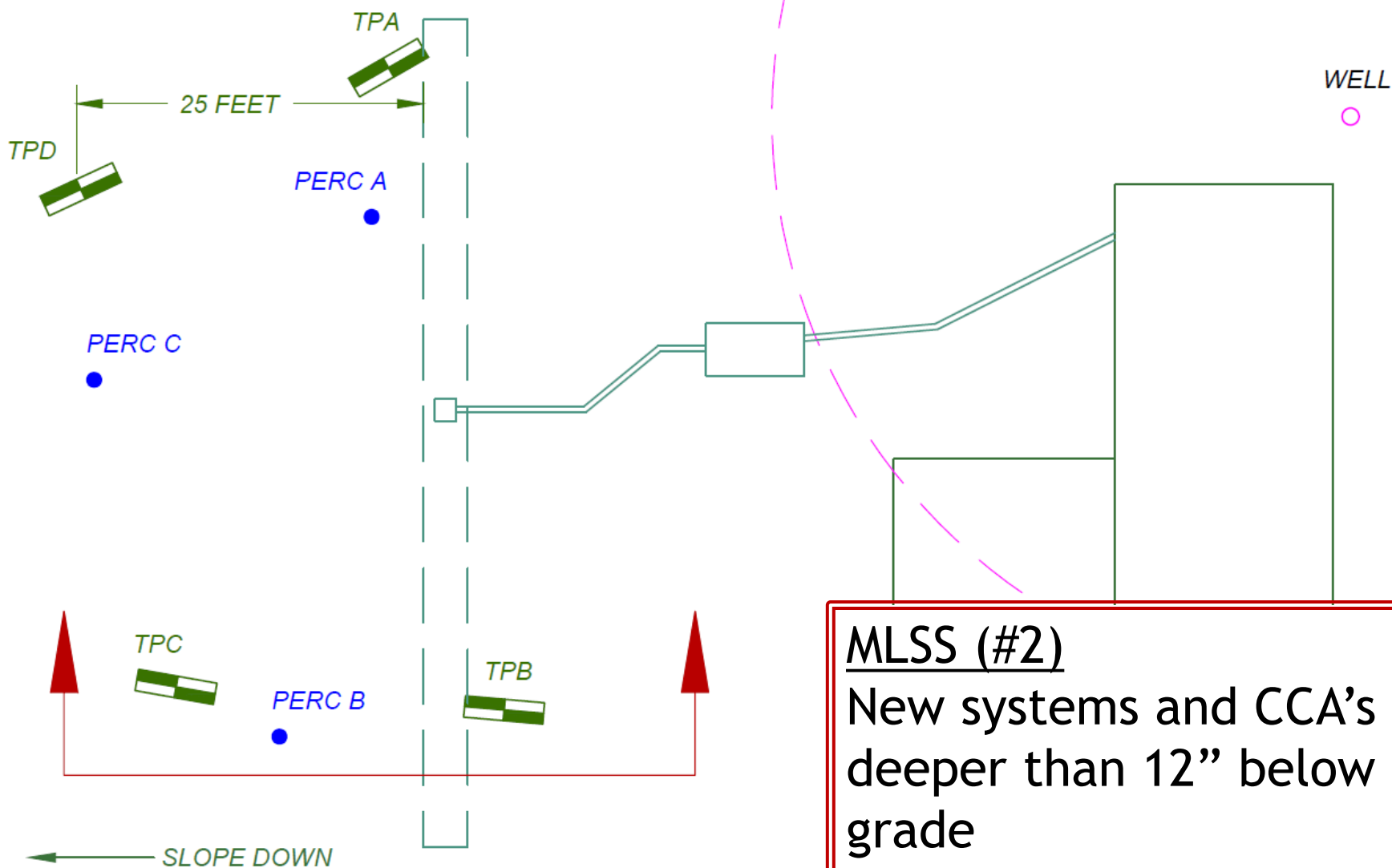
- No deduction - system not deeper than 12" below grade
- RS Depth = 38"

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6-46 BRN FINE SANDY LOAM  
46-81 GRY SILT LOAM  
REDOX AT 46

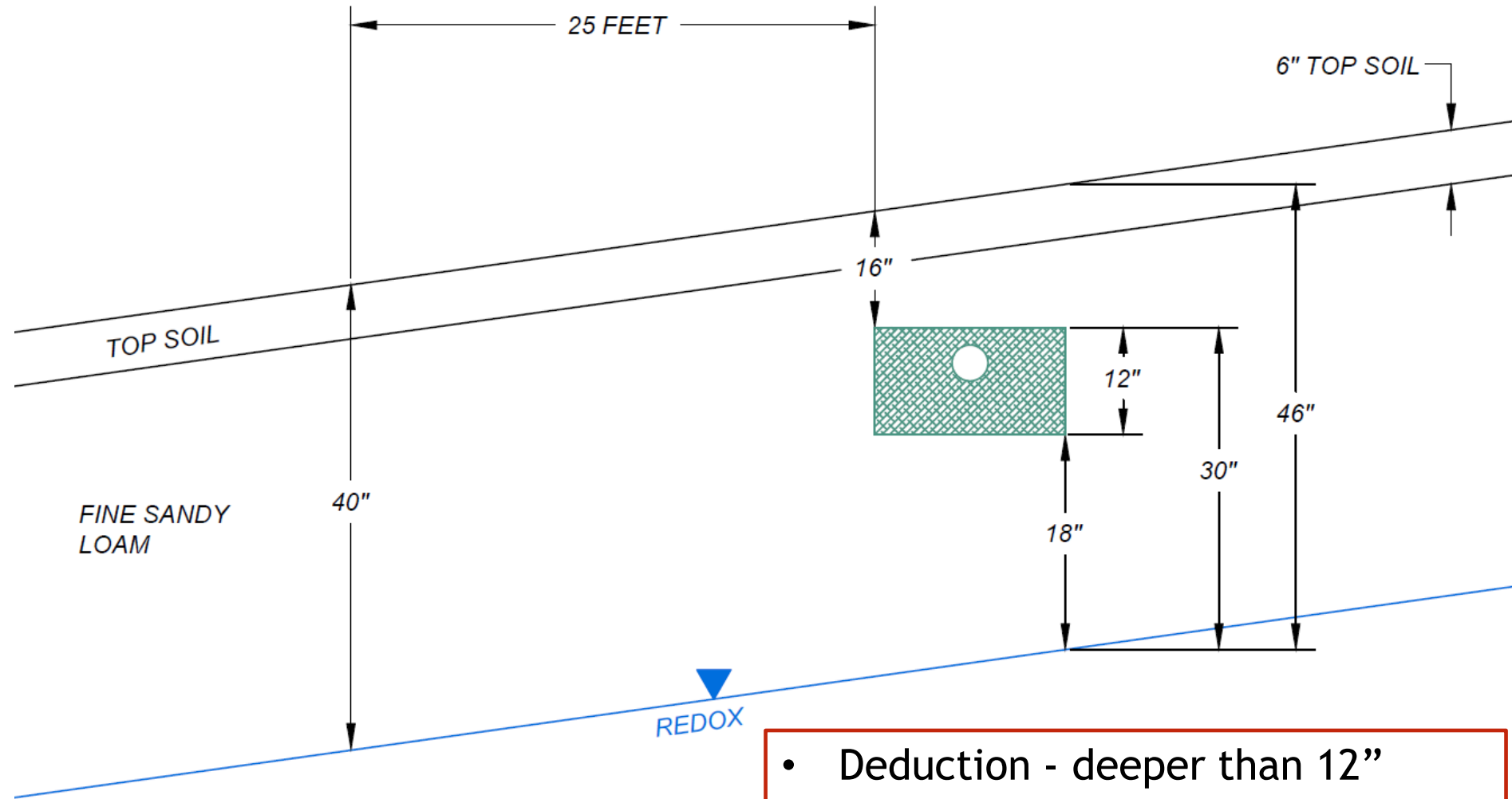
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6-46 BRN FINE SANDY LOAM  
46-81 GRY SILT LOAM  
REDOX AT 46

**TEST PIT C**  
0-6 TOPSOIL  
6-40 BRN FINE SANDY LOAM  
40-81 GRY SILT LOAM  
REDOX AT 40

**TEST PIT D**  
0-6 TOPSOIL  
6-40 BRN FINE SANDY LOAM  
40-81 GRY SILT LOAM  
REDOX AT 40



# MLSS (#2): New systems/CCA's deeper than 12" below grade



MLSS IS BASED ON RECEIVING SOIL DEPTH OF  
 $(30" + 40") / 2 = 35"$

- Deduction - deeper than 12" below grade
- Receiving soil measured from top of system
- RS Depth = 35"

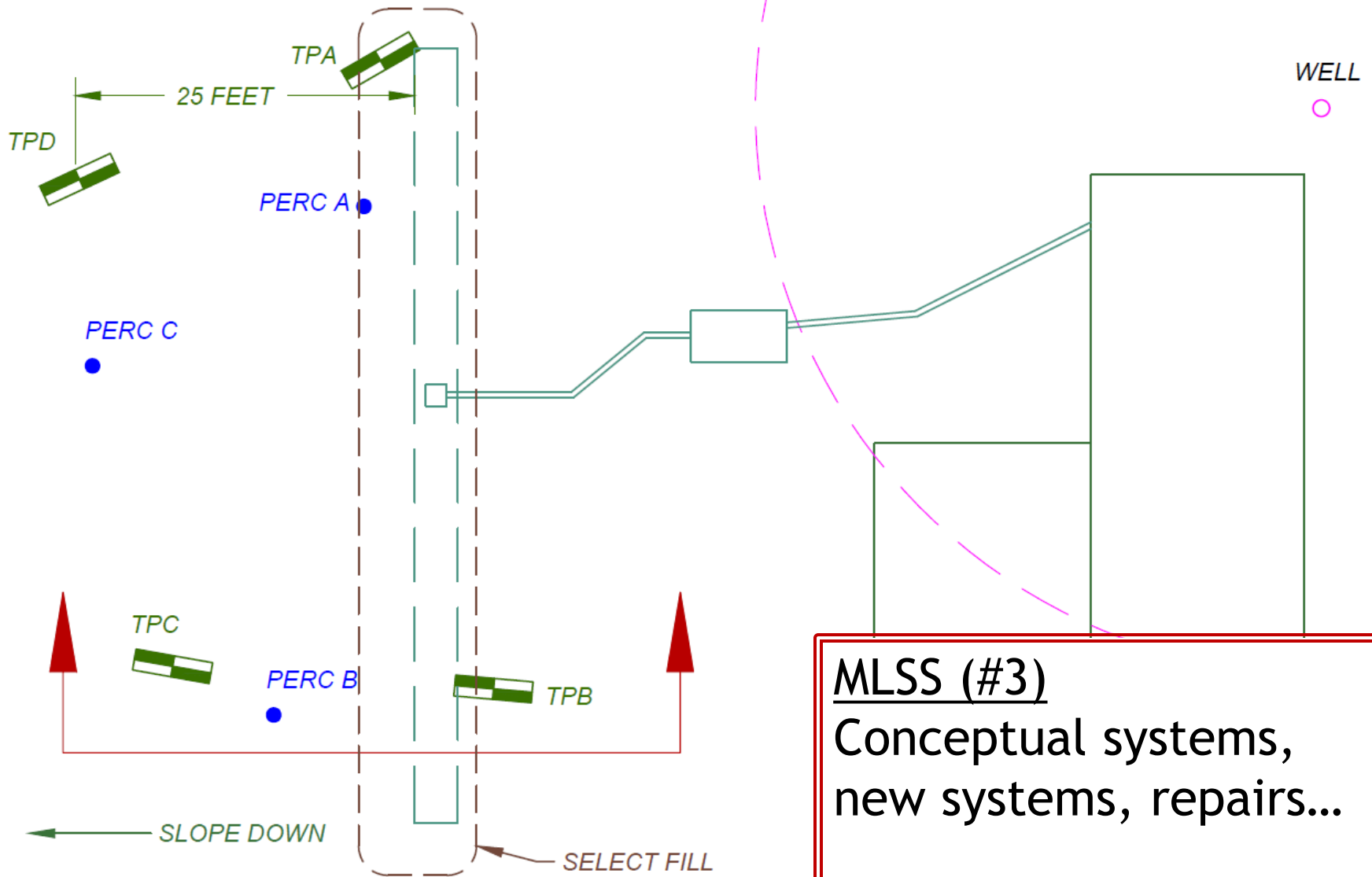


TEST PIT A  
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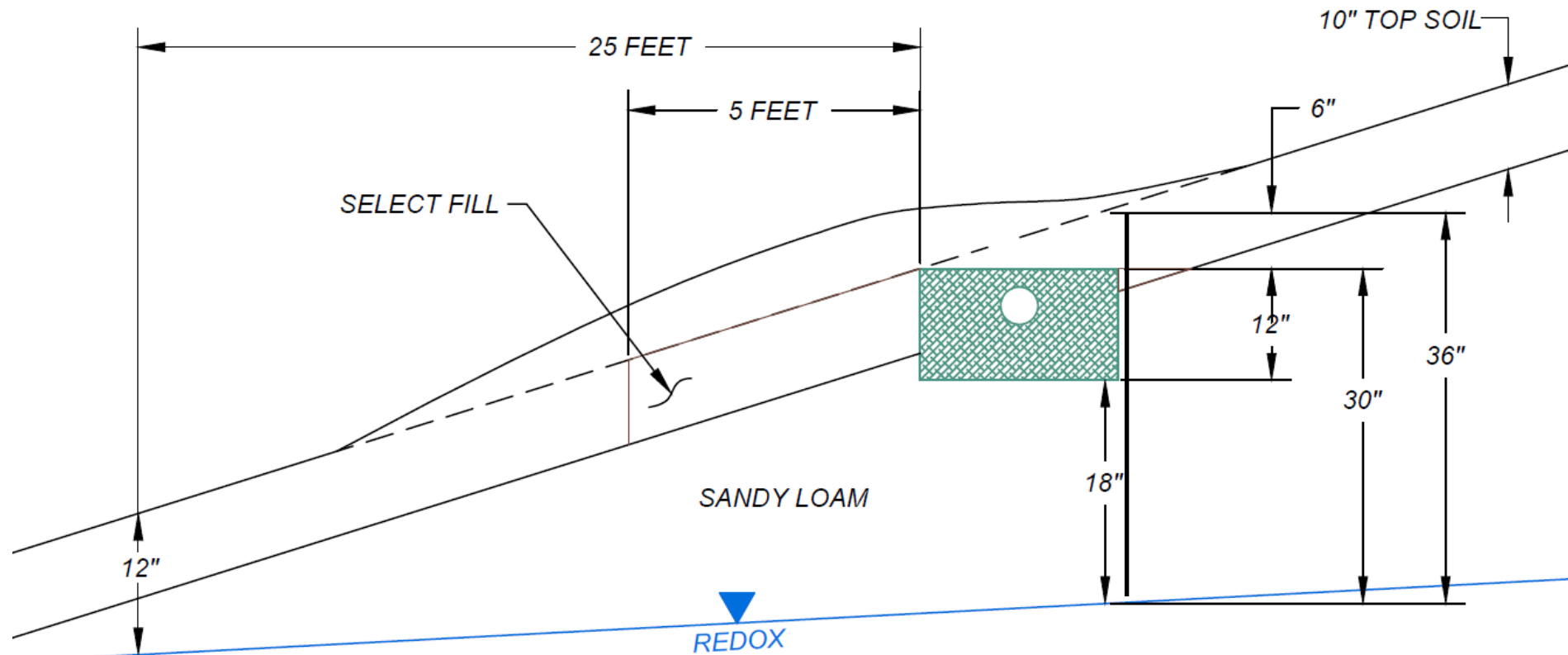
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36-65 GRY SILT LOAM  
REDOX AT 36

TEST PIT C  
0-10 TOPSOIL  
10-12 BRN SANDY LOAM  
12-48 GRY SILT LOAM  
REDOX AT 12

TEST PIT D  
0-6 TOPSOIL  
10-12 BRN SANDY LOAM  
12-48 GRY SILT LOAM  
REDOX AT 12



# MLSS (#3): Conceptual systems, new systems, repairs...



*MLSS IS BASED ON RECEIVING SOIL DEPTH OF  
(36" + 12") / 2 = 24"*

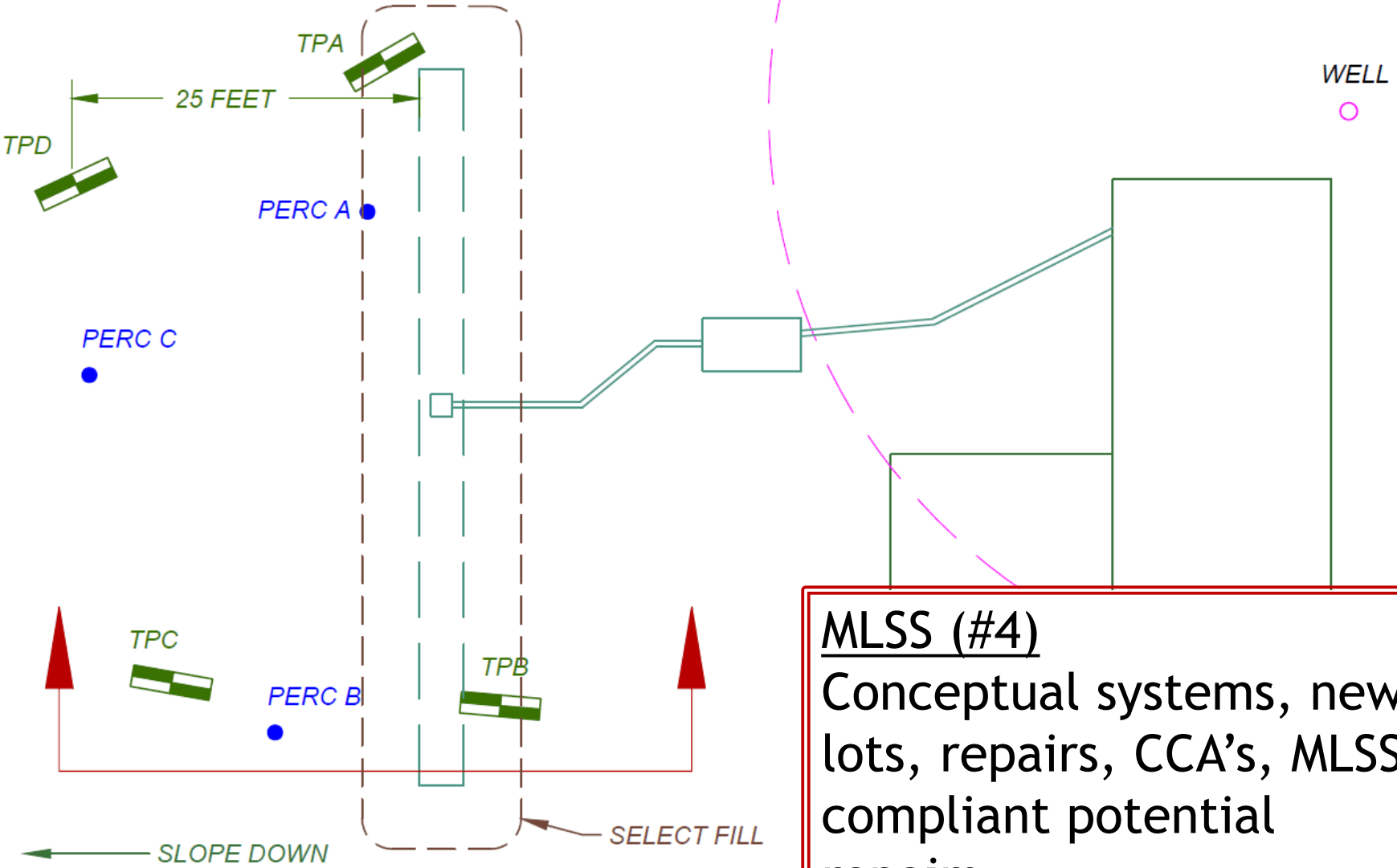
- Receiving soil measured from grade.
- <18" downgradient; RS Depth = 24"

**TEST PIT A**  
 0-10 TOPSOIL  
 10-24 BRN LOAMY SAND  
 24-61 GRY SILT LOAM  
 REDOX AT 24

**TEST PIT B**  
 0-10 TOPSOIL  
 10 -24 BRN LOAMY SAND  
 24-65 GRY SILT LOAM  
 REDOX AT 24

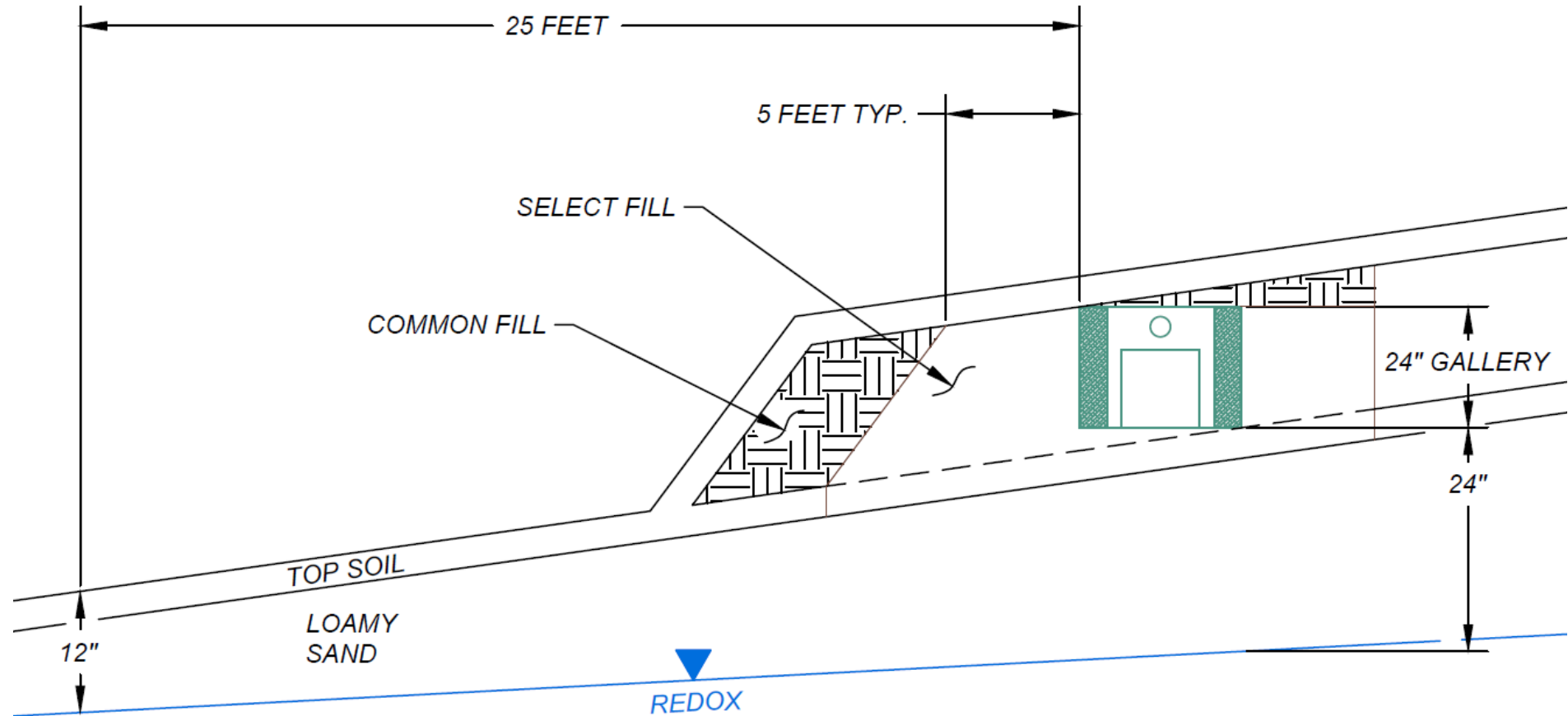
**TEST PIT C**  
 0-10 TOPSOIL  
 10-12 BRN LOAMY SAND  
 12-42 GRY SILT LOAM  
 REDOX AT 12

**TEST PIT D**  
 0-6 TOPSOIL  
 10-12 BRN LOAMY SAND  
 12-45 GRY SILT LOAM  
 REDOX AT 12



**MLSS (#4)**  
 Conceptual systems, new lots, repairs, CCA's, MLSS compliant potential repairs

# MLSS (#4): Conceptual systems, new lots, repairs, CCA's, B100a potential repair areas



MLSS IS BASED ON RECEIVING SOIL DEPTH OF  
 $(24" + 12") / 2 = 18"$

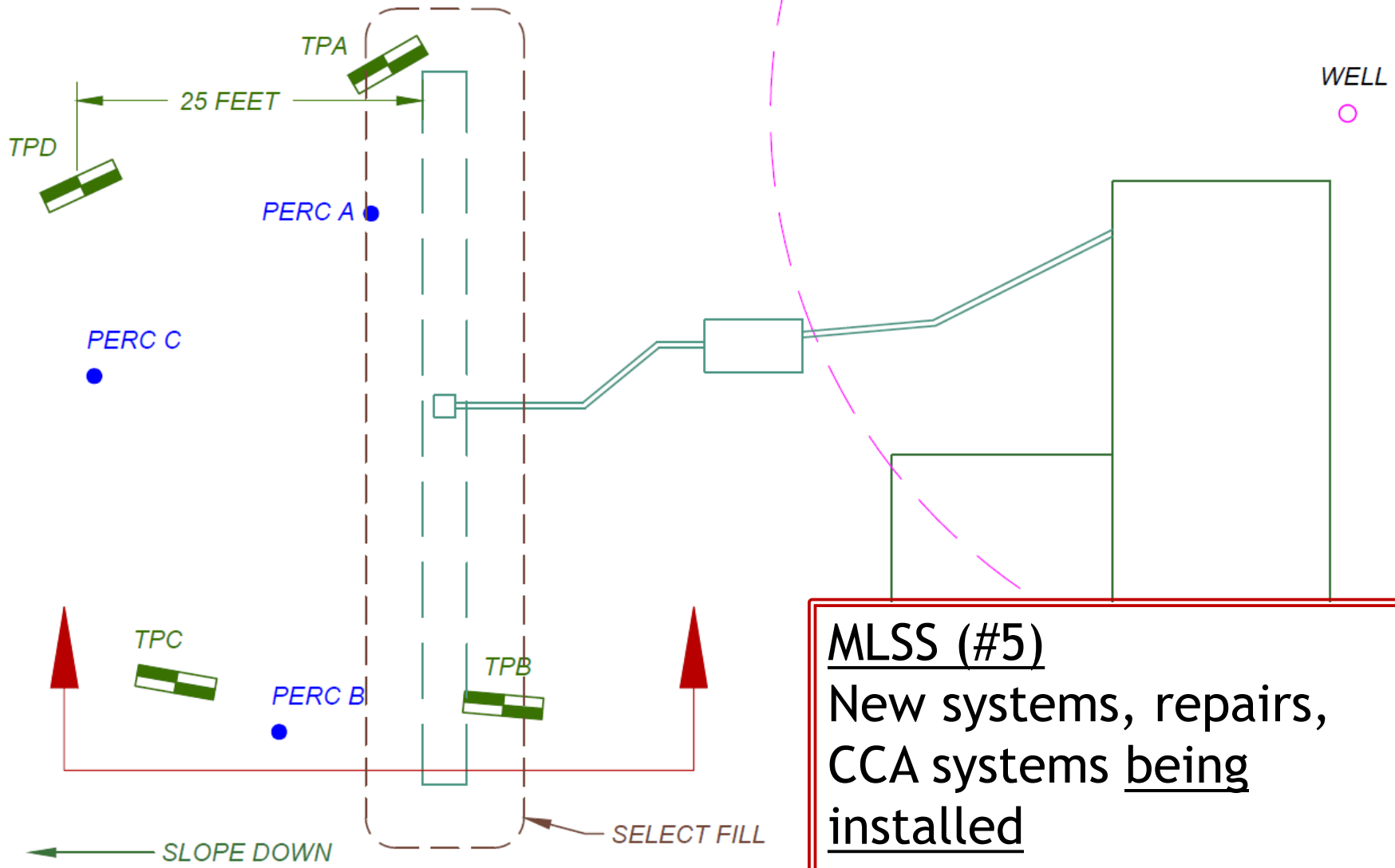
- <18" downgradient; therefore NO additional credit given for select fill
- RS Depth = 18"

**TEST PIT A**  
 0-10 TOPSOIL  
 10-24 BRN LOAMY SAND  
 24-61 GRY SILT LOAM  
 REDOX AT 24

**TEST PIT B**  
 0-10 TOPSOIL  
 10 -24 BRN LOAMY SAND  
 24-65 GRY SILT LOAM  
 REDOX AT 24

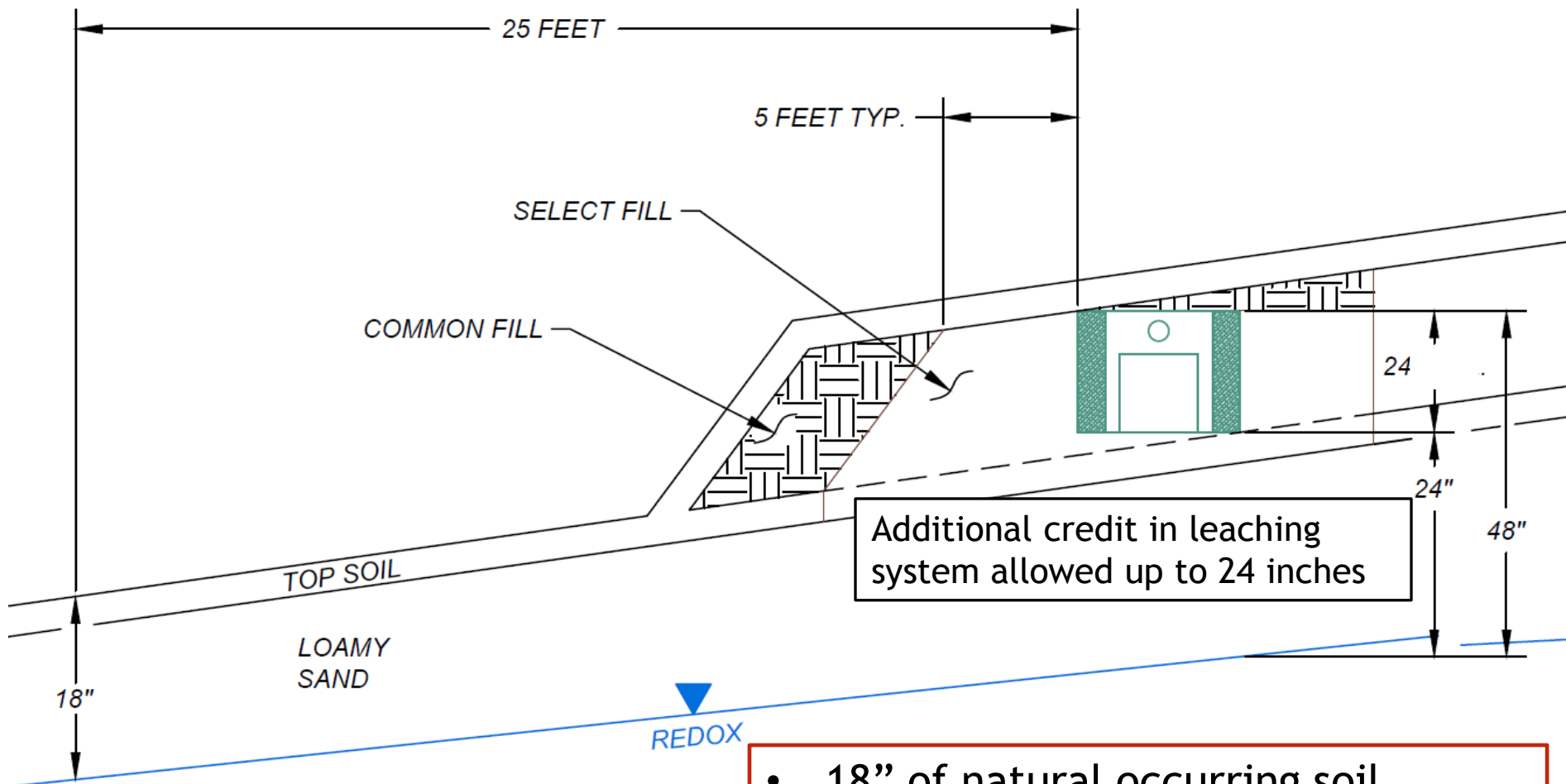
**TEST PIT C**  
 0-10 TOPSOIL  
 10-18 BRN LOAMY SAND  
 18-42 GRY SILT LOAM  
 REDOX AT 18

**TEST PIT D**  
 0-6 TOPSOIL  
 10-18 BRN LOAMY SAND  
 18-45 GRY SILT LOAM  
 REDOX AT 18



**MLSS (#5)**  
 New systems, repairs,  
 CCA systems being  
installed

# MLSS (#5): New systems, repair, CCA systems being installed



Additional credit in leaching system allowed up to 24 inches

MLSS IS BASED ON RECEIVING SOIL DEPTH OF  $(48" + 18") / 2 = 33"$

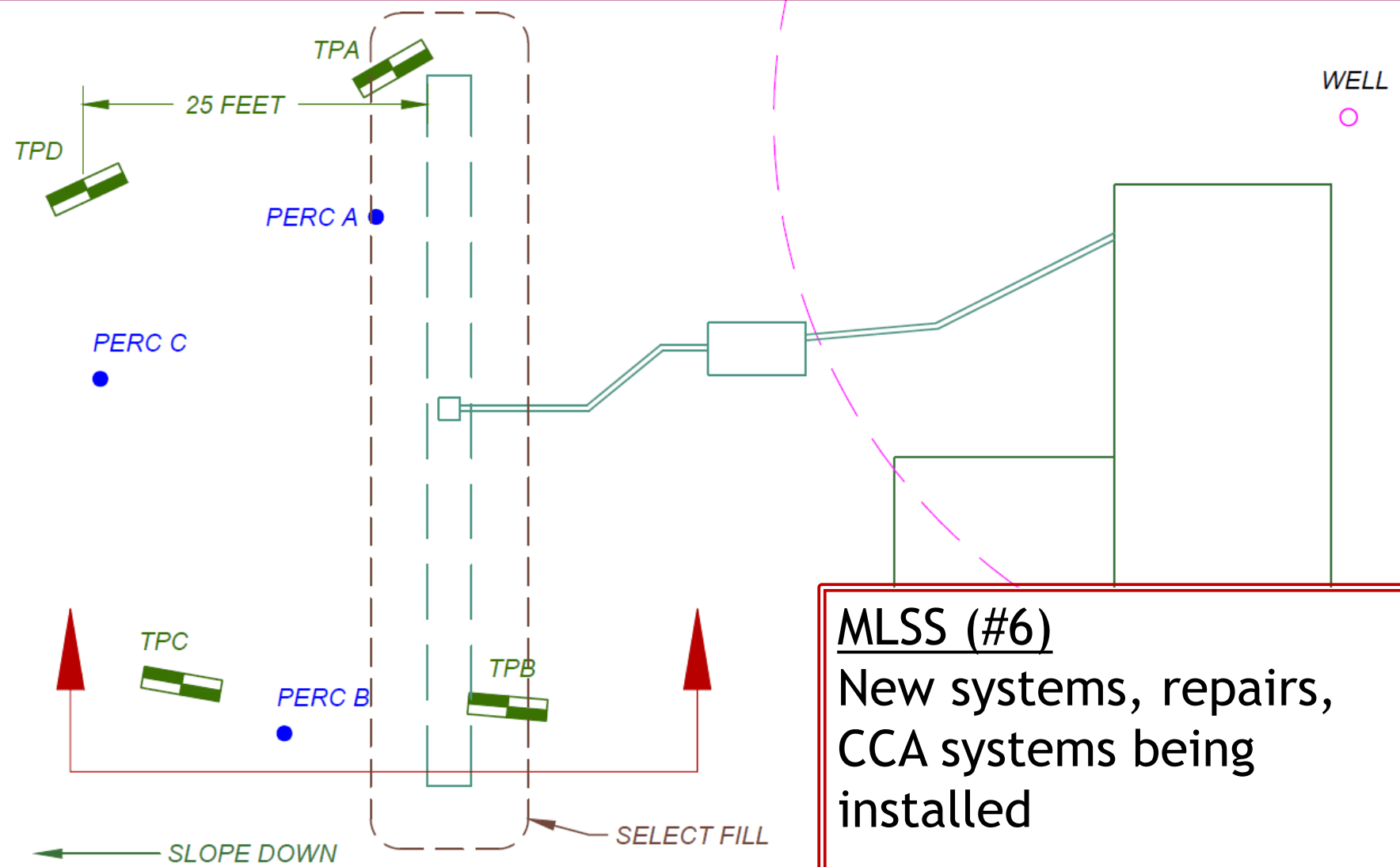
- 18" of natural occurring soil
- Max credit of 24" can be given for select fill to top of system
- RS Depth = 33"

TEST PIT A  
0-6 TOPSOIL  
6-28 RED BRN F.S. LOAM  
LEDGE 28  
REDOX N/O  
GW N/O

TEST PIT B  
0-6 TOPSOIL  
6-28 RED BRN F.S. LOAM  
LEDGE 28  
REDOX N/O  
GW N/O

TEST PIT C  
0-8 TOPSOIL  
8-24 RED BRN F.S. LOAM  
LEDGE 24  
REDOX N/O  
GW N/O

TEST PIT D  
0-8 TOPSOIL  
8-24 RED BRN F.S. LOAM  
LEDGE 24  
REDOX N/O  
GW N/O

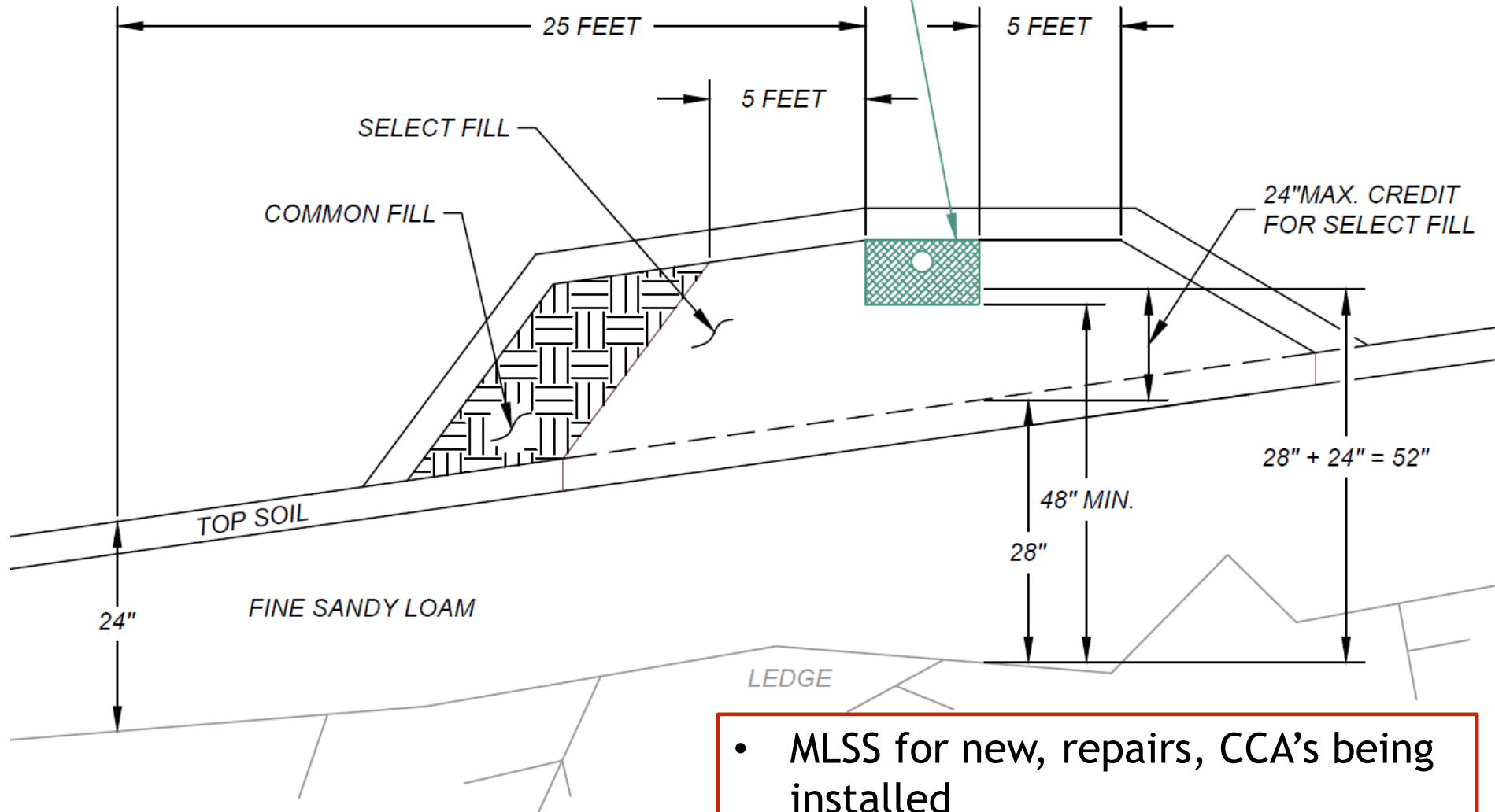


**MLSS (#6)**  
New systems, repairs,  
CCA systems being  
installed



# MLSS (#6)

12" X 48" TRENCH



MLSS IS BASED ON RECEIVING SOIL DEPTH OF  
 $(52" + 24") / 2 = 38"$

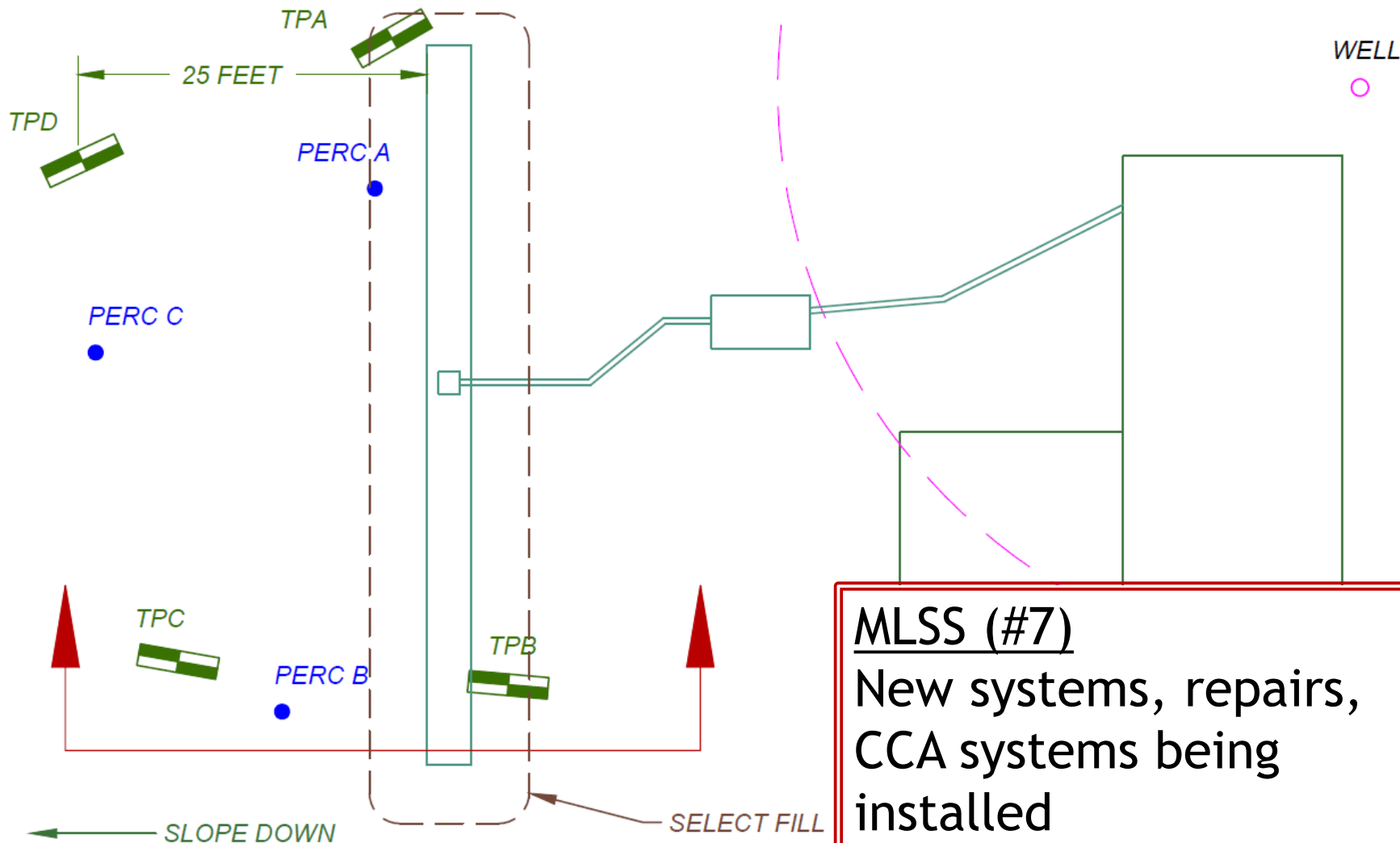
- MLSS for new, repairs, CCA's being installed
- Maximum of 24" additional credit can be given for select fill
- RS Depth = 38"

**TEST PIT A**  
 0-2 TOPSOIL  
 2-36 RED BRN HTM (FILL)  
 36-44 ORIG. TS  
 44-70 RED SANDY LOAM  
 REDOX N/O  
 LEDGE 70

**TEST PIT B**  
 0-5 TOPSOIL  
 5-39 RED BRN HTM (FILL)  
 39-40 ORIG. TS  
 40-73 RED SANDY LOAM  
 REDOX N/O  
 LEDGE 73

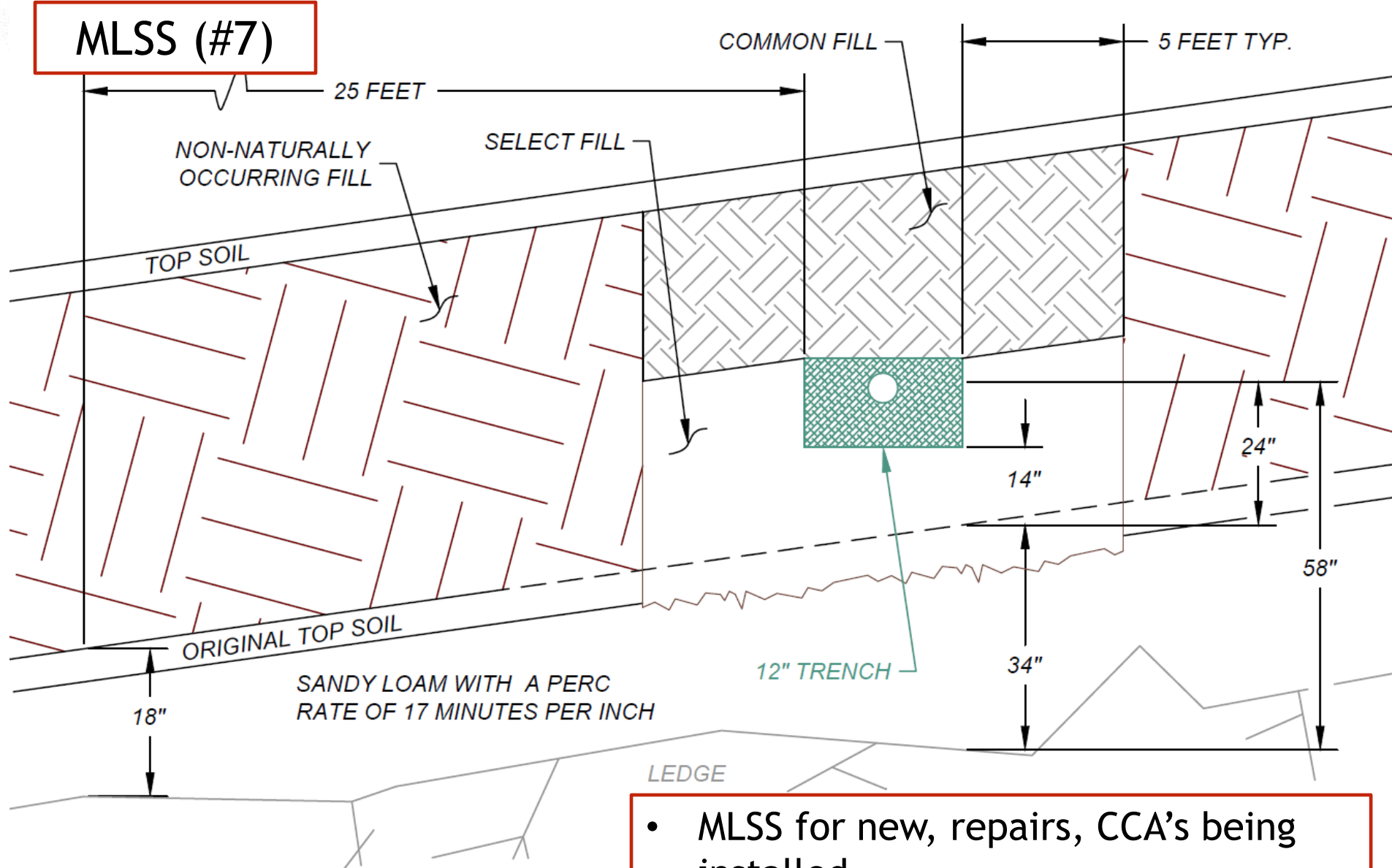
**TEST PIT C**  
 0-4 TOPSOIL  
 4-41 RED BRN HTM (FILL)  
 41-44 ORIG. TS  
 44-59 RED SANDY LOAM  
 REDOX N/O  
 GW N/O

**TEST PIT D**  
 0-6 TOPSOIL  
 6-40 RED BRN HTM (FILL)  
 40-44 ORIG. TS  
 44-58 RED SANDY LOAM  
 REDOX N/O  
 LEDGE 58



**MLSS (#7)**  
 New systems, repairs,  
 CCA systems being  
 installed

# MLSS (#7)



MLSS IS BASED ON RECEIVING SOIL DEPTH OF  
 $(58" + 18") / 2 = 38"$

- MLSS for new, repairs, CCA's being installed
- Max of 24" additional credit can be given for select fill to top of system
- RS Depth = 38"



# \* Use of MLSS Formula

\* Created 3 categories for the use of MLSS (#1 and #2 are MLSS compliant):

- 1) New SSDS, code-complying areas and conceptual SSDS for new lots
- 2) Leaching system repairs and B100a potential repair area
- 3) Non-compliant (NCR) MLSS repairs**



# \* NCR MLSS

- \* Repairs and Potential Repair Areas that cannot provide the MLSS require an exception from the local DOH.
- \* An assessment called a NCR MLSS is necessary

# \* NCR MLSS

- \* NCR MLSS assessment required when <18" of naturally occurring RS depth or MLSS cannot be achieved.
- \* PE plan required if less than 25% compliance with required NCR MLSS. (previously 50%)



# \* NCR MLSS

- \* Permit to Discharge shall note that system is non-compliant relative to MLSS, and that an exception has been granted.
- \* Permitted flow shall be based on most limited percentage of ELA or NCR MLSS provided





# NCR MLSS

## PERMIT TO DISCHARGE

Approval is hereby given to John L. Smith, in accordance with Public Health Code Section 19-13-B103e (h) to discharge to a subsurface sewage disposal system located at 123 East Main Street

(Property Owner)  
 (Street Address)  
 in the town of Hartford, CT that will receive domestic sewage from a:

- Residential building containing 3 bedrooms. Single family (Y/N): Y.
- Restaurant containing \_\_\_\_\_ seats.
- Commercial/Office building providing \_\_\_\_\_ square feet.
- Other structure as described: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Design Flow** = 450 gallons per day. **Permitted Flow** = 315 gallons per day.  
 The design flow shall equal the permitted flow, except for non-compliant repairs (See Section IV D).

In order to provide a sufficient factor of safety it is recommended that the average daily discharge not exceed 2/3 of the permitted flow or 210 gallons per day.

**Operation and Maintenance:** Septic tank shall be inspected regularly and pumped as needed but not less frequently than every five years. The septic tank has an effluent filter (Y/N) Y. Effluent filters require periodic cleaning. Failure to clean filters can result in sewage backup into the building or effluent breakout. Restaurants serviced by external grease interceptor tank(s) require quarterly inspections and cleaning as necessary. Tank pump-outs tracked by local health department (Y/N) Y. If yes, stipulate pump-out requirements: Every 5 years.

**Special Requirements and Restrictions:** 1. System malfunction or failure shall be addressed.

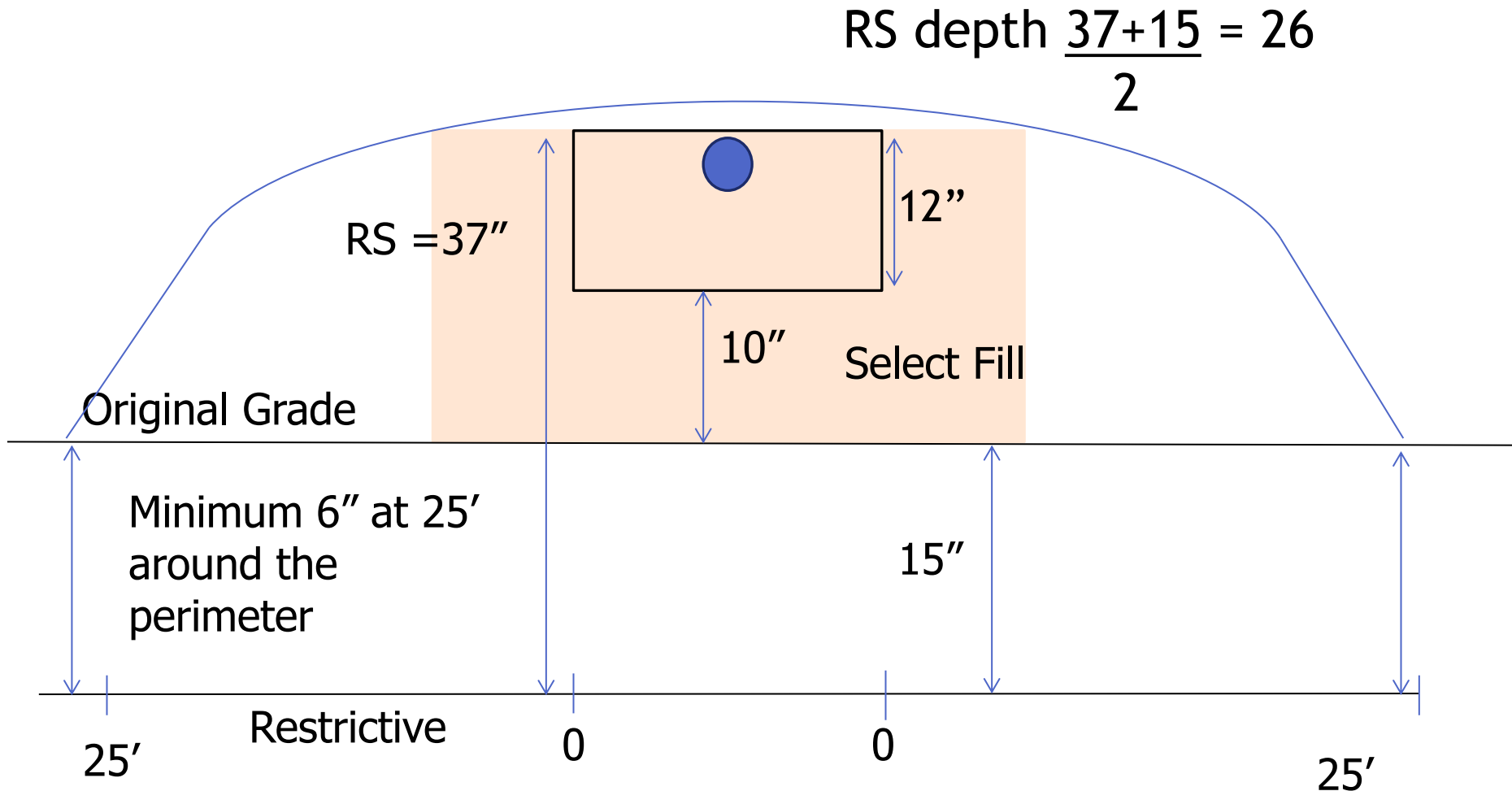
**Exceptions (Repairs Only):** Leaching system is non-compliant relative to MLSS requirements. 70 % of the NCR MLSS has been provided. Refer to approved plan dated 3/7/14 on file for additional information.

# \* NCR MLSS

- \* Receiving soil in the leaching system area shall be measured from the top of the leaching system to the restrictive layer.
- \* Existing receiving soil fill must perc faster than 30 min/inch.

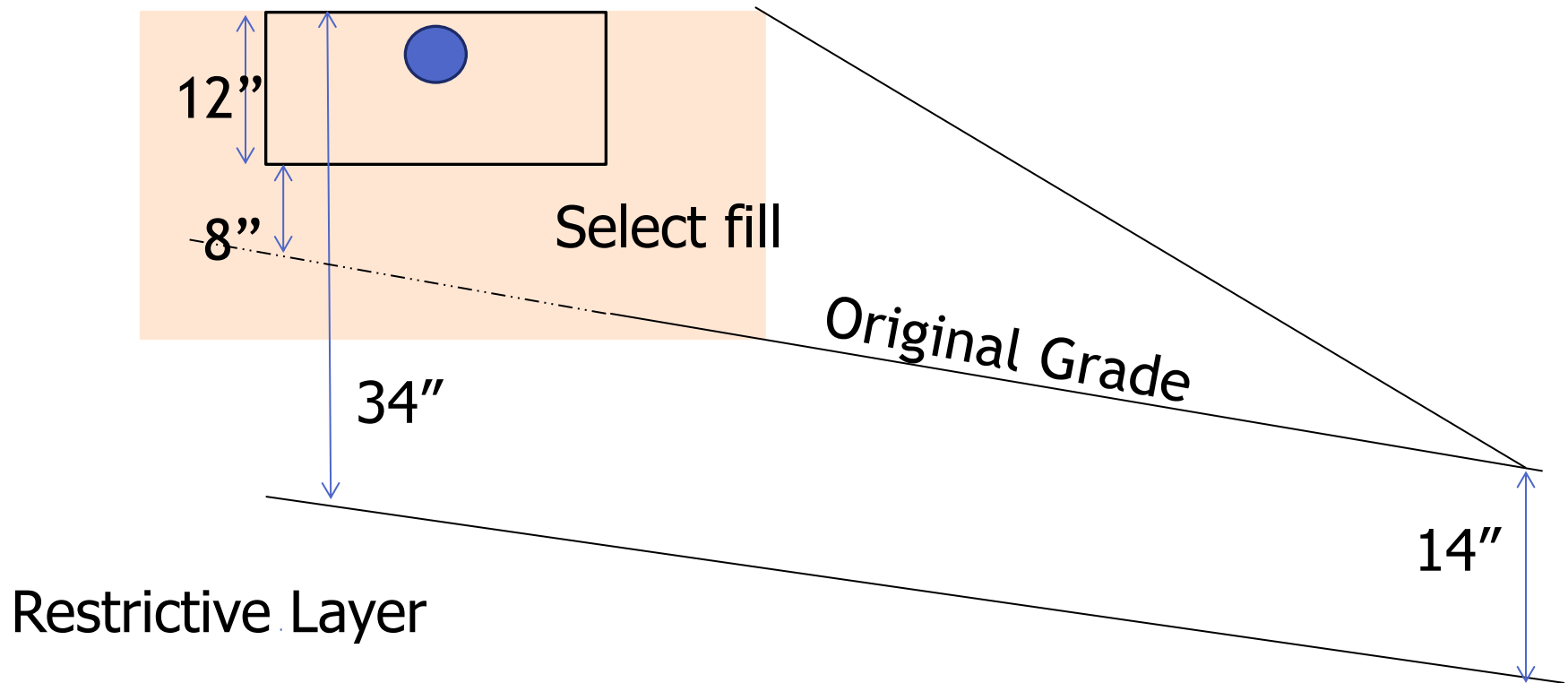
# NCR MLSS: Flat lots

Average depth within the system area and 25' around the perimeter.



# NCR MLSS: All other lots

Average depth of the receiving soil in the system area and within 25' downgradient



Restrictive Layer

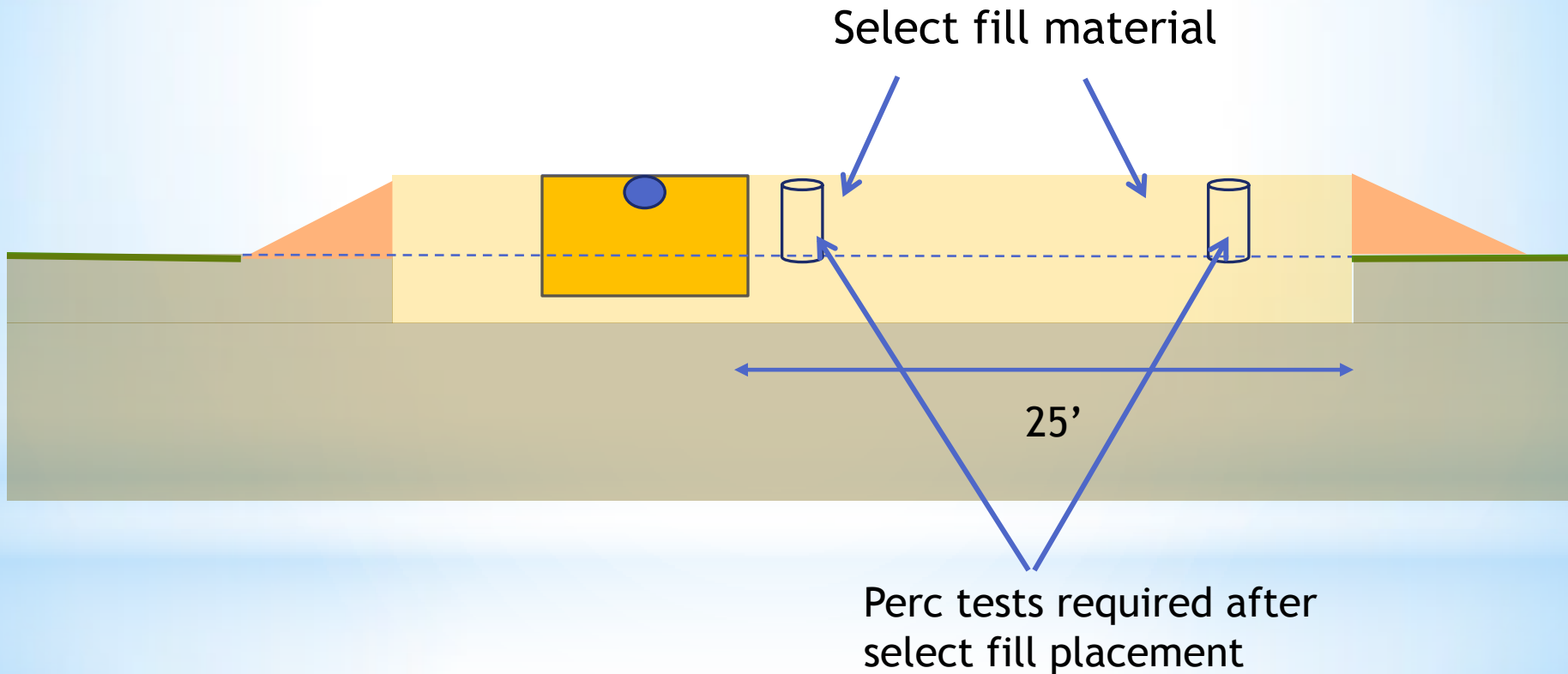
Minimum 12" @ 25'

$$\text{RS Depth} = \frac{34 + 14}{2} = 24''$$

# \* NCR MLSS

- \* Percolation rate of select fill can be used for NCR MLSS calculations when receiving soil is entirely select fill.
- \* Select fill used as receiving soil must be perc tested to confirm basis of design.

# \* Select Fill as Receiving Soil

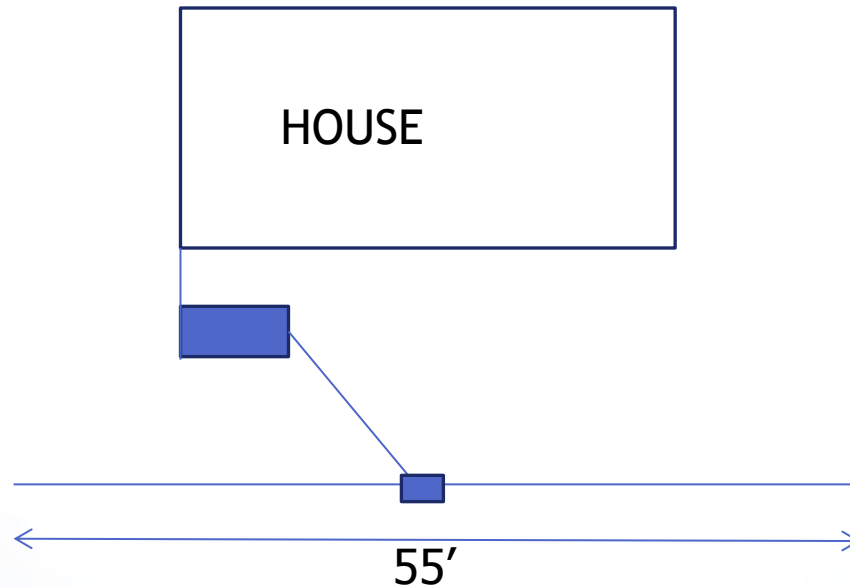




# \* NCR MLSS

- \* The leaching system spread must be the maximum percent possible of the NCR MLSS based on RS depth of 18-22 inches, or based on the depth of the existing receiving soil if greater.

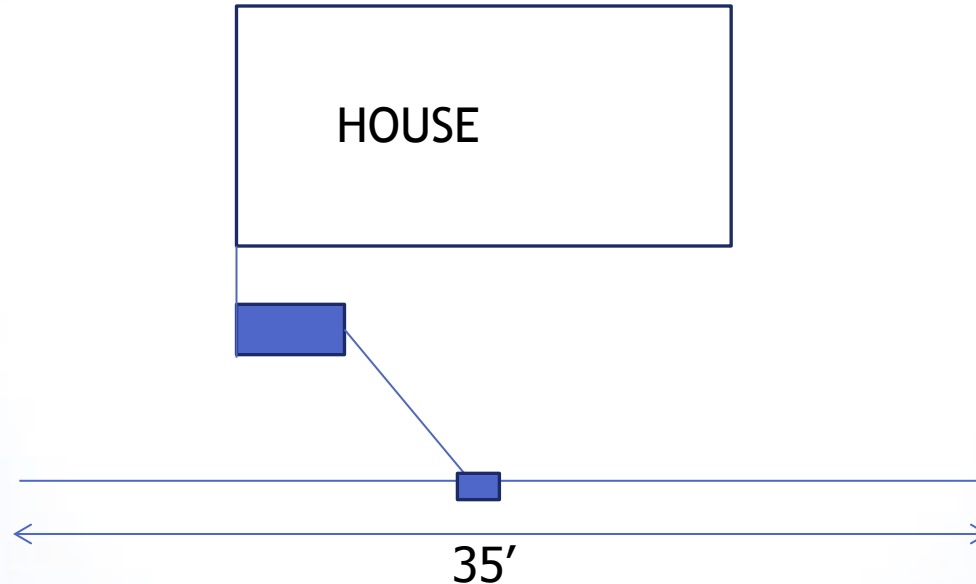
# \* NCR Maximizing Spread



If NCR MLSS based on 18" = 55 feet, then each row must be at least 55 feet in length if it can be installed on the property.



# \* NCR Maximizing Spread



If NCR MLSS based on 18" = 55 feet, but only 35 feet can be installed on the property, then each row must be at least 35 feet in length.

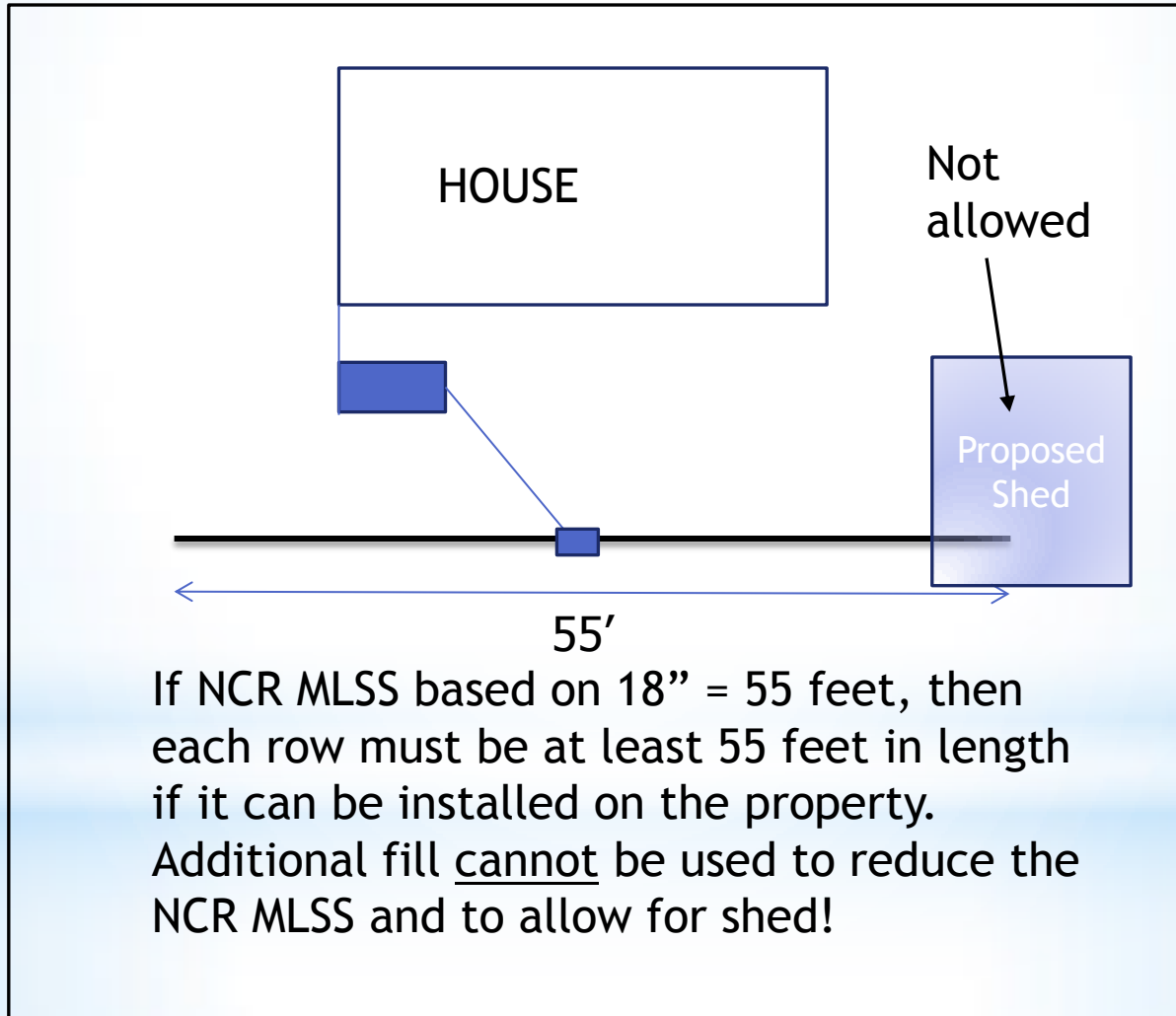
Additional fill can be used to reduce NCR MLSS to no less than 35 feet.



# \* NCR MLSS

- \* B100a NCR MLSS used for building additions, pools and accessory structures.
- \* Cannot reduce potential repair area!

# \* NCR Maximizing Spread (B100a)

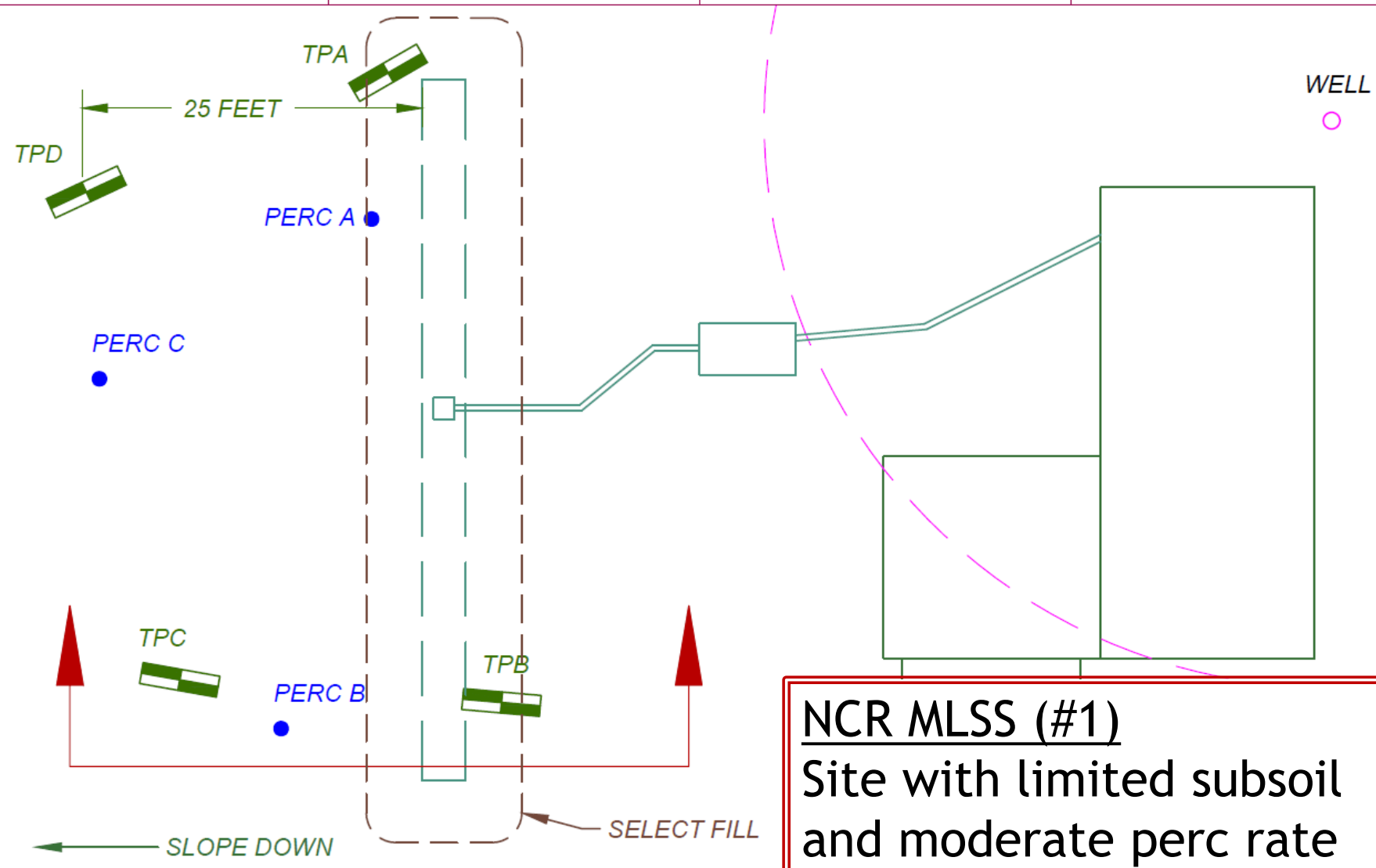


TEST PIT A  
0-10 TOPSOIL  
10-24 BRN LOAMY SAND  
24-61 GRY SILT LOAM  
REDOX AT 24

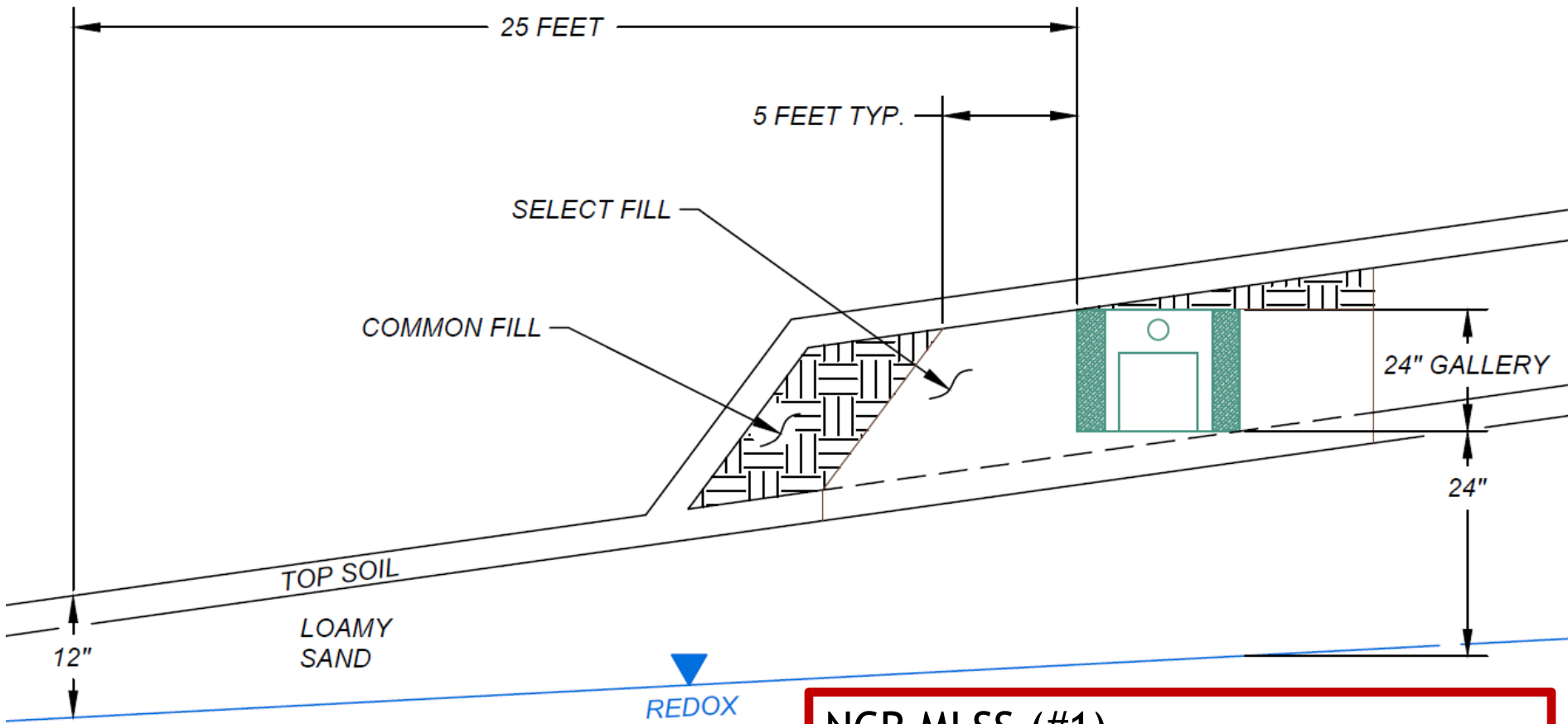
TEST PIT B  
0-10 TOPSOIL  
10 -24 BRN LOAMY SAND  
24-65 GRY SILT LOAM  
REDOX AT 24

TEST PIT C  
0-10 TOPSOIL  
10-12 BRN LOAMY SAND  
12-42 GRY SILT LOAM  
REDOX AT 12

TEST PIT D  
0-6 TOPSOIL  
10-12 BRN LOAMY SAND  
12-45 GRY SILT LOAM  
REDOX AT 12



**NCR MLSS (#1)**  
Site with limited subsoil  
and moderate perc rate



MLSS IS BASED ON RECEIVING SOIL DEPTH OF

$$\frac{(48 + 12)}{2} = 30''$$

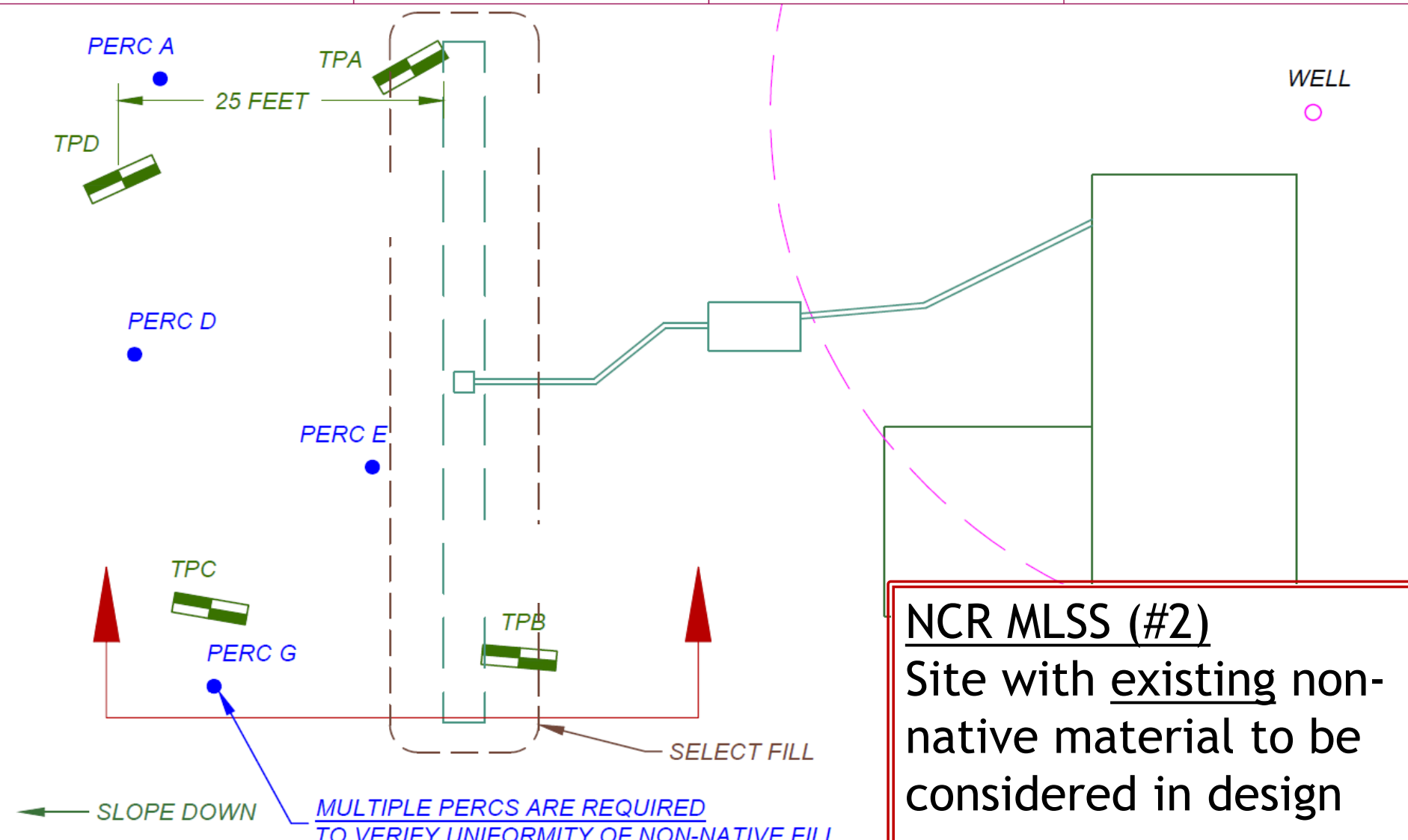
- NCR MLSS (#1)**
- Increased soil available in leaching system area only.
  - NCR MLSS designed on perc in natural soil.

TEST PIT A  
0-30 MISC. NON-NATIVE FILL  
30-42 ORIG. ORGANIC TS  
42-76 SILT LOAM  
REDOX 30  
GW 45

TEST PIT B  
0-30 MISC. NON-NATIVE FILL  
30-42 ORIG. ORGANIC TS  
42-76 SILT LOAM  
REDOX 30  
GW 45

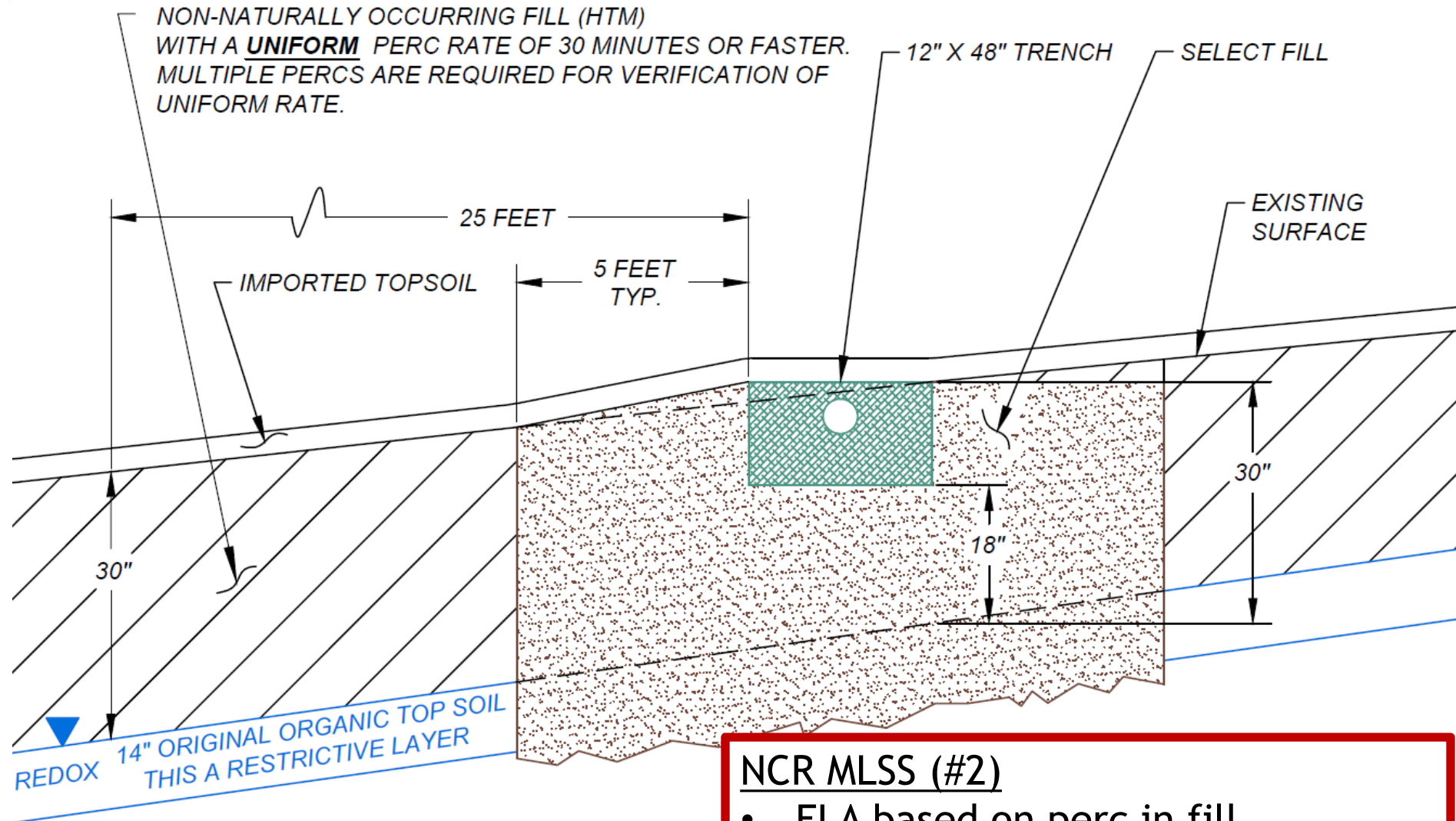
TEST PIT C  
0-30 MISC. NON-NATIVE FILL  
30-44 ORIG. ORGANIC TS  
44-76 SILT LOAM  
REDOX 30  
GW 45

TEST PIT D  
0-30 MISC. NON-NATIVE FILL  
30-44 ORIG. ORGANIC TS  
44-76 SILT LOAM  
REDOX 30  
GW 45



**NCR MLSS (#2)**  
Site with existing non-native material to be considered in design

NON-NATURALLY OCCURRING FILL (HTM)  
WITH A **UNIFORM** PERC RATE OF 30 MINUTES OR FASTER.  
MULTIPLE PERCS ARE REQUIRED FOR VERIFICATION OF  
UNIFORM RATE.



*NCR MLSS IS BASED ON RECEIVING SOIL  
DEPTH OF  $(30" + 30") / 2 = 30"$*

### NCR MLSS (#2)

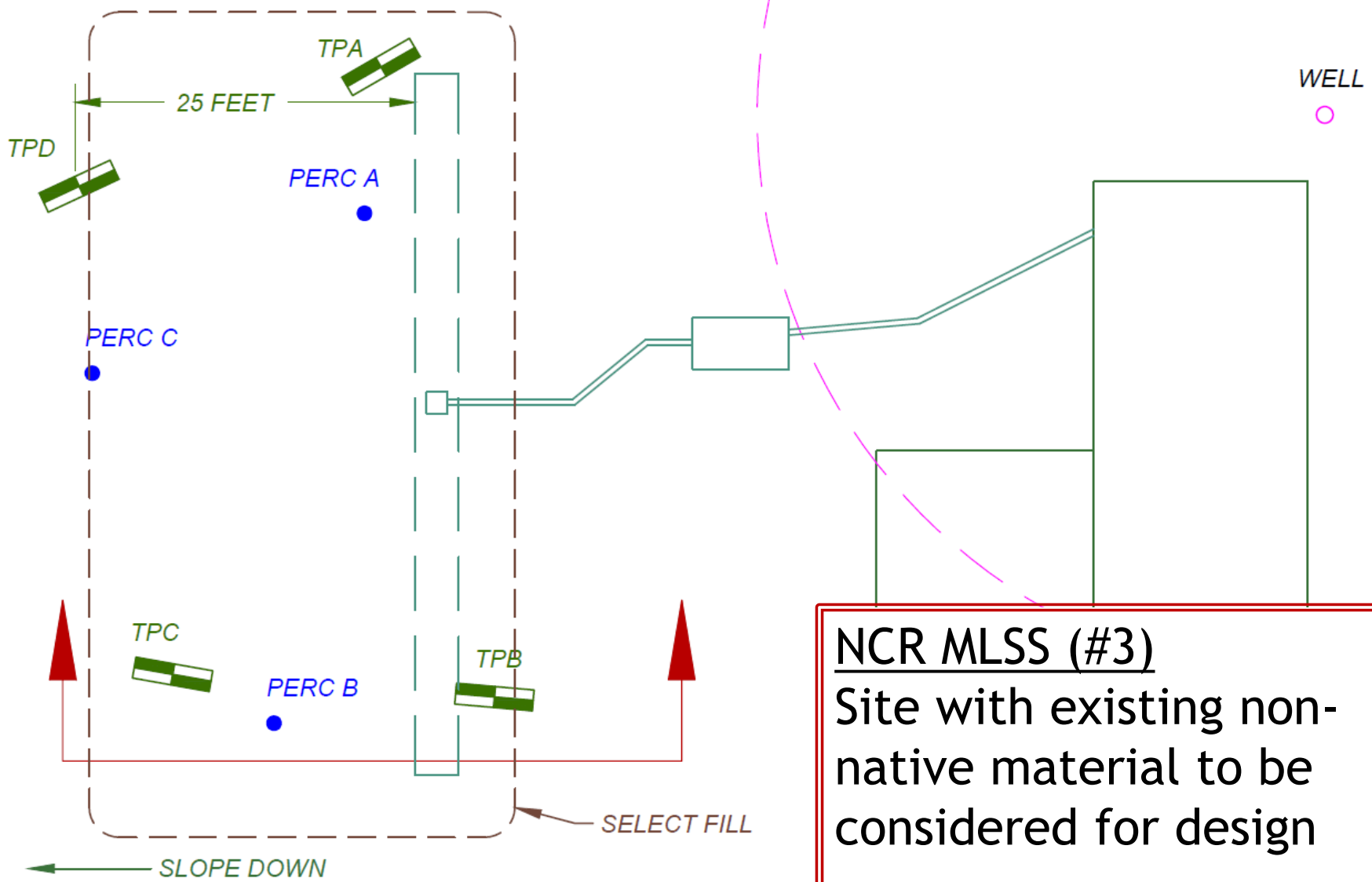
- ELA based on perc in fill
- NCR MLSS designed on perc in non-native material (must be faster than 30 m/i).

TEST PIT A  
0-6 TOPSOIL  
6-36 RED BRN HTM (FILL)  
36-70 BRN HARD PAN  
REDOX 36  
LEDGE 70

TEST PIT B  
0-6 TOPSOIL  
6-36 RED BRN HTM (FILL)  
36-67 BRN HARD PAN  
REDOX 36  
LEDGE 67

TEST PIT C  
0-5 TOPSOIL  
5-36 RED BRN HTM (FILL)  
36-69 BRN HARD PAN  
REDOX 36  
LEDGE 69

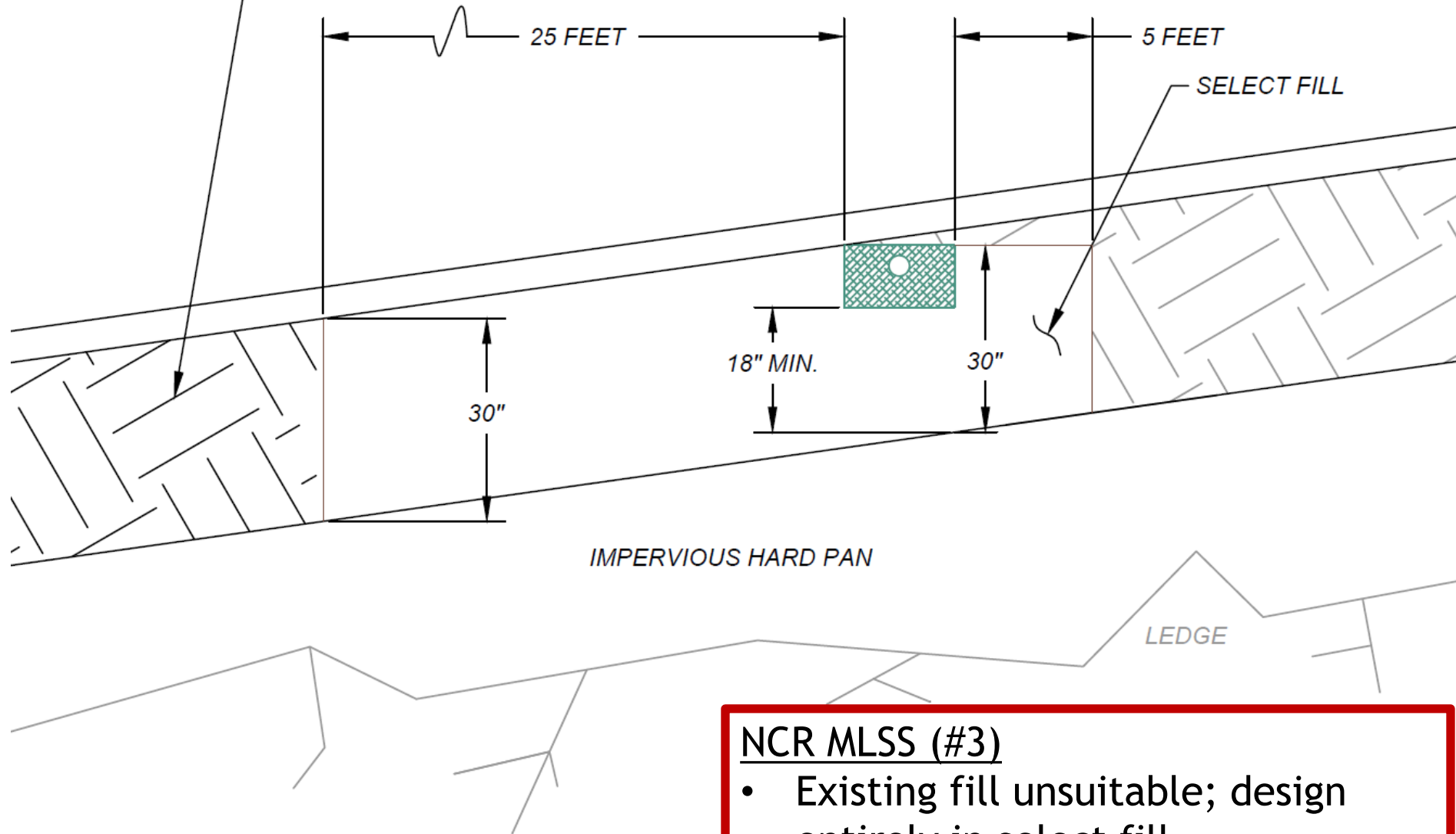
TEST PIT D  
0-6 TOPSOIL  
6-36 RED BRN HTM (FILL)  
36-66 BRN HARD PAN  
REDOX 36  
LEDGE 66



**NCR MLSS (#3)**  
Site with existing non-native material to be considered for design



NON-NATURALLY OCCURRING FILL (HTM) WITH A PERC RATE SLOWER THAN 30 MINUTES PER INCH OR WITH A PERC RATE THAT IS INCONSISTENT



NCR MLSS IS BASED ON RECEIVING SOIL DEPTH OF  $(30" + 30") / 2 = 30"$

### NCR MLSS (#3)

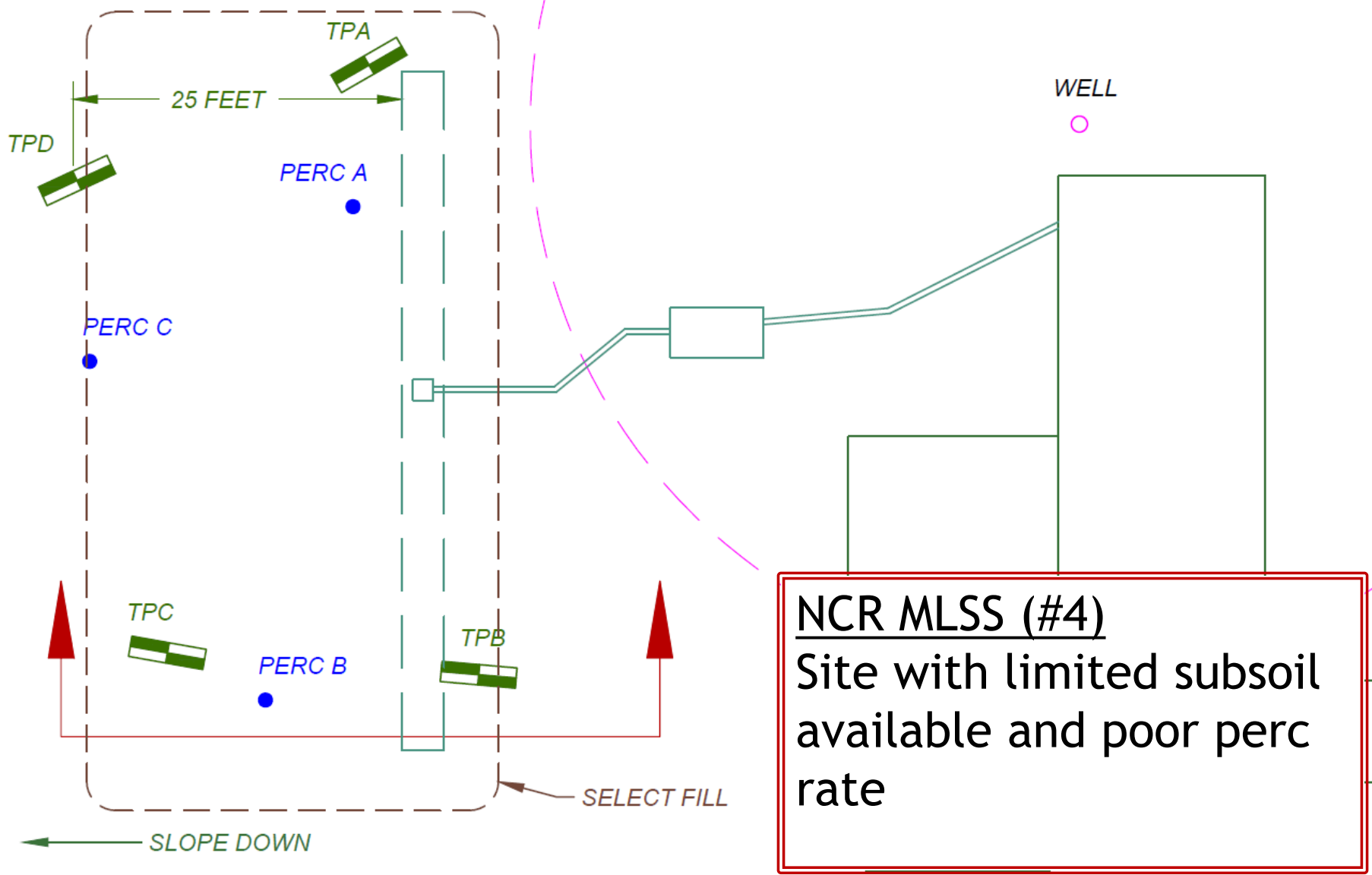
- Existing fill unsuitable; design entirely in select fill
- ELA and NCR MLSS designed on perc in select fill material

TEST PIT A  
0-6 TOPSOIL  
6-12 SILT LOAM  
12-48 V. DENSE SILT LOAM  
LEDGE N/O  
REDOX 12  
GW 28

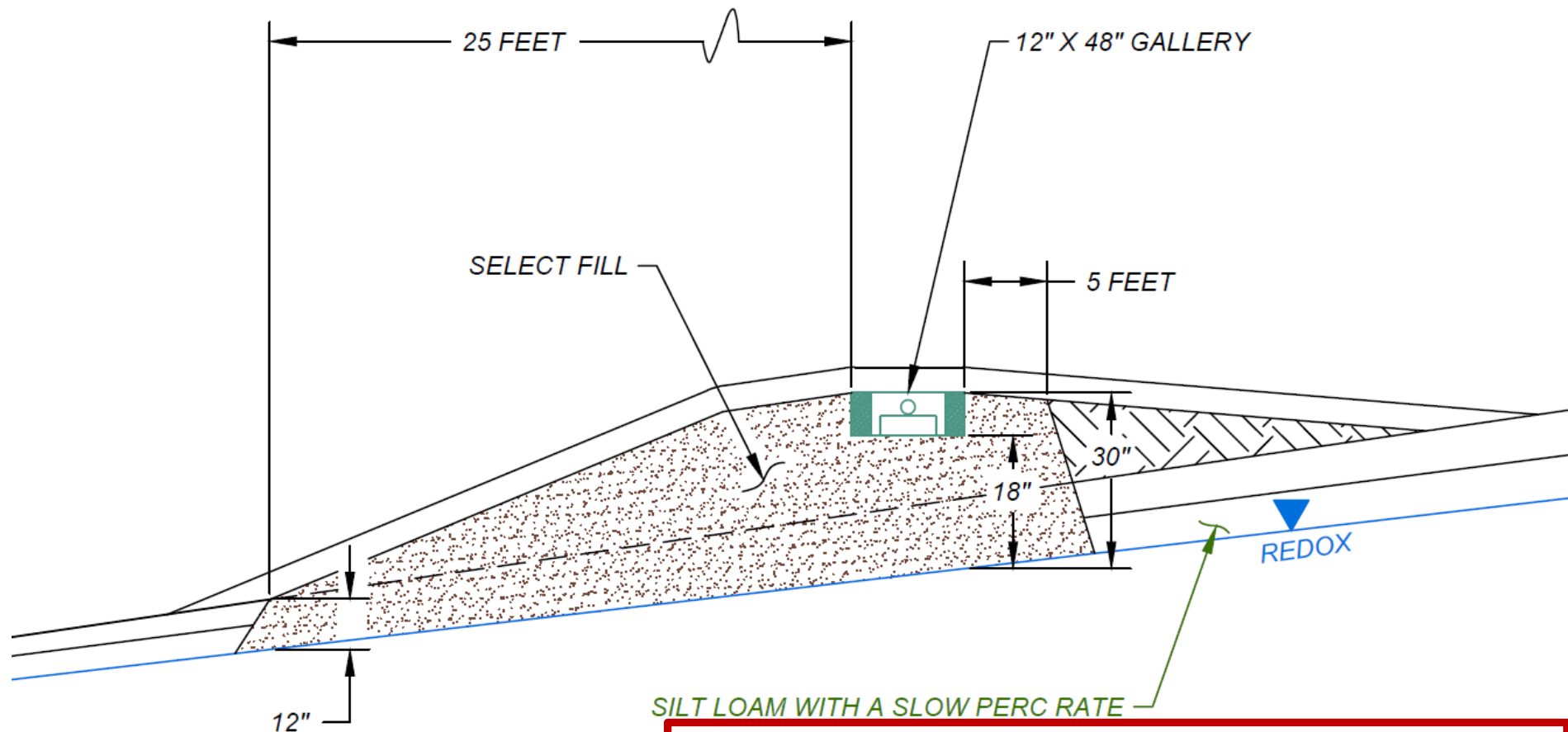
TEST PIT B  
0-6 TOPSOIL  
6-12 SILT LOAM  
12-48 V. DENSE SILT LOAM  
LEDGE N/O  
REDOX 12  
GW 28

TEST PIT C  
0-6 TOPSOIL  
6-12 SILT LOAM  
12-48 V. DENSE SILT LOAM  
LEDGE N/O  
REDOX 12  
GW 18

TEST PIT D  
0-6 TOPSOIL  
6-12 SILT LOAM  
12-48 V. DENSE SILT LOAM  
LEDGE N/O  
REDOX 12  
GW 18



**NCR MLSS (#4)**  
Site with limited subsoil available and poor perc rate



*NCR MLSS IS BASED ON RECEIVING SOIL DEPTH OF  $(30'' + 12'') / 2 = 21''$*

### NCR MLSS (#4)

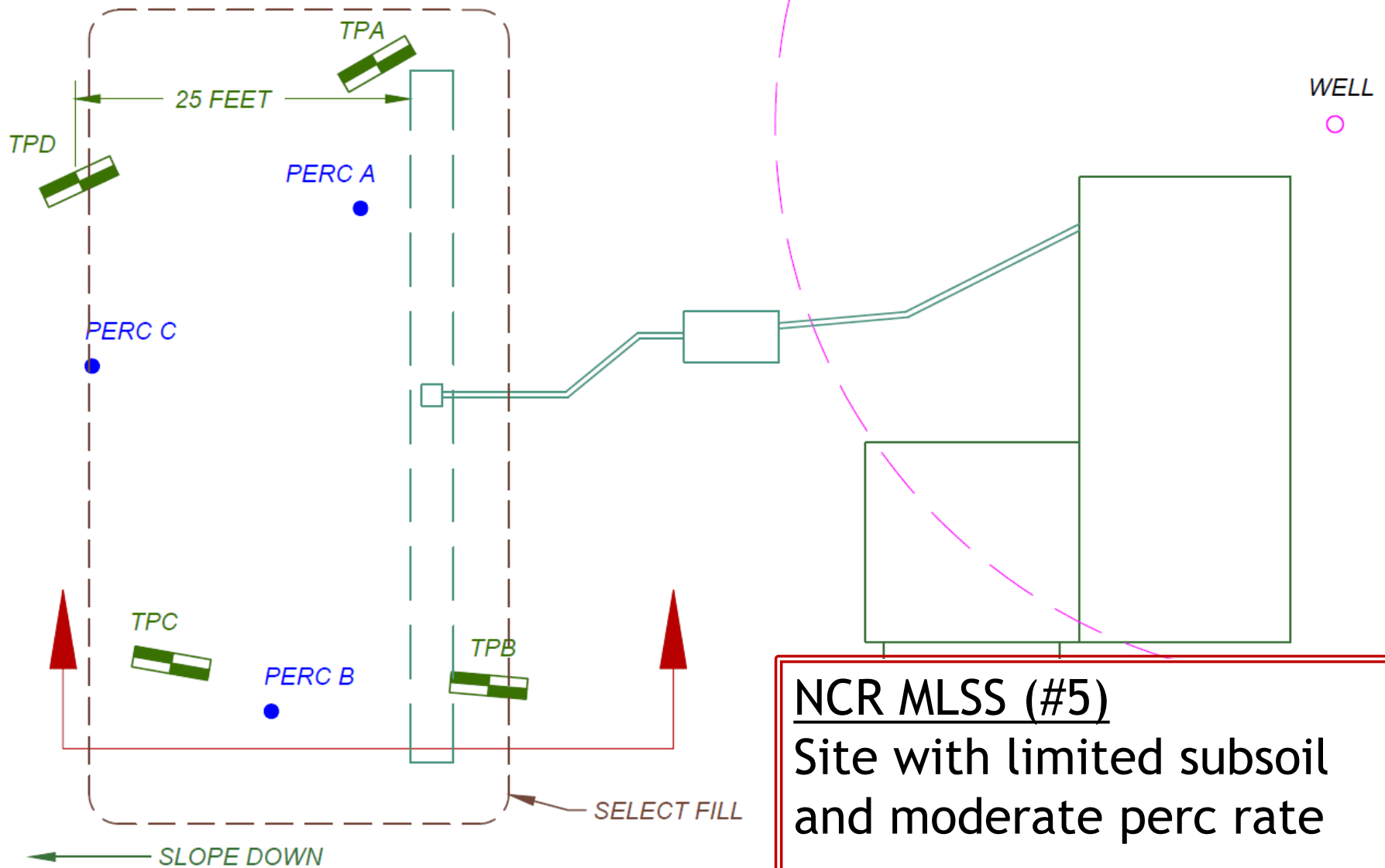
- Select fill material may be used for entire system design
- Keep system 18" above redox
- ELA and NCR MLSS sized on perc in fill

**TEST PIT A**  
0-2 TOPSOIL  
2-12 ORN BRN SILT LOAM  
12-48 V. DENSE SILT LOAM  
REDOX 12

**TEST PIT B**  
0-2 TOPSOIL  
2-12 ORN BRN SILT LOAM  
12-48 V. DENSE SILT LOAM  
REDOX 12

**TEST PIT C**  
0-2 TOPSOIL  
2-12 ORN BRN SILT LOAM  
12-48 V. DENSE SILT LOAM  
REDOX 12

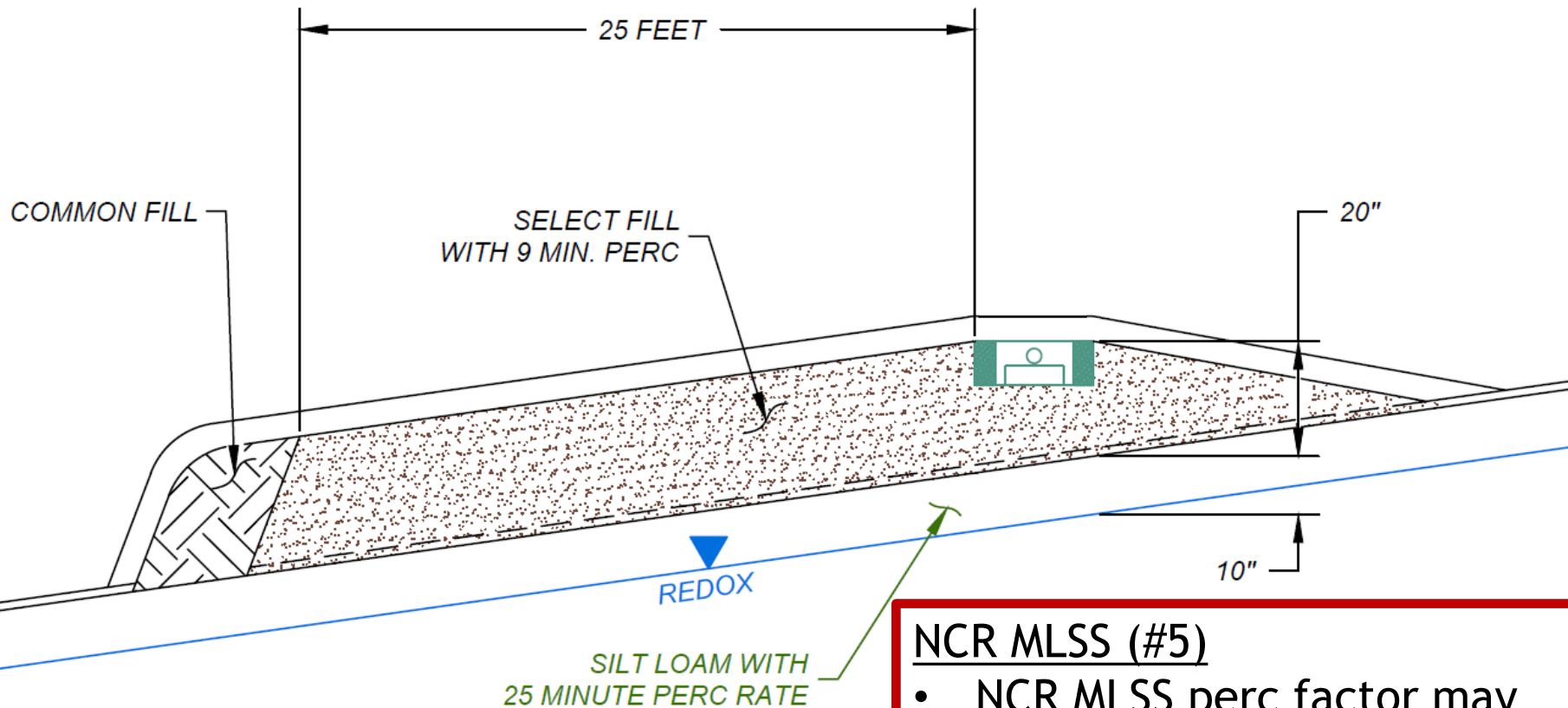
**TEST PIT D**  
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12-48 V. DENSE SILT LOAM  
REDOX 12



**NCR MLSS (#5)**  
Site with limited subsoil  
and moderate perc rate

PROPORTIONATE PERC RATE CALCULATION:

$$\text{PERC FACTOR (PF)} = (20/30) \times 1.2 + (10/30) \times 2.0 = .80 + .67 = 1.47$$



MLSS IS BASED ON RECEIVING SOIL DEPTH OF  
 $(30'' + 30'') / 2 = 30''$

NCR MLSS (#5)

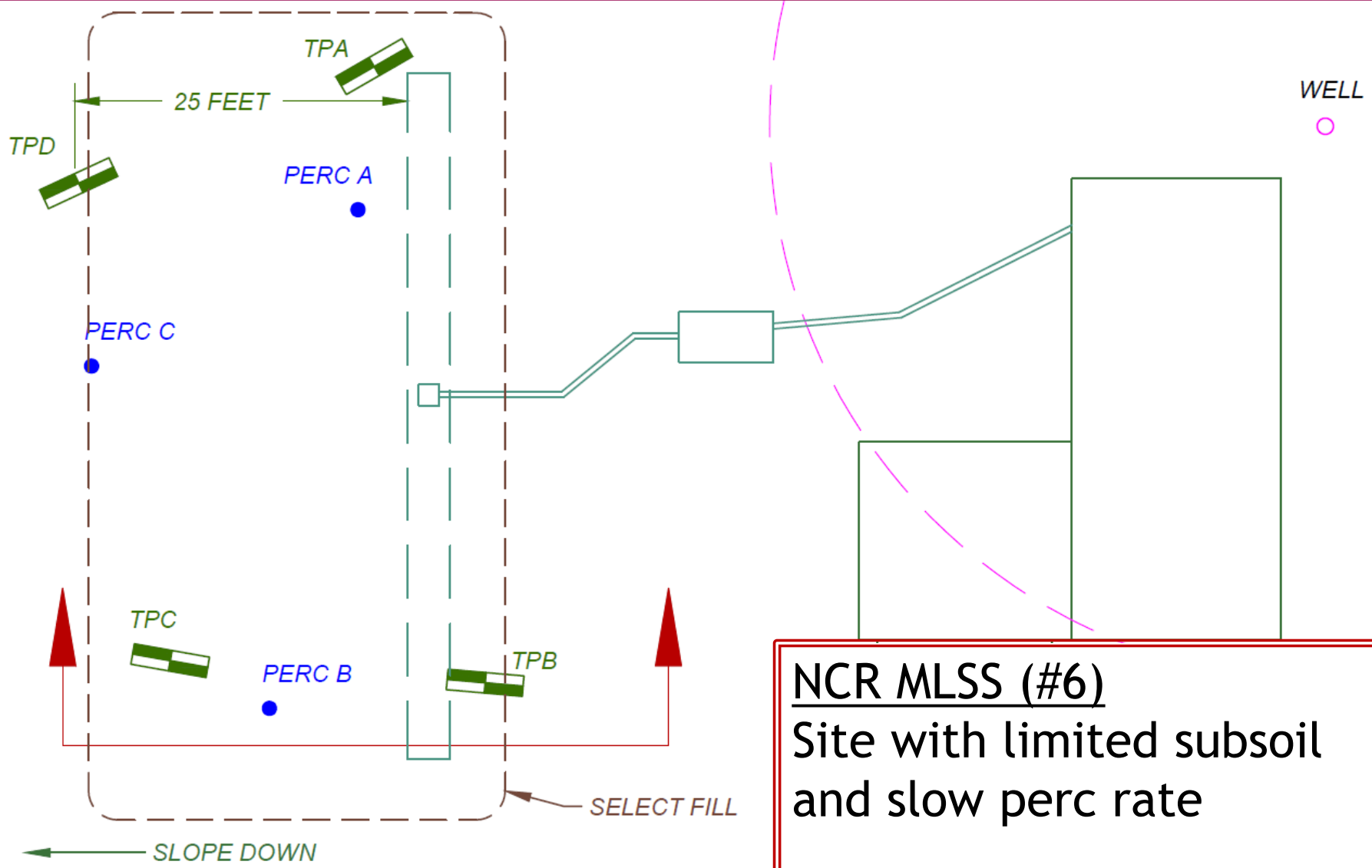
- NCR MLSS perc factor may be averaged on ratio of select fill and natural soil
- ELA sized on select fill perc

TEST PIT A  
0-2 TOPSOIL  
2-22 ORN BRN SILT LOAM  
22-48 V. DENSE SILT LOAM  
REDOX 22

TEST PIT B  
0-2 TOPSOIL  
2-22 ORN BRN SILT LOAM  
22-48 V. DENSE SILT LOAM  
REDOX 22

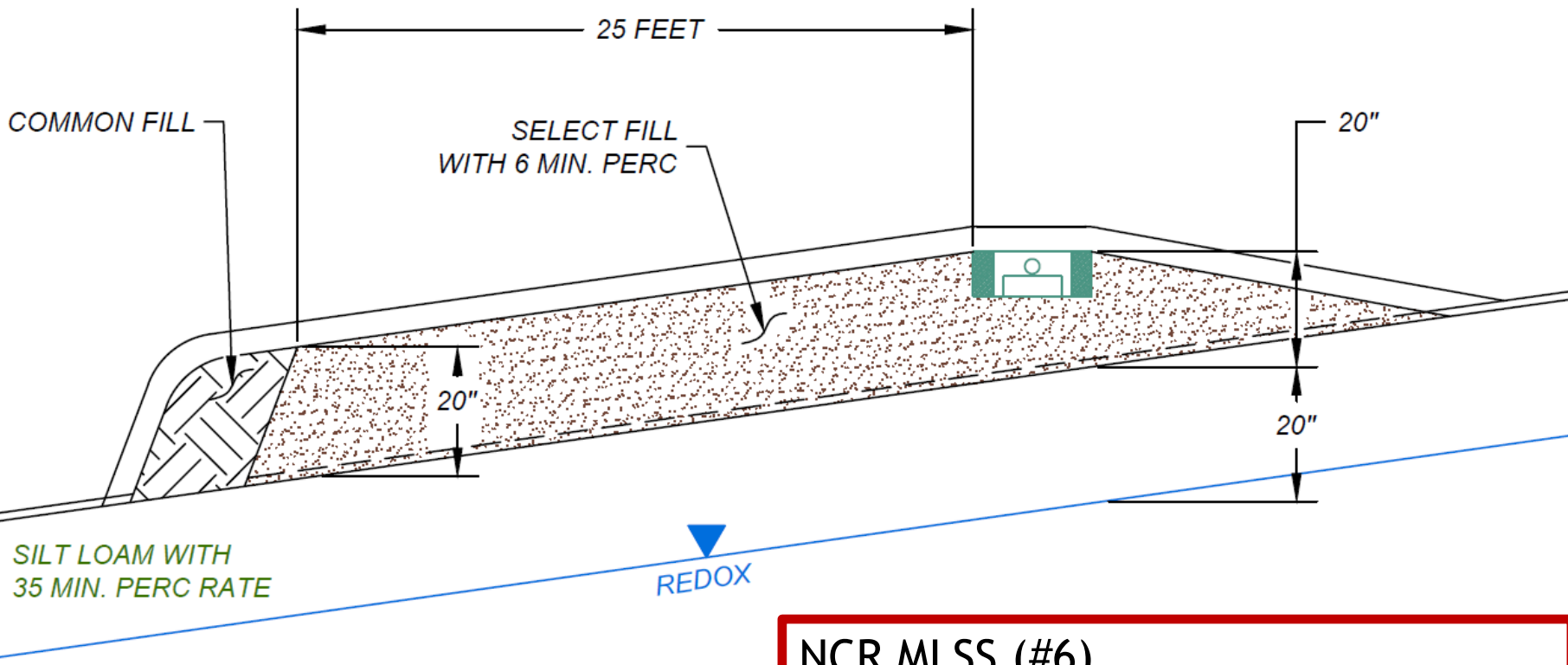
TEST PIT C  
0-2 TOPSOIL  
2-22 ORN BRN SILT LOAM  
22-48 V. DENSE SILT LOAM  
REDOX 22

TEST PIT D  
0-2 TOPSOIL  
2-22 ORN BRN SILT LOAM  
22-48 V. DENSE SILT LOAM  
REDOX 22



PROPORTIONATE PERC RATE CALCULATION:

$$\text{PERC FACTOR (PF)} = (20/40) \times 1.2 + (20/40) \times 3.0 = .60 + 1.50 = 2.10$$



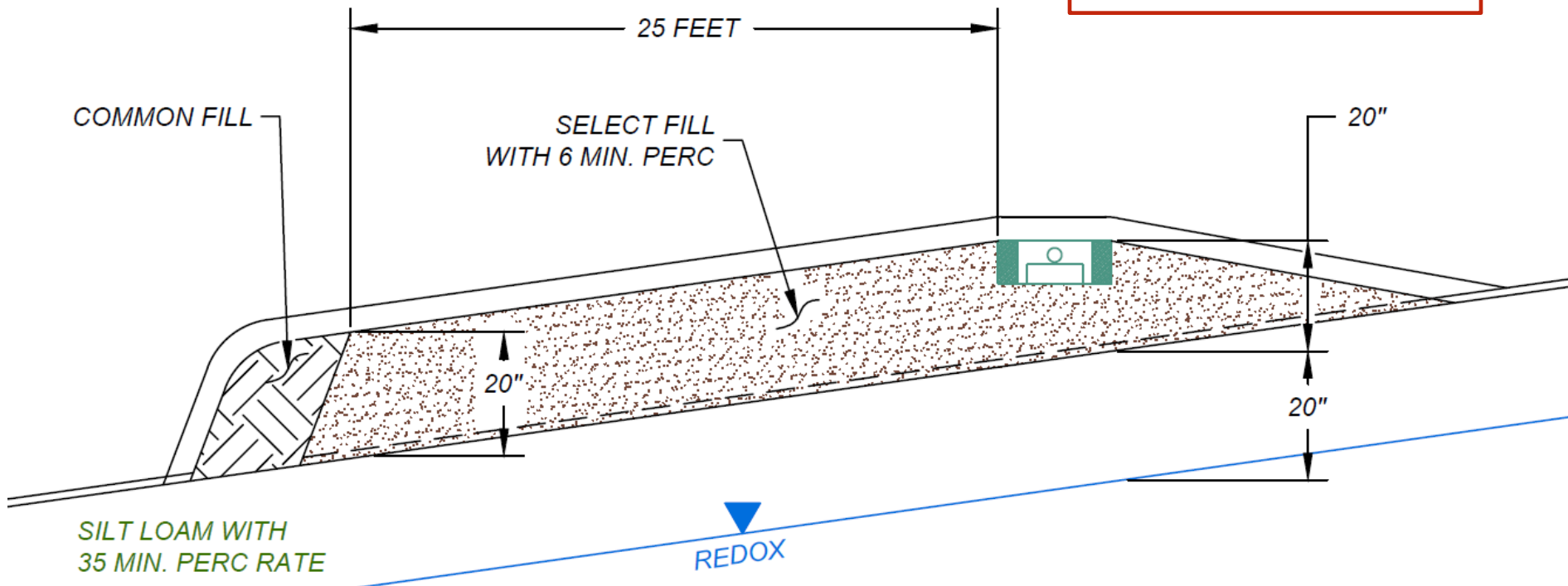
MLSS IS BASED ON RECEIVING SOIL DEPTH OF  
 $(40 + 40) / 2 = 40''$

- NCR MLSS (#6)**
- NCR MLSS perc factor may be averaged on ratio of select fill and natural soil
  - ELA sized on select fill perc

PROPORTIONATE PERC RATE CALCULATION:

$$\text{PERC FACTOR (PF)} = (20/40) \times 1.2 + (20/40) \times 3.0 = .60 + 1.50 = 2.10$$

NCR MLSS (#6)  
cont'd



It may be beneficial to size NCR MLSS on perc rate and depth of select fill only.

NCR MLSS (assuming 3 BR, slope 8%)

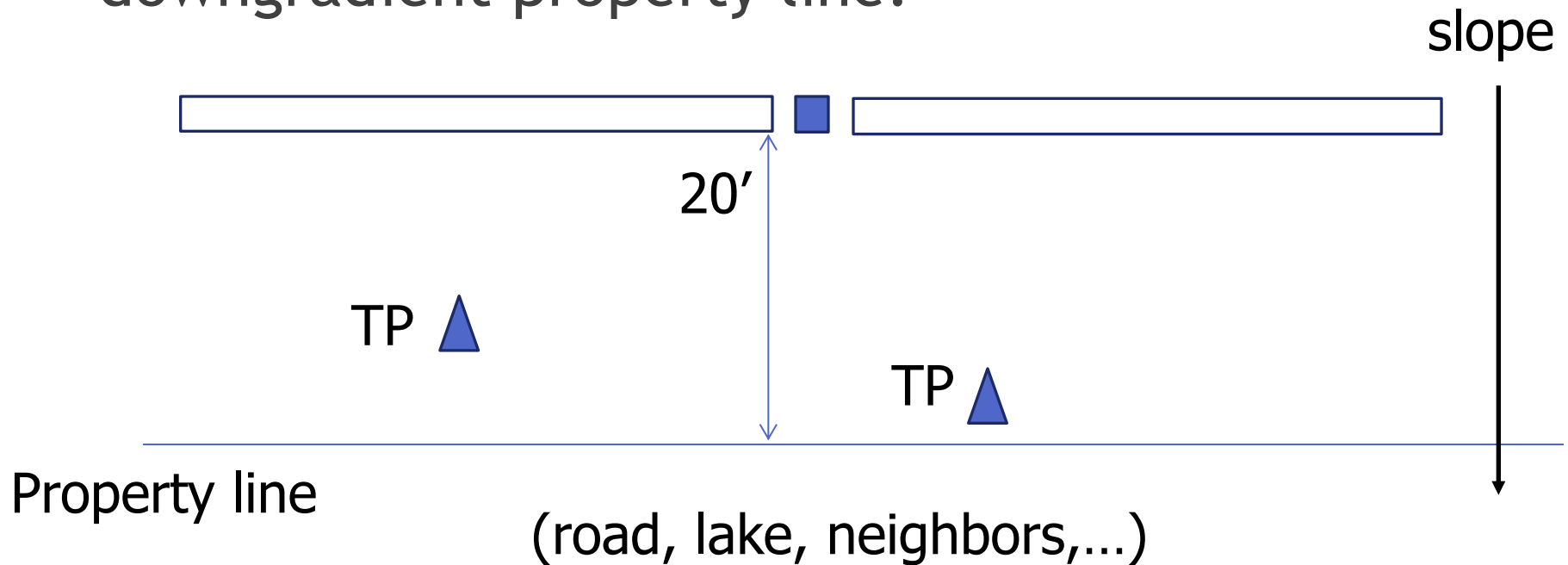
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|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. Natural soil only.       | $\text{HFxFFxPF} = 34 \times 1.5 \times 3 = 153'$                                      |
| 2. Natural and select fill. | $\text{HFxFFxPF} = 24 \times 1.5 \times 2.1 = 76'$                                     |
| 3. Select fill only.        | $\text{HFxFFxPF} = 34 \times 1.5 \times 1.2 = 62' \leftarrow \text{Shortest spread!!}$ |



# \* NCR MLSS: Sites with less than 25' to Downgradient to Property Line

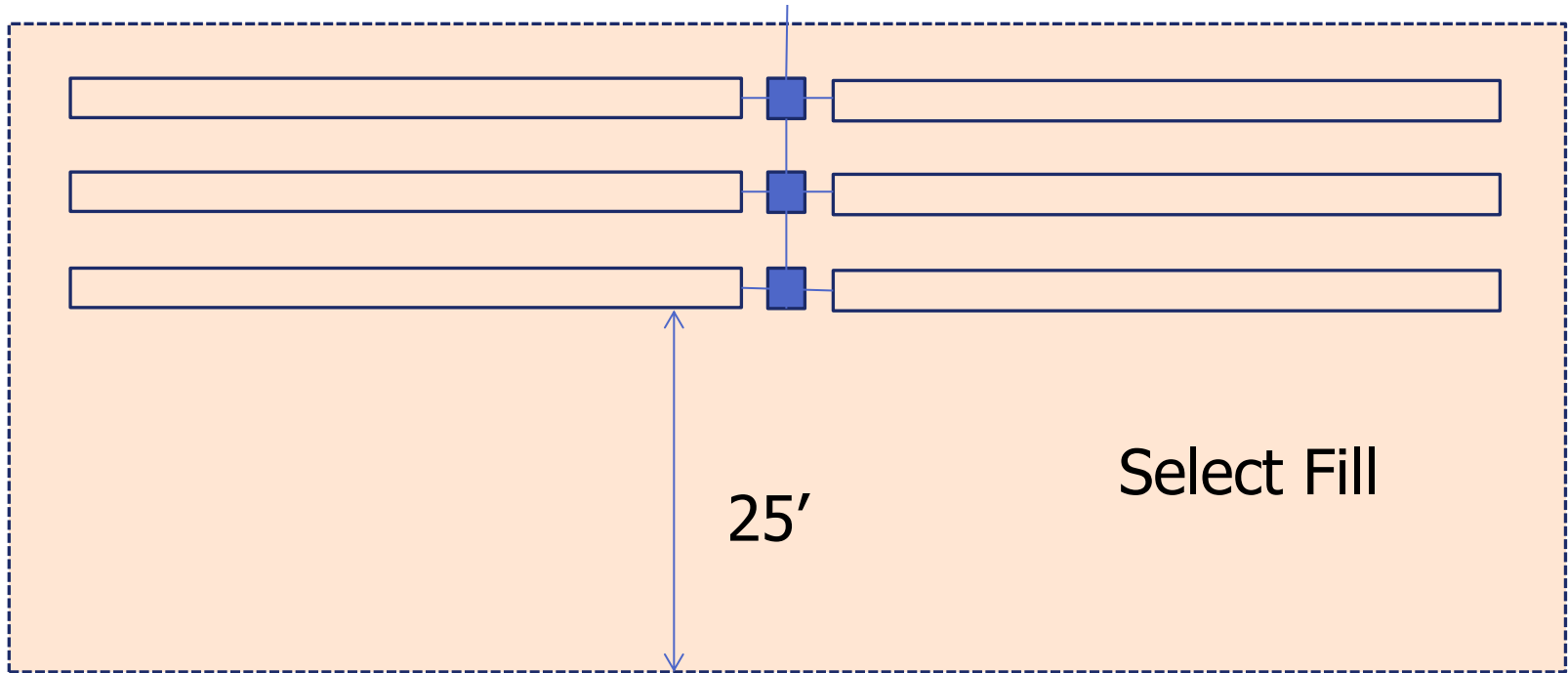
\* NCR MLSS is an exception

\* Do the best you can and use professional judgment. Exceptions may be needed to the downgradient property line.



# \*NCR MLSS

## Using Multiple Rows



Do the best you can and use professional judgment. Should 25' always be required?