



## Non-Destructive Testing (“NDT”) Guide For Deep Foundations



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## Why does the industry need an **NDT Guide** focused on **Deep Foundations**?

Improve the **selection**, **specification**, **undertaking**, and **understanding** of results of **NDT testing methods**.

**Minimize** the **false positive NDT** results.

**Prevent/Reduce** potential for defects in **deep foundations**.

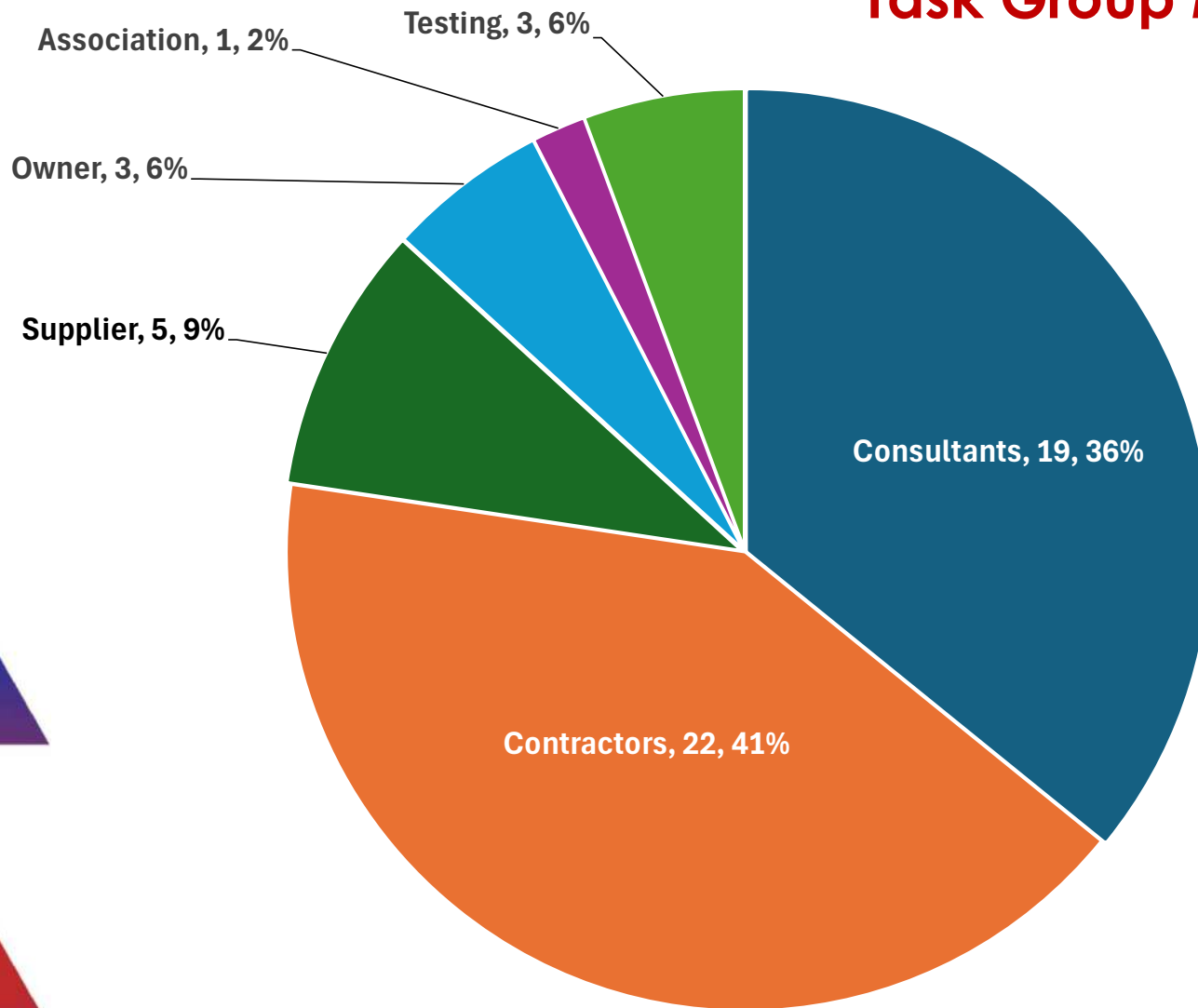
Improve **awareness** and **acceptance**.

**Evaluate**, **Check**, and **Analyze conditions** prior to abandoning a **deep foundation** with identified defects.





## Task Group Members...





## Task Subgroups

1. Purpose and Scope – Karsten Beckhaus
2. Design Considerations – David Graham
3. Principles of basics in non-destructive testing – Ryan Allin
4. NDT Applications – Travis Coleman
5. Evaluation and Assessment – Chris Barker
6. Acceptance Plan and Consequent Actions – Paul Axtel







## Task Subgroup 1





# Subgroup 1

## Purpose and Scope

## Members

- Karsten Beckhaus (EFFC)
- Rozbeh (Roz) B. Moghaddam
- Peter Faust (DFI)





## Task Subgroup 2





# Subgroup 2 – David Graham

## Design Considerations

2.1 Introduction

2.2 Structural Desing Considerations

2.3 Geotechnical Desing Considerations

2.4 Summary

## Members

Les	Chernauskas
Andrew	Boeckmann
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Chris	Barker
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Matthew	Preedy
Morgan	NeSmith
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## Outstanding Issues/Debates

- State of practice vs. best practice
  - Europe vs. US
  - Desire to be objective and technology agnostic
  - No clear single path to success or failure
- Being general vs. being specific
  - Being specific is difficult to allow for all scenarios
  - Being general is not that helpful to the industry
  - No clear single path to success or failure





## Task Subgroup 3





# Subgroup 3 – Ryan Allin

## Principles and Basics of NDT

- 3.1 Introduction to testing method Theory
- 3.2 Low-Strain Integrity Testing
  - 3.2.1-Terminology
  - 3.2.2-Method Description
  - 3.2.3-Hardware
  - 3.2.4-Codes and Standards
- 3.3 Cross-hole Sonic Logging
  - 3.3.1- 3.3.4 Same Sub-categories
- 3.4 Thermal Integrity Profiling
  - 3.4.1 - 3.4.4 Same Sub-categories
- 3.5 Gamma-gamma Logging
  - 3.5.1 - 3.5.4 Same Sub-categories





# Members

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## Task Subgroup 4





# Subgroup 4 – Travis Coleman

## NDT Applications

### Members

- Travis Coleman, GRL Engineers
- Dennis Sack, Olson Engineering
- Matthias Schallert, GSP
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- Ryan Korth, Terracon
- Bernardo Jiminez, H Soils
- Dion Denes, FSG Geotechnics
- Justin Hansen, Braun Intertec





## 4 Test Methods Covered

- CSL – Cross-Hole Sonic Logging
- TIP – Thermal Integrity Profiling
- LSI (PIT) – Low Strain Integrity Testing
- Gamma-Gamma Testing

## For each test method

- Application
- Physical Testing Considerations
- Test Method Advantages
- Test Method Limitations
- Testing Costs (Relative)





## Task Subgroup 5





# Subgroup 5 – Chris Barker

## Evaluation and Assessment

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**Pile Bore Record** 104-101

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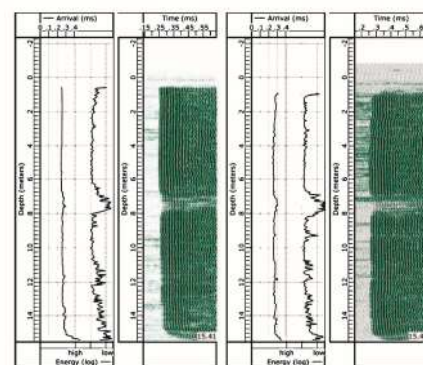
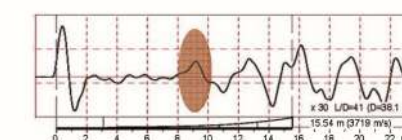
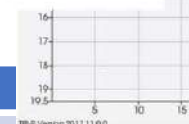
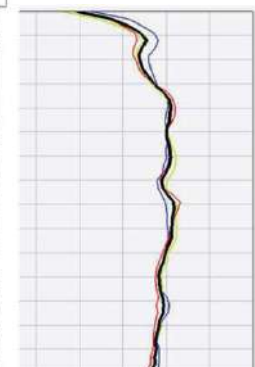
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5	Pile Tip		Rock	

**As built pile data:**

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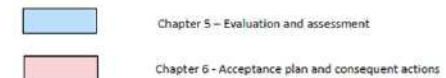
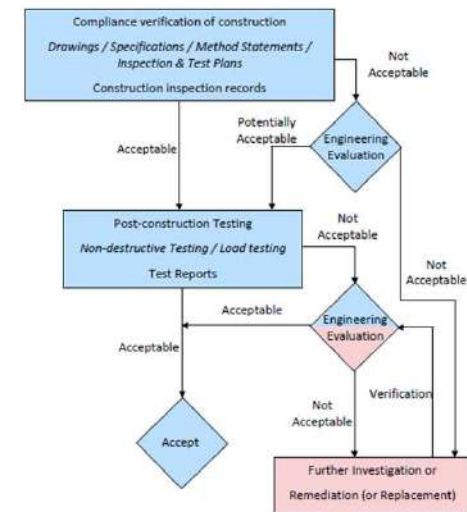
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3	Static Load Test	kN	1000	
4	Dynamic Load Test	kN	1000	





## Evaluation and Assessment

- Good balance of contractor/consultant chapter authors.
- Seeking a common North America / Europe approach and criteria.
- Importantly not just a review of NDT testing results but a review of all records.
- Identify individual roles responsible for evaluation and assessment.
- Leads onto Chapter 6 Acceptance.





## Task Subgroup 6





# Subgroup 6 – Paul Axtel

## Acceptance Plan and Consequences

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Rudy Frizzi	Consulting Engineer	North America
Scott Jacobs	Contractor	North America
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Luke Schuler	Contractor	North America
Rayan Shamas	Consulting Engineer	North America
Karsten Beckhaus	Contractor	Europe
Rozbeh Moghaddam	Consulting Engineer	North America
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Rui Arco	Contractor	North America
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Umesh Neupane	Owner	North America





- The hardest chapter
- Continuation of chapter 5
- FHWA GEC 15 (April 2022)
- Include mitigation strategies?
- A big group
- Good split of roles
- Insufficient European representation

## Acceptance Procedures for Structural Foundations of Transportation Structures

FHWA Geotechnical Engineering Circular 015

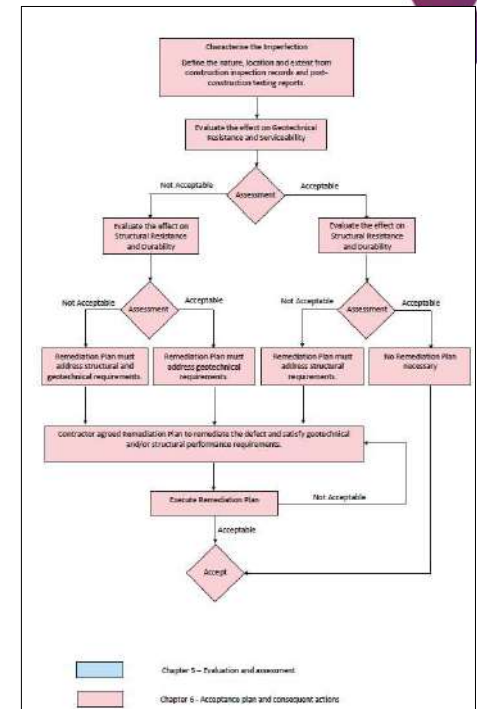
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**Thank You!**

As time Permits, Questions are Welcome...

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