

# **Solutions for Emergency Bridge Repair**

## **Milltown Dam Removal**

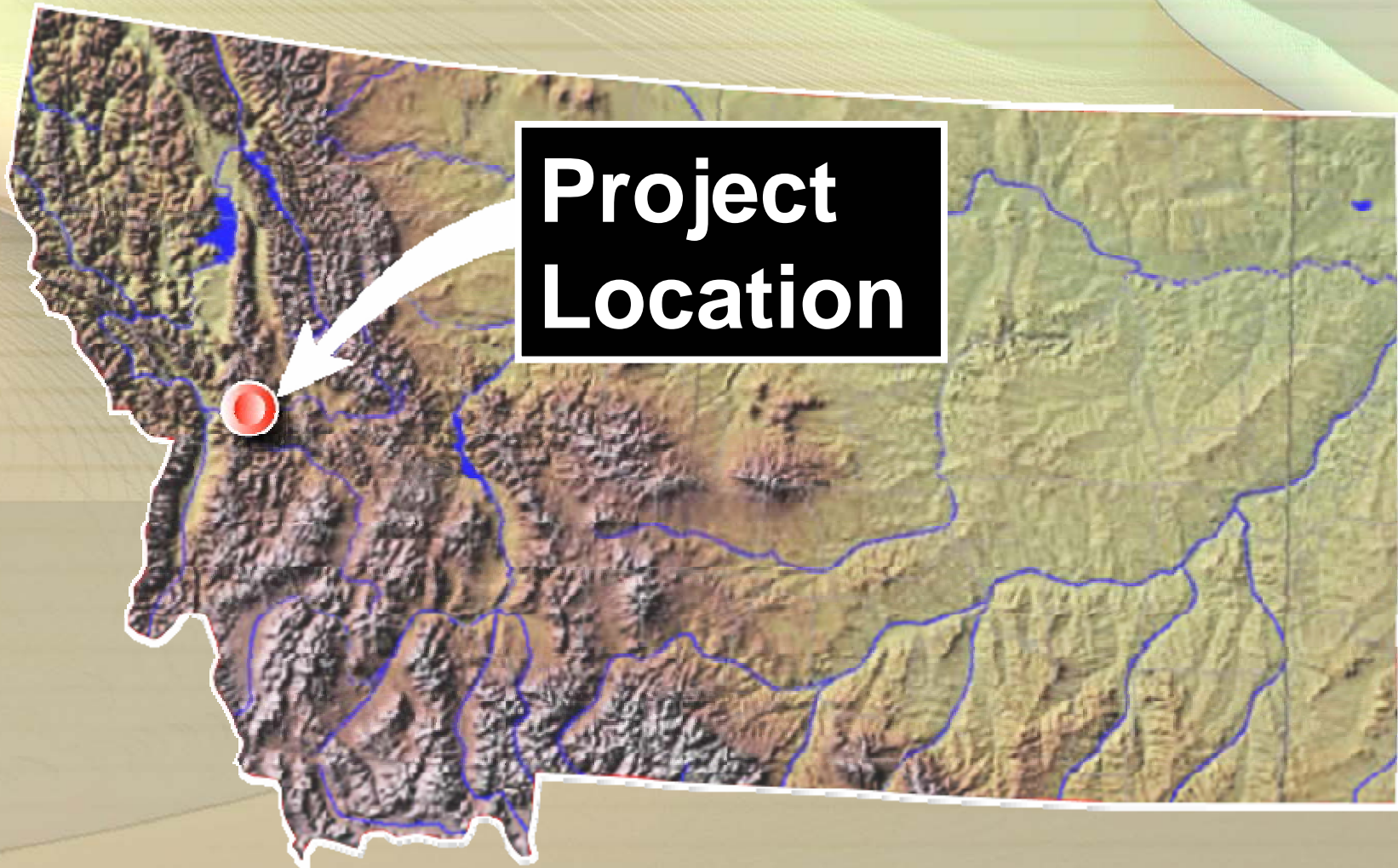
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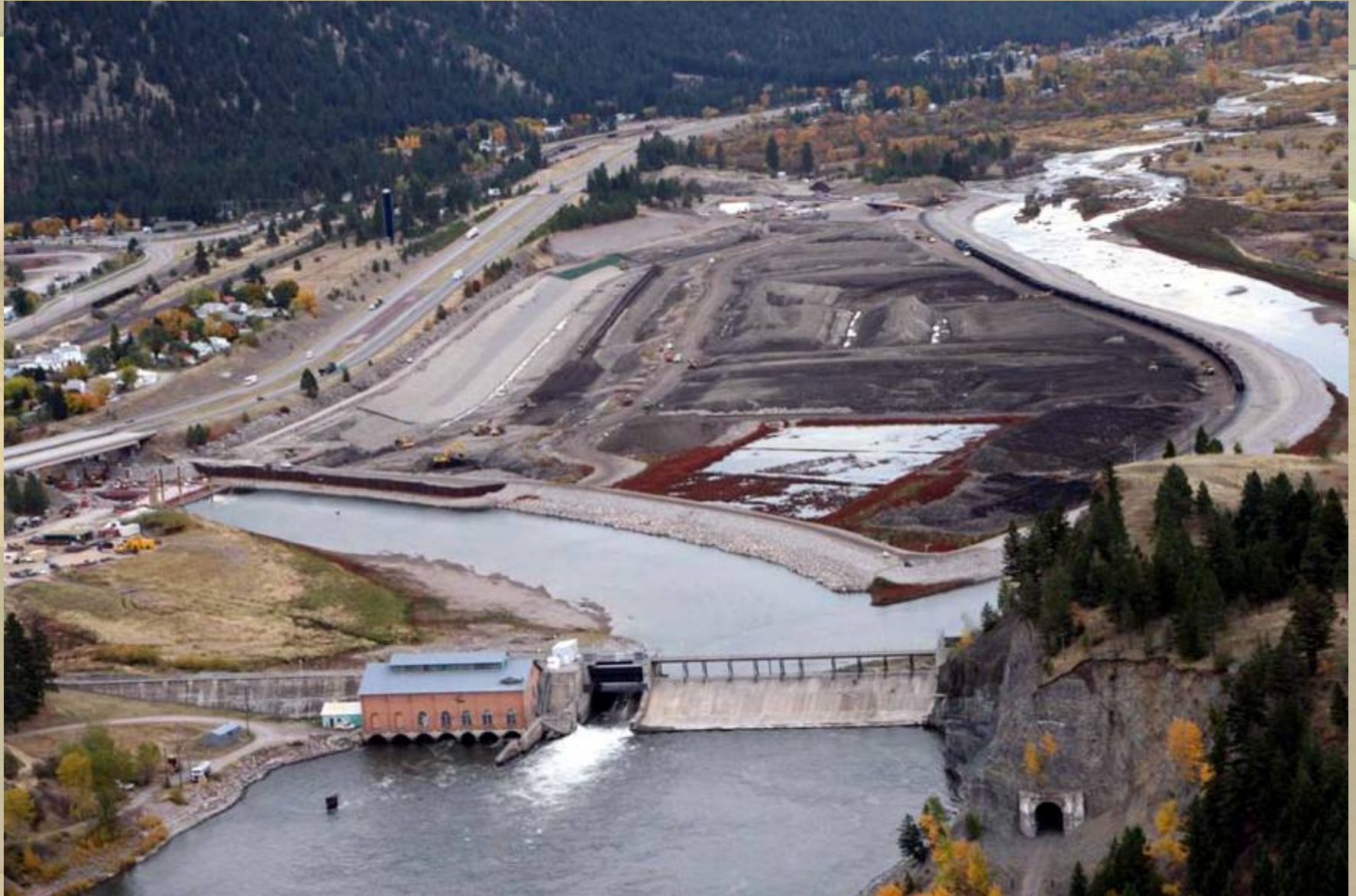


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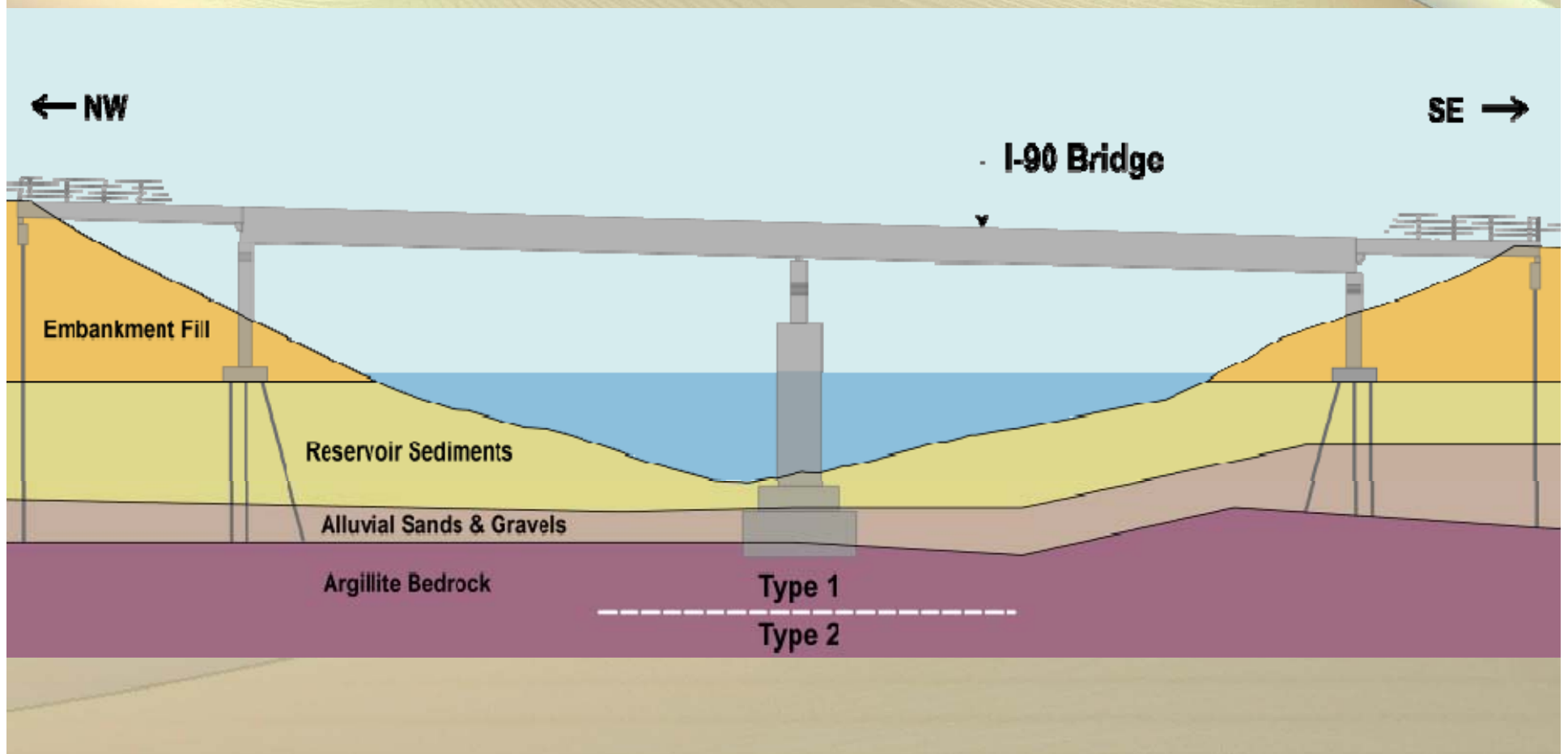


# Bridge Location



# Foundation Conditions

Not all rock is created equal!





# Foundation Conditions



# Scour in Bedrock

- FHWA HEC-18 (Evaluating Scour at Bridges)
- HEC-18 → non-cohesive streambed materials
- Erodibility Index Method → George Annandale



# Erodability Index Method

- Erodibility Index

$$K = M_s * K_b * K_d * J_s$$

$M_s$  - Mass Strength

$K_b$  - Block Size

$K_d$  - Discontinuity Bond Shear Strength

$J_s$  - Relative Ground Structure

# Stream Power Threshold

Stream power required to cause scour is a function of the erodability index:

$$P = K^{0.75}$$



# Predicted Scour Threshold

Function of scour depth from rock erodibility index analysis:

- Type 1 scour threshold – 100 watts
- Type 2 scour threshold – 10,000 watts

Type 1 Rock is OK for bearing, but will erode during extreme events

# Approach Stream Power

Approach stream power is a function of:

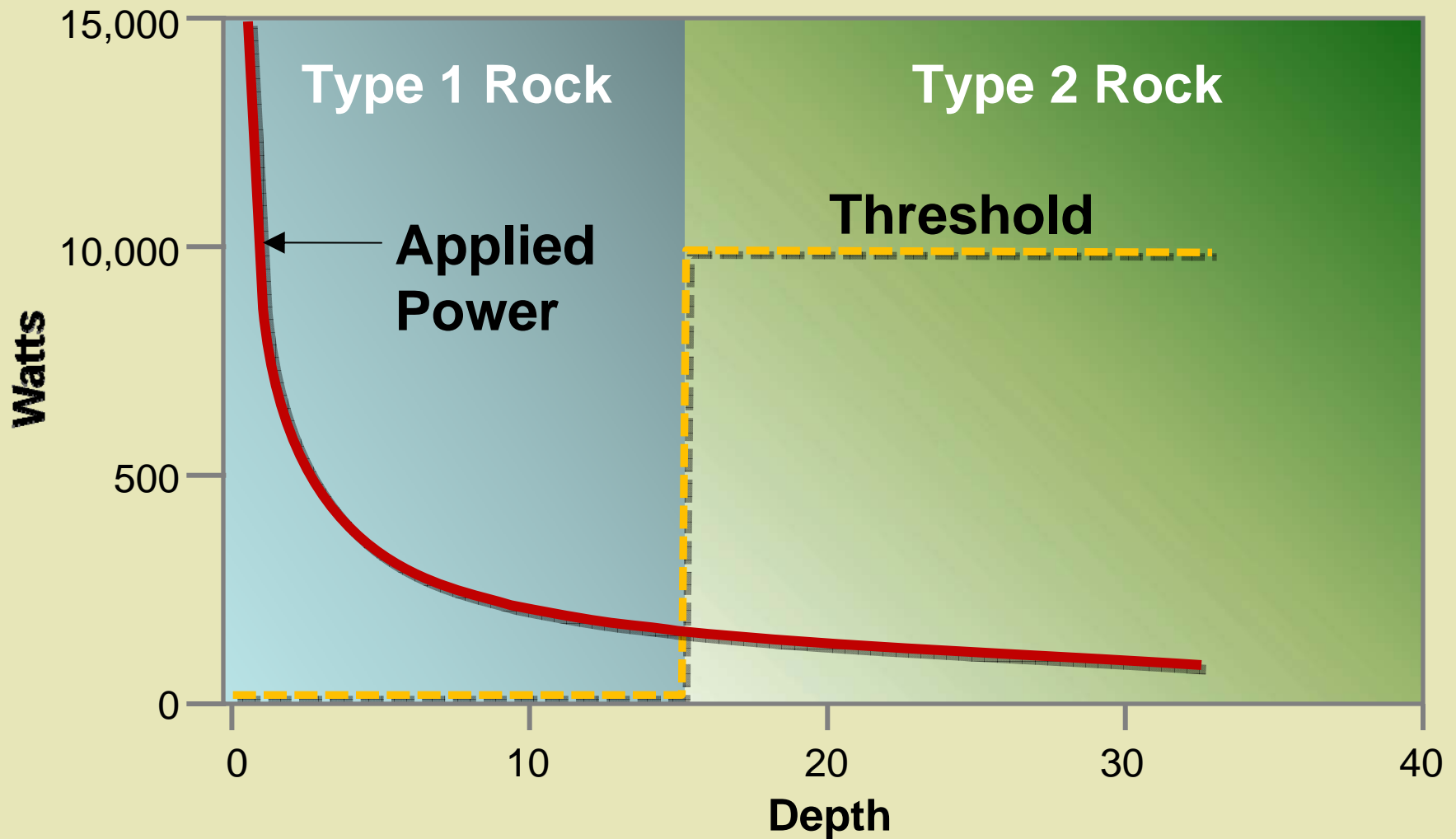
- Shear stress in approach channel
- Density of water

$$P_a = 7.853 \rho (t_w/\rho)^{3/2}$$

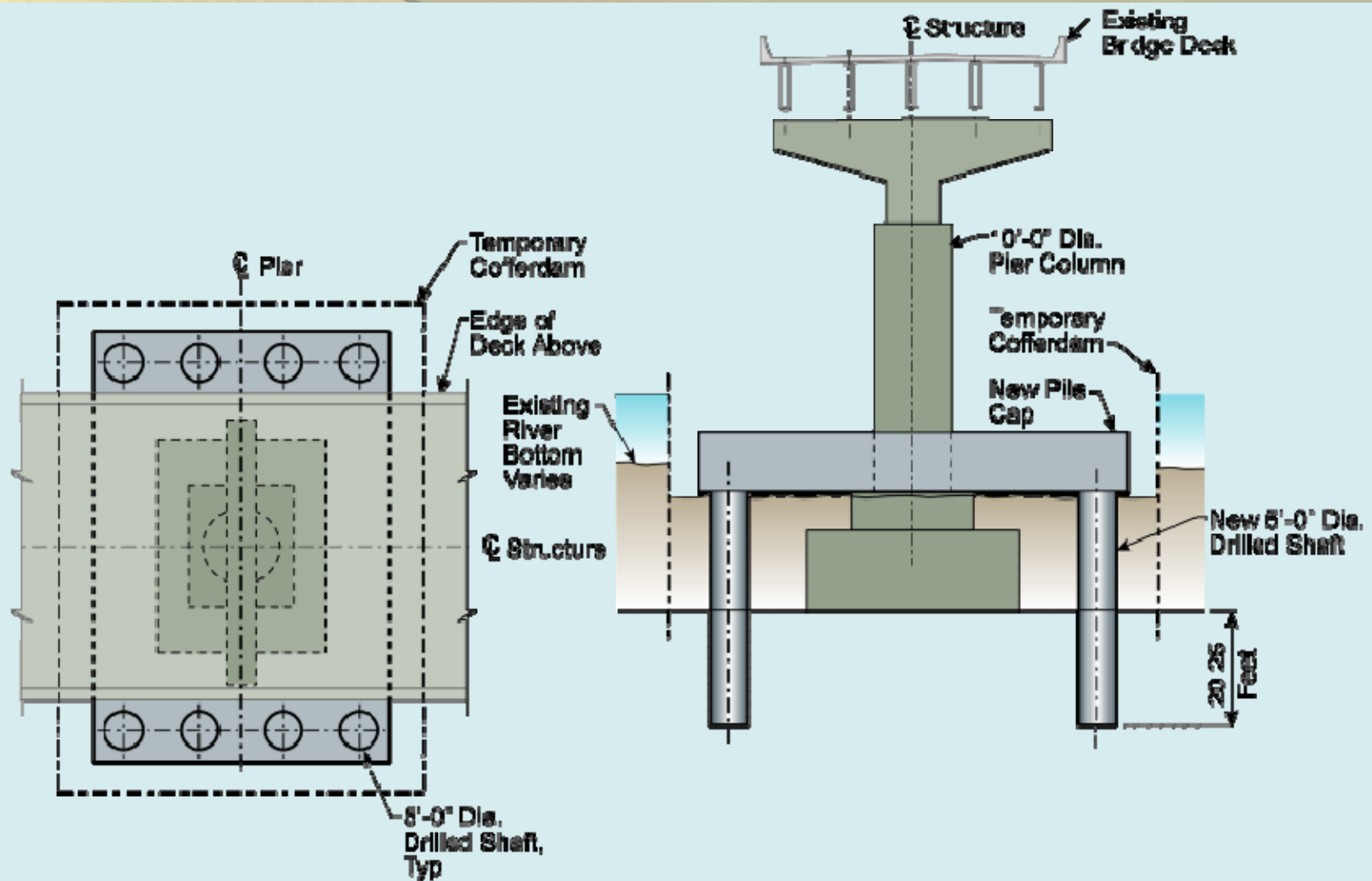
- Applied stream power is a function of scour depth based on amplification at that depth.



# Applied Stream Power vs Threshold



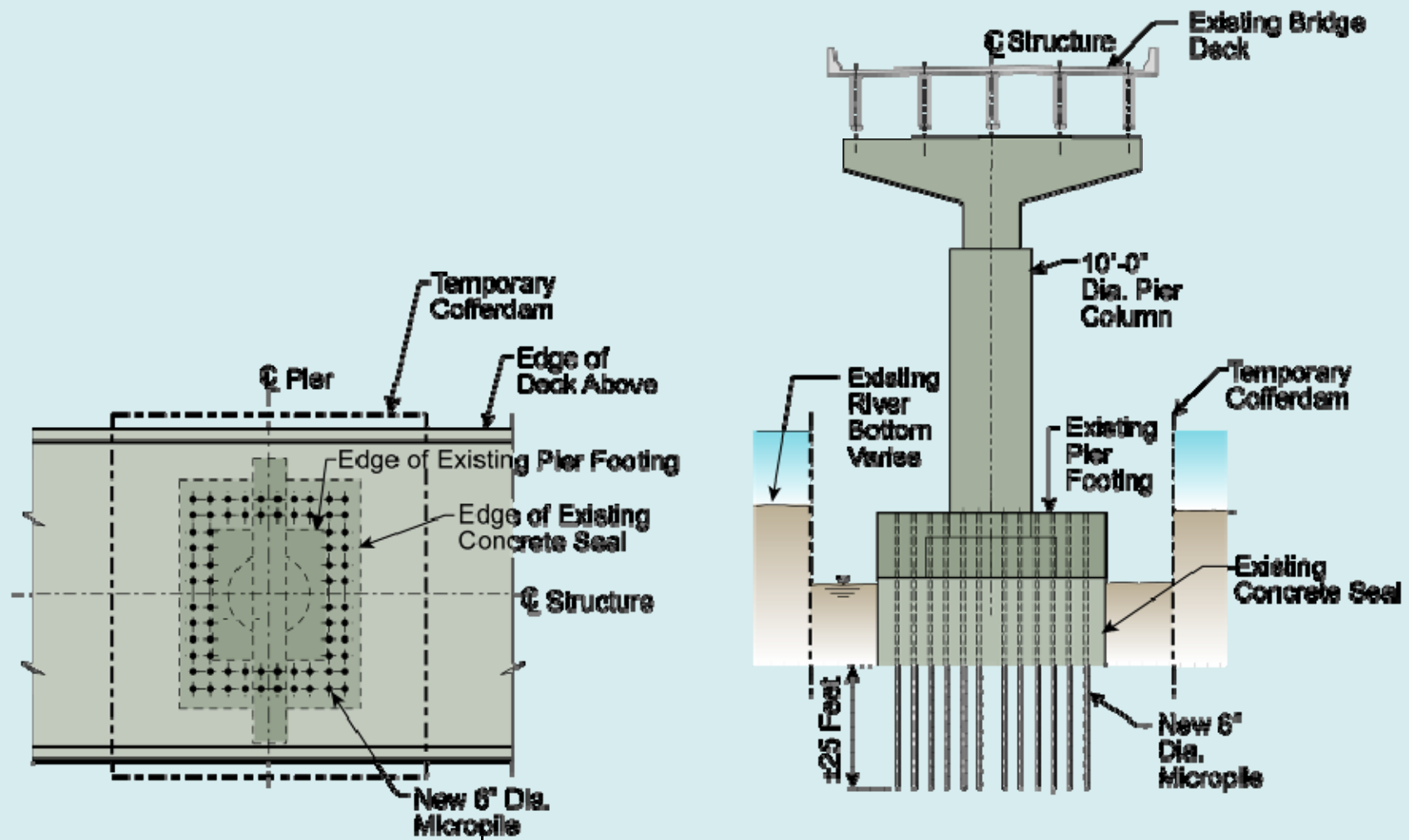
# Underpinning Solutions



**DRILLED SHAFT UNDERPINNING**



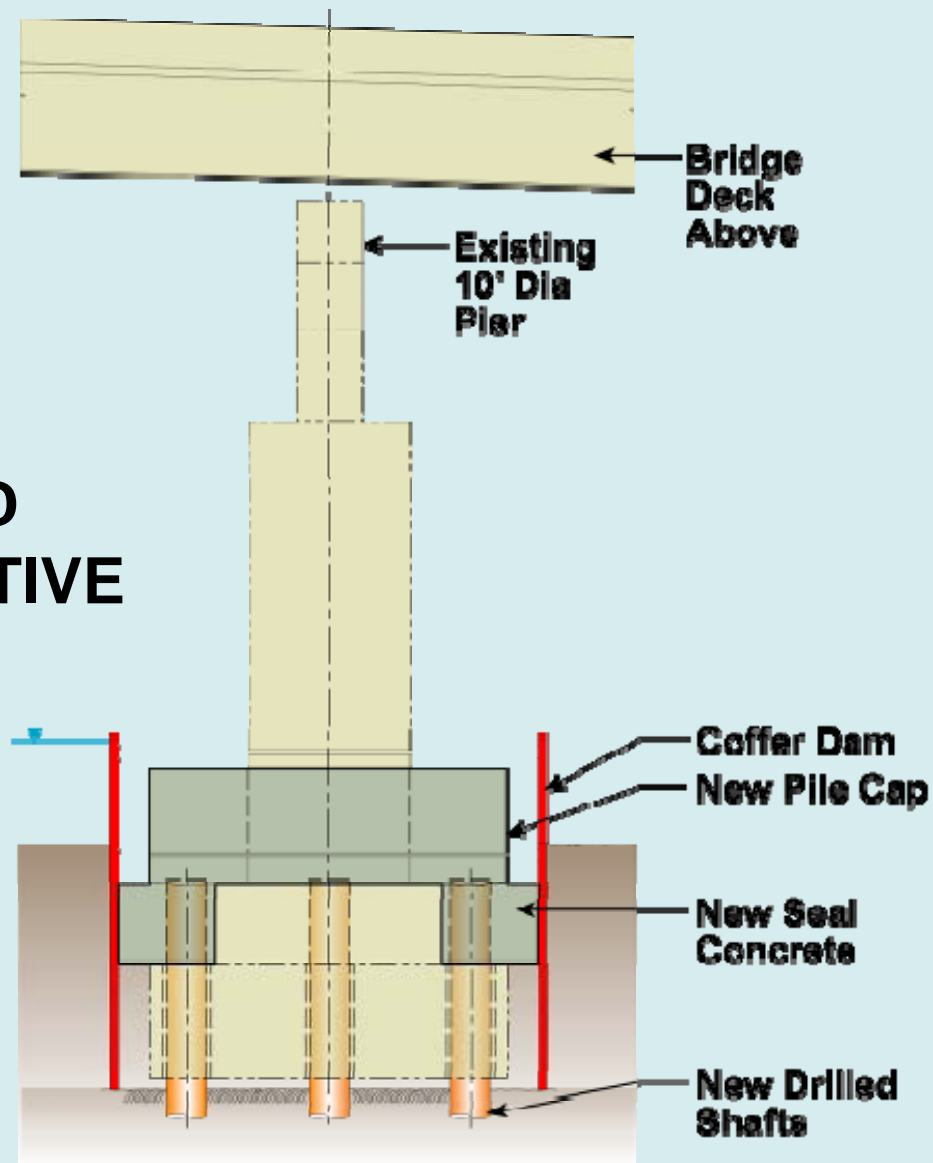
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**MICROPILE UNDERPINNING**

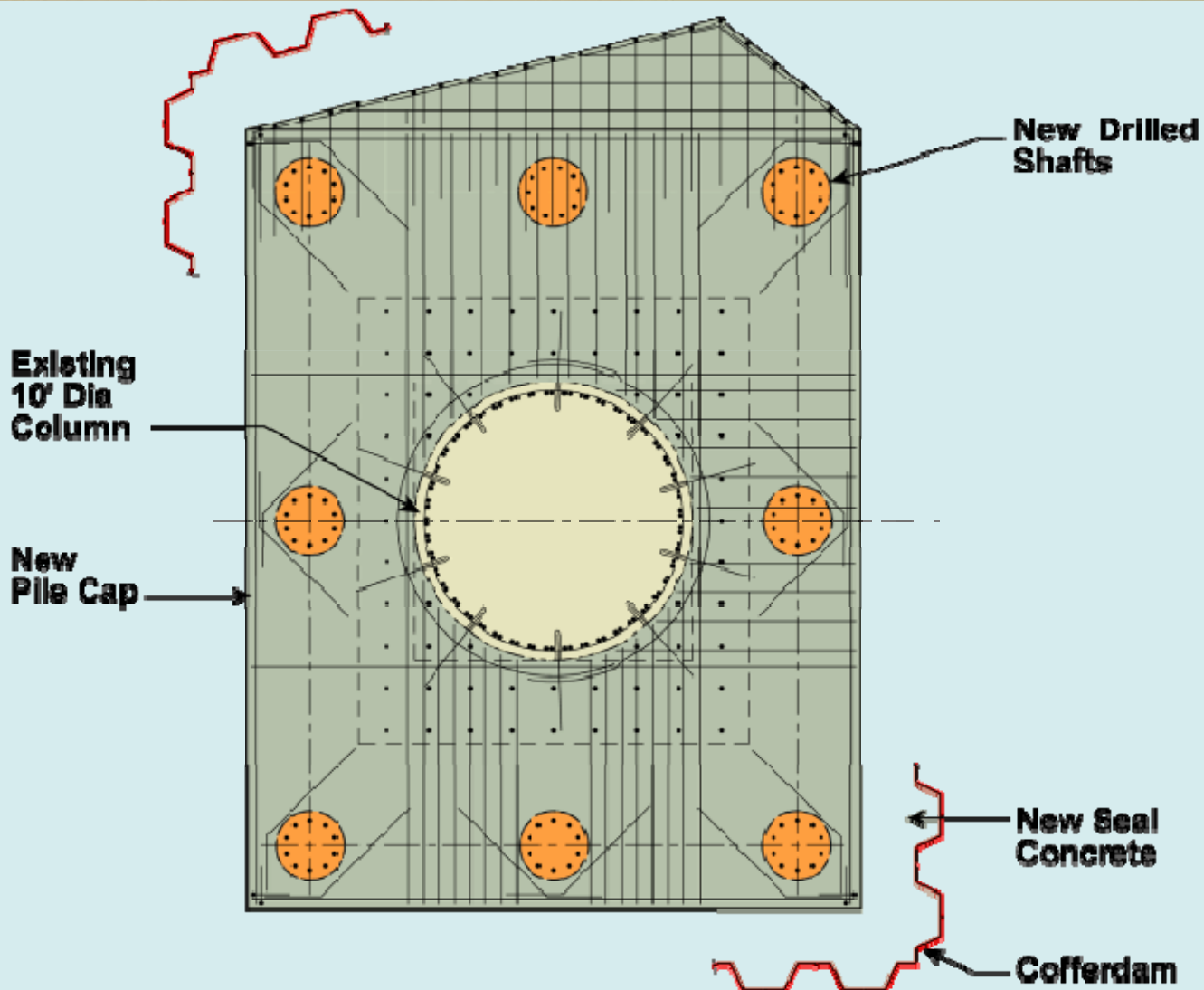
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# Underpinning Solutions



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# Issues to Resolve

- Access to Foundations
- Clearance for Equipment



# Before Construction





# Access to the Site





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# Opening for the Foundations







**Where is  
the River?**

# Cofferdam Installation





# Limited Headroom





# Coring for Piles



# Obstructions in Seal





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# Placing Pile Casing







# Placing Pile Casing

# Placing Rebar in Piles





# Filling Piles





# Constructing New Pile cap





# Ultimate Configuration



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