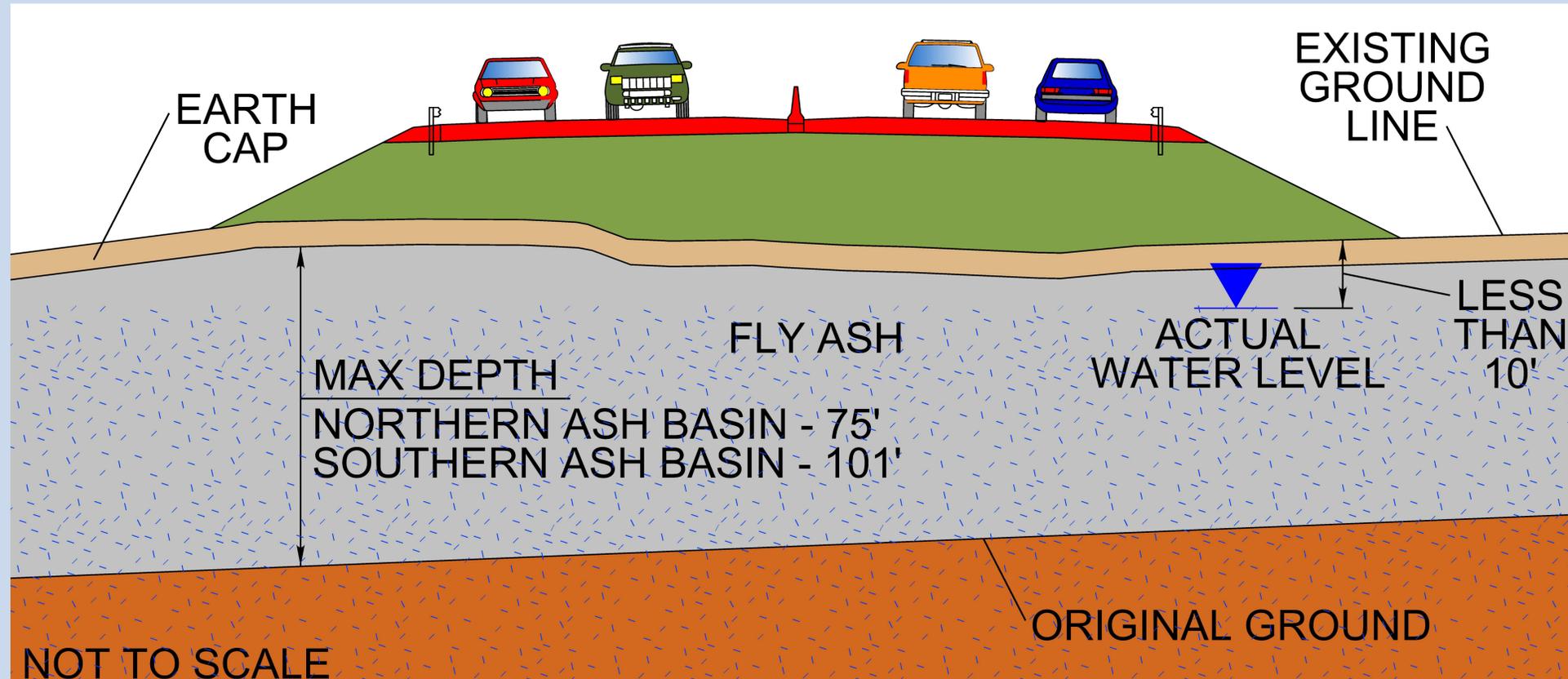


WHY CSVT CANNOT BE CONSTRUCTED ON ASH BASINS



Typical section of ash basin

- The saturated ash is a soft, weak, compressible material that cannot support the weight of a highway.
- There would be a risk of the highway settling and deforming.
- There would be a risk of groundwater in nearby wells and aquifers being contaminated.
- Construction would cause a perpetual public liability for the basins and their high-hazard dams.
- Recent issues with other ash basins nationwide have lead to increased scrutiny from environmental agencies.
 - ◆ U.S. EPA recently issued new regulations related to ash basins.
 - ◆ PA DEP strongly recommends that CSVT avoid the ash basins.