

EPR in Flamanville Retaining structures

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FRANCE - Manche Client DTP TERRASSEMENT

Project owner EDF

Miscellaneous 40 nailed/bolted rocky slopes, Anchored soldier-pile walls, Impermeable grouted slug



Description of the project

In 2006, EDF initiated the construction of the EPR nuclear power plant in Flamanville, France (50). TERRASOL intervened within the framework of a G3 mission on earthworks and retaining structures preparation works. This included more particularly:

- nailed/bolted slopes in a highly fractured, sometimes altered, rocky context;
- sheet-pile gabions;
- o anchored soldier-pile walls;
- o traditional retaining wall.

Some parts of these structures are located below sea level.

Key features

- Earthworks geological monitoring (G3)
- mission)
- Reinforcements optimisation

Description of the mission

In terms of geology, the project is located at the periphery of the Flamanville granite batholith and overlaps hornfels, highly metamorphised terrains, characterized by a very high abrasivity.

Geological monitoring during the earthworks enabled to optimize the embankment reinforcements and the drainage systems according to the fracturation observed, but also to adapt the construction techniques.

Some sensitive structures were subjected to reinforced monitoring, with definition of deformation thresholds and interpretation of measurements.

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