Is the excavation more than 5 feet in depth?

Is there potential for cave-in? NO YES

Is the excavation entirely in stable rock?

Excavation may be made with vertical sides.

NO YES

Excavation must be sloped, shored, or shielded.

NO YES

Sloping selected.

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Shoring or shielding selected.

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