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## Structural Inspection

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### Construction:

One-story raised home on pilings, wood frame with a composition shingle roof.

### Scope:

This inspection is limited to a visual inspection of the pilings and foundation under the home. No inspection of the mechanical or electrical systems was performed. This report is as outlined by the National Academy of Building Inspection and is not an explanation of cause, effect, or engineering.

### History:

Dammon Engineering was contacted to perform an inspection of the referenced home due to a home inspection that noted some pilings and foundation issues.

### Findings:

Upon inspection, it was visibly noted that the pilings that support the home are rotten at the base, this was further confirmed by tapping on it and listening for a solid sound that the pilings are rotten at the base. Not all of the pilings are exposed for inspection due to wall coverings. The foundation was noted to have several cracks and exposed rebar. The foundations were installed in sections and does not support the home, only the pilings support the home. Improper drainage was noted around the home as well.

### Conclusion:

The support pilings have deteriorated over time at the base due to water intrusion. This is typical when the bases of the pilings are not sealed airtight. The foundation has cracked over time due to the shifting soil. The gutters and down spouts are not connected to properly route the water around the home and into the bayou.

### Recommendation:

- 1) Secure the existing pilings with a concrete wrap as noted in the attached dwg.
- 2) Seal the concrete with a non-shrinking grout to prevent insects and water from entering the home.
- 3) Install proper drainage around the home to keep the foundation dry.

Sincerely,

Brian Mistich, P.E.

See attachments:

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