d. **Applicant and Engineer of Record Review**
   i. Before providing submittals for the Railroad to review, the applicant and or Engineer of Record must first review and approve the submittal for compliance with the project specifications, AREMA Manual, these Guidelines and structural capacity. Exceptions or proposed alternatives, if any, must be clearly communicated and identified for all submittals involved.
   ii. Drawings and calculations must be signed and stamped by a licensed professional engineer familiar with railway loadings and is licensed in the state where the shoring system is intended for use.

e. **Construction May Commence Only When:**
   i. The Contractor must not begin construction of any component of the shoring system affecting the Railroad Right-of-Way until written Railroad approval has been received.

**2.10 APPROVAL EXPIRATION**

a. Written approval of Final Plans will be valid for two years from the date of approval by the Railroad unless otherwise provided in the C&M Agreement. If construction of the approved structure has not begun within this period, the Railroad shall have the right to perform a design review, at the cost of the Applicant, to confirm compliance with the Railroad’s then-current Guidelines before a Railroad Right-of-Entry Agreement is issued to begin construction.

**3. DESIGN**

**3.1 GENERAL DESIGN REQUIREMENTS**

a. Shoring Zones (see Figure 1 below):
   i. All dimensions are measured perpendicular to the centerline of track.
   ii. For ALL excavations within Zone A, shoring plans shall be accompanied by design calculations.
   iii. All shoring within the limits of Zone A must be placed prior to the start of excavation.