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**Assessment of Dam Safety of Coal Combustion  
Surface Impoundments**

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## Preface

The assessment of the general condition of the impoundments is based upon available data and visual observations. Detailed investigations and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of this report.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the impoundments is based on observations of field conditions at the time of assessment, along with data made available to the assessment team. In cases where an impoundment may have been lowered or drained prior to the assessment, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the impoundment, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions, which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is critical to note that the condition of impoundments depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the impoundment at the time of the assessment is representative of the condition of the impoundment at some point in the future. Only through continued care and assessment can there be any chance that unsafe conditions will be detected.

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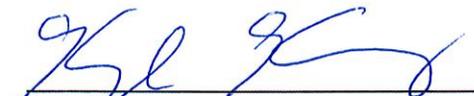
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# Section 1

## Introduction & Project Description

### 1.1 Introduction

Camp Dresser & McKee Inc. (CDM) was contracted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to perform site assessments of selected coal combustion waste (CCW) surface impoundments. As part of this contract, CDM performed a site assessment of ten CCW impoundments at the Rollin M. (R.M.) Schahfer Generating Station, owned by Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO).

CDM made a site visit to the R.M. Schahfer Generating Station on April 26 and 27, 2010 to collect relevant information, inventory the impoundments, and perform visual assessments of the impoundments.

CDM representatives William J. Friers, P.E., Michael L. Schumaker, P.E., Michael P. Smith and Kyle R. King were accompanied by the following individuals:

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### 1.2 State Regulation

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Water Division is responsible for the State's dam safety program. It is our understanding that to date IDNR has not been actively involved in the regulation of CCW impoundments. NIPSCO staff stated there are no State inspection reports for the impoundments at the R.M. Schahfer Generating Station.

#### 1.2.1 Permits

The NIPSCO R.M. Schahfer Generating Station was issued a permit authorizing discharge under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) into the Kankakee River in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in the permit. The station's current permit will expire April 30, 2015. The permit number is IN00053201.

### 1.3 Datum

Elevations are referenced to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD 29). Directional coordinates are referenced to magnetic north.

## 1.4 Site Description and Location

The R.M. Schahfer Generating Station is located within the Town of Wheatfield, Jasper County, Indiana as shown on [Figure 1](#). The state boundary with Illinois and Michigan are approximately 30 miles west and 40 miles north of the site, respectively. A map of the region, indicating the location of the R.M. Schahfer Station and identifying critical infrastructure located within approximately five miles down gradient of the impoundments, is shown on [Figure 2](#). A private residence is located approximately 200 feet north of the Final Settling Basin, as shown on [Figure 2](#). An aerial view of the Ash Pond Impoundments is shown on [Figure 3](#).

### 1.4.1 CCW Impoundment Construction and Historical Information

The R.M. Schahfer Generating Station began operations in 1976, in which CCW is generated by Units 14 (online since 1976), 15 (online since 1979), 17 (online since 1983) and 18 (online since 1986).

The original construction of the Ash Pond Complex began in 1976, concurrent with the construction of Unit 14. The first three CCW impoundments constructed at the R.M. Schahfer Generating Station were the Final Settling Basin, Waste Disposal Area, and Dry Ash Staging Area which were placed into service in 1976. The Waste Disposal Area and the Dry Ash Staging Area were back-filled and taken out of service and in 1982. Neither of these impoundments was formally decommissioned.

The Dry Ash Staging Area was a 4.7 acre impoundment with an embankment height of approximately 2 feet. Dry and dredged material was staged in this area and periodically removed to a disposal site. Information reviewed indicated the Dry Ash Staging Area was adjacent to and south of the current Material Storage Runoff and Metal Cleaning Water Basins.

The Waste Disposal Area was constructed in the vicinity of the footprint of the present day Gypsum Storage Area for Units 14 and 15. The impoundment covered an area of approximately 50 acres. The embankment was constructed to approximately 13 feet above existing grade to an elevation of approximately 681.0. The embankment interior and exterior slopes were constructed at 3H: 1V with compacted fill. Based on information reviewed, a 2.5 foot wide slurry cutoff wall was constructed along the centerline of the embankment which extended from El. 679.0 to the top of existing impervious material. Sargent & Lundy issued drawings in June 1976, which added a new 12 inch deep layer of riprap over an existing slag liner on the interior slope of the Waste Disposal Area embankment. The drawings also called for installation of crushed stone fill in areas of erosion at or near the Waste Disposal Area water surface line. A typical cross section of the WDA is shown on [Figure 4](#). Information reviewed also indicated that an embankment was constructed sometime between 1976 and 1981 which segregated the east leg of the WDA from the remainder of the impoundment. As noted above, the Waste Disposal Area was back-filled in 1982.

The Final Settling Basin (FSB) was constructed in 1976 with fill material (CCFI) to an elevation of 677.0. The embankment crest is approximately 15.5 feet wide and the interior and exterior slopes are constructed to a 3 Horizontal: 1 Vertical (3H: 1V) slope. Based on information reviewed, a 2.5 foot wide slurry cutoff wall was constructed along the centerline of the embankment. The cutoff extends from elevation 672.0 to the top of existing impervious material. In 1982 the overflow weir was raised by approximately 1.5 feet to increase the maximum storage capacity of the impoundment. A typical cross section of the FSB is shown on [Figure 5](#).

The current Waste Disposal Area and the Recycle Settling Basin were constructed in 1982 to a crest elevation of approximately 681.0 with interior and exterior slopes of approximately 3H: 1V. The impoundments share a common divider embankment that runs north to south. Typical cross sections for the Waste Disposal Area and Recycle Settling Basin are shown on [Figure 6](#). The information reviewed indicated that the embankments were constructed on undisturbed existing site soils using compacted fill. Based on information reviewed, an approximate 2.5 foot wide slurry cutoff wall was constructed along the centerline of the embankment extending from El. 679 to the top of the shale bedrock, approximately El. 630. A slurry wall was not constructed in the divider embankment.

The Material Storage Runoff Basin and the Metal Cleaning Water Basin were commissioned in 1982. The embankment crest was constructed to an elevation of 667.0. The embankment interior and exterior slopes were constructed at a 3H: 1V slope with a compacted fill with a 2.5 foot wide slurry cutoff wall along the centerline of the embankment crests based on the information reviewed. The cutoff extends from approximately El. 665 to the top of the existing impervious material (maximum depth of El. 624). The slurry wall was not constructed in the divider embankment between the Material Storage Runoff Basin and the Metal Cleaning Water Basin. The crest was constructed to be approximately 15.5 feet wide where a roadway was located and 12.25 feet wide along the divider embankment. Four inches of topsoil was used to cover the exterior slope, 12 inches of crushed stone on the crest, and 9 inches of crushed stone covering the interior slope. Typical cross sections for the Material Storage Runoff Basin and Metal Cleaning Water Basin are shown on [Figure 7](#).

Based on information reviewed, the Intake Settling Basin was commissioned in 1982. The embankment interior and exterior slopes were designed to be constructed at 3H: 1V. An approximately 2.5 foot wide slurry cutoff was constructed along the centerline of the embankment crest, and extends from El. 673.0 to the top of existing impermeable material, which is present between approximate El. 627 and El. 603 (top of gray silty clay and top of shale respectively). A typical cross section of the Intake Settling Basin is shown on [Figure 8](#).

The Yard Drain Stormwater Retention Pond (Retention Pond) was commissioned in 1999 to capture general site runoff. The Retention Pond is approximately 1 acre in size, is incised, and is lined with cast-in-place concrete. The cast-in-place concrete

lining in the interior face of the impoundment was designed to be sloped at approximately 10H: 1V. Finished grade around the exterior of impoundment is at approximate El. 665.0. Details regarding concrete thickness, reinforcing size and spacing and properties of materials used in the construction of the Retention Pond were not available at the time of the assessment

The FGD Landfill Stormwater Runoff Pond (FGD Landfill Runoff Pond) was commissioned in 1983. Plans and details from the construction of the FGD Landfill Runoff Pond were not available at the time of the assessment. NIPSCO personnel indicate that the storage capacity of the impoundment had not been expanded since it was placed in service.

### 1.4.2 Current CCW Impoundment Configuration

The impoundments at the R.M. Schahfer Generating Station currently are used as settling ponds for CCW waste and other plant wastes. CCW sluiced into the impoundments include:

- Bottom ash;
- Fly ash;
- Boiler slag;
- Boiler, condenser, air pre-heater, and cooling cleaning wastes;
- Flue gas emission control residuals; and
- Boiler blowdown.

Other plant wastes sluiced into the ash ponds include liquids from:

- Recirculating cooling tower blowdown;
- Demineralizer regenerant wastes;
- Flue gas desulfurization (FGD) system blowdown;
- Miscellaneous FGD wastes;
- Boiler room sump effluent;
- Stormwater runoff;
- Water treatment wastes. and
- Metal cleaning wastes

Ten CCW Units were included as part of the visual assessment at the R.M. Schahfer Generating Station. They include the: Final Settling Basin, Intake Settling Basin, Retention Pond, FGD Landfill Runoff, Gypsum Storage (Units 14 & 15) A, Gypsum Storage (Units 14 & 15)B, Material Storage Runoff Basin, Metal Cleaning Water Basin, Waste Disposal Area and Recycle Settling Basin. The approximate crest elevations of the embankments and ash pond areas are shown on [Table 1](#).

**Table 1 - Approximate Ash Pond Low Crest Elevations and Areas**

Ash Pond Name	Approximate Low Crest Elevation	Approximate Ash Pond Area (Acres)
Final Settling Basin	677.0	214
Intake Settling Basin	675.0	30
Retention Pond	Not Applicable	1
FGD Landfill Runoff	663.0	5
Gypsum Storage (Units 14 & 15)A	681.0	45
Gypsum Storage (Units 14 & 15)B	681.0	9.5
Material Storage Runoff Basin	667.0	12
Metal Cleaning Water Basin	667.0	12
Waste Disposal Area	681.0	75
Recycle Settling Basin	681.0	30

The FSB is charged with influent flows from a 4-inch-diameter welded steel pipe (sewage treatment pipe), four 18-inch-diameter welded metal pipes (cooling tower blowdown pipes), and two 30-inch-diameter welded metal pipes (originating from the Material Storage Runoff Basin and Metal Cleaning Water Basin). Water from the FSB is discharged from a Pump Station into the Kankakee River. An 18 foot wide overflow weir, with a crest elevation of approximately El. 674.0 discharges water into a concrete lined channel with an invert at El. 660.0. The channel ties into a drainage ditch which discharges to the Kankakee River. The discharge through the Pump Station of the Final Settling Basin is shown on [Figure 9](#).

The Intake Settling Basin is charged with water pumped from the Kankakee River through a 42-inch-diameter welded steel pipe. The discharge pipe invert is at El. 655.0. Details of the intake structure are shown on [Figure 10](#). Water is discharged through a pump station to the R.M. Schahfer Generating Station which is used as process make-up water. Two (2) 24-inch-diameter Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) overflows are located along the north embankment. The elevation of the overflow pipe inverts was not available at the time of the assessment.

The Retention Pond receives site stormwater inflow from two (2) 12-inch-diameter Corrugated HPDE Pipes with approximate inverts at El. 661.5. The outflow of the pond is controlled through the pump station. No construction records of the Retention Pond's outlet/inlet structures were supplied.

The FGD Landfill Runoff Pond is charged with runoff water from the adjacent landfill. Runoff from the landfill is collected in perimeter ditches that feed by gravity into the FGD Landfill Runoff Pond. Runoff from the landfill enters the pond from the west through a weir constructed in the crest of the earthen embankment. The FGD Landfill Runoff Pond discharges to the Material Storage Runoff Basin through an overflow pipe located along the north embankment. The discharge appears to be controlled with a gate. No construction records of the FGD Landfill Runoff Pond's outlet/inlet structures were supplied.

The Gypsum Storage Areas (Units 14&15) A&B have been filled with CCW and had no visible outlet/inlet structures. Based on information reviewed the outflow for the impoundments was controlled through a pump station along the east embankment, which sluiced water from the impoundments into the Material Storage Runoff Basin and Metal Cleaning Water Basin.

The Material Storage Runoff Basin is charged with coal storage runoff and yard drain effluent including fly ash and gypsum. In-flows are through two (2) 24-inch-diameter CMPs and a 6-inch-diameter welded steel pipe, with inverts of approximately El. 665.4. Water is discharged from the Material Storage Runoff Basin to the Metal Cleaning Water Basin through an open channel which is approximately 8 feet wide by 3 feet deep and is located near the south end of the divider embankment. The Metal Cleaning Water Basin is charged with flow from the Retention Pond and plant sluice pipes carrying demineralizer regenerant waste and air heater wash water.

The Waste Disposal Area is charged with influent flows at the northwest corner of the impoundment by through four (4) 16-inch-diameter and four (4) 10-inch-diameter welded steel pipes, with inverts of approximately El. 680.2. In addition, further sluicing enters the impoundment from one (1) 12-inch-diameter welded steel pipe along the north embankment, just north of the pump station, with an invert at El. 679.1. Water flows from the Waste Disposal Area into the Recycling Settling Basin through a weir located in the east divider embankment. The outlet for the impoundment is two (2) 24-inch-diameter CMP pipes, which discharge into a 5 foot wide, concrete lined channel, in which the pipe invert from interior to exterior slope is EL. 663.8 to El. 662.0 respectively.

The Recycle Settling Basin is charged through water from the Waste Disposal Area, which flows into the Recycling Settling Basin through a weir located on the west embankment (being used as a divider embankment). Stoplogs for the weir are not readily available in case of an emergency. No CCW is directly sluiced into the impoundment, although CCW can enter the impoundment via Waste Disposal Area discharges. The outlet for the impoundment is via a pump station along the east embankment.

### 1.4.3 Other Impoundments

An impoundment labeled, the Coal Pile Runoff Basin is shown on drawings dated 1978. The drawings show the impoundment to be located west of the Waste Disposal Area/Basin, south of Unit 19. However, this impoundment was not present during our site visit. This impoundment was not observed to be present during the assessment.

## 1.5 Previously Identified Safety Issues

Based on our review of the information provided by plant personnel, there have been two identified impoundment-related safety issues at the R.M. Schahfer Generating Station within the last 10 years. A summary of the two safety issues is discussed below.

### 1.5.1 June 2008 Failure

In June 2008 the mechanical failure of a pump led to an overtopping of the east embankment of the Metal Cleaning Waste Basin. Subsequent to the overtopping the embankment breached. NIPSCO Personnel indicated the breach was repaired by their personnel and that discharge from the breach was contained within plant property. Documentation of this failure was not provided for review.

### 1.5.2 March 10, 2009 Failure

On March 10, 2009 the mechanical failure of a pump led to an overtopping of the east embankment of the Metal Cleaning Waste Basin. Subsequent to the overtopping the embankment breached. NIPSCO personnel indicated the breach was repaired by their personnel and that discharge from the breach was contained within plant property. Documentation of this failure was not provided for review.

## 1.6 Site Geology

The R.M. Schahfer Ash Pond Complex is located in the Kankakee River Basin. The Basin lies across the crest of the Kankakee Arch, a major structural feature which separates the Michigan and Illinois Basins. According to the Indiana Geological Survey bedrock is likely comprised of Devonian Aged shale and dolomitic limestones that exhibit other sedimentary features generally ascribed to penesaline or hypersaline depositional regimes and fine-grained sandy dolomite of the Muscatatuck Group. Based on a review of the subsurface information and reports the top of bedrock is present approximately 40 to 70 feet below existing site grades. Soil overburden consists of lacustrine silts and clays interbedded with fine to coarse grained outwash sediments.

## Section 2

# Field Assessment

### 2.1 Visual Observations

CDM performed a visual assessment of the CCW impoundments at the R.M. Schahfer Generating Station. The perimeter embankments of the impoundments total approximately 46,590 feet in length and are up to 17 feet high. The assessments were completed following the general procedures and considerations contained in Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Federal Guidelines for Dam Safety (April 2004) relative to observations concerning settlement, movement, erosion, seepage, leakage, cracking, and deterioration. A Coal Combustion Dam Inspection Checklist and CCW Impoundment Inspection Form, developed by USEPA, were completed on-site for each impoundment during the site visit. Copies of these forms are included in [Appendix A](#). Photograph location plans are shown on [Figures 11a through 11j](#), and photographs are included in [Appendix B](#). Photograph locations were logged using a GPS device. The photograph coordinates are listed in [Appendix C](#).

CDM visited the site on April 26, 2010 and April 27, 2010 to make visual assessments of the impoundments. The weather was generally overcast with daytime high temperatures between 48 and 55 degrees Fahrenheit. The daily total precipitation prior to the site visit is shown in [Table 2](#). The data was recorded at the Valparaiso, Indiana airport, which is approximately eighteen miles north of the R.M. Schahfer Generating Station.

**Table 2 - Approximate Precipitation Prior to Site Visit**

Dates of Site Visits - April 28, 2010 & April 29, 2010		
Day	Date	Precipitation (inches)
Monday	April 19	0
Tuesday	April 20	0
Wednesday	April 21	0
Thursday	April 22	0
Friday	April 23	0.12
Saturday	April 24	0.89
Sunday	April 25	0.27
Monday	April 26	0
Tuesday	April 27	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>Week Prior to Site Visit</b>	<b>1.28</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Month Prior to Site Visit</b>	<b>3.28</b>

## 2.2 Final Settling Basin

An overview of the Final Settling Basin photograph locations is shown on Figure 11a. A private residence is located approximately 200 feet from the north embankment of the Final Settling Basin (Photographs 27, 28, and 29). A breach of the Final Settling Basin north embankment could likely adversely impact this structure and could result in loss of life. The final Settling Basin was impounding water at the time of the assessment with approximately 4 feet of freeboard.

### 2.2.1 Exterior Slope

The exterior slopes appear to be in fair condition. The exterior slopes of the Final Settling Basin are approximately 3H: 1V. Several areas of minor surface erosion, erosion rills, and localized surface failures were observed along the exterior slopes (Photographs 4, 6, 8, 12, 13, 15, 32, and 38). A localized slope failure (approximately 32 feet in length) was observed along the west embankment (Photograph 36). Riprap has been placed on the southwest embankment exterior slope apparently to mitigate areas of erosion (Photograph 8 and 10). Little to no vegetation is growing along the top of the south and west embankment exterior slopes. In these areas stone access road (crest) surfacing has been displaced onto the upper portions of the embankment exterior slope (Photographs 5, 6 and 15).

A surface depression was observed on the southwest embankment exterior slope below the 10-inch-diameter welded metal intake pipe (Photograph 9). A rodent burrow was located on the southwest embankment exterior slope (Photograph 14).

The east embankment was covered with multiple species of grass, which was generally 10 to 16 inches high. Grasses, shrubs, and small trees (up to 3 inches in diameter) were observed near the toe of the west, southwest, and north embankments exterior slopes (Photograph 5, 6, 8, 10, 14, 24, and 26). Several brush piles were observed in the open field at the toe of the slope, south of the Final Settling Basin (Photograph 11). The piles were identified by NIPSCO personnel as debris from previous embankment maintenance.

An area of possible seepage was identified where an unusual amount of localized sedimentation was observed in a perimeter ditch located approximately 150 feet south of the Final Settling Basin's south embankment (Photograph 19). An area of moss was observed on the north embankment exterior slope, which may be indicative of seepage (Photograph 30). The area was dry at the time of the assessment.

### 2.2.2 Crest

The crest appeared to be in good condition (Photographs 7, 17, 20, 22, and 29). The average width of the embankment crest is approximately 16 feet. The crest is surfaced with compacted gravel and serves as an access road around the perimeter of the impoundment. There were no deficiencies observed in this area.

## 2.2.3 Interior Slope

The interior slopes appear to be in fair condition. In general, the embankment's interior slope is armored with riprap (Photograph 3, 7, 16, 21, 23, 34, 35 and 39) and has a slope of approximately 3H: 1V. Riprap has been eroded near the waterline along the majority of the interior slope (Photograph 16 and 39 are typical). Riprap located on the east embankment interior slope has eroded from the top of the slope (Photograph 21).

## 2.2.4 Outlet Structures

Water is discharged from the Final Settling Basin pump station into the Kankakee River. An overflow weir located on the west embankment appears to be in good condition (Photographs 1 and 40). The outlet channel is free of debris. Woody brush (approximately 2-inches in diameter) was growing along and overhanging the channel walls (Photographs 2 and 40).

## 2.3 Intake Settling Basin

An overview of the Intake Settling Basin photograph locations is shown on Figure 11b. The Intake Settling Basin had standing water at the time of the assessment, with approximately 3 feet of freeboard.

### 2.3.1 Exterior Slope

The exterior slope of the Intake Settling Basin appeared to be in poor condition. The exterior slopes were approximately 3H: 1V. Two 24 inch-diameter CMP overflow pipes discharge onto the exterior slope of the north embankment exterior slope. The invert of these pipes projects from the slope face and is approximately 16 inches above the surface of the exterior slope. Riprap has been placed at the discharge outlet and along an erosion rill apparently created by historic discharges from these pipes. The rill varies in depth and width, with a maximum depth of approximately 30 inches and a maximum width of approximately six feet (Photograph 65). An erosion rill was observed on the west embankment exterior slope (Photograph 66). A small rodent burrow was observed on the on the south embankment exterior slope (Photograph 43). The exterior slopes were generally covered with grass, brush, small shrubs, and trees. Grasses were generally 8 to 14 inches high. The maximum diameter of shrubs was approximately 2 inches (Photographs 41, 44, 45, 51, 67 and 74) and the maximum diameter of trees was approximately 12 inches in diameter (Photographs 41, 50, and 58) .

Areas of possible seepage were observed on the east, north, and west embankment exterior slopes (Photographs 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 55, 60, 61, and 71). Standing water was also observed along the toe of the east and north embankment exterior slopes (Photograph 55 and 61). Due to the significant recent rainfall the observed standing water could not be clearly identified as seepage.

### 2.3.2 Crest

The crest appeared to be in good condition (Photographs 53, 58 and 69). The average width of the embankment crest is approximately 15 feet wide. The crest is surfaced with compacted gravel and serves as an access road around the perimeter of the impoundment. Grass is starting to become established along the centerline of the crest (Photographs 53 and 58 are typical).

### 2.3.3 Interior Slope

The embankment interior slopes appear to be in fair condition. The interior slope was approximately 3H: 1V and armored with riprap (Photograph 44, 46, 62, 63, 69, 70, 75, and 76). Sparse vegetation, consisting of grasses, brush, and saplings was observed on all interior slopes near the embankment crest (Photographs 42, 46, 53, 56, 57, 58, 59, 62, 63, 65, 69, 70, and 75). Brush was generally 12 to 36 inches high and the maximum diameter of saplings was approximately 1 inch.

Minor erosion of riprap near the waterline was observed on the north embankment interior slope (Photograph 57). Beaching is defined as the progressive erosion of the interior embankment slope caused by repeated wave action striking the embankment just above the water line, displacing material from the face of the slope and depositing it at a point farther down the slope as the wave recedes, creating a beach.

### 2.3.4 Outlet Structures

The outlets appear to be in fair condition. The normal outflow of the Intake Settling Basin is conducted via the pump station. Two (2) 24-inch-diameter CMP's, located on the north embankment, act as an overflow along (Photographs 63, 64, and 65). Riprap was observed in the exit of one of the outlet pipes (Photograph 63) and sediment was visible inside of the overflow pipes (Photograph 64).

## 2.4 Retention Pond

An overview of the Retention Pond photograph locations is shown on Figure 11c. The Retention Pond is an incised impoundment, lined with cast-in-place concrete. The retention pond had standing water at the time of the assessment with approximately 3 feet of freeboard.

### 2.4.1 Interior Slope

The interior slope of the concrete incised pond appears to be in good condition (Photograph 81 and 82). A surface crack in the concrete was observed at the top of the slope near the pipe inlets (Photograph 79). Construction joints have been sealed with an apparently elastic caulk.

### 2.4.2 Outlet Structure

Outflow from the Retention Pond is through the pump station located on the northeast corner of the pond.

## 2.5 FGD Landfill Runoff Pond

An overview of the FGD Landfill Runoff Pond photograph locations is shown on Figure 11d. The FGD Landfill Runoff Pond had standing water at the time of the assessment with approximately 3 feet of freeboard. Runoff from the landfill enters the pond from the west through a weir constructed in the crest of the earthen embankment (Photograph 89). The weir depression is approximately 60 feet long and 24 to 30 inches deep.

### 2.5.1 Exterior Slope

The exterior slopes of the FGD Landfill Runoff Pond appear to be in fair condition. The exterior slopes were approximately 3H: 1V. The majority of the embankment's exterior slopes could not be observed due to being located outside of a fence beyond the owner's secured property.

### 2.5.2 Crest

The crest appeared to be in fair condition (Photograph 87). The average width of the embankment crest is approximately 15 feet. A localized depression was observed along the north embankment crest (Photograph 87). Uncontrolled grass cover was observed along the centerline between apparent tire ruts and on the ends of the north embankment crest (Photograph 87). The crest is apparently being used as an access road. Uncontrolled grass cover was encountered on the entire east, south, and west embankment crest (Photograph 92 typical). An apparent channel opening in the crest close to water line was observed on the east embankment (Photograph 89).

### 2.5.3 Interior Slope

The interior slopes appear to be in poor condition. The embankments' interior slopes are armored with riprap and have a slope of approximately 3H: 1V. Heavy vegetation is prevalent on all interior slopes (Photographs 84, 88, and 90). Trees, up to 24 inches in diameter, were observed on all of the interior slopes (Photographs 85, 86, 87, 88, 90, 91, and 93). The largest trees were observed on the east embankment interior slope (Photographs 88 and 93). An approximate 12 inch diameter tree was growing on the south embankment exterior slope (Photograph 92).

### 2.5.4 Outlet Structures

The outlet pipe that discharges into a perimeter ditch is located outside of a fence beyond the owner's secured property and could not be observed. An overflow pipe, (12-inch-diameter CMP) is located along the north embankment (Photograph 84). The pipe appears to be in good condition. As reported by NIPSCO personnel, discharges are controlled by a gate/valve located off the owner's secured property beyond the fence.

## 2.6 Gypsum Storage (Units 14&15) A

An overview of the Gypsum Storage (Units 14&15) A photograph locations is shown on Figure 11e. The Gypsum Storage (Units 14&15) A has been back-filled. NIPSCO personnel indicated fill materials consisted of ash and other on-site material. NIPSCO personnel indicated that the unit has not been decommissioned but is presently closed from usage as a disposal facility from an operational standpoint. The pond is currently being used to stockpile gypsum.

### 2.6.1 Exterior Slope

The exterior slopes appear to be in poor condition. The exterior slopes were approximately 3H: 1V. Localized sloughing, scarps and numerous erosion rills were observed on the west and north embankment exterior slopes (Photographs 99, 100, 108, 111, 114, 115, 116, 117, and 118). Localized erosion features were observed on the west embankment exterior slope (Photographs 100 and 101). Up to two feet of embankment material had been eroded in this area. Seepage was also observed at this same location near the toe of the slope (Photograph 101).

Grassy vegetation and brush were observed on the north, east and west embankment exterior slopes. The vegetation was approximately 6 to 12 inches tall. Trees (up to 12 inches in diameter) were observed near the toe of the exterior slopes of the north and west embankments (Photographs 96 and 112). Rodent burrows were observed on the west and north embankment exterior slopes (Photographs 98 and 109). A possible abandoned monitoring well was located on the east embankment exterior slope (Photograph 107).

### 2.6.2 Crest

The crest appeared to be in good condition (Photograph 96, 97, 104, and 112). The crest is surfaced with compacted gravel and serves as an access road around the perimeter of the impoundment. Light vegetation was present along the centerline of the west embankment crest (Photographs 96 and 97).

### 2.6.3 Interior Slope

As discussed, the impoundment had been previously back-filled. The embankment interior slope was not distinguishable. Some standing water was observed within the limits of the pond at the southeastern (Photograph 105) and northwestern (Photograph 113) corners.

### 2.6.4 Outlet Structures

No outlets are currently active at the Gypsum Storage (Units 14&15) A as the pond has been filled in.

## 2.7 Gypsum Storage (Units 14&15) B

An overview of the Gypsum Storage (Units 14&15) B photograph locations is shown on Figure 11f. The Gypsum Storage (Units 14&15) B has been back-filled. NIPSCO personnel indicated fill materials consisted of ash and other on-site material. NIPSCO personnel indicated that the unit has not been decommissioned but is presently closed from usage as a disposal facility from an operational standpoint.

### 2.7.1 Exterior Slope

The areas outside of and adjacent to the west and south embankments have been back-filled to an elevation equal to or higher than the original embankment crests. The visible embankment's (east embankment, areas of north embankment) exterior slopes appear to be in fair condition (Photographs 119 and 120). The exterior slopes of the north and east embankments were generally covered with grassy vegetation. The vegetation was approximately 12 to 24 inches high. Material appeared to have been excavated from a portion of the toe of the north embankment exterior slope, leaving it unprotected against possible erosion (Photograph 122).

### 2.7.2 Crest

The south and west embankment crests have been covered with compacted ash materials in conjunction with the pond closure. The north and east embankment crests appeared to be in good condition (Photograph 120 and 121). Some rutting was observed on the east embankment crest (Photograph 120). The crests appear to consist of compacted ash materials.

### 2.7.3 Interior Slope

The impoundment had been previously back-filled. The embankment interior slope was not distinguishable.

### 2.7.4 Outlet Structures

No outlets are currently active at the Gypsum Storage (Units 14&15) B, as the pond has been filled in.

## 2.8 Material Storage Runoff Basin

An overview of the Material Storage Runoff Basin photograph locations is shown on Figure 11g. The Material Storage Runoff Basin had standing water and ash at the time of the assessment, with approximately 3 feet of freeboard. NIPSCO personnel indicated that the Material Storage Runoff Basin had been compartmentalized into cells through installation of several internal divider embankments to assist in the settlement of solids (Photographs 125, 129, 130, and 133). The divider embankments appear to be constructed of compacted ash.

## 2.8.1 Exterior Slope

The exterior embankments appear to be in poor condition. The exterior slopes are approximately 3H: 1V. Erosion rills were observed on approximately 50 percent of the north embankment exterior slope (Photograph 124). Areas of standing water were observed at the toe of the slope.

The north embankment exterior slope is sparsely vegetated with grass (Photograph 124).

## 2.8.2 Crest

The embankment crest appears to be in fair condition (Photograph 123, 132, 133, and 134). The north, south and west embankment crests are approximately 30 feet wide. The crest of the east embankment, which divides the Material Storage Runoff Basin and the Metal Cleaning Water Basin, is approximately 12 feet wide. The west embankment crest appears to be constructed of ash (Photograph 132). The north, south, and east embankments appear to be constructed of granular soils (Photograph 132, 134, and 136).

## 2.8.3 Interior Slope

The interior slope appears to be in poor condition. The interior slopes were constructed to 3H: 1V, however the north and west embankments interior slopes have eroded to approximately 1H: 1V. Approximately 60% of the north and 100 % of the east embankment interior slopes are armored with riprap (Photographs 123 and 136). When the impoundment was compartmentalized into cells, it appears riprap was not replaced on the interior slopes. Erosion was observed along the north embankment, center cell, the interior slope (Photograph 126). The west embankment interior slope is not armored and light vegetation has started to grow on the slope (Photograph 133).

Heavy vegetation (approximately 60 inches in height) and small trees (approximately 12 to 24 inches in diameter) have grown along the south embankment interior slope (Photograph 135). Some erosion of riprap, near the waterline has occurred in this area.

## 2.8.4 Outlet Structures

Water from the Material Storage Runoff Basin is pumped to the Final Settling Basin. Two 24-inch-diameter CMP's located along the southern embankment, are in good condition (Photograph 135). Water flows into the Metal Cleaning Water Basin through an open channel, located at the southeastern corner of the pond (Photograph 136).

## 2.9 Metal Cleaning Water Basin

An overview of the Metal Cleaning Water Basin photograph locations is shown on Figure 11h. The Metal Cleaning Water Basin had standing water at the time of the assessment with approximately 3 feet of freeboard. The basin is currently used as a secondary settling area for solids from the scrubber process. An open channel exists

between the Material Storage Runoff Basin and the Metal Cleaning Water Basin (Photograph 136).

### **2.9.1 Exterior Slope**

The exterior slopes appear to be in good condition. The exterior slopes were constructed to approximately 3H: 1V. Small saplings (approximately 6 inches in height) sporadically cover the embankment's exterior slopes (Photograph 141 typical).

### **2.9.2 Crest**

The crest appears to be in fair condition (Photograph 137, 138, 139, and 143). The embankment's north, south and east embankment crests are approximately 30 feet wide. The crest of the east embankment, which divides the Material Storage Runoff Basin and the Metal Cleaning Water Basin, is approximately 12 feet wide. Minor rutting was observed along the east embankment crest (Photograph 137). A low area was observed along the southern portion of the east embankment crest (Photograph 139) in the vicinity of the reported breach. It was not apparent if the slurry wall was reconstructed after the breach.

### **2.9.3 Interior Slope**

The interior slopes appear to be in poor condition with a slope of approximately 3H: 1V. Vegetation, including "swamp grass" and saplings (approximately 6 inches in height), were present along the south and east embankment (Photographs 137 and 139). A fresh rodent burrow was encountered along the east embankment interior slope (approximately 2 feet in length, 1 foot deep, Photograph 140).

### **2.9.4 Outlet Structures**

Water is pumped from the Material Cleaning Water Basin to the Final Settling Basin (Photograph 142). In addition, water and ash flow into the Material Storage Runoff Basin for additional detention time and settlement of suspended solids through an open channel weir located at the southeastern corner of the pond (Photograph 136).

## **2.10 Waste Disposal Area**

An overview of the Waste Disposal Area photograph locations is shown on Figure 11i. The Waste Disposal Area had standing water at the time of the assessment, with approximately 18 inches of freeboard.

### **2.10.1 Exterior Slope**

The exterior slope appears to be in fair condition. The exterior slopes were approximately 3H: 1V. Grass cover was prevalent over the exterior slope (Photograph 144, 148, 149, 151, 156, and 158). Small shrubs and trees (up to 12 inches in diameter) were observed along the exterior slope (Photograph 144, 148, and 159) and line the outlet channel located on the west embankment (Photograph 151).

High grass cover made it difficult to observe surface erosion features. However, a low area was encountered on the west embankment exterior slope (Photograph 149). In addition, an area of surface erosion was observed along the west embankment exterior slope (Photograph 158).

### **2.10.2 Crest**

The crest appears to be in good condition (Photograph 154, 155, and 162). The crest is being used as an access road and has a width of approximately 15 feet.

### **2.10.3 Interior Slope**

The embankment interior slopes were in poor condition. The interior slope is approximately 3H: 1V. The interior slope is generally armored (Photograph 161 typical) with rip rap. Vegetation (up to 36 inches in height) has grown through the riprap and lines the interior slope (Photograph 147, 157, 160, and 161). Erosion of the riprap has begun to take place along the east embankment (Photograph 167).

### **2.10.4 Outlet Structures**

The outlet structure for the Waste Disposal Area is in fair condition. The outlet structure consists of two (2) 24-inch-diameter CMP pipes which discharge into a 5 foot wide concrete lined channel (Photographs 150, 151, and 153). Tree branches were obstructing the channel (Photograph 152). An outlet structure constructed to accommodate stop logs was located at the southeast corner of the pond and is used to balance pond levels between the Waste Disposal Area and Recycle Settling Basins (Photograph 163 and 164). Site personnel indicated that they did not know where the stop logs for the outlet structure were located.

## **2.11 Recycle Settling Basin**

An overview of the Recycle Settling Basin photograph locations is shown on Figure 11j. The Recycle Settling Basin had standing water at the time of the assessment, with approximately 1.5 feet of freeboard.

### **2.11.1 Exterior Slope**

The embankment's exterior slopes are in fair condition. The exterior slopes are approximately 3H: 1V. The embankments were generally covered with grass up to 12 inches in height (Photographs 171 and 176). Trees (up to 12 inches diameter) were located near to toe of the south embankment exterior slope (Photograph 170). A tree was also observed near the top of the east embankment exterior slope (Photograph 176).

Numerous erosion features were observed along the south embankment exterior slope (Photograph 169, 173, and 174). Little to no vegetation is growing along the top of the south and west embankment exterior slopes. In these areas stone used for surfacing the access road on the crest has been displaced onto the upper portions of the embankment exterior slope face (Photograph 171, 172). An erosion rill was

observed on the south embankment exterior slope (Photograph 175). A localized slope failure (approximately 80 feet in length) was observed along the east embankment exterior slope (Photograph 176).

### 2.11.2 Crest

The embankment crest appears to be in good condition (Photograph 170, 177, and 178). The crest is approximately 15 feet wide

### 2.11.3 Interior Slope

The interior slopes were in fair condition. The interior slopes are generally armored with riprap (Photograph 179 and 181). The embankment slopes are approximately 3H:1V. Vegetation (up to 36 inches in height) has grown through the riprap and lines approximately 80 percent of the interior slope (Photograph 168 and 179). Erosion of the riprap has begun to take place along the west embankment (Photograph 181).

### 2.11.4 Outlet Structures

The outflow from the Recycle Settling Basin is through a pump station (Photograph 180). An outlet structure constructed to accommodate stop logs was located at the southeast corner of the pond and is used to balance pond levels between the Waste Disposal Area and Recycle Settling Basin (Photograph 163 and 164). Site personnel indicated that they did not know where the stop logs for the outlet structure were located.

## 2.12 Monitoring Instrumentation

The water surface elevations for the Final Settling Basin, the Recycling Settling Basin, and the Intake Settling Basin are monitored and recorded daily by plant personnel. Plots showing water elevations over a period extending from May 4, 2009 to April 26, 2010 are shown on [Figure 12](#), [Figure 13](#), and [Figure 14](#) for the Final Settling Basin, Recycling Settling Basin, and Intake Settling Basin respectively.

The water level variance for the Final Settling Basin is approximately 2.3 feet. The high and low water levels observed during the observation period were El. 674.0 and El. 671.7 respectively. The variance for the Recycle Settling Basin is approximately 6.1 feet. The high and low water levels observed during the observation period were El. 679.0 and El. 672.9 respectively. The variance for the Intake Settling Basin is approximately 1.6 feet. The high and low water levels observed during the observation period were El. 670.5 and El. 668.9 respectively.

Based on information reviewed there are no active piezometers or monitoring wells installed at the R.M. Schahfer Generating Station.

## Section 3

# Data Evaluation

### 3.1 Design Assumptions

CDM was not provided with any of the original NIPSCO design assumptions for the CCW impoundments.

### 3.2 Hydrologic and Hydraulic Design

CDM was not provided with any hydrologic and hydraulic designs and analyses for the impoundments.

CDM performed a preliminary evaluation of the hydraulic capacity of the impoundments to estimate if the ponds are adequately sized to store or pass the design storm event. Based on "General Guidelines for New Dams and Improvements to Existing Dams in Indiana", IDNR (February 2010), the Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) for a 6-hour storm event over a 10 square-mile area in the vicinity of the site is approximately 26.2 inches. IDNR requires low/significant and high hazard structures to pass 50% PMP and 100% PMP, respectively. The drainage area contributing to the ponds at this site is limited to the storage area within the impoundments. Preliminary evaluations indicate that there is enough storage capacity and freeboard in the significant hazard Retention Pond, FGD Landfill Runoff Pond, Material Storage Runoff Basin, Metal Cleaning Water Basin, Waste Disposal Basin and Recycle Settling Basin at the current operating pools to safely store a 50% of the PMP event without being overtopped. Preliminary evaluation of the high hazard Final Settling Basin and Intake Settling Basin indicates that there is enough storage capacity and freeboard at the current operating pool to safely store 100% of the PMP event without being overtopped.

### 3.3 Structural Adequacy and Stability

The IDNR requires new and existing structures to be evaluated under standard design guidelines. Procedures established by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the United States Bureau of Reclamation, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service are generally accepted engineering practice. Minimum required factors of safety outlined by the USACE in EM 1110-2-1902, Table 3-1 and seismic factors of safety by FEMA Federal Guidelines for Dam Safety, Earthquake Analyses and Design of Dams (pgs. 31, 32 and 38, May 2005) are provided in [Table 3](#).

**Table 3 - Minimum Safety Factors Required**

Load Case	Minimum Required Factor of Safety
Steady-State Condition at Normal Pool or Maximum Storage Pool Elevation	1.5
Rapid Drawdown Condition from Normal Pool Elevation	1.2
Maximum Surcharge Pool (Flood) Condition	1.4
Seismic Condition from at Normal Pool Elevation	1.0
Liquefaction	1.3

### 3.3.1 Ash Pond Impoundments

CDM was not provided with any information regarding the structural adequacy and stability of the R.M. Generating Station ash ponds. CDM was not able to perform stability analyses for the embankments because CDM was not provided with any information on the properties of the embankment soils.

### 3.4 Foundation Conditions

Based on our review of the drawings provided it appears that the ponds were not constructed on wet ash or slag since the power facilities were not yet on line when they were constructed. Construction drawings supplied by NIPSCO showed that the embankments were constructed of "C.C.F.I." or "compacted fill," however no further information was provided showing details of these materials. NIPSCO construction drawings show a 26-inch slurry wall, centered on the embankments, extending down to bedrock.

### 3.5 Operations and Maintenance

NIPSCO personnel indicated that there is no written formal operation or maintenance program and there is no formal visual inspection procedure for the CCW impoundments at the R.M. Schahfer Generating Station. Water levels for the Final Settling Basin, Intake Settling Basin, and Recycle Settling Basin are monitored and pond elevations are recorded on a daily basis by plant personnel. NIPSCO personnel indicated water levels are not monitored in the other impoundments. NIPSCO personnel indicated there is no formal vegetation control or maintenance program for the CCW impoundments. They also do not have an emergency action plan which addresses the impoundments.

# Section 4

## Conclusions and Recommendations

### 4.1 Hazard Classification

The R.M. Schahfer Generating Station impoundments currently do not have an IDNR-developed Hazard Potential Classification. Based on the USEPA classification system as presented on page 2 of the USEPA check list (**Appendix A**) and our review of the site and downstream areas, recommended hazard ratings have been assigned to the impoundments as summarized in **Table 4** below:

**Table 4 – Recommended Impoundment Hazard Classification Ratings**

Impoundment	Recommended Hazard Rating	Basis
Final Settling Basin	High Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A breach of embankment will probably adversely affect the Kankahee River, surrounding roadways, residential areas (north of pond), and the owner’s property, and also result in probable loss of life.</li> </ul>
Intake Settling Basin	High Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A breach of embankment will adversely affect the Kankahee River, surrounding roadways, and the Owner’s property; and also result in probable loss of life.</li> </ul>
Retention Pond	Low Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Because the retention pond is incised, there is minimal potential for release into the environment.</li> </ul>
FGD Landfill Runoff Pond	Low Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A breach of the embankment will likely result in low economic and environmental losses.</li> <li>A breach could damage County Route 1400, located approximately 800 feet to the south.</li> <li>A breach will likely not impact the adjacent Final Settling Basin due to the location of the pond (approximately 0.3 miles southeast of the Final Settling Basin).</li> </ul>
Gypsum Storage (Units 14&15) A	Significant Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A breach of embankment, may cause environmental losses and damage to the Owner’s facility.</li> </ul>
Gypsum Storage (Units 14&15) B	Significant Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A breach of embankment may result in environmental losses and damage to the Owner’s facility.</li> </ul>
Material Storage Runoff Basin	Significant Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If breach of embankment occurs, it is likely that both the Material Storage Runoff Basin and Metal Cleaning Water Basin will be drained (open channel located on divider embankment). Economic losses will be principally limited to Owner’s property.</li> </ul>

**Table 4 - Recommended Impoundment Hazard Classification Ratings  
 (continued)**

Impoundment	Recommended Hazard Rating	Basis
Metal Cleaning Water Basin	Significant Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If breach of embankment occurs, it is likely that both the Material Storage Runoff Basin and Metal Cleaning Water Basin will be drained (open channel located on divider embankment). Economic losses will be principally limited to Owner's property.</li> </ul>
Waste Disposal Basin	Significant Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A breach of embankment will adversely affect Kankahee River, surrounding roadways, and the Owner's property.</li> <li>• If breach of embankment occurs, it is likely both the Waste Disposal Area and Recycle Settling Basin will be drained (stoplogs for divider embankment are not readily available in the event of an emergency).</li> </ul>
Recycle Settling Basin	Significant Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A breach of embankment will adversely affect Kankahee River, surrounding roadways, and the Owner's property.</li> <li>• If breach of embankment occurs, it is likely that both the Waste Disposal Area and Recycle Settling Basin will be drained (stoplogs for divider embankment are not readily available in the event of an emergency).</li> </ul>

## 4.2 Acknowledgement of CCW Impoundment Unit Condition

CDM acknowledges that the management units (Final Settling Basin, Intake Settling Basin, Retention Pond, FGD Landfill Runoff Pond, Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A, Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) B, Material Storage Runoff Basin, Metal Cleaning Water Basin, Waste Disposal Basin, Recycle Settling Basin) referenced herein were assessed by Michael L. Schumaker, P.E., William J. Friers, P.E., Kyle R. King, and Michael P. Smith. The Final Settling Basin, Intake Settling Basin, Retention Pond, FGD Landfill Runoff Pond, Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A, Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) B, Material Storage Runoff Basin, Metal Cleaning Water Basin, Waste Disposal Basin, Recycle Settling Basin appeared to be in fair condition based on site observations. However there is a lack of documentation relative to the design and construction of these facilities. It is not known if critical studies or investigations (stability, hydrologic, hydraulic, seismic) have been performed to confirm that potential safety deficiencies do not exist. Therefore, the Final Settling Basin, Intake Settling Basin, Retention Pond, FGD Landfill Runoff Pond, Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A, Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) B, Material Storage Runoff Basin, Metal Cleaning Water Basin, Waste Disposal Basin, and the Recycle Settling Basin are judged to be in **POOR** condition. Additional documentation

and future studies performed to confirm the condition and performance of these impoundments may be sufficient to substantiate an improved condition assessment. An assessment of POOR for these ponds is due to conditions at the time of the assessment and the need for additional studies or investigations to confirm that other potential safety deficiencies do not exist. Observations at the time of the site assessment revealed eroded pond embankments, excessive vegetation, and possible seepage concerns.

As described in the following sections, further studies, maintenance, and monitoring may improve the condition of these impoundments.

### **4.3 Maintaining and Controlling Vegetation Growth**

Large trees and/or uncontrolled vegetation have established themselves along the exterior slopes of the Final Settling Basin, Intake Settling Basin, Gypsum Storage (14&15) A, Metal Cleaning Water Basin, Recycle Settling Basin, and Waste Disposal Area and along the interior slopes of the FGD Landfill Runoff Pond, Material Storage Runoff Basin. Tree roots can concentrate seepage through the embankments, which could lead to internal erosion. Internal erosion would weaken the embankment, reduce stability, and could result in a slope failure and potential release of stored water and ash. In addition, uprooting of trees during storms or other adverse conditions can create voids in the embankment that are then susceptible to erosion. Brush also obscures the embankment surface limiting visual observations, provides a haven for burrowing animals, and retards growth of desirable grass vegetation.

CDM recommends that all trees and brush be cleared from the interior and exterior slopes of all ash pond embankments under the supervision of a Professional Engineer in accordance with the procedures outlined in "FEMA 534 Technical Manual for Dam Owners - Impacts of Plants on Earthen Dams". CDM further recommends that stumps and all roots greater than 1 inch in diameter be removed. Disturbed areas should then be graded to adjacent contours, using compacted structural fill and reseeded with desirable grass vegetation. CDM also recommends that vegetation be cut on a regular basis to ensure that adequate visual observations can be made during scheduled inspections.

Areas of sparse vegetation were observed on the exterior slopes of the Final Settling Basin, Material Storage Runoff Basin, Metal Cleaning Basin and the Recycle Settling Basin. CDM recommends performing reseeding maintenance as required yearly to maintain a good grass cover in these areas.

### **4.4 Erosion Protection and Repair**

Erosion rills, surficial slope failures and subsequent loss of grass cover were observed on multiple embankment slopes as discussed in Section 2. CDM recommends NIPSCO take the following corrective actions:

- Surficial slope failures - Excavate un-compacted and eroded materials and organics (grass, brush, other vegetation) in the slide area to neat lines at the slide limits down to competent undisturbed materials. Place and compact structural fill to restore the embankment slope, grading to adjacent existing contours. The area should be reseeded with desirable grass vegetation.
- Erosion rills - Place and compact structural fill in the rills and grade to adjacent existing contours. Where rills exists on slopes exceeding 25 feet in length, install temporary erosion resistant matting or sod after regrading. If sod is not installed, the area should be reseeded with desirable grass vegetation.

All repairs should be designed by a professional engineer familiar with earthen dam construction.

## 4.5 Seepage

Areas of possible seepage and seepage were observed on embankment slopes of the Final Settling Basin, Intake Settling Basin, and Gypsum Storage (Units 14&15) A, as discussed in Section 2. Regular monitoring is essential to detect and monitor seepage and to prevent failure. Without knowledge of the dam's history, the owner may not be able to determine whether the seepage condition is in a steady or changing state. CDM recommends NIPSCO take the following actions:

- Installation of v-notch weir(s) to facilitate quantifiable seepage volume and flow rate measurements and sample collection.
- Develop a regular surveillance program to monitor areas of seepage and potential seepage to determine the rate, volume, and turbidity of flow emerging from the embankment slopes.
- Develop and execute a geotechnical exploration program which includes test borings and installation of piezometers and other instrumentation to analyze and regularly monitor embankment seepage and stability.

All repairs should be designed by a professional engineer familiar with earthen dam construction.

## 4.6 Animal Control

Evidence of rodent burrows was observed on the south and southwest embankment exterior slope of the Final Settling Basin, the south embankment exterior slope of Intake Settling Basin, and the west embankment exterior slope of the Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A. Although not observed on other embankments, vegetation cover may have hidden additional rodent burrows. CDM recommends NIPSCO accurately document burrows and other areas disturbed by animal activity, remove the burrowing animals, and backfill the burrows with compacted structural fill to protect the integrity of the embankments.

## 4.7 Instrumentation

NIPSCO provided CDM the most recent 12 months of pond level readings for the Final Settling Basin, Intake Settling Basin, and Recycle Settling Pond. No information regarding further instrumentation was available to CDM.

An earth embankment that is safe under current conditions may not be safe in the future if conditions change. Conditions that may change include changes in the phreatic surface, embankment deformation, or changes in seepage patterns. CDM recommends the installation of staff gauges to all outlet structures to monitor the water levels in all active impoundments and routinely monitoring water levels installed as recommended in Section 4.5 of this report.

## 4.8 Impoundment Hydraulic and Stability Analysis

NIPSCO was not able to provide CDM with a hydraulic analysis showing the ability of the ash ponds to safely pass the 50% or 100% PMP event. However, a preliminary evaluation performed by CDM suggests there is enough storage capacity at the current operating pool levels to safely store precipitation. CDM recommends NIPSCO perform a complete study to confirm this opinion and update the study if operating parameters of the ponds change in the future.

CDM was not provided with information regarding stability analyses performed prior to or following construction of the R.M. Schahfer Generating Station's CCW surface impoundments or information regarding properties of the embankment and foundation materials. It is recommended that detailed stability analyses be performed for these embankments utilizing the results of the subsurface program noted Section 4.5 above. The geotechnical investigation should also evaluate the existing soil conditions and engineering characteristics in the embankments and their supporting foundation soils.

Stability analyses should consider all appropriate operating and loading conditions including rapid drawdown if applicable, and a seismic stability and liquefaction analysis of the upstream and downstream embankment slopes and foundation.

## 4.9 Gypsum Storage Closure

Gypsum Storage (Units 14&15) A and B have been back-filled and are inactive. Although they have been backfilled, an undetermined volume of water is likely still held within the embankments and the stored waste as evidenced by the seepage observed on the west embankment of Gypsum Storage (Units 14&15) A. If NIPSCO does not plan to re-activate these impoundments, then CDM recommends that NIPSCO cap and decommission the Gypsum Storage (Units 14&15) A and B impoundments in a manner consistent with Indiana and USEPA regulations. Closure should include a geotechnical evaluation of the long term stability of the embankments. The evaluation should include test borings and piezometers to characterize subsurface conditions for use in the stability analysis.

## 4.10 Inspection Recommendations

Based on the information reviewed by CDM it does not appear that NIPSCO has adequate inspection practices. Currently informal inspections are performed, however they are not documented. CDM recommends that plant personnel be trained in dam inspection techniques. CDM also recommends that they develop detailed inspection documentation procedures to aid in ensuring that they are performing adequate inspections and adequately documenting observations over time. Documentation should include a sketch of relevant features observed, and the documentation should be periodically reviewed to identify if conditions are worsening and/or if significant changes are occurring which could lead to additional maintenance issues or safety concerns.

Inspections should be made following heavy rainfall and/or high water events on the White River, and the occurrence of these events should be documented. It is recommended that inspection records be retained at the facility for a minimum of three years.

## 4.11 Emergency Action Plan

NIPSCO does not have an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for the Final Settling Basin and Intake Settling Basin, judged by CDM to be High Hazard structures. CDM recommends that NIPSCO develop an EAP for the Final Settling Basin and Intake Settling Basin.

## Section 5 Closing

The information presented in this report is based on visual field observations and review of reports and data provided to CDM by NIPSCO for the R.M. Schahfer Generating Station surface impoundments. The conclusions and recommendations presented are based, in part, on limited information available at the time of this report. This report has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted engineering practices. No warranty, expressed or implied, is made. Should additional information become available or changes in field conditions occur, the conclusions and recommendations provided in this report should be re-evaluated by a qualified professional engineer.

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## Section 6

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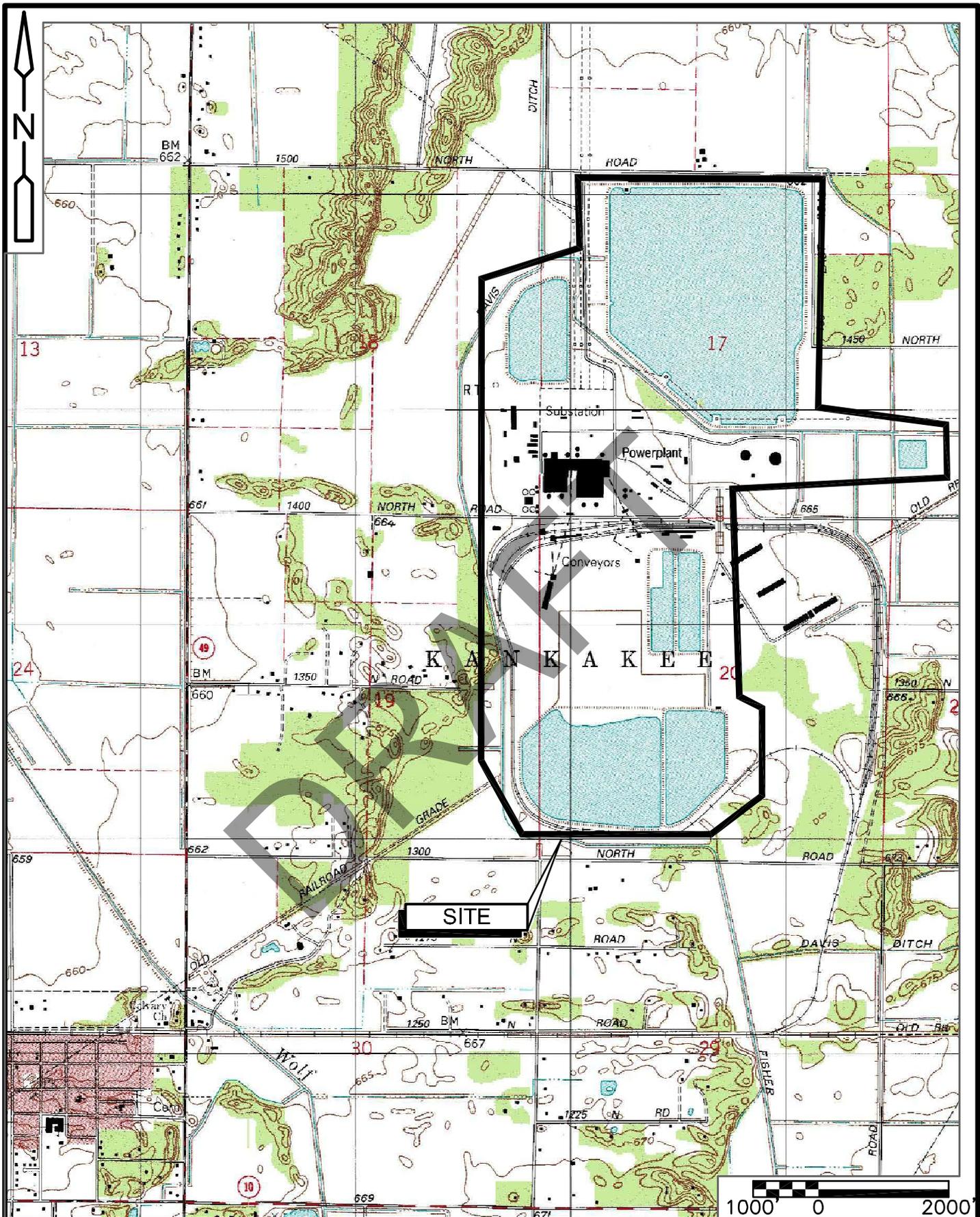
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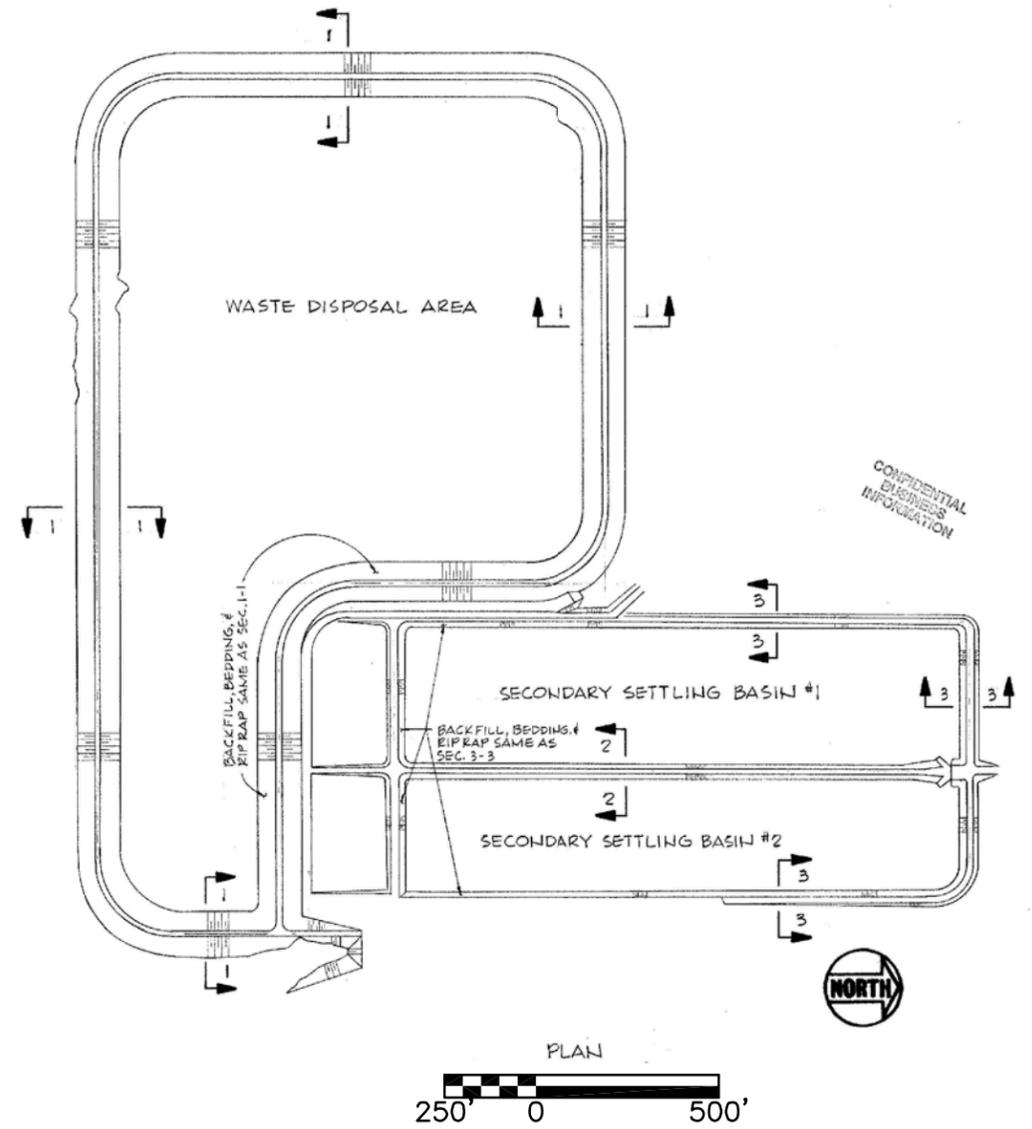
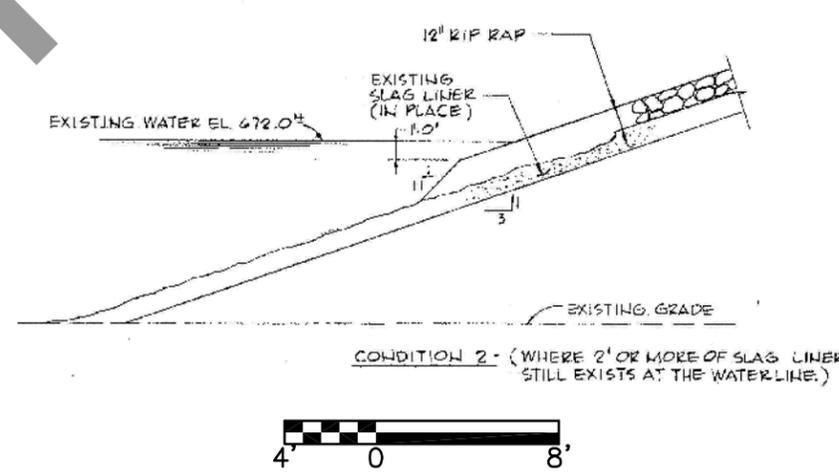
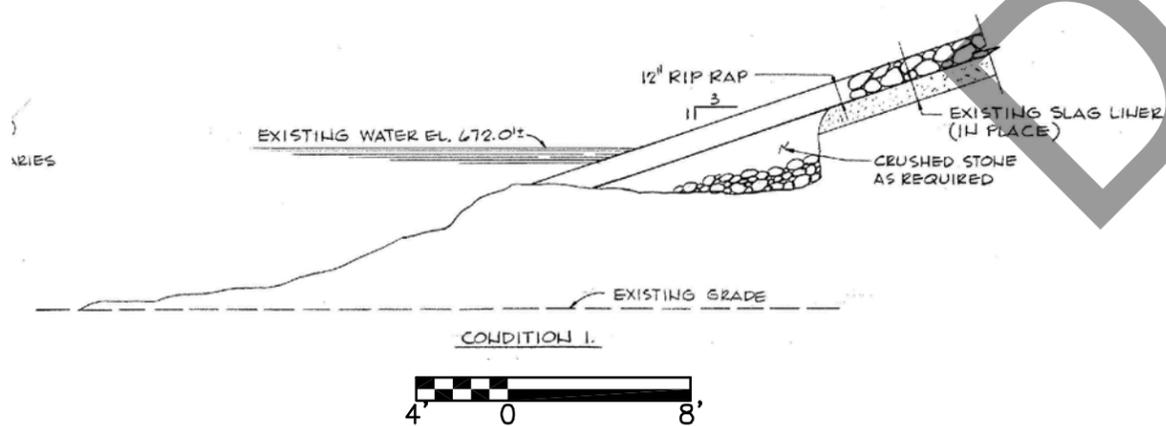
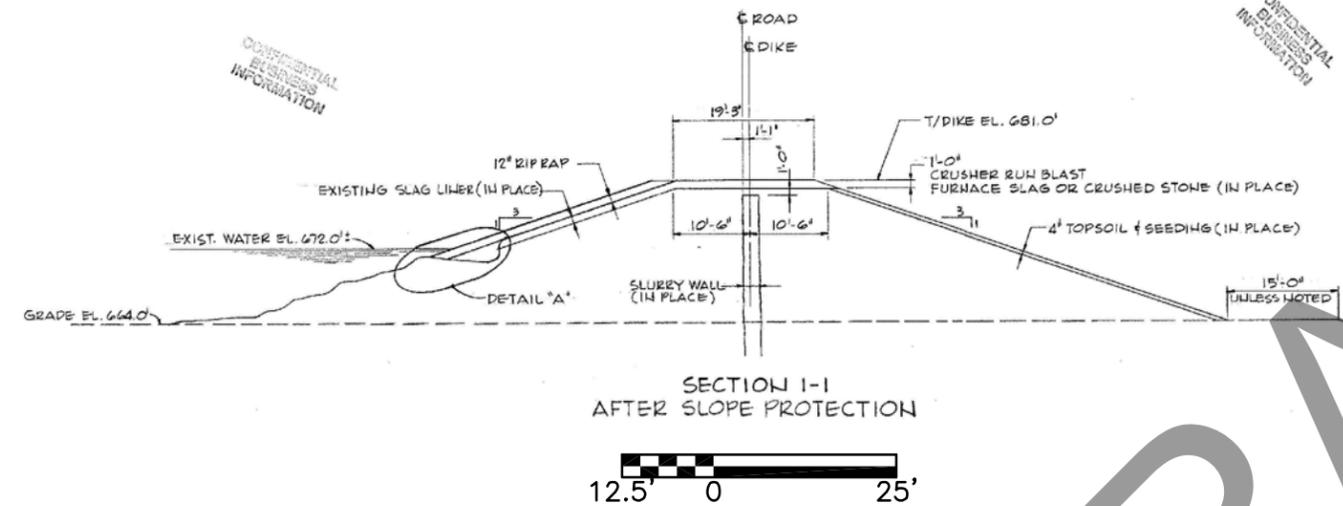
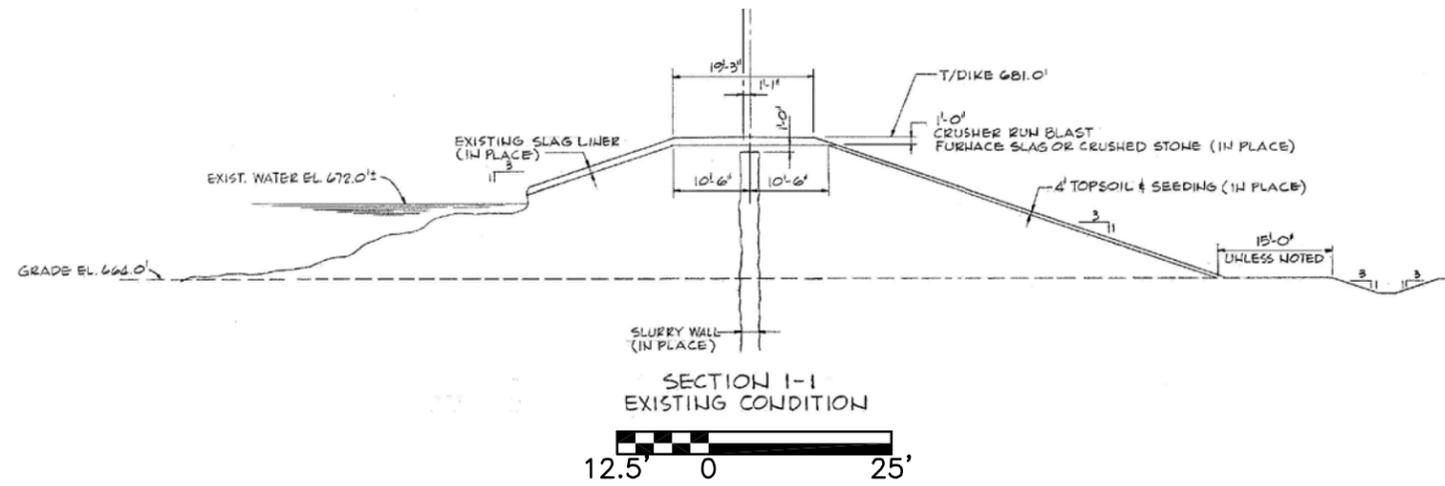
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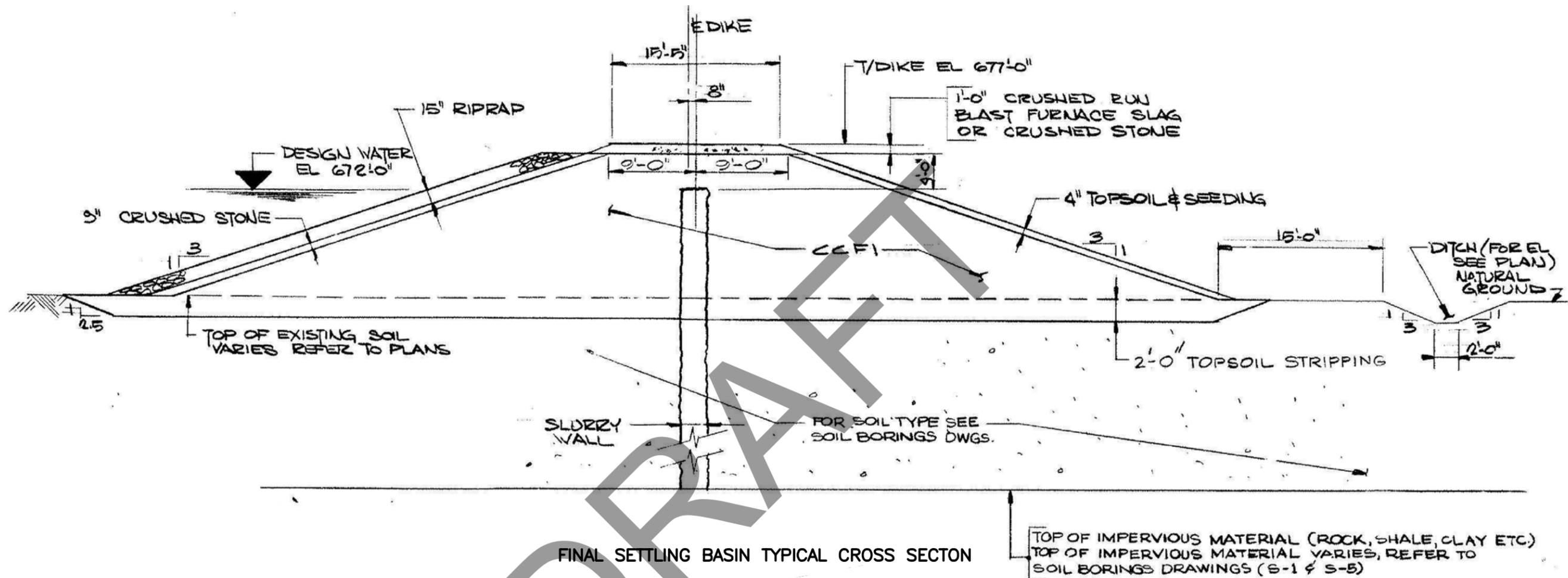
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WASTE DISPOSAL AREA TYPICAL CROSS SECTIONS

FIGURE 4





FINAL SETTLING BASIN TYPICAL CROSS SECTION

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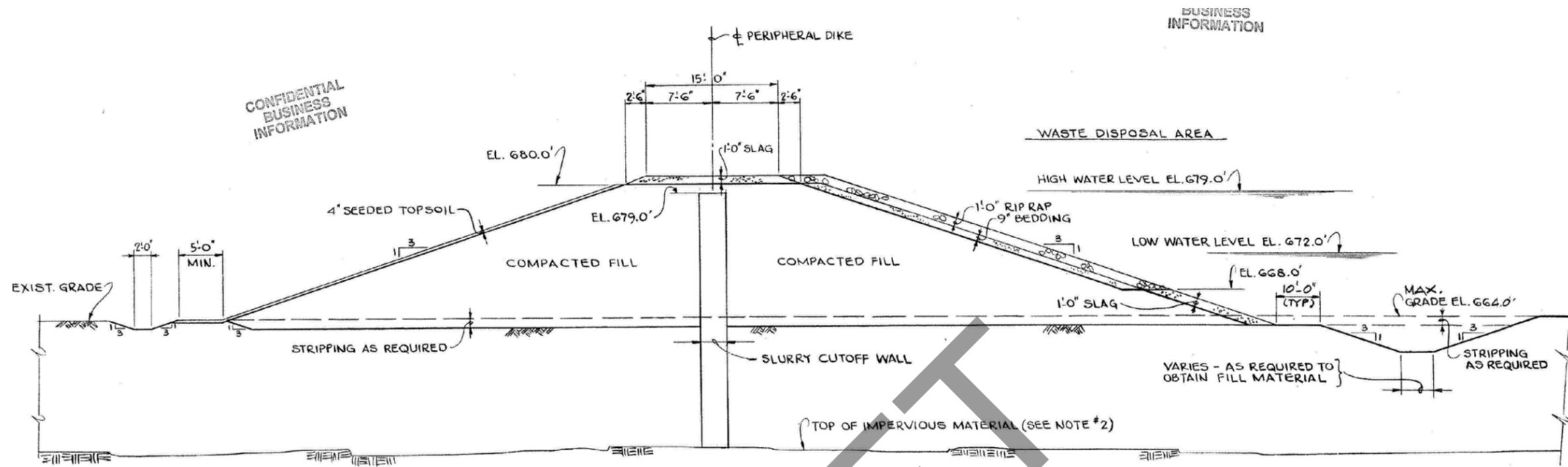


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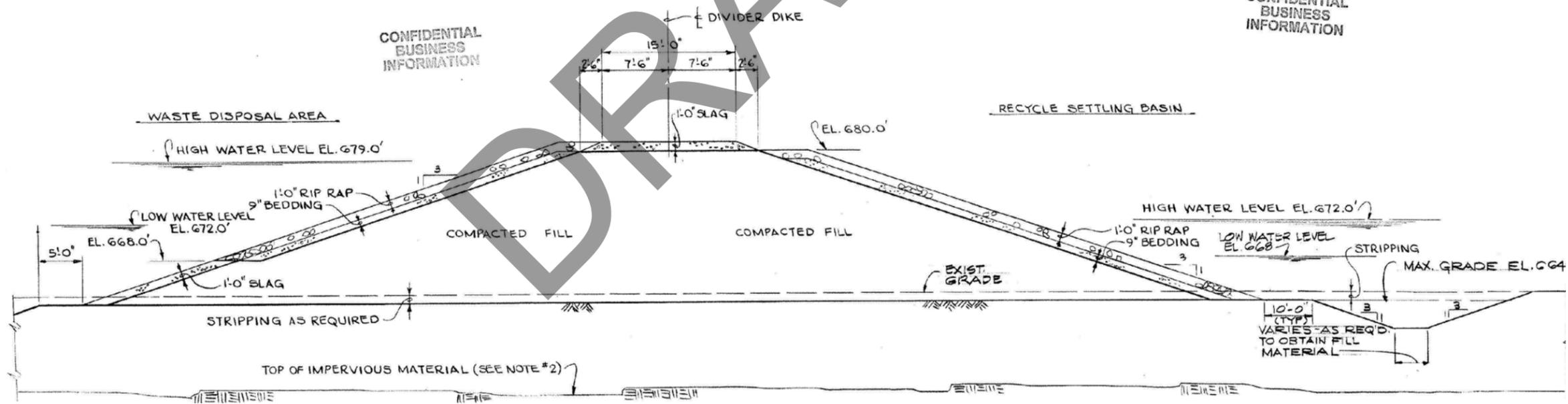
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FIGURE 5





WASTE DISPOSAL AREA AND RECYCLE SETTLING BASIN TYPICAL CROSS SECTION



WASTE DISPOSAL AREA AND RECYCLE SETTLING BASIN DIVIDER EMBANKMENT TYPICAL CROSS SECTION

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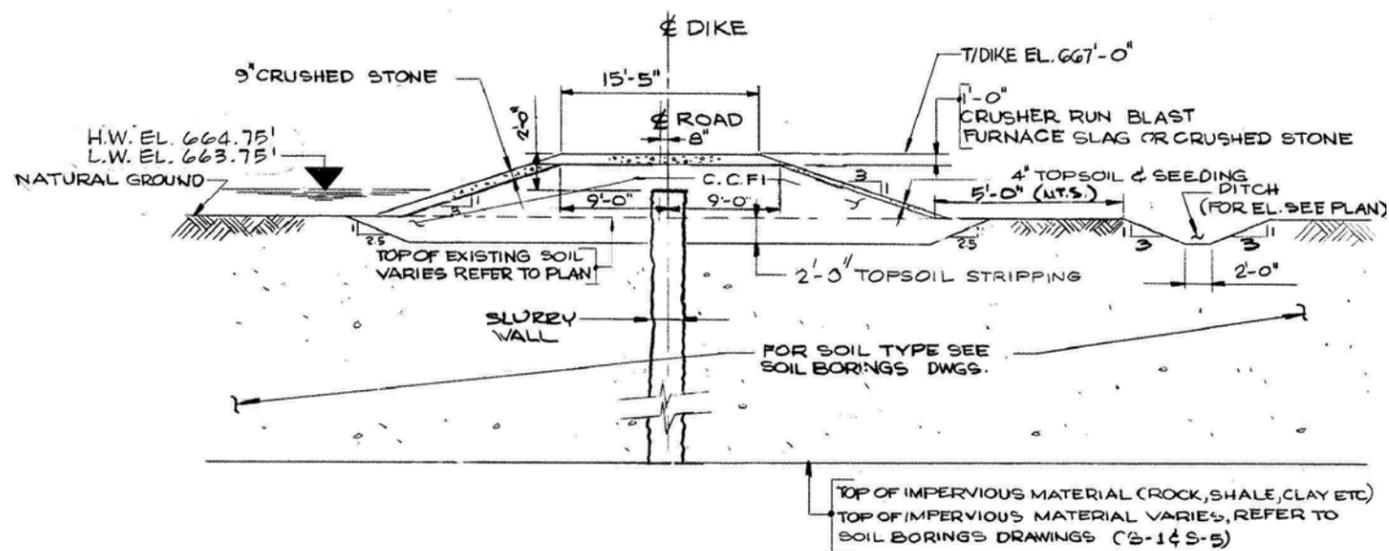


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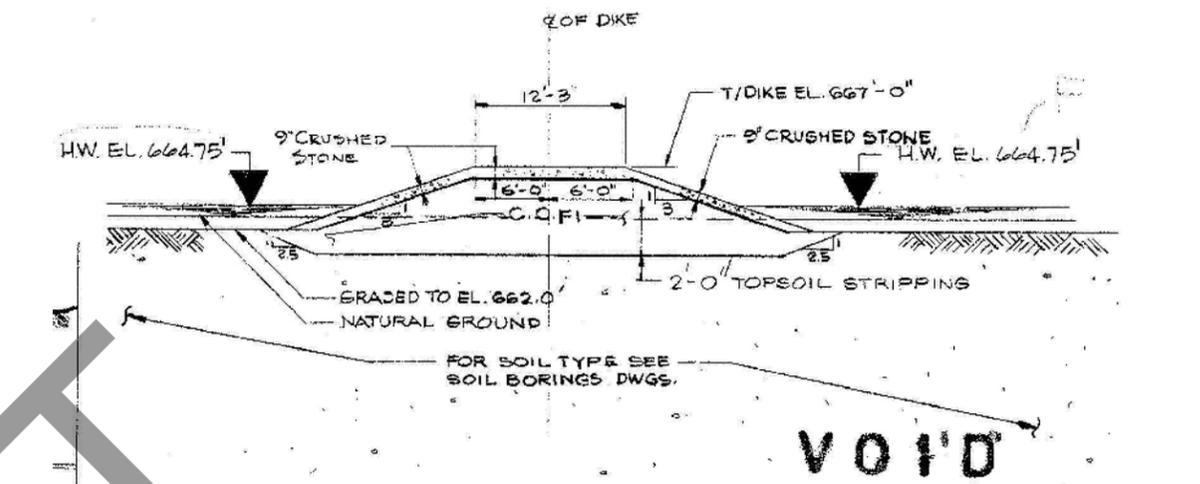
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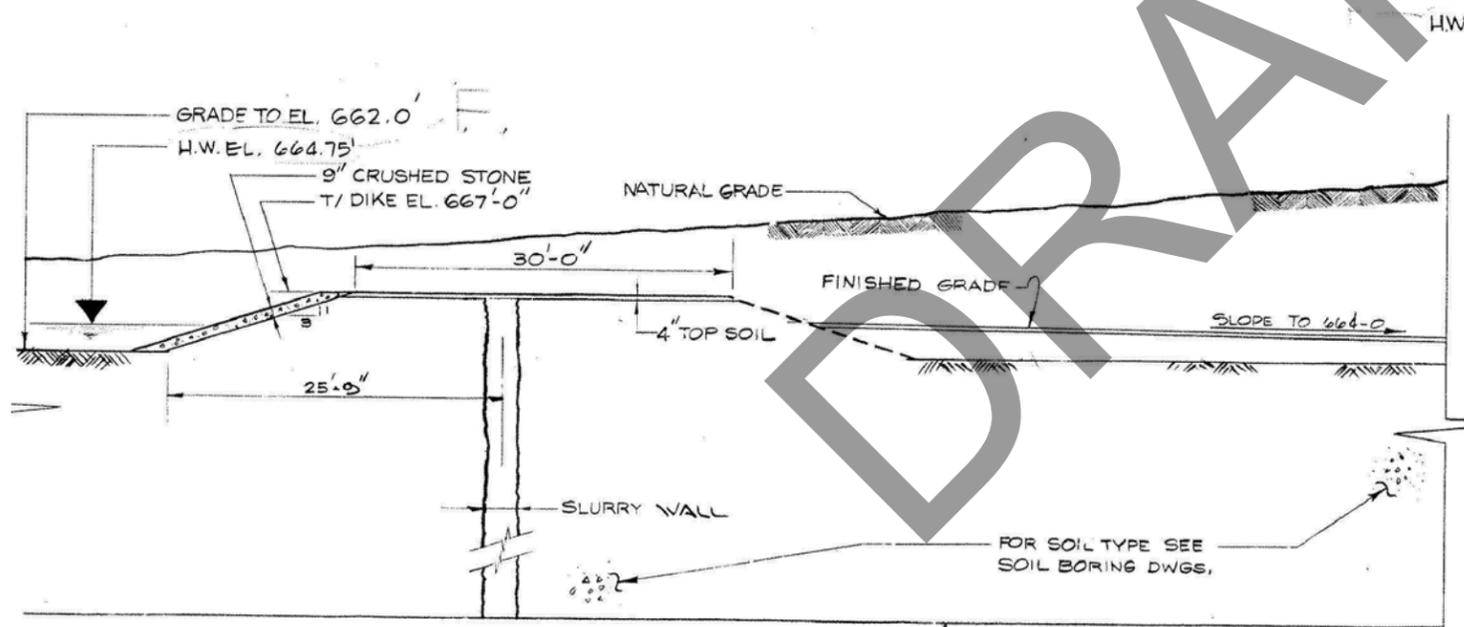
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TYPICAL CROSS SECTION



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EMBANKMENT TYPICAL CROSS SECTION



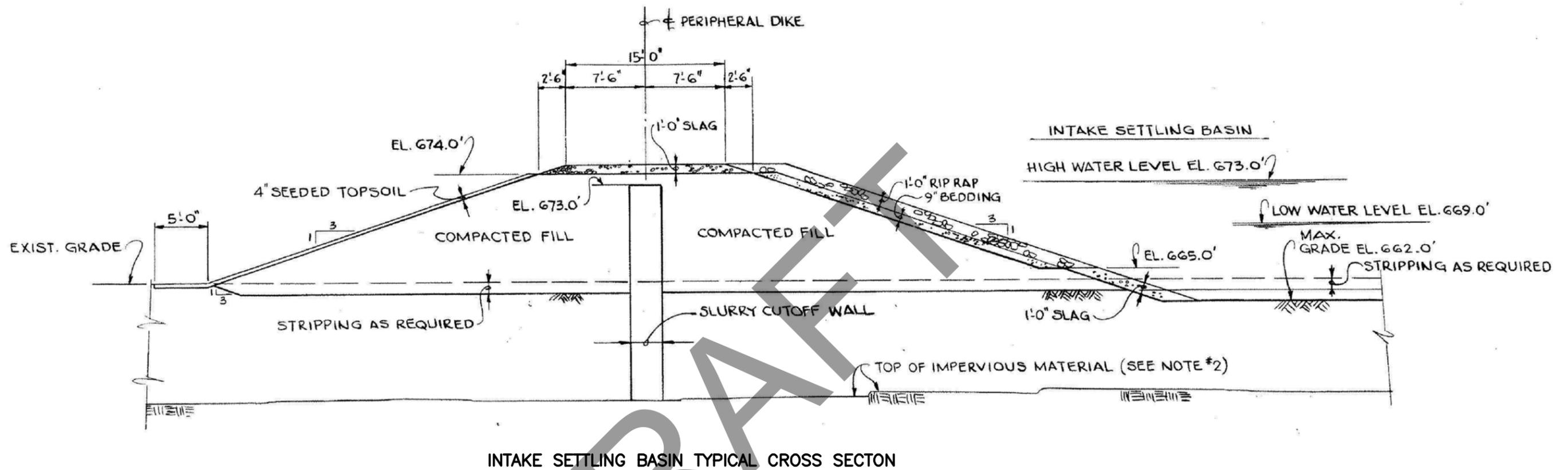
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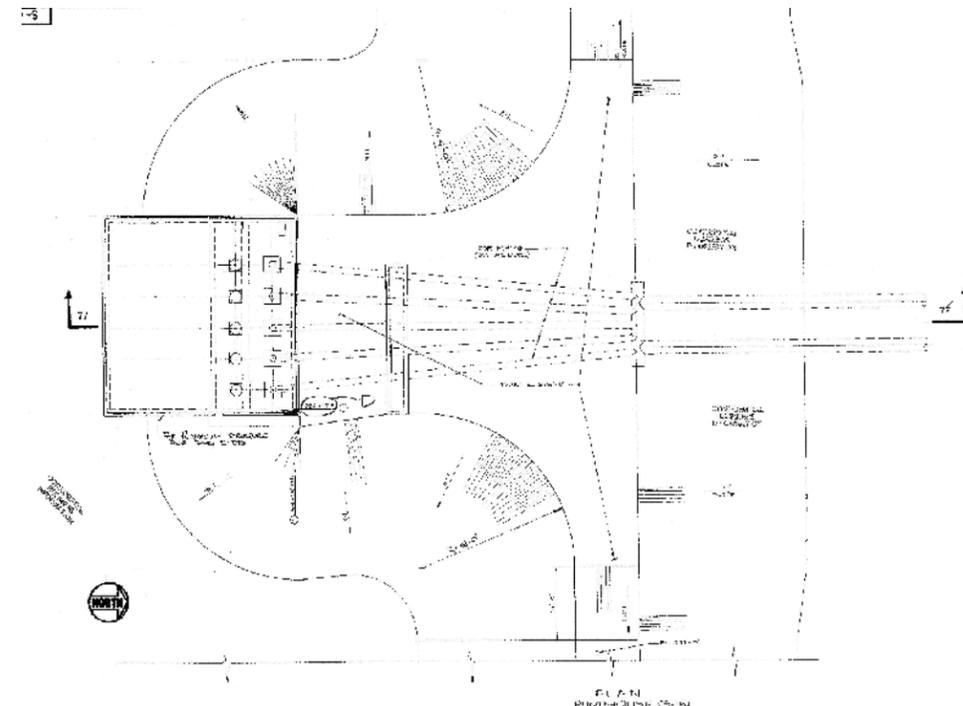
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INTAKE SETTLING BASIN TYPICAL CROSS SECTION  
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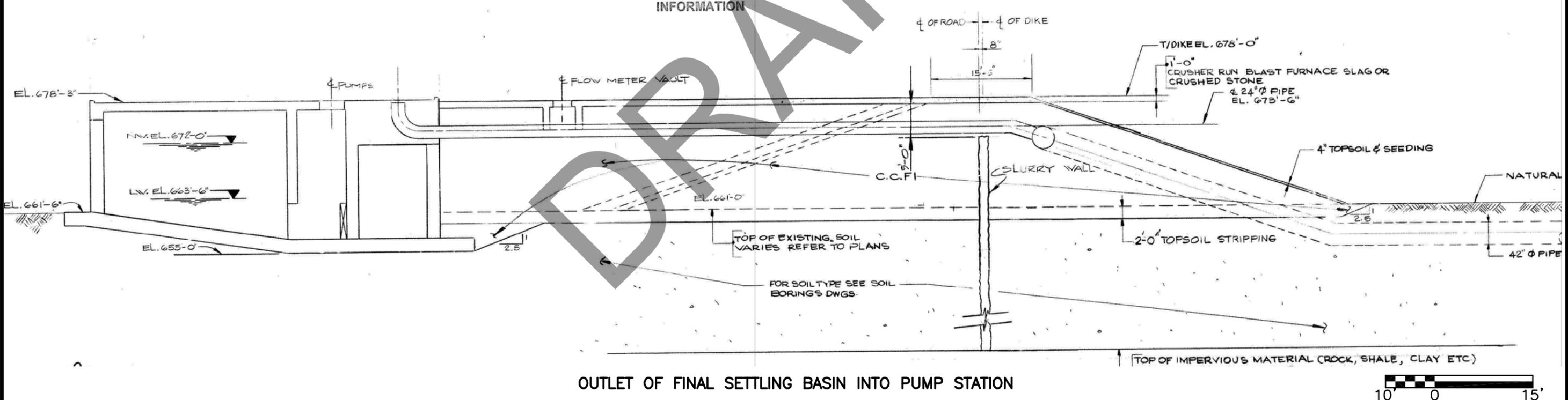
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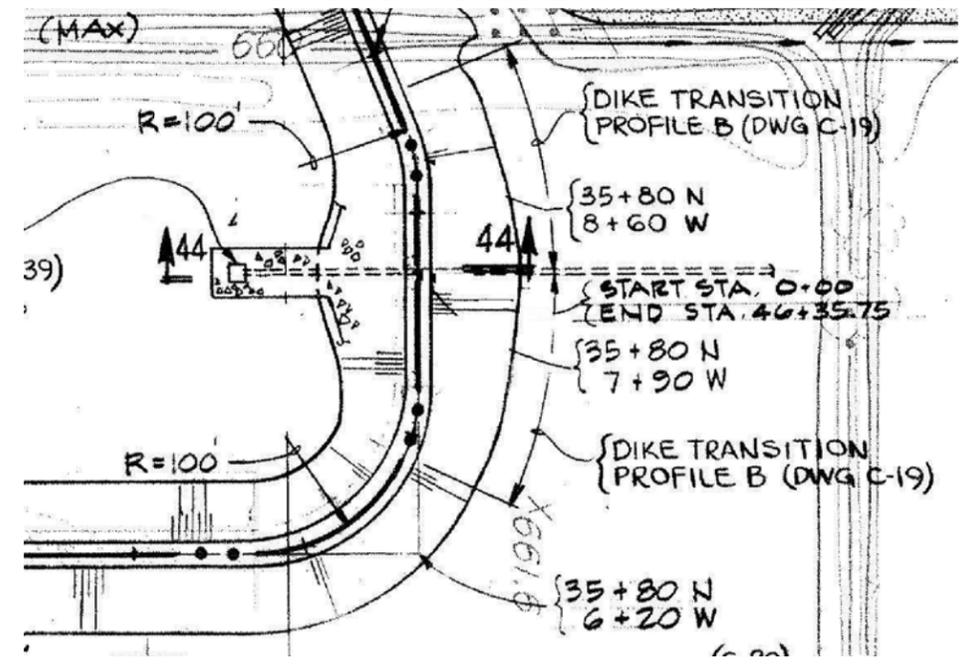
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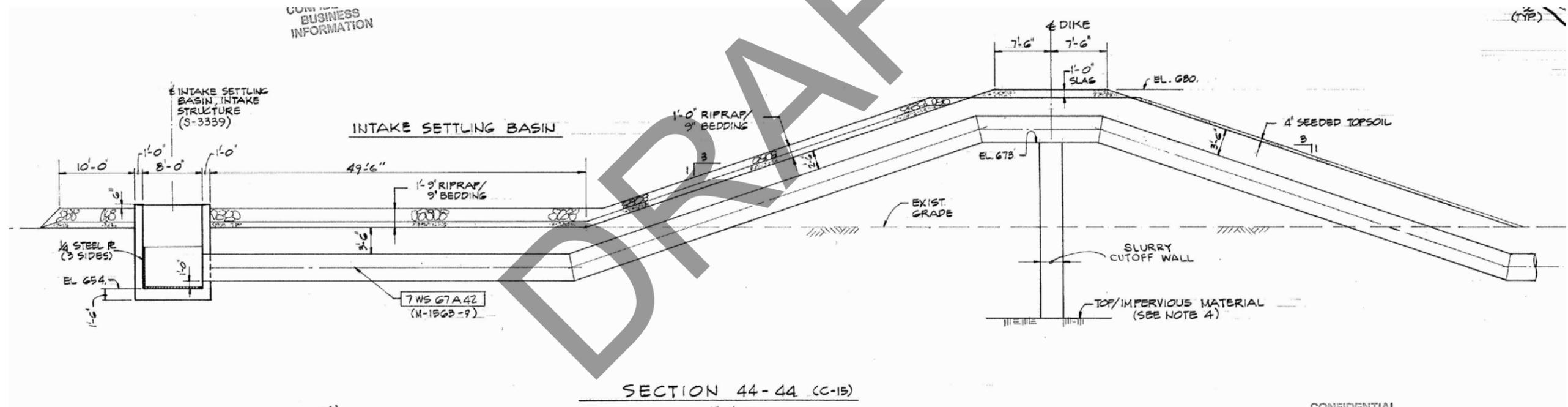


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PLAN VIEW



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INTAKE FROM KANKASHEE RIVER AT INTAKE SETTLING BASIN

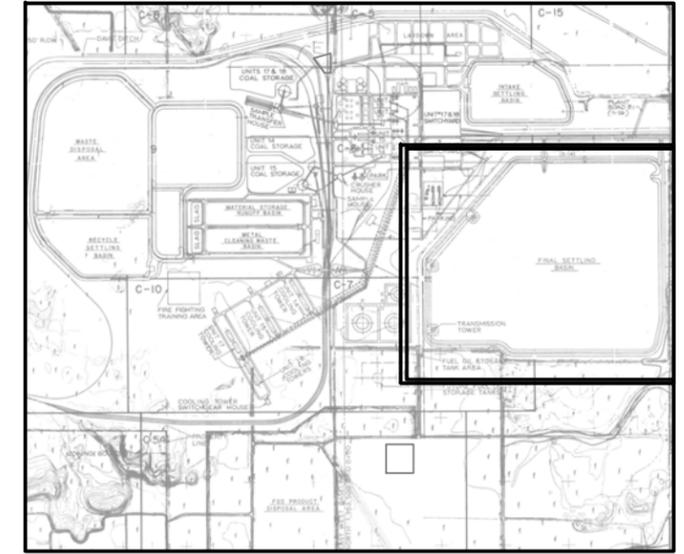
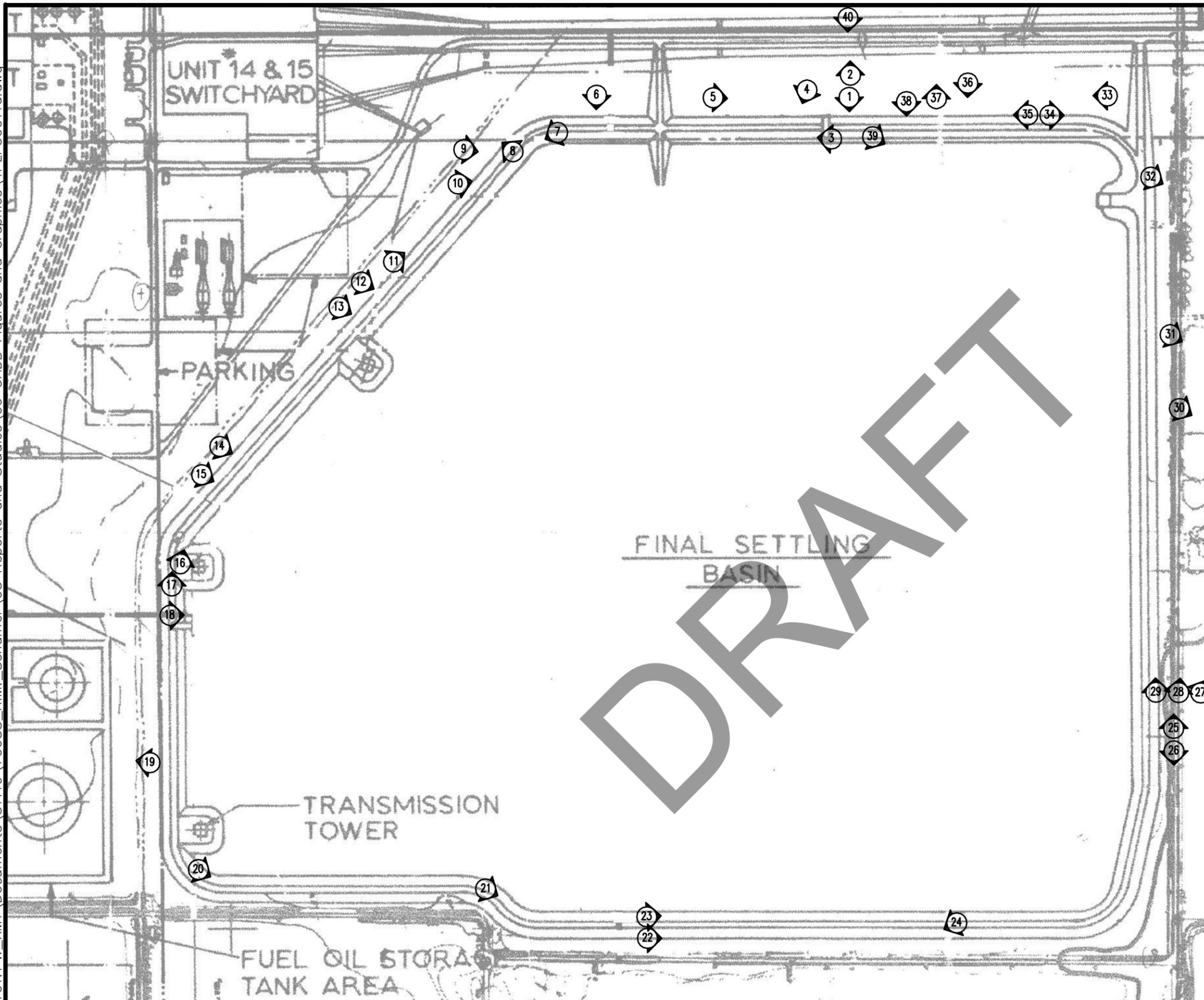


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INTAKE FROM KANKASHEE RIVER AT INTAKE SETTLING BASIN  
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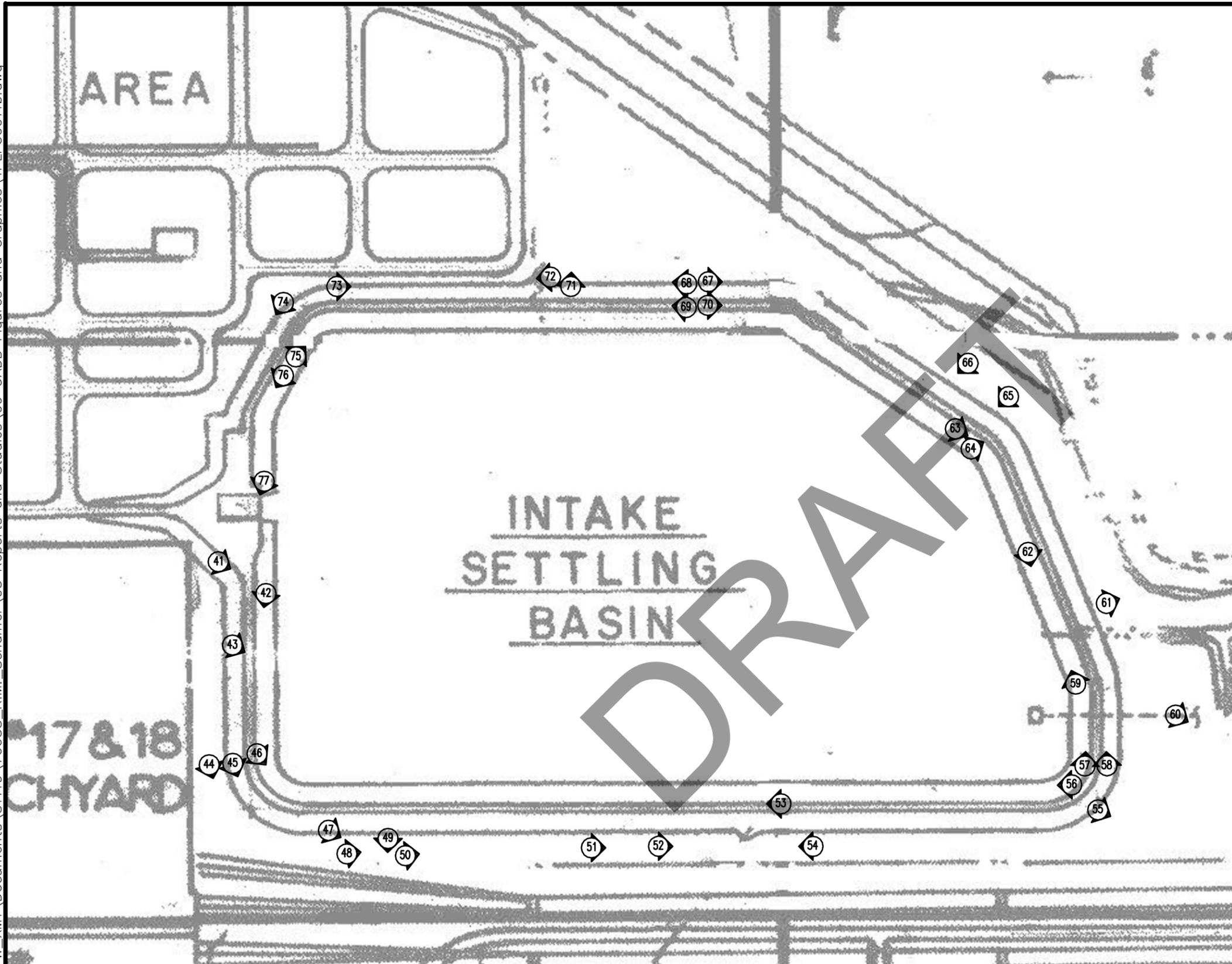
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FINAL SETTLING BASIN PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION PLAN

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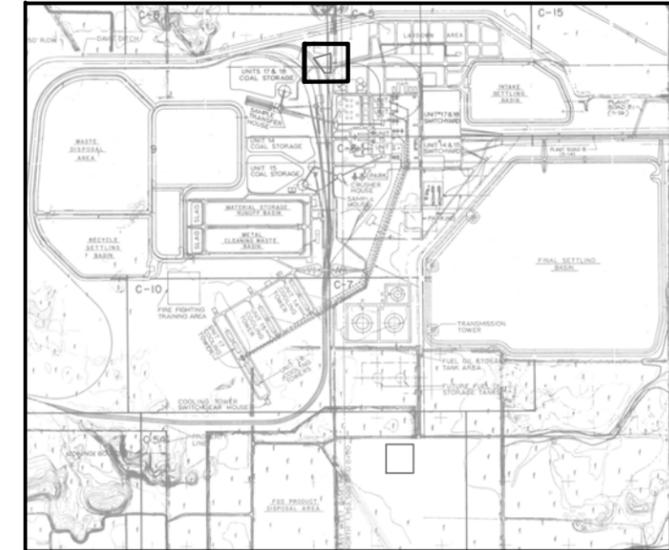
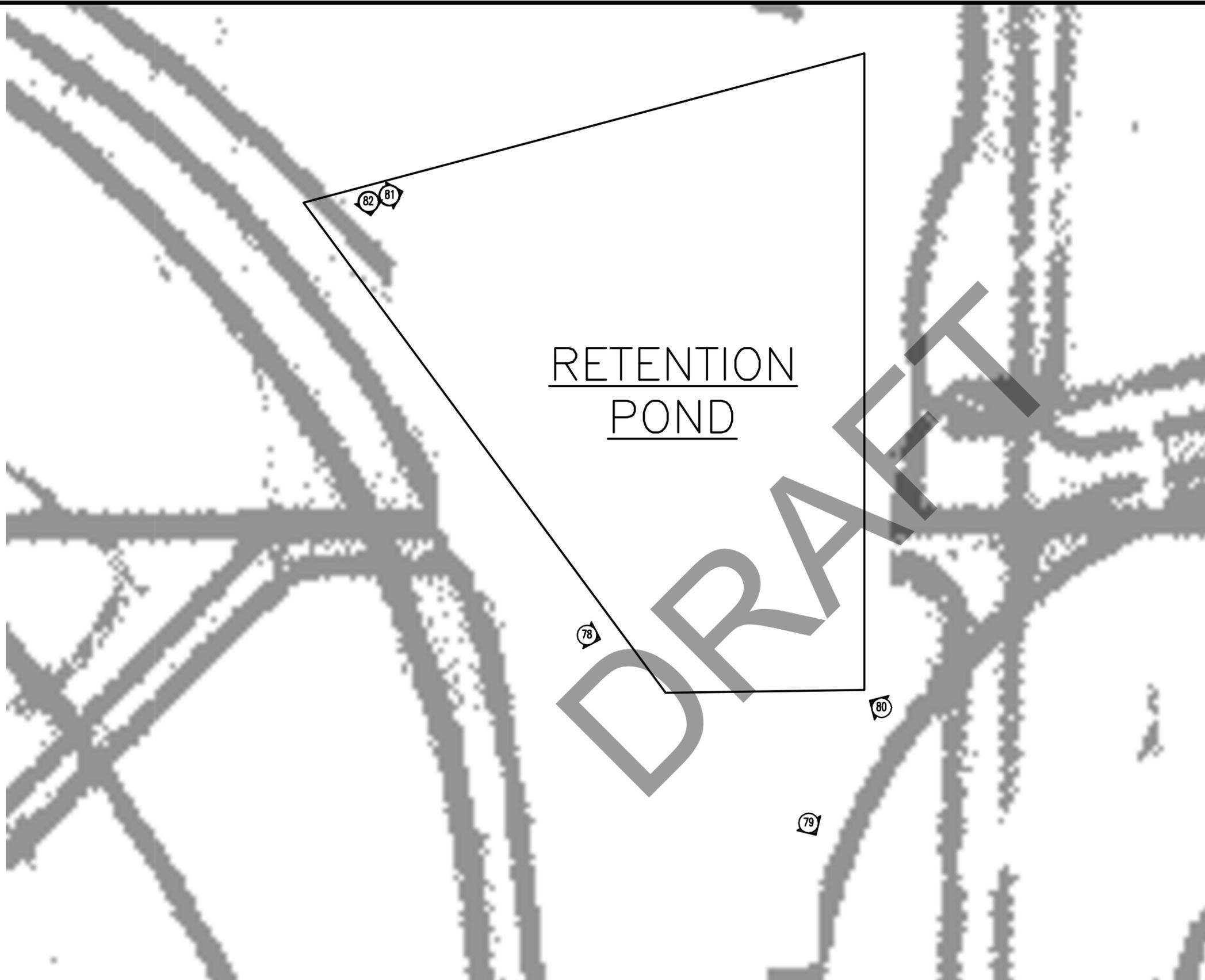


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FIGURE 11b



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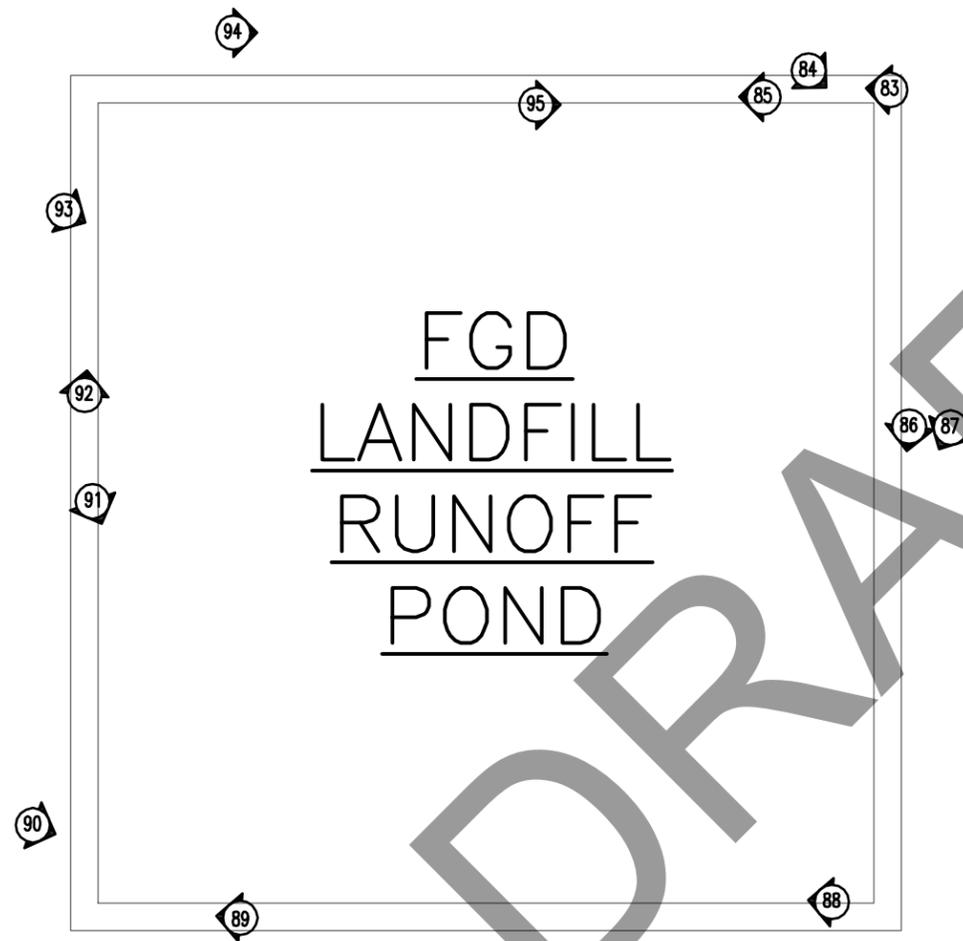
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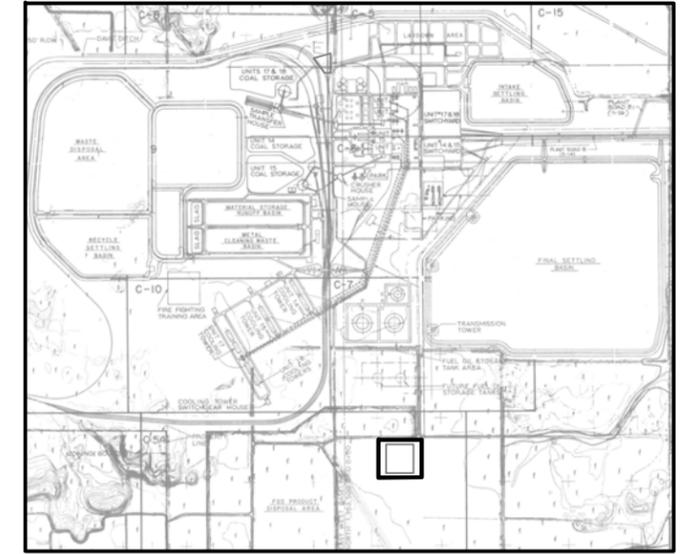
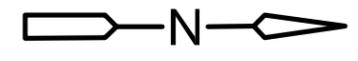
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RETENTION POND PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION PLAN  
FIGURE 11c



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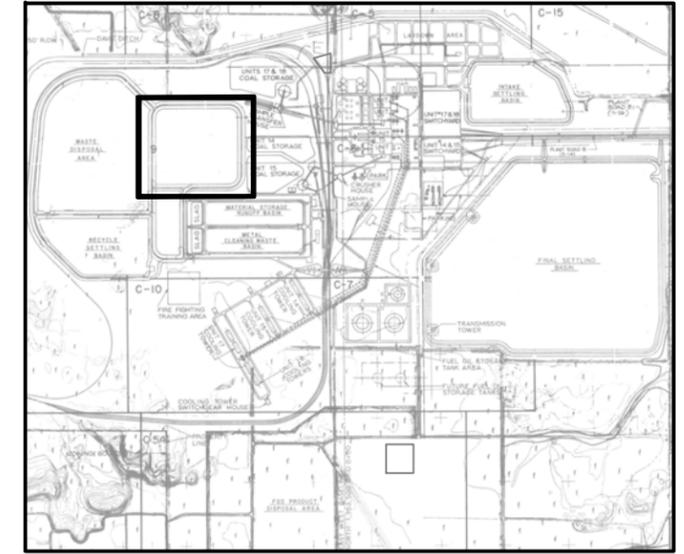
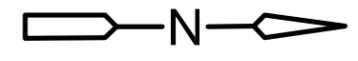
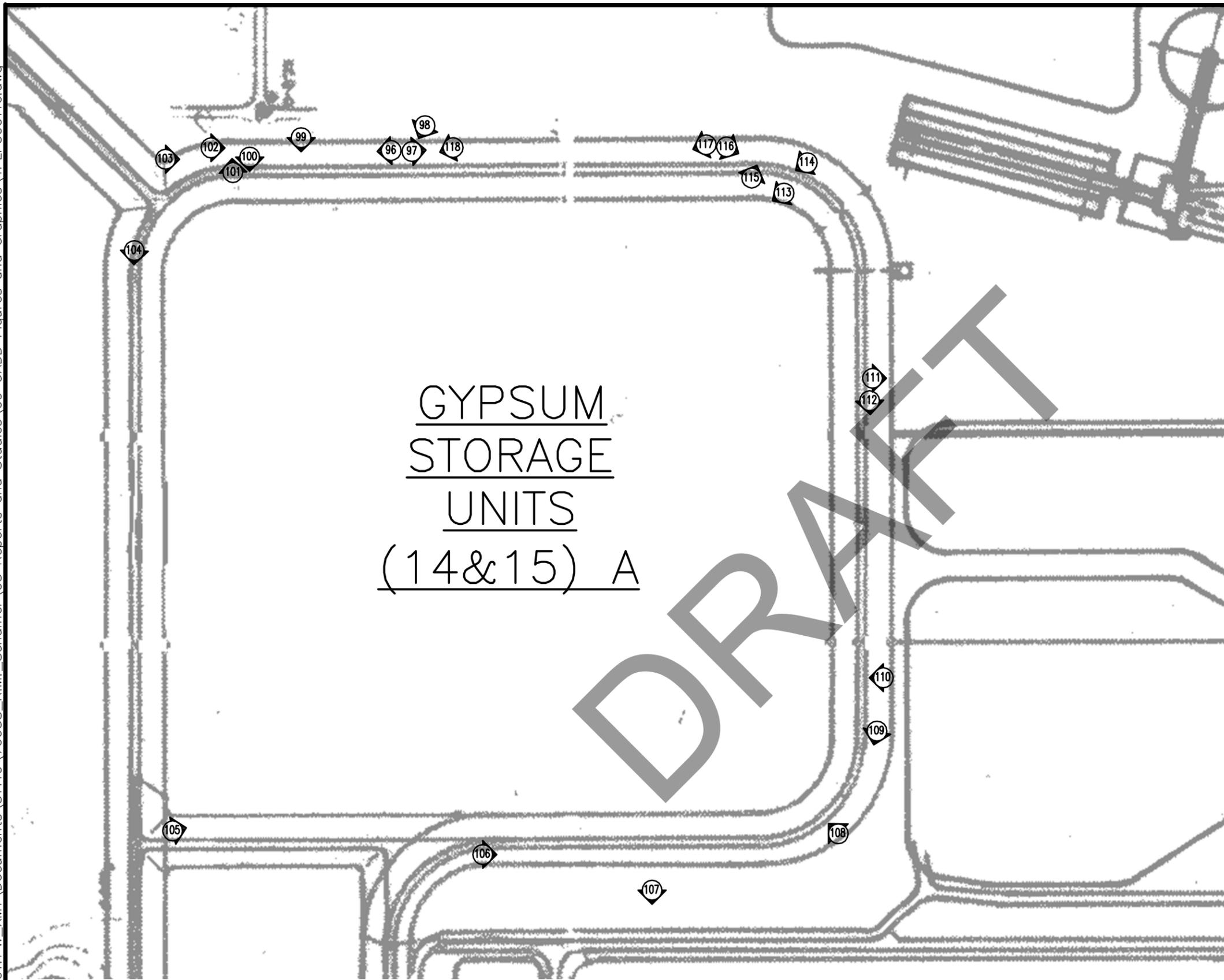


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FGD LANDFILL RUNOFF POND PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION PLAN  
FIGURE 11d



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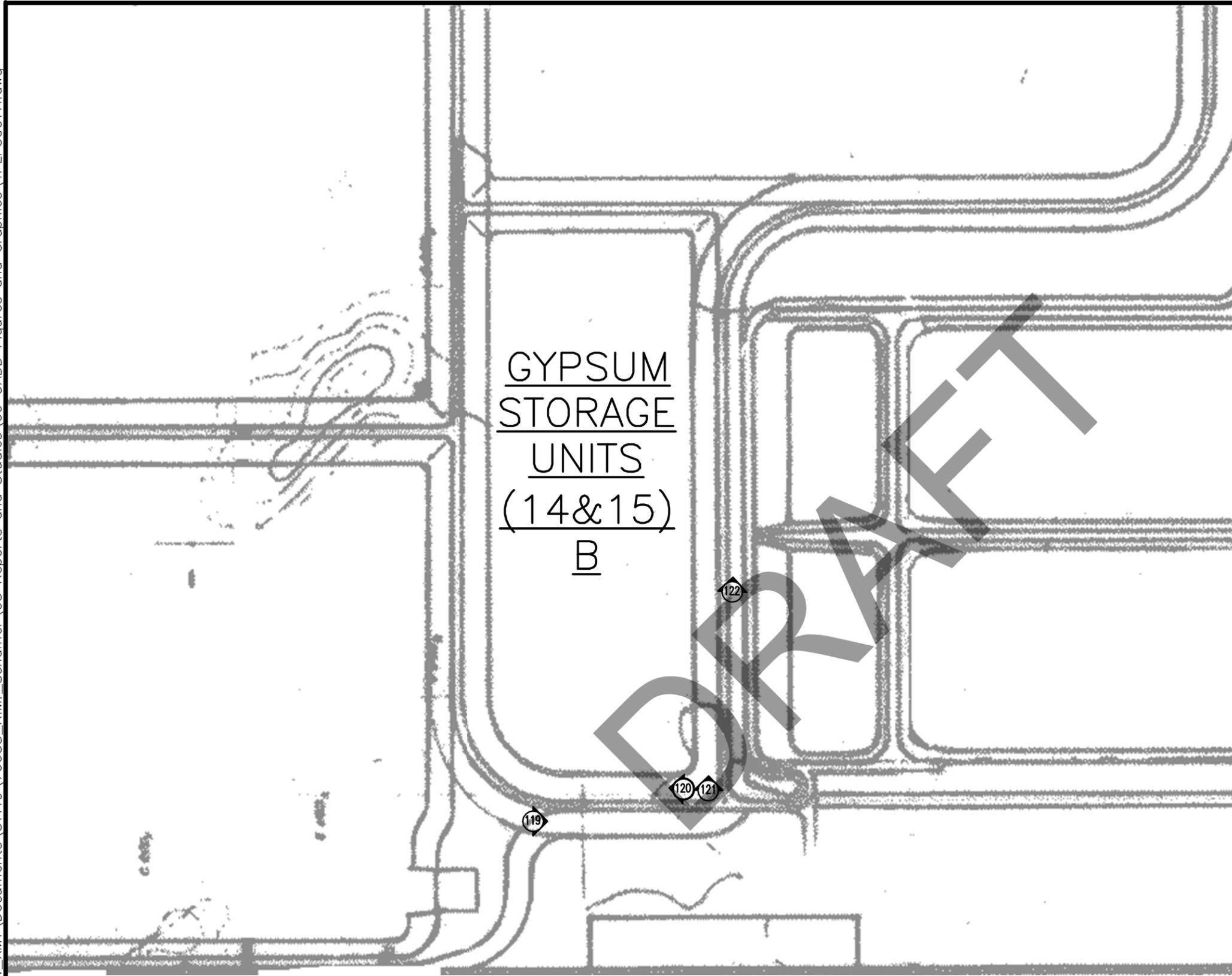
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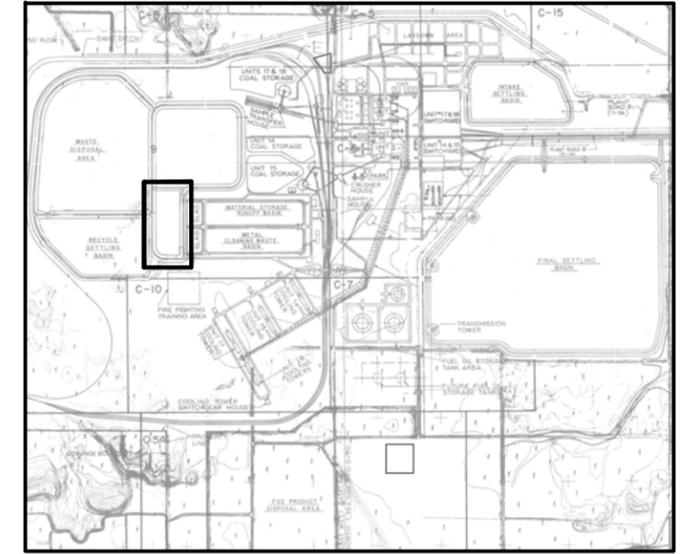


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GYP SUM STORAGE (UNITS 14&15) B PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION PLAN  
 FIGURE 11f



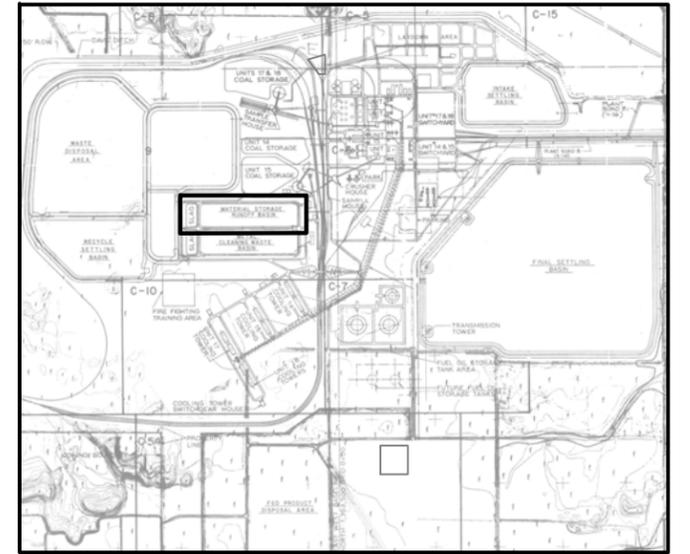
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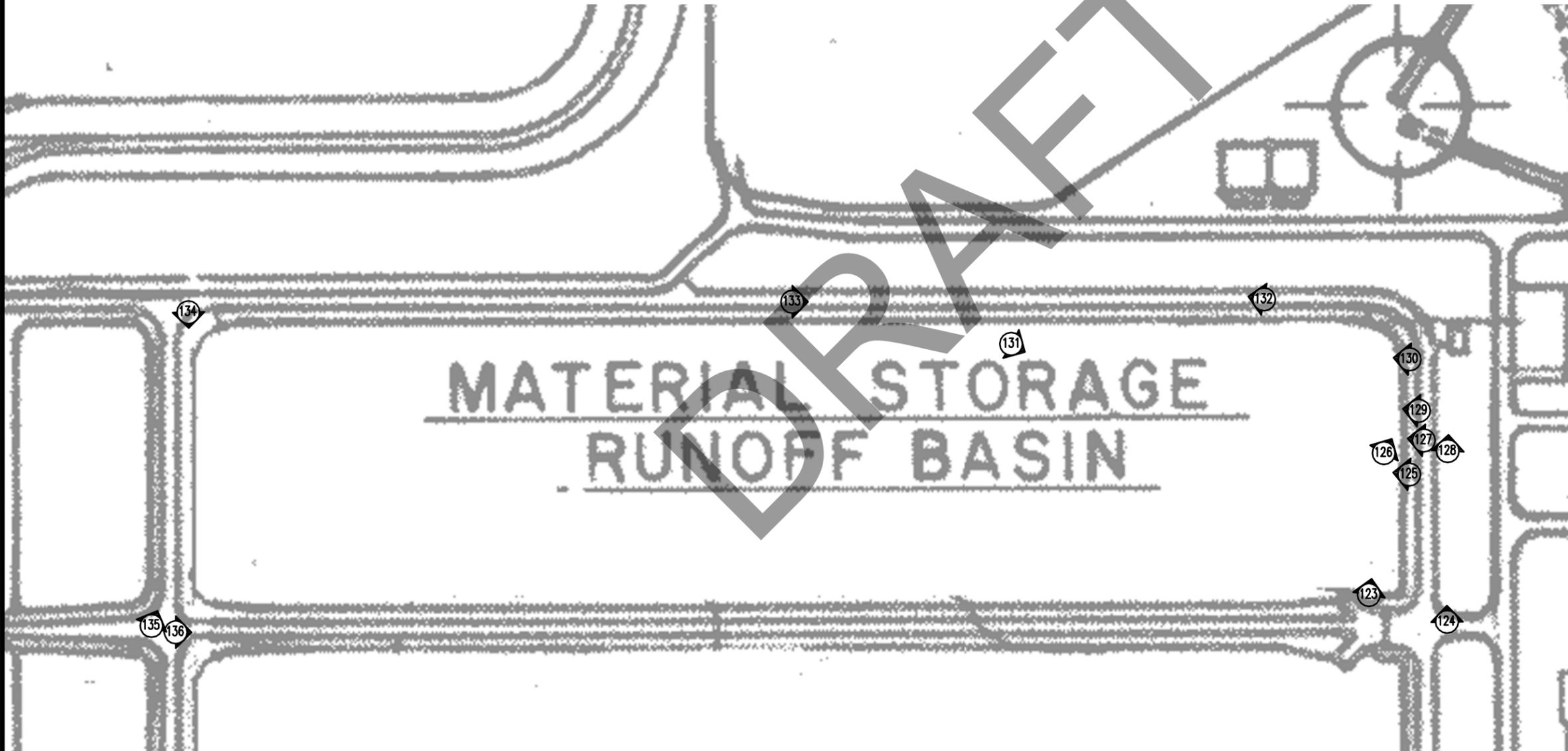
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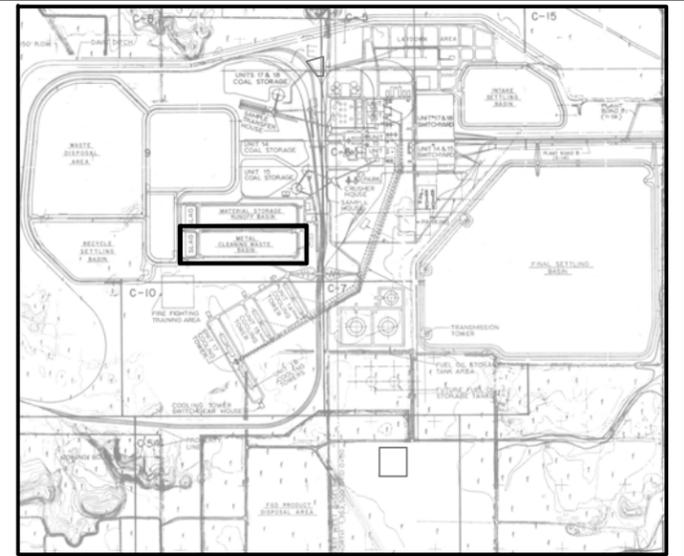
MATERIAL STORAGE RUNOFF BASIN PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION PLAN  
FIGURE 11g

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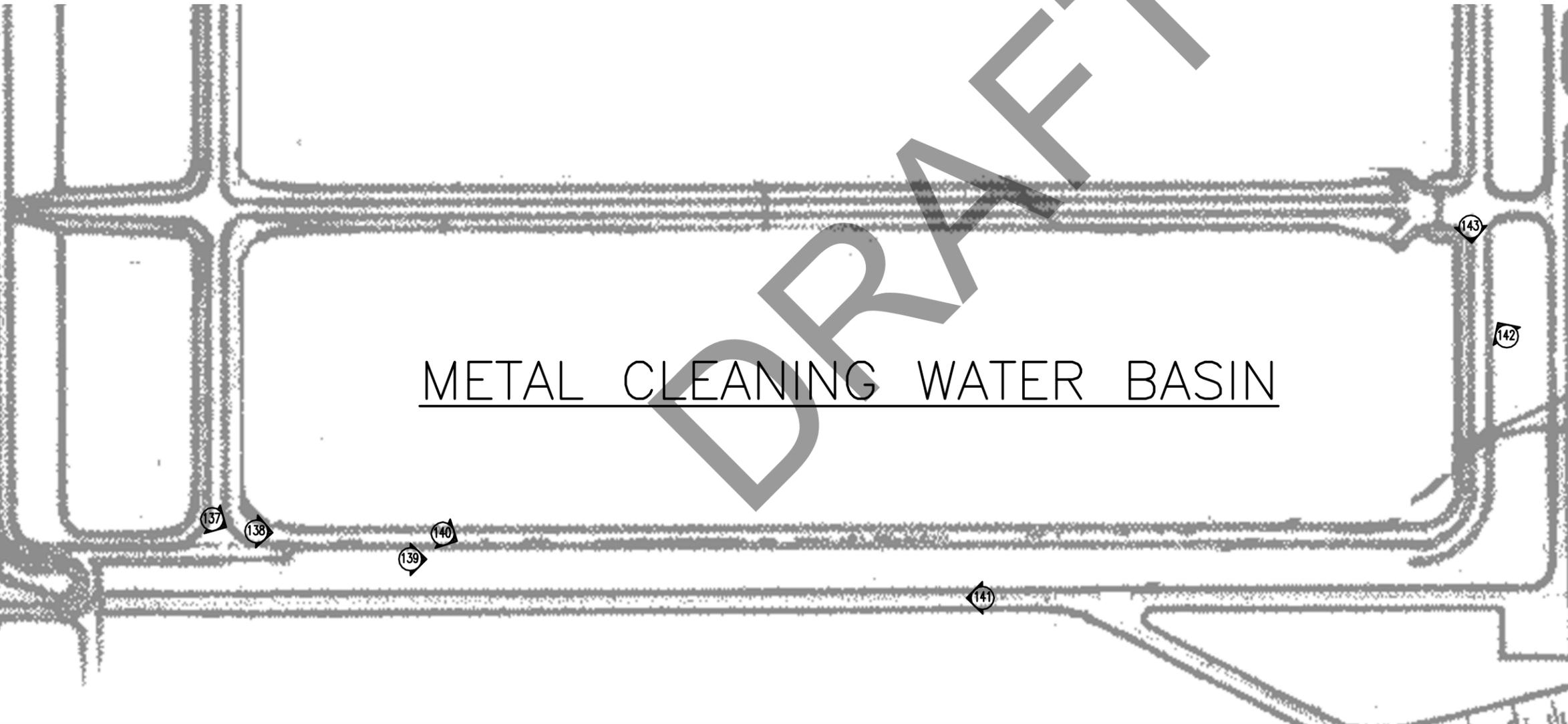
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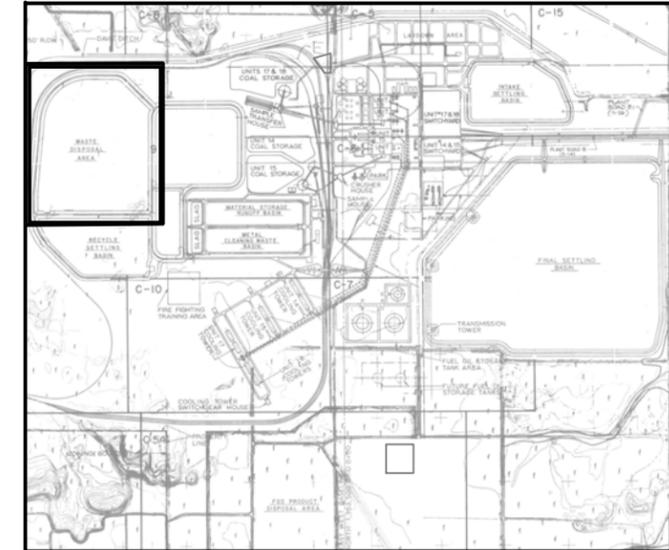
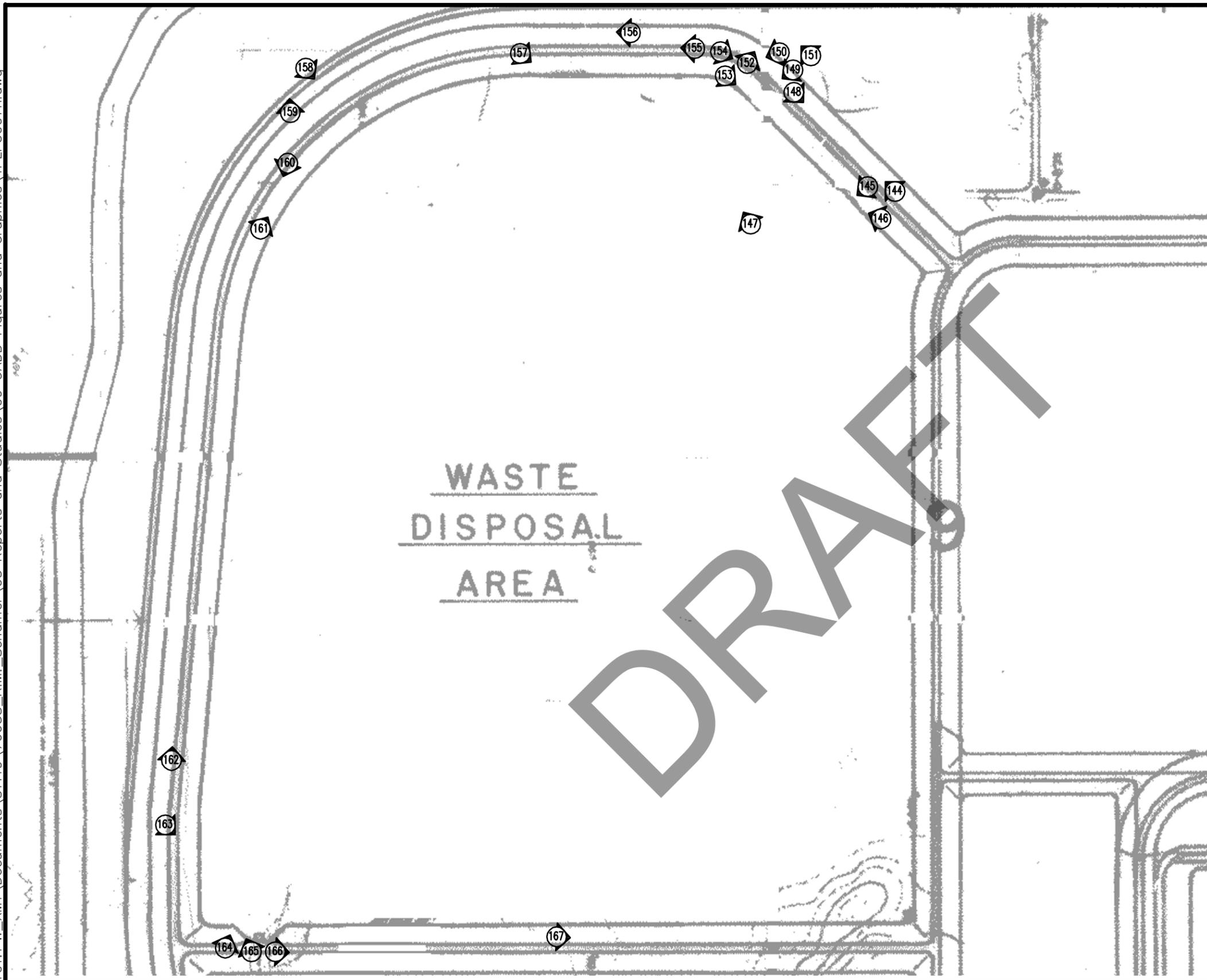
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METAL CLEANING WATER BASIN PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION PLAN

FIGURE 11h



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WASTE  
DISPOSAL  
AREA

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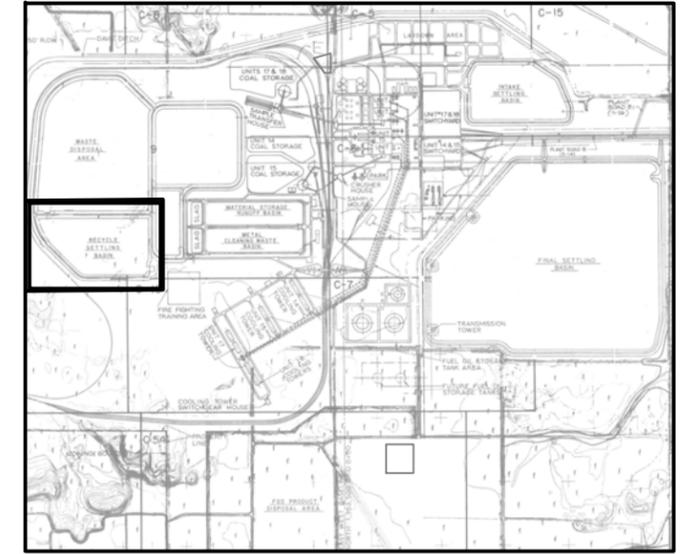
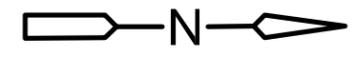
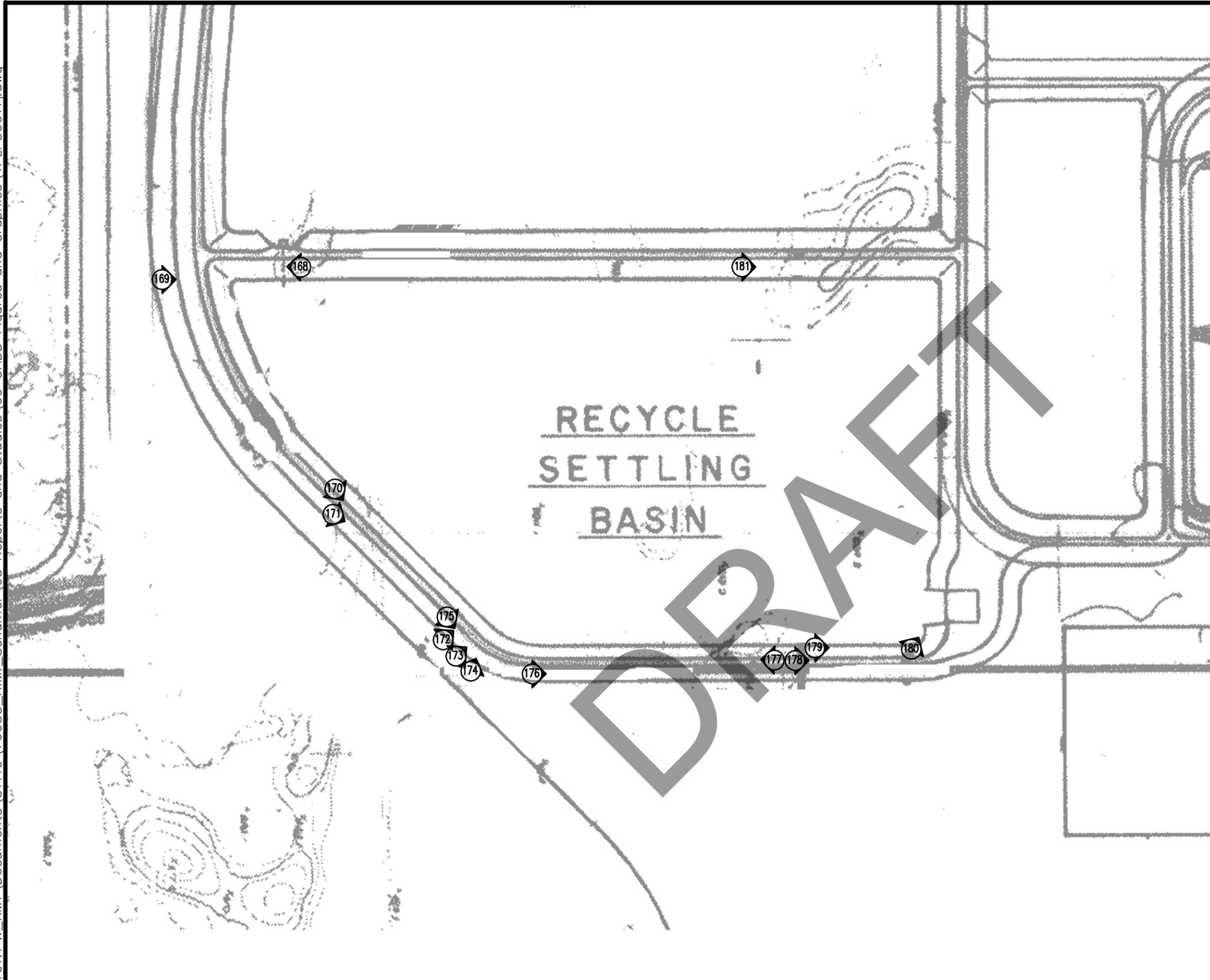
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WASTE DISPOSAL AREA PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION PLAN

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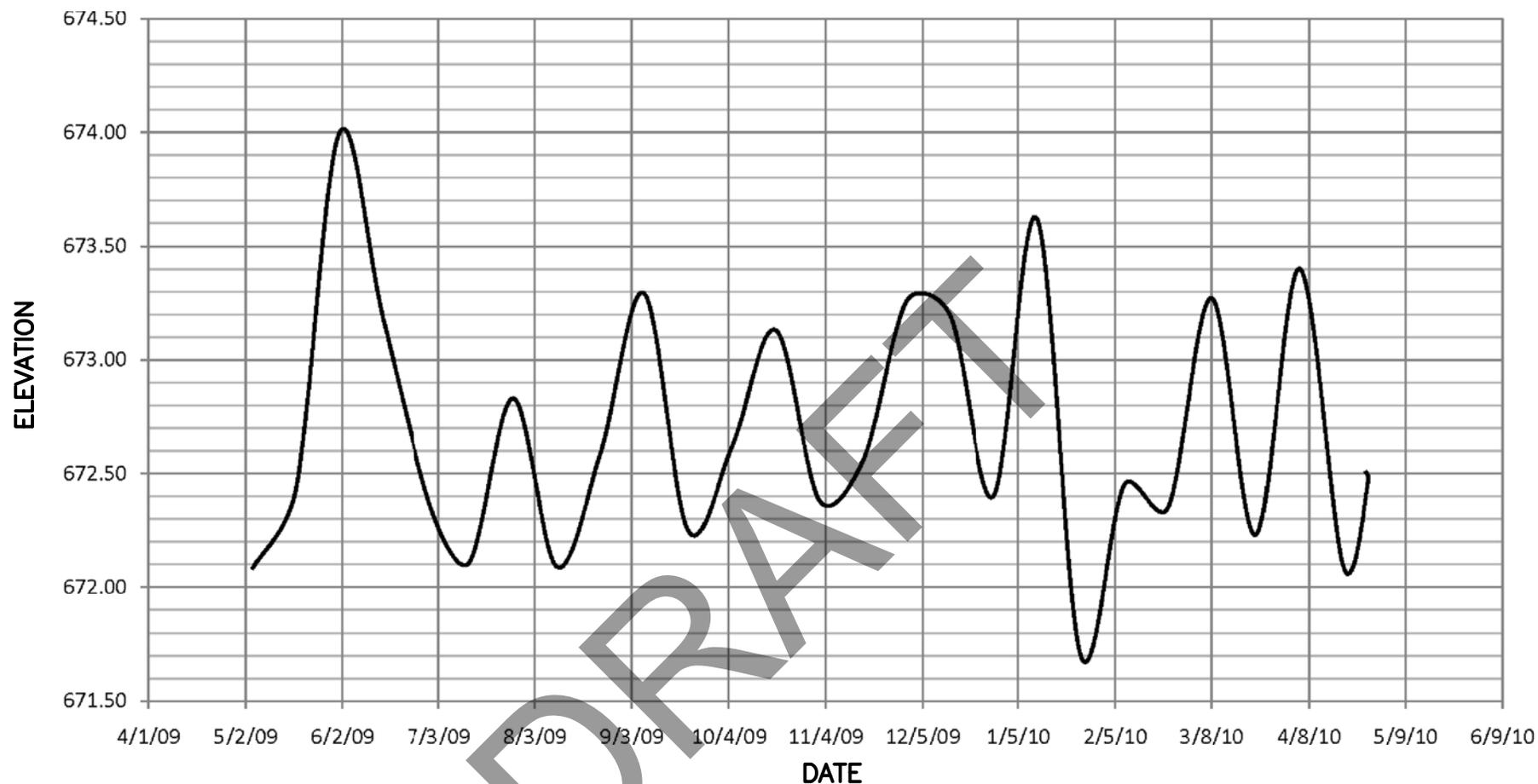
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RECYCLE SETTLING BASIN PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION PLAN  
FIGURE 11j

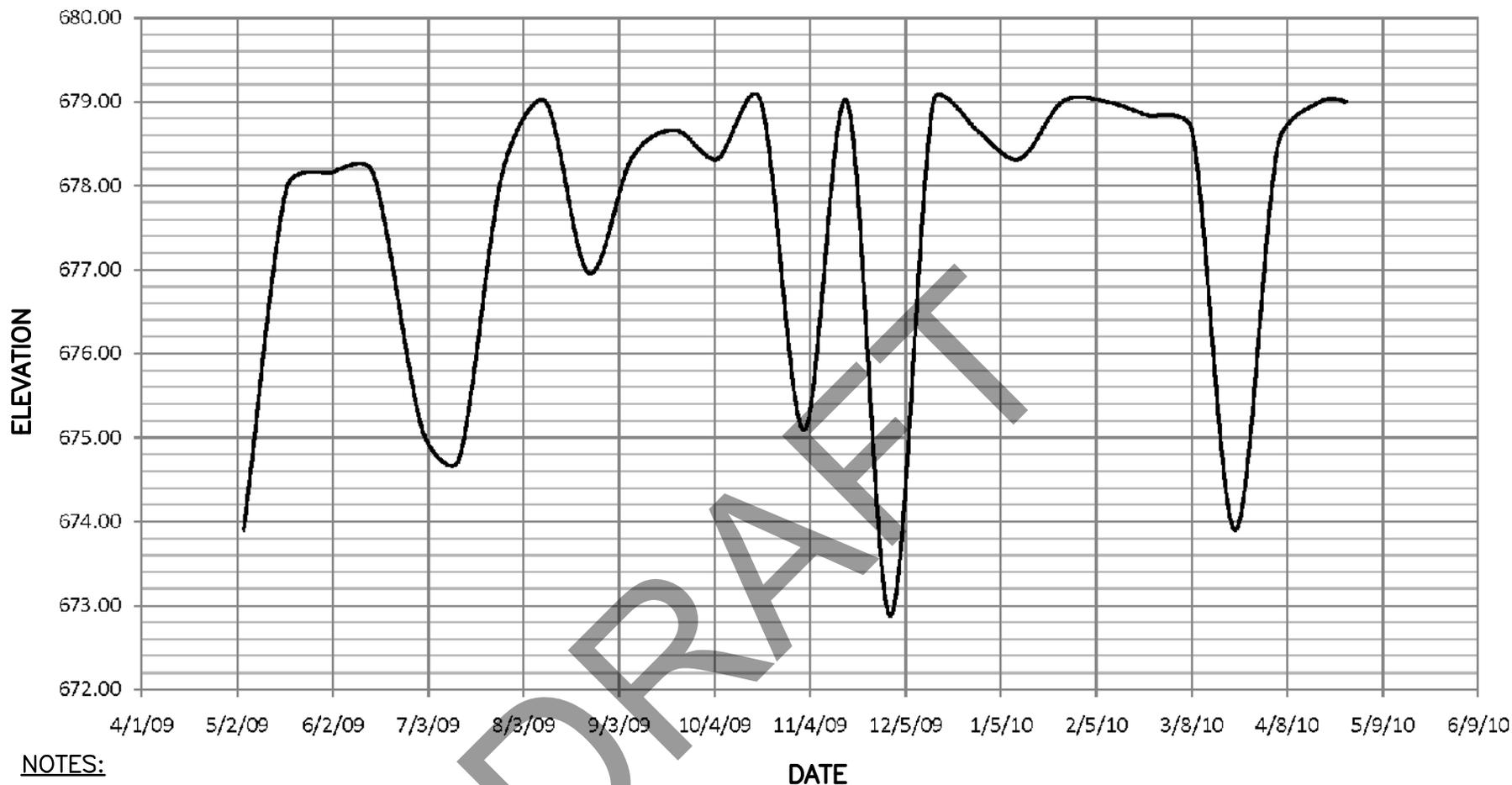


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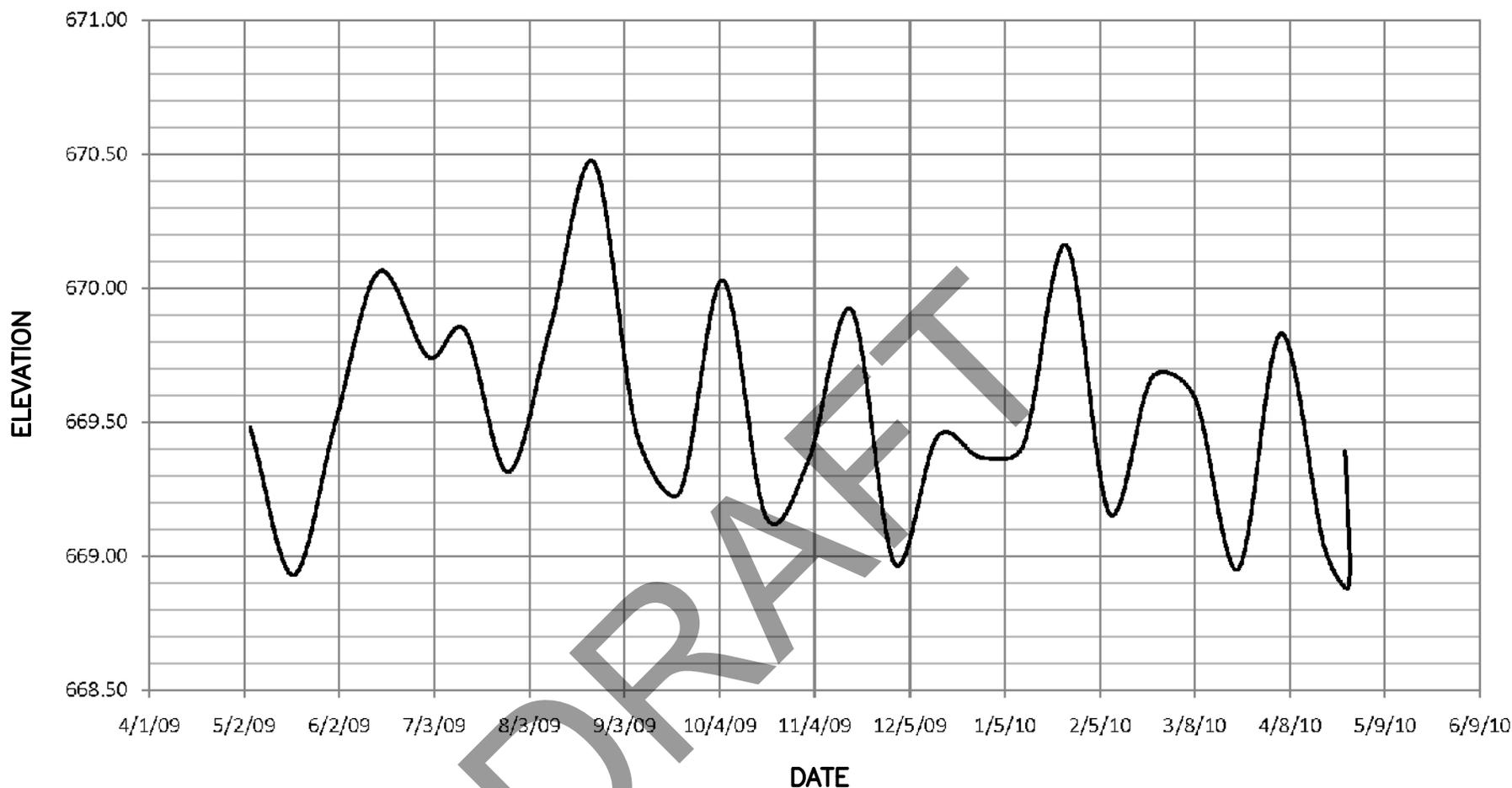
**NOTES:**

1. WATER LEVELS WERE SUPPLIED BY NIPSCO.
2. DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF STOPLOGS AT THE WEIR SEPARATING THE RECYCLING SETTLING BASIN AND WASTE DISPOSAL AREA, THESE WATER LEVELS ARE ASSUMED TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE FOR THE WASTE DISPOSAL AREA.

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 WHEATFIELD, INDIANA

RECYCLE SETTLING BASIN WATER LEVELS  
 FIGURE 13





NOTES:

1. WATER LEVELS WERE SUPPLIED BY NIPSCO.

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WHEATFIELD, INDIANA



**Appendix A**  
**USEPA Coal Combustion Dam**  
**Inspection Checklist Forms**



<b>Site Name:</b> R.M. Schahfer Generating Station	<b>Date:</b> April 27, 2010
<b>Unit Name:</b> Final Settling Basin	<b>Operator's Name:</b> NIPSCO
<b>Unit I.D.:</b> n/a	<b>Hazard Potential Classification:</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">High</span> Significant Low
<b>Inspector's Name:</b> Kyle King, Bill Friers, Mike Smith, Mike Schumaker	

Check the appropriate box below. Provide comments when appropriate. If not applicable or not available, record "N/A". Any unusual conditions or construction practices that should be noted in the comments section. For large diked embankments, separate checklists may be used for different embankment areas. If separate forms are used, identify approximate area that the form applies to in comments.

	Yes	No		Yes	No
1. Frequency of Company's Dam Inspections?			d/n/a		
2. Pool elevation (operator records)?			672.5		
3. Decant inlet elevation (operator records)?			673.8		
4. Open channel spillway elevation (operator records)?			d/n/a		
5. Lowest dam crest elevation (operator records)?			677.0		
6. If instrumentation is present, are readings recorded (operator records)?	x				
7. Is the embankment currently under construction?		x			
8. Foundation preparation (remove vegetation, stumps, topsoil in area where embankment fill will be placed)?			n/a		
9. Trees growing on embankment? (If so, indicate largest diameter below)	x				x
10. Cracks or scarps on crest?		x			x
11. Is there significant settlement along the crest?		x			x
12. Are decant trashracks clear and in place?			see note 12		x
13. Depressions or sinkholes in tailings surface or whirlpool in the pool area?		x			x
14. Clogged spillways, groin or diversion ditches?		x			x
15. Are spillway or ditch linings deteriorated?		x			x
16. Are outlets of decant or underdrains blocked?		x			x
17. Cracks or scarps on slopes?			see note 17		
18. Sloughing or bulging on slopes?					see note 18
19. Major erosion or slope deterioration?					see note 19
20. Decant Pipes:					
Is water entering inlet, but not exiting outlet?					see note 20
Is water exiting outlet, but not entering inlet?					see note 20
Is water exiting outlet flowing clear?					see note 20
21. Seepage (specify location, if seepage carries fines, and approximate seepage rate below):					
From underdrain?					n/a
At isolated points on embankment slopes?					x
At natural hillside in the embankment area?					x
Over widespread areas?					x
From downstream foundation area?					x
"Boils" beneath stream or ponded water?					x
Around the outside of the decant pipe?					x
22. Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside?					x
23. Water against downstream toe?					x
24. Were Photos taken during the dam inspection?	x				

**Major adverse changes in these items could cause instability and should be reported for further evaluation. Adverse conditions noted in these items should normally be described (extent, location, volume, etc.) in the space below and on the back of this sheet.**

<u>Inspection Issue #</u>	<u>Comments</u>
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- 1. Informal dam inspections performed but not documented.
- 2,6. The Final Settling Basin pond level readings are calibrated to read 10 feet at the top of the overflow weir. No monitoring wells are installed.
- 9. Brush and small saplings (1 to 2 inches in diameter) located along the east embankment.
- 12. No trash racks. Bar screens installed at pump station.
- 17,18,19. Depressions, minor erosion rills, surface erosion, localized failures, and soft soils noted along west embankment exterior slope. Surface erosion (approximately 1-2') and rodent burrows noted along southwest embankment exterior slope. Depression at intake pipe along the southwest embankment exterior slope. Riprap slide along the east embankment interior slope. Surface erosion noted at the north embankment exterior slope (east edge).
- 20. There are no decant pipes. Outlet controlled by overflow weir and Pump Station.
- 21. Possible historic seepage area located along the north embankment exterior slope. The area is currently dry, however moss indicates moisture.

n/a = Not Available  
d/n/a = Does Not Apply

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Coal Combustion Waste (CCW) Impoundment Inspection

Impoundment NPDES Permit # IN0053201
Date April 27, 2010

INSPECTOR Bill Friers, Kyle King, Mike Smith, Mike Schumaker,

Impoundment Name Final Settling Basin
Impoundment Company Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO)
EPA Region 5
State Agency (Field Office) Address 402 West Washington Street, Room W264 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Name of Impoundment Final Settling Basin
(Report each impoundment on a separate form under the same Impoundment NPDES Permit number)

New X Update

Is impoundment currently under construction? Yes No
Is water or ccw currently being pumped into the impoundment? X

IMPOUNDMENT FUNCTION: Receives Cooling Tower blowdown and discharges directly into the Kankahee River

Nearest Downstream Town : Name Thayer, Indiana

Distance from the impoundment 20 Miles

Impoundment

Location: Longitude 87 Degrees 00 Minutes 58.28 Seconds W
Latitude 41 Degrees 13 Minutes 30.13 Seconds N
State Indiana County Jasper

Does a state agency regulate this impoundment? YES NO X\*

If So Which State Agency?

\*Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is responsible for the State's dam safety program, however IDNR has not been actively involved in the regulation of Coal Combustion Waste Impoundments to date. The owner indicates there are no State inspection reports for this impoundment.

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**HAZARD POTENTIAL** (In the event the impoundment should fail, the following would occur):

       **LESS THAN LOW HAZARD POTENTIAL:** Failure or misoperation of the dam results in no probable loss of human life or economic or environmental losses.

       **LOW HAZARD POTENTIAL:** Dams assigned the low hazard potential classification are those where failure or misoperation results in no probable loss of human life and low economic and/or environmental losses. Losses are principally limited to the owner's property.

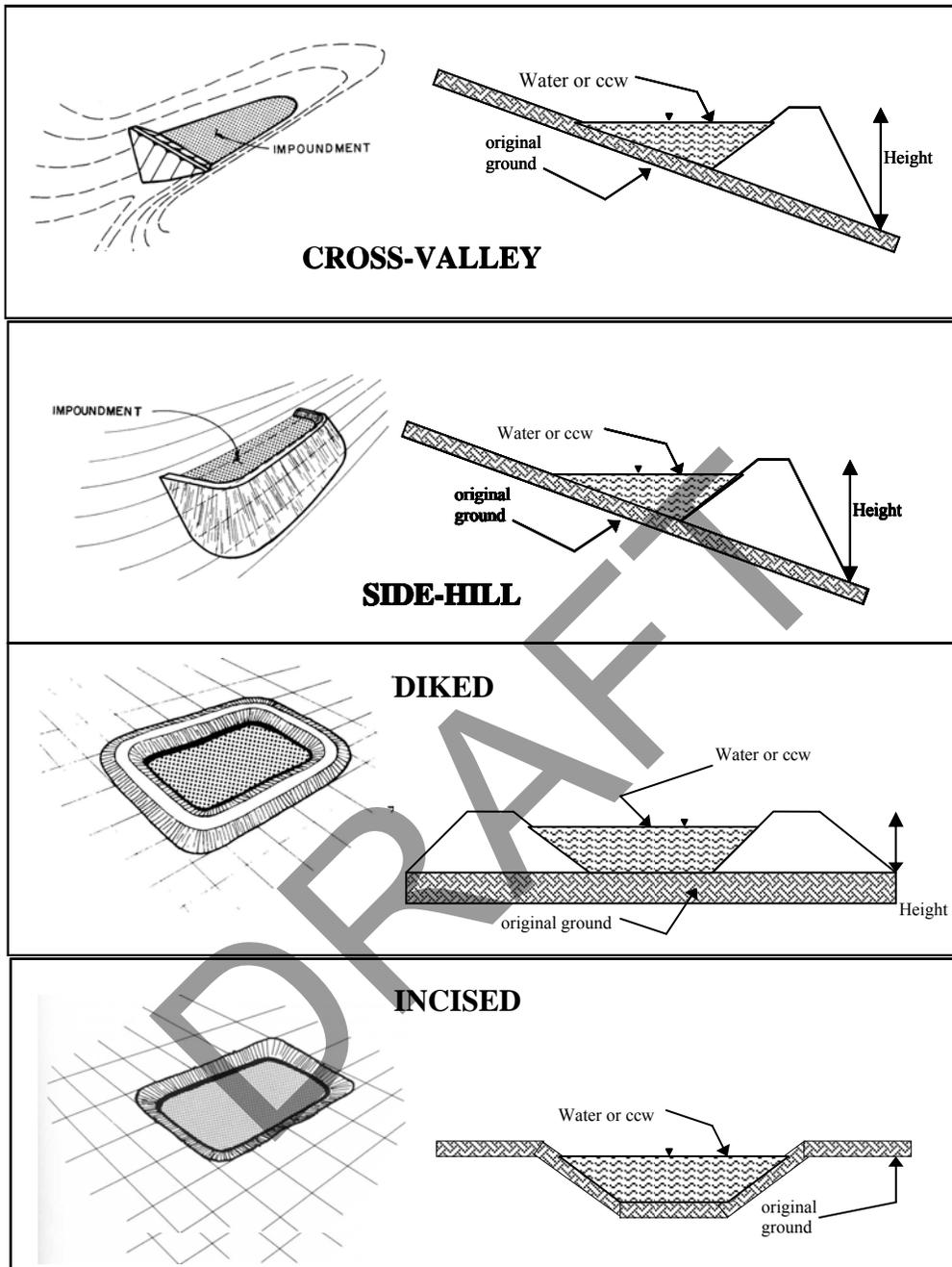
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  X   **HIGH HAZARD POTENTIAL:** Dams assigned the high hazard potential classification are those where failure or misoperation will probably cause loss of human life.

**DESCRIBE REASONING FOR HAZARD RATING CHOSEN:**

Breach of embankment will probably adversely affect the Kankahee River, surrounding roadways, residential areas (north of pond), and the owner's property, and also result in probable loss of life.

**CONFIGURATION:**



- Cross-Valley
- Side-Hill
- Diked
- Incised (form completion optional)
- n/a Combination Incised/Diked

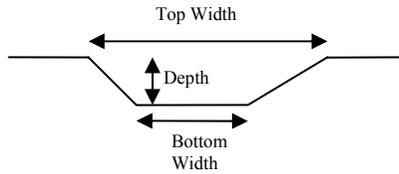
Lowest Embankment Height 15.0 feet      Embankment Material Earthen  
 Pool Area 214 acres      Liner None  
 Current Freeboard 8.5 feet      Liner Permeability d/n/a

**TYPE OF OUTLET** (Mark all that apply)

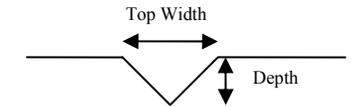
d/n/a **Open Channel Spillway**

- Trapezoidal
- Triangular
- Rectangular
- Irregular

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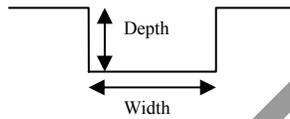


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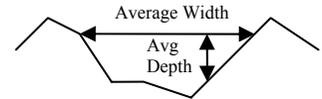


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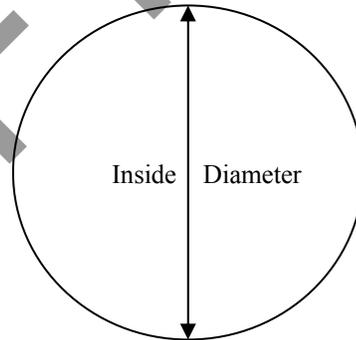


**Outlet**

inside diameter

Material

- corrugated metal
- welded steel
- concrete
- plastic (hdpe, pvc, etc.)
- other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_



Is water flowing through the outlet? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**No Outlet**

**Other Type of Outlet** (specify) Overflow weir and Pump Station

The Impoundment was Designed By n/a











Coal Combustion Waste (CCW) Impoundment Inspection

Impoundment NPDES Permit # IN0053201
Date April 26, 2010

INSPECTOR Bill Friers, Kyle King, Mike Smith, Mike Schumaker

Impoundment Name Intake Settling Basin
Impoundment Company Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO)
EPA Region 5
State Agency (Field Office) Address 402 West Washington Street, Room W264 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Name of Impoundment Intake Settling Basin
(Report each impoundment on a separate form under the same Impoundment NPDES Permit number)

New X Update

Is impoundment currently under construction? Yes No
Is water or ccw currently being pumped into the impoundment? Yes No

IMPOUNDMENT FUNCTION: Receives water out of Kankahee River and is used as cooling water.

Nearest Downstream Town : Name Thayer, Indiana

Distance from the impoundment 20 Miles

Impoundment

Location: Longitude 87 Degrees 01 Minutes 32.20 Seconds W
Latitude 41 Degrees 13 Minutes 23.63 Seconds N
State Indiana County Jasper

Does a state agency regulate this impoundment? YES NO X\*

If So Which State Agency?

\*Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is responsible for the State's dam safety program, however IDNR has not been actively involved in the regulation of Coal Combustion Waste Impoundments to date. The owner indicates there are no State inspection reports for this impoundment.

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**HAZARD POTENTIAL** (In the event the impoundment should fail, the following would occur):

       **LESS THAN LOW HAZARD POTENTIAL:** Failure or misoperation of the dam results in no probable loss of human life or economic or environmental losses.

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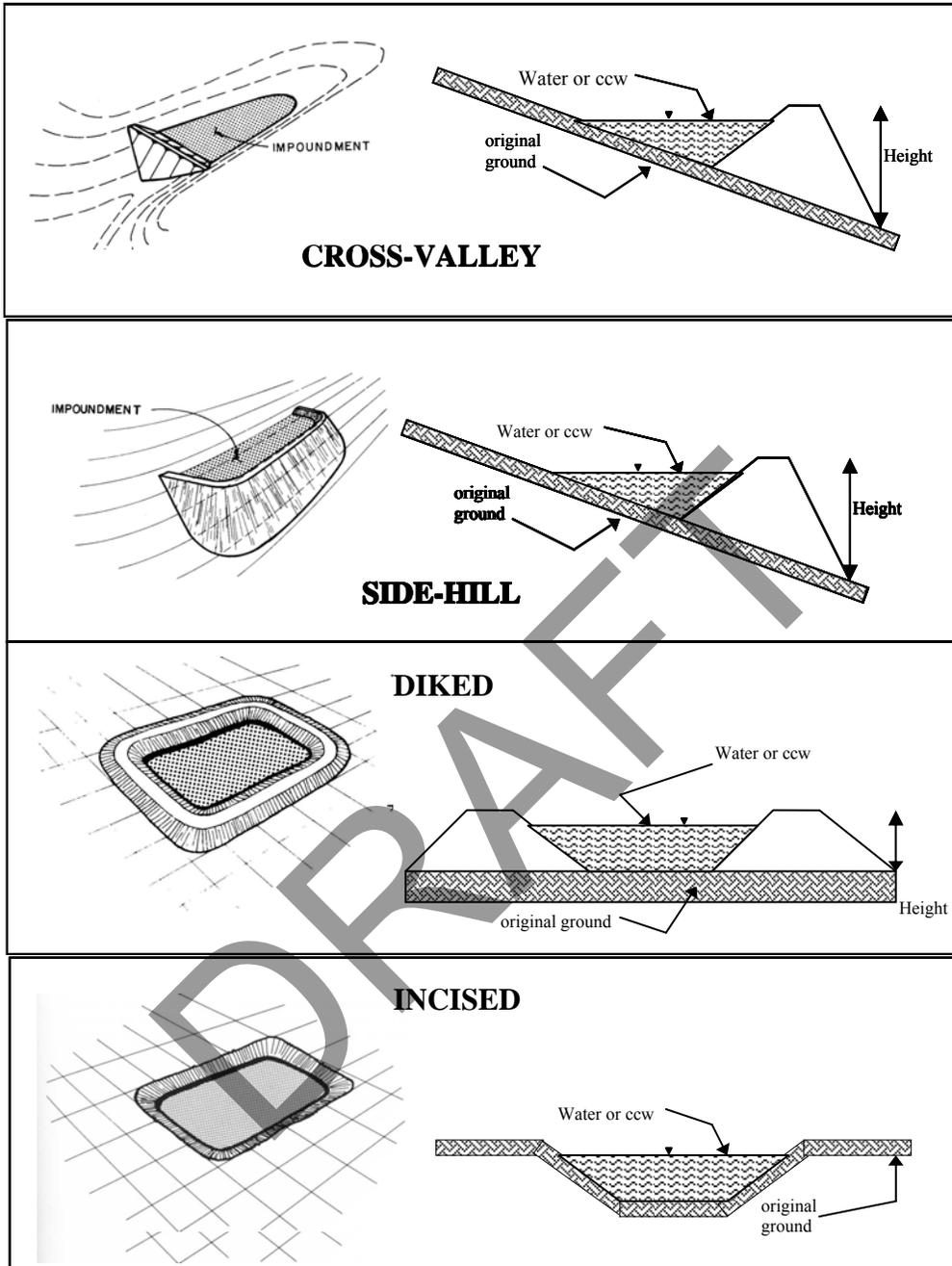
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  X   **HIGH HAZARD POTENTIAL:** Dams assigned the high hazard potential classification are those where failure or misoperation will probably cause loss of human life.

**DESCRIBE REASONING FOR HAZARD RATING CHOSEN:**

Breach of embankment will adversely affect Kankahee River, surrounding roadways, and the owner's property, also result in probable loss of life.

**CONFIGURATION:**



Cross-Valley  
 Side-Hill  
 Diked  
 Incised (form completion optional)  
 n/a Combination Incised/Diked

Embankment Height 13 feet      Embankment Material Earthen  
 Pool Area 30 acres      Liner None  
 Current Freeboard 6 feet      Liner Permeability d/n/a

n/a = Not Available  
 d/n/a = Does Not Apply  
 \* = Estimated

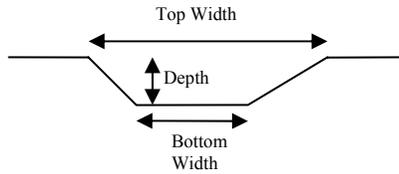
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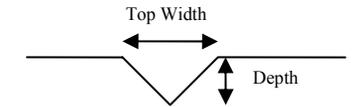
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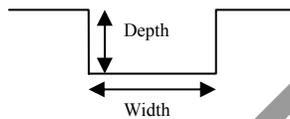
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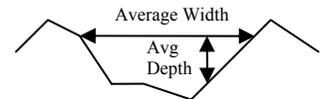
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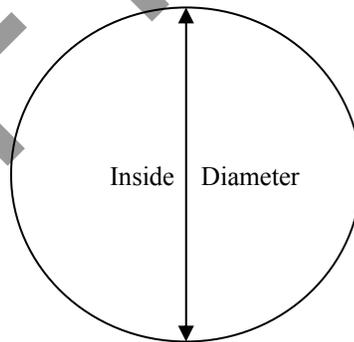


**Outlet**

inside diameter

Material

- corrugated metal
- welded steel
- concrete
- plastic (hdpe, pvc, etc.)
- other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_



Is water flowing through the outlet? YES  NO

**No Outlet**

**Other Type of Outlet** (specify) Pump Station

The Impoundment was Designed By n/a











Coal Combustion Waste (CCW) Impoundment Inspection

Bill Friers, Kyle King, Mike Smith, Mike Schumaker

Impoundment NPDES Permit # IN0053201 Date April 26, 2010

INSPECTOR

Impoundment Name Retention Pond
Impoundment Company Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO)
EPA Region 5
State Agency (Field Office) Address 402 West Washington Street, Room W264 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Name of Impoundment Retention Pond
(Report each impoundment on a separate form under the same Impoundment NPDES Permit number)

New X Update

Is impoundment currently under construction? Yes No
Is water or ccw currently being pumped into the impoundment? X

IMPOUNDMENT FUNCTION: Receives site stormwater

Nearest Downstream Town : Name Thayer, Indiana

Distance from the impoundment 20 Miles

Impoundment

Location: Longitude 87 Degrees 01 Minutes 37.53 Seconds W
Latitude 41 Degrees 12 Minutes 55.93 Seconds N
State Indiana County Jasper

Does a state agency regulate this impoundment? YES NO X\*

If So Which State Agency?

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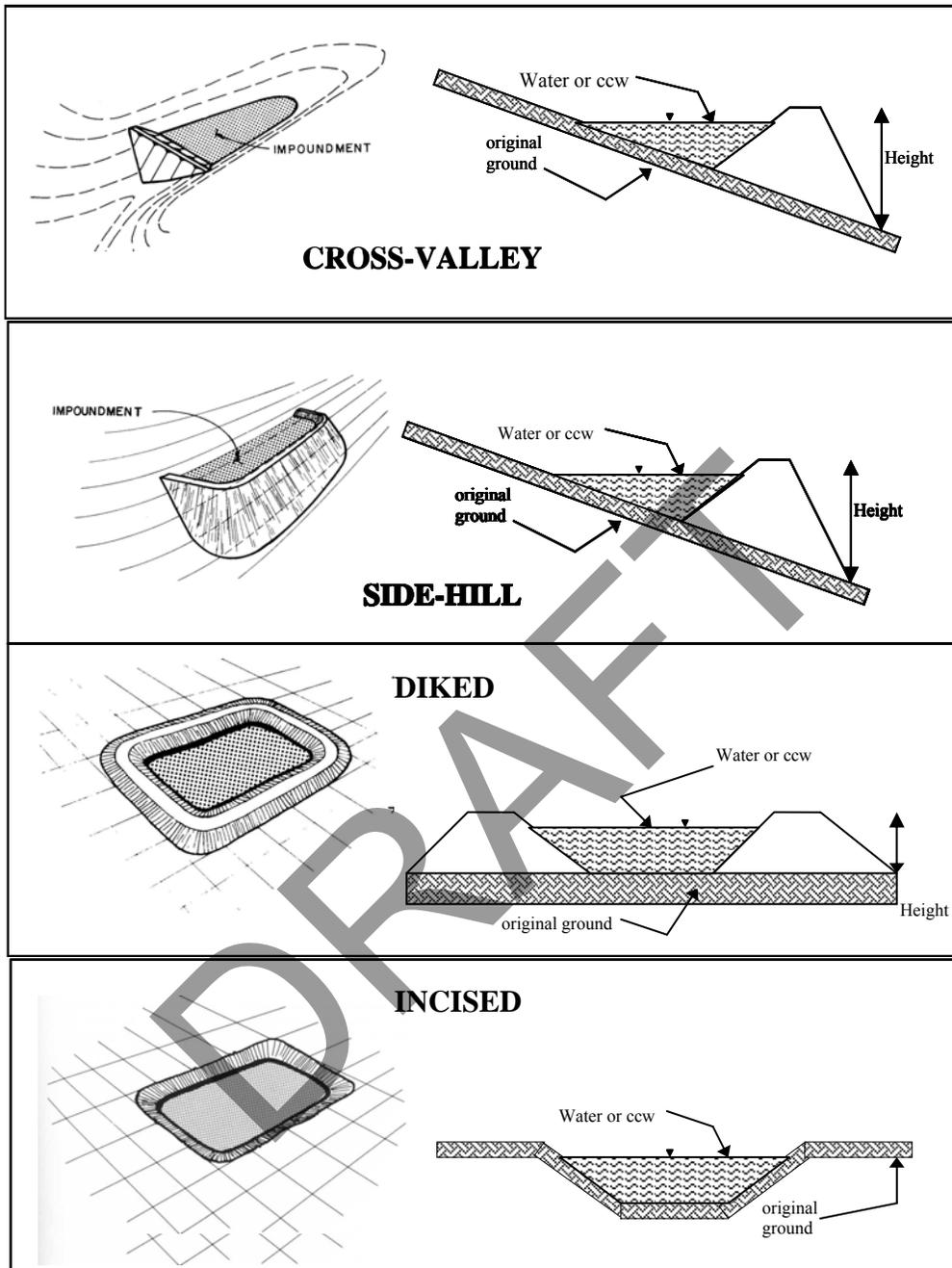
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**DESCRIBE REASONING FOR HAZARD RATING CHOSEN:**

Because the retention pond is incised, there is minimal potential for release into the environment.

**CONFIGURATION:**



- Cross-Valley
- Side-Hill
- Diked
- Incised (form completion optional)
- Combination Incised/Diked

Embankment Height n/a feet      Embankment Material Concrete

Pool Area 2 acres      Liner Concrete

Current Freeboard 3\* feet      Liner Permeability Permeability of concrete is dependent on concrete strength and amount/size of cracks

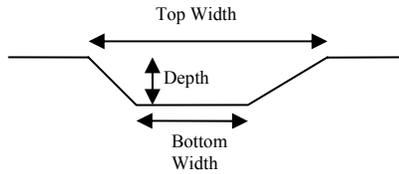
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**TYPE OF OUTLET** (Mark all that apply)

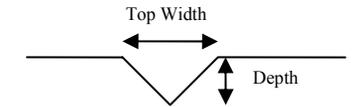
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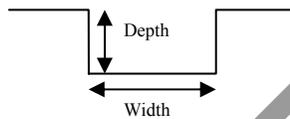


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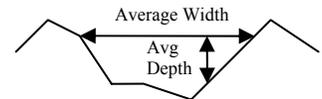


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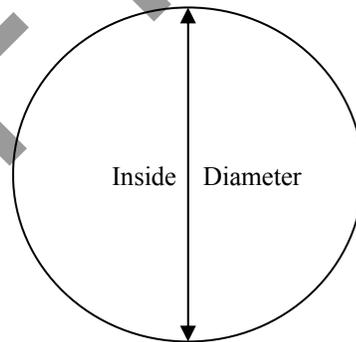


   **Outlet**

   inside diameter

Material

- corrugated metal
- welded steel
- concrete
- plastic (hdpe, pvc, etc.)
- other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_



Is water flowing through the outlet? YES   X   NO       

   **No Outlet**

  X   **Other Type of Outlet** (specify)   Pump Station  

The Impoundment was Designed By   n/a









<b>Site Name:</b> R.M. Schahfer Generating Station	<b>Date:</b> April 26, 2010
<b>Unit Name:</b> FGD Landfill Runoff Pond	<b>Operator's Name:</b> NIPSCO
<b>Unit I.D.:</b> n/a	<b>Hazard Potential Classification:</b> High Significant <b>Low</b>
<b>Inspector's Name:</b> Kyle King, Bill Friers, Mike Smith, Mike Schumaker	

Check the appropriate box below. Provide comments when appropriate. If not applicable or not available, record "N/A". Any unusual conditions or construction practices that should be noted in the comments section. For large diked embankments, separate checklists may be used for different embankment areas. If separate forms are used, identify approximate area that the form applies to in comments.

	Yes	No		Yes	No
1. Frequency of Company's Dam Inspections?		d/n/a	18. Sloughing or bulging on slopes?		X
2. Pool elevation (operator records)?		n/a	19. Major erosion or slope deterioration?		X
3. Decant inlet elevation (operator records)?		n/a	20. Decant Pipes:		
4. Open channel spillway elevation (operator records)?		n/a	Is water entering inlet, but not exiting outlet?		see note 20
5. Lowest dam crest elevation (operator records)?		n/a	Is water exiting outlet, but not entering inlet?		see note 20
6. If instrumentation is present, are readings recorded (operator records)?		d/n/a	Is water exiting outlet flowing clear?		see note 20
7. Is the embankment currently under construction?		X	21. Seepage (specify location, if seepage carries fines, and approximate seepage rate below):		
8. Foundation preparation (remove vegetation, stumps, topsoil in area where embankment fill will be placed)?		n/a	From underdrain?		d/n/a
9. Trees growing on embankment? (If so, indicate largest diameter below)	X		At isolated points on embankment slopes?		X
10. Cracks or scarps on crest?		X	At natural hillside in the embankment area?		X
11. Is there significant settlement along the crest?		see note 11	Over widespread areas?		X
12. Are decant trashracks clear and in place?		d/n/a	From downstream foundation area?		X
13. Depressions or sinkholes in tailings surface or whirlpool in the pool area?		X	"Boils" beneath stream or ponded water?		X
14. Clogged spillways, groin or diversion ditches?		X	Around the outside of the decant pipe?		X
15. Are spillway or ditch linings deteriorated?		X	22. Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside?		X
16. Are outlets of decant or underdrains blocked?		X	23. Water against downstream toe?		X
17. Cracks or scarps on slopes?		X	24. Were Photos taken during the dam inspection?	X	

**Major adverse changes in these items could cause instability and should be reported for further evaluation. Adverse conditions noted in these items should normally be described (extent, location, volume, etc.) in the space below and on the back of this sheet.**

<u>Inspection Issue #</u>	<u>Comments</u>
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- 1. Informal dam inspections performed but not documented.
- 2,3,4,5. No information regarding the FGD Landfill Runoff Pond was included in supplied drawings and reports.
- 6. No monitoring wells are installed.
- 9. Large trees (approximately 18 and 24") located along the east embankment interior slope.
- 11. A low area was noted along the crest along the northern limits. Area appears to be a spillway.
- 20. Outlet to ditch not visible/outside of owner's secured property.

n/a = Not Available  
d/n/a = Does Not Apply

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Coal Combustion Waste (CCW) Impoundment Inspection

Impoundment NPDES Permit # IN0053201 INSPECTOR Kyle King, Bill Friers, Mike Smith, Mike Schumaker
Date April 26, 2010

Impoundment Name FGD Landfill Runoff Pond
Impoundment Company Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO)
EPA Region 5
State Agency (Field Office) Address 402 West Washington Street, Room W264 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Name of Impoundment FGD Landfill Runoff Pond
(Report each impoundment on a separate form under the same Impoundment NPDES Permit number)

New X Update

Is impoundment currently under construction? Yes No
Is water or ccw currently being pumped into the impoundment? Yes No

IMPOUNDMENT FUNCTION: Receives landfill runoff

Nearest Downstream Town : Name Thayer, Indiana

Distance from the impoundment 20 Miles

Impoundment

Location: Longitude 87 Degrees 00 Minutes 20.36 Seconds W
Latitude 41 Degrees 13 Minutes 06.95 Seconds N
State Indiana County Jasper

Does a state agency regulate this impoundment? YES NO X\*

If So Which State Agency?

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**HAZARD POTENTIAL** (In the event the impoundment should fail, the following would occur):

       **LESS THAN LOW HAZARD POTENTIAL:** Failure or misoperation of the dam results in no probable loss of human life or economic or environmental losses.

  X   **LOW HAZARD POTENTIAL:** Dams assigned the low hazard potential classification are those where failure or misoperation results in no probable loss of human life and low economic and/or environmental losses. Losses are principally limited to the owner's property.

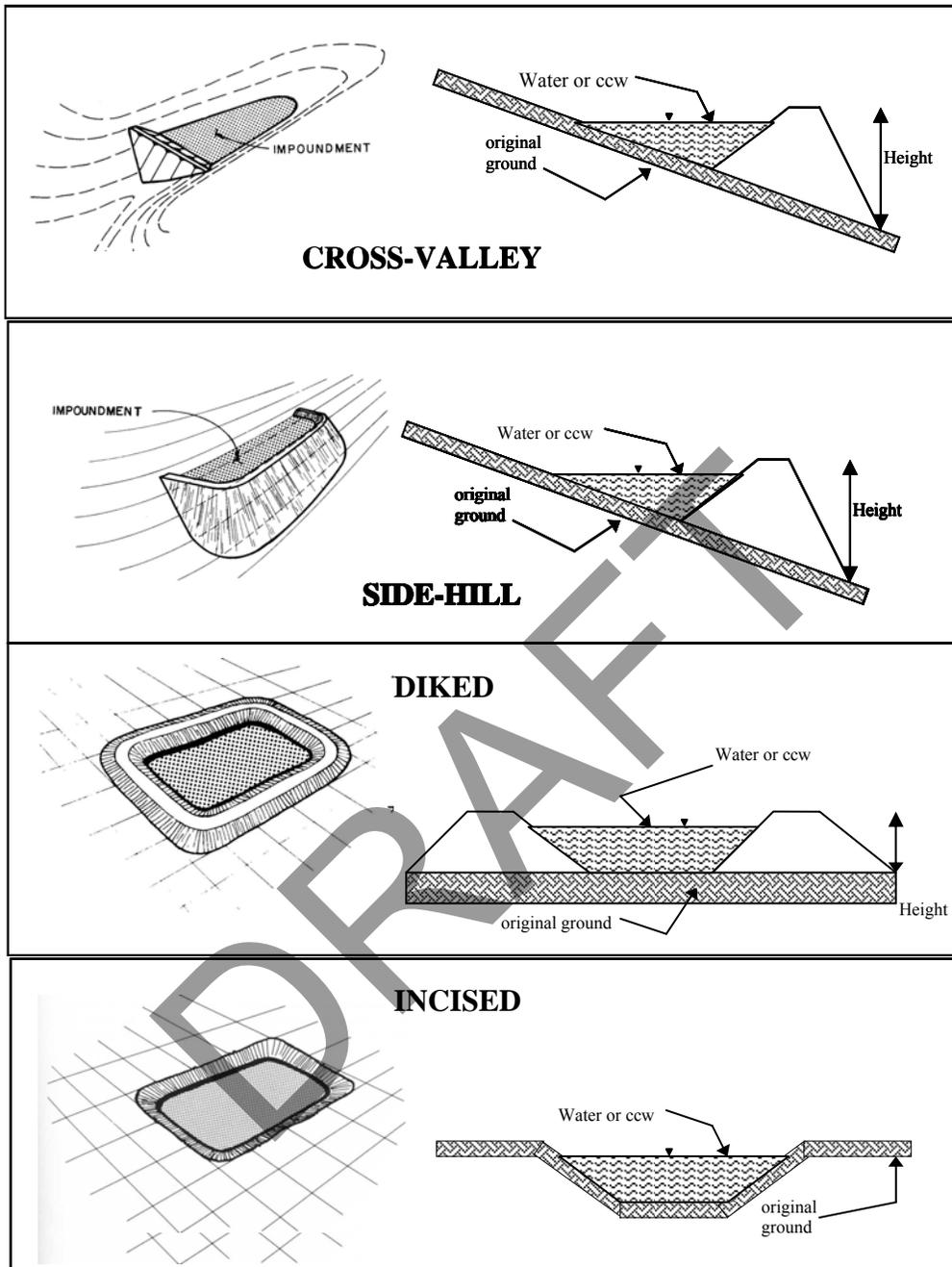
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**DESCRIBE REASONING FOR HAZARD RATING CHOSEN:**

A breach of embankment will have low economic and environmental losses due to the location of the pond (approximately 0.3 miles southeast of the Final Settling Basin).

**CONFIGURATION:**



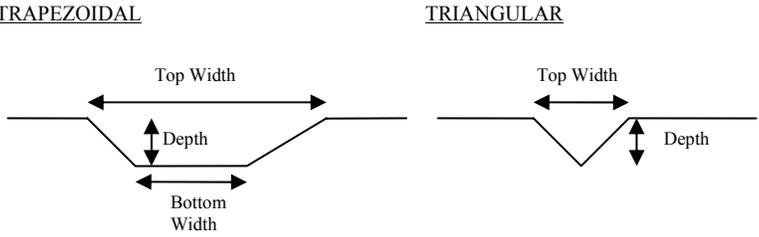
Cross-Valley  
 Side-Hill  
 Diked  
 Incised (form completion optional)  
 n/a Combination Incised/Diked

Embankment Height 5\* feet      Embankment Material Earthen  
 Pool Area 5 acres      Liner None  
 Current Freeboard 3\* feet      Liner Permeability d/n/a

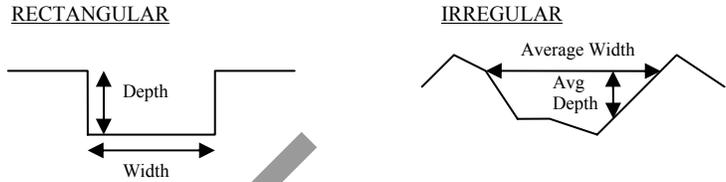
**TYPE OF OUTLET** (Mark all that apply)

     Possible spillway from low on northern crest  
     **Open Channel Spillway** TRAPEZOIDAL

- Trapezoidal
- Triangular
- Rectangular
- Irregular



- depth
- bottom (or average) width
- top width

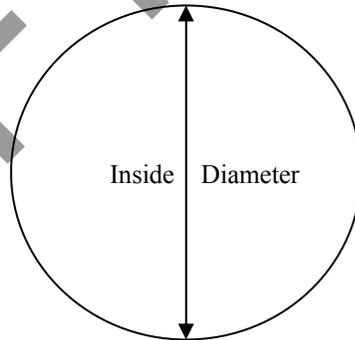


**Outlet**

     inside diameter

**Material**

- corrugated metal
- welded steel
- concrete
- plastic (hdpe, pvc, etc.)
- other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_



  X   Outlet to ditch not visible/outside of owner's secured property

Is water flowing through the outlet? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO   X  

     **No Outlet**

     **Other Type of Outlet** (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

The Impoundment was Designed By   n/a









<b>Site Name:</b> R.M. Schahfer Generating Station	<b>Date:</b> April 26-27, 2010
<b>Unit Name:</b> Gypsum Storage (Units 14&15)A	<b>Operator's Name:</b> NIPSCO
<b>Unit I.D.:</b> n/a	<b>Hazard Potential Classification:</b> High <b>Significant</b> Low
<b>Inspector's Name:</b> Kyle King, Bill Friers, Mike Smith, Mike Schumaker	

Check the appropriate box below. Provide comments when appropriate. If not applicable or not available, record "N/A". Any unusual conditions or construction practices that should be noted in the comments section. For large diked embankments, separate checklists may be used for different embankment areas. If separate forms are used, identify approximate area that the form applies to in comments.

	Yes	No		Yes	No
1. Frequency of Company's Dam Inspections?			18. Sloughing or bulging on slopes?		see note 18
2. Pool elevation (operator records)?			19. Major erosion or slope deterioration?		see note 19
3. Decant inlet elevation (operator records)?			20. Decant Pipes:		
4. Open channel spillway elevation (operator records)?			Is water entering inlet, but not exiting outlet?		d/n/a
5. Lowest dam crest elevation (operator records)?			Is water exiting outlet, but not entering inlet?		d/n/a
6. If instrumentation is present, are readings recorded (operator records)?			Is water exiting outlet flowing clear?		d/n/a
7. Is the embankment currently under construction?		x	21. Seepage (specify location, if seepage carries fines, and approximate seepage rate below):		
8. Foundation preparation (remove vegetation, stumps, topsoil in area where embankment fill will be placed)?		n/a	From underdrain?		x
9. Trees growing on embankment? (If so, indicate largest diameter below)	x		At isolated points on embankment slopes?	x	
10. Cracks or scarps on crest?		x	At natural hillside in the embankment area?		x
11. Is there significant settlement along the crest?		x	Over widespread areas?		x
12. Are decant trashracks clear and in place?			From downstream foundation area?		x
13. Depressions or sinkholes in tailings surface or whirlpool in the pool area?			"Boils" beneath stream or ponded water?		x
14. Clogged spillways, groin or diversion ditches?		x	Around the outside of the decant pipe?		x
15. Are spillway or ditch linings deteriorated?		x	22. Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside?		x
16. Are outlets of decant or underdrains blocked?		x	23. Water against downstream toe?		x
17. Cracks or scarps on slopes?			24. Were Photos taken during the dam inspection?	x	

**Major adverse changes in these items could cause instability and should be reported for further evaluation. Adverse conditions noted in these items should normally be described (extent, location, volume, etc.) in the space below and on the back of this sheet.**

Inspection Issue #	Comments
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- 1. Informal dam inspections performed but not documented.
- 2,3,4,6,12,20. Pond is filled in, however has not been officially closed by State or Federal Agencies.
- 9. Brush and trees (approximately 12" in diameter) located along the east embankment exterior slope.
- 17,18,19. Low area, rodent burrow, and a small surface depression (2' deep) and located along the west embankment exterior slope. Rodent burrows, possible sloughs, and erosion rills located along north embankment exterior slope.
- 19,21. Large eroded area/slope failure located at the west embankment exterior slope. Seepage occurs through the bottom of the eroded area (approximately 3' wide and 8' deep).

n/a = Not Available  
d/n/a = Does Not Apply

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Coal Combustion Waste (CCW) Impoundment Inspection

Impoundment NPDES Permit # IN0053201
Date April 26-27, 2010

INSPECTOR Bill Friers, Kyle King, Mike Smith, Mike Schumaker,

Impoundment Name Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15)A
Impoundment Company Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO)
EPA Region 5
State Agency (Field Office) Address 402 West Washington Street, Room W264 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Name of Impoundment Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15)A
(Report each impoundment on a separate form under the same Impoundment NPDES Permit number)

New X Update

Is impoundment currently under construction? Yes No
Is water or ccw currently being pumped into the impoundment? Yes No

IMPOUNDMENT FUNCTION: Pond is filled in; reportedly with ash and other on-site material

Nearest Downstream Town : Name Thayer, Indiana

Distance from the impoundment 20 Miles

Impoundment

Location: Longitude 87 Degrees 01 Minutes 21.89 Seconds W
Latitude 41 Degrees 12 Minutes 36.17 Seconds N
State Indiana County Jasper

Does a state agency regulate this impoundment? YES NO X\*

If So Which State Agency?

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**HAZARD POTENTIAL** (In the event the impoundment should fail, the following would occur):

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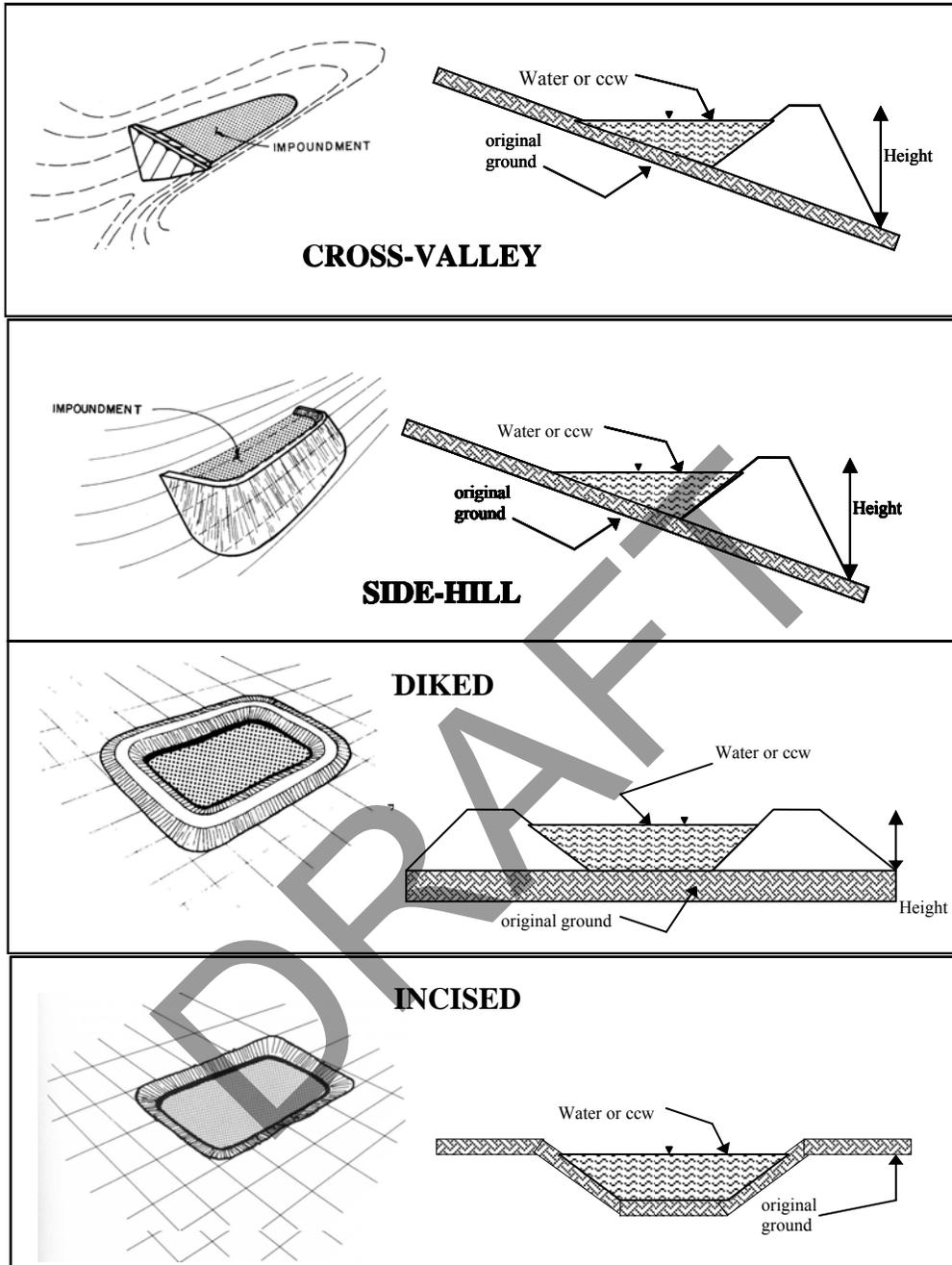
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**DESCRIBE REASONING FOR HAZARD RATING CHOSEN:**

The failure of embankment, under full pond, may cause environmental losses and damage to the facility.

**CONFIGURATION:**



- Cross-Valley
- Side-Hill
- Diked
- Incised (form completion optional)
- n/a Combination Incised/Diked

Lowest Embankment Height 17 feet      Embankment Material Earthen  
 Pool Area 45 acres      Liner None  
 Current Freeboard d/n/a feet      Liner Permeability d/n/a

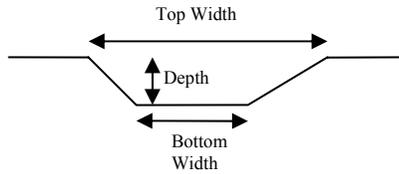
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**TYPE OF OUTLET** (Mark all that apply)

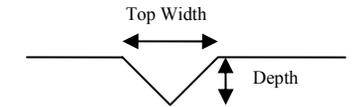
   d/n/a **Open Channel Spillway**

- Trapezoidal
- Triangular
- Rectangular
- Irregular

TRAPEZOIDAL

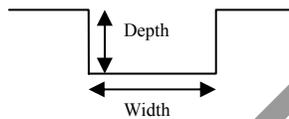


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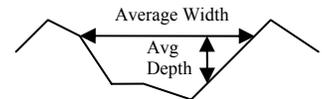


- depth
- bottom (or average) width
- top width

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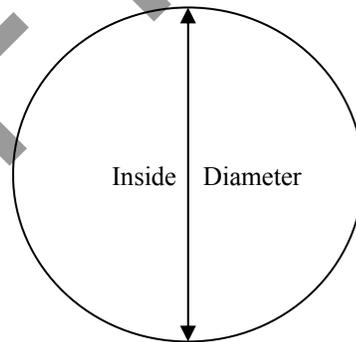


   **Outlet**

   inside diameter

Material

- corrugated metal
- welded steel
- concrete
- plastic (hdpe, pvc, etc.)
- other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_



Is water flowing through the outlet? YES    NO   

   X **No Outlet**

   **Other Type of Outlet** (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

The Impoundment was Designed By    n/a \_\_\_\_\_









Site Name: R.M. Schahfer Generating Station	Date: April 27, 2010
Unit Name: Gypsum Storage (Units 14&15)B	Operator's Name: NIPSCO
Unit I.D.: n/a	Hazard Potential Classification: High <b>Significant</b> Low
Inspector's Name: Kyle King, Bill Friers, Mike Smith, Mike Schumaker	

Check the appropriate box below. Provide comments when appropriate. If not applicable or not available, record "N/A". Any unusual conditions or construction practices that should be noted in the comments section. For large diked embankments, separate checklists may be used for different embankment areas. If separate forms are used, identify approximate area that the form applies to in comments.

	Yes	No		Yes	No
1. Frequency of Company's Dam Inspections?		d/n/a	18. Sloughing or bulging on slopes?		X
2. Pool elevation (operator records)?		d/n/a	19. Major erosion or slope deterioration?		X
3. Decant inlet elevation (operator records)?		d/n/a	20. Decant Pipes:		
4. Open channel spillway elevation (operator records)?		d/n/a	Is water entering inlet, but not exiting outlet?		d/n/a
5. Lowest dam crest elevation (operator records)?		681.0	Is water exiting outlet, but not entering inlet?		d/n/a
6. If instrumentation is present, are readings recorded (operator records)?		d/n/a	Is water exiting outlet flowing clear?		d/n/a
7. Is the embankment currently under construction?		X	21. Seepage (specify location, if seepage carries fines, and approximate seepage rate below):		
8. Foundation preparation (remove vegetation, stumps, topsoil in area where embankment fill will be placed)?		n/a	From underdrain?		X
9. Trees growing on embankment? (If so, indicate largest diameter below)		X	At isolated points on embankment slopes?		X
10. Cracks or scarps on crest?		X	At natural hillside in the embankment area?		X
11. Is there significant settlement along the crest?		X	Over widespread areas?		X
12. Are decant trashracks clear and in place?		d/n/a	From downstream foundation area?		X
13. Depressions or sinkholes in tailings surface or whirlpool in the pool area?		d/n/a	"Boils" beneath stream or ponded water?		X
14. Clogged spillways, groin or diversion ditches?		X	Around the outside of the decant pipe?		X
15. Are spillway or ditch linings deteriorated?		X	22. Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside?		X
16. Are outlets of decant or underdrains blocked?		X	23. Water against downstream toe?		X
17. Cracks or scarps on slopes?		X	24. Were Photos taken during the dam inspection?	X	

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Inspection Issue #	Comments
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Coal Combustion Waste (CCW) Impoundment Inspection

Impoundment NPDES Permit # IN0053201 INSPECTOR Bill Friers, Kyle King, Mike Smith, Mike Schumaker
Date April 27, 2010

Impoundment Name Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15)B
Impoundment Company Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO)
EPA Region 5
State Agency (Field Office) Address 402 West Washington Street, Room W264 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Name of Impoundment Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15)B
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New X Update

Is impoundment currently under construction? Yes No
Is water or ccw currently being pumped into the impoundment? Yes No

IMPOUNDMENT FUNCTION: Pond is filled in; reportedly with ash and other on-site material

Nearest Downstream Town : Name Thayer, Indiana

Distance from the impoundment 20 Miles

Impoundment

Location: Longitude 87 Degrees 01 Minutes 02.71 Seconds W
Latitude 41 Degrees 12 Minutes 33.73 Seconds N
State Indiana County Jasper

Does a state agency regulate this impoundment? YES NO X\*

If So Which State Agency?

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**HAZARD POTENTIAL** (In the event the impoundment should fail, the following would occur):

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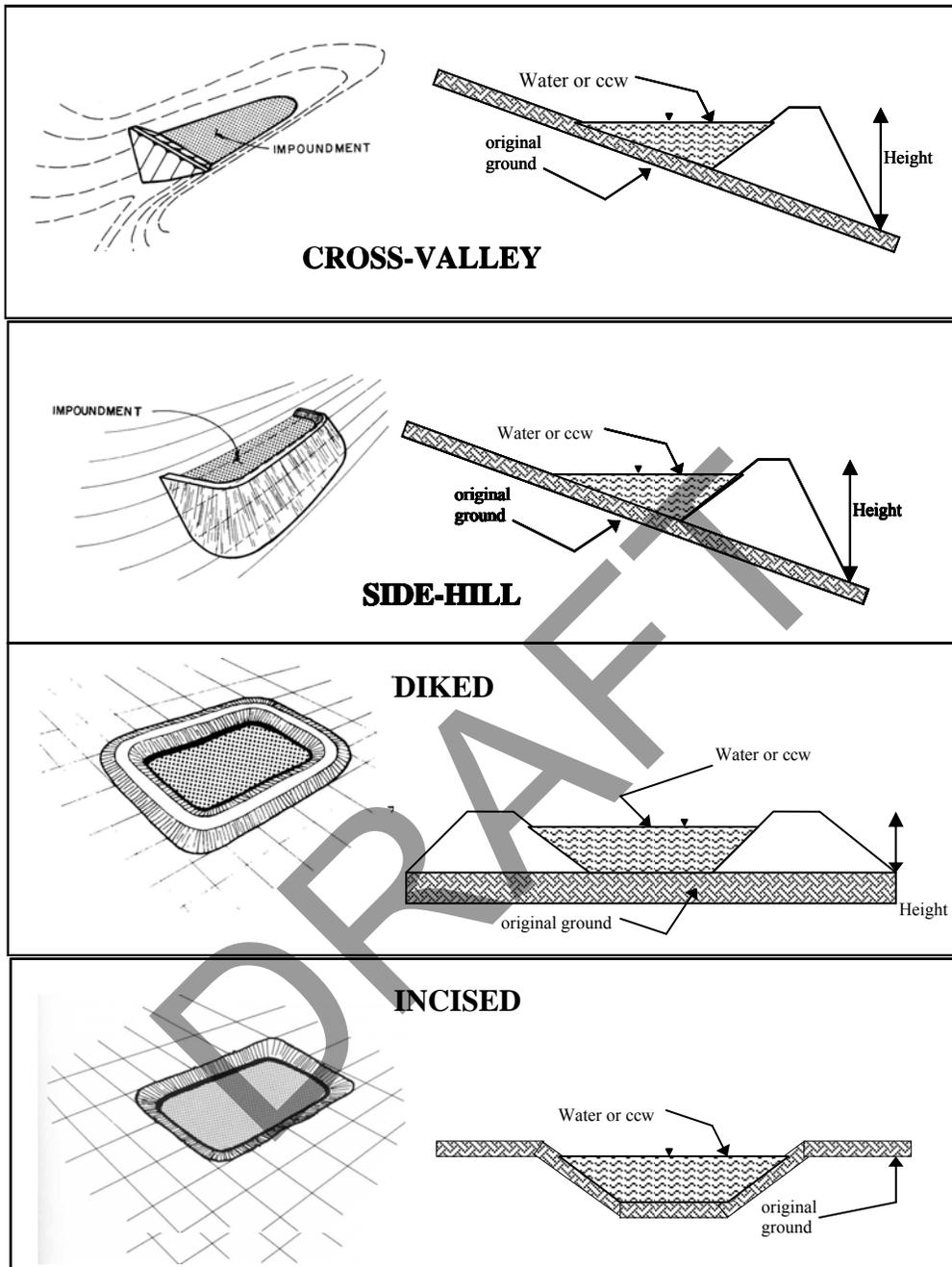
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**DESCRIBE REASONING FOR HAZARD RATING CHOSEN:**

The failure of embankment, under full pond, may cause environmental losses and damage to the facility.

**CONFIGURATION:**



- Cross-Valley
- Side-Hill
- Diked
- Incised (form completion optional)
- n/a Combination Incised/Diked

Lowest Embankment Height 17 feet      Embankment Material Earthen

Pool Area 9.5 acres      Liner None

Current Freeboard d/n/a feet      Liner Permeability d/n/a

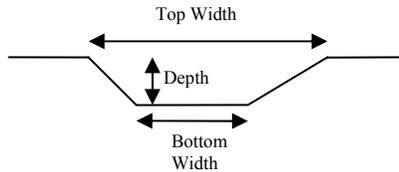
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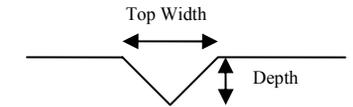
d/n/a **Open Channel Spillway**

- Trapezoidal
- Triangular
- Rectangular
- Irregular

TRAPEZOIDAL

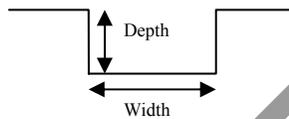


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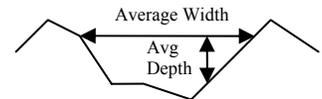


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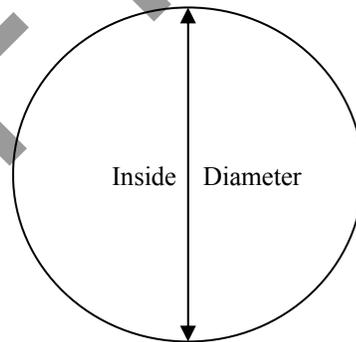


**Outlet**

inside diameter

Material

- corrugated metal
- welded steel
- concrete
- plastic (hdpe, pvc, etc.)
- other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_



Is water flowing through the outlet? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**No Outlet**

**Other Type of Outlet** (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

The Impoundment was Designed By n/a











Coal Combustion Waste (CCW) Impoundment Inspection

Impoundment NPDES Permit # IN0053201 Date April 27, 2010 INSPECTOR Bill Friers, Kyle King, Mike Smith, Mike Schumaker

Impoundment Name Material Storage Runoff Basin Impoundment Company Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) EPA Region 5 State Agency (Field Office) Address 402 West Washington Street, Room W264 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Name of Impoundment Material Storage Runoff Basin (Report each impoundment on a separate form under the same Impoundment NPDES Permit number)

New X Update

Is impoundment currently under construction? Yes No X Is water or ccw currently being pumped into the impoundment? X

IMPOUNDMENT FUNCTION: Used as settling area for solids from scrubber process

Nearest Downstream Town : Name Thayer, Indiana

Distance from the impoundment 20 Miles

Impoundment

Location: Longitude 87 Degrees 01 Minutes 09.89 Seconds W Latitude 41 Degrees 12 Minutes 44.62 Seconds N State Indiana County Jasper

Does a state agency regulate this impoundment? YES NO X\*

If So Which State Agency?

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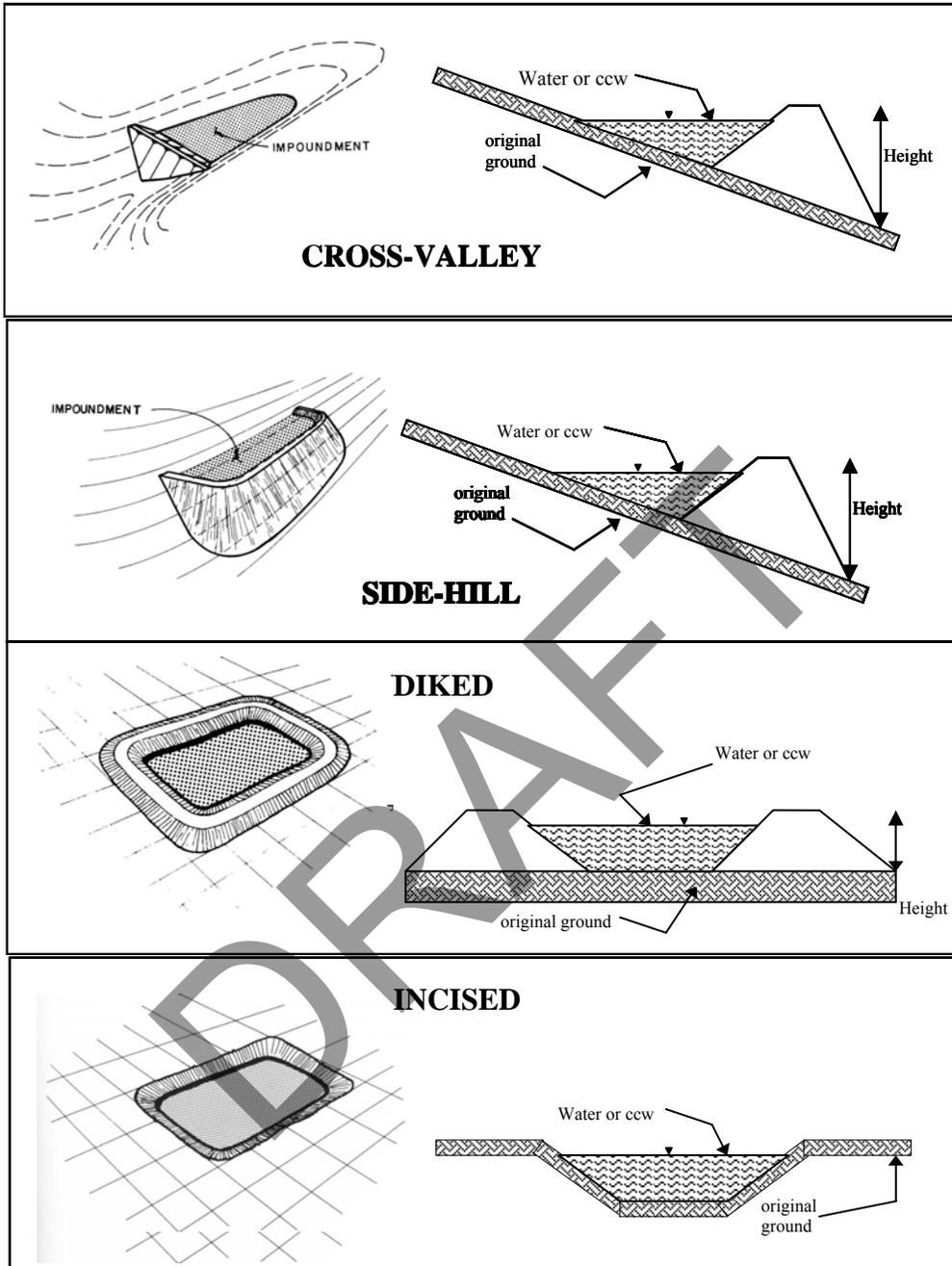
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**DESCRIBE REASONING FOR HAZARD RATING CHOSEN:**

If breach of embankment occurs, it is likely that both the Material Storage Runoff Basin and Metal Cleaning Water Basin will be drained (open channel located on divider embankment). Economic losses will be principally limited to owner's property.

**CONFIGURATION:**



Cross-Valley  
 Side-Hill  
 Diked  
 Incised (form completion optional)  
 n/a Combination Incised/Diked

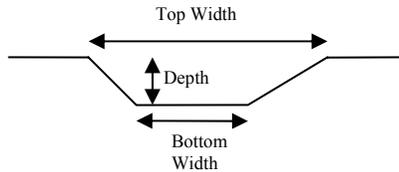
Embankment Height 5 feet      Embankment Material Earthen  
 Pool Area 12 acres      Liner None  
 Current Freeboard 3 feet      Liner Permeability d/n/a

**TYPE OF OUTLET** (Mark all that apply)

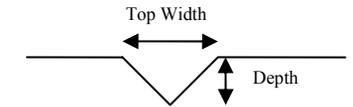
d/n/a **Open Channel Spillway**

- Trapezoidal
- Triangular
- Rectangular
- Irregular

TRAPEZOIDAL

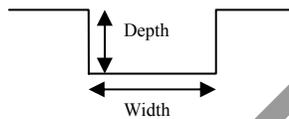


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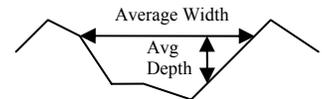


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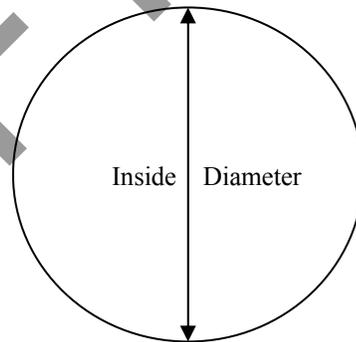


**Outlet**

inside diameter

Material

- corrugated metal
- welded steel
- concrete
- plastic (hdpe, pvc, etc.)
- other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_



Is water flowing through the outlet? YES  NO

**No Outlet**

**Other Type of Outlet** (specify) Outlet via Pump Station

The Impoundment was Designed By n/a











Coal Combustion Waste (CCW) Impoundment Inspection

Impoundment NPDES Permit # IN0053201 Date April 27, 2010 INSPECTOR Bill Friers, Kyle King, Mike Smith, Mike Schumaker

Impoundment Name Metal Cleaning Water Basin Impoundment Company Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) EPA Region 5 State Agency (Field Office) Address 402 West Washington Street, Room W264 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Name of Impoundment Metal Cleaning Water Basin (Report each impoundment on a separate form under the same Impoundment NPDES Permit number)

New X Update

Is impoundment currently under construction? Yes No X Is water or ccw currently being pumped into the impoundment? X

IMPOUNDMENT FUNCTION: Used as settling area for solids from scrubber process

Nearest Downstream Town : Name Thayer, Indiana Distance from the impoundment 20 Miles

Impoundment Location: Longitude 87 Degrees 00 Minutes 58.91 Seconds W Latitude 41 Degrees 12 Minutes 42.92 Seconds N State Indiana County Jasper

Does a state agency regulate this impoundment? YES NO X\*

If So Which State Agency?

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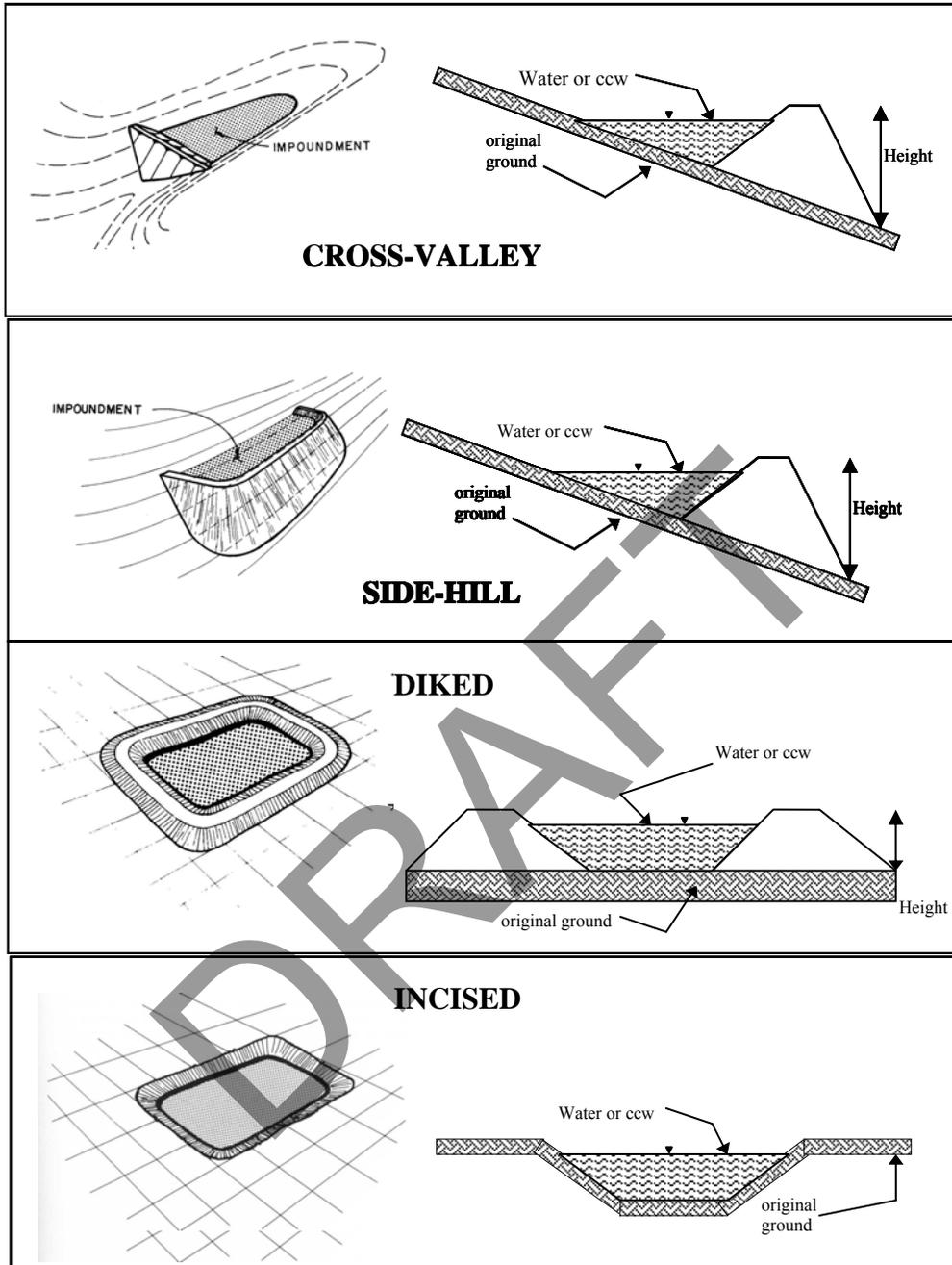
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**DESCRIBE REASONING FOR HAZARD RATING CHOSEN:**

If breach of embankment occurs, it is likely that both the Material Storage Runoff Basin and Metal Cleaning Water Basin will be drained (open channel located on divider embankment). Economic losses will be principally limited to owner's property.

**CONFIGURATION:**



Cross-Valley  
 Side-Hill  
 Diked  
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 n/a Combination Incised/Diked

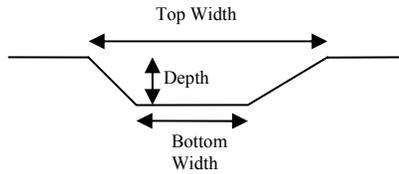
Embankment Height 5 feet      Embankment Material Earthen  
 Pool Area 12 acres      Liner None  
 Current Freeboard 3 feet      Liner Permeability d/n/a

**TYPE OF OUTLET** (Mark all that apply)

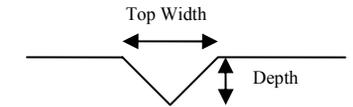
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- Triangular
- Rectangular
- Irregular

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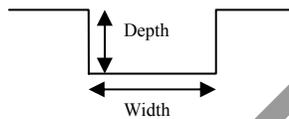


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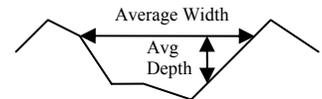


- depth
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- top width

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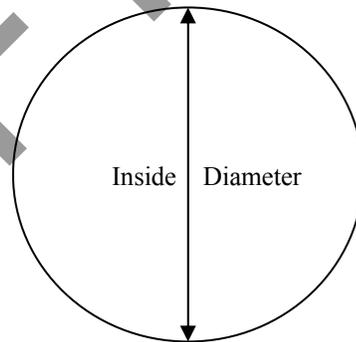


**Outlet**

inside diameter

Material

- corrugated metal
- welded steel
- concrete
- plastic (hdpe, pvc, etc.)
- other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_



Is water flowing through the outlet? YES  NO

**No Outlet**

**Other Type of Outlet** (specify) Outlet via Pump Station

The Impoundment was Designed By n/a

Has there ever been a failure at this site? YES  X  NO \_\_\_\_\_

If So When?  June 2008 and March 10, 2009

If So Please Describe : \_\_\_\_\_

**June 2008 Failure**

In June 2008 the mechanical failure of a pump led to an overtopping of the east embankment of the Metal Cleaning Waste Basin. Subsequent to the overtopping the embankment breached. NIPSCO Personnel indicated the breach was repaired by NIPSCO Personnel and that discharge from the breach was contained within plant property. Documentation of this failure was not available for review.

**March 10, 2009 Failure**

On March 10, 2009 the mechanical failure of a pump led to an overtopping of the east embankment of the Metal Cleaning Waste Basin. Subsequent to the overtopping the embankment breached. NIPSCO personnel indicated the breach was repaired by NIPSCO personnel and that discharge from the breach was contained within plant property. Documentation of this failure was not available for review. CDM observed areas of depression along the embankment crest where the breach had occurred.







<b>Site Name:</b> R.M. Schahfer Generating Station	<b>Date:</b> April 27, 2010
<b>Unit Name:</b> Waste Disposal Area	<b>Operator's Name:</b> NIPSCO
<b>Unit I.D.:</b> n/a	<b>Hazard Potential Classification:</b> High <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">Significant</span> Low
<b>Inspector's Name:</b> Kyle King, Bill Friers, Mike Smith, Mike Schumaker	

Check the appropriate box below. Provide comments when appropriate. If not applicable or not available, record "N/A". Any unusual conditions or construction practices that should be noted in the comments section. For large diked embankments, separate checklists may be used for different embankment areas. If separate forms are used, identify approximate area that the form applies to in comments.

	Yes	No		Yes	No
1. Frequency of Company's Dam Inspections?		d/n/a	18. Sloughing or bulging on slopes?		see note 18
2. Pool elevation (operator records)?		679.0	19. Major erosion or slope deterioration?		see note 19
3. Decant inlet elevation (operator records)?		680.2	20. Decant Pipes:		
4. Open channel spillway elevation (operator records)?		d/n/a	Is water entering inlet, but not exiting outlet?		x
5. Lowest dam crest elevation (operator records)?		681.0	Is water exiting outlet, but not entering inlet?		x
6. If instrumentation is present, are readings recorded (operator records)?		d/n/a	Is water exiting outlet flowing clear?	x	
7. Is the embankment currently under construction?		x	21. Seepage (specify location, if seepage carries fines, and approximate seepage rate below):		
8. Foundation preparation (remove vegetation, stumps, topsoil in area where embankment fill will be placed)?		n/a	From underdrain?		d/n/a
9. Trees growing on embankment? (If so, indicate largest diameter below)	x		At isolated points on embankment slopes?		x
10. Cracks or scarps on crest?		x	At natural hillside in the embankment area?		x
11. Is there significant settlement along the crest?		x	Over widespread areas?		x
12. Are decant trashracks clear and in place?		see note 12	From downstream foundation area?		x
13. Depressions or sinkholes in tailings surface or whirlpool in the pool area?		x	"Boils" beneath stream or ponded water?		x
14. Clogged spillways, groin or diversion ditches?	x		Around the outside of the decant pipe?		x
15. Are spillway or ditch linings deteriorated?		x	22. Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside?		x
16. Are outlets of decant or underdrains blocked?		x	23. Water against downstream toe?		x
17. Cracks or scarps on slopes?		see note 17	24. Were Photos taken during the dam inspection?	x	

**Major adverse changes in these items could cause instability and should be reported for further evaluation. Adverse conditions noted in these items should normally be described (extent, location, volume, etc.) in the space below and on the back of this sheet.**

<u>Inspection Issue #</u>	<u>Comments</u>
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- 1. Informal dam inspections performed but not documented.
- 6. No monitoring wells are installed.
- 9. Trees (approximately 12" in diameter) located along the west embankment exterior slope. Tree (approximately 12" in diameter) located on south embankment exterior slope.
- 12. No trash racks. Bar screens installed at pump station.
- 14. Tree branches in outlet channel along west embankment exterior slope.
- 17,18,19. Surface erosion and low areas along west embankment exterior slope. Minor erosion of riprap along the east embankment interior slope.

n/a = Not Available  
d/n/a = Does Not Apply

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Coal Combustion Waste (CCW) Impoundment Inspection

Impoundment NPDES Permit # IN0053201 INSPECTOR Bill Friers, Kyle King, Mike Smith, Mike Schumaker
Date April 27, 2010

Impoundment Name Waste Disposal Area
Impoundment Company Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO)
EPA Region 5
State Agency (Field Office) Address 402 West Washington Street, Room W264 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Name of Impoundment Waste Disposal Area
(Report each impoundment on a separate form under the same Impoundment NPDES Permit number)

New X Update

Is impoundment currently under construction? Yes No
Is water or ccw currently being pumped into the impoundment? X

IMPOUNDMENT FUNCTION: Receives bulk slag and bottom ash

Nearest Downstream Town : Name Thayer, Indiana

Distance from the impoundment 20 Miles

Impoundment

Location: Longitude 87 Degrees 01 Minutes 20.56 Seconds W
Latitude 41 Degrees 12 Minutes 18.18 Seconds N
State Indiana County Jasper

Does a state agency regulate this impoundment? YES NO X\*

If So Which State Agency?

\*Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is responsible for the State's dam safety program, however IDNR has not been actively involved in the regulation of Coal Combustion Waste Impoundments to date. The owner indicates there are no State inspection reports for this impoundment.

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**HAZARD POTENTIAL** (In the event the impoundment should fail, the following would occur):

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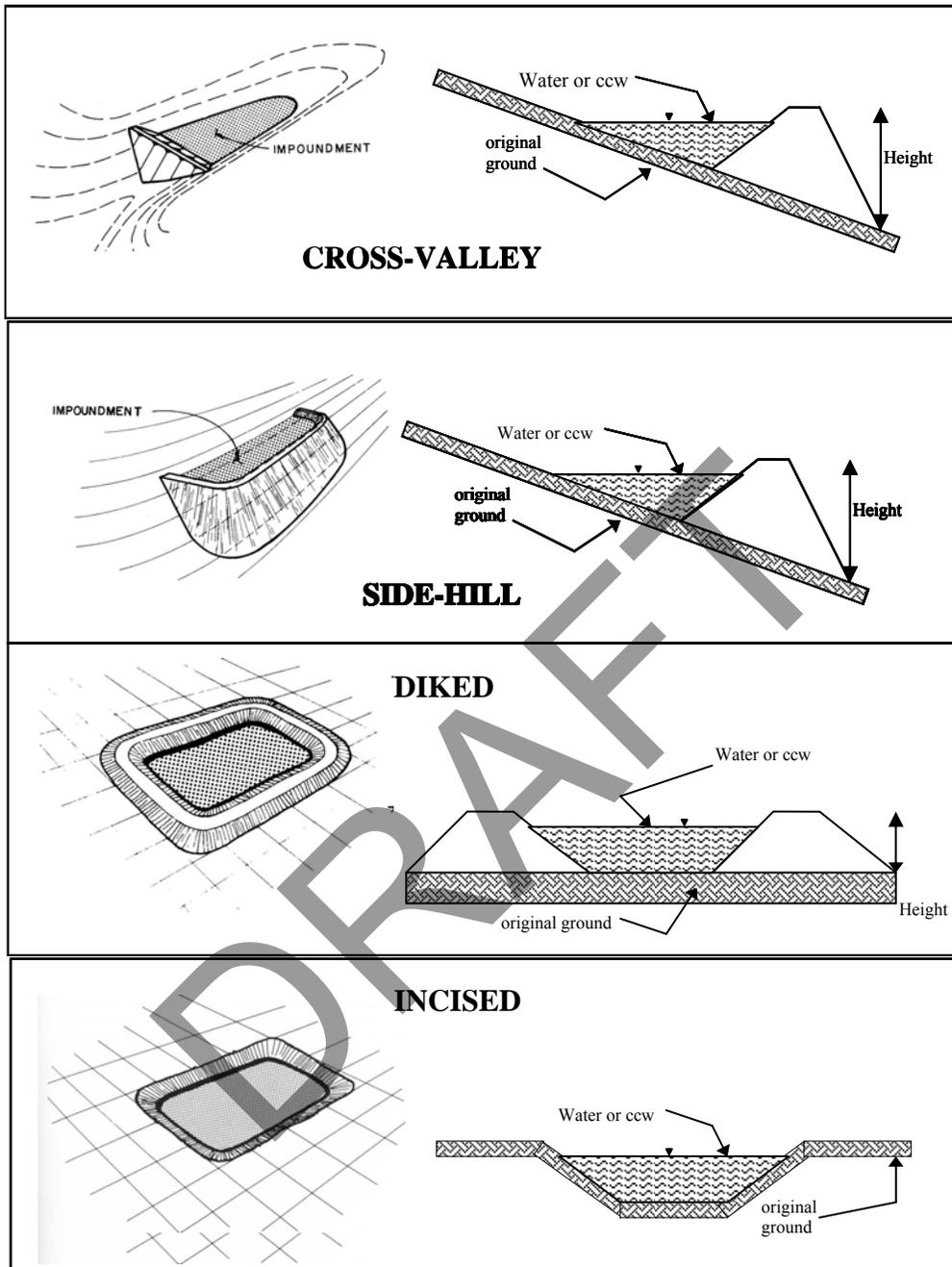
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- 1) A breach of embankment will adversely affect Kankahee River, surrounding roadways, and the owner's property.
- 2) If breach of embankment occurs, it is likely that both the Waste Disposal Area and Recycle Settling Basin will be drained (stoplogs for divider embankment are not readily available in the event of an emergency).

**CONFIGURATION:**



- Cross-Valley
- Side-Hill
- Diked
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Lowest Embankment Height 17 feet      Embankment Material Earthen  
 Pool Area 80 acres      Liner None  
 Current Freeboard 2 feet      Liner Permeability d/n/a

n/a = Not Available  
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 \* = Estimated

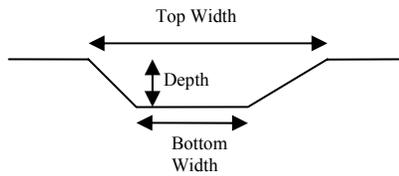
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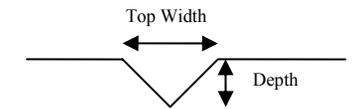
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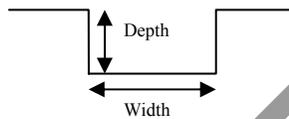
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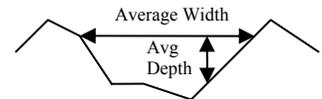
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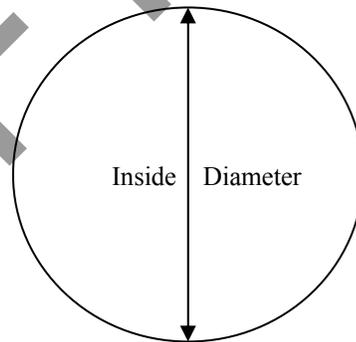


**Outlet**

Twin-24" inside diameter discharges to open channel

Material

- corrugated metal
- welded steel
- concrete
- plastic (hdpe, pvc, etc.)
- other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_



Is water flowing through the outlet? YES  NO

**No Outlet**

**Other Type of Outlet** (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

The Impoundment was Designed By n/a











Coal Combustion Waste (CCW) Impoundment Inspection

Impoundment NPDES Permit # IN0053201 INSPECTOR Bill Friers, Kyle King, Mike Smith, Mike Schumaker
Date April 27, 2010

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Impoundment Company Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO)
EPA Region 5
State Agency (Field Office) Address 402 West Washington Street, Room W264 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Name of Impoundment Recycle Settling Basin
(Report each impoundment on a separate form under the same Impoundment NPDES Permit number)

New X Update

Is impoundment currently under construction? Yes No
Is water or ccw currently being pumped into the impoundment? Yes No

IMPOUNDMENT FUNCTION: Receives flow from overflow weir from waste disposal area

Nearest Downstream Town : Name Thayer, Indiana

Distance from the impoundment 20 Miles

Impoundment

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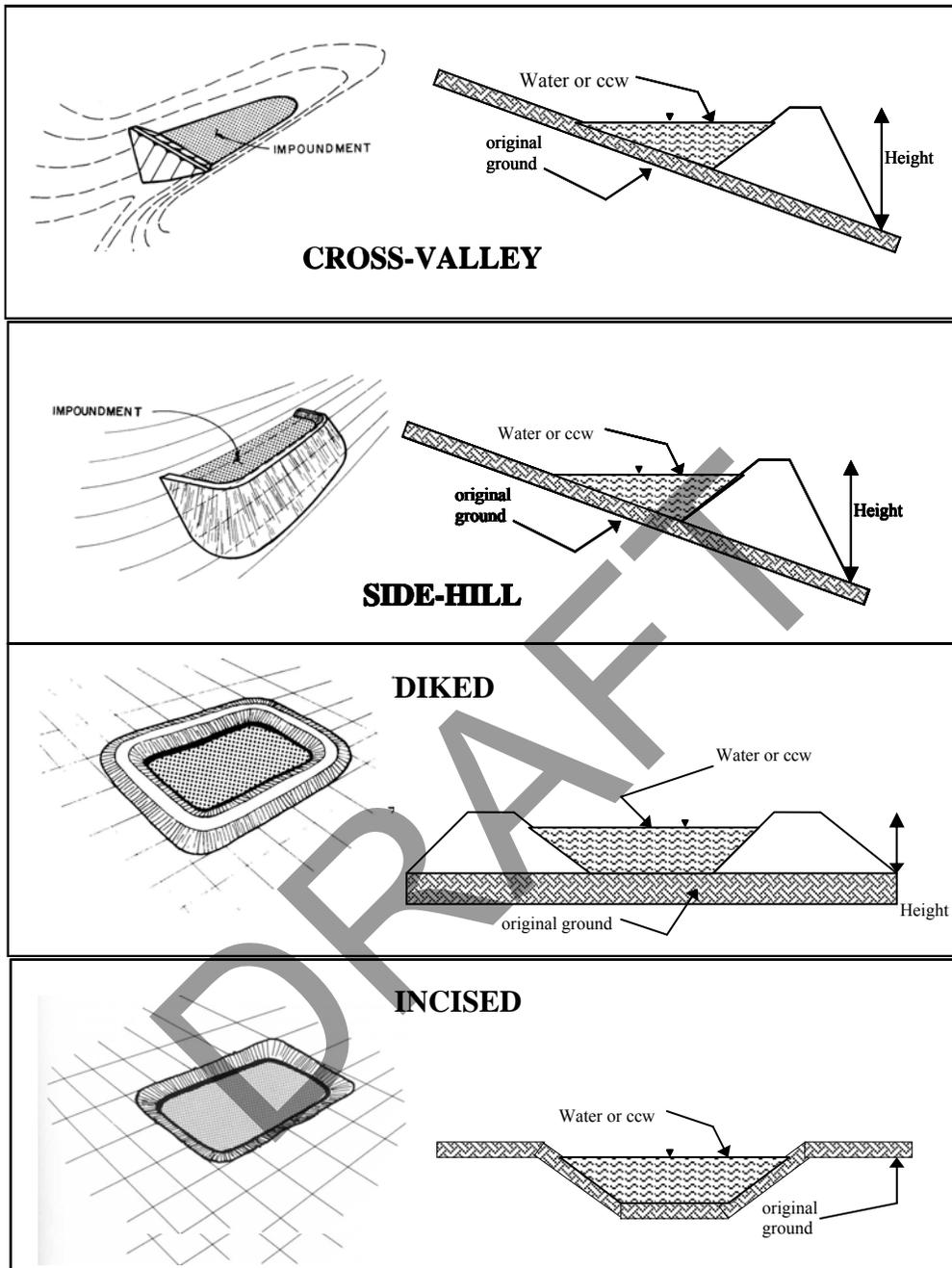
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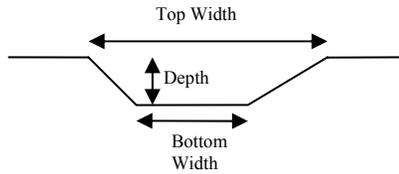
Embankment Height 17 feet      Embankment Material Earthen  
 Pool Area 30 acres      Liner None  
 Current Freeboard 2 feet      Liner Permeability d/n/a

**TYPE OF OUTLET** (Mark all that apply)

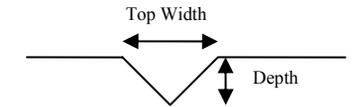
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- Triangular
- Rectangular
- Irregular

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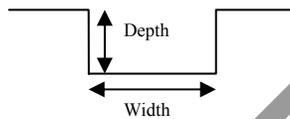


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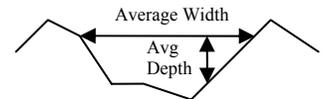


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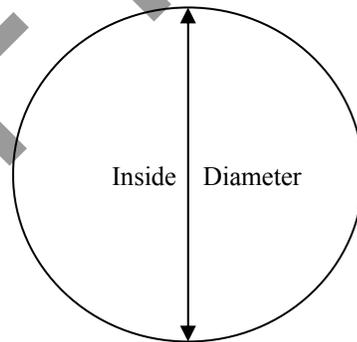


**Outlet**

inside diameter

Material

- corrugated metal
- welded steel
- concrete
- plastic (hdpe, pvc, etc.)
- other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_



Is water flowing through the outlet? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**No Outlet**

**Other Type of Outlet** (specify) Pump Station

The Impoundment was Designed By n/a



Has there ever been significant seepages at this site? YES  NO

If So When? November 24, 1983

IF So Please Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

The slurry wall contract for the R.M. Schahfer Generating Facility was awarded to Townsend & Buttom Inc., in which awarded the slurry wall subcontract to ICOS Corporation of America. Shortly after the finalized construction of the embankments and pond filling completed on February 22, 1982, excessive seepage occurred at the toe of the Recycling Settling Basin southeast embankment for a distance of 700 feet along the embankment. The seepage was first observed on February 24, 1983. Flowing water, sand boils, and a slope failure at the toe of the embankment were indications of the excessive seepage. NIPSCO initiated an investigation to determine the cause of the seepage. Through subsurface explorations, laboratory tests, and document review, it was concluded by Sargent & Lundy Engineers that the seepage was occurring through the slurry wall, not the underlying bedrock. The conclusions are summarized below:

- During the excavation of the area in question, the excavation and backfill of the slurry wall was discontinued from July 20, 1982 to August 2, 1982;
- Field construction logs revealed that the measurement of slurry wall depth at 10 foot intervals was not recorded;
- The source of bentonite was changed to "federal Bentonite" from "American Colloid;"
- Through subsurface investigation, the bentonite slurry was found at the inside edge of the dike down to a depth of 20 feet. The most likely explanation of this finding is that sloughing in the slurry trench took place during construction;
- Comparison of the Plasticity Index with Osterberg Samples from the slurry wall in the seepage area and those from other parts of the slurry wall revealed a low clay content in the slurry wall in the seepage area;
- The permeability of the backfill samples from the seepage area range from  $.25 \times 10^{-4}$  to  $97 \times 10^{-4}$  cm/sec, which is much higher than those measured at other locations along the slurry wall in which a permeability of  $3.65 \times 10^{-6}$  cm/sec was measured.

The majority of the slurry wall repair work was completed by October 3, 1983 by Townsend & Buttom Inc. In a site visit December 1, 1983 after the repair work was completed, it was noted that the previously observed sand boils were much smaller and less frequent than previously observed prior to the repair. In addition, a layer of natural soil was found within two feet of bedrock. It was concluded that the excessive seepage occurring was the result of an improperly constructed slurry wall, with the slurry wall not extended down to the top of bedrock.



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**Appendix B  
Photographs**



1. Final Settling Basin - Overflow weir on west embankment, looking east



2. Final Settling Basin - Outlet channel, looking west from overflow weir



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3. Final Settling Basin - West embankment interior slope, looking south, armoring of the slope is observed



4. Final Settling Basin - West embankment exterior slope scarp  
(Approximately 36 feet Long)



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5. Final Settling Basin - West embankment exterior slope, looking north



6. Final Settling Basin - Erosion rill west embankment exterior slope



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7. Final Settling Basin - South embankment interior slope, looking southeast



8. Final Settling Basin - Erosion rills on south embankment exterior slope



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9. Final Settling Basin - Depression at intake pipe (10 inch diameter metal) on south embankment exterior slope



10. Final Settling Basin - South embankment exterior slope



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11. Final Settling Basin - Brush pile located on south embankment



12. Final Settling Basin - Surface erosion located on south embankment exterior slope



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13. Final Settling Basin - Surface erosion on south embankment exterior slope



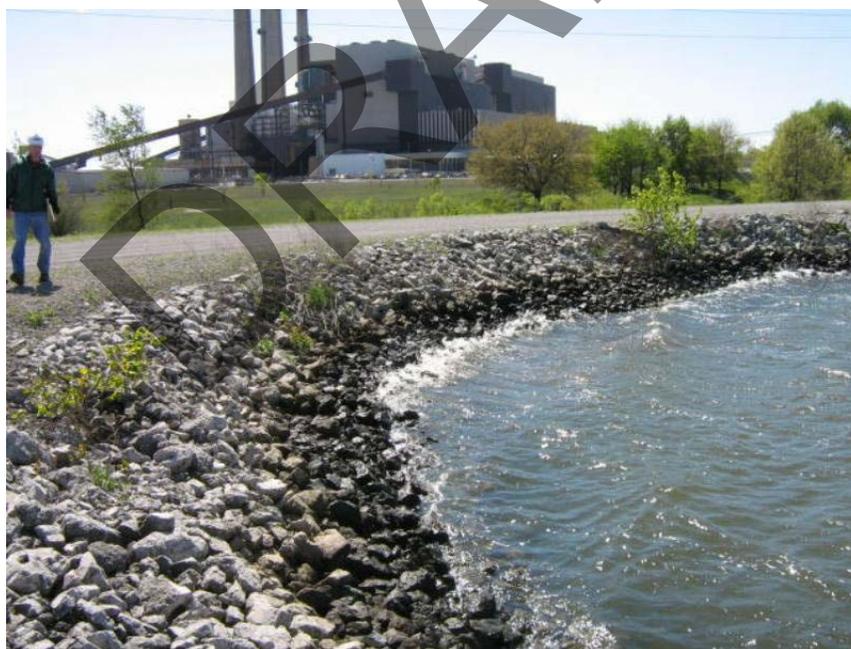
14. Final Settling Basin - Rodent burrow on south embankment exterior slope



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15. Final Settling Basin - Scarp on south embankment exterior slope



16. Final Settling Basin - Erosion on south embankment interior slope



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17. Final Settling Basin - South embankment crest



18. Final Settling Basin - Sluice lines discharge into pond



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19. Final Settling Basin - Possible seepage into drainage ditch



20. Final Settling Basin - East embankment crest and interior slope



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21. Final Settling Basin - Riprap slide on east embankment interior slope



22. Final Settling Basin - East embankment exterior slope, well established vegetation



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23. Final Settling Basin - East embankment interior slope, riprap erosion



24. Final Settling Basin - Shrubs and brush at exterior slope at toe of east embankment



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25. Final Settling Basin - North embankment exterior slope, looking west



26. Final Settling Basin - North embankment exterior slope, looking east



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27. Final Settling Basin – North embankment exterior slope, private residence in background



28. Final Settling Basin – North embankment crest and exterior slope



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29. Final Settling Basin - North embankment crest looking west



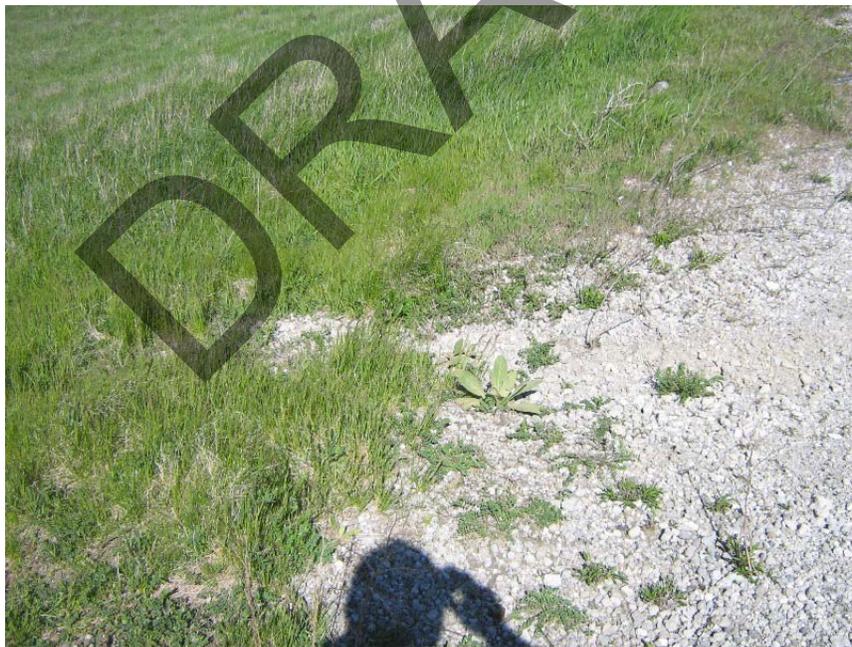
30. Final Settling Basin - North embankment exterior slope, possible seepage area, moss covered



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31. Final Settling Basin - Water meter on north embankment exterior slope



32. Final Settling Basin - Erosion rill on north embankment exterior slope



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33. Final Settling Basin - West embankment exterior slope, sparse vegetation



34. Final Settling Basin - West embankment interior slope



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35. Final Settling Basin - West embankment crest and interior slope



36. Final Settling Basin - Active scarp on west embankment exterior slope (approximately 32 feet in length)



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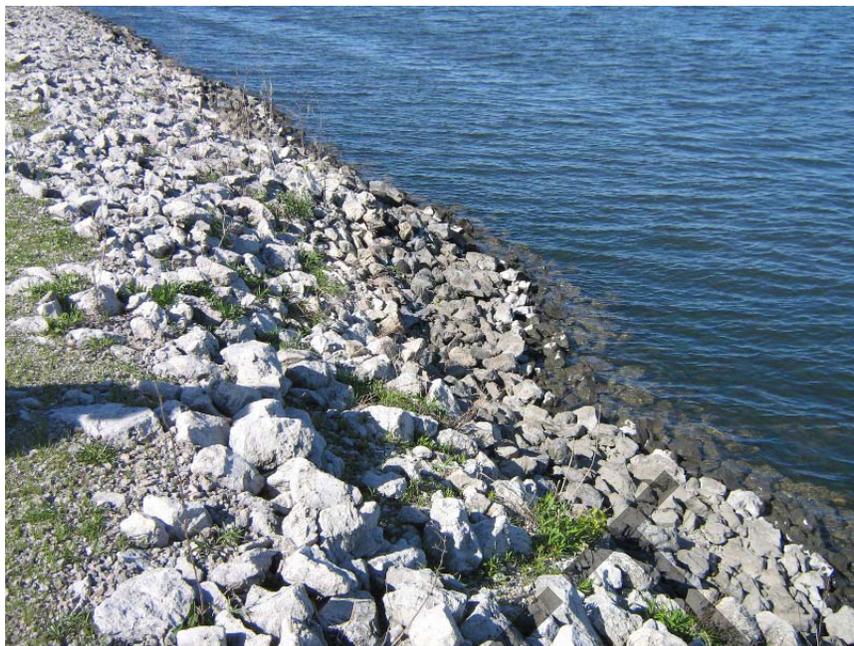
37. Final Settling Basin - Manhole located on west embankment exterior slope



38. Final Settling Basin - Scarp on west embankment exterior slope



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39. Final Settling Basin - Riprap erosion on west embankment interior slope



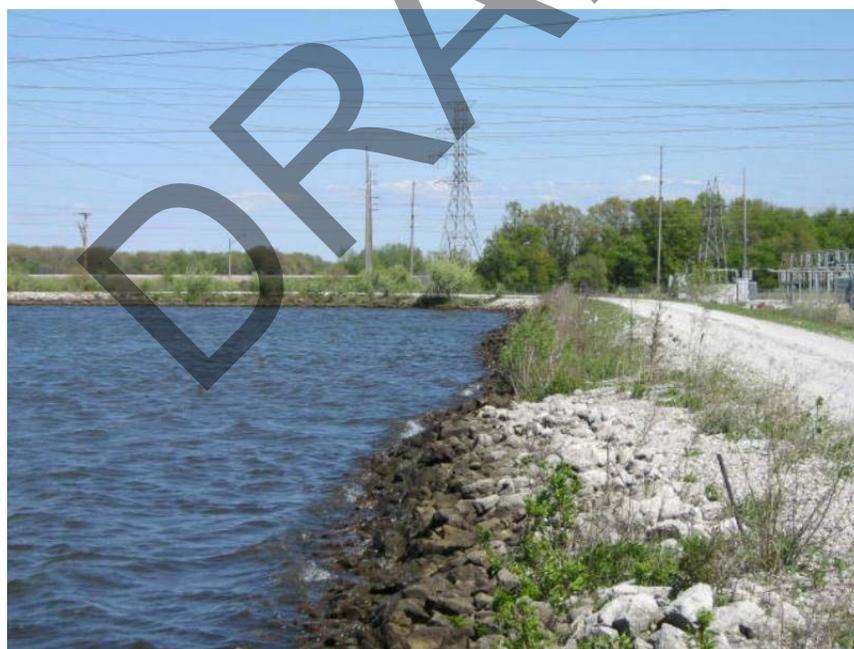
40. Final Settling Basin - Drainage ditch



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41. Intake Settling Basin - South embankment exterior slope, tree near slope toe



42. Intake Settling Basin - South embankment interior slope



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43. Intake Settling Basin - Rodent burrow on south embankment exterior slope



44. Intake Settling Basin - South embankment exterior slope, vegetation



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45. Intake Settling Basin - South embankment exterior slope



46. Intake Settling Basin - South embankment interior slope, vegetation



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47. Intake Settling Basin - Saturated area located on east embankment exterior slope



48. Intake Settling Basin - Saturated area located on east embankment exterior slope



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49. Intake Settling Basin - Saturated area located on east embankment exterior slope



50. Intake Settling Basin - Vegetation and trees on base of east embankment exterior slope toe



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51. Intake Settling Basin - Brush on east embankment exterior slope



52. Intake Settling Basin - Saturated area in brush on east embankment exterior slope



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53. Intake Settling Basin - East embankment crest



54. Intake Settling Basin - Drainage ditch at east embankment exterior slope toe



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55. Intake Settling Basin - Standing water on east embankment exterior slope toe



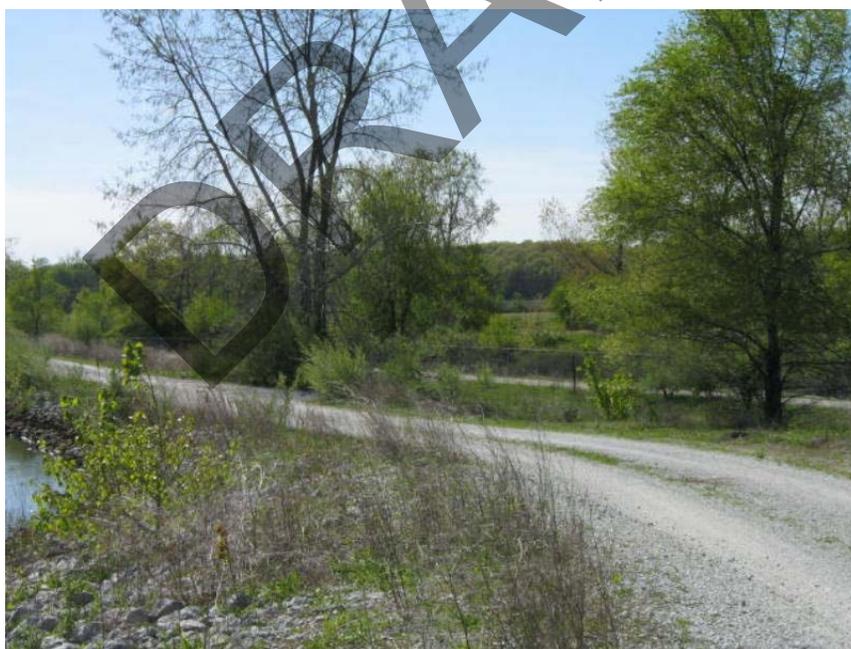
56. Intake Settling Basin - East embankment interior slope



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57. Intake Settling Basin - North embankment interior slope



58. Intake Settling Basin - North embankment crest and interior slope



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59. Intake Settling Basin - North embankment interior slope



60. Intake Settling Basin - Saturated area on north embankment exterior slope (approximately 25 feet long by 8 feet wide)



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61. Intake Settling Basin - Standing water at slope toe of north embankment exterior slope



62. Intake Settling Basin - North embankment interior slope, high water line



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63. Intake Settling Basin - North embankment interior slope, two (2) 24-inch-diameter CMP overflow pipes



64. Intake Settling Basin - North embankment interior slope, overflow pipe, sedimentation



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65. Intake Settling Basin - North embankment exterior slopes, overflow pipe discharge



66. Intake Settling Basin - Erosion rills on west embankment exterior slope



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67. Intake Settling Basin - West embankment exterior slope, vegetation



68. Intake Settling Basin - West embankment exterior slope



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69. Intake Settling Basin - West embankment interior slope, vegetation and saplings



70. Intake Settling Basin - West embankment interior slope, vegetation, brush, and saplings



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71. Intake Settling Basin - Saturated area on west embankment exterior slope (approximately 40 feet wide by 7 feet in length)



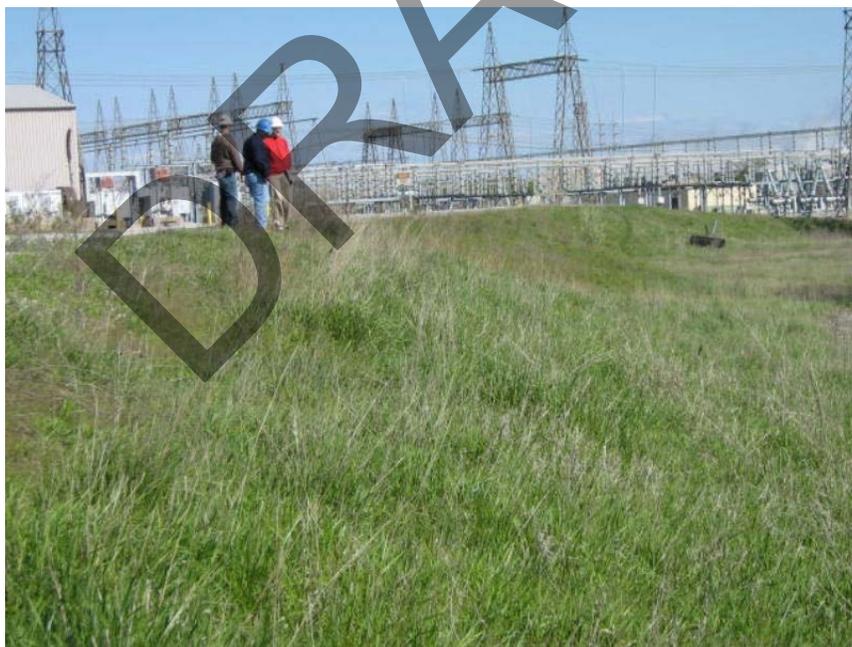
72. Intake Settling Basin - Vegetation on west embankment exterior slope, vegetation, brush, and small trees



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73. Intake Settling Basin - West embankment exterior slope



74. Intake Settling Basin - south embankment exterior slope



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75. Intake Settling Basin - South embankment interior slope



76. Intake Settling Basin - South embankment exterior slope



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77. Intake Settling Basin - Pump station bar screen

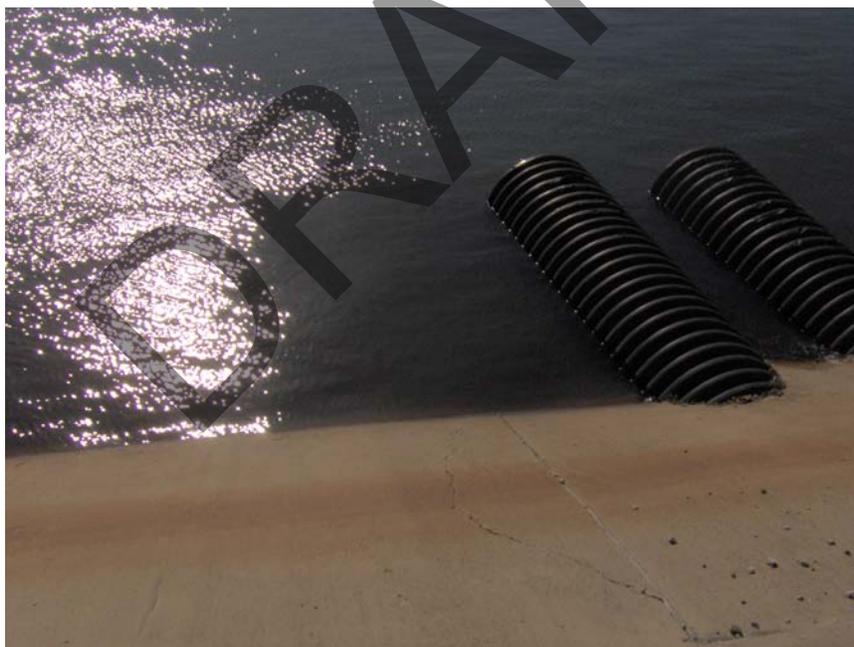
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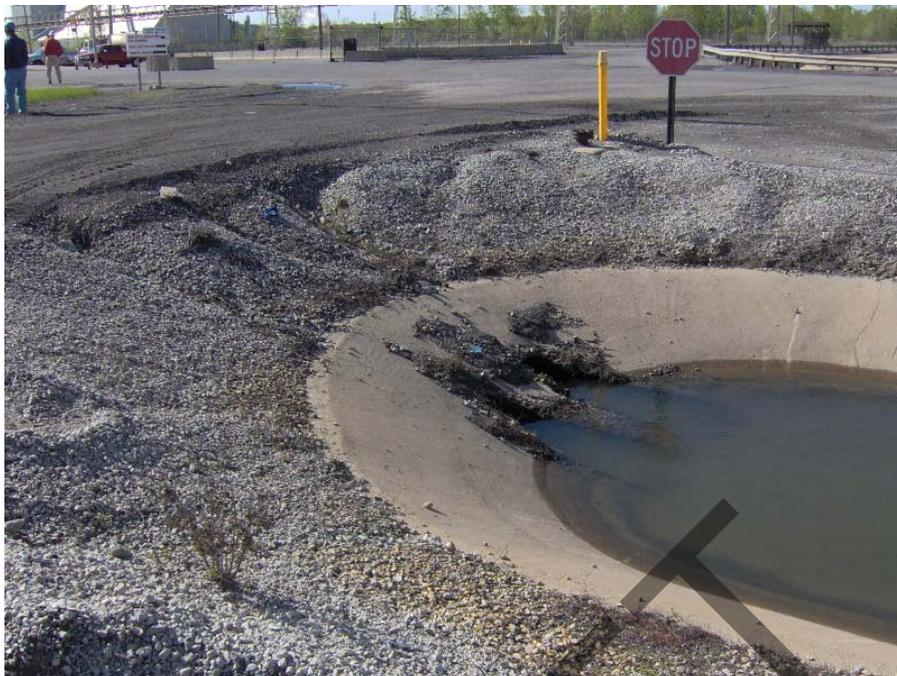
78. Retention Pond - Pump station, looking north



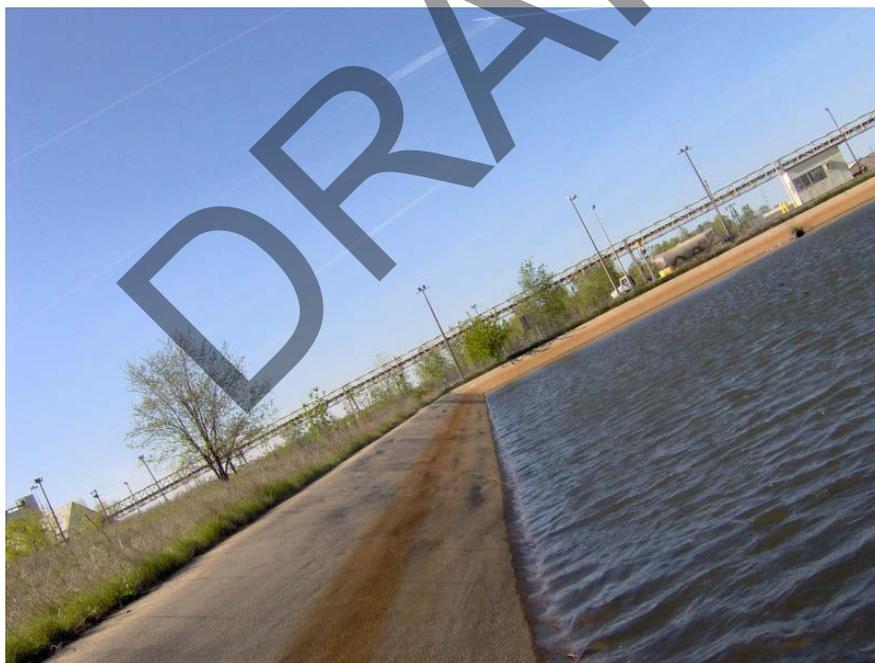
79. Retention Pond - Pond inlets



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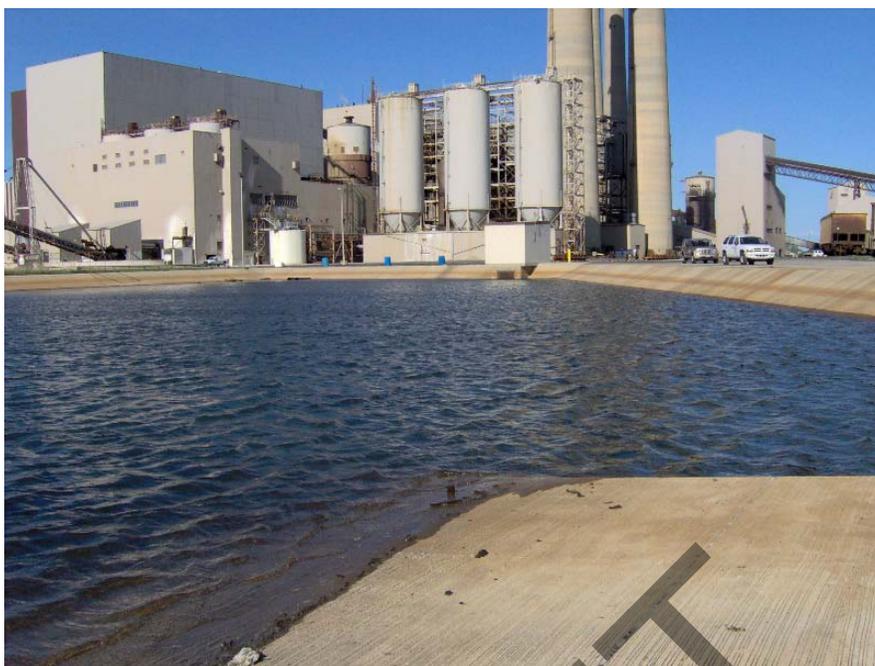
80. Retention Pond – inlets



81. Retention Pond – West interior wall



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82. Retention Pond - Ramp on south wall

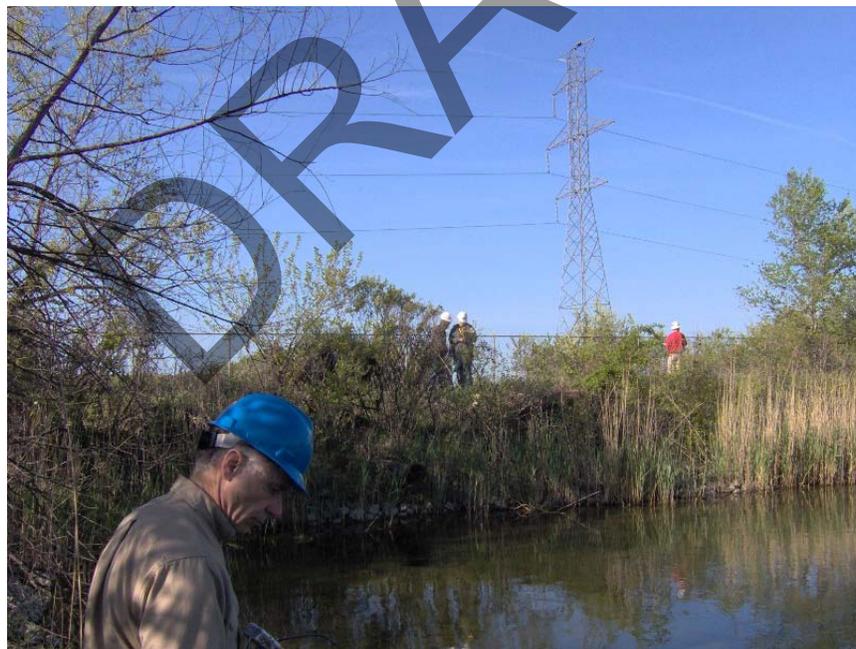
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83. FGD Landfill Runoff Pond - West embankment interior slope, looking south



84. FGD Landfill Runoff Pond - North embankment interior slope, heavy vegetation



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85. FGD Landfill Runoff Pond - West embankment interior slope, vegetation, tree and brush



86. FGD Landfill Runoff Pond - Large tree located on north embankment interior slope



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87. FGD Landfill Runoff Pond - North embankment crest



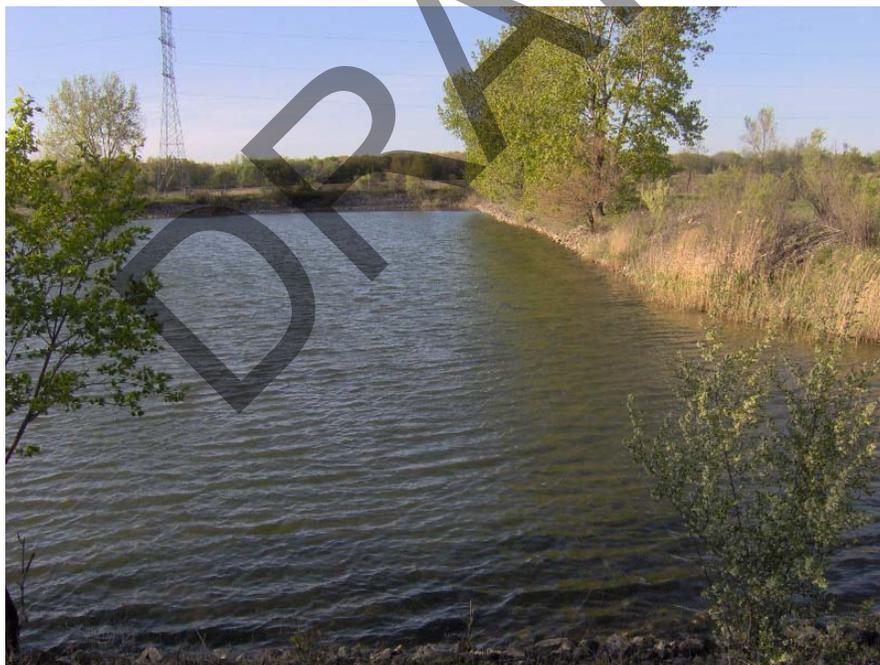
88. FGD Landfill Runoff Pond - East embankment interior slope, vegetation, brush, and trees



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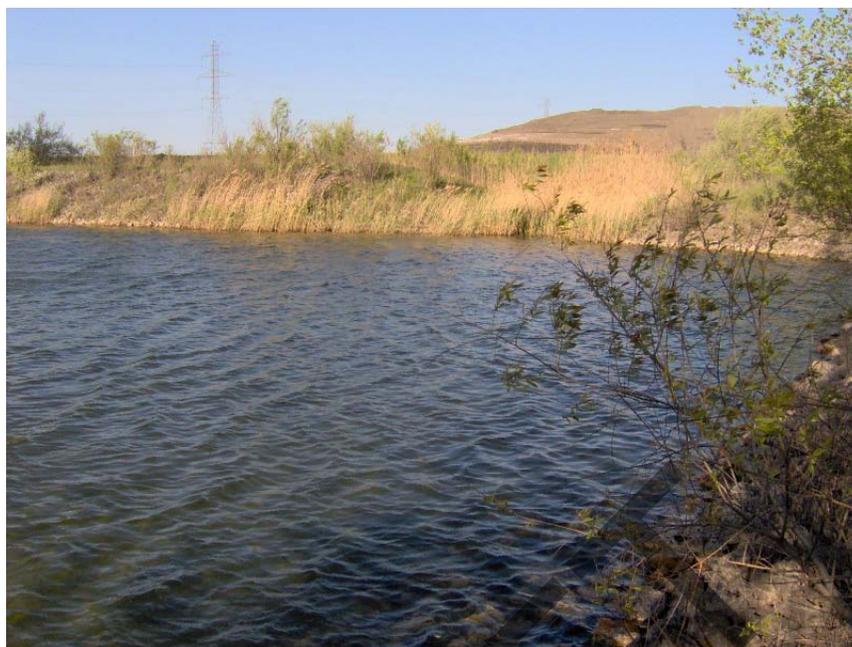
89. FGD Landfill Runoff Pond - Inlet into pond on east embankment crest



90. FGD Landfill Runoff Pond - East embankment interior slope, vegetation



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91. FGD Landfill Runoff Pond - South embankment interior slope, heavy vegetation on east embankment interior slope seen in background



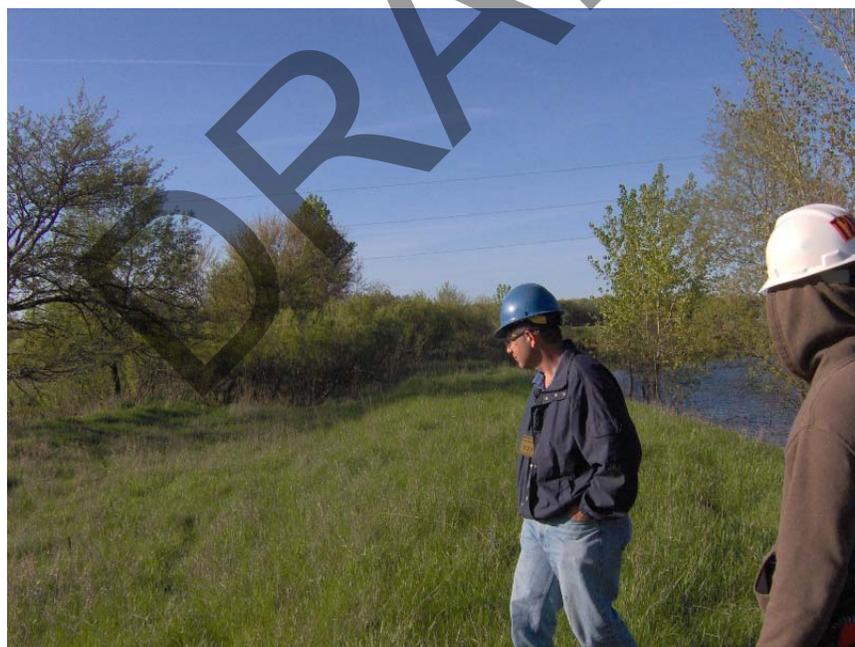
92. FGD Landfill Runoff Pond - South embankment crest, looking west, trees on interior and exterior slopes



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93. FGD Landfill Runoff Pond - Trees at base of east embankment interior slope



94. FGD Landfill Runoff Pond - West crest

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95. FGD Landfill Runoff Pond - West embankment interior slope

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96. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - West embankment exterior slope



97. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - West embankment exterior slope



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98. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - Rodent burrow on west embankment exterior slope



99. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - Scarp on west embankment exterior slope



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100. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - Slough on west embankment exterior slope (approximately 2 feet Deep)



101. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - Very steep slope on west embankment exterior Slope, seepage



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102. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - West embankment exterior slope, erosion Rills



103. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - West embankment exterior slope



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104. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - South embankment crest



105. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - East embankment crest, sluice lines on crest, vegetation



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106. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - East embankment crest



107. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - East embankment exterior slope, heavy vegetation and possible abandoned monitoring well



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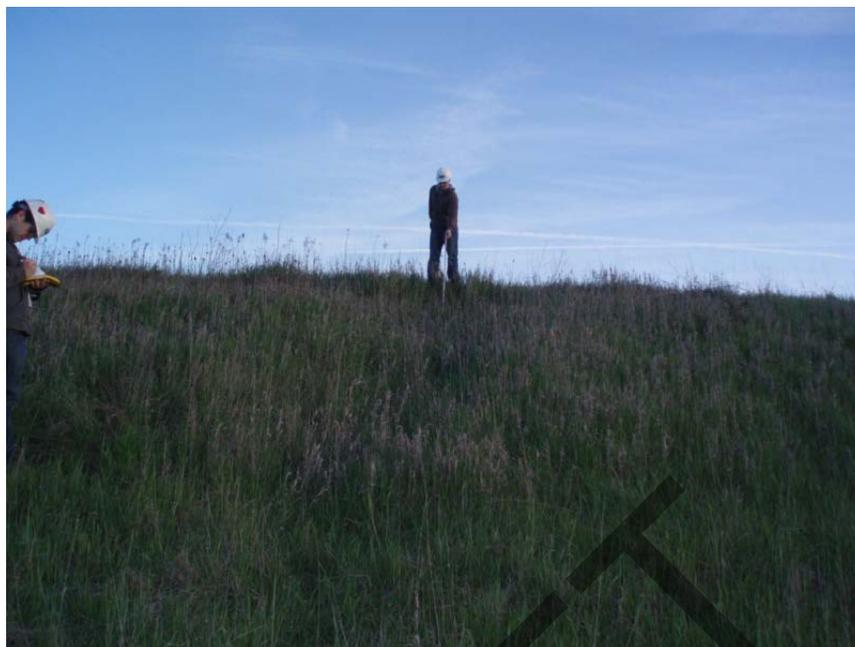
108. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - North embankment exterior slope, surface erosion



109. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - Abandoned rodent burrow on north embankment exterior slope



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110. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - Erosion rill down north embankment exterior slope



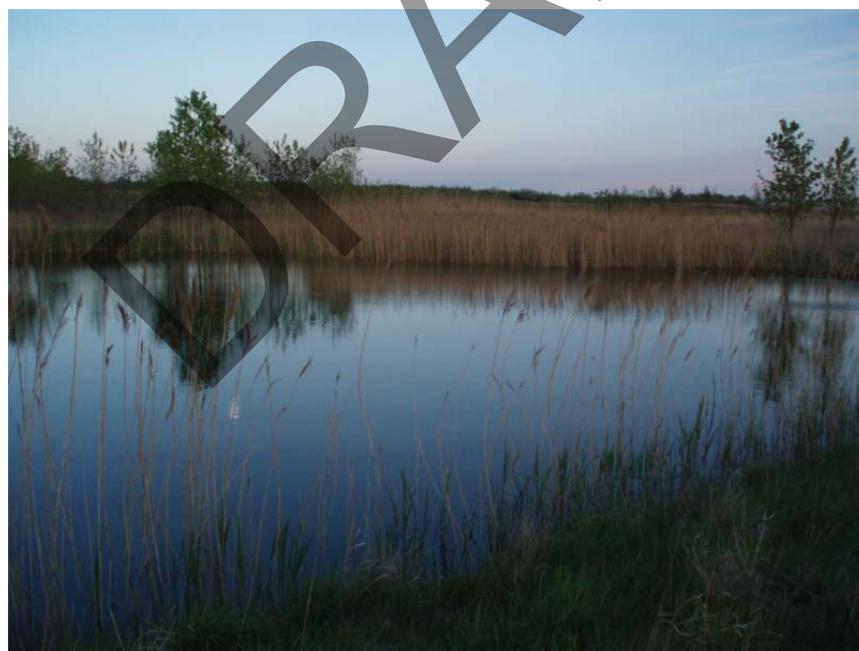
111. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - Active erosion rill channel on north embankment exterior slope



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112. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - North embankment crest and exterior slope



113. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - Standing water at northwestern corner of filled-in pond, note heavy vegetation on south embankment interior slope in background



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114. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - Slough on north embankment exterior slope



115. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - North embankment exterior slope, erosion rill



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116. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - West embankment exterior slope, erosion rill (approximately 3 feet deep)



117. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - Slough on west embankment exterior slope



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118. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) A - Slough on west embankment exterior slope (approximately 2 feet deep)

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119. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) B - East embankment exterior slope, looking north



120. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) B - East embankment crest and exterior slope, looking south



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121. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) B - North embankment crest, looking west



122. Gypsum Storage Area (Units 14&15) B - North embankment exterior slope, looking west



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123. Material Storage Runoff Basin - North embankment interior slope



124. Material Storage Runoff Basin - North embankment exterior slope



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Interior Divider Embankment

125. Material Storage Runoff Basin - Interior divider embankment constructed within Material Storage Runoff Basin



126. Material Storage Runoff Basin - North embankment interior slope, looking west at inflow pipes



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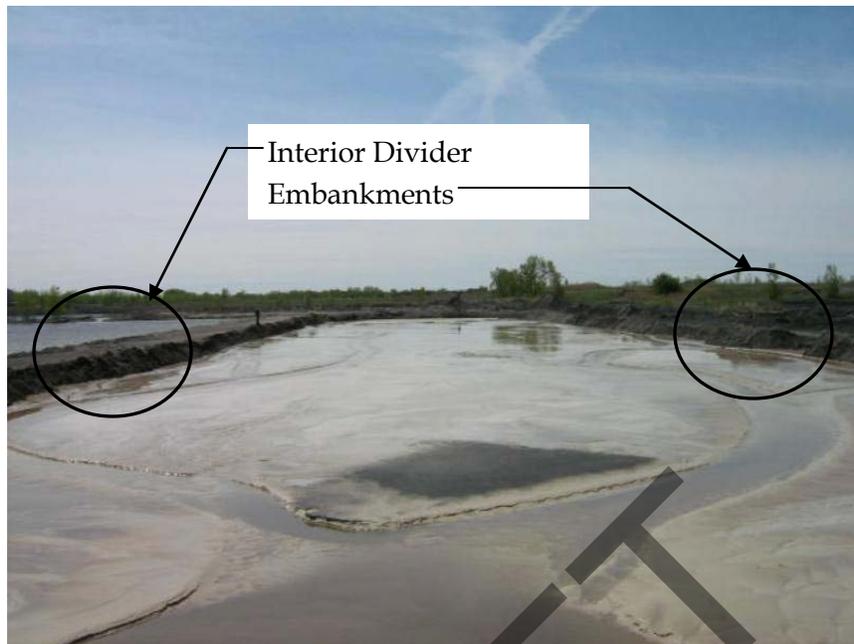
127. Material Storage Runoff Basin - North embankment crest, sluice line identification



128. Material Storage Runoff Basin - North embankment exterior slope, looking west



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129. Material Storage Runoff Basin - Overview of interior divider embankments



130. Material Storage Runoff Basin - Interior divider embankments constructed to create center and west cells, looking south



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131. Material Storage Runoff Basin - East embankment interior slope, 6-inch-diameter steel outlet pipe



132. Material Storage Runoff Basin - West embankment crest, looking south



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133. Material Storage Runoff Basin – West embankment crest and interior slope, looking north, showing overview of divider embankment constructed within Material Storage Runoff Basin



134. Material Storage Runoff Basin - South embankment crest and interior slope, looking east



135. Material Storage Runoff Basin - South embankment interior slope looking at two (2) 24-inch-diameter CMP outlets



136. Material Storage Runoff Basin - Channel between Material Storage Runoff Basin and Metal Cleaning Basin, looking north



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137. Metal Cleaning Water Basin - East embankment crest, looking north



138. Metal Cleaning Water Basin - South embankment crest, looking west



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139. Metal Cleaning Water Basin - East embankment crest, looking north, depression (area of breach)



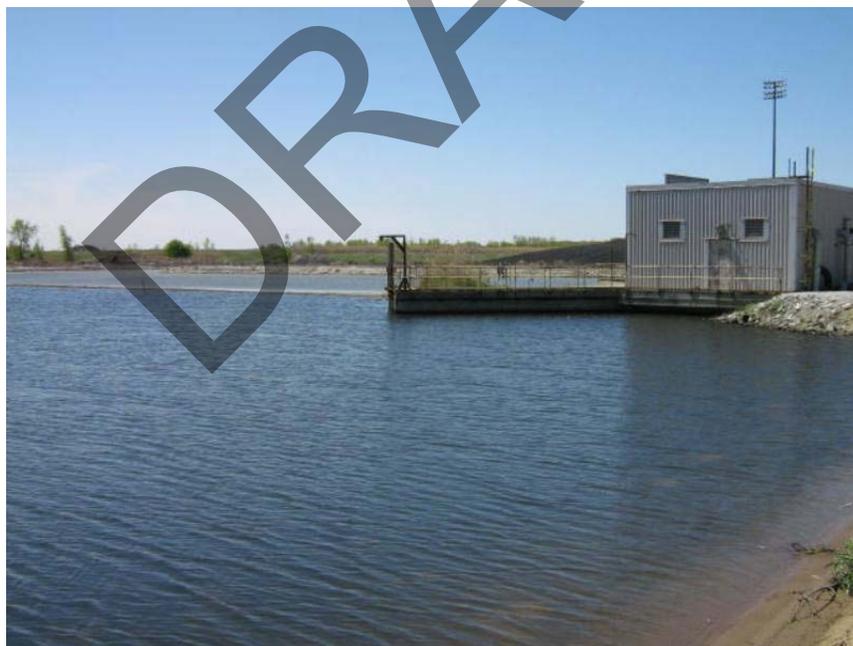
140. Metal Cleaning Water Basin - East embankment interior slope, possible start of rodent burrow (approximately 2 feet in length, 1 foot deep)



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141. Metal Cleaning Water Basin - East embankment exterior slope, looking south, sparse vegetation



142. Metal Cleaning Water Basin - Pump station at northwestern corner of pond



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143. Metal Cleaning Water Basin - North embankment crest,  
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144. Waste Disposal Area - West embankment exterior slope, looking south



145. Waste Disposal Area - Northwest embankment crest, sluice line identification



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146. Waste Disposal Area - Northwest embankment interior slope inlet pipes



147. Waste Disposal Area - West embankment interior slope, looking west



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148. Waste Disposal Area - West embankment exterior slope, looking north



149. Waste Disposal Area - Low area noted on west embankment exterior slope



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150. Waste Disposal Area - West embankment exterior slope, discharge pipes and channel



151. Waste Disposal Area - West embankment exterior slope, trees at toe of slope



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152. Waste Disposal Area - Outlet channel on west embankment exterior slope



153. Waste Disposal Area - West embankment interior slope, two (2) 3-inch-diameter CMP outlets



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154. Waste Disposal Area - West embankment crest, looking north



155. Waste Disposal Area - West embankment crest, looking south



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156. Waste Disposal Area - West embankment exterior slope, looking south



157. Waste Disposal Area - West embankment interior slope, looking north



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158. Waste Disposal Area - Surface erosion on west embankment exterior slope



159. Waste Disposal Area - West embankment exterior slope



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160. Waste Disposal Area - South embankment interior slope, looking east



161. Waste Disposal Area - Wave action at south embankment interior slope



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162. Waste Disposal Area - South embankment crest, looking west



163. Waste Disposal Area - East embankment interior slope, outlet structure



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164. Waste Disposal Area - East embankment outlet structure, slots for stoplogs



165. Waste Disposal Area - South embankment interior slope, looking south



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166. Waste Disposal Area - East embankment crest, looking north



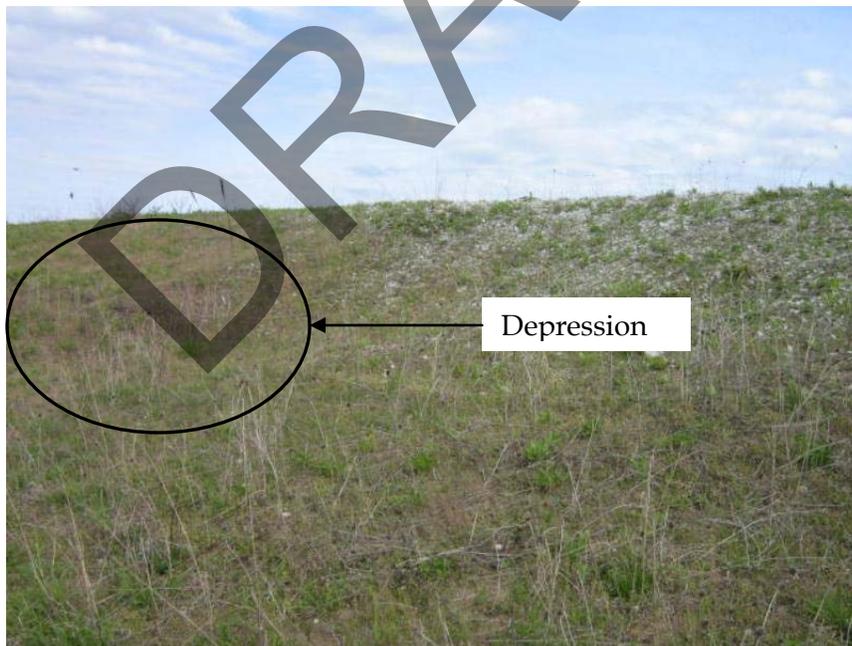
167. Waste Disposal Area - East embankment interior slope, erosion rill



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168. Recycle Settling Basin - West embankment interior slope, looking south



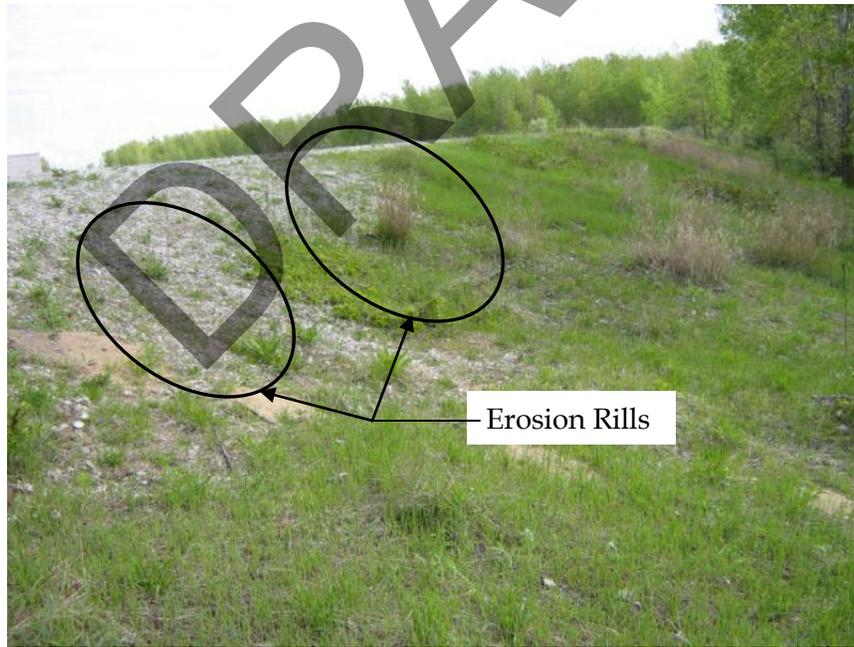
169. Recycle Settling Basin - Depression on south embankment exterior slope



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170. Recycle Settling Basin - South embankment crest and exterior slope, looking east, trees at toe



171. Recycle Settling Basin - Erosion rills on southeast embankment exterior slope



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172. Recycle Settling Basin - Southeast embankment exterior slope



173. Recycle Settling Basin - Southeast embankment exterior slope



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174. Recycle Settling Basin – Erosion feature on southeast embankment exterior slope



175. Recycle Settling Basin - Erosion rill on southeast embankment exterior slope



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176. Recycle Settling Basin - Sloughing on east embankment exterior slope (approximately 80 feet in length)



177. Recycle Settling Basin - East embankment crest, looking south



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178. Recycle Settling Basin - East embankment crest, looking north



179. Recycle Settling Basin - East embankment interior slope, vegetation and minor erosion of riprap armoring



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180. Recycle Settling Basin - Intake structure on north embankment



181. Recycle Settling Basin - Riprap erosion on west embankment interior slope



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**Appendix C**  
**Photo GPS Locations**

## Appendix C Photo GPS Locations

Site: NIPSCO R.M. Schahfer Generating Station  
System: US State Plane 1983  
Zone: Indiana West 1302  
Datum: NAD 1983  
Coordinate Units: Feet

Photo No.	Northing	Easting
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5	2,177,089.66	2,969,686.15
6	2,176,642.04	2,969,673.28
7	2,176,481.42	2,969,729.87
8	2,176,317.82	2,969,852.90
9	2,176,210.74	2,969,857.38
10	2,176,186.44	2,969,957.35
11	2,175,890.19	2,970,280.25
12	2,175,808.05	2,970,348.91
13	2,175,735.28	2,970,451.25
14	2,175,279.17	2,970,983.82
15	2,175,220.04	2,971,044.04
16	2,175,122.05	2,971,309.45
17	2,175,064.14	2,971,322.76
18	2,175,049.07	2,971,589.09
19	2,174,933.30	2,972,156.35
20	2,175,167.59	2,972,571.63
21	2,176,233.33	2,972,611.18
22	2,176,236.15	2,972,610.13
23	2,176,873.75	2,972,720.60
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38	2,177,910.13	2,969,661.31
39	2,177,770.46	2,969,716.26
40	2,177,592.29	2,969,387.63
41	2,175,678.15	2,968,680.48
42	2,175,729.06	2,968,685.38
43	2,175,678.39	2,968,802.80
44	2,175,692.63	2,969,035.13

## Appendix C Photo GPS Locations

Site: NIPSCO R.M. Schahfer Generating Station

System: US State Plane 1983

Zone: Indiana West 1302

Datum: NAD 1983

Coordinate Units: Feet

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48	2,175,882.80	2,969,172.84
49	2,175,944.33	2,969,161.19
50	2,176,350.00	2,969,154.86
51	2,176,450.12	2,969,161.06
52	2,176,684.71	2,969,127.64
53	2,176,757.52	2,969,188.13
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83	2,174,855.80	2,974,160.54
84	2,174,791.50	2,974,130.38
85	2,174,791.50	2,974,130.38
86	2,174,867.29	2,974,346.59
87	2,174,880.81	2,974,341.63
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92	2,174,377.79	2,974,313.17
93	2,174,389.04	2,974,214.50
94	2,174,482.19	2,974,094.78
95	2,174,654.75	2,974,126.88
96	2,171,338.53	2,968,821.66
97	2,171,338.53	2,968,821.66
98	2,171,370.49	2,968,795.18
99	2,171,114.31	2,968,784.46
100	2,171,015.21	2,968,820.86
101	2,170,980.02	2,968,821.56
102	2,170,960.95	2,968,796.65
103	2,170,874.02	2,968,834.89
104	2,170,773.16	2,968,892.59
105	2,170,847.89	2,970,203.18
106	2,171,462.04	2,970,238.23
107	2,171,818.16	2,970,283.12
108	2,172,206.45	2,969,923.73
109	2,172,207.64	2,969,922.10
110	2,172,202.90	2,969,818.77
111	2,172,170.14	2,969,251.98
112	2,172,170.14	2,969,251.98
113	2,172,094.67	2,968,892.49
114	2,172,080.73	2,968,840.14
115	2,172,021.93	2,968,811.46
116	2,171,998.77	2,968,819.53
117	2,171,885.57	2,968,808.58
118	2,171,369.18	2,968,798.07
119	2,170,961.33	2,971,302.95
120	2,171,259.72	2,971,257.23
121	2,171,261.93	2,971,241.58
122	2,171,290.56	2,970,890.98
123	2,173,114.69	2,970,710.72
124	2,173,186.30	2,970,730.97
125	2,173,150.54	2,970,554.00
126	2,173,119.41	2,970,521.93
127	2,173,165.96	2,970,501.21
128	2,173,169.11	2,970,499.22
129	2,173,146.84	2,970,486.04
130	2,173,137.79	2,970,419.54
131	2,172,667.43	2,970,417.78
132	2,172,982.12	2,970,329.40

## Appendix C Photo GPS Locations

Site: NIPSCO R.M. Schahfer Generating Station

System: US State Plane 1983

Zone: Indiana West 1302

Datum: NAD 1983

Coordinate Units: Feet

Photo No.	Northing	Easting
133	2,172,396.26	2,970,340.67
134	2,171,575.74	2,970,365.04
135	2,171,651.31	2,970,742.10
136	2,171,651.31	2,970,742.10
137	2,171,565.17	2,971,173.04
138	2,171,565.17	2,971,173.04
139	2,171,767.41	2,971,180.12
140	2,171,821.78	2,971,173.67
141	2,172,485.13	2,971,194.86
142	2,173,155.04	2,970,895.98
143	2,173,147.90	2,970,772.54
144	2,170,737.36	2,968,778.00
145	2,170,671.66	2,968,758.67
146	2,170,663.83	2,968,762.70
147	2,170,646.88	2,968,834.10
148	2,170,475.32	2,968,522.15
149	2,170,477.66	2,968,510.55
150	2,170,468.57	2,968,444.26
151	2,170,468.26	2,968,457.11
152	2,170,427.19	2,968,459.16
153	2,170,377.43	2,968,473.99
154	2,170,318.14	2,968,397.55
155	2,170,279.39	2,968,374.45
156	2,170,108.25	2,968,333.62
157	2,170,053.82	2,968,374.39
158	2,169,337.46	2,968,474.48
159	2,169,242.44	2,968,576.78
160	2,169,255.76	2,968,595.08
161	2,169,125.84	2,968,761.34
162	2,168,909.75	2,970,070.12
163	2,168,915.34	2,970,220.46
164	2,169,100.58	2,970,528.46
165	2,169,099.30	2,970,534.17
166	2,169,110.90	2,970,545.21
167	2,170,172.77	2,970,537.46
168	2,169,101.69	2,970,555.29
169	2,168,886.72	2,970,586.69
170	2,169,234.01	2,971,121.23
171	2,169,282.66	2,971,206.48
172	2,169,522.03	2,971,475.04
173	2,169,522.03	2,971,475.04
174	2,169,524.91	2,971,481.64
175	2,169,541.14	2,971,470.99
176	2,169,695.24	2,971,572.33

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System: US State Plane 1983  
Zone: Indiana West 1302  
Datum: NAD 1983  
Coordinate Units: Feet

Photo No.	Northing	Easting
177	2,170,272.40	2,971,540.86
178	2,170,293.55	2,971,535.95
179	2,170,351.12	2,971,527.50
180	2,170,600.41	2,971,538.10
181	2,170,205.30	2,970,556.74

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