



# OSM MID-CONTINENT REGION TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AMD WORKSHOP Collinsville, Illinois

## Participants Contact Information Presentation Abstracts

**TUESDAY, September 11, 2007**

- 1:00 PM **Introductions and Program (20 minutes)**  
*Larry Lewis (Chairperson), Illinois AML Program*
- 1:15 PM **SESSION 1: INTERACTIVE AMD TECHNOLOGY & CASE STUDIES**
- Carbon Recovery versus Prevention and Passive Treatment for the Elimination of AMD at an AML Eligible Slurry Impoundment; a Case Study of the Chinook Slurry Pond**  
*Steve Herbert, Indiana Division of Reclamation, Jasonville, IN*
- Cane Creek AMD Remediation (PHASE IV)**  
*Larry Barwick, Alabama Mining & Reclamation, Abandoned Mine Lands, Birmingham, AL*
- 2:45 PM **Break**
- 3:15 PM **AMD Remediation at Superior C.C. #4 (30-40 min)**  
*Larry Lewis, Illinois Office of Mines and Minerals, AMLR Division  
Springfield, IL*
- (20 min) **Passive Treatment of Artisan Mine Pool Discharges in Oklahoma**  
*Paul Behum, Office of Surface Mining, Alton, Illinois*
- Participant Interactive Discussion**
- 5:00 PM **ADJOURN**

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**WEDNESDAY, September 12, 2007**

**FIELD EXERCISE**

- 8:00 AM Orientation of the Superior #4 and Consol #7 site problems.
- 9:00 AM Drive to Superior #4
- 9:45 AM Tour Superior #4: Site investigation, data collection, and field problem  
solving on site. **Superior #4 Tour Packet**
- 12:00 Noon Drive to Staunton, IL for Lunch
- 1:00 PM Tour Consol #7: Site investigation, data collection, and field problem  
solving on site. **Consol #7 Tour Packet**
- 4:00 PM Return to hotel & prepare design for re-mediation of AMD

**THURSDAY, September 13, 2007**

8:00 AM **SESSION 2: RESTORATION OF AMD IMPACTED  
WATER**

**Fork**

**AML Reclamation Activities, Past Present and Future, in the South  
Patoka River Watershed**

*Mark Stacy, Indiana Division of Reclamation*

**AMD Status and Remediation in Alabama**

*Larry Barwick, Alabama Department of Industrial Relations*

9:55 AM **Break**

10:25 AM **How AMD is Impacting the South Fork River in Illinois (30-40 min)**  
*Ron Kiser, Illinois Office of Mines and Minerals, AMLR Division,  
Benton, Illinois*

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**Geomorphology and Hydrogeology of Hartshorne Coal Basin in  
Oklahoma and the Impact on Remediation of Acid Mine Drainage**

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*Paul Behum, Office of Surface Mining, Alton, Illinois*

**Participant**

**Interactive Discussion**

12:00 Noon **ADJOURN**

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**Mid-Continent Region Technology Transfer Acid Mine Drainage Workshop  
September 11-13, 2007  
Collinsville, Illinois**

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## **SESSION 1:**

### **Carbon Recovery versus Prevention and Passive Treatment for the Elimination of AMD at an AML Eligible Slurry Impoundment; a Case Study of the Chinook Slurry Pond**

*Steve Herbert, Indiana Division of Reclamation, Jasonville, IN*

The Indiana AML Program undertook initial reclamation activities at the Chinook slurry pond in 1997, and completed the major effort to stabilize the pond in 2002. Experimental reclamation included incorporating a mixture of spent mycelial sludge from Eli Lilly Tippecanoe Laboratories and fluidized bed ash from the Purdue University power plant, to a depth of twelve inches into the barren exposed slurry material.

A chronic problem persists in a major AMD seep, and several lesser seeps scattered around the base of the retaining levee of the pond. Passive treatment installed at the time of initial construction activities was unsuccessful in dealing with this AMD problem.

The Indiana AML program received offers in 2006 to reprocess the entire slurry pond for carbon recovery. All reprocessing would be AML enhancement work, thus no permit would be required for the activity. Coal would either be removed from the site and transported to a nearby permitted processing facility, or it would be reprocessed on site with waste material buried in the base of the pond. The state of Indiana, owner of the site, would receive royalty payments for the carbon.

The decision process on whether reprocessing or additional AML remediation work, including both preventing AMD formation, and passive treatment after formation, was complex. An in-depth hydrologic investigation, assessing the probability of success under all alternatives, commitment of AML program resources (financial and manpower), and the ability to structure a reprocessing agreement that would minimize the exposure of the state to future reclamation issues were all factors in the decision. The value of the in-place carbon materials was also an issue that was unknown.

Escalating energy costs will continue to make the recovery of carbon from AML sites, both reclaimed and unreclaimed, an intriguing proposition nationwide. The technical and administrative issues that must be addressed in the decision making process are complex, polarizing, and difficult. A discussion of these issues by AMD forum attendees will hopefully assist other AML programs in determining the best technology to apply in each particular situation.

## **Cane Creek AMD Remediation (PHASE IV)**

*Larry Barwick, Alabama Mining & Reclamation, Abandoned Mine Lands, Birmingham, AL*

The Cane Creek watershed has traditionally supported forest production, extensive underground and surface coal mining and various recreational activities such as fishing, swimming and hiking. Some of the recreational activities as well as stream flora and fauna have been severely impacted by acid mine drainage.

The project area is located on Black Branch, a tributary of Cane Creek. This area has had a long history of coal mining. Records maintained by the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, Office of Mine Safety and Inspection indicate that the area was mined by the Coal Valley Coal Company in 1920, Debardeleben Coal Company from 1927 to 1945 and others. Underground mining closed in 1945. Surface coal mining was active from the 1960's through the 1980's and the area was also used for coal processing and shipping. All of these mining activities have contributed to the acid mine drainage in the watershed. However, the major contributors to AMD are the abandoned underground mine seeps and two coal refuse piles totaling 20 acres that were deposited in the stream bed and flood plain of Black Branch and its tributaries.

The Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, Mining and Reclamation Division, has completed three reclamation projects at the site but it remains a major source of pollution in the Cane Creek watershed.

In 2006, partnership between the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management was initiated to eliminate the nonpoint source pollution flowing from the Cane Creek site. The coal refuse pile will be moved from the Black Branch flood plain and streambed and covered with 24" of natural soil onsite. Trapped acid water will be allowed to flow into constructed drainageways instead of seeping through acidic mine spoil, and a vertical flow wetland and oxidation pond will be constructed on site.

## **AMD Remediation at Superior C.C. #4**

*Larry Lewis, Illinois Office of Mines and Minerals, AMLR Division Springfield, IL*

In 1988 when the Illinois Abandoned Mined Lands Reclamation Council, now known as the Abandoned Mined Lands Division of the Office of Mines and Minerals, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, (AMLR), agreed to address potential public hazards and acid mine drainage problems from an abandoned coal mine site located near Wilsonville, in Macoupin County, little did they know what it would do for their program.

What was known, was that it would be extremely challenging to create a design that must control the subsurface flow out of a 30 acre barren pile of very porous and acidic mine refuse material. This was crucial because the pile was part of a landfill, containing some toxic waste material that remained around it, despite a \$40 million cleanup effort

conducted previously by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, (IEPA).

This paper reports how the design, construction, and follow-up maintenance of the site all contributed to make this one of the program's best reclamation projects in the history of the program. Today, it serves as a model that has helped to establish many of the program's design standards for remediating mine refuse piles throughout the state.

### **Passive Treatment of Artesian Mine Pool Discharges in Oklahoma**

*Paul Behum, Office of Surface Mining, Alton, Illinois*

Several new passive treatment systems have been constructed in Southeastern Oklahoma to treat artesian acid mine drainage (AMD) discharges from underground coal mines abandoned prior to August 3, 1977. To date, three passive treatment systems have been constructed. This paper will discuss the construction and preliminary results of one of these systems: the LeBosquet Clean Streams Reclamation Projects. As a part of ongoing technical assistance with the Oklahoma Conservation Commission's (OCC) Abandoned Mine Lands Program, the Office of Surface Mining Mid-Continent Region (OSM-MCR), the University of Oklahoma, CC Environmental, and the non-profit group, Watershed Restoration Incorporated, assisted in the design and evaluation of the treatment system. The project sites treat AMD discharges from an artesian seep in LeFlore County, Oklahoma. Preliminary water quality results indicated that the treatment system which is composed of an anoxic limestone drain, an oxidation cell, and a surface flow treatment wetland has been effective at mitigating the adverse impact associated with the AMD.

## **SESSION 2:**

### **AML Reclamation Activities, Past Present and Future, in the South Fork Patoka River Watershed**

*Mark Stacy CEP, Environmental Specialist, Indiana AML Program*

More than 20,000 acres in Pike County Indiana were surface mined and abandoned between the 1920's and 1970's. At one time, acid mine drainage (AMD) from surface coal mining was responsible for the eradication of fish and other aquatic flora and fauna in a portion of the Patoka River and the entire 17-mile length of the South Fork tributary. The South Fork Patoka River Watershed was considered the most heavily impacted watershed in the State of Indiana. Of the approximately 52,000 acre watershed, between 60 and 75 percent has been impacted or impaired. The environmental degradation from acid mine drainage has been well documented by numerous scientific studies. These studies have documented the loss of fish, aquatic insects and plants due to inflow of water with low pH, heavy metals, suspended sediments and precipitates that coat the stream bottom. Many local elderly people remember the "South Fork" as a river that "ran red" and could never recall ever seeing any fish there. These folks have spent their whole lives just accepting the fact that the South Fork was a dead creek. However, the Indiana Abandoned Mine Lands Program has spent the past twenty five years and nearly \$30,000,000.00 in Pike County (more than any other county in the State) with the vast

majority of that reclamation taking place in the South Fork Patoka River Watershed. As a result, water quality in the South Fork Patoka River has vastly improved to the point that fish and other aquatic species have returned, and in some areas, are actually flourishing. There are still however, a few stretches of the river that are impacted by AMD and in need of reclamation. This presentation will present the history, current projects, and plans for future reclamation activities by the Indiana Abandoned Mine Lands Program within the South Fork Patoka River Watershed.

### **AMD Status and Remediation in Alabama**

*Larry Barwick, Alabama Department of Industrial Relations*

Alabama has fourteen (14) major river basins and approximately 77,000 miles of perennial and intermittent streams. Approximately 360 miles of streams or 0.4% of all Alabama streams are impaired by coal mining activities.

Alabama began its efforts to remediate acid mine drainage in 1996 and completed its first project in 1998. Seven AMD project have been completed to date. Five additional projects are either under construction or in the planning stages.

Three of the completed projects are working well. They continue to meet or exceed expectations. The other four completed projects have failed to meet expectations due to inadequate treatment systems, lack of water and underground coal mines.

The AMD treatment systems that have been constructed so far are all passive by design and consist of open limestone drainage ditches, limestone leach beds, limestone filled trenches, gob removal, gob plating, oxygenation ponds, and wetlands.

### **How AMD is impacting the South Fork River in Illinois**

*Ron Kiser, Resource Planner, ILDNR, OMM, AMLRD*

The State of Illinois is divided into 33 major watersheds by the Illinois EPA for the purpose of monitoring and reporting on water issues. The Saline River/Bay Creek watershed is in the far southeastern part of the state; it drains into the Ohio River just north of Cave in Rock. Of the many rivers and streams comprising this watershed the South Fork of the Saline River drains 281 square miles. It is severely impacted by the effects of pre-law coal mining. Approximately 490 pre-law mine sites are tributary to the Saline river system. Of 140 point source discharges into the river, 109 are coal mine related. IEPA reported “about 55 percent (19.7 miles) of the 35.9 South Fork Saline River miles assessed were considered not supporting aquatic life use”. Every major abandoned mine contributing pollution to the South Fork watershed has either been reclaimed or is currently being reclaimed. But AMD, especially non-point AMD continues to dramatically degrade the water quality. This presentation will discuss efforts by the IL AMLRD to reclaim abandoned mine sites using a variety of innovative

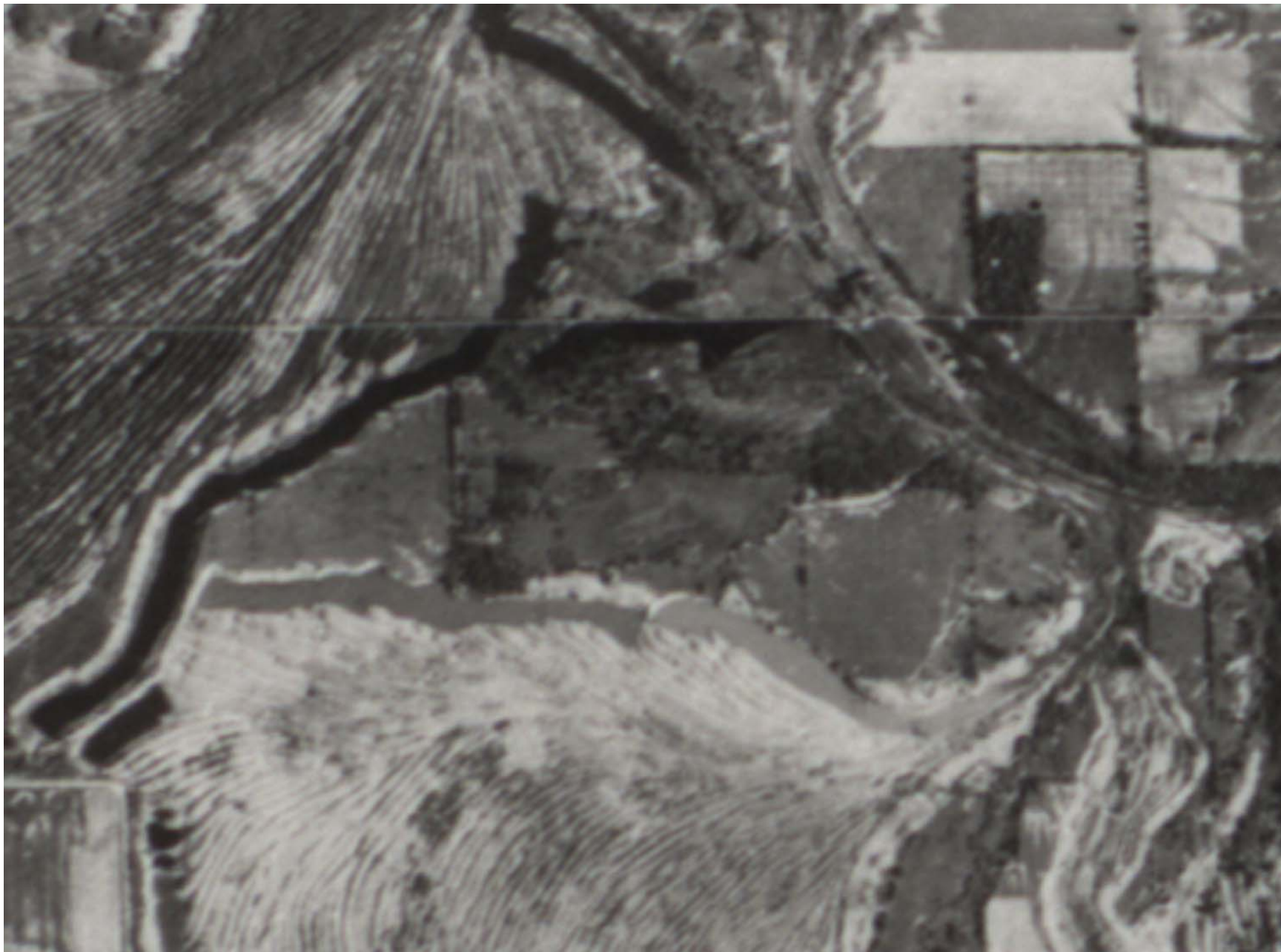
approaches designed to add alkalinity and neutralize AMD into the subject watersheds, each of which feed the South Fork.

### **Geomorphology and Hydrogeology of Hartshorne Coal Basin in Oklahoma and the Impact on Remediation of Acid Mine Drainage**

*Paul Behum, Office of Surface Mining, Alton, Illinois*

Underground mine features including workings, portals and shafts, as well as geological information were mapped using the TIPS geologic mapping software, *earthVision*. This information, along with hydrologic analysis using TIPS software will evaluate the long-term impacts of mine pool discharges in the Hartshorne Basin. The figure shows the extent of underground mining related to several Oklahoma mine pool discharges in Latimer and Pittsburg Counties, Oklahoma. Two sites within the basin currently treat Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) discharges from artesian seeps. Additional treatment facilities are planned using TIPS-supplied LIDAR (*Light Detection and Ranging*) topographic data. The use of LIDAR technology is necessary because most mine pool discharges occur near in the center of the basin in an area of the low topographic relief (and forest cover). As a consequence, there is limited hydrologic head available to maintain flow through the cascading passive treatment cells necessary to remediate the AMD. Also, the readily available digital topographic data is too coarse (20-foot contour interval) for use in treatment design. LIDAR data used to generate 2-foot contour intervals on the northern limb of the basin floor (Gowen 40, Jeffrey's Field and GCI Discharges) this will provide data for design activity for the treatment of two of these discharges from one large mine pool using *earthVision* and TIPS computer-aided design CAD software. A second pool exists along the southern limb where there are three additional discharges (the McHugh Borehole, Rock Island Mine 7 Airshaft and Paul Madden Discharges). Visualization of proposed treatment systems using color-keyed perspective views developed with *earthVision* will be used to aid decision-makers, landowners and the public

**Carbon Recovery versus  
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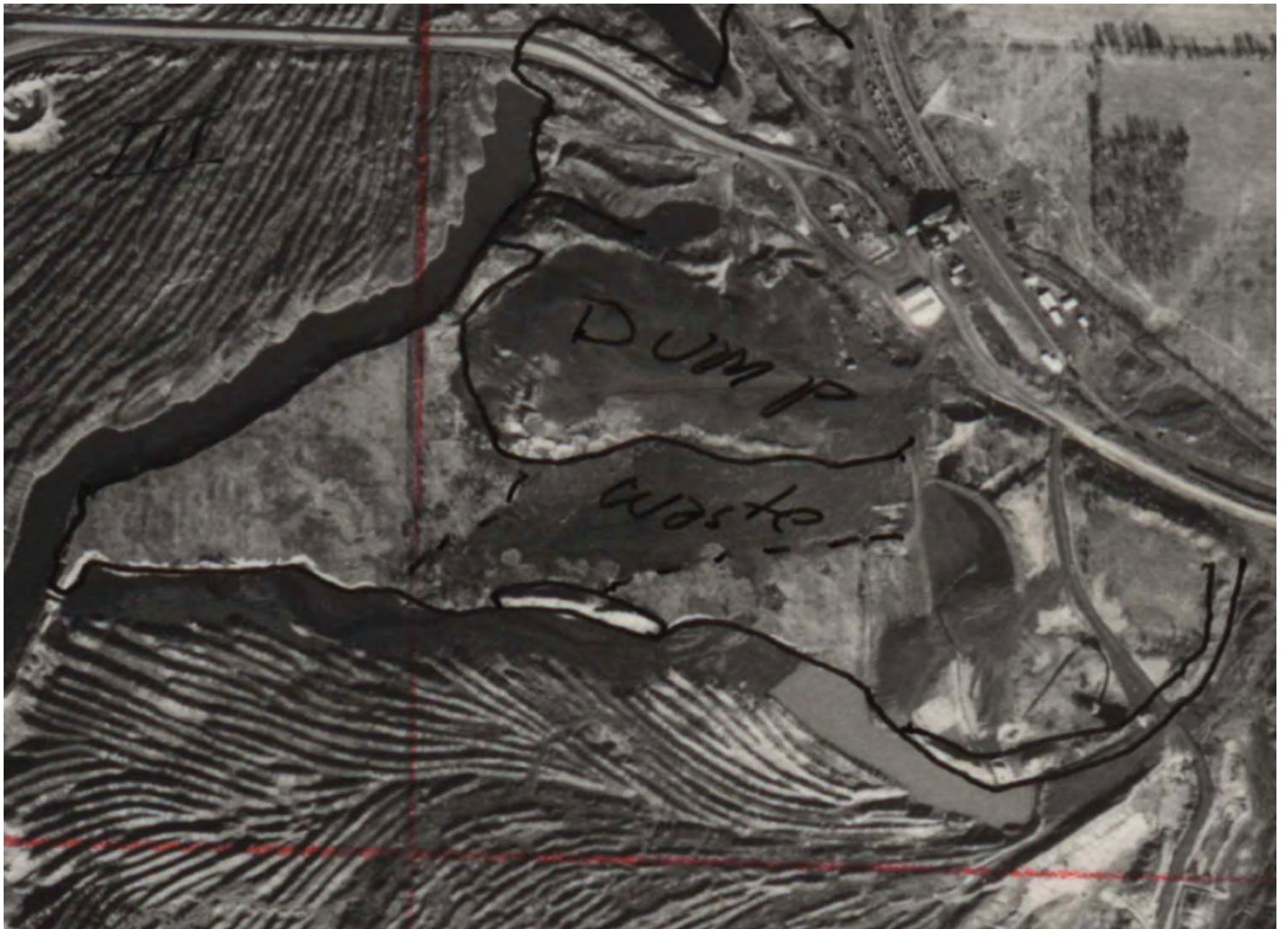


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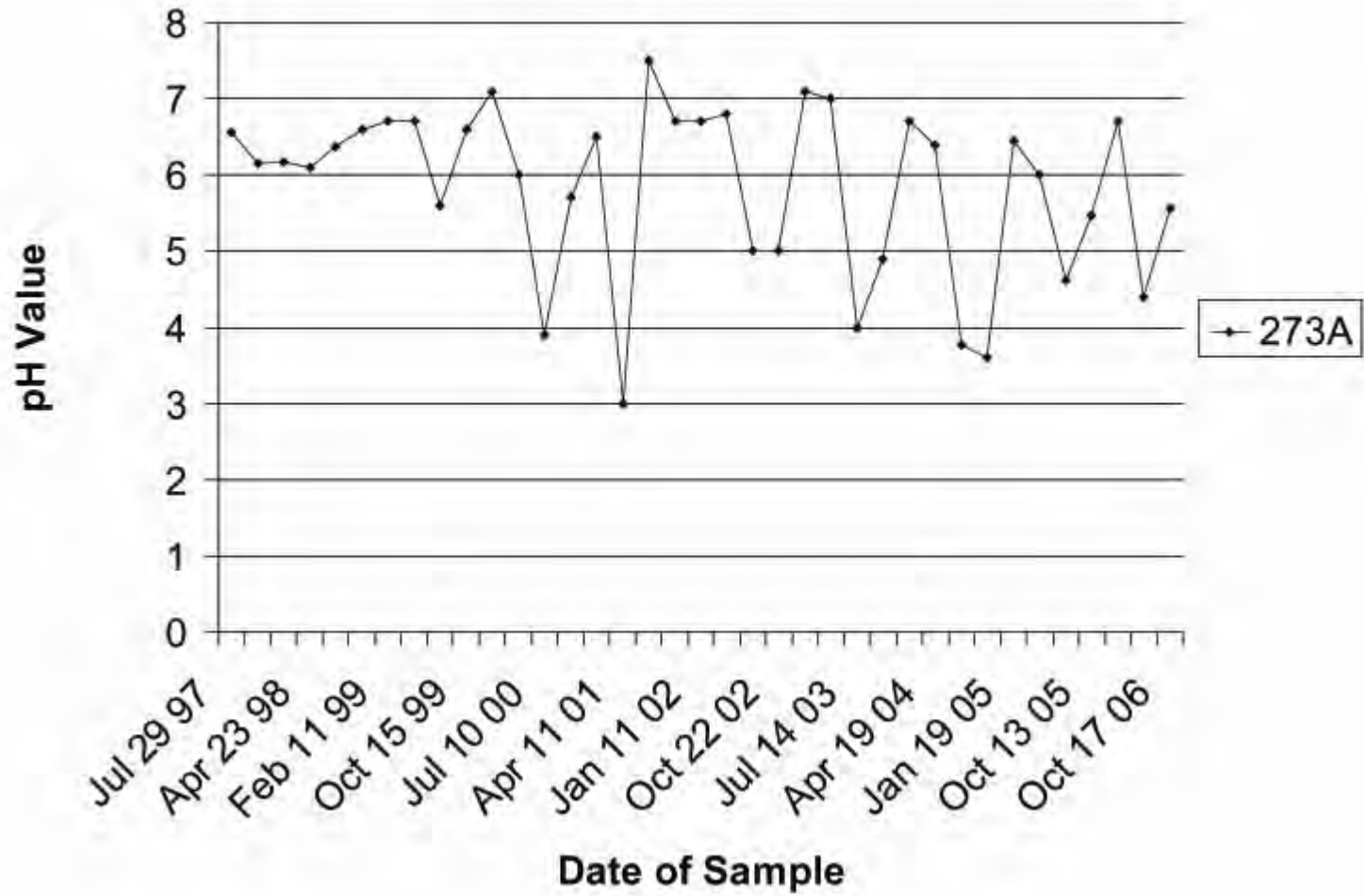




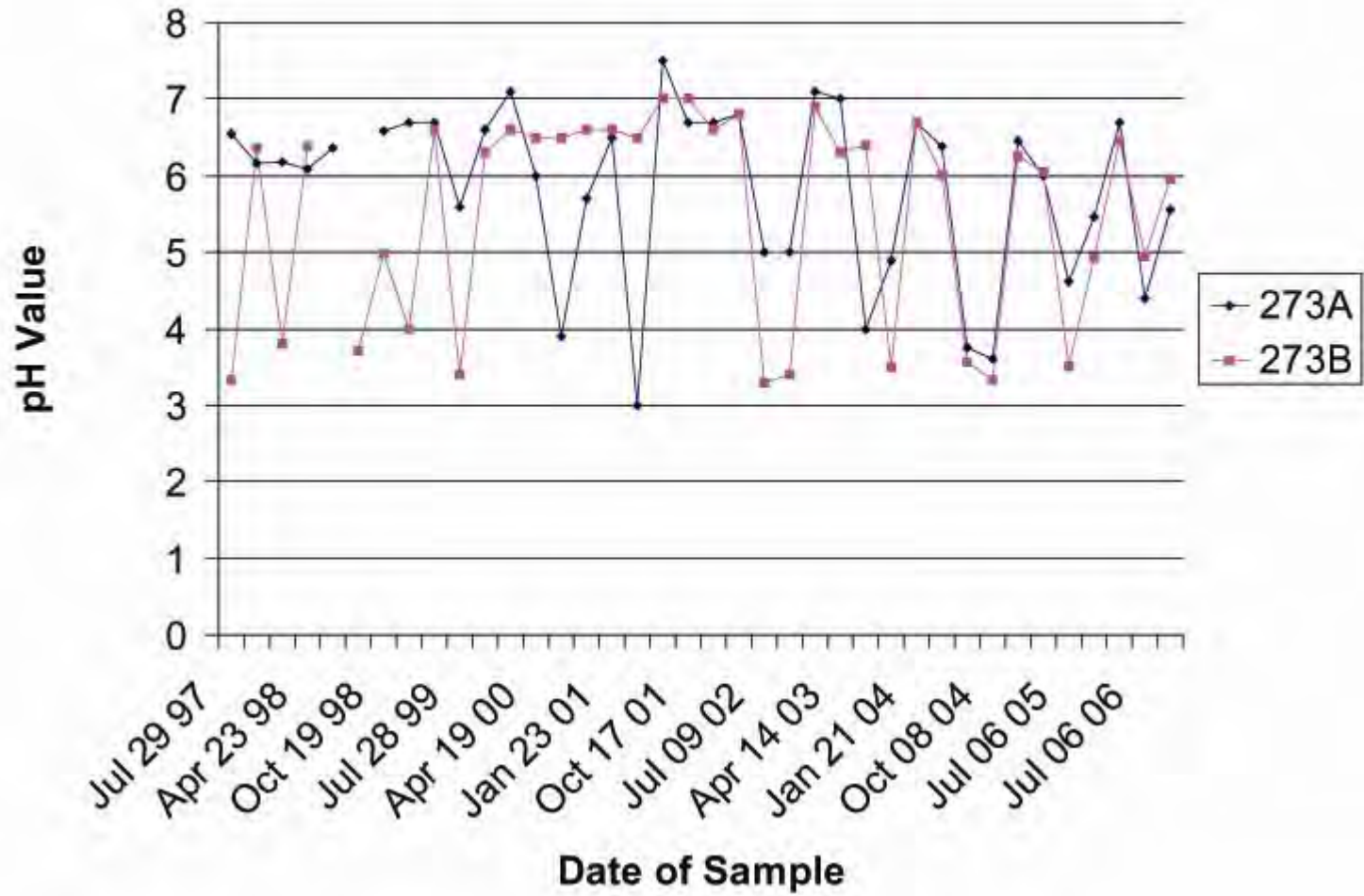


Surface Water Sampling Locations

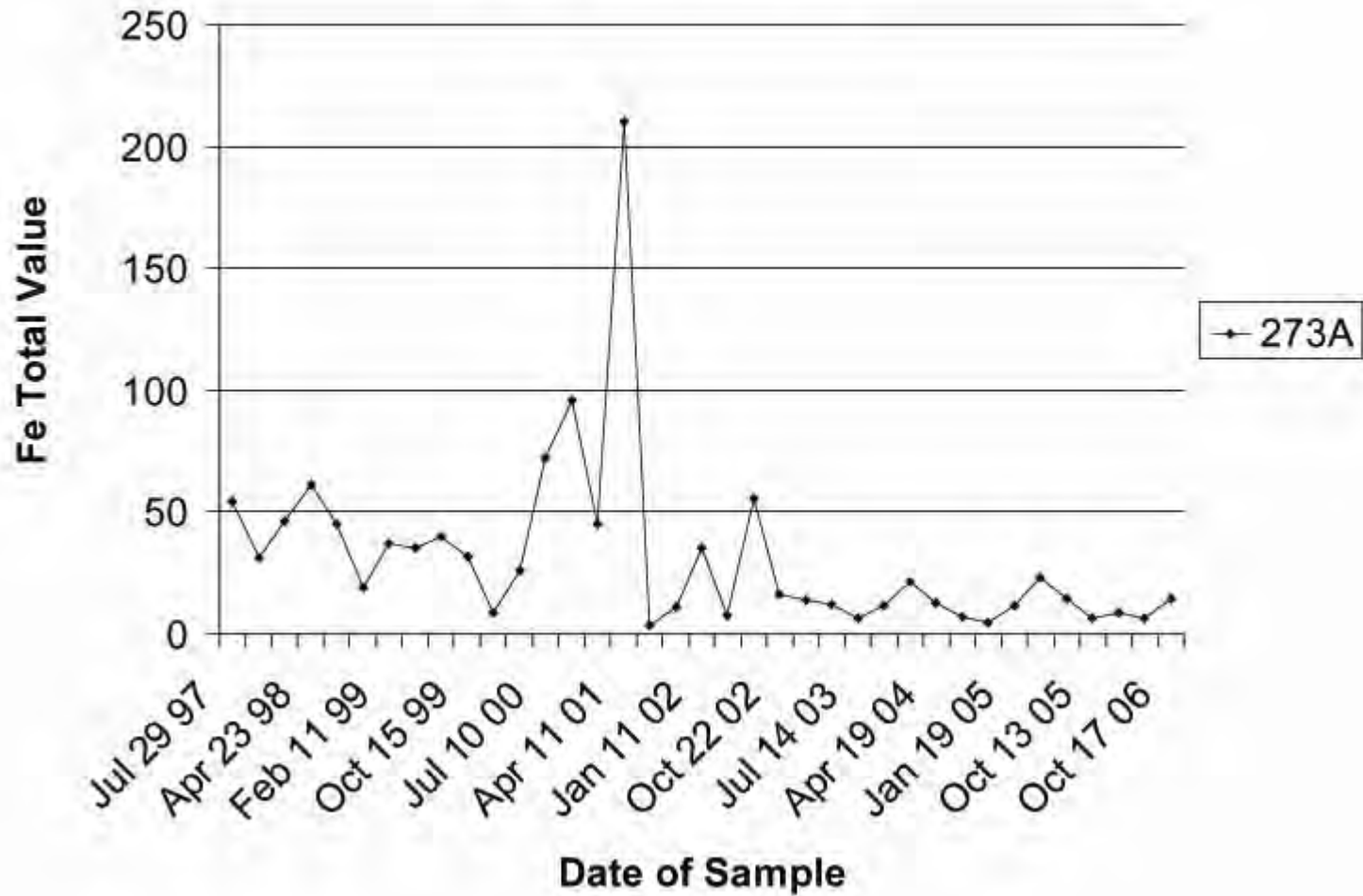
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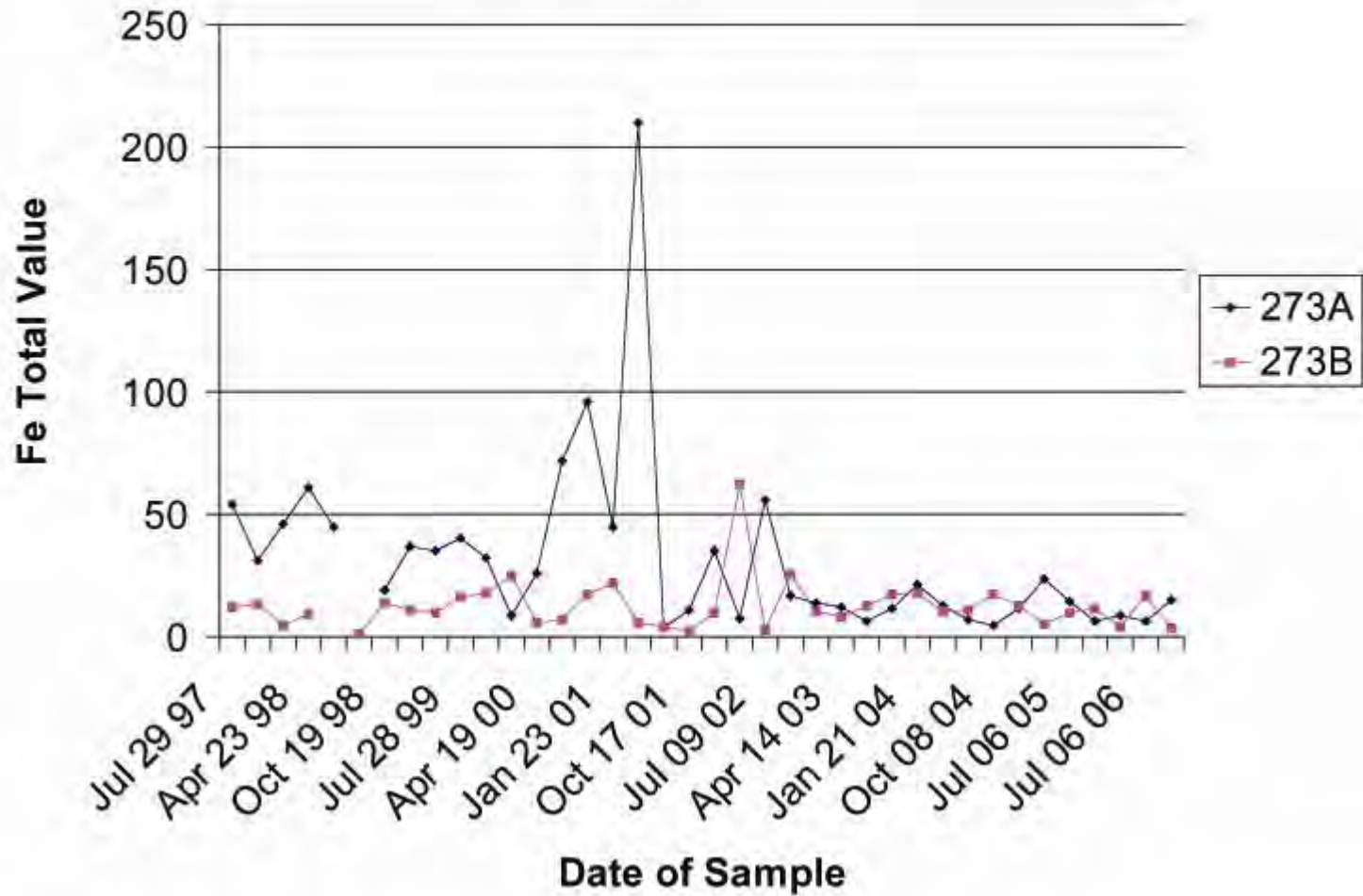
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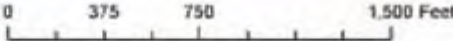


# Chinook Hydrologic Monitoring Stations



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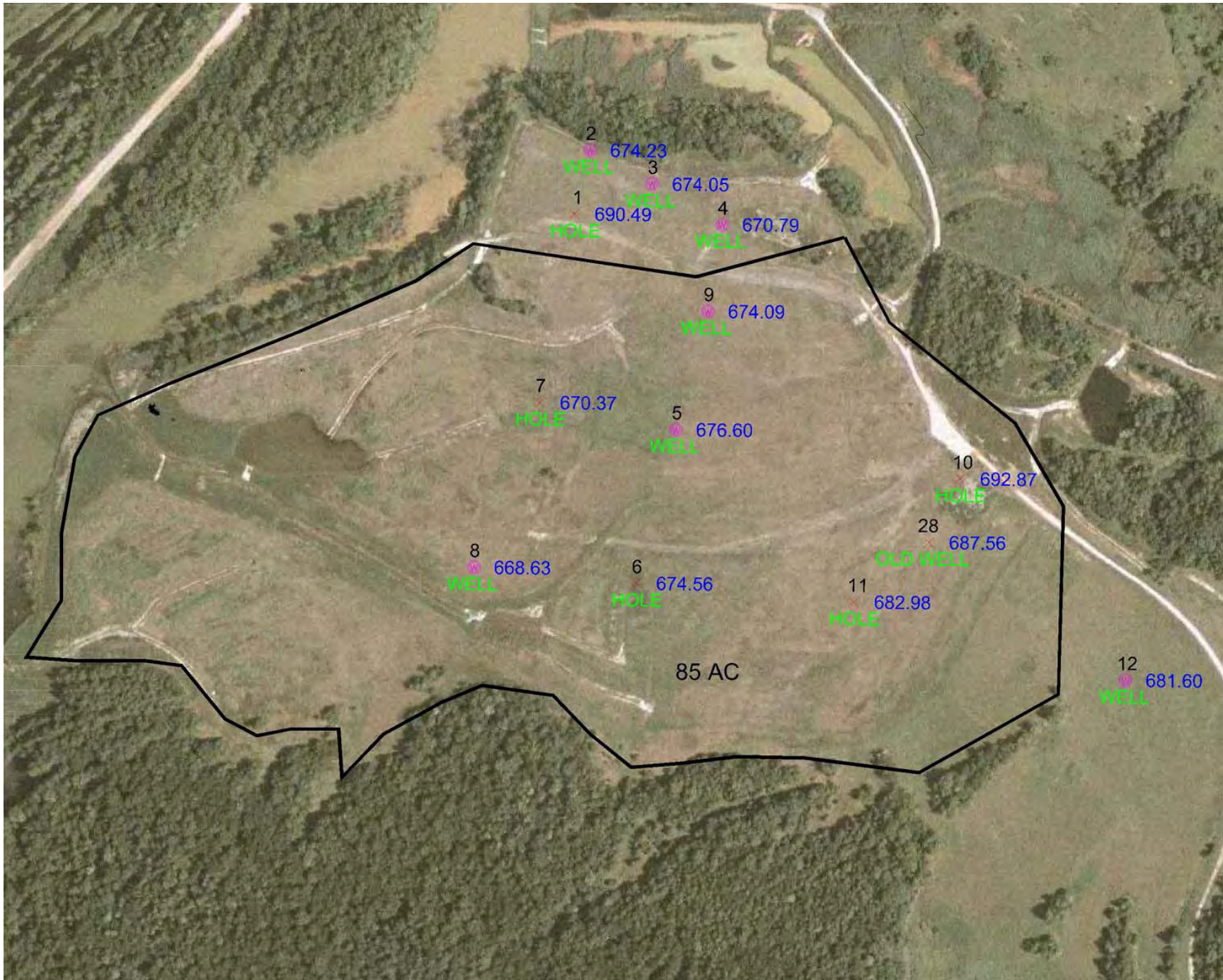
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- Precipitation and Pond Stage

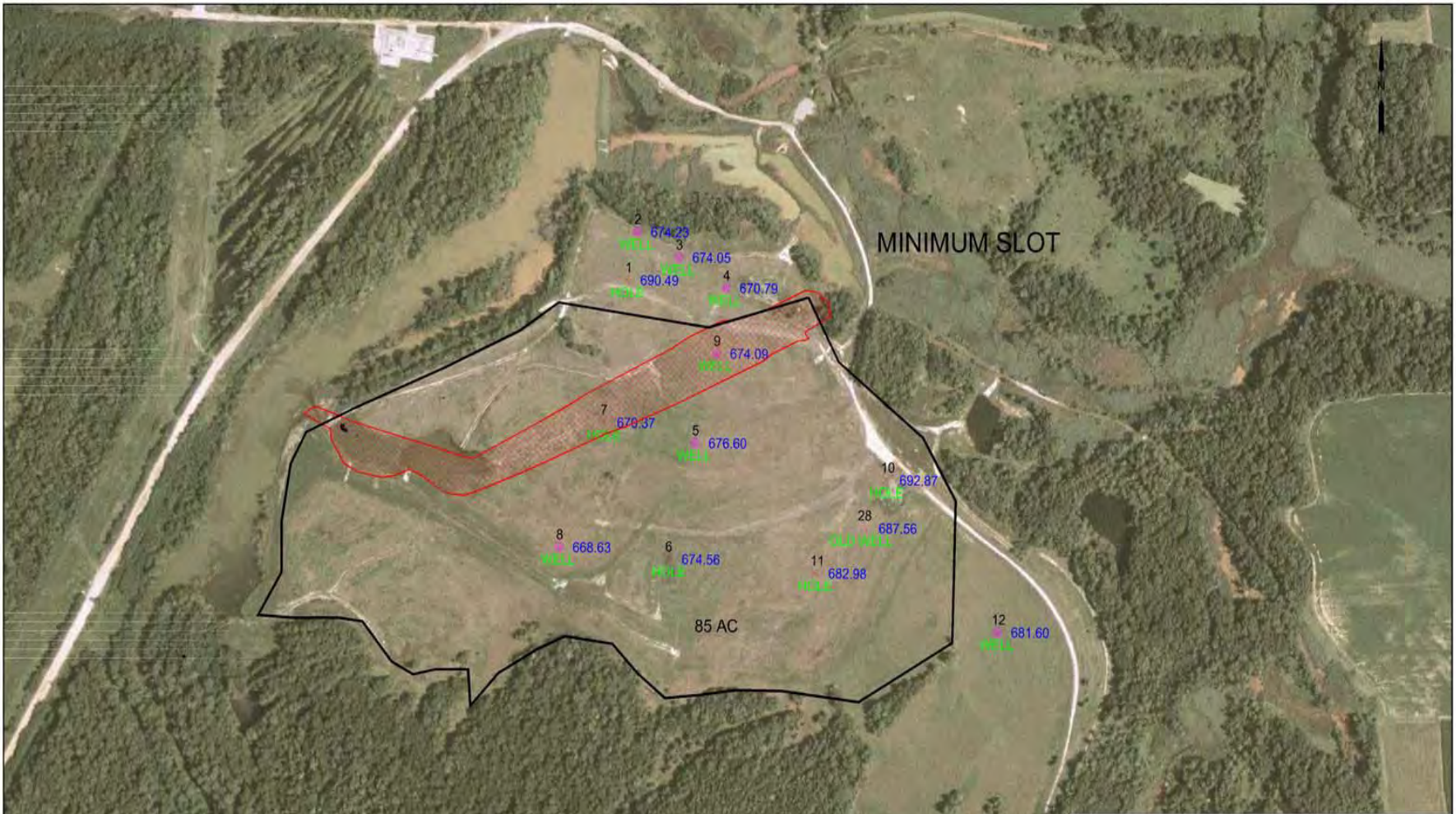


# Elevations and Well Specifications

Site	Material	Elevation (feet)	Total Depth	Stick Up
CW2 Gob		677.2	47.0	3.0
CW3 Gob		677.3	40.3	3.2
CW4 Gob		674.0	31.9	3.2
CW5 Tailing	s	679.8	35.9	3.1
CW8 Tailing	s	671.2	21.4	2.7
CW9 Tailing	s	677.3	48.4	3.1
CW12 Tailing	s	684.5	52.6	3.3
CW13 Tailing	s	688.3	32.5	0.5
SE Pond		676.8		
UT Pond		656.0		
LT Pond		643.8		
M Seep		654.1		







Volume Report Chinook Minimum Slot 8/13/2007 07:01  
 Total inclusion area: 9.45 Acres  
 Cut volume: 145,000 C.Y.

Volume Report Chinook Maximum 8/13/2007 07:19  
 Total inclusion area: 85.0 Acres  
 Cut volume: 2,600,000 C.Y.

SITE 405	PROJECT E008???	DATE PLOTTED 5/30/07	DESIGNED BY DRH	SCALE 1"=400'	STATE OF INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF RECLAMATION	TITLE CHINOOK DATA	SHEET NO. 1
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# Cane Creek AMD Remediation Phase IV

# Alabama Department of Industrial Relations

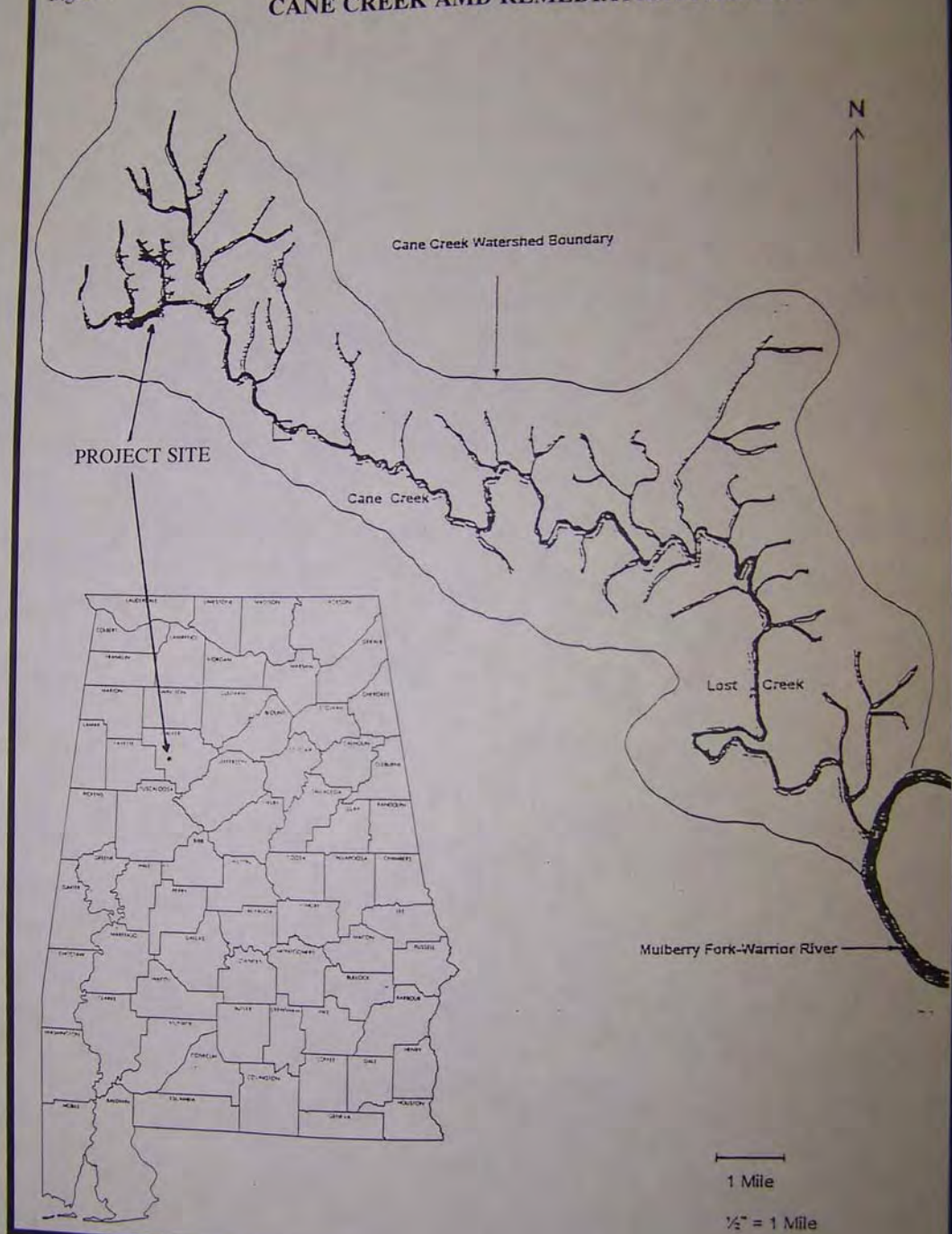
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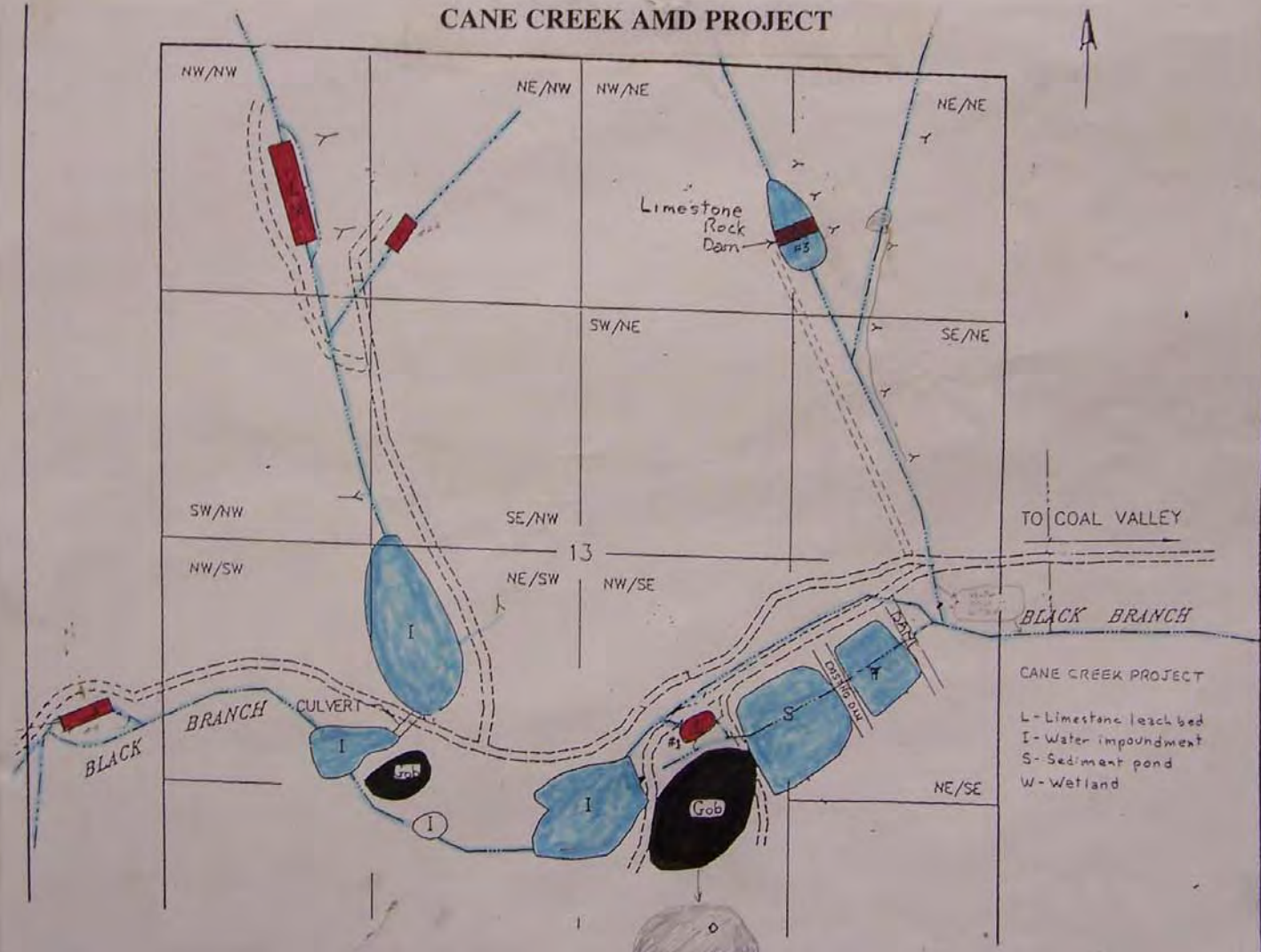
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- Auburn University
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Figure 1

# CANE CREEK AMD REMEDIATION PROJECT



# CANE CREEK AMD PROJECT







**Cane Creek Before**

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# Table 1 – Black Branch Water Quality Data

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Pre- Construction 6/96 – 7-97</b>	<b>During Construction 7/97 – 4/98</b>	<b>Post- Construction 2006</b>
pH	3.37	3.65	3.59
Acidity mg/l	-	-	65.83
Alkalinity mg/l	0.29	19.0	0.01
Conductivity	556	834	538
Fe (total)	0.76	0.80	0.28
Mn	3.75	2.90	1.59
Al	7.30	6.97	2.37
Fe (ferrous)	-	-	<0.60

# Table 2 – Black Branch Water Quality Data

May, June & July 2006

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Gob Pile</b>	<b>Red Branch</b>	<b>Bridge</b>
pH	3.71	3.32	3.59
Acidity mg/l	362.33	99.20	65.83
Alkalinity mg/l	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Conductivity	1216	642	538
Fe (total)	41.81	1.74	0.28
Mn	2.59	2.93	1.59
Al	8.82	2.98	2.37
Fe (ferrous)	19.9	1.65	<0.60















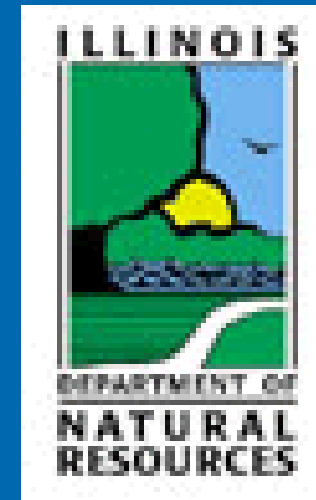








# AMD REMEDIATION AT THE SUPERIOR C.C. #4 MINE



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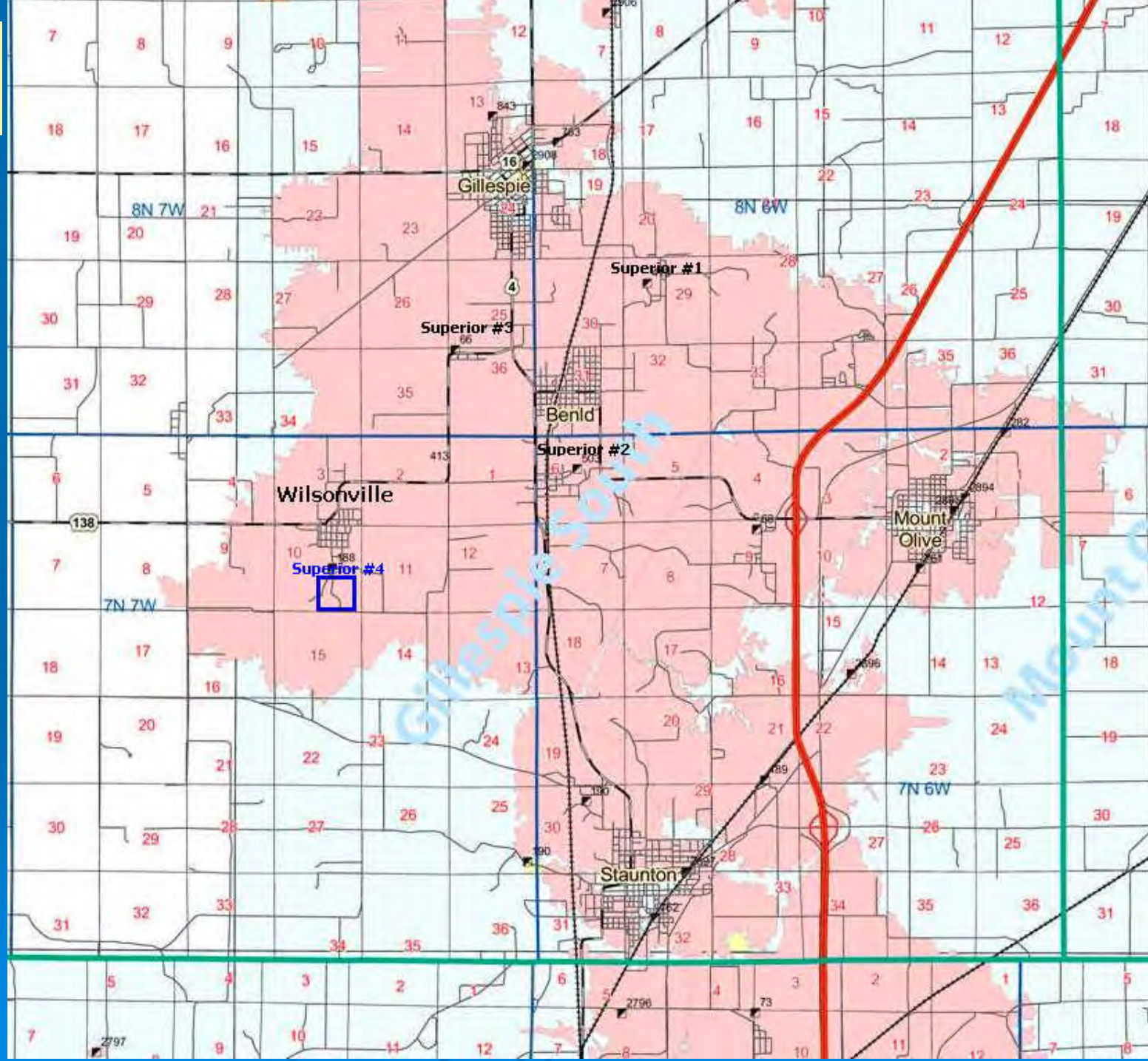


**Wilsonville**





Underground Coal Mine operated from 1918 -1954





AML PROBLEMS LEFT:

2 OPEN MINE SHAFTS

40 Acres of barren mine refuse

Streams severely impacted by AMD



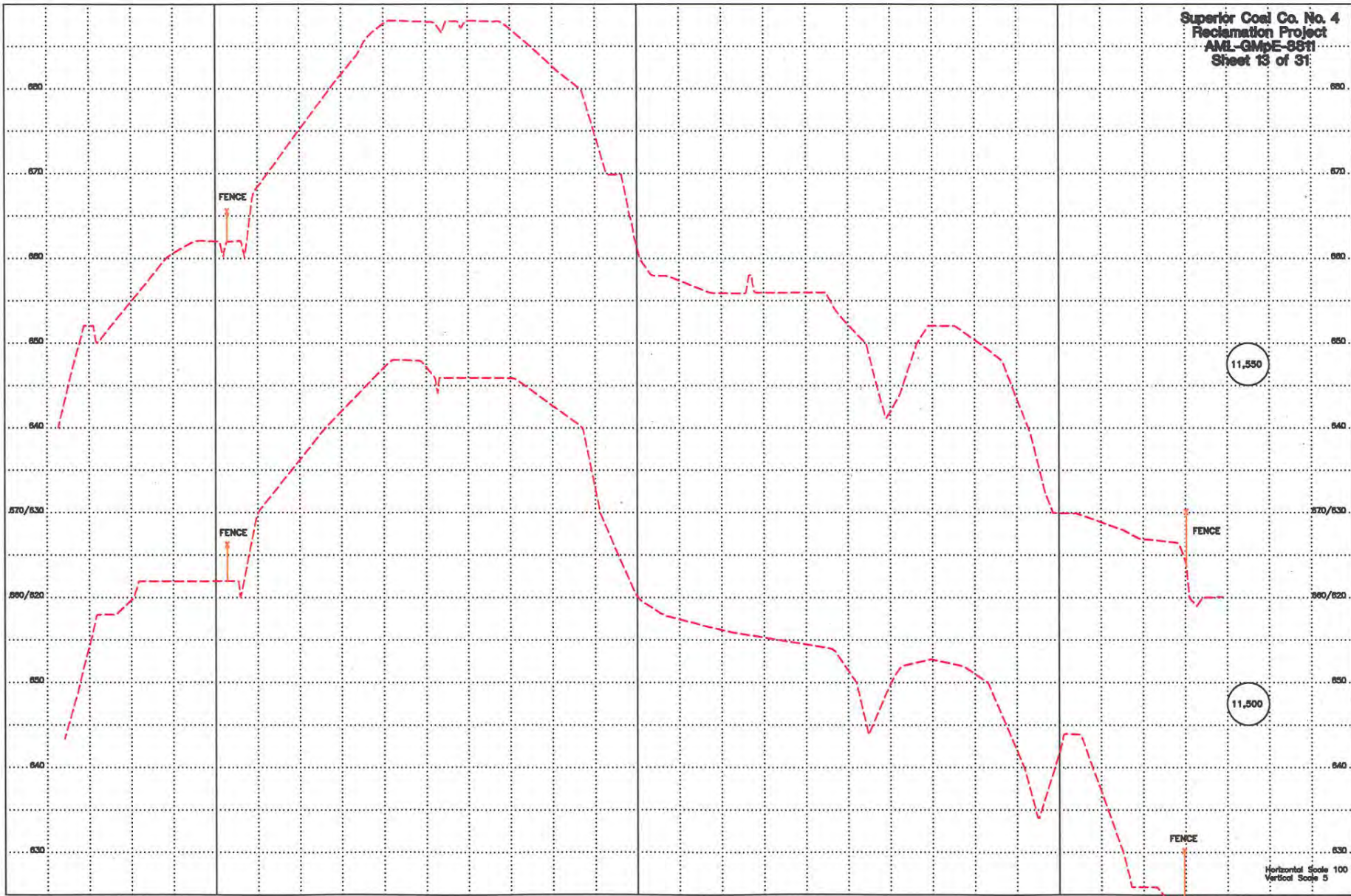
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PROJECT LIMIT FOLLOWS FENCE  
REFUSE BEYOND FENCE WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT.  
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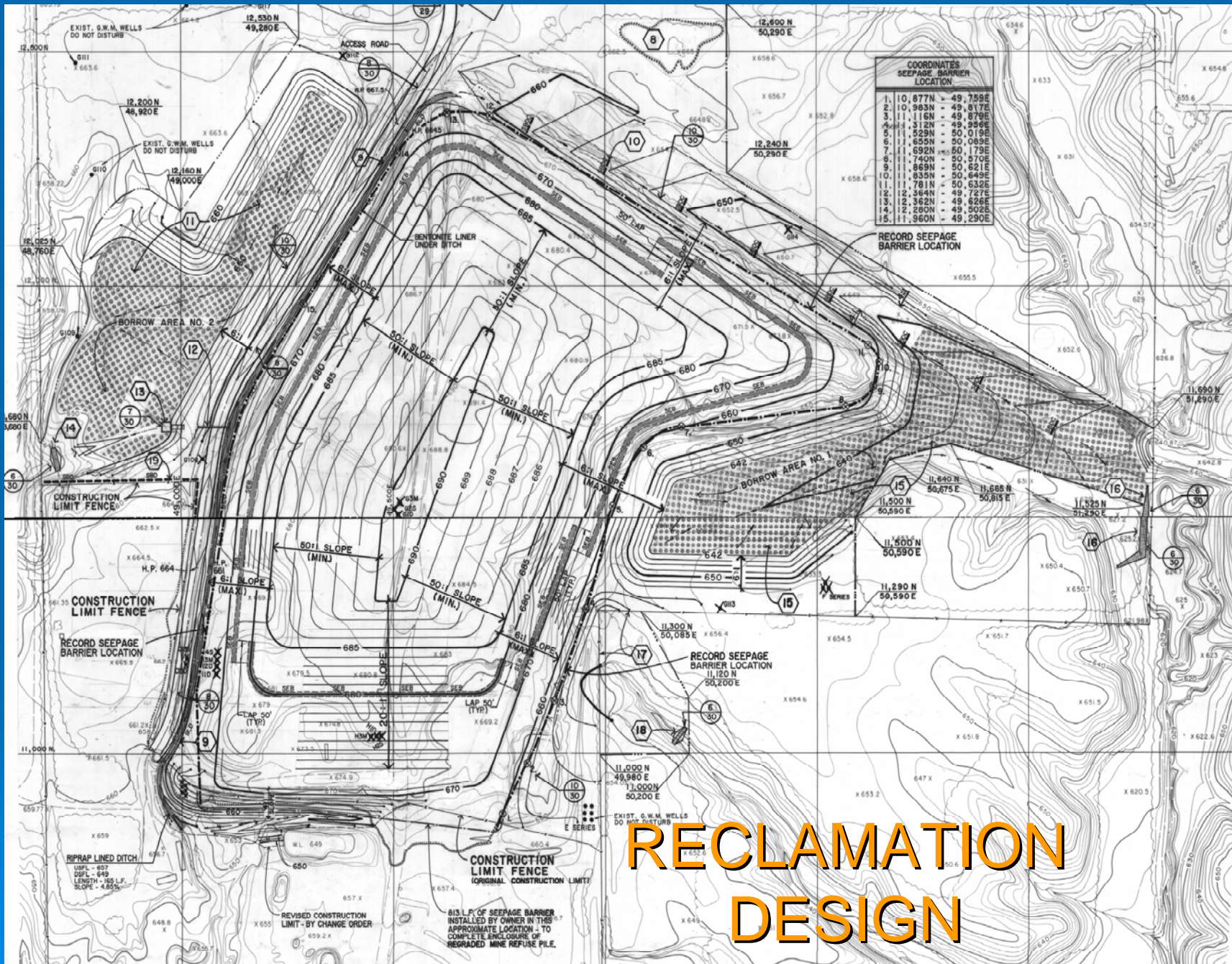


# Quality of AMD leaving the site

Acidity (mg/l)	6,000
ph	3.0
Sulfate (mg/l)	6,600
Chloride (mg/l)	90
Iron (mg/l)	680
Manganese (mg/l)	22
Aluminum (mg/l)	80





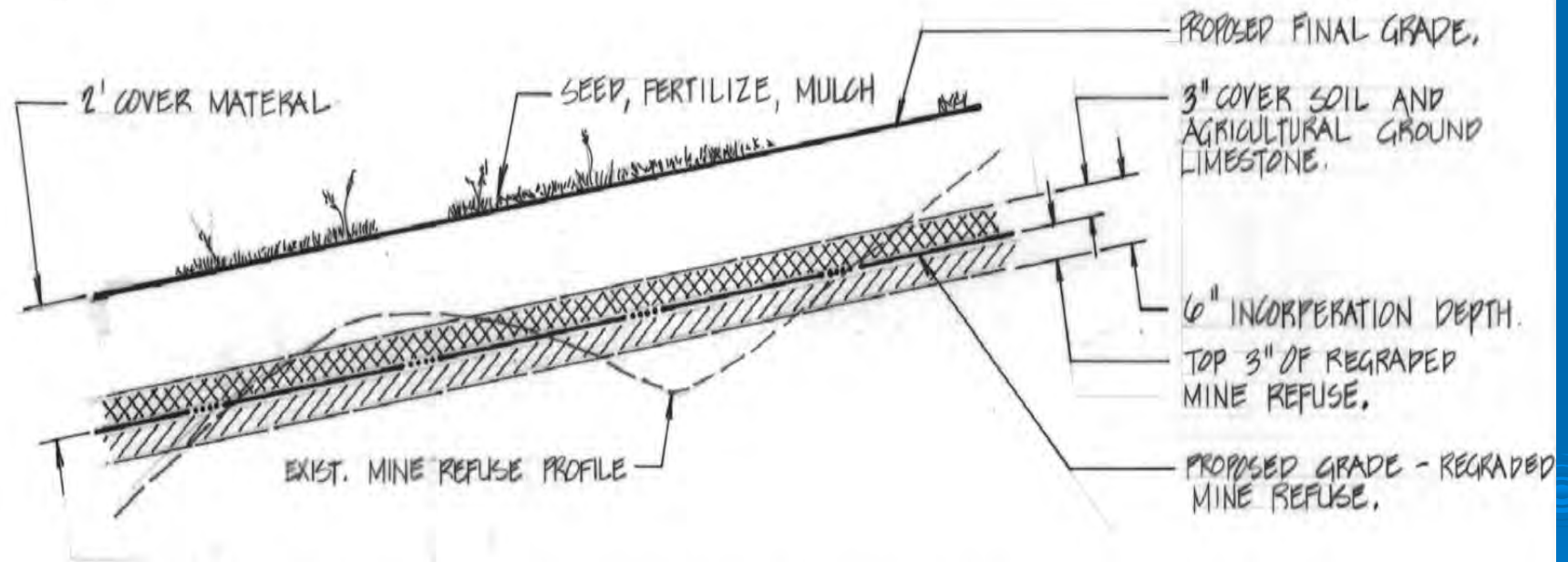


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8.	11,740N - 50,270E
9.	11,868N - 50,321E
10.	11,835N - 50,649E
11.	11,781N - 50,632E
12.	12,364N - 49,727E
13.	12,362N - 49,526E
14.	12,280N - 49,502E
15.	11,960N - 49,290E

# RECLAMATION DESIGN



# Mine Refuse Treatment with agricultural ground limestone



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**DETAIL: MINE REFUSE TREATMENT**

NO SCALE

# Agricultural ground limestone being applied at 50 Tons/Acre



# Section 207 Mine Site Compaction



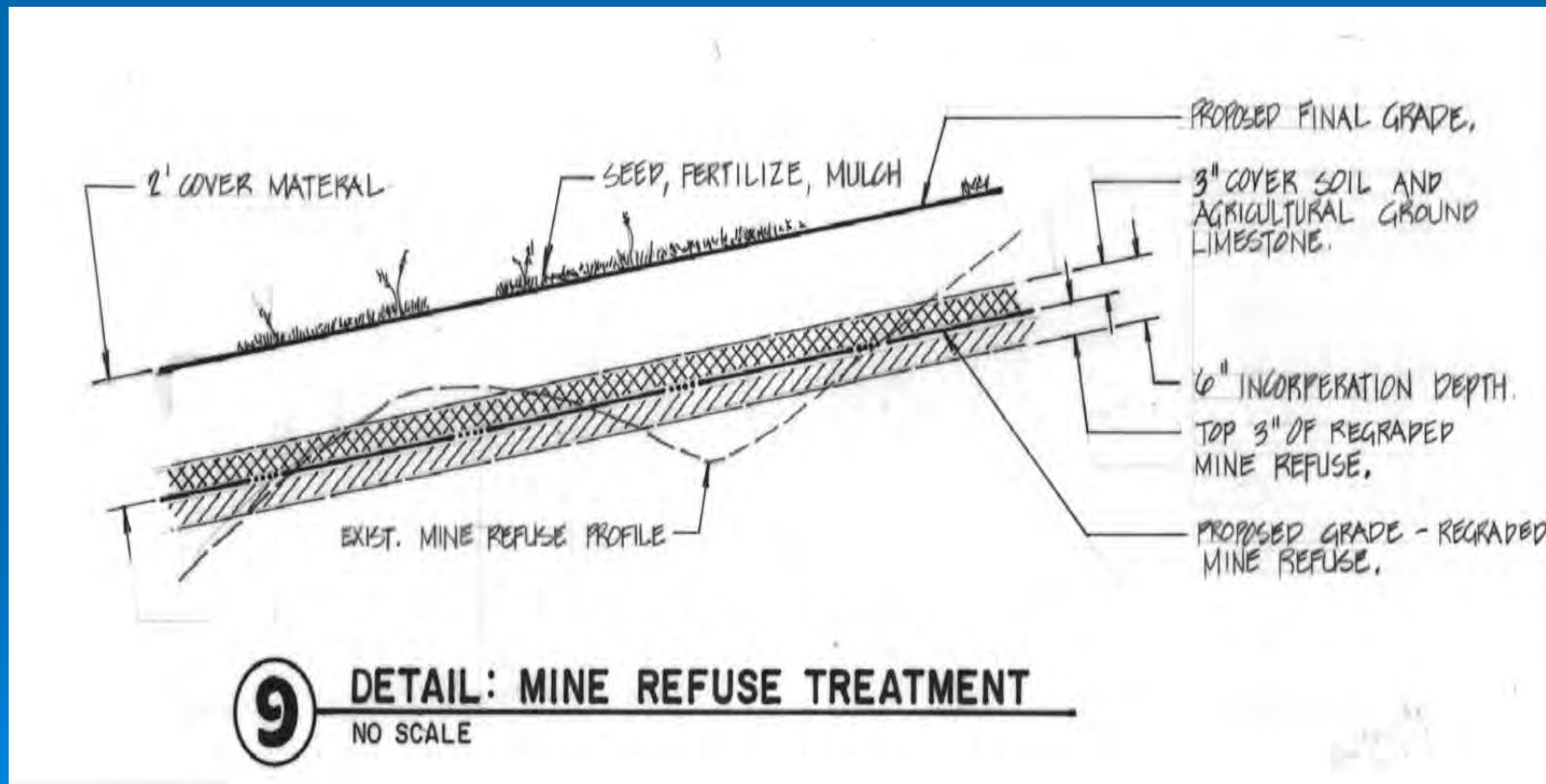
# Section 207 Mine Site Compaction

To use tamping-type roller (sheep's foot) &  
Agricultural disc



# Section 207 Mine Site Compaction

Applied to mine refuse sub-grade & soil cover (except top 12") over entire mine refuse area



# Section 207 Mine Site Compaction

8 " maximum per layer

one pass over soil per inch of thickness

If soil is wet more discing is required





# Section 207 Mine Site Compaction

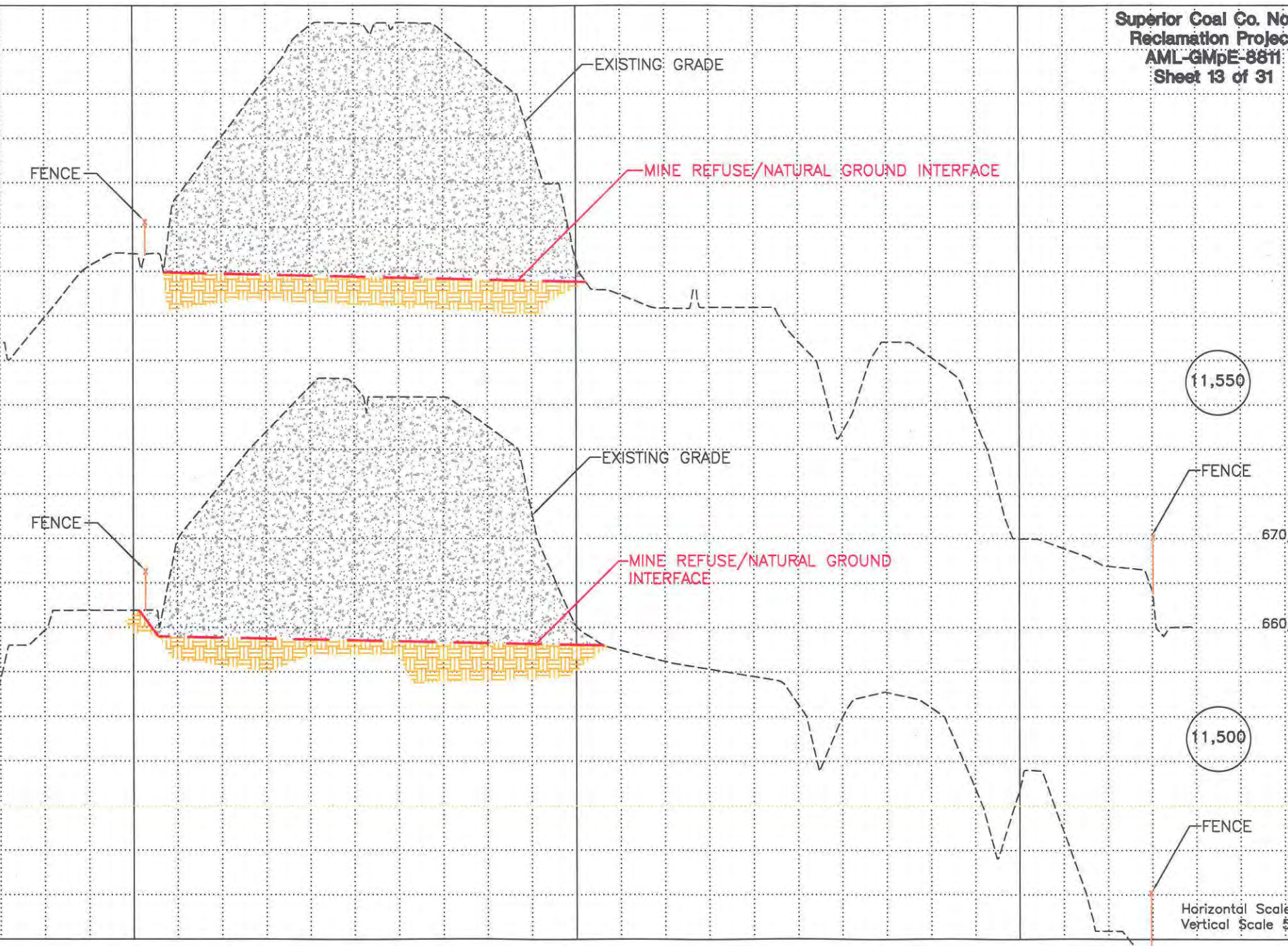
Layer will be considered compacted when tamping feet of roller penetrates no more than 3" into 8" lift or 1/3 of the depth of layer being placed



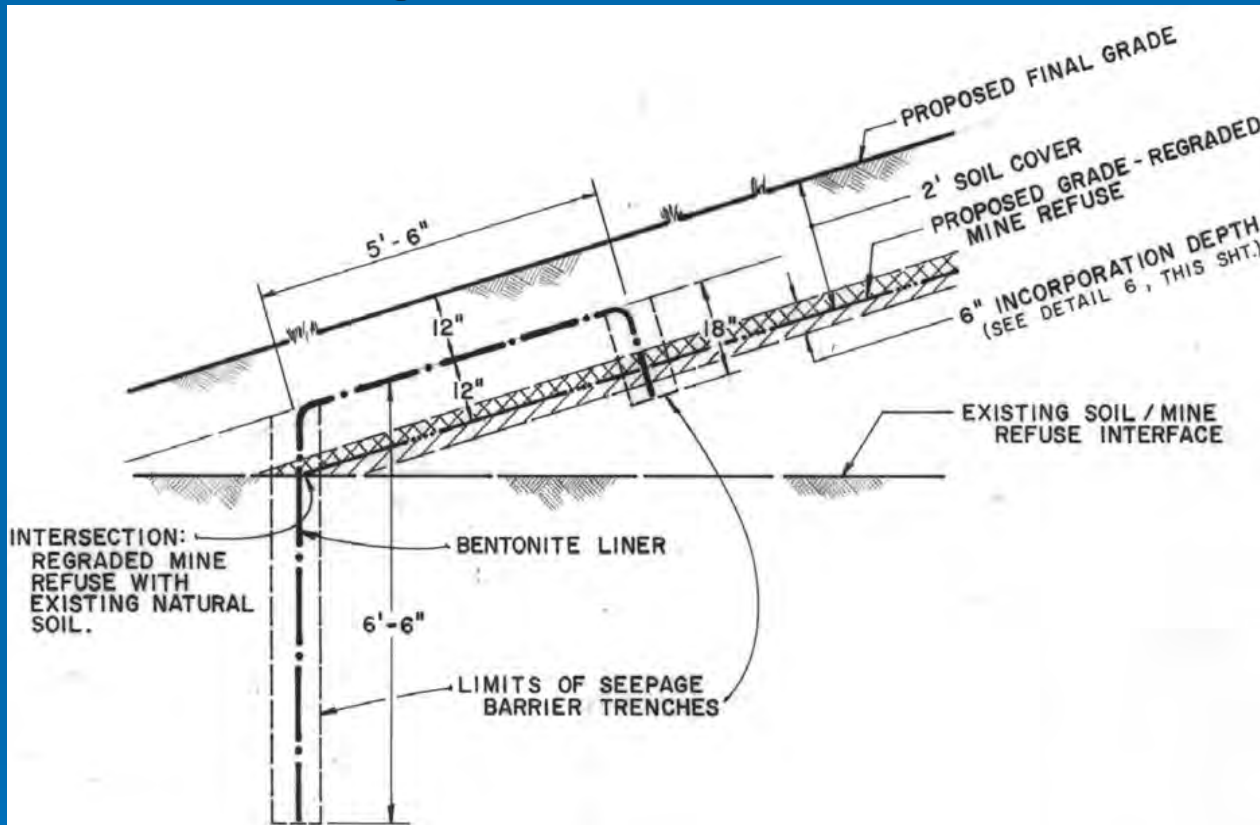








# Seepage Barrier Detail



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DETAIL: BENTONITE LINER INSTALLATION

NO SCALE

COORDINATES SEEPAGE BARRIER LOCATION	
1.	10, 877N - 49, 759E
2.	10, 983N - 49, 817E
3.	11, 116N - 49, 879E
4.	11, 312N - 49, 956E
5.	11, 529N - 50, 019E
6.	11, 655N - 50, 089E
7.	11, 692N - 50, 179E
8.	11, 740N - 50, 270E
9.	11, 869N - 50, 321E
10.	11, 935N - 50, 349E
11.	11, 781N - 50, 632E
12.	12, 364N - 49, 727E
13.	12, 362N - 49, 626E
14.	12, 280N - 49, 502E
15.	11, 960N - 49, 290E

RECORD SEEPAGE BARRIER LOCATION

EXIST. G.W.M. WELLS DO NOT DISTURB

12, 530N  
49, 280E

12, 600 N  
50, 290 E

12, 160 N  
49, 000E

12, 240 N  
50, 290 E

12, 025 N  
48, 760E

11, 640 N  
50, 675 E

11, 608 N  
50, 815 E

11, 500 N  
50, 590 E

11, 500 N  
50, 590 E

11, 500 N  
50, 590 E

11, 290 N  
50, 590 E

11, 300 N  
50, 085 E

RECORD SEEPAGE BARRIER LOCATION  
11, 120 N  
50, 200E

11, 000 N  
49, 980 E

11, 000 N  
50, 200 E

EXIST. G.W.M. WELLS DO NOT DISTURB

CONSTRUCTION LIMIT FENCE

CONSTRUCTION LIMIT FENCE

RECORD SEEPAGE BARRIER LOCATION

RECORD SEEPAGE BARRIER LOCATION

RRIPRAP LINED DITCH  
USFL - 657  
OSFL - 649  
LENGTH - 165 L.F.  
SLOPE - 4.85%

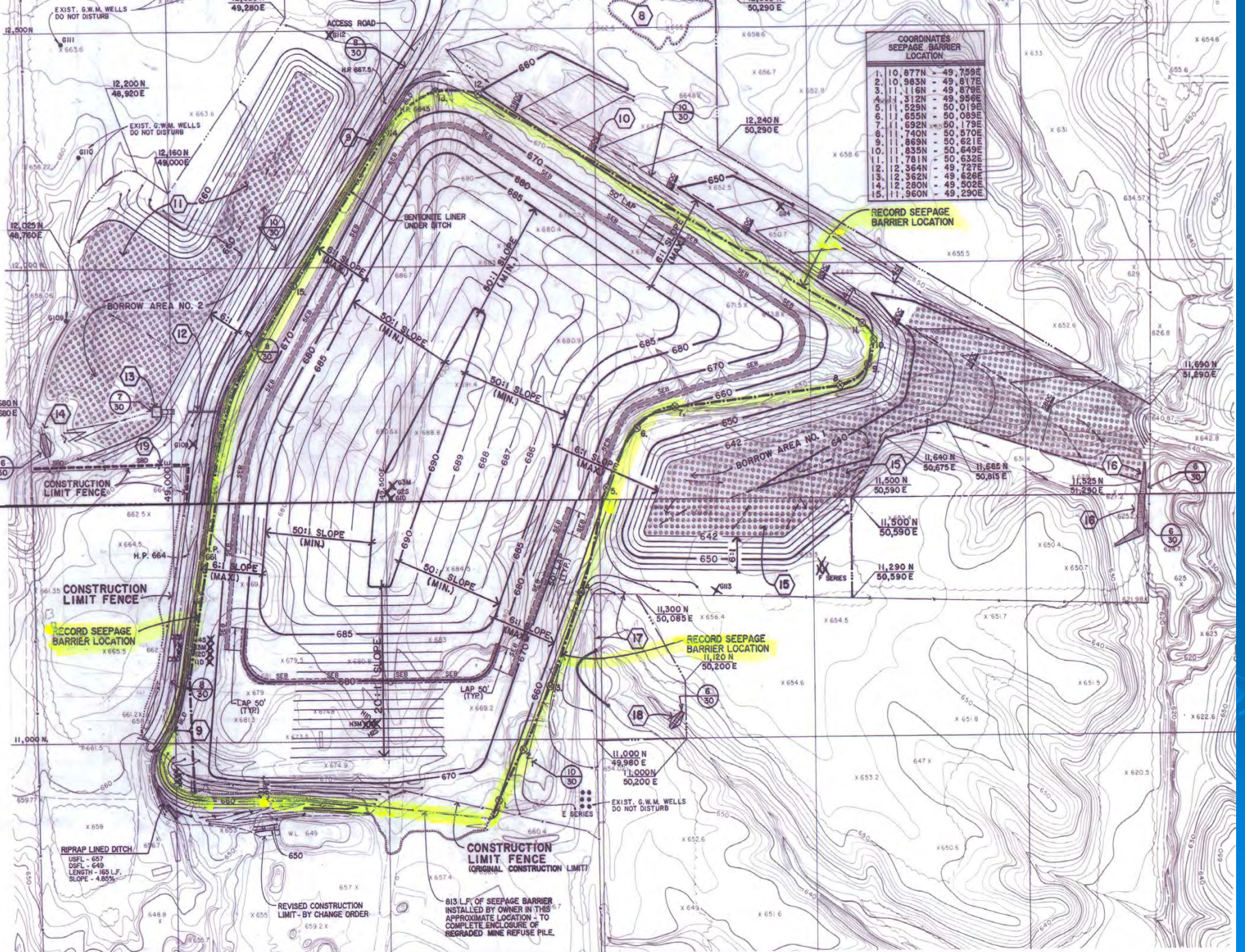
CONSTRUCTION LIMIT FENCE  
(ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION LIMIT)

REVISED CONSTRUCTION LIMIT - BY CHANGE ORDER

813 L.F. OF SEEPAGE BARRIER INSTALLED BY OWNER IN THIS APPROXIMATE LOCATION - TO COMPLETE ENCLOSURE OF REGRADED MINE REFUSE PILE.

BORROW AREA NO. 2

BORROW AREA NO. 1



# Section 225 Seepage Barrier Trench



Consists of trench and upper locking trench & contain no vegetation, protrusions, or rocks





# Section 225 Seepage Barrier Trench



Bentonite liner shall not be installed in standing water or during heavy rain.

# Section 225 Seepage Barrier Trench



Bentonite liner to be pulled tight to smooth out creases or irregularities with polypropylene side up

# Section 225 Seepage Barrier



To be locked into trenches at the top & bottom of slopes, backfilled with soil

# Section 225 Seepage Barrier



All seams to be overlapped 6"

Bid cost to install liner in 1988 \$0.75 per square foot

# Location where liner was opened



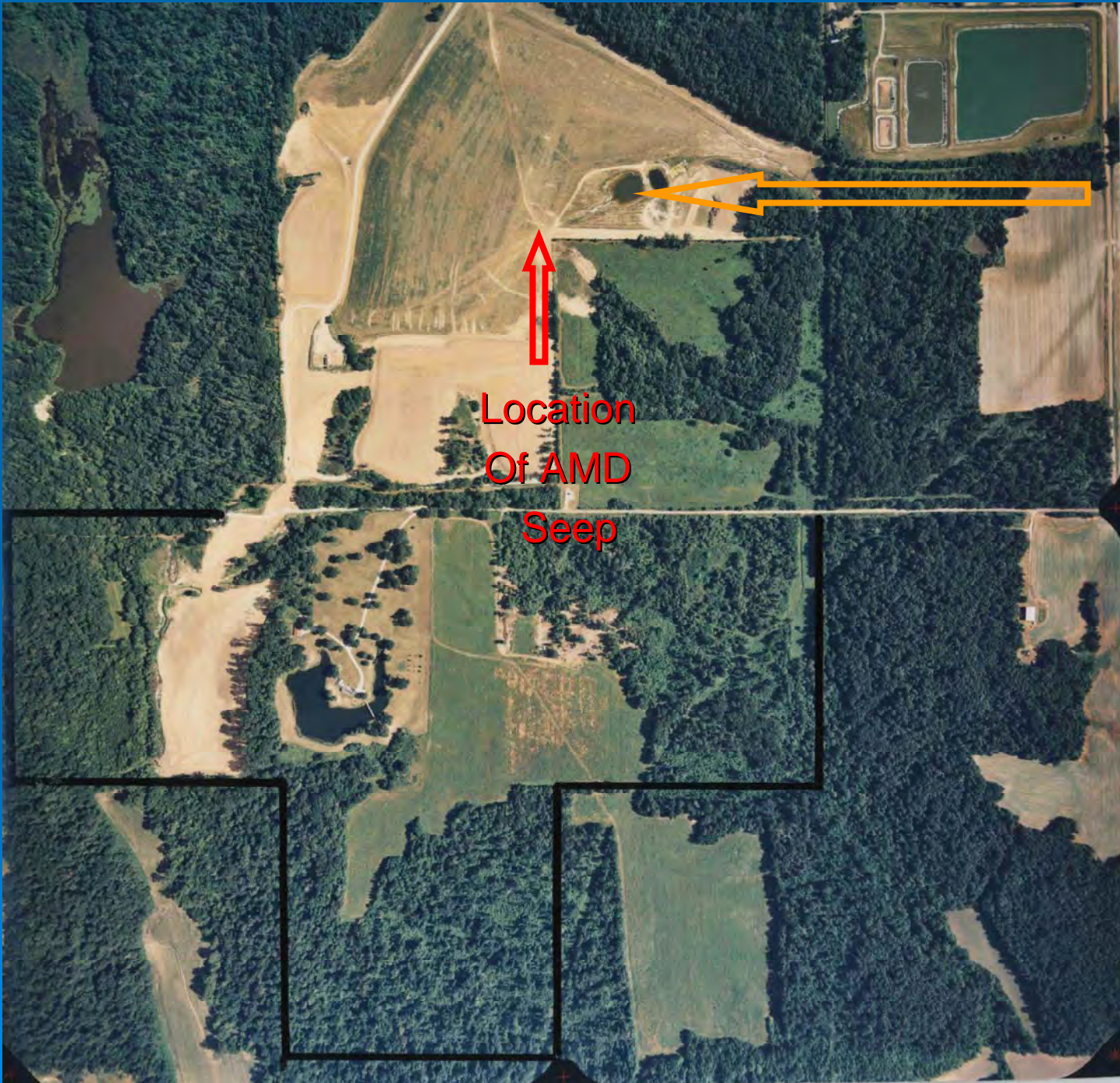
# Treatment Basins constructed



Sections  
of  
manhole  
for  
collection  
basin







Location  
Of AMD  
Seep

AMD  
Treatment  
System

# Key Points Derived from the project

Identify mine refuse / soil interface

Compaction of soil cap very critical

Exercise vigilant field inspection

Be proactive in trying to direct AMD flow

Restrict access if possible to reclaimed sites

Employ regular mowing of post-reclamation  
vegetation

Design standard established to improve  
reclamation work

# Success of AMD reclamation work

Improvement in water quality leaving the site

The quality of vegetation on the site

The condition of the site over a long period of time



# Water Quality :Before vs. After

Acidity (mg/l)	6,000	26
ph	3.0	7.23
Sulfate (mg/l)	6,600	762
Chloride (mg/l)	90	21
Iron (mg/l)	680	0.38
Manganese (mg/l)	22	1.72
Aluminum (mg/l)	80	0.04

# Vegetation: Before vs. After



# SUPERIOR

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# Passive Treatment of Artesian Mine Pool Discharges in Oklahoma

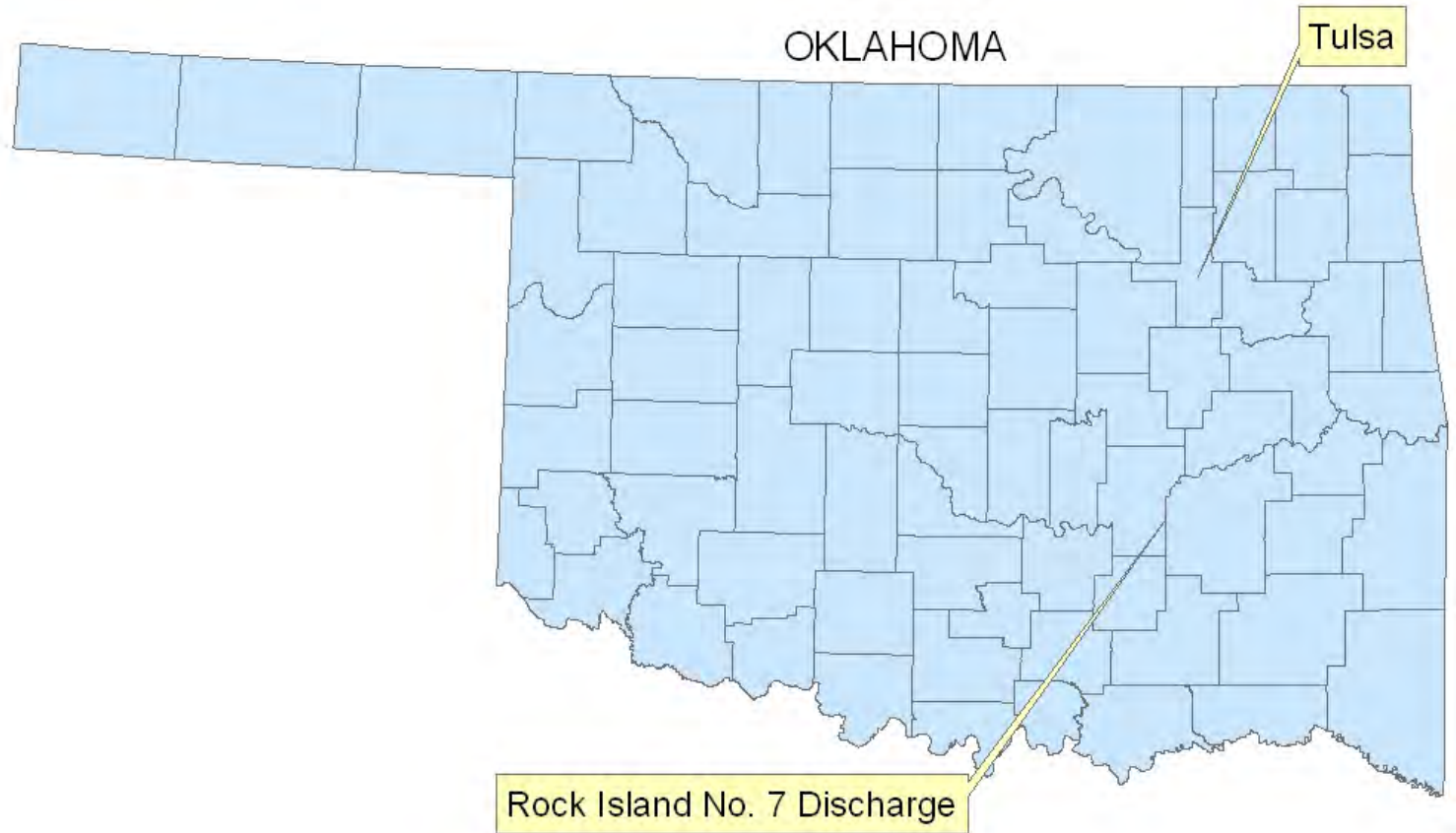
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Paul T. Behum  
Hydrologist, Office of Surface Mining  
Alton, IL

# Project Areas

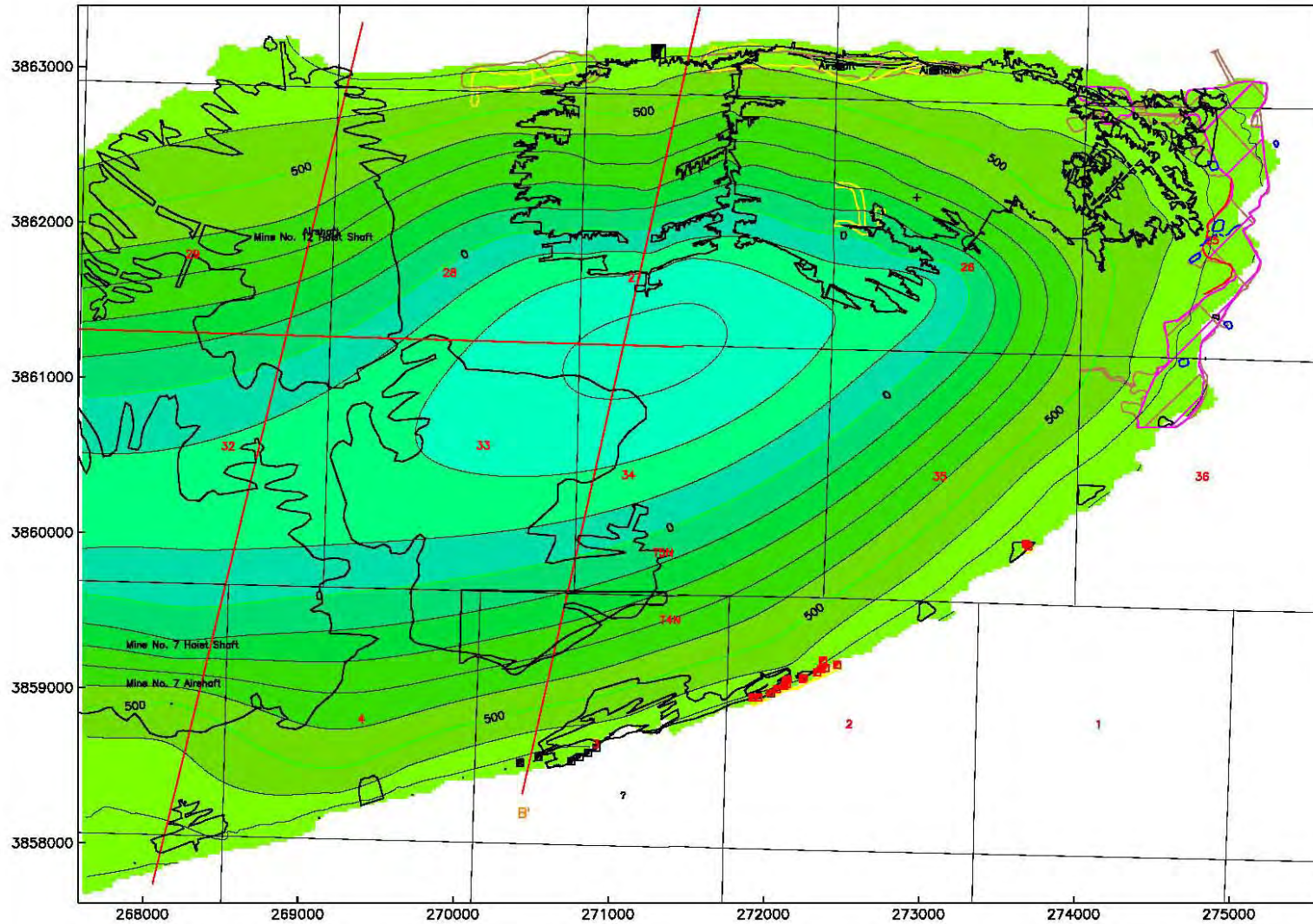
- Hartshorne Coal Basin, Pittsburg and Latimer Counties
  - Rock Island No. 7 Airshaft Discharge
  - GCI Permit 4105 (Title V)
- Red Oak – Fanshawe Area, Latimer and LeFlore Counties
  - Red Oak
  - LeBosquet



# Hartshorne Coal Basin

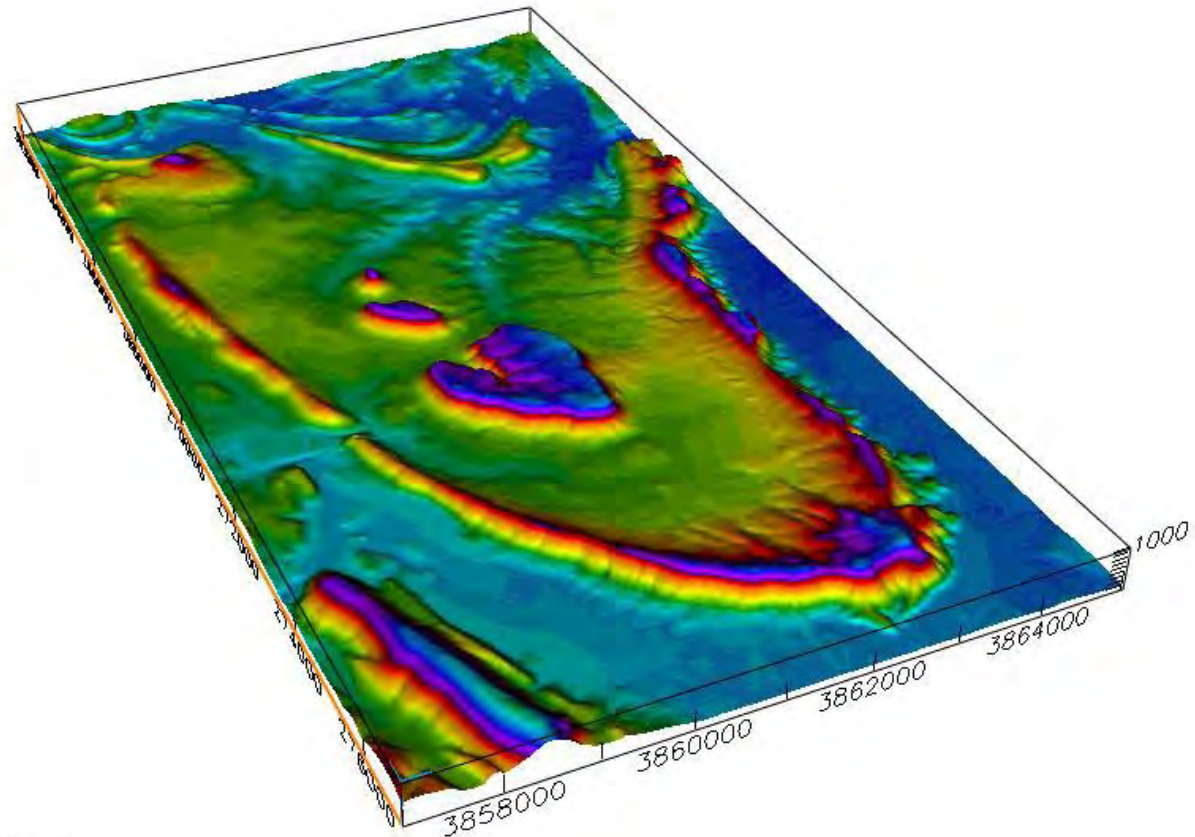
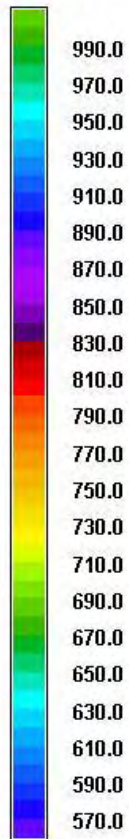


Isopach Map of the Base of the Hartshorne Coal Bed



# Hartshorne Coal Basin, Pittsburg and Latimer Counties, Oklahoma

## Z color key



Primary: basintopo.2grd

XY units: meters

Z units: feet

Z exag: 4.0

# Problem

- AMD primarily due to underground mining of the Hartshorne Coal Bed between 1900 and the mid-1930's.
- Additional AMD sources from surface mining in the 1980's.
- Impacting Lake Eufaula a large COE reservoir.

# Hartshorne Basin AMD Discharges



Gowan 40 Old Seep



Rock Island No. 7 Airshaft

**Table 1. Design Parameters: Untreated AMD Quality and Contaminant Load for the Rock Island Mine 7 Discharge, Oklahoma.\***

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Median</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>pH</b>	5.29 to 5.54	5.42	S.U.	24 measurements
<b>Eh (est.)</b>		90	mv	5 measurements
<b>Conductivity</b>		11,445	uS	22 measurements
<b>DO</b>		0.3	mg/L	22 measurements, mean = 0.4 mg/L
<b>Fe</b>		770	mg/L	23 analyses, mean = 858 mg/L
<b>Al</b>		0.18	mg/L	22 analyses, mean = 0.48 mg/L
<b>Mn</b>		17.4	mg/L	22 analyses, mean = 20.8 mg/L
<b>T. Acidity</b>		1,454	mg/L	15 analyses, mean = 1,500 mg/L
<b>T. Alkalinity</b>		112	mg/L	21 analyses, mean = 121 mg/L
<b>Calcium</b>		318	mg/L	11 analyses, mean = 313 mg/L
<b>Magnesium</b>		230	mg/L	9 analyses, mean = 241 mg/L
<b>Sulfate</b>		7,146	mg/L	18 analyses, mean = 8,029 mg/L
<b>Sodium</b>		1,813	mg/L	6 analyses, mean = 1,995 mg/L
<b>Flow @ Inlet</b>		0.32	L/sec	5 GPM is a typical value

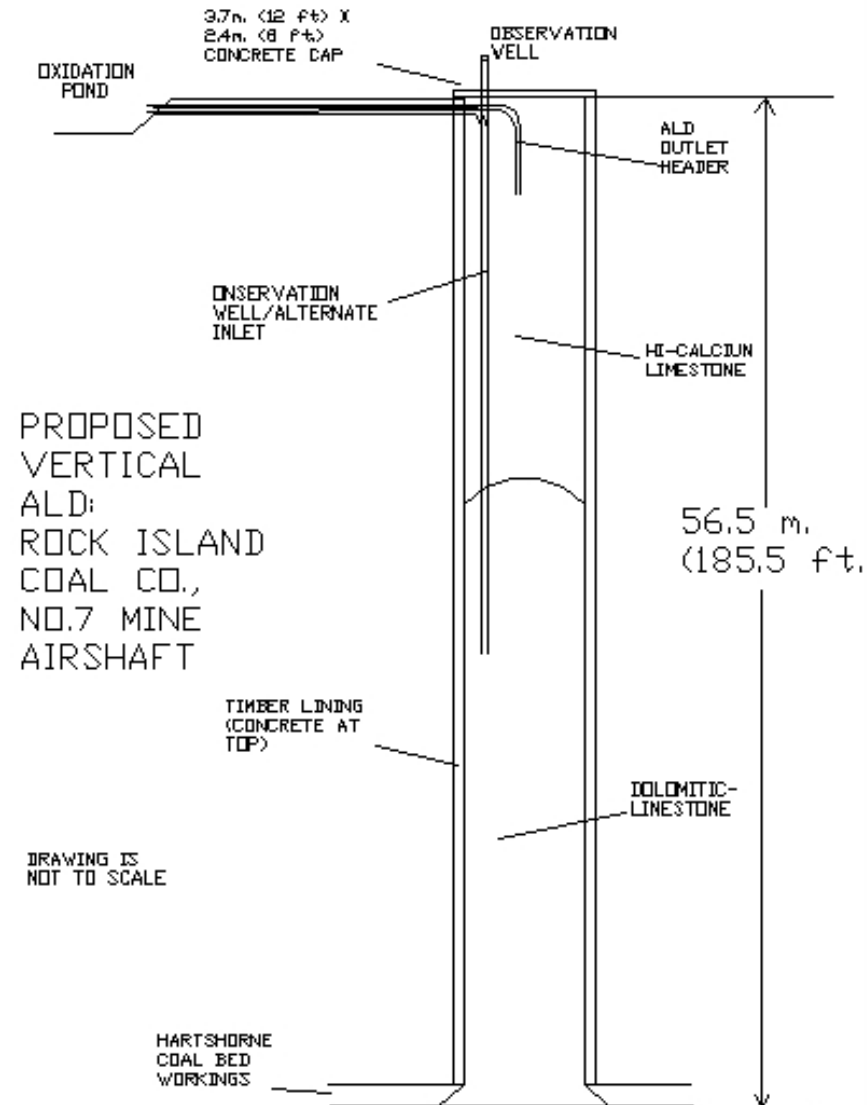
\*These tests are a combination of OCC and OSM-MCRCC field measurements, OCC/Oklahoma University lab, OSM field and in-house lab analysis and EPA-certified lab analysis.

# Solution

- Title V site conducting active treatment: lime neutralization.
- Passive treatment is planned for AML discharges:
  - Gowan 40 Discharge.
  - Rock Island No. 7 Airshaft Discharge.
  - Jeffries Field Discharge.

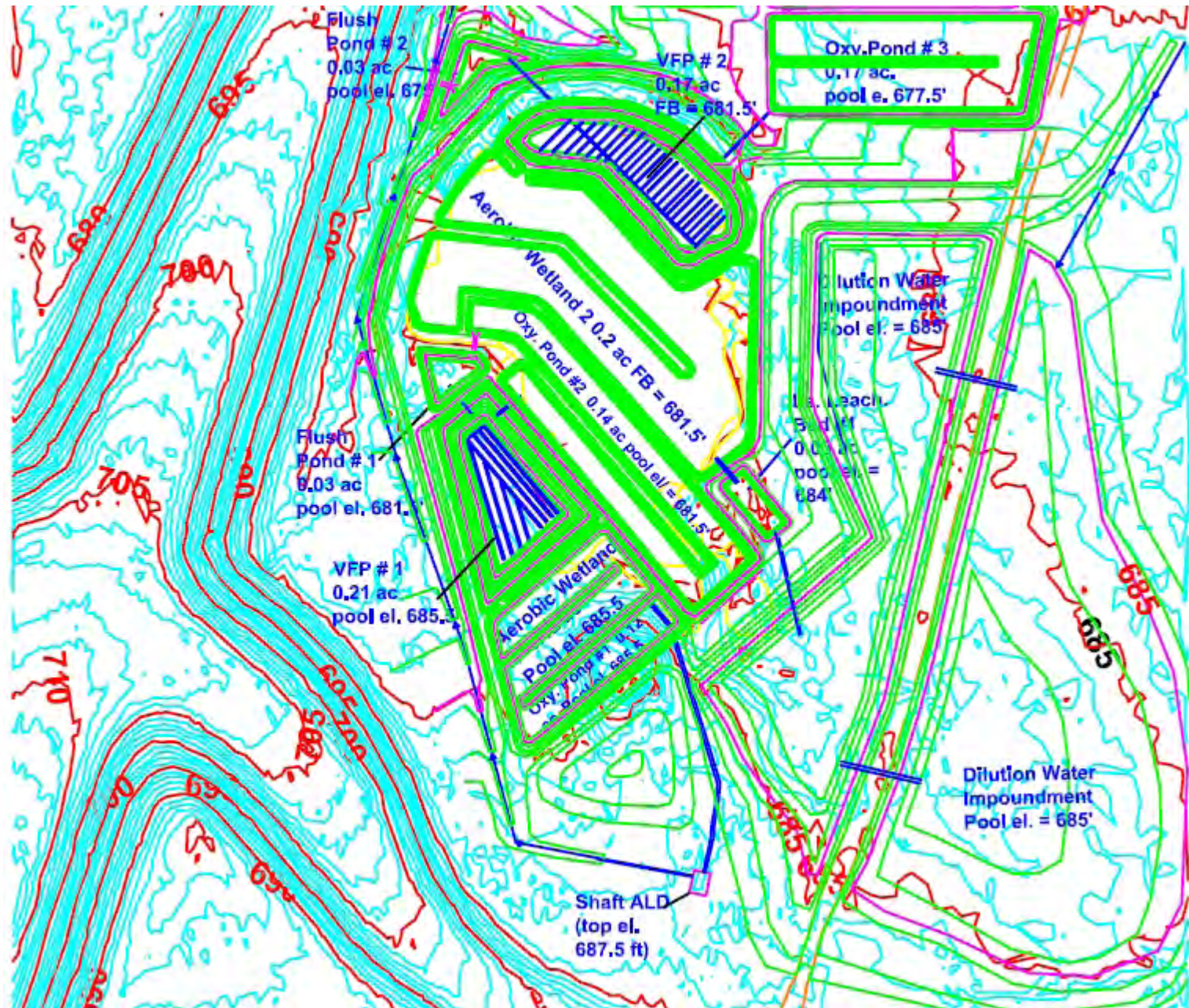
# No. 7 Airshaft System Design

- Vertical ALD (VALD)
- Oxidation Cells
- 2 Vertical Flow Ponds (VFP)
- Aerobic Surface Flow Wetland





# Rock Island No. 7 Airshaft Discharge.



CAD design  
drawn by P.  
Behum Nov.  
2004 using  
SurvCADD  
XML.

# Topographic Model showing the AMD Passive Treatment Structures.

Model created by P. Behum using *earthVision 7.5*, Nov. 2004; vertical exaggeration = 2X

Z color key

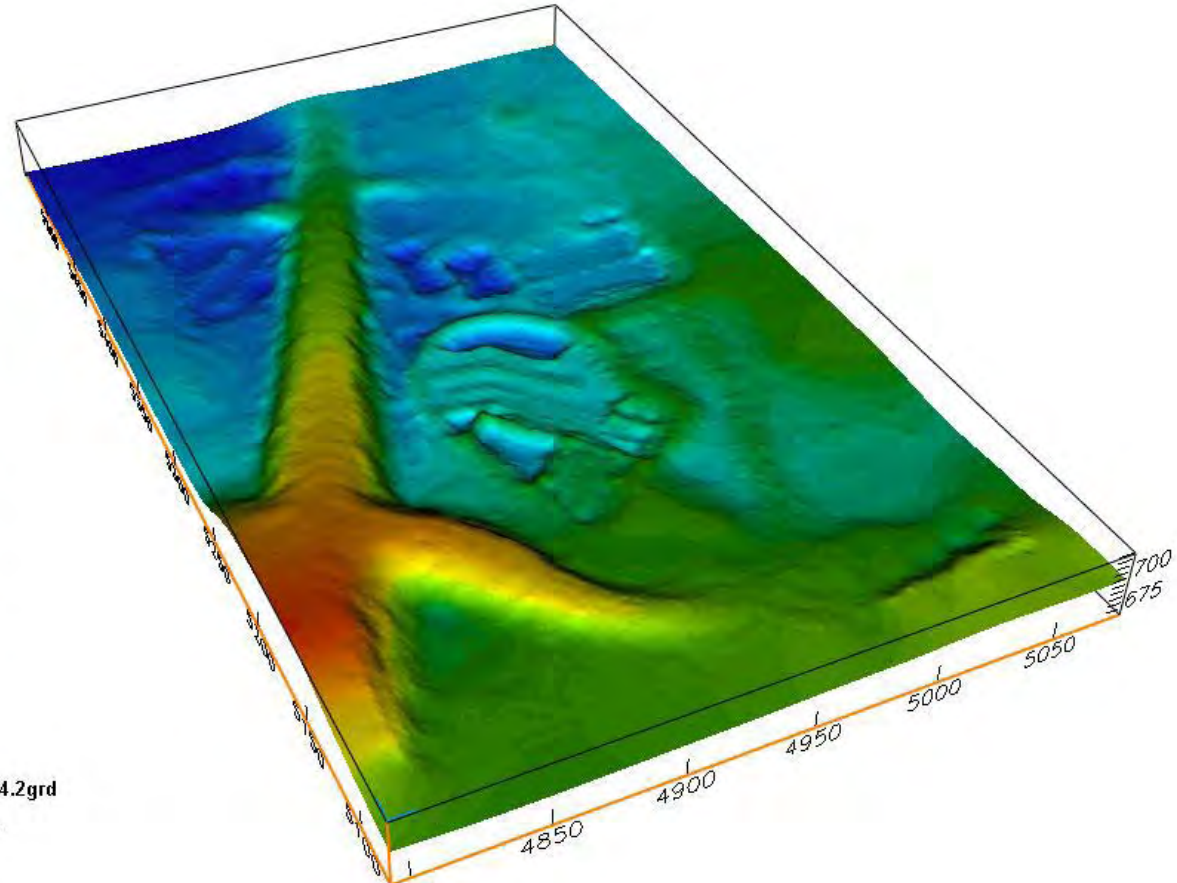


Primary: post\_topo4.2grd

XY units: meters

Z units: feet

Z exag: 2.0



# Preliminary Post-Construction Results

Parameter	VALD Out	VFP 1 In	VFP 1 Out	VFP 2 In	VFP 2 Out	Wetland In	Units
Flow	NT	10.2	8.1	10.2	8.12	3.6	GPM
pH	6.32	3.26	6.36	8.31	7.03	7.79	S.U.
Specific Conductance	6,710	8,150	8,680	9,040	8,170	7,970	micro S
D. Fe (field)	306	114	23.7	0.17	0.03	0.12	mg/l
D. Fe <sup>2+</sup> (field)	124	95	15.8	0.17	0.03	0.03	mg/l
D. Fe <sup>3+</sup> (calc)*	182	19	7.9	0	0	0.09	mg/l
lab pH	6.19	3.01	6.33	8.37	7.08	7.92	S.U.
D. Fe (lab)	300.00	111.00	22.60	< 0.500	< 0.500	< 0.500	mg/l
D. Al	< 0.050	< 0.050	< 0.050	< 0.050	< 0.050	< 0.500	mg/l
D. Mn	5.58	10.40	10.50	7.08	6.47	4.47	* mg/l
Sulfate	2,880	3,770	4,570	5,250	4,370	4,170	mg/l
Chloride	110.00	140.00	140.00	160.00	140.00	130.00	mg/l
T. Acidity (calc)**	719.38	267.20	68.77	13.45	12.10	11.20	mg/l
T. Acidity (lab)	182.00	310.00	< 1.50	< 1.50	< 1.50	< 1.50	mg/l
T. Alkalinity (lab)	284.00	< 2.50	232.00	156.00	250.00	222.00	mg/l
T. Alkalinity (field)	390.0	0.0	336.0	107.0	320.2	280.0	mg/l
Net Acidity	435.38	265.95	-163.23	-142.55	-237.90	-210.80	mg/l

\* By subtraction.

\*\* Acidity Calculation Formula:  $50 \cdot (2 \cdot \text{Fe}^{2+} / 56 + 3 \cdot \text{Fe}^{3+} / 56 + 3 \cdot \text{Al} / 27 + 2 \cdot \text{Mn} / 55 + 1000 \cdot 10^{-\text{pH}})$

# Rock Island No 7 Passive treatment System



# Red Oak - Fanshawe Area

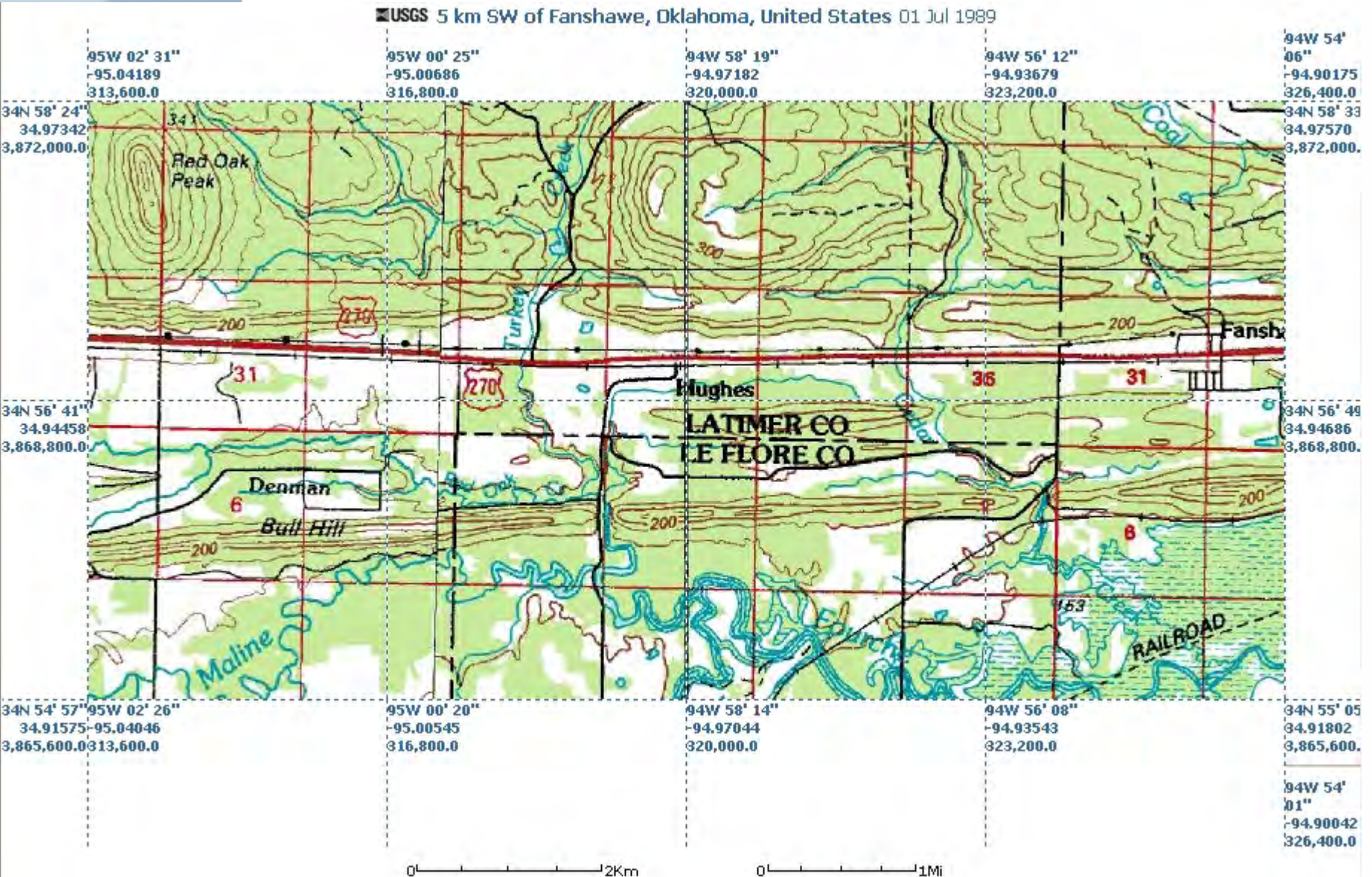
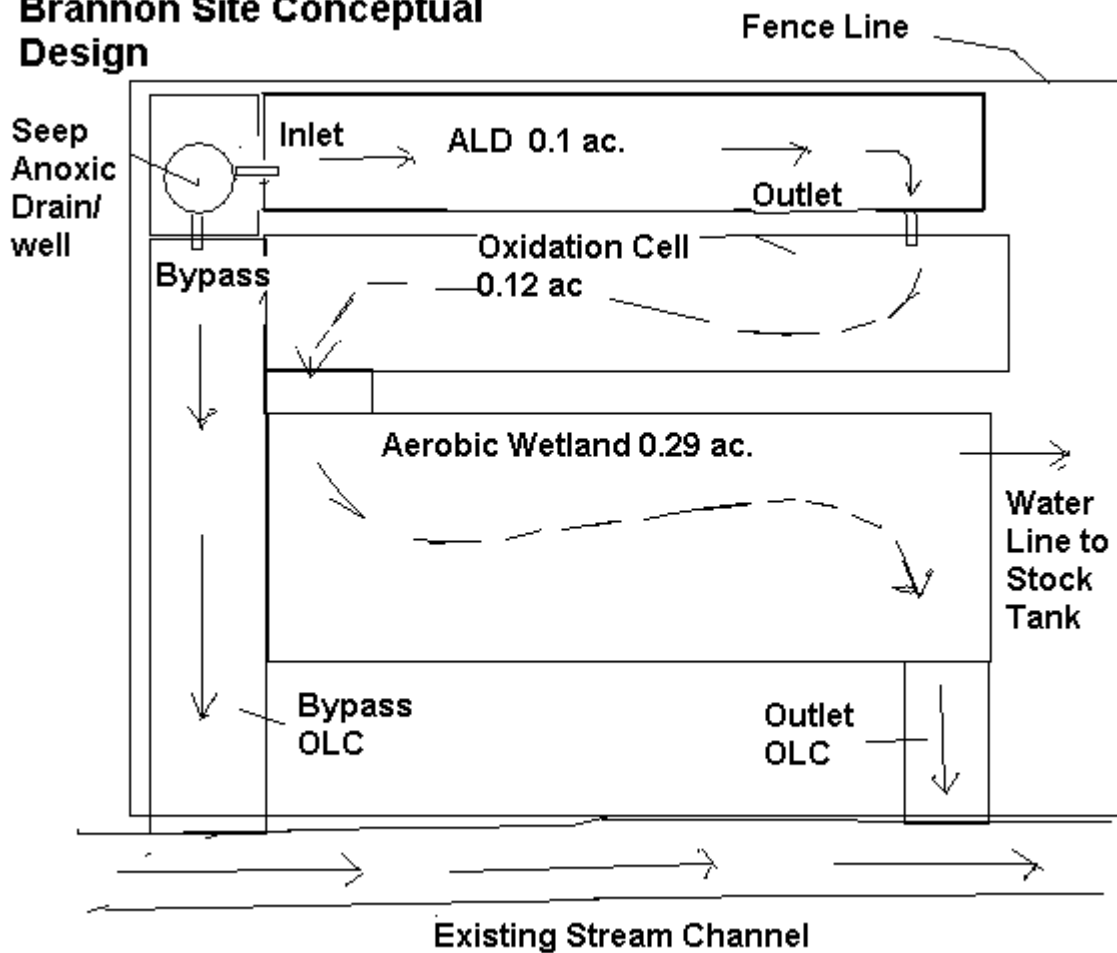


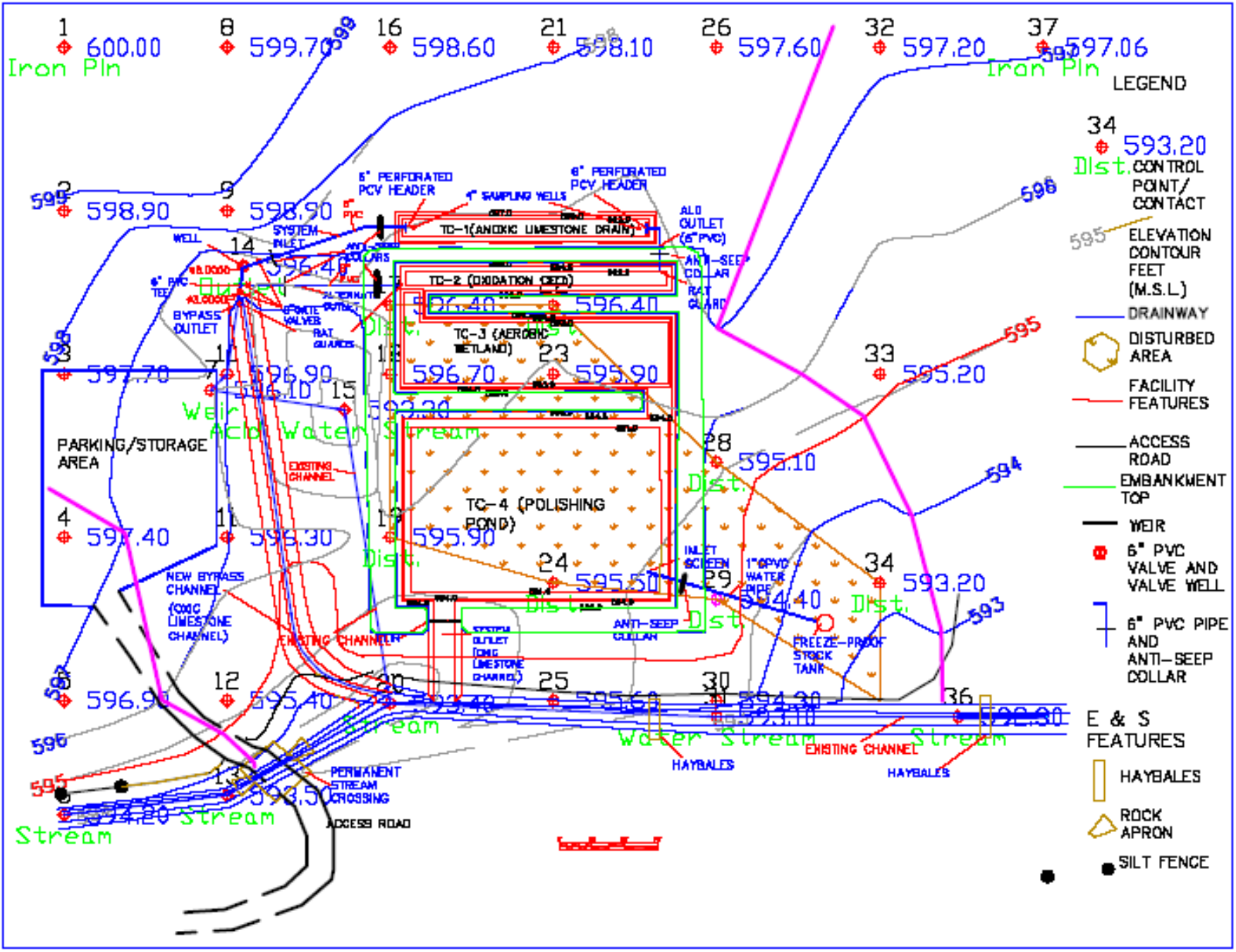
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# Problem

- AMD primarily due to underground mining of the moderately dipping (>20 degrees) Hartshorne Coal Bed between in the early 1900's.
- Post-closure mine pools have developed with artesian discharged from former dewatering wells.

# Brannon Site Conceptual Design





- LEGEND**
- 34  
Dist. 593.20  
CONTROL POINT/ CONTACT
  - 595  
ELEVATION CONTOUR FEET (M.S.L.)
  - DRAINWAY
  - Disturbed Area
  - FACILITY FEATURES
  - ACCESS ROAD
  - EMBANKMENT TOP
  - WEIR
  - 6" PVC VALVE AND VALVE WELL
  - 6" PVC PIPE AND ANTI-SEEP COLLAR
  - E & S FEATURES
  - HAYBALES
  - ROCK APRON
  - SILT FENCE



# LeBosquet Construction (Fall 2003-Spring 2004)



# LeBosquet Passive Treatment System



## Lebosquet Preliminary Water Quality Data

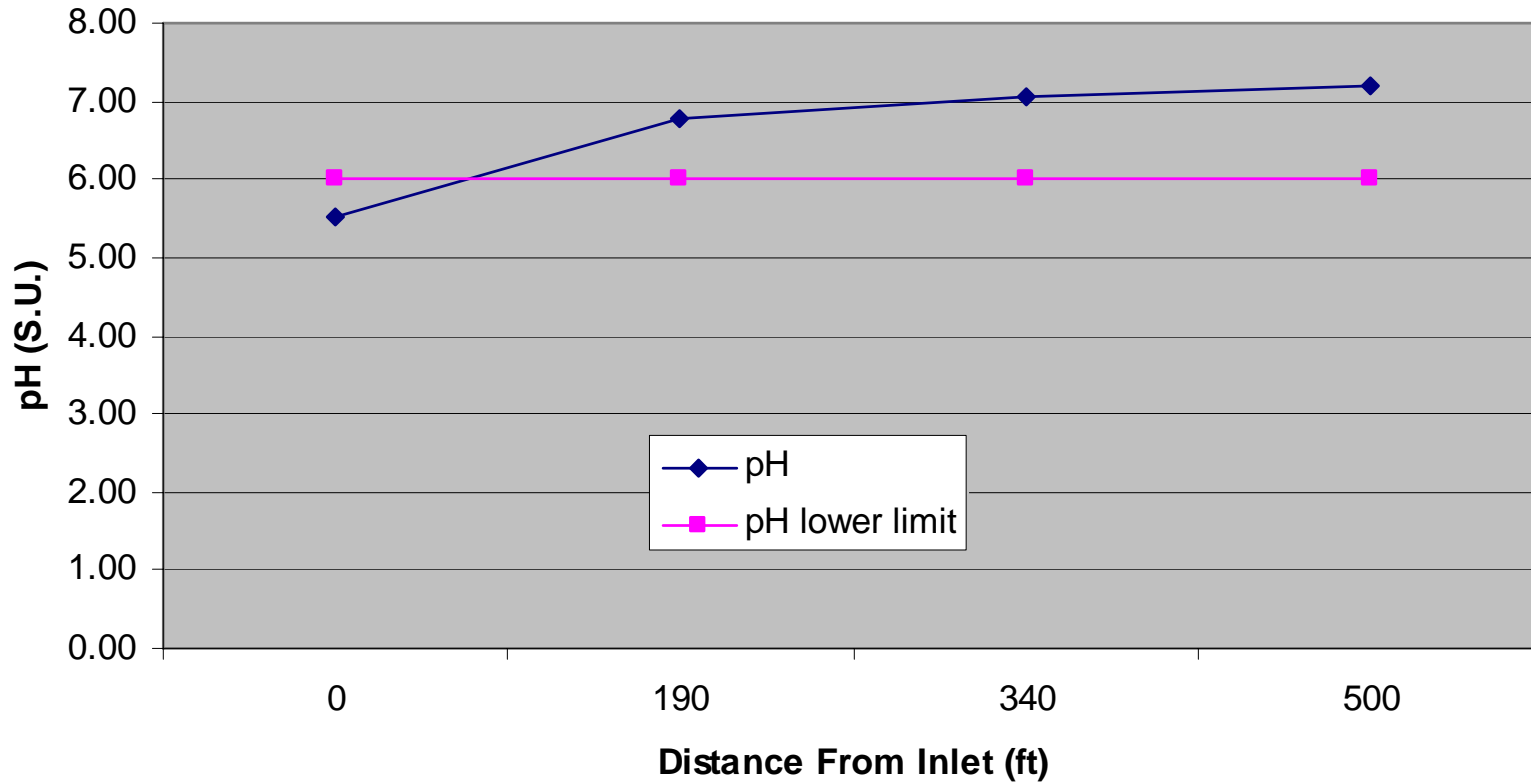
<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Baseline</u>	<u>System Inlet (ALD Inlet)</u>	<u>ALD Outlet</u>	<u>Oxygen Outlet</u>	<u>Wetland (System) Outlet</u>	<u>Units</u>
pH*	6.00	5.51	6.77	7.05	7.21	S.U.
SC	587	486	560	484	507	<u>uS/cm</u>
T. Fe	31.75	36.60	32.85	2.52	5.32	mg/L
D. Fe	35.45	36.92	29.90	0.16	0.83	mg/L
D. Al	0.57	0.09	0.05	0.05	0.05	mg/L
D. <u>Mn</u>	1.71	1.55	1.45	1.01	0.58	mg/L
Sulfate	104.00	114.60	118.25	119.50	105.50	mg/L
T. Acidity**	89.41	79.31	66.46	5.17	2.01	mg/L***
T. Alkalinity	5.80	12.90	160.10	125.00	144.88	mg/L***
Net Acidity	83.61	73.42	-67.54	-114.73	-135.18	mg/L***

\* Median values all others are mean values

\*\* Calculated from metal and pH values.

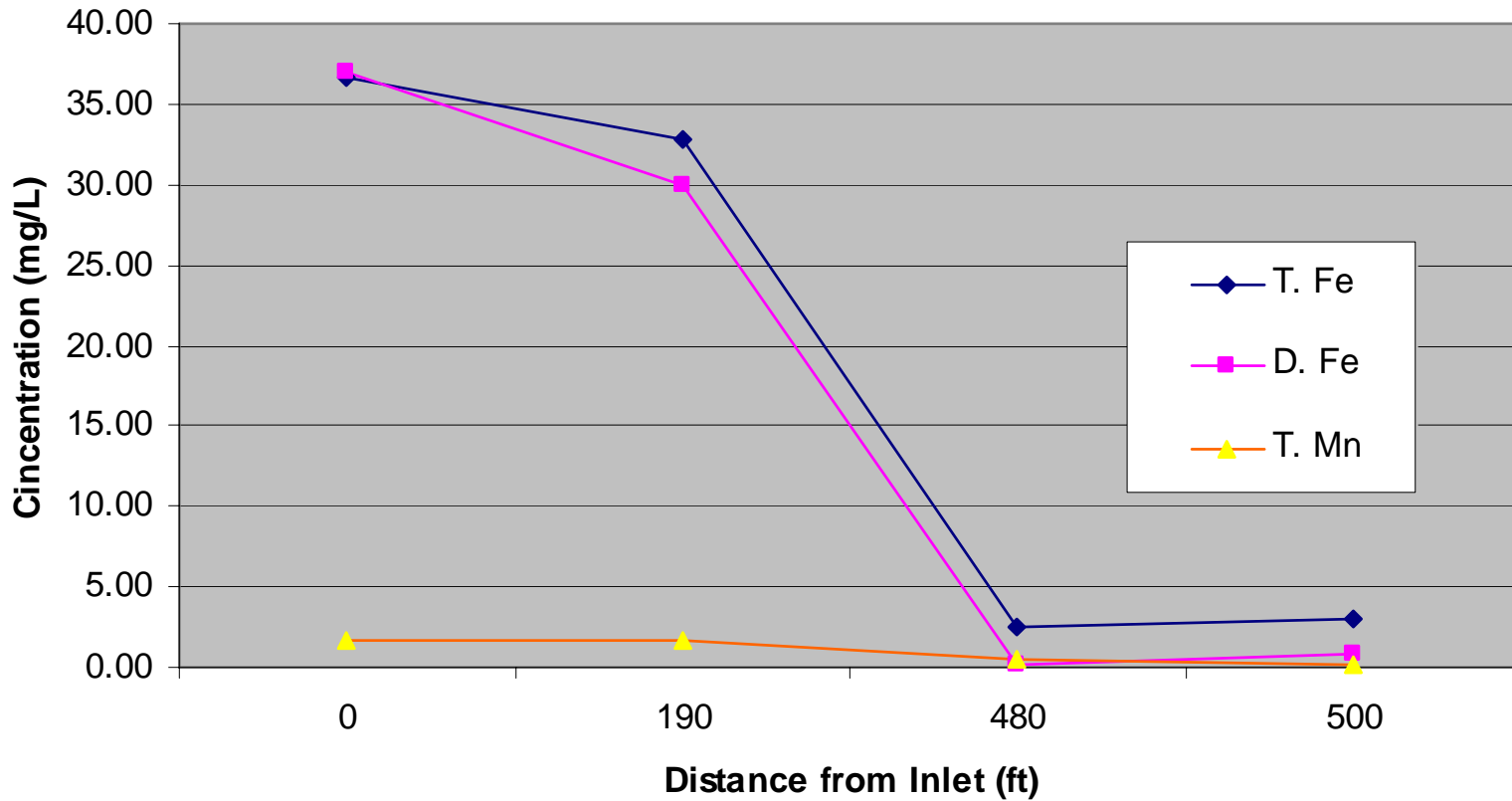
\*\*\* Calcium carbonate equivalent.

**Chart 1.- Preliminary Treatment Results: Median pH**



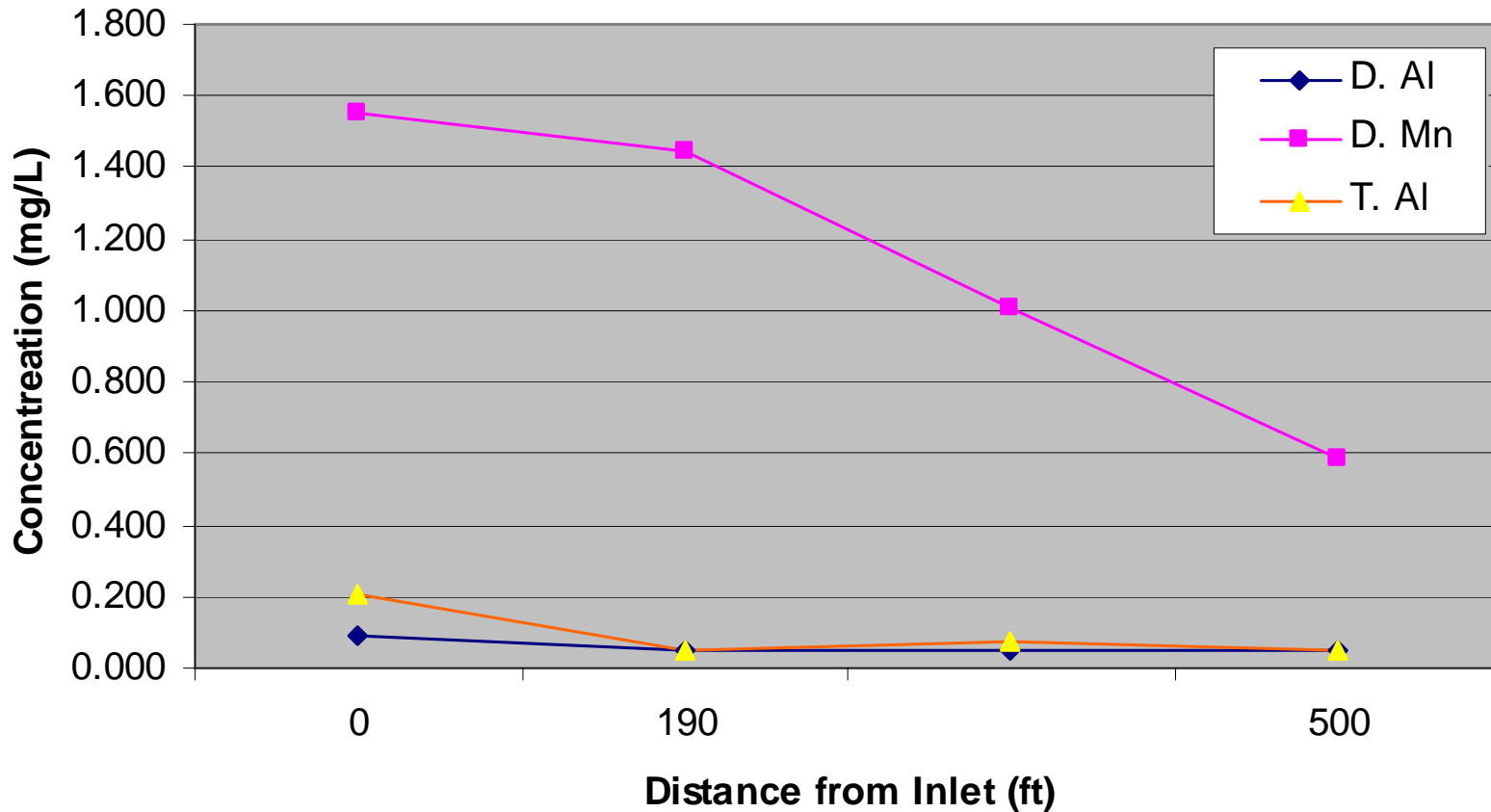
Beneficial pH is maintained throughout the treatment system.

### Chart 2.- Preliminary Treatment Results: Mean Iron and Manganese



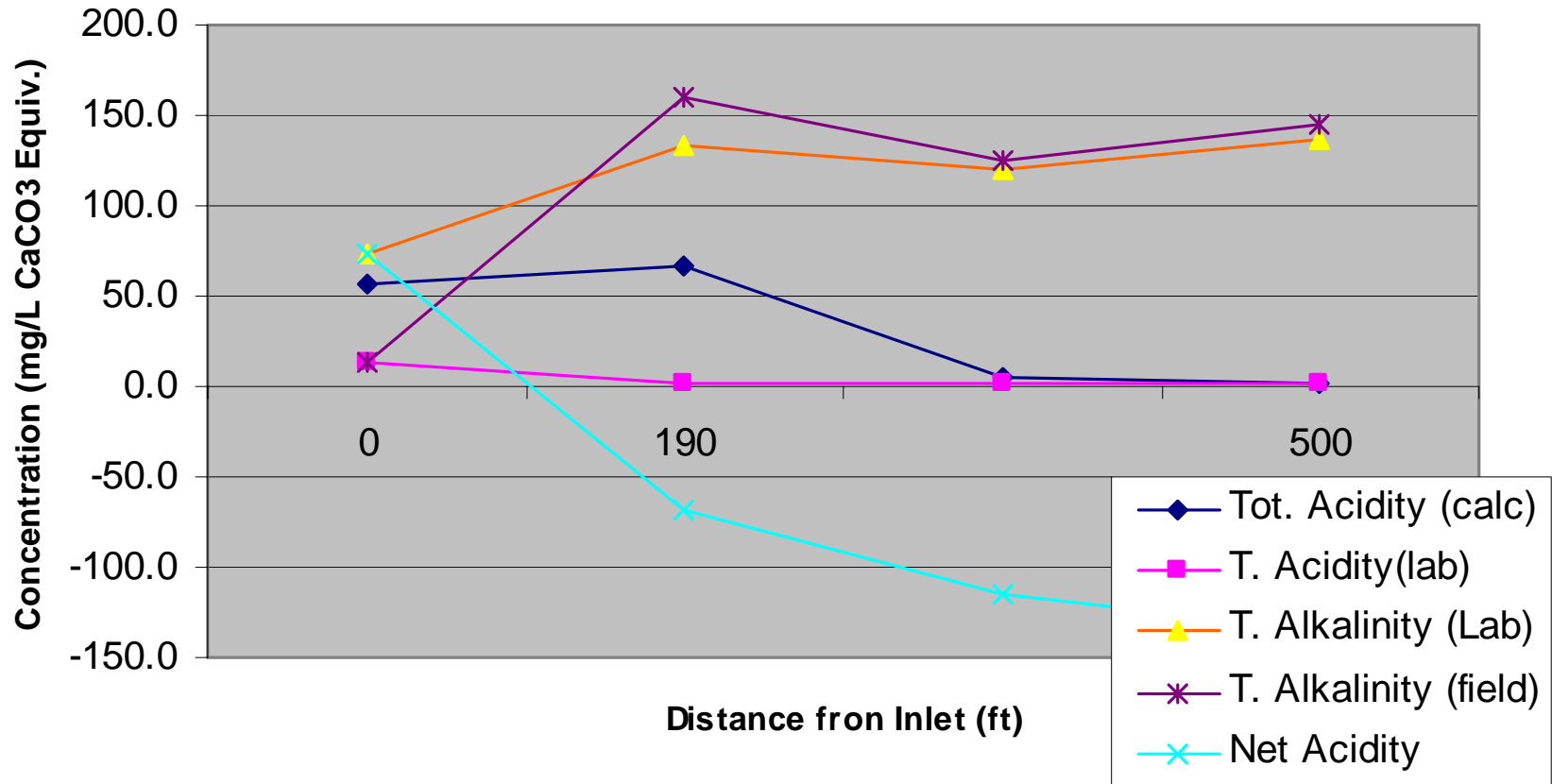
Iron is removed to a low level in the oxidation pond. Some iron is undesirably removed in the ALD. Manganese is low at this site.

### Chart 3. - Preliminary Treatment Results: Dissolved Aluminum and Manganese



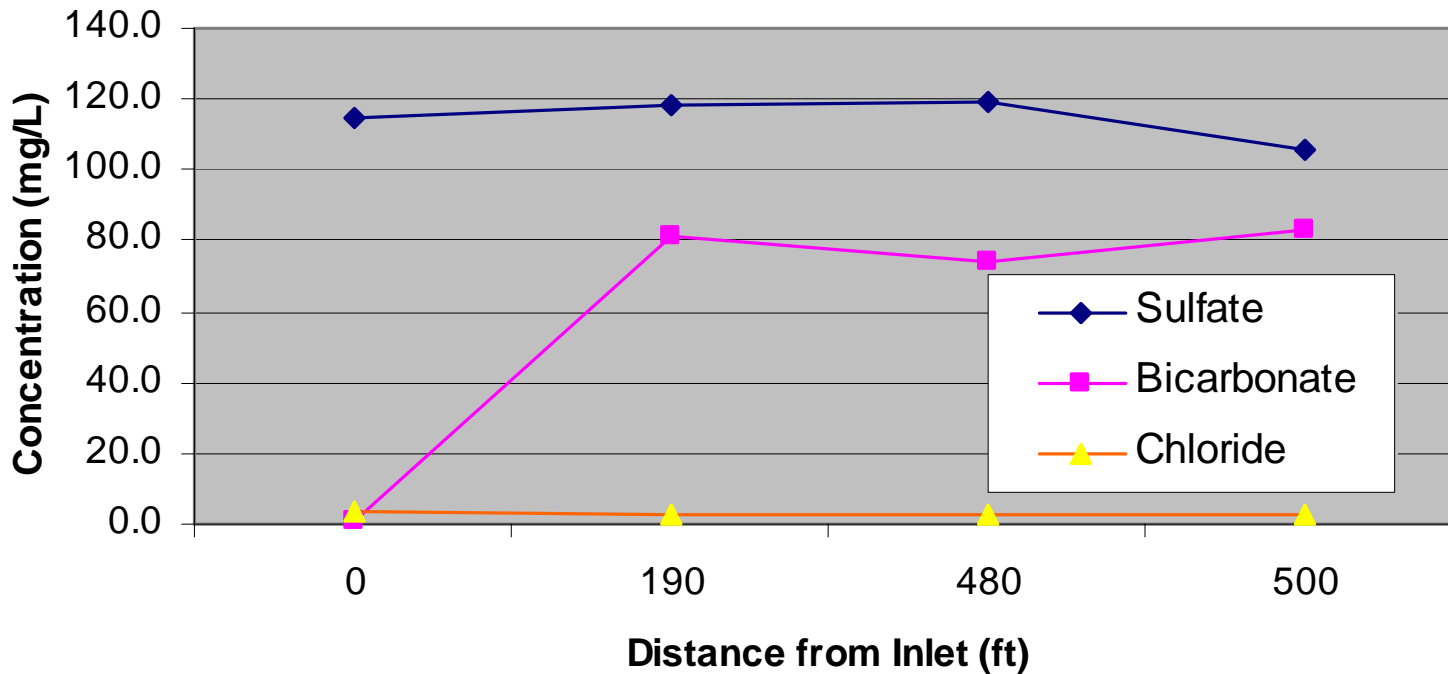
Manganese is significantly reduced in the system. Aluminum is low in the input seep and is entirely removed in the ALD.

### Chart 4. - Preliminary Treatment Results (Mean Values)



Large amount of alkalinity generated by the ALD produces net alkaline drainage. Note the discrepancy in lab and field alkalinity .

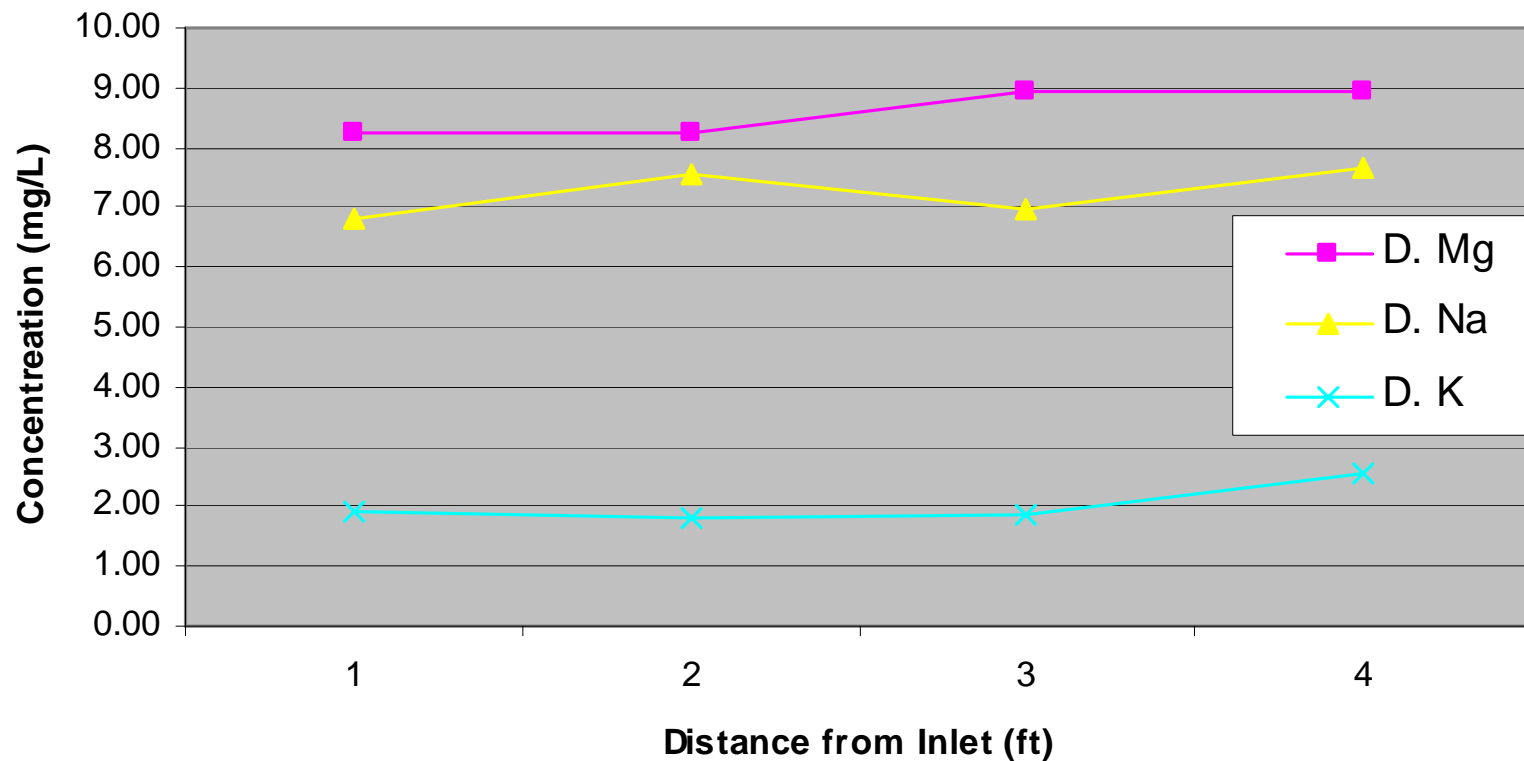
**Chart 5.- Preliminary Treatment Results: Common Anions  
(mean values)**



Sulfate and chloride are conservative anions and pass through the system unchanged. Considerable bicarbonate ( $\text{HCO}_3^{2-}$ ) is generated by the ALD that more than offsets the acidity.

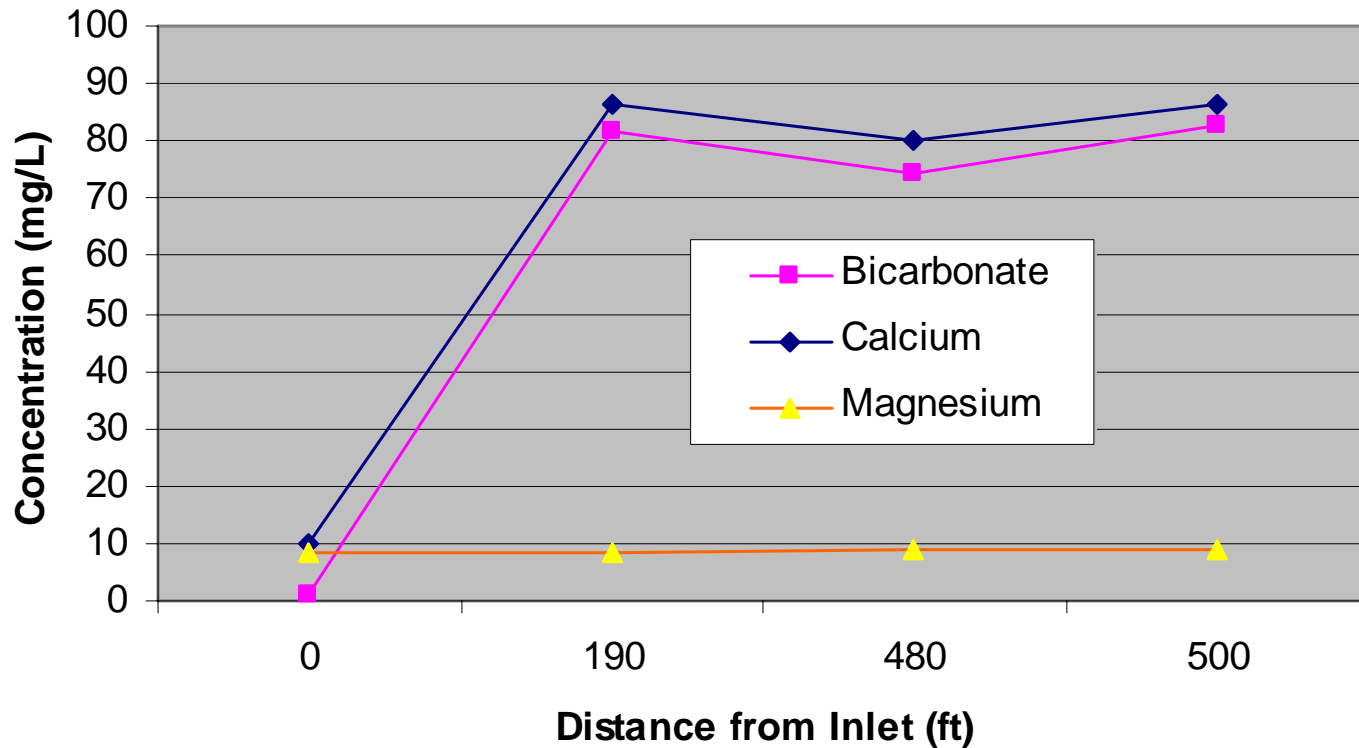


**Chart 6. - Preliminary Results:  
"Conservative" Cations (Mean Values)**



Major cations magnesium, sodium and potassium are low and pass through the system.

**Chart 7.- Preliminary Treatment Results: Limestone  
Dissolution Components (Mean Values)**

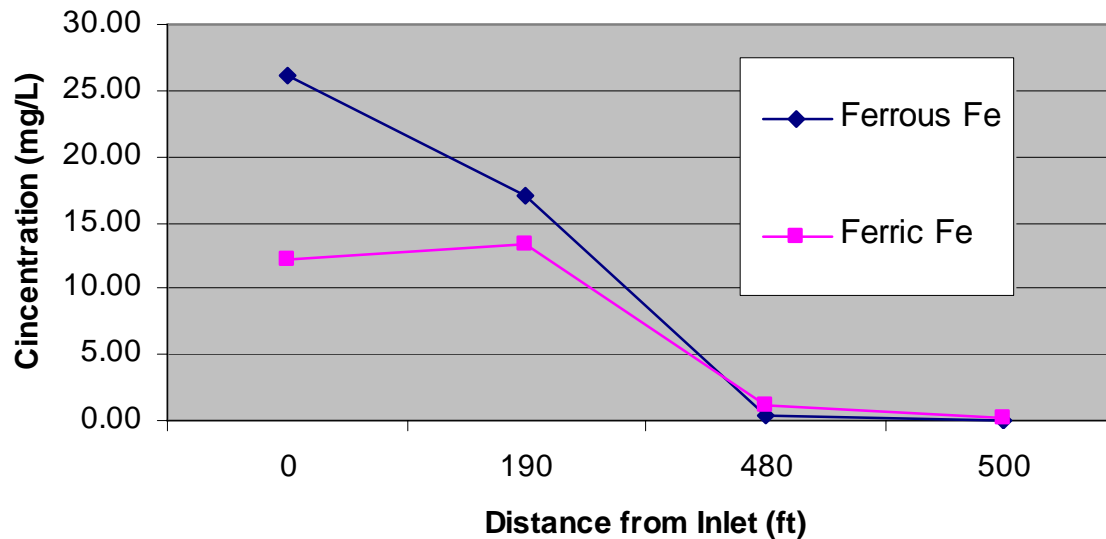


High-calcium limestone from Oklahoma source rapidly dissolves in the ALD into calcium and bicarbonate ions. Low magnesium content indicated low amount of dolomite in the stone.

# Operational Problems:

- Ferric Iron is measured in the inlet AMD.
- Iron is being retained in the ALD

**Chart 8.- Preliminary Treatment Results:  
Mean Iron Forms**



# Solution: Reduce oxygen inlet into outlet pipe



Before

After



# Acknowledgements

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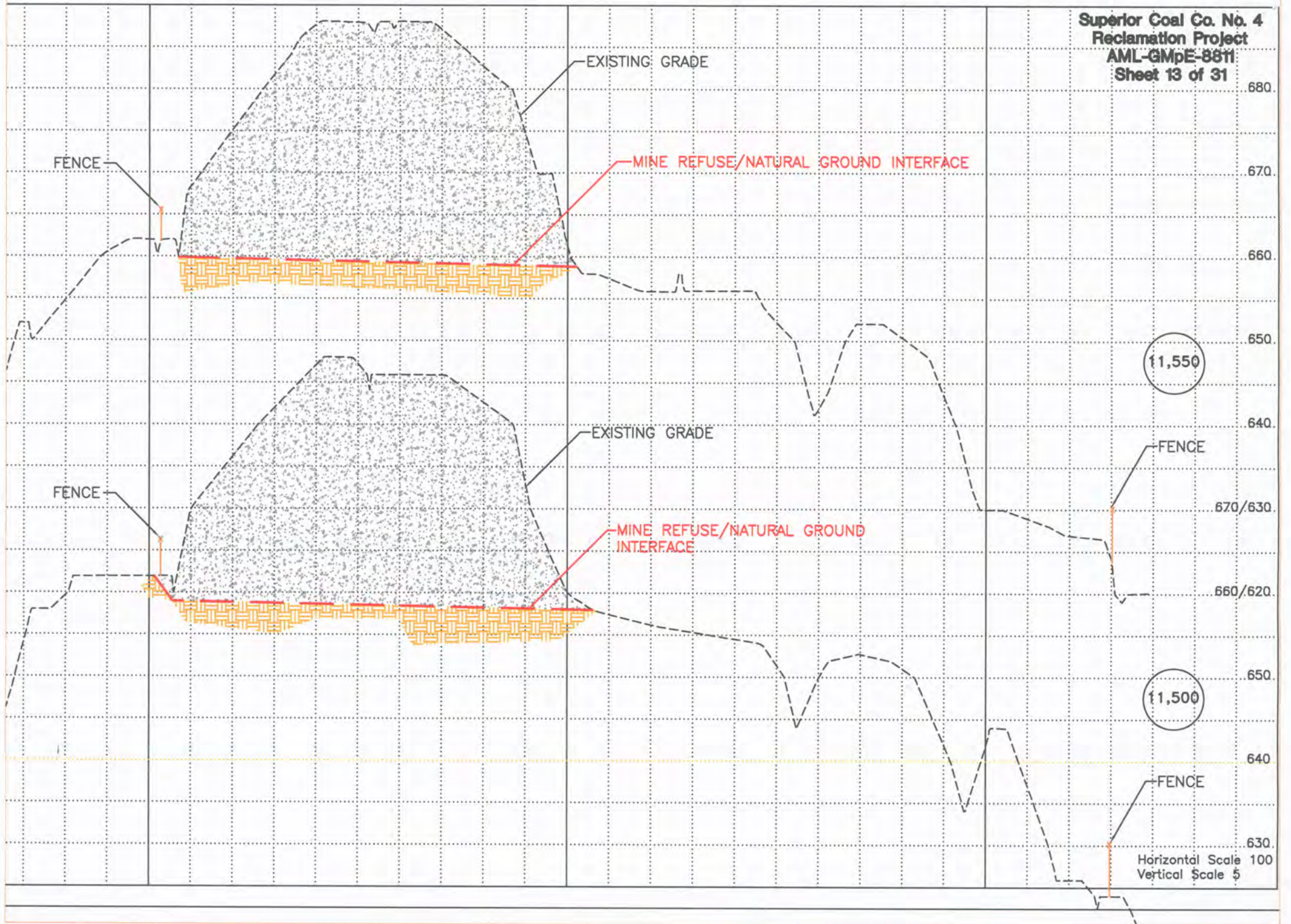
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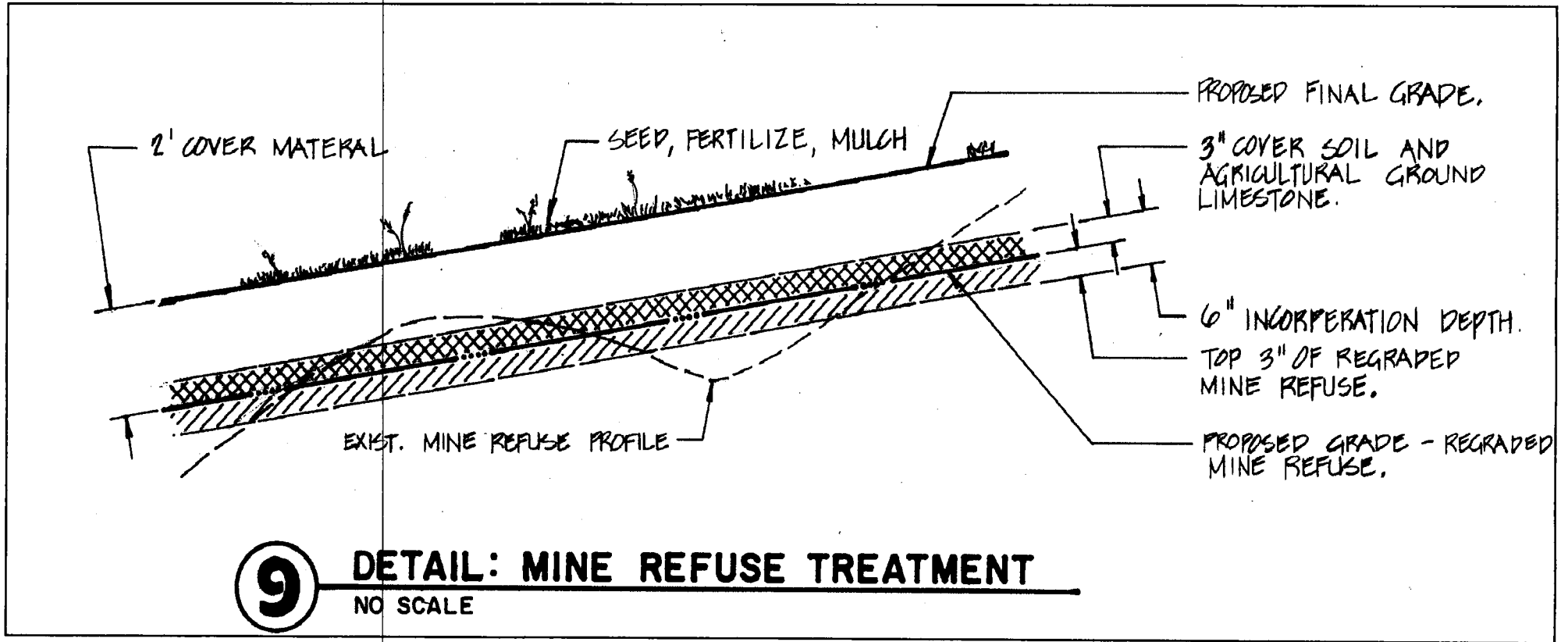
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COLLECTION SYSTEM

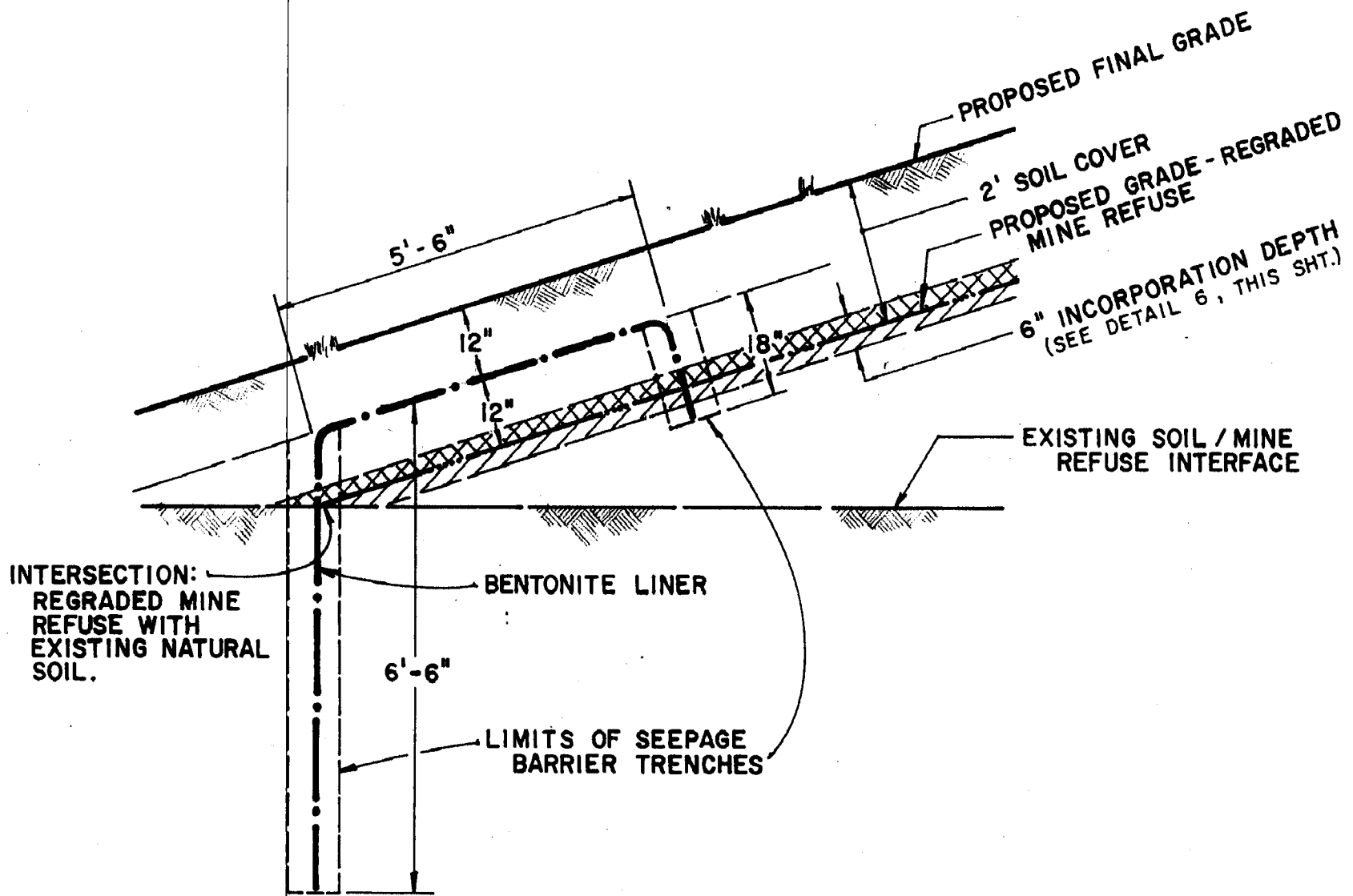




Horizontal Scale 100  
Vertical Scale 5







INTERSECTION:  
 REGRADED MINE  
 REFUSE WITH  
 EXISTING NATURAL  
 SOIL.

BENTONITE LINER

6'-6"

LIMITS OF SEEPAGE  
 BARRIER TRENCHES

EXISTING SOIL / MINE  
 REFUSE INTERFACE

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**DETAIL: BENTONITE LINER INSTALLATION**

NO SCALE

## Appendix - Attachment #1

Superior Coal Company #4  
Macoupin County, Illinois  
AML-GMpE-8811

SECTION 207: EMBANKMENT — (Delete entire Section and replace with following)

SECTION 207: MINE SITE COMPACTION

### Article 207.01 Description

This shall consist of the preparation of the mine refuse subgrade and the placement and compaction of the earth cover materials to the required elevation and cross section as shown on the plans and in accordance with the following requirements.

### Article 207.02 Equipment

Equipment used shall conform to the following requirements.

- A. Tamping-Type Roller shall consist of one or more cylindrical sections having studs or feet projecting not less than 6 ½ inches from the surface of the drum. The number of tamping feet and the area of feet shall be such that the pressure on a single row of feet approximately parallel to the axis of the drum is not less than 200 p.s.i. when supporting the weight of the roller.
- B. Discs:
  - 1. Tandem Axle — Disc Harrow. The disc harrow shall be the tandem type and shall meet the approval of the Engineer prior to its use. The disc shall be of sufficient size and weight to perform the tillage required. It shall contain all of the manufactured parts or replacement parts.
  - 2. Single Axle Disc. The single axle disc shall be the off-set type and meet the approval of the Engineer prior to its use. The disc shall be of sufficient size and weight to perform the tillage required. It shall contain all of the manufactured parts or replacement parts.

### Article 207.03 Preparation of the Subgrade for Earth Cover

When the mine refuse has been graded to the subgrade shown in the plans, MINE REFUSE TREATMENT -LIMESTONE shall be performed on the subgrade in accordance with Section 221 of these Special Provisions. The subgrade shall then be compacted with a roller until the tamping feet of the roller penetrate not more than two inches into the subgrade or to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

Article 207.04 Placing Earth Cover Material

All earth materials to be used for covering the mine refuse shall be compactable and develop a stability satisfactory to the Engineer. No rock, stones, broken concrete, frozen material or any material which, by decay or otherwise, might cause settlement, shall be placed or allowed. Sufficient earth cover shall be provided to account for shrinkage from compaction to attain the final lines, grades, and cross—sections shown in the plans.

Each layer of earth material shall extend over the entire area of mine refuse being covered. The material shall be leveled by means of bulldozers, blade graders or other equipment approved by the Engineer. Each layer shall be not more than eight inches thick when in loose condition, shall be uniform in cross-section, and shall be thoroughly compacted before the next layer is started.

The use of drag-line excavators or similar equipment which excavate and deposit material in large unit masses will not be permitted, unless all materials excavated in this manner are spread as provided herein and compacted as required in Article 207.05, or as directed by the Engineer.

Article 207.05 Compaction

Each layer of earth material except for the top twelve inches shall be disced sufficiently to break down oversized clods, mix the different materials, secure a uniform moisture content, and ensure uniform compaction. A discing shall consist of a complete coverage of the layer with either a tandem-axle disc or a single-axle disc. The disc shall be so designed and operated to cut and stir to the full depth of the layer. If wet earth or soils are encountered, the Engineer may require additional discings with intervals up to two hours between them to reduce the moisture content.

Each layer of the earth material except for the top twelve inches shall be compacted by a roller making one pass over the layer for each inch of loose earth material in the layer. The layer will be considered compacted when the tamping feet of the roller penetrates not more than three inches into an eight inch lift or one-third of the depth of the layer being placed.

The earth cover material shall be sprinkled with water when it is necessary to increase the moisture content of the soil to achieve the required compaction. This will not be paid for directly but shall be considered as incidental to the various items of excavation.

Compacting equipment and compacting operations shall be coordinated with the rate of placing the earth materials so that the required compaction is obtained.

Article 207.06 Method of Measurement

Mine Site Compaction will not be measured for payment.

Article 207.07 Basis of Payment

No compensation will be allowed for delays occasioned by the order of discing or for any additive applied. Mine Site Compaction will not be paid for directly but shall be considered as incidental to Section 202: ABANDONED MINE SITE EXCAVATION and the cost of their construction shall be included in the unit prices bid for these items.

End of Revision to SECTION 207:MINE SITE COMPACTION

## Appendix - Attachment #2

Superior Coal Company #4  
Macoupin County, Illinois  
AML-GMpE-8811

### SECTION 225: SEEPAGE BARRIER TRENCH — (add this Section)

#### Article 225.01 Description

This item shall consist of excavating seepage barrier trenches and installing a bentonite liner as shown in the plans and specified herein.

#### Article 225.02 Materials

The bentonite liner shall be Claymax LC as manufactured by Clem Environmental Corporation of Fairmont, Georgia or equal. The bentonite liner shall conform to the following requirements:

#### TYPICAL PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Bentonite Content	1.0 lbs per square foot Liner
Thickness	1/4 inch
Liner Dimensions	13.5 feet x 82 feet
Effective Area Covered	1059.5 square foot (assume 6" overlap along one side and one end).
Roll Weight/Unit	1130 lbs. (minimum)
Permeability Coefficient	1X10-9cm per second @ 35' head pressure

#### PRIMARY BACKING — MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

Color	Natural White
Fiber Filler	Nylon
Substrate	24 x 10 delustered woven polypropylene non-toxic, water permeable
Weight	4 oz. per square yard
Tensile Strength	78 lbs. per square inch (minimum)
Grab Strength (ASTM D-1682)	Warp 95 lbs., Fill 70 lbs.
Mullen Burst Strength (ASTM-774)	250.25 lbs. per square inch
Puncture Strength (5/16" mandril ASTM D-3787 MOD.)	249 lbs.
Melting Point	329 degrees F.
Elongation (ASTM D-1682)	Warp 15%, Fill 18%
Shrinkage	
Hot Water	Nil
Dry (20 min. @ 270 degr F)	2%
Cover Fabric	100% spunlace polyester; open weave allows for expansion of bentonite
Weight	1 oz. per square yard
Grab Strength	Warp 30 lbs., Fill 13.6 lbs.
Burst Strength	35 lbs. per square inch
Bentonite (Sodium Montmorillonite)	
Sizing	Specially graded, 6 mesh and 30 mesh granules
Mineralogical Composition	90% Montmorillonite (minimum)
Adhesive	Water soluble, non-toxic
Storage	On ground under roof or protective covering

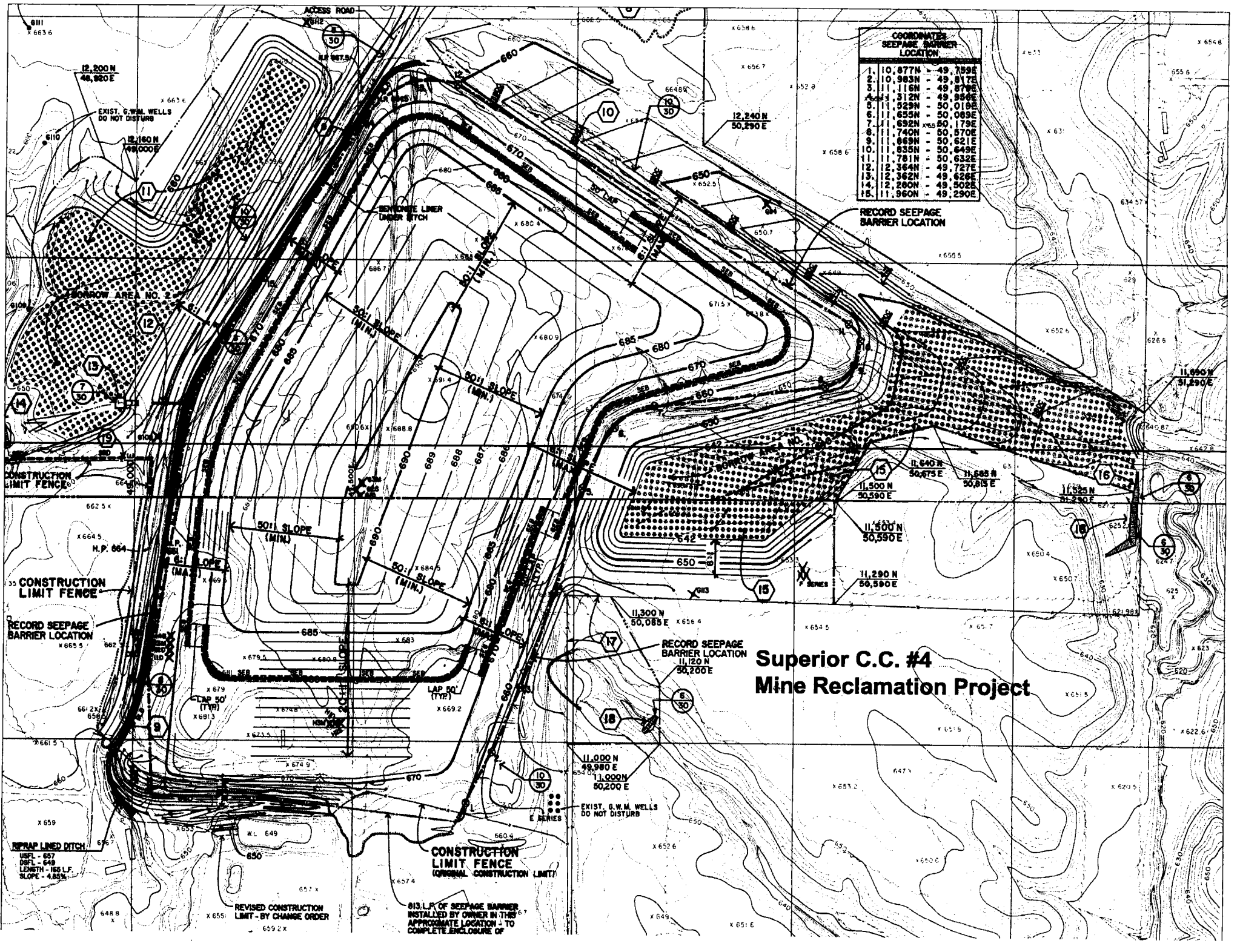
Article 225.03 Installation Requirements

- a) The seepage barrier trench and upper locking trench shall be excavated in the field as staked by the Engineer.
- b) The trenches shall be excavated to the dimensions shown in the plans Suitable material excavated from the trenches shall be used to backfill the same.
- c) The bentonite liner shall be placed in the trench as shown in the plans and temporarily secured for the placement of suitable backfill to the satisfaction of the Engineer.
- d) All trench excavation shall be well contoured and free of all vegetation., protrusions, and rocks larger than 2 inches in diameter.
- e) All bentonite liners shall be locked into the trenches at the top and bottom of the slopes, covered with fill and compacted to prevent slippage. Both trenches shall be excavated to the dimensions shown in the plans.
- f) All bentonite liners shall be pulled tight to smooth out creases or irregularities. The liner shall be installed with the polypropylene side up. All seams must be overlapped 6" and stapled or pinned to the base soil to prevent seam openings during the installation process. All dirt and foreign material shall be removed from the over 1ap area of the liner.
- g) The bentonite lining shall not be installed in standing water or while heavy rain is falling. The contractor will be responsible for pumping any water in the trench which shall be considered incidental to the trench excavation.
- h) Upon completion of work at the end of the day, no open trench shall remain. Article 225.04 Method of Measurement
  - a) Bentonite liner shall be measured in square feet of actual material used.
  - b) Seepage barrier trench excavation shall be measured in lineal feet when excavated as shown in the plans. The upper locking trench will not be measured for payment.

Article 225.05 Basis of Payment

The seepage barrier trench and bentonite liner will be paid for at the contract unit prices per square foot for BENTONITE LINING and per lineal foot for SEEPAGE BARRIER TRENCH EXCAVATION, measured as specified herein. The upper locking trench will not be paid for directly but shall be considered as incidental and included in the contract unit price for SEEPAGE BARRIER TRENCH EXCAVATION.

End of Revisions to Section 225: SEEPAGE BARRIER TRENCH  
End of Revisions to SECTION 200: EARTHWORK



COORDINATE SEEPAGE BARRIER LOCATION		
1.	10, 877N	49, 759E
2.	10, 983N	49, 817E
3.	11, 116N	49, 875E
4.	11, 312N	49, 886E
5.	11, 329N	50, 018E
6.	11, 655N	50, 089E
7.	11, 692N	50, 179E
8.	11, 740N	50, 570E
9.	11, 869N	50, 621E
10.	11, 835N	50, 649E
11.	11, 781N	50, 632E
12.	12, 364N	49, 727E
13.	12, 362N	49, 626E
14.	12, 280N	49, 502E
15.	11, 960N	49, 290E

RECORD SEEPAGE BARRIER LOCATION

## Superior C.C. #4 Mine Reclamation Project

WRAP LINED DITCH  
 USFL - 637  
 DSFL - 649  
 LENGTH - 185 L.F.  
 SLOPE - 4.85%

REVISED CONSTRUCTION LIMIT - BY CHANGE ORDER  
 X 655: 659.2 X

813 L.F. OF SEEPAGE BARRIER INSTALLED BY OWNER IN THIS APPROXIMATE LOCATION TO COMPLETE ENCLOSURE OF

EXIST. G.W.M. WELLS DO NOT DISTURB

RECORD SEEPAGE BARRIER LOCATION  
 11,120 N  
 50,200 E

11,000 N  
 49,980 E  
 11,000 N  
 50,200 E

11,500 N  
 50,590 E

11,290 N  
 50,590 E

11,640 N  
 50,675 E

11,588 N  
 50,815 E

11,635 N  
 50,900 E

11,650 N  
 51,250 E

12,240 N  
 50,290 E

12,200 N  
 49,920 E

12,160 N  
 49,000 E

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CONSOLIDATED COAL CO. MINE #7  
Staunton, IL

The Consolidated Coal Company of St. Louis operated this underground room and pillar mine from 1881 until 1952. Total production was approximately 19 million tons of coal. The mine operated in the 7 foot thick Herrin (#6) seam at a depth of 350 feet. When mining operations ceased, two large areas of acidic mine waste were left at the site (Fig. 1). The first, consisting of about 30 acres of spoil graded to form three low hills, called the "old" area, was reclaimed in the late 1960's by the Illinois Department of Transportation in association with construction of Interstate 55. This area was covered with 0.5 feet of non-acidic soil and contained a 1.5 acre acidic pond at its northern edge adjacent to the interstate. The IDOT reclamation stabilized the piles and provided a vegetative cover of grasses and shrubs. The second, or "new", un-reclaimed area directly to the southwest was a 135 foot high gob (coal processing waste) pile covering 16 acres. The pile was devoid of vegetation and contributed large amounts of acidic sediment to a tributary of Cahokia Creek located several miles to the south. The outlet, which still exists (Fig. 2), directs acid mine drainage through a box culvert under the railroad tracks to a settling pond and spillway about ½ mile to the west. As with most gob, this pile is extremely heterogeneous, containing 60-80% sand, 20-30% silt, and up to 10% clay. It has an inorganic sulfur content of 1 to 3% and very little neutralization potential in the form of carbonates. Hydraulic conductivities of similar gob from nearby sites range from  $10^{-3}$  cm/s to  $10^{-7}$  cm/s.

The Abandoned Mined Lands Reclamation Division (now part of the IL Department of Natural Resources) began reclamation of the "new" area in 1983 and continuing through 1986. The main effort was to re-grade the pile to lower slopes, improve drainage and provide enough soil cover to establish and maintain vegetation (Fig. 2). Re-grading involved moving about 265,000 c.y. of gob in cut and fill operations. Roughly 50,000 c.y. of borrow soil was excavated at the southwest edge of the site to provide an 18 inch thick cover. The borrow pit is now an acid pond with a large AMD seep along its north side. In order to drain the ponded water in the "old" area at the north end of the site adjacent to Interstate 55, a 1260 ft. long 12" PVC pipe was buried up to 12 feet deep in a trench running southwest along the railroad ROW and exiting near the box culvert under the railroad. Although this pipe still has a continuous discharge, it has not succeeded in draining the acidic pond and its discharge has caused erosion of the pile near its outlet.

The 1983-1986 reclamation resulted in major improvements at the site. A good vegetation cover was established, drainage was improved via redirection of surface runoff through limestone riprap-armored channels, and acidic sediment transport off-site was almost eliminated. By the early to mid 1990's, however, the site began to develop serious AMD problems. A large, ½ acre size seep developed on gently sloping land along the southeast boundary adjacent to "old" Route 66. This seasonally active seep discharged an average of 10 gpm of AMD into a drainage ditch that crosses residential properties and active farmland. All other drainage from the site, an average of 70 gpm, exits to the northwest through the box culvert under the railroad. Two other large seeps developed as seepage faces in eroded mine spoil, one at the northeast corner of the

borrow pond, the other in a low area adjacent to the box culvert. All of the seeps are active from a few days to a few weeks following large precipitation events. In addition, AMD seepage from the south and west sides of the toe of the reclaimed gob pile into adjacent drainage cuts is active during periods of high water table (Fig. 5). During dry periods, the only discharge from the site is from the buried drainage pipe, which is below the local (perched) water table (Fig. 4).

In 2001, the AML installed 9 groundwater monitoring wells, 7 piezometers and two v-notch weirs at the site to better understand its hydrology. Well water levels and weir discharges were measured at regular weekly intervals. Water quality sampling was performed at least quarterly for about one year. Previous investigations at this site indicated that the water table near the base of the main pile is semi-perched, and downward migration of contaminated groundwater into the low hydraulic conductivity till layer underneath is very limited. This is also shown by water quality results from monitoring wells #8 and #9 (Table 1).

## WEIR DISCHARGES

Two v-notch weirs were installed to measure total runoff from the site. A small weir measured discharge from the large but intermittent seep along "Old" Route 66. The other, larger weir was installed downstream from the box culvert through which approximately 80% of site runoff flows. There was no flow through the small weir for about half the year. Periods of discharge closely corresponded with monthly precipitation totals, with a peak flow of 53 gpm in March, 2001. The feeder seep is a result of water table fluctuations between 649 ft. and 651 ft. at this location. The larger weir measured positive flows year-round, ranging from 2 gpm to 387 gpm. At low flows the buried drainage pipe supplies almost all discharge. At higher flows, 3 discrete seeps and widespread toe seepage become active around the southern and western fringes of the pile (Fig. 5). The largest seep, adjacent to the box culvert, is activated at groundwater elevations above 646 ft.

Water elevation changes in the monitoring wells and piezometers reflect discharge changes at the weirs with a lag time of a few days to a week or more. After wet periods a groundwater mound of ~4 ft. height develops at the base of the pile. The mound gradually flattens to ~1 ft. during dry periods (Fig. 3).

## WATER QUALITY

Subsurface water samples were collected from the monitoring wells and surface samples at both weirs and the exit point of the underground drainage pipe. The results are summarized in Table 1. Well #9 was screened in the underlying till and shows generally good quality. All other wells were screened in mine spoil and are highly contaminated with AMD, with pH's ranging between 2 and 5. Acidities in these wells and the surface sampling points average ~4000 mg/l. Iron (1000 mg/l) and aluminum (100 mg/l) concentrations are consistently high. Sulfates vary widely from point to point



and temporally, but are generally in the 5000 to 15,000 mg/l range. Water quality in the contaminated wells and at the two weirs has a roughly inverse correlation with water table elevations and weir discharges. This suggests that groundwater residence time within the pile is the main determinant of water quality in the wells.

During low water periods, many of the seep areas around the toe of the pile are inactive. Inactive seeps and drainage-ways contain a patchy coating of yellowish to white, poorly crystallized iron and aluminum sulfate salts. These salts are formed from evaporation of AMD and are highly soluble. When seepage is reactivated, the salts dissolve and produce a "slug" of  $H^+$  acidity which rapidly moves off-site to a farm field and to Cahokia Creek. With further water table rise, the water quality improves slightly.

#### STOP 1: Southeast Seep

- Perched water table
- Water table fluctuations (maps)
- Weir discharge
- Water quality
- Downstream impacts

#### STOP 2: Box Culvert

- AMD drainage paths & recharge areas
- Buried pipe
- Perennial seep
- Weir discharge
- Water quality
- Downstream impacts

#### STOP 3: Drainage Confluence

- AMD sources
- Acid sulfate salts, acid "slugs"
- Perched WT & toe seepage (X-section)

#### STOP 4: Acid Pond

- Origin
- AMD sources
- Failed rip-rap drainage-ways
- Conclusions

# CONSOL #7 SITE TOUR MAP

SCALE: 1"=300'



STOP #2

PARK VEHICLES

STOP #3

STOP #4



STOP #1

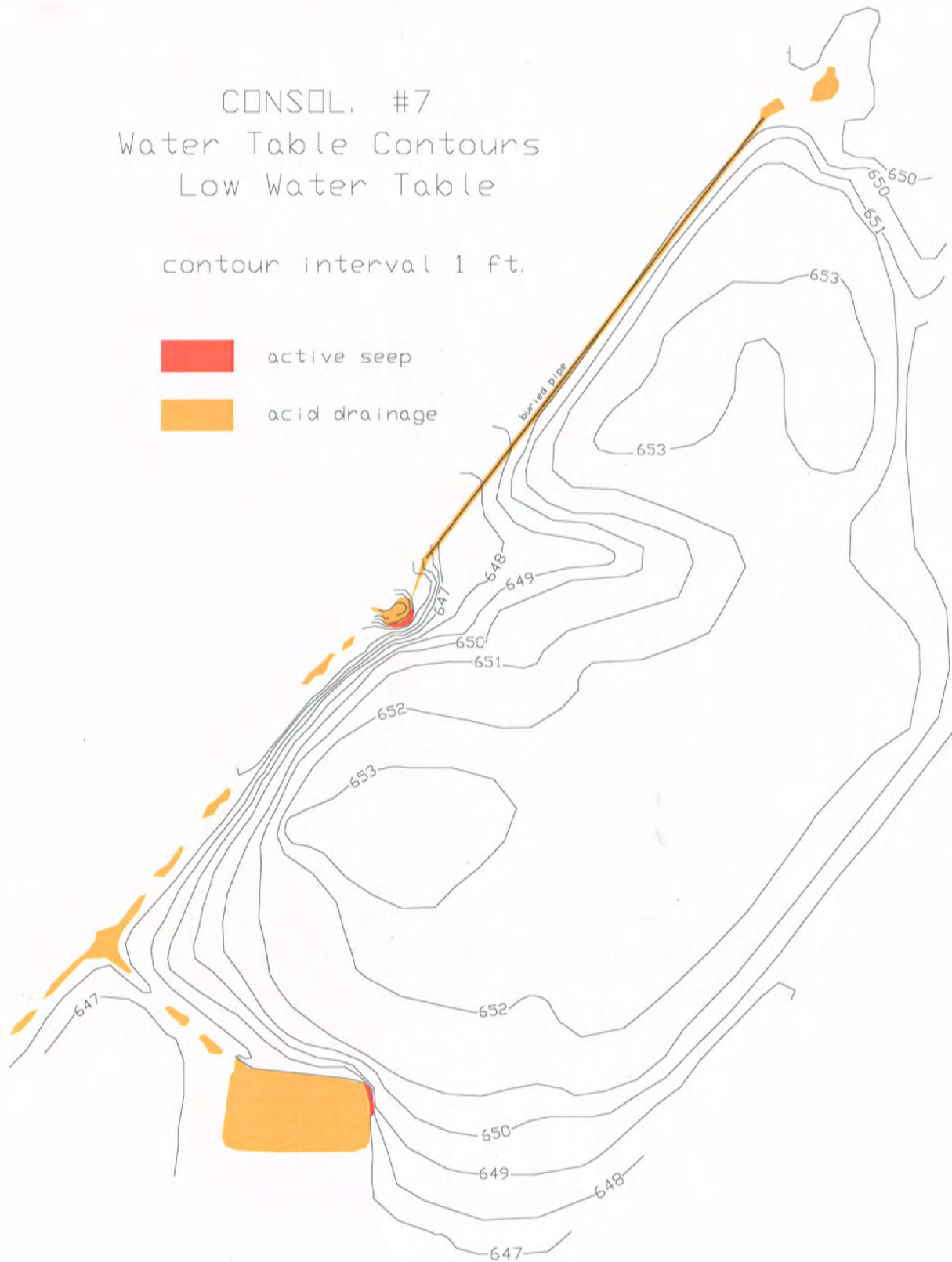






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Water Table Contours  
Low Water Table

contour interval 1 ft.

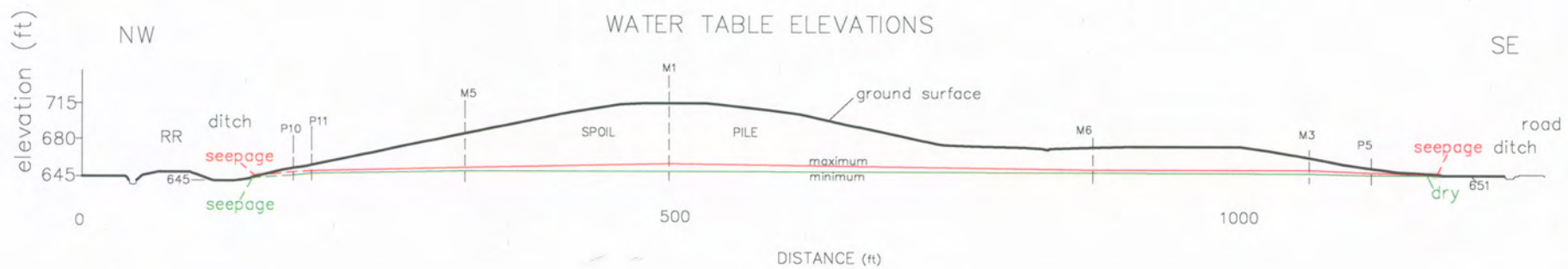
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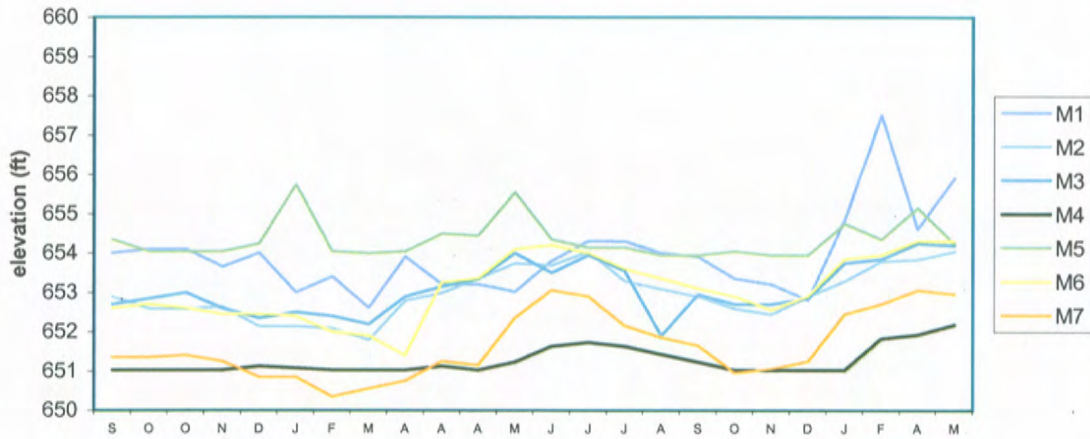
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High Water Table  
contour interval 1 ft.

-  active seepage
-  acid drainage

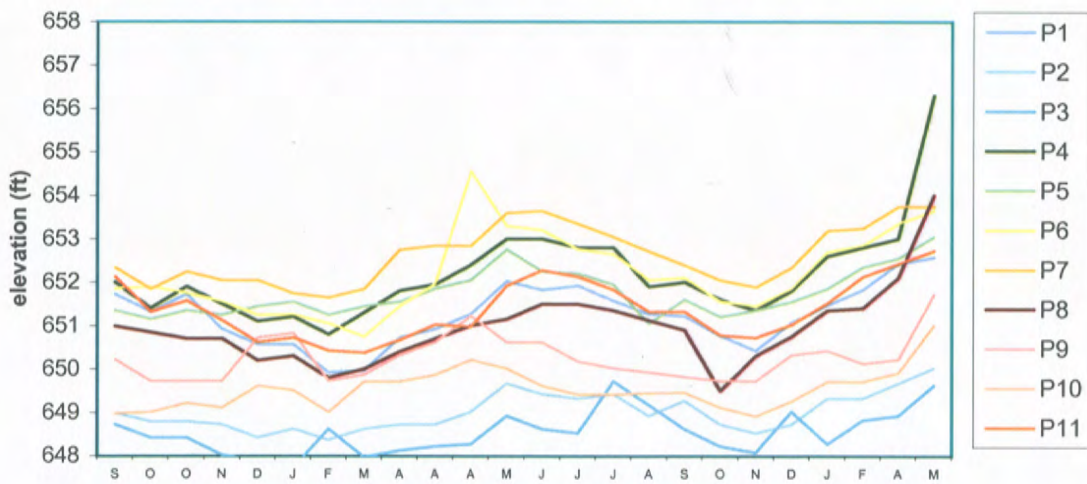




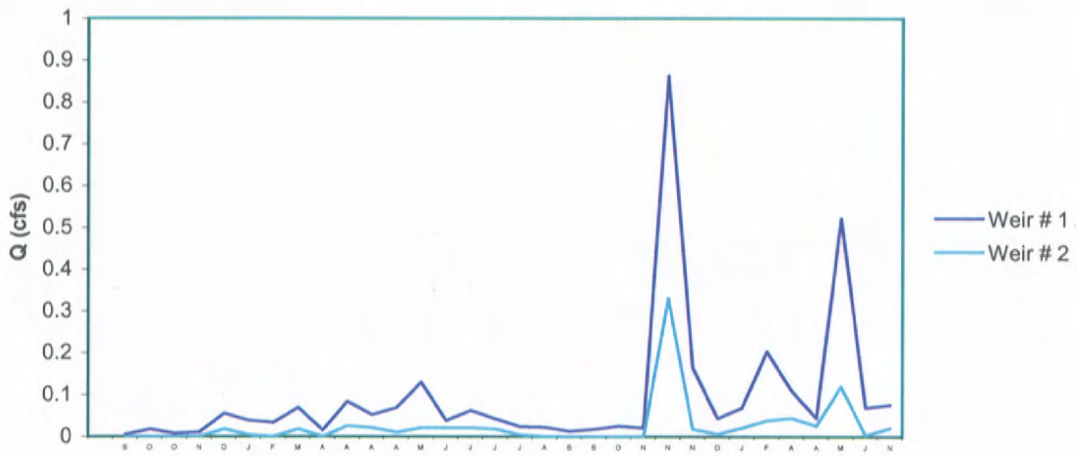
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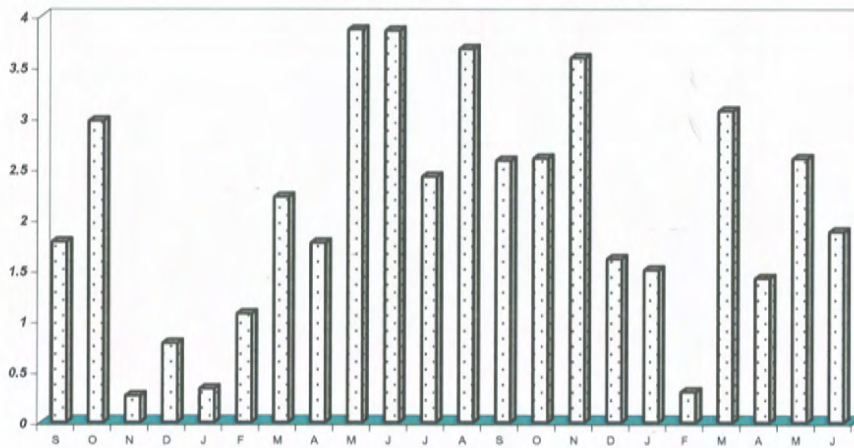
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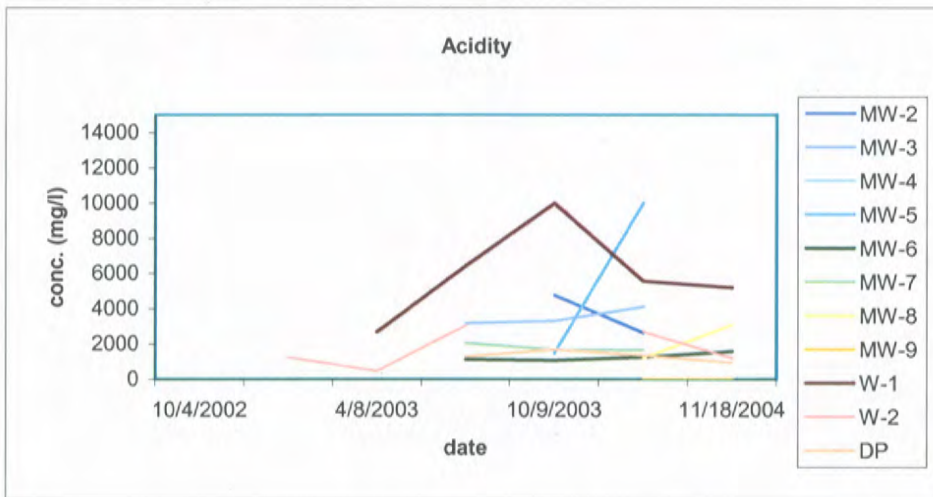
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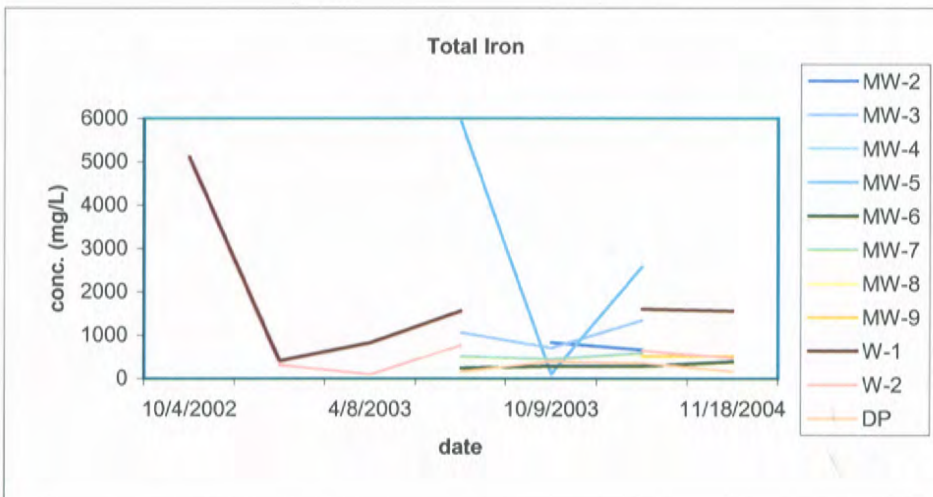


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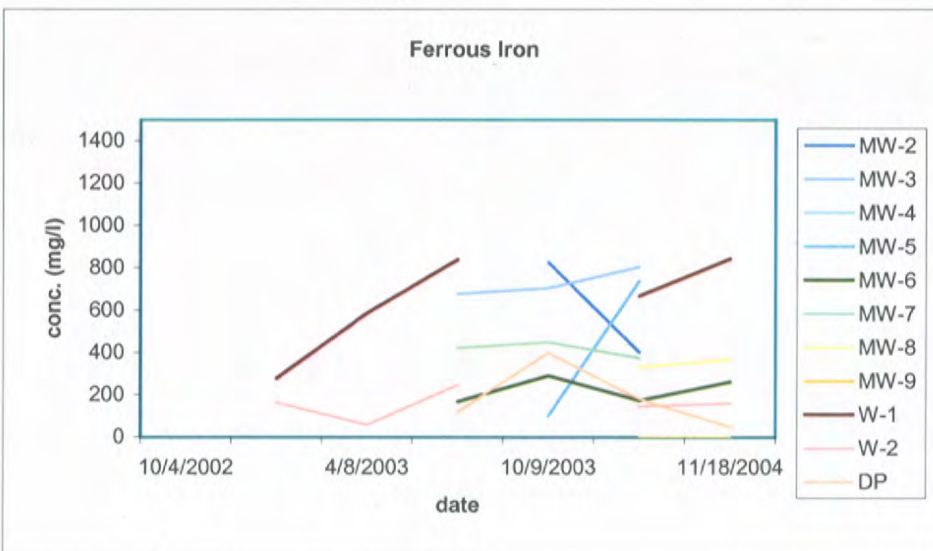
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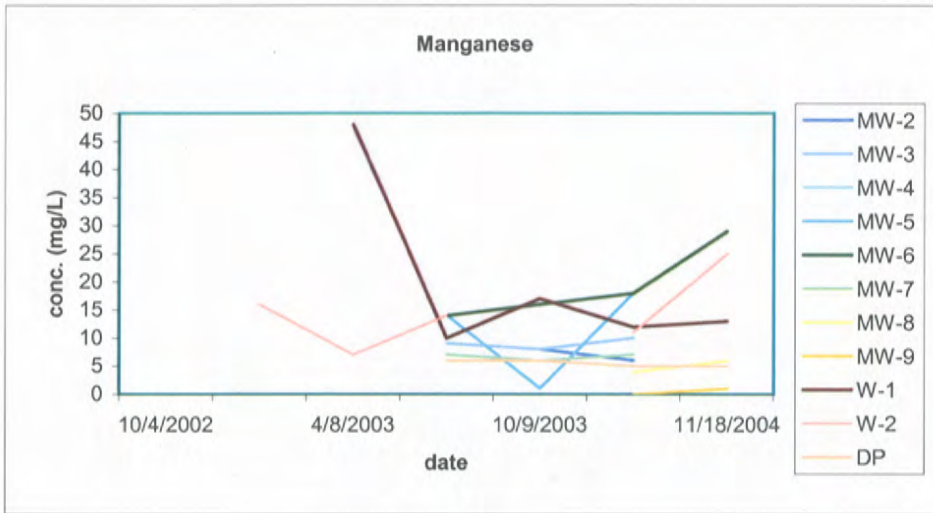
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M4			5500
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M6	1250	617	1017
M7	2040	1480	1712
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M9	15	0	7
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W2	3060	481	1871
DP	1700	1300	1478



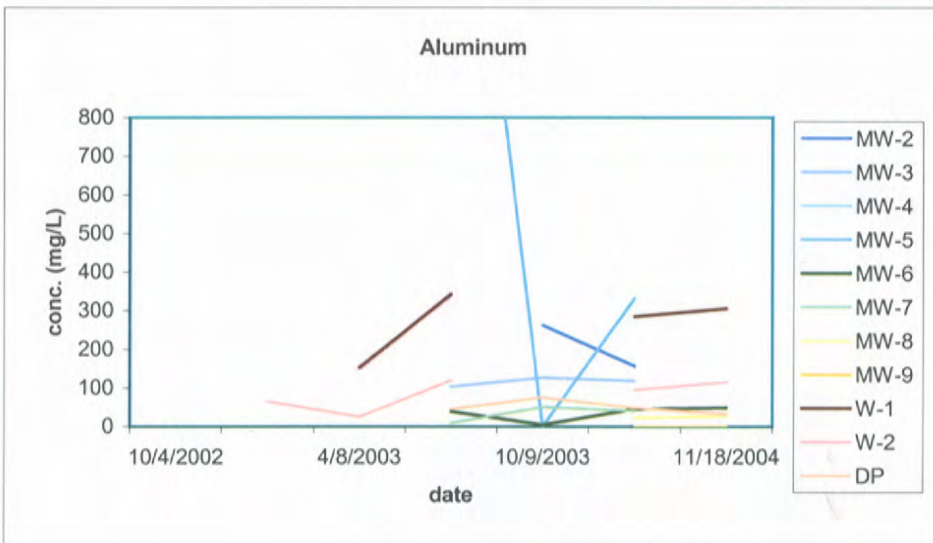
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W1	5113	415	1905
W2	769	104	458
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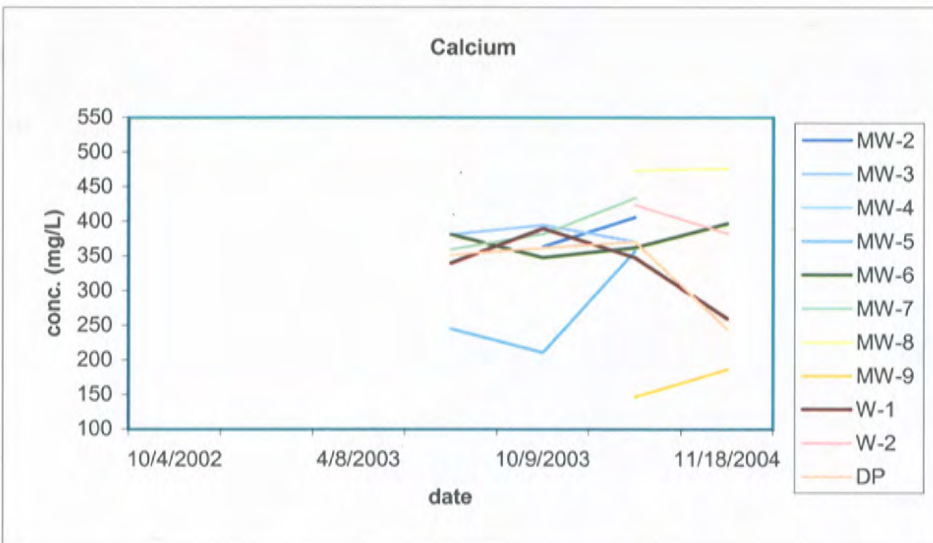
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W2	248	60	155
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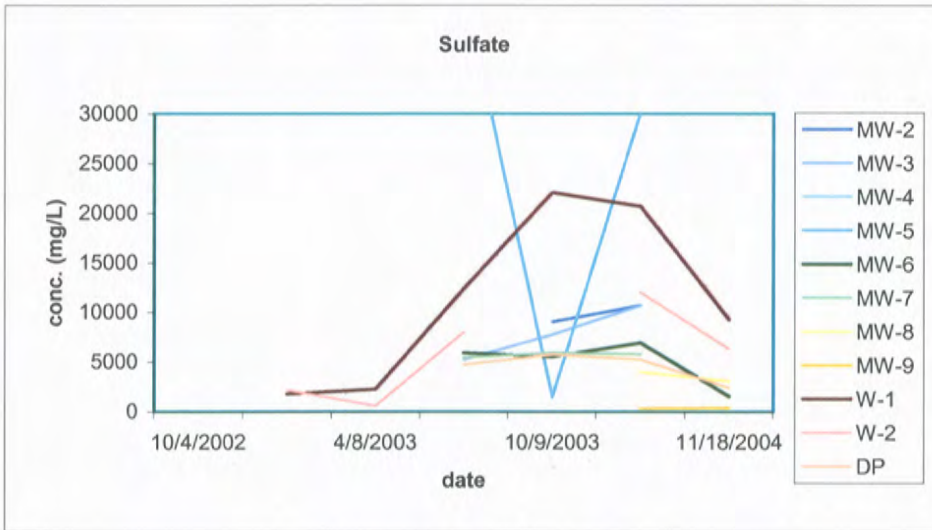
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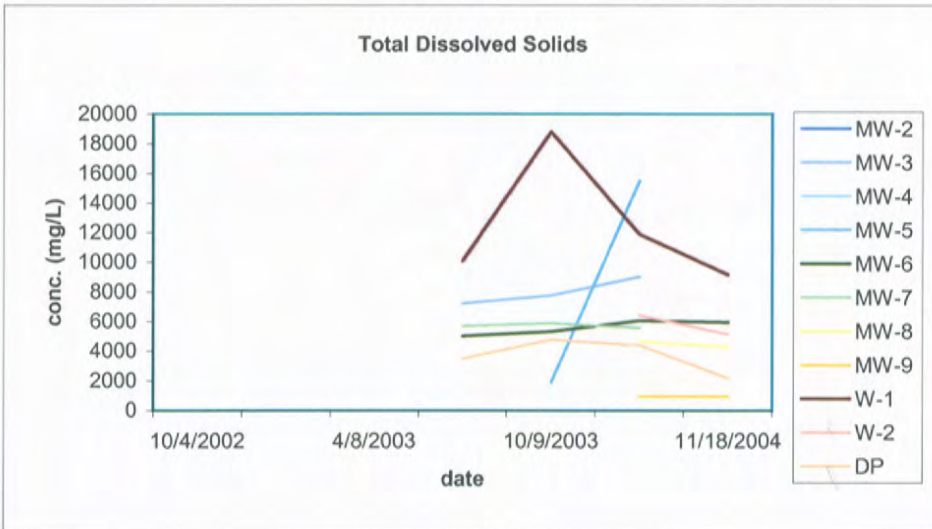
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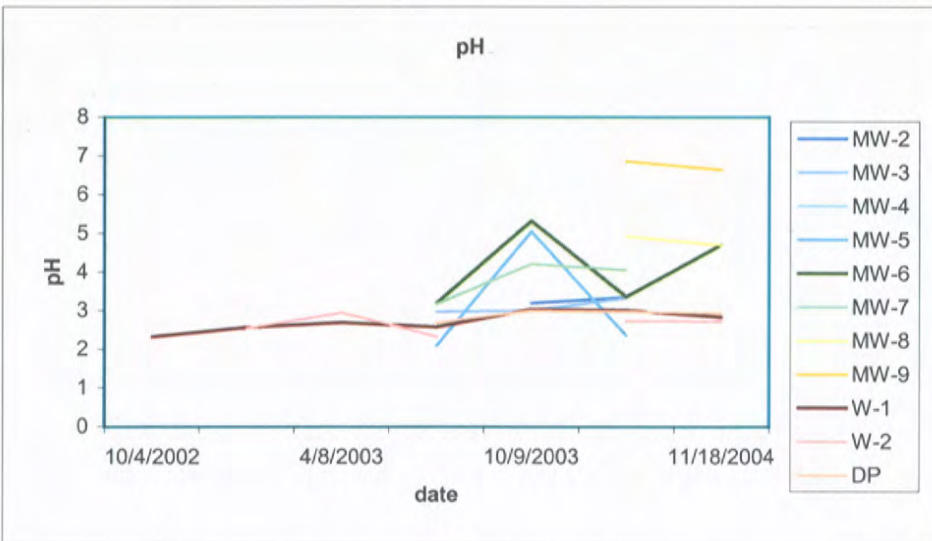
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M9	187	147	167
W1	390	260	334
W2	424	361	389
DP	371	245	332



M2	10700	9040	9870
M3	10700	5240	7893
M4	39900	14300	27100
M5	42400	1460	24720
M6	6940	1540	4977
M7	5950	5460	5733
M8	4030	3090	3560
M9	414	364	389
W1	22100	1800	11435
W2	12000	600	5828
DP	5750	2420	4545



M2			6960
M3	9020	7210	7796
M4	39000	10900	24950
M5	15500	1880	8690
M6	6070	5030	5595
M7	5900	5570	5723
M8	4670	4320	4495
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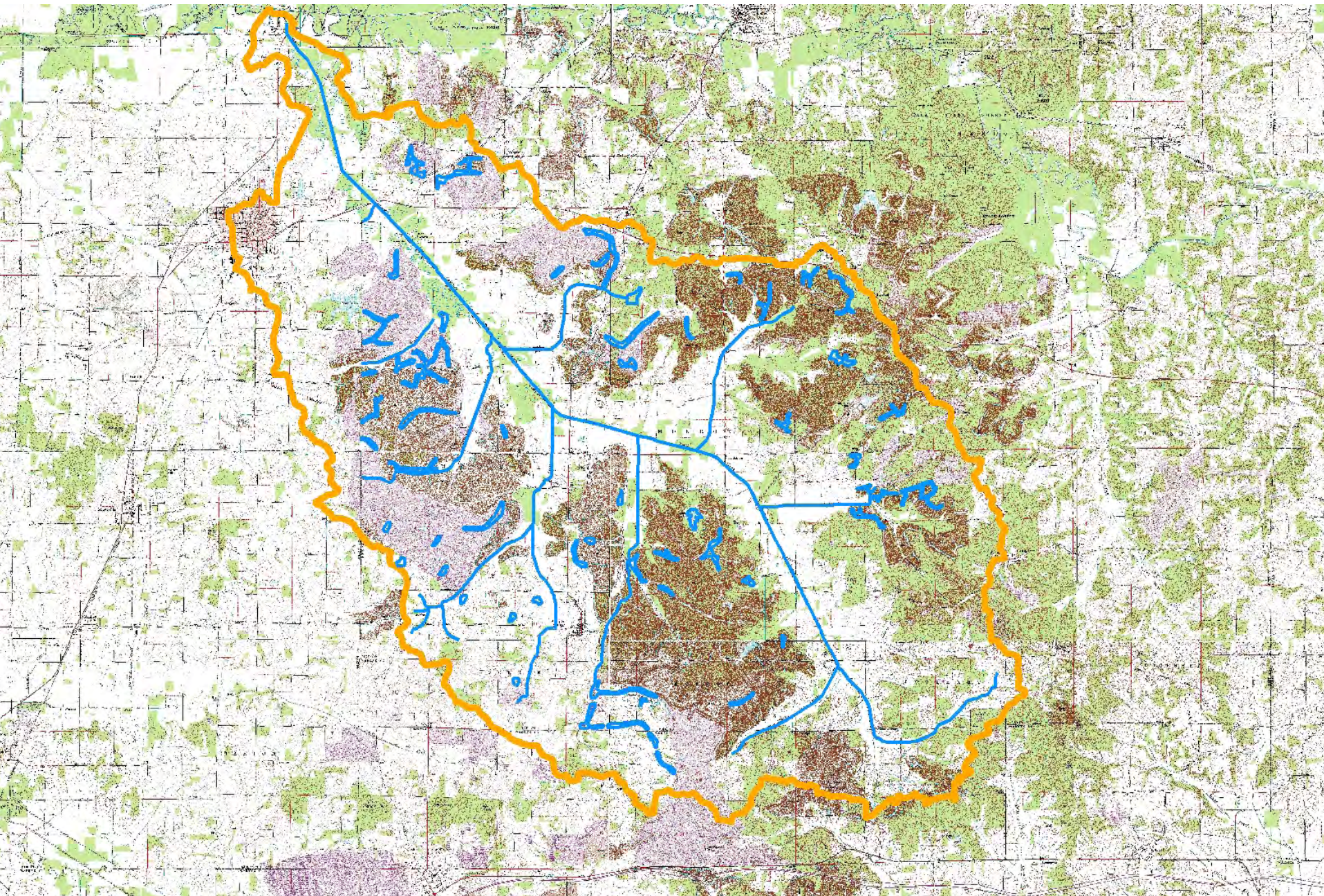
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M6	5.32	2.15	3.75
M7	4.21	2.27	3.43
M8	4.94	4.7	4.82
M9	6.87	6.65	6.76
W1	3.04	2.33	2.72
W2	2.96	2.34	2.67
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# **AML Reclamation Activities, Past, Present and Future, in the South Fork Patoka River Watershed**

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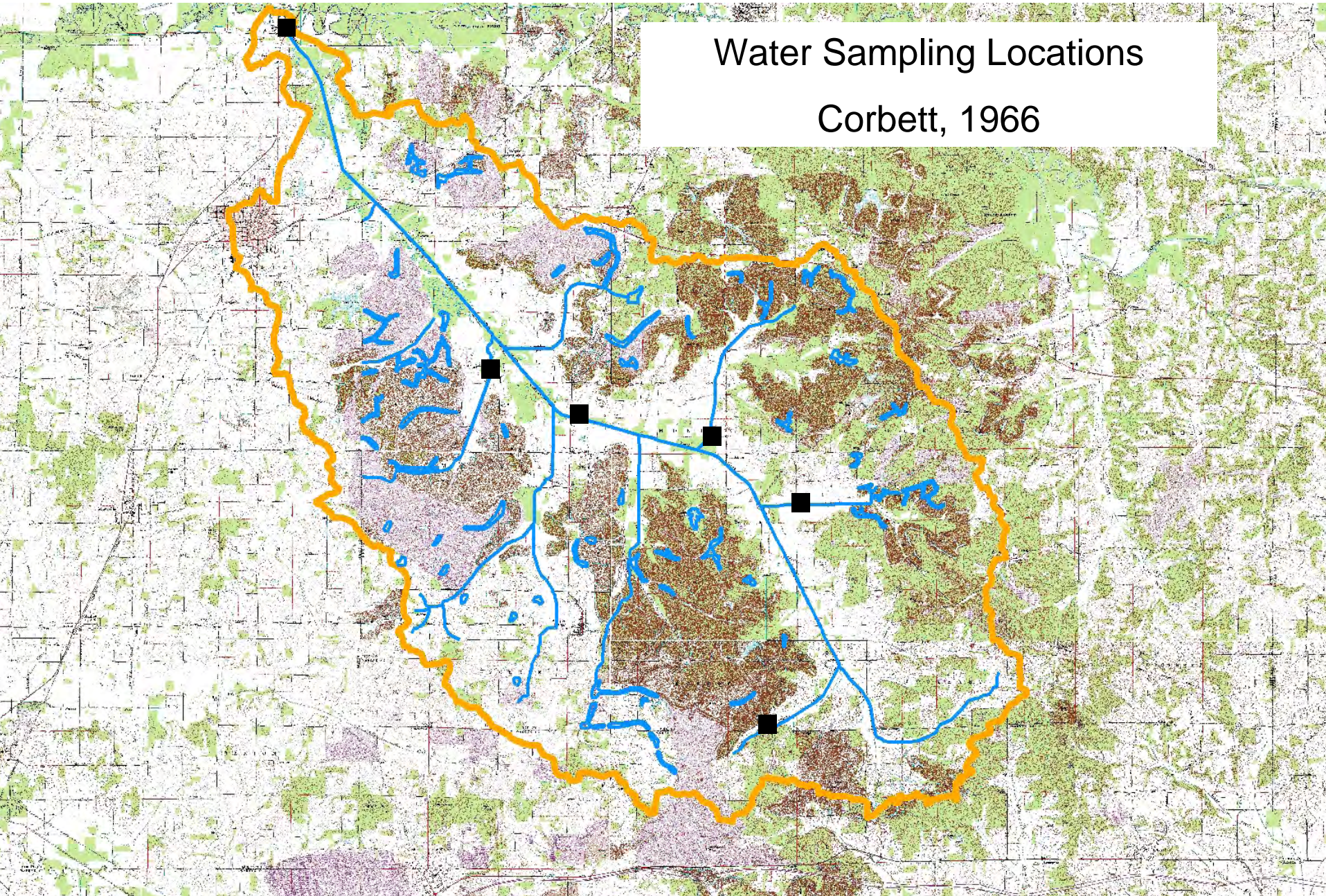
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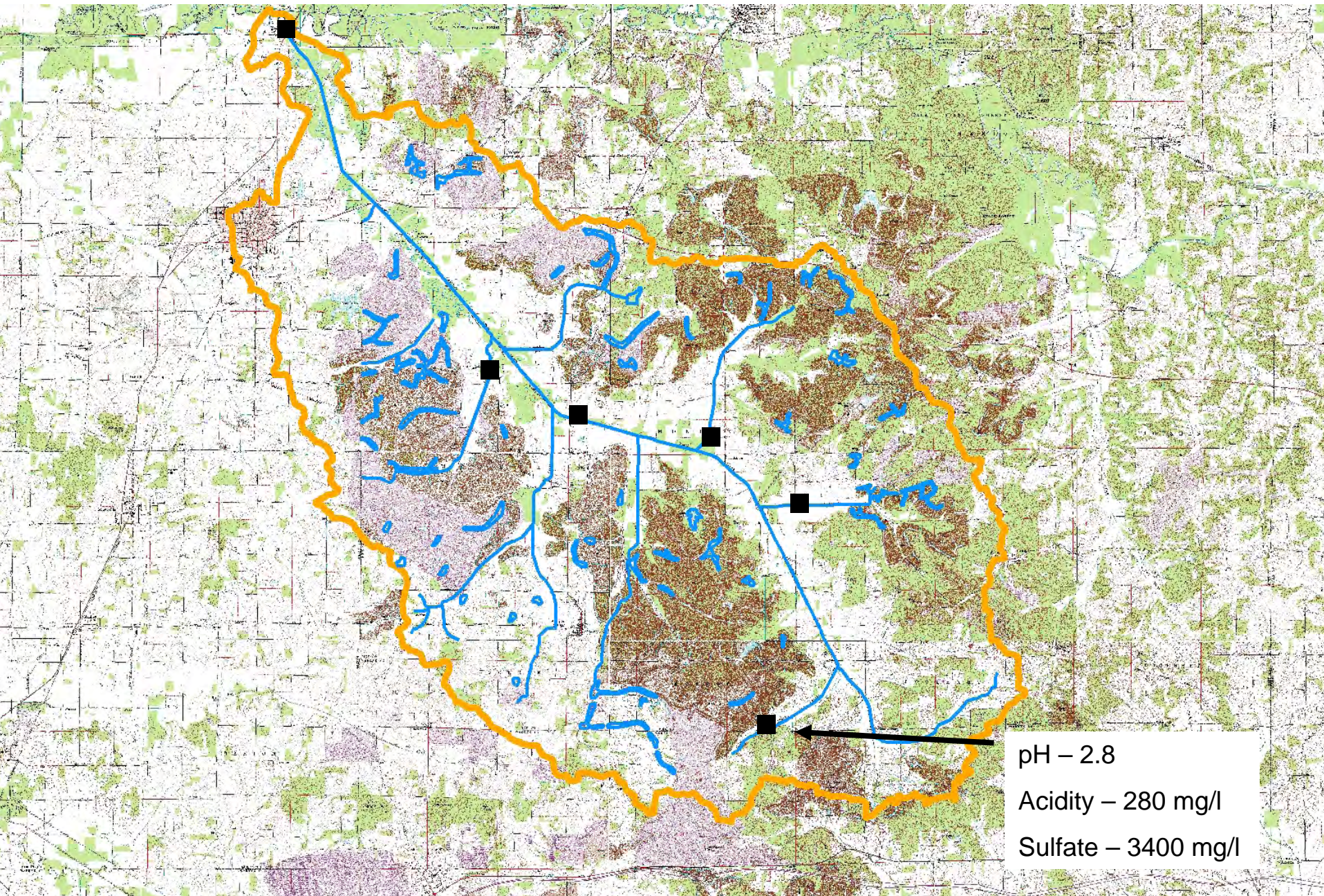
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Water Sampling Locations

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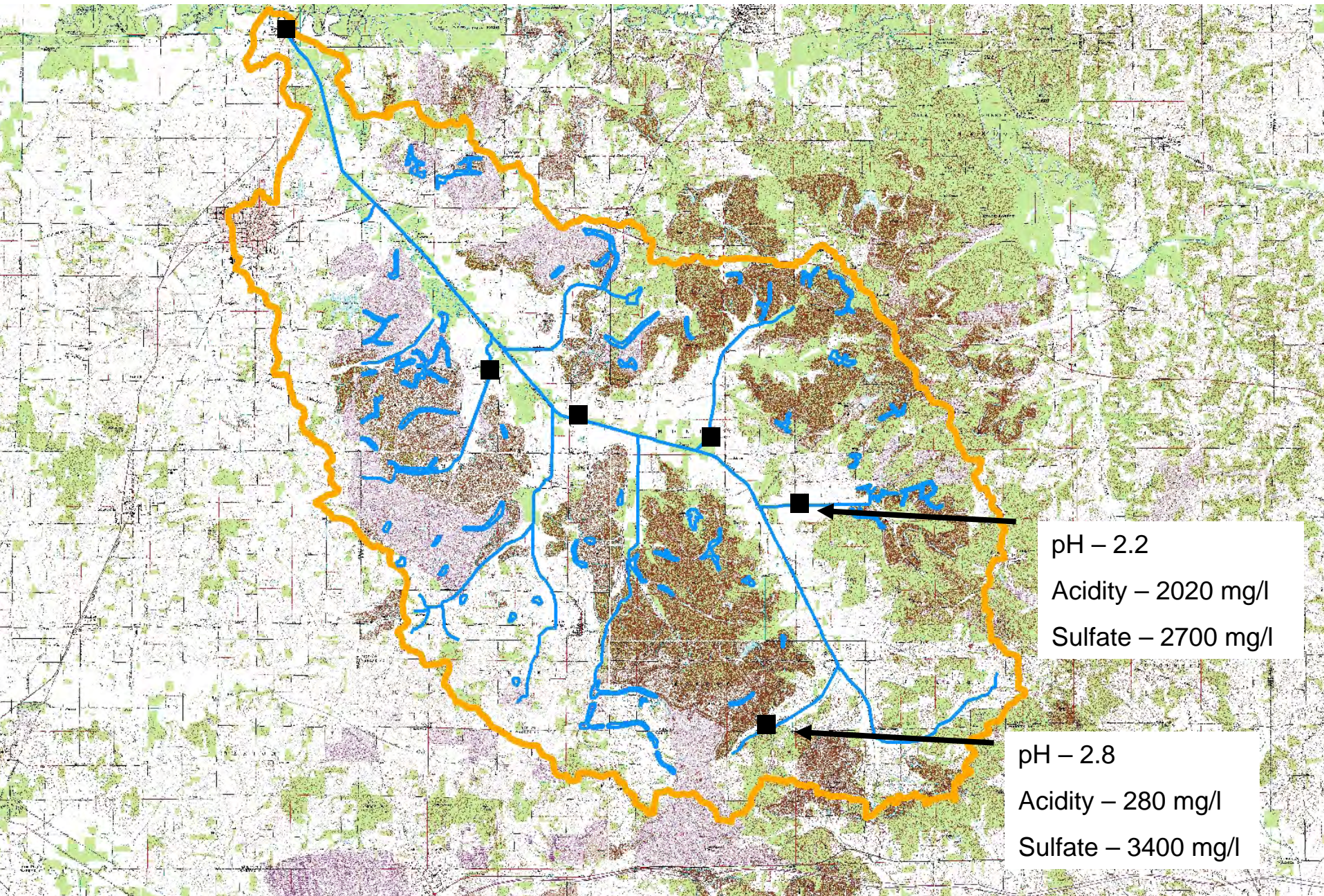


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pH – 2.8  
Acidity – 280 mg/l  
Sulfate – 3400 mg/l

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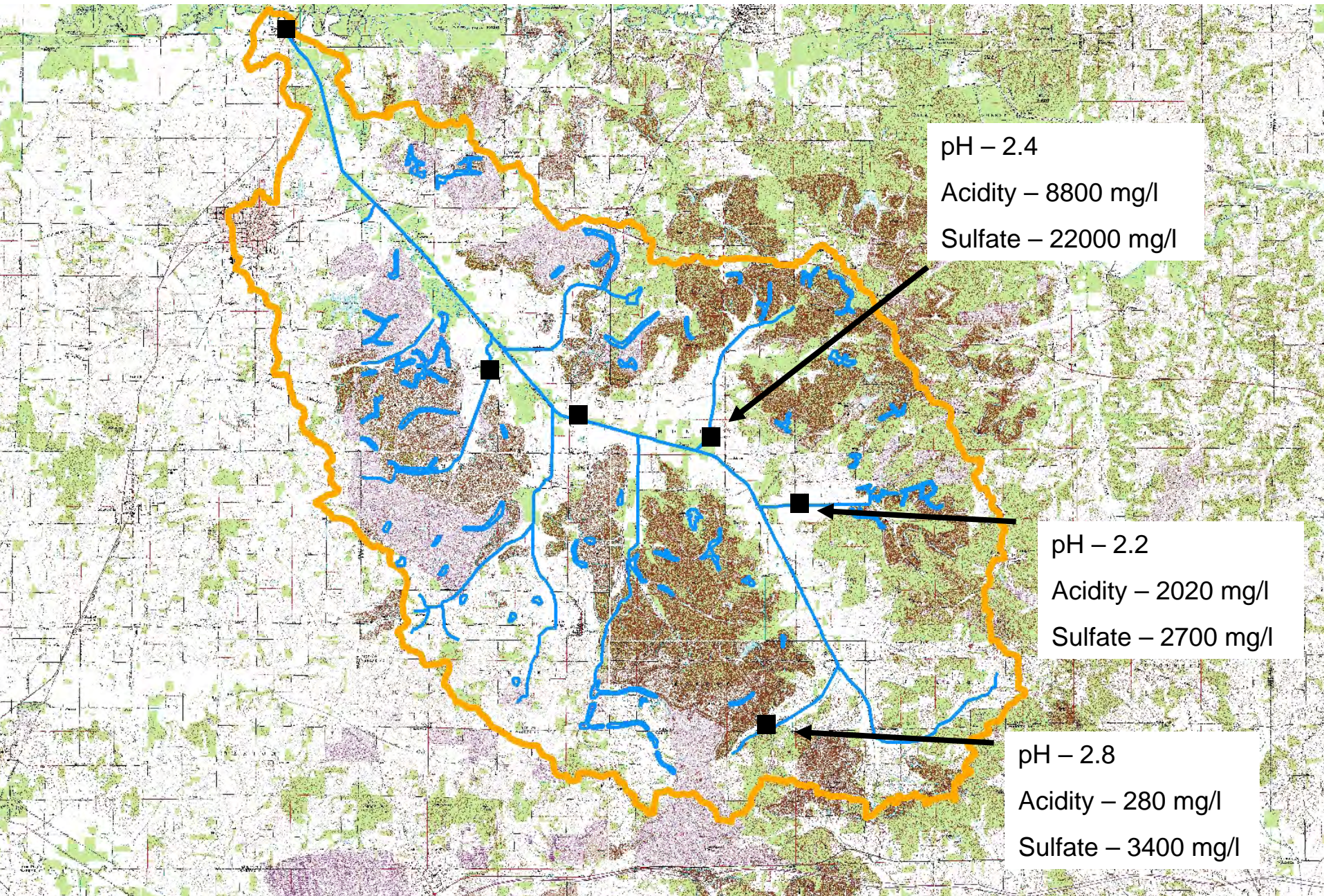


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Acidity – 2020 mg/l  
Sulfate – 2700 mg/l

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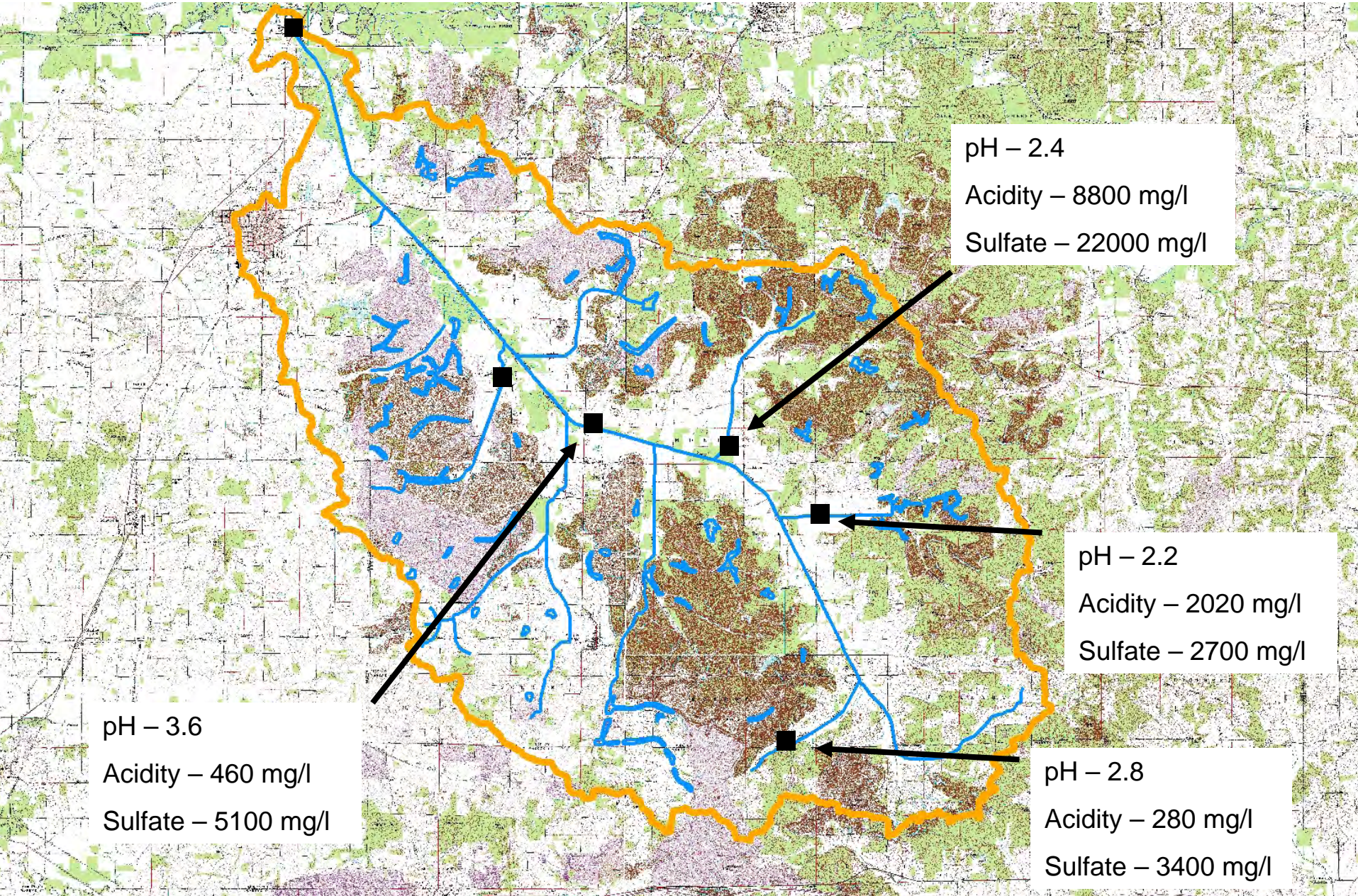


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Acidity – 8800 mg/l  
Sulfate – 22000 mg/l

pH – 2.2  
Acidity – 2020 mg/l  
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Acidity – 280 mg/l  
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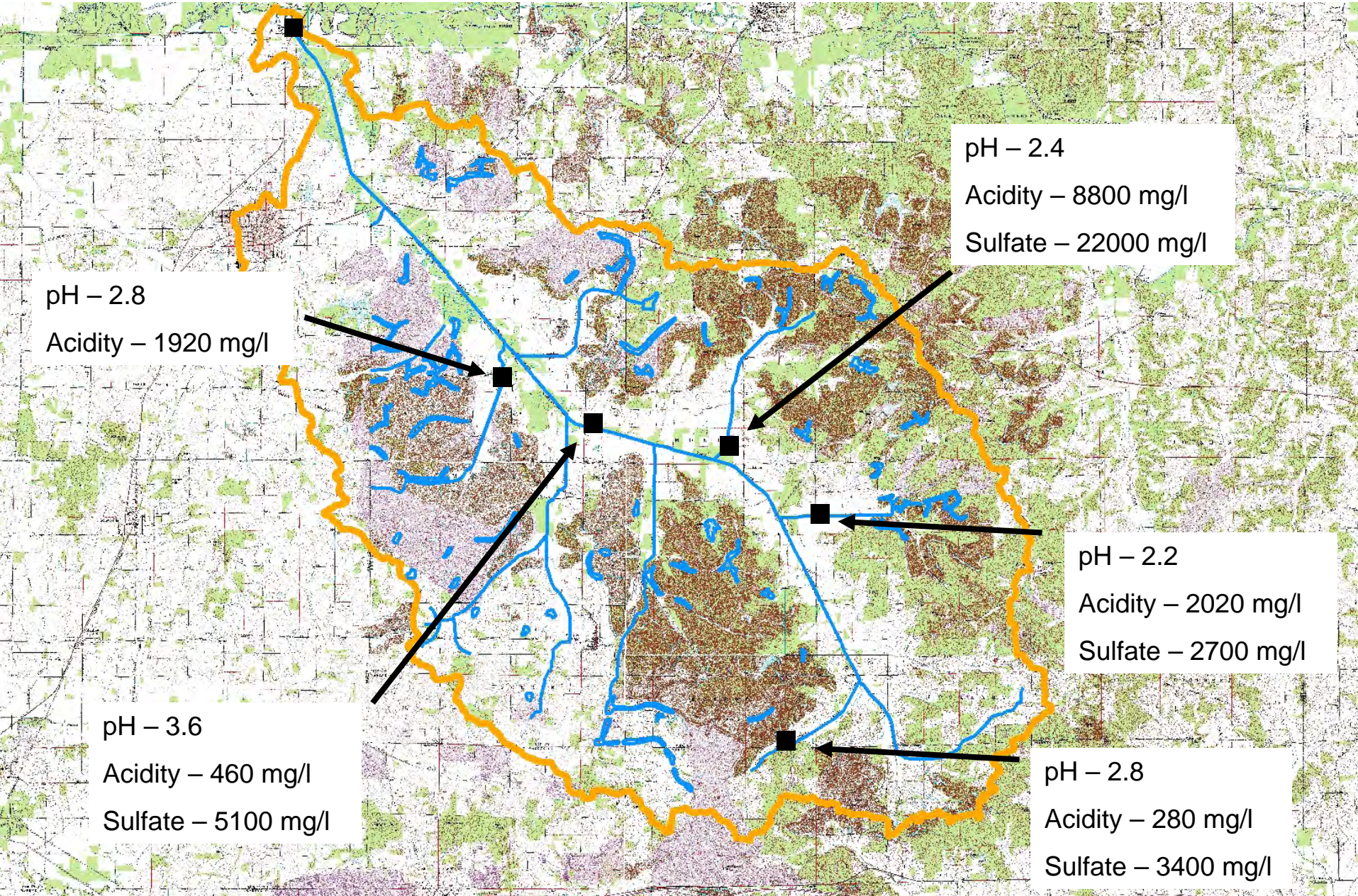
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Sulfate – 2700 mg/l

pH – 3.6  
Acidity – 460 mg/l  
Sulfate – 5100 mg/l

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Acidity – 280 mg/l  
Sulfate – 3400 mg/l

# South Fork Patoka River Watershed



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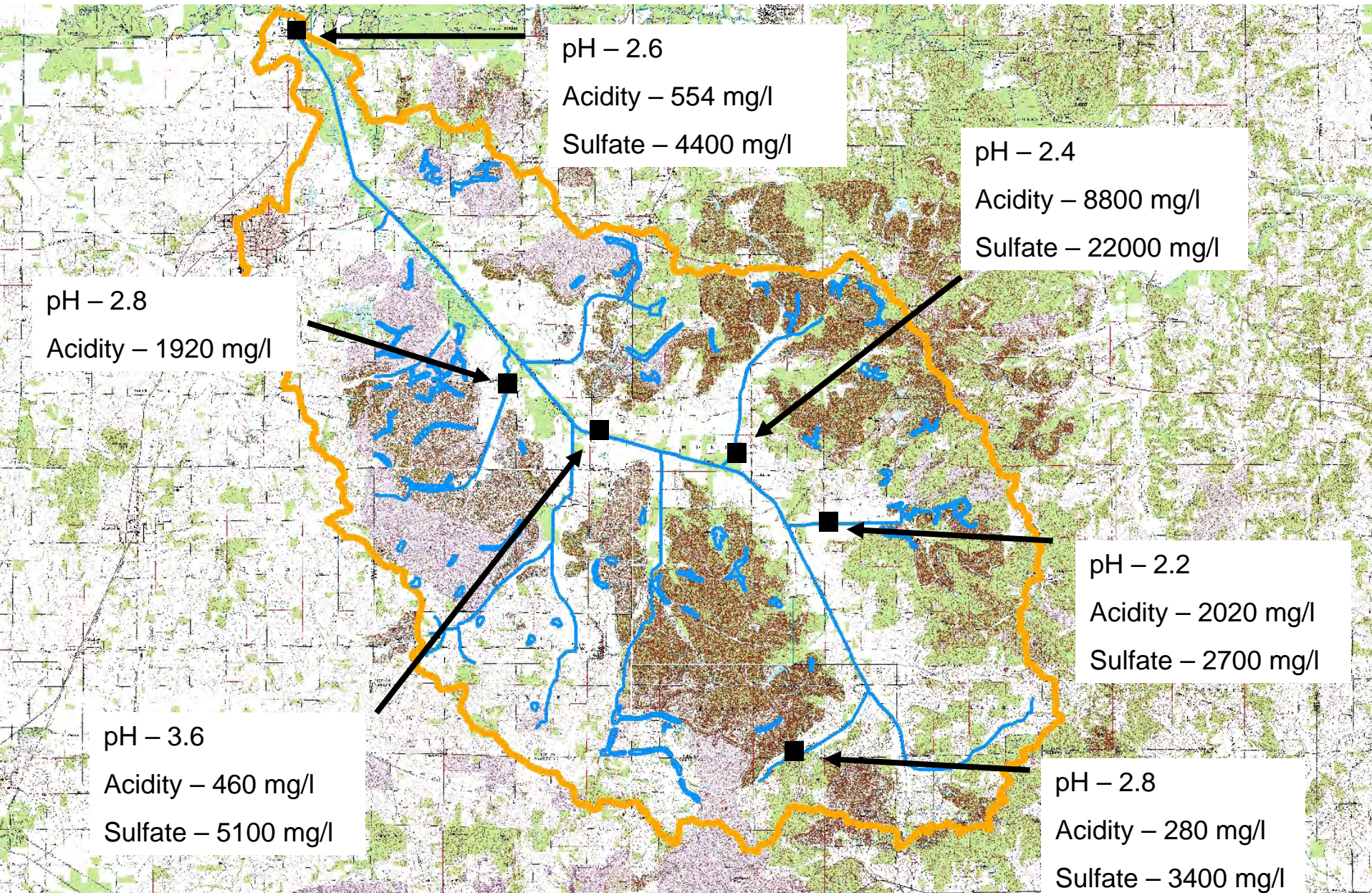
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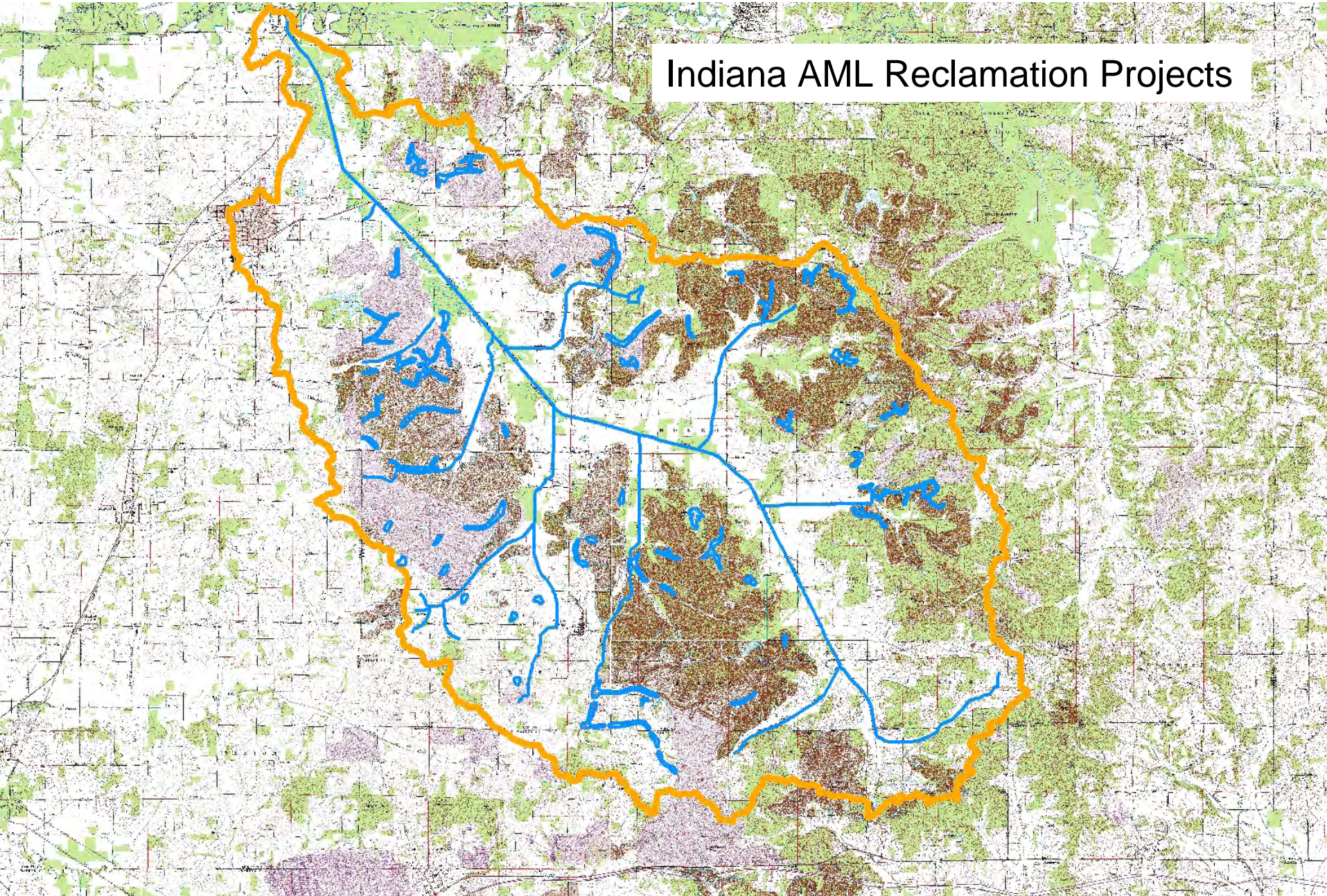
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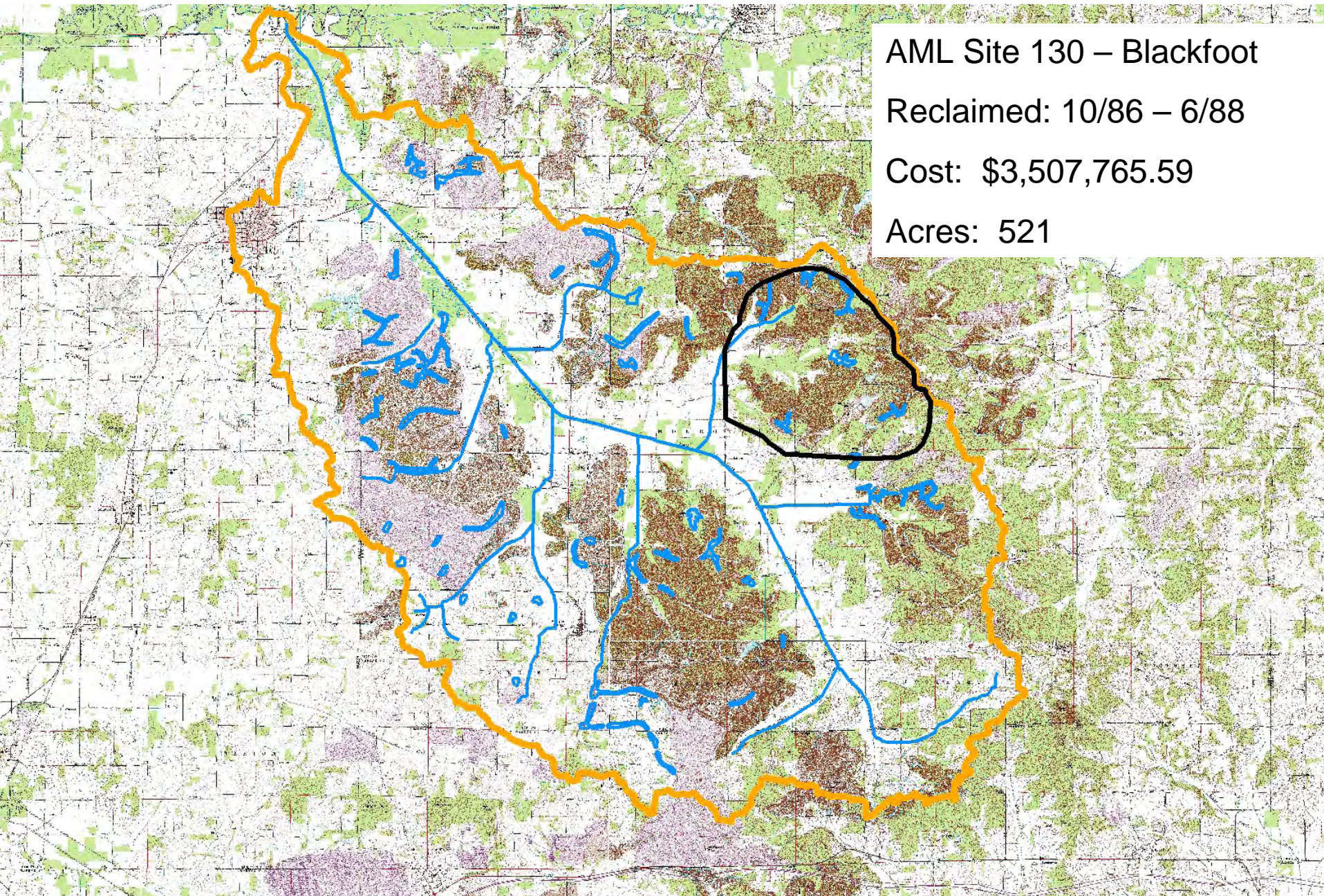


# South Fork Patoka River Watershed

Indiana AML Reclamation Projects



# South Fork Patoka River Watershed



AML Site 130 – Blackfoot

Reclaimed: 10/86 – 6/88

Cost: \$3,507,765.59

Acres: 521

















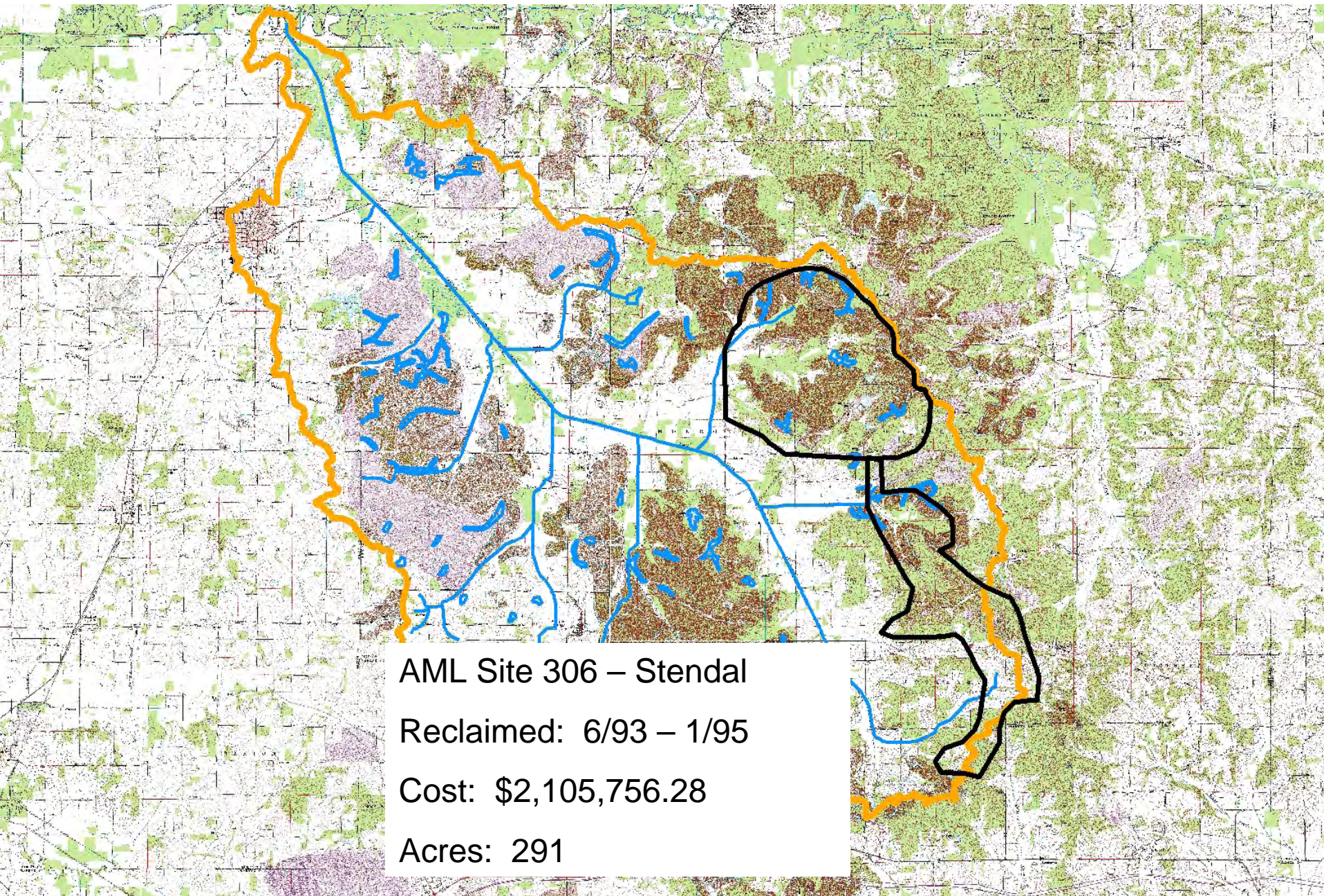








# South Fork Patoka River Watershed



AML Site 306 – Stendal

Reclaimed: 6/93 – 1/95

Cost: \$2,105,756.28

Acres: 291













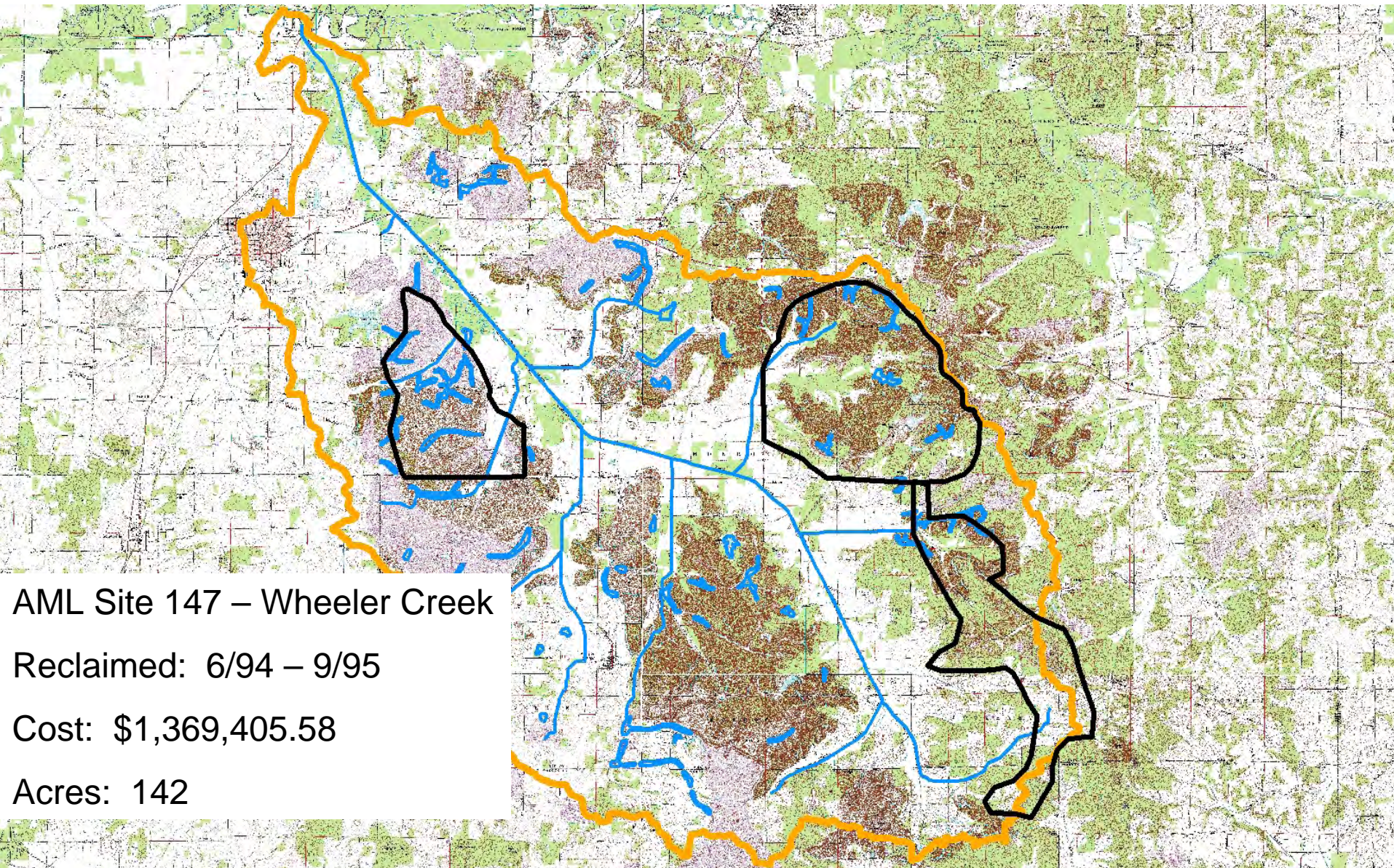








# South Fork Patoka River Watershed



AML Site 147 – Wheeler Creek  
Reclaimed: 6/94 – 9/95  
Cost: \$1,369,405.58  
Acres: 142

























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RECLAMATION

ABANDONED MINE  
RECLAMATION PROJECT



DELICATE ENVIRONMENT

*PLEASE* **NO** HORSES OR  
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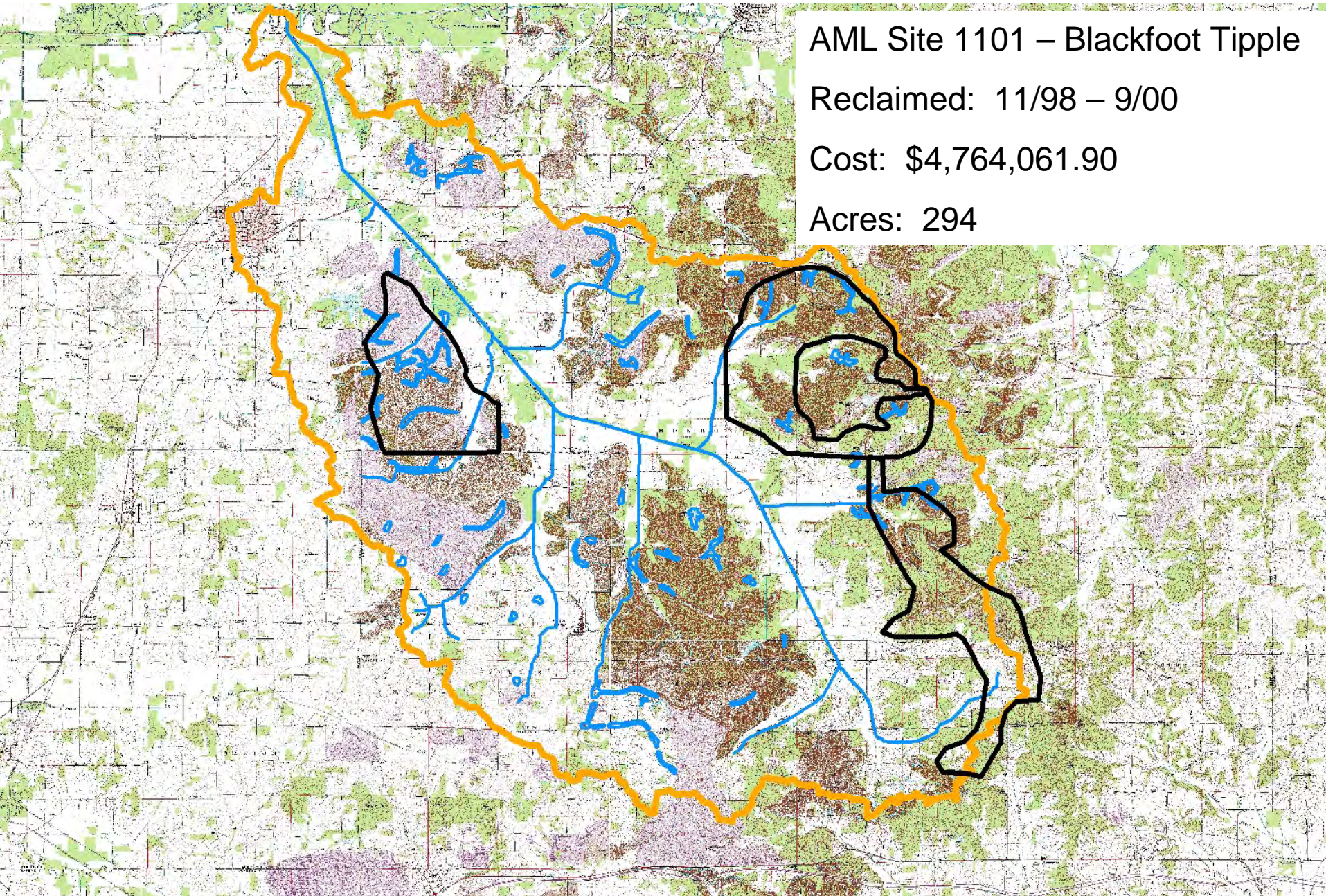
# South Fork Patoka River Watershed

AML Site 1101 – Blackfoot Tipple

Reclaimed: 11/98 – 9/00

Cost: \$4,764,061.90

Acres: 294











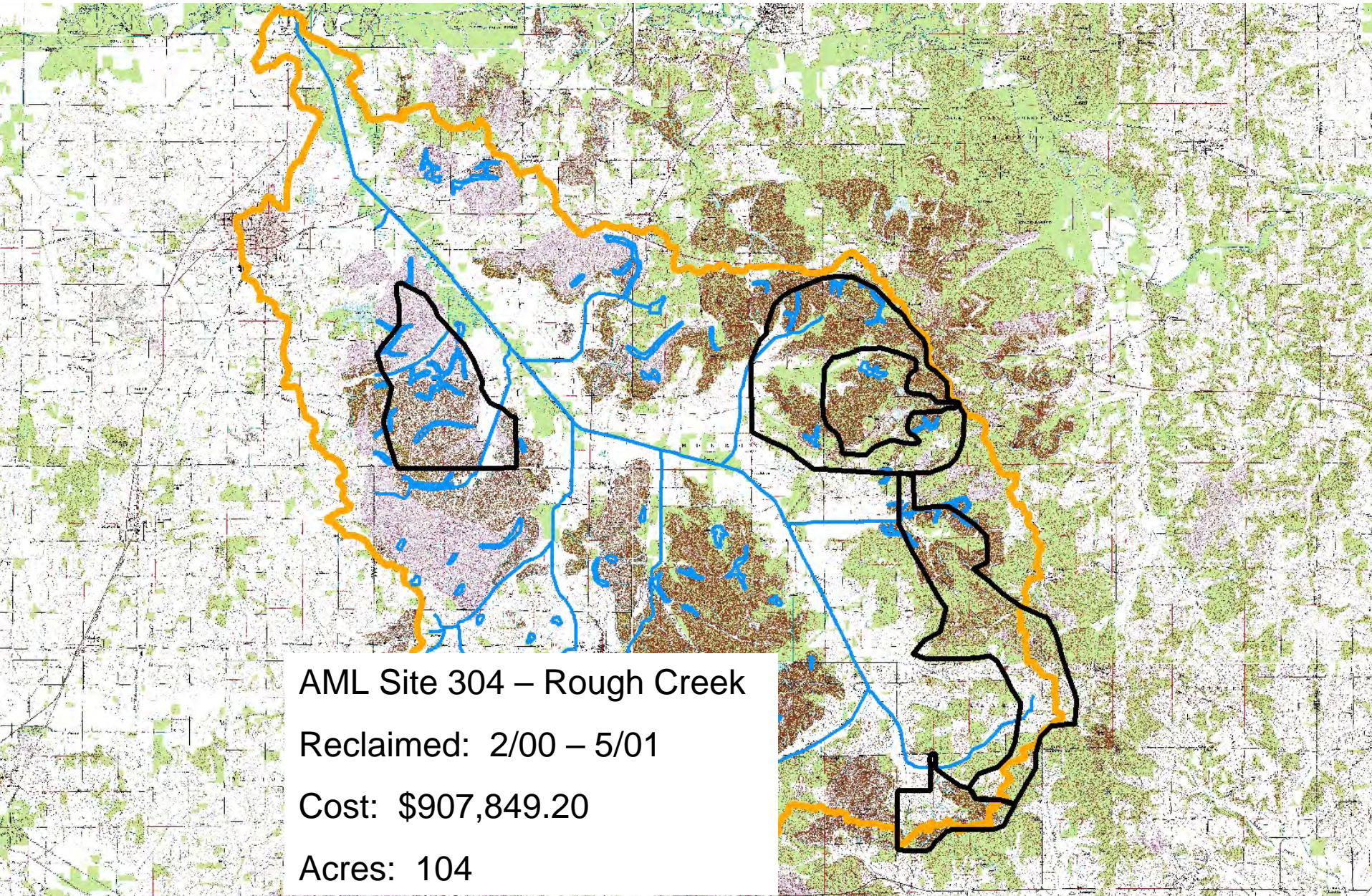








# South Fork Patoka River Watershed













**Fish & Wildlife  
Management Area**  
Paid for by hunters,  
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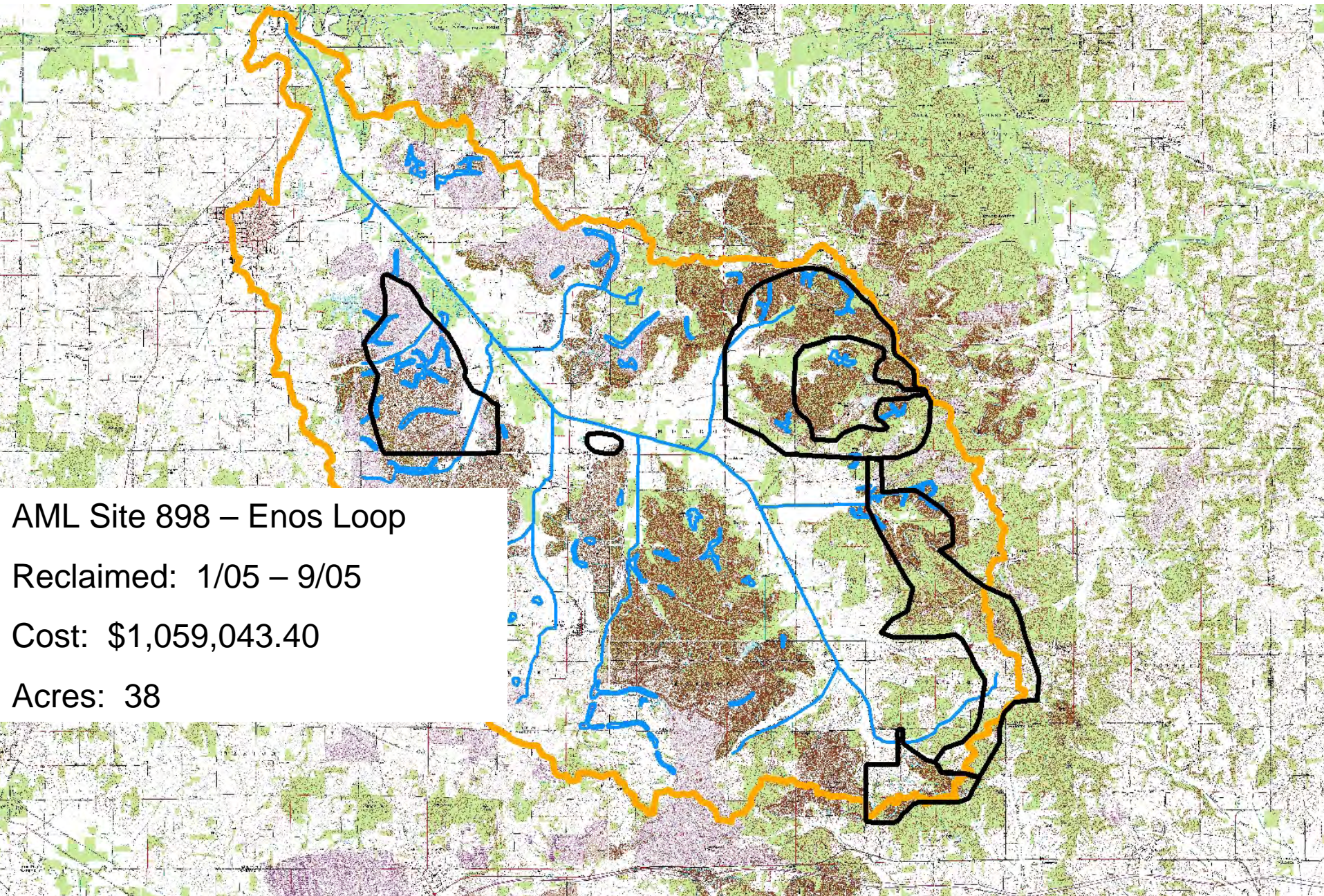
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# South Fork Patoka River Watershed



AML Site 898 – Enos Loop

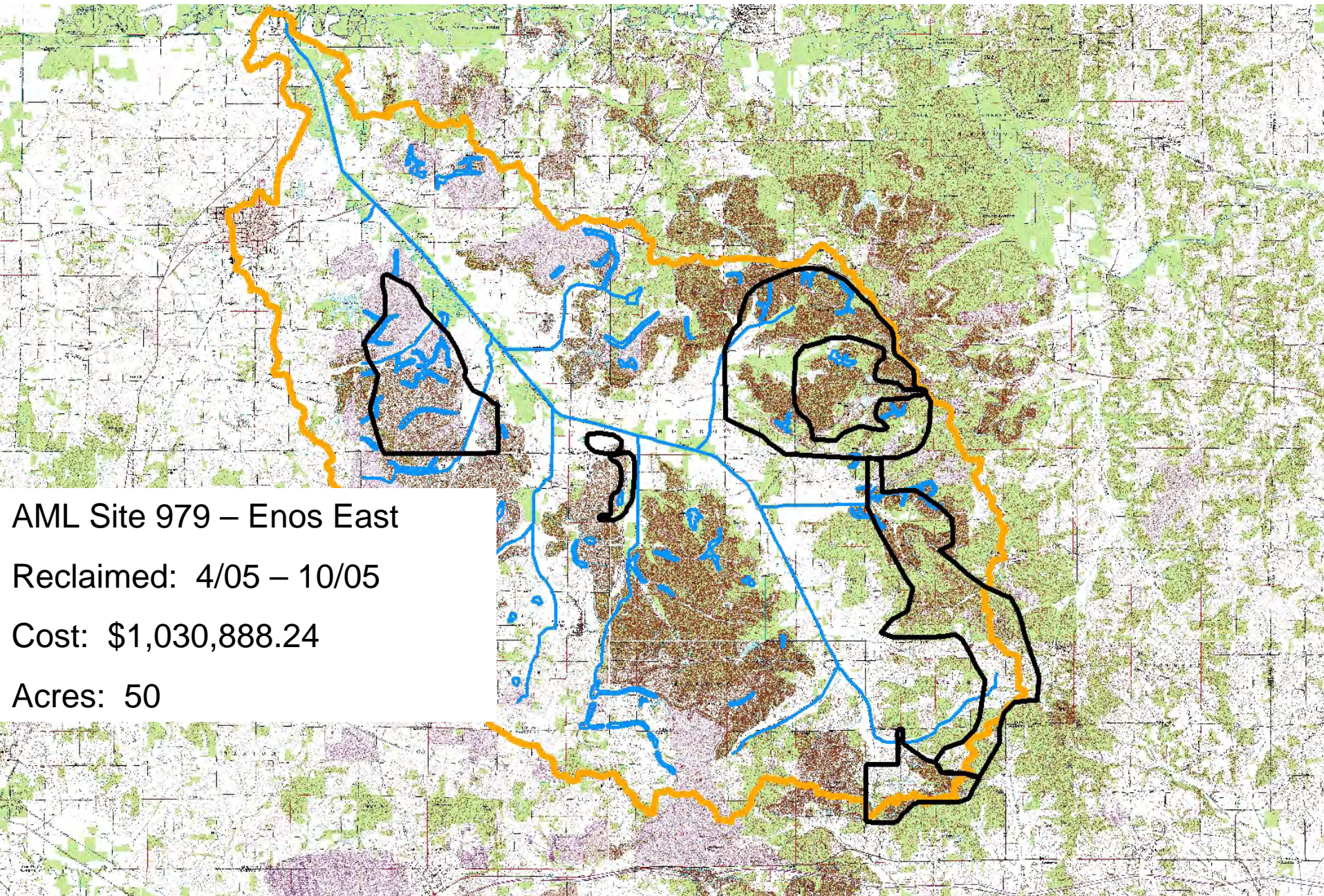
Reclaimed: 1/05 – 9/05

Cost: \$1,059,043.40

Acres: 38



# South Fork Patoka River Watershed



AML Site 979 – Enos East

Reclaimed: 4/05 – 10/05

Cost: \$1,030,888.24

Acres: 50



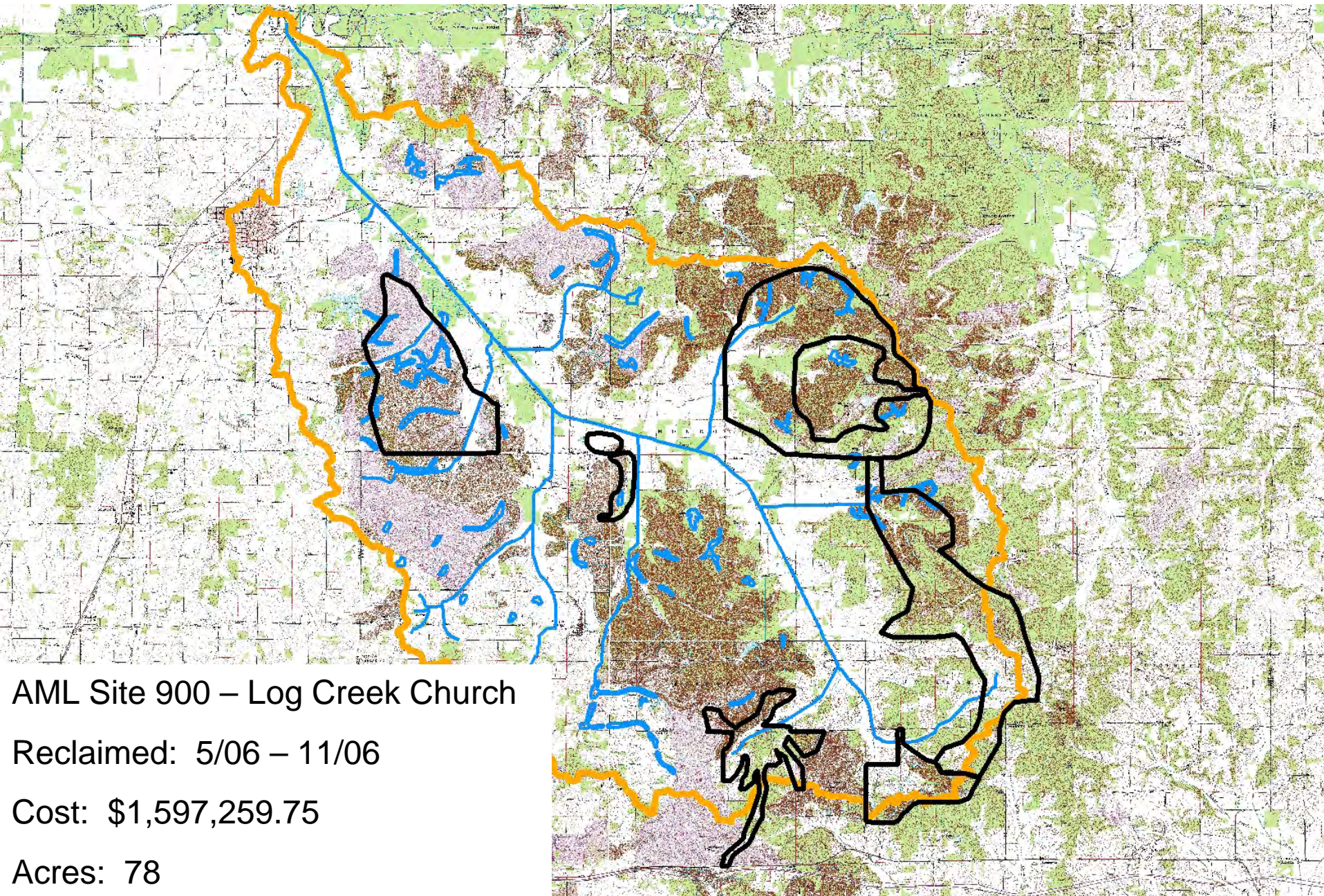








# South Fork Patoka River Watershed



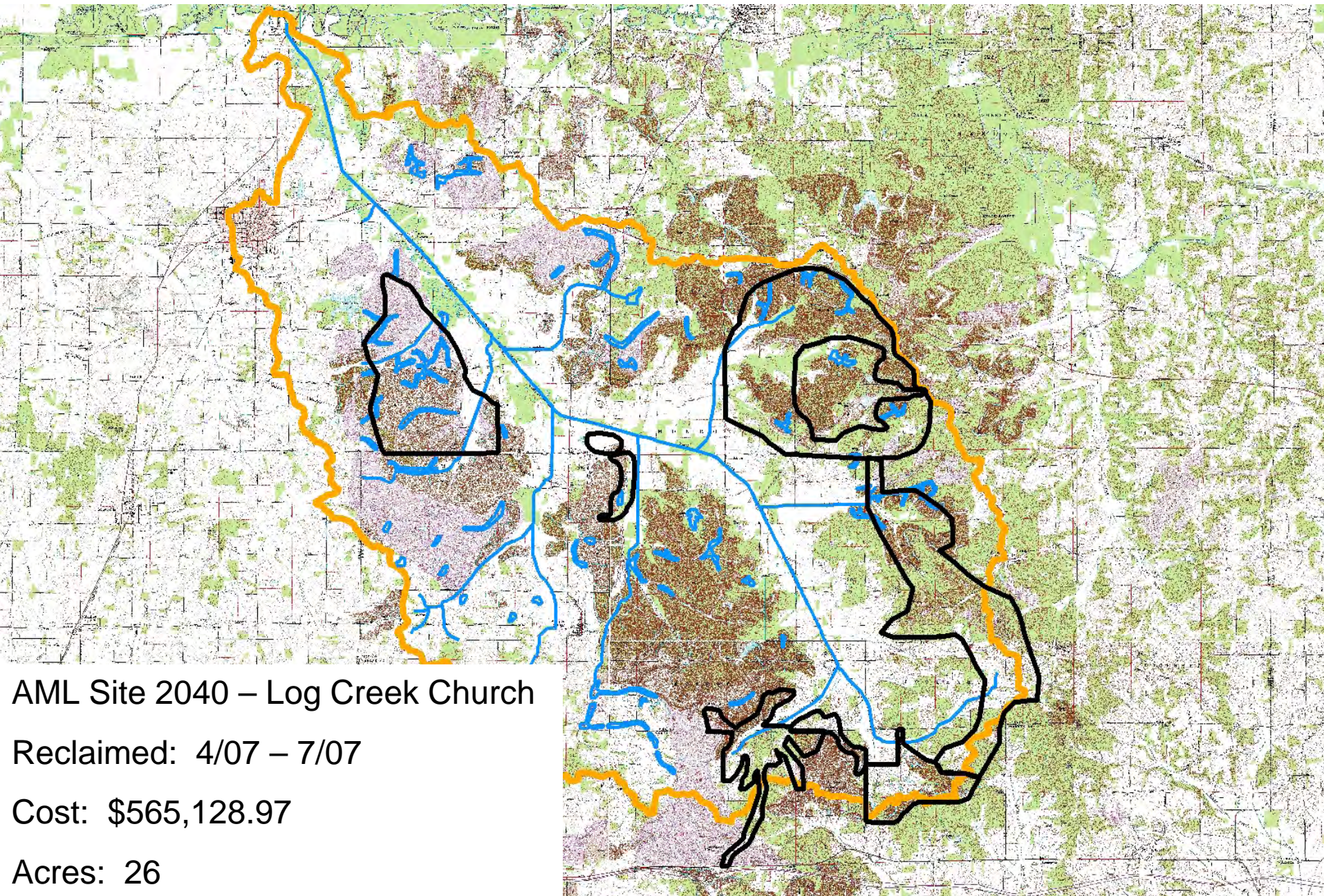
AML Site 900 – Log Creek Church

Reclaimed: 5/06 – 11/06

Cost: \$1,597,259.75

Acres: 78

# South Fork Patoka River Watershed



AML Site 2040 – Log Creek Church

Reclaimed: 4/07 – 7/07

Cost: \$565,128.97

Acres: 26

















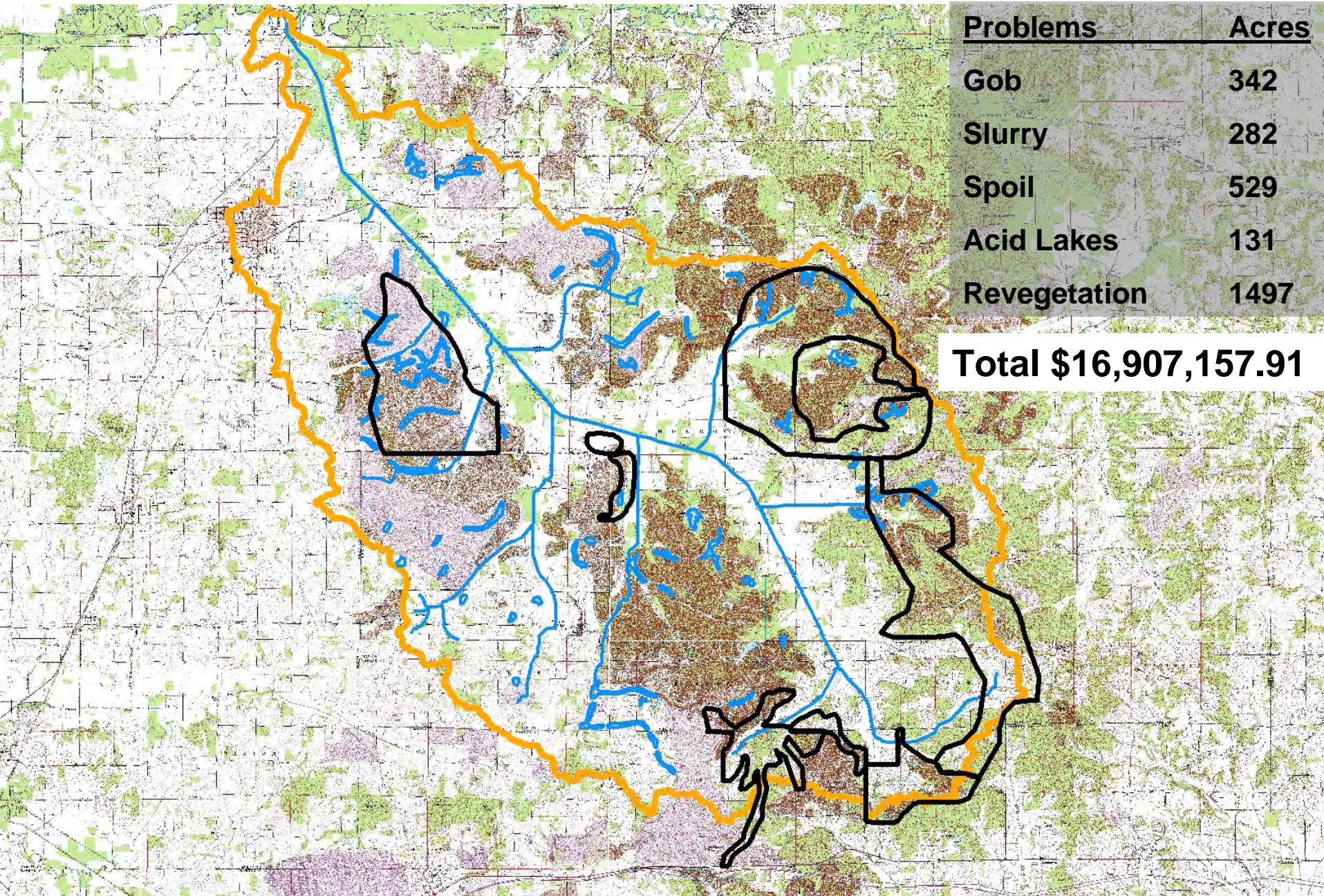








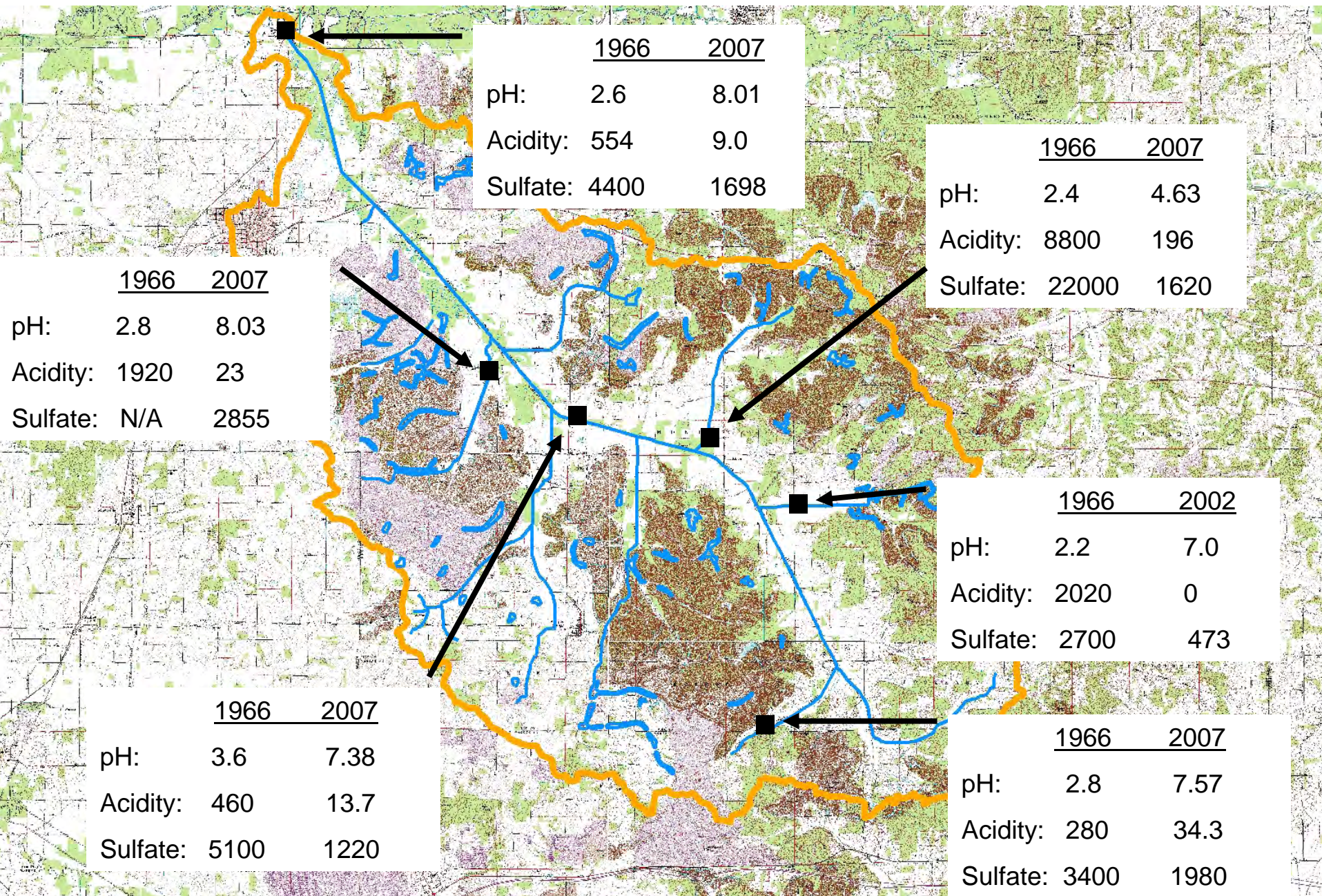
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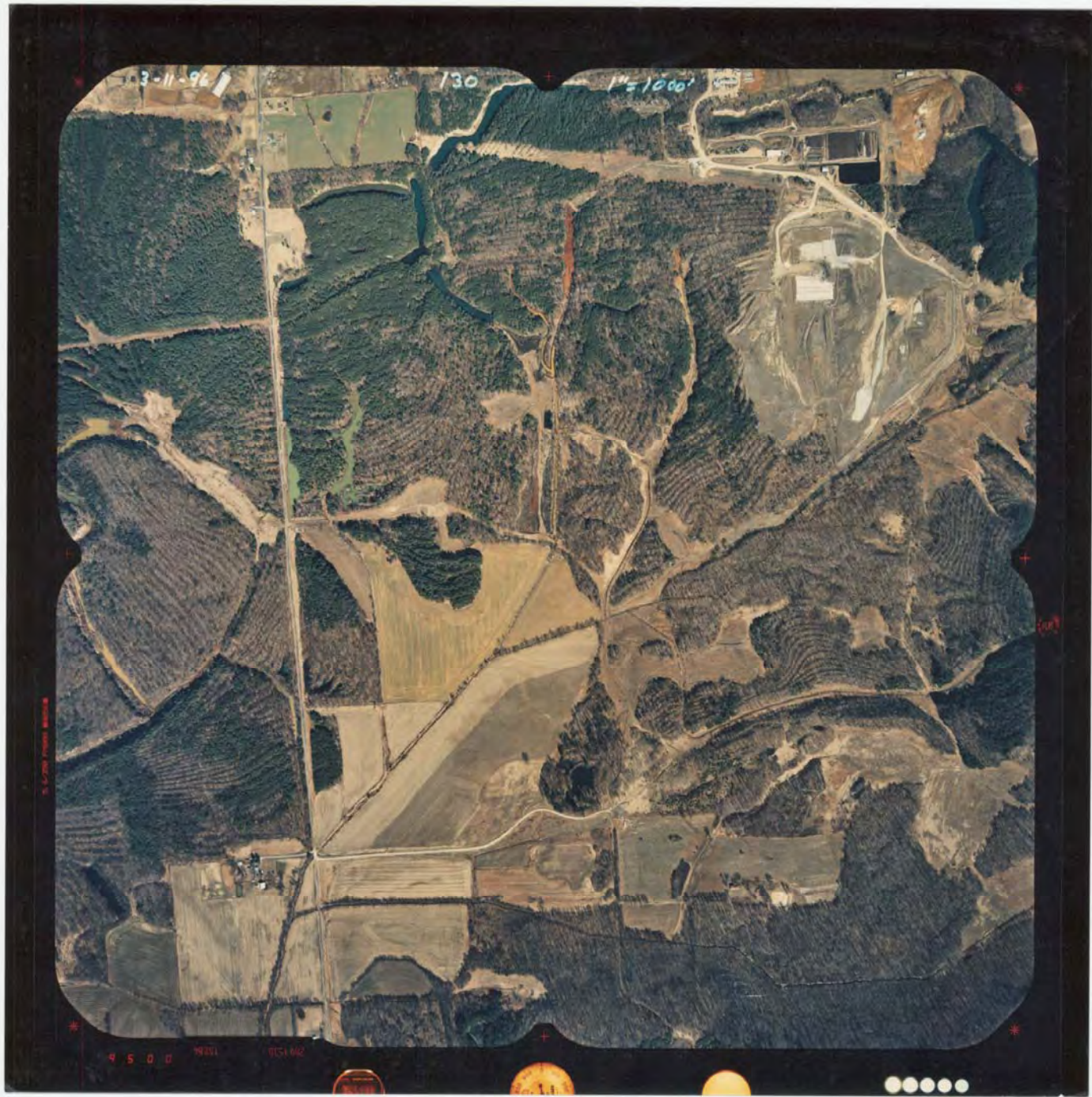


<u>Problems</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Gob	342
Slurry	282
Spoil	529
Acid Lakes	131
Revegetation	1497

**Total \$16,907,157.91**

# South Fork Patoka River Watershed







pH - 7.4

Acidity - 20

Alkalinity - 243

Sulfate - 1367





3-11-96

130

1"=1000'

pH - 7.4

Acidity - 20

Alkalinity - 243

Sulfate - 1367

pH - 4.0

Acidity - 140

Alkalinity - 0

Sulfate - 2175

4 5 0 0

1000'

1000'







580002 AREA

580002 AREA 8173

8173



9-27-00

1101

1" = 1,000'



SBCC02 AREA



9-27-00

1101

1" = 1,000'

pH - 3.0

Acidity - 2067

Alkalinity - 0

Sulfate - 3467



SBCC02 AREA 8173

8173



SBCC02 AREA



9-27-00

1101

1" = 1,000'

pH - 3.0  
Acidity - 2067  
Alkalinity - 0  
Sulfate - 3467



pH - 3.1  
Acidity - 1600  
Alkalinity - 0  
Sulfate - 3333



SBCC02 AREA 8 1 7 4

8 1 7 3

SBCCG2 AREA



9-27-00

1101

1" = 1,000'

pH - 3.0  
 Acidity - 2067  
 Alkalinity - 0  
 Sulfate - 3467



pH - 3.1  
 Acidity - 1600  
 Alkalinity - 0  
 Sulfate - 3333



pH - 4.3  
 Acidity - 883  
 Alkalinity - 0  
 Sulfate - 2600



SBCCG2 AREA 8 1 7 4

SBCCG2 AREA 8 1 7 4

8 1 7 3

SBCC02 AREA



9-27-00

1101

1" = 1,000'

pH - 3.0  
 Acidity - 2067  
 Alkalinity - 0  
 Sulfate - 3467



pH - 3.1  
 Acidity - 1600  
 Alkalinity - 0  
 Sulfate - 3333



pH - 6.1  
 Acidity - 150  
 Alkalinity - 195  
 Sulfate - 1350



pH - 4.3  
 Acidity - 883  
 Alkalinity - 0  
 Sulfate - 2600

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# AMD Status and Remediation in Alabama



# Alabama Department of Industrial Relations

Mining and Reclamation Division

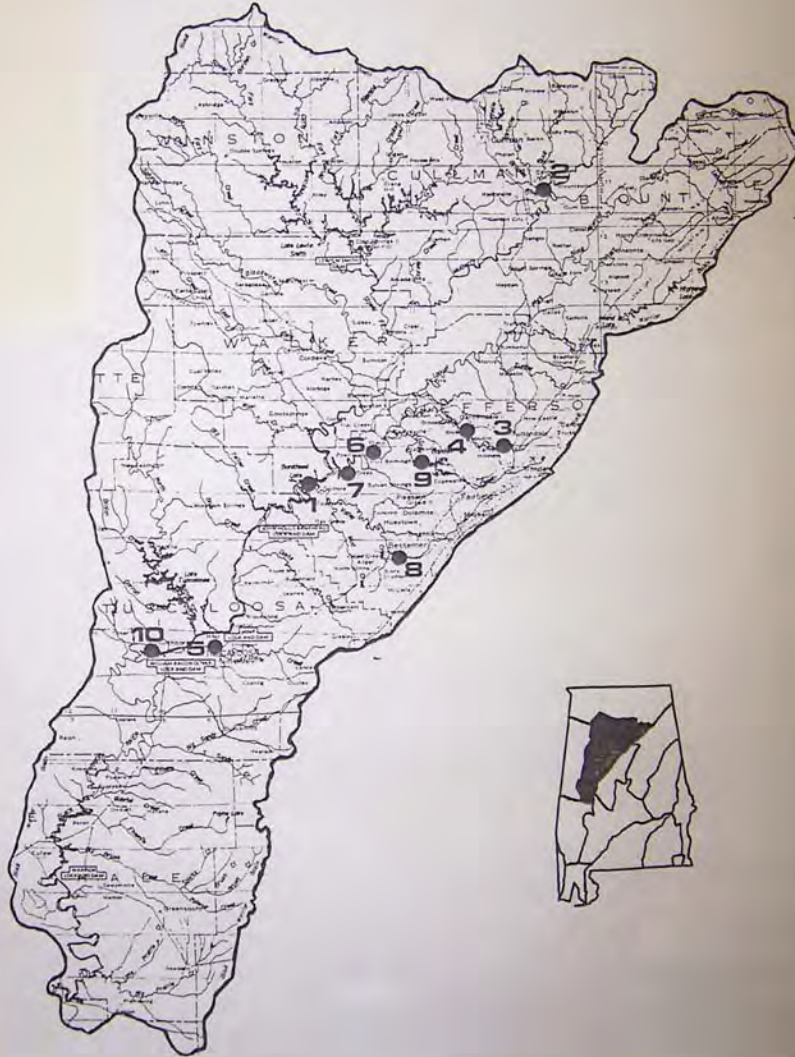
# Partners

- Office of Surface Mining
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- Department of Industrial Relations

# Alabama



# Black Warrior River Basin





TENNESSEE RIVER BASIN

















**Aluminum in Stream**

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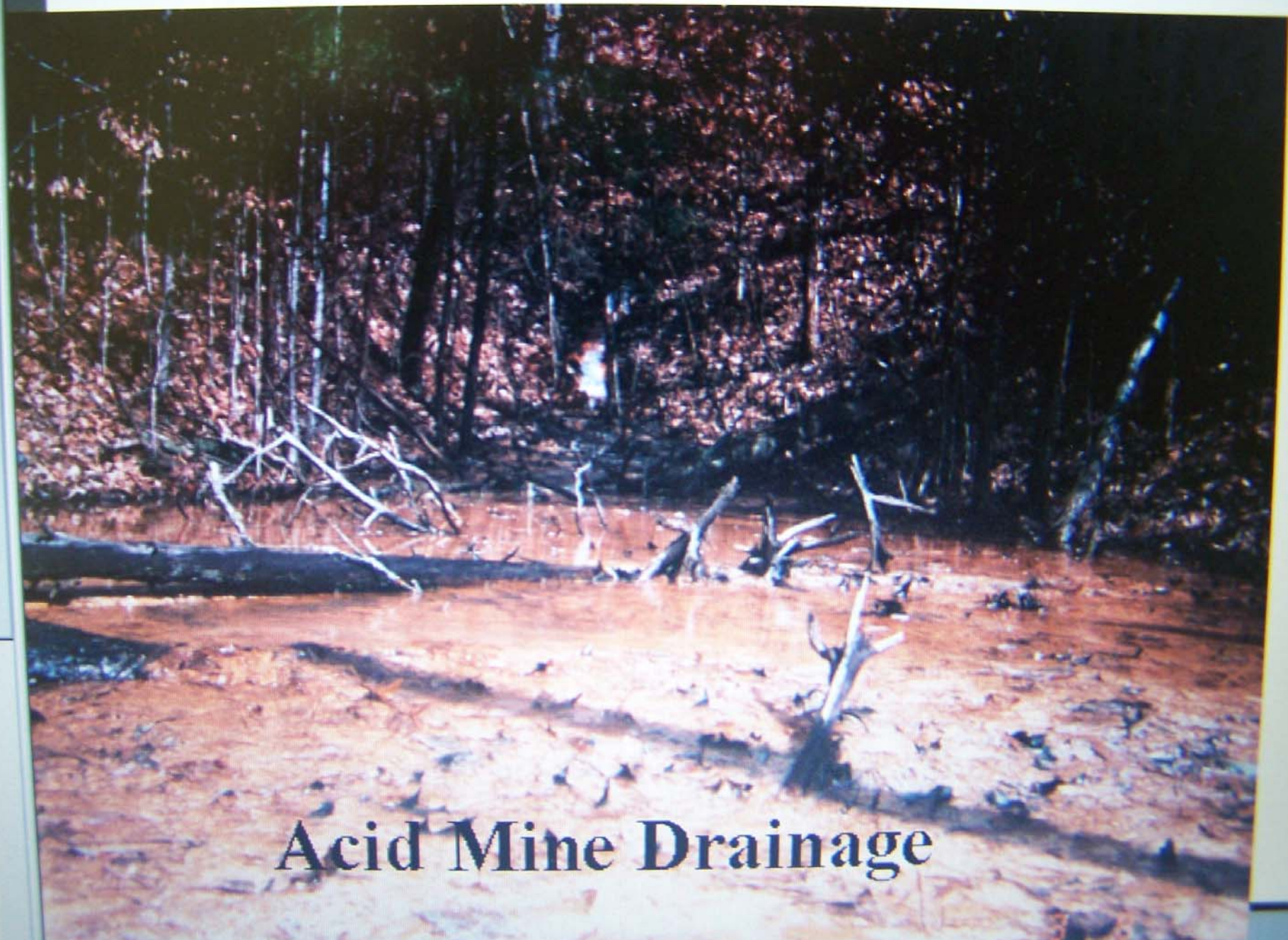






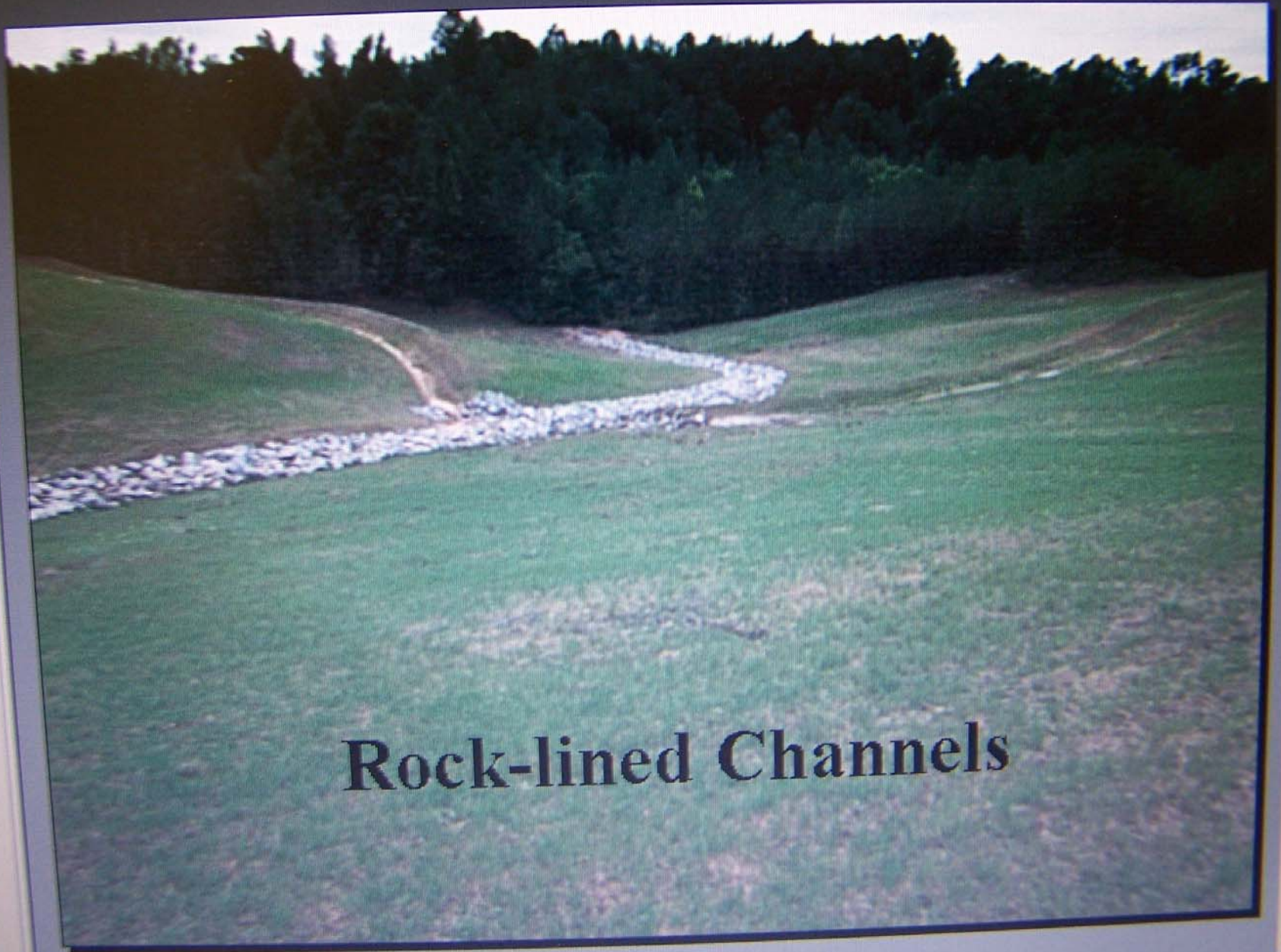






**Acid Mine Drainage**





**Rock-lined Channels**



# Alabama AMD Projects Completed

<b><i>Project Name</i></b>	<b><i>County</i></b>	<b><i>Watershed</i></b>	<b><i>Status</i></b>
Deans Ferry	Blount	Black Warrior	Working
Acmar	St. Clair	Cahaba	Working
Hurricane Creek	Tuscaloosa	Black Warrior	Not Working
Peabody Washer	Tuscaloosa	Black Warrior	Working
Barney	Walker	Black Warrior	Not Working
Cane Creek Remediation I, II & III	Walker	Black Warrior	Working (Limited Basis)

# Alabama AMD Projects

Under Construction or in Planning Stages

<i><b>Project Name</b></i>	<i><b>County</b></i>	<i><b>Watershed</b></i>	<i><b>Status</b></i>
Dogtown Road	Dekalb	Tennessee River	Planning
Blue Creek	Jefferson	Black Warrior	Planning
Turkey Creek	Jefferson	Black Warrior	Planning
Camp Cherry Austin	Tuscaloosa	Black Warrior	Construction
Cane Creek Phase IV	Walker	Black Warrior	Construction

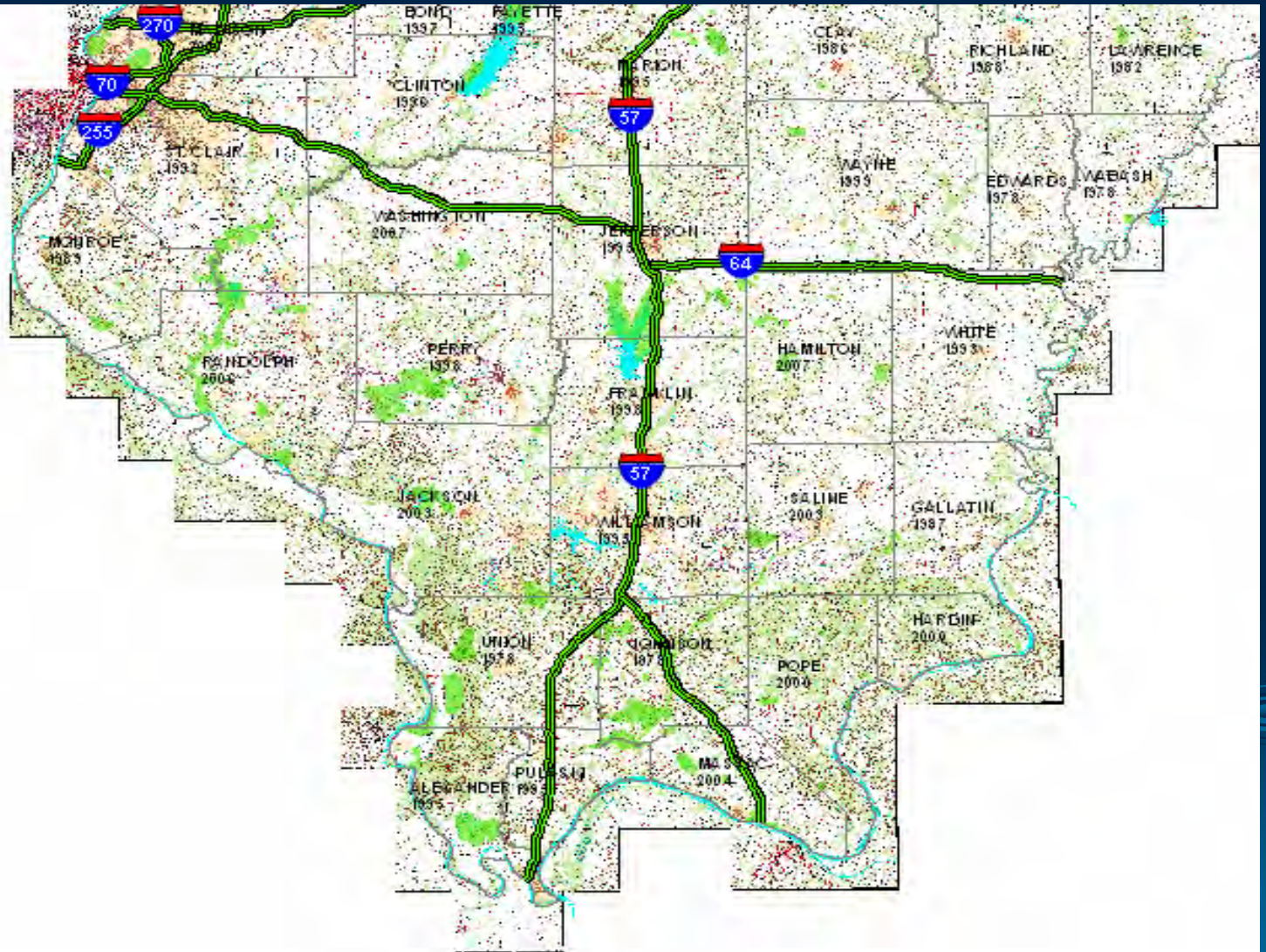
# South Fork Saline River

WQ Restoration of a Coal Mining  
Impacted Riverine System





# Southern Illinois (Egypt) Topo Map



# Why Egypt?

1830-1831  
"Winter of the  
Deep Snow"

Cairo  
Thebes  
Dongola  
Karnak  
Lake of Egypt  
Egyptian HS

## The Egyptian Question

Very often people come into the Sentinel asking why southern Illinois is called "Egypt." The name mystifies strangers and they say none of the natives can give them an explanation.

We would like to give you one, and we hope you will clip this out (that is why we put it up in this corner) so that next time someone asks you about "Egypt" you will then be an expert on the subject and can tell them more about it than they would probably care to hear.

First, you must always refer to the old home place as "Egypt," never as "Little Egypt" who was the first Go-Go girl. Little Egypt was a belly dancer at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893 and her scandalous gyrations created nationwide interest — but not in southern Illinois. If you ever see or hear this misuse of the name, it is your duty to correct it.

Second: Just where is Egypt? Here historians do disagree; but it appears that Centralia stands at the northernmost limit, if it is in Egypt at all. The old account below is not clear: the thirty-eighth parallel passes through DuQuoin and Benton. The northernmost edge of Jefferson County passes through Walnut Hill — which was a prosperous city in the day of the corn famine. Some historians say the B. & O. (Salem and Carlyle) might be a rough northern boundary of Egypt, but most feel Route 40 is too far north. This all goes to say Egypt is only that part of Southern Illinois which raised corn in 1831, and you can bet there were mighty few farmers around here then to even try. Years ago, Centralia advertised as the "Gateway to Egypt;" an expert might do well to leave it at that.

Third: Frontier life must have been dull indeed; when those Johnny-come-lately settlers up north had to come down to southern Illinois, they felt it necessary to pass off such behaviour with a joke. Traveling by oxcart was so slow, anything must have seemed funny. The Biblical passage they referred to was Jacob's statement in Genesis 42:2 "And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live and not die. And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt."

The account of the famine below is from an old scrapbook presented to the Sentinel, and it is identified as appearing in the Marion County (Salem) Democrat, Feb. 14, 1889.

Why was Southern Illinois ever called Egypt, and when was the name it still carries given to this section of the state?

It seems that in the remarkable winter of 1830, familiarly known as the winter of the "deep snow," snow fell throughout the northern border counties of the state to a depth of three feet. The winter was known as the severest and hardest ever recorded in Illinois, causing an unusually heavy drift upon the corn raised by the farmers, most of whom were newcomers of only two or three years.

This severe winter was followed by a reasonably late and backward spring, severe frosts being frequent until the middle of May. Therefore there was little or no corn planted north of Jefferson county in 1831 until June. This late spring was followed by a heavy and killing frost on the night of September 10, 1831, which did considerable damage to crops throughout the state, completely ruining all corn north of the thirty-eighth parallel.

Hence 1832 was known as the year of the great "corn famine" in the early history of Illinois. The state north of parallel thirty-eight had no corn. Corn was shipped in by the Mississippi and Illinois rivers for four dollars, where it had sold for ten cents a bushel.

The counties in the extreme southern part of the state, beginning with Jefferson and the counties east and west thereof, because of the sandy character of the soil and their southern latitude, were comparatively free of the damage done by the late spring and early frost and their crop was unusually large.

Therefore, while corn in the northern frontier counties was selling at three dollars and four dollars a bushel and only then in limited quantities, it was bought in the lower counties for twenty-five cents. The result was that from April 15th to the last of June there were not less than a thousand wagon loads of corn taken to the northern counties.

Wagons would go to a region and buy corn until it became scarce and higher in price, and then the next caravan would go further south and get the cheaper corn.

And so these good people, after traveling the long distance and finding corn so plentiful and to be bought with their money and being familiar with the Bible story of Jacob's ten sons going down to Egypt for corn, originated the facetious answer to the question, "Where are you going?" "We are going to Egypt for corn," or "We have heard there is corn in Egypt and we have come to buy it for ourselves and our little ones." This is the true origin for Southern Illinois being called Egypt.

# Southern Illinois Salukis



# Centenal Building Centralia, IL



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# IEPA: Saline River Basin Survey



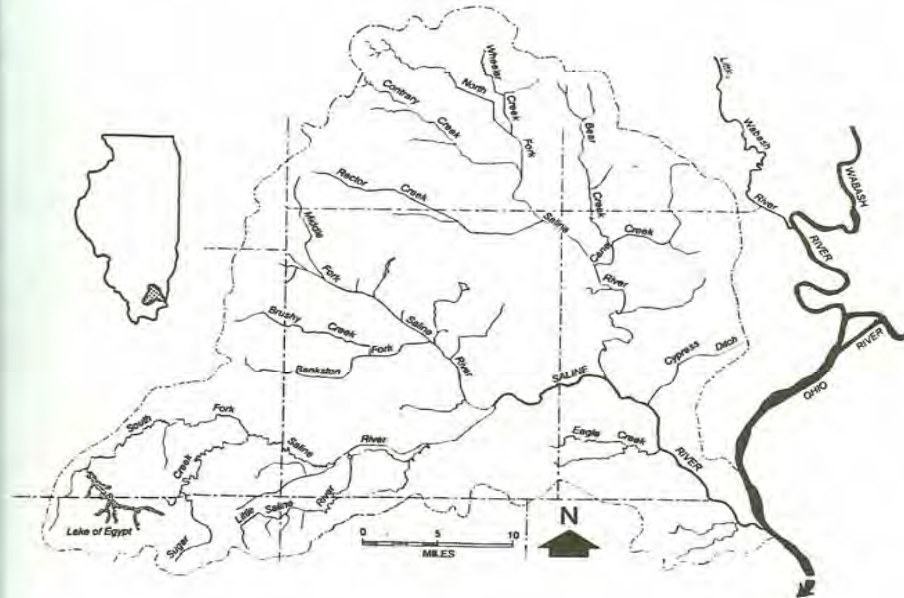
Illinois  
Environmental  
Protection Agency

Bureau of Water  
2200 Churchill Road  
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

*RONK.*  
April 1996

IEPA/BOW/96-056

## An Intensive Survey of the Saline River Basin Summer 1993



# Saline River Summary

**Water Shed Size: 1177 miles empty to the Ohio River  
south of Old Shawneetown**

**Drains portions of 9 So Il Counties**

**Poorest WQ in lower sections of:  
Sugar Creek  
South Fork Saline**

**Aquatic life is “severely limited for 22 stream miles”**

**Cause? “Acid Mine Drainage from pre-law coal mines”**

# Saline River Basin

- South Fork---- 281 sq miles
  - Middle Fork----242 Sq Miles
  - North Fork---- 451 Sq Miles
  - Main Stem---- 202 Sq Miles
- 
- Land use:
  - 48% Cropland
  - 27% Woodland
  - 18% Grassland
  - 2% Urban
  - 4% Mining



# Coal Mining in the Saline Basin

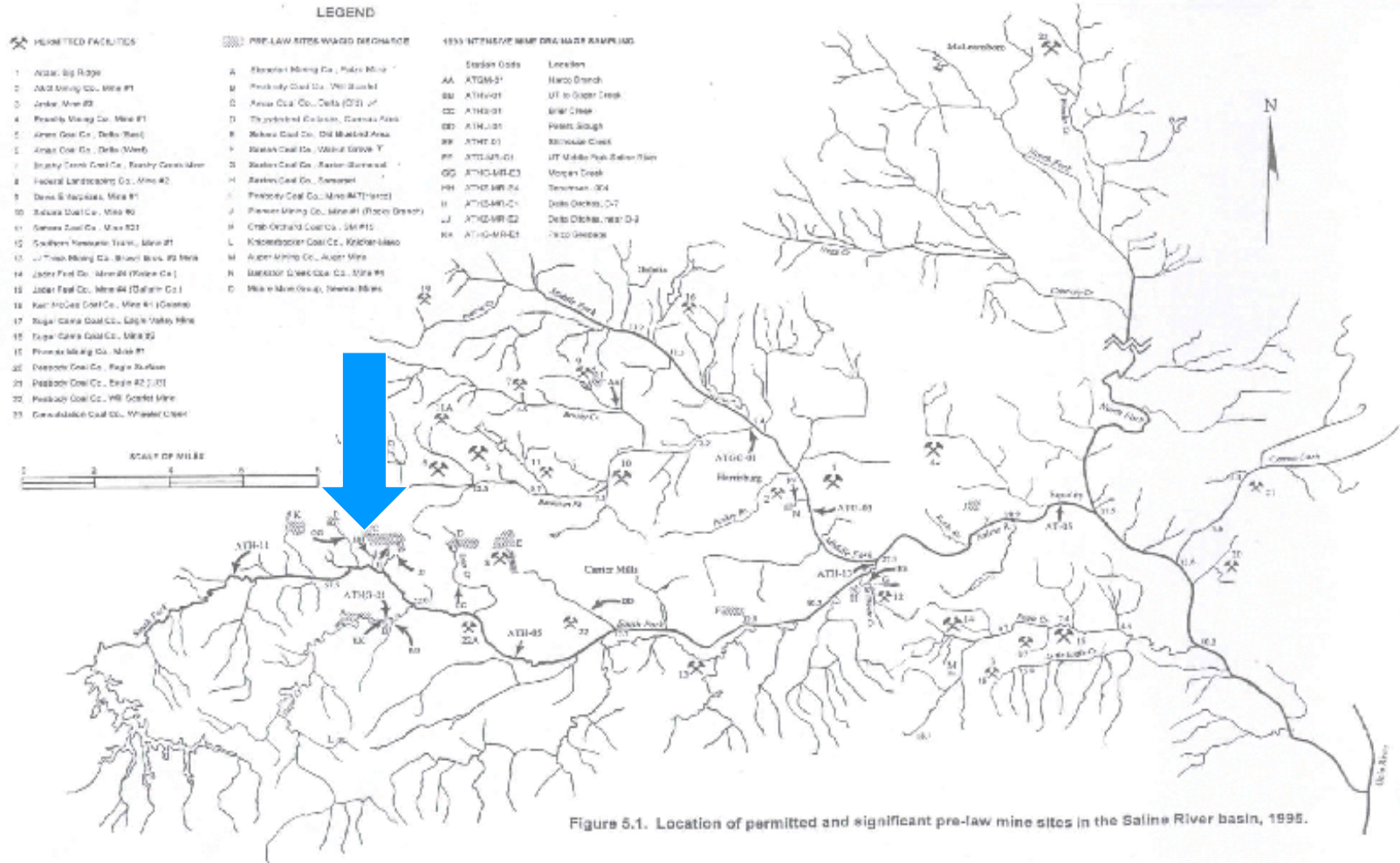
- 490 Pre-law coal mine sites
  - 23 Permitted mine sites
    - 109 authorized discharges (NPDES)
    - 9 of 109 pH samples below 6.5
    - All these in the South Fork
- No fish in 22 mile reach of lower Sugar Creek and the South Fork

# Worst Mine sites

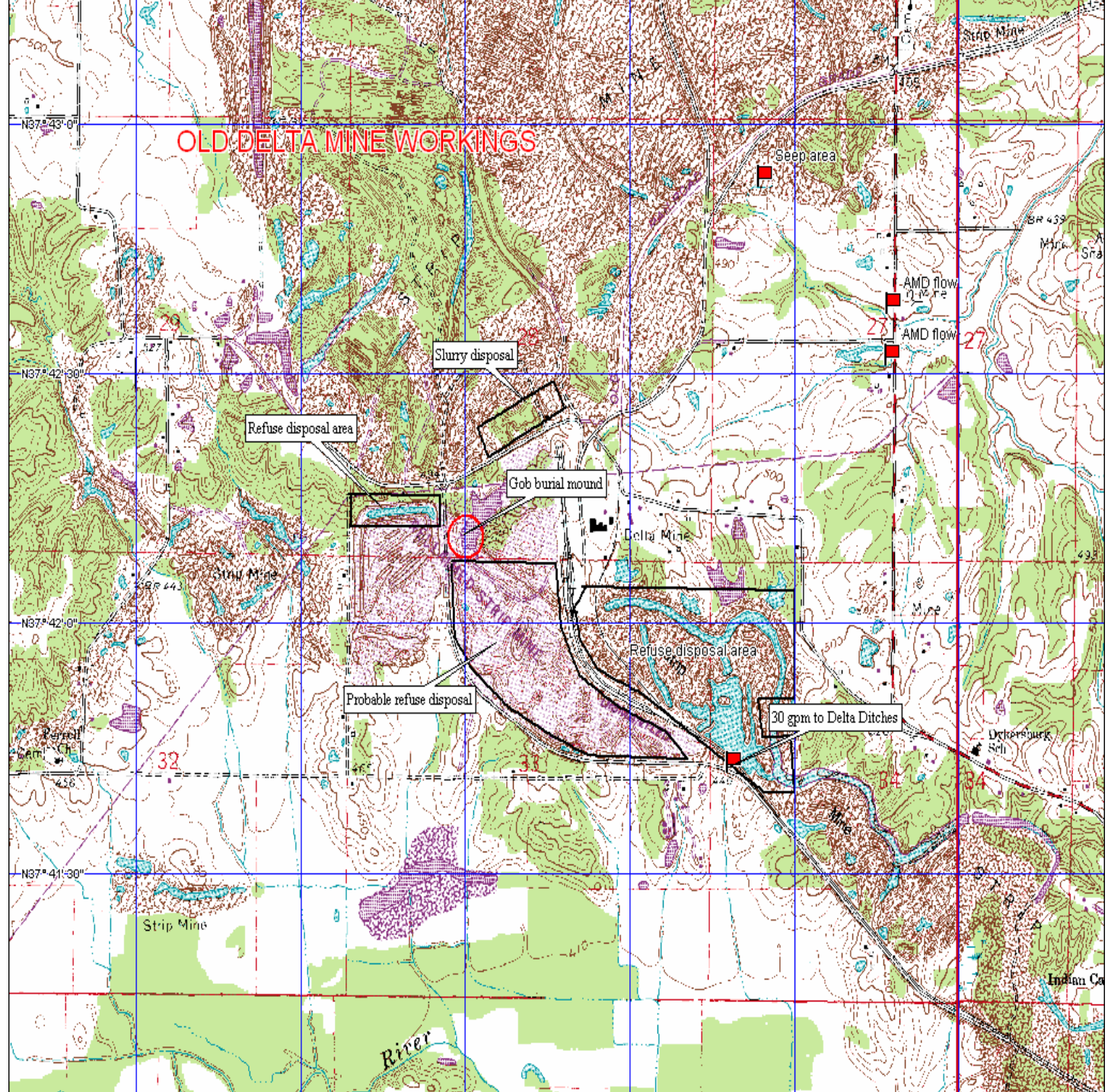
- ◆ Stonefort Mining Co (Will Scarlet)
- ◆ Palzo Mine
- ◆ Amax Coal Co (permitted)
- ◆ Old Delta Mine
- ◆ Thunderbird Collieries
- ◆ Carnac/Sahara Mining Area
- ◆ Bluebird Mining Area

# Saline River Basin 1995

## Delta Collieries- South Fork of the Saline River



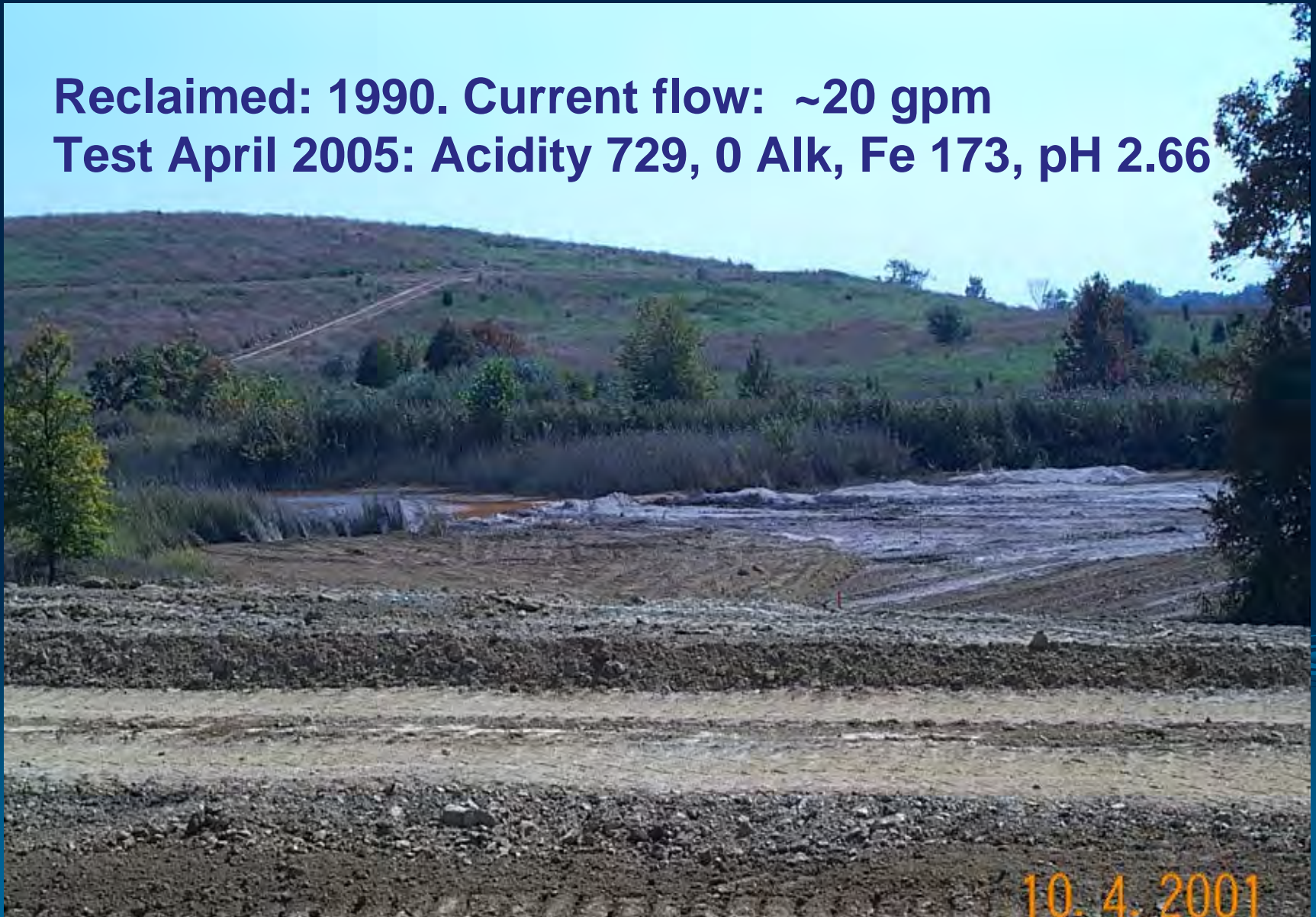
# OLD DELTA MINE WORKINGS



# Delta Collieries, Burial Mound

**Reclaimed: 1990. Current flow: ~20 gpm**

**Test April 2005: Acidity 729, 0 Alk, Fe 173, pH 2.66**



10. 4. 2001

# Delta AMD from burial mound

**Yearly Annual Flow~30 gpm to Delta ditches to the South Fork**



# Delta, AMD to West Drain



3. 7. 2000

# Delta Mine: Gob RR Beds

**Source of AMD, sediment and dust**



3. 23. 2001



# Delta North Buried Slurry

Erosion gullies on buried refuse 30' deep



3.23.2001

# Delta AMD from burial mound

**Test: April 2005: AMD flow: Average ~30 gpm  
Acidity 735 Alk 0; Fe183; pH 2.69**



# Palzo Mine Aerial 1995



# Palzo, Overburden Analysis

## Premining Information

Generally, the overburden for the Palzo mine area is:

	<u>Feet Thick</u>
Unconsolidated Material (soil, till, loess)	6.0
Consolidated Material (sandstone, shale, minor coal)	20.0
DeKoven Coal Seam (No. 2 coal)	2.0
Parting seam (sandstone, black shale carbolith)	2.0
DeKoven, second seam	2.0
Black Shale	2.0
Davis Coal Seam (No. 2 coal)	3.0
Sub Coal Layer (sandy shale)	<u>0.0</u>
TOTAL	37.0

An analysis of the coal seams, their names and numbers is provided:

	<u>Palzo Mine, typical</u>	<u>Davis Coal</u>	<u>DeKoven Coal</u>
Pyritic Sulfur %	2.81		3.74
Sulfate Sulfur %	.45		.54
Organic Sulfur %	<u>1.57</u>		<u>1.85</u>
Total Sulfur %	4.83		6.13

<b>DeKoven-Davis Overburden: Stonefort Mining</b>				
<b>Depth (Feet)</b>	<b>Rock Type</b>	<b>% Sulphur</b>	<b>pH (1:1)</b>	<b>Neutralization Potential (Tons CaCO<sub>3</sub>/1,000 Tons)</b>
0-5.5	Silt Loam	0.020	6.0	1.85
5.5-25.5	Mudstone and Sandstone	0.500	6.2	-5.00
25.5-27.5	Coal-DeKoven			
27.5-29.5	Carbolith (Black Shale)	12.050	2.4	-373.04
29.5-31.5	Coal-DeKoven	-	-	--
31.5-34.0	Black Shale	-	-	--
34.0-38.0	Coal-Davis	-	-	--

**Table 1:** Davis/DeKoven Overburden aids in understanding the composition of the overburden and its potential for acidification.

12% Sulfur in Parting Shale. Req 31T lime/ 1% sulfur

# Palzo Mine 1960



# Palzo, unreclaimed, 1970



# Palzo, 1972 Toxic Spoil



Pyrite (iron sulfide) associated with coal shale oxidizes to sulfuric acid, preventing plant growth. Resulting soil water and runoff pH is 2.5; acidity is 10,000 mg/l as  $\text{CaCO}_3$ .

# Palzo, Job Corp Regrading 1972

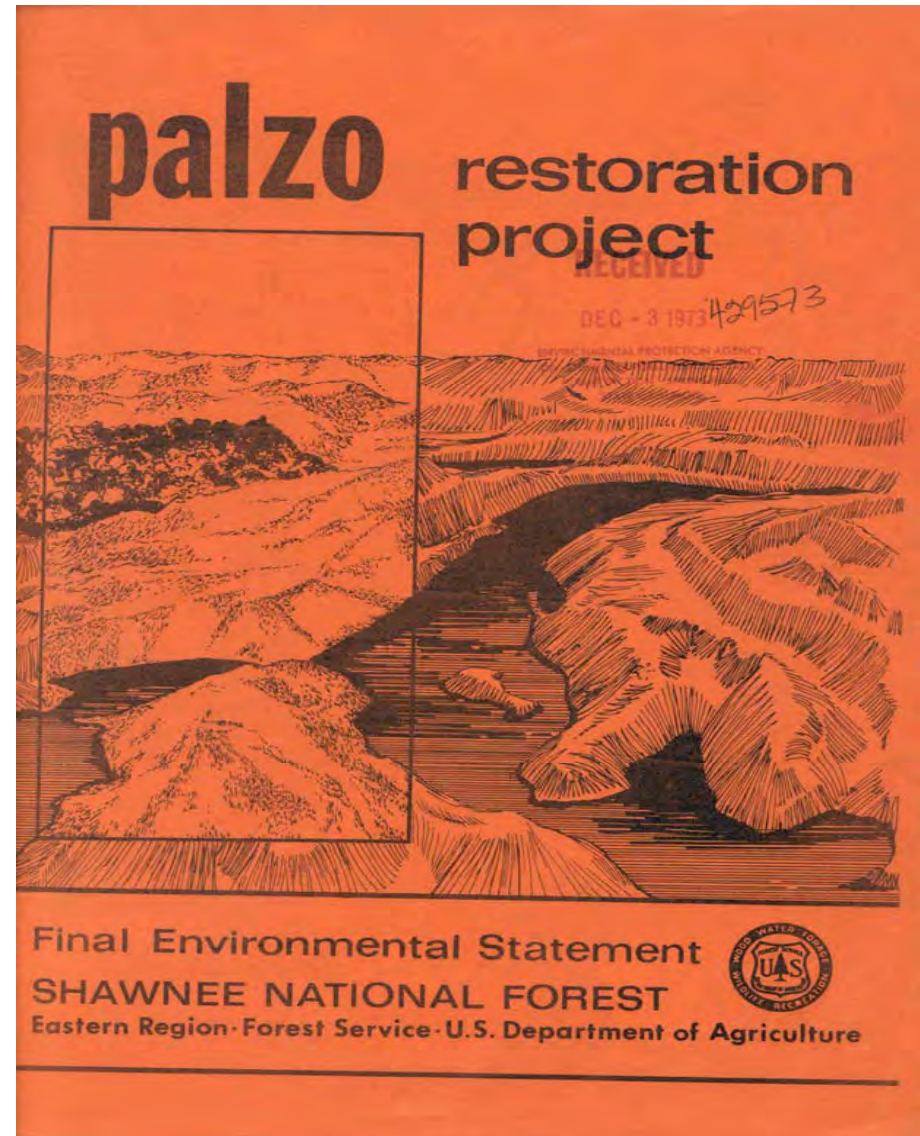




# Palzo, 1972 EIS

57 Million gallons  
Of Calumet IL  
Sewage sludge ?

“Crude preliminary  
research work”  
Prairie Farmer,  
July, 1972



# Palzo, Sludge Application



# Palzo, Sludge Application

## Palzo metals application (lbs/Ac)

IEPA limit	Hg	7
Palzo rate:		2,850



Sludge is rich in nutrients and organic matter, as well as effectively neutralizing acid spoil. Four-wheel drive tractor incorporates up to 1,000 gal./minute directly into spoil delivered to the disc by a 500 foot hose.

# Palzo, 1984 Aerial

**Vegetation Burn out**



# Palzo, Sugar Creek 1996

**Average flow 20 CFS**



# Palzo, IEPA "319" Application

Recip Share \$316,000  
Assist. Amt \$475,000  
Total \$792,000

## PALZO SURFACE MINE PROJECT

IEPA, NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM

SECTION 319

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



Prepared for:



Illinois  
Environmental  
Protection Agency

Bureau of Water  
P.O. Box 19276  
Springfield, Illinois 62974-9276

January 29, 1999

Prepared by:



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**DIVISION OF ABANDONED MINED LANDS RECLAMATION**

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# Palzo, Gob Haul Roads



# Palzo, W. Drain Clogged Gabion Basket





# Palzo, W. Drain Clogged Gabion Basket



# Palzo, W. Drain Clogged Gabion Basket



# Palzo, West Drain, Before



# Palzo, West Drain, Before



**Seep pH 1986 = 1.8**

**22/03/2004**

# Palzo, W. Drain at Sugar Creek



# Palzo Kill Zone

Cockroaches and rats??  
Keith Brady, OSM



5. 12. 1999

# Palzo, West Drain After



# Palzo West DH, before





# Palzo, West Drain, CKD



# Palzo, West DH After



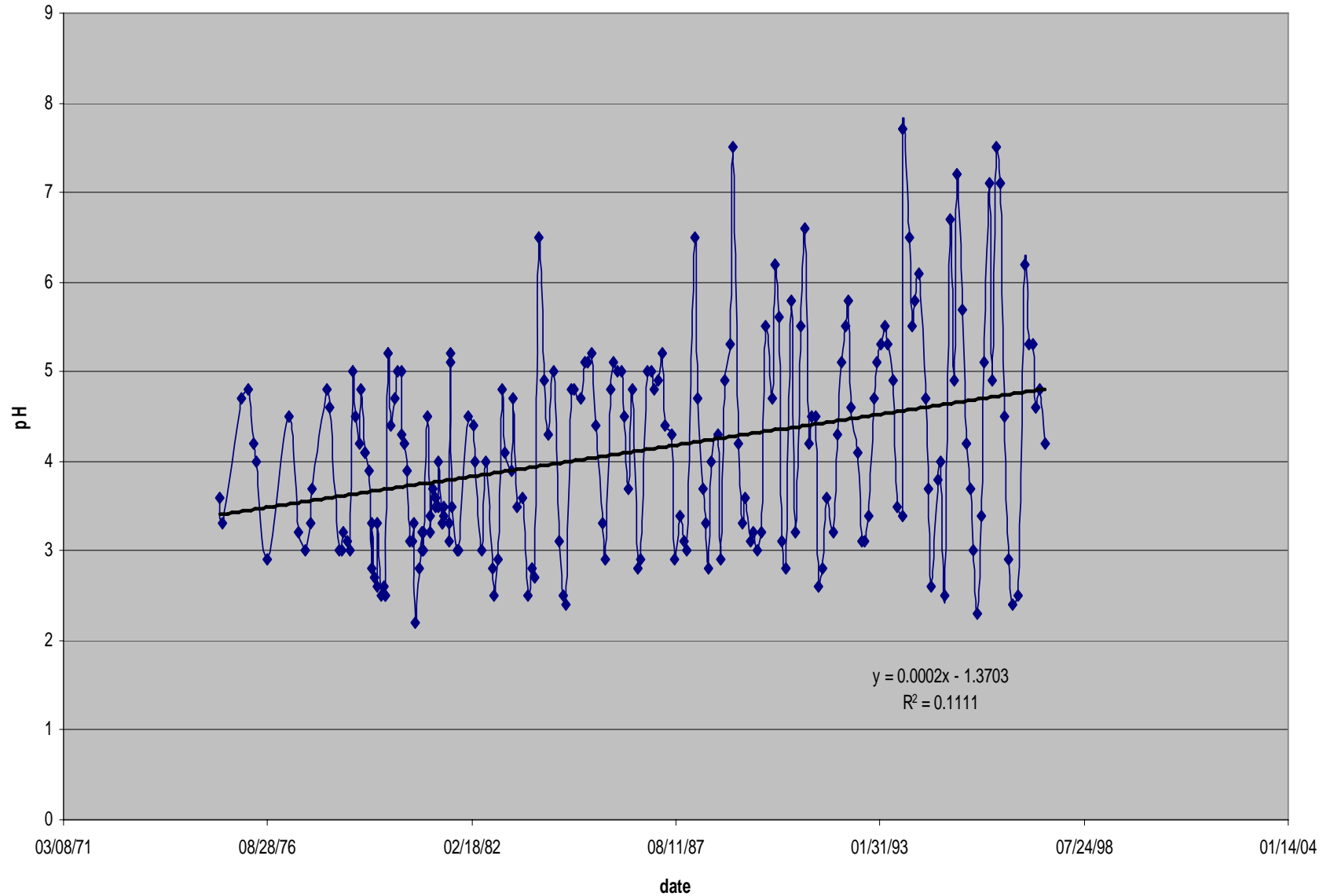
# Palzo, Finished West Channel



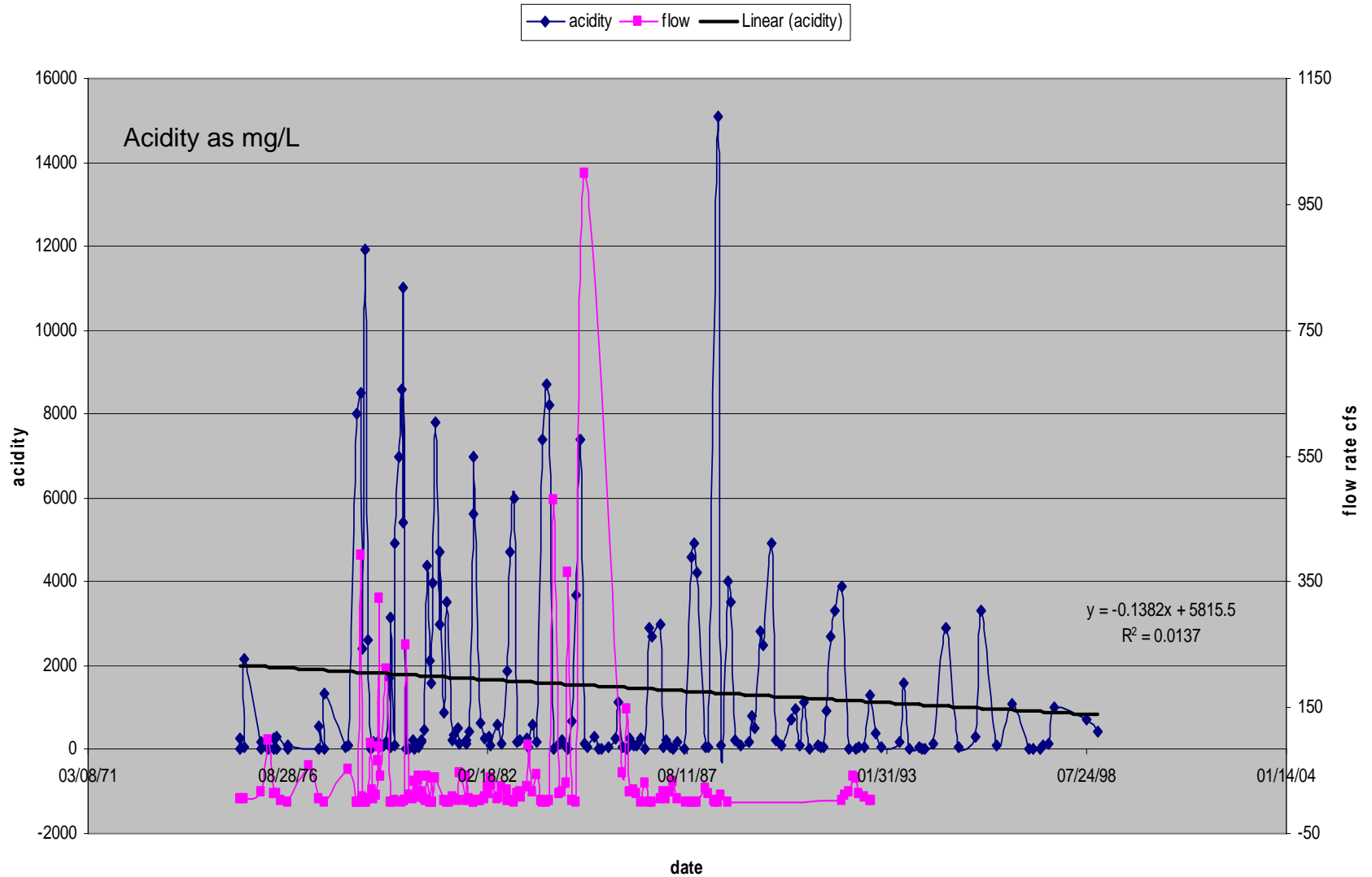
# Palzo, Cementitious Earth, 2007, NorthDrain



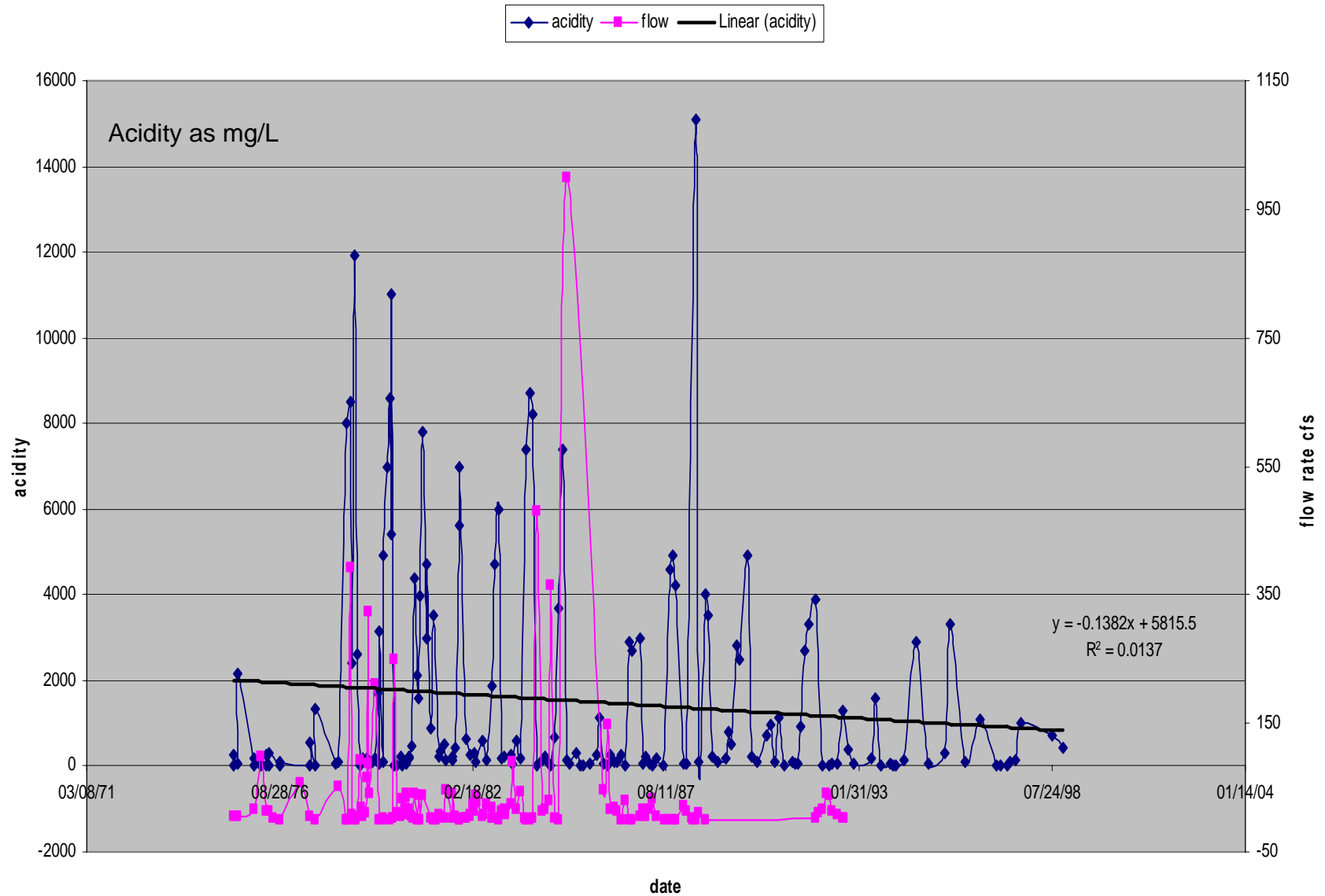
# Palzo, pH: 1975 - 2004 ATHG-01



# Palzo, Acidity/Flow ATHG-01

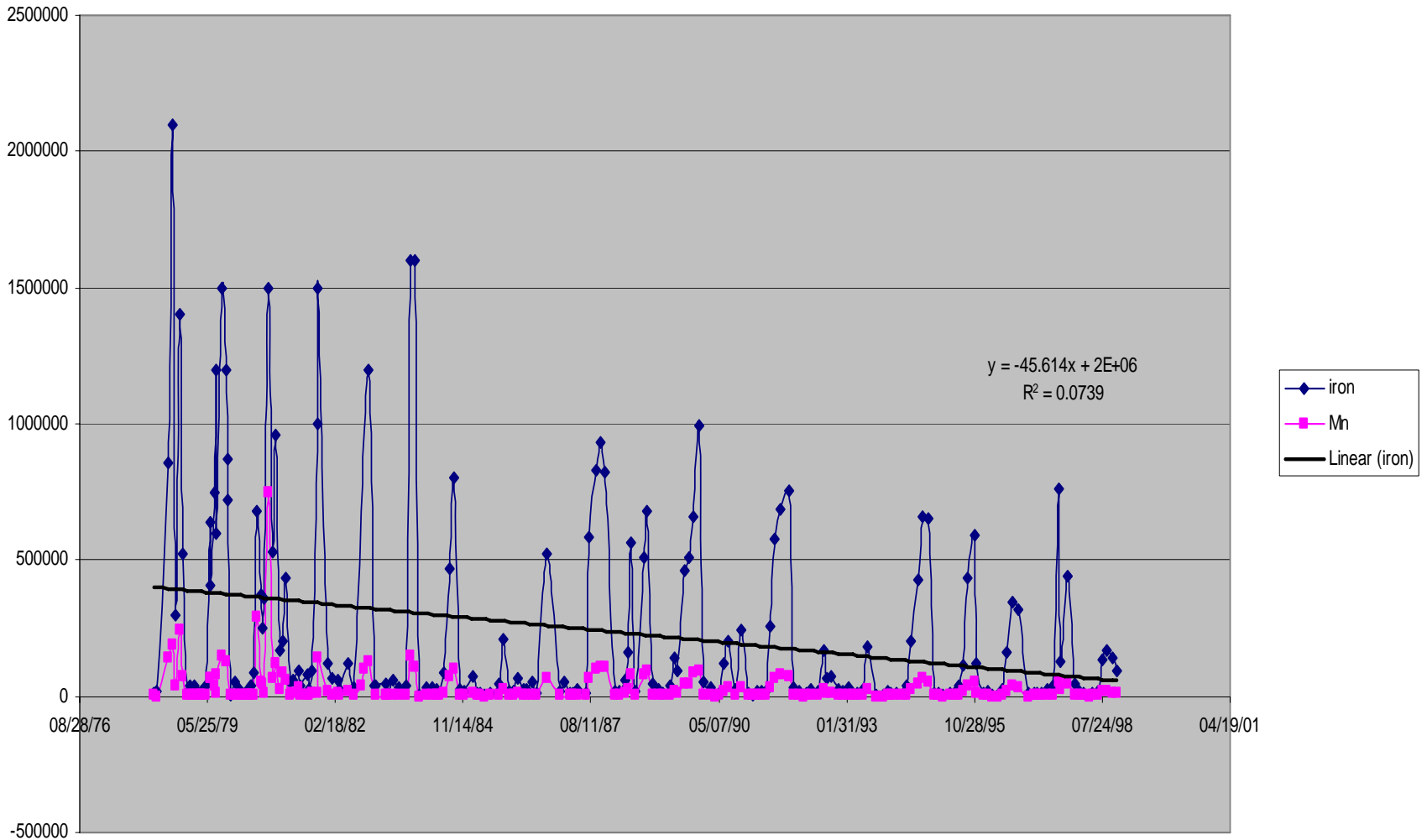


# Palzo, Acidity/Flow: 1975-1998



# Palzo, Fe and Mn 1978-1998

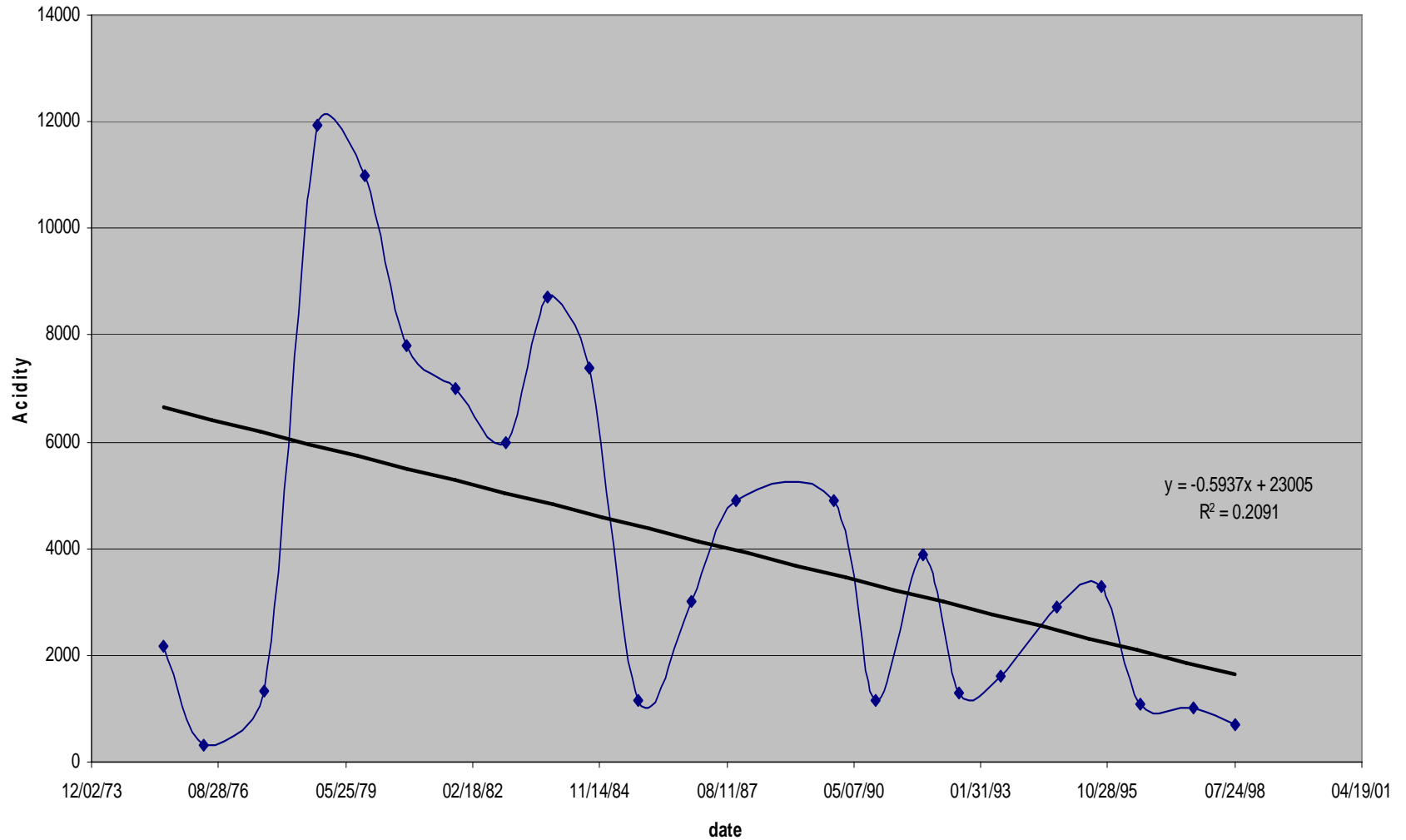
Palzo Metals





# Palzo Acidity, 1976-1998

Palzo Mine acidity yearly maximums



# Palzo, EcoWatch



# Palzo, EcoWatch Bloodworms



# Index of Biotic Integrity (IBI)

- 48 pts (good) Points on the Upper Sugar Creek
- 12 pts (very poor) on the Lower Sugar Creek and the south Fork
- Most sites in the Saline Basin in the 40's

# Macroinvertebrate Identification

## MACROINVERTEBRATE IDENTIFICATION

CODE	ORGANISM	N	T <sub>i</sub>	T <sub>v</sub>
FLW	Flatworm		6.0	
AQW	Aquatic Worm	3	10.0	30
LEE	Leech		8.0	
SBG	Sowbug		6.0	
SCD	Scud		4.0	
DGF	Dragonfly		4.5	
DM1	Broadwinged Damselfly		3.5	
DM2	Narrowwinged Damselfly		5.5	
HLL	Hellgrammite		3.5	
MF1	Torpedo Mayfly		3.0	
MF2	Swimming Mayfly		4.0	
MF3	Clinging Mayfly	1	3.5	3.5
MF4	Crawling Mayfly		5.5	
MF5	Burrowing Mayfly		5.0	
MF6	Other Mayfly		3.0	
STF	Stonefly	1	1.5	1.5
CF1	Hydropsychid Caddisfly		5.5	
CF2	Non-Hydropsychid Caddisfly		3.5	
RFB	Riffle Beetle ??	5	5.0	25
WHB	Whirligig Beetle		4.0	
WPB	Water Penny Beetle		4.0	
CRF	Crane Fly		4.0	
BIM	Biting Midge		5.0	
BLW	Bloodworm	18	11.0	198
MID	Midge		6.0	
BLF	Black Fly		6.0	
SNF	Snipe Fly		4.0	
OTF	Other Fly		10.0	
LHS	Left-Handed Snail		9.0	
RHS	Right-Handed Snail		7.0	
PLS	Planorbid Snail		6.5	
LIM	Limpet		7.0	
OPS	Operculate Snail		6.0	
	TOTALS	27		258
	ΣTAXA = 5	ΣN		ΣT <sub>v</sub>

$$MBI = \Sigma T_v \div \Sigma N =$$

9.56

$$258/27 =$$

<6.0 = GOOD Water Quality  
 6.1 - 7.5 = FAIR Water Quality  
 7.6 - 8.9 = POOR Water Quality  
 > or = 9.0 = VERY POOR Water Quality

$$SAMPLE DENSITY = \Sigma N =$$

27

$$TAXA RICHNESS = \Sigma TAXA =$$

5

### PERCENT COMPOSITION OF INDICATOR ORGANISMS

ORGANISM	N	=	ΣN	x 100	%C
MAYFLIES (PMF)	1	=	27	x 100	3.70
STONEFLIES (PSF)	1	=	27	x 100	3.70
CADDISFLIES (PCF)	-	=		x 100	
BLOODWORMS (PBW)	18	=	27	x 100	66.7
AQUATIC WORMS (PAW)	3	=	27	x 100	11.1

$$SUBTOTAL \% = \frac{85.2}{85.2}$$

$$\% \text{ ALL OTHERS (100 \% - SUBTOTAL \%)} = \frac{14.8}{14.8}$$

NOTES (MNT):

Row sampled the stream alone - No help.

\*\*PLEASE VERIFY YOUR DATA SHEETS\*\*

CITIZEN SCIENTIST INITIALS RK DATE 06/09/07  
 CITIZEN SCIENTIST INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 EW STAFF INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# Palzo, as of September, 2007

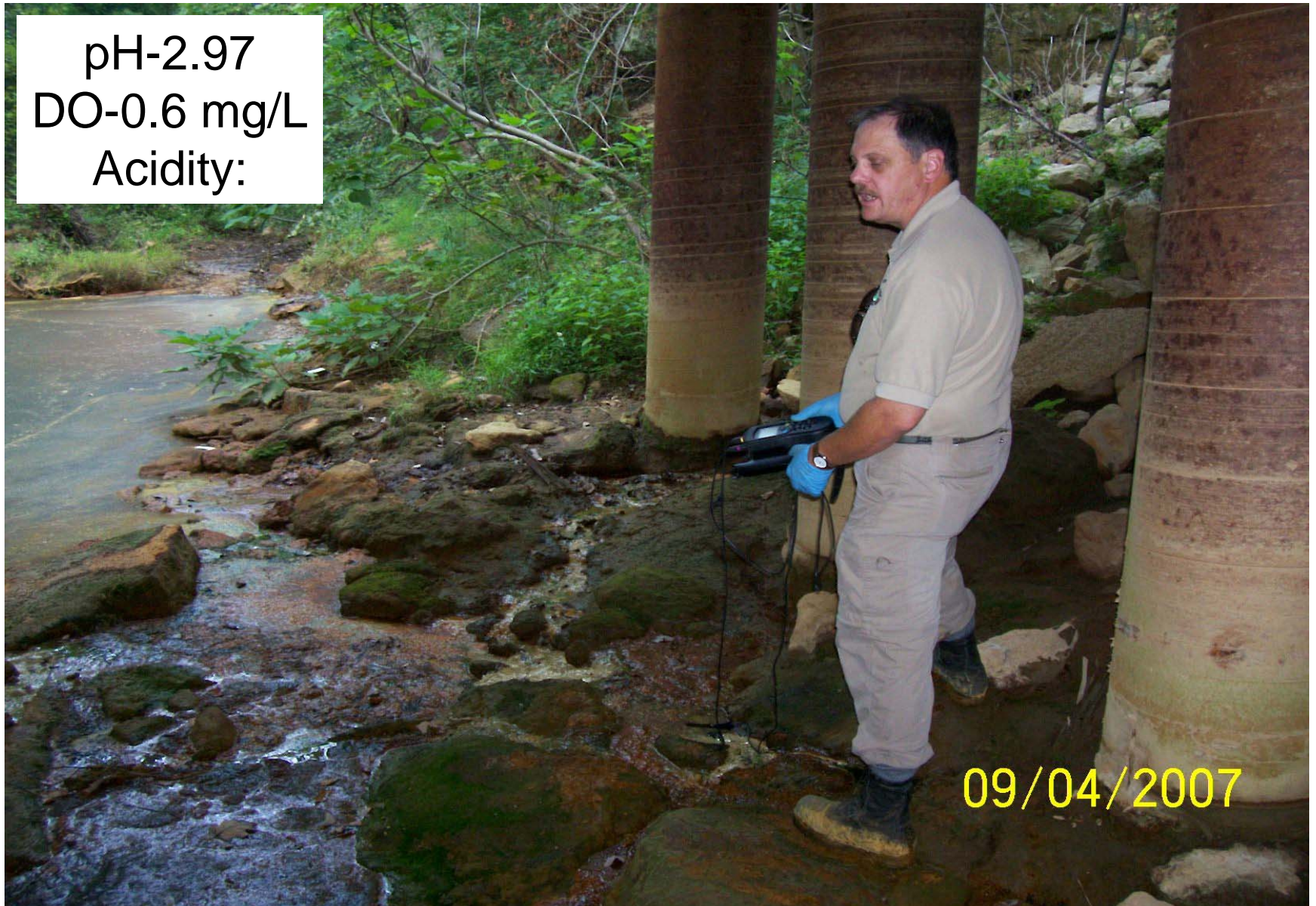


# Palzo, Seeps under the bridge



# Palzo, Sampling seeps under bridge

pH-2.97  
DO-0.6 mg/L  
Acidity:

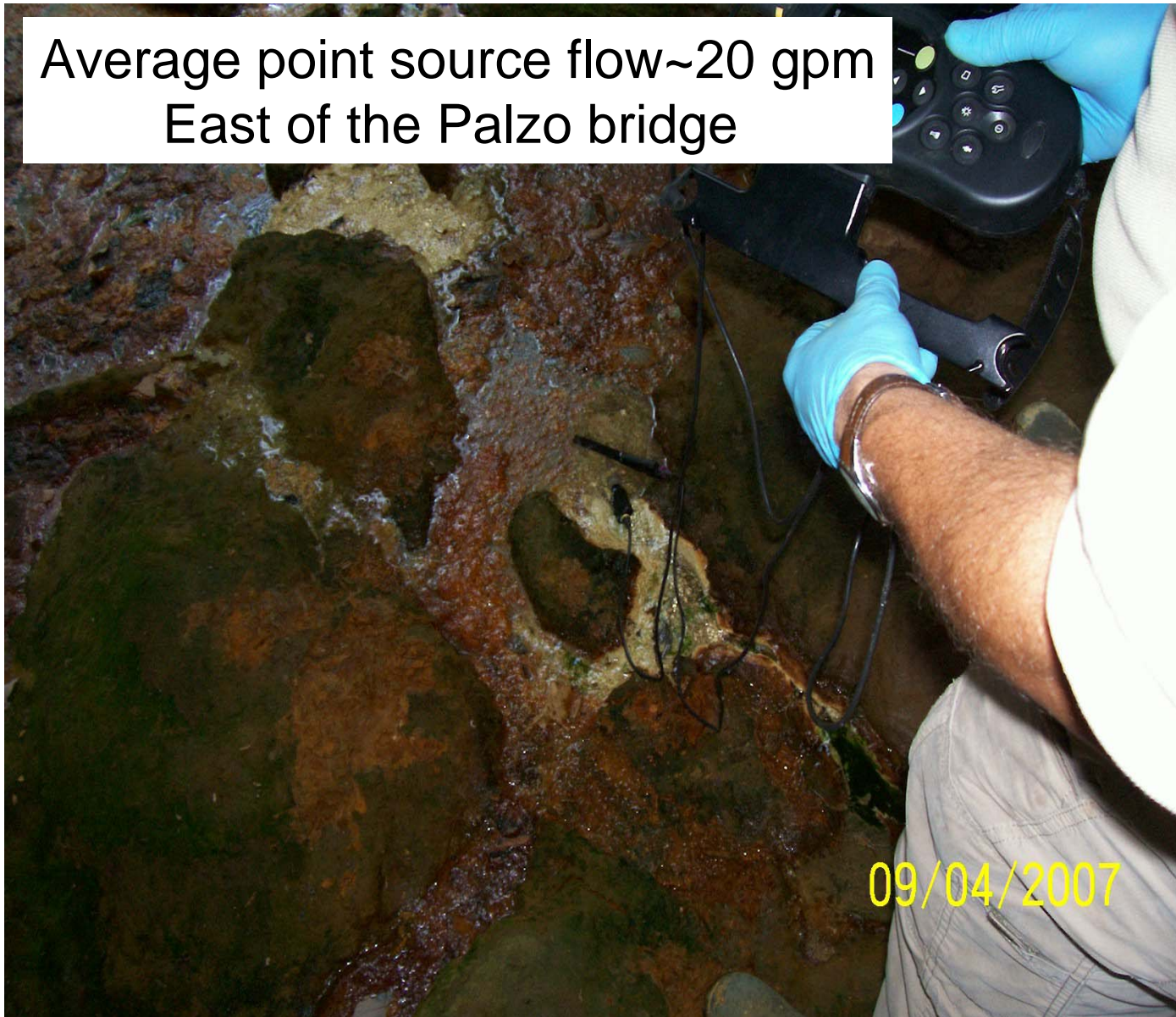


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# Palzo, Seeps under the bridge

Average point source flow ~20 gpm  
East of the Palzo bridge



# Will Scarlet Mine Aerial, 2003



# Sugar Creek/ South Fork Confluence

Test-June 6, 2007  
Acidity-350 mg/L  
Fe-21 mg/L

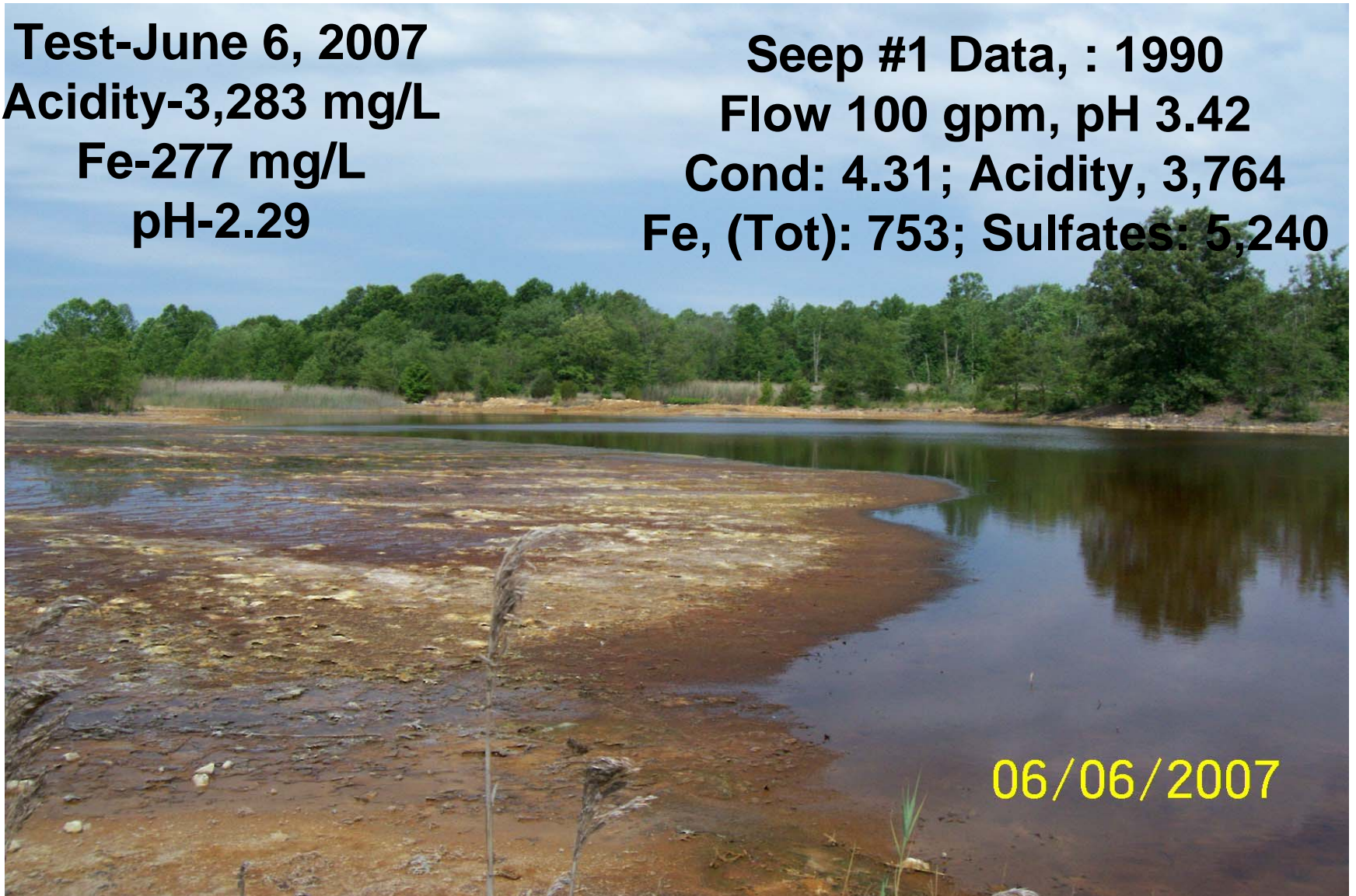


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# Will Scarlet Pit 4

**Test-June 6, 2007**  
**Acidity-3,283 mg/L**  
**Fe-277 mg/L**  
**pH-2.29**

**Seep #1 Data, : 1990**  
**Flow 100 gpm, pH 3.42**  
**Cond: 4.31; Acidity, 3,764**  
**Fe, (Tot): 753; Sulfates: 5,240**

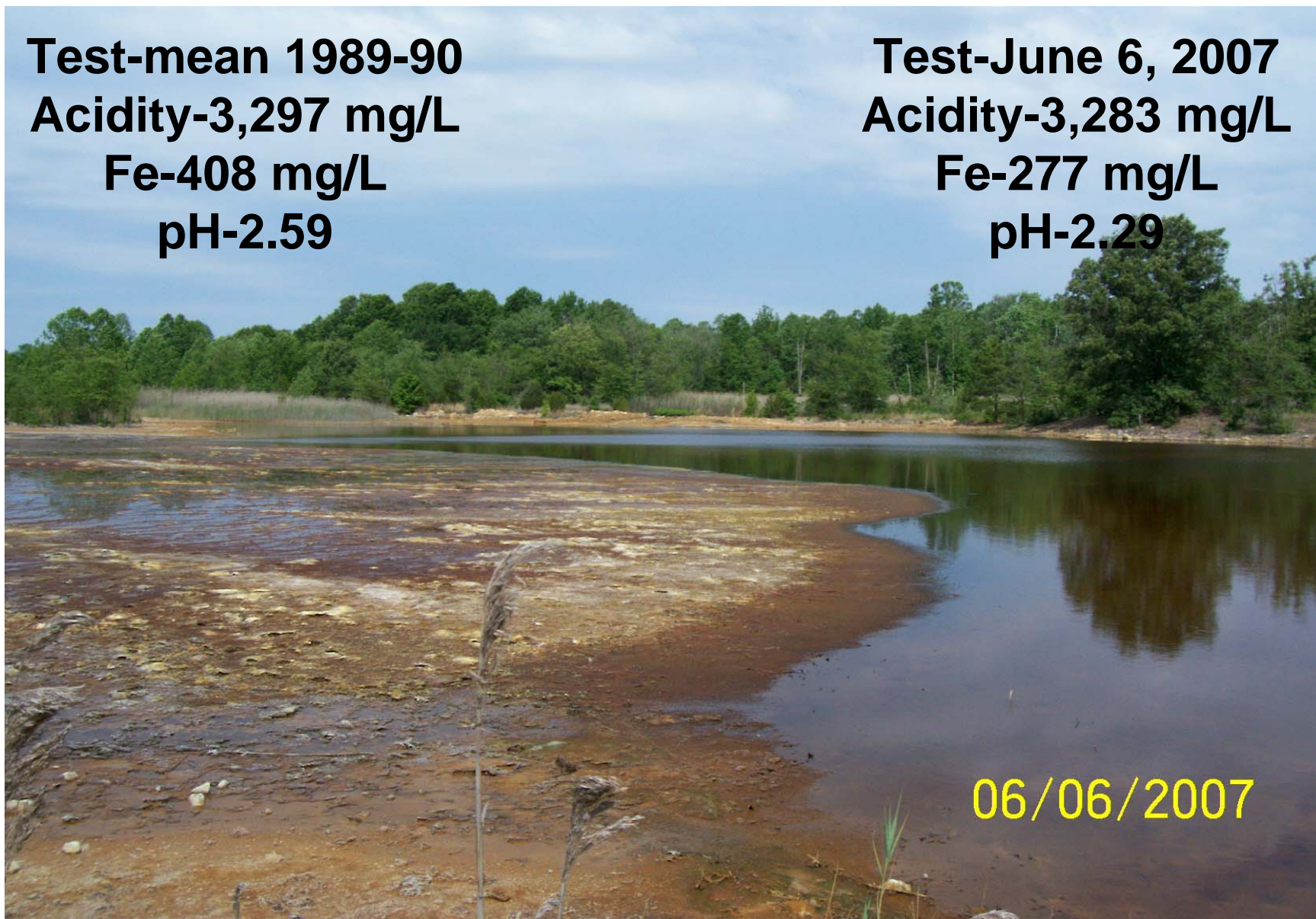


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# Will Scarlet, Pit #4

**Test-mean 1989-90**  
**Acidity-3,297 mg/L**  
**Fe-408 mg/L**  
**pH-2.59**

**Test-June 6, 2007**  
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**Fe-277 mg/L**  
**pH-2.29**



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# Will Scarlet, Pond 4, Seep 1

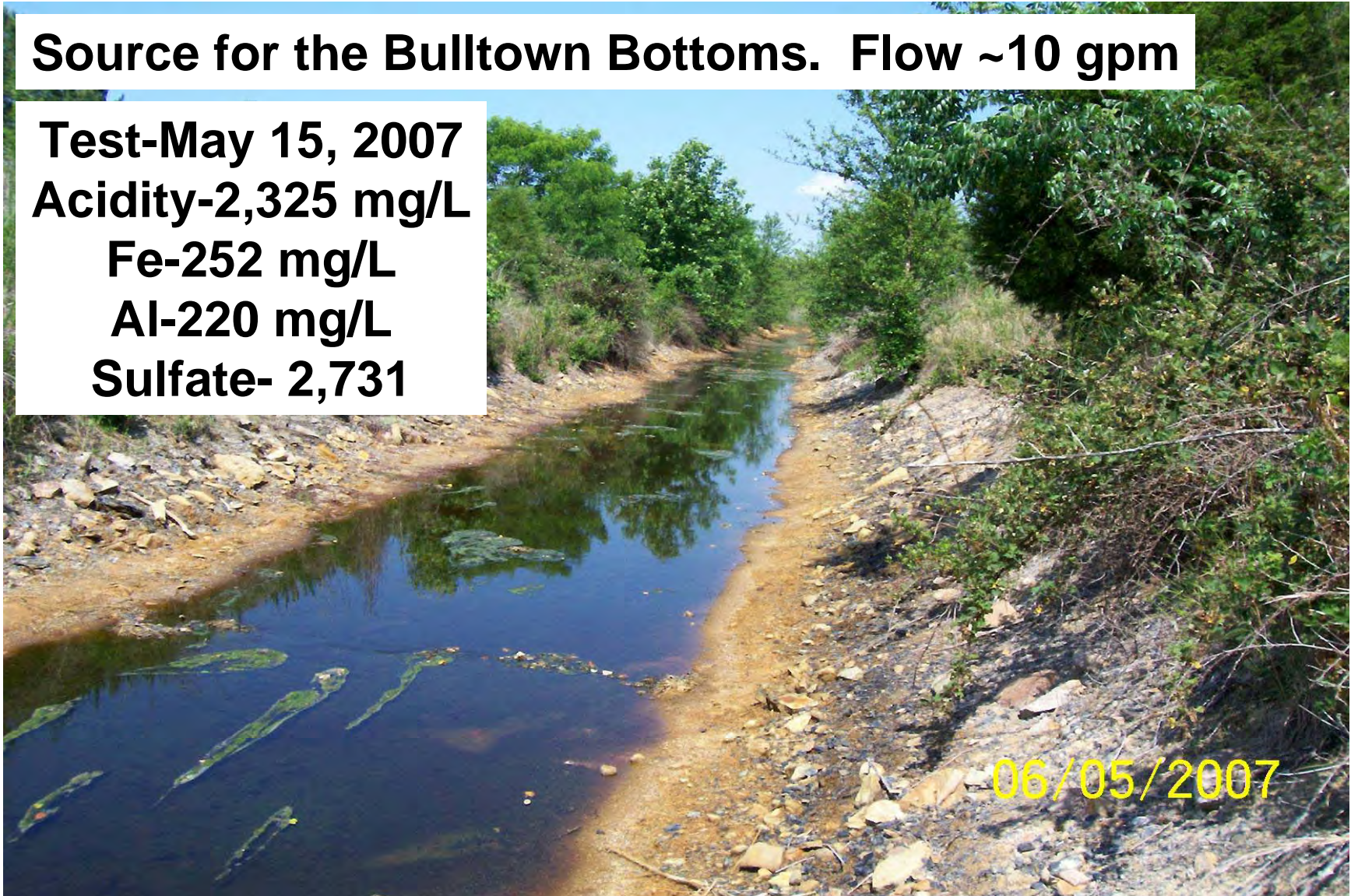
Past Flow,  
1990  
~100gpm



# Will Scarlet Pit 4 Drainage Ditch

Source for the Bulltown Bottoms. Flow ~10 gpm

Test-May 15, 2007  
Acidity-2,325 mg/L  
Fe-252 mg/L  
Al-220 mg/L  
Sulfate- 2,731



# Will Scarlet AMD Pit 5

**Regraded spoil, 2007**  
**AMD~ 10 GPM**





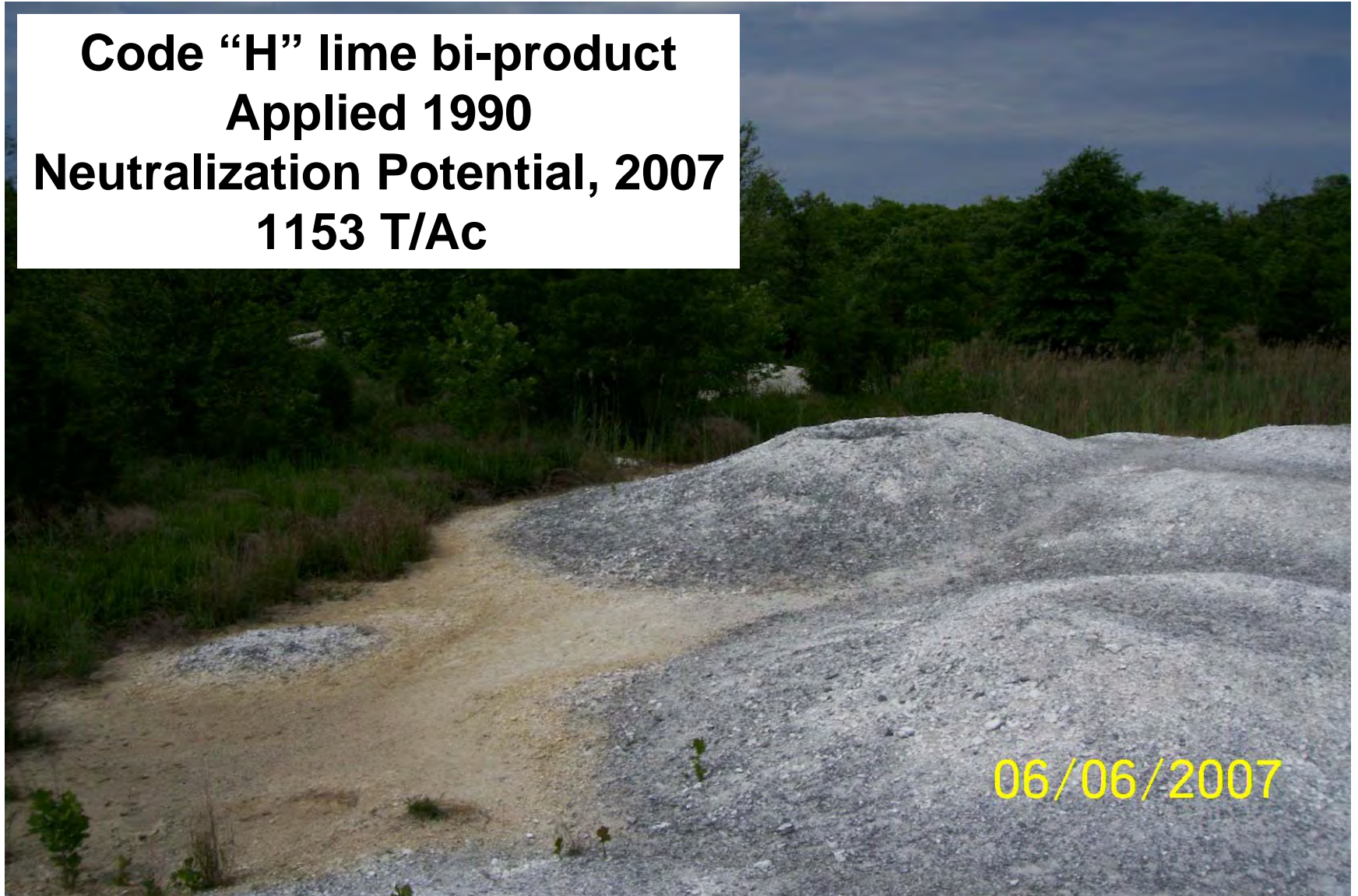
# Will Scarlet Mine: Gob

**Perennial AMD Seepage on “Reclaimed Refuse Piles”**



# Will Scarlet Carp pools

**Code "H" lime bi-product  
Applied 1990  
Neutralization Potential, 2007  
1153 T/Ac**



# Saline River Basin 1995

## Thunderbird Collieries

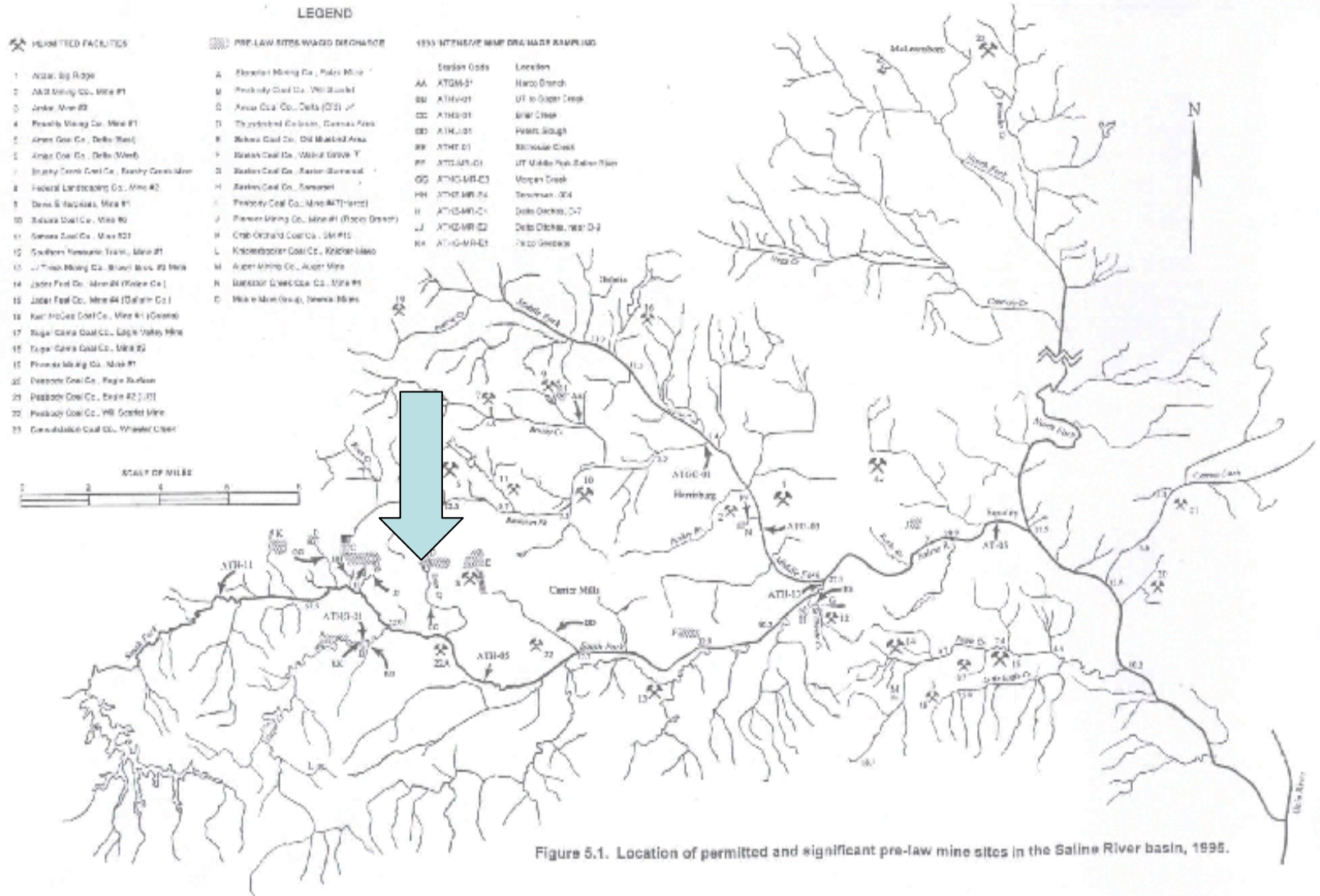


Figure 5.1. Location of permitted and significant pre-law mine sites in the Saline River basin, 1995.

# Thunderbird DH, Acid Pit 2005

**Fish??**  
**pH 3.5**  
**~50 million gallons**



# Pitco Top Facility (Bluebird Mining)

OMM Permitted site



4.21.2000

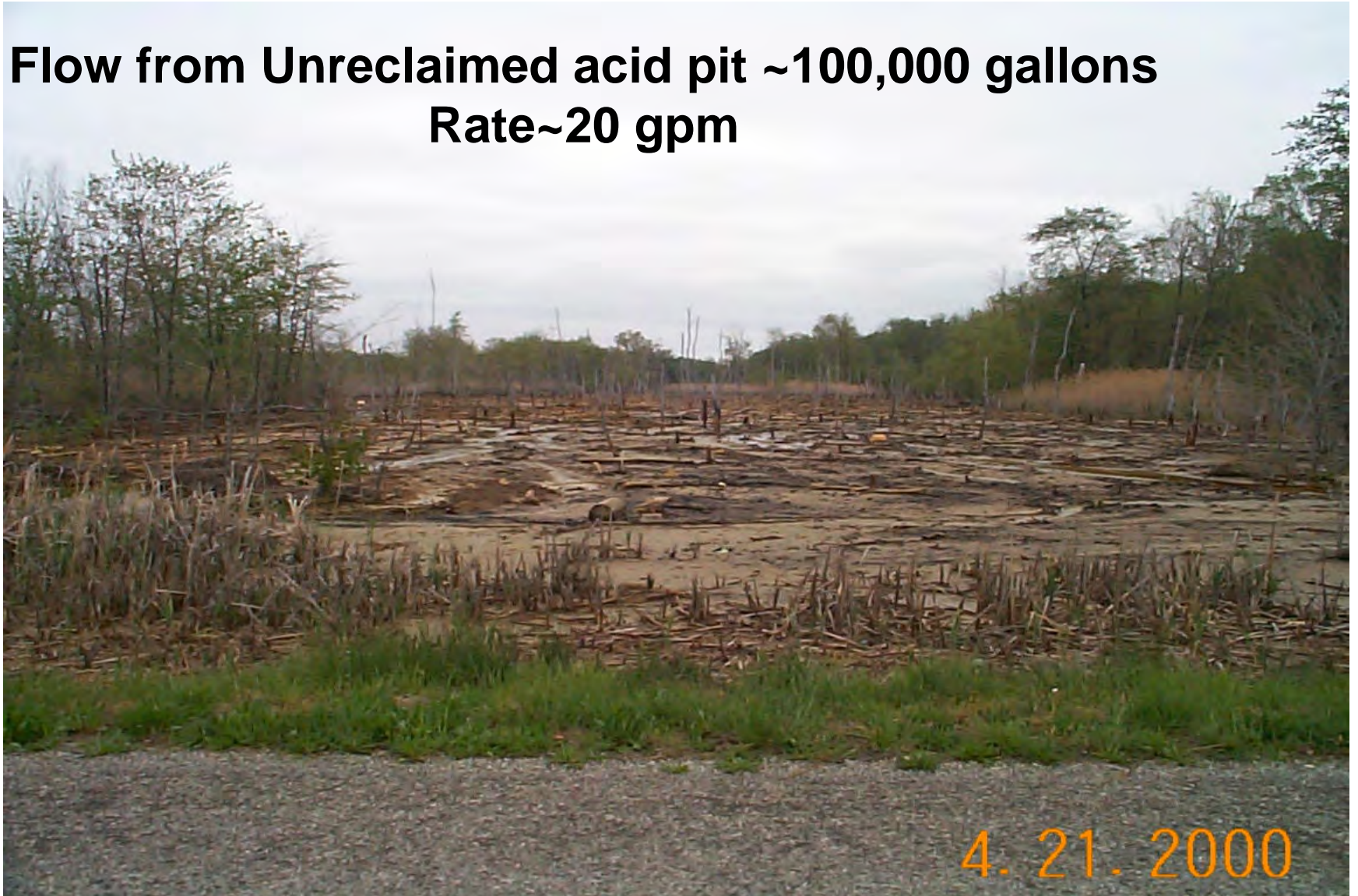
# Pitco (Bluebird), AMD to South Fork River

**Unpermitted Acreage**



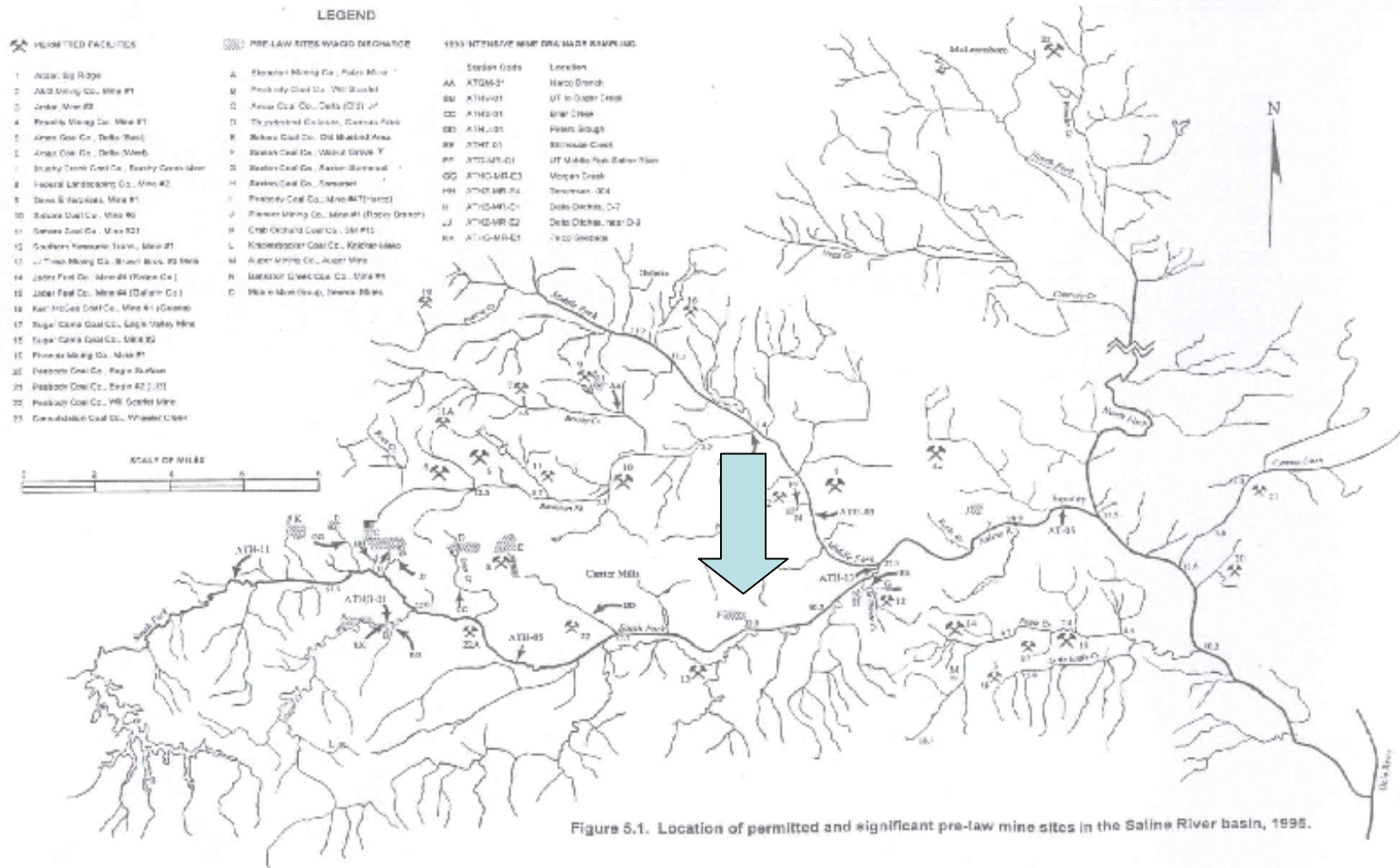
# Pitco(Bluebird) 10 Ac Kill Zone

**Flow from Unreclaimed acid pit ~100,000 gallons  
Rate~20 gpm**



# Saline River Basin 1995

## Saxton CC, Walnut Grove





# Saxton Ph 1 DH, AMD



# Saxton, Ph 1 DH, Pit Backfilling



6. 20. 2000

# Saxton Ph 1 AMD to South Fork



**Davis #2 Coal**

**Flow: ~20 gpm**

**pH 3.4**

**Acidity: 700 mg/L**

**Fe: 150 mg/L**

**6. 20. 2000**

# Saxton, Deep Lime Incorporation

**Application Rate: 150 T/Ac**



# Saxton, Deep Incorp. Rocks



# Saline River Basin 1995

## Rocky Branch Area (Marshall)

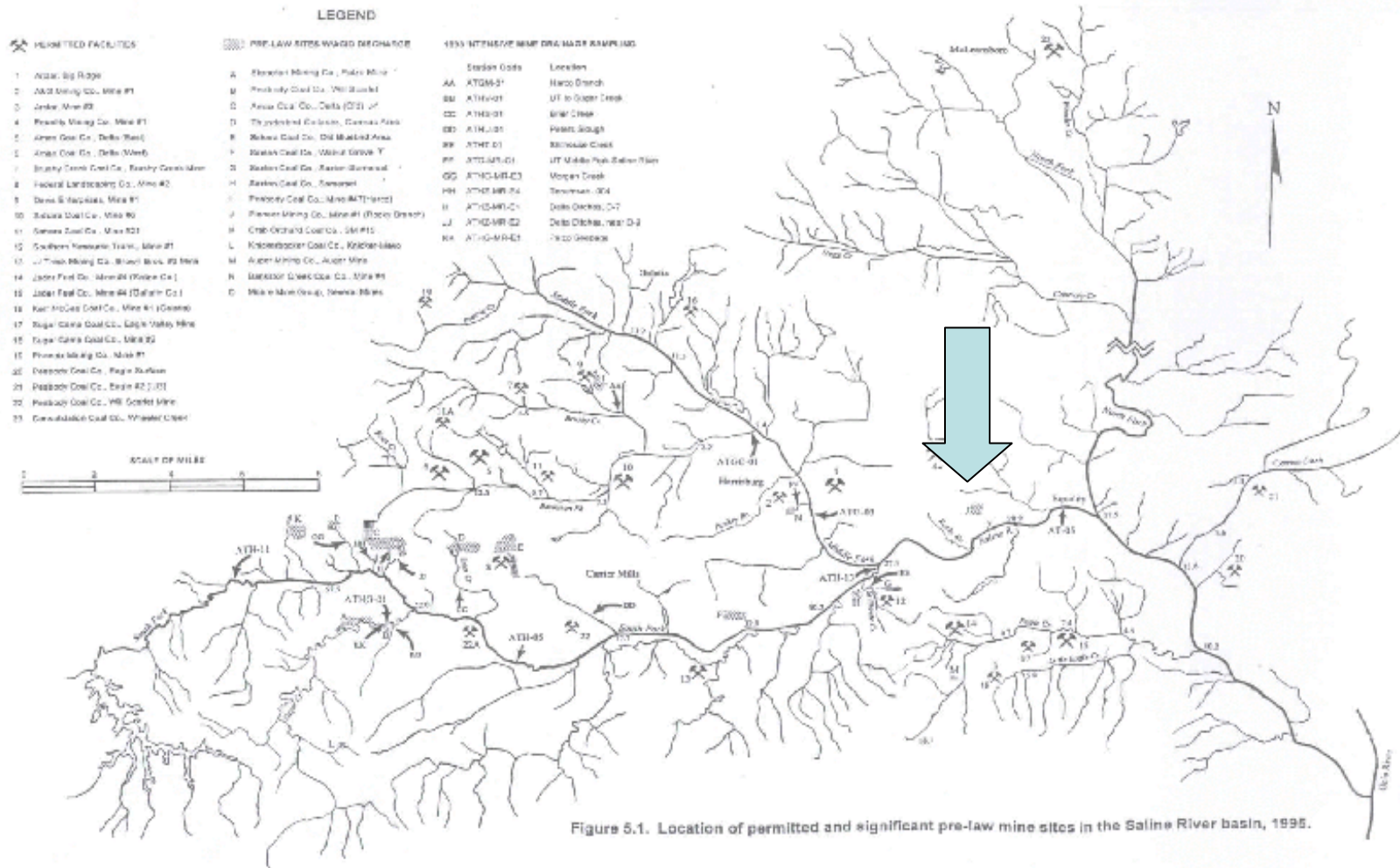


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# Rocky Branch Site 3D Topo (Marshall Equipment)

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3-D Topo Quads Copyright © 1999 DeLorme Varmouth, ME 04096 Detail 13-0 Datum: WGS84

# Marshall AMD





# Marshall Seep




# Marshall WQ April 2006

•	June 2005	Oct 2005	Jan 2006	April 2006
• Site 130				
• pH, s.u.				2.97
• Acidity, mg/l				450.6
• Alkalinity, mg/l				0
• Aluminum, mg/l				11
• TDS, mg/l				4,656
• Fe, Total mg/l				75.42
• Mn, Total mg/l				33.7
• Sulfate mg/l				1,768
• Ni, mg/l				1
• Zn, mg/l				3
• Conductiivty, mS				8.7
• Diss Oxygen, mg/l				n/s
• Flow, gpm				4
• Eh				
• TSS/l			6	
• Temp C				16
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# South Fork Saline River

WQ Restoration of a Coal Mining  
Impacted Riverine System



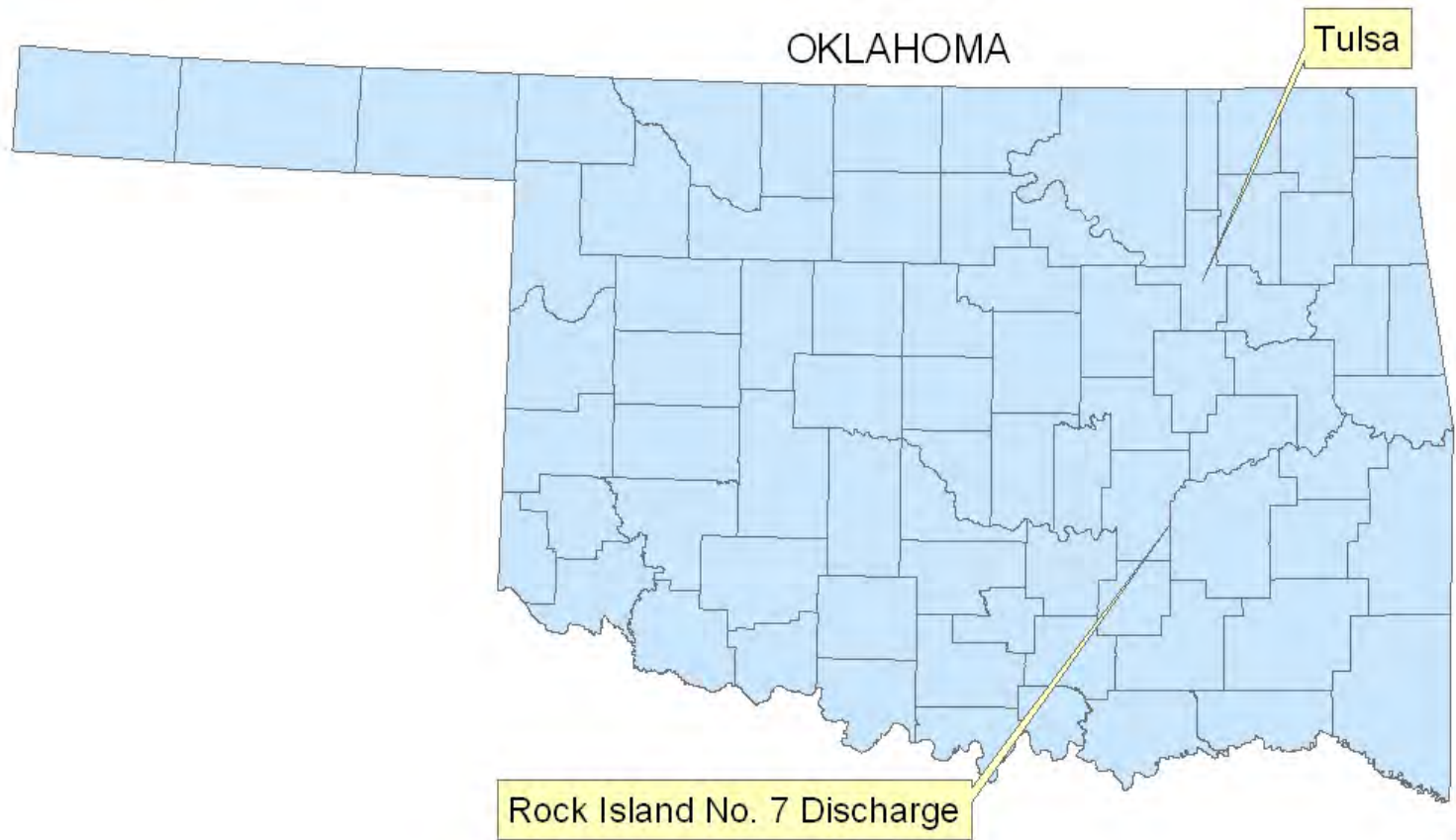


# Hydrogeology of Hartshorne Coal Basin in Oklahoma and the Impact on Remediation of Acid Mine Drainage

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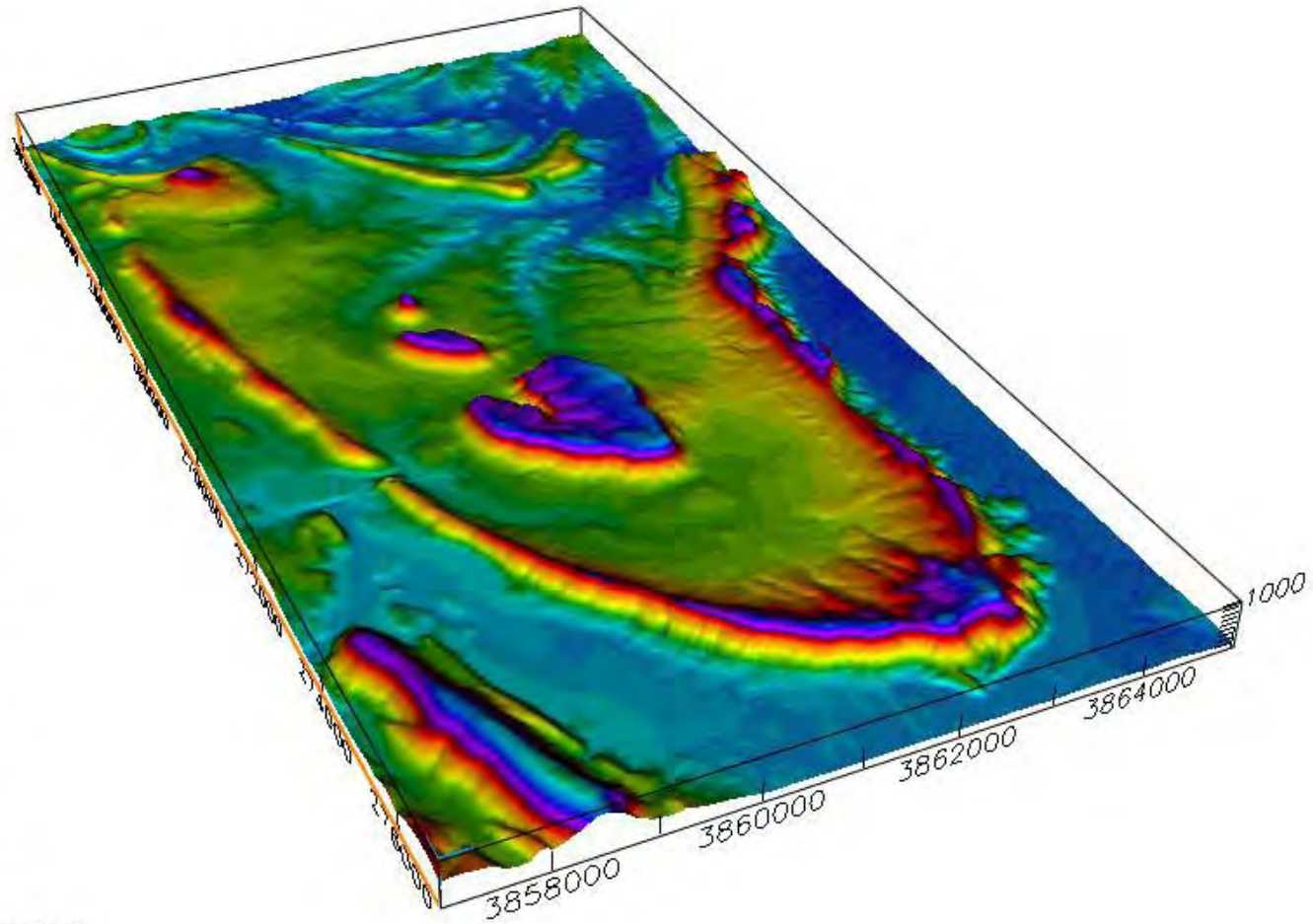
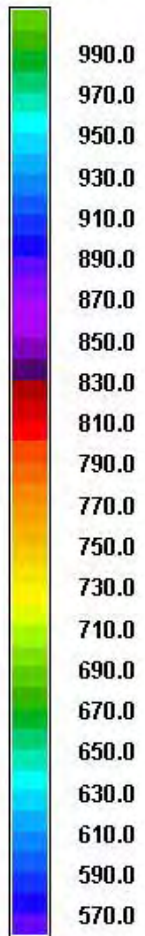
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# Location of the Hartshorne Coal Basin





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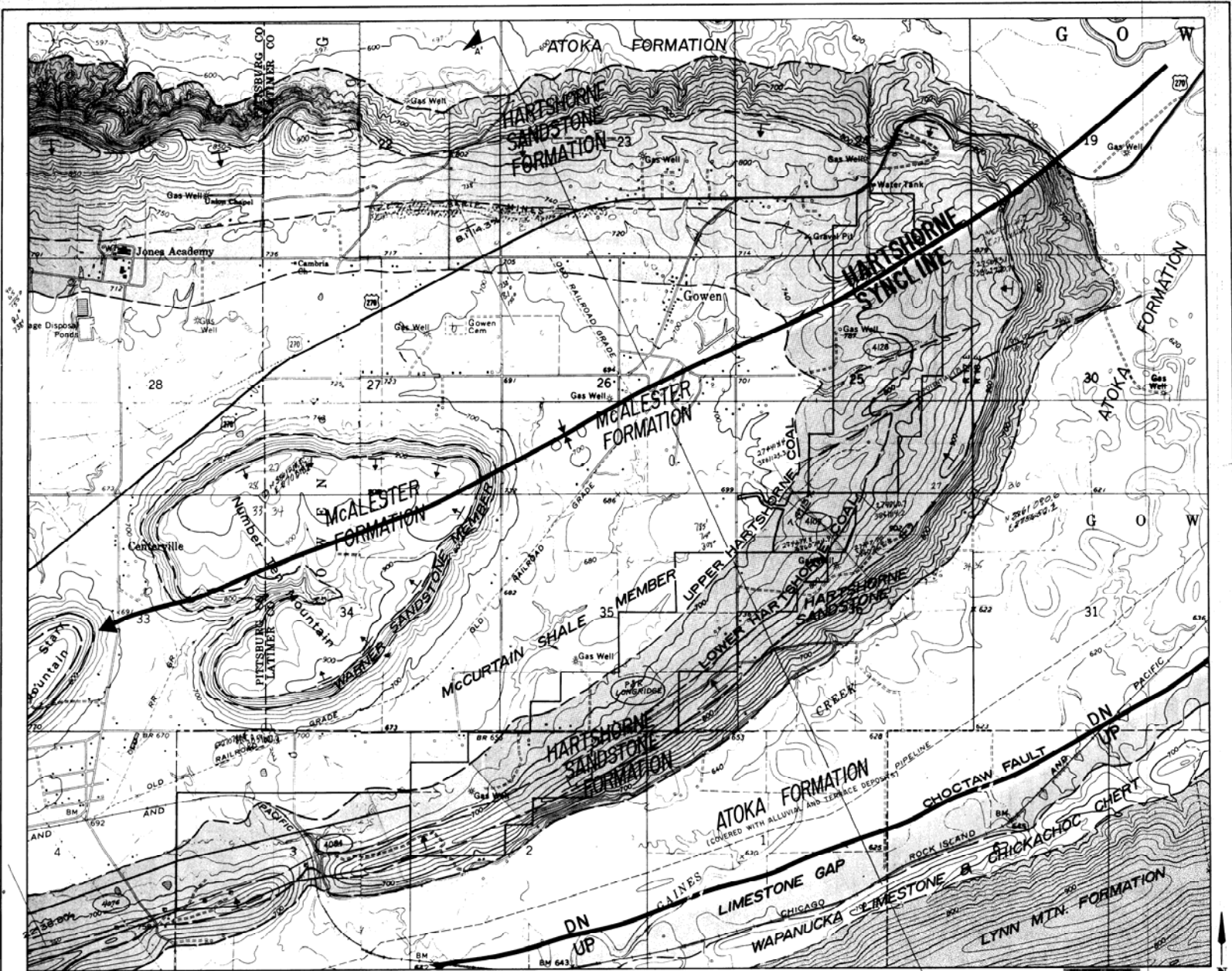
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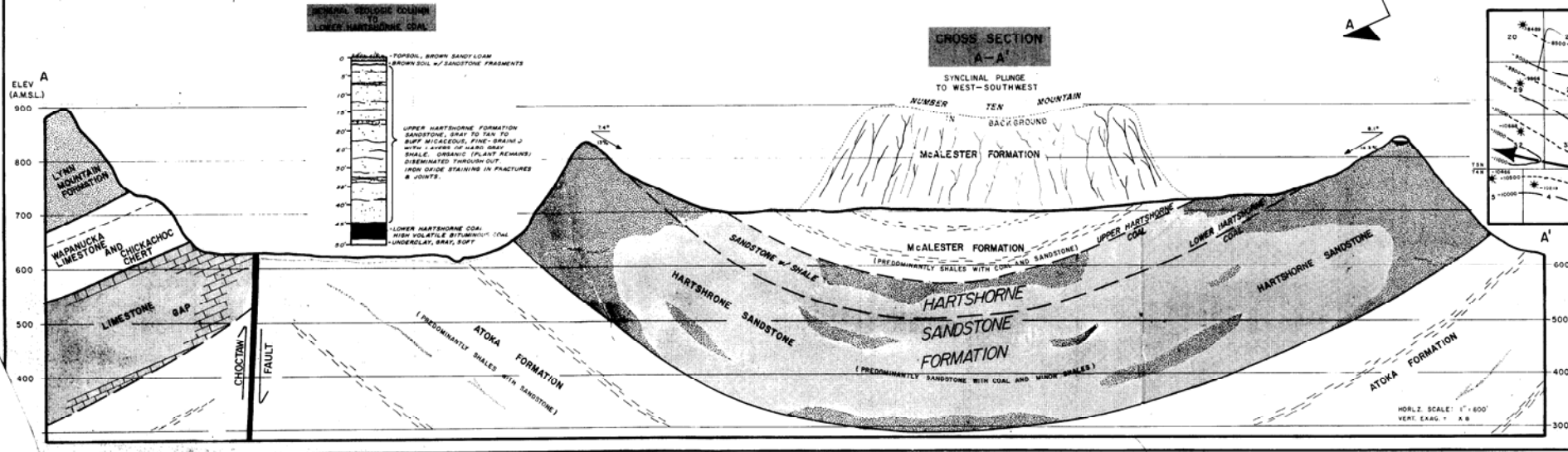
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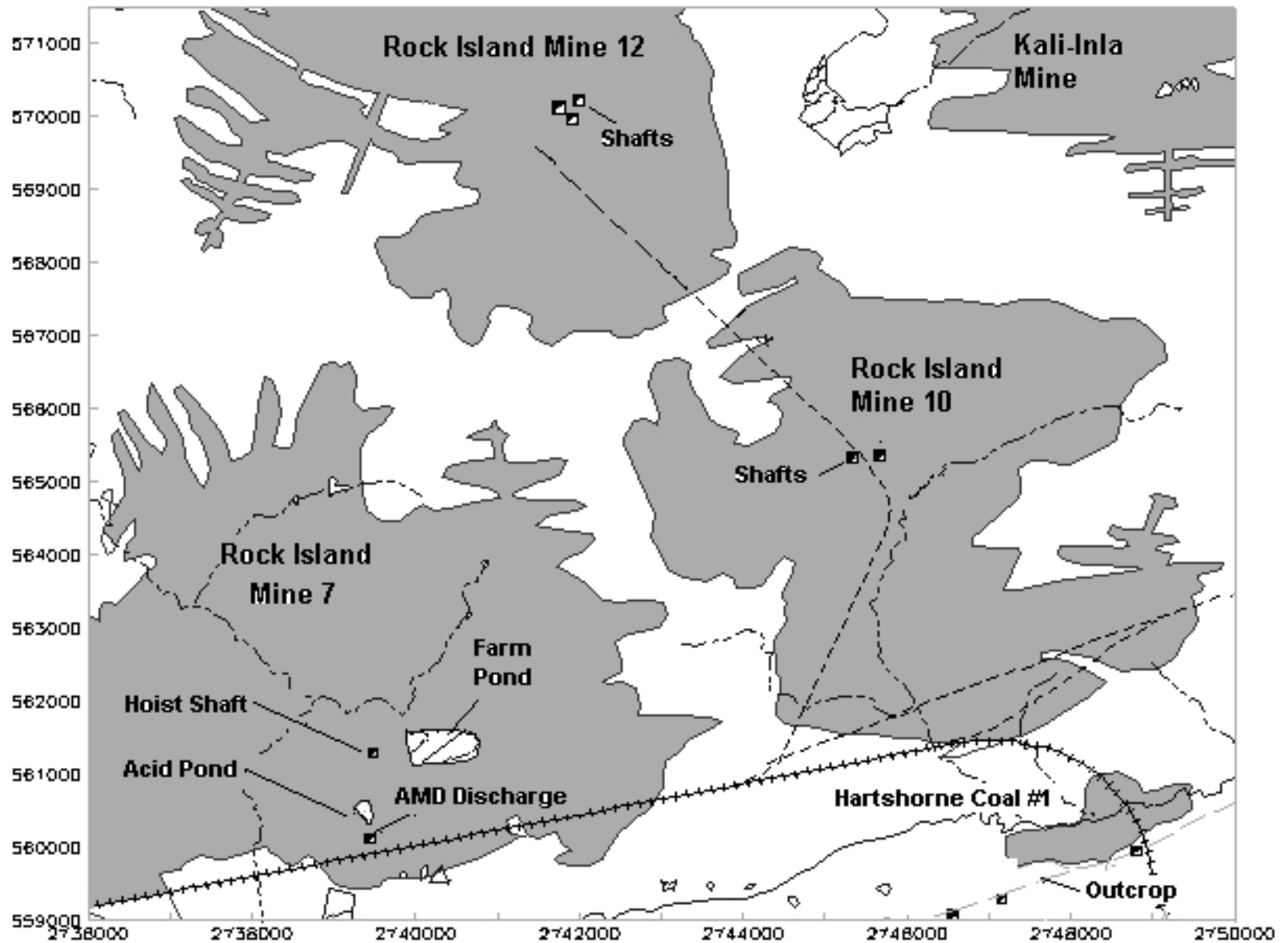




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  - McHugh Borehole

# Rock Island No.7 Mine Pool Problem, Oklahoma.





# Hydrologic Issues Related to AMD


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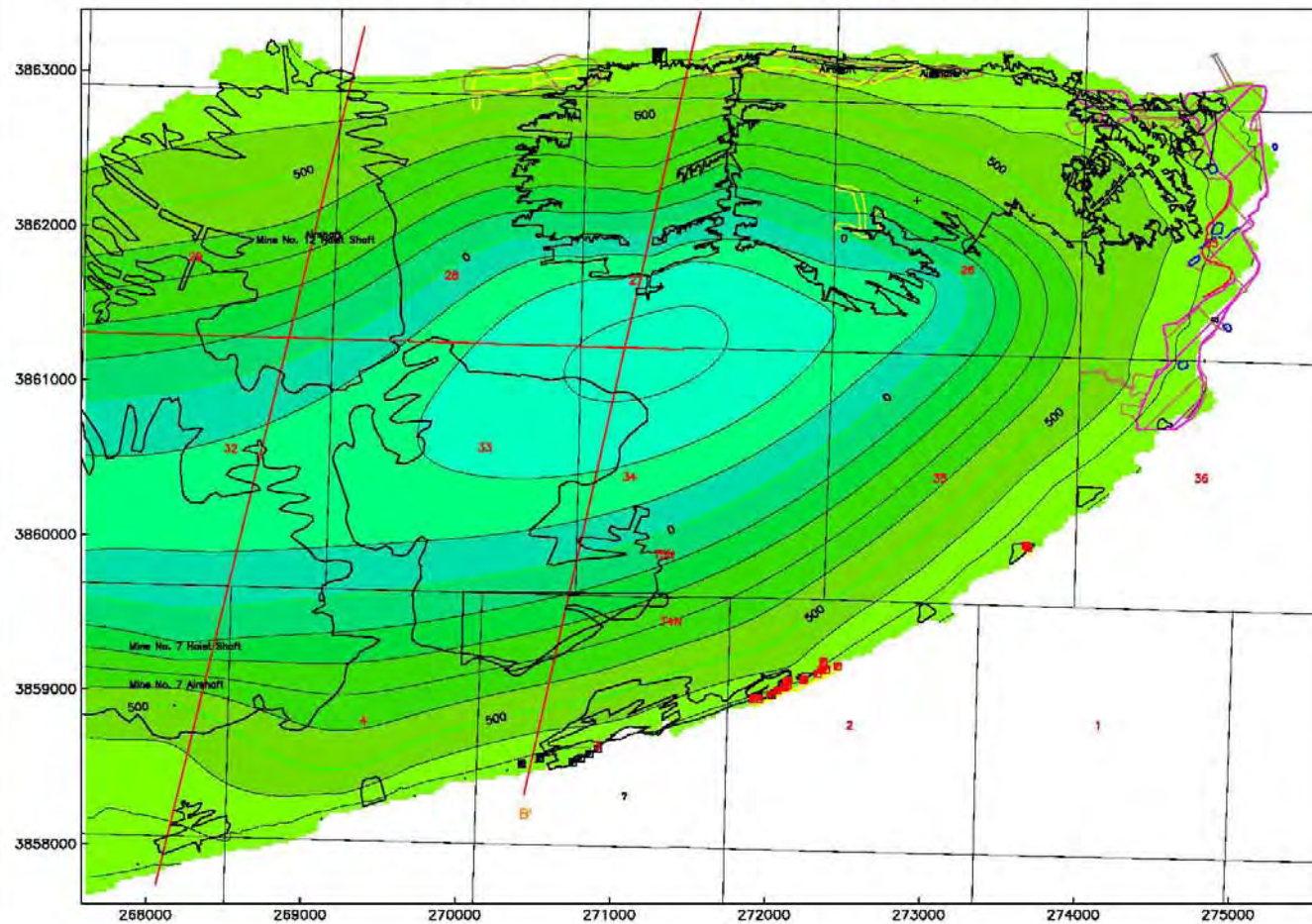
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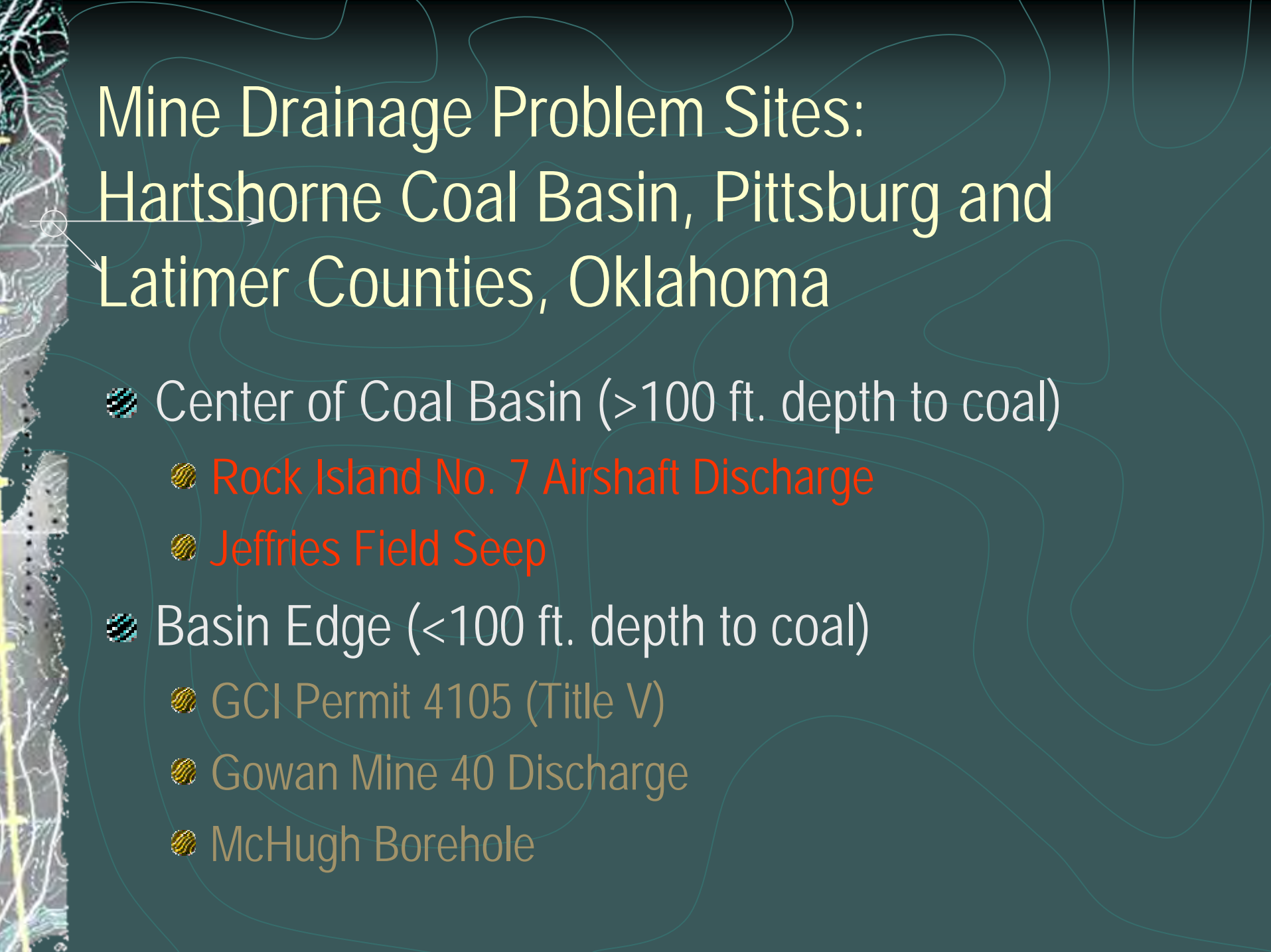
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# Systematic Water Quality Variations with Overburden Depth.

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- Center of Coal Basin (>100 ft. depth to coal).
    - High Conductivity/very high sulfate content.
    - High Fe (ferrous) and elevated trace metal concentrations.
    - Moderate pH/significant alkalinity/high Ca & Mg content.
    - Low aluminum content.
  - Basin Edge (<100 ft. depth to coal).
    - Moderate sulfate and iron content.
    - Low pH, No alkalinity.
    - Moderately high aluminum content.
    - Lower Ca, Mn, Zn, Ni.

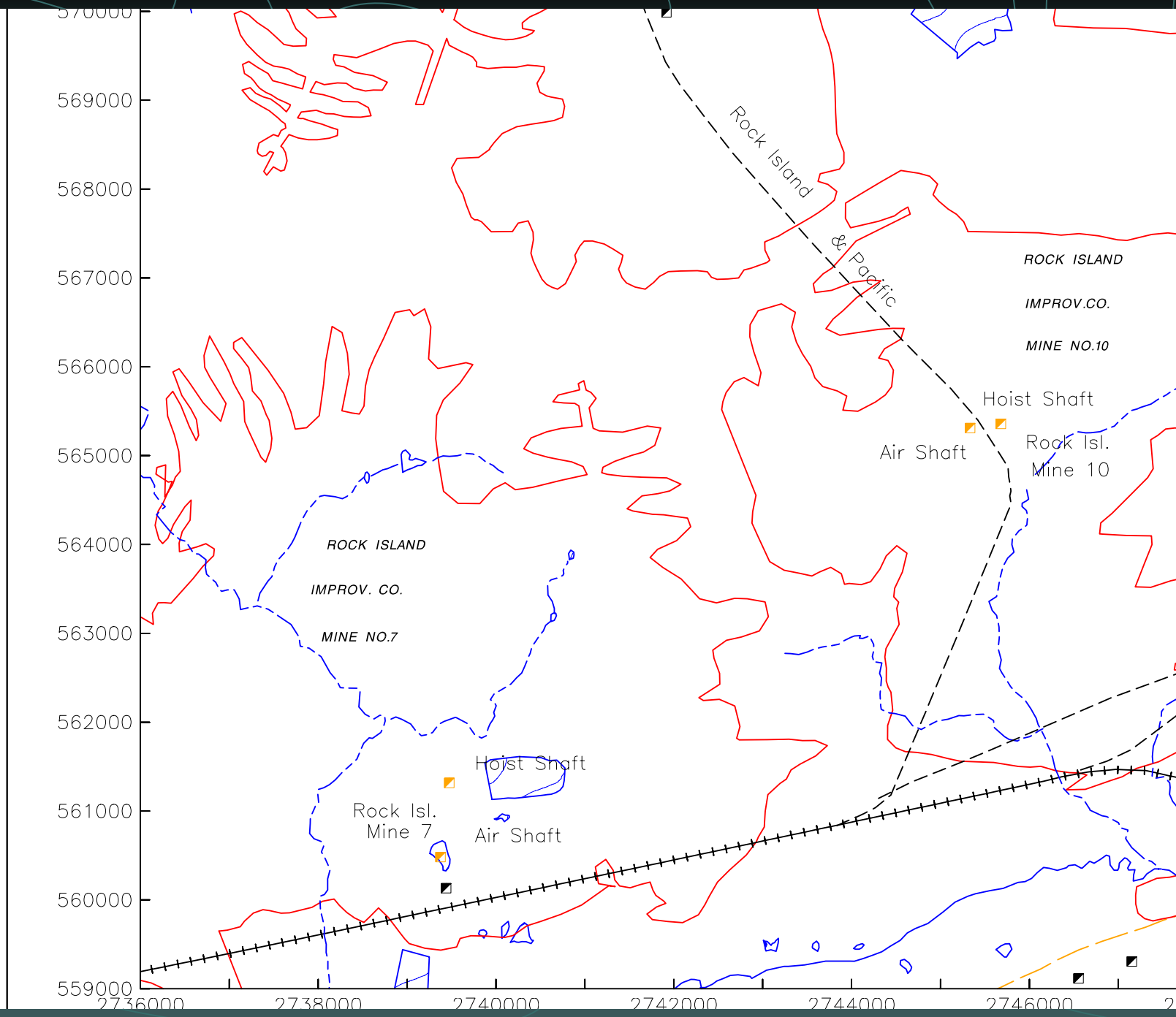
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& Pacific

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IMPROV.CO.  
MINE NO.10

ROCK ISLAND  
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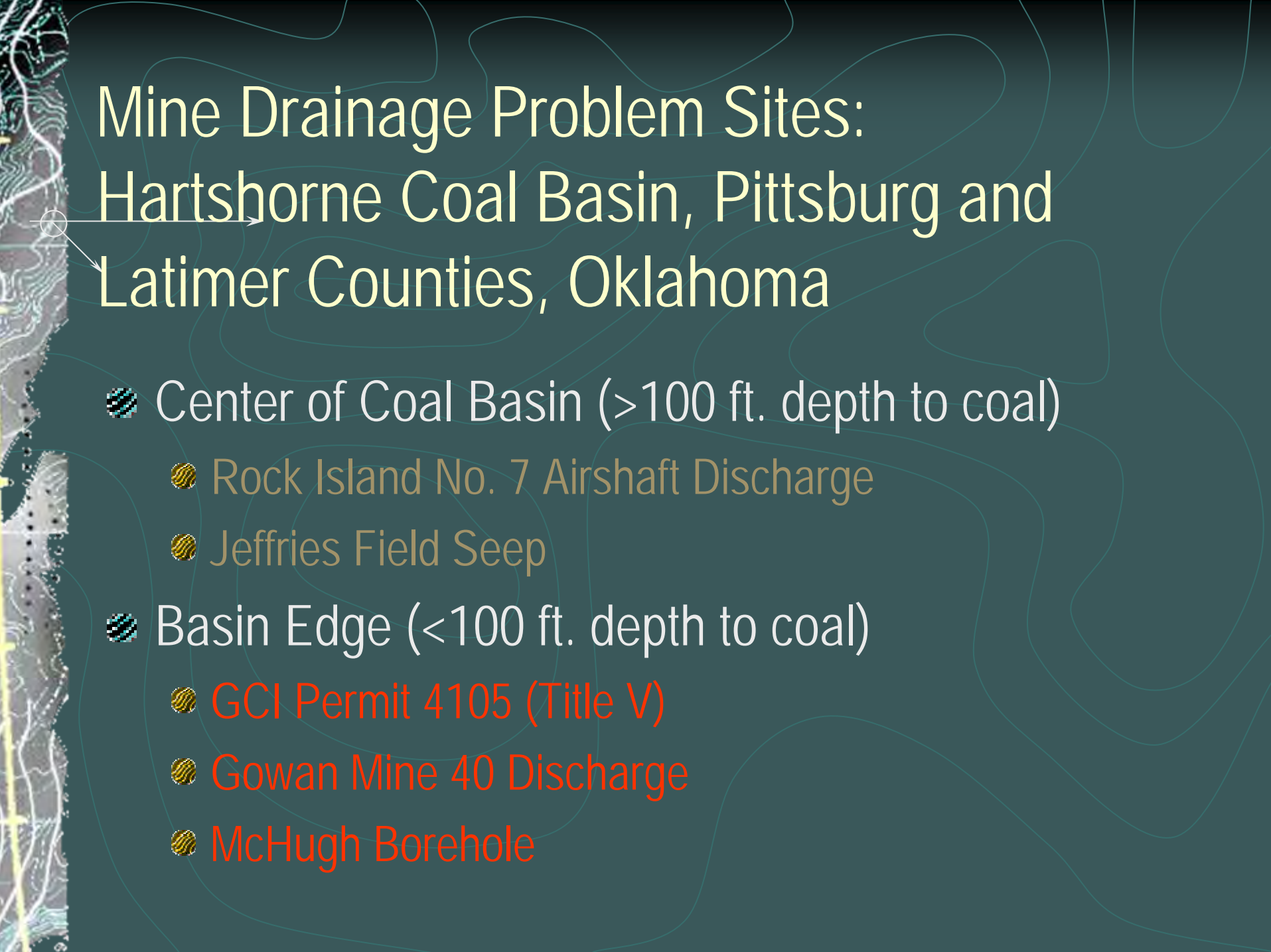
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**Table 1. Design Parameters: Untreated AMD Quality and Contaminant  
the Rock Island Mine 7 Discharge, Oklahoma.\***

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Median</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>pH</b>	5.29 to 5.54	5.42	S.U.	24 measurements
<b>Eh (est.)</b>		90	mv	5 measurements
<b>Conductivity</b>		11,445	uS	22 measurements
<b>DO</b>		0.3	mg/L	22 measurements, mean = 0.4 mg/L
<b>Fe</b>		770	mg/L	23 analyses, mean = 858 mg/L
<b>Al</b>		0.18	mg/L	22 analyses, mean = 0.48 mg/L
<b>Mn</b>		17.4	mg/L	22 analyses, mean = 20.8 mg/L
<b>T. Acidity</b>		1,454	mg/L	15 analyses, mean = 1,500 mg/L
<b>T. Alkalinity</b>		112	mg/L	21 analyses, mean = 121 mg/L
<b>Calcium</b>		318	mg/L	11 analyses, mean = 313 mg/L
<b>Magnesium</b>		230	mg/L	9 analyses, mean = 241 mg/L
<b>Sulfate</b>		7,146	mg/L	18 analyses, mean = 8,029 mg/L
<b>Sodium</b>		1,813	mg/L	6 analyses, mean = 1,995 mg/L
<b>Flow @ Inlet</b>		0.32	L/sec	5 GPM is a typical value

\*These tests are a combination of OCC and OSM-MCRCC field measurements, OCC/Oklahoma State University lab, OSM field and in-house lab analysis and EPA-certified lab analysis.



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# Georges Colliers, Inc. Permit 4105 AMD Active Treatment Facility



GCI Acid Acres




**GCI 4105 above wetland  
11/29/00**



GCI Acid Acres


# Median Water Quality Gowan 40 and GCI 4105 Seeps

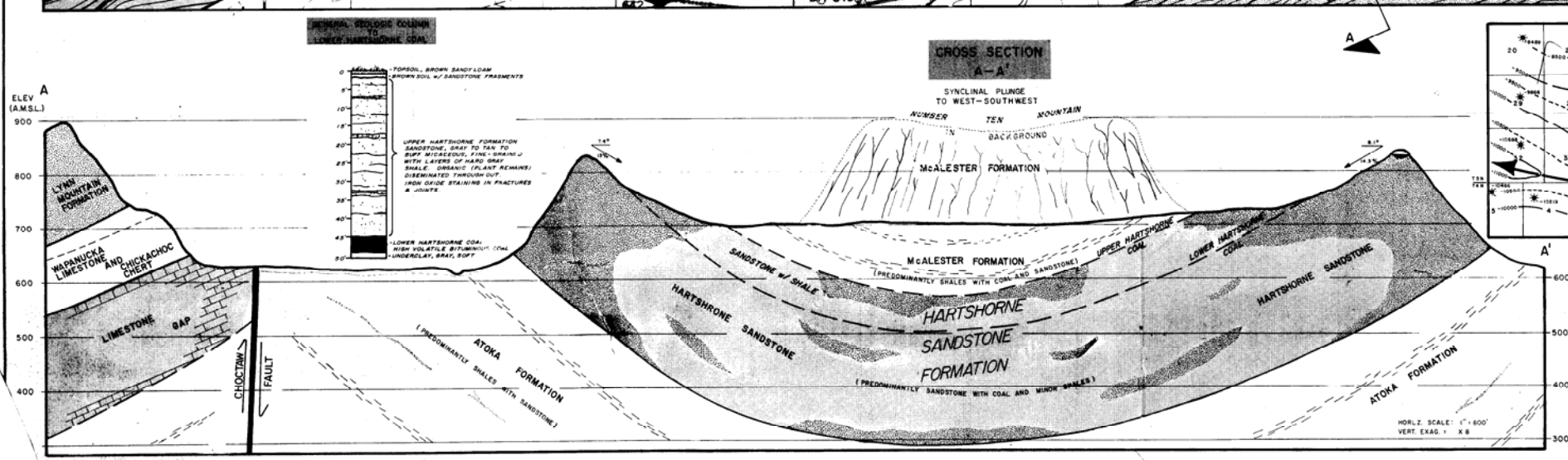


	pH	Total Alkalinity (mg/L CCE*)	Lab Acidity (mg/L CCE*)	Iron (mg/L)	Aluminum (mg/L)	Mn (mg/L)	Sulfate (mg/L)
Gowan 40	3.72	0.0	616	228	33.1	10.4	1,080
GCI 4105	3.77	0.0	392	77.2	35.4	5.0	1,120
Rock Island No. 7	5.42	112.0	1,454	770	0.2	17.4	7,146

\* CCE = Calcium Carbonate Equivalent

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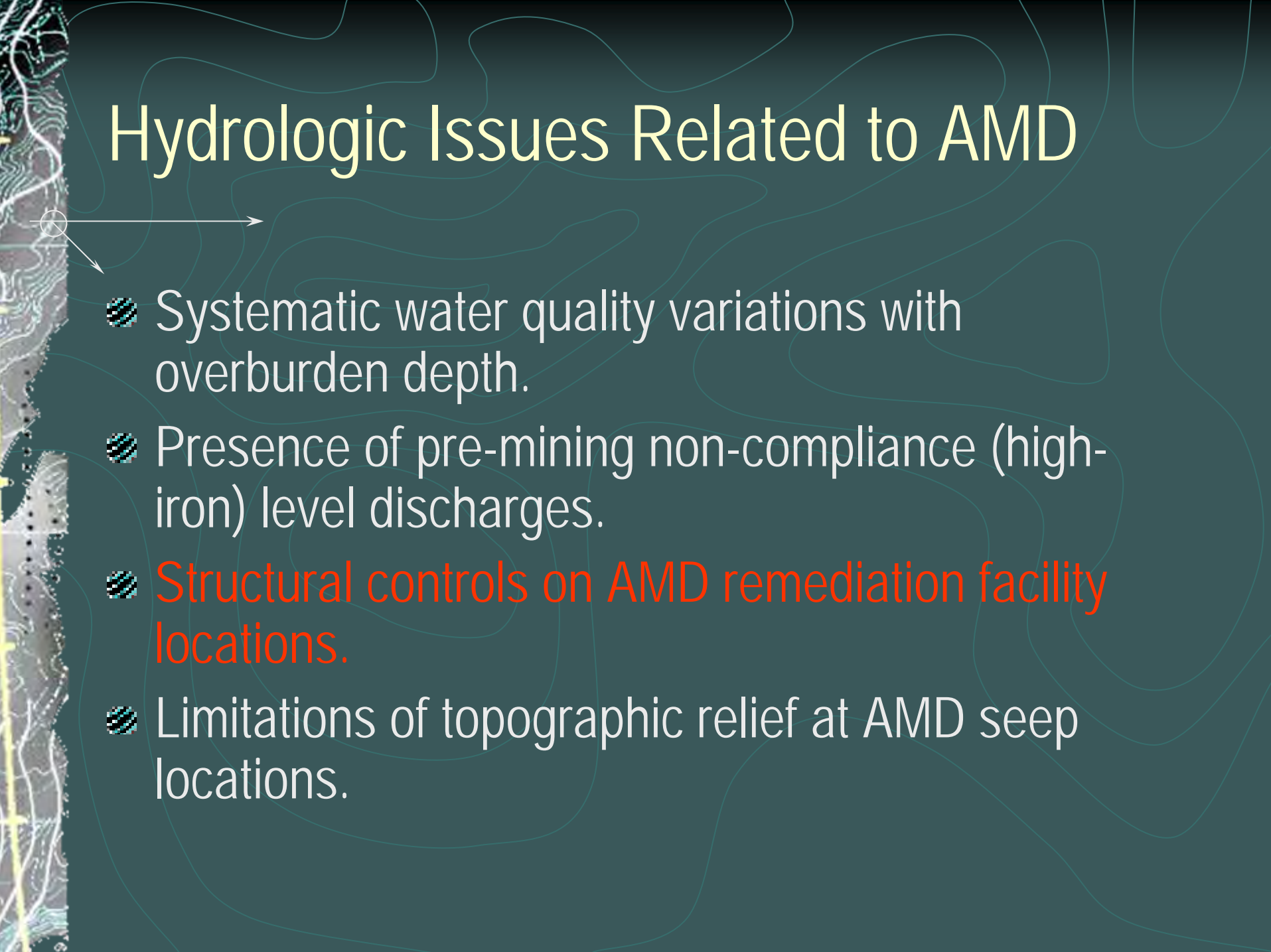
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# Non-Mining related, ferruginous seeps

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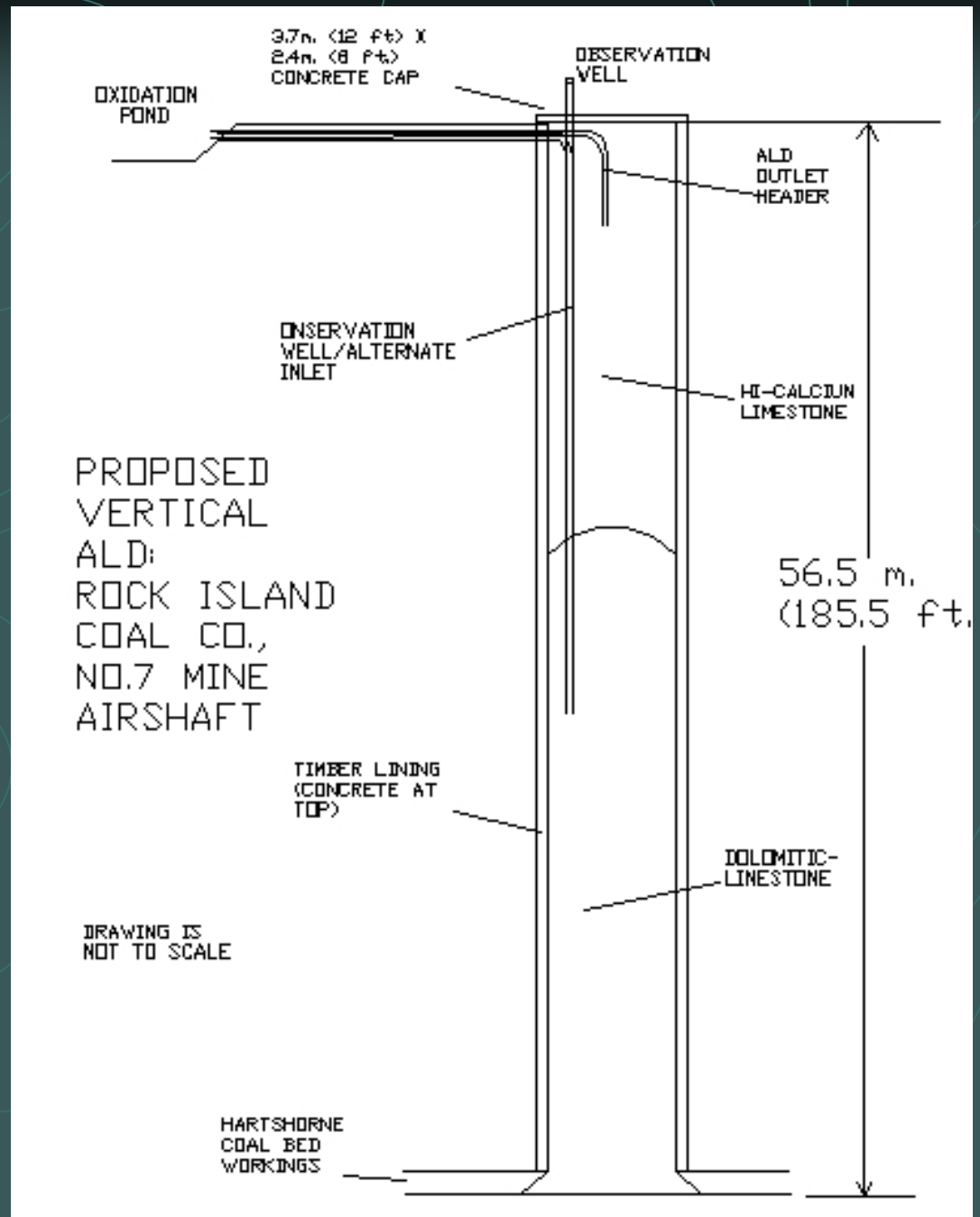
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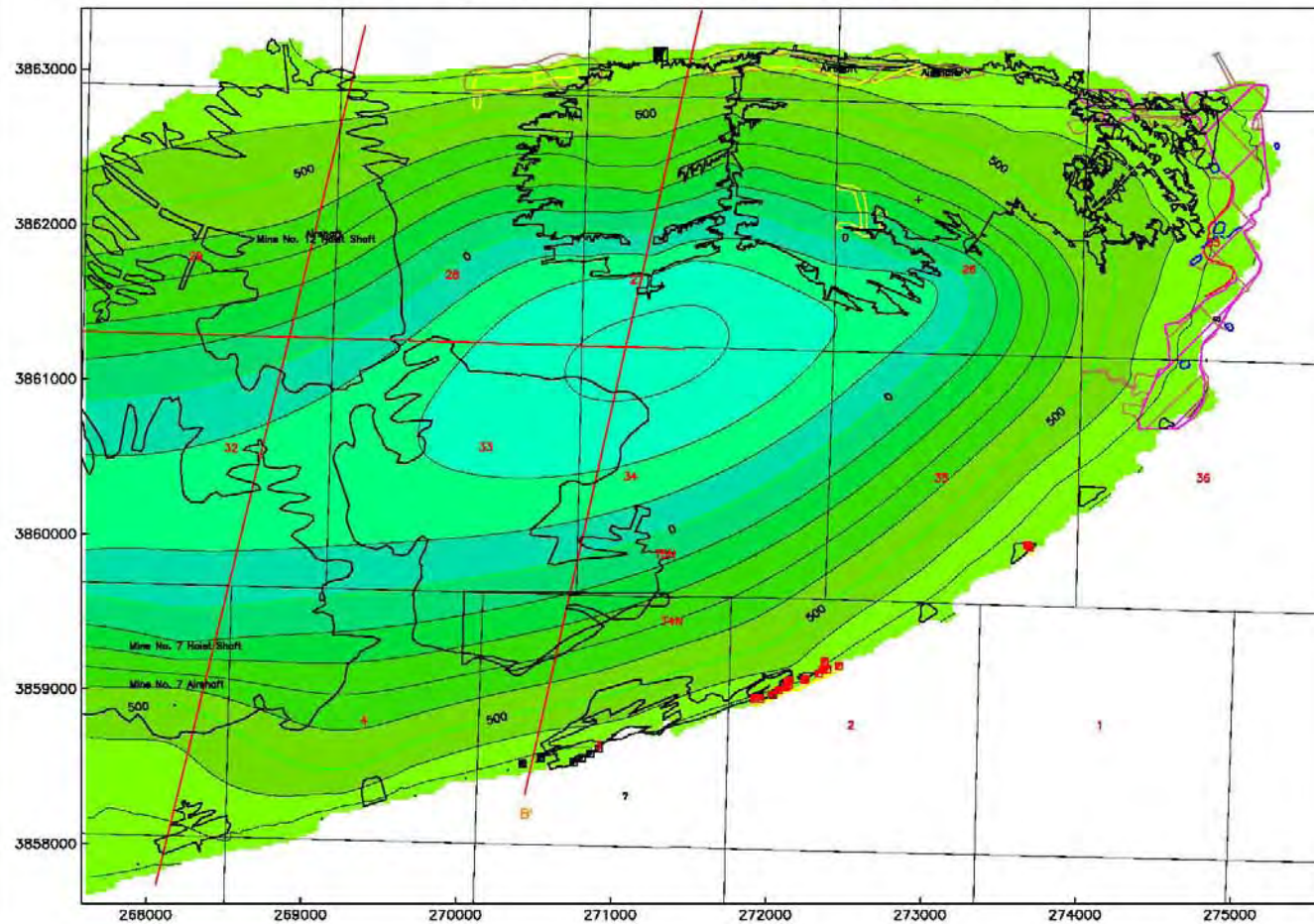


# No. 7 Airshaft System Design

- Vertical ALD (VALD)
- Oxidation Cells
- 2 Vertical Flow Ponds (VFP)
- Aerobic Surface Flow Wetland

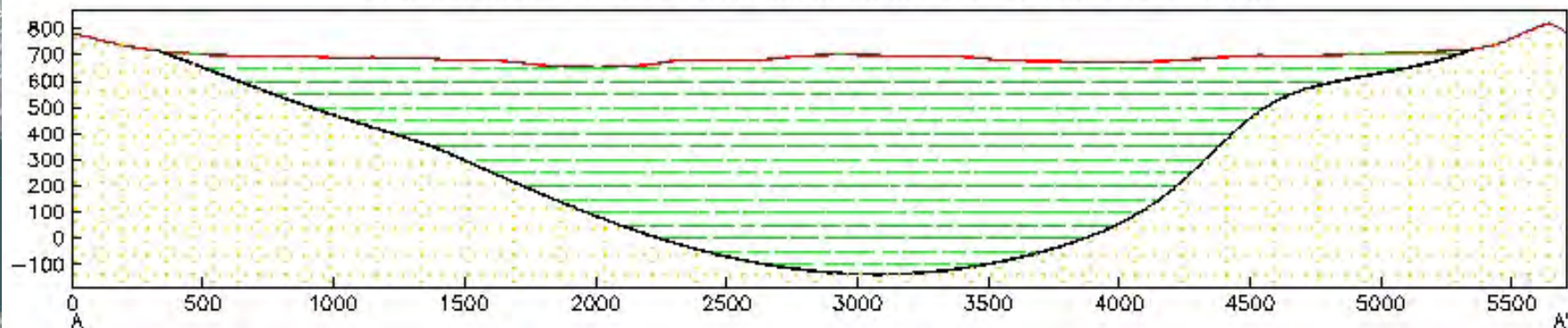


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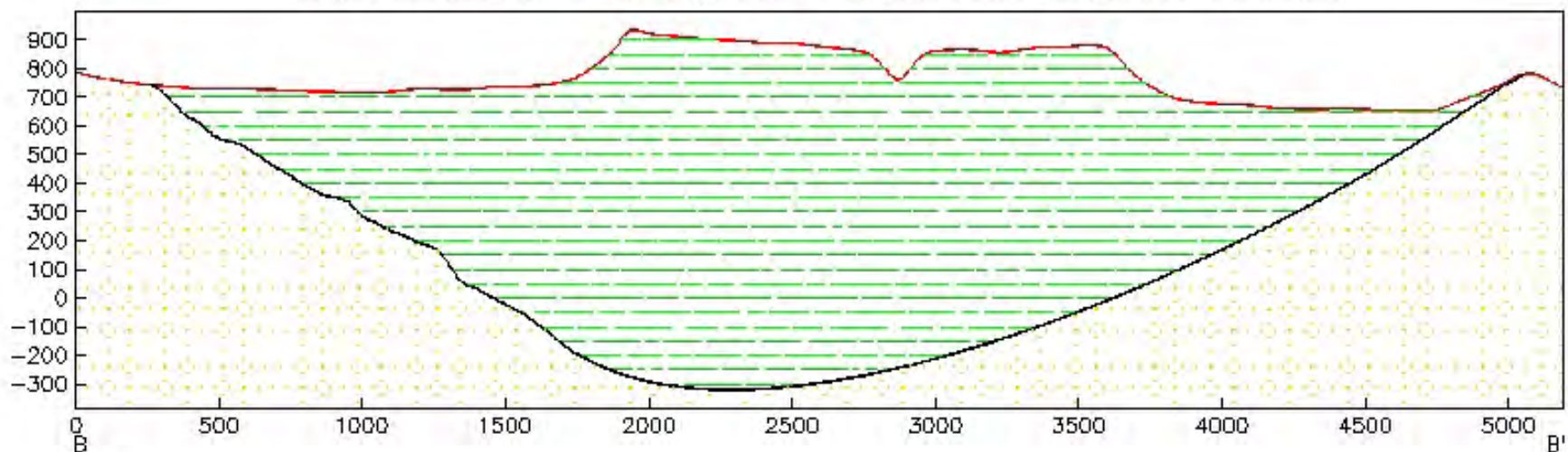


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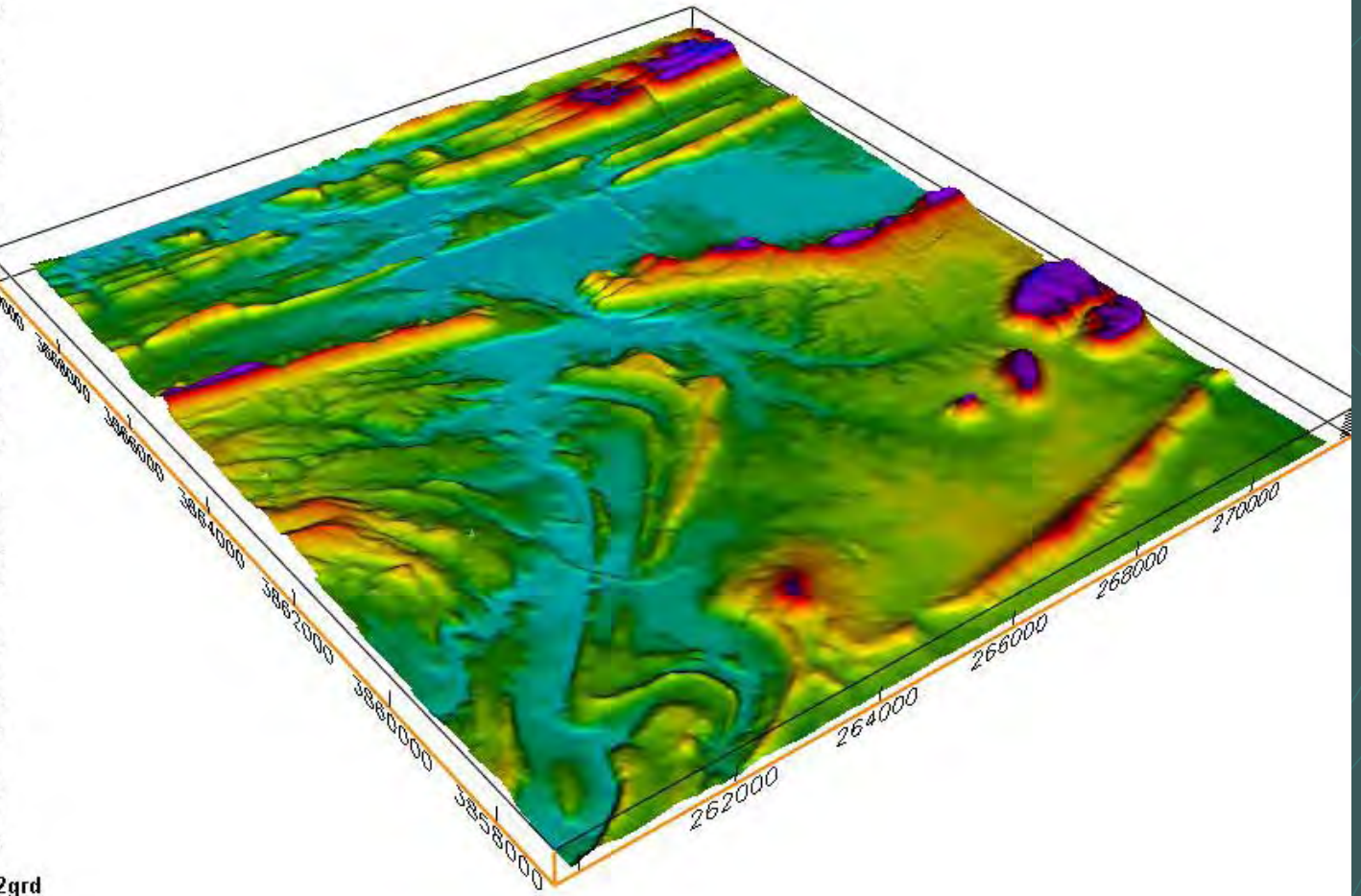
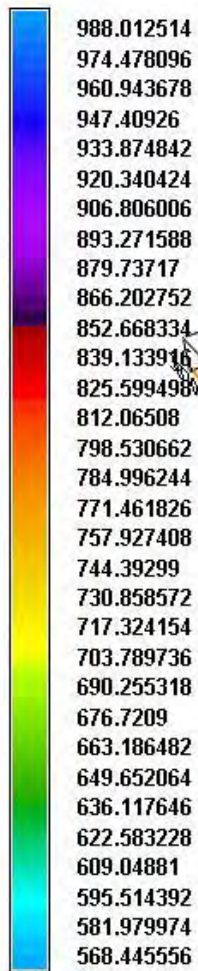
Cross Section A–A' Through Rock Island No. 12 and No. 7 Mines



Cross Section B–B' Through Kali–Inla and Rock Island No. 10 Mines



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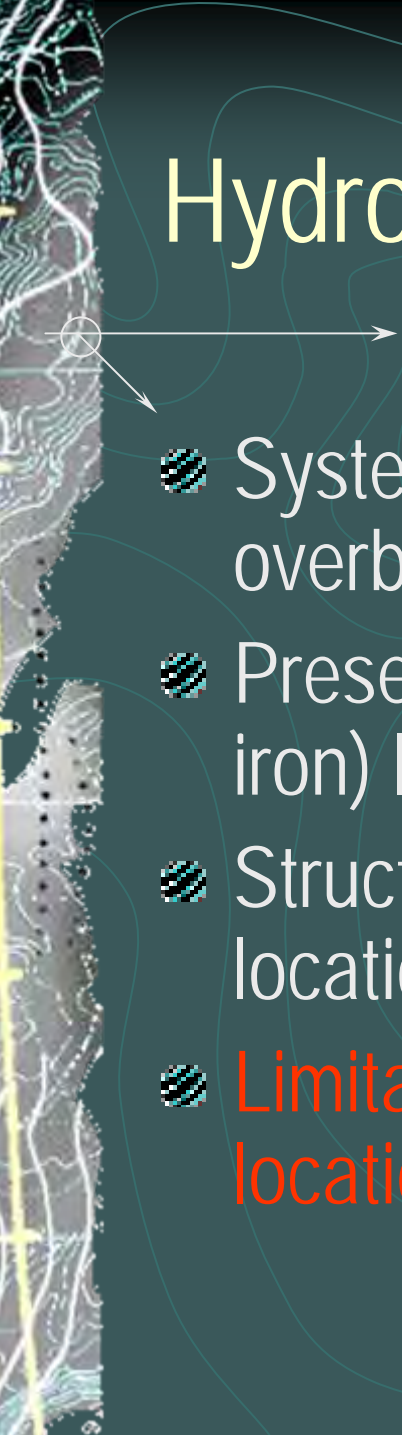


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# Topographic Model showing the AMD Passive Treatment Structures.

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