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US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

Application No. 200300942

Date: June 17, 2005

Notice No. 05-38

Closing Date: July 8, 2005

1. TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The following application has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

2. APPLICANT: Dominion Transmission, Inc.
445 West Main Street
P.O. Box 2450
Clarksburg, WV 26302-2450

3. LOCATION: in the Allegheny River Valley, in Shinglehouse Borough and Sharon and Oswayo Townships, Potter County, and Ceres and Eldred Townships in McKean County, Pennsylvania.

4. PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to construct the Northeast Storage Project consisting of installing 23.67 miles of new natural gas pipeline, a natural gas storage pool, and associated infrastructures. A new 20 inch line, TL-527, will be installed to connect to an existing 12 inch line located east of Sharon Center, Potter County, and travel 21.5 miles, 7 in Potter County and 14.5 in McKean County, terminating at the Quinlan Compressor Station, located in Cattaraugus County, New York. Approximately 1 mile of 8 inch connector lines will be installed in Pennsylvania, and the Sharon M&R facility will be constructed at the intersection of the existing LN-257-S line and the proposed TL-527 line in Potter County. This facility will replace the existing State Line M&R Station. The Quinlan Well Field and Gas Storage Pool in New York consist of four new wells, one existing well, one observation well, and 0.83 miles of pipeline.

The natural gas pipeline in Pennsylvania will include 59 stream crossings and adjacent wetland crossings. The stream crossings include: The Allegheny River and 4 unnamed tributaries; Oswayo Creek and 3 unnamed tributaries; Horse Run; Bell Run; 2 unnamed tributaries to Champlin Hollow; King Run and 2 unnamed tributaries; 4 crossings of Indian Creek and 13 unnamed tributaries; North Branch of Indian Creek; Butter Creek and 2 unnamed tributaries; 7 unnamed tributaries to Plank Creek; and Honeoye Creek and 8 unnamed tributaries. The Allegheny River and Oswayo Creek crossings will utilize horizontal directional drilling and all stream impacts will be temporary. Stream

restoration includes replanting a 70 foot, 35 feet on each side, riparian corridor to pre-project conditions. The project will result in temporary impacts to 22.12 acres of wetlands located within a 75 foot work right-of-way including: 7.76 acres of Palustrine Emergent Wetlands (PEM); 5.43 acres of Palustrine Shrub/Scrub (PSS); and 8.93 acres of Palustrine Forested (PFO). Permanent wetlands impacts include 1.25 acres of PEM; 1.5 acres of PSS; and 2.25 acres of PFO. The PSS and PFO wetlands located within a 30 foot operational corridor of the pipeline will be maintained as PEM wetlands. All other PSS and PFO wetlands temporarily impacted by the construction of the pipeline will be replanted and restored to their pre-project conditions. The applicant is in the process of formulating a compensatory mitigation plan for the unavoidable adverse wetland impacts. Alignment Sheets for the proposed project are attached to this notice.

5. ENCROACHMENT PERMIT: The applicant is required to obtain an encroachment permit which includes State 401 Water Quality Certification from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection:

Northwest Regional Office (McKean County)
Soils and Waterways Section
230 Chestnut Street
Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335
Telephone: 814-332-6942

and

Northcentral Regional Office (Potter County)
Soils and Waterways Section
208 W. Third Street, Suite 101
Williamsport, PA 17701
Telephone: 570-327-3574

6. IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: In correspondence dated September 30, 2004, in response to the Environmental Assessment prepared for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the lead Federal agency responsible for permitting the construction of natural gas pipelines, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) identified the bald eagle and the Indiana bat as federally listed species with potential habitat in the project area. Additionally, an adjacent property owner expressed concern in comments filed with FERC for bald eagles observed on their property. FERC determined that the construction area should be surveyed for both species in coordination with the FWS. Before issuing a permit decision, the District Engineer will continue consultation with the FWS to ensure that the project is not likely to affect the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species which has been determined to be critical. This Public Notice serves as a

request to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any information they may have on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1972 (as amended).

7. IMPACT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES: Pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - Public Law 89-665 as amended (including Public Law 96-515) the applicant has initiated coordination with the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission (PHMC) and the Seneca Nation Tribal Historic Preservation. As a result of the identification of potentially significant historical sites located within the project area, a Phase I archaeological survey was requested. Several sites were identified which necessitated a Phase II survey. As a result of this survey, two sites were identified on the Roulo Horse Farm, Areas 1 and 5, that were eligible for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places. In correspondence dated October 20, 2004, the PHMC agreed with the proposed mitigation plan to avoid Area 1 and protect Area 5 with geotextile fill during construction. If the project plans change, then a Phase III mitigation will be necessary. A project endorsement letter from the Seneca Nation was not included with the application. Before issuing a permit decision, the District Engineer will continue consultation with the Seneca Nation Tribal Historic Preservation to ensure that this project does not result in an adverse impact to historic properties. This Public Notice serves as a request to the Seneca Nation Tribal Historic Preservation and the PHMC for any additional information and/or comments they may have pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - Public Law 89-665 as amended (including Public Law 96-515)

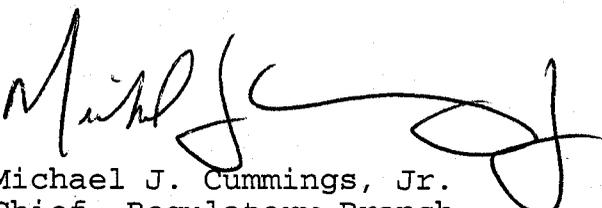
8. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in the paragraph below entitled "RESPONSES," that a public hearing be held to consider this application. The requests for public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

9. EVALUATION: Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposals must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs,

safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. The evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230).

10. RESPONSES: A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest. Written statements concerning the proposed activity should be received in this office on or before the closing date of this Public Notice in order to become a part of the record and to be considered in the final determination. Any objections which are received during this period may be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit. All responses to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, attn Marcia H. Haberman, at the above address, by telephoning (412) 395-7361, or by e-mail at Marcia.H.Haberman@usace.army.mil. Please refer to CELRP-OR-F 200300942 in all responses.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:



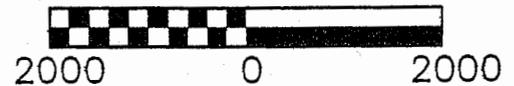
Michael J. Cummings, Jr.
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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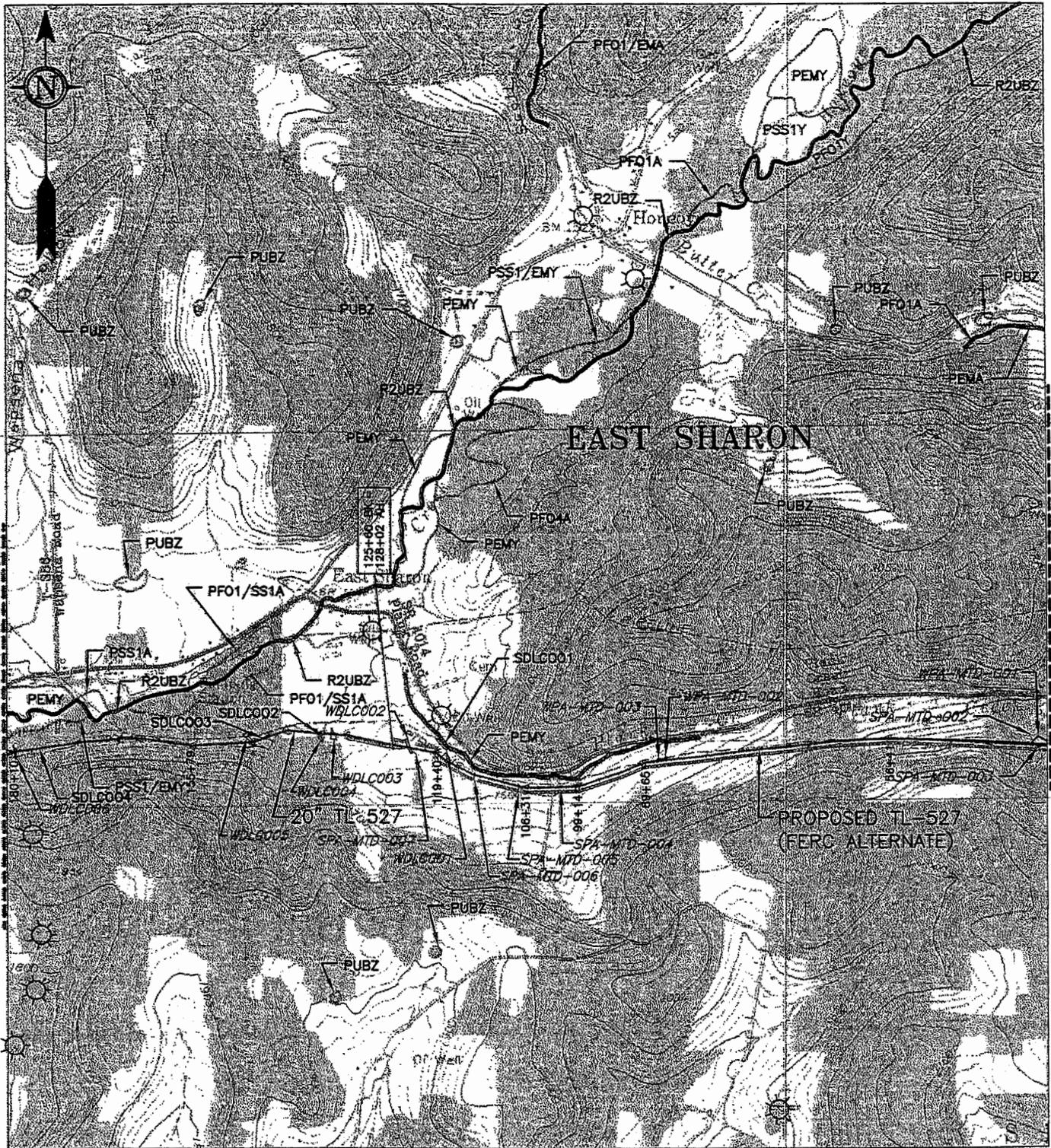
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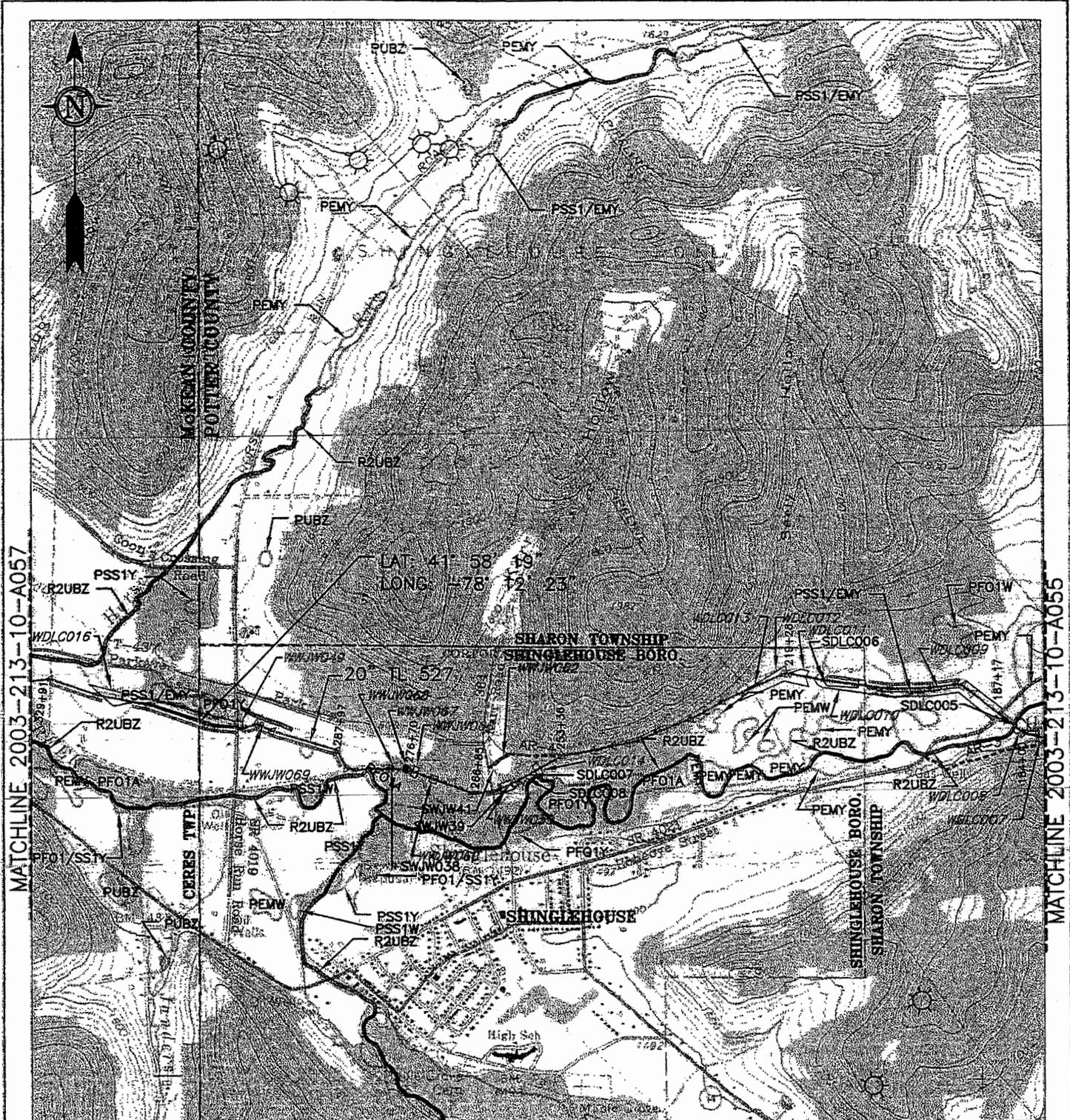
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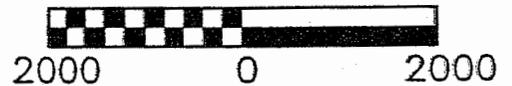
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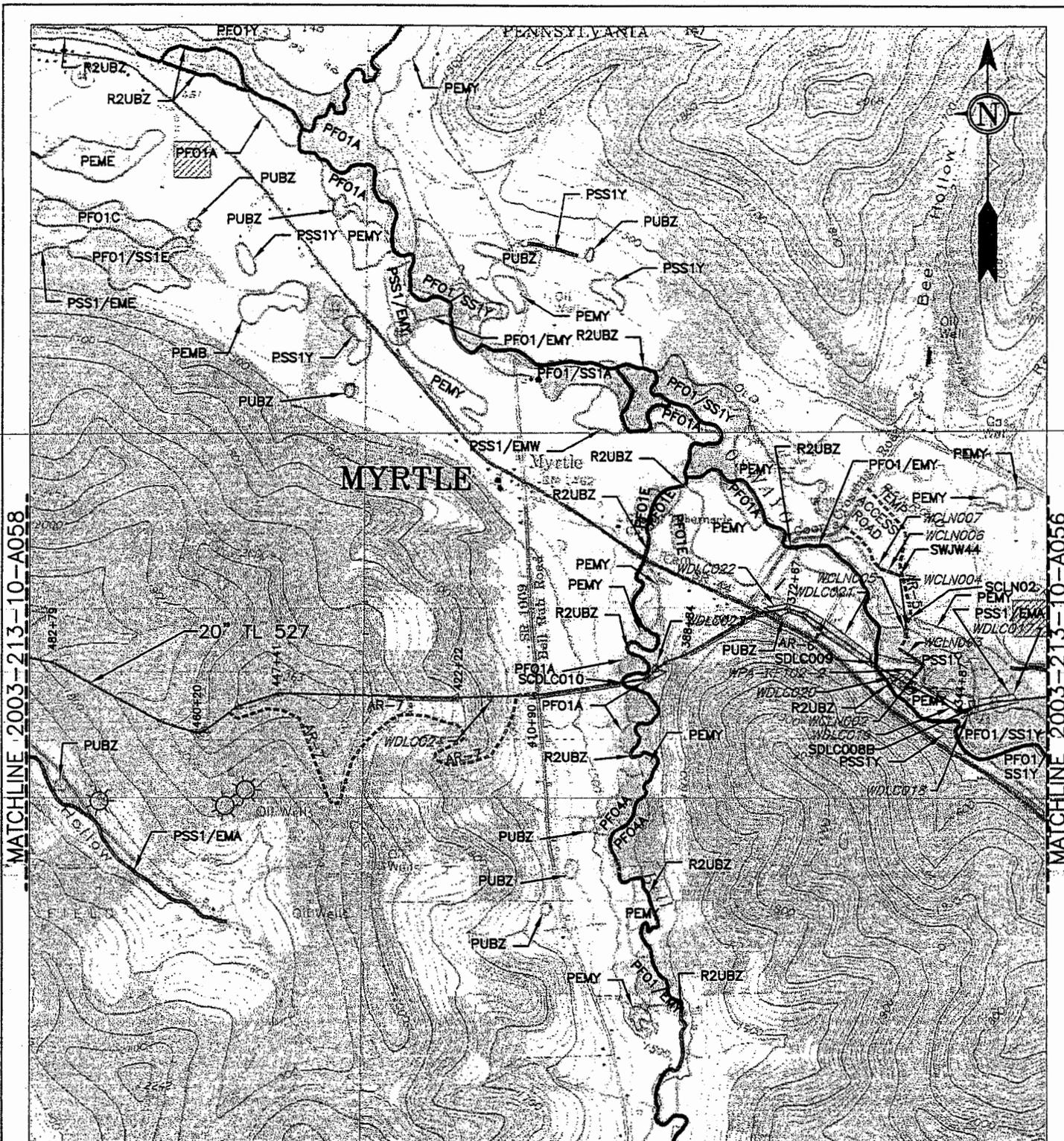
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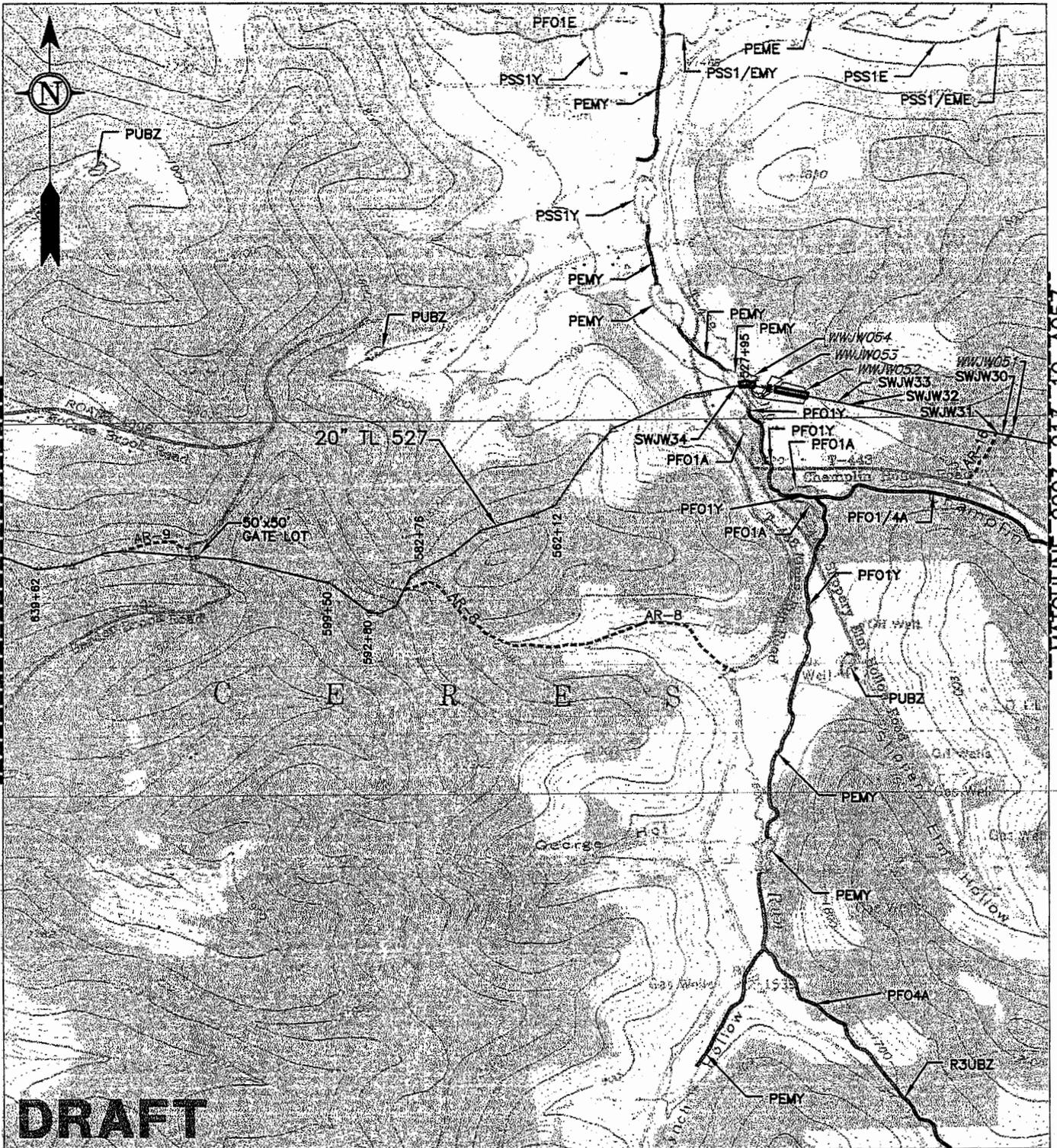


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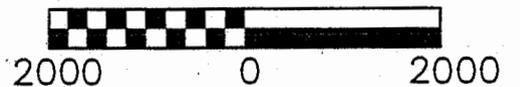
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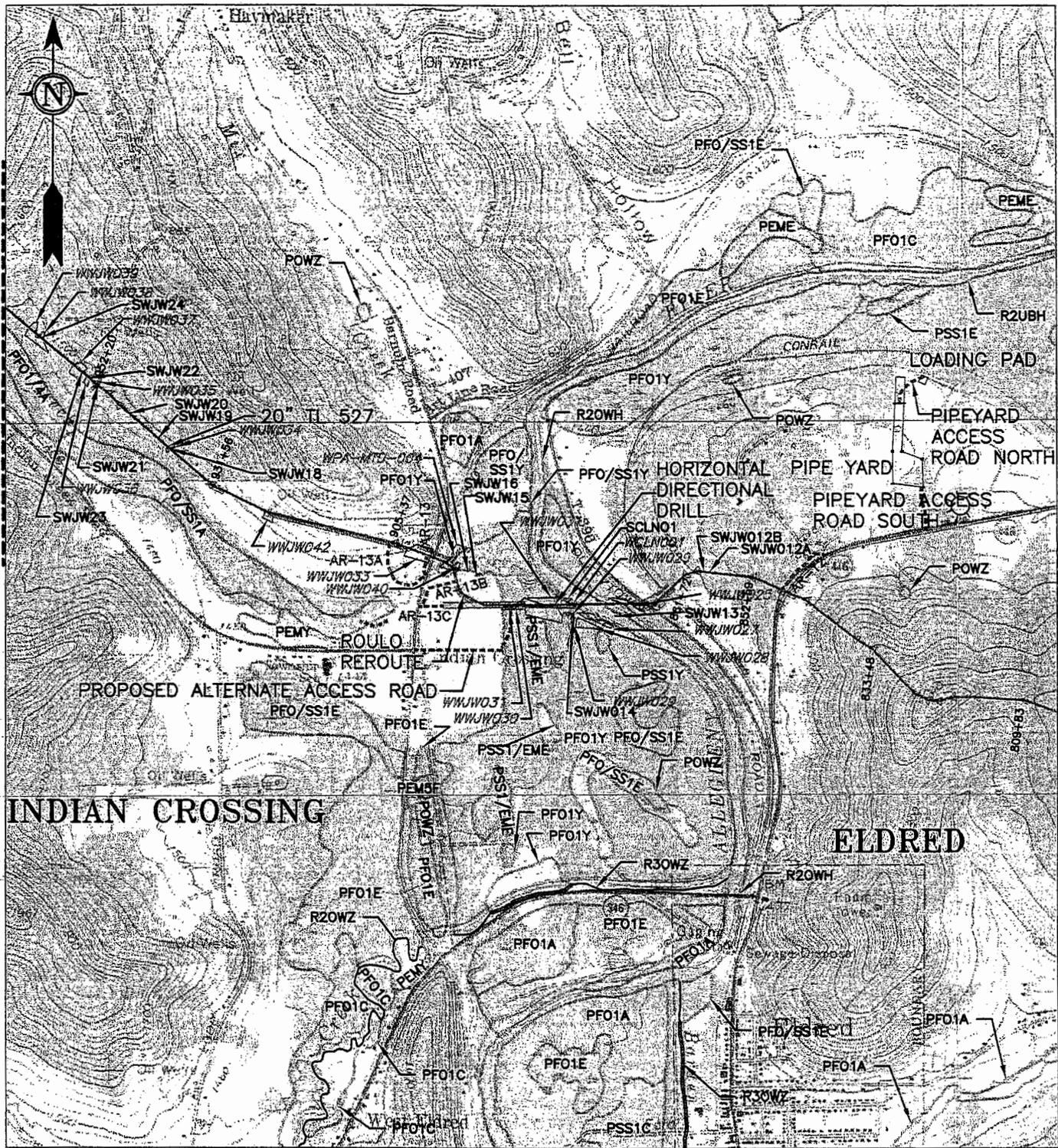


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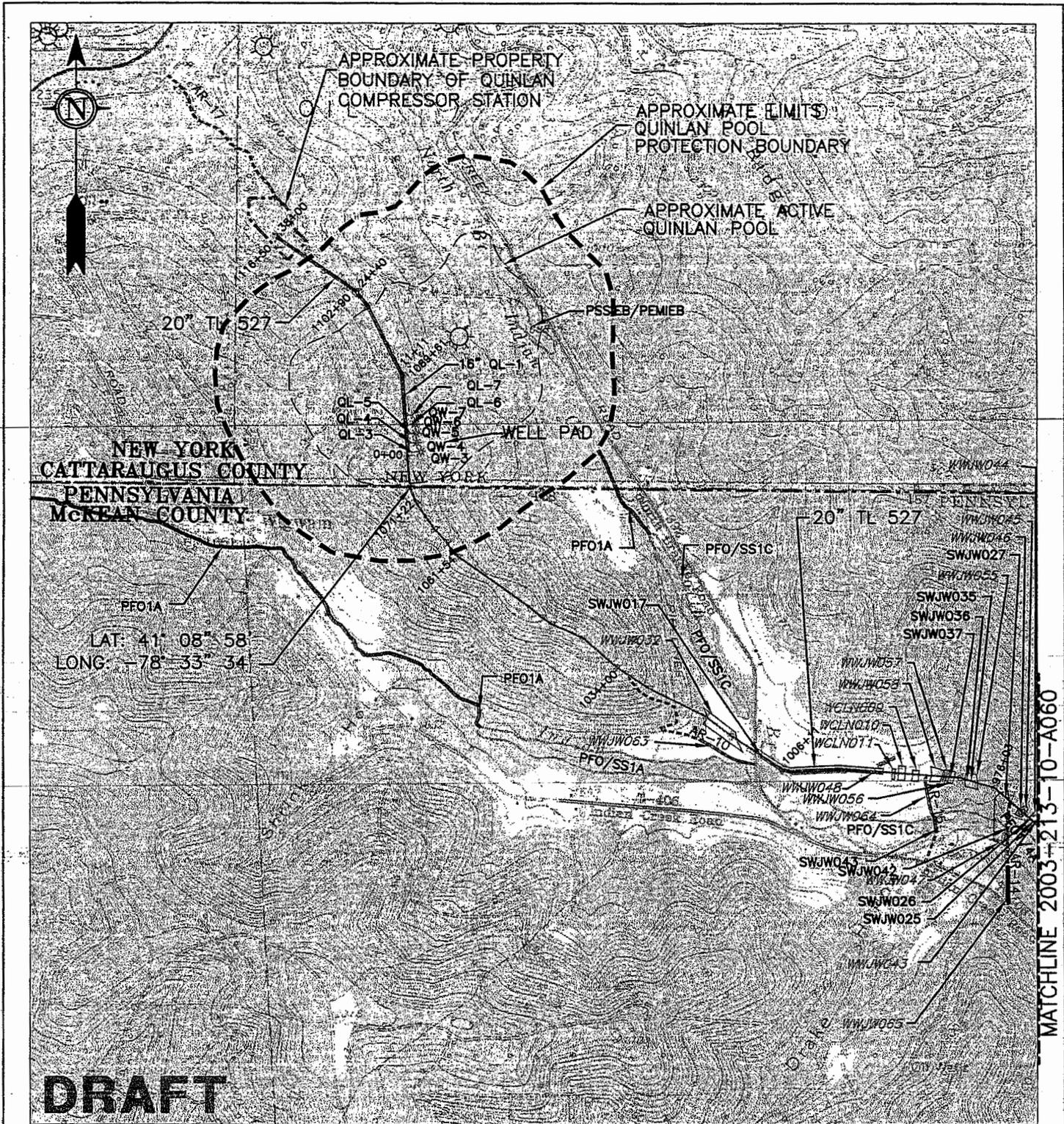
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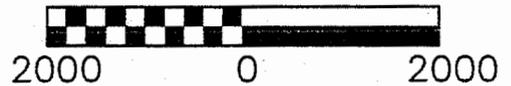
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