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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

January 19, 2012

The Honorable Phyliss Anderson, Chief
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
P.O. Box 6010 - Choctaw Branch
Choctaw, MS 39350

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCOPING COMMENTS CONCERNING THE GRAND GULF
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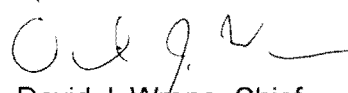
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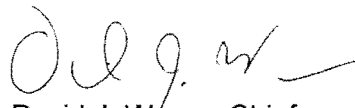
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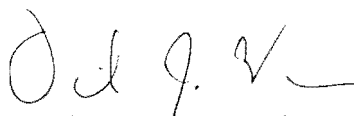
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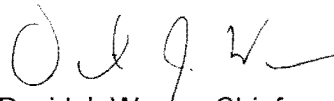
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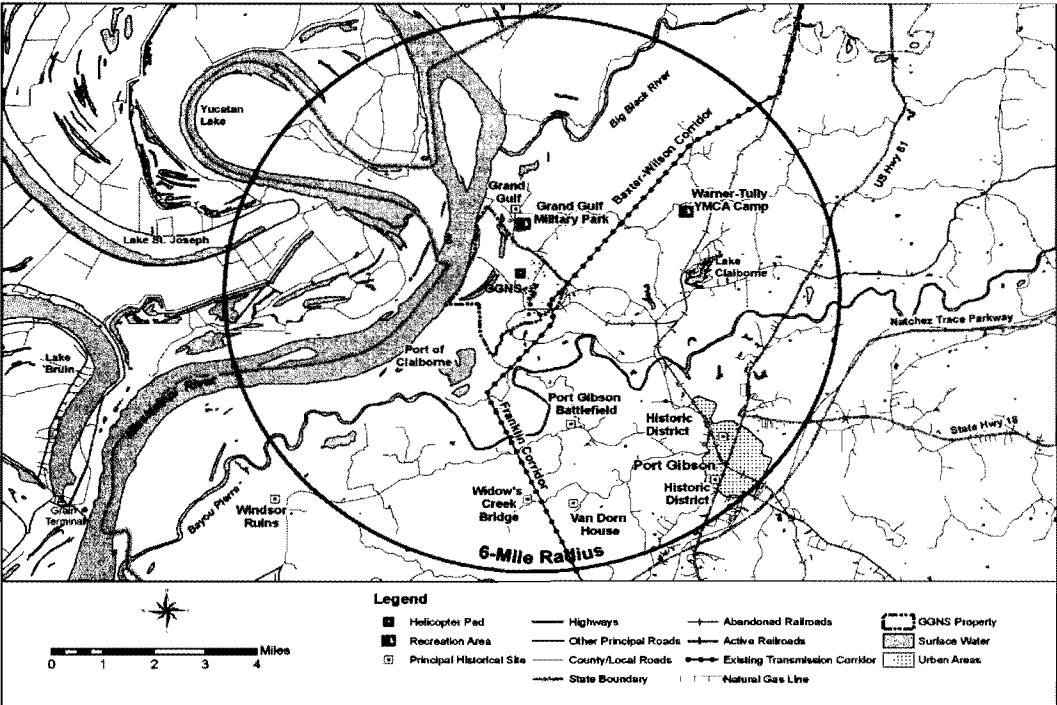


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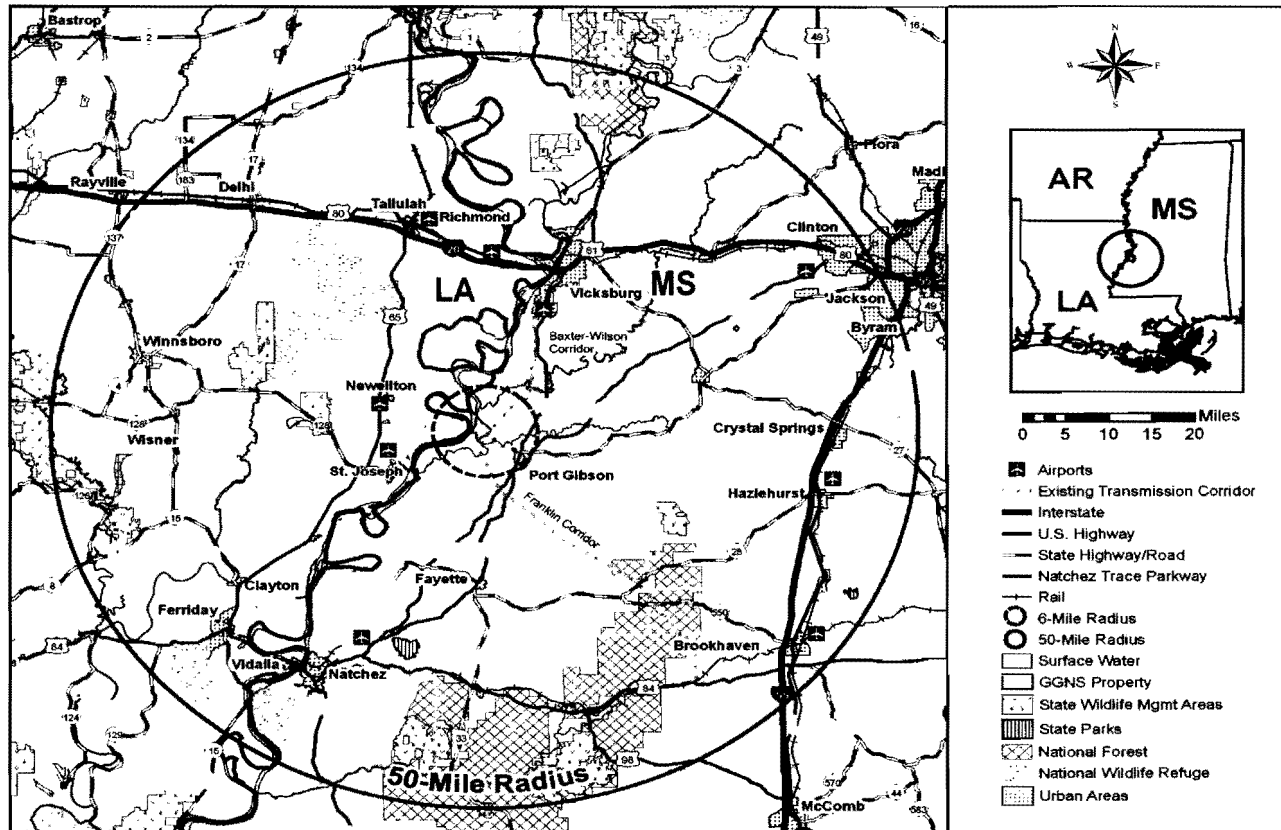


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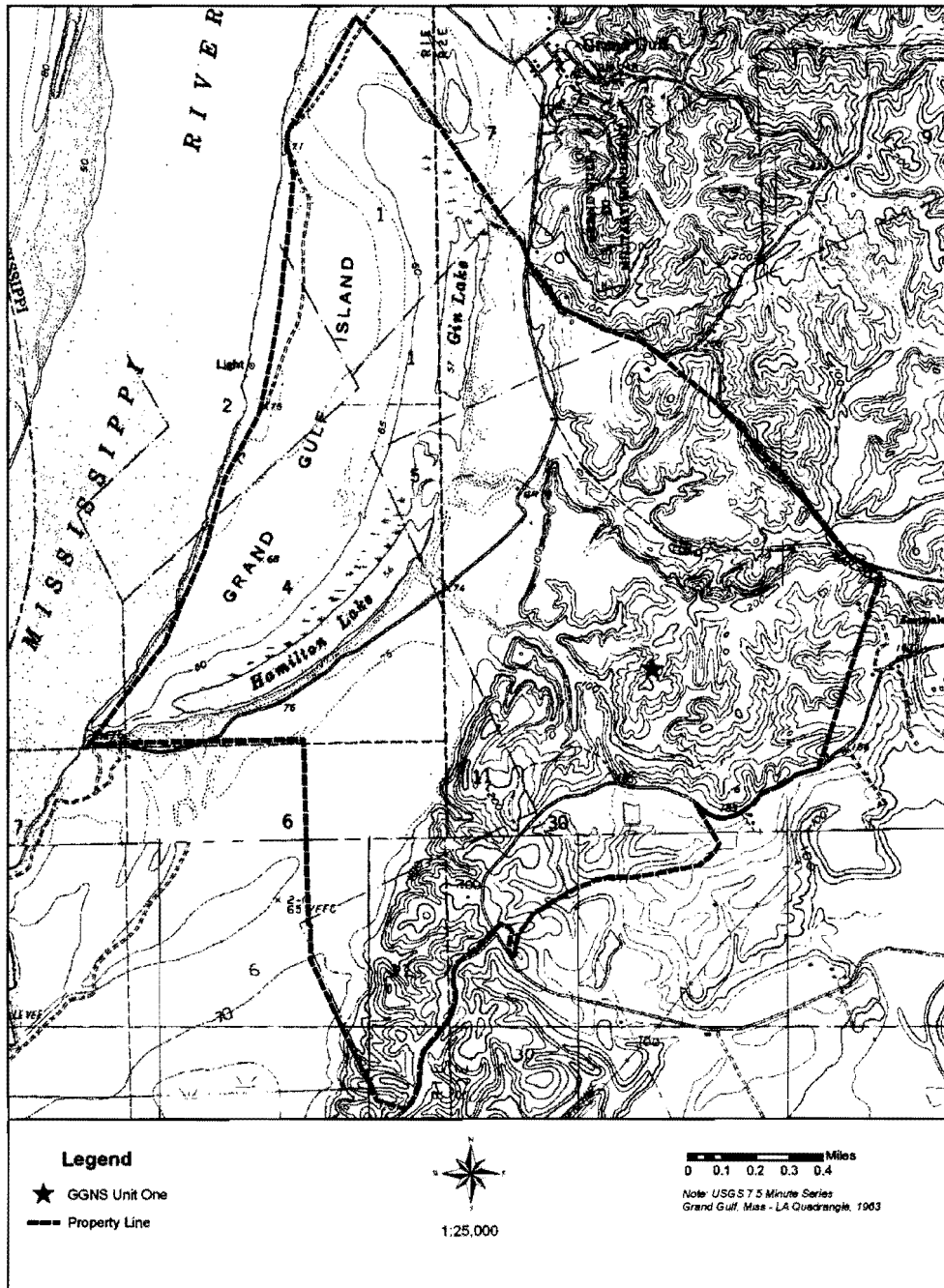


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Letter to P. Anderson from D. Wrona dated January 19, 2012

Identical letters have been sent to: Chief Phyliss Anderson, Chief Gregory E. Pyle and Tribal Chairman Earl J. Barbry Jr., and Principal Chief B. Cheryl Smith

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