

March 7, 2013

Mr. Chris Urban
Pennsylvania Fish
and Boat Commission
450 Robinson Lane
Bellefonte, PA 16823

SUBJECT: SECOND REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL SCOPING PROCESS REGARDING THE REVISED SITE LAYOUT FOR THE BELL BEND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION REVIEW

Dear Mr. Urban:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is reviewing a revised environmental report (ER) submitted on March 30, 2012, by PPL Bell Bend, LLC (PPL) in support of its initial application for a combined license (COL) for the construction and operation of one new nuclear power plant at its Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant (BBNPP) site near Berwick, Pennsylvania. This revised ER provides detailed information regarding PPL's revised site layout, which was developed to avoid wetland impacts by relocating the power block footprint and other plant components. The revised ER is available through the NRC's Agencywide Document Access Management System (ADAMS) and is accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> under the ADAMS accession number ML12145A242. The document is also available on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/bell-bend/documents.html#application>.

As part of the review of the COL application, the NRC is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) as required by Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 51, the NRC's regulation that implements the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District, which is a cooperating agency with the NRC for the purpose of complying with NEPA, is reviewing a joint permit application that was submitted by PPL in June 2011 (and was revised in November 2011). The EIS will document the NRC and USACE staff's evaluation of the impacts from the construction and operation of one new nuclear plant at the BBNPP site. In addition, the NRC and USACE staff's EIS will consider alternatives, to the proposed action including alternative sites. The following three alternative sites will be evaluated in the EIS: the Montour site located in Derry Township in Montour County, Pennsylvania; the Humboldt site located in Humboldt Industrial Park west of the City of Hazleton in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; and the Seedco site located in Coal Township in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

On June 12, 2012, the NRC sent a letter (ML12076A091) informing you that the NRC and USACE were providing the public with an additional opportunity to submit scoping comments on the new information provided by PPL regarding the revised site layout and requested your office provide any comments on the scope of the review and/or as part of consultation under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1934, as amended (FWCA). The NRC project manager, Ms. Laura Quinn-Willingham has been in contact with your staff regarding a response letter, but to date the NRC has not received a response.

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Therefore, the purpose of this letter is to request your office provide any information, comments, or concerns you feel are appropriate on the scope of the review and/or as part consultation under the FWCA, especially related to the revised site layout. Please provide your comments to Ms. Quinn-Willingham, Environmental Project Manager, Office of New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T6-C32, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, within 30 days from the receipt of this letter. If we don't receive any comments within 30 days from the receipt of this letter, the NRC and USACE will assume that the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission does not have any comments regarding PPL's revised site layout or the proposed project at this time. When the NRC and USACE staff complete the draft EIS, a copy will be sent to your office for comment.

If you have any questions concerning the environmental review of this COL application, please contact Mrs. Laura Quinn-Willingham, Environmental Project Manager, at 301-415-2220 or via e-mail at Laura.Quinn-Willingham@nrc.gov. In her absence, please contact Ms. Tomeka Terry at 301-415-1488 or via e-mail at Tomeka.Terry@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Docket No: 52-039

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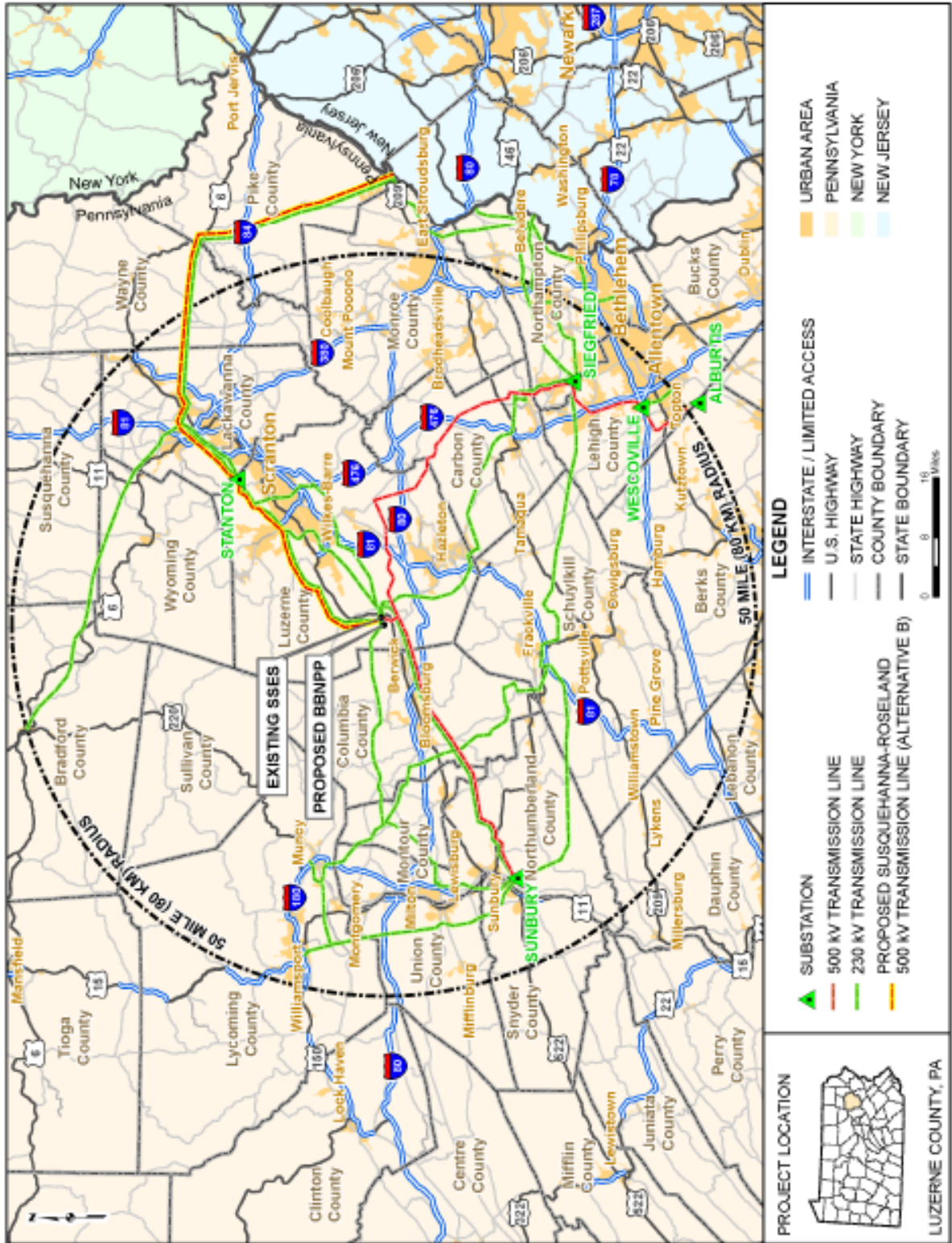
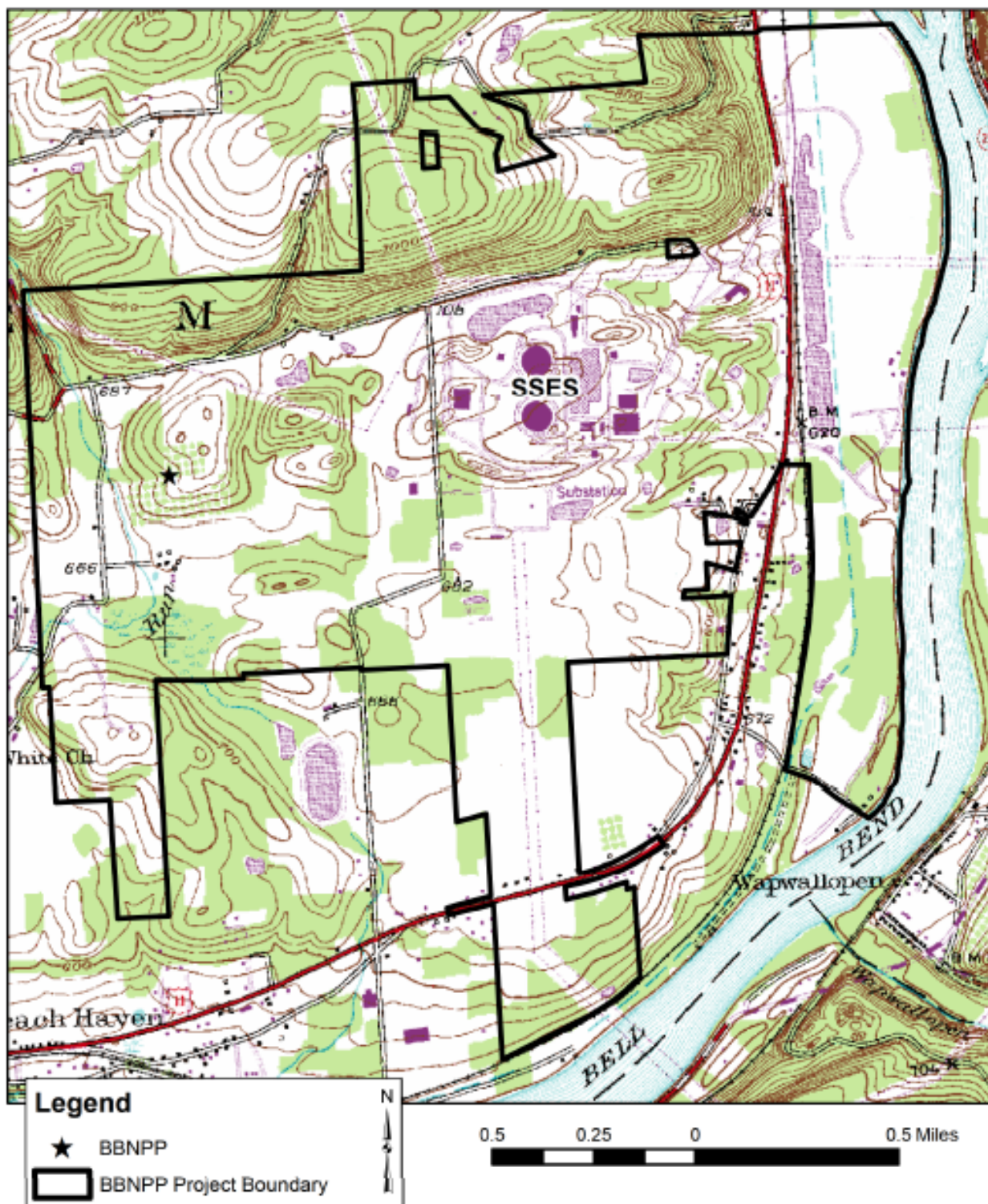


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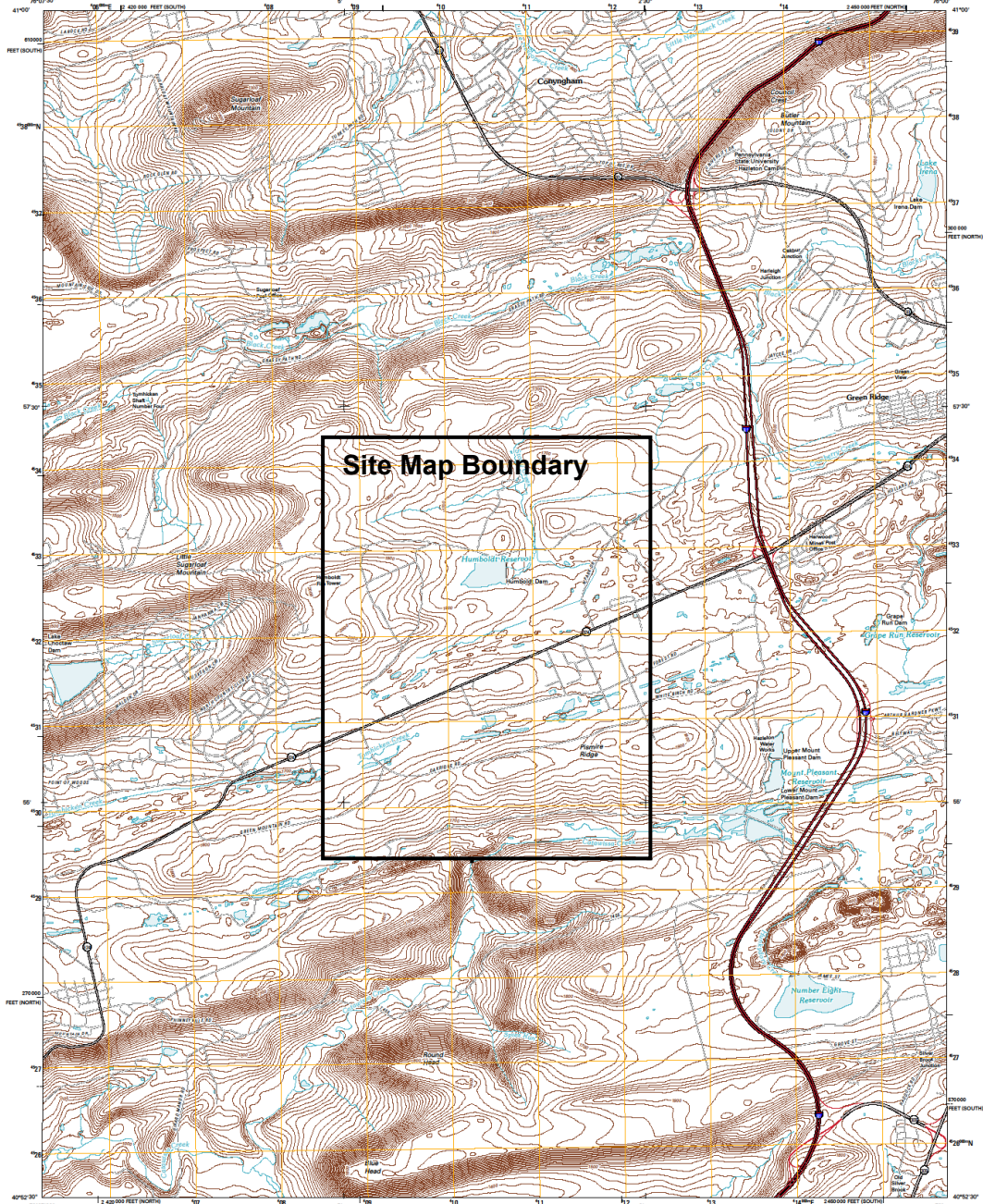




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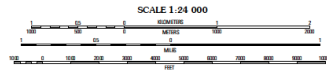
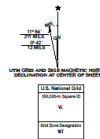
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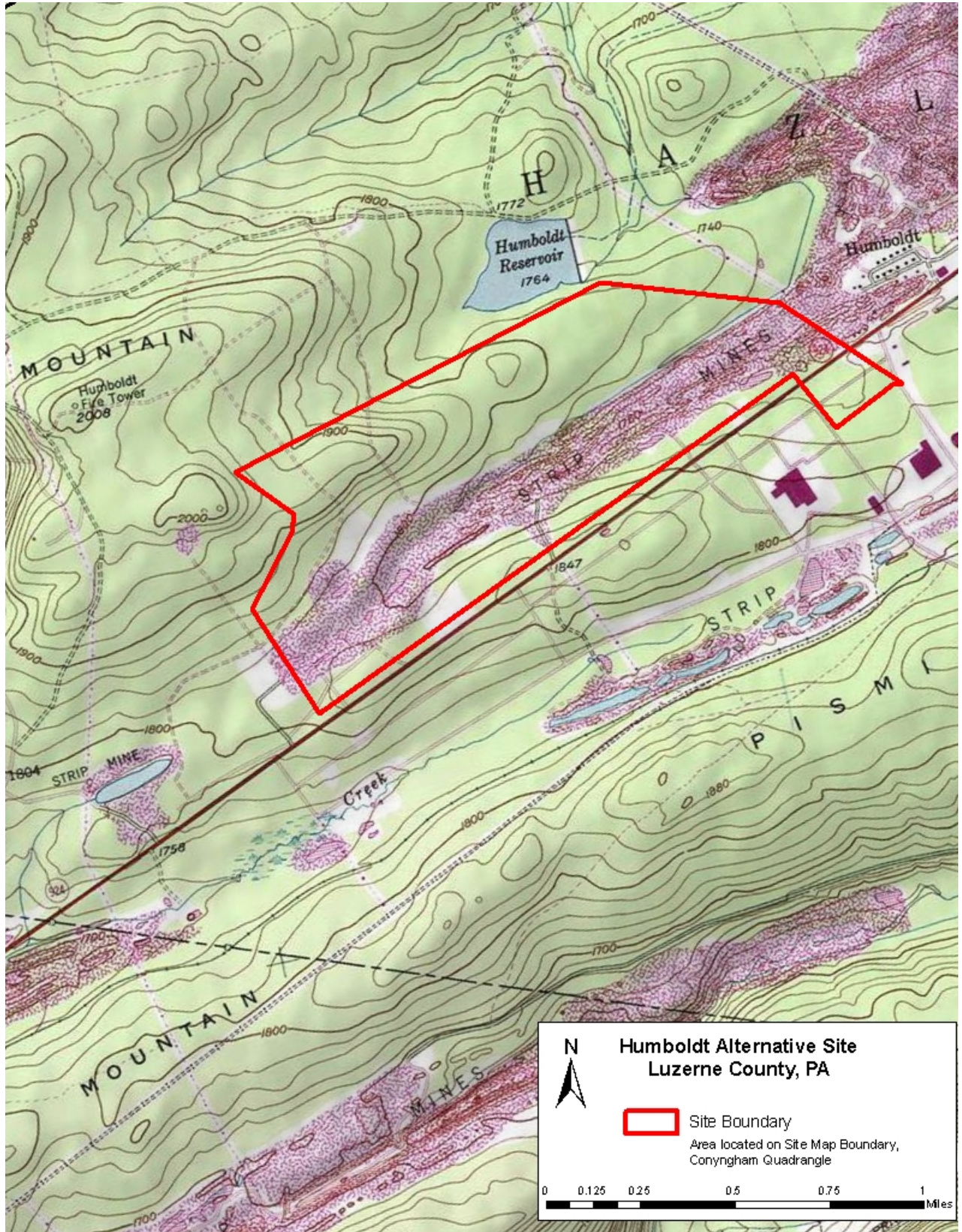


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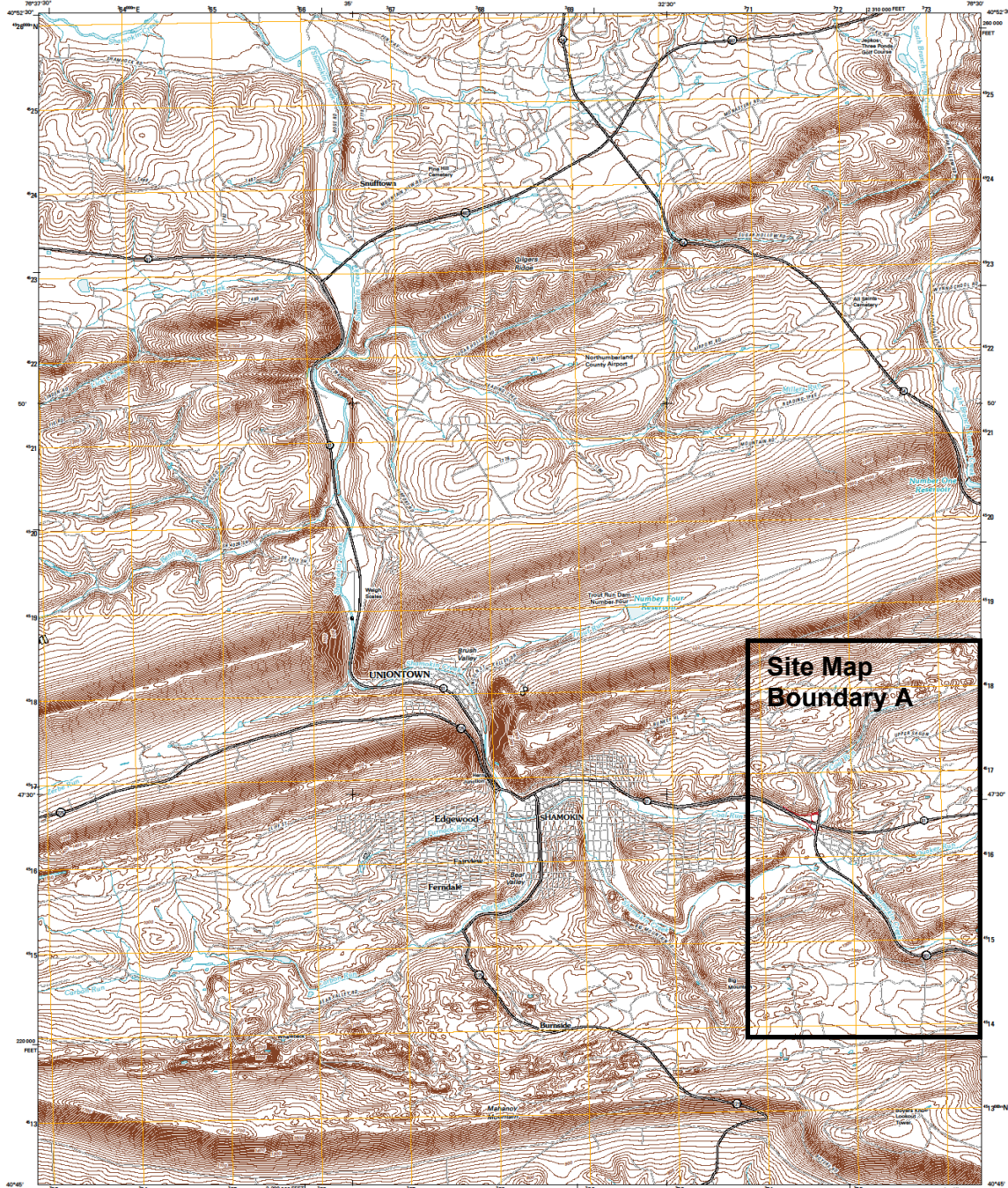




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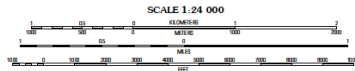
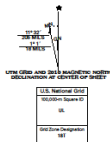


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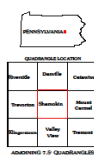


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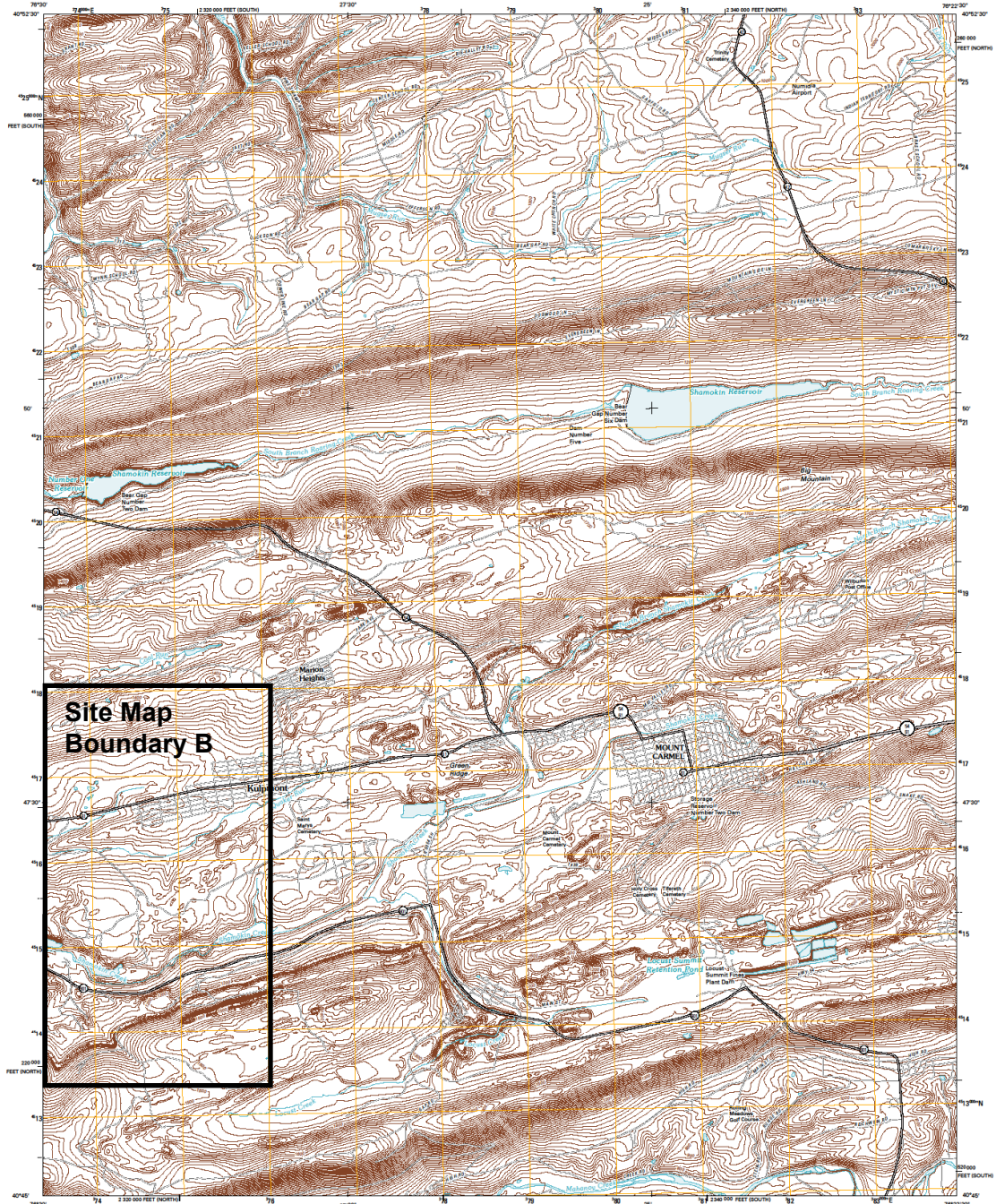
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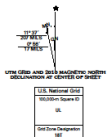


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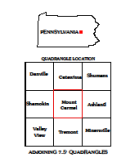


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