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Darlene Murphy Zion Solutions 101 Shiloh Boulevard Zion, IL 60099

Dear Ms. Murphy:

I wanted to send you a special note of appreciation for your help with management and conservation of the significant natural resources of the Lake Michigan Lake Plain. Your continued support of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and help in facilitating access for our invasive species Strike Team has been invaluable. I hope we can make arrangements in the months to come for continued exotic species control efforts in the unique dune habitats along the lakefront and areas adjacent to the Illinois Beach State Park. In addition, we have been able to establish an experimental Common Tern nesting colony at your facility. Unfortunately, the terns attempted to nest on Waukegan beach and all six nests were destroyed by predators. The colony ultimately abandoned due to human disturbance. We continue to view the Zion Solutions site as a viable nesting area and hope to continue the program in the future.

Again, thank you for all your help in allowing these important conservation initiatives to continue.

Sincerely,

Brad Semel

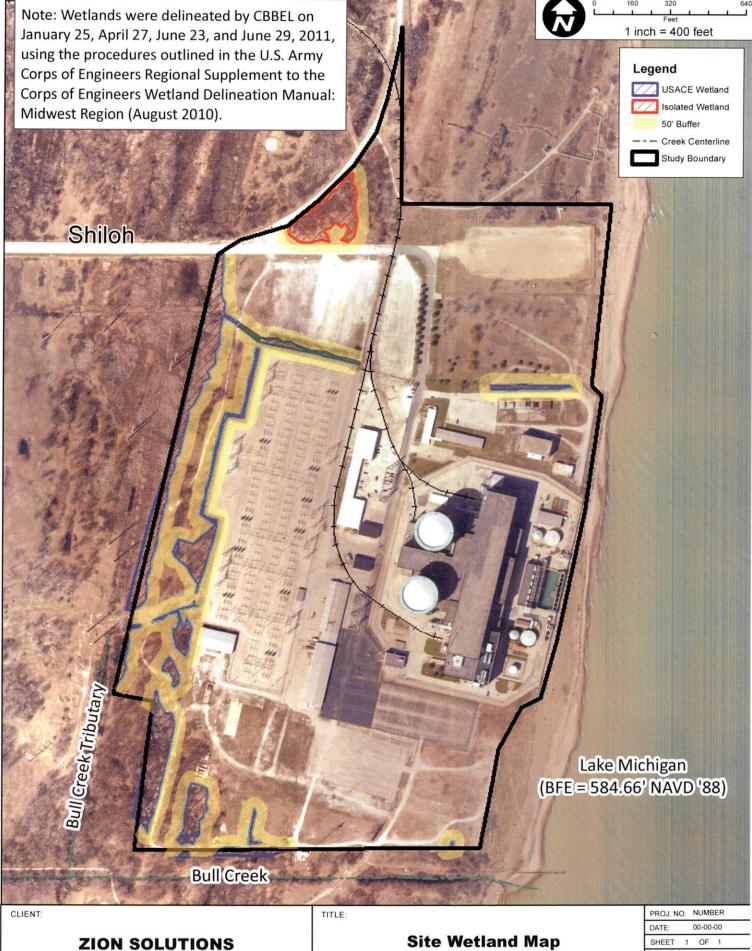
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